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## **MISSION**

It is the mission of the Parks and Recreation Department to improve the quality of life for all of the Village of Fox Crossing's residents and visitors by providing and promoting well-maintained parks, recreational facilities, open space, and urban forest.

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The 2017-2021 version of the Village of Fox Crossing's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan seeks to help preserve the natural environment and at the same time allow residents and visitors alike to play, learn, enjoy and live in harmony with it. In addition to setting forth new recommendations based on present needs, the adopted plan will enable the municipality to once again compete for matching funds available through the Department of Natural Resources' Stewardship Program if available. Funding components of this program, targets monies for parkland acquisition and development projects as well as for numerous other projects and activities that preserve, protect and enhance important land and water-based natural assets. Collectively, other grants are available through the WDNR Stewardship Program and have effectively doubled the local funding commitment for acquisition and development of parkland and other public recreational facilities.

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

### PLANNING AREA AND GEOGRAPHY

The planning area used for this plan update is the Village of Fox Crossing, recently incorporated, on the west utilizing Little Lake Butte des Morts as its boundary and the Town of Menasha to the east recently acquired to form the village boundaries as the township has in the past. Fox Crossing is geographically located within the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah metropolitan statistical area (MSA), and encompasses 12.5 square miles of area, or 8,171 acres, in the extreme northeastern portion of Winnebago County. It is centrally located within the heart of the Tri-County Urbanized Area, which includes Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties. The Town of Grand Chute and the City of Appleton in Outagamie County border the town on the north. The eastern boundary is commonly shared with the Town of Harrison, the City of Appleton and the City of Menasha, which have extended into a portion of Calumet County. A common southern boundary is shared with the City of Menasha and the shoreline of Lake Winnebago on the east side. On the west side of Little Lake Butte des Morts, the southern boundary is shared with the City of Neenah and the Town of Neenah. Finally, the western limits extend to Clayton Avenue where a common boundary is shared with the Town of Clayton.

To create a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan or “CORP”, information relative to the community must be gathered. This information includes demographics, land use, parks, usage, open space, trails, and environmentally sensitive areas as well as recommendations and a five-year action plan.

### HISTORY OF RECREATION PLANNING IN THE VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING

*The Village of Fox Crossing Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2016-2020* provides guidance for future parks and open space development and acquisition which are intended to improve the quality of life for village residents. Parks, trails, and open space including wetlands, woodlands, stream corridors, and other natural resources provide opportunities for recreating, aesthetics, preserving and enhancing the environment, and shaping the character of a community. Proper implementation of this plan, over time, will provide the town with a park and open space system which is designed to meet the needs of its citizens both in types of facilities and distribution of those facilities.

This plan carries on a nearly forty year history of park and open space planning for residents. In 1977, the Town Board of Supervisors adopted the first open space and recreation plan. Since its original adoption this plan has been updated seven times in 1981, 1986, 1991, 1997, 2001 and 2004. In 2002 into 2003, an evaluation and update of the 2001 edition was completed and in 2004 two revisions were made in 2005 and 2006. In 2010 a full revision was made to create the 2011-2015 CORP. This plan constitutes the ninth edition and carries on the village's continued efforts to plan and promote recreational opportunities for its residents now represented as a village.

This plan is also an extension of the *Town of Menasha 2023 Comprehensive Plan* that provides a community-wide vision through the year 2023. Although the comprehensive plan evaluates current parks, open spaces, and trails the CORP goes more in depth in addressing the need for these facilities. Current parks and open space amenities within the system are reviewed for

improvements. Future parks and open space needs are determined through analysis of projected 2030 population figures and forecasts to anticipate additional lands or facilities which are needed to serve 2030 population levels and distribution. Future needs are based upon the identified goals and strategies and consideration of survey findings completed in September 2010. Recommendations for amenity improvements and future parks and open space acquisition and development are given. Costs and funding and acquisition options are explored. This plan sets forth priorities for implementation for the 2017 to 2021 planning period, and provides eligibility for various state-funded recreational programs.

This plan was prepared by the Village Park Commission with assistance from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The Park Commission and the Park and Recreation Department are responsible for implementation of the plan. Implementation will be achieved through land dedication, recreational grant funds, fees, and budgetary allotments through the Village Board of Supervisors. Any budgetary allotment from the Board of Trustees is the prerogative of that body. Decisions for funding are made through the budget process, and are based on available funds and consideration of a variety of activities and projects needing financial resources. This plan should not be considered a budgetary document, but as an advisory document.



## Village of Fox Crossing Parks and Recreation Department

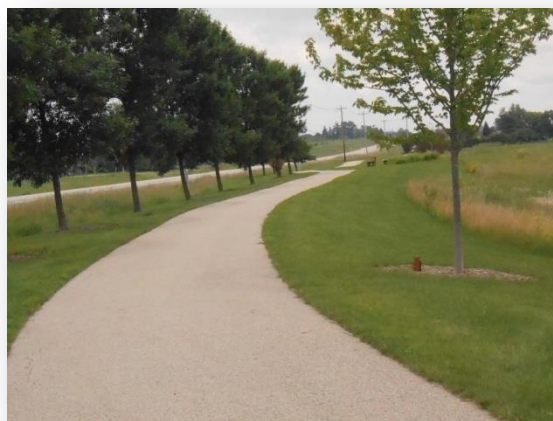
### Mission and Vision

**Mission Statement:** It is the mission of the Fox Crossing Parks and Recreation Department to improve the quality of life for all of Fox Crossing's residents and visitors by providing and promoting well-maintained parks and recreational facilities.

**Vision:** "To positively impact and touch the lives within the community we serve through quality parks, programs, facilities, and trails."

## PLAN PURPOSE AND PROCESS

The purpose of this plan is to develop an updated five-year and long-range action program that can continue to guide the growth of the park system as the community expands and needs change. As a prelude for deriving the action program, the plan inventories existing parks and facilities, determines deficiencies and surpluses within the system, and identifies future recreational needs. These serve as the cornerstone for formulating general and site-specific recommendations, which provide the basis for all projects included in the action program. As mentioned earlier, a second purpose of the plan is to satisfy the mandates of





available funding programs. Among these mandates are requirements that all funded projects must be clearly identified and justified in current plans to qualify. Once approved, the communities will once again be eligible for state-administered funding programs, if available, and cost sharing during the interval of 2017-2021.

The success of any type of local planning effort is often dependent on the involvement, support, and active participation of community residents in the plan's preparation. To ensure that a diverse spectrum of citizen viewpoints and concerns contributed to the plan's development, a broad base of citizen support and input was solicited from individuals representing a variety of interests through an online survey. Among the groups contacted were Senior Citizens, Native Americans, youth, and physically handicapped. Persons representing the business community and educational systems were also involved in the plan's preparation. Within the municipal government, this plan was prepared, approved, and adopted by the Village of Fox Crossing Board of Trustees.

## **FRAMEWORK FOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

### **Review of Existing Plans**

Each of the plans and standards below helped shape the development of the comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. These plans and standards reflect a body of research conducted by East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, the Village of Fox Crossing, and the National Recreation and Parks Association.

#### ***Town of Menasha 2023 Comprehensive Plan***

The *Town of Menasha 2023 Comprehensive Plan* (adopted August 2003) recommends the update of the five-year park plan for the 2010-2015 planning period. It also recommends the implementation of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission long-range transportation/land use plans for the Fox Cities, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac level for service standards of parks.

#### ***East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Long-Range Transportation/Land Use Plan for the Fox Cities, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac Urban Areas***

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC), as part of its long-range transportation/land use plans for the Fox Cities, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac Urbanized Areas (adopted in October 2010), identifies a level of service standard for parks.

#### ***National Parks and Recreation Association Standards***

The National Parks and Recreation Association, also has level of service standards for parks. Unlike ECWRPC, the NRPA has level of service standards for open space as well based on national benchmarks.



## **CHAPTER 2**

### **GOALS AND STRATEGIES**

## CHAPTER 2: GOALS AND STRATEGIES

### GOALS AND STRATEGIES

In the Village of Fox Crossing, community goals and strategies provide the essential framework for meeting present and future community desires and needs. The goals and strategies are based upon the collective efforts of the Park Commission, the Director of Parks and Recreation, Parks and Recreation Staff, and Community Development Staff after meeting and identifying specific needs and priorities. Further efforts were also extended to the task of identifying needed Parks and Recreational improvements which will continue to make the Village of Fox Crossing a desirable place to live.

- **Goals** represent common community ideals that are brought about by a course of action, rather than a physical end product.
- **Strategies** are specific courses of action that can be used by local government, private enterprise, institutions, groups, or individual citizens to accomplish the stated goal.



The following goals and strategies are divided into these 3 categories:

1. Parks
2. Open Space
3. Trails

#### 1. Parks

**Goal:** To provide a park and recreational system that will offer a variety of recreational resources for all of our park and recreation guests.

**Strategies:**

- a. Provide park and recreational facilities to serve all existing and future residential areas.
- b. Provide active and passive recreational areas to meet the various needs of our community.
- c. Preserve structures and sites that reflect the historical and natural heritage of the village.
- d. Preserve land of environmental significance and sensitivity.
- e. Use official mapping powers, subdivision ordinances, and zoning ordinance to preserve and add areas designated for future parks and recreation use.
- f. Encourage community/school cooperation in providing additional recreation facilities at school sites.
- g. Encourage regional efforts to provide for joint parks for regional use such as dog parks, major regional parks and the preservation of sensitive and significant natural areas.
- h. Locate neighborhood parks within walking distance (approximately ½ mile) of the neighborhoods these parks are intended to serve.
- i. To update existing facilities to reflect current and future trends and meet safety guidelines, including ADA requirements.
- j. Promote the benefits of parks and recreation to residents through public meetings, surveys, and involvement opportunities.

## **2. Open Spaces**

**Goal:** To conserve, protect, and improve the environmental resources of the village.

**Strategies:**

- a. Use zoning ordinances and official mapping powers to protect wetlands, shorelands, woodlands, and floodplains from development.
- b. Ensure that development does not disrupt natural drainage in the village.
- c. Preserve structures and sites that reflect the historical and natural heritage of the town.

## **3. Trails**

**Goal:** Provide a safe and interconnecting trail system for all village residents.

**Strategies:**

- a. Connect parks and open spaces with identifiable routes that link to public, residential, commercial, and regional destinations.
- b. Create a comprehensive plan and set of guidelines that:
  1. Establishes a level of service and estimates potential demand for new trails.
  2. Identifies facility types, improvements, signage, and markings.
  3. Develops design criteria for trail facilities.
  4. Develops an operation and maintenance plan and schedule.
  5. Identifies trail acquisition strategies and funding sources.



## **CHAPTER 3**

# RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

## CHAPTER 3: RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

### RECREATIONAL RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

#### Current Conditions

Community residents have access to 37 public and quasi-public parks, open sites, and facilities, totaling 683.84 acres. Public properties including parks and open space sites include a total of 23 sites and **220.94 acres**. Included in the quasi-public sites are fourteen schools, clubs, arenas, open spaces, and a stadium, totaling 403.27 acres that can be used by residents, but are not under village ownership. Additionally, residents have access to 21 miles of trails that are owned and maintained by the municipality, (*totaling 24.4 acres*). As shown by Table 1 and Map 1, there are a number of amenities provided. Recreational opportunities include baseball diamonds, basketball courts, a disc golf course, fitness areas, an ice rink, trails, natural areas, picnic facilities, playground equipment, sledding hills, tennis courts, and volleyball courts.

Determining if a community's open space needs are being met can often be a challenging task. The process depends heavily on input from community residents, officials, and staff. The best guide available for use in this plan includes standards from the National Recreation and Park Association. These standards represent minimum goals and are not applicable to all locations universally. It is also important to understand that each community has unique social, cultural, economic, and geographic factors that may limit the legitimacy of the standards being applied.

#### Existing Parks and Facilities

##### *Public*

##### ***Anunson Farm Park:***

A 3.5 acre future park site has been set aside through the developer land dedication program. The park is projected to include open space, a play area and small basketball court.

##### ***Butte des Morts Park:***

Butte des Morts Park is a 1.6 acre park located on the east shore of Little Lake Buttes des Morts. Facilities include a natural area, a trail connections to the lake and playground equipment.

##### ***Community Center:***

The Community Center is an 11,000 square foot year-round facility that provides space for indoor recreation programs and facility rentals. Typically, recreation programs take place Mondays through Fridays while the majority of the facility rentals occur Fridays through Sundays. Over the past three years, there has been an average of **286** rentals per year.

**Fritsch Park:**

Fritsch Park is a newly revamped 18.5 acre park located on the eastern half of the municipality. Existing facilities include a figure-8 ice rink with room for broomball, one tennis court with pickle ball lines and one half court for basketball, a group fitness area, a pavilion with kitchen, picnic tables and warming shelter, playground equipment, restrooms, sledding hill, athletic fields, ping pong and .66 miles of walking trails.

**Fritse Park/Rydell:**

Fritse Park is a 15.26 acre park located on the western shore of Little Lake Butte des Morts. Ten and a half acres, known as Rydell, of this property was acquired from the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDA) Fox River PCB Clean-up Settlement in 2003.

Existing facilities at this site include: a newly upgraded boat launch and parking, boat wash station, picnic tables, playground equipment, restrooms, and sledding hill. The park is the western trailhead for the Fox Cities Trestle/Friendship trail connecting the village to the City of Menasha. The park was redeveloped in 2009/2010. A year-round two-tiered comfort station with restrooms and an indoor warm shelter now exists along with new landscaping.

**Gant Park:**

Gant Park was acquired through NRDA grant funds as a part of the Fox River PCB Clean-up Settlement. It will be a 1.13 acre park along Little Lake Butte des Morts that remains undeveloped.

**Glenview Park:**

Glenview Park is a 0.55 acre park located in the south central portion of the municipality. It has playground equipment, and picnic tables.

**Kippenhan Park:**

Kippenhan Park is a 0.33 acre park. Like Glenview Park it has playground equipment, a connecting path and picnic tables.

**Meadow Heights Park:**

This is a 0.15 acre lot that was developed in the Meadow Heights Subdivision. It contains a small tot-lot with climbers and slides.

**O'Hauser Park (North/South):**

O'Hauser Park is a 64.37 acre park located in the western portion of the municipality. An addition of the 1.35 acre Selmer Moseng property to this park was made through the DNR Stewardship Grant in 2003. Existing facilities include: four baseball/softball fields; an 18 hole disc golf course; wooded natural area with trails; two pavilions with kitchens, picnic tables, grills, and restrooms; sledding hill, a soccer field, tennis courts (2-adult and 2 youth), and volleyball court. Prairie restoration areas have also been designated, developed, or are in the process of being developed.

**Palisades Park:**

Palisades Park is a 14.85 acre park located on the east side of the municipality. Existing facilities include baseball fields, basketball court, neighborhood connecting trail, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, tennis courts, and volleyball court. There is also an additional tot-lot play area and gazebo located at the north end of the park.

**Roy Kuehn:**

Roy Kuehn Park is a 0.23 acre park in the south central portion of the village. Existing facilities include playground equipment and a sandbox.

**Schildt Park:**

Schildt Park is a 10.02 acre park. Existing facilities includes: basketball hoop; a pavilion with kitchen, restrooms, picnic tables, and grills; playground equipment, volleyball court, a .33 stone aggregate trail, 30 community garden plots with associated access and parking.

**Strohmeyer Park:**

Strohmeyer Park is a 1.42 acre park in the west central section of the village. Existing facilities include playground equipment and a junior sized basketball court with a surfaced trail leading to both.

**Westfield Park:**

Westfield Park is a 0.52 acre park located in the central portion of the village. Existing facilities include playground equipment with spring toys and a paved path to the park.

**Wittmann Park:**

Wittmann Park is a 25.03 acre park on the east side off of Airport Road. Existing facilities at the park include: new tree house themed playground equipment with a climbing wall and rock feature and a new pavilion that has restrooms, a kitchen, and soccer storage which was completed in 2015. Completed in 2016 is a new access road, tennis/pickleball/basketball courts, an access path and looping stone aggregate trail and revision of the northernmost field.

**Woodland Prairie Park:**

This site is an undeveloped sixty-three acre property (formerly CB Park). It contains areas of forested land, leased farmed land, a cell tower, wood chipped/stone aggregate trails and a material storage site. In June of 2008, the village hired Ruekert•Mielke Associates to develop a master plan for the site. Conceptual plans call for a possible fishing/waterfowl pond, a splash pad, and a sustainable wood playground with an environmental theme, a community center building, a large picnic area, numerous shelter/restroom facilities, an amphitheater, and a Veteran's Memorial at the southwest corner of the park. Native prairie and preservation of the wooded areas with an invasive species control plan will be included in the developing efforts.



## **Open Space**

### **Annex Lane:**

This open space is on Little Lake Buttes des Morts and is 0.58 acres. It is wholly contained in ECWRPC's defined environmentally sensitive area.

### **Brighton Beach Open Space:**

The Brighton Beach Open Space was acquired through a settlement with Warehouse Specialists. It is an 8.98 acre site that has a substantial acreage of wetlands, woodlands, and 100 and 500-year floodplains.

### **Gateway Meadows Open Space:**

The Gateway Meadows Open Space is an open space network in the Gateway Meadows Subdivision on the west side. It is 13.56 acres of wetlands and woodlands.

### **High Plain Meadows Open Space:**

The High Plain Meadows Open Space is a dedicated 0.68 acre site in the north central portion of the village.

### **Stroebe-Pearl-Cox Open Space:**

The Stroebe-Pearl-Cox Open Space is a 12.34 acre preserve on Stroebe Island in the north central section of the Village of Fox Crossing. It encompasses wetlands, woodlands, 100-year flood plain, and marsh bottoms.

### **Wildlife Heights Open Space:**

The Wildlife Heights Open Space is a 4.06 acre preserve in the Wildlife Heights Subdivision in the southwest portion of the municipality. The site encompasses wetlands, woodlands, and intermittent navigable stream.

## **Trails**

Map 1 shows the existing 21 miles of trails in the village that are located along CTH II, CTH CB south of East Shady Lane, USH 10 between Fritse Park and Clayton Avenue and along East Shady Lane from just east of CTH CB to Irish Road. Existing trails on the east side of the village are along STH 114 or Plank Road and USH 10.

The *Fox Cities State Trestle-Friendship Trail* connects the village east/west over Little Lake Butte des Morts, while the CB trail runs north/south and is part of the Fox Cities Paper Trail connection. On-street and off-street trails exist throughout the village interconnecting it to parks and recreational facilities.

### **Quasi-Public Community Facilities**

Within the Village of Fox Crossing and the Fox Valley there are other park and recreational facilities that complement the village's parks system. Several of these facilities can be classified as quasi-public, while the remaining facilities are associated with the school districts serving the Village of Fox Crossing residents. Most of these recreation facilities are located within the community, or in close proximity to the village boundaries.

#### **Heckrodt Wetland Reserve:**

Heckrodt Wetland Reserve is a sixty-five acre urban nature reserve with habitats that include wetlands, marsh, open water, open field, and woodlands. The Reserve has a 4,000 square foot Nature Center with exhibits, a meeting room, amphitheater, library, and two miles of elevated boardwalk trails.

#### **FC Menasha:**

FC Menasha is a non-profit organization that operates soccer programs, games and tournaments on the Main Complex on Earl Street and at Wittmann Park off of Airport Road. Ball handling skills as well as clinic camps are also offered at the facility. FC Menasha leases eight acres of land from the village.

#### **Prairie Creek Open Space:**

Prairie Creek Open Space was set aside when the Prairie Creek Subdivision was platted. It is 1.92 acres set aside for subdivision use.

#### **Stroebe Island Marsh:**

The Stroebe Island Marsh was acquired through NRDA grant funds as a part of the Fox River PCB Clean-up Settlement. It is 34.58 acres held in public trust by the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust. This land allows residents access to Little Lake Buttes des Morts and Mudd Creek and preserves marsh, wetlands, floodplain, and woodlands.

#### **Tri-County Ice Arena:**

This facility is located on the west side at 700 East Shady Lane. The arena has an ice rink and spectator viewing area. The facility is used for ice-skating, hockey and other related sporting events, as well as a display center for trade shows.

#### **Menasha Youth Sports:**

The 10.5 acre site for Youth Sports is located on Earl Street, north of Airport Road. Facilities include shelter/concession stand, restrooms, baseball/softball diamonds, a basketball court, soccer fields, and parking areas.

### ***Wildlife Heights Private Open Space:***

Like the Prairie Creek Open Space, Wildlife Heights Private Open Space was set aside when the subdivision was platted. It is a privately held 6.70 acres of wetlands and woodlands for subdivision residents.

### ***Wild Ones Ecological Center:***

The National Headquarters for Wild Ones is located along Little Lake Butte des Morts. The 12 acre site offers a variety of educational opportunities for individuals desiring to learn about natural landscaping.

### ***Private***

### ***Butte des Morts Country Club:***

The Butte des Morts Country Club, open to members and guests only, is located at the intersection of County Road BB and Bluemound Road. The 143.18 acre site provides an 18-hole golf course, driving range, tennis courts, a swimming pool, pro-shop, and clubhouse facilities.

### ***Schools***

There are several school facilities that provide recreational opportunities for Village of Fox Crossing residents. On the east side these facilities include the UW Fox Valley Campus, Maplewood Middle School, and Gegan Elementary School. On the west side, Spring Road Elementary School is available for recreational use.

### ***University of Wisconsin Fox Valley:***

The UW Fox Valley Campus is located at 1478 Midway Road in the City of Menasha. Outdoor recreational facilities include several soccer fields, tennis courts and hard surfaced multi-purpose courts. The campus underwent a major expansion program a few years ago which included the construction of a new gymnasium, arboretum and performing arts center. The indoor planetarium offers shows during the year and a chance for stargazing opportunities at night.

### ***St Mary's Central High School:***

St. Mary's Central High School has a stadium for football, baseball diamonds, an indoor gymnasium and tennis courts. The school recently received some land to be used as a nature area adjacent to the school.

### ***Maplewood Middle School:***

Maplewood Middle School is located at 1600 Midway Road in the City of Menasha. Outdoor recreational facilities include open playfields, multi-purpose hard courts, and an indoor gymnasium. Additional recreational facilities may be provided by the Menasha School District in the near future.

***Gegan Elementary School:***

This elementary school is operated by the Menasha Joint School District and is located at 675 Airport Road in the City of Menasha. It has a gymnasium, open playfield, hard surfaced play courts, and playground apparatus.

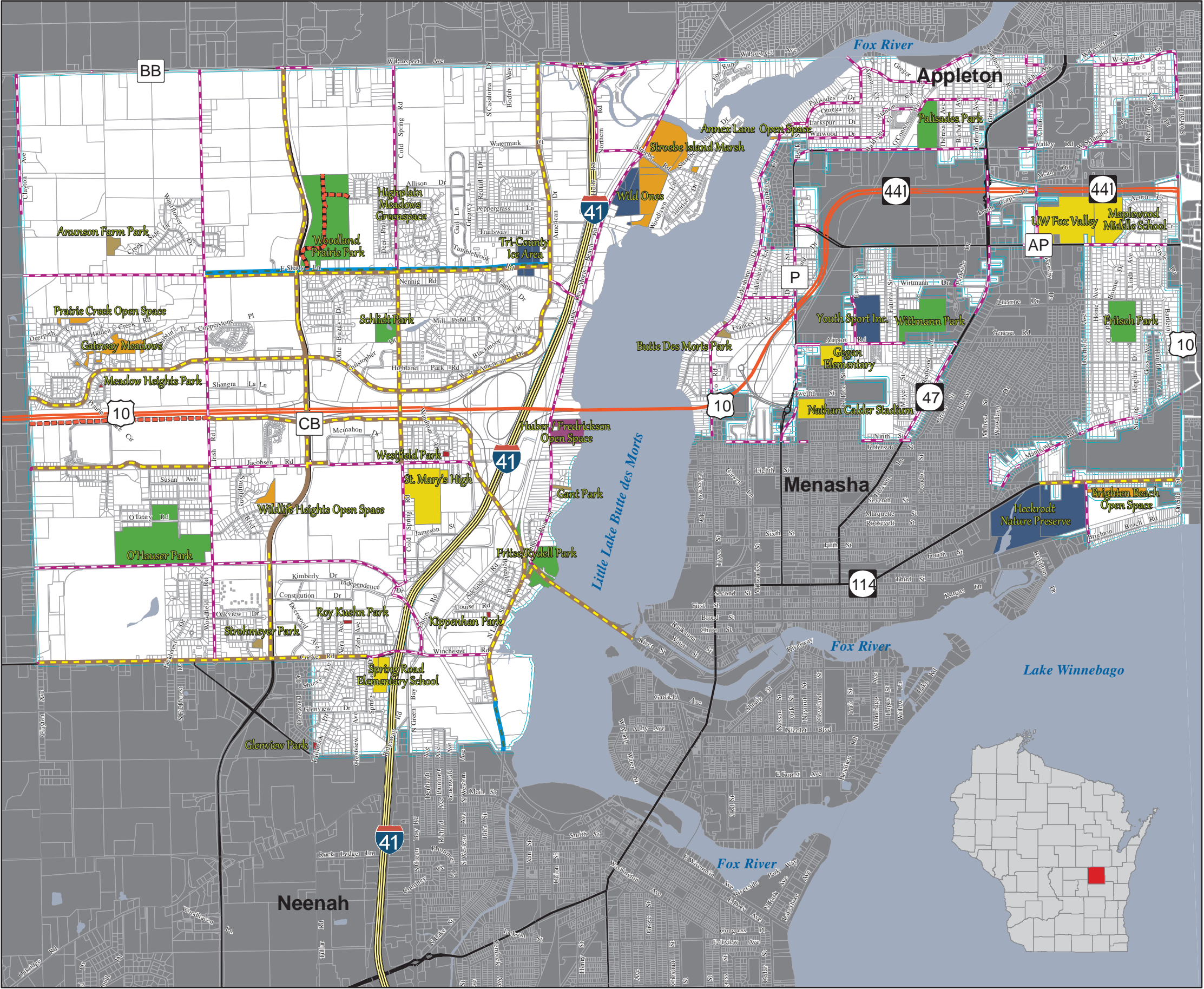
***Spring Road Elementary School:***

This elementary school is located at 1191 County Road II. It is operated by the Neenah Joint School District and provides various recreational facilities. It has a gymnasium, softball diamonds, open playfield, play courts and playground equipment.

***Nathan Calder Stadium:***

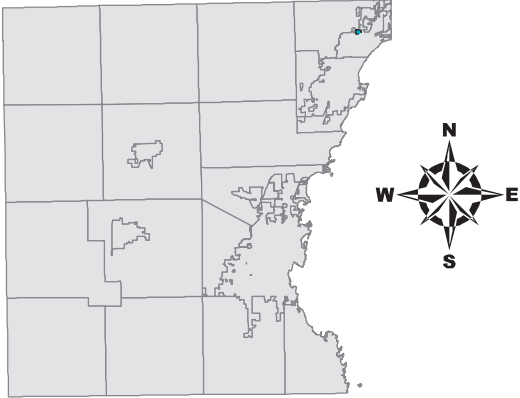
Nathan Calder Stadium is located at 600 Eleventh Street in the City of Menasha. The stadium provides an excellent site for football games, track meets and other outdoor sporting events. The Menasha Joint School District uses the facility extensively for their respective athletic events during the fall and spring seasons.

# Map 1 Village of Fox Crossing Existing Parks and Recreation



- Legend**
- Recommended Trails
  - Bike Lane
  - Off Road Paved
  - Off Road Unpaved
  - Signed Bike Route
  - Water Features
  - Community Park
  - Future Open Space
  - Mini-Park
  - Neighborhood Park
  - Open Space
  - Quasi-Public
  - School
  - Village of Fox Crossing Boundary

Source: Winnebago County Base and Parks information, 2015,  
2016 Municipal Boundary,  
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Table 1: Park, Open Space, and Community Facility System

Name	ACRES	BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL	BASKETBALL COURT	BOAT LAUNCH	CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH	CLUBHOUSE/ GUEST CTR.	DISC GOLF	FISHING	FITNESS ZONES	FOOTBALL FIELD	GOLF COURSE	HAND BALL COURT	ICE RINK	INDOOR GYMNASIUM	NATURAL AREA / TRAIL	OPEN PLAYFIELD	PAVILION W/KITCHENS	PARKING	PICNIC TABLES / GRILLS	PLAYGROUND EQUIP.	RESTROOMS	SHELTER	SLEDDING HILL	SNOW SHOE/XC (INFORMAL)	SOCCER FIELDS	SWIMMING POOL	TABLE TENNIS	TENNIS COURTS	VOLLEYBALL COURT	
PARKS																														
Anunson Farm Park	3.5	Undeveloped																												
Butte des Morts	1.58							X							X				X	X	S	X	X				X	X		
Fritsch	18.49		X						X				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	S	X	X				X	X		
Fritse/Rydell	15.26			X	X			X					X		X			X	X	X	Y	X	X	X				X		
Gant	1.13	Undeveloped																												
Glenview	0.55																		X	X										
Kippenhan	0.33																		X	X										
Meadow Heights	0.15																			X										
O’Hauser North/South	64.37	X	X				X								X	X	X	X	X	X	S		X	X	X				X	X
Palisades	14.85	X	X														X	X	X	X	S								X	X
Roy Kuehn	0.23																			X										
Schildt	10.02		X												X	X	X	X	X	X	S	X								X
Strohmeyer	1.42		X																	X										
Westfield	0.52																			X										
Wittmann	25.03		X														X	X	X	X	S	X				X			X	
Woodland Prairie	63.51	Undeveloped														X	X													
OPEN SPACE																														
Annex Lane	0.58														X															
Brighton Beach	8.99														X															
Gateway Meadows	13.56														X															
Pearl Stroebe-Cox	12.34														X															
Wildlife Heights	4.06														X															
Trails (16.8 miles)	24.44														X															
COMMUNITY FACILITIES																														
Buttes des Morts Country Club	143.18					X					X			X				X			X					X				
Nathan Calder Stadium	8.98									X								X			X	X								
Heckrodt Nature Preserve	65					X									X	X		X			X									
Prairie Creek Open Space	1.92														X															
Wildlife Heights Private Open Space	6.7														X															
Wild Ones	12														X			X												
Stroebe Island Marsh	34.58														X															
Tri-County Ice Arena	7.45												X					X			X	X								
Youth Sports	20.93	X	X															X			X	X				X				
SCHOOLS																														
Gegan Elementary	7.33													X		X		X		X										
Maplewood Middle	21.46													X		X		X												
Spring Road Elementary	8.46	X												X		X		X												
St. Mary’s High	31.62	X	X							X				X		X		X		X									X	
UW Fox Valley Center	39.67		X											X		X		X								X			X	
Total:	694.87	S=SEASONAL (May-mid-October)														Y=YEAR-ROUND														

## **LAND USE**

The historic, existing, and future land use will be the determining factor in both supply and demand for parks and open space facilities. The type, amount, and distribution of land uses determine where and how much supply and demand will be generated.

### **Historic Growth**

The pattern of growth in the Village of Fox Crossing can be described in terms of location using north and south I-41 as an east and west dividing line. Development east of I-41 is older than the development west of the interstate. The eastern portion of was developed between the 1930s and the 1970s with pockets of newer infill development. The oldest development is along Little Lake Buttes des Morts while the newer development is inland. West of I-41 development occurred between the 1960s and 2003. Older development on the west side of the village occurred primarily south of Jacobsen Road.

### **Current Land Use\***

The primary use of land in the Village of Fox Crossing is residential use, totaling 27.3 percent. Following residential uses are transportation (18.1%), agriculture (17.9%), industrial (16.9%), open spaces (7.8%), vacant (5.9%), public/institutional (2.2%), recreational (2.0%), and commercial (1.8%). Equating this to urban and rural uses, urban uses amount to 66.4 percent while 33.6 percent is rural. Urban uses consist of residential, transportation, industrial, and commercial, while rural uses are agricultural, vacant, wetlands, woodlands, and recreational.

### **Future Land Use\***

Projected future development will also be primarily urban in nature. Future projected urban and rural uses amount to 79.7 percent as urban while 20.3 percent remains rural. Residential land uses remain the predominant projected land use at 31.6 percent. Following residential uses are industrial (20.9%), transportation (18.1%), agricultural (9.6%), open space (7.8%), commercial (5.8%), institutional (3.2%), recreational (2.8%), and vacant land.

*\*These projections assume no loss of open space and no loss in recreational lands. This is not to say that recreational lands will not be accumulated, simply that the quantity is unknown. These numbers will be used for baseline projections.*

## **NATURAL RESOURCE FEATURES**

### **Environmentally Sensitive Areas**

Environmentally sensitive areas are identified by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) for preservation from infringement by sewered development. As ECWRPC defines these areas as environmentally sensitive and are comprised of the following:

- Lakes and streams shown on the United States Geographic Survey maps and adjacent shoreland buffer areas.

- Wetlands shown on the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory Maps (Department of Natural Resources).
- Floodways as delineated on the official Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps.

As shown on Map 2, Environmental Features, the Village of Fox Crossing has 2,201 acres of environmentally sensitive lands. A large majority of these lands have already been developed, with the exception of portions of undeveloped lands in the western section of the municipality.

In addition to, the designations of environmentally sensitive, and other areas with natural characteristics, could impact environmental quality or development potential have been identified by ECWRPC. These are said to have “limiting environmental conditions,” and include areas with high bedrock, high groundwater, and floodplain areas.

### ***High Bedrock***

Areas of high bedrock can be found in several areas of the municipality. High bedrock can be found at the intersection of County BB and Cold Spring Road, south USH 10, and the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Manitowoc Street. It ranges in depth from surface level to thirty inches below the surface.

### ***High Groundwater***

The Village of Fox Crossing has a number of areas with high ground water. Areas with the highest groundwater can be found near Little Lake Butte des Morts, along Mud Creek, Stroebe Island, Brighton Beach, and near Lake Winnebago. Groundwater in these areas is at surface level or above surface. The remainder has levels of water ranging from two-four feet below the surface.

### ***Floodplain Areas***

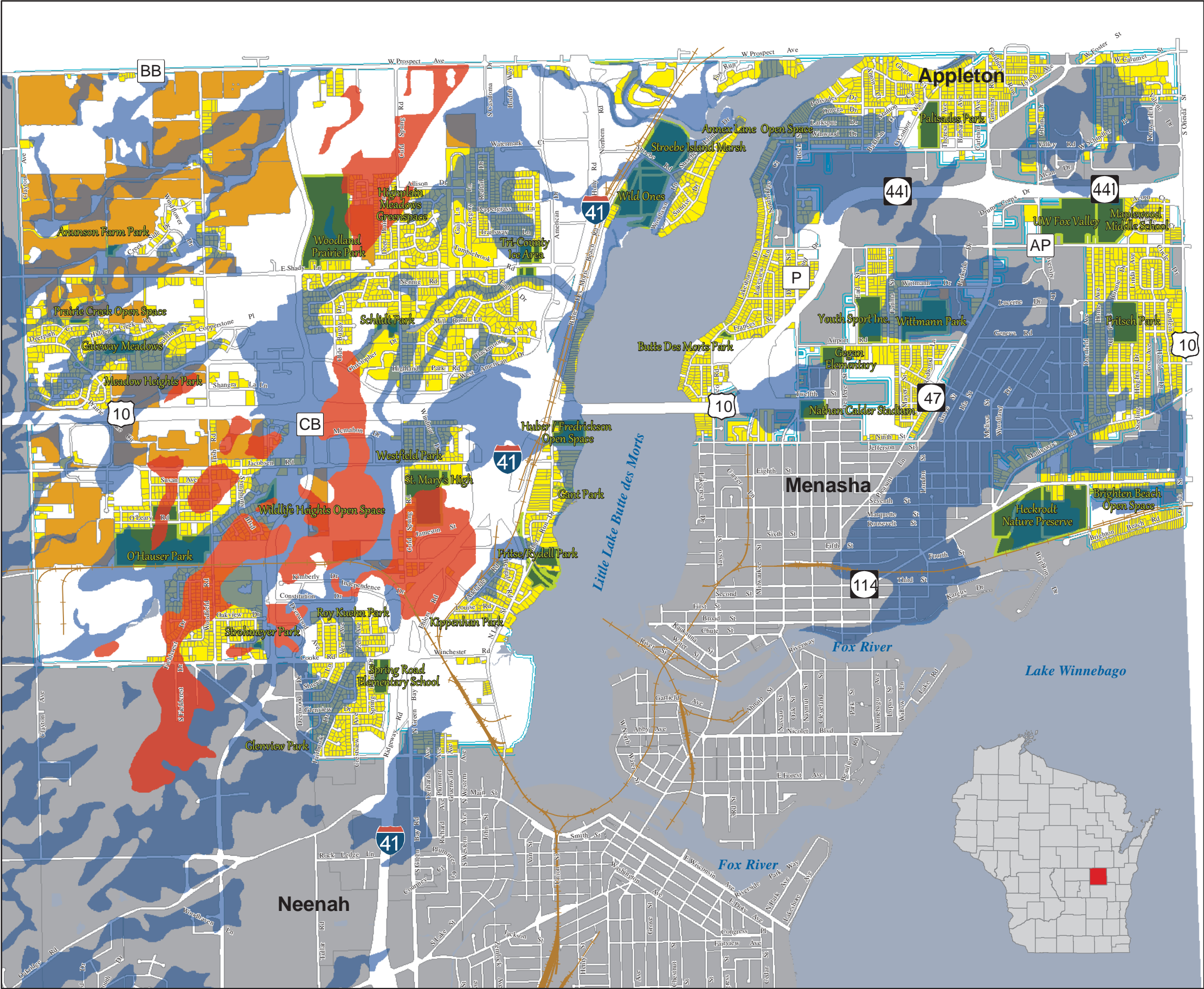
Floodplain areas are prevalent along Little Lake Buttes des Morts, Brighton Beach, Stroebe Island, Mudd Creek, and along Millbrook Creek.

### ***Woodlands***

Woodland areas can be found in varying degrees throughout the village. On the eastside pockets of woodlands can be found in undeveloped or undevelopable lands such as areas of steep slopes. The largest stands of forested lands can be found on the west side in the Stroebe Island Marsh, in park lands, around the municipal complex, north of Shady Lane and west of Cold Spring Road. Smaller pockets can be found dispersed throughout the remainder of the west side.



# Map 2 Village of Fox Crossing Environmental Features

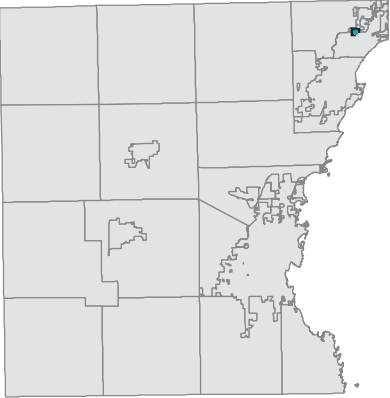


- Legend**
- Railroad Tracks
  - High Bedrock
  - High Groundwater
  - Residential Areas
  - Ag Lands
  - Right of Way
  - Parks & Rec Areas
  - Water
  - Village of Fox Crossing Boundary



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## **CHAPTER 4**

# RECREATIONAL NEEDS

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East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Standards:

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

Park and recreation needs may include the demand for additional park land to accommodate new facilities, requirements for additional parks in areas where new residential growth is occurring, or the need for new or improved park facilities and equipment. Generally, recreation standards are used to identify these necessities. However, in communities the size of the Village of Fox Crossing, citizen input is equally useful when identifying park and recreation desires.

### POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The Village of Fox Crossing has an estimated population of 18,498 (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010). Based on DOA estimates, the municipality is home currently to 18,950 residents with steady growth to continue in the future. Projections indicate that its population will increase by about 4.33 percent from current levels, reaching just over 23,000 people by 2040. Recent incorporation into a village reflects this growth trend. During this timeframe, both the State of Wisconsin and Winnebago County are expected to experience modest population gains, (Table 5).

**Table 2: Population Trends and Projections, 1980-2040**

Year	Population	Number	% Change
1950	3,007	--	--
1960	5,480	2,473	45.13%
1970	8,682	3,202	36.88%
1980	12,226	3,544	28.99%
1990	13,975	1,749	12.52%
2000	15,858	<b>1,883</b>	<b>11.87%</b>
2010	18,498	<b>2,640</b>	<b>16.65%</b>
Today 2015*	18,950	452	2.44%
Future 2020*	20,070	1,120	5.91%
2025*	21,080	1,010	5.03%
2030*	22,020	940	4.45%
2035*	22,680	660	3.00%
2040*	23,140	460	2.03%

Source: Census 2010 Data, and Department of Administration projections 2013-2014\*.

## LAND NEEDS

Land demand standards of 10 acres of publicly owned open space for every 1,000 residents provides a useful barometer for determining whether a community has adequate parkland to meet the recreational needs of its residents. Looking solely at the total recreational acreage currently owned by the village, the acreage is adequate today but the Village of Fox Crossing should consider acquiring additional park land in the future as a significant increase in population pushes up the demand for major types of active recreational facilities. Maintaining the current parks system, should be one of the top priorities in accommodating its residents.

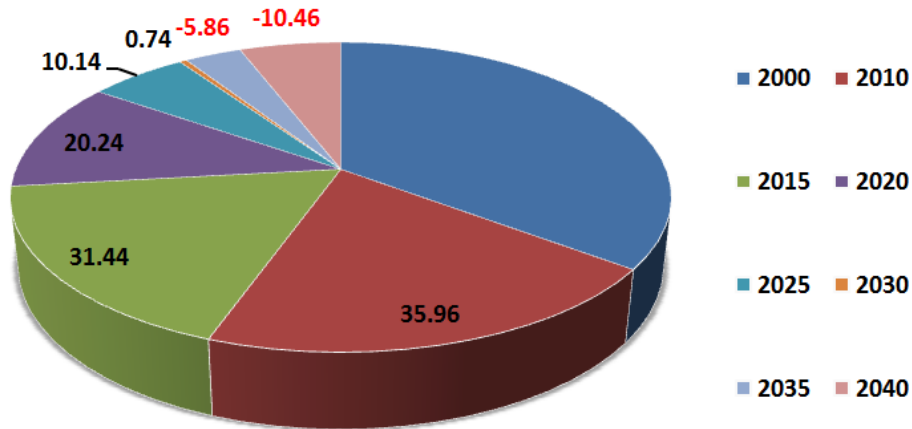
Based on community increases, park and open space acreage will be deficient by 2025 to support its growing population, Table 3. By 2040, the Village of Fox Crossing will be deficient by -10.46 acres required to support its citizens recreational land needs with the current population projections, Table 3.

**Table 3: Outdoor Recreation Demand, 2000-2040  
 Public Population Demand Projection**

Year	Active Park Acres	Population Projection	Demand Projection (10 acres/1,000 pop.)	Deficiency / Surplus (in acres)
2000	220.94	15,858	158.58	62.36
2010	220.94	18,498	184.98	35.96
2015	220.94	18,950	189.50	31.44
2020	220.94	20,070	200.70	20.24
2025	220.94	21,080	210.80	10.14
2030	220.94	22,020	220.20	0.74
2035	220.94	22,680	226.80	-5.86
2040	220.94	23,140	231.40	-10.46

Figure 1:

## Deficiency / Surplus (in acres)

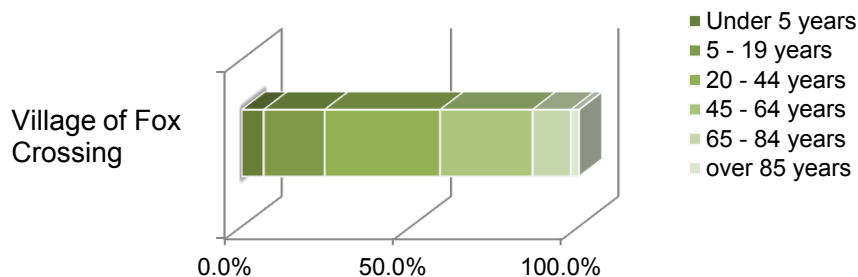


\* Includes recreational areas within the corporate limits that are owned and maintained by the village.

## FACILITY NEEDS

The composition of a community's population can provide insight into the need for emphasizing specific types of recreational opportunities. The Village of Fox Crossing's population distribution by age group compares closely with that of Winnebago County (Table 5). Most of the residents living within the municipal boundaries are between the ages of 20-44 at 34.1% (38.5 median age) which inhibits younger and middle age trends. Recreational facilities should be planned with this in mind to accommodate this age group. Approximately 18.0% of the population is under the age of 19, while 2.4% of the population is over the age of 85. (Table 4)

Figure 2:  
 Village of Fox Crossing Population Demographics



**Table 4: Population Demographics**

	Under 5 years	5 – 19 years	20 - 44 years	45 – 64 years	65 – 84 years	Over 85 years
<b>Village of Fox Crossing</b>	6.5%	18.0%	34.1%	27.5%	11.5%	2.4%

**Table 5: Population Distribution by Age Group (2010 Profile Data)**

Age	Village of Fox Crossing		Winnebago Co.		State of Wis.	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
0-4	1,207	6.5	11,702	6.6	358,443	6.3
5-14	2,199	11.9	24,850	14.0	744,544	13.1
15-24	2,324	12.6	23,215	13.2	785,761	13.8
<b>25-44</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>48,111</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>1,447,360</b>	<b>25.4</b>
45-54	2,843	15.4	28,090	15.9	873,753	15.4
55-64	2,242	12.1	19,893	11.2	699,811	12.3
65+	2,558	13.8	20,834	11.8	777,314	13.8
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18,498</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>176,695</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5,686,986</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: ACS Demographic Profile Data by Age and Sex, 2010.

Public properties including parks and open space sites include a total of twenty-three sites at 220.94 acres. Typically 1 facility is needed per 3,000 capita for a village this size. It currently has 16 to accommodate its residents. Based on the current population of 18,950, there are adequate facilities presently with a surplus of just over 16. However, just because there are enough facilities available, this does not reflect acreage or amount of open space needed to put those facilities on.

**Table 6: Facility Need By Population: General Guidelines\***

Activity/ Facility	Recommended Space Requirements	Service Radius and Location Notes	Number of Units per Population	General Needed for Village
<b>Baseball</b> Official	3.0 to 3.85 acre minimum	¼ to ½ mile Unlighted part of neighborhood complex; lighted fields part of community complex	1 per 5,000; lighted 1 per 30,000	3.79 unlighted .63 lighted
Little League	1.2 acre minimum			
<b>Basketball</b> Youth	2,400 – 3,036 vs. 5,040 – 7,280 s.f.	¼ to ½ mile Usually in school, recreation center or church facility; safe walking or bike access; outdoor courts in neighborhood and community parks, plus active recreation areas in other park settings	1 per 5,000	3.79 courts
High school				
<b>Football</b>	Minimum 1.5 acres	15 – 30 minute travel time Usually part of sports complex in community park or adjacent to school	1 per 20,000	.95 fields
<b>Soccer</b>	1.7 to 2.1 acres	1 to 2 miles Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to larger soccer fields or neighborhood parks	1 per 10,000	1.9 fields
<b>Softball</b>	1.5 to 2.0 acres	¼ to ½ mile May also be used for youth baseball	1 per 5,000 (if also used for youth baseball)	3.79 fields
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	Varies on size of pool & amenities; usually ½ to 2-acre site	15 – 30 minutes travel time  Pools for general community use should be planned for teaching, competitive & recreational purposes with enough depth (3.4m) to accommodate 1m to 3m diving boards; located in community park or school site	1 per 20,000 (pools should accommodate 3% to 5% of total population at a time)	.95 pools
<b>Tennis</b>	Minimum of 7,200 s.f. single court area (2 acres per complex)	¼ to ½ mile Best in groups of 2 to 4 courts; located in neighborhood community park or near school site	1 court per 2,000	9.5 courts
<b>Volleyball</b>	Minimum 4,000 s.f.	½ to 1 mile Usually in school, recreation center or church facility; safe walking or bike access; outdoor courts in neighborhood and community parks, plus active recreation areas in other park settings	1 court per 5,000	3.79 courts
<b>Total land Acreage</b>		Various types of parks - mini, neighborhood, community, regional, conservation, etc.	10 acres per 1,000	189.50

\*More facilities may be needed based on trends and demand.



## COMPARISON OF AVAILABLE STANDARDS

In conducting planning work, it is important to realize that the above standards can be valuable when referenced as “norms” for capacity, but not necessarily as the target standards for which a community should strive. Each community is different and there are many varying factors which are not addressed by the standards above.

For example:

- Does “developed acreage” include golf courses”? What about indoor and passive facilities?
- What are the standards for skate parks? Ice Arenas? Public Art? Etc.?
- What if it’s an urban land-locked community? What if it’s a small village surrounded by open federal lands?
- What about quality and condition? What if there’s a bunch of ball fields, but they haven’t been maintained in the last ten years?
- What about open space and how is it defined?

There are three available standards that are typically used as a benchmark in a community for the region. These are jurisdictional, national (NRPA), and regional-based (ECWRPC).

### Jurisdictional Standards

While immediate land needs show the village as adequate but there are also jurisdictional standards of what the state, county, surrounding communities and private sector are required to provide in terms of recreation.

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| • Recreational Lands Provided by the State-----              | 70 acres/1,000        |
| • Recreational Lands Provided by the County-----             | 15 acres/1,000        |
| • <u>Recreational Lands Provided by the Local Community-</u> | <u>10 acres/1,000</u> |
| • Recreational Lands Provided by the Private Sector-----     | 5 acres/1,000         |

The Village of Fox Crossing currently provides 16.39 acres of parks, recreation, and open space lands per 1,000 residents when looking at all park types as a system. Table 10 below breaks down the different categories to assist the village in planning for future types of parks needed.

### National Standards

To determine the land required to meet community need for parks and open spaces, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has developed a level of service standard meaning per park type how many acres are needed. The prevailing national standard for neighborhood and community parks ranges from 9.25-14.5 acres per 1,000 people, which will be used as the criteria to evaluate level of service standards for parks and open space.

As the village becomes more urbanized, resulting in higher densities, it is important to explore ways to preserve or attain additional property in order to meet the desired level of service standard. Table 10 indicates the national standard ranges for community parks, neighborhood parks, mini-parks and open space.



**Table 7: NRPA Standards for Parks  
and Open Spaces**

Type	Acres per 1,000 persons
Community Park	8.0-10.0
Neighborhood Park	1.0-2.0
Mini-Park	0.25-0.50
Open Space	1-2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9.25-14.5</b>

Source: National Recreation and Parks Association

### **East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Standards**

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC), as part of its *Long-Range Transportation/Land Use Plan for the Fox Cities, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac Urban Areas* (October 2015), has identified a level of service standard for parks, which is ten acres for every 1,000 residents. ECWRPC created residential standards based on density for various services such as sanitary sewer, water supply, street network, and parks. Their high density category is defined as three or more residential units per acre.

As part of the update to the comprehensive plan, the village identifies low density as three-five units per acre, medium density as six-ten units per acre, and high density as twelve or more units per acre. Therefore, Fox Crossing would be encouraged by ECWRPC to apply the high density standard for the specified services, such as parks, since it is classified as an urban area. If the village applies a level of service standard, then it addresses needed services as development is proposed or as population growth occurs.

Therefore, the ECWRPC level of service standard used for this analysis is ten acres per 1,000 residents. Each park provides a half mile service area. Table 11 highlights the ratio of acres per 1,000 persons for community parks, neighborhood parks, mini-parks, and open spaces.

**Table 8: Current Ratio Per 1,000 Persons vs. Recommended Ratio**

Type	# Acres	Acre Ratio per 1,000 persons*	Recommended Ratio per 1,000 persons**	Surplus / Deficiency
Community Park	211.53	12.14	10	2.14
Neighborhood Park	7.63	0.44	2	-1.56
Mini-Park	1.78	0.10	0.5	-0.4
Open Space	64.65	3.71	2	1.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>285.71*</b>	<b>16.39</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>1.89</b>

\*18,950 2015 projected population base for today / high end calculated which includes passive open space acreage.

\*\*ECWRPC standard for community parks and NRPA standard for neighborhood parks, mini-parks, and open space.

Source: Village of Fox Crossing, 2015

As Table 11 infers, the Village of Fox Crossing exceeds the level of service standard adopted by ECWRPC when community parks, neighborhood parks, and open space are combined. When open space is not considered, then the village is at 12.68 acres per 1,000 persons; therefore, it is just over the desired level of service standard. ECWRPC does not specify a level standard for open space, but the NRPA standard is one to two acres per 1,000 persons. The community meets and exceeds this standard for open space. The table below is a summary of all standards and where the Village of Fox Crossing stands in terms of park need.

**Table 9: Comparison of All Three Standards**

	<b>Jurisdictional</b>	<b>National (NRPA)</b>	<b>ECWRPC</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b><i>Acres per Population</i></b>		
<b>State</b>	70 / 1,000		
<b>County</b>	15 / 1,000		
<b>Local</b>	10 / 1,000	9.25-14.5 / 1,000	10 / 1,000
<b>Private</b>	5 / 1,000		
<b>Community Park</b>		8.0-10.0 / 1,000	
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>		1.0-2.0	
<b>Mini-Park</b>		0.25-0.50	
<b>Open Space</b>		1-2 / 1,000	
<b>Village of Fox Crossing (all standards applied)</b>			
	<b>Jurisdictional</b>	<b>National (NRPA)</b>	<b>ECWRPC</b>
	<b><i>Acres per Population</i></b>		
<b>Local</b>	16.39 / 1,000		16.39 / 1,000
<b>Community Park</b>		12.14	2.14 / 1,000
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>		0.44	<b>-1.56 / 1,000</b>
<b>Mini-Park</b>		0.10	<b>-0.4 / 1,000</b>
<b>Open Space</b>		3.71	1.71 / 1,000

## REGIONAL GREENSPACE COMPARISON

Neighboring communities were researched for actual populations and green spaces. These parks and facilities also provide a level of service to Fox Crossing's population base and are usually located out of the ½ mile walking distance for residents but are important to note as alternate opportunities for residents. Most visitors to parks don't realize where one jurisdiction ends and the other begins.

**Table 10: Comparison to Surrounding Communities for Outdoor Recreation Demand Today**

Community	Active Park Acres	Population Projection	Demand Projection (10 acres/1,000 pop.)	Deficiency / Surplus (in acres)
City of Appleton	633.00	72,810	728.1	-95.10
City of Neenah	349.00	25,723	257.23	91.77
Village of Little Chute	178.00	10,432	104.32	73.68
City of Two Rivers	256.00	11,669	116.69	139.31
Village of Greenville	213.60	10,309	103.09	110.51
Village of Kimberly	140.00	6,559	65.59	74.41
City of Menasha	226.00	17,407	174.07	51.93
City of Chilton	53.00	3,932	39.32	13.68
City of Kaukauna	740.00	15,627	156.27	583.73
City of Fond du Lac	650.00	43,100	431	219.00
Village of Fox Crossing	220.94	18,950	189.50	31.44
Village of Sherwood	70.00	2,740	27.40	42.60
Town of Grand Chute	383.00	21,288	212.88	170.12
City of Oshkosh	361.00	66,325	663.25	-302.25

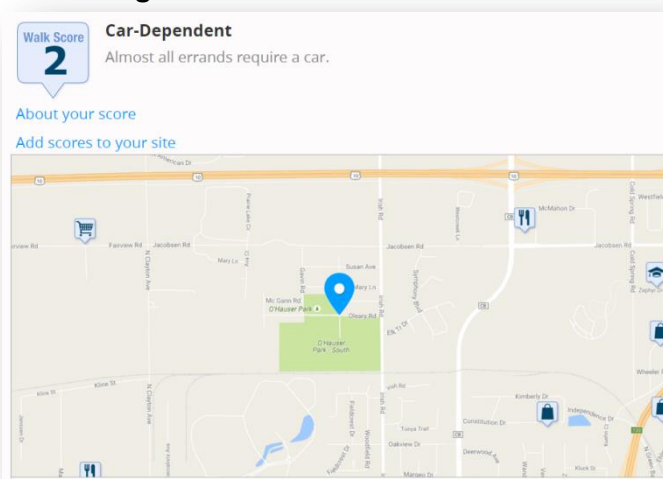
As compared to other communities its size and being an urban-based municipality, Fox Crossing falls within adequate parameters for acres of recreation for its growing population today at a surplus of 31.44 acres per 1,000 capita. Intergovernmental cooperation and partnerships could assist the village on providing even more opportunities within its boundaries as well as purchasing more land for the future as more park space will be needed by 2040.

## LOCATIONAL NEEDS

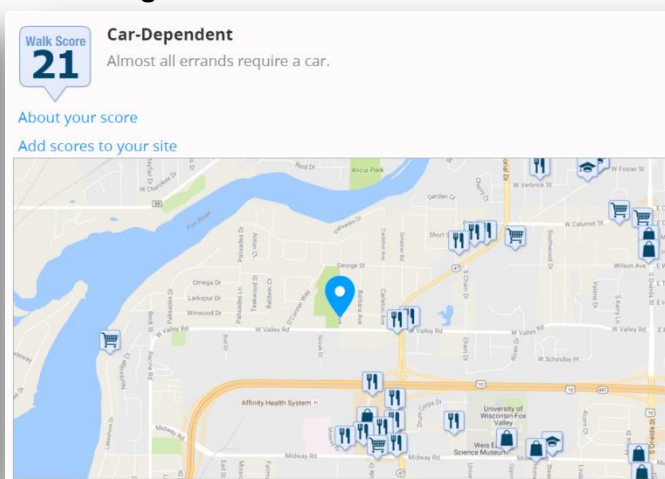
It is desirable that recreational opportunities be within convenient walking distance of each of a community's residents. With its compact development pattern and distribution of existing parks and schools, residents walk to an existing recreation facility varies. A ½ mile (neighborhood park level of service) is ideal as a walking distance but also looking at safety and use of sidewalks, trails, and bike paths. When residents are separated from the nearest park or school by natural barriers such as streams or man-made barriers such as busy streets, they are considered to be less adequately served because these features hinder a direct or safe walk. This is a particular concern for children and disabled or elderly residents.

In Fox Crossing, the bulk of the neighborhood population exists just west of I-41. As new development encroaches upon agricultural land, parks will need to be made available to serve those growing subdivisions as well as to support the current population in the surrounding area. When looking at places to recreate, we use the Walk Score® website to analyze how walkable a community is. The West-Side community has an overall score of 2 (Car-Dependent) on a scale of 1-100 with 100 being a walker's paradise to downtown. Almost all errands require a car to restaurants, groceries, and entertainment. On the East-Side from the Community Center / Palisades Park, the Walk Score® increases to 21 which is still car-dependent but with trails one can travel to restaurants and other amenities within 10 to 20 minutes.

**Figure 3: Walk Score® Westside**



**Figure 4: Walk Score® Eastside**



## PARK CLASSIFICATIONS AND SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTIONS

The following classifications are derived from *the 2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan – Appendix E*, and the *Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Guidelines* – A project of the National Recreation and Parks Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration. They have been modified to fit local conditions. These classifications can be used as a guideline for understanding what services are typically provided as well as the area that each park typically serves.

### Community Parks

These parks serve several neighborhoods within a one-two mile radius. Typically, these parks are twenty-five acres or more. Community parks address broad base community-wide needs. For example, community parks provide athletic fields while preserving areas for passive recreational uses. Amenities typically include:

- athletic courts, fields, or playfields;
- boat launches;
- ice rinks;
- landscaped/natural areas with trails;
- parking;
- pavilion/shelter with kitchen;
- picnic tables/grills;
- playground equipment;
- restrooms;
- sledding hills/tobogganing runs; and
- swimming pools.

Accessibility should be by vehicle, biking, and on foot. These parks should be linked to the public transportation system, existing and future trail network and sidewalks.

The village has seven community parks totaling 211.53 acres. The parks have many of the typical amenities, except for a swimming pool. The complete list of parks and amenities is listed in the following table:

**Table 11: Amenities in Community Parks**

COMMUNITY PARKS	ACRES	BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	BASKETBALL COURT	BOAT LAUNCH	CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH	DISC GOLF	FISHING	FITNESS ZONES	ICE RINK	NATURAL AREA / TRAIL	OPEN PLAYFIELD	PAVILION W/KITCHENS	PARKING	PICKLE BALL COURT	PICNIC TABLES / GRILLS	PLAYGROUND EQUIP.	RESTROOMS	SHELTER	SLEDDING HILL	SNOW SHOE/XC (informal)	SOCCER FIELDS	TABLE TENNIS	TENNIS COURTS	TRAILS	VOLLEYBALL COURT
	Fritsch	18.49		X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		
	Fritse/Rydell	15.26			X	X	X			X			X		X	X	X	X	X				X		
	O'Hauser (N/S)	64.37	X			X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		
	Palisades	14.85	X	X							X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	
	Schildt	10.02		X						X	X	X	X		X	X	X							X	
	Wittmann	25.03	X	X									X	X	X	X	X					X			
	Woodland Prairie	63.51	undeveloped								X	undeveloped								X					
	Total:	211.53																							

Source: Village of Fox Crossing, 2016.

## Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks serve residential areas within a half mile walking distance. The minimum desirable size varies from two – twenty acres. Neighborhood parks have a mix of active and passive uses. Usually, 50 percent of the area of a neighborhood park is used for active recreation and fifty percent is passive recreation, such as undeveloped natural areas. This limits problems such as noise, overuse, and congestion. Development and amenities typically include:

- playground equipment;
- play fields/open space;
- picnic tables;
- trails;
- landscaping;
- sport field/court;
- pedestrian path; and
- parking.

Access by foot should be made possible, especially since these parks are designed for children. One should not have to cross a collector or arterial to access the park. Ideally, trails, sidewalks,

or low volume minor streets should be used as a linkage from the residential area to the neighborhood park.

There are four neighborhood parks totaling 7.63 acres in the Village of Fox Crossing. The village's neighborhood parks possess many of the typical features. A complete list of amenities is shown in the following table:

**Table 12: Amenities in Neighborhood Parks**

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	ACRES	BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELD	BASKETBALL COURT	DRINKING FOUNTAIN / WATER	NATURAL AREA / TRAIL	OPEN PLAYFIELD	PARKING	PICNIC TABLES / GRILLS	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	SOCCER FIELDS	TENNIS COURTS	VOLLEYBALL COURT
Anunson Farm	3.5	undeveloped										
Butte des Morts	1.58				X				X			
Gant	1.13	undeveloped										
Strohmeyer	1.42		X			X			X			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7.63</b>											

Source: Village of Fox Crossing 2016.

### Mini-Parks

Mini-parks are those that service a limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. They have a quarter mile or a smaller service area, and are usually less than an acre in size. These parks are generally situated in neighborhoods, apartment complexes, village house developments, or senior housing complexes.

Development and amenities typically include:

- playground equipment;
- landscaped sitting areas; and
- picnic tables.

Access to those parks should be located centrally within a neighborhood or housing development to provide easy access. There are five mini-parks totaling 1.78 acres in the Village of Fox Crossing. The mini-parks possess many of the typical amenities. A complete list of parks and amenities is shown in the following table:

**Table 13: Amenities in Mini-Parks**

MINI-PARKS	ACRES	NATURAL AREA / TRAIL	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
Glenview	0.55		X
Kippenhan	0.33		X
Meadow Heights	0.15		X
Roy Kuehn	0.23		X
Westfield	0.52		X
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1.78</b>		

Source: Village of Fox Crossing 2016.

## PARK ACREAGE NEEDS PER TYPE

According to the calculations below (per 1,000 capita) in utilizing 10 acres for community parks, 2 acres for neighborhood parks, and .5 acres for mini-parks standards, the municipality is sufficient with community parks until the year 2030 but will need more acreage by 2035.

**Table 14: Community Park Needs Based on 30-Year Population Projections**

Year	Population	# Acres per 1,000 Persons	Desired # Acres per 1,000 Persons*	Community Park Acres Provided per 1,000	Acres Needed (surplus / deficiency)
2010	18,498	18.5	10.0	11.44	1.44
2015	18,950	19.0	10.0	11.16	1.16
2020	20,070	20.1	10.0	10.54	0.54
2025	21,020	21.0	10.0	10.06	0.06
2030	21,080	21.1	10.0	10.03	0.03
2035	22,680	22.7	10.0	9.33	-0.67
2040	23,140	23.1	10.0	9.14	-0.86

\* Desired # of acres per 1,000 persons based on level of service recommendation by ECWRPC

Source: Village of Fox Crossing 2015; WiDOA 2014 population projections.



**Table 15: Neighborhood Park Needs Based on 30-Year Population Projections**

Year	Population	# acres per 1,000 persons	Desired # acres per 1,000 persons*	Neighborhood Park Acres Provided per 1,000	Acres needed (surplus / deficiency)
2010	18,498	18.5	2	0.41	-1.59
2015	18,950	19.0	2	0.40	-1.60
2020	20,070	20.1	2	0.38	-1.62
2025	21,020	21.0	2	0.36	-1.64
2030	21,080	21.1	2	0.36	-1.64
2035	22,680	22.7	2	0.34	-1.66
2040	23,140	23.1	2	0.33	-1.67

\* Desired # of acres per 1,000 persons based on level of service recommendation by ECWRPC

Source: Village of Fox Crossing 2015; WiDOA 2014 population projections.

**Table 16: Mini-Park Needs Based on 30-Year Population Projections**

Year	Population	# acres per 1,000 persons	Desired # acres per 1,000 persons*	Mini-Park Acres Provided per 1,000	Acres needed (surplus / deficiency)
2010	18,498	18.5	0.5	0.096	-0.404
2015	18,950	19.0	0.5	0.094	-0.406
2020	20,070	20.1	0.5	0.089	-0.411
2025	21,020	21.0	0.5	0.085	-0.415
2030	21,080	21.1	0.5	0.084	-0.416
2035	22,680	22.7	0.5	0.078	-0.422
2040	23,140	23.1	0.5	0.077	-0.423

\* Desired # of acres per 1,000 persons based on level of service recommendation by ECWRPC

Source: Village of Fox Crossing 2015; WiDOA 2014 population projections.

When looking at neighborhood parks and mini-parks, there is a current shortage for those types of parks of 0.4 to 2 acres per 1,000 residents. As subdivisions grow, so should these types of parks to support the residential base. More acreage is needed for neighborhood parks at this time. The

village should consider acquiring more land and/or converting some of the undeveloped open spaces as there is a surplus of land currently.

### **Open Space / Greenspace**

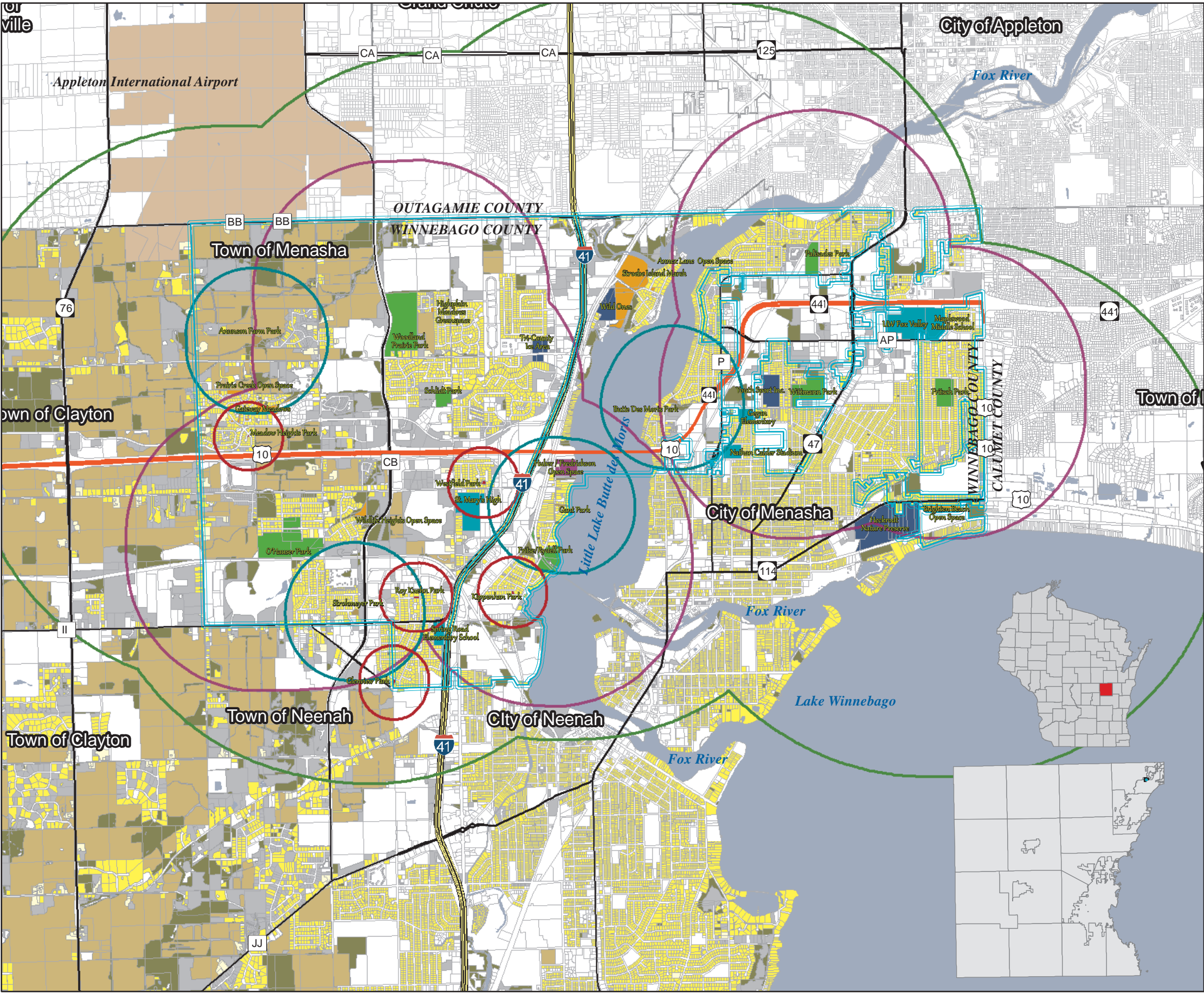
Open spaces are parcels of land or areas that are reserved for the preservation of unique land, water, vegetative, historic, and other aesthetic features in their natural state. Open spaces should then be addressed separately from park settings. These areas may be publicly or privately owned.

Open spaces may serve certain portions or the entire community. The size and level of service of open space areas varies with the type of use. The normal standard is one-two acres per 1,000 persons and two-five mile radius. Access is important since these areas provide a visual and psychological relief from urban development.

Often, these areas take advantage of streams and other natural features, which then help preserve areas for wildlife and other environmental assets of a community. Urban green spaces can be used for linking open spaces/parks, public facilities, preserving natural resources/wildlife, preserving areas not suitable for development, and addressing the lack of open space in an area. These areas can be used as a less expensive means of addressing stormwater management. Open green space areas may or may not have to be improved but some amenities or characteristics may include:

- walking/hiking trails (abandoned railroad lines, right-of-ways);
- environmental corridors or linear parkways;
- creeks/streams/wetlands/drainage-ways/ rivers/ponds/lakes/floodplains;
- ravines;
- areas of high groundwater;
- woodlands;
- steep sloped areas (12% or greater); and
- minimal landscaping areas.

Map 3  
Village of Fox Crossing  
Population Density and  
Level of Service Areas

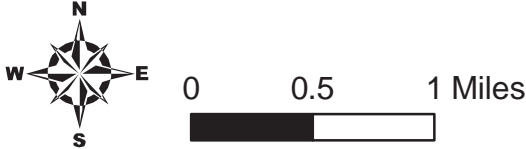


- Legend**
- Village of Fox Crossing Boundary
  - Mini-Parks Qtr Mile LOS
  - Neighborhood Parks Half Mile LOS
  - Community Parks 1 Mile LOS
  - Open Space 2 Mile LOS
  - Community Park
  - Future Open Space
  - Greenspace
  - Mini-Park
  - Neighborhood Park
  - Open Space
  - Quasi-Public
  - School
  - Farms
  - Woodlands
  - Croplands
  - Single Family Structures
  - Vacant Lands

Land Use	Acres	%
Ag Land	857.46	10%
Woodlands	520.51	6%
Vacant Lands	963.99	11%
Village Owned Land	638.46	8%
Residential Areas	2126.49	25%
Active Parks	220.94	3%

Total Village Acres = 8,412.12

Source: Winnebago County Base and Parks information, 2015,  
WINGS data. 2016 Municipal Boundary Data  
ECWRPC trails data.



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The Village of Fox Crossing possesses many of the natural amenities which could be utilized for open space preservation. These sites are very difficult however to access by the normal citizen. Attempts to create better access have been blocked due to privacy and locational issues.

**Table 17: Open Spaces**

Open Space	Acres
Annex Lane	0.58
Brighton Beach Open Space	8.99
Gateway Open Space	13.56
High Plain Meadows Open Space	0.68
Pearl Stroebe-Cox Open Space	12.34
Wildlife Heights	4.06
Trails (17 miles)	24.44
<b>Total:</b>	<b>64.65</b>

Source: Village of Fox Crossing, 2016

**Table 18: Population in Service Areas\***

Park Type	LOS Mile Radius	2010 Pop	2015 Pop	2020 Pop	% LOS**
Mini-Park	.25	1,501	1,538	1,588	8%
Neighborhood Park	.5	4,137	4,211	4,322	22%
Community Park	1	35,861	36,294	36,996	192%
Open Space	2	58,783	59,555	60,757	314%

\*Population is based off of EMSI population database joined to the service areas. Some overlap exists in buffered areas as well as servicing outside of the municipal boundary. (See Map 3)

\*\*% LOS allocations are based off today's 2015 total population numbers, 18,950.

In looking at the number of people being serviced, Table 18 gives a breakdown of each park type within the service area boundaries. This information can assist the parks department in planning for future residential use. Mini-parks and neighborhood parks include residents within the village boundary where community parks and open space areas are serving those within the village but also the surrounding communities as well, hence the greater than 100% LOS rating.

## PUBLIC SURVEY SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

A public survey was conducted in the fall of 2015 and asked questions conducive to residential satisfaction, needs and wants, and overall facility use. Safety concerns in walking and biking were also included as well as a questions for supporting more parks and trails. Below is a summary of the findings. For detailed results of the survey, please see Appendix A.

Survey Response rate: 260 total participants with 212 who completed the survey. (82%) completion rate

Parks maintained by the village are the following:

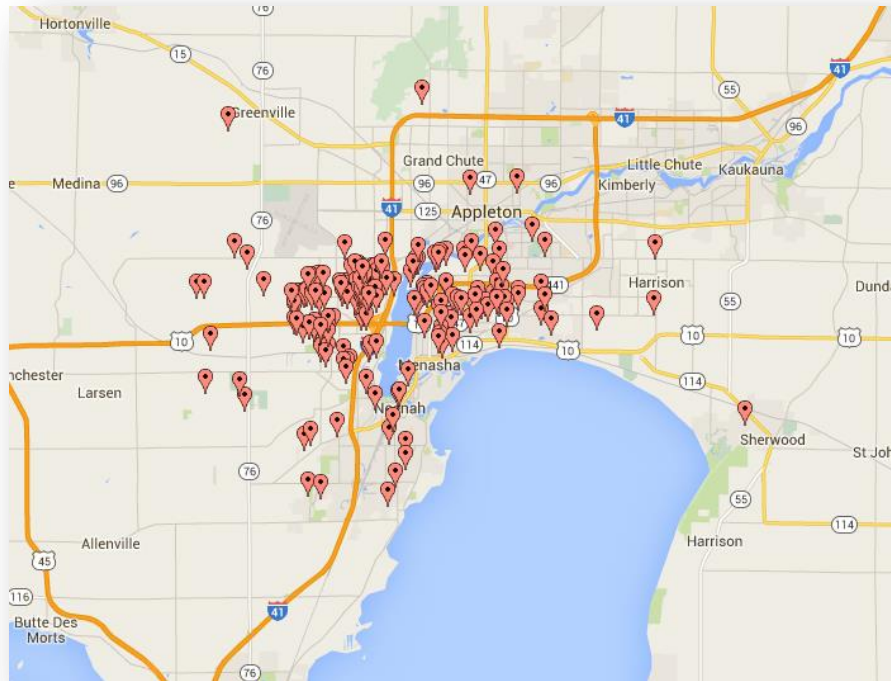
- Anunson Farm Park (neighborhood park, undeveloped)
- Butte des Morts Park (neighborhood park)
- Fritsch Park (community park)
- Fritse / Rydell Park (community park)
- Gant Park (neighborhood park, undeveloped)
- Glenview (mini-park)
- Kippenhan Park (mini-park)
- Meadow Heights (mini-park)
- O'Hauser Park (community park)
- Palisades Park (community park)
- Roy Kuehn Park (mini-park)
- Schildt Park (community park)
- Strohmeyer (neighborhood park)
- Westfield Park (mini-park)
- Wittmann Park (community park)
- Woodland Prairie Park (community park, undeveloped)



## Village of Fox Crossing – Survey Analysis BY THE NUMBERS:

### A. INFO/DEMOGRAPHICS 2015 = 18,950 residents

**1. Survey Participants Distribution:** Respondents are traveling as far as Greenville, Sherwood, and Appleton to use the facilities. Most users are segregated within the village and the City of Menasha.



### 2. Age Group:

53.85%

16-30

**31-45**

46-60

60-75 75+

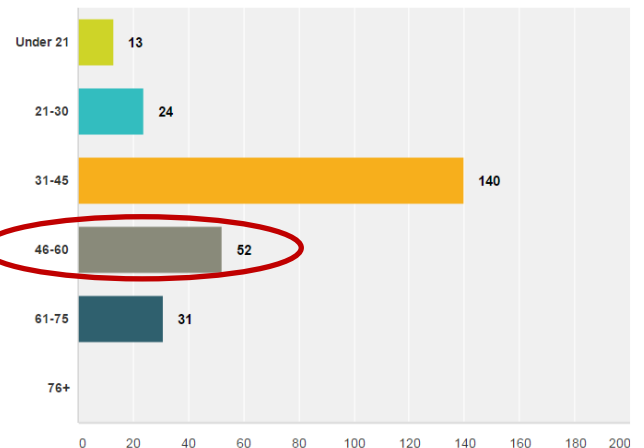
### 3. Are you Male or Female?

23.85% (62) Male,

**76.15% (198) Female**

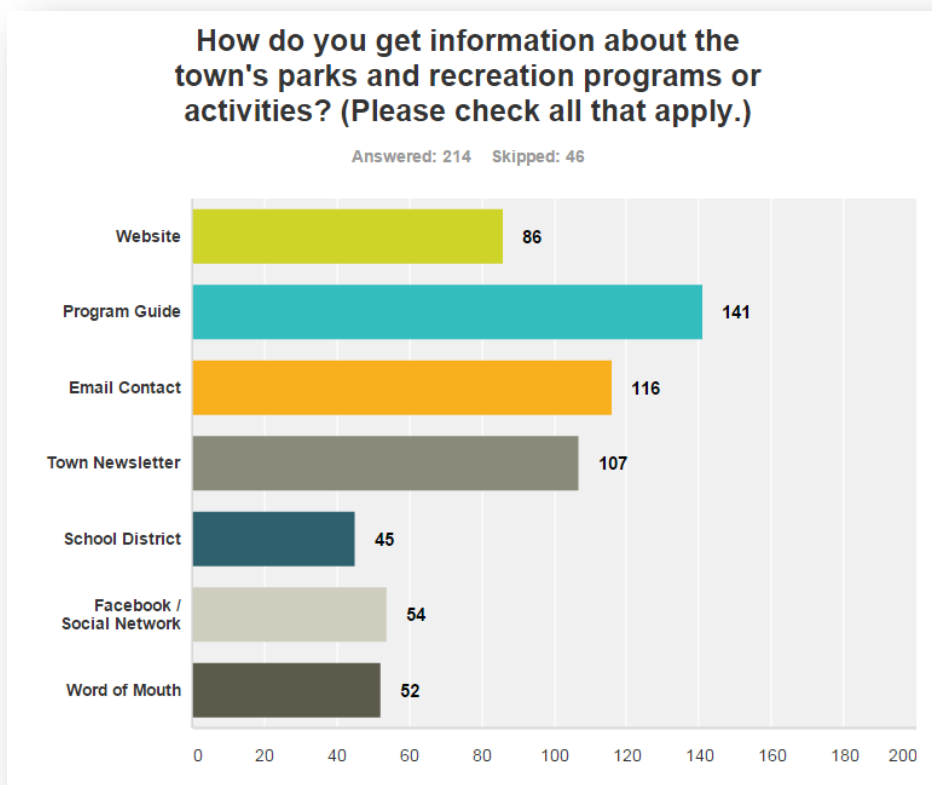
#### How old is the person filling out this survey?

Answered: 260 Skipped: 0



**4. How many people reside in your household?** Family of 4 was the #1 answer at **45%** (117/260)

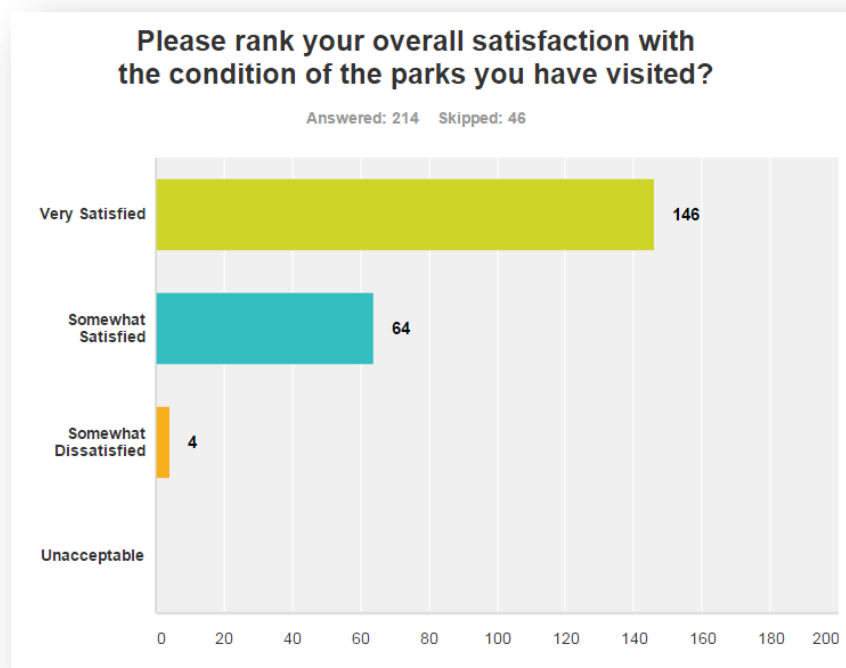
**5. How did residents get their information?**  
 The Program Guide was the #1 answer at 65.89%



## B. SATISFACTION

### 1. All Parks and Facilities – Overall:

**Over 68%** were **very satisfied** with the parks and **30%** were **somewhat satisfied**. Positive response rate by residents as many seemed pleased on what the Parks Department is offering.



**1. Satisfaction by Park (most visited and highest ranked): The Top 3 Favorite and most visited park/facilities were:**

**#1 FRITSE, #2 O'HAUSER, AND #3 FRITSCH**

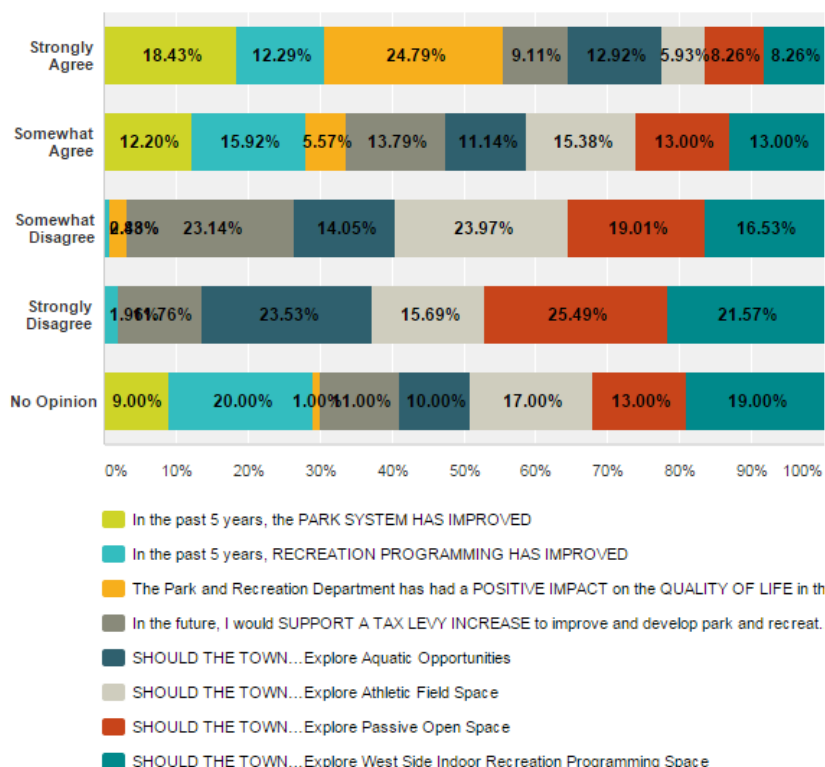
	Visited	1	2	3	Total Respondents
▼ Fritse Park/Rydell Property/Trestle Trail	78.63% 103	43.51% 57	29.01% 38	12.21% 16	131
▼ O'Hauser Park (north/south)	79.65% 90	27.43% 31	20.35% 23	27.43% 31	113
▼ Fritsch Park	81.25% 78	29.17% 28	23.96% 23	13.54% 13	96
▼ Schildt Park	81.11% 73	21.11% 19	27.78% 25	24.44% 22	90
▼ Palisades Park	85.71% 60	10.00% 7	22.86% 16	20.00% 14	70
▼ Wittmann Park	82.05% 32	7.69% 3	20.51% 8	25.64% 10	39

In using the responses of those who were very satisfied, the 143 answered the following to improvements made since the last CORP:

Most survey takers stated that the village should explore: **more athletic field space, passive open space, and the west side with indoor rec programming space.**

**Please respond to the following:**

Answered: 142 Skipped: 4



=100% by category going across.



## C. SAFETY AND ACCESS: 76.22% Yes, 23.78% No

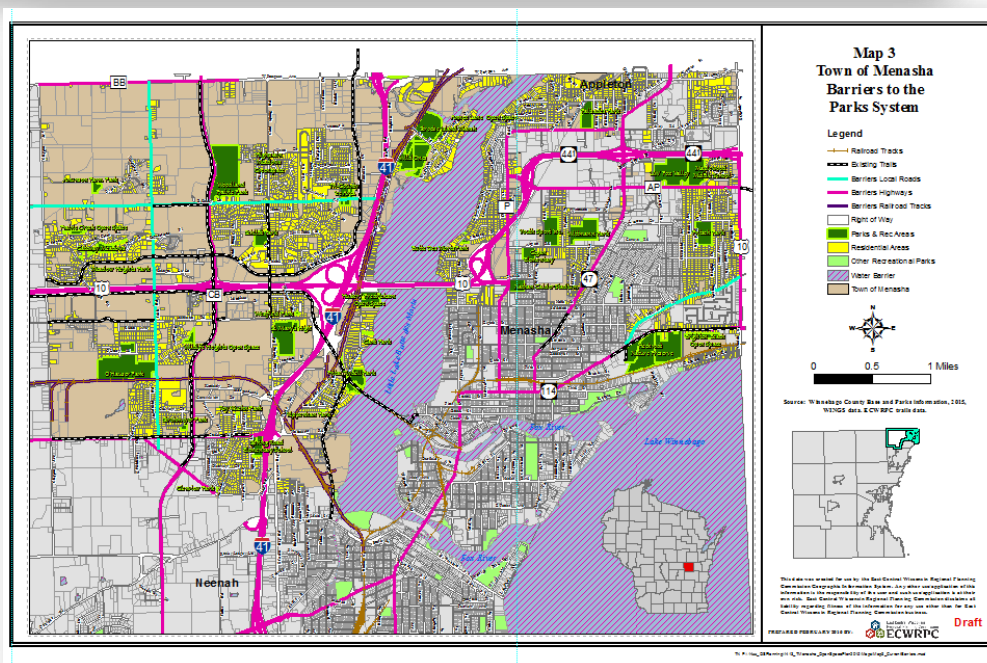


### Average Time

5-10 minutes

### Street Barriers (Map 3)

I41  
USH 10  
STH 441  
STH 47  
STH 114  
CTH CB  
E Shady Lane  
Irish Road  
Manitowoc Road  
Railroad Tracks



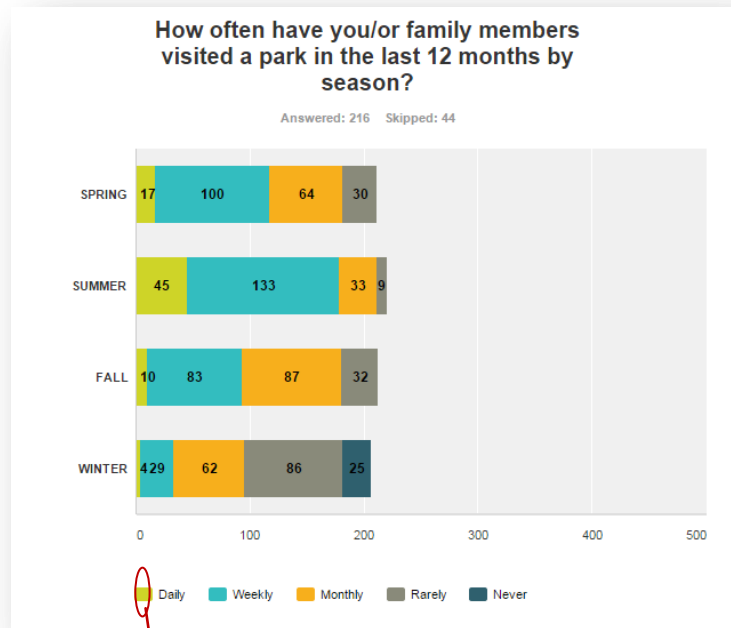
Most residents, who lived west of I41, were unable to get to Fritsch Park safely by biking or walking and those on the east side of O’Hauser. The village’s split by highway and water corridors create car dependent neighborhoods. The Friendship-Trestle Trail does link the east

side to the west offering some residents safe passage of 15 minutes to Fritse.

### USE/MAINTENANCE FOCUS:

Weekly use during spring and the summer months 233 (93%) was the highest vs. rarely and never during the fall and winter seasons 112 (52%).

Maintenance of the parks and facilities should be scheduled accordingly per user base.



### E. USE AND NEED / PREFERENCES FOR TODAY\*

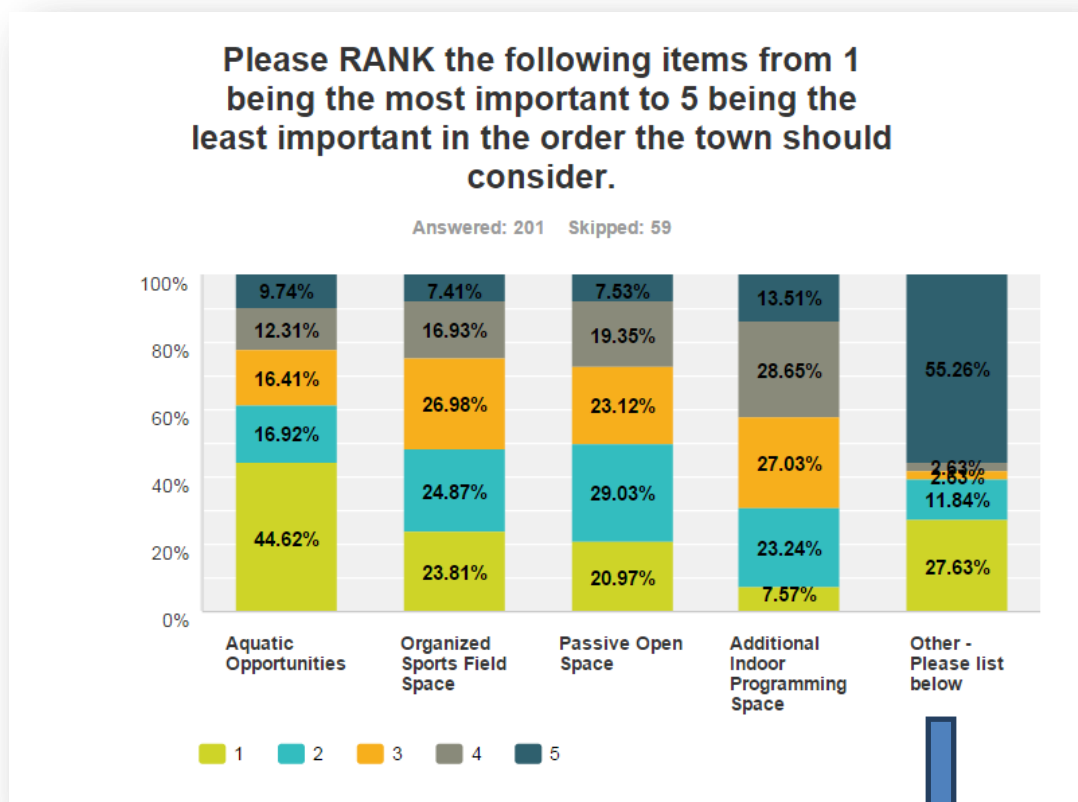
Residents were asked what facilities/programs are needed and not needed in the village.

*\*The village however needs to keep in mind that these are trends chosen by the community today and may not reflect the same for the future. Just because 63% said adventure based type activities aren't needed now doesn't mean they shouldn't be planned for tomorrow to draw interest in the sport.*

Amenity by Need & Not Needed Today			
Type	Great Need	Not Needed	Top Overall Needed >50%
AQUATICS			
Pool	46%		
Splashpad		31%	
ATHLETIC FIELDS			
Baseball/Softball	57%		X
LaCrosse		64%	
COURT BASED			
Basketball	52%		
Badminton		62%	
ADVENTURE BASED			
BMX/Mountain Biking	24%		
Ninja Warrior/Parkour		63%	
NATURE BASED AMENITY			
Trails (non-paved -multi-use)	76%		
Wildlife Viewing / Bird Watching		19%	
UNIQUE FACILITY			
Outdoor Ice Rink / Winter Sports	35%		
Dog Park		35%	
RECREATIONAL PROGRAM			
Youth Recreation	54%		
Teen Program		36%	
TRADITIONAL PARK AMENITIES			
Playgrounds	61%		
Sledding Hills		9%	
TRENDY AMENITY			
Outdoor Fitness	23%		
GaGa Pits		73%	
SPECIAL EVENTS			
Concerts/Movie Nights in the Par	48%	0%	
Community Festivals	45%	0%	

## F. FACILITIES/PROGRAMS THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED OR ADDED IN THE VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING:

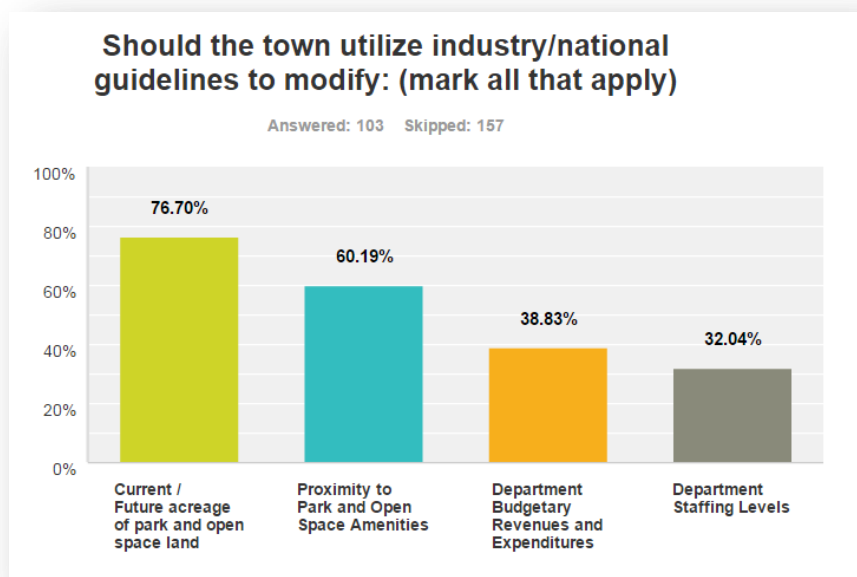
Rankings for number one in offering more aquatic opportunities got 45%. Among the other listings that respondents listed were: trail connections, dog park/pet exercise areas, natural/adventure areas, sports expansion (tennis, pickleball, fitness courses, basketball) and community based programs.



Over 66 residents stated they thought their neighborhood needed better access to park facilities within the village.

<b>Community</b> View all • Edit • Delete	<div><div></div></div>	7.89%	3
<b>Dog Park</b> View all • Edit • Delete	<div><div></div></div>	7.89%	3
<b>Natural Areas</b> View all • Edit • Delete	<div><div></div></div>	13.16%	5
<b>Sports Related</b> View all • Edit • Delete	<div><div></div></div>	36.84%	14
<b>Trails</b> View all • Edit • Delete	<div><div></div></div>	31.58%	12
<b>Uncategorized</b> View all	<div><div></div></div>	2.63%	1

## G. STANDARDS AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS:



Most residents felt future park acreage and open space land should utilize national standards and benchmarks. According to the NRPA and ECWRPC, there should be 10 acres of park space per 1,000 people to adequately accommodate village residents.

**Currently the village has 220.94 acres available with a 2015 population base of 18,950 requiring 189.50 acres which gives an access of 31.44 acres.**

**But, by the year 2040, the population projection shows a growth of over 4,000 or a 22% increase in resident base requiring 231.40 acres giving a deficit of -10.46 acres.**




	In the past 5 years, the PARK SYSTEM HAS IMPROVED	In the past 5 years, RECREATION PROGRAMMING HAS IMPROVED	The Park and Recreation Department has had a POSITIVE IMPACT on the QUALITY OF LIFE in the Town of Menasha.	In the future, I would SUPPORT A TAX LEVY INCREASE to improve and develop park and recreation facilities.	SHOULD THE TOWN... Explore Aquatic Opportunities	SHOULD THE TOWN... Explore Athletic Field Space	SHOULD THE TOWN... Explore Passive Open Space	SHOULD THE TOWN... Explore West Side Indoor Recreation Programming Space	Total
Strongly Agree	16.67% 102	11.27% 69	23.20% 142	8.66% 53	14.87% 91	8.33% 51	8.01% 49	8.99% 55	612
Somewhat Agree	13.54% 80	15.06% 89	8.63% 51	13.87% 82	10.15% 60	13.54% 80	12.52% 74	12.69% 75	591
Somewhat Disagree	1.65% 3	6.04% 11	3.85% 7	21.43% 39	12.64% 23	19.23% 35	20.33% 37	14.84% 27	182
Strongly Disagree	3.49% 3	4.65% 4	2.33% 2	12.79% 11	22.09% 19	16.28% 14	20.93% 18	17.44% 15	86
No Opinion	11.70% 20	19.30% 33	3.51% 6	11.11% 19	8.77% 15	15.20% 26	12.87% 22	17.54% 30	171

Most residents felt that in the past 5 years **the park system and programming has improved**. The main factor is how the parks and recreation department is contributing to the quality of life of its residents. The majority disagreed with supporting a tax levy increase however to make those future improvements.

## TRENDS

To effectively provide the right type of recreational activities and facilities, the village needs to better understand broader recreational trends. The following tables from the *2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* identify trends in outdoor recreational preferences. Below is a table that represents the trends and activities for the state as a whole:

**Table 22: Wisconsin Recreation Trends**

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

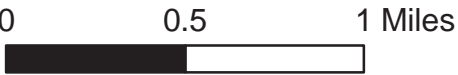
Source: 2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, August 2012.



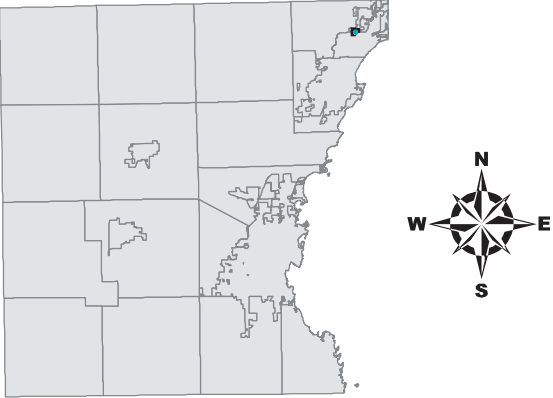
# Map 4 Village of Fox Crossing Barriers to the Parks System

## Legend

- Recommended Trails
- Bike Lane
- Off Road Paved
- Off Road Unpaved
- Signed Bike Route
- Barriers Local Roads
- Railroad Tracks
- Barriers Highways
- Barriers Railroad Tracks
- Village of Fox Crossing Boundary
- Right of Way
- Parks & Rec Areas
- Residential Areas
- Other Recreational Parks
- Water Barrier



Source: Winnebago County Base and Parks information, 2015, WINGS data. 2016 Municipal data. ECWRPC trails data.



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## **CHAPTER 5**

# HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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### 2016 COUNTY HEALTH COMPONENTS AND STATISTICS

With obesity rates on the rise, the Village of Fox Crossing's need to promote active communities should be a top priority. From the 2016 Winnebago County Health Rankings\*, (with 1 being the best), Winnebago County is rated 41 overall out of 72 in the state for healthy outcomes (today) and 18 out of 72 for health factors (tomorrow). These statistics are up from 2015 where the county was 42 in health outcomes and 19 for health factors. 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 the Village of Fox Crossing through the Winnebago County's rankings is only one component of improving the community's health. The "*Roadmaps to Health*" Action Center provides tools to help groups work together to create healthier places to live, learn, work and play. For example, In Winnebago County, the group re:TH!nk Winnebago is one such group who has started this process in working with the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to promote health in planning.

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, ECWRPC has developed a regional bicycle and pedestrian plan to help guide this process. A plan of this nature will help fill in those voided connections residents are asking for while still planning for future active communities.



To enable and encourage the citizens of the Village of Fox Crossing to be physically active, a strengthening of the support and funding for the Parks and Recreation facilities and recreational programming should be looked at. "Park Prescriptions" should be written so to speak to encourage active use and enjoyment of what the town has to offer. Improvements that would positively benefit public health and recreation are maintaining and adding more amenities to the existing Neighborhood and Community Parks to support its growing population base. Also adding more multi-use trail connections in general would help promote a healthy lifestyle and active living. Careful attention should be given to areas of people with lesser means so they have at least an equal level of opportunity for physical activity. This goes back to the Goal 1, Strategy i 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, water corridors and industry).

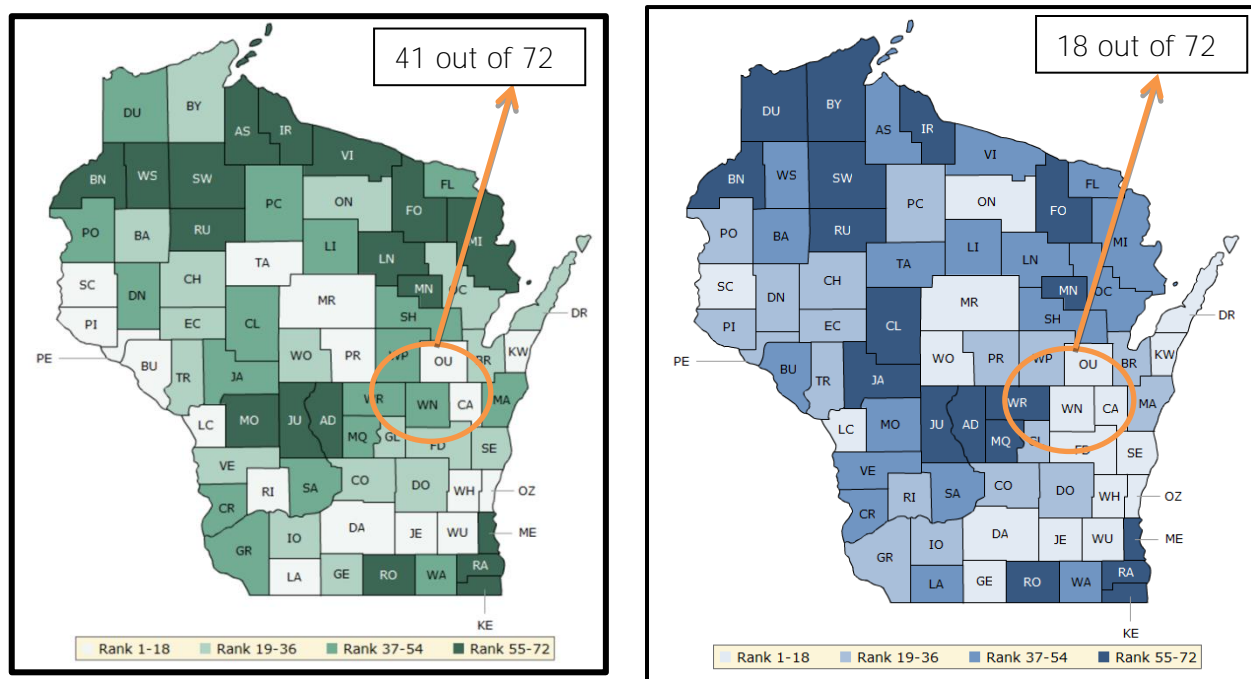
Continued support with community partnerships such as sport clubs, organizations, non-profits, citizen groups, companies, and other interested parties to develop, fund and operate recreation programs, leagues, and events are desired. These partnerships are invaluable to help provide the opportunities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

Parks, playgrounds, and open spaces provide opportunities for physical activity. However, the presence of facilities is not enough to make sure they are being used for the greatest benefit of



all. Factors such as location, accessibility, programming, connectivity, safety and aesthetics all play a role in the use of public facilities. By incorporating natural and design elements that have cultural or homeland meaning, will also help represent minority populations. Investing in consistent/uniform signage that aids people in identifying trails, places to be active, and other rec opportunities, should be considered. Promoting and marketing concepts should be developed along with the funding resources identified such as studies done through the Transform Wisconsin grant program.

Below are 2 maps that demonstrate where the county stands in the state as compared to the other 72 counties with 1 being the healthiest. Factors such as smoking, obesity rates, drinking excessively, STD's, and motor vehicle crashes make up the first map,



while outcomes such as premature death, poor to fair health, poor physical days, low birth weight, and poor mental days are shown on the second map. The rankings comparing the rest of the state are as follows:

Multi-modal transportation such as walking, biking, and public transportation can also help enhance the health and overall physical activity of all residents, by improving air quality and the environment, and reducing overall traffic congestion. Numerous town 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 the Village of Fox Crossing. Safe Routes to School programs can assist communities and encourage children to walk and bike to school as long as connections are in place and barriers are crossed.

## THE PARKS AND HEALTH CONNECTION

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

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



## **CHAPTER 6**

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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As Chapter 4 reflects, the Village of Fox Crossing currently has adequate land for recreational use to accommodate its population but should look at future growth concerns and add parks when new development takes place. To more accurately assess the needs, the Parks Commission conducted a thorough analysis of its parks and recreational facilities. The needs they identified focused on specific recreational facilities currently not available, in limited supply, or in demand of additional improvement or expansion based on trends. They determined that adding or upgrading these facilities will help achieve the village's goal of providing residents with a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

The proposals in this plan are intended to serve as a guide for the future development of park and recreation areas in the village. Although some of the recommendations may not be feasible in the near future, they represent courses of action that should be taken if the opportunity or need arises. Projects that are feasible for implementation within the next few years are included in the community's five-year action program, Chapter 7. These should be reviewed annually by the Parks Commission to accommodate changing costs as well as needs of the community.

### NEW RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR EXISTING PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

#### General Recommendations

- a. Ensure that active and passive recreational areas and facilities are ADA compliant and meet the various needs of the community.
- b. Redevelopment of parks and open space should follow the sustainability policy and industry best practices.
- c. The village should consider doing an *Economic Impact Study Analysis* of its parks and recreational programs to show value and what type of tourism dollars are being added to the community and the economy.
- d. Considerations should be given to park staff obtaining a CPSI (Certified Play Structure Inspector) to comply with safety standards.

#### Community Parks



##### **Fritsch**

- Plant and maintain a prairie area as to cut down on mowing time
- Assess the continued drainage issues, consider adding in permeable pavers
- Work with volunteers for plantings by exercise area
- Reduce mulch tramples by exercise area (cow paths) by adding in a permanent pathway



- Evaluate the long-term use of the ice skating rink
- Consider creating a single track mountain biking area
- Reduce vandalism by adding security cameras

## **2 Fritse / Rydell**

### **Fritse:**

- Develop stormwater management demonstration sites
- Keep Trestle Trail Kiosk up to date
- Upgrade cameras along the trail
- Add a paving extension – additional parking for boat trailers
- Add an ADA kayak or canoe launch closest to the trail

### **Rydell:**

- Develop concept plans for the Rydell Property that might include a year-around facility or pavilion/gazebo for events, (long-range)
- Install trail signage and update trail system
- Continue with prairie restoration
- Continue with shoreline habitat restoration and invasive removals

## **3 O’Hauser – North / South / Disc Golf Course**

### **Park:**

- Add a new basketball surface west of O’Hauser North pavilion, add in a full court
- Consider additional parking areas, resurface South parking lot
- Further develop the nature walk trails
- Expand nature trails to incorporate the southwest wetlands with boardwalks/bridge
- Possibly add more garbage receptacles

### **Disc Golf Course:**

- Continue to improve the disc golf course
- Periodically check users for passes

## **4 Palisades**

- Improve drainage issues for south / southwest areas of park
  - Road construction/improvements with culverts may add some relief
  - Work in partnership with WDOT on the 441 pond stormwater study
- Move volleyball court poles and replace curbing
- Remove spinner equipment and replace with a rain garden to reduce flooding to parking area
- Upgrade trail from community center to rest of park

## 5 Schildt

- Prepare conceptual site master plan for the south portion of the park to possibly include:
  - A new parking lot configuration is needed. Current parking is awkward with flow of traffic in and out of park.
  - Trail connections (path to Benjamin Ct.)
  - Pet Exercise area
  - Volleyball court usage and upgrade with lighting (6 poles)
  - Upgrade the ½ basketball court
  - Soccer goal backstops
  - Pervious pavement upgrades (2018)
  - Swing benches near playground
  - Creek bed restoration
  - New roof for shelter (2019)
  - Shade trees and prairie areas
  - Develop use plan for granary – volunteer labor
  - ADA accessibility throughout
  - Work with stormwater utility in an cooperative effort to create a dual function area



## 6 Wittmann

- Construct a native prairie area/wetland project in the north part of the park
- Consider increasing the soccer play areas
- Add landscaping to parking lot and shelter
- Restripe and repave parking lot
- Consider adding a park sign on shelter visible from Airport Road

## 7 Woodland Prairie

- Revise the concept master plan completed in 2008 to start implementing the strategies and development of the park
- Explore the possibility of an adventure type park (American Ninja Warrior) with obstacle courses or a mountain bike pump track
- Impact fee study should be redone to accommodate for the current rate changes and new development that is occurring (Village vs. Town rates)
- Add in nature trails throughout property
- Keep the property nature-based vs. sports oriented as the name implies

## Neighborhood Parks

1

### Anunson Farm

- Develop a concept plan with road access to the park once 70% of residential development is complete in the bordering east neighborhood
- Consider purchasing an extra three acres north for additional space (land fee in lieu of - development revenue)
- Keep the woodland areas a priority
- Possible amenities in the park may include:
  - Play Structure(s)
  - Ball Diamond
  - Basketball Courts
  - Picnic areas
  - Trails
  - Shelter
  - Soccer Fields
  - Lighting
  - Parking



2

### Butte des Morts

- Continue with the shoreline restoration
- Upgrade the picnic area near the shore to include a small shelter
- Add a swing set near the playground
- Replace the benches

3

### Gant

- Develop a master plan
- Reassess the property if needed as a park or sell for inclusion back to tax base
- Remediate the shoreline (add rock to help with erosion)
- Clear brush and weeds from site to open up water view and fishing area
- Add benches and a sign
- Identify and eradicate invasive species such as Buckthorn, Purple Loosestrife, Canadian Thistle, and Mustard Weed should any exist
- Remove the current pier as it is unsafe
- Add a picnic area –refurbish current barn into a shelter or remove
- Add boardwalks and trails to keep the area natural



#### **Strohmeyer**

- Consider more benches near the playground area
- Maintain the basketball court surface
- Add in more shade trees or consider a shade canopy

#### **Mini-Parks**



#### **Glenview**

- Update playground equipment to meet safety standards
- Work with the Town of Neenah and the WisDOT to address drainage areas to the Green Valley Ditch with road improvements and detention ponds. Current culvert exists.



#### **Kippenhan**

- Update the play structure with a newer compliant unit
- Add in more benches – look for donations to assist in the additions



#### **Meadow Heights**

- Evaluate play equipment and replace or add new structures as needed
- More swings are needed and asked for by residents
- Plant more shade trees, i.e. landscaping plan
- Add more benches



#### **Roy Kuehn**

- Update the playground equipment as use dictates
- Add in benches close to playground
- Install a bike rack - look to the FVTC program, Rotary, or sponsorships for donations
- Add in new base, make park more aesthetically pleasing (landscaping plan, 2018)





## **Westfield**

- Maintain the current playground equipment
- Add wayfinding signage to get to the park
- Install a bike rack – look to the FVTC program, Rotary, or sponsorships for donations

## **RECOMMENDED SITES FOR EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Community, Neighborhood, and Mini-Parks**

As was stated in the last park plan update and further illustrated by Map 5, the following areas should be explored for park development and expansion:

- **Site A:** A neighborhood park site should be considered in the northeast corner of the village bordered by Calumet and Oneida Streets as this area lacks park and recreational facilities. This may not be feasible as all parcels are developed but could be set as a long-term goal and work with the City of Appleton on shared use.
- **Site B:** A neighborhood park should be considered in this area to alleviate the lack of park facilities northeast of the intersection of Cold Spring Road and East Shady Lane. A road barrier currently exists. Alternatively, Woodland Prairie Park should be developed with trail connections along Allison Drive to link the subdivision.
- **Site C:** This site should be developed for a community park location. It has forested lands, navigable streams, as well as area for play fields. As Wittmann Park and Fritsch Park are both defined as community parks, a community park is proposed to maintain park levels and compensate for an increased population. Additionally, the ratio found within Tables 13 and 14 calls for additional acreage.
- **Site D:** The village-owned landfill has the potential to be utilized for such facilities as sledding and tobogganing hill-runs, cross-country skiing and terrain courses for non-motorized dirt or mountain bike trails. The west section could be used for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, a golf course, playfields, trails, etc.
- **Site E:** This corridor should be considered for a trail that would connect to the future Anunson, Woodland Prairie Parks and Site D. Note, these properties are within Environmentally Sensitive Areas and trail flooding should be considered when planning a connection.



# Map 5 Village of Fox Crossing Recommendations

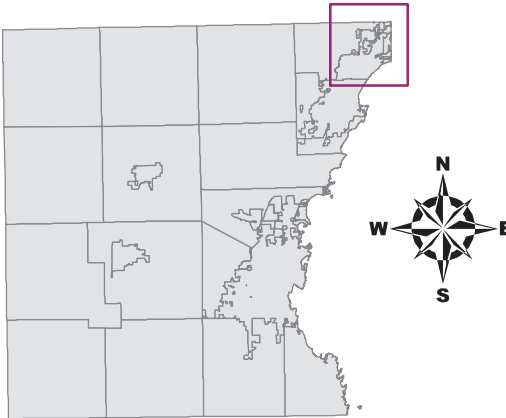
## Legend

- Other Trails
- Bike Lane
- Off Road Paved
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- Signed Bike Route
- Community Park
- Future Open Space
- Mini-Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Open Space
- Quasi-Public
- School
- Other Recreational Parks
- Parcels
- Water
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas\*

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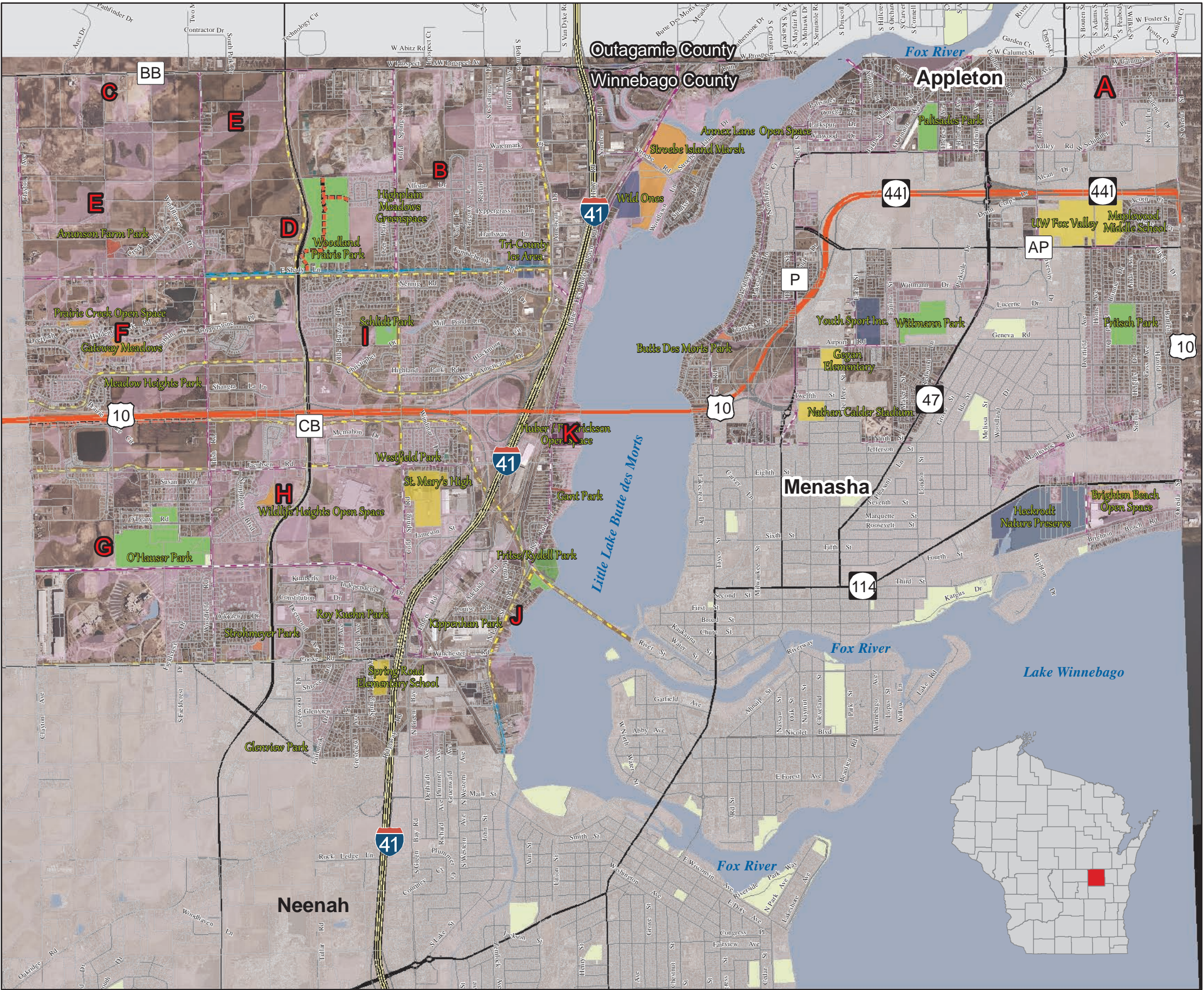
\*ESA's include wetlands, high bedrock, and high groundwater.

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- **Site F:** A neighborhood park should be considered in this vicinity that could incorporate the Department of Natural Resources identified wetlands and an area for playfields, playground equipment, and other amenities while connecting to the Gateway Subdivision. This site will supplement Meadow Heights Park, which is located on the south side of the heavily used West American Drive. The area west of Irish Road, North of Hwy 10 east of Clayton Ave and south of E. Shady Lane, which includes significant residential areas, does not have safe “walkable” access to a neighborhood or community park.
- **Site G:** When the area west of O’Hauser Park is developed, a pond, stream, and wetland should be incorporated into the park.
- **Site H:** When the property at the southwest corner of Jacobsen Road and County Hwy CB develops, the wetlands and additional acreage should be purchased when available to expand the Wildlife Heights Open Space to include an area for playground equipment.
- **Site I:** A section of the property to the west of Schildt Park should be dedicated to the village for the expansion of the park.

### Open Space Areas

As noted by a majority of respondents in the *Parks and Open Space Survey*, acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands is a premium concern. However, the village currently has 3.77 acres per 1,000 person ratio which exceeds the NRPA 2.0 acres per 1,000 person ratio adopted by this plan. This does not negate the village from proceeding to protect and preserve environmentally sensitive areas. It does suggest using a holistic method of partnering environmentally sensitive areas with active recreation areas within community and neighborhood parks. Many of the sites recommended for expansion and development in the park section above recommend acquisition of open space along with active areas.

As a whole, land that becomes available along the shores of Little Lake Butte des Morts should be considered for acquisition. There are minimal public access points to Little Lake Butte des Morts and this is a water resource that could be enjoyed by the entire community.

One area that could be used for open space purposes are two streets that stub onto Little Lake Butte des Morts. They are:

- **Site J:** Riverview Court in the northeast section of the village and Dock Street in the south central portion should have amenities such as seating, perennial plantings, and piers installed to increase resident access to Little Lake Butte des Morts.
- **Site K:** Fredrickson Open Space - Little Lake Clean-Up Team (LLCT) has held the 12.62 acres along Little Lake Buttes des Morts for the purposes of conducting clean-up efforts. LLCT has approached Fox Crossing regarding the dedication of this property for use by the public as access to the lake. The land consists of wetlands, a prairie and a navigable stream. Further considerations for the Fredrickson Open Space might include:

- a. Consider additional land acquisition.
- b. Develop concept plan that might include the following: Identify and eradicate invasive species; restore and stabilize the shoreline and wetland habitat; a park shelter; parking lot; a play area; a picnic area; an ADA accessible pier and install a canoe and kayak launch; connecting trail system and native prairie plantings.
- c. Connect to Fritse Park via trail.
- d. Consider an independent study of public/private partnership to develop a marina.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE LAST PLAN UPDATE (2009-2016)

### General

Beautification projects, such as flower bed plantings, should continue to be maintained by volunteers where feasible.

### Community Parks

#### *Fritsch*

Throughout the public survey of 2009-2016, responses pointed to the need to update and improve Fritsch Park. Here are some of the accomplishments based on those comments:

- a. Developed a park and stormwater management/drainage concept plan that included: north and south parking lot facilities, athletic surfaces (lacrosse, soccer etc...), upgraded play equipment and supporting facilities with adult fitness stations
- b. Removed the volleyball court
- c. Added a crushed limestone trail around the park



#### *Fritse*

- a. Added a new play apparatus, bike racks, and a paved parking lot with parking for boat trailers
- b. Developed an internal connecting walking path between the Fritse and the Rydell sites
- c. Finished replica Indian burial mound
- d. Hill of the Dead historical sign moved to historically correct site



### **O'Hauser**

- a. Expanded O'Hauser-South parking lot to serve both disc golfers and Suburban Athletics
- b. Replaced tennis court and O' Hauser-South Pavilion asphalt surfaces
- c. Provide connecting park access trail to residents in the Elk Trail Village
- d. Upgraded kiosk by the disc golf course, replaced aerial of park and made vandalism proof
- e. Consider adding lights to the baseball diamonds for night play
- f. Disc Golf Improvements included: a re-route of the course to begin near O' Hauser-South Pavilion, removal of culverts from stream bed and replaced with bridges outside of stream banks, an onsite disc golf vender, and added pay-to-play

### **Palisades**

- a. Walking path connecting George Street athletic diamonds and the Community Center
- b. Maintenance/upgrade of existing playground equipment
- c. Upgrade basketball court or move to make a bigger play area with court lines

### **Wittmann**

- a. Constructed a new pavilion w/kitchen, located to the east of the new play area. The new pavilion has updated restrooms with baby changing stations, kitchen, storage for soccer associations and the Park and Rec. Department, renewable energy production / use and sustainability.
- b. Repaved / realigned existing access roadway - 2016
- c. Added more basketball and a new double tennis court - 2016
- d. Added an access trail connecting Midway Road to the interior of the park - 2016
- e. Created a stone walking path around park - 2016
- f. Added more soccer fields



### **Neighborhood Parks**

No updates made.

### **Mini-Parks**

No updates made.

## **PUBLIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

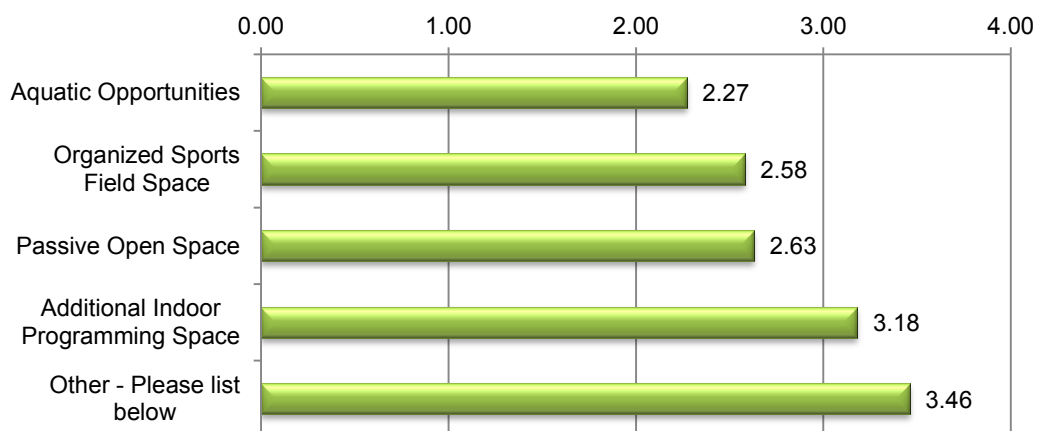
Based upon public input 2015-2016 survey results the village should develop long term strategies to study and plan for the following: *(Questions 10-20 by Category)*.

**Table 19: Survey Activity Results by Need**

Amenity by Need & Not Needed Today			
Type	Great Need	Not Needed	Top Overall Needed >50%
<b>AQUATICS</b>			
Pool	46%		
Splashpad		31%	
<b>ATHLETIC FIELDS</b>			
Baseball/Softball	57%		X
LaCrosse		64%	
<b>COURT BASED</b>			
Basketball	52%		X
Badminton		62%	
<b>ADVENTURE BASED</b>			
BMX/Mountain Biking	24%		
Ninja Warrior/Parkour		63%	
<b>NATURE BASED AMENITY</b>			
Trails (non-paved -multi-use)	76%		X
Wildlife Viewing / Bird Watching		19%	
<b>UNIQUE FACILITY</b>			
Outdoor Ice Rink / Winter Sports	35%		
Dog Park		35%	
<b>RECREATIONAL PROGRAM</b>			
Youth Recreation	54%		X
Teen Program		36%	
<b>TRADITIONAL PARK AMENITIES</b>			
Playgrounds	61%		X
Sledding Hills		9%	
<b>TRENDY AMENITY</b>			
Outdoor Fitness	23%		
GaGa Pits		73%	
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>			
Concerts/Movie Nights in the Park	48%	0%	
Community Festivals	45%	0%	

**Figure 5: Other Items for Consideration that Ranked High**

Please RANK the following items from 1 being the most important to 5 being the least important in the order the village should consider.



## Other: Sports Fields, Trails, Natural Areas, Dog Park and Community Areas

Based upon feedback at the public input and visioning session held on October 6, 2016, the village should develop long term strategies to study and specifically consider planning for the following projects in the undeveloped areas.

**Table 20: Public Preferences**

Needs Preference Survey Results – Average Scores									
Village of Fox Crossing									
Public Meeting 10/6/2016 and Online Results	Ranking 0-4								Totals
Park Type									
Regional	3	2.5	0						1.83
Sports Complex	4	2.75	1	0	0				1.55
<b>*Community</b>	3.25	2.75	1	0.5					<b>1.88</b>
Neighborhood	3	1.25	0.5	0	0				.95
Amenity Type - Anunson Farm									
Sports Fields	1	2	3						2
Family Park Services	1	3	1	1					1.5
Open Space	2	1	1	2					1.5
<b>*Trails</b>	1	1	4						<b>2</b>

*\*A community park with trails was the highest scored average along with sports fields for amenities.*

## Comments Received

- **Regional Park** - Would want to see specifics, Nature Center with small conservancy.
- **Sports Mixed** - Baseball / softball has witnessed a 23% increase in last 4 years. Similar to Appleton's Memorial Park. Is there enough interest? YMCA's throughout Fox Valley area.
- **Community Park** - Fishing pond with woods and trails.
- **Woodland Prairie** - Keep it more natural as the name implies. Sledding Hills and Bird Watching areas.
- **Anunson Farm** - Trails and possible sporting facilities were rated high.





Meeting attendees were asked to place stickers where they thought the best places for trail connections, a new facility, or favorite places they liked to hang out at. The information gathered will give the Parks Commission a snapshot of where to concentrate their efforts for the next 5 years.

A needs preference assessment ranking was done for separately for Woodland Prairie to regain a prospective of what the public is looking for in that park since the masterplan was completed in 2008. The results below show a mixed feeling of amenity types needed. Trails were number 1 followed by sports fields in the overall ranking of 0-4.

**Table 21: Woodland Prairie Amenity Need Preference Rankings**

Amenity Type - Woodland Prairie									
Sports Fields	4	4	3	2	1				14
Family Park Services	3.5	3	2.25	2	2				12.75
Open Space	3.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5				7.5
<b>Trails</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>23</b>

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

### Park Impact Fee Structure

A Park Impact Fee Study and Land Dedication/Fee-In-Lieu of Land Dedication calculations review was conducted by Ruekert•Mielke in February 2009 to ensure compliance with State Statute revisions. Based upon the Park Impact Fee Study which took into account costs for developing Woodland Prairie Park (CB Park) Ruekert•Mielke recommended the following Park Impact Fee:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2016</b>
• Studio/1 Bedroom Unit -	\$1,064	\$1,364
• 2 Bedroom Unit -	\$1,596	\$1,896
• 3 Bedroom/Single Family Home -	\$2,128	\$2,428

The “Town Board” at the time, however, elected to remove the development of Woodland Prairie Park from consideration and establish the fees at:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2016</b>
• Studio/1 Bedroom Unit -	\$392	\$692
• 2 Bedroom Unit -	\$587	\$887
• 3 Bedroom/Single Family Home -	\$783	\$1,083

The village should consider revisiting that study with today’s 2016 statistics included above. Adding \$300 for a seven year inflation rate to the current assessments would more accurately reflect the amount to be paid today. An updated impact fee study would also assist with accurately accounting for village growth needs by putting those fees back into the parks.

## **Tree Preservation Ordinance**

Fox Crossing should consider adopting a tree preservation ordinance. Such an ordinance would aid in choosing areas of dedication for parks. As stated in the last section, active recreation parks should be located next to environmentally sensitive areas. Additionally, this ordinance would protect the aesthetics and character which trees provide to a community. Trees have also been proven to add economic value to residents in reduced cooling costs, increased property value, and ecological benefits of reduced pollutants. (These properties are further described in the Introduction). Added economic benefits can be obtained by being designated a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. In some cases preferential status is assigned to municipalities that are designated a Tree City when applying for grants.

Tree preservation ordinances are directed at preserving native and historical trees or providing provisions for replacement of trees should removal be necessary on public and private property. This type of ordinance is usually enacted during the land development (e.g. Site Plan Review, Subdivision/Land Division) process. In the preservation portion of the ordinance, certain species of trees or trees of a certain size are preserved. Should these trees be removed, the replacement portion of the ordinance is enacted. Replacement of trees can be governed by:

- sliding scales;
- percentage replacement;
- off-site reforestation; and
- flexible no-net loss formulas.

## **SPECIAL ISSUES AND PROGRAMS**

### **Urban Forestry**

The Village of Fox Crossing should continue its Urban Forestry program, and with the Tree City USA designation, clean air and water, aesthetics and community image are greatly increased by urban forestry. An updated tree inventory could assist in keeping the urban forest healthy. Utilizing software programs such as iTree can help.

### **School Cooperation**

School Districts are important entities in the community's open and recreation space. Combined planning is instrumental to secure adequate facilities which are maintained well for use of the entire community. Shared planning efforts may assist in developing the number of active recreation spaces, maintenance responsibilities and costs, as well as cooperation of use and operations of all facilities. Open communication and utilizing all available land and resources will continue to provide the community positive results for active recreational lands.

### **Private Sector Cooperation**

Due to current funding constraints on municipal governments throughout the State of Wisconsin, the private sector and user groups are beginning to assist in park development and ongoing site maintenance. User group, such as the Lion's Club, have established relationships with Menasha in assisting park facility donation practices. The village needs to continue this open

communication as well as developing on-going agreements which allow user groups to assist in funding or providing “in-kind” funding for the development and maintenance of athletic fields and areas they are directly using.

### **Accessibility Guidelines**

*Accessible* describes a site, building, facility, or portion thereof that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) as interpreted by the Department of Commerce in the Wisconsin Administrative Code and Register for Barrier-Free Design. Newly designed or newly constructed and altered recreation facilities shall comply with the applicable requirements for accessibility to buildings and facilities by individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

### **Shared-Use Parks<sup>1</sup>**

Park development, improvement and maintenance are costly and especially difficult with shrinking budgets. This plan incorporates several joint park developments with neighboring communities. Parks should and do serve everyone and not just the individuals that live within your community. The development of parks with neighboring communities will spread these costs out to two or more communities and provide a park that serves residents in adjacent communities. The Cities of Neenah and Menasha have already shown an interest in jointly developing recreational facilities such as the trestle trail loop project. Residents are unaware of municipal boundaries and these possibilities should be explored.

### **Maintenance**

Inspection of park and recreation facilities indicated that village facilities are well-maintained. Well-maintained park areas not only protect public investment, but ensure safety. Park staff should continue to provide services, which adequately operate and maintain park and recreation areas and facilities. Table 22 below gives an estimate of future upkeep of each park. To ensure continued excellence in park maintenance, the following policies should continue to be implemented:

- Provide routine maintenance and cleanliness for all facilities.
- Provide for non-recurring maintenance needs, repairs and replacements.
- Annually inspect all facilities for safety and maintenance needs.
- Appropriate funds to meet the needs for proper maintenance.
- Maintain facilities to meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Develop athletic field maintenance programs to meet the states NR151 Regulations.
- Encourage park staff to attend training conferences to continuing education opportunities.
- Set standards for mowing heights and frequency.
- Set standards for infield maintenance, “lip” reduction, etc.
- Set standards for removal of a field for use based on safety concerns and field conditions.
- Develop a list of when events should be cancelled and who makes the call.
- Complete and document monthly playground inspections.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.publichealthlawcenter.org/resources/wisconsin-school-district-resources-recreational-use-school-property>

**Table 22: Long Term / Routine Maintenance Plan**

Park Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
<b>Fritse Park</b>	\$ 6,986	\$ 561	\$ 575	\$ 13,113	\$ 603	\$ 618	<b>\$ 37,477</b>
<b>Fritsch Park</b>	\$ 5,310	\$ -	\$ 18,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$ 25,299</b>
<b>O'Hauser Park</b>	\$ 5,750	\$ 2,478	\$ 14,883	\$ 5,952	\$ 5,842	\$ 11,700	<b>\$ 68,420</b>
<b>Palisades Park</b>	\$ 29,900	\$ 7,198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,637	\$ -	<b>\$ 72,485</b>
<b>Schildt</b>	\$ 3,450	\$ 1,298	\$ 605	\$ -	\$ 1,397	\$ 650	<b>\$ 20,006</b>
<b>Wittmann</b>	\$ 4,600	\$ 1,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,397	\$ 5,200	<b>\$ 14,794</b>
<b>Tot-Lots (Mini-Parks)</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,416	\$ 1,452	\$ -	\$ 5,715	\$ 1,560	<b>\$ 19,641</b>
<b>Trails</b>	\$ 8,625	\$ 11,505	\$ 15,791	\$ 11,780	\$ 11,120	\$ 11,360	<b>\$ 142,266</b>
<b>Woodland Prairie</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Anunson Farm</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Fredrickson Prairie</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Gant</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Community Center</b>	\$ 8,749	\$ 4,566	\$ 3,757	\$ 4,501	\$ 4,238	\$ 10,563	<b>\$ 69,324</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 73,370</b>	<b>\$ 30,320</b>	<b>\$ 55,786</b>	<b>\$ 35,346</b>	<b>\$ 46,949</b>	<b>\$ 41,650</b>	<b>\$ 469,711</b>



## **CHAPTER 7**

### **ACTION PROGRAM**

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### **5 YEAR ACTION PROGRAM, 2017-2021**

The projects listed below in Table 23, comprise the action program set forth by the Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission and Village Board for implementation during the next five years and beyond. This action program is based on priority level by year to serve as a guide in planning for future facilities. These were formulated to see where the community should be expending its resources from 2017-2021 and beyond. This will also assist service clubs and organizations to select potential park improvement projects if so inclined. As updates and development nears, more costs should be researched to assist in project budgeting and be included within the estimated Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Many of the projects identified in the action program are potential candidates for receiving cost sharing monies available through the WDNR, WisDOT, etc., while others could be developed through the efforts and/or monetary support of volunteers and community organizations.

This plan works to develop and manage a working system of park and recreational facilities for the Village of Fox Crossing. It has been prepared to respond to expressed desires from its residents and to conform to the comprehensive plan as accepted standards for provision of facilities. It provides the basic information and direction for future actions but considerable work remains to implement the proposals.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

The following section provides a plan for implementing the recommendations over the next five-year period. Cost estimates are provided to assist the village in preparing for funding.

A 4% inflationary factor has been built into the capital improvement plan. The estimates provided are for the total cost of the project, and do not take into account any potential funding assistance, even though some projects may qualify for grant funding but usually a match is required. The capital improvements included in this plan were determined through input from staff and residents through public surveys and meetings.

#### **Project Priority**

In order to provide a concise action plan for the recommended projects, a priority year for each project was established with input from the Park Commission. Ultimately the priority and the dollar amounts spent on each project will be decided by the Village Board on a project by project basis. Estimates will change per year and inflation rates as well as available grants and funding resources.



**Table 23: Five - Year Action Plan**

(List of future projects and estimates for various projects from recommendations Chapter 6, not all costs are listed in current CIP)

**Needed Now 2017-18,      Short-Term 2019,      Long Term 2020-21+**

<b>Community Parks</b>						
	Estimated Cost	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Fritsch</b>						
Prairie Planting	\$11,200	\$2,080	\$2,160	\$2,240	\$2,320	\$2,400
Permeable Pavers / Electrical Additions	\$7,250		\$7,250			
Permanent Pathway Near Fitness Structures (\$10/Sq. Ft.)	\$3,500	\$3,500				
Add In Security Cameras (3)	\$1500	\$1,500				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$23,450</b>	<b>\$7,080</b>	<b>\$9,410</b>	<b>\$2,240</b>	<b>\$2,320</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>
	Estimated Cost	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Fritse / Rydell</b>						
Camera Upgrades	\$8,640	\$8,640				
Asphalt Paving Extension – Boat Trailer Parking			\$21,600			
Rydell Site Improvements-Trails, Gathering Circle, Asphalt Drive...					\$121,800	
Rydell Gazebo/Shelter	\$50,000		\$25,000	\$25,000		
Stormwater Management Demo Areas						\$15,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$58,640</b>	<b>\$8,640</b>	<b>\$46,600</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$121,800</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
	Estimated Cost	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>O’Hauser – North/South/Disc</b>						
Basketball Full Court (OHN)	\$26,640		\$26,640			
Resurface of OHS Parking Lot	\$110,000			\$110,000		
Nature Walk Trails – SW Corner, Permit/Engineering	\$7,840				\$7,840	
Expand nature trails to incorporate the southwest wetlands with boardwalks/bridge	\$46,400					\$46,400
Possibly add more garbage receptacles	\$1,000	\$1,000				
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$191,880</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$26,640</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>\$7,840</b>	<b>\$46,400</b>
	Estimated Cost	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Palisades</b>						
Move Volleyball Court, Add New Poles & Curbing	\$15,600	\$15,600				
Remove merry-go-round, replace with a 200 s.f. rain garden to help drainage and flooding to parking area (\$10 sq. ft.)	\$2,000		\$2,000			
Upgrade trail from community center to rest of park, crushed stones/rock will help with drainage (\$1.75 lin. ft.)	\$27,000		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$44,600</b>	<b>\$15,600</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	



		Estimated Cost	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Schildt*</b>							
	Swing Benches	\$2,800			\$2,800		
	Permanent Bike Racks (donations)	--			--		
	1/2 Court Basketball Court	\$27,000			\$27,000		
	Soccer Goals/Backstop	\$8,100			\$8,100		
	Pervious surface over current gravel base parking lot/entrance	\$27,000			\$27,000		
	Pervious Pavement	\$108,000			\$108,000		
	Creek Bed Restoration	\$27,000			\$27,000		
	Volleyball Ct Restoration	\$16,200			\$16,200		
	Lighting (6) @\$4000 + 4%	\$25,920			\$25,920		
	Connecting path to Benjamin Ct	\$10,800			\$10,800		
	Building- ADA Consideration and Roof Replacement	\$112,000			\$2,800	\$112,000	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$364,820</b>			<b>\$255,620</b>	<b>\$112,000</b>	
	<b>*Items in blue boxes above should be done in conjunction with the stormwater project.</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Wittmann</b>							
	Construct a native prairie area/wetland project in the north part of the park	\$26,000	\$26,000				
	Consider increasing the soccer play areas	\$58,000		\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500
	Add landscaping to parking lot and shelter	\$12,000		\$12,000			
	Restripe and repave parking lot	\$261,360					\$261,360
	Park signage on new shelter	\$5,000			\$5,000		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$362,360</b>	<b>\$26,000</b>	<b>\$26,500</b>	<b>\$19,500</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>	<b>\$275,860</b>
		<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Woodland Prairie</b>							
	Revisit master plan to include an obstacle type course or single track mountain biking area	\$27,000		\$27,000			
	Nature trails throughout	\$18,519					\$18,519
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$45,519</b>		<b>\$27,000</b>			<b>\$18,519</b>
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>							
		<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Anunson Farm</b>							
	Concept Plan	\$10,800		\$10,800			
	Play Structure(s)	\$91,800			\$91,800		
	Half Basketball Court	\$20,160				\$20,160	
	10 Car Parking Lot	\$22,400					
	Soccer Goals	\$4,464					\$4,464
	Backstop	\$4,340					\$4,340
	Miscellaneous Items...Picnic Tables, Bike Racks	\$12,400					\$12,400
	Free Standing Shelter	\$49,600					\$49,600

	Path/Connecting Bridge	\$31,000					\$31,000
	Lighting (5)	\$24,800					\$24,800
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$271,764</b>		<b>\$10,800</b>	<b>\$91,800</b>	<b>\$20,160</b>	<b>\$126,604</b>
		<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Butte des Morts</b>						
	Upgrade the picnic area near the shore	\$6,200			\$6,200		
	Add a swing set (2-bay) near the playground	\$3,000	\$3,000				
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,200</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>		<b>\$6,200</b>		
		<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Gant</b>						
	Remove the Pier (Liability Exists)	\$10,000	\$10,000				
	Remediate the Shoreline	\$55,000				\$55,000	
	Remove Barn	\$11,200		\$11,200			
	Eradicate Invasive Species / Clear Tree Branches	\$13,000	\$13,000				
	Plant Prairie	\$3,360	\$3,360				
	Parking Lot and Drive	\$50,000					\$50,000
	Add path/trails to shoreline (natural base)	\$5,000			\$5,000		
	Add benches and a sign	\$1,500				\$1,500	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$149,060</b>	<b>\$26,360</b>	<b>\$11,200</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$56,500</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
		<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Strohmeyer</b>						
	Additional Benches	\$1,500	\$1,500				
	Basketball Court Resurfacing	\$6,200		\$6,200			
	Plant Shade Trees	\$1,730			\$1,730		
	Additional Play Structure	\$15,000				\$15,000	
	Access Path	\$15,200					\$15,200
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$39,630</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$6,200</b>	<b>\$1,730</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,200</b>
	<b>Mini-Parks</b>						
		<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Glenview</b>						
	Replace Play Structure	\$35,000			\$35,000		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>			<b>\$35,000</b>		
		<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Kippenhan</b>						
	Replace Play Structure	\$35,000				\$35,000	
	Additional Benches	\$700		\$700		\$35,000	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$35,700</b>		<b>\$700</b>		<b>\$35,000</b>	

		Estimated Cost	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Meadow Heights</b>							
	Additional Play Equipment with Swings	\$20,000		\$20,000			
	Plant Shade Trees / Landscape Plan	\$15,000			\$15,000		
	Add Benches	\$700	\$700				
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>		
		Estimated Cost	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Roy Kuehn</b>							
	Replace Play Structure and Base	\$32,500				\$32,500	
	Add Benches	\$700	\$700				
	Add Bike Racks	\$650	\$650				
	Landscape Plan	\$15,000					\$15,000
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$48,850</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>			<b>\$32,500</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
		Estimated Cost	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Westfield</b>							
	Play Equipment	\$20,000					\$20,000
	Wayfinding Signage (Off Jacobsen)	\$6,500				\$6,500	
	Add Bike Racks	\$650			\$650		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$27,150</b>			<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

Summary Totals by Year and Park Type						
	Est. Costs	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Type</b>						
<b>Community</b>	\$1,150,969	\$58,320	\$148,150	\$422,360	\$265,460	\$358,179
<b>Neighborhood</b>	\$469,654	\$30,860	\$28,200	\$104,730	\$91,660	\$191,804
<b>Mini</b>	\$166,700	\$2,050	\$20,700	\$50,650	\$74,000	\$35,000
<b>Totals: Five Year Capital Improvement Total for all Years and Parks =</b>	<b>\$1,787,323</b>	<b>\$91,230</b>	<b>\$197,050</b>	<b>\$577,740</b>	<b>\$431,120</b>	<b>\$584,983</b>



## **CHAPTER 8**

### **RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

RES #170123-1:VB

**ADOPT VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR  
RECREATION PLAN FOR 2017-2021**

WHEREAS, the Park Commission has adopted and recommended approval of an update to the Village of Fox Crossing Five-Year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2017-2021; and

WHEREAS, this plan update will be included into the Village of Fox Crossing Comprehensive Plan by reference; and

WHEREAS, updates to the Village of Fox Crossing Five-Year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan must be approved by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission at their January 18, 2017 meeting approved this update.

Planning Commission:   7   Aye   0   Nay   0   Excused   0   Abstain

WHEREAS, the approval of this plan update is necessary for future grant applications.

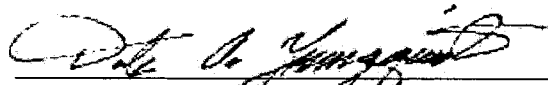
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Fox Crossing Board of Trustees hereby approves the update to the Village of Fox Crossing Five-Year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2017-2021.

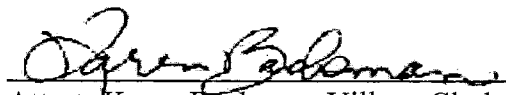
Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017

*Requested by: Amanda Geiser, Director of Parks & Recreation*

*George Dearborn, AICP, Director of Community Development*

*Submitted by: Dale A. Youngquist, Village President*

  
Dale A. Youngquist, Village President

  
Attest: Karen Backman, Village Clerk



## **APPENDICES**



## **APPENDIX A**

### DETAILED SURVEY RESULTS

## Q1 What street do you live on? Please provide N,S,E,W within your address.

Answered: 262 Skipped: 0

#	Responses	Date
1	Gardners Row	6/3/2016 4:17 PM
2	Belaire rd	2/15/2016 6:05 AM
3	Larkspur Dr.	2/4/2016 7:43 AM
4	Fremont	1/26/2016 12:20 PM
5	Lucerne Dr.	1/19/2016 10:28 AM
6	Winnagamie Dr.	1/13/2016 10:09 AM
7	Blackmoor Circle	1/13/2016 9:34 AM
8	Mary Ln.	1/13/2016 7:34 AM
9	E prairie creek dr	1/13/2016 6:46 AM
10	W Prairie Creek Dr	1/13/2016 6:42 AM
11	E Prairie Creek Dr	1/12/2016 11:45 PM
12	Shadow Bend Ct	1/12/2016 10:33 PM
13	Elk Trail Drive	1/12/2016 9:56 PM
14	Buttercup road	1/12/2016 9:49 PM
15	Wasila lane	1/12/2016 8:35 PM
16	3359 DeKalb In	1/12/2016 8:30 PM
17	Irish Rd	1/12/2016 8:10 PM
18	Oakview dr	1/12/2016 7:10 PM
19	Belaire Road	1/12/2016 7:04 PM
20	Tannenbaum Trail	1/12/2016 6:50 PM
21	Kerwin rd	1/12/2016 6:48 PM
22	South Prairie Creek Drive	1/4/2016 6:06 PM
23	Westfield Lane	1/4/2016 12:36 PM
24	Elk trail Drive	1/3/2016 8:58 PM
25	Elk trail ct	1/3/2016 8:58 PM
26	Pleasant Ct	1/3/2016 7:32 PM
27	Bridgeview Dr	12/30/2015 10:17 AM
28	Pleasant Ct	12/30/2015 5:19 AM
29	Cottagewood	12/29/2015 12:40 PM
30	Mill Pond Lane	12/22/2015 4:04 PM
31	674 Indianwood ct	12/22/2015 2:48 PM
32	haase street	12/22/2015 1:55 PM
33	1377 Fox Burrow Ct.	12/22/2015 1:43 PM
34	1184 Sterling Heights Drive	12/22/2015 1:30 PM



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35	1730 golf bridge dr. apt #6	12/22/2015 1:09 PM
36	Fair Oaks Drive	12/22/2015 12:54 PM
37	North Silverwood	12/18/2015 7:54 AM
38	WOODLAND DR	12/15/2015 9:19 PM
39	O'Leary Rd	12/14/2015 7:33 PM
40	W6340 lilac rd menasha	12/14/2015 7:30 PM
41	1219 Geneva Road	12/13/2015 5:29 PM
42	Cottage wood Dr	12/13/2015 1:59 PM
43	Forest Glen Road	12/13/2015 1:33 PM
44	Elk trail	12/13/2015 10:47 AM
45	Lee St	12/13/2015 9:39 AM
46	815 Caroline Street	12/12/2015 8:33 PM
47	S Chain Drive	12/12/2015 3:47 PM
48	Treyburn Ct	12/12/2015 1:00 PM
49	1204 Maria Ln	12/12/2015 6:29 AM
50	Fieldstone Court	12/11/2015 11:34 PM
51	Eagle Drive	12/11/2015 7:31 PM
52	Bartlein Ct.	12/11/2015 1:21 PM
53	E Prairie Creek Dr	12/11/2015 8:52 AM
54	Stead Drive	12/11/2015 8:31 AM
55	W Lori Drive, near town boundary	12/11/2015 7:39 AM
56	N oakwood ave	12/11/2015 7:07 AM
57	Depere st	12/11/2015 7:00 AM
58	Pomer Way	12/10/2015 10:34 PM
59	Dordona Drive	12/10/2015 9:33 PM
60	diane lane	12/10/2015 9:00 PM
61	Brighton Beach Road	12/10/2015 8:41 PM
62	1855 Cold spring Rd	12/10/2015 7:07 PM
63	East Airport Rd	12/10/2015 7:04 PM
64	1056 E Shady Lane	12/10/2015 5:37 PM
65	860 Fifth Street	12/10/2015 2:43 PM
66	Oneida Rd menasha	12/10/2015 2:26 PM
67	Kingswood Dr	12/10/2015 1:20 PM
68	Alex ct	12/10/2015 12:59 PM
69	Frances Way, town of menasha	12/10/2015 12:00 PM
70	Neenah Lexington court	12/10/2015 11:51 AM
71	Omega Dr	12/10/2015 11:24 AM
72	Sandpoint Ridge	12/10/2015 11:10 AM
73	Manitowoc Rd	12/10/2015 10:45 AM
74	Frances Way	12/10/2015 10:22 AM
75	Highland Park Rd	12/10/2015 10:22 AM

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76	Orchard Ct	12/10/2015 10:18 AM
77	Willow Hill Drive	12/10/2015 10:14 AM
78	Margeo Drive	12/10/2015 9:46 AM
79	Creek Side Dr	12/10/2015 9:29 AM
80	Frances St.	12/10/2015 9:27 AM
81	964 South Oneida St. Menasha	12/10/2015 9:25 AM
82	w.. Alison Dr	12/10/2015 8:27 AM
83	Windmar Dr	12/10/2015 8:22 AM
84	S. Prairie Creek Drive	12/10/2015 8:06 AM
85	Winwood Drive	12/10/2015 8:01 AM
86	Tumblebrook rd.	12/10/2015 7:34 AM
87	Beethoven Way	12/10/2015 7:29 AM
88	S. Kernan Ave	12/10/2015 7:22 AM
89	N Kay Kourt	12/10/2015 7:04 AM
90	Martingale Lane	12/10/2015 6:36 AM
91	Oakridge Ct, Menasha	12/10/2015 5:48 AM
92	Spring Road drive	12/10/2015 5:47 AM
93	Mary Lane	12/10/2015 5:27 AM
94	Wendy way	12/9/2015 11:29 PM
95	Harry's Gateway	12/9/2015 10:15 PM
96	Windmar Dr	12/9/2015 10:15 PM
97	Susan Avenue	12/9/2015 10:13 PM
98	Third	12/9/2015 10:05 PM
99	Westfield Lane	12/9/2015 9:52 PM
100	Symphony Blvd	12/9/2015 9:29 PM
101	Deerpath Circle	12/9/2015 9:22 PM
102	Circle drive	12/9/2015 9:10 PM
103	Circle Drive	12/9/2015 9:06 PM
104	stroebe island dr	12/9/2015 9:06 PM
105	Cold Spring Rd	12/9/2015 8:53 PM
106	Woodgate Lane	12/9/2015 8:43 PM
107	2517 Gosling Way	12/9/2015 8:43 PM
108	Hummingbird Lane	12/9/2015 8:40 PM
109	Northcreek Dr	12/9/2015 8:19 PM
110	Dunning st menasha	12/9/2015 8:18 PM
111	Linda Ave	12/9/2015 8:17 PM
112	Tumblebrook Road	12/9/2015 8:12 PM
113	10th st	12/9/2015 8:03 PM
114	Irish Rd	12/9/2015 7:56 PM
115	Fieldcrest Dr	12/9/2015 7:43 PM
116	Lakeshore Drive	12/9/2015 7:42 PM

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117	W7238 Moonlight Dr	12/9/2015 7:40 PM
118	George st	12/9/2015 7:15 PM
119	Meadow Flower Court	12/9/2015 7:10 PM
120	Fox Burrow Ct. S	12/9/2015 6:48 PM
121	Spring Meadow Dr	12/9/2015 6:23 PM
122	Stead Drive	12/9/2015 6:13 PM
123	Irish Road	12/9/2015 5:50 PM
124	N western Ave. Neenah	12/9/2015 5:44 PM
125	6th st	12/9/2015 5:41 PM
126	835 Melissa Street	12/9/2015 5:40 PM
127	Loretta Ave	12/9/2015 5:34 PM
128	W. Wilson Ave	12/9/2015 5:33 PM
129	Greenwood dr	12/9/2015 5:31 PM
130	Stead dr	12/9/2015 5:25 PM
131	Palisades	12/9/2015 5:10 PM
132	Meadow Flower Court	12/9/2015 4:53 PM
133	W Palisades Dr	12/9/2015 4:39 PM
134	Abby Ave	12/9/2015 4:38 PM
135	goss ave	12/9/2015 4:33 PM
136	Redtail Dr.	12/9/2015 4:32 PM
137	Larkspur Dr.	12/9/2015 4:27 PM
138	Stroebe Island Drive	12/9/2015 4:24 PM
139	Grassy Lane Neenah	12/9/2015 4:20 PM
140	Trails way Lane	12/9/2015 4:05 PM
141	W 9th Street	12/9/2015 4:02 PM
142	Edgewood Drive	12/9/2015 3:40 PM
143	Sweetbriar	12/9/2015 3:34 PM
144	Eagle Drive	12/9/2015 3:31 PM
145	1007 Northcreek Drive	12/9/2015 3:21 PM
146	Oakview	12/9/2015 3:19 PM
147	738 Milwaukee St menasha	12/9/2015 3:19 PM
148	N Trailway Lane	12/9/2015 3:11 PM
149	Lincoln Street	12/9/2015 3:10 PM
150	1201 W Oklahoma, Appleton	12/9/2015 3:07 PM
151	Irish Rd(S)	12/9/2015 3:07 PM
152	E. Shady lane	12/9/2015 3:03 PM
153	Mission St	12/9/2015 2:57 PM
154	West Seymour St	12/9/2015 2:57 PM
155	1007 W 11th Ave Oshkosh,WI 54902	12/9/2015 2:57 PM
156	Harold Dr.	12/9/2015 2:44 PM
157	Tayco Rd	12/9/2015 2:43 PM

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158	DePere	12/9/2015 2:40 PM
159	Lawndale Drive	12/9/2015 2:39 PM
160	Darboy	12/9/2015 2:36 PM
161	Barrow Way	12/9/2015 2:35 PM
162	Elk Trail Dr	12/9/2015 2:33 PM
163	Louise Road S	12/9/2015 2:33 PM
164	Butte St	12/9/2015 2:29 PM
165	Ravenswood Ct	12/9/2015 2:28 PM
166	Sandpoint Ridge	12/9/2015 2:26 PM
167	Eagle Feather Trail	12/9/2015 2:22 PM
168	Sunrise Drive	12/9/2015 2:22 PM
169	Dordona Drive	12/9/2015 2:21 PM
170	Embrey Court	12/9/2015 2:20 PM
171	Trumpeter swan Ln	12/9/2015 2:20 PM
172	American Drive	12/9/2015 2:19 PM
173	Acorn Court	12/9/2015 2:17 PM
174	Mill Pond Lane	12/9/2015 2:14 PM
175	Lakeview Lane	12/9/2015 2:10 PM
176	Mc Gann Road (west side of the park)	12/9/2015 1:54 PM
177	Kalfahs	12/9/2015 1:44 PM
178	12th st	12/9/2015 1:40 PM
179	4th Street	12/9/2015 1:39 PM
180	Oakview	12/9/2015 1:36 PM
181	Lind In Town of Clayton	12/9/2015 1:35 PM
182	Spring Meadow Dr.	12/9/2015 1:31 PM
183	Southfield dr	12/9/2015 1:28 PM
184	W. Columbian AVE	12/9/2015 1:26 PM
185	Oakview Dr.	12/9/2015 1:22 PM
186	Schindler Pl	12/9/2015 1:17 PM
187	Crestview Ave	12/9/2015 1:06 PM
188	Jacobsen Rd	12/9/2015 1:04 PM
189	asd	12/9/2015 12:53 PM
190	Bear Trail CT	12/9/2015 12:35 PM
191	Meadowgreen drive	12/9/2015 12:02 PM
192	121 Hazel St Neenah	12/9/2015 12:00 PM
193	West winneconne ave	12/9/2015 11:56 AM
194	Orchard Court	12/9/2015 11:45 AM
195	Wasilla Ln	12/9/2015 11:20 AM
196	Trailsway Lane	12/9/2015 11:15 AM
197	Stroebe Island	12/9/2015 11:12 AM
198	Whippletree Lane	12/9/2015 11:09 AM

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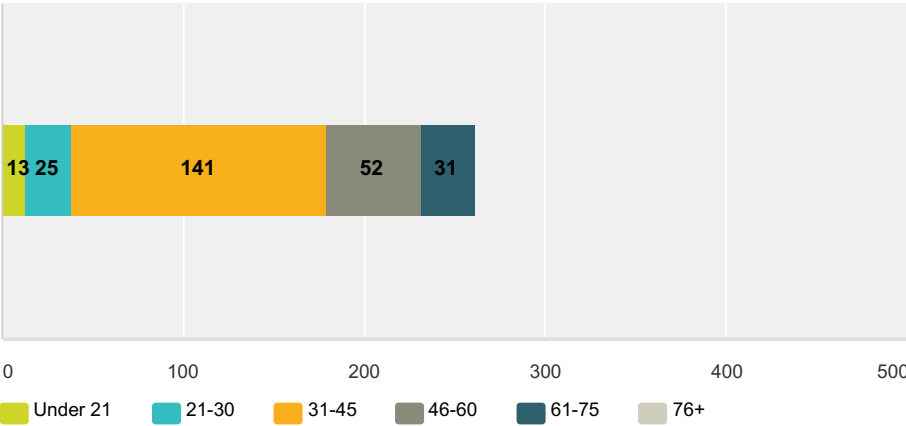
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200	2014 Creek Side Dr	12/9/2015 10:49 AM
201	1307 Birch Bark Ln Neenah, WI 54956	12/9/2015 10:45 AM
202	Prairie View Ct.	12/9/2015 10:31 AM
203	E Hancock Street	12/9/2015 10:15 AM
204	Kerwin	12/9/2015 10:03 AM
205	Ravenswood St.	12/9/2015 10:02 AM
206	2234 Mary Lane (south)	12/9/2015 9:43 AM
207	1127 Irish Road S	12/9/2015 9:40 AM
208	Dublin Trail	12/9/2015 9:32 AM
209	E Eugene Street	12/9/2015 9:22 AM
210	Debra court	12/9/2015 8:55 AM
211	Guardian court	12/9/2015 8:54 AM
212	3321 Knox In Neenah	12/9/2015 8:51 AM
213	Wasilla Ln	12/9/2015 8:48 AM
214	Susan Ave	12/9/2015 8:42 AM
215	Fox Run	12/9/2015 8:37 AM
216	Smoke Tree Drive	12/9/2015 8:35 AM
217	2116 E. Prairie Creek Drive	12/9/2015 8:29 AM
218	Delta Drive	12/9/2015 8:25 AM
219	Julie Court	12/9/2015 8:21 AM
220	Henry	12/9/2015 8:18 AM
221	1546 Whitetail Dr, Neenah	12/9/2015 8:17 AM
222	1230 Honey Bunch Court, Appleton, WI 54915	12/9/2015 8:17 AM
223	W Nicklaus ct.	12/9/2015 8:15 AM
224	Abby Avenue, Neenah	12/9/2015 8:12 AM
225	W Prairie Creek Dr	12/9/2015 8:12 AM
226	Shady Springs Ct.	12/8/2015 8:04 PM
227	W Mayer Street	12/3/2015 2:15 PM
228	Symphony Blvd	11/24/2015 7:43 AM
229	Frances Way	11/24/2015 5:26 AM
230	Irish Road	11/23/2015 9:17 PM
231	Mary Lane	11/21/2015 12:13 PM
232	East Shady Lane	11/11/2015 7:55 PM
233	Hidden Creek	11/9/2015 8:37 AM
234	Bomar Ave.	11/8/2015 1:30 PM
235	W. Wilson Ave.	11/1/2015 6:55 PM
236	Lacewing Dr.	10/30/2015 8:24 AM
237	Dublin Trail	10/29/2015 9:37 AM
238	Vera Ave	10/28/2015 10:23 AM
239	1847 Bridgeview Drive - W	10/24/2015 8:12 AM

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240	golden field road	10/23/2015 8:46 PM
241	Mayer north of Airport	10/23/2015 4:12 PM
242	W ravenswood ct	10/23/2015 3:01 PM
243	East Shady Lane	10/23/2015 2:28 PM
244	Butte des Morts Beach Rd	10/23/2015 12:39 PM
245	1801 Dublin Trail	10/23/2015 8:59 AM
246	Have property on Mill Pond Lane	10/23/2015 8:58 AM
247	Shady Springs Dr	10/21/2015 1:41 PM
248	1965 Shady Springs Drive	10/21/2015 1:24 PM
249	S Irish Rd	10/21/2015 9:12 AM
250	Harrys Gateway	10/20/2015 8:58 AM
251	Pine Point court	10/19/2015 5:08 PM
252	Willow Hill dr.	10/19/2015 1:10 PM
253	West Prospect Ave.	10/19/2015 8:41 AM
254	Willow Hill Dr	10/19/2015 7:45 AM
255	1330 Katherine Street	10/15/2015 6:03 PM
256	Wasilla	10/15/2015 2:34 PM
257	Jonathon Lane	10/15/2015 1:29 PM
258	Terrace ave	10/15/2015 11:54 AM
259	1610 Jacobsen Rd.	10/15/2015 10:49 AM
260	1236 Depere street	10/15/2015 10:38 AM
261	Gavin Road	9/26/2015 10:04 AM
262	street	9/22/2015 2:49 PM

Q2 How old is the person filling out this survey?

Answered: 262 Skipped: 0

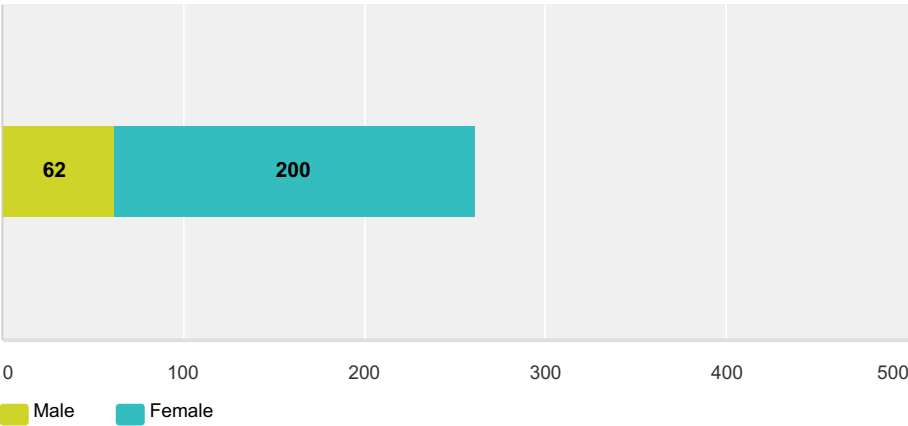


Answer Choices	Responses
Under 21	4.96%13
21-30	9.54%25
31-45	53.82%141
46-60	19.85%52
61-75	11.83%31
76+	0.00%0
Total	262



Q3 Are you male or female?

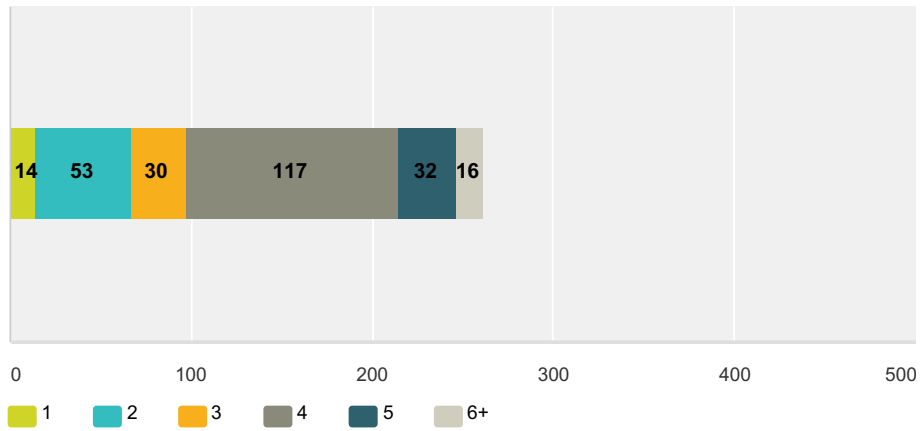
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	23.66%	62
Female	76.34%	200
Total		262

## Q4 How many people reside in your household?

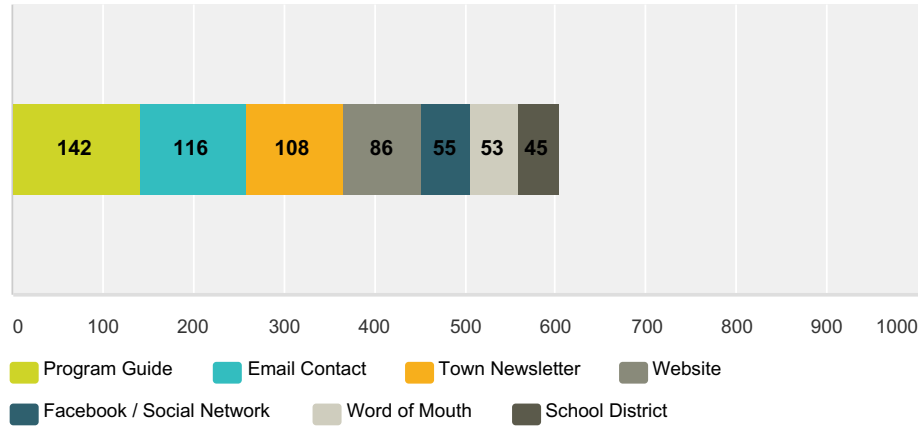
Answered: 262 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
1	5.34% 14
2	20.23% 53
3	11.45% 30
4	44.66% 117
5	12.21% 32
6+	6.11% 16
<b>Total</b>	<b>262</b>

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

Answered: 215 Skipped: 47

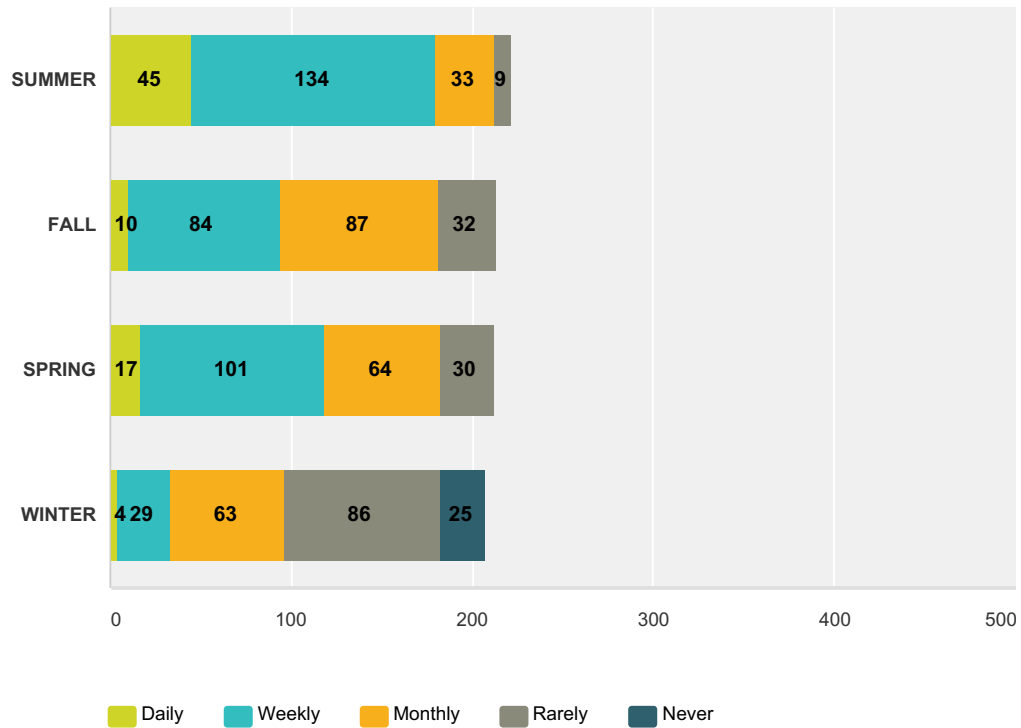


Answer Choices	Responses
Program Guide	66.05% 142
Email Contact	53.95% 116
Town Newsletter	50.23% 108
Website	40.00% 86
Facebook / Social Network	25.58% 55
Word of Mouth	24.65% 53
School District	20.93% 45
<b>Total Respondents: 215</b>	

#	Other / Comments	Date
1	We don't I don't think	1/4/2016 6:10 PM
2	Sometimes I see things listed in the newspaper.	12/10/2015 7:42 AM
3	Town of Menasha on Facebook, but not specifically Parks and Rec.	12/9/2015 4:46 PM
4	Cardboard sign in Schildt Park of summer events	11/11/2015 8:13 PM
5	More frequent mailings would help keep us up to date	10/21/2015 9:20 AM

## Q6 How often have you/or family members visited a park in the last 12 months by season?

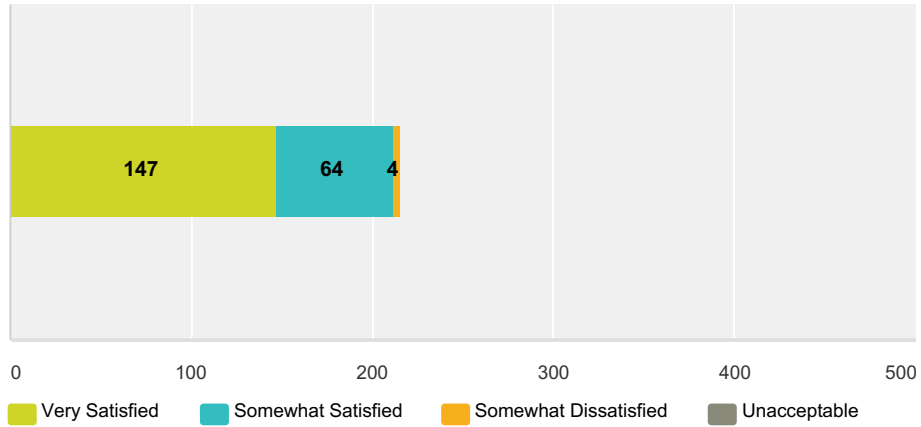
Answered: 217 Skipped: 45



	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never	Total Respondents
SUMMER	20.74% 45	61.75% 134	15.21% 33	4.15% 9	0.00% 0	217
FALL	4.69% 10	39.44% 84	40.85% 87	15.02% 32	0.00% 0	213
SPRING	8.06% 17	47.87% 101	30.33% 64	14.22% 30	0.00% 0	211
WINTER	1.95% 4	14.15% 29	30.73% 63	41.95% 86	12.20% 25	205

### Q7 Please rank your overall satisfaction with the condition of the parks you have visited?

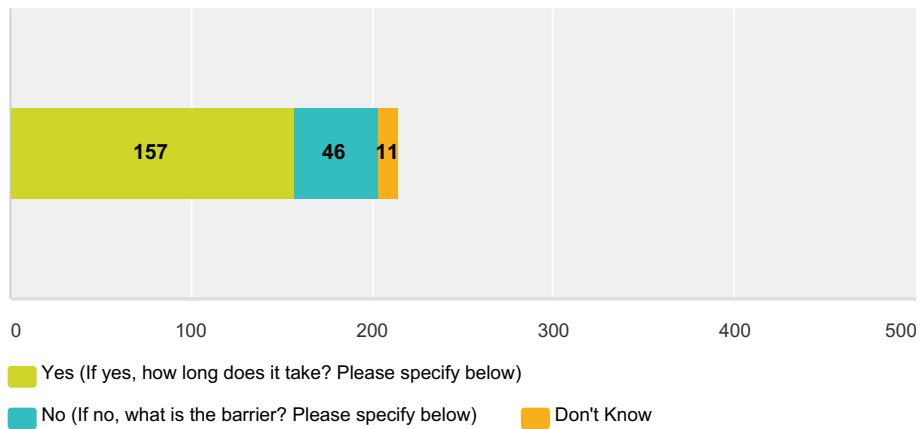
Answered: 215 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Satisfied	68.37%	147
Somewhat Satisfied	29.77%	64
Somewhat Dissatisfied	1.86%	4
Unacceptable	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>215</b>

## Q8 Currently, are you able to safely walk and/or bike to a park or recreational facility?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 48



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes (If yes, how long does it take? Please specify below)	73.36%	157
No (If no, what is the barrier? Please specify below)	21.50%	46
Don't Know	5.14%	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>214</b>

#	Time / Barrier?	Date
1	County BB does not have walker or bike friendly access to CB or Cold Spring	2/15/2016 6:17 AM
2	15 minute walk. 5 minute bike ride.	2/4/2016 7:56 AM
3	distance	1/26/2016 12:25 PM
4	Lack of trails\15min	1/13/2016 10:24 AM
5	1 minute	1/13/2016 7:40 AM
6	10 min to schildt	1/13/2016 6:54 AM
7	10 min	1/13/2016 6:52 AM
8	5 min	1/12/2016 11:53 PM
9	We can walk to a very small neighborhood park but to safely bike to a "real" park we have to go o. Roads with no side walk OR go for 3-4 mile bike ride which is a little long for kids as a round trip. I would love to see a sidewalk installed to Irish Road (access to OHouser park) along with sidewalk connecting West American Drive to the path parallel to hwy10.	1/12/2016 10:45 PM
10	5 minutes or less	1/12/2016 10:10 PM
11	Too far	1/12/2016 9:57 PM
12	10 min	1/12/2016 9:40 PM
13	5 to 10 minutes	1/12/2016 8:40 PM
14	County Road BB is not Bike friendly. It's the only way off Belaire Road.	1/12/2016 7:12 PM
15	It only takes about 5-15 minutes I think...	1/4/2016 6:10 PM
16	i don't know	1/3/2016 9:08 PM

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17	Nobody plowed trails after snowstorm.	12/30/2015 10:27 AM
18	15 min walk	12/30/2015 5:28 AM
19	5-10 minutes	12/22/2015 4:08 PM
20	1 Minute.	12/22/2015 1:46 PM
21	20 min. run	12/22/2015 1:17 PM
22	Don't feel safe!!	12/18/2015 9:09 AM
23	10 MINUTES	12/15/2015 9:24 PM
24	Busy road unsafe for kids. Playground we get to is too "advanced"	12/14/2015 8:24 PM
25	3-5 minutes	12/14/2015 7:39 PM
26	30 seconds:) We live across the street from Koslo park.	12/13/2015 5:36 PM
27	We would have to bike. There is not a park within walking distance.	12/13/2015 1:45 PM
28	1 minute	12/13/2015 10:54 AM
29	Across the street.	12/13/2015 9:49 AM
30	10 minutes to walk	12/12/2015 8:44 PM
31	Only access is via Valley Road. No sidewalks and extremely poor shoulders for walking	12/12/2015 3:57 PM
32	A few minutes - Westfield Park is at the end of our court.	12/11/2015 11:43 PM
33	10 minutes	12/11/2015 7:45 PM
34	2 minutes	12/11/2015 1:32 PM
35	1 minute	12/11/2015 9:27 AM
36	30 minutes	12/11/2015 7:52 AM
37	We are in the Town of Clayton. It takes 20 min to 1/2 hour to bike into town.	12/11/2015 7:15 AM
38	20 minutes	12/11/2015 7:06 AM
39	It takes me 10 min. to bike to Fritse Park and about 5 min. to Palisades.	12/10/2015 10:46 PM
40	Yes, 3 minutes	12/10/2015 9:54 PM
41	Have to bike on high traffic streets.	12/10/2015 8:50 PM
42	1 minute	12/10/2015 7:16 PM
43	Biking with kids 10minutes	12/10/2015 7:11 PM
44	It takes about 5 minutes	12/10/2015 5:47 PM
45	10 minutes	12/10/2015 2:48 PM
46	We have to cut through our backyard neighbors but then it's about a 5 min walk	12/10/2015 2:36 PM
47	It is a long walk, probably 20 minutes to either park near us so that's pretty far with 2 little kids. Also I don't feel it's safe to walk down Manitowoc Rd. since there are no sidewalks and narrow or no pedestrian or bike lane and lots of traffic. The side roads are safer though.	12/10/2015 2:28 PM
48	About 10 minutes bike	12/10/2015 1:25 PM
49	it would be great to have some lighting closer to the dark at night. That end of the road has no lighting except on the corner. I don't think it is necessary to have a full light in the park but some form on lighting closer to the park would be nice	12/10/2015 12:13 PM
50	5 min	12/10/2015 12:01 PM
51	Distance	12/10/2015 11:58 AM
52	20 minute bike ride at slow pace with 5yr old	12/10/2015 11:30 AM
53	We wish there was a side walk from Sandpoint Ridge to East Shady Lane where the paved trail starts. There are LOTS of people that walk to Schildt park from the two subdivisions right by us and it's unsafe on Cold Spring Road to be walking on such a busy road.	12/10/2015 11:16 AM



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54	The nearest park of significance is 2 miles away. I wish there was one closer to where we live. Also, there should be a crosswalk painted across West American at Smoke Tree for kids to cross West American when heading to Meadow Heights tot lot.	12/10/2015 10:40 AM
55	2 minutes	12/10/2015 10:29 AM
56	10 min walk	12/10/2015 10:22 AM
57	15min	12/10/2015 9:35 AM
58	Sideways	12/10/2015 9:34 AM
59	10 minutes	12/10/2015 8:27 AM
60	10-15 min	12/10/2015 8:14 AM
61	7 min. walk	12/10/2015 7:42 AM
62	5 minutes	12/10/2015 7:14 AM
63	5 minutes	12/10/2015 6:42 AM
64	10 minutes	12/10/2015 6:00 AM
65	5 minutes	12/10/2015 5:53 AM
66	2 minutes	12/10/2015 5:35 AM
67	10 minutes	12/9/2015 10:23 PM
68	Maybe 5 minutes if that.	12/9/2015 10:18 PM
69	we live one block from Jefferson park so very accessible to walk or bike	12/9/2015 10:14 PM
70	10 minutes	12/9/2015 10:00 PM
71	10 minutes	12/9/2015 9:38 PM
72	Small park in our subdivision takes 5 minutes to get to.	12/9/2015 9:28 PM
73	5 minute walk	12/9/2015 9:17 PM
74	Less than 10 minutes walking to the closest park. About 1/2 hour to bike to the trestle bridge.	12/9/2015 9:14 PM
75	Less than 5 minutes	12/9/2015 8:58 PM
76	5 min.	12/9/2015 8:51 PM
77	about 15 mins by bike to Schlidt park now that shady has sidewalks, bike lanes	12/9/2015 8:47 PM
78	The closest park is a 5min walk but we have various parks we frequent depending on our available time.	12/9/2015 8:29 PM
79	5 minutes	12/9/2015 8:24 PM
80	5 min	12/9/2015 8:23 PM
81	10 minutes to walk	12/9/2015 8:17 PM
82	No sidewalk/trails on road, steep ditches, narrow road	12/9/2015 8:03 PM
83	5 minutes, but going over the railroad tracks is very dangerous for the kids or they would go more often.	12/9/2015 7:48 PM
84	5 minutes	12/9/2015 7:47 PM
85	2 min.	12/9/2015 7:18 PM
86	5-10 minutes.	12/9/2015 7:13 PM
87	5 minutes	12/9/2015 6:58 PM
88	10 mins	12/9/2015 6:27 PM
89	5 minutes	12/9/2015 6:19 PM
90	1 minute to friendship trail, 5 min to park	12/9/2015 6:00 PM
91	None close by and main road is rather busy	12/9/2015 5:50 PM
92	my walking mobility is limited	12/9/2015 5:47 PM

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93	minutes - no barriers	12/9/2015 5:45 PM
94	15-20 minute walk at adult speed... however, I have two toddlers... once they are older we will be able to walk just fine.	12/9/2015 5:42 PM
95	5-10 minutes	12/9/2015 5:37 PM
96	1 minute	12/9/2015 5:34 PM
97	Maybe 10 minutes to Palisades Park	12/9/2015 4:49 PM
98	20 min	12/9/2015 4:47 PM
99	10 minutes	12/9/2015 4:46 PM
100	10 minutes to Palisades by bike and 25 minutes to Fritse and the Rydell reserve by bike	12/9/2015 4:42 PM
101	No sidewalk, only road from Trailsway Lane to Shady Lane to get on bike trail.	12/9/2015 4:12 PM
102	15 minutes	12/9/2015 4:11 PM
103	We live in the city of Neenah so drive the the Menasha parks	12/9/2015 3:48 PM
104	10 minutes	12/9/2015 3:38 PM
105	7 minutes	12/9/2015 3:28 PM
106	10 minutes	12/9/2015 3:26 PM
107	Irish Road (too busy for kids to bike/walk) or distance	12/9/2015 3:25 PM
108	10 Minutes	12/9/2015 3:17 PM
109	10 min	12/9/2015 3:15 PM
110	14 min.	12/9/2015 3:13 PM
111	No sidewalks or trails on the east side of the Town.	12/9/2015 2:56 PM
112	Kippenhan- 30seconds- 1 house away Fritse- 5 minute bike ride- have to cross very busy at times north lake st without crosswalk	12/9/2015 2:56 PM
113	5 minutes	12/9/2015 2:51 PM
114	3 minutes, driving	12/9/2015 2:50 PM
115	15 minute bike ride	12/9/2015 2:49 PM
116	We live closest to Schildt Park. It is probably a 5 minute bike ride.	12/9/2015 2:47 PM
117	10 minutes	12/9/2015 2:46 PM
118	I can walk to O'Hauser park South in 3 minutes. However I have to take my life in my hands to get to the walking trail on Jacobsen Road. We need some kind of a connector trail!	12/9/2015 2:46 PM
119	walk=10 min; bike=2 min	12/9/2015 2:40 PM
120	10 mins	12/9/2015 2:35 PM
121	kids are to young to go that far.	12/9/2015 2:28 PM
122	5 Minutes	12/9/2015 2:23 PM
123	For children on bikes - a crosswalk from Kaufman across Cold Spring would be very helpful. If anyone rides bike, we have to go down cold spring then cross because we can't "jump" the curb.	12/9/2015 2:23 PM
124	15 mins	12/9/2015 2:22 PM
125	5 minutes/bike 10 minute/walk	12/9/2015 2:19 PM
126	2 minutes	12/9/2015 2:01 PM
127	Out closest park is a 5 minute bike ride. We venture out to every park we can ride to during nice weather!	12/9/2015 1:50 PM
128	Shady Ln is too busy for bikes.	12/9/2015 1:50 PM
129	Too elderly. Hard to walk on the streets or for long distances.	12/9/2015 1:48 PM
130	10 minutes	12/9/2015 1:47 PM
131	15 minutes	12/9/2015 1:40 PM

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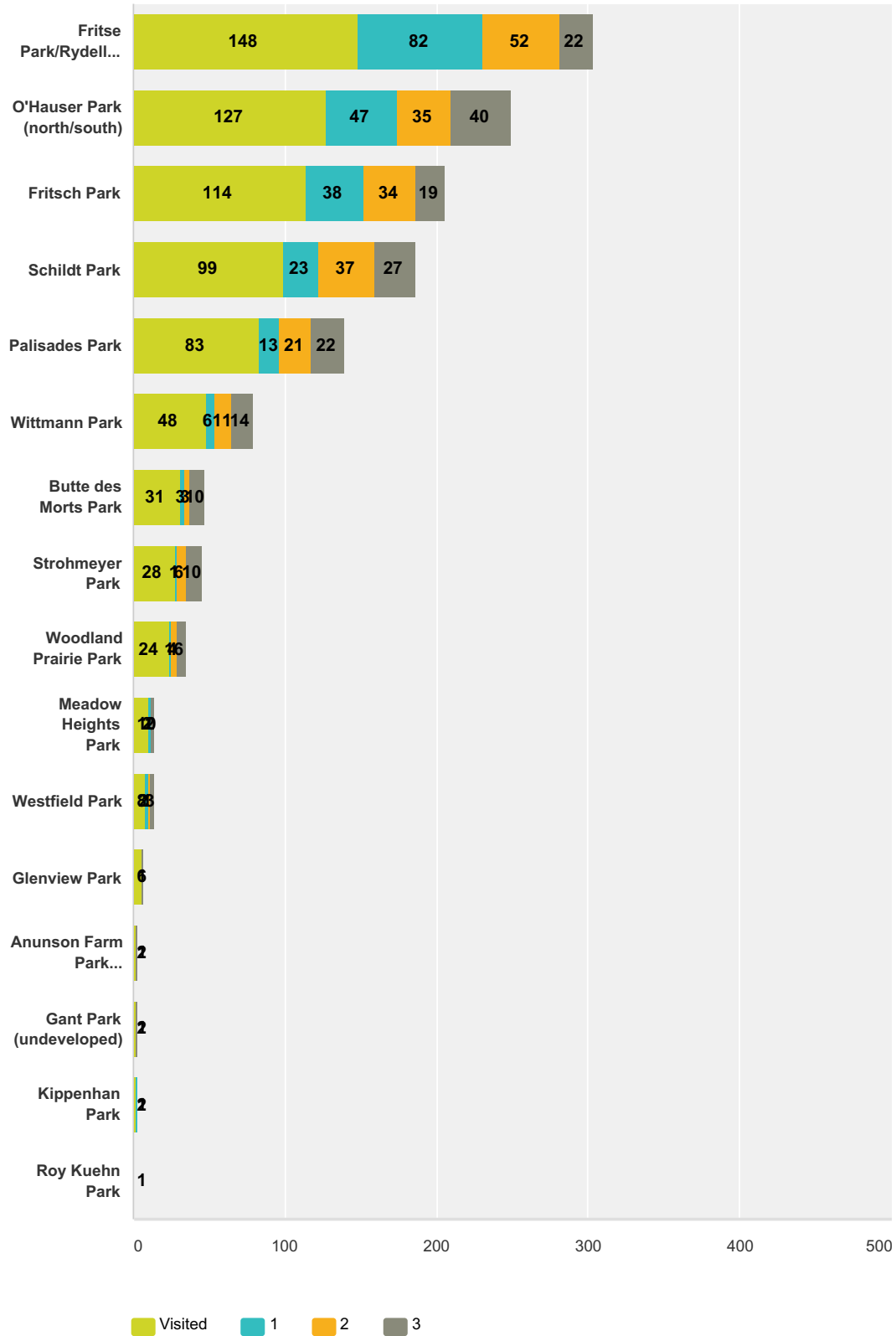
132	5 minutes but I live in Neenah. Closest TOM park is Schildt and that is 7 minutes driving.	12/9/2015 1:34 PM
133	The area over the train tracks is very tight and I have a hard time feeling safe walking to O'Hauser Park with no walking path. Especially with my dogs.	12/9/2015 1:29 PM
134	There are no sidewalks on W Valley Road	12/9/2015 1:23 PM
135	The only park we have is a tiny one a block over. To get to a good park like fritse or ohauser I don't feel safe riding our bikes. We have ll to bike on. Not safe. I don't mind driving though. Only 2 min. Drive. My kids love the parks.	12/9/2015 1:16 PM
136	5 minutes	12/9/2015 1:14 PM
137	My home is located too far to safely bike (we have to cross highways)	12/9/2015 12:59 PM
138	It takes me 25 minutes to walk to O'Hauser Park.	12/9/2015 12:38 PM
139	Less than 10 min.	12/9/2015 12:09 PM
140	A few minutes to walk, under 5 minutes	12/9/2015 12:08 PM
141	10 minutes	12/9/2015 12:06 PM
142	3 minutes	12/9/2015 12:04 PM
143	Bike, 10 min	12/9/2015 11:36 AM
144	5 minutes	12/9/2015 11:10 AM
145	10 minutes	12/9/2015 10:55 AM
146	5 minute bike ride, do not let my kids go alone on the north part of Cold Spring (between Shady Lane & BB)	12/9/2015 10:40 AM
147	10 minute walk	12/9/2015 10:21 AM
148	Little children	12/9/2015 10:07 AM
149	1 minute	12/9/2015 10:04 AM
150	Some areas are safe, some are not due to no walking trail on the road (Irish Road)	12/9/2015 9:52 AM
151	2 minutes	12/9/2015 9:31 AM
152	There are no walking trails or sidewalks on the busy streets	12/9/2015 9:02 AM
153	20 minutes	12/9/2015 8:58 AM
154	5 minutes	12/9/2015 8:32 AM
155	5 minutes	12/9/2015 8:27 AM
156	Location from our home.	12/9/2015 8:24 AM
157	Live in Neenah on Doty Island. There isn't a safe way to walk or bike to any of the parks	12/9/2015 8:17 AM
158	10 minutes walking, 5 biking	12/9/2015 8:16 AM
159	Walk - 1 min, across the street.	12/3/2015 2:30 PM
160	Jacobsen road is a death trap to get to the trails. I kind of decide I am going to go to access the hwy 10 trail. I have great access to O hauser from Irish road thanks for changing the access point.	11/24/2015 7:52 AM
161	10 minutes	11/24/2015 5:34 AM
162	No sidewalks or bike paths.	11/23/2015 9:24 PM
163	less than 5 minutes	11/21/2015 12:21 PM
164	5 minute walk	11/11/2015 8:13 PM
165	1 mile to friendship trail	11/8/2015 1:37 PM
166	Can safely walk to Woodland Prairie within 1 minute, but to get to any other park (where there is playground equipment) we must go on Cold Spring Rd. near E. Shady where there is very little shoulder. Would be safer if the trail on Cold Spring extended across E. Shady to Sand Point Ridge	10/30/2015 8:40 AM
167	Walking on Irish Road is dangerous with no connectivity with existing trails.	10/29/2015 9:46 AM
168	5 minutes	10/28/2015 10:29 AM

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169	Closest park to walk to is 7 minutes Closest park to bike to is 13 minutes	10/24/2015 8:39 AM
170	10 minute walk	10/23/2015 8:58 PM
171	1 minute	10/23/2015 4:25 PM
172	10 minutes	10/23/2015 3:07 PM
173	Ten minutes	10/23/2015 2:41 PM
174	Yes, we can walk to Fritse Park / Rydell Property in about 10-15 mins, or bike there in 5 mins. We need to watch out for the crazy drivers on Lake St. though!	10/23/2015 1:07 PM
175	Irish and Jacobson Roads have no trails so very dangerous of walking or biking.	10/23/2015 9:06 AM
176	All within 10min walk / 5min bike	10/23/2015 9:06 AM
177	5 minutes	10/21/2015 1:55 PM
178	5 minutes walking	10/21/2015 1:31 PM
179	5 minutes to walk on Irish	10/21/2015 9:20 AM
180	Butte des Morts Beach Drive needs a bike path desperately to get to the Park/Trestle Trail. The speed limits and no shoulder makes this a significant safety hazard. There are many bikes using the road so if is a major bicycle thoroughfare.	10/20/2015 9:03 AM
181	10 mins	10/19/2015 5:13 PM
182	Our closest park is O'Hauser. It would be much safer if there was a sidewalk or trail that connected the existing trail to O'Hauser on Irish Rd. It would be nice to see a trail or sidewalk on Irish Rd and on Jacobson Rd.	10/19/2015 1:21 PM
183	No trail access	10/19/2015 8:45 AM
184	Irish road is not safe to walk/bike nor is Clayton Ave.	10/19/2015 7:53 AM
185	1 block	10/15/2015 6:11 PM
186	Takes about 20 minutes to travel. Traffic on Irish Rd a concern.	10/15/2015 2:41 PM
187	About 5-10 minutes	10/15/2015 1:37 PM
188	Jacobsen Rd. is a very dangerous road, with narrow roads, no shoulder, deep ditches and no pathway, its nerve racking to walk, bike and jog because of traffic and traffic speeds. I have on occasion seen people jump into the ditch to miss from getting hit. People walk with vests and flashlights at night since there are not street lights. The town board is elected by town residents and to choose not to increase the safety in this area is pure negligence on their part and a true representation that the board truly does not care about those that have elected them. I am an advocate for more trails!	10/15/2015 11:15 AM
189	20 minutes	10/15/2015 10:45 AM
190	2 minutes	9/26/2015 10:21 AM

**Q9 Which parks listed have you been to?  
Please check all that apply and rank your  
top three parks with 1 being the highest.**

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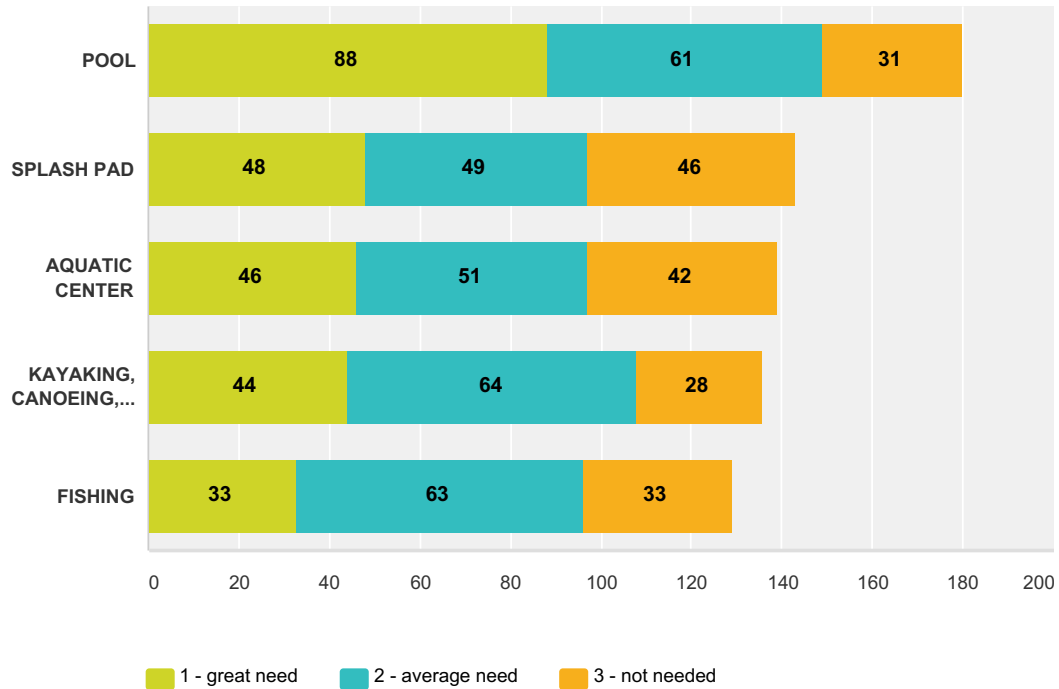


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	Visited	1	2	3	Total Respondents
Fritse Park/Rydell Property/Trestle Trail	<b>78.31%</b> 148	<b>43.39%</b> 82	<b>27.51%</b> 52	<b>11.64%</b> 22	189
O'Hauser Park (north/south)	<b>78.88%</b> 127	<b>29.19%</b> 47	<b>21.74%</b> 35	<b>24.84%</b> 40	161
Fritsch Park	<b>79.72%</b> 114	<b>26.57%</b> 38	<b>23.78%</b> 34	<b>13.29%</b> 19	143
Schildt Park	<b>80.49%</b> 99	<b>18.70%</b> 23	<b>30.08%</b> 37	<b>21.95%</b> 27	123
Palisades Park	<b>83.84%</b> 83	<b>13.13%</b> 13	<b>21.21%</b> 21	<b>22.22%</b> 22	99
Wittmann Park	<b>81.36%</b> 48	<b>10.17%</b> 6	<b>18.64%</b> 11	<b>23.73%</b> 14	59
Butte des Morts Park	<b>79.49%</b> 31	<b>7.69%</b> 3	<b>7.69%</b> 3	<b>25.64%</b> 10	39
Strohmeyer Park	<b>77.78%</b> 28	<b>2.78%</b> 1	<b>16.67%</b> 6	<b>27.78%</b> 10	36
Woodland Prairie Park	<b>92.31%</b> 24	<b>3.85%</b> 1	<b>15.38%</b> 4	<b>23.08%</b> 6	26
Meadow Heights Park	<b>83.33%</b> 10	<b>16.67%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>16.67%</b> 2	12
Westfield Park	<b>72.73%</b> 8	<b>18.18%</b> 2	<b>9.09%</b> 1	<b>27.27%</b> 3	11
Glenview Park	<b>85.71%</b> 6	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>14.29%</b> 1	7
Anunson Farm Park (undeveloped)	<b>66.67%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>33.33%</b> 1	3
Gant Park (undeveloped)	<b>66.67%</b> 2	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>33.33%</b> 1	3
Kippenhan Park	<b>66.67%</b> 2	<b>33.33%</b> 1	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	3
Roy Kuehn Park	<b>100.00%</b> 1	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	<b>0.00%</b> 0	1

**Q10 Which AQUATIC WATER BASED ACTIVITIES listed do you or your family participate in? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

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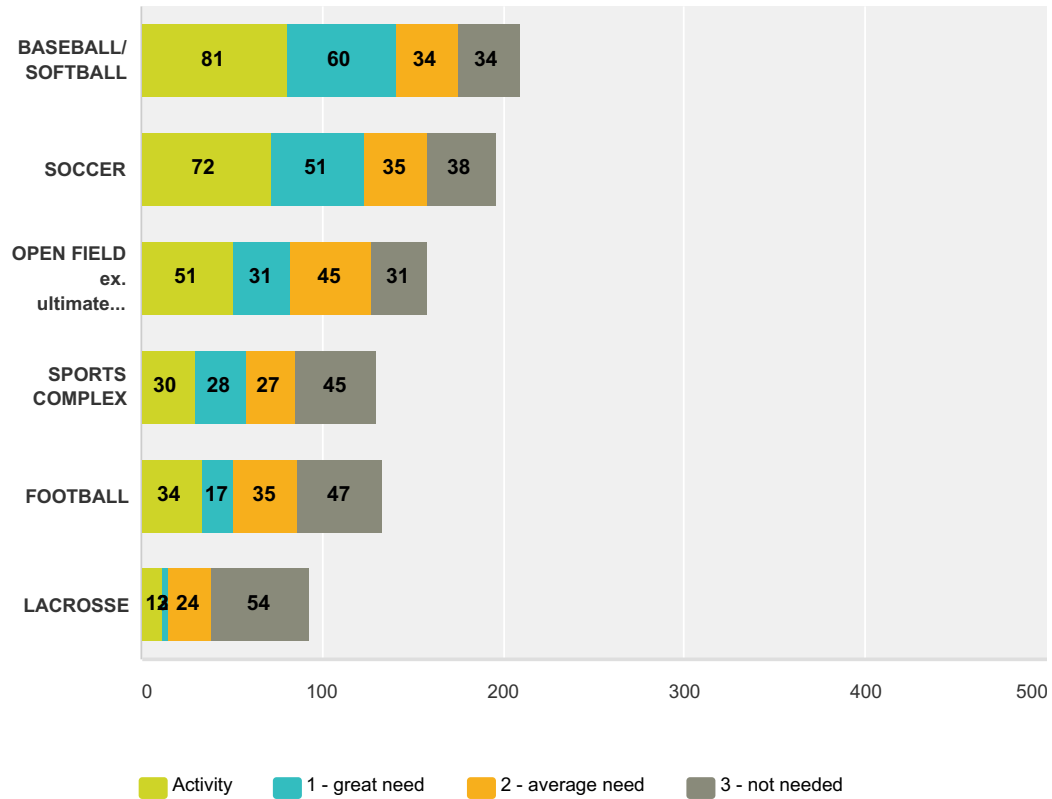


	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
POOL	45.83% 88	31.77% 61	16.15% 31	192
SPLASH PAD	32.65% 48	33.33% 49	31.29% 46	147
AQUATIC CENTER	30.87% 46	34.23% 51	28.19% 42	149
KAYAKING, CANOEING, PADDLE BOARD	29.33% 44	42.67% 64	18.67% 28	150
FISHING	22.60% 33	43.15% 63	22.60% 33	146



**Q11 Which ATHLETIC FIELD ACTIVITIES listed do you or your family participate in? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

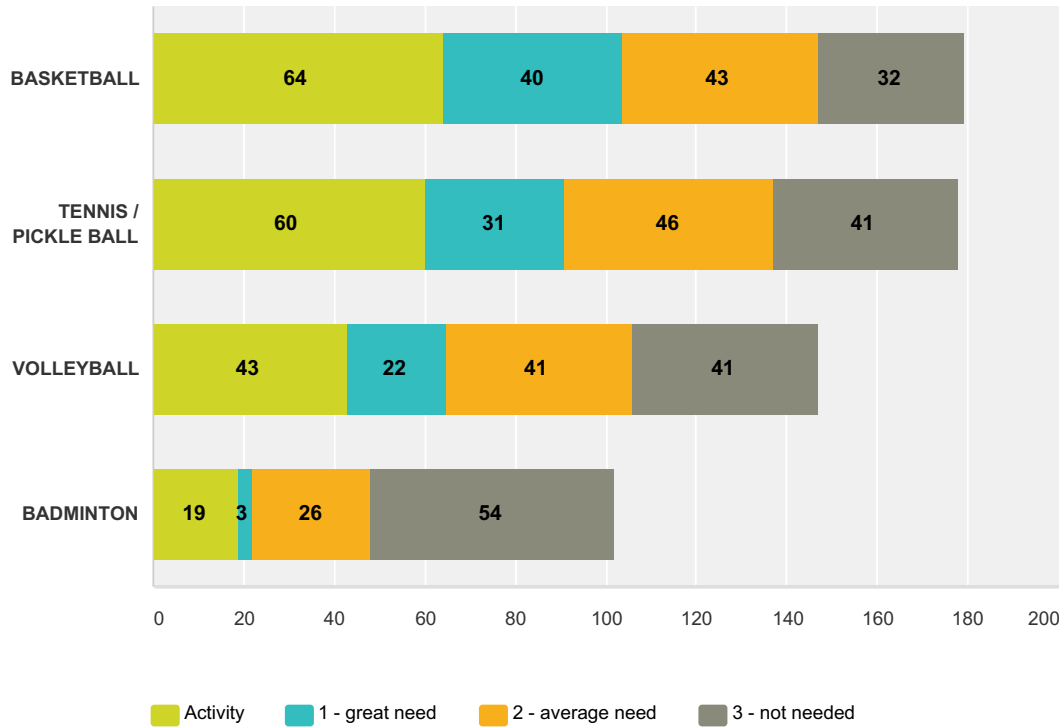
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	Activity	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL	57.04% 81	42.25% 60	23.94% 34	23.94% 34	142
SOCCER	52.17% 72	36.96% 51	25.36% 35	27.54% 38	138
OPEN FIELD ex. ultimate frisbee, bocce ball	43.97% 51	26.72% 31	38.79% 45	26.72% 31	116
SPORTS COMPLEX	29.13% 30	27.18% 28	26.21% 27	43.69% 45	103
FOOTBALL	32.69% 34	16.35% 17	33.65% 35	45.19% 47	104
LACROSSE	14.29% 12	3.57% 3	28.57% 24	64.29% 54	84

**Q12 Which COURT BASED ACTIVITIES listed do you or your family participate? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

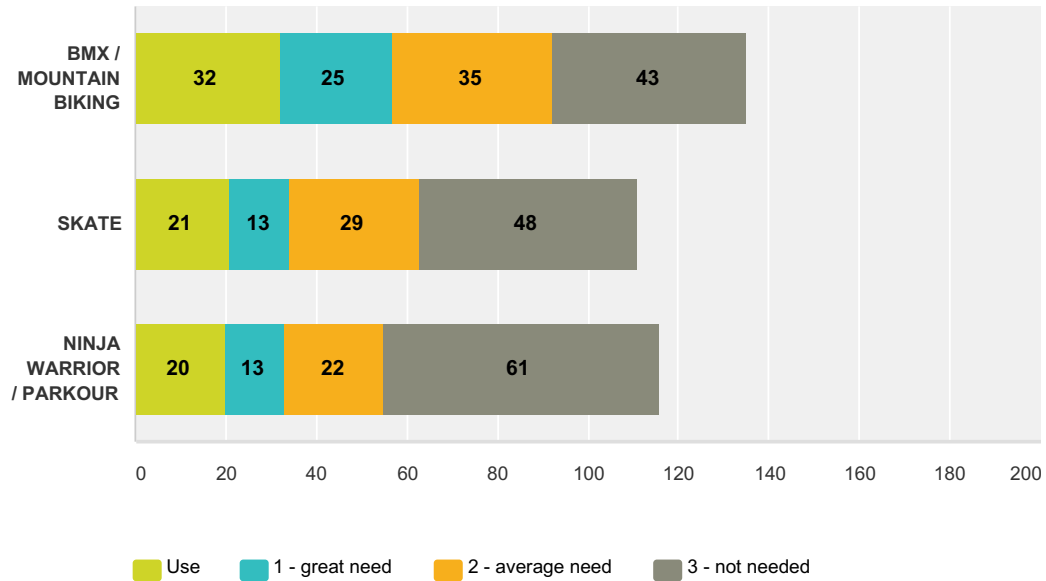
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	Activity	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
BASKETBALL	52.03% 64	32.52% 40	34.96% 43	26.02% 32	123
TENNIS / PICKLE BALL	48.39% 60	25.00% 31	37.10% 46	33.06% 41	124
VOLLEYBALL	38.74% 43	19.82% 22	36.94% 41	36.94% 41	111
BADMINTON	21.84% 19	3.45% 3	29.89% 26	62.07% 54	87

**Q13 Which ADVENTURE BASED ACTIVITIES listed does you or your family use/participate in? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

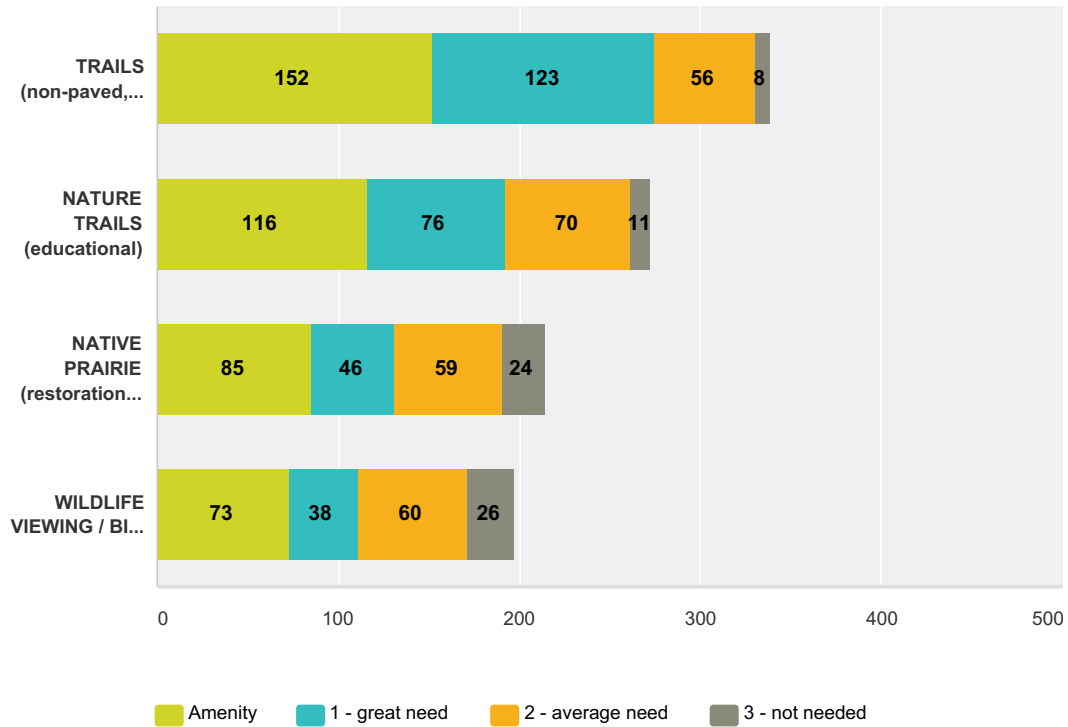
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	Use	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
BMX / MOUNTAIN BIKING	30.48% 32	23.81% 25	33.33% 35	40.95% 43	105
SKATE	22.11% 21	13.68% 13	30.53% 29	50.53% 48	95
NINJA WARRIOR / PARKOUR	20.62% 20	13.40% 13	22.68% 22	62.89% 61	97

**Q14 Which NATURE BASED AMENITY listed does you or your family use? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

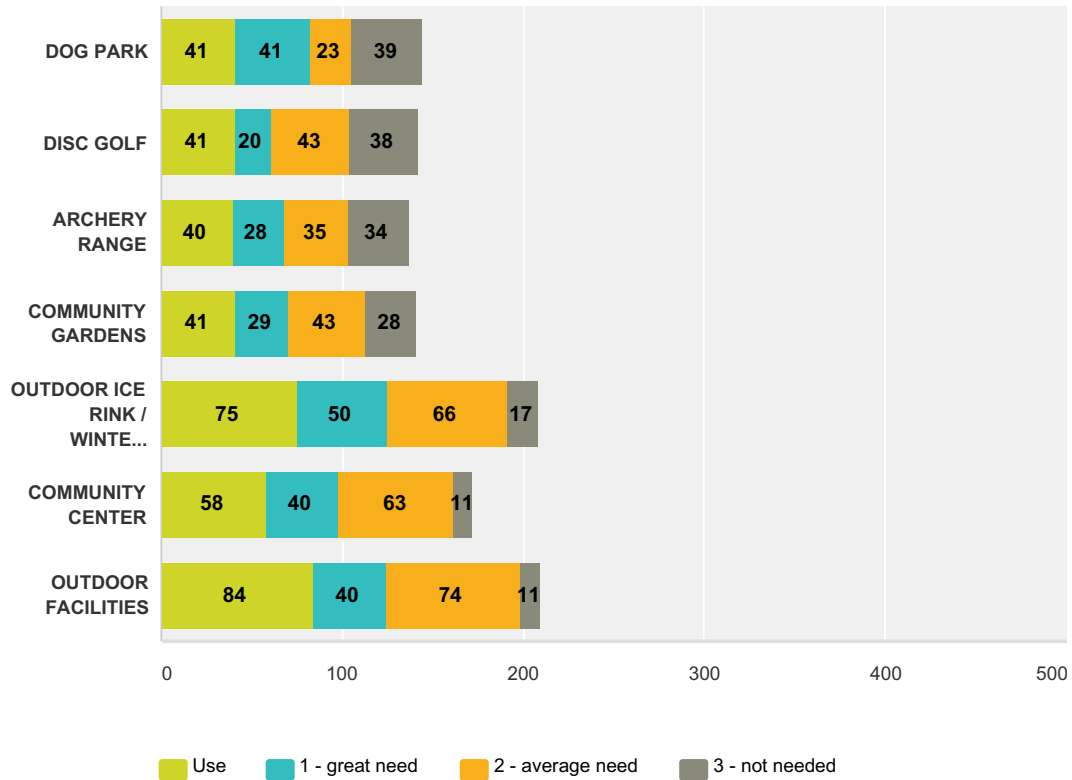
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	Amenity	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
TRAILS (non-paved, multi-use, walking, hiking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing)	76.00% 152	61.50% 123	28.00% 56	4.00% 8	200
NATURE TRAILS (educational)	68.64% 116	44.97% 76	41.42% 70	6.51% 11	169
NATIVE PRAIRIE (restorations / preservation)	59.03% 85	31.94% 46	40.97% 59	16.67% 24	144
WILDLIFE VIEWING / BIRD WATCHING	54.48% 73	28.36% 38	44.78% 60	19.40% 26	134

**Q15 Which UNIQUE FACILITY listed does you or your family use? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

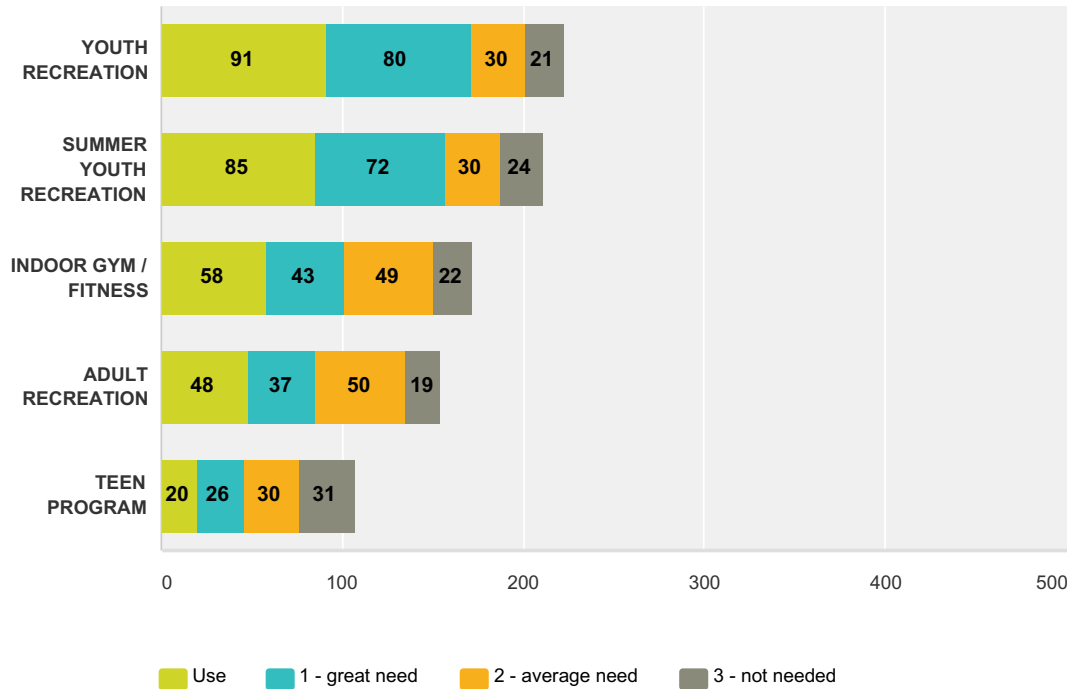
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	Use	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
DOG PARK	37.27% 41	37.27% 41	20.91% 23	35.45% 39	110
DISC GOLF	37.27% 41	18.18% 20	39.09% 43	34.55% 38	110
ARCHERY RANGE	40.00% 40	28.00% 28	35.00% 35	34.00% 34	100
COMMUNITY GARDENS	37.27% 41	26.36% 29	39.09% 43	25.45% 28	110
OUTDOOR ICE RINK / WINTER SPORTS	53.57% 75	35.71% 50	47.14% 66	12.14% 17	140
COMMUNITY CENTER	48.74% 58	33.61% 40	52.94% 63	9.24% 11	119
OUTDOOR FACILITIES	59.57% 84	28.37% 40	52.48% 74	7.80% 11	141

**Q16 Which RECREATIONAL PROGRAM listed does you or your family use? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

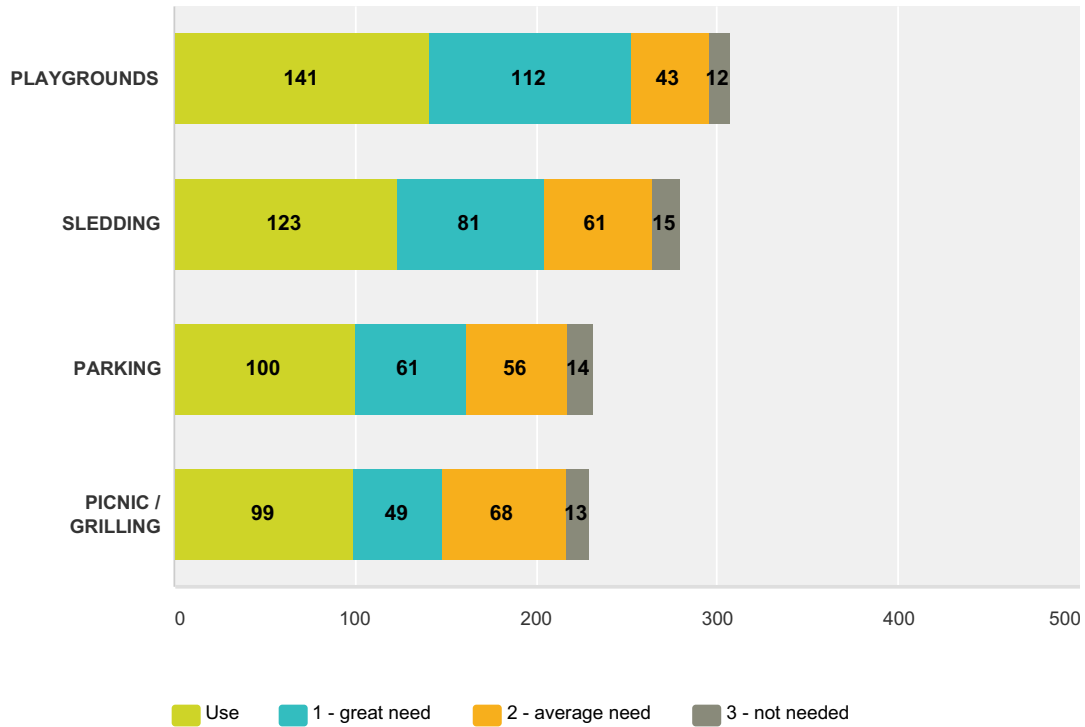
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	Use	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
YOUTH RECREATION	62.33% 91	54.79% 80	20.55% 30	14.38% 21	146
SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION	59.44% 85	50.35% 72	20.98% 30	16.78% 24	143
INDOOR GYM / FITNESS	47.93% 58	35.54% 43	40.50% 49	18.18% 22	121
ADULT RECREATION	43.24% 48	33.33% 37	45.05% 50	17.12% 19	111
TEEN PROGRAM	22.73% 20	29.55% 26	34.09% 30	35.23% 31	88

**Q17 Which TRADITIONAL PARK AMENITIES listed does you or your family use? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

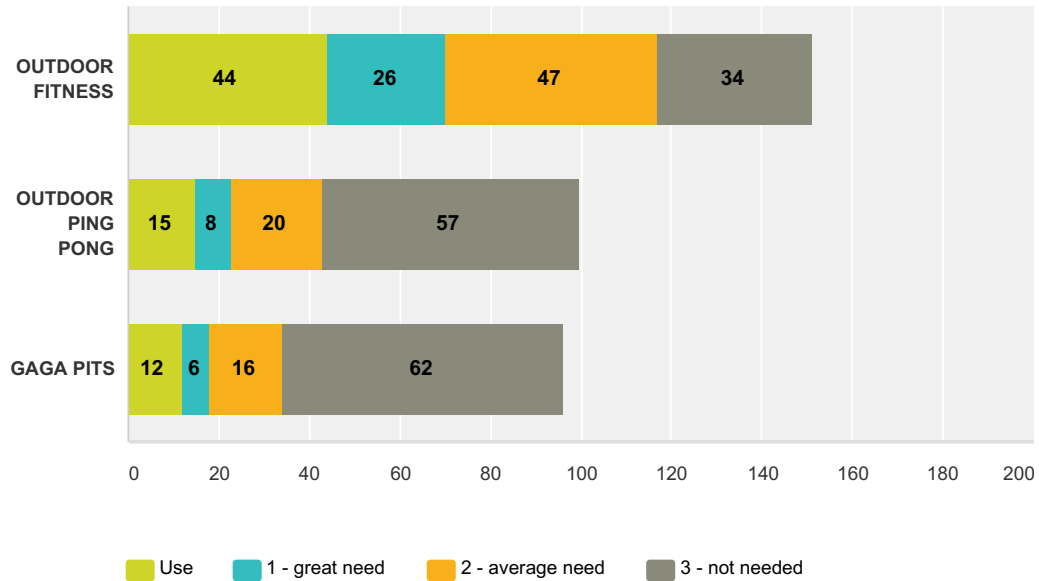
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	Use	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
PLAYGROUNDS	77.47% 141	61.54% 112	23.63% 43	6.59% 12	182
SLEDDING	72.78% 123	47.93% 81	36.09% 61	8.88% 15	169
PARKING	69.93% 100	42.66% 61	39.16% 56	9.79% 14	143
PICNIC / GRILLING	67.35% 99	33.33% 49	46.26% 68	8.84% 13	147

**Q18 Which TRENDY AMENITY listed do you or your family use? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

Answered: 116 Skipped: 146

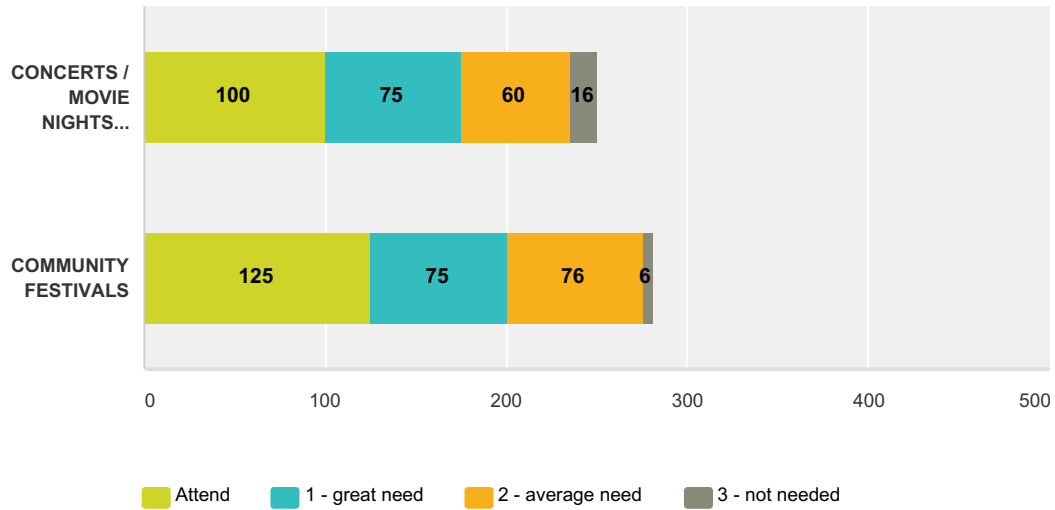


	Use	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
OUTDOOR FITNESS	39.29% 44	23.21% 26	41.96% 47	30.36% 34	112
OUTDOOR PING PONG	17.44% 15	9.30% 8	23.26% 20	66.28% 57	86
GAGA PITS	14.12% 12	7.06% 6	18.82% 16	72.94% 62	85



**Q19 Which SPECIAL EVENTS listed does you or your family attend? Please check all that apply and rank by need with 1 - being great need, 2 – average need, and 3 – not needed.**

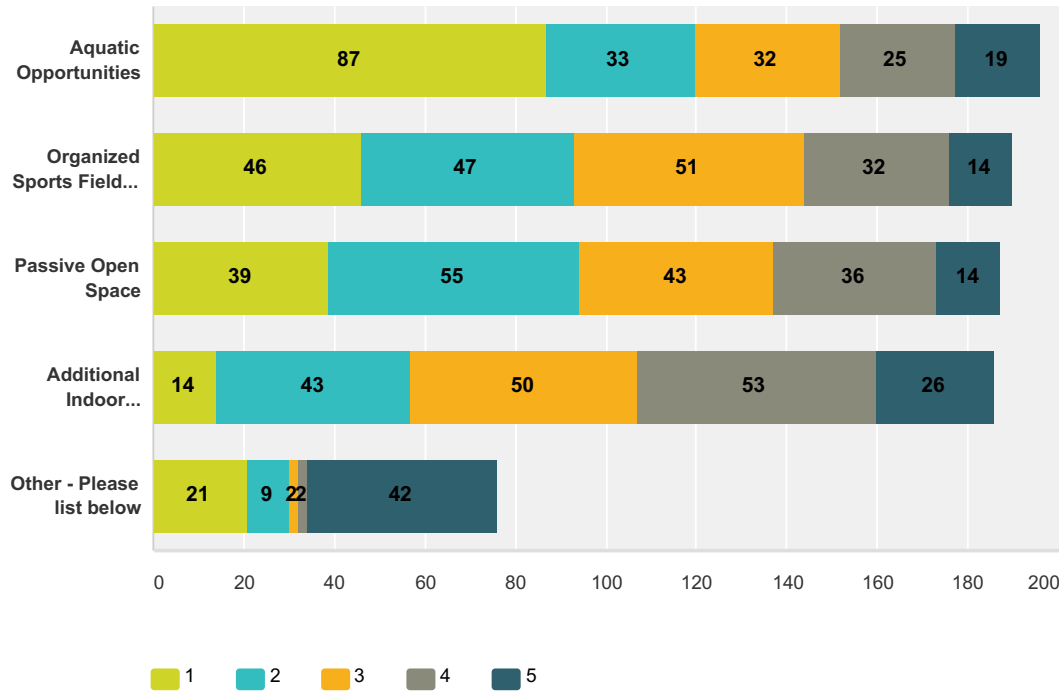
Answered: 180 Skipped: 82



	Attend	1 - great need	2 - average need	3 - not needed	Total Respondents
CONCERTS / MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK (Amphitheater)	63.69% 100	47.77% 75	38.22% 60	10.19% 16	157
COMMUNITY FESTIVALS	73.96% 125	44.38% 75	44.97% 76	3.55% 6	169

**Q20 Please RANK the following items from 1 being the most important to 5 being the least important in the order the town should consider.**

Answered: 202 Skipped: 60



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Weighted Average
Aquatic Opportunities	44.39% 87	16.84% 33	16.33% 32	12.76% 25	9.69% 19	196	2.27
Organized Sports Field Space	24.21% 46	24.74% 47	26.84% 51	16.84% 32	7.37% 14	190	2.58
Passive Open Space	20.86% 39	29.41% 55	22.99% 43	19.25% 36	7.49% 14	187	2.63
Additional Indoor Programming Space	7.53% 14	23.12% 43	26.88% 50	28.49% 53	13.98% 26	186	3.18
Other - Please list below	27.63% 21	11.84% 9	2.63% 2	2.63% 2	55.26% 42	76	3.46

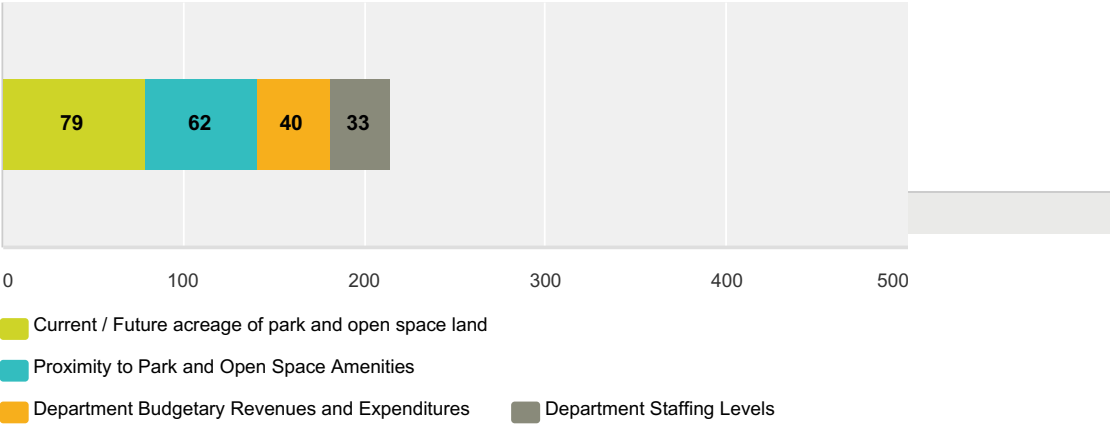
#	Other Item	Date
1	<b>Natural Areas</b> Less grass that has to be mowed. More natural prairies. Community gardens would be a nice asset as well.	2/4/2016 7:56 AM
2	<b>Sports Related</b> Archery range	1/13/2016 7:40 AM
3	<b>Sports Related</b> Basketball hoops at OHauser	1/12/2016 10:10 PM
4	<b>Natural Areas</b> Additional nature preserves, similar to woodland prairie	12/30/2015 5:28 AM
5	<b>Sports Related</b> Fitness Center	12/13/2015 1:45 PM
6	<b>Sports Related</b> Not quite sure for the high emphasis on the disc golf courses, A very specific and small group of people use that rather than the greater whole.	12/13/2015 10:54 AM

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7	?	12/11/2015 11:43 PM
8	<b>Sports Related</b> Adventure based activities are not found in any other the parks in the neighboring communities or are own.	12/10/2015 9:54 PM
9	<b>Natural Areas</b> Lake Access	12/10/2015 8:50 PM
10	<b>Sports Related</b> Outdoor ice rink	12/10/2015 10:40 AM
11	<b>Community</b> Outdoor events for the community	12/10/2015 9:55 AM
12	<b>Trails</b> Fitness trail with workout stations	12/10/2015 7:42 AM
13	<b>Sports Related</b> Would like to see full-sized basketball courts at O'Hauser	12/10/2015 5:35 AM
14	<b>Community</b> Community band	12/9/2015 10:23 PM
15	<b>Trails</b> Walking trails	12/9/2015 7:47 PM
16	<b>Natural Areas</b> Keep more natural undeveloped areas. Wildlife must be allowed too.	12/9/2015 5:48 PM
17	<b>Sports Related</b> Zumba is too crowded...we need a bigger room with a stage or raised platform and permanent disco lights	12/9/2015 5:34 PM
18	<b>Dog Park</b> dog park (indoor or outdoor)	12/9/2015 4:46 PM
19	<b>Trails</b> Trails for running and biking	12/9/2015 4:33 PM
20	<b>Trails</b> hiking trails	12/9/2015 3:48 PM
21	<b>Trails</b> Hiking/biking trails	12/9/2015 3:26 PM
22	<b>Trails</b> It would be great to have more and longer hiking opportunities. The Highway 10 trail gives us distance but it's loud right on the highway. There are other options that are in the woods in various parks but they are very short in distance.	12/9/2015 2:47 PM
23	<b>Sports Related</b> Ice hockey rink #1.	12/9/2015 2:35 PM
24	<b>Dog Park</b> Dog Park. Behind Schildt Park would be great!	12/9/2015 2:23 PM
25	<b>Trails</b> Walking trails without disc golf involved	12/9/2015 2:01 PM
26	<b>Sports Related</b> Would like some ice rinks on west side	12/9/2015 12:06 PM
27	<b>Sports Related</b> quality tennis courts/pickle ball	12/9/2015 10:40 AM
28	<b>Trails</b> Extending the walking trails from American Drive all the way down Shady Lane to CB	11/11/2015 8:13 PM
29	<b>Trails</b> More trails and improving the ones that are there. Connect existing trails to create a loop like the Fond du Lac Loop	11/8/2015 1:37 PM
30	<b>Sports Related</b> Disc golf and running trails	11/1/2015 7:00 PM
31	<b>Trails</b> Connected trails within and between parks and current trails	10/29/2015 9:46 AM
32	<b>Community</b> Community gardens, we do not need or want additional community gardens.	10/23/2015 4:25 PM
33	<b>Trails</b> Continue to improve expand the town's trail system.	10/23/2015 1:07 PM
34	<b>Trails</b> Connected/cleared trails	10/23/2015 9:06 AM
35	<b>Sports Related</b> Archery Range	10/21/2015 1:31 PM
36	<b>Sports Related</b> Better ice rink	10/19/2015 7:53 AM
37	<b>Dog Park</b> dog areas.	10/15/2015 6:11 PM
38	<b>Natural Areas</b> More ecosystem and habitat restoration, with nature trails	9/26/2015 10:21 AM

**Q21 Should the town utilize industry/national guidelines to modify:  
(mark all that apply)**

Answered: 103 Skipped: 159

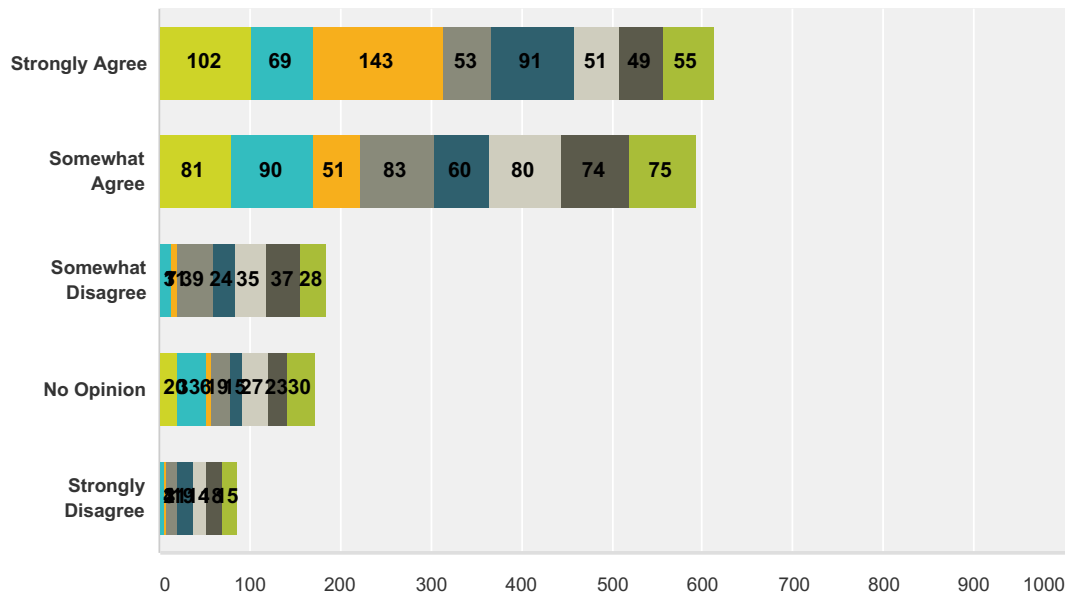


Answer Choices	Responses	
Current / Future acreage of park and open space land	76.70%	79
Proximity to Park and Open Space Amenities	60.19%	62
Department Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures	38.83%	40
Department Staffing Levels	32.04%	33

Total Respondents: 103

## Q22 Please respond to the following:

Answered: 211 Skipped: 51



- In the past 5 years, the PARK SYSTEM HAS IMPROVED
- In the past 5 years, RECREATION PROGRAMMING HAS IMPROVED
- The Park and Recreation Department has had a POSITIVE IMPACT on the QUALITY OF LIFE in th...
- In the future, I would SUPPORT A TAX LEVY INCREASE to improve and develop park and recreat...
- SHOULD THE TOWN...Explore Aquatic Opportunities
- SHOULD THE TOWN...Explore Athletic Field Space
- SHOULD THE TOWN...Explore Passive Open Space
- SHOULD THE TOWN...Explore West Side Indoor Recreation Programming Space

	In the past 5 years, the PARK SYSTEM HAS IMPROVED	In the past 5 years, RECREATION PROGRAMMING HAS IMPROVED	The Park and Recreation Department has had a POSITIVE IMPACT on the QUALITY OF LIFE in the Town of Menasha.	In the future, I would SUPPORT A TAX LEVY INCREASE to improve and develop park and recreation facilities.	SHOULD THE TOWN...Explore Aquatic Opportunities	SHOULD THE TOWN...Explore Athletic Field Space	SHOULD THE TOWN...Explore Passive Open Space	SHOULD THE TOWN...Explore West Side Indoor Recreation Programming Space	Total
Strongly Agree	16.64% 102	11.26% 69	23.33% 143	8.65% 53	14.85% 91	8.32% 51	7.99% 49	8.97% 55	613
Somewhat Agree	13.64% 81	15.15% 90	8.59% 51	13.97% 83	10.10% 60	13.47% 80	12.46% 74	12.63% 75	594
Somewhat Disagree	1.63% 3	5.98% 11	3.80% 7	21.20% 39	13.04% 24	19.02% 35	20.11% 37	15.22% 28	184
No Opinion	11.56% 20	19.08% 33	3.47% 6	10.98% 19	8.67% 15	15.61% 27	13.29% 23	17.34% 30	173
Strongly Disagree	3.49% 3	4.65% 4	2.33% 2	12.79% 11	22.09% 19	16.28% 14	20.93% 18	17.44% 15	86

**Q23 Please provide any other comments to help us improve the parks and recreational services for the Town of Menasha.**

Answered: 80 Skipped: 182

#	Responses	Date
1	I have no idea what question 21 means. I asked 3 other people, they didn't either. If including in a survey, maybe add some information that would allow people "outside" of the park and rec world to know what the question means or what the answers imply. The other note I'd like to add, and I shared this with Mr Kading while walking on Friendship trail at the weight of the nation kick off last summer. I am in awe of and amazed at the number of youth engaged in activities at ohauser park. I love seeing the ball players being active and the number of parents I see with younger kids and the ball players on the playground equipment has been amazing. From a community development perspective, strong communities are built when there are strong family and community relationships and where people feel like they belong. That is what I observed in the play equipment area of ohauser. The more connected people feel in their communities the stronger the community and the less likely the youth are to leave as adults and not come back. Speaking of youth - engaging some youth on some of the committees would be another step forward!	2/15/2016 6:26 AM
2	Somehow there needs to spread this feeling that the parks belong to the people and that it is their responsibility to look after them and to pick up litter, do a little weeding etc while they are there enjoying them. We need to get beyond this feeling that it is the Parks Dept. to care for whatever occurs in the parks. If you see that it has been very dry and the plants need watering then go water them. Dont wait for someone to tell you.....sort of thing. Maybe a new campaign to set the tone.	2/4/2016 8:01 AM
3	Skating rink west of the north pavilion at O Hauser. Archery range	1/13/2016 7:41 AM
4	2 big areas of need - much better / upgraded sports facilities (baseball in particular) and a local pool. The sports upgrade is really needed - we are WAY behind other communities in this area. The facilities at O'Hauser are getting run down and are just in general not that nice of quality. I visit a lot of other cities for baseball tournaments and I would say we rank dead last in this area. I would recommend getting some business sponsorship for this - it doesn't need to be 100% funded by taxes.	1/13/2016 6:59 AM
5	I would support improving sports facilities and aquatics.	1/12/2016 10:11 PM
6	The disk golf course at OHauser park is very nice however the sport seems to attract Illegal activity. It is tough when your child ask what he or she smells (marijuana smoke) and you have to make something up. Or when the "golfers" are talking like sailors while hanging out in the parking lot. Kind of sad. The baseball fields could use some work. There are alway volunteers out there working on them which is kind of neat. Tennis courts are nice too.	1/12/2016 8:47 PM
7	The one thing I would say is that over the last 20 years, I've seen an increase in the number of youth on the ball fields. This is fabulous! Lots of youth being active! Additionally, I've seen an increase in youth using play ground equipment - awesome!	1/12/2016 7:15 PM
8	none	1/3/2016 9:08 PM
9	No Comment	1/3/2016 7:42 PM
10	I would like to see Woodland Prairie more formally developed. There is not currently an adequate entrance to the park from CB or Shady Ln. The signage added recently is helpful, but I still feel like I am sneaking somewhere I am not supposed to be.	12/30/2015 5:30 AM
11	nothing	12/22/2015 4:11 PM
12	Sometimes a survey doesn't 100% convey the answer you want to provide: i.e. Do I want outdoor recreational space for my/my family YES! Do I want to pay for it with a tax levy? NO! Ha! I think the Town of Menasha has done an exceptional job with it's park & rec. program. I live proximal to Fritsch park and have enjoyed the revamp immensely. Our kids enjoyed the Halloween at Fritch Park and the meeting Santa event as well. If I have not used all of what has been offered, it is due to what influences my life (job, time, etc.) not a lack of opportunities. I say great job all around, and....how about grooming a couple of XC Ski trails in some of the parks during the winter if your not already? Joe Ruppert 1184 Sterling Heights Dr. Menasha, WI 54952 j.ruppert@yahoo.com 715-312-0606 cell	12/22/2015 1:51 PM

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13	The p&r department has done a great job to positively improve the parks with new shelters & clearing buckthorn from the parks. The greatest example of removal is at O'Hauser, Fritse/Rydell & Butte des Morts. These areas look great! The addition of prairie restoration in O'Hauser is an excellent addition to the system. The focus over the next five years is to provide connections for all the piecemeal trails in the town. We have areas that are dangerous like Jacobsen Rd between County CB & Irish Road.	12/14/2015 7:45 PM
14	I appreciate the survey. I do feel that the board needs to see where a large majority of people use the park and rec program for should be the most important piece of determining the path for future use. It is my opinion that a larger majority of children are now using the park and rec program for the organized sports activities either run by the park and rec or by other organizations. Adults are not using the park that we frequent the most for what the intended purpose was. There is space available there for what the park is able to achieve and we can have growth and use for more children if collaborations with other organizations are allowed to occur. I have been very impressed with organizations like suburban athletics with what they're looking at trying to accomplish, and look forward to working with them in the future and would ask the town of Menasha and the park and rec department to work with them and others who only want to improve the park system and for opportunities for families and children in the Town of Menasha.	12/13/2015 11:08 AM
15	I wish reprecosity was available for Neenah residents like it is for City of Menasha programming. We would participate in more activities if it were.	12/12/2015 8:46 PM
16	It does seem as tho the Town is abandoning East Side as a priority.	12/12/2015 3:59 PM
17	Wider variety of classes offered for school age children year round and not only during the day in the summer. Have jungle gyms at the parks, for example dome shaped. A butterfly garden A fishing dock for the pond at Schildt Park Offer summer evening concerts not only one night of the week	12/11/2015 7:54 PM
18	We LOVE Friche (sp - sorry) park. It is wonderful and safe to bring our grandchildren 6 and 9.	12/11/2015 1:33 PM
19	I would like more recreational trails that connect to West Jacobsen Road.	12/11/2015 7:54 AM
20	No pool is needed in the Town of Menasha. Utilize the resources offered by other municipalities and share between each other. Let's wait and see what is happening with the town ( potential village ) situation.	12/10/2015 10:48 PM
21	The township should continue its efforts to gradually improve the existing parks and wildlands presently in the system. This can be accomplished through modest increases in staff and budget and encouraging more volunteer participation in park improvement projects.	12/10/2015 8:53 PM
22	I enjoy having my preschool age children participate in park and rec activities but the majority of them are during the day when I cannot leave work to bring them except for during the summer. Activites 5:00-8 PM or on weekends would be great for us. We are also looking at doing more swimming and swimming lessons so I'd love improving/adding more aquatic activities and facilities in the area.	12/10/2015 2:32 PM
23	Pretty disappointing to do this survey and one of the last questions is of course regarding the west side of the town. Changing the west side to a village should have been brought to a vote among the town residents, not just a few of the west side residents/business. We can't even get the town to place a garbage can in our park on the East side. A request of a garbage can is very slight and would not cause to much problem for te garbage truck driver to stop at that sight. Probably would not be necessary in the winter months.	12/10/2015 12:18 PM
24	The ice rink amenities at Fitch are awesome....thank you. It would be great if those of us northwest of O'Hauser had a closer outdoor ice rink.	12/10/2015 10:43 AM
25	I would support tax levy, but this survey was all over the place, so it really depends on the initiatives that are decided upon. I think we have a great Parks department and love to see it growing and expanding in new ways. It is a major attraction for continuing to bring families and growth to the town of Menasha!	12/10/2015 9:57 AM
26	I live on the East side, nothing done on the West side benefitted me except the improvements to Fritse Park. Since most land in the town, most people in the town, and most opportunity for growth is on the West side, most improvements will be done there and will not benefit me. I rarely visit the West side. I am more likely to visit another municipality - City of Menasha, Appleton, or Neenah for recreation. Unless a facility is far superior, I cannot see driving over the Bridge to visit it.	12/10/2015 9:46 AM
27	Love what has been done to Fritsch Park with the exercise equipment. Use it all the time.	12/10/2015 8:12 AM
28	I would like to see walking and bike paths to get to all the parks.	12/10/2015 6:01 AM
29	More attention park the police arrond area menasha 6st park Banta element school .	12/9/2015 11:42 PM
30	In the 5 years we have been living in the Town, we really have not taken advantage of all that is offered. Now that our daughter is almost 5 that has started to change. She already participated in the b-ball program that went for 3 weeks at the UW center. Too bad it went to a time we could not do it again. And she LOVED it. I have kept an when the program activity book comes to find things she would like. I think we will be doing some soccer and football it the times fit our schedule. Overall for a "Town" I think you all do a great job with what you can. Keep up the great work.	12/9/2015 8:50 PM

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31	Our family love more youth programming especially in the summer.	12/9/2015 8:30 PM
32	I often sign my children up for classes at the community center. I would love to see indoor programs available on the west side of town.	12/9/2015 8:06 PM
33	I'd love to see a waterski team and space for watching performances in the area!	12/9/2015 7:51 PM
34	It's hard to be part of the Town of Menasha and live on the East side. So many of the P&R programs are at the West side parks. And sometimes it's just not worth it to drive all the way across towns to get to the program. Most of the summer stuff, we end up doing through the City of Menasha P&R. And because Town does not have it's own pool, for us to take swimming lessons at Jefferson, we have to pay non-resident/non-pool fees. The parks that are part of Town of Menasha are really nice and we enjoy alot of them!	12/9/2015 6:22 PM
35	More year round youth activities would be nice. More safety classes, maybe non teasing/ anti bullying classes. Some short one day learn a sport activities would be cool	12/9/2015 5:51 PM
36	Just keep doing what you're doing	12/9/2015 5:47 PM
37	the new wittman park pavilion looks great !	12/9/2015 5:46 PM
38	We have attended programming that we paid for and when we arrived within the program time, supplies have run out, so we didn't get what we paid for. Most disappointing was the trick or treat trail this year.	12/9/2015 5:38 PM
39	The volleyball court at Schildt Park was in pretty rough shape when I rented the shelter for a party. I think we need an indoor or outdoor dog park in this area. The Outagamie Dog Park and the one in Kaukauna or Oshkosh are quite a distance away. If there was one closer, I'd probably spend a lot of time there, especially in the summer.	12/9/2015 4:48 PM
40	Will the Town of Menasha maintain a Park and Recs program when the west side incorporates and leaves the Town of Menasha or is this survey really only for the new village?	12/9/2015 4:45 PM
41	As for the second to the last question about using industry/government guidelines, I am not familiar with what those are so I did not comment.	12/9/2015 3:29 PM
42	Overall, we LOVE the TOM Parks and Rec! And use many of it's great resources, keep up the good work. Anything extra would just be an extra bonus!	12/9/2015 3:25 PM
43	I think the town is doing a really good job. There are an adequate amount of activities for our family to choose from.	12/9/2015 3:19 PM
44	Great job so far keep improving	12/9/2015 3:14 PM
45	East side of the Town lack rec trails....please explore that. Walking and biking can be dangerous over here without sidewalks!	12/9/2015 2:58 PM
46	I would like to see dogs allowed in parks again. I do not feel it is just to punish so many because of the actions of a few. As for the question "Should the town utilize industry/national guidelines to modify" I feel the community should do what is necessary for the community based on the communities needs and abilities. We should not base the things we do on a national average as these averages are obtained by including items which do not and will not ever apply to our community.	12/9/2015 2:54 PM
47	I apologize but what you were looking for with the 'rank in terms of need' was unclear. Were you looking for the need for additional resources?	12/9/2015 2:48 PM
48	Provide safer connections to all the TOM trails.	12/9/2015 2:47 PM
49	At O'Hauser Park- when walking on the trails with our children we have had disc golfers in the way throwing discs toward us and telling us to get out of the way. Our family has enjoyed this park for many years and since the park redid the disc golf it seems it's not as enjoyable to walk down the trails. We love nature and it seems it's only becoming less and less with the golfers in the woods. It would be nice to see splash pads being put in for the kids to enjoy during the hot summer months. It seems it's become a bigger thing in the past couple of years for parent's to take their kids to splash pads instead of pools/lakes.	12/9/2015 2:06 PM
50	Currently we use Neenah pool or Oshkosh pool because of the lazy over and water slides. If you consider putting in pool please consider these items. They are so much fun even for adults :)	12/9/2015 1:18 PM
51	We don't own a dog, but you mentioned a dog park, and having one might be nice for our community. Keep up the great work!	12/9/2015 1:15 PM
52	O'Hauser Park Disc Golf course is my favorite part of coming home for the summer from college. I love the continued renovations to the grounds and I love the option for a season pass!	12/9/2015 12:39 PM
53	My kids love Santa coming through the development and all the young. youth sports available.	12/9/2015 11:15 AM
54	please consider updating restroom facilities and drinking fountains - disgusting at Schildt and Trestle	12/9/2015 10:41 AM



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55	Why is this the Town of Menasha material? If you are going to use another municipalities material, you could take the time to make necessary changes. Instead of adding more, I think the village needs to focus on the up keep of what they already have. I know there is a policy of you bring it in, you take it out, but people don't know that prior to coming and it isn't posted any where. They don't come prepared to take their garbage home. The bathrooms were awful this summer with garbage and diapers and the parked looked awful as well. Garage disposal for dog poop, but no disposals for our garbage. Dead trees and flowers make it not very astetically pleasing. Open the bathrooms year round in the 'warming' shelter. There is a park on that end and a ball field, Walking and biking with kids on the trails, all factors that would make sense to have that facility used. My kids participated in the Y baseball program and all the people that first went to that shelter for bathroom before having to run the the park with a child that really has to go...makes for some frustrating parents and embarrassed kiddos. It doesn't have to only be a warming shelter. Have it so use it. If you can't keep up with you have you need more staff and should not be thinking of adding more to your plate if you can't afford to hire anyone!	12/9/2015 10:14 AM
56	more walking trails would be great! Especially on the East portion of Jacobsen Road and along Irish Road since these roads are 35/25mph and there is no room for anyone to walk, run or bike without traffic/pedestrian concerns.	12/9/2015 9:53 AM
57	Our family has missed out on many indoor recreational activies (craft projects, tumbling, Santa breakfast...) due to lack of space in classes or time restraints. (Not enough classes offered in evening.) We love the improvements that have and are being made to O'Hauser Park! We would love to see a splash pad/pool in the Town of Menasha! It would be nice to have more garbage/recyclable bins in all of the parks that are closer to the playgrounds. In my opinion, adults & children would be less inclined to litter if they had a garbage receptacle closer to the area they are playing in.	12/9/2015 9:49 AM
58	It would be nice to see the parks department take over the swimming and improve the facilities. I need to transport and pay extra to use the Appleton pools during the year for swim classes. I prefer to take the kids during the week and the pool is very limited on when they offer classes. It would be nice to see better summer camp programs. My children are in school now and feel that the camps are OK, but they can't seem to entice their friends to want to attend. The best program for my 9 year old was a survival camp. The only problem was that it was too short. They find the regular summer camps a little boring. The British soccer camp was expensive and I didn't feel that my child learned much. I also didn't like the week long timing. I think she would have learned more if it was spread out once or twice a week during the entire summer. I live on the west side and when the kids were young found it a hassle to have to drive to the community center. It would be nice to have something located on or near the municipal center off of Shady Lane.	12/9/2015 8:44 AM
59	Please no Community gardens. They take up a lot of space and only benifit a select few. The upkeep is also a huge area of concern. Please consider a splash pad. There is no staff required (on duty during opperation), there is a much larger portion of the community that can utilize, and it promotes outside play and family activity. It will also increase the popularity of our parks.	12/3/2015 2:34 PM
60	Overall the town does a great jobs with parks and rec programs. Would like to see some interconnection of the trails with in the town. Want to also keep my taxes low to attract more people and more investment in the town.	11/24/2015 7:53 AM
61	The park bathrooms, while better than most local areas, need to be checked as often as possible for cleanliness, soap availability, toweling, and something to neutralize bad odors. The reason that I say towels is that sometimes someone scraps themselves or has a cut, or other wound--hey, it's a park, kids play, and stuff happens. Toweling is needed to wash the wound or apply pressure to stop bleeding.	11/11/2015 8:19 PM
62	We need more trails. It would be great to connect existing trails to create a loop. See the Fond du Lac loop for bikers, runners, and walkers.	11/8/2015 1:38 PM
63	Disc golf and running are two things I do often. I am the faculty advisor for the Fox Valley Technical College Disc Golf Club. More places to run would be wonderful!	11/1/2015 7:01 PM
64	I believe the parks dept. has made many good improvements to our town and would like to encourage them to continue, however, I am not very enthused over the the thought of them getting into water parks and pools because of the continuos financial requirements which would drain funds from many other recreational options.	10/24/2015 8:55 AM
65	provide a bulletin board (maybe electronically on the town website) that would list projects that could be completed independently by volunteers.	10/23/2015 9:01 PM
66	If those on the East Side have to take brush and yard waste to the West Side, then the West side can take the indoor program classes on the East Side.	10/23/2015 4:27 PM
67	I really enjoy living in the Town of Menasha!	10/23/2015 2:43 PM
68	I am a regular volunteer in the town of menasha parks, and my family uses the park system on almost a daily basis. The thing that concerns me the most is safety in our parks. I place safety as the most important element, and above the need to obtain more amenities, or expand. The safety issues that exist involve drug use. In my opinion, nothing has a greater negative impact than the drug use and/or crime that goes on in our parks.	10/23/2015 1:12 PM

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69	Significant upgrades at Fritse, O'Hauser, Fritch, Palisades and Wittmann have really modernized and made these parks a positive destination. Having a vision with strategies to support is imperative to accommodate the town/village growth.	10/23/2015 9:08 AM
70	I don't know what industry guidelines are for the questions you asked so I don't feel educated enough to say if we should follow them or not. I would imagine it is a balance between what the town views as its priorities and what the budget will allow. I found your questions that asked to rank by need to be lacking in direction. For example are you asking if we need what we currently have or if we need to add more? The tax levy question is also difficult to answer. My response would depend on what the "need" is. For example, I'd like to see an aquatic option in our town, but I don't necessarily consider it a "need". In my opinion its a "would like it if we can afford it", so I'd say no to a tax levy on that.	10/21/2015 2:03 PM
71	The cost burden of a walking path down Irish road from Winchester to O'Hauser should not placed solely on the property owners on the road, but evenly distributed among all residents as it is a public use recreational path. See Appletons wheel tax for sidewalk/road improvement from a few years ago for reference.	10/21/2015 9:23 AM
72	Bike trails connecting the parks would be a major improvement.	10/20/2015 9:04 AM
73	Quality of life and associated amenities are of significant value in attracting new business to the Town and retaining established ones. This helps keep our tax base strong and mil rate low for the homeowner while maintaining a high level of service.	10/19/2015 8:49 AM
74	A sports complex with ice rink would be awesome. West side community center would be convenient.	10/19/2015 7:55 AM
75	Really enjoy visiting the parks and hope that the trail system is expanded to allow foot/bike traffic to keep pedestrians off the roads.	10/15/2015 2:42 PM
76	The parks, open spaces and trails of the Town of Menasha greatly influence and improve the Town's quality of life. High quality park and rec facilities will attract residents and businesses to the Town. Because of this, I believe that the Town Board should show stronger funding support for the Town's parks, trails and recreational programs. Trails and bike facilities especially are in need of funding. There are many unsafe roads in the Town - Jacobsen, Irish and Clayton, just to name a few. The residents of the Town deserve to be able to walk and bike safely to their destinations. Despite staffing and funding shortages, the Park and Rec Department has done a tremendous job. I believe it is imperative that the Town Board show more support for the vital role that the Park and Recreation Department plays in creating and maintaining a high quality of life in the Town.	10/15/2015 1:50 PM
77	I would like to see a splash pad at one of the parks at least my kids love them and some of the parks have no trees so when it's hot out you can't bring your kids because there's no real way to cool them down	10/15/2015 12:01 PM
78	Town staff continues to be a valuable asset, I would like to see the town board be as valuable... with that being said I think the board needs to be more supportive. The group (staff) at the Town Municipal Complex are very pleasant, you don't want to create an environment where they're all a bunch of zombies like the City of Menasha. Keep it up Parks and Recreation!	10/15/2015 11:19 AM
79	Even though we live in the city of menasha we utilize the rec programs like dancing and sports. We also enjoy Wittman and Palisades parks and love walking the Trestle Trail.	10/15/2015 10:48 AM
80	It's difficult to answer #21 since I have no reference for what the standards are and how the Town currently matches up to those?	9/26/2015 10:22 AM



## **APPENDIX B**

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

## **Fox Crossing Parks and Rec - Commissioners & Staff**

S.W.O.T. Analysis Worksheet – Developing Sense of Place and Community  
Engagement Exercise

YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO! THINKING IS THANKING!

### **Strengths**

What unique recreational resources does the Village have?  
What is it like to live in Fox Crossing? Why does it matter?



Trail access  
Disc Golf Course  
Trestle Trail  
Water Front  
Hill slide  
Ball Diamonds  
Good Parks and shelters  
Community Garden  
Winter plowing is maintained  
Freeway access  
Low taxes  
Police and schools  
Community involvement  
Volunteers and Engagement  
Open Space available for future development  
No sidewalks (pro and con)



## Weaknesses

What could the Village improve its parks, rec facilities, etc.?

Where do you have fewer facilities than your competition?

What are residents likely to see as recreational weaknesses, places voided or lacking?

Trail Connectivity to the parks – “Complete Streets”

No Aquatics in Village, i.e. pool, splashpad

Small amount of schools

No hotels/motels

Map – invisible jurisdictional boundaries and islands

No downtown

Conflicting User base

Tri-County Ice Arena – Poorly maintained

Westside of Village no park services “dead zones”

No \$ to develop parks



## Opportunities

What recreational opportunities does the Village promote?

What recreational trends could you take advantage of?

What facilities/activities would or does make Fox Crossing identifiable?

Community Center  
Leveraging Facilities  
Add \$ to the budget  
Increase rentals of the shelters  
Wilderness Park – Natural setting in an urban area  
Develop more access “East of municipal complex”  
BMX Park  
Pump Track / Adventure park possibilities  
Obstacle Course – i.e. Ninja Warrior  
Increase of Quality Control of facilities  
Baseball Diamonds  
Disc Golf Course  
Trail Expansion  
Water based activities – Boat Launch, Fishing, Kayaking

## Threats

What threats are harming the Village's recreational areas?

What is your competition doing better, i.e. Town of Neenah, Town of Greenville, City of Menasha, City of Neenah, etc. in their parks?

How are the Village's weaknesses being a threat to the parks and rec department?



Multi-User Conflicts

O'Hauser and Fritse Parks – oversaturation of use

Resources to maintain - now and future

Identity– history, School District boundaries

No Post Office

Increase of the population base and not enough services offered

Development west of I-41

Need vs. want

Boundary Agreements

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