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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Parks, open space, and leisure programming are major factors in the environmental, social, and economic health of all communities. According to the 2019-2023 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Wisconsin's urban population has more than tripled in the last 100 years and over 95% of Wisconsinites enjoy some sort of outdoor recreation. Parks and open space are now viewed as essential to the public good in much the same way that roads, sewers, and other public infrastructure are regarded.

The following list includes just some of the various ways parks work to enhance the quality of life in a community.

- **Aesthetics and Community Image**

Parks, green space, and Village landscaping powerfully influence the image and perception of a community. Well maintained parks and recreational facilities are a source of pride for a community.

- **Financial**

Parks increase property values. Communities with excellent parks and recreational facilities are in a better position to retain and attract new residents. Additionally, if a local parks system is designed with regional amenities, or connected to a regional destination, the additional tourism can benefit local businesses.

- **Health and Wellness**

Parks provide places for neighborhood residents to interact and create social focal points. Parks also encourage physical activity, especially for those who might not be able to afford expensive gym memberships. This is especially important at a time when America faces rising rates of chronic disease, often connected to increasingly sedentary lifestyles. Additionally, time spent in natural settings provides places for residents to mentally recharge.

- **Historical**

Many parks are named after prominent individuals or historical events and are a good way to connect and educate the next generation in local community history.

- **Infrastructure**

Parks and green spaces play a less visible, but very practical part in benefiting the community. Vegetated surfaces absorb and filter runoff water and can be a more efficient and less expensive method of managing storm water than concrete storm sewer infrastructure. Trees and shrubs also increase air quality and reduce the "urban heat island" effect created by hard surfaces in the summer.

- **Educational and Environmental**

Parks and green spaces are often connected to, or include, ecologically sensitive areas such as wetlands and can provide habitat for plants and animals, preserve carbon-reducing landscapes, and promote a connection to nature. These places also present opportunities to teach the next generation about the importance of natural ecosystems.

1.1 Plan and Purpose

Good planning is essential in making sure outdoor recreation facilities and services are provided and maintained in a logical, efficient, and cost-effective manner. Well thought out preventative planning also minimizes operating in crisis management mode. Several important goals of planning are:

- Keeping up with changing regulations.
- Creating a schedule for maintaining and improving existing facilities.
- Promoting safety.
- Deciding if, when, and where to implement additional facilities.
- Predicting, identifying, and adapting to meet evolving community needs.

The Village of Little Chute is aware of the impact its parks, trails, and open spaces have on the community's character and quality of life and is committed to meeting the recreational needs of current and future residents.

A Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is a formal document designed to assist communities in the development of park and open space amenities. Specifically, a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan provides:

- An inventory of existing park and recreational facilities.
- A list of Village goals and objectives as well as past accomplishments.
- A review of physical and environmental resources and constraints of the planning region as well as demographic trends.
- An analysis of parkland and recreational needs based on several metrics, including the guidelines set by National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), with a strong emphasis on community input.
- Both specific and general recommendations based on the above data regarding park and open space facility planning and maintenance.
- Park-specific recommendations, including locations, sketches, and general, high level estimated costs for various park and recreational features.
- A list of implementation strategies, including funding programs, both existing and potential.

This plan is a cooperative effort based on resources from the previous Village of Little Chute Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the Village of Little Chute Comprehensive Plan, other local plans, and input from Village staff and citizens. Approval of this plan will maintain Village eligibility to apply for and receive federal and state grants. The plan is also intended to guide the Village in continuing to meet the open space and recreation needs of its citizens over the next five years.

1.2 Mission Statement

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY MISSION STATEMENT

“The Village of Little Chute seeks to provide a park and recreation system that will meet the needs of our current residents and future generations, preserve and protect the Village’s open space, water, historical and natural resources, and provide a park and recreation program that is designed to enhance the community’s quality of life.”



1.3 Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives were identified by the Park Planning Committee, and the Village Board and will serve to guide Village officials and staff as they work to improve the Little Chute park system.

Land Acquisition

Goal: **Maintain an adequate amount of active and passive recreational lands to meet current and future recreational needs.**

- Acquire additional lands for passive park use based on current demand, projected demand, and environmental significance as recommended by the Action Plan of the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- Acquire appropriate, developable land for active recreation facilities in areas targeted for future park development.

Park Facilities

Goal: **Provide adequate and accessible facilities at all Village parks as dictated by park use and type (i.e., neighborhood vs. community park facilities).**

- Update and maintain all current park facilities to ensure safe and effective use by patrons.
- Develop and approve a site-specific master plan as soon as parkland is designated or acquired.
- Begin to develop park facilities when the proposed park's residential area begins to be developed.
- Develop park facilities in concert with the growth of the population located near the park.
- Adapt facilities to ADA Standards when updating existing and adding new amenities when possible.

Shared Services

Goal: **Coordinate shared use or cooperative agreements with local and regional entities to efficiently and effectively use resources.**

- Coordinate village/school/county/association development projects to improve and expand recreation opportunities and economic benefits throughout the community in a cost-effective manner.
- Develop formal use/revenue/maintenance agreements between the Village, the School Districts, and public and private recreation associations to help operate and maintain public recreation facilities in the Village.

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- Develop and support cooperative agreements with non-profit or other outside organizations to promote, manage, and/or enhance park and recreation offerings.

Park Development

Goal: **Promote the benefits of larger neighborhood and community parks which provide a wide range of facilities and uses.**

- Analyze the location, size, and function of existing and proposed parks if annexations or zoning changes occur.
- Determine the location of future park sites to best serve community-wide needs.
- Identify residential areas that are deficient in neighborhood parks and consider acquiring land for parks in these areas.

Preservation

Goal: **Preserve environmentally sensitive and historically significant areas.**

- Conservancy lands, which can be adequately and appropriately protected without public expenditure, should be preserved. Public funds should be used to acquire conservancy lands which cannot be protected through other means, or where public access is a high priority.
- Incorporate and promote natural features such as floodplains, wetlands, and woodlands as passive recreation areas.
- Preserve and/or appropriately develop environmental corridors.
- Identify and incorporate historical entities into the development of Village parks.
- Incorporate signage identifying the historic significance of certain parks and areas.

Park Amenities and Maintenance

Goal: **Provide residents with safe, reliable and accessible recreation equipment throughout the Village park system.**

- Replace unsafe, old and deteriorating recreation equipment at all Village parks.
- Monitor and maintain existing park equipment to ensure its longevity and safety.
- Identify and replace park facilities that do not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.
- Identify and replace all playground equipment that does not meet CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission) or ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) safety guidelines.

Funding

Goal: **Use all available sources of funds to further enhance the quality of the Village park system.**

- Pursue funding from state and federal programs, which can assist in the acquisition of development of desired park system improvements.
- Solicit donations from other public and private organizations to aid in park system development.
- Update the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan every five years to maintain grant eligibility.
- Develop and maintain revenue-generating facilities, which can aid in the development of new facilities and/or the maintenance of existing facilities.
- Develop review of current land dedication ordinance and review the opportunities to update Park Impact fee.
- Review the possibility of user fees to assist in development and/or maintenance of facilities.

Subdivision/Development Review

Goal: **Coordinate subdivision review with all departments and boards to ensure adequate park facilities are provided.**

- Consult the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and incorporate the needs identified before subdivision plats are approved.
- Continually evaluate and update the Subdivisions section of the Municipal Code so that it adequately addresses the park and recreational needs of Village residents.
- Use extraterritorial plat review powers to ensure that residential developments outside the Village limits are contributing proportionally toward providing adequate neighborhood park facilities in developing areas.

Forestry

Goal: **Maintain the Village-Wide Urban Forestry Program.**

- Update the urban forestry ordinance and management plan that would regulate the planting, removal, and management of trees on public and private lands in the Village, and make the Village eligible for state and federal urban forestry grant-in-aid programs.
- Remove dead trees and/or treat diseased trees on public lands within the Village.
- Continue to meet requirements of Tree Village USA.
- Regularly evaluate the Gypsy Moth population and take appropriate suppression actions.

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- Continue implementation of Emerald Ash Borer Readiness and Response Plan.
- Create an invasive species control plan, which will provide for detection, identification and monitoring of invasive species.
- Promote active control procedures for identified populations of invasive species.
- Maintain the tree planting program and enforce planting policies.
- Offer technical assistance to residents on planting and caring for trees.
- Promote Arbor Day in the community in cooperation with the schools and other entities.

Budgeting

Goal: **Adopt an adequate park budget that can financially address existing park needs.**

- Use the capital improvements program for the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as a guide to establish yearly park budgets.
- Use funds to develop facilities that will maximize existing park and recreation areas and increase park use.
- Continue effort of finding alternative funding methods for capital and operational needs.
- Priority of funding shall be to maintain existing facilities.

Trails

Goal: **Provide residents with multi-purpose trail systems that utilize environmental corridors and provide linkages between parks and other appropriate features within and outside of the Village.**

- Secure additional lands along environmental corridors to ensure public control.
- Develop trail systems that have multiple uses and are barrier-free.
- Connect local trails to regional trail systems.
- Provide adequate directional signage on trails.
- Incorporate the use of bicycle and pedestrian facilities when planning all Park and Recreation and Public Works projects.

Sustainability

Goal: **Promote and encourage the use of sustainable resources within the Little Chute Parks and Recreation system.**

- Promote recycling for all special events.
- Promote the use of recycled materials for park and recreation equipment, surfaces, furniture, maintenance, etc.
- Review current mowing practices and identify opportunities for non-mowed and/or native planted green spaces.
- Utilize energy efficient lighting in parks and facilities.
- Promote the use of alternative energy sources.

Water-Based Recreation

Goal: **Promote water-based recreation such as fishing, boating and swimming throughout the community.**

- Enhance and maintain access to the Fox River.
- Promote and maintain the existing outdoor pool.
- Research possible options for remodeling the existing pool or building a brand new one.
- Continue development of and maintenance of the river corridor in conjunction with the Fox River Navigational System Authority and the Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway.
- Implement splash pad into a yearly budget.

Planning

Goal: Maintain a current comprehensive park and open space plan.

- Continually monitor the park and recreation needs of the community.
- Update the action plan and implementation plan on a yearly basis to reflect changing needs and actual accomplishments.
- Update the entire Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan every five (5) years to reflect changes in community needs and desires, and to maintain eligibility for state and federal grant-in-aid funding.
- Solicit public input in the planning and development of the plan as well as parkland location and development.



1.4 Past Planning and Accomplishments

Recreation planning has been a part of long-range community planning in Little Chute since the Village adopted its first Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) in 2002. The CORP plan was updated in 2008 and again in 2016 with the assistance of Rettler Corporation.

In 2009 the Village of Little Chute collaborated with Rettler Corporation and WE BIKE, etc. LLC to produce the Little Chute Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Recommendations.

The following are some of the park and recreation related updates, features, and tasks accomplished between 2016-2021.

- Van Lieshout
 - Replace Baseball Infield.
 - Pour-in-Place Surfacing and Playground Equipment.
 - Splash Pad Study in 2021.
- Creekview Park
 - Playground.
 - Site Grading.
 - Trail Installation.
 - Tree Plantings.
- Shelter at Hieptas Tot Lot has been remodeled.
- Doyle Park
 - Pool Study.
 - Tennis and Basketball Court resurfacing.
- Heesakker Park
 - David and Rita Nelson Family Heritage Crossing opened to the public.
 - Kayak Launch at Heesakker Park planned for 2021.
 - 20' x 20' Shelter installed.
 - ADA Path from Lincoln Avenue to shelter and around playground.
- Legion Park
 - Replace infield mix at Legion 1 and 2.
 - Moved Legion 3.
- Island Park 20' x 20' Shelter constructed
- Bike and Pedestrian Plan
 - Trail from Creekview Park to Cherryvale Avenue is underway.
 - Bike lanes on Madison Street from the HWY N Bridge to HWY 00 are planned for 2021.

1.5 Planning Process

While the previous CORP documents have served the community well, a plan update is required every five years in order to remain eligible for various grants and to ensure that the plan continues to meet changing community needs. In December of 2020, the Village of Little Chute contracted with Rettler Corporation, an experienced park and recreation and site design firm to assist with an update to the 2016-2020 CORP.

The Little Chute Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan process began with a kickoff meeting between Rettler Corporation and the Parks and Recreation Department heads on February 2, 2021. A second kickoff meeting was held later in the year, after a transition in Little Chute Parks leadership occurred.

In the meantime, an online Community Input Survey was conducted to gather citizen, park staff, and user group feedback on the Little Chute park and recreational facilities (refer to Appendix A – Community Input). Rettler Corporation staff then toured each Village-owned park site. Additionally, multiple in-person Community Input meetings were held on September 8, 22, and 29 in which perspectives and feedback were gathered from various groups and community members. Additional information was collected through emails and conversations with park staff.

Oversight for the project was provided by the Village's Recreation Director, Parks & Forestry Superintendent and the Parks Planning Committee.

The following plan was developed per the Guidelines for the Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Community Assistance as well as the standards of the Development of Local Outdoor Recreation Plans (Appendix F of the 2011-2016 Wisconsin State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan) created by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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PROJECT MILESTONES

- February 2** Kickoff Meeting
- March 30-April 30** Online Community Survey
- June 28** Kickoff Meeting #2
- September 8** Staff Input Meeting
- September 8** Community Input Meetings (2)
- September 22** Community Input Meetings (2)
- September 29** Community Input Meeting
- October 5** Park Site Visits
- October 22** Preliminary Draft CORP submitted to the Park Planning Committee for Review
- December 3** Updated Draft Resubmitted
- December 15** Draft Submitted to Village Board for Discussion Only
- January 4, 2022** Final Review by Park Planning Committee
- February 2, 2022** Final Draft Book Submitted to the Village Board

2.0 COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Little Chute is a village in the far southeastern part of Outagamie County, nestled between Appleton and Kaukauna. The Village is proud of its Dutch heritage and its place in the Fox Cities and Fox River Valley. Community highlights include the Little Chute Windmill (a 100+ foot tall, fully functioning authentic 1850's windmill), the Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival, and a 1,100 lineal foot bike/pedestrian bridge connecting the Village of Little Chute and the City of Kaukauna.

2.1 History and Regional Context

Various native tribes made the Fox Cities region their home over the centuries. Some of the earliest inhabitants of Little Chute may have been Oneota, Winnebago or Ho-Chunk, Sauk, Fox, and finally the Menominee in the village of OoKicitiming near present day Little Chute.

When Jean Nicolet, the first recorded European settler, arrived in Green Bay in 1634, he found the Winnebago and Menominee Indians living peacefully along the banks of the Fox River, fishing and harvesting wild rice.

Following the close of the French and Indian Wars, another Frenchman named Dominique Ducharme came to the area and built a homestead and trading post on the oldest deeded land in Wisconsin in 1793. Augustin Grignon later purchased some of that land and the first official wedding in the (future) county was for Augustin's daughter Margaret in 1824. Settlers began to trickle into the area.

In 1832, Father Theodore van den Broek, a Catholic priest from Holland, came to Wisconsin as a missionary. He established the St. John Nepomucene Parish near the rapids of Little Chute in 1836.

Because of the Village's location, the Fox River has played a key role throughout its history and development. La Petite Chute, or Little Falls, is the original French name for the area of rapids in the Fox River where Little Chute is today. While farming and logging were important business in Little Chute, just as they were all over northern Wisconsin, the presence of the river attracted specific industry in need of substantial and consistent power. In 1862, John and Arnold Verstegen started the trend with the construction on a flour mill on the Fox River. In 1882, Kimberly Clark built a paper mill across the river from Little Chute. Similar businesses such as the Thilmany Pulp and Paper Co., the Combined Locks Paper Co., and the Little Chute Pulp Company got their start around the same time. These businesses all employed Little Chute residents.

By the mid to late 1800s the trickle of settlers had increased to a flood. Many of the earliest groups to immigrate to Wisconsin came from Zeeland and Limburg in the Netherlands, giving rise to the Dutch heritage that is a big part of Little Chute's culture today. Prompted by these substantial population increases, Little Chute incorporated as a village on March 8, 1899.

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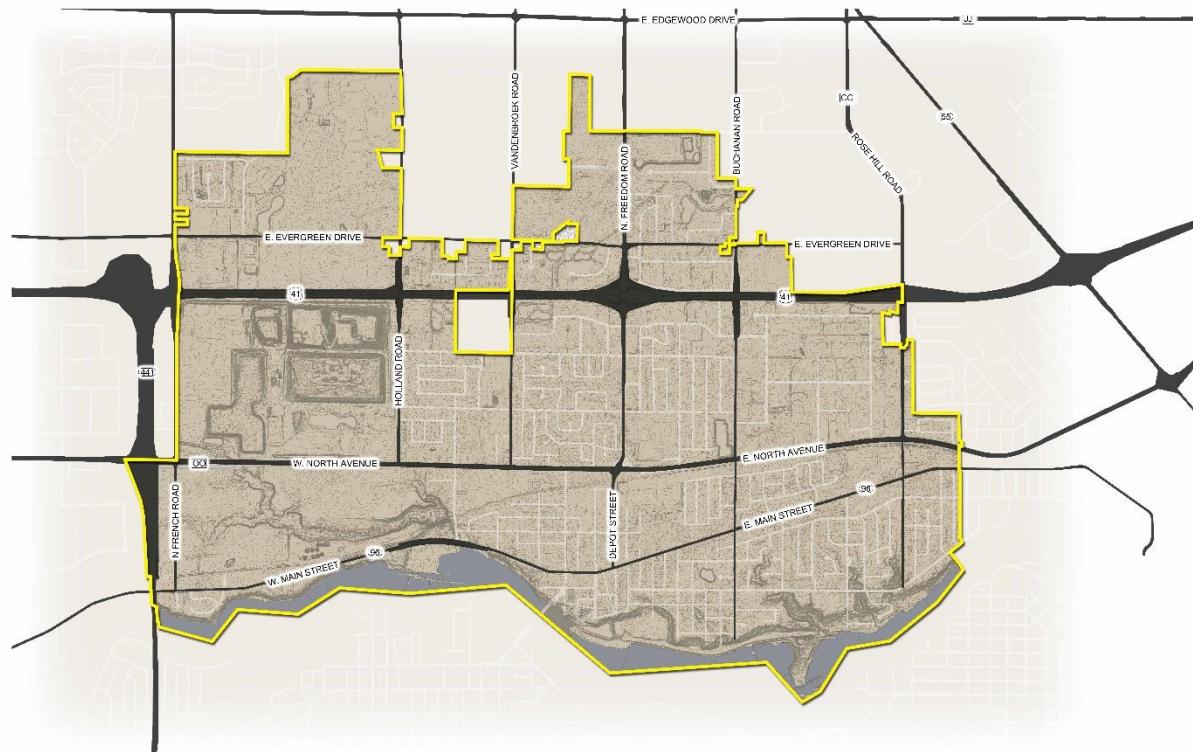
Location

The “Fox Cities” are a collection of 19 communities situated along the Fox River in an area known for great natural beauty, a strong paper making history, and a well-educated workforce. Parts of the Fox Cities lay in Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties. Today the Fox Cities area is one of Wisconsin’s fastest growing areas with an estimated 250,000 residents. Little Chute is one of these communities, located in the heart of this region with the Fox River at its southern border.

The City of Appleton forms Little Chute’s western border, and Kaukauna borders Little Chute on the east. The Villages of Combined Locks and Kimberly lay across the river to the south and to the north is the Town of Vandenbroek.

Other neighboring municipalities, not directly adjacent, include Freedom, Mackville, and Wrightstown to the north, Grand Chute and Greenville to the west, and Menasha, Neenah, Harrison, Sherwood, and Oshkosh to the south.

The main transportation routes consist of Wisconsin 441, Interstate 41, and State Trunk Highway 96, and State Trunk Highway 55.

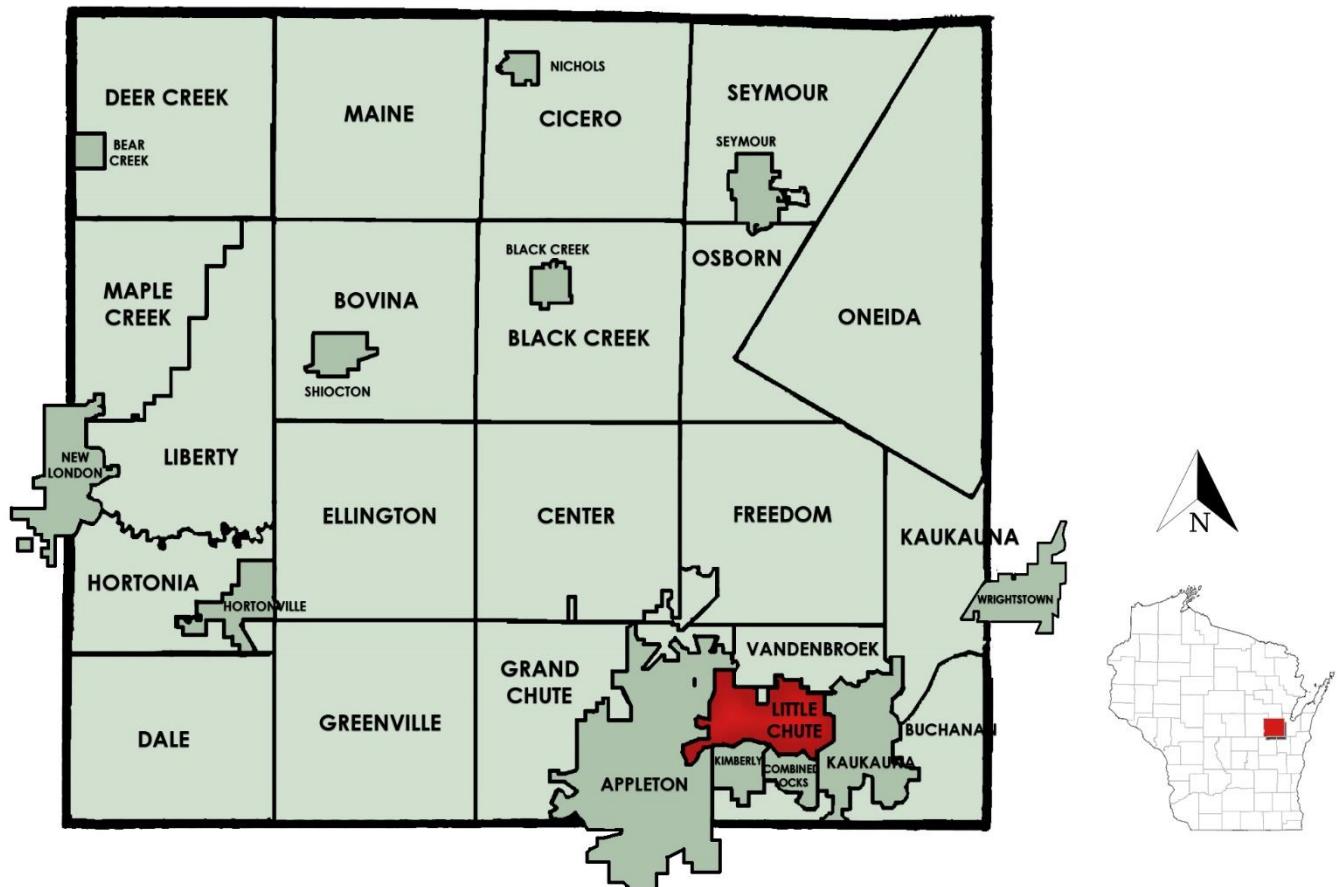


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- State Trunk Highway 441, often called the Tri-County Expressway, runs north-south along the west side of the village. Together with Interstate 41, 441 forms a beltway around the greater Appleton area.
- Interstate 41 runs east-west along the north side of the village before turning sharply north-south, connecting Little Chute to Green Bay to the north, and Appleton, Oshkosh, and eventually Milwaukee to the south.
- State Highway 96 runs east-west in east-central Wisconsin from Fremont to Denmark and through the southern center of Little Chute.
- State Highway 55 travels north-south along the far western boundaries of Little Chute, serving Kaukauna, Shawano, and other smaller areas.

Primary roads within Little Chute include: W. and E. North Avenue (County OO), Freedom Road (County N), Washington Street, N. Washington Street (County N), Holland Rd, E. Evergreen Drive, and E. & W. Elm Drive.

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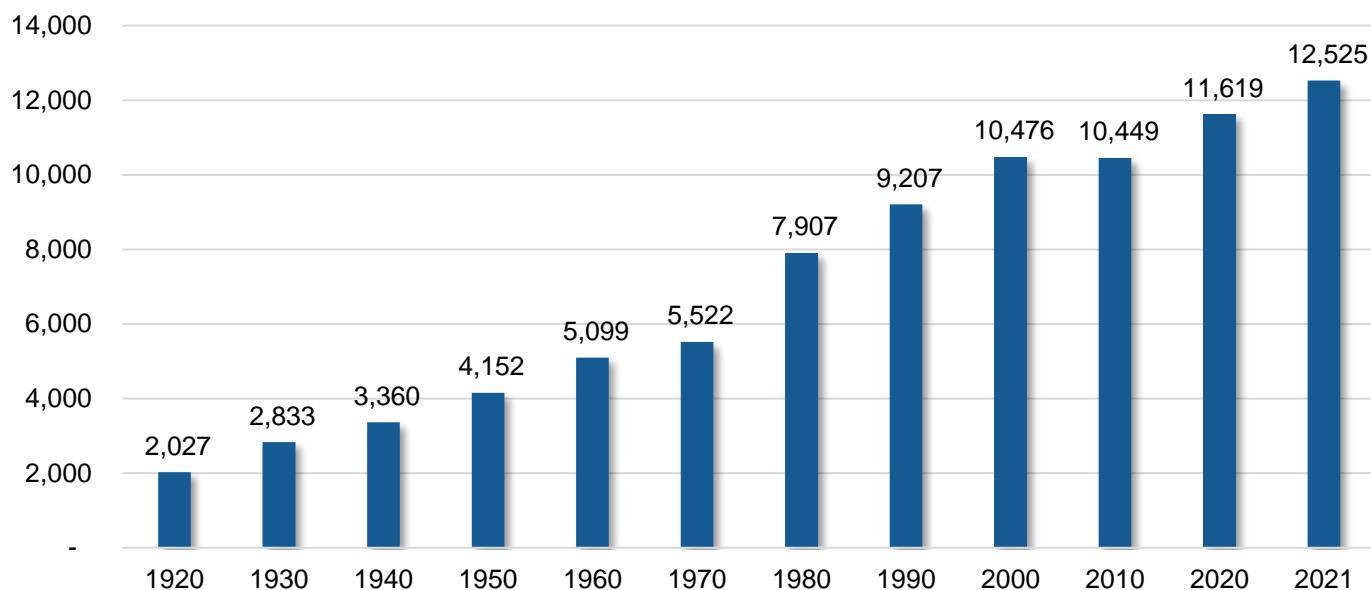


2.2 Demographics

Size and Population Trends

Little Chute has experienced solid double-digit growth each decade between 1950 and 2000. Between 2000 and 2010 however, the Village experienced a slight decline in population. The next ten years leading to 2020 made up for it with a nearly 8% increase, but overall Wisconsin state population forecasts and models predict a slowdown in growth or even a slight drop in population numbers over the next twenty years.

Historic and Current Population of the Village of Little Chute



Sources:

1920-1940: from *US Census Library, US Census Decennial*

1950-2010: from *Village of Little Chute Comprehensive Plan 2016-2036*, adopted July 2016

2010: from *US Census Bureau, Census, April 1, 2010*

2020: from *US Census Bureau, Census, April 1, 2020*

2021: Village Clerk

Age, Gender, and Diversity

According to the 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimate by the US Census Bureau, approximately a quarter (23%) of Little Chute's population consists of underage persons (0 to 19). Over half (64%) of the Village's population was within the approximate working age cohort (20 to 64 years old). Persons of or near retirement age (65 years and older) comprised about 13% of the population.

The median age within Little Chute, according to the 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimate by the US Census Bureau was 36.8 years old. The Village's median age is a little lower than the Wisconsin average of 39.3 years, but an increase from it's 2000 median age of 32.9 and the 1990 median age of 29.4 years.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Administration publication entitled "*Wisconsin's Future Population- Projections for the State, Its Counties, and Municipalities, 2010-2040*" over the period 2010-2040, the state's median age is projected to rise from 38.4 years in 2010 to 42.4 in 2040. During the same period, the Census Bureau projects the national median to rise from 37.7 to 40.4 years across the same period. These trends across the state indicate that the Village will likely see an increasing ratio of older residents who will require special services, including recreation services, as they age.

Women made up 51.1% (and men 48.9%) of Little Chute's 2018 population- a little higher than the 50.3% average in the state of Wisconsin.

Racially, the Village of Little Chute (like Outagamie County) is a relatively homogenous population. While predominantly white (92.4% compared to 85.6% for the State of Wisconsin), the Village has seen some growth in diversity over the last eight years. In the 2000 Census, 4% percent of individuals in the Village identified as a race other than white alone. By the 2010 census, that number had grown to 7%.

About 8.7% of residents under age 65 identify as having a disability.

Housing, Education, and Income

According to the 2018 American Community Survey, there are 5,091 housing units available in the Village of Little Chute. 94.4% of the available housing units were occupied with 67.9% percent of occupied housing units being owner-occupied and 32.1% being renter-occupied.

Median housing value is \$150,900.

Of owner-occupied units, 62% were paying on a mortgage and 38% owned their houses free and clear. Of rental units, over half (79%) were paying a rental amount of \$500-\$999 a month.

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A little over a third of the residents (36%) indicated that they have one vehicle available, almost half (46%) have two vehicles available, and nearly 15% have access to three or more vehicles. About 4% do not have access to a vehicle at all.

There are an estimated 4,804 total households in Little Chute. The average Little Chute household consists of 2.32 persons and the average family size consists of 2.85 persons.

The percentage of Little Chute residents age 25 and older with a High School diploma or higher has increased from 89% in 2000, to 92% in 2012 to 94% in 2019. The percentage of those who have pursued additional education past high school graduation has also continued to increase.

Little Chute is served by three school districts within its corporate limits and one private school. The eastern and some of the north central portions of the village are in the Kaukauna Area School District, and the western portion of the village is in the Appleton Area School District. The remaining areas of the Village of Little Chute are in the Little Chute School District.

The Little Chute Area School District consists an Elementary School, a Middle/Intermediate School and a High School. Little Chute Charter Schools include Flex Academy and Little Chute Career Pathways Academy.

Private School options are primarily composed of St. John Catholic School.

While there are no colleges or universities within the Village of Little Chute, there are a number available within the area, including:

- Concordia University- Appleton Center
- Fox Valley Technical College
- Globe University
- Lakeland University- Fox Cities Center
- Lawrence University
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- Rasmussen College
- Rasmussen University- Green Bay
- St. Norbert College
- University of Wisconsin - Green Bay
- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh - Fox Cities Campus

More households report having a computer (91.7%) and broadband internet (86.2%) than state average (89.4% and 82.5%, respectively).

Little Chute's median household income was \$61,111 based on the 2014-2018 American Community Survey and other data collected by the US Census. This is slightly lower than the state median household income of \$61,747 as well as the

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Outagamie County median household income at \$65,572. About 7.2% of Village residents are estimated to live in poverty, compared to the State of Wisconsin as a whole at 10.4%.

Of the Village population aged 16 years and older, 72.2% were employed in the civilian labor force. Mean travel time to work is 17.8 minutes.

Major employers in Little Chute as of 2021 include:

- Bel Brands USA
- Bela LLC (General Beer Dist.)
- Building Services Group
- Crystal Print
- Fox Valley Tool and Die
- Heartland Technology Group
- Little Chute Area School District
- Nestle's USA, Inc
- Parkside Health Center
- Resource One International
- Trilliant Food and Nutrition (formerly Victor Allen's Coffee)
- Village of Little Chute

The 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profile also reported that the majority of those in the workforce are employed in the Manufacturing (20%), Education (18%), Retail (13%), Finance/Real Estate (10%), and Construction (9%) occupations.

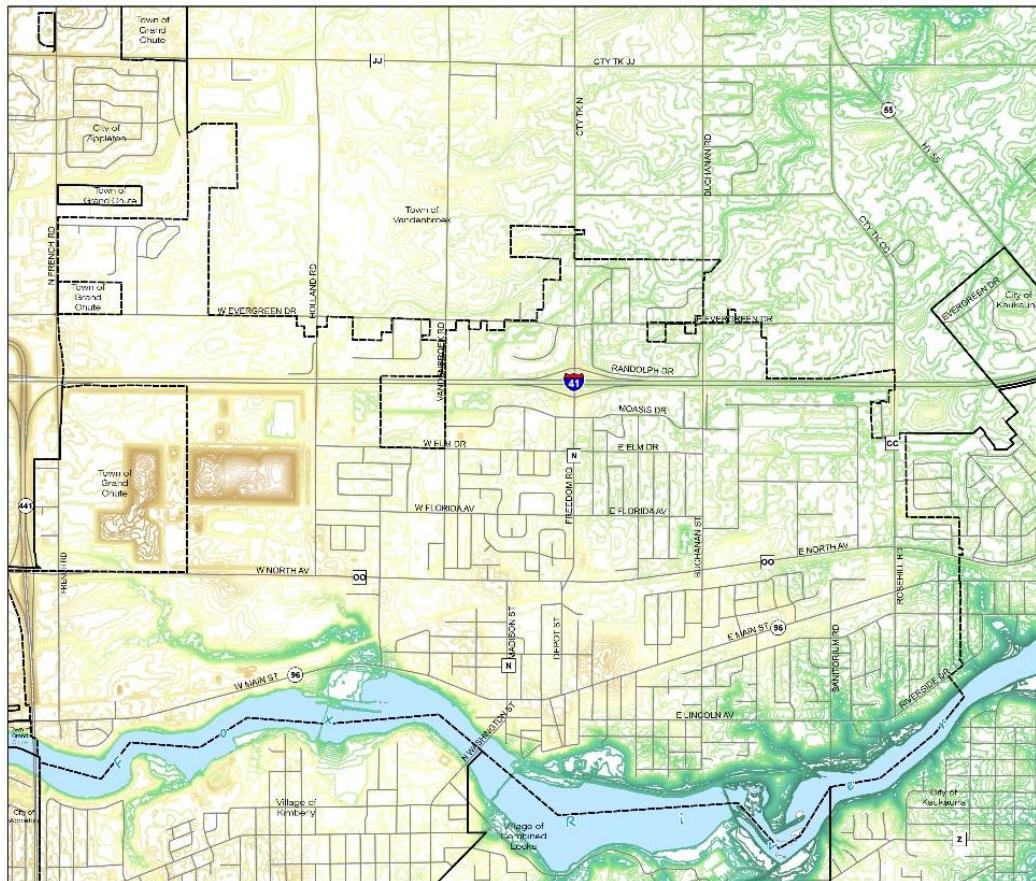
2.3 Physical and Environmental Resources

Soil Types and Topography

The Fox River makes up Little Chute's entire southern boundary. Overall, the Village is relatively flat to the north with the exception of the ravines, low areas, wetlands, and ridges on the south along the Fox River. Here, elevation drops quickly from 700 feet to 675 feet above sea level.

Surface water resources include the Fox River and two streams- the Peerenboom Creek and a branch of Apple Creek. Much of the frontage on the Fox River is privately owned, however Doyle and Heesakker Parks provide public access. Fortunately, with increased attention, the water quality in the Fox River has been improving significantly over the past several decades.

Although many soil types can be found in the Little Chute area the dominant soil types consist of various types of silty clay loams. Some of the most prevalent examples include Kewaunee silt loam, Briggsville silt loam, Kaukauna silty clay loam, Manawa silty clay loam, and Winneconne silty clay loam.



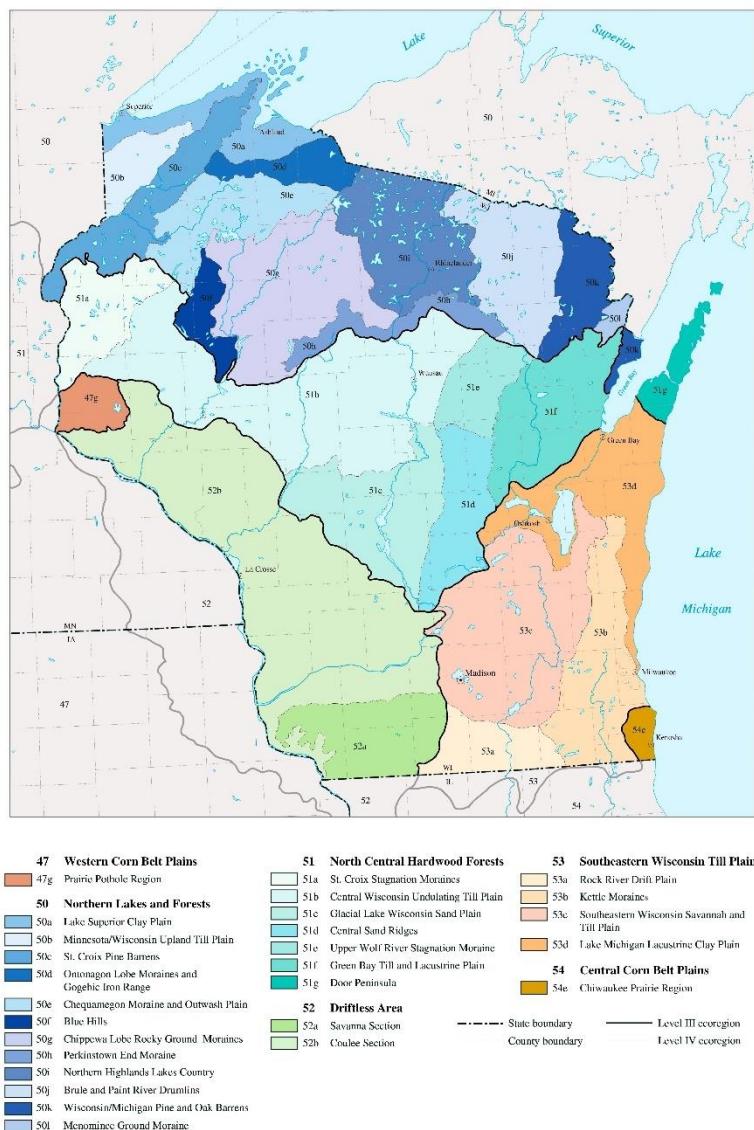
Steep Slopes (in green). Map 2 from Village Comprehensive Plan.

Climate, Flora, and Fauna

The Village of Little Chute falls under the Lake Michigan Lacustrine Clay Plain (53d) **ecoregion**, which is generally characterized by red calcareous clay soil, lacustrine and till deposits, and a flat plain. The topography is flatter than ecoregions to the south, and there are fewer lakes. Soils are generally silty and loamy over calcareous loamy till, with muck and loamy lacustrine soils in low-lying areas. Ecoregion 53d also has prime farmland with a longer growing season and more fertile soils than surrounding ecoregions.

Wisconsin in general is classified as a humid continental climate, consisting of four distinct seasons. Summers are hot and humid while winters are long, cold, and snowy.

Level III and IV Ecoregions of Wisconsin



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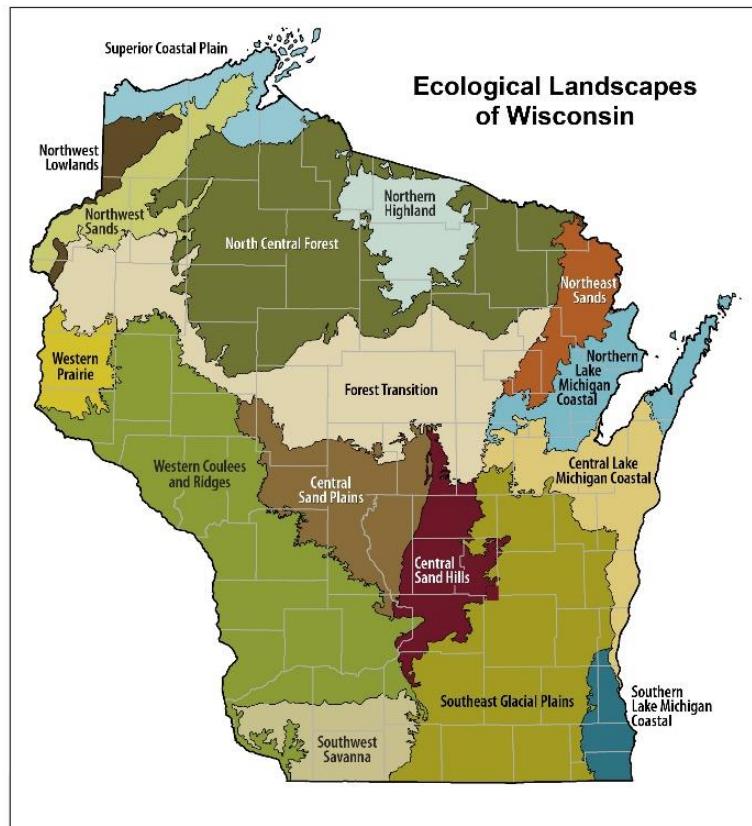
Little Chute lies in the “Central Lake Michigan Coastal” Ecological Region of Wisconsin. The Central Lake Michigan Coastal Ecological Region is moderated by its proximity to Lake Michigan, which leads to warmer temperatures in fall and somewhat cooler temperatures during spring and early summer as well as producing greater rainfall than further inland.

Historically, most of the Central Lake Michigan Coastal Ecological Landscape was vegetated with mesic hardwood forest composed primarily of sugar maple, basswood, and beech. Hemlock and white pine were locally important, but hemlock was generally restricted to cool moist sites near Lake Michigan. Areas of poorly drained glacial lake plain supported wet forests of tamarack, white cedar, black ash, red maple, and elm, while the Wolf and Embarrass Rivers flowed through extensive floodplain forests of silver maple, green ash, and swamp white oak. Emergent marshes and wet meadows were common in and adjacent to lower Green Bay, while Lake Michigan shoreline areas featured beaches, dunes, interdunal wetlands, marshes, and highly diverse ridge and swale vegetation. While much of the forest has been cleared for agricultural, remnants of this original vegetation still remain today.

White tailed deer are plentiful. Some animals, such as the gray wolf, American black bears, American beaver, river otter, were more common in the past than today. The now extinct passenger pigeon was especially common historically.

The Lake Michigan shoreline forms a major flyway for migratory birds such as raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds and passerines. Lake Michigan and nearby waters are important wintering areas for birds such as ducks, Mergansers, geese, gulls, grebes, loons, egrets, pelicans, terns, and herons. Concordia College campus along Lake Michigan is known as one of the premier hawk-watching areas in the Midwest.

Area fish that are of commercial interest include trout, whitefish, perch, lake sturgeon, salmon, yellow perch, northern pike, walleye, and smallmouth bass.



Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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The Village of Little Chute has been recognized as a Tree Village USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation for the last 26 years because of its commitment to the community's urban forest.

2.4 Current Land Use

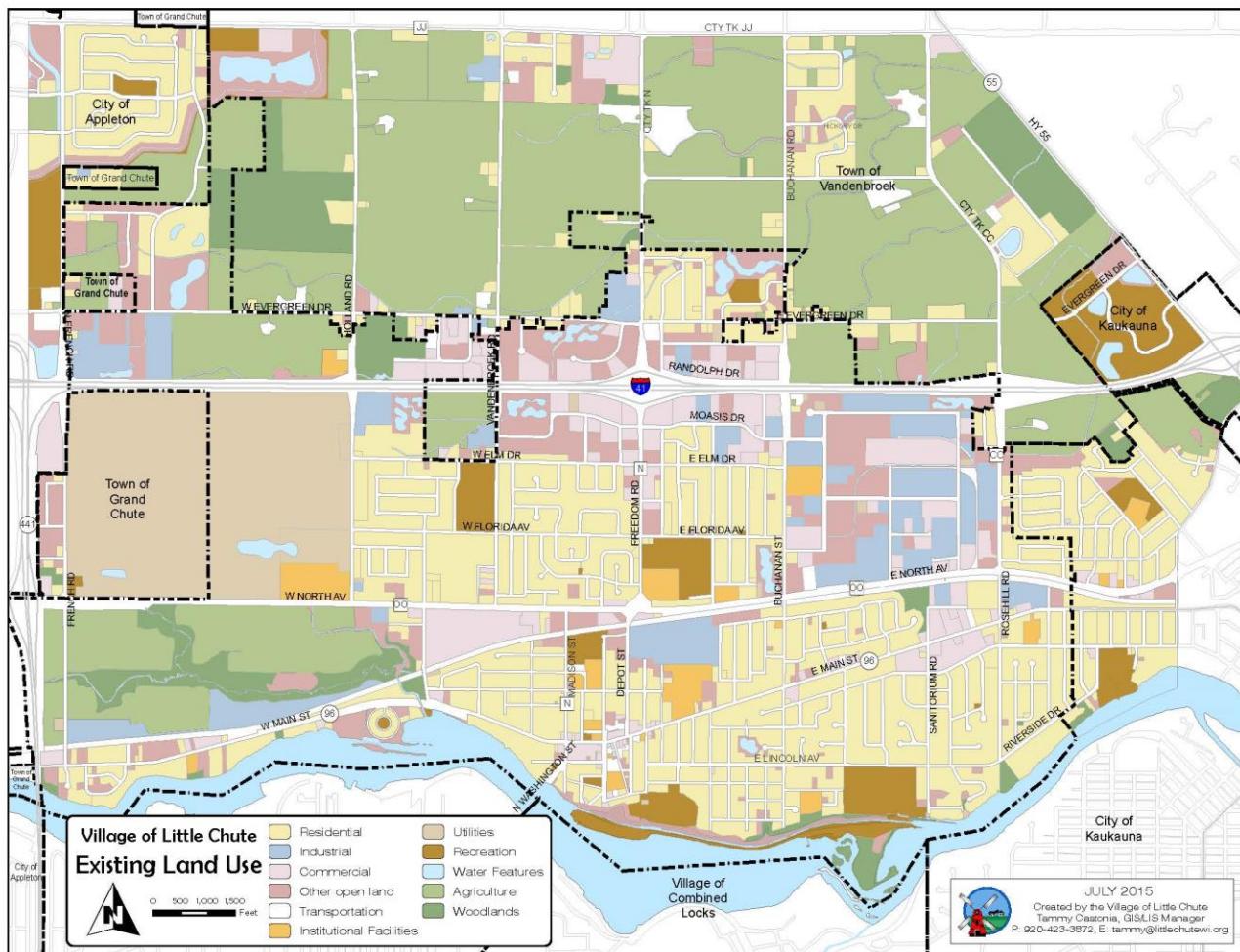
Major land uses identified on the current Existing Land Use map consist of residential, industrial, commercial, institutional, recreation, agriculture, and woodlands.

Residential areas, which made up nearly 30% of all Little Chute land in 2015, tend to be concentrated in the central, southern, and southeastern areas of the Village. These areas are also closest to the river. Parks tend to follow the residential areas and are also scattered throughout the same areas of the Village.

Industrial and commercial areas tend to be situated on the northeast side of the Village and along the major roadways.

The remaining agricultural land is mainly found in the north and west sides of the Village, and it is anticipated that many of these areas will give way to residential or other land uses in the future. Please see *Appendix D: Existing Village and County Maps* to view the current Land Use Map, Zoning Map, Future Land Use Map, and other maps.

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3.0 PARKLAND INVENTORY

3.1 Village Parks

Mini Parks

Jaycee Tot Lot

(0.23 acres)

1202 Hietpas Street

Located in the east central part of the Village just south of E. North Ave, this site contains:

- Picnic Area
- Playground Equipment
- Bench
- Shelter/Pavilion



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Kinley Tot Lot

(0.28 acres)

1601 Grant Street

Kinley Tot Lot is located in the northeast central part of the Village, north of E North Ave. This site contains:

- Picnic Area
- Playground Equipment
- Bench



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Miller Tot Lot

(0.21 acres)
801 Miller Lane

Miller Tot Lot is located in the southeast part of the Village. Site amenities and recreation facilities include:

- Picnic Area
- Playground Equipment
- Bench



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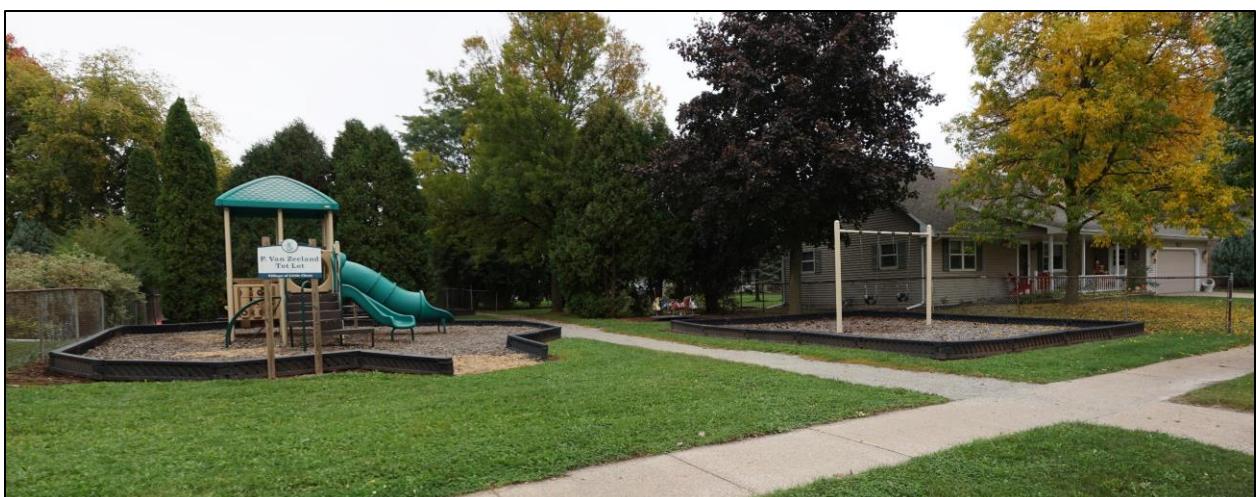
P. Van Zeeland Tot Lot

(0.20 acres)

124-1/2 Greenfield Drive

Located close to the geographic center of the Village, just north of W. North Avenue, site amenities and recreation facilities include:

- Picnic Area
- Playground Equipment



Neighborhood Parks

Creekview Park

(4.91 acres)

900 Harvest Trail

Located in the far north central part of the Village, site amenities and recreation facilities include:

- Playground Equipment
- Benches
- Picnic Area
- ADA Accessible Paved Trails
- Open Green Space
- Creek/Pond
- Fishing



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Legion Park

(8.8 acres)

1125 Grand Avenue

Legion Park is located in the central part of the Village just south of W. North Avenue. Site amenities and recreation facilities include:

- Multiuse Trails
- Open Space
- Picnic Area
- Playground Equipment (on adjoining school property)
- Batting Cages
- Softball/Little League Baseball (3 fields/1 lighted)
- Basketball (half court)
- Skate Park
- Concessions
- Restrooms
- Drinking Water
- Off-Street Parking
- Shelter
 - 88'x42' shelter with electricity and picnic tables



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Van Lieshout Park

(19.58 acres)

721 W. Elm Drive

Van Lieshout Park is located centrally in the Village.

Park amenities and recreation facilities include:

- Multiuse Trails
- Open Space
- Picnic Area
- Playground Equipment
- Baseball
- Football
- Soccer
- Volleyball (sand)
- Basketball
- Sledding Hill
- Concession
- Drinking Water
- Off-Street Parking
- Restrooms
- Open 40'x34 shelter with electricity and picnic tables
- Indoor Rec Center (enclosed 40'x36' temperature controlled indoor facility with kitchenette, electricity, indoor restrooms, and seating for up to 75 guests)



Community Parks

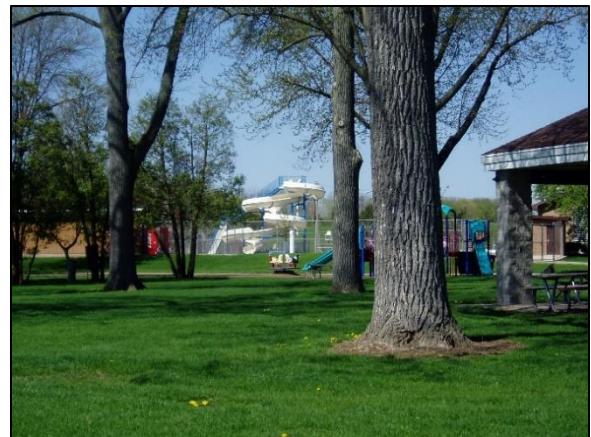
Doyle Park

(16.19 acres)

100 Van Buren Street

Doyle Park is located in the far south-central part of the Village along the Fox River. Site amenities and recreation facilities include:

- Open Space
- Picnic Area
- Playground Equipment
- Batting Cages
- Softball/Baseball Fields
- Volleyball (sand)
- Basketball
- Tennis Courts
- Fishing
- Swimming (pool and water slide)
- Concessions
- Drinking Water
- Off-Street Parking
- Restrooms
- Canal Shelter (open 60'x25' with electricity and picnic tables)
- Cheese Fest Shelter (90'x46' shelter with enclosed kitchen, electricity, and picnic tables)
- Band Stage (open 30'x54' stage with electricity)



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Heesakker Park

(28.30 acres)

1509 E. Lincoln Avenue

Heesakker Park is located in the southeast part the Village. Site amenities and recreation facilities include:

- Hiking Trails
- Multiuse Trails
- Lake/Pond/River
- Open Space
- Picnic Area
- Plants/Wildlife
- Play Equipment
- Football/Rugby
- Volleyball (sand)
- ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing
- Ice Skating
- Sledding Hill
- Drinking Water
- Off-Street Parking
- Restrooms
- Shelter (35'x35' shelter with electricity and picnic tables)
- Pedestrian Bridge



Special Use Parks

Heritage Park

(0.36 acres)

319 W. Lincoln Avenue

Heritage Park is a small triangular park located near the Fox River in the south center of the Village at the intersection of W. Lincoln Avenue and N. Washington Street. Site amenities include:

- Picnic Area
- Drinking Water
- Shelter/Pavilion
- Benches



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Island Park (5.82 acres) 100 Monroe St.

Island Park is located in the far south-central part of the Village in the Fox River and next to Doyle Park. Site amenities and recreation facilities include:

- Multiuse Trails
- Open Space
- Picnic Area
- Plantings
- Fishing
- Fishing Wharf (ADA Accessible)
- Off-Street Parking



3.2 Other Village Owned Recreation Facilities

The **Little Chute Civic Center** is located at 625 Grand Avenue. While there are no outdoor recreation facilities on the site, the Civic Center has several rooms available for rental.



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The **Little Chute Windmill Plaza**, the space between Village Hall and the Little Chute Windmill, is located right off of Main Street and is very accessible and visible to the public. While there are no specific recreational facilities, it is an open space, available for rental, and there are some electrical and water hookup options.



The Village of Little Chute owns ten storm water **ponds**, generally located in the more developed areas to the north and west. At the time of writing, these include:

- Buchanan Pond
- Ebbens Ponds (two cells)
- Evergreen Estate Pond (Heitpas Pond) – not modeled
- Evergreen Ponds (two cells)
- French Ponds (two cells)
- Holland Ponds (multiple cells)
- Industrial Park Pond
- Polk Pond
- Vandenbroek Pond (under construction)
- Vandenbroek Ponds (multiple cells)



There are no site amenities or recreation facilities, but all offer accessible open green space.

The **Little Chute Village Hall** is located at 108 West Main Street. The Board Room, Community Hall, and Conference Room are available for rental.



3.3 Schools and School Recreation Facilities

The Village of Little Chute partners with the Little Chute Area School District to provide a broader range of park facilities and services to area residents.

Little Chute High School

- 1402 Freedom Road, Little Chute, WI 54140
- Outdoor amenities include a running track, three football fields, a softball and baseball field, basketball, and discus.



Little Chute Middle/Intermediate School

- 401 Meulemans Street, Little Chute, WI 54140
- The Middle/Intermediate School shares the same site and outdoor amenities with the High School.



Little Chute Elementary School

- 901 Grand Avenue, Little Chute, WI 54140
- This school site sits adjacent to Legion Park and shares many of the same facilities.

3.4 Additional Area Recreation Resources

A selection of facilities and/or recreational sites open to the public within about a half hour's drive or less from the Village include the following:

1000 Islands Environmental Center

- 1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna, WI 54130
- This 350-acre environmental center and conservancy site offers miles of hiking and snowshoeing trails, photography opportunities, educational programs, a Nature Center with educational displays, a gift shop, pavilions and pavilion rentals. Over 18,000 school children from Northeast Wisconsin make 1000 Islands their environmental field trip each year.

Appleton Memorial Park

- 1620 E. Witzke Blvd, Appleton, WI 54911
- At 143 acres Appleton Memorial is the largest and most diverse of Appleton Parks. This community park contains seven softball diamonds, a Miracle League Field and is also home to the Appleton Family Ice Center. Rentable amenities include a pavilion and amphitheater along with the Scheig Center and its surrounding gardens. The Park has three playgrounds, paved and unpaved trails and a fishing pond. There is a sled hill and when there is enough snow, areas of the park are groomed for cross country skiing.

Barker Park

- 76 Old 54 Road, Shiocton, WI 54170
- The 27-acre Barker Park, owned by Outagamie County, offers a boat ramp with a large gravel parking lot and picnic areas nearby.

Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve

- 2851 E. Apple Creek Road, Appleton WI 54913
- The Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve was created in 2005 through a donation of 104 acres of land to the YMCA of the Fox Cities from the late Bruce and Barbara Purdy. This unique parcel of land features wooded hills and ravines, open fields, restored prairie, ponds and wetlands, and pine plantations – all accessed through a network of approximately 3 miles of trails. Located on Appleton's quickly growing north-side, the land within its boundaries is home to a diverse mix of local plant and animal life. All visitors should check in at the Apple Creek YMCA.

Chaska Golf Course

- W6575 W Wisconsin Ave, Greenville, WI 54942
- Chaska Golf Course is located in Appleton, Wisconsin and opened to the public in May of 1975. Designed by renowned golf course architect Larry Packard, Chaska Golf Course encompasses over 200 acres with professionally designed tees, bunkers, fairways and greens.

Countryside Golf Club

- W726 Weiler Road, Kaukauna, WI 54130
- Countryside Golf Club, a public golf course located in Kaukauna, offers a beautiful 18-hole golf course, a large bar, and a restaurant. Countryside also offers a challenging 6,183 yards of golf, featuring a moderately hilly course with elevated greens. Water hazards, including two ponds and a creek, come into play on eleven of our eighteen holes. Countryside hosts many events throughout the season and welcomes large group outings, benefits, and parties.

Eagle Links Golf Club

- 1700 Haas Road, Kaukauna, 54130
- This 18-hole golf course offers golf is the area's leading golf club serving Kaukauna. We offer golf, driving range, putting green, full-service bar, wide variety of pizza and more.

Fonferek's Glen Conservancy Area

- 2825 Dutchman Road, Green Bay, WI 54311
- A 75-acre unique geological gem with magnificent views features a 30-foot waterfall, dolomite cliffs, and stone archway, which are all part of the larger Niagara Escarpment.

Freedom Golf Course

- N4265 Murphy Road, Kaukauna, WI 54130
- With gently sloping fairways winding through picturesque Wisconsin countryside, this partially wooded course, built along the beautiful Duck Creek includes 8 lakes and the area's only island green! Come enjoy our competitive, yet family friendly, 18-hole golf course, along with our full practice range and practice green.

Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve

- 4815 N. Lynndale Drive, Appleton, WI 54913
- The Nature Preserve features 725 acres of mixed habitat, 8.5 miles of seasonal trails, picnic areas, ponds, benches, weddings, rentals, and nature programs.

High Cliff Golf Course

- 5095 Golf Course Road, Sherwood, WI 54169
- High Cliff Public Golf Course is an 18 hole layout designed in 1968 by Homer Fieldhouse. Built along the picturesque Niagara escarpment which overlooks the majestic Lake Winnebago and High Cliff State Park, this location is ideal to host any corporate, charity, or group outing. Otherwise, enjoy an afternoon of golf with family and friends. High Cliff has a variety of tee boxes for all skill levels.

High Cliff State Park

- N7630 State Park Road, Sherwood, WI 54169
- This 1,187-acre park is the only state-owned recreational area on Lake Winnebago, Wisconsin's largest lake. High Cliff gets its name from the limestone cliff of the Niagara Escarpment, which parallels the eastern shore of Lake Winnebago. The magnificent 12-foot statue of Winnebago Indian Chief Red Bird, standing high on a huge granite rock, overlooks the lake and is a popular destination in the park.

Ledgeview Golf Course

- 3149 Dickinson Road, De Pere, WI 54115
- For over 50 years, Ledgeview Golf Course has been offering one of the finest golf experiences in the Green Bay Area. Combining playability with natural beauty, our classic course layout features rolling fairways, well bunkered greens, acres of picturesque wild flowers and gardens, and the most spectacular view of the City of Green Bay and the Fox River Valley.

Lily Lake County Park

- 3897 Lily Lake Road, Green Bay, WI 54311
- This beautiful 81-acre wooded park includes a 40-acre lake which is a popular destination for local fishermen. An overhead shelter is available for picnickers and for special events. This park features a boat launch for non-motorized watercraft. Electric motors are allowed. There are two fishing piers that provide ADA access for anglers. Catch of the day includes panfish and small mouth bass.

Mosquito Hill Nature Center

- N2880 Rogers Road, New London WI 54961
- Mosquito Hill Nature Center is an environmental education and recreation facility operated by the Outagamie County Parks Department. The center is open year-round on 440+ acres adjacent to the Wolf River. An 11,000 square-foot interpretive building features natural history exhibits, hands-on displays, a gift shop, themed classrooms, meeting rooms, library and office. Environmental education or natural history programs are offered for schools, youth and adult groups by appointment. Trails and indoor exhibits are open to the public at no charge.

Old Stone Bridge Wooded Area

- 3404 W. Brewster Street, Appleton WI
- The Old Stone Bridge Wooded Area is wooded green space with the Stone Bridge Trail running through the property. It is located north of Brewster Village and south of Fox Valley Technical College. Parking is available to the northwest of Brewster Village.

Outagamie County Dog Park

- 2830 French Road, Appleton, WI 54911
- This 12-acre fenced site includes walking trails and tall grass, as well as a 10-space parking lot with portable restrooms (in summer) and waste pickup bags available for those who may have forgotten them. There is no water available on site.

Outagamie County Fairground

- 637 N. Main Street, Seymour, WI 54165
- The Outagamie County Fairgrounds is located on the northern limits of the City of Seymour, just 20 miles north of Appleton and the Fox Cities and 15 miles west of Green Bay.

Plamann Park

- 1375 E. Broadway Drive, Appleton, WI 54913
- Plamann Park, a 257-acre park owned by Outagamie County, offers many activities, including self-guided scenic nature and hiking trails, swimming, a children's farm, sledding, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. If you are interested in sport activities, there are volleyball and tennis courts as well as horseshoe pits with sports equipment available to rent. Plamann Park is also home to a 5-Star rated 27-hole disc golf course.

Reid Municipal Golf Course

- 1100 E Fremont St, Appleton, WI 54915
- Open to the public, Reid is an exciting 18-hole regulation course located in Appleton. Officially dedicated on July 23, 1941, Reid is consistently recognized as the best public golf course in the Appleton area.

Treaty Park

- 508-200 E. Maes Avenue, Kimberly, WI 54136
- Located on a former mill site, this 4.2-acre park is focused on capturing and celebrating the mill's rich history in the community. Existing or planned amenities include lighted trails and trail connections, an ADA accessible playground with poured -in-place surfacing, and a concrete gathering space.

Winagamie Golf Course

- 3501 Winnegamie Drive, Neenah, WI 54956
- Winagamie Golf Course is ideally situated on the west side of Wisconsin's beautiful Fox River Valley. It features sweeping, magnificent views in all directions. There are few homes and no highways bordering the course. You are truly engulfed in nature. Our 27-hole facility is unique to the Fox Valley. With the Pines, Woodlands, and Highlands courses, Winagamie offers golfers more variety than any other course.

3.5 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and Trails

Heritage Parkway Trail – The Heritage Parkway Trail is a 1.6-mile paved asphalt trail running between Island Park and Heesakker Park. A bow-string pedestrian bridge connects it to the Heesakker Park trails. The David and Rita Nelson Family Heritage Crossing Bridge, a 1,100-foot bicycle and pedestrian bridge, now connects the Heritage Parkway Trail to an expanded rail trail in the City of Kaukauna.

Ebb Trail

Phase II of this trail (Creekview Park to Vandenbroek Road) consists of a 10-foot-wide, 6,050-foot-long crushed stone trail extending through a newly developed area to benefit pedestrians and serve residential development in the Village of Little Chute. The base project also includes improvements such as two pedestrian bridges and extending the trail (1,750 lineal feet of asphalt paved path) to connect with the paved trail in Creekview Park. Safety features will include signs, gates, guard rails, fencing and bollards where needed.

Mountain Biking Trails – There are several single-track trails in Little Chute, all of which are located in Heesakker Park or on the island to the south.

The following trails, while not in Little Chute, are nearby, owned by the county or state, and may require passes.

Fox River State Trail – The Fox River Trail is a Wisconsin State Trail that is maintained by the Brown County Parks Department. From downtown Green Bay, the Fox River State Trail winds along the beautiful Fox River before extending for 25 miles along a former rail corridor. For more information on trail passes and access points, please contact the Brown County Parks Department at (920) 448-4466 or the Calumet County Parks Department at (920) 439-1008.

Apple Creek Trail – A 3.9-mile asphalt paved trail in Appleton.

Konkapot Creek Trail – A 1.2-mile gravel trail in Kaukauna.

CE Trail – A 5.8-mile asphalt trial running through Appleton, Kimberly, Combined Locks and Kaukauna.

Snowmobile Trails – Outagamie County contains quite a few snowmobile trails, however only one, Z3-12-AC, is located in Little Chute. The Outagamie County Snowmobile Trail map can be accessed here or on the County Website.

<https://ocgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9ebe4c740db849fea7757017da759785>. Up to date information on new locations and closures can be found on the County website as well.

For more information on Little Chute Trails, please refer to the *Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Recommendations* adopted in 2009.

3.6 Recreation Programs

The Village offers a wide range of recreational and leisure programs to the community. Every year the Parks and Recreation Department produces a brochure in the spring for summer activities and one in autumn to advertise fall and winter classes.

The following is a typical list of spring and summer activities from 2021:

- Adult Yoga Classes
- Adult/Senior Swim
- Art Classes
- Basketball
- Chute-ing Stars Dance Team
- Club Baseball & Softball
- Daytime & Evening Open Swim
- Dive-In Movie
- Explore Nature
- Fall Flag Football
- Fall Youth Soccer
- Family Fun Fest
- Fun With Food
- Heart of the Valley Soccer
- Heritage Parkway Trail
- Home Alone/Sitter Course
- Indoor Archery
- Jets Tackle Football
- KidStage Theater
- LC Community Band
- Library Community Events
- Martial Arts
- Men's Softball League
- Nelson Family Heritage Crossing
- One-Day Youth Events
- Pee Wee Sports
- Pom & Dance Clinic
- Pool Birthday Parties
- Private Pool Rentals
- Private Swim Lessons
- School Sport Camps
- Season Pool Passes
- Senior Activities
- Skatepark
- Summer Reading Program
- Sunday Night Fun Runs
- Swimming Lessons
- Tennis Lessons
- Tiny Tots Playtime
- Video Game Leagues
- Youth Carnival
- Youth Dance Classes

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- Library Information

The following is a typical list of fall and winter activities from 2021 and anticipated 2022:

- Fall Youth Soccer
- Youth Flag Football
- Home Alone/Sitter Course
- Indoor Archery
- Family Glow Walk
- Youth Dance Classes
- Adult Yoga Classes
- Senior Yoga Classes
- Wine Walk
- Senior Activities Program

Privately operated programs available within the Village include:

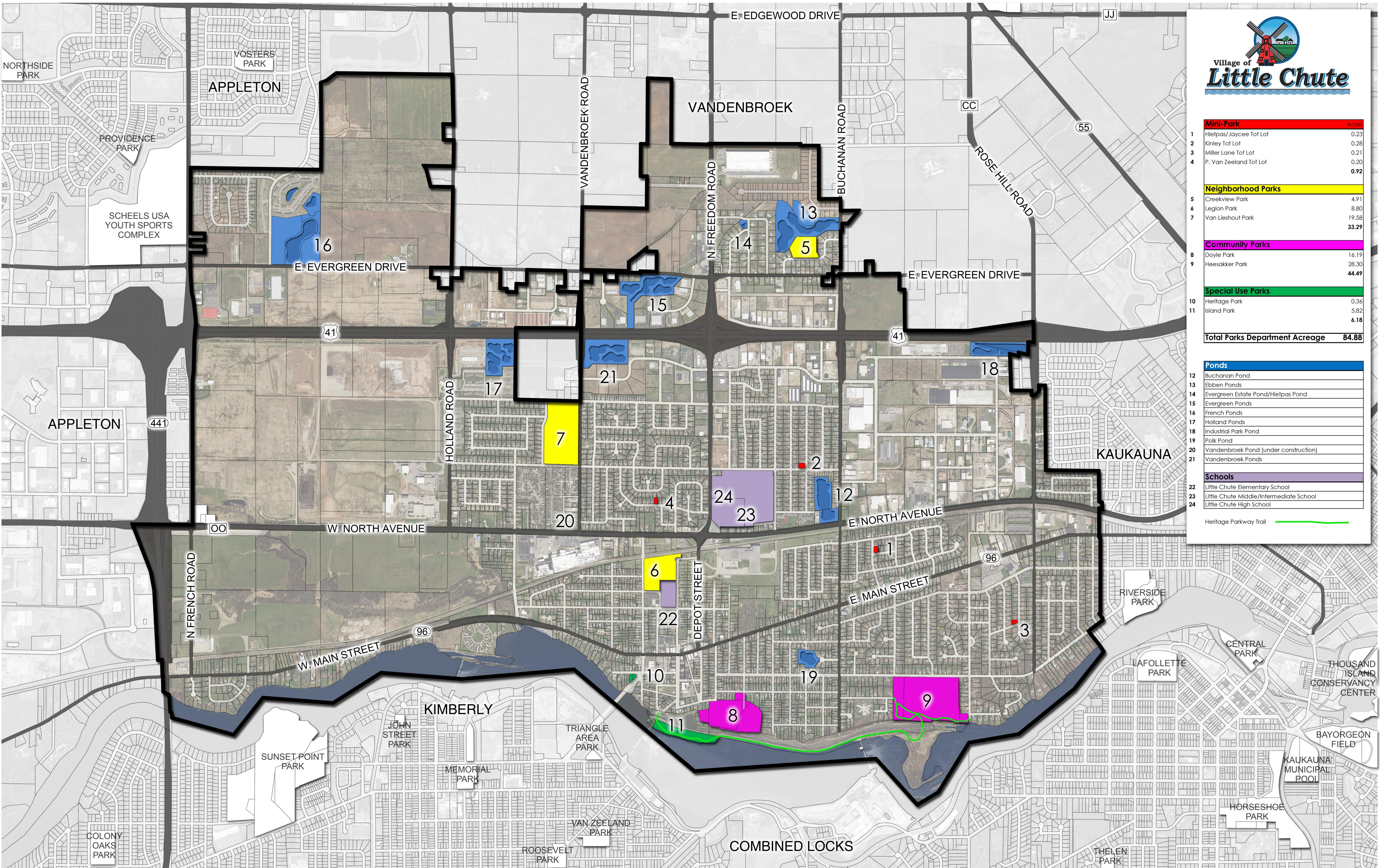
- Little Chute Diamond Club:
 - A nonprofit organization founded to support and promote softball and baseball in the Little Chute Area School District. The club is run strictly by volunteers who put in a great deal of time to make each season successful for the players and the entire club.
- Heart of the Valley Soccer Association
 - Heart of the Valley Soccer Association or HOVSA is non-profit soccer organization whose mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition. Our job is to make soccer fun, and instill in young players a lifelong passion for the sport.
 - HOVSA offers a fun, safe and healthy soccer experience for Kids of ALL ages and skill levels. Our program is aimed at meeting the different player needs of all ages who want to play soccer and have FUN.

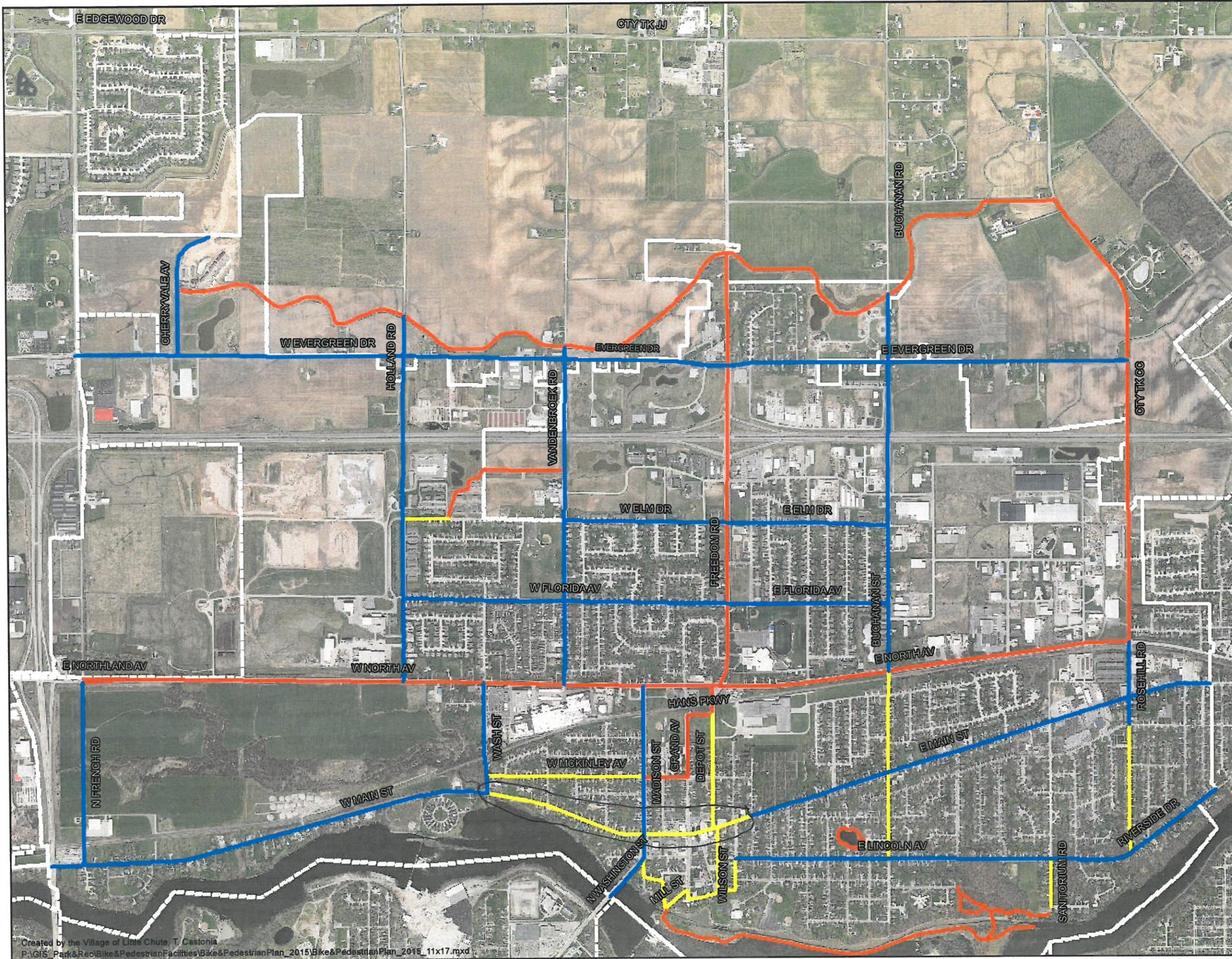
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Village of Little Chute Park Amenity Matrix

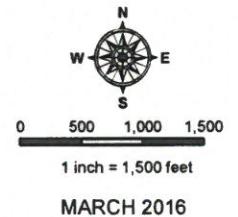




VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

Pedestrian & Bicycle
Facilities
Recommendations

- Bike Lanes
- Signed Route
- Shared Use Path

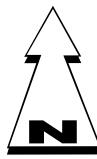


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Little Chute Heritage Parkway Trail

Trail Access Areas



4.0 PARKLAND ANALYSIS

The Village of Little Chute owns and maintains 11 official park sites totaling 84.9 acres in its roughly six and a half square miles of territory. By acreage, 52% of the parks are Community Parks, 39% are Neighborhood Parks, and 1% are Mini Parks. The remaining 7% of parkland is made up of Special Use Parks.

These parks tend to be located in the more developed eastern and southern parts of the Village, particularly along the Fox River.

Determining if community open space needs are being met can be a challenging task with many variables and is best approached from a variety of angles. This section examines the existing Village of Little Chute park facilities from five different angles, some weighted more heavily than others.

- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Acreage Standards
 - Compares acreage of Village-owned parkland to number of people (acres per 1,000 residents).
- Regional Community Parkland Comparison
 - Compares the acreage of parkland to other communities in the area.
- NRPA Service Area Evaluation
 - Projects a particular distance around each NRPA classifiable park (mini, neighborhood, and community) based on park classification. This section also examines the land usage within the service areas.
- NRPA Recreation Standards
 - The NRPA has published basic standards for certain types of park amenities. While these recommendations are referenced, they are subordinate to Community Input gathered from in-person meetings and the online survey.
- Community Input
 - The most important gauge of how well the park system is meeting the needs of the community. Community input is examined in the Needs Assessment section of this book as well as the *Appendix A: Community Input*.

4.1 NRPA Acreage Standards

One of the best guidelines available for use in a CORP are the various standards from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). All of these standards represent 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 validity or extent of the standards being applied.

Appendix F: Guidelines for the Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans from the 2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide CORP (SCORP) recommends that park classifications and standards “usually correspond to the National Recreation and Park Association’s recreation, park, and open space standards guidelines.” Per the Guidelines

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for the Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Community Assistance, it is recommended that local communities provide at least 6.25 to 10.5 acres per 1,000 persons.

The NRPA, while historically recommending 7-10 acres per 1,000 residents, currently recommends that each community evaluate citizen input and adapt the recommendations to develop their own customized standards and desired levels of service.

Based on population numbers provided by the Village Clerk's office, the Village of Little Chute currently provides 6.28 acres of NRPA classified Village parklands per 1,000 residents.

LITTLE CHUTE COMPARISON TO NRPA ACREAGE RECOMMENDATIONS		
Park Type	Recommended Acres per 1,000 Residents	Little Chute Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents
Mini Parks	0.25 - 0.5 acres	0.07 acres
Neighborhood Parks	1 - 2 acres	2.66 acres
Community Parks	5 - 8 acres	3.55 acres
Special Use Parks	N/A	0.49 acres
TOTAL NRPA CLASSIFIED PARKLAND	6.25 – 10.5 acres	6.28 acres
TOTAL VILLAGE OWNED PARKLAND	N/A	6.78 acres

As can be seen above, the Village slightly exceeds the Neighborhood Park acreage metric. The Community Park acreage is a little lower than recommended, however, Little Chute meets the total recommended NRPA classified parkland range as a whole. While the Mini Parks are much lower than the NRPA range, many communities are choosing to limit these types of facilities in the interests of efficiency as long as the totals are in range.

4.2 Regional Community Parkland Comparison

Neighboring communities were researched and/or contacted for actual populations and green spaces. The numbers below were based on current Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans, phone calls to municipal personnel, or information posted on municipal websites.

Community	Population*	Total Park Acreage**	Acres per 1,000 Population*
Allouez	13,734	196	14.26
Appleton	74,139	609	8.21
Ashwaubenon	17,149	288	16.79
Bellevue	15,701	70	4.46
Brillion	3,126	72	23.03
De Pere	24,903	465	18.67
Grand Chute	22,734	135	5.94
Green Bay	104,777	1,488	14.20
Kaukauna	16,070	458	28.50
Little Chute	11,484	85	7.49
Neenah	25,967	383	14.75
Oshkosh	66,773	415	6.22
Shawano	8,974	108	12.03
Stevens Point	26,229	480	18.30
Sturgeon Bay	8,885	151	16.99
Suamico	12,701	513	40.39
Regional Average			15.64

*From data.census.gov

**From published Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans.

Regionally, the average park acreage of 15.64 acres per 1,000 persons for the communities shown is higher than Little Chute. It should be noted however, that municipalities sometimes calculate park acreage with differing standards.

4.3 NRPA Service Area Evaluation

While demographics, population densities, and specific park uses may dictate the actual service and use of a particular park, service areas can also be roughly determined by park classification. The Service Radius Map at the end of this section depicts the service radii of Village-owned parks, based on NRPA recommendations and chapter 18 of the Village Municipal Code.

The two Community Parks are located in relatively close proximity to each other in the southeastern part of the Village along the banks of the Fox River. Based on NRPA recommended service radii and population patterns, Little Chute's Community Park needs appear to generally be met, however the Village might consider eventually locating a future Community Park or Playfield at the northwest corner of the Village if growth continues in that area.

Three Neighborhood Parks are positioned in the south central, central, and north central areas of the Village. Though NRPA recommended numbers are being met, several parts of the community are not served by Neighborhood Parks within the desired 1/4 to 1/2-mile radius. While a lack of coverage is not a concern over areas marked as commercial, agriculture, or industrial, there are currently some residential areas on the land use map in the far east, southwest, and northwest parts of the Village that may be considered for neighborhood park development if residential growth and demand increase.

The four Mini Parks or tot lots are located relatively evenly throughout the community. Additional mini parks may be sited as desired in residential areas where demand and practicality suggest. Some municipalities however, prefer to focus on neighborhood parks as the smallest unit of the park system rather than mini parks for maintenance and efficiency reasons.

4.4 NRPA Recreation Standards

Recreation standards are another method used to determine a community's recreation needs. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has developed standards for both public open space and actual facilities.

Suggested Outdoor Recreation Facility Development standards are included in the appendix section of this manual. These standards were reviewed during the development of the need assessment. However, these standards have been developed primarily for urban communities and assume the needs and wants of individuals are similar in all areas. Additionally, these standards do not take into account local demographics, user preferences and physical barriers between actual park locations. Therefore, these standards should be subject to the locally gathered data in the Needs Assessment section in prioritizing and justifying real needs for the community.

4.5 Community Input

“A standard for parks and recreation cannot be universal, nor can one Village be compared with another even though they are similar in many respects.” -NRPA Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines.

Some of the most important data in the CORP process is input gained from community residents, officials, and staff. The following *Section 5: Needs Assessment* will examine this data in depth.

Community Input reveals that most people are happy with the number of existing parks and would prefer that the Village focus on maintenance and improvements rather than expansion. No new parks were requested.

4.6 Regional and State Trends

2019-2023 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Data

While not directly derived from the Village of Little Chute community, this data from the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is useful for a larger Wisconsin perspective.

Overall, 95% of Wisconsin Adults participated in some type of outdoor recreation in the past year. Wisconsin residents' top five favorite nature-based outdoor activities were: walking/hiking, fishing, hunting, bicycling, and camping.

The SCORP divides the state of Wisconsin into eight regions. The Lake Winnebago Waters region (of which Little Chute is a part) *“is centered on the Lake Winnebago watershed which includes the lakes of Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan as well as the Fox and Wolf rivers. Together, these waters are the major recreational resource within the region”* and *“draw visitors from throughout the state and beyond for boating, fishing, hunting, bird watching, and more.”* In the Regional Recreation Needs section, activities rated highly by respondents in the Lake Winnebago Waters region included:

- Bicycling (all kinds)
- Bird or wildlife watching
- Camping
- Canoeing or kayaking
- Cross country skiing
- Dog walking
- Fishing
- Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
- Hunting
- Motor boating
- Nature photography
- Participating in nature-based education programs

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- Picnicking
- Swimming in lakes and rivers
- Visiting beaches

Identified gaps and needs in existing recreation opportunities state-wide were listed as:

- Outdoor recreation facilities near population centers
- Trails
- Water access (such as shoreline and boat launches)
- Camping opportunities
- Dog parks and exercise areas
- Target shooting ranges

The following list is based on the methods suggested in the SCORP to boost outdoor recreation participation:

- Increase promotion and marketing of outdoor recreation areas.
- Improve mapping and online information.
- Continue upgrading and developing recreation facilities to meet demand.
- Evaluate visitor usage at the various facilities and locations.
- Identify and implement strategies to improve access and reduce barriers.
- Expand efforts among federal, state, county, and local governments to coordinate and collaborate on providing recreational opportunities.

4.7 Future Park Lands

The Wisconsin Department of Administration's *Wisconsin Municipal Projections, 2010-2040*, prepared in 2013, depicts Little Chute's population holding steady through 2035 and then decreasing a bit heading into 2040. 2020 US Census information and the Village Clerk confirm that the actual numbers are a somewhat higher than predicted for 2020. While the charts below utilize the *Municipal Projections* data for 2030 and 2040, if community growth patterns differ significantly, parkland changes should be reevaluated.

The following charts compare the median NRPA recommended park acreage per 1,000 persons listed above with the existing and projected population numbers to give a rough sense of the amount of new parkland that may be desired in the future.

Population Projection and Parkland Projection Analysis

Mini Parks											
Year	Population Projection	÷	1,000	=	NRPA Standard Benchmark/1,000	=	Median Acreage Recommended	-	Existing Acreage	=	Acreage Over or Under Median
2020	11,619	÷	1,000	=	11.62 x 0.375	=	4.36	-	0.92	=	(3.44)
2030	11,100	÷	1,000	=	11.10 x 0.375	=	4.16	-	0.92	=	(3.24)
2040	10,900	÷	1,000	=	10.90 x 0.375	=	4.09	-	0.92	=	(3.17)

Neighborhood Parks											
Year	Population Projection	÷	1,000	=	NRPA Standard Benchmark/1,000	=	Median Acreage Recommended	-	Existing Acreage	=	Acreage Over Or Under Median
2020	11,619	÷	1,000	=	11.62 x 1.5	=	17.43	-	33.26	=	15.83
2030	11,100	÷	1,000	=	11.10 x 1.5	=	16.65	-	33.29	=	16.64
2040	10,900	÷	1,000	=	10.90 X 1.5	=	16.35	-	33.29	=	16.94

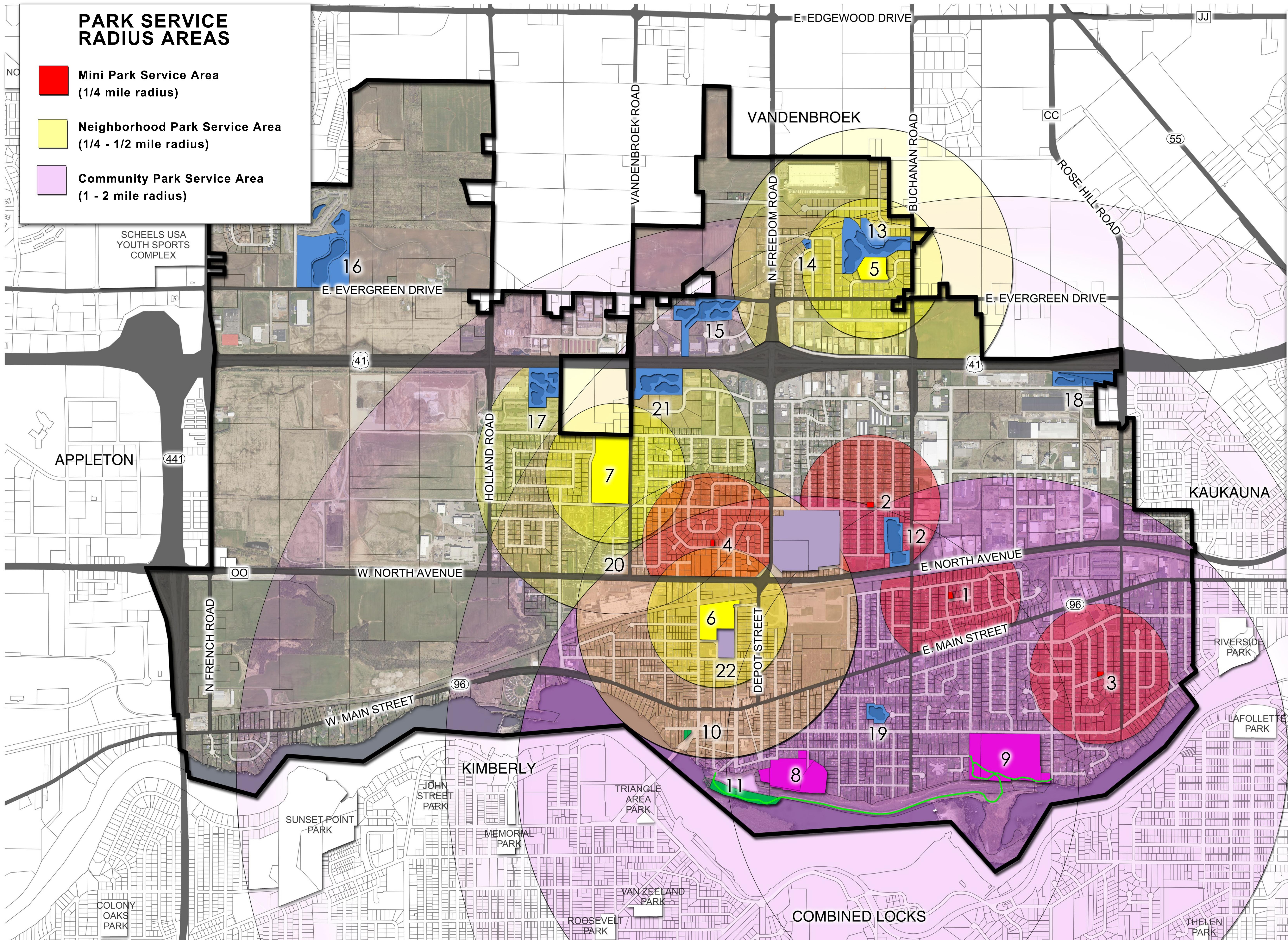
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2020	11,619	÷	1,000	=	11.62 x 6.5	=	75.53	-	44.49	=	(31.04)
2030	11,100	÷	1,000	=	11.10 x 6.5	=	72.15	-	44.49	=	(27.66)
2040	10,900	÷	1,000	=	10.90 x 6.5	=	70.85	-	44.49	=	(26.36)

If additional parkland is added, it is recommended that the following Parkland Acquisition Map be consulted.

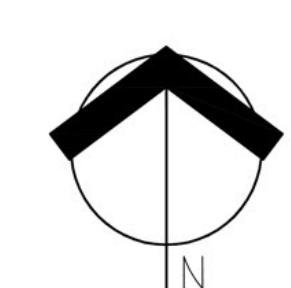
PARK SERVICE RADIUS AREAS

- Mini Park Service Area (1/4 mile radius)
- Neighborhood Park Service Area (1/4 - 1/2 mile radius)
- Community Park Service Area (1 - 2 mile radius)



	Acres
Mini-Park	
1 Hielpas/Jaycee Tot Lot	0.23
2 Kinley Tot Lot	0.28
3 Miller Lane Tot Lot	0.21
4 P. Van Zeeland Tot Lot	0.20
Total	0.92
Neighborhood Parks	
5 Creekview Park	4.91
6 Legion Park	8.80
7 Van Lieshout Park	19.58
Total	33.29
Community Parks	
8 Doyle Park	16.19
9 Heesakker Park	28.30
Total	44.49
Special Use Parks	
10 Heritage Park	0.36
11 Island Park	5.82
Total	6.18
Total Parks Department Acreage	84.88

Ponds
12 Buchanan Pond
13 Ebben Ponds
14 Evergreen Estate Pond/Hielpas Pond
15 Evergreen Ponds
16 French Ponds
17 Holland Ponds
18 Industrial Park Pond
19 Polk Pond
20 Vandenbroek Pond (under construction)
21 Vandenbroek Ponds
Schools
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23 Little Chute Middle/Intermediate School
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Heritage Parkway Trail





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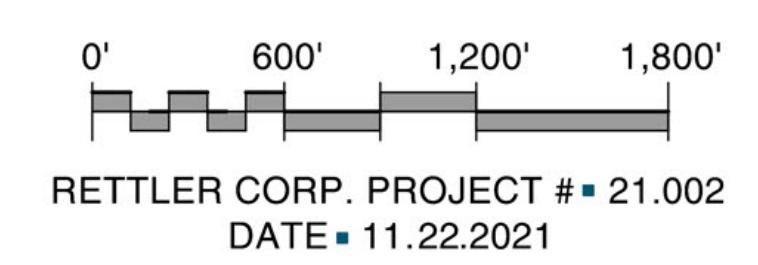
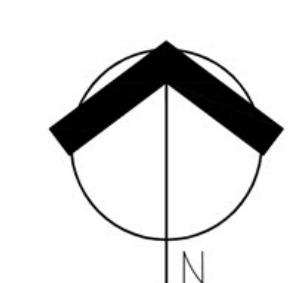
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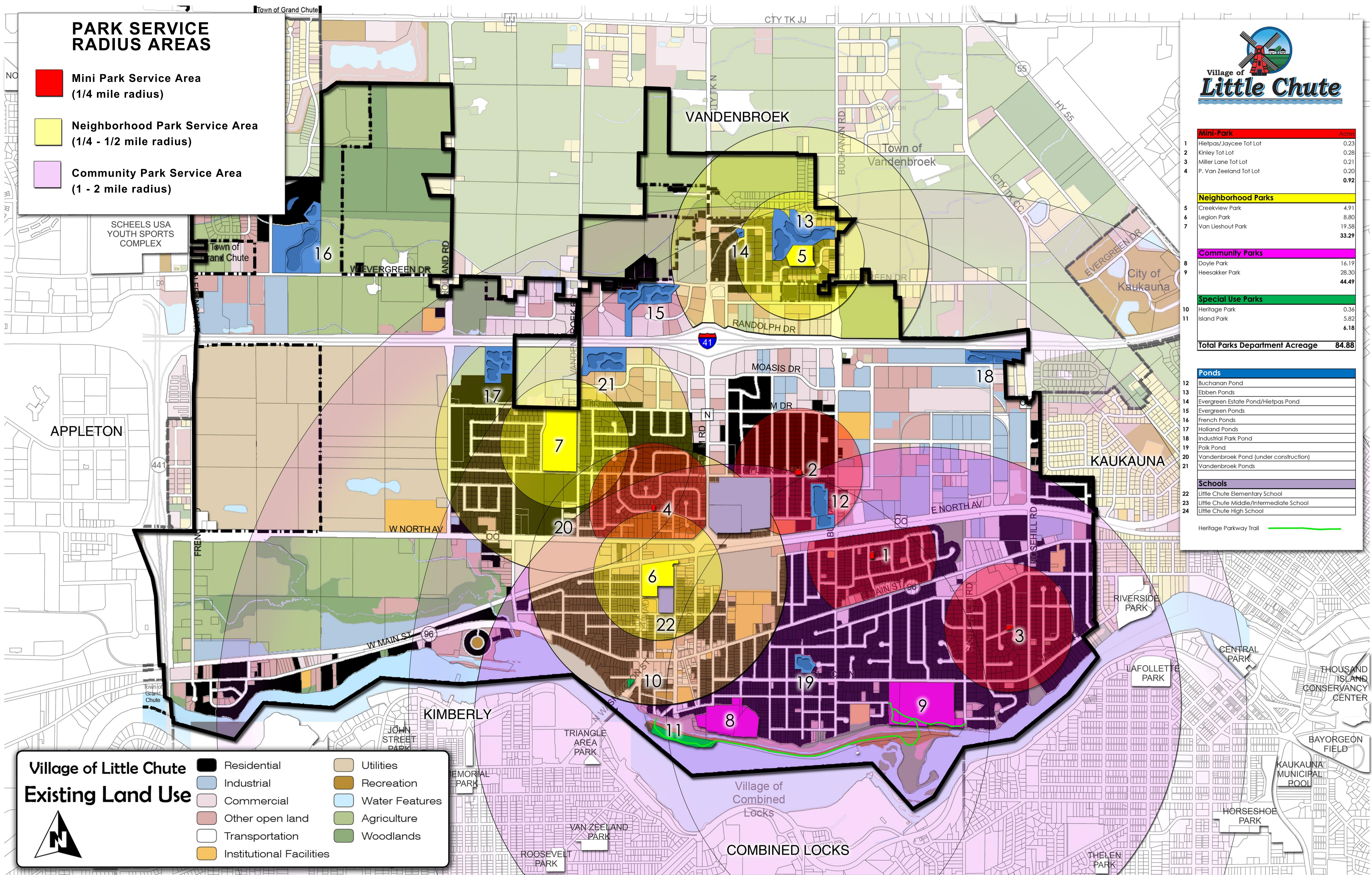
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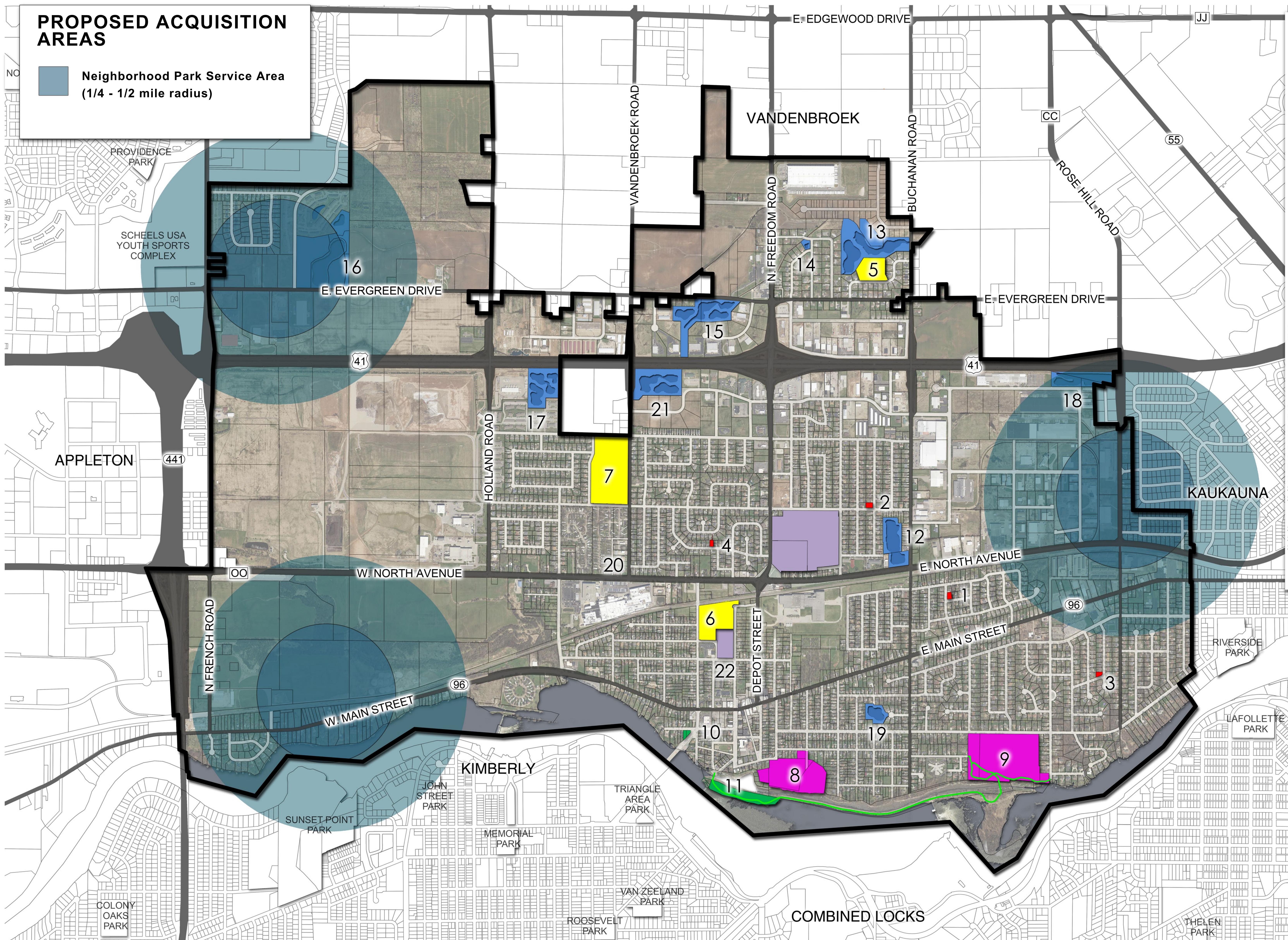
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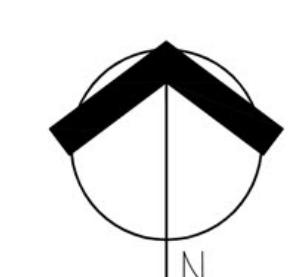
PROPOSED ACQUISITION AREAS

Neighborhood Park Service Area
(1/4 - 1/2 mile radius)



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5.0 NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Guidelines and recommendations are useful, but the most accurate way to get a true picture of community needs and opportunities is to obtain input directly from the people who live there.

Community input provides direct information on how existing facilities and services are being utilized, which are being used, over used, or underused- and the reasons why. There is no better way to determine needs and opportunities and create customized solutions than to listen to what the community is saying.

In the course of updating this plan, an online Community Survey was made available for a month. Five in-person Community Input Meetings were conducted at five different park locations throughout the month of September, and a Park Staff Input Meeting was held. Additional park site visits provided further input.

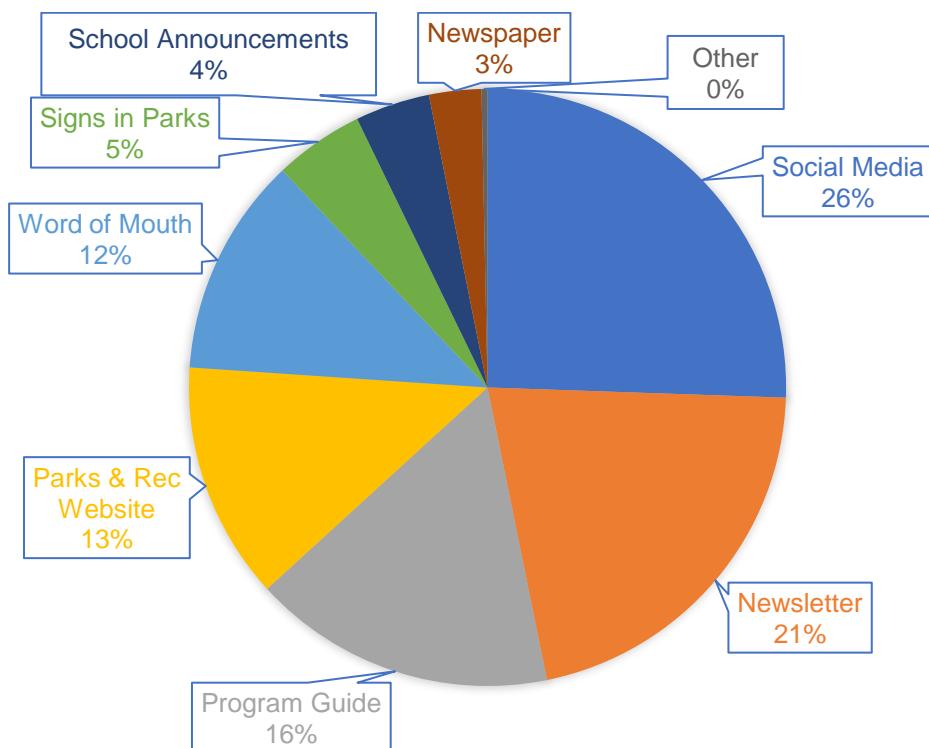
5.1 Online Community Survey

The Little Chute Parks and Recreation Department conducted an online community survey during the full month of April, 2021. The survey contained 10 questions regarding preferred information sources, park usage, satisfaction regarding existing facilities, parks department programming interests and attendance, the importance of various amenities, park safety perceptions, and an option for general comments. Efforts to promote the online survey included social media posts, emails, Park and Recreation Department e-newsletters, Public Works spring mailed newsletter, survey links and advertising on Village of Little Chute website and Facebook pages. The result was a total of 482 completed surveys including 121 general comments. The following is a summary of the information shared. Please see the appendix for a complete list of responses.

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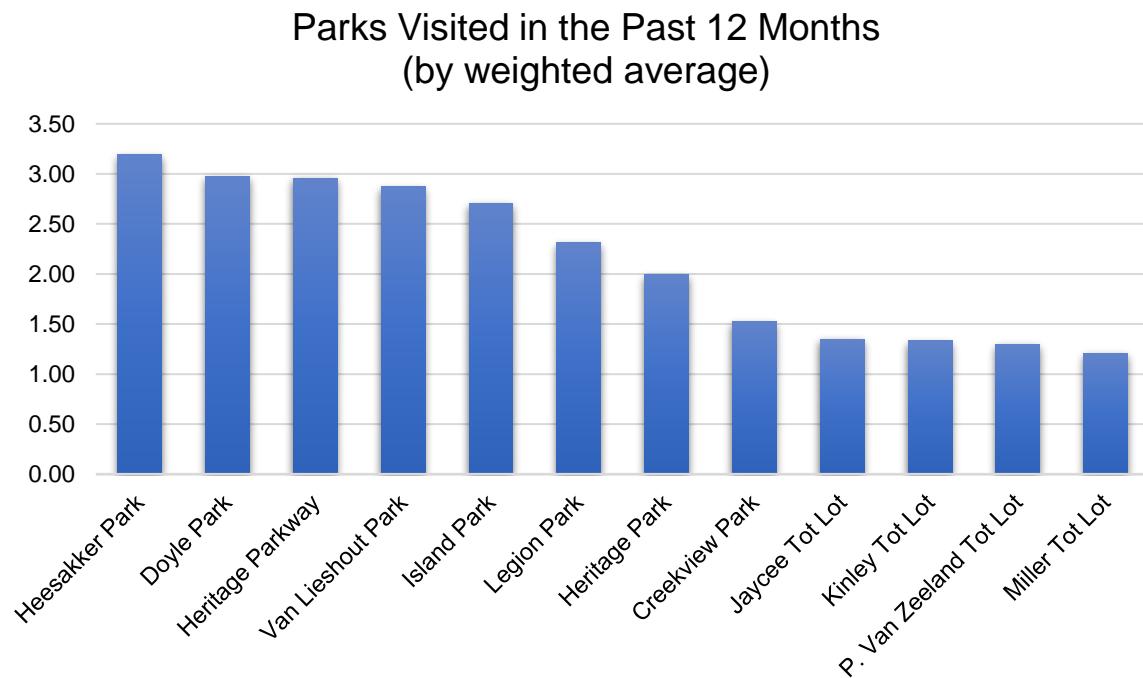
The most popular source of information was, perhaps unsurprisingly, social media, which gained a little over a quarter of the responses. The Village of Little Chute Newsletter came in second around 20%. The Program Guide, Parks and Recreation Website, and Word of Mouth came in next with 16%, 13%, and 12% respectively. The remaining options came in the low single digits. The vast majority of the “other” responses indicated “email.”

Most Popular Sources of Little Chute Parks Information



Usage

When questioned about specific parks visited, Heesakker Park led the group followed by Doyle Park, Heritage Parkway in Island Park, Van Lieshout Park, and Island Park.



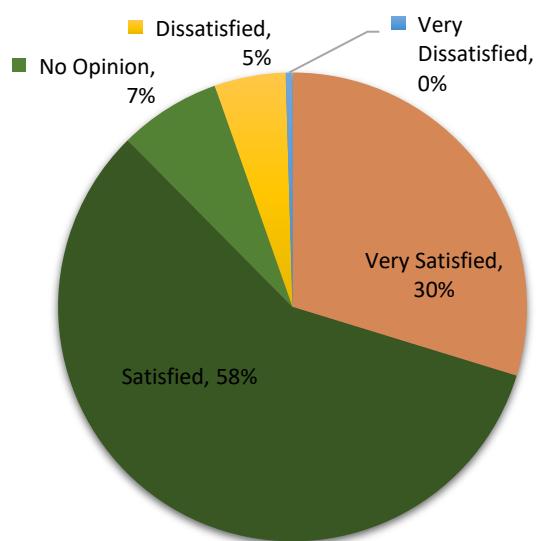
Satisfaction

Park satisfaction levels are relatively high with 88% of those surveyed describing themselves as "satisfied" or "very satisfied."

101 persons submitted comments as a part of this question. Some comments contained multiple suggestions or thoughts.

Almost a quarter of these comments were complements to the park system in general. The most requested items were play equipment and maintenance-related. 7% of the comments expressed how much they enjoyed the trails and 5% wanted to see more restrooms and longer restroom hours.

Satisfaction with Parks Visited



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Respondents were then asked to rate a list of specific Village facilities using the options “Great,” “Satisfactory”, “Needs Improvement,” “Inadequate,” or “Never Used.”

The following chart depicts the weighted average results of selected amenities. The higher the number, the higher rating it received.

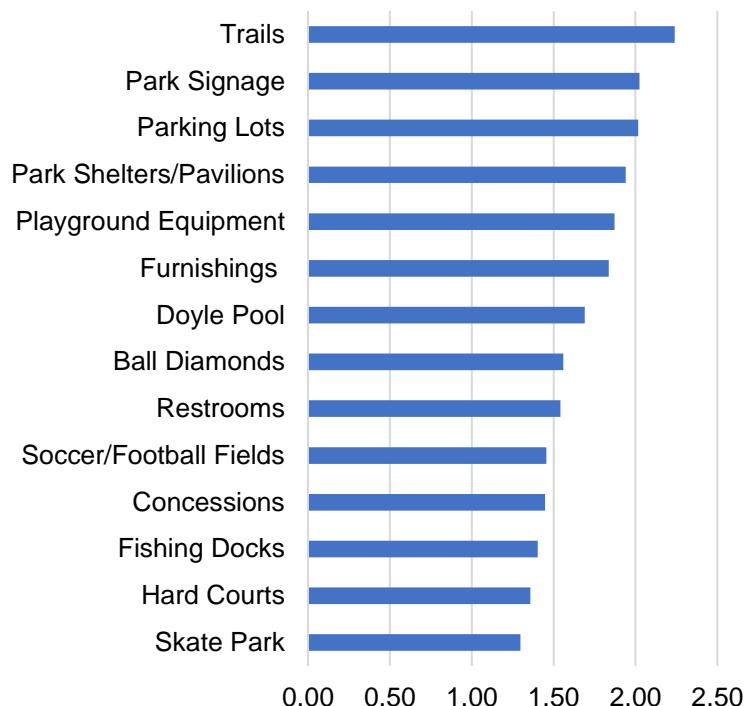
Fully a third of the comments received with this question asked for additional mountain bike trails. Similar to the previous question, single digit percentages requested additional multiuse trails, more restrooms, and longer restroom hours.

Programming

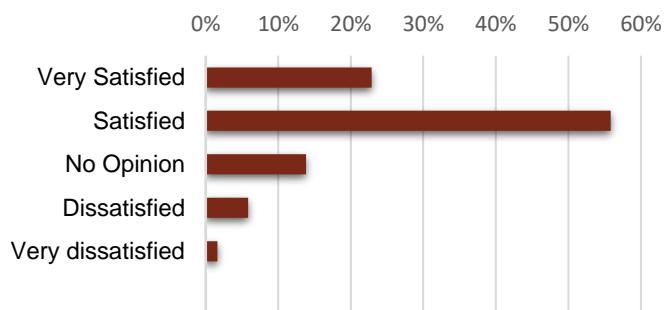
When asked whether the Village should offer more recreation programs and special events, 41% indicated yes, 59% indicated no. The most popular request was for more family-friendly events that included multiple age groups, followed by the view that the recreation department does a good job as-is with no change needed. Other notable suggestions were for more toddler-oriented programs and more music events.

When asked what factors might increase program usage, 102 respondents submitted comments. About 13% of the comments expressed enjoyment of mountain biking trails and an interest in more. 8% were interested in more dates and times for programs, particularly more evening and after-work events. Among the many age-group related comments were requests for more family outings, more adult activities, teen activities, and activities for very young children and toddlers. There was also interest in more seasonal events. Several requests were for more inclusive activities for those with disabilities.

Selected Facilities Rated (by weighted average)



Recreation Program Satisfaction



Facility Planning

The survey then asked respondents to indicate which facilities on a list were “important (need or need more),” “important (have enough),” “indifferent”, or “not important.”

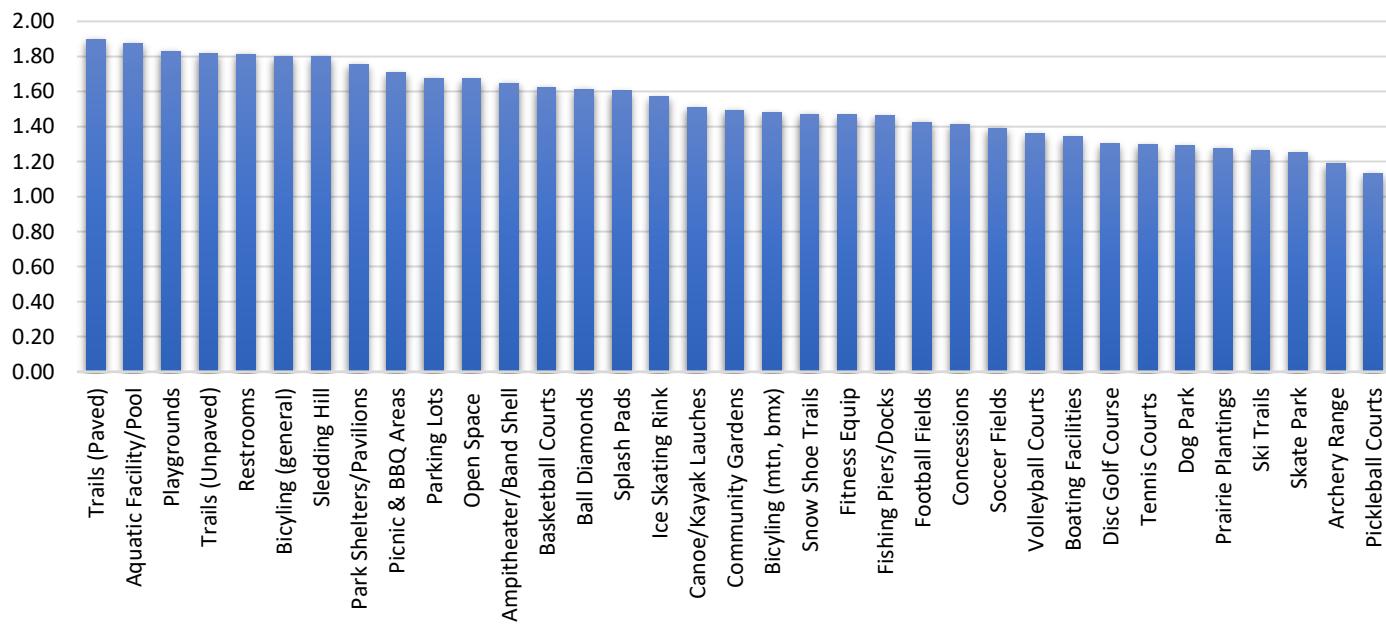
Based on weighted average, the top ten amenities voted most important are as follows: Trails (paved), Aquatic Facility/Pool, Playgrounds, Trails (unpaved), Restrooms, Bicycling (general), Sledding Hill, Park Shelters, Picnic/BBQ Areas, and Parking Lots.

The question also included a way to rate an amenity as important but adequate versus important and in need of more. The most requested amenities (or additional amenities) included: Trails (paved), Trails (unpaved), Bicycling (general), Splash Pad, Canoe/Kayak Launches, and a Dog Park. Other amenities requested by less decisive majorities include an Aquatic Facility, more Restrooms, Ice Skating Rink, Community Gardens, Mountain Biking Trails, Snow Shoe Trails, and Fitness Equipment.

Thirty-four comments were received. The most requested items in the comments were: mountain biking trails (39%) and a splash pad (11%).

A separate question asked about which park location respondents believed a new splash pad should be located in. Van Lieshout was the clear favorite with 41% in favor. Doyle came in with 26%, followed by Heesakker with 17%.

Amenity Importance
(by weighted average)



Safety

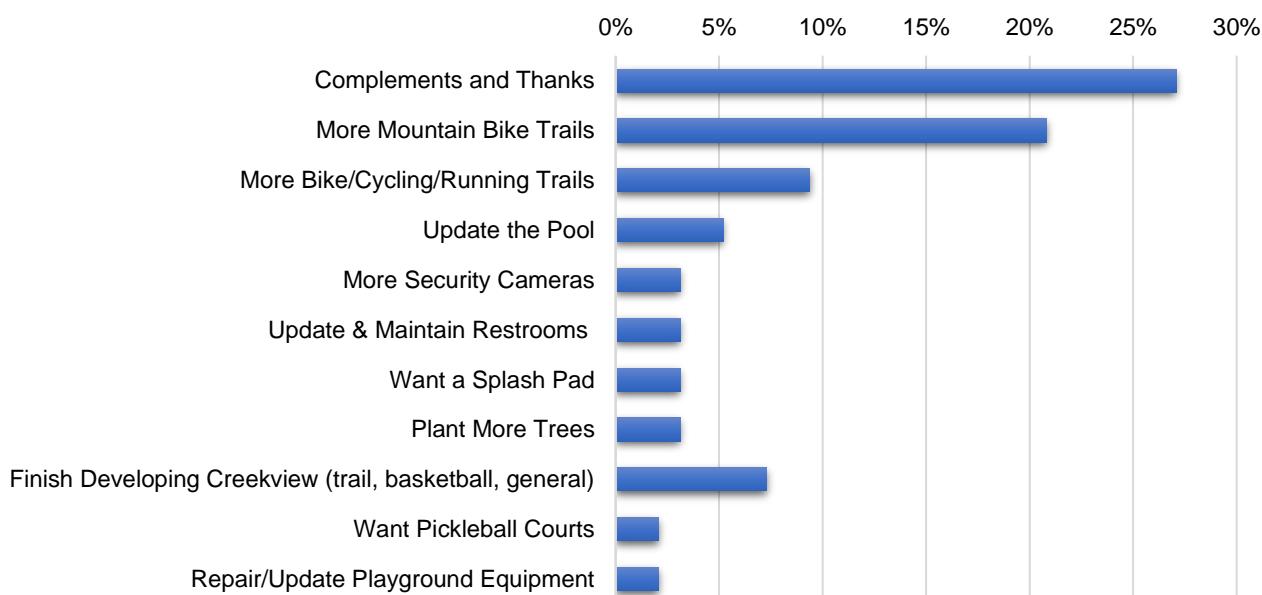
Roughly 70% of park users indicated they feel "Very Safe" when visiting Little Chute parks with another 28% feeling "Somewhat Safe." About 2% said they felt "Somewhat Unsafe", 1% "Very Unsafe" and 1% had no opinion.

Sixty-two persons left comments to explain their responses. The biggest complaint in the comments was regarding groups of unruly, unsupervised older children, teens, and young adults, mostly at Van Lieshout Park, but occasionally at Heesakker Park. The most mentioned requests were for more/better lighting, more police presence, and cameras. Many complements were also received on the wide open areas, current lighting, and clean, well-kept parks.

General Comments

121 general comments were also received. 27% of those comments were complements and thanks to Park and Recreation Department staff. Popular topics were: requests for more mountain bike trails, more multiuse trails, and updating the pool.

Top General Comments



5.2 Community Input Meetings

The Parks Department and the consultant held five public input meetings at five different parks to obtain public comments for the future needs of the park system.

The first two Community Input meetings were held outdoors at Van Lieshout Park and Legion Park on September 8. Subjects raised at these meetings included lighting, security, building repairs, and ballfield upgrades at Doyle Park. Also mentioned was lighting, security, restroom, and parking needs at Van Lieshout Park, and a desire for more parking and a fourth field at Legion Park.



The second two Community Input meetings were held outdoors at Doyle Park and Heesakker Park on September 22.

The last Community Input meeting was held outdoors at Creekview Park on September 28. Comments mostly centered on Creekview. There was particular interest in seeing trail connections, restroom facilities, a fishing pier, and multiuse hard courts at that location. Parking and an updated master plan was also discussed.

5.3 Additional Feedback

Park Staff

An in-person meeting with park staff was held September 8 to solicit their perspective and hands on knowledge of park use and specific park needs. Topics discussed included the need for restroom and shelter/pavilion upgrades and maintenance throughout the park system, pool maintenance issues, Creekview and Heesakker parking needs, ice rink grading or relocation, ADA accessibility improvements, trail maintenance, and continuing with the Creekview Master Plan.

Park Planning Committee

The Park Planning Committee was formed in 2000. The Committee's Mission Statement is: "To Provide the Community with a Creative and Imaginative Long-Range Plan for an Enhanced Park System that can be Enjoyed by All."

To date the Committee has assisted with development of several Master Plans as well as the Village's Comprehensive Plan for future park development. The Committee continues to review and recommend proposals to the Village Board to enhance the Village's Park System.

Please refer to *Appendix A: Community Input* for more specific information.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The primary purpose of this Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is to guide the Village in the development of lands and facilities- both existing and future- and to satisfy the outdoor recreation and open space needs of the residents and visitors of Little Chute. The recommendations listed below are based on information gathered from the community, the consultant's professional judgement and experience, and discussions with the Village Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department.

6.1 General Recommendations

The following is a list of general recommendations regarding acquisition and development needs, and for general park improvements.

Accessibility Guidelines and Provision for Persons with Disabilities:

The term "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.

The Village should continue to upgrade existing facilities and parklands features that will aid people with disabilities in accordance with ADA guidelines. Newly designed, constructed, and/or altered recreation facilities in Little Chute will need to comply with the applicable requirements under the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Acquisition and Development of Park Land:

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards and the Community Needs Assessment indicate that the Village presently has adequate parklands to meet the needs of community. However, there are several areas within the Village which are not served within the NRPA recommended radius, due to distance or barriers. A majority of the voids in the service radii are located in areas that are, for the most part, commercial, industrial, or undeveloped. However, the village should continue to explore future acquisition and development of recreational opportunities in the northwestern, southwestern, and far mid-eastern parts of the village as they are developed or redeveloped.

Aquatic Facilities:

The pool at Doyle Park is beginning to show its age. Constructed in 1989, the pool has undergone some major repairs in the last ten years. A pool study was completed in 2010 and another in 2016. After much discussion, it was determined by the Village Board to not build a new pool.

Community Beautification:

The Village continues to recognize that the appearance of the community is an important component in the provision of programs and services. The image that the village portrays plays a key role to the continuation of its growth and the morale of its residents. A clean, safe environment helps to build an image that positively affects the confidence of residents and renews a sense of pride in their community.

Beautification projects, such as planting trees, shrubbery and flowers, along with other general landscaping for parks and other public areas should be encouraged. Continuation of the Tree City USA program should be encouraged and supported by the Village. The Village should work to continue shoreline tree and shrub maintenance.

Partnering with artists and studios to display art projects, sculptures, and other items for sale or public enjoyment in the village parks should be encouraged.

Community Gardens:

Community gardens can be a beneficial addition to many communities by increasing the availability of nutritious foods, promoting food security, strengthening community ties, increasing physical activity, and improving mental health while reducing food miles and creating a more sustainable system. The online Community Input Survey indicated a significant interest in gardens and it is recommended that the Village should consider this amenity.

Efficiency and Sustainability:

The Village should continue to ensure that park development occurs in a fiscally sustainable manner by considering the following:

- Installing new or replacing aging infrastructure with more energy efficient “green” amenities such as LED lighting, water saving measures, and solar panels where feasible.
- Naturalizing certain little used and currently mowed expanses in order to better utilize staff time and resource costs and to benefit the environment.
- The Park and Recreation department is also researching grant opportunities and other funding sources to support and enhance parkland, park programs, and park maintenance. (see Public-Private Partnerships and Service Group/Volunteer Involvement sections below)

Conservation:

In addition to providing space and facilities for leisure activities, park systems should include conservation and preservation measures. Policies discouraging the development of wetlands, floodplains, areas of steep slopes and other environmentally sensitive areas should be established or where already enacted, should be strictly enforced.

Federal and State Aid Programs:

The Village should continue to take advantage of state and federal financial and technical assistance programs designed to assist the community in meeting recreation needs. To maintain eligibility for such programs, the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan must be updated every five (5) years.

Invasive Species:

The Village should develop an invasive species management plan. This plan should include strategies and other methods of documenting and controlling invasive species. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has developed resources and policies for identifying invasive species, describing types of control mechanisms and procedures for prevention of relocation of species.

Municipal/School District Cooperation:

The Village should promote the continued cooperation between the municipality and school district in meeting the needs of the community. Cooperation might take the form of joint land acquisition and facility development cost sharing. The increased use of existing facilities by both village and school district during the hours not scheduled by the respective agency should be strongly encouraged. It may be desirable to establish a joint, written agreement with the school district to identify responsibilities and regulations to promote the appropriate use of school district and village facilities.

Additionally, the Village is encouraged to work with the surrounding area municipalities such as Appleton, Combined Locks, Grand Chute, Kaukauna, and Kimberly to create great parks and recreational opportunities for all of the residents of the Heart of the Valley.

Park Land Dedication:

Many communities, including the Village of Little Chute, have developer exactions for parkland acquisition and recreational facilities development. These exactions are designed to help a growing community develop new park facilities to keep pace with new residential development and to equitably apportion the cost of providing public areas.

Article VI of Chapter 42- Subdivision Regulations of The Little Chute Code of Ordinances outlines the specifics, including general dedication requirements, reservation of additional land, specific improvements needed, and fees in lieu of land scenarios.

As economic and political situations change over time, it is recommended to periodically review current village ordinances related to Development, Impact Fees and Parkland Dedication and update when necessary.

An issue often discussed regarding these ordinances is what type of land is acceptable for park dedication. Other options to consider when updating the ordinance might include:

- Park dedication sites shall not be used as borrow pits for clay or any other building material and shall be stable enough to support the proposed park improvements.

Section VI: Recommendations

- All land must be free from detention or retention facilities and be above the 100-year flood level.
- Land should be contiguous and, in a configuration, to serve the development with the proposed recreational components.
- Parkland shall have a minimum of 25% of the total perimeter directly fronting on a public roadway.
- All parkland shall be fully improved at time of dedication, including roads, sidewalks, utilities, street trees, and final grading and seeding.

Park System Planning:

The Village of Little Chute should encourage park and recreation facilities planning on a neighborhood, community and village-wide basis, viewing each site as an integral part of a unified system. A master plan and/or management plan should be established for each community (and possibly neighborhood) park to provide direction for the progressive and orderly planning, management, maintenance, operation and programming of the park and recreation facilities.

Part of the overall park system planning should include making the community aware of the location of all park sites and amenities available in the Village. One way to do this would be to include a Village-wide park mapping sign at each park location.

Playground Improvements:

Most of the playground sites located throughout the village have been updated with new equipment that meets the recommended safety standards; however, the play equipment in some parks is nearing or at its intended life expectancy. It is recommended that the Village continue to improve the playground equipment as necessary to ensure that it meets safety standards and reduces maintenance time and costs. Another main goal is improving accessibility and ensuring that there is a balanced amount of equipment for all age levels and abilities in the park system.

Additional amenities such as shade structures and drinking fountains with water bottle fillers may also be considered for play areas to provide relief from various weather conditions.

Private Recreation Areas and Facilities:

The Village should encourage development of specialized facilities by the private sector. Specialized facilities (miniature golf, indoor athletic venues, etc.) are an important enhancement to public recreational facilities. Quality and availability for public use should be emphasized.

Programming:

One of the fundamental objectives of the Recreation Department's mission statement is "to provide an array of opportunities to improve individuals' physical health and outlook to life."

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While the majority of users are “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the Parks, Recreation, and Recreation department’s hard work, the following suggestions and recommendations emerged from the survey data.

- Advertising and Information: Many of the survey respondents requested more advertising and information on recreation options. In the Community Survey, the newsletter and social media emerged as the most popular sources of information.
- Age Group Options: Survey respondents requested additional programming, particularly for very young children, teens, adults, and senior citizens, as well as family-based activities. Seasonal events are also popular.
- Dates and Times: The village might consider exploring more programming outside of typical work, school, and commuting hours, including evenings and weekends. Another possibility is offering child and adult programs simultaneously so that parents don’t have to arrange childcare in order to attend an event.
- Monitoring: It is recommended that the village continue to conduct periodic surveys of the community’s recreational preferences, needs and trends to ensure that programs offered are of the type and quality that residents desire and that the necessary space and facilities are acquired and developed.

Public-Private Partnerships:

The Village should look for opportunities to increase outdoor recreation opportunities by coordinating with recreation interest groups, health care providers, recreation providers, elected officials, and others to collaboratively develop outdoor projects.

Through public-private partnerships, development and acquisition opportunities may be enhanced, which could allow for the preservation of existing resources and the access to resources that have not been previously available to residents and visitors.

Service Group/Volunteer Involvement:

The Village should continue to involve organized service groups in needed park and recreational developments, including development of competitive sports areas and neighborhood parks. Traditionally, service groups have played an active part in the development of competitive sports areas, neighborhood parks and ball fields. Continued activity of this type should be encouraged.

Staffing Considerations:

Increased demand for additional and more diverse programming and recreational opportunities- in addition to the required maintenance of new and existing facilities- has the potential to increase the need for staff and resources within the department in the next five to ten years. It is recommended to monitor staff workload, keeping the following figures in mind.

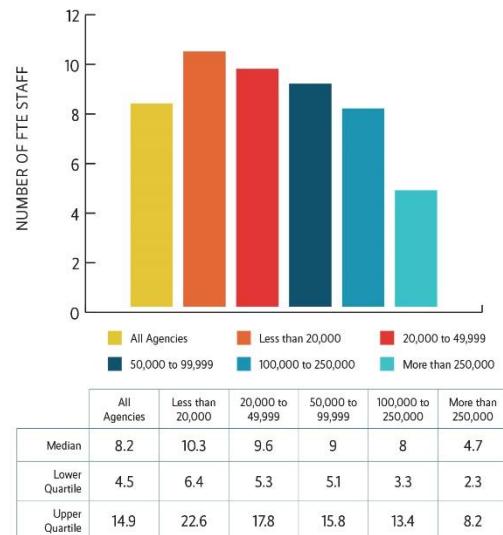
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- The **2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review**, which summarizes the key findings from the National Recreation and Park Association's *NRPA Park Metrics* benchmarking tool, reveals that agencies serving jurisdictions with less than 20,000 people have a median number of 10.3 FTEs (full time equivalent employees) for every 10,000 residents.
- Additionally, the International Village Managers Association's (IVMA) data indicates a ratio of 1 FTE per 18-20 acres of maintained parkland as a general standard for parks maintenance, with the best practice as a 12 to 1 ratio. PRORAGIS data reveals a wide range of park acres maintained per FTE, with an overall median ratio of 9 to 1.

As demand increases, consideration should be given to varied and creative solutions including the following:

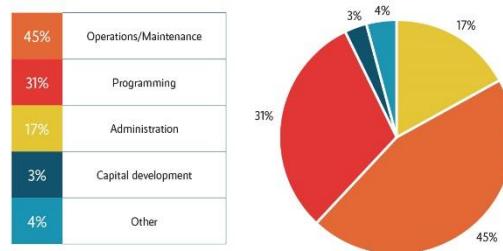
- Employing additional staff.
- Increasing the efficiency of current staff by:
 - Studying task/time record keeping data.
 - Examining where and how equipment is stored and maintained for ease of access and increased equipment life.
 - Acquiring new and more equipment and technology if/as necessary.
- Encouraging community volunteers.
- Looking into more public-private partnerships.
- Reducing maintenance requirements if possible, by:
 - Reducing maintenance intensive features and plantings. For example, consider naturalizing some lesser used areas of the park system.
 - Determining what park areas will be maintained to the highest degree and which will be more natural. Consider clustering high maintenance areas near each other.
- Contracting out certain services or projects.

FIGURE 11: PARK AND RECREATION FTEs PER 10,000 RESIDENTS (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



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FIGURE 12: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARK AND RECREATION STAFF (AVERAGE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF AGENCY FTEs)



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In the meantime, the Village should continue to support current staff by:

- Encouraging a healthy work/life balance.
- Continuing to solicit feedback from employees on a regular basis and making changes as necessary.
- Assisting in the professional development of its employees by encouraging participation in clinics, seminars, workshops, conferences and memberships in professional associations that promote the concepts, practices and techniques of professional parks, recreation, and urban forestry management.

Trail Development:

A community-wide trail system allows residents and visitors to better utilize the numerous natural resources in the Little Chute area. The online Community Input Survey (as well as the State of Wisconsin CORP) indicates that the public is very supportive and interested in trails for biking and hiking.

It is recommended that the Village:

- Update the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan.
- Work with neighboring communities, local groups, state and federal agencies, and private landowners to promote a larger system of pathways for various types of trail users, connecting local parks and other destinations.

Urban Forestry:

The Forestry Department provides quality maintenance, preservation, and enhancement of the Village's trees. This division is responsible the planting, transplanting, removal, maintenance, and protection of Village trees and shrubs, with a strong focus on improving the Village's appearance and alleviating any unsafe conditions.

The Village forestry departments management plan consists of the following:

- Perform an annual visual risk assessment of all the trees.
- Update the current inventory to include management objectives.
- Clearance prune trees annually and structurally prune every 5-7 years.
- Manage EAB through 10 year removal program.
- Plant an average of 80 trees annually.
- Continue to sustain the village nursery by providing trees for planting annually.
- Maintain our Tree Village status and continue to apply for grants.

Waterfront Access:

The Village has done a wonderful job expanding the Heesakker Trail to Island Park and across the Fox River at the David and Rita Nelson Family Heritage Crossing, thereby connecting Little Chute and the neighboring City of Kaukauna. In addition, the Village has recently installed a Canoe/Kayak Launch in Heesakker Park.

The Village should look for further opportunities to showcase the beautiful water frontage and continue to preserve historical elements along the Fox River, such as the Mill Street Bridge.

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6.2 Park-Specific Recommendations

The following specific proposals have been developed based on input from the Needs Assessment and the Parkland Analysis as well as direction from Village Staff and the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Parks not identified in the following list do not have immediate needs and/or recommendations at this time or have independent master plans.

The following proposals include estimated costs for each individual component. Typically, these costs include furnishing and installation as well as appropriate allowances for demolition, mobilization, and permitting. Prices are in 2018-2020 dollars and may change over time with inflation and other factors outside the scope of this document.

The following strategies are intended to provide guidance to the decision makers responsible for implementing the plan and are organized into a matrix of short-, mid- and long-term strategies based on time increments of 1-5 years, 6-10 years and 11-15+ years and beyond.

The schedule of improvements for each facility will be determined at a later date as presented and approved by the Village Board as part of the annual Capital Improvements Program.

1. JAYCEE TOT LOT

Mini Park
0.23 acres

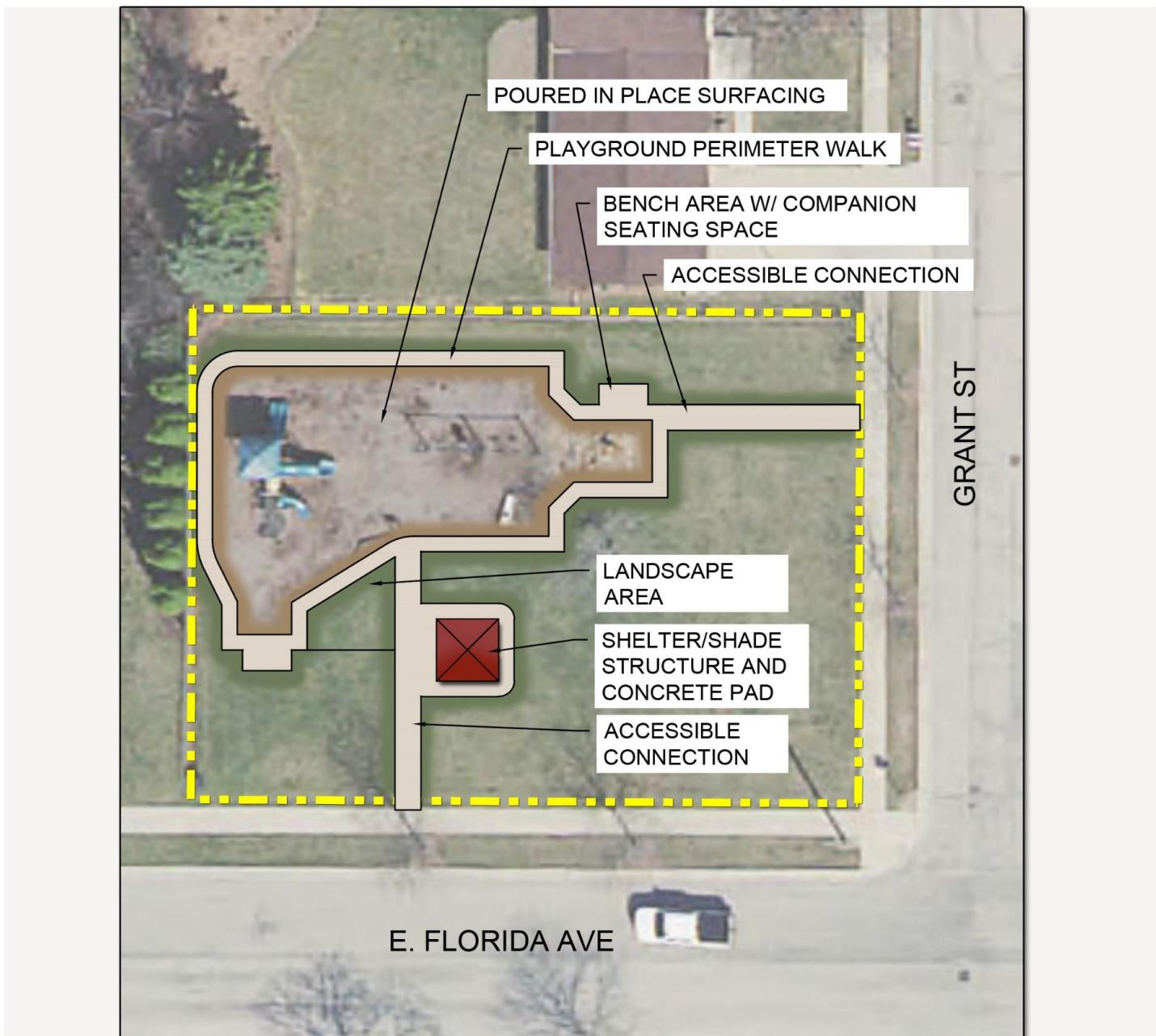
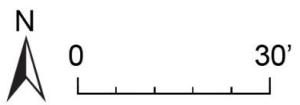


RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

- Playground Perimeter Walk with Connections
- Poured-in-Place Surfacing
- Site Amenity Allowance

2. KINLEY TOT LOT

Mini Park
0.28 acres



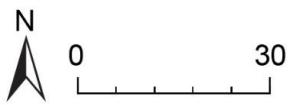
RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

- Accessible Walk Connections
- Playground Perimeter Walk
- Poured-in-Place Surface
- Shelter on Concrete Pad
- Site Amenities Allowance

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3. MILLER LANE TOT LOT

Mini Park
0.21 acres



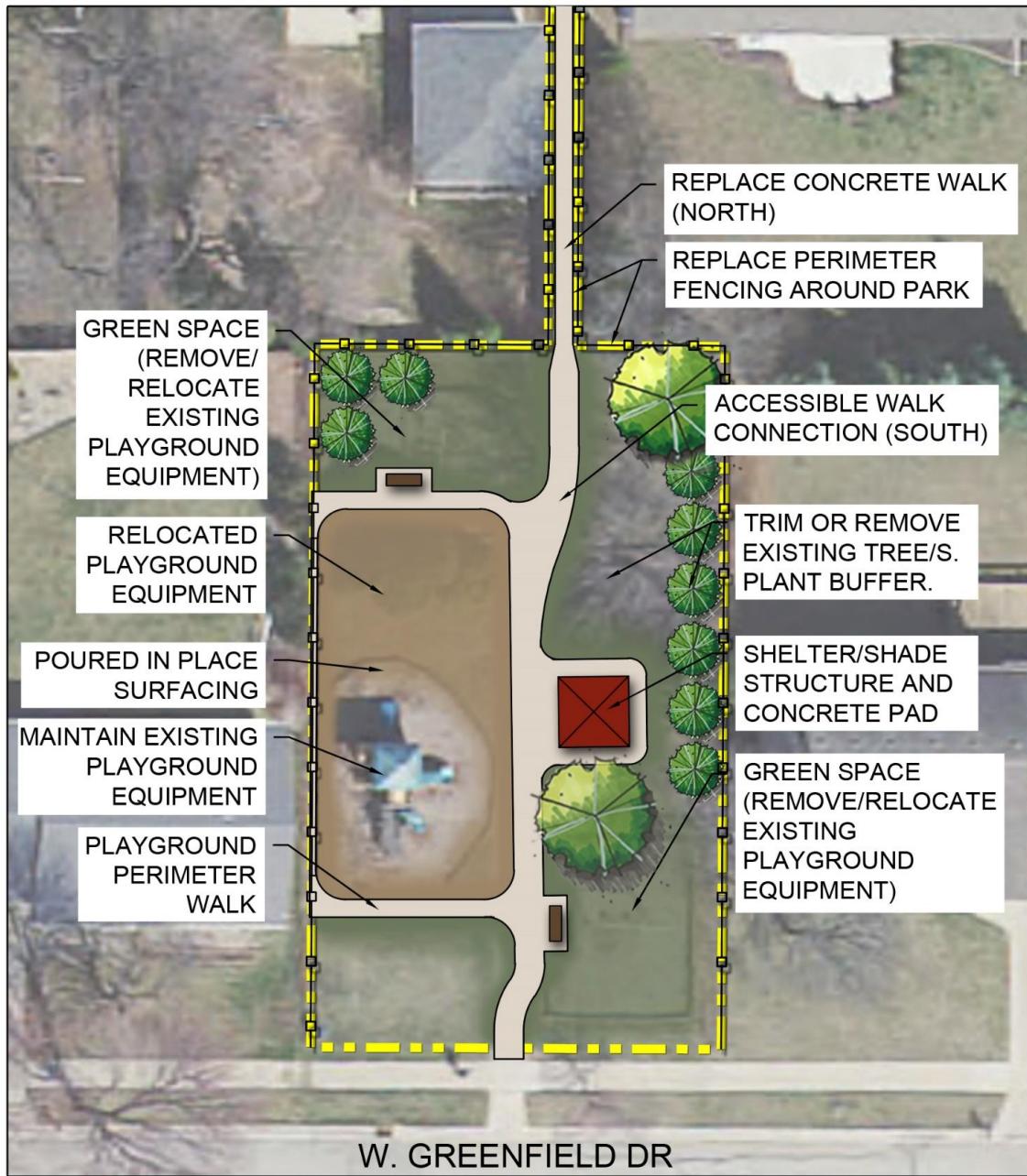
RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

- Accessible Walk Connections
- Playground Perimeter Walk
- Poured-in-Place Surfacing
- Site Amenity Allowance

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4. P. VAN ZEELAND TOT LOT

Mini Park
0.20 acres



RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

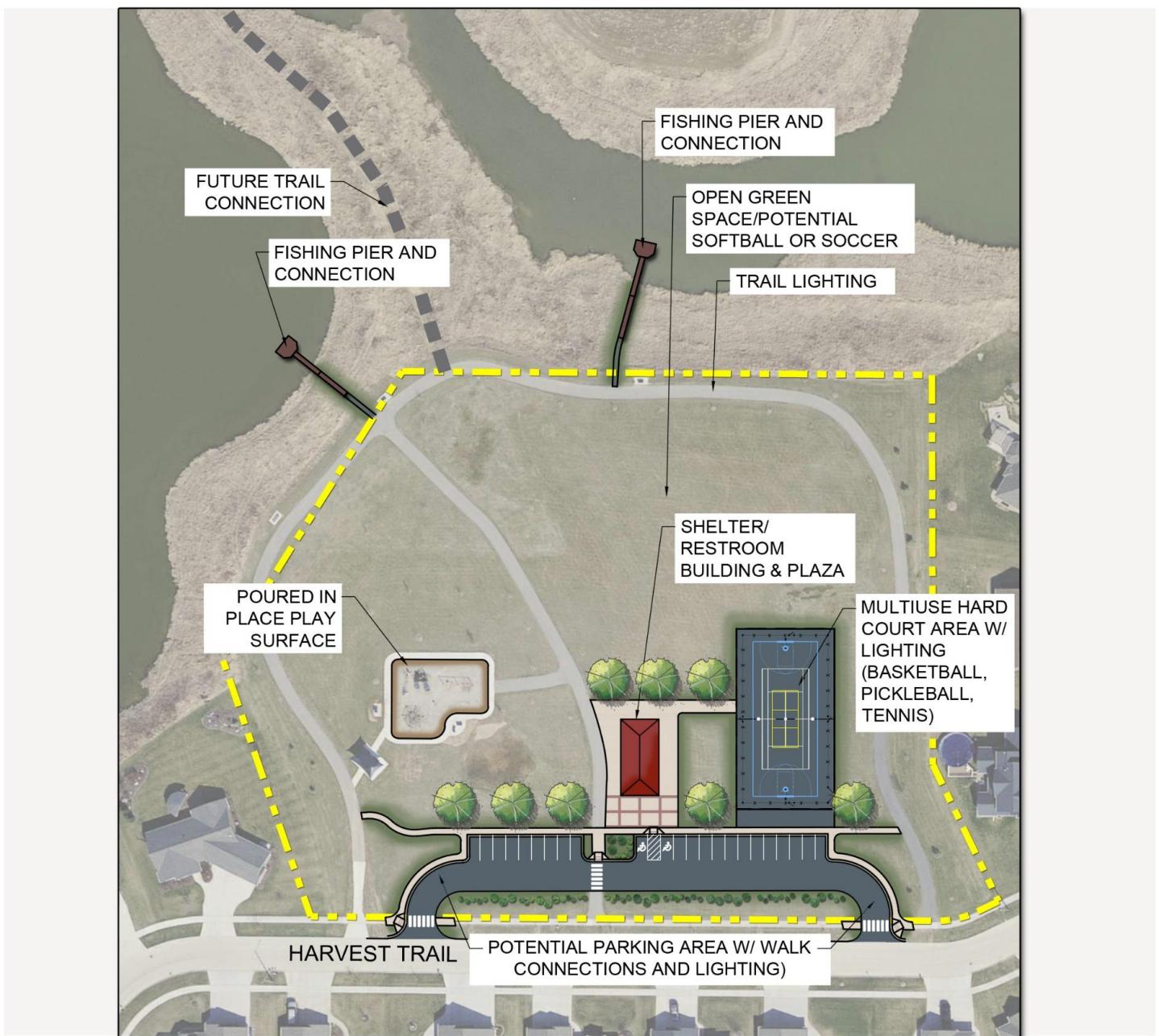
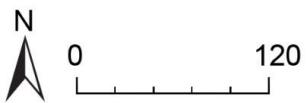
- Accessible Walk Connections (south and north)
- Perimeter Fence Replacement
- Playground Perimeter Walk with Bumpouts
- Poured-in-Place Surfacing
- Shade Structure
- Site Landscape/Trimming Allowance
- Playground Equipment Relocation and/or Removal
- Site Amenity Allowance

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5. CREEKVIEW PARK

Neighborhood Park

4.91 acres



RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

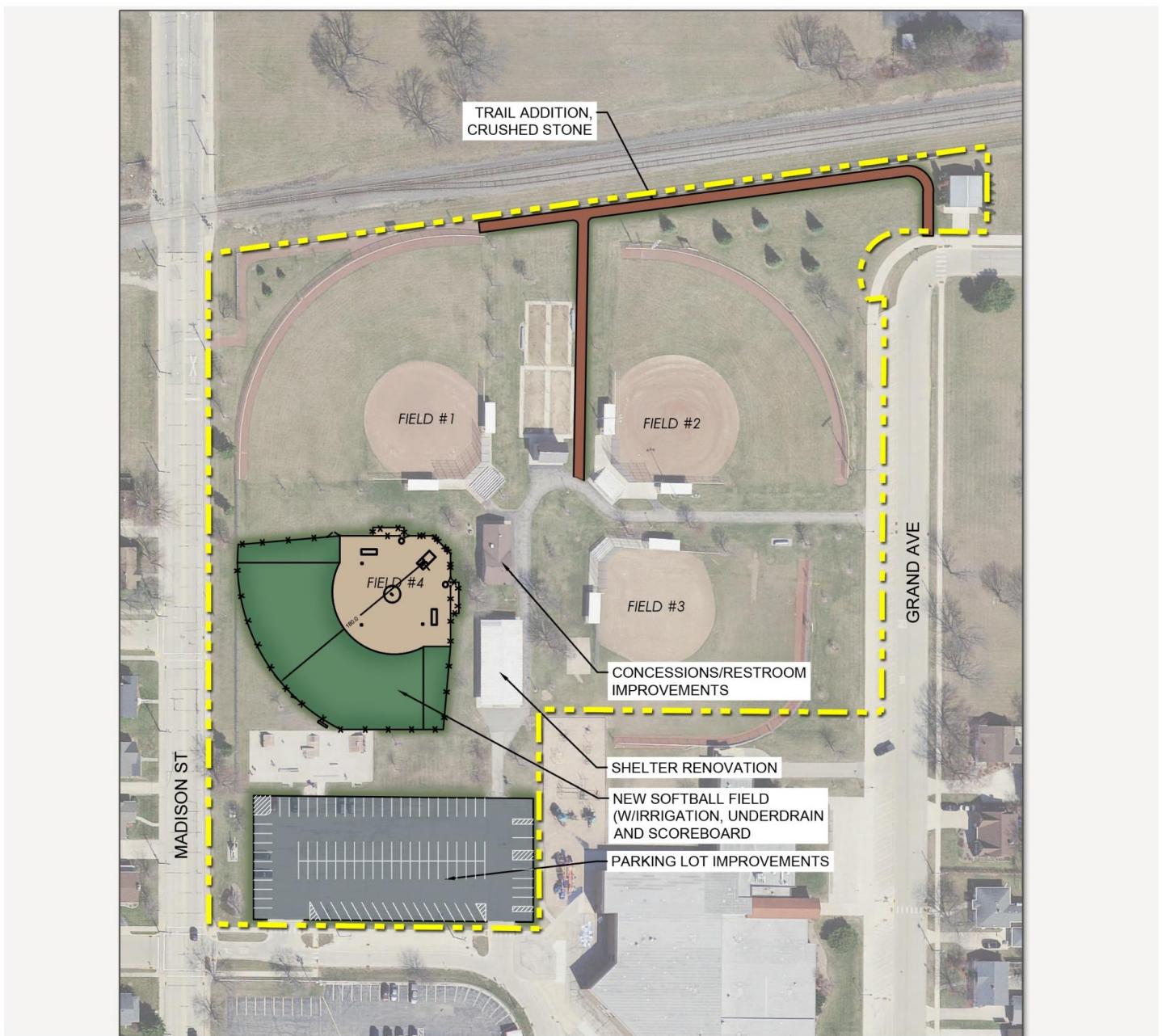
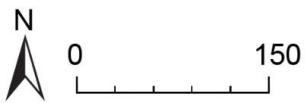
- Poured-in-Place Playground Surface
- Restroom/Shelter Building and Plaza
- Multiuse Hard Court Allowance
- Parking Lot (~23 spaces)
- Trail Lighting Allowance
- Fishing Pier (2)
- Park Master Plan Allowance
- Landscaping Allowance
- Site Security Allowance
- Site Amenity Allowance
- Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance

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6. LEGION PARK

Neighborhood Park

8.80 acres



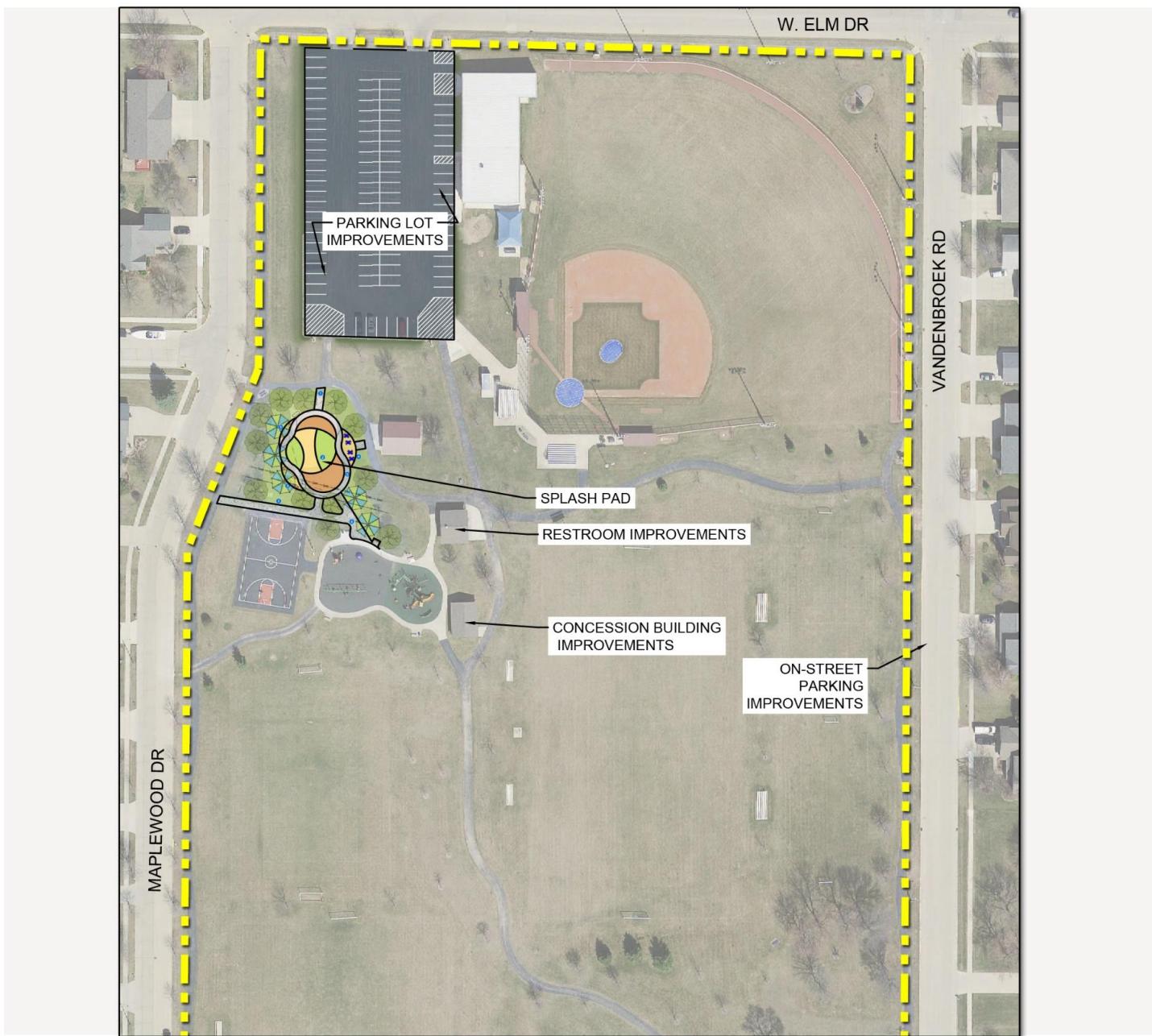
RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

- Repave Parking Lot
- Concession/Restroom Building Renovation Allowance
- Shelter Building Renovation/Reconstruction
- Additional Softball Field
- Crushed Stone Trail
- Park Master Plan Allowance
- Site Lighting Allowance
- Site Security Allowance
- Site Amenity Allowance
- Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance

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7. VAN LIESHOUT PARK

Neighborhood Park
19.58 acres



RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

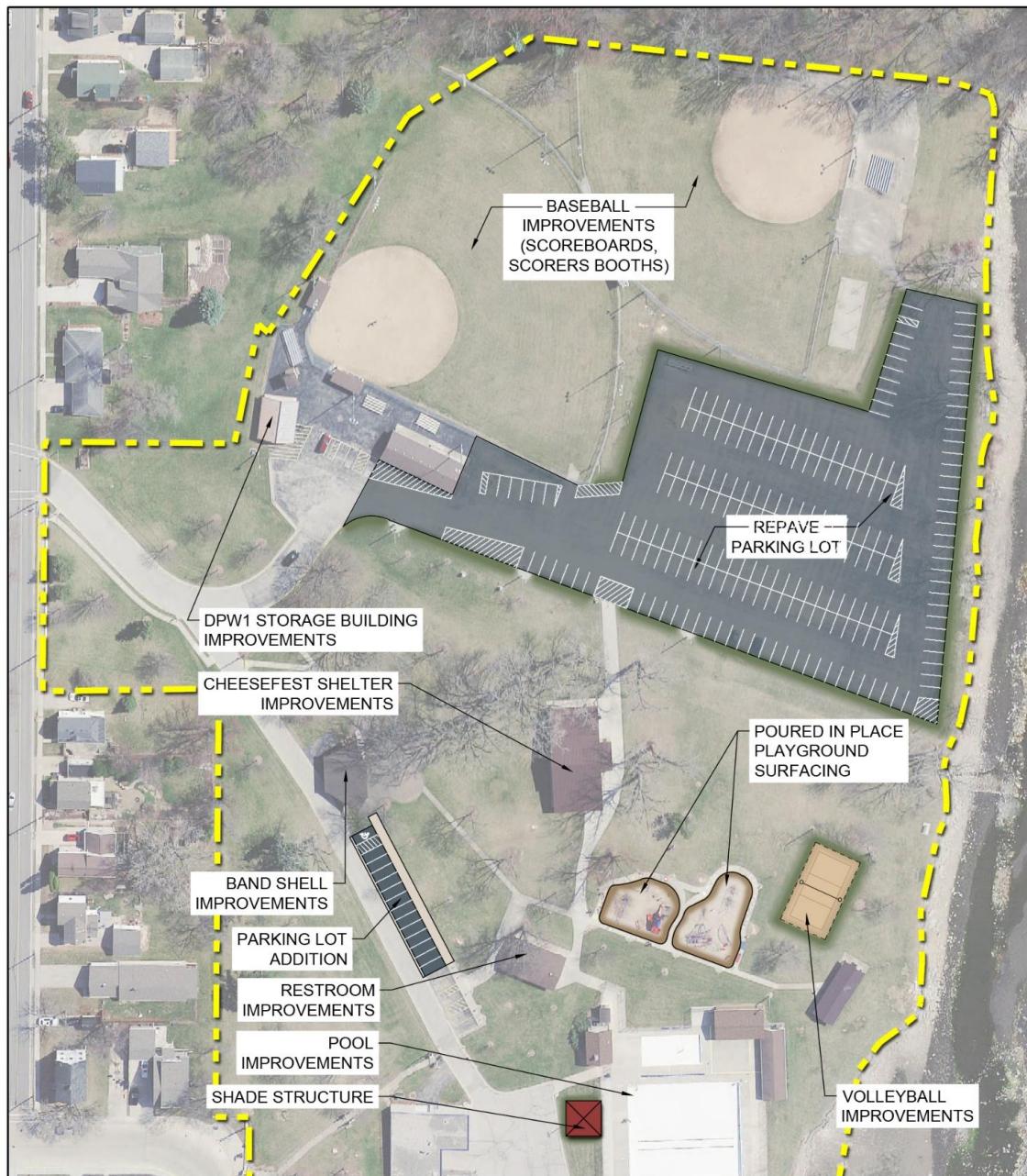
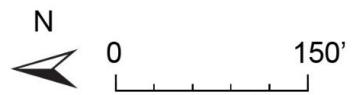
- Splash Pad
- Repave Parking Lot
- Restroom Building Improvements Allowance
- Concessions Building Improvements Allowance
- Street Parking Improvements Allowance
- Park Master Plan Allowance
- Site Lighting Allowance
- Site Security Allowance
- Site Amenity Allowance
- Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance

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8. DOYLE PARK

Community Park

16.19 acres



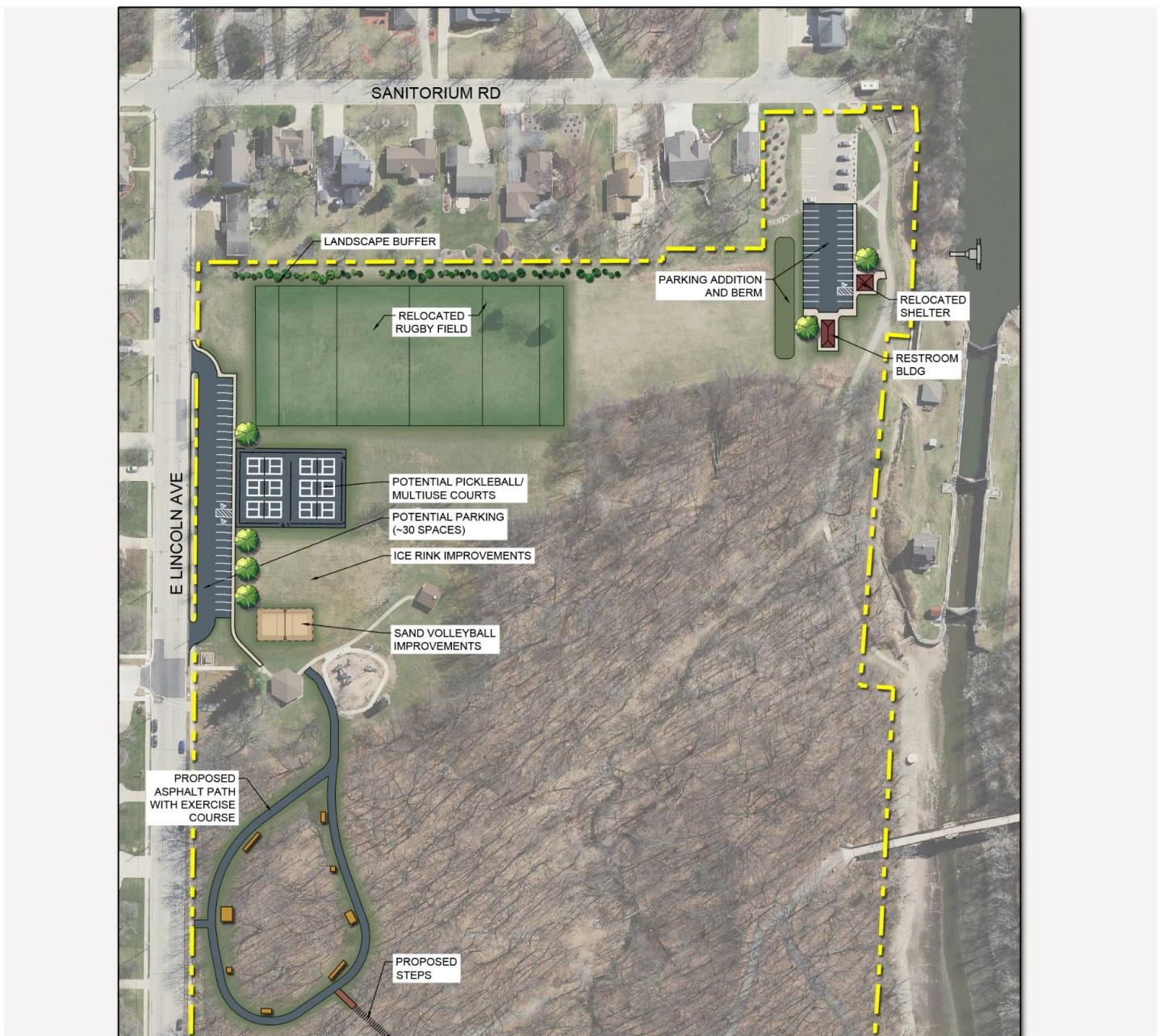
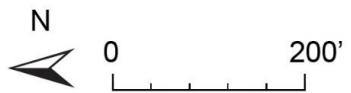
RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

- Repave Parking Lot
- Cheesefest Shelter Improvements Allowance
- Restroom Improvements Allowance
- Bandshell Improvements Allowance
- DP1 Storage Building Improvements Allowance
- Baseball Improvements: scoreboards, scorers booth repairs, etc.
- Poured-in-Place Playground Surfacing
- Parking Lot Addition (~14 spaces)
- Sand Volleyball Improvements
- Pool Improvements Allowance
- Shade Structure
- Park Master Plan Allowance
- Site Lighting Allowance
- Site Security Allowance
- Site Amenity Allowance
- Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance

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9. HEESAKKER PARK (EAST)

Community Park
28.30 acres



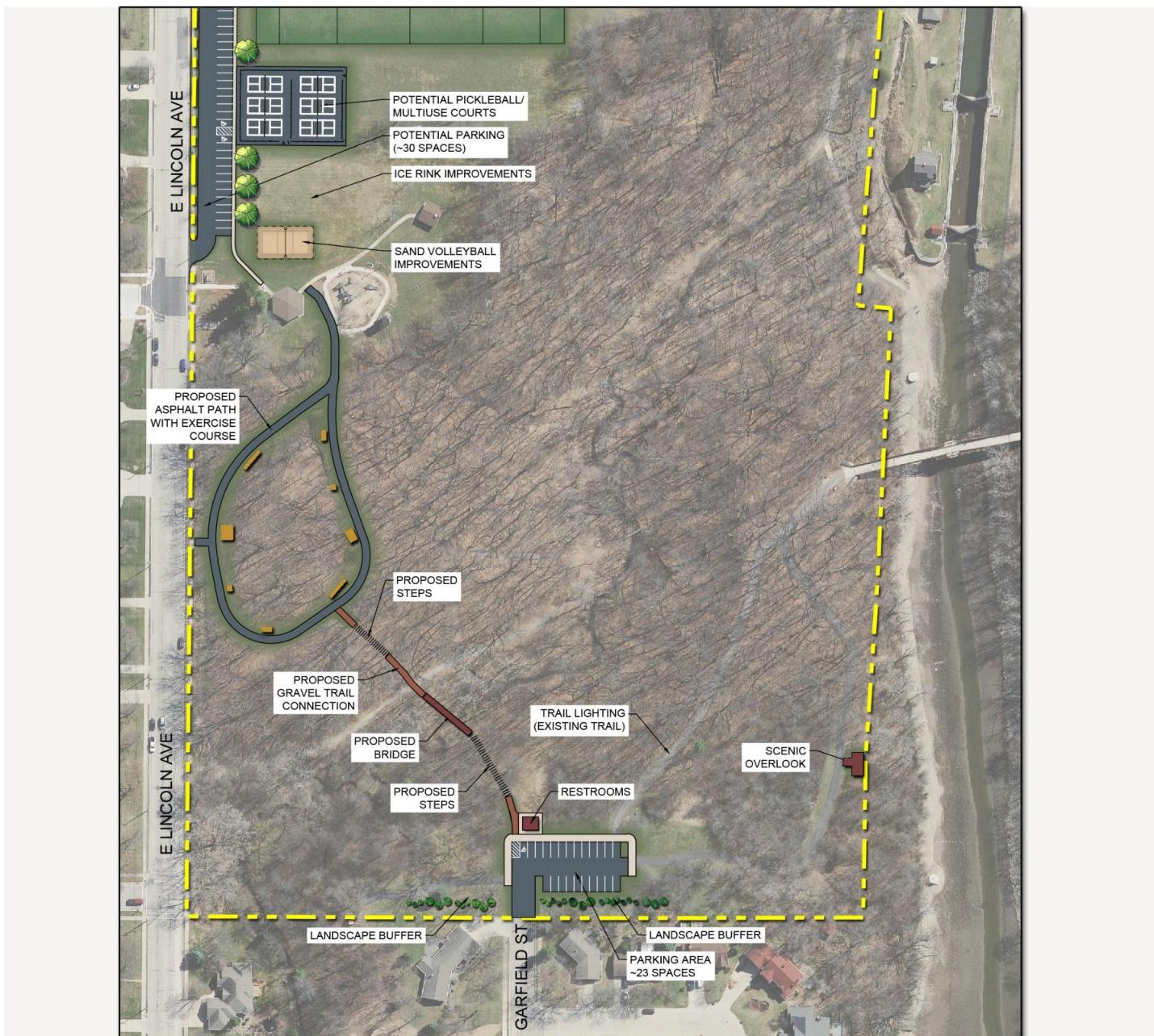
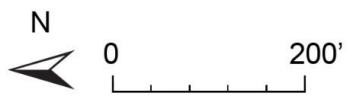
RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

- Parking Lot (by Garfield)
- Parking Lot (by E Lincoln Ave)
- Parking Lot Addition (by Sanatorium Lot)
- Shelter Relocation Allowance
- Restroom Building
- Sand Volleyball Improvements
- Pickleball/Multiuse Courts
- Exercise Equipment & Asphalt Path Allowance
- Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance
- Two-stall Restroom (Garfield)
- Relocated Rugby Field
- Landscape Buffer Allowance (by lots)
- Park Master Plan Allowance
- Park Signage Allowance
- Ice Rink Improvements
- Trail Lighting Allowance
- Scenic Overlook
- New Connecting Trail
- Site Security Allowance
- Site Amenity Allowance

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9. HEESAKKER PARK (WEST)

Community Park
28.30 acres



RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

- Parking Lot (by Garfield)
- Parking Lot (by E Lincoln Ave)
- Parking Lot Addition (by Sanatorium Lot)
- Shelter Relocation Allowance
- Restroom Building
- Sand Volleyball Improvements
- Pickleball/Multiuse Courts

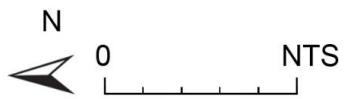
- Exercise Equipment & Asphalt Path Allowance
- Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance
- Two-stall Restroom (Garfield)
- Relocated Rugby Field
- Landscape Buffer Allowance (by lots)
- Park Master Plan Allowance
- Park Signage Allowance
- Ice Rink Improvements
- Trail Lighting Allowance
- Scenic Overlook
- New Connecting Trail
- Site Security Allowance
- Site Amenity Allowance

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11. ISLAND PARK

Special Use Park

5.82 acres



RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY:

- (2) Shade Structures (by benches)
- Site Security Allowance
- Site Amenity Allowance
- Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance

6.3 Proposed Park Types

Exact acreage and location of undetermined proposed facilities should be on a specific case by case basis. However, as lands become available and residential and/or commercial growth continues to move into these areas, the Village should investigate securing park and open space in strategic areas.

Careful upfront planning will help to minimize parcel acquisition and development costs and better meet community needs. The Master Plan process should include a comprehensive review of the existing conditions, advantages, and challenges for each potential park site as well as an evaluation and identification of proposed needs, the collection of community input, the preparation of concept plans, and detailed cost estimates. It is recommended that the Village seek the assistance of a Landscape Architect for park planning.

Park Examples

The following are general examples of parks by NRPA classification types. Site specific design and site plans will be required for each park project.

Mini Park



Sample Plan
Not to Scale

Mini parks are the smallest park classification and are used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs. Mini parks often contain plantings, seating areas, and a central focus feature such as a playground, gazebo, fountain, plaza, or historical marker. They are often created on a single urban lot or remnant parcel.

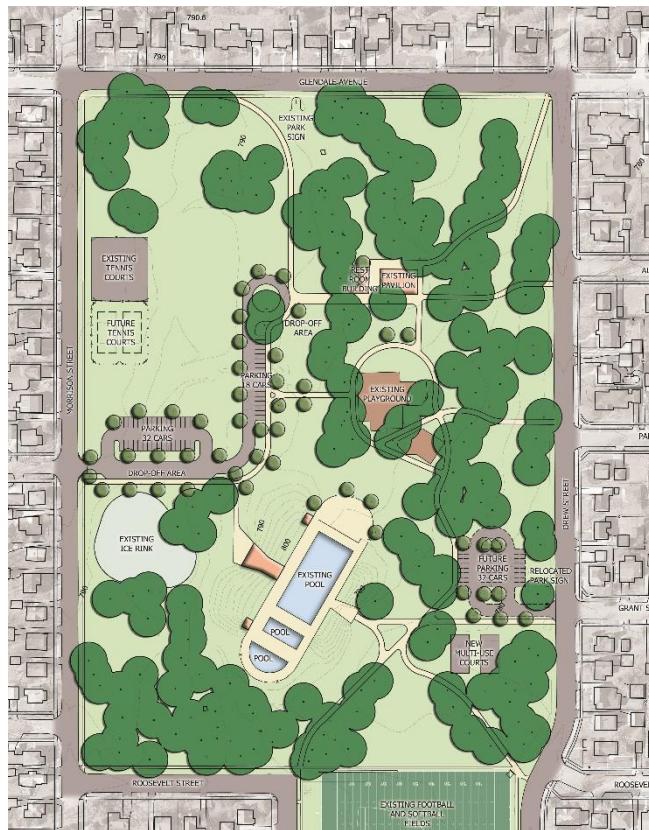
Location:

Mini parks often service a specific recreational need or takes advantage of a unique opportunity. Demographics and population play a role in location, but they are generally located in a residential setting with a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile service area. Accessibility is by way of trails, sidewalks, or low volume residential streets.

Preferred Size:

Usually between 2 acres or less.

Neighborhood Park



Sample Plan
Not to Scale

Neighborhood parks compose the basic unit of the park system and serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Typical amenities include: shelters, picnic areas (with tables and grills), drinking fountains, and pathways.

Location:

Service area radius is between 1/4 and 1/2 mile in distance and should not be interrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers. Accessibility is by way of trails, sidewalks, or low volume residential streets.

Preferred Size:

Usually 5 - 15 acres.

Community Park



Sample Plan Not to Scale

Community parks focus on meeting community recreational needs and serve multiple neighborhoods. Community Parks provide a combination of active and passive recreational opportunities. In addition to the facilities provided at neighborhood parks, community parks may provide natural features, trails, swimming pools, picnic areas, elaborate playfields, game courts, ice skating, shelters, or sanitary facilities and ample off-street parking. Community parks also play an important role in preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

Location:

Usually serves two or more neighborhoods with a 1 – 2-mile service radius.

Size:

As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 25+ acres.

6.4 Maintenance Plan

Careful planning and design are essential to building a great community park system, but it is the level of long-term care that determines facility attractiveness, safety, longevity, and commitment to citizen's quality of life. Sustainable maintenance also improves the quality of the natural environment.

The amount of necessary maintenance will vary from park to park. Active parks, very visible parks in central locations, and well-used parks for example, tend to need a higher level of attention while open spaces often only require some type of annual maintenance.

The following is a general list of goals and recommendations municipal park systems. While the overall list of recommendations is extensive, it is meant to be long-term and the recommendations should be implemented over a period of years.

Maintenance Goals and Recommendations

Goal: Efficiency

Recommendations

- Provide adequate and well-trained park personnel.
- Promote an understanding of the significant scope of work related to parks, facilities and trail operations and maintenance.
- Plan for realistic time frames when scheduling maintenance work.
- Acquire appropriate equipment to perform maintenance effectively and efficiently.
- Create and maintain a log for tracking park system and individual park maintenance activities.
- Perform systematic routine maintenance of park facilities and equipment.
 - Play equipment
 - Courts and fields
 - Benches and picnic tables
 - Trail systems
 - Restrooms and shelters
 - Paved parking areas
 - Accessible routes

Goal: Accessibility

Recommendations

- Retrofit all parks and park facilities to be accessible, including shelters and restrooms. As park restroom buildings are built or upgraded, they should be designed to be barrier-free and accessible to all park users.
- Cover surfaces directly under play equipment and a safe zone around the play equipment with an ADA compliant safety surface. In addition, provide an accessible route to all play structures and facilities.
- Continue with the current playground equipment replacement program.

Goal: Sustainable maintenance and care practices

Recommendations

- Periodically survey the condition of each park and facilities within the park in order to effectively and efficiently schedule routine maintenance projects.
- Monitor the condition of Village trails during the winter to facilitate regular snow removal.
- Design a sustainable maintenance program that will evaluate annual labor, supply and equipment needs, and develop an effective and efficient method for keeping park landscapes and facilities maintained and working properly.
- Consider the following guidelines in the maintenance program:
 - Retain existing soil during construction and planting projects. Stockpile and reuse this soil on-site to minimize disturbance that could encourage growth of invasive plant species.
 - If fill needs to be imported, specify weed-free fill.
 - When using fertilizer, use organic or “slow-release” and use no more than recommended for proper growth.
 - The soil should be tested once every three years to determine the need for fertilizer and pH adjustment.
 - Use compost as an annual dressing.
 - Mulching retains moisture in the soil, moderates soil temperature, prevents erosion and the washing away of nutrients, and keeps weed growth under control. Mulch should be applied no deeper than 4” on trees, 2-3” on shrubs, and about an inch on perennials.
 - Use shredded hardwood mulch rather than wood chips because of its slower decomposition rate and lower nitrogen depletion properties.
 - In turf areas and newly planted areas, water deeply, about one inch of water per week to keep plants healthy and to prevent soil erosion. Water in the early morning to prevent evaporation.
 - Consider using two types of grass within the parks, a cool season athletic mix turf grass for active play areas, such as ball fields and picnic areas, and a native cool season grass such as Canada rye in place of Kentucky bluegrass and fescue in other areas of the park.
 - Mow high (about 3” or no more than one-third of the blade of grass) in earlier morning hours, leaving grass clippings on the turf. Longer blades of grass tend to grow deeper roots helping to avoid erosion and obtaining more moisture and nutrients from the soil.
 - Turf grass on ball fields and soccer fields will be mowed 2x/week during the seasons when needed. All other turf grass areas will be mowed 1x/week as time and weather permit.
 - Include large drifts of native grasses and flower areas in parks, especially around water bodies to protect water quality, provide seasonal color and texture, enhance wildlife habitat and deter geese populations.

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- Consider a controlled burn or equivalent natural management area approach, such as mowing, to maintaining native landscapes within parks. Controlled burns should be performed only by trained personnel.
- Incorporate natural storm water control measures within the parks such as rain gardens, grass swales and additional planting of trees around parking and other hard surface areas to reduce site run-off.
- Reduce the use of pesticides, herbicides or other chemically treated products such as wood products, whenever possible due to their impacts on water quality and wildlife habitat. When needed, especially in the case of invasive plant species control, they should be applied only by trained personnel and care should be taken to ensure proper use and storage.

Goal: Community Partnership and Cooperation.

Recommendations

- Solicit public evaluation of parks, facilities, and trail maintenance from the public using periodic surveys or online feedback.
- Utilize community volunteer resources to assist in park beautification and maintenance projects, e.g., rain gardens, restoration projects, invasive species control and installation of signage, new playground structures, etc. These types of activities bring community members together, especially in neighborhood park settings and can create a sense of ownership that will last.
- Create volunteer recognition programs to acknowledge groups or community members for their service.
- Educate the public on the aesthetics and benefits of sustainable park landscapes using brochures, fact sheets, the Village website, and/or Village newsletters and signage.

Goal: Capital Improvements.

Recommendations

- Routine maintenance generally consists of the repair and upkeep of existing park facilities (such as painting a shelter building), does not appreciably increase the value of the park, and is traditionally funded through the Park Department's operations budget. Capital improvements, on the other hand, are the addition of labor and materials that improve the overall value and usefulness of a park (such as upgrading a restroom facility to be barrier-free), and often designated and funded individually through segregated municipal funds.
- Generally, capital improvements are ranked in the following manner:
 - Improvements to Existing Facilities:
 - Correct health and safety hazards
 - Upgrade deficient facilities, including accessibility-related deficiencies
 - Modernize adequate but outdated facilities
 - Development of new facilities as deemed appropriate and necessary through public demand (public meetings, Park and Recreation Commission input, expected population growth).

Goal: Expansion with Village Growth

Recommendations

- Acquire additional parklands as appropriate to meet current and future recreational needs per the recommendations of the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- Actively generate funds for park and recreation programs and park development. Revenue generating options:
 - Impact fees
 - Payment in lieu of dedication of parkland
 - Grants and donations

Maintenance Guidelines

Landscape

Planting Type	Annual Maintenance Schedule							
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	At 2 Years	At 5 Years	At 10+ Years	
Trees and Shrubs					Only prune lower branches that will create a hazard. Trees should not be staked unless absolutely necessary.	Selectively replace shrubs that have overgrown.	Replace shrubs that have become overgrown.	
Planting New/Replacement		X	X	X				
Fertilizer	Only when needed							
Mulch		X	X	X	Renewal prune woody shrubs to improve shape.	Renewal prune woody shrubs to improve shape.		
Pest Control (only as needed)		X	X					
Plant Repair	X	X	X	X	DO NOT SHEAR SHRUBS.	DO NOT SHEAR SHRUBS.		
Pruning	X	X	X	X	Pruning should be done only by trained personnel.	Pruning should be done only by trained personnel.		
Perennials/Ornamental Grasses						Divide existing plants to keep them healthy and maintain shape.	Divide existing plants to keep them healthy and maintain shape.	
Planting New/Replacement		X	X	X	In areas where establishment is unsuccessful, amend soil and replant.	Replace dead plant material.	Replace dead plant material.	

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Planting Type	Annual Maintenance Schedule							
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	At 2 Years	At 5 Years	At 10+ Years	
Aeration		April		Sept.	Re-grade sections that may have become "bumpy". Remove lawn from area around tree trunks.		Complete major renovation of turf areas designated for active sports such as ball fields, soccer fields, etc.	
Mowing		X	X	X				
Re-sodding		X	X	X				
Re-seeding (over-seeding)				X				
Weed control (only as needed)		X		X				
Fertilization		X		X				
Naturalized Areas								
Planting		X		X	Weeding/burns and general management is critical during the first three years of establishment. The goal is to have minimal contact in subsequent years to reduce impact to wildlife habitat. ONLY BURN IN NATIVE GRASS & FLOWER AREAS. Most trees and shrubs cannot typically survive this method of weed control.	Plant species selection should be modified based on success rates.	Long-term management should consider wildlife habitat quality. Plant species selection should be modified based on success rates and aesthetic quality. Replace plants or re-seed as needed.	

7.0 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Information collected through community input, Little Chute Parks Management and staff, and the Little Chute Park Planning Committee, in addition to professional assessment was used to develop the list of recommendations in the previous section. These recommendations, which consist of repairs, upgrades, corrections, and desired additional amenities, are intended to provide guidance to decision makers.

In this section, estimated costs are provided for each of these improvements to assist the Village in organizing funding. These estimates are based on 2018-2021 costs from similar bid projects and do not necessarily reflect inflation, regional price differences, and potential future material cost increases. These items may be funded through a combination of Village capital improvements budgets, public-private partnerships, grants, volunteer opportunities, and donations. Any Village-funded improvements would have to be presented to and approved by the Village as part of its annual Capital Improvements Program. Various grant and alternate funding sources are listed in the second half of this section.

For ease of reference, this section also provides a plan for implementing those recommendations over the next ten to fifteen years. The improvement information is organized into a spreadsheet matrix of short-, mid- and long-term strategies that are based on time increments of years 1 through 5, 6-10 years, and 10+ years and beyond categories. This section should be viewed as a planning tool. If projects are not completed in the hypothetical time frames identified, they should simply be viewed as future opportunities.

It is recommended that the Village monitor, review, and prioritize the improvement strategies on an annual basis.

7.1 Capital Improvements

(see to following spreadsheets)

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Capital Improvement Schedule



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PARK NAME	CURRENT ESTIMATED COST	Multiplier	1.035-1.188	1.229 to 1.411	1.460+
		*Note: Assume a 3.5% construction inflation multiplier be added per year to the current estimated cost.	Short-term (1-5 Years) 2022-2026	Mid-term (6-10 Years) 2027-2031	Long-term (11+ Years) 2032+
Jaycee Tot Lot					
Playground Perimeter Walk and Connections	\$13,300		X		
Poured-in-Place Surfacing	\$82,700				X
Site Amenity Allowance	\$10,000		X		
SUBTOTAL	\$106,000				
Kinley Tot Lot					
Accessible Walk Connections	\$6,000		X		
Playground Perimeter Walk	\$11,700		X		
Poured-in-Place Surfacing	\$67,900				X
Shelter on Pad	\$30,300			X	
Site Amenities Allowance	\$10,000		X		
SUBTOTAL	\$125,900				
Miller Tot Lot					
Accessible Walk Connections	\$3,700		X		
Playground Perimeter Walk	\$10,100		X		
Poured-in-Place Surfacing	\$67,200				X
Site Amenity Allowance	\$10,000		X		
SUBTOTAL	\$91,000				
P. Van Zeeland Tot Lot					
Accessible Walk Connection (north)	\$5,000			X	
Accessible Walk Connection (south)	\$7,000			X	
Perimeter Fencing Replacement (4'H vinyl coated chain link fencing)	\$13,000			X	
Playground Perimeter Walk (w/ bench bumpout)	\$9,000			X	
Playground Poured-in-Place Surfacing	\$55,000			X	
Shelter on Pad	\$30,300			X	
Remove/Relocate Playground Equipment Allowance	\$12,000			X	
Site Landscaping/Trimming Allowance	\$5,500			X	
Site Amenity Allowance	\$10,000		X		
SUBTOTAL	\$146,800				

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PARK NAME	CURRENT ESTIMATED COST
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Creekview Park				
Poured-in-Place Surfacing	\$92,300			X
Restroom/Shelter Building and Plaza	\$689,500		X	
Multiuse Hard Court Area Allowance (with fencing & lighting)	\$200,000		X	
Parking Lot (23 spaces)(with lighting)	\$169,200			X
Trail Lighting Allowance	\$85,000		X	
Fishing Pier 1 (and approach)	\$54,500		X	
Fishing Pier 2 (and approach)	\$54,500			X
Park Master Plan Allowance	\$15,000	X		
Site Landscaping Allowance	\$10,000	X		
Site Security Allowance	\$15,000	X		
Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance	\$1,000	X		
Site Amenity Allowance	\$10,000	X		
SUBTOTAL	\$1,396,000			

Legion Park				
Reconstruct Parking Lot	\$295,670	X		
Concession/Restroom Building Renovation Allowance	\$211,000		X	
Shelter Building Renovation Allowance	\$400,000			X
Additional Softball Field	\$262,000			X
Crushed Stone Trail	\$16,000		X	
Park Master Plan Allowance	\$15,000	X		
Site Lighting Allowance	\$75,000		X	
Site Security Allowance	\$15,000	X		
Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance	\$1,000	X		
Site Amenity Allowance	\$10,000	X		
SUBTOTAL	\$1,300,670			

Van Lieshout Park				
Splash Pad	\$617,100	X		
Repave Parking Lot	\$192,800			X
Restroom Building Improvements Allowance	\$105,800	X		
Concessions Building Improvements Allowance	\$95,500	X		
Street Parking Improvements Allowance	\$5,000	X		
Park Master Plan Allowance	\$15,000		X	
Site Lighting Allowance	\$75,000		X	
Site Security Allowance	\$15,000	X		
Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance	\$1,000	X		
Site Amenity Allowance	\$10,000		X	
SUBTOTAL	\$1,132,200			

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Doyle Park					
Repave Parking Lot	\$415,500			X	
Cheesefest Shelter Improvements Allowance (minor i.e. fascia, trim, gutters)	\$30,000		X		
Restroom Improvements Allowance (extensive, internal, some external plumbing connections)	\$670,000		X		
Bandshell Improvements Allowance (minor i.e. fascia, trim, gutters)	\$15,000			X	
DP1 Storage Building Improvements Allowance	\$128,900		X		
Baseball Improvements: Scoreboards	\$52,000		X		
Baseball Improvements: Scorerers Booth Repairs	\$65,000			X	
Poured-in-Place Surfacing	\$149,700				X
Sand Volleyball Improvements	\$11,100		X		
Parking Lot Extension (by bandshell)	\$50,000			X	
Pool Improvements Allowance	TBD			X	
Shade Structure Allowance	\$50,000		X		
Park Master Plan Allowance	\$15,000			X	
Site Lighting Allowance	\$150,000		X		
Site Security Allowance	\$15,000		X		
Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance	\$1,000		X		
Site Amenity Allowance	\$10,000			X	
SUBTOTAL	\$1,828,200				

Heesakker Park					
Parking Lot (off Garfield St)	\$108,500			X	
Restroom Building (off Garfield St)	\$145,200			X	
Parking Lot (off E Lincoln Ave)	\$158,200				X
Parking Lot Addition (off Sanatorium Rd)	\$89,200		X		
Restroom Building (by Sanatorium lot)	\$246,800		X		
Shelter Relocation Allowance	\$36,300		X		
Sand Volleyball Improvements	\$11,100		X		
Pickleball/Multiuse Courts	\$244,100			X	
Asphalt Path (near exercise equipment)	\$93,600				X
Exercise Equipment Allowance	\$75,000				X
New Connecting Trail (with bridge & stairs)	\$32,600		X		
Scenic Overlook	\$950,000				X
Relocated Rugby Field Allowance	\$15,000			X	
Landscape Buffer Allowance (by parking lots)	\$10,000			X	
Park Master Plan Allowance	\$15,000			X	
Park Signage Allowance	\$10,000				
Ice Rink Improvement Allowance	\$10,000		X		
Trail Lighting Allowance	\$150,000			X	
Site Security Allowance	\$15,000		X		
Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance	\$2,000		X		
Site Amenity Allowance	\$10,000		X		
SUBTOTAL	\$2,427,600				

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PARK NAME	CURRENT ESTIMATED COST
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Island Park				
Shade Structures (2)	\$30,000	X		
Lighting Allowance	\$50,000		X	
Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance	\$1,000	X		
Security Allowance	\$10,000	X		
SUBTOTAL	\$91,000			

Windmill Plaza (between plaza and civic center)				
Informational Wayfinding Signage Allowance	\$1,000	X		

TOTALS	
Short Term	\$2,924,870
Mid Term	\$2,906,400
Long Term	\$2,815,100
TOTAL	\$8,646,370

7.2 Funding

The following list of some existing and potential funding programs is included to help Village officials in the implementation phase of the plan. Funding sources are available in a variety of forms such as bonds, donations, federal and state grants, and loans. Further information can be obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Community Services Specialist for the appropriate state district. It should be noted that although it is desirable to acquire funding from grants and other non-local sources, the Village should also consider its ability to:

- Submit the necessary grant application materials.
- Administer the grant.
- Maintain the necessary documentation as required by the grant.
- Fund any required match.
- Maintain the improvement or program.
- Accept any long-term obligations or restrictions on the Village property where the funding is used.

Potential Funding Sources

STATE OF WISCONSIN GRANTS:
WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Acquisition & Development of Local Parks (Stewardship)
Acquisition of Development Rights (Stewardship)
All-Terrain Vehicle Trails
Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants (now Surface Waters Grant)
Boat Patrol Grants
Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program
Clean Water Fund Program
County Snowmobile Enforcement Patrols
Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration
Friends of State Parks (Stewardship)
Gypsy Moth Suppression Program
Habitat Area (Stewardship)
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grants (Multiple)
Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)*
Surface Water Grants
Municipal Flood Control
Municipal Water Safety Patrols State Assistance
Natural Areas (Stewardship)
Targeted Runoff Management Grant Program
Recreational Boating Facilities Grant Program
Recreational Trails Program
River Protection and Planning Grant Programs
Sport Fish Restoration (SFR)

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Snowmobile Trail Aids
State Trails (Stewardship)
Streambank Protection (Stewardship)
Urban Forestry Assistance Grants
Urban Green Space Program (Stewardship)
Urban Non-Point Source and Storm Water Grant Program
Urban Rivers Grant Program (Stewardship)
WI Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)
Brownfields Grant Program
Brownfield Site Assessment Grant
Community Development Investment Grant
Community Based Economic Development Program (Multiple)
Community Development Block Grants (Multiple)
WI Department of Administration (DOA)
Coastal Management Grants
WI Department of Transportation (DOT)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program
Harbor Assistance Program
Local Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program
Safe Routes to School Grant Program (SRTS)
Surface Transportation Program – Urban
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA)
Wisconsin State Infrastructure Bank (Loan Program)
FEDERAL GRANTS:
US Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
US Department of the Interior
National Park Service Land & Water Conservation Fund
US Environmental Protection Agency
Brownfield Clean Up Grant
Clean Water State Revolving Fund
EPA Environmental Education Grant Program
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
US Fish and Wildlife Service
State Wildlife Grants Program
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund
PRIVATE/NON-PROFIT GRANTS:
American Academy of Dermatology
AAD Shade Structure Grant Program
Bikes Belong Coalition
Bikes Belong Grant Program
Eastman Kodak, etc.
Kodak American Greenways Program
Dr Pepper Snapple & KaBOOM!

Let's Play Imagination Playground Grant
Major League Baseball
MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund
Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin
C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant (small grants only)
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program
Bring Back the Natives
Sustain our Great Lakes Program
US Soccer Foundation
US Soccer Foundation Grant

WI DNR Projects

Eligibility

“Eligible local governments are only those towns, cities, counties, and tribal governments that have a Department approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan or Master Plan which has been approved by resolution by the local governing unit or a plan of a higher unit of government. Local governments with qualifying plans receive eligibility to apply for grants for five years.”

Source: (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>)

*Of interest, according to the 2019-2023 Wisconsin SCORP, Outagamie County was awarded a total of \$954,018 in Land and Water Conservation Fund monies for 39 projects between 1965 and 2017.

Eligible Projects

In general, eligible projects include land acquisition, development, and renovation projects for “nature-based outdoor recreation” purposes. Decisions by the department (DNR) as to whether a particular project activity is categorized as “nature-based outdoor recreation” are made on a case-by-case basis. Some eligible projects or reasons are as follows:

- Acquisition of a conservation easement (including the acquisition of development rights) that enhances or provides nature-based outdoor recreation. Because of the complexity of easements, the department has developed separate guidelines, including a model easement to explain the requirements for eligibility for Stewardship funding. Contact your DNR region Community Service Specialist for additional information.
- Land purchases to preserve scenic or natural areas, including areas of physical or biological importance and wildlife areas. These areas shall be open to the general public for outdoor recreation use to the extent that the natural attributes of the areas will not be seriously impaired or lost.

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- Land within urban areas for such uses as open natural space, undeveloped play areas, bicycling trails, walking and horseback riding trails, and day-use picnic areas.
- Areas that preserve or restore urban rivers or riverfronts for the purposes of economic revitalization and nature based outdoor recreation activities.
- Development and renovation projects for the purpose of nature-based outdoor recreation – e.g., trails, camping areas, picnic areas, water recreation areas, and educational facilities where there is a permanent professional naturalist staff and the facilities are for nature interpretation, etc.
- Development and renovation of support facilities for the above – e.g., access roads, parking areas, restroom facilities, utility and sanitation systems, permanent landscaping, park signs, fences and lighting for the protection of park users, etc.
- Shoreline habitat restoration projects that serve public recreation or resource conservation purposes and is dependent on being on a shoreline.
- Riparian buffer rehabilitation including establishment of native vegetation, which may include slope and site preparation, and control of exotic plant species.
- Shoreline stabilization, which may employ bioengineering practices, and other environmentally beneficial stabilization techniques.

Source: (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>)

Ineligible Projects

- Land acquired through condemnation by the applicant; development of facilities on lands that were acquired through condemnation by the applicant.
- Purchasing land for and development of recreation areas that are not related to nature-based outdoor recreation – e.g., sports that require extensively developed open space such as dedicated sports fields, swimming pools, tennis courts, playgrounds, skateboard parks, hockey rinks, indoor horse arenas, golf courses, and motorized recreation.
- Lands dedicated through a local park land dedication ordinance.
- Restoration or preservation of historic structures.
- Buildings primarily devoted to operation and maintenance.
- Indoor recreation facilities.
- Construction or repair of seawalls, dams and lagoons.
- Construction of lodges, motels, luxury cabins or similar facilities.
- Environmental remediation or clean-up of site contamination.

Source: (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>)

Please refer to the Wisconsin DNR 2021 Grant Program Guidance and the 2021 Surface Water Grant Program Applicant Guide and Program Guidance for more information on Stewardship Local Assistance Grants, Federal Land and Water Conservation Program, and Federal Recreational Trails program assistance.

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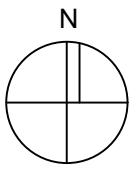
8.2 Aerial Park Site Maps

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P. Van Zeeland Tot Lot	SM - 4

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Van Lieshout Park.....	SM - 7

<u>Community Parks</u>	
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<u>Special Use Parks</u>	
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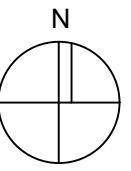
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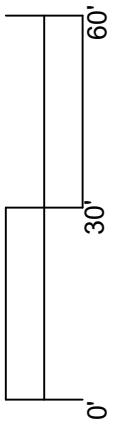
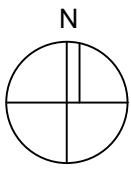
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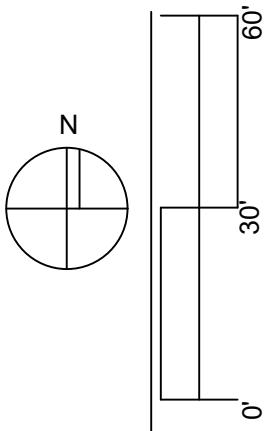
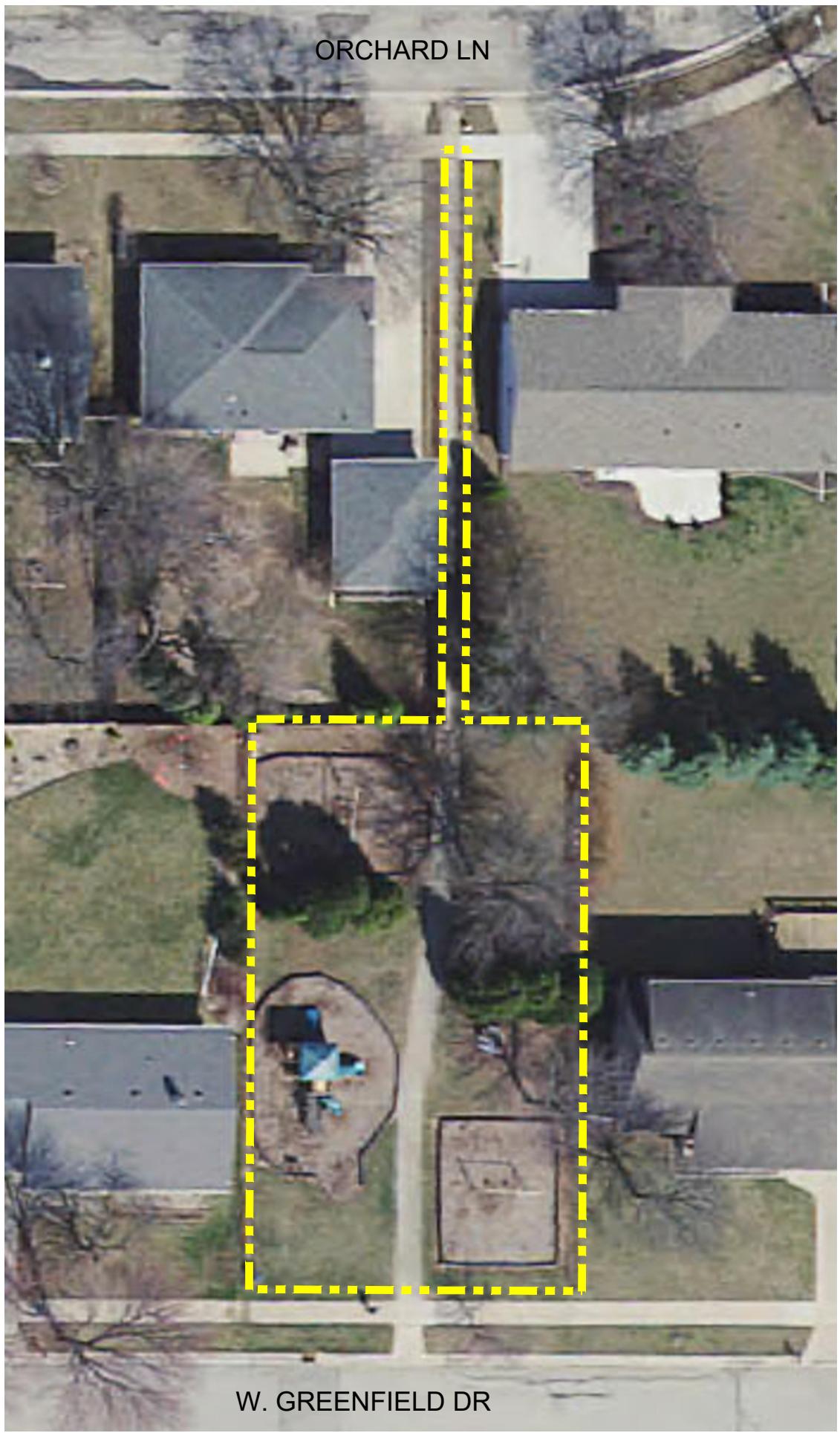
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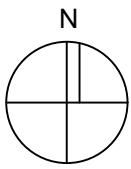


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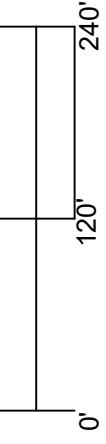
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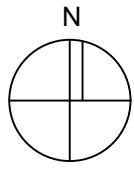
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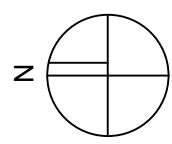
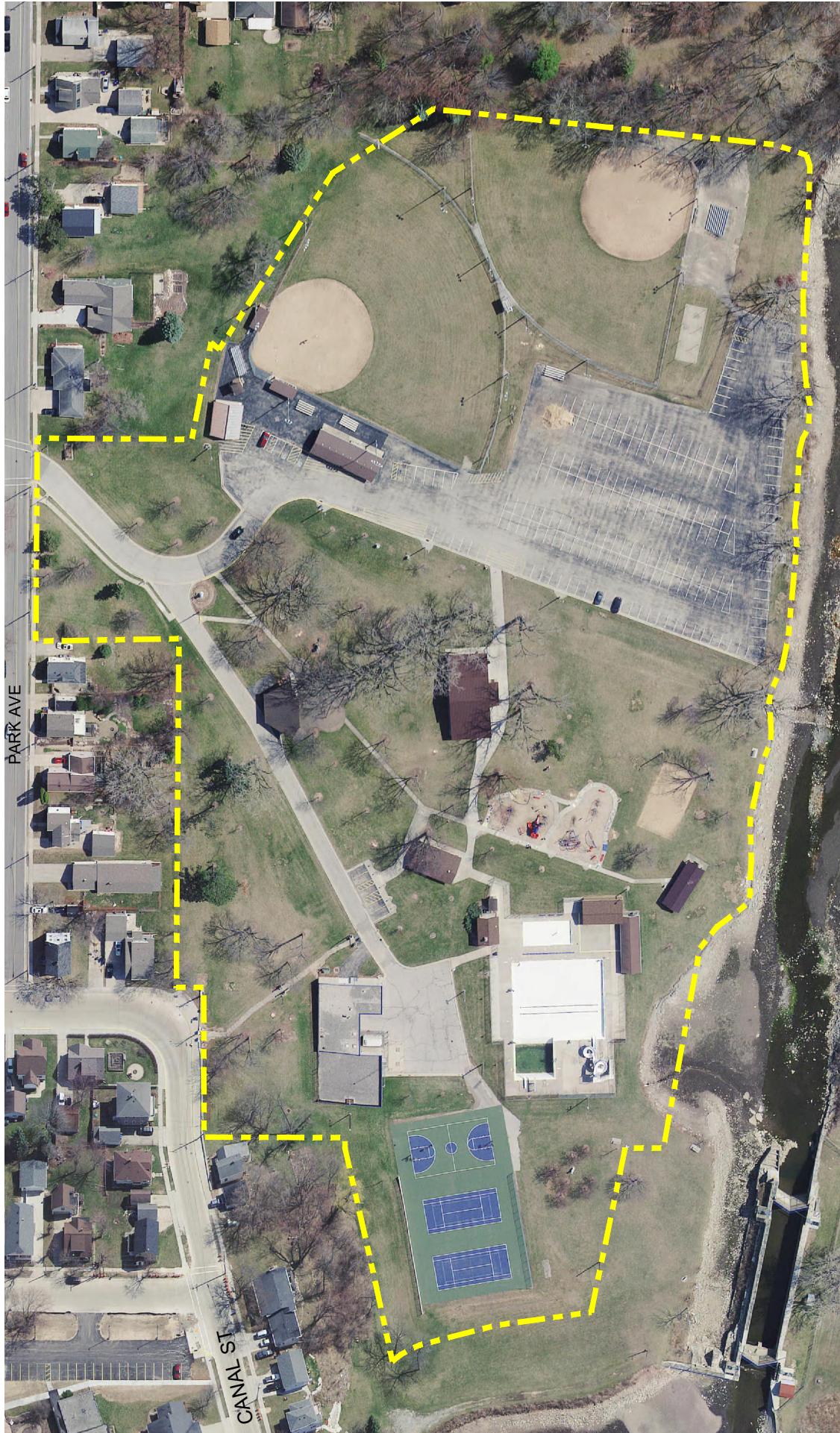


VAN LIESHOUT PARK
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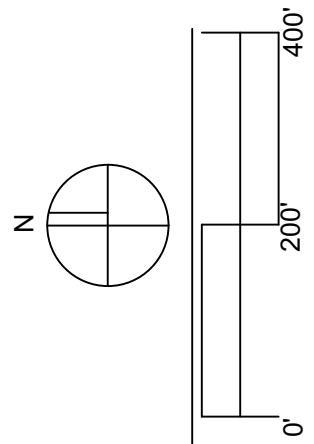
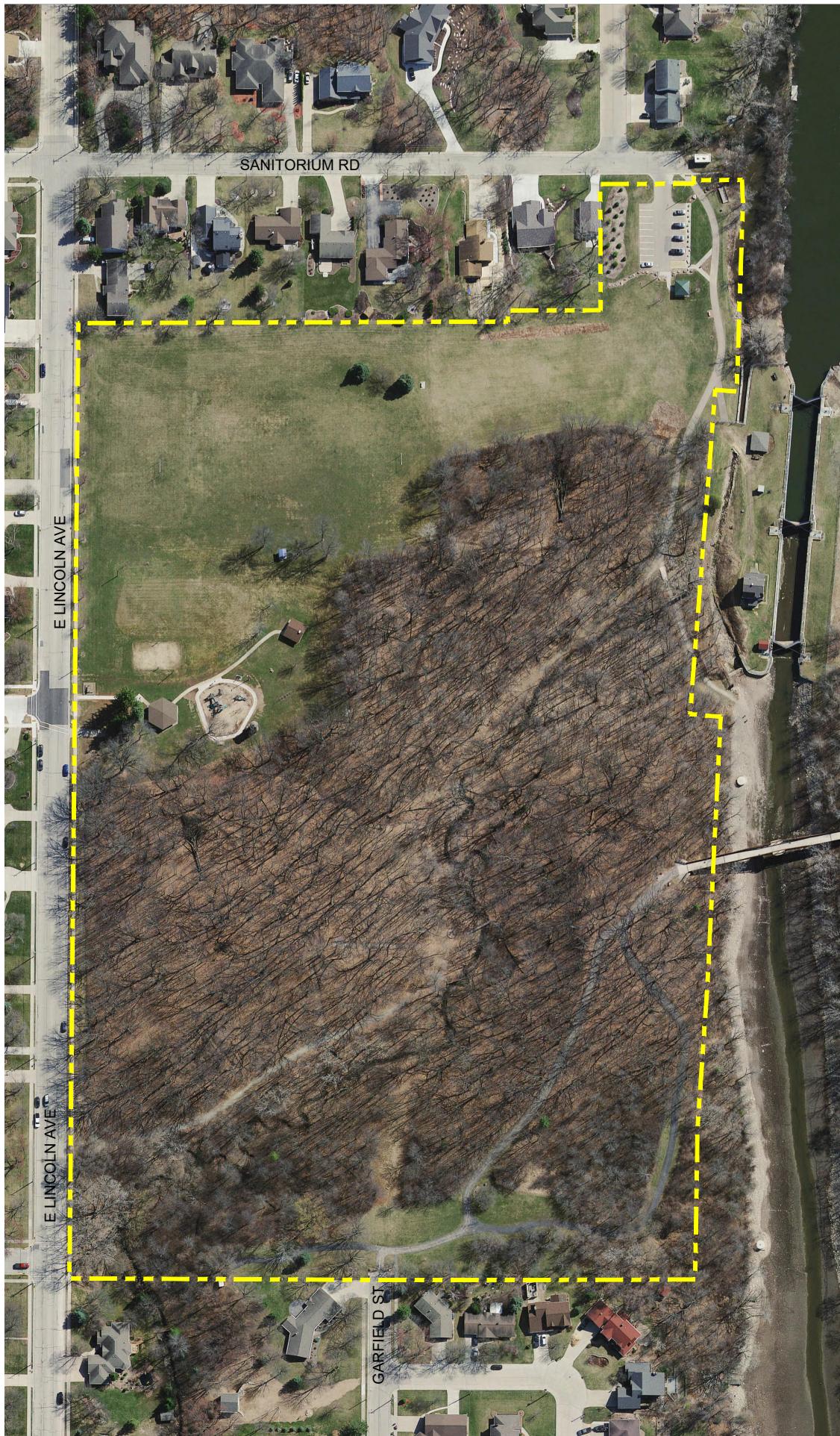


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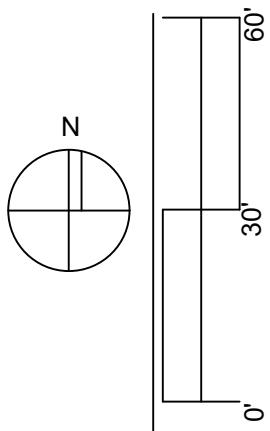
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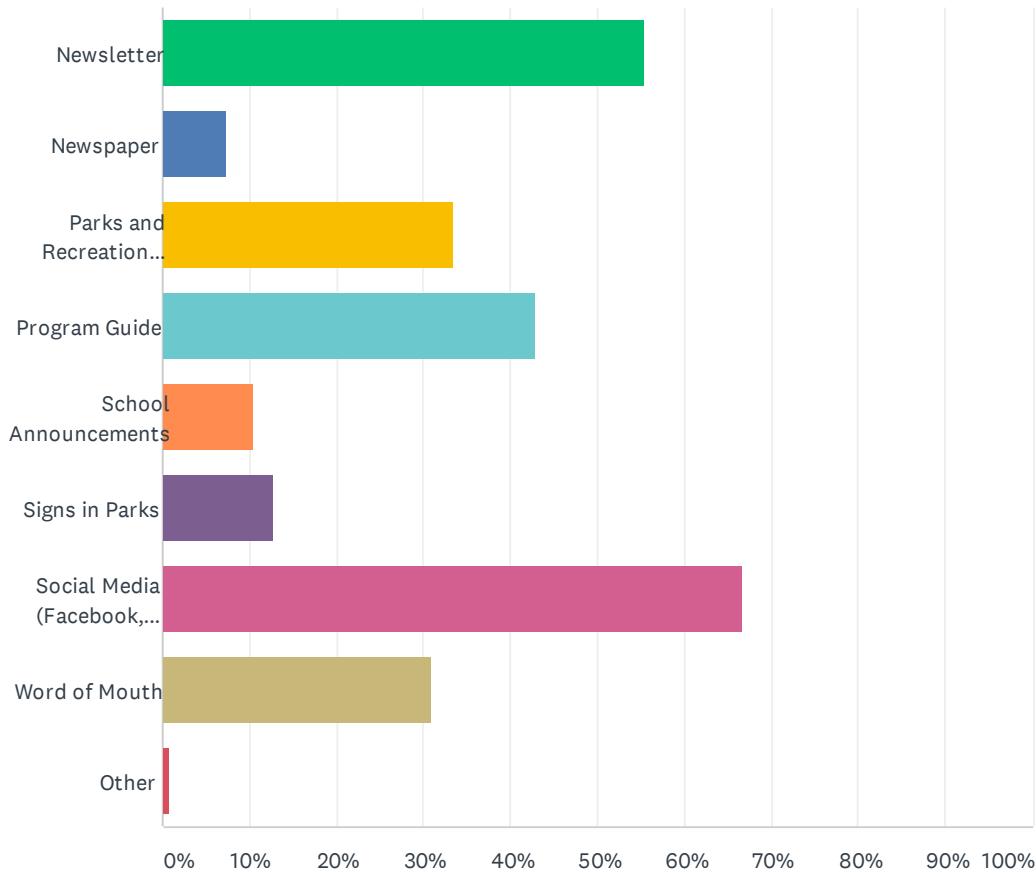


APPENDIX A:

COMMUNITY INPUT

Q1 How do you obtain information about Little Chute Parks and Recreation facilities, services, and programming? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 474 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Newsletter	55.49%
Newspaper	7.38%
Parks and Recreation Website	33.54%
Program Guide	42.83%
School Announcements	10.55%
Signs in Parks	12.66%
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	66.67%
Word of Mouth	31.01%
Other	0.84%
Total Respondents: 474	4

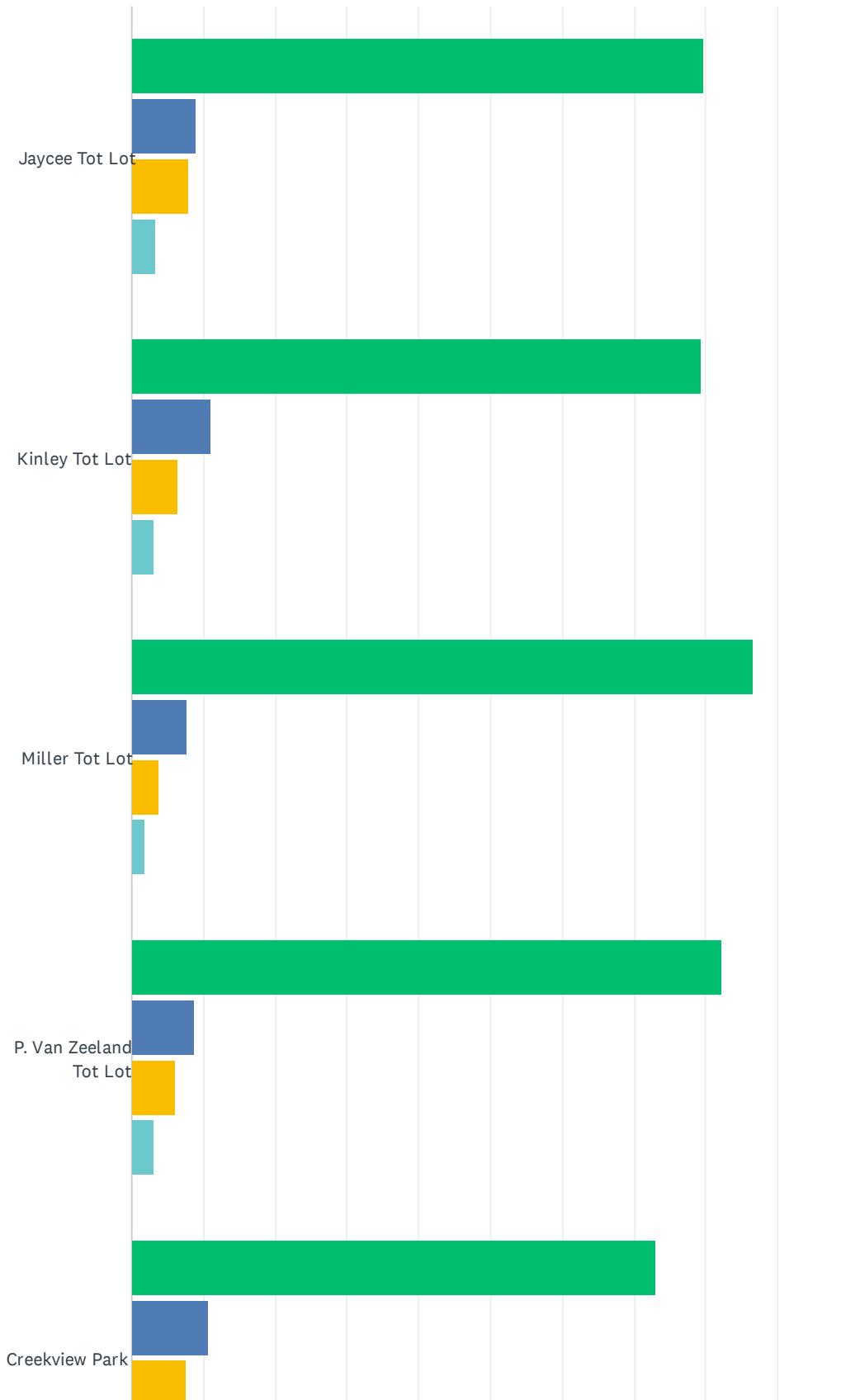
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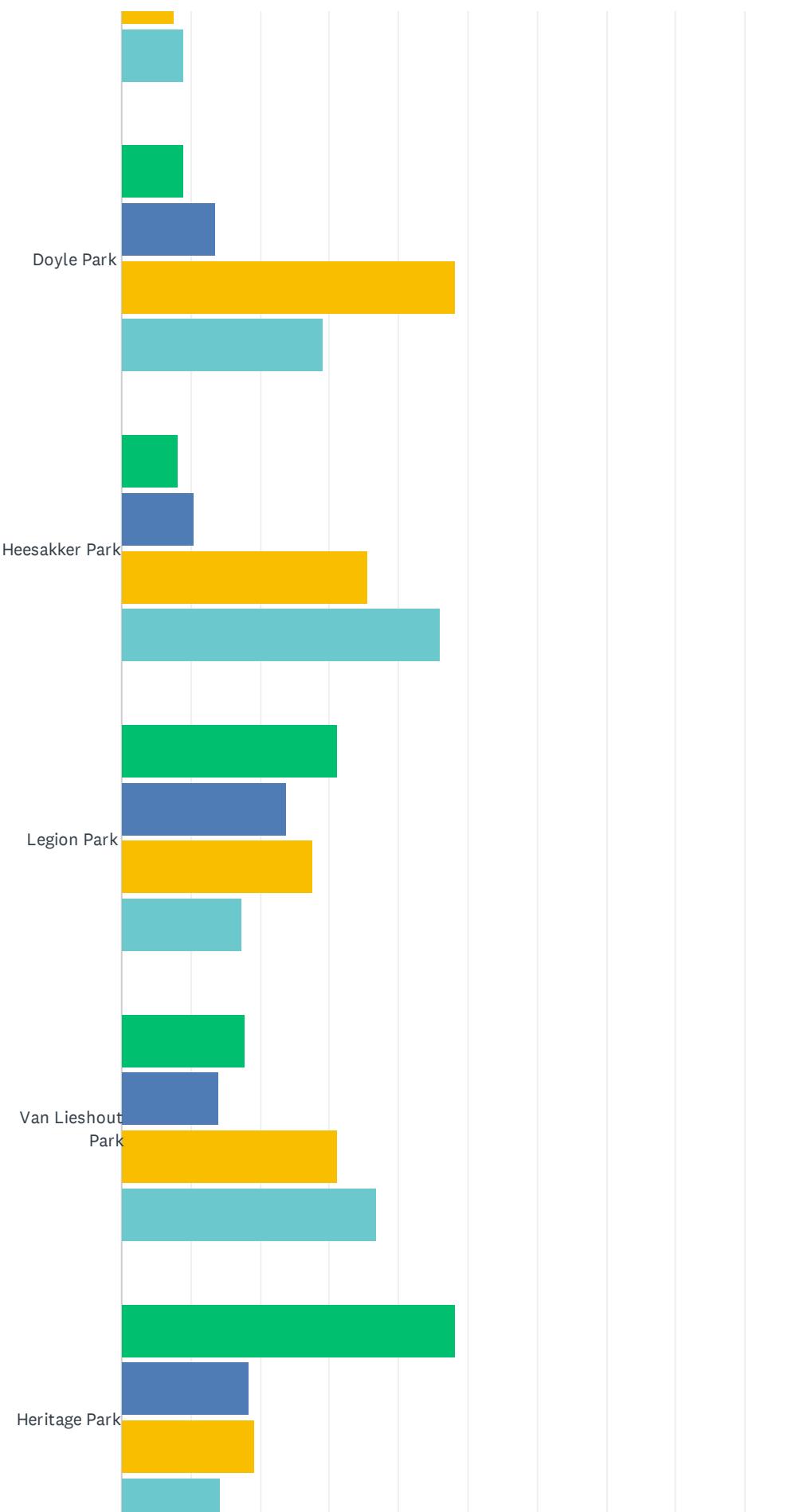
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4	email	4/9/2021 1:57 PM
5	email	4/9/2021 11:59 AM
6	emails	4/8/2021 1:39 PM
7	Email	4/8/2021 12:36 PM
8	Email	4/8/2021 12:14 PM
9	wOyx`kte^yjWnd2d	4/5/2021 11:30 AM
10	I have lived in the valley for 25+ years	4/3/2021 11:40 PM
11	Facebook	4/3/2021 6:35 AM
12	Google	4/3/2021 5:45 AM
13	Call village hall	3/31/2021 10:15 AM

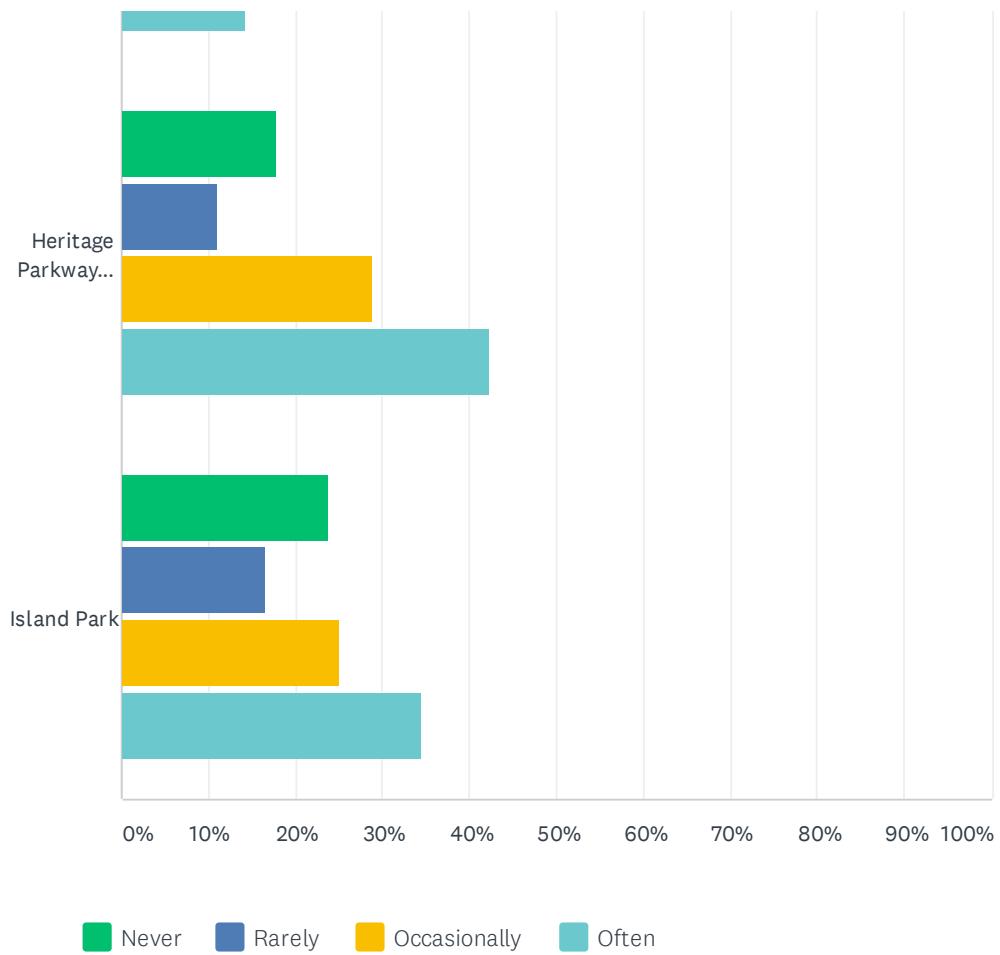
Q2 How often have you visited the following parks in the past 12 months?

Answered: 463 Skipped: 17





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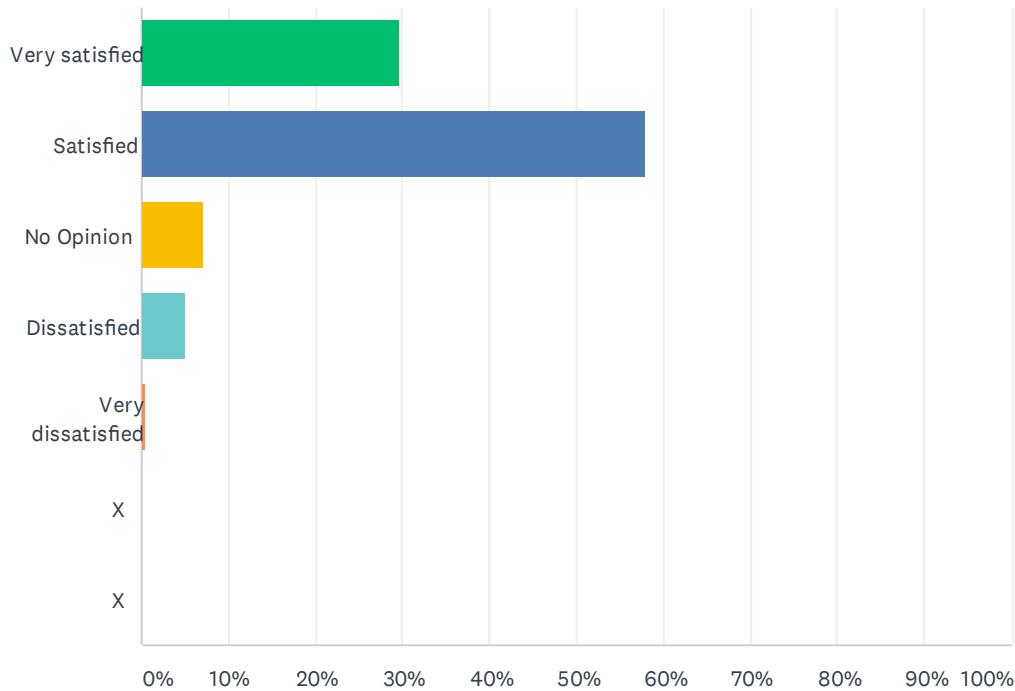


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	NEVER	RARELY	OCCASIONALLY	OFTEN	TOTAL
Jaycee Tot Lot	79.67% 337	8.98% 38	8.04% 34	3.31% 14	423
Kinley Tot Lot	79.39% 339	11.01% 47	6.56% 28	3.04% 13	427
Miller Tot Lot	86.52% 366	7.80% 33	3.78% 16	1.89% 8	423
P. Van Zeeland Tot Lot	82.16% 350	8.69% 37	6.10% 26	3.05% 13	426
Creekview Park	72.94% 310	10.59% 45	7.53% 32	8.94% 38	425
Doyle Park	8.97% 40	13.68% 61	48.21% 215	29.15% 130	446
Heesakker Park	8.06% 37	10.46% 48	35.51% 163	45.97% 211	459
Legion Park	31.18% 135	23.79% 103	27.71% 120	17.32% 75	433
Van Lieshout Park	17.87% 79	14.03% 62	31.22% 138	36.88% 163	442
Heritage Park	48.11% 204	18.40% 78	19.34% 82	14.15% 60	424
Heritage Parkway Trail/Island Trail	17.79% 79	11.04% 49	28.83% 128	42.34% 188	444
Island Park	23.76% 105	16.52% 73	25.11% 111	34.62% 153	442

Q3 How satisfied are you with the condition of the parks that you visit?

Answered: 427 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very satisfied	29.74%
Satisfied	57.85%
No Opinion	7.03%
Dissatisfied	4.92%
Very dissatisfied	0.47%
X	0.00%
X	0.00%
TOTAL	427

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL WHY YOU WERE SATISFIED OR DISSATISFIED.	DATE
1	Clean fun awesome	4/28/2021 6:17 AM
2	They are clean and well maintained and therefore feel they are safer.	4/27/2021 12:54 PM
3	The Island Park Trail is a wonderful community resource. I see people there every time I go.	4/27/2021 9:05 AM
4	Parks are clean. Downside is the blacktop on walking trails. It's too hot to walk your dog in the summer.	4/27/2021 6:06 AM
5	Like addition of bike trails, both paved and single track.	4/26/2021 8:06 PM
6	Well maintained	4/26/2021 7:48 PM
7	Love the mountain bike trail!	4/26/2021 7:38 PM

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8	Kept nice. A little more trail signage would be nice.	4/26/2021 7:17 PM
9	I ride the singletrack on the island off haesakker. It's pretty great.	4/26/2021 7:10 PM
10	Island and Heesakker park are great as they are on the river and slow hiking and biking.	4/26/2021 7:02 PM
11	Great mountain bike trails	4/26/2021 6:28 PM
12	Would *love* to see expanded mountain bike singletrack near Heesakker! The trails on the island are some of the best in the Fox Cities, even though the area is tiny. What the trails crew has been able to do with that space is astounding. I sometimes ride my mountain bike all the way down 96 from Appleton just to do some loops! Expanding into Heesakker would be incredible.	4/26/2021 6:27 PM
13	I wish they had put in more swings at van lieshout.	4/20/2021 3:49 PM
14	Most parks are pretty decent. I don't think any are stand out exceptional. There's nothing majorly unique about them except for the Heritage Trail. We very much enjoy the sledding hills at Heesakker and Van Lieshout. We use the trail often with our bikes. And the ice rink in winter.	4/18/2021 7:49 PM
15	But, need bathrooms along island trail. Perhaps in island park and bottom of heysaaker park by new kayak launch. I have seen people coming out of woods after relieving themselves.	4/16/2021 1:25 PM
16	Do pretty good job of clearing snow. The one bad thing is all parks need a porta potty in the winter time!! I spend a lot of time in the parks but never can find an open bathroom 😞	4/15/2021 9:00 PM
17	The only updated park with children's equipment is Van Lieshout. The other equipment or bases are unsafe. Typically there is no parking lot which means parents have to park on the road	4/15/2021 8:40 AM
18	Always clean and kept up. No graffiti. But some of them are a little worn/updated and could use updates.	4/14/2021 9:24 PM
19	Most parks could use better equipment to satisfy children of all ages. A lot of our village parks have equipment that only older children can safely use. It's challenging to find a park in our community that meets the needs of safe play for kids under the age of 4.	4/14/2021 8:02 PM
20	Clean and in good condition	4/14/2021 5:03 PM
21	Little chute needs to update playground equipment. We need our equipment to be more inclusive. There should be sensory sensitive and ada compliance.	4/13/2021 6:16 PM
22	Our parks need to be updated. Specifically playground equipment. There is not even an updated swingset at Heesakker Park - seems like a very important piece of equipment. Also the base needs to be updated. Each park should have more equipment and the surface or base needs to be safer. The only park that is super nice is Van Lieshout - why? If you want to bring people to the Village of LC then pay more attention to the little people. Families flock to the Appleton Parks as they are ADA compliant and they have updated sensory equipment. We do not. Trails are important and I understand that we are updating these. But kids like to play. What about an indoor play area which would be accessible year round. Take note of the Titletown District and the visitors it brings. Also our parks with play equipment should all have some type of parking lot for parents - not just street parking. That's not safe.	4/13/2021 3:20 PM
23	Parks are always clean. Bathrooms too. Nice locations.	4/12/2021 4:29 PM
24	Doyle needs repair. Playground specifically. That is the most used playground because of the pool. One of the spring based toys is missing the handle bars. Kids have nothing to hold on to, to keep them from falling off.	4/11/2021 9:52 AM
25	Wish there were restrooms on the trail. I like the bike station on the trail	4/10/2021 9:53 PM
26	Larger parks have updated equipment. Neighborhood tot lots could use some new things. Wish the snow could be cleared on the walking path at Van Lieshout during the winter.	4/10/2021 9:29 PM
27	Clean parks.	4/10/2021 9:24 PM
28	Usually free of litter and most of the jungle gyms a good for all my kids ages 6m-10yrs	4/10/2021 5:47 PM
29	The location and variety are great!	4/10/2021 4:35 PM

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30	Kinley Tot Lot needs some fixing up.	4/10/2021 9:01 AM
31	Clean...	4/10/2021 8:08 AM
32	a couple of the tot parks could be updated and improved cleaning. I really appreciate the multiple parks, especially during this time of covid allowing for distance between families and the opportunity for families to be able to do something outside	4/10/2021 7:12 AM
33	Up-to-date	4/9/2021 8:33 PM
34	Kept up nicely, especially Van Lieshout park, for the smaller kids	4/9/2021 3:04 PM
35	need more bathrooms on Island park and trail	4/9/2021 12:02 PM
36	Not sure of the name of the park, but the one off of Coolidge is always full of weeds. Would love to see all the parks free from wood chips.	4/9/2021 10:09 AM
37	Depending on time of day. Late afternoon creepy adults and rude older kids seem to take over VanLieshout park. I'm not easily frightened off but feel unsafe for young children and no longer go	4/9/2021 8:48 AM
38	Removal of goose droppings would be appreciated	4/9/2021 7:14 AM
39	Was not at any in 2020	4/9/2021 12:15 AM
40	The parks are clean, accessible, and safe.	4/8/2021 11:55 PM
41	We really enjoy the walking trails in and connected to Heesacker Park. They are kept up well and we enjoy nature and seeing the wildlife.	4/8/2021 8:18 PM
42	They are clean and well maintained.	4/8/2021 6:28 PM
43	A lot of dog waste on grass at Doyle Park - I think the tot lots could use a lot of sprucing up!	4/8/2021 5:41 PM
44	I would like her sallee to have more kid friendly playground equipment	4/8/2021 4:40 PM
45	Very organized and well maintained.	4/8/2021 4:04 PM
46	Always very clean, well maintained, and they always feel safe and happy	4/8/2021 2:02 PM
47	E usual are walking/hiking or biking so do not use the facilities. Could use more restrooms that are clean, maintained, and up to date.	4/8/2021 12:50 PM
48	Overall I think the parks are well taken care of. My only issue is the baseball diamonds are a lot of times in bad shape. The Appleton Diamond Club has to do a lot of grooming sometimes that really should be handled by the Parks department.	4/8/2021 12:41 PM
49	Same areas are in great condition. My opinion is that the village doesn't apply enough resources to the baseball and softball diamonds at Legion or Van Leishout	4/8/2021 12:39 PM
50	The deer cull in Haesakers is unneeded. Shutting the park down for this is upsetting.	4/8/2021 12:25 PM
51	Most of the parks are in great shape, however Heesaaker could definitely use a little love. The playground equipment itself is either damaged from vandalism, or quite old. The volleyball courts have little sand, the exercise equipment on the trail is in sad shape...	4/8/2021 12:18 PM
52	Lawn could be better taken care of in summer	4/8/2021 12:11 PM
53	Wish there were more tennis courts. The only courts I'm aware of are at Doyle Park and they in poor condition and there is not fencing all the way around so you are constantly having to retrieve balls from the grass/field. Creekview Park would be an ideal location to put in a couple of new tennis courts. Currently we have to leave Little Chute in order to play. I have four kids I am teaching to play, which I think is important as tennis is a lifetime sport.	4/8/2021 12:06 PM
54	Van Lieshout park being redone was amazing!	4/8/2021 12:04 PM
55	I am satisfied with the parks for the most part. The smaller parks seem to get less attention than the larger parks and there is more garbage or graffiti at those.	4/8/2021 12:03 PM
56	It is sad to see vandalism around the trail. An effort is made to clean the vandalism, but sometimes it doesn't come all the way clean.	4/8/2021 10:36 AM
57	I have young kids and it's hard for them to do things at a lot of the parks. Needs to have areas	4/7/2021 6:56 AM

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for younger kids.

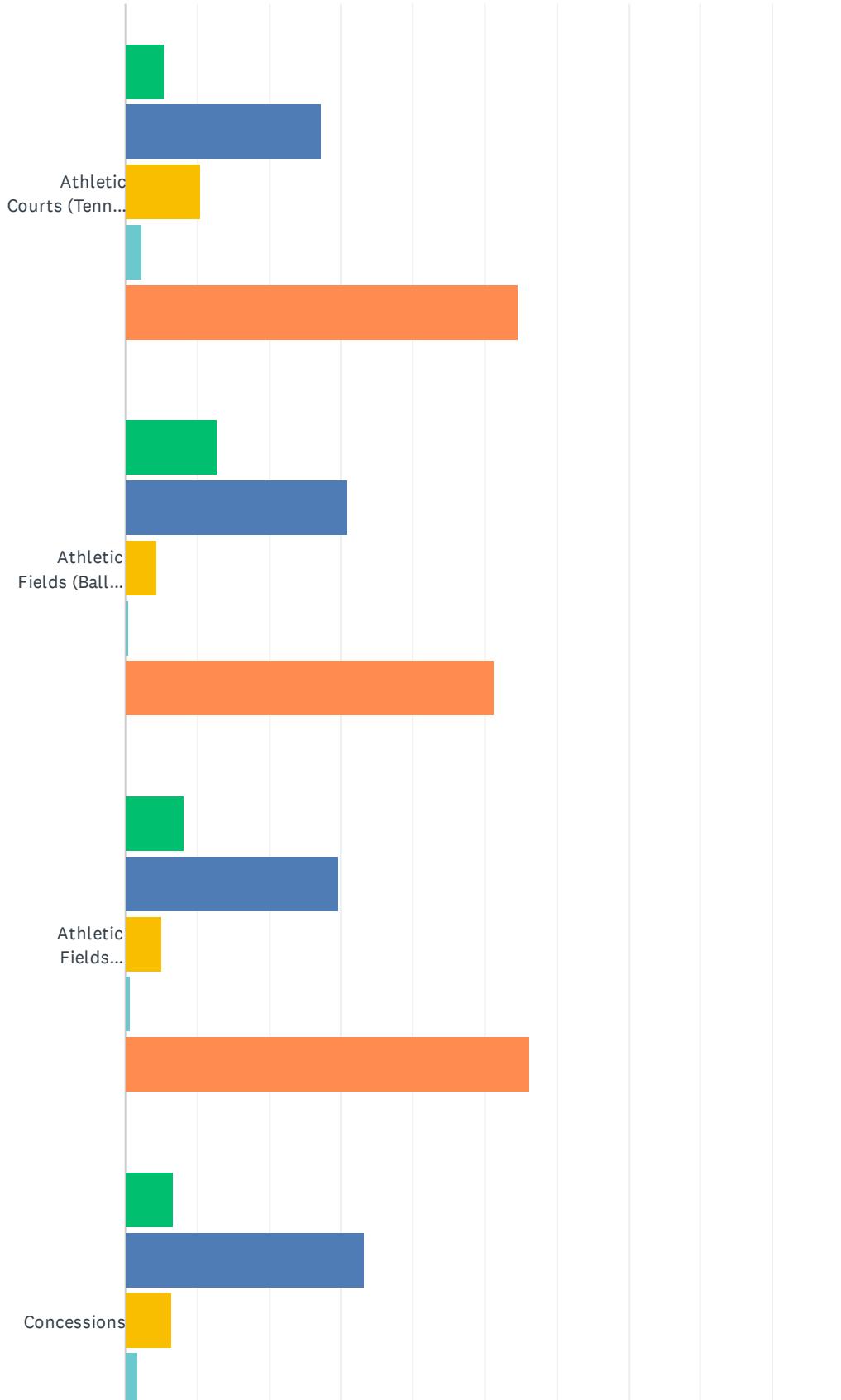
58	Wildlife, Mountain bike trails	4/6/2021 9:45 PM
59	MORE RECYCLING BINS IN ALL PARKS PLEASE. a couple years ago I contacted the Dept expressing disappointment while attending baseball games at Van Lieshout finding recycleables in the trash. I received a voice message but was not satisfied with the answer. I don't recall the exact phrasing, but it seemed more like an excuse. We need to have blue carts available next to garbage cans to encourage ALL park participants to place things in the proper receptacle. If we continue to disrespect our earth, we won't have any parks or need for them because it will be too hot to step foot outside. Please reconsider placing a clue cart next to each garbage cart.	4/6/2021 7:45 PM
60	Wish some had port a potties for kids in summer	4/5/2021 8:24 PM
61	Heesakker is NOT little kid friendly at all. It seems dangerous to let younger children play on its playground because of the high risk of falls. We have talked to many other parents as well who avoid or get nervous having their kids play there.	4/4/2021 4:55 PM
62	Parks need to have more dirt trails, not more paved trails	4/4/2021 1:22 PM
63	I really enjoy riding the single track mountain bike trails at Heesakker Park. They are some of the best in the area. Signage is great and trails are always exceptionally maintained.	4/4/2021 10:17 AM
64	Parks are always well maintained. I always notice improvements in new trees, equipment, etc. I think the Parks Dept. goes to great lengths to maintain, preserve and develop the parks. I wish more of the people using the parks would take ownership and help maintain the parks, avoid littering and use the park and equipment as intended.	4/4/2021 9:53 AM
65	The lack of land conservation through the Fox Cities limits the size of parks and recreation areas which limits the amount of time spent outdoors and the return to certain parks and recreation areas.	4/4/2021 9:41 AM
66	The parks are a little outdated and in need up some sprucing up.	4/4/2021 6:31 AM
67	When I bought this lot I was Sold on a extravagant park with a baseball backdrop and a basketball court. Most of the families would benefit from these small additions to Creekview Park	4/3/2021 11:21 PM
68	Creekview has had some additions but the overall of the park is nowhere near what was mapped out. The trail is nice but over half the park still sits empty. Our road has tons of kids but the parks completion is so slow that the area isn't being utilized.	4/3/2021 10:49 PM
69	Not a fan of wood chips. Do not like open water areas. Dangerous and muddy.	4/3/2021 10:13 PM
70	Just wish there were more biking trails and biking options.	4/3/2021 9:57 PM
71	The parks provide basic playground equipment for younger kids. After visiting Pierce Park in Appleton, we could add a few other updated pieces in L.C. Maybe at Heesakers since the existing and new bridge will be a family draw.	4/3/2021 9:37 PM
72	Clean well maintained	4/3/2021 11:51 AM
73	Older kids are too rough on the equipment	4/3/2021 12:04 AM
74	Creekview Park Needs more. Basketball court and more equipment	4/2/2021 11:03 PM
75	Not kept up	4/2/2021 10:21 PM
76	All of the parks are clean, well mowed and the people visiting the parks are friendly people	4/2/2021 9:41 PM
77	For how often Creakview park is used I feel there should be more equipment for the kids. I think the park could us more shade trees. It would be nice to have easier access to the park for the surrounding subdivisions	4/2/2021 9:18 PM
78	Would love more bike trails	4/2/2021 9:10 PM
79	Clean and kept up	4/2/2021 9:07 PM
80	Only complaint I would have is older disrespectful punk kids at heesakkers, but you have no control over that.	4/2/2021 8:36 PM

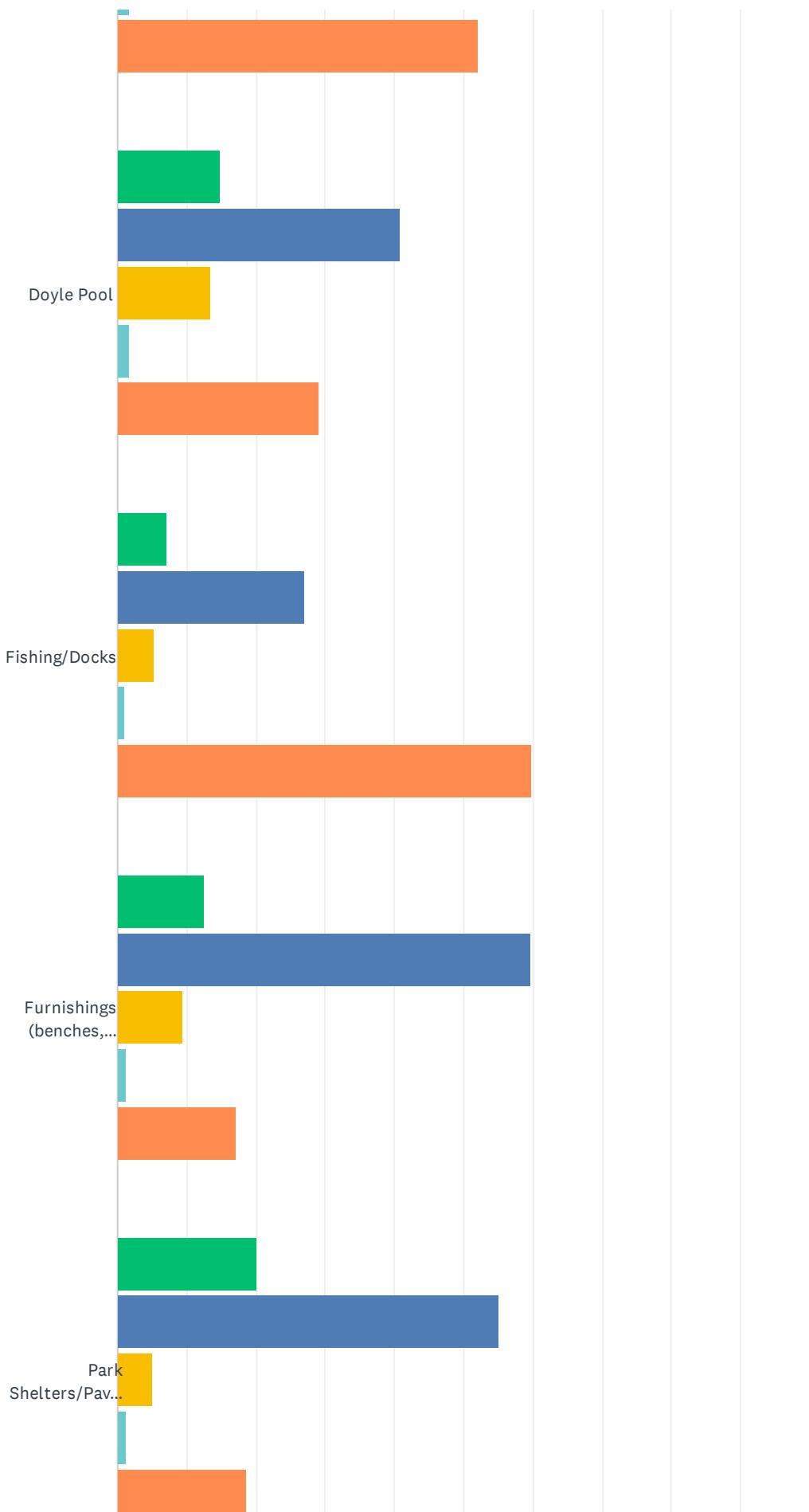
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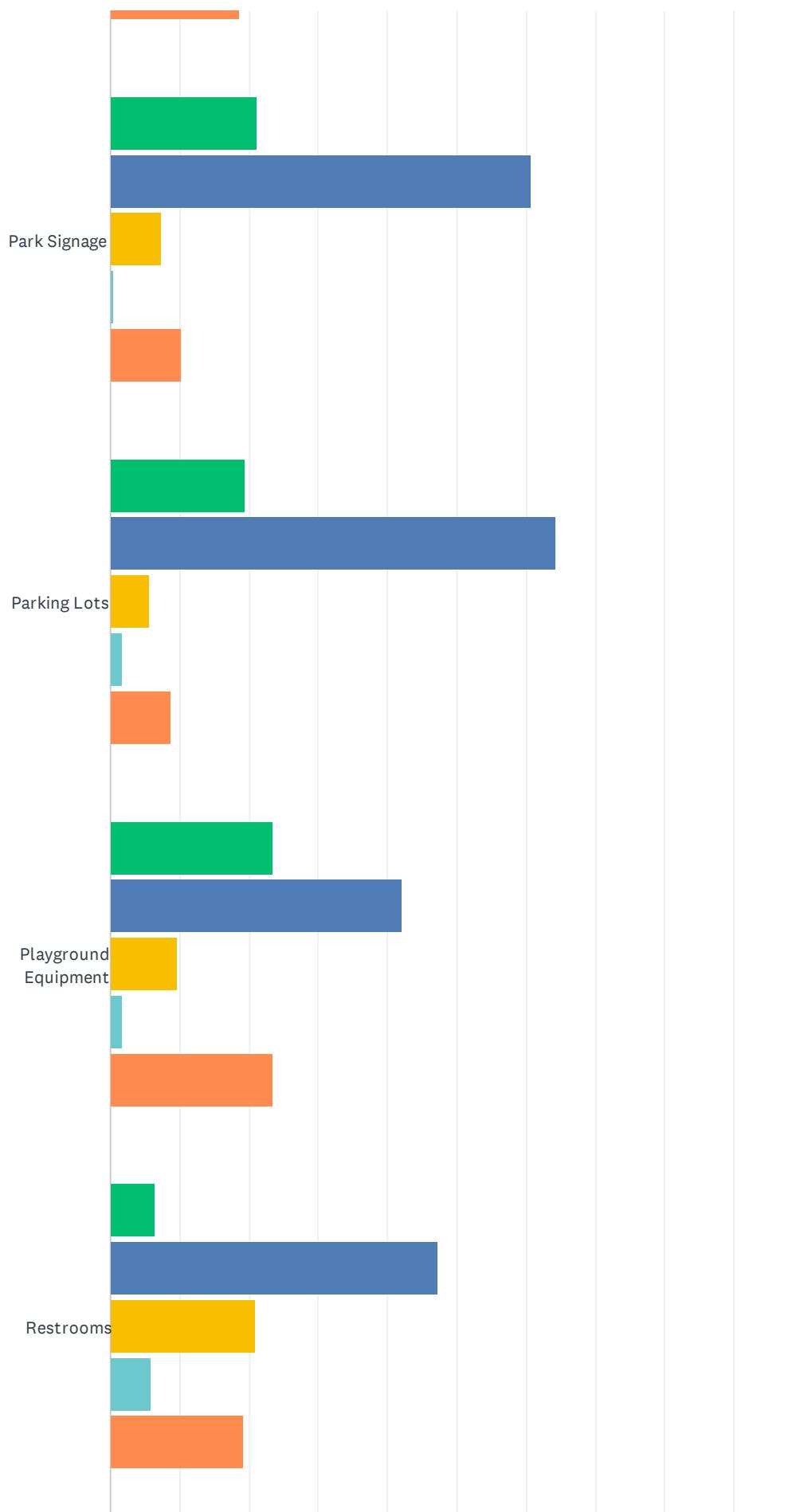
81	Needs updating	4/2/2021 8:28 PM
82	Specifically Heesacker park. The equipment is unsafe (steep slides, outdated swings). This park should be completely transformed as was Van Lieshout. There should be adaptive equipment, more swing opportunities, and an age range of equipment. This is a widely used park with the woods, pavilion, field, and the equipment should reflect that ASAP. There needs to be an actual parking lot instead of the street due to safety. Each rugby game, football practice there's a line of cars on Lincoln and it's not safe. This should take precedence.	4/2/2021 8:24 PM
83	Some of the smaller parks could use more attention- weeds pulled, mulch update	4/2/2021 8:21 PM
84	I wish the bathrooms couldn't be open sooner.	4/2/2021 7:17 PM
85	I would like to see the new rubber surface put in at the heesakker you lot	4/2/2021 6:20 PM
86	Prefer the updated rubber ground. Don't like the school kid punks at Van Lieshout	4/2/2021 5:37 PM
87	I have not visited but had been near most of them and I like what I see	4/2/2021 5:16 PM
88	Sometimes there are unleashed dogs which is not ok and I feel afraid for my smalll children. Otherwise we love the parks	4/2/2021 4:37 PM
89	Kinley Tot Lot - the black skirt that holds the wood chips in is broke, the kitchen part is broke/missing a part. The park is in need of a new jungle gym or upgrade! A lots of kids/grandkids in that neighborhood. Also right by the high school and off Florida Ave so frequent traffic. Would look better if upgraded!	4/2/2021 4:13 PM
90	Parks always seem clean and well kept	4/2/2021 4:09 PM
91	If all the parks had the rubber base like van Lieshout park they would be frequented more often	4/2/2021 3:58 PM
92	Clean well kept up!	4/2/2021 3:51 PM
93	The parks I use are in satisfactory condition. Hesakker trail brush needs attention	4/2/2021 3:50 PM
94	Enjoy the trails at the parks for runs.	4/2/2021 3:48 PM
95	Kinley Tot Lot could use some TLC, particularly upgrading the grounds	4/2/2021 3:38 PM
96	All of the frequented parks should be safer with better than wood chip base. Also an indoor park or covered would be nice so kids could utilize every season.	4/1/2021 6:00 PM
97	The parks are well maintained and offer different features in each.	3/31/2021 8:32 PM
98	The tennis court at Doyle is terrible	3/31/2021 4:04 PM
99	Very clean. Would like to see restrooms open year round	3/31/2021 10:18 AM
100	Like to take the grandkids to the parks.	3/30/2021 8:36 PM
101	See a lot of garbage on the trail, also they used to put stones on the steps in Heesakkers park trails	3/30/2021 6:58 PM

Q4 Please rate the following facilities:

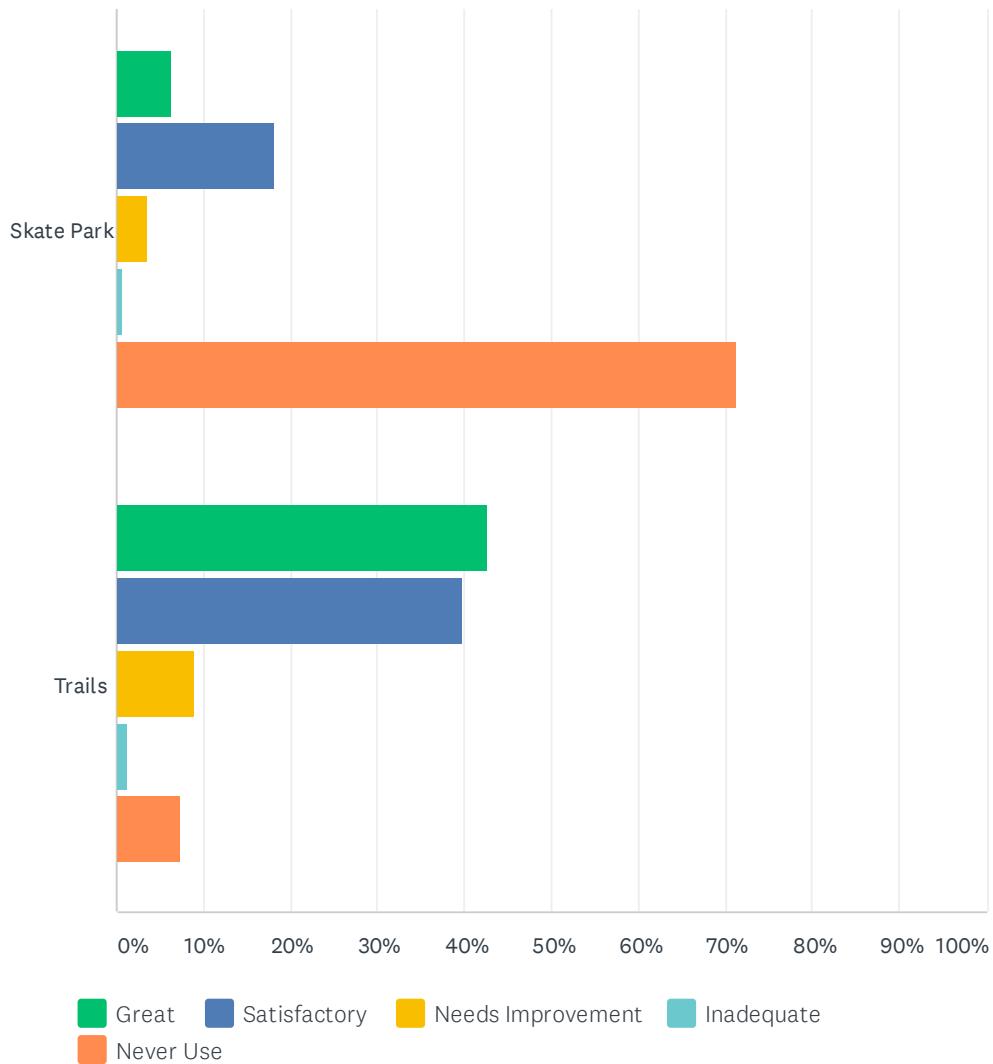
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	GREAT	SATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	INADEQUATE	NEVER USE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Athletic Courts (Tennis, Pickleball, Volleyball, etc.)	5.45% 23	27.25% 115	10.43% 44	2.37% 10	54.50% 230	422	1.36
Athletic Fields (Ball Diamonds)	12.71% 54	31.06% 132	4.47% 19	0.47% 2	51.29% 218	425	1.56
Athletic Fields (Rugby/Soccer/Football)	8.25% 35	29.72% 126	4.95% 21	0.71% 3	56.37% 239	424	1.46
Concessions	6.65% 28	33.25% 140	6.41% 27	1.66% 7	52.02% 219	421	1.45
Doyle Pool	14.89% 63	40.90% 173	13.48% 57	1.65% 7	29.08% 123	423	1.69
Fishing/Docks	7.14% 30	26.90% 113	5.24% 22	0.95% 4	59.76% 251	420	1.40
Furnishings (benches, tables, BBQ, etc.)	12.59% 53	59.62% 251	9.50% 40	1.19% 5	17.10% 72	421	1.84
Park Shelters/Pavilions	20.14% 85	54.98% 232	4.98% 21	1.18% 5	18.72% 79	422	1.94
Park Signage	21.05% 88	60.77% 254	7.42% 31	0.48% 2	10.29% 43	418	2.02
Parking Lots	19.52% 82	64.29% 270	5.71% 24	1.67% 7	8.81% 37	420	2.02
Playground Equipment	23.33% 98	42.14% 177	9.52% 40	1.67% 7	23.33% 98	420	1.87
Restrooms	6.43% 27	47.38% 199	20.95% 88	5.95% 25	19.29% 81	420	1.54
Skate Park	6.21% 26	18.14% 76	3.58% 15	0.72% 3	71.36% 299	419	1.30
Trails	42.65% 180	39.81% 168	9.00% 38	1.18% 5	7.35% 31	422	2.24

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Would like to see more mountain bike single-track trails.	4/29/2021 4:23 PM
2	Looking for more mountain bike/hiking trails	4/27/2021 9:36 PM
3	The only thing that brings our entire family to the parks are the bike trails. It's a great way for all of our family members to stay active and excited to get out. The trails to the parks are good, but the trail systems inside the parks are lacking, but have so much potential.	4/27/2021 12:54 PM
4	More mountain bike trails would be nice!	4/27/2021 12:42 PM
5	More plz	4/27/2021 7:58 AM
6	Would love more mountain bike trails	4/26/2021 8:41 PM
7	More trails with better signage would be nice.	4/26/2021 8:39 PM
8	We could use some more MTB trails near the existing trails which I consider the best in the area.	4/26/2021 8:39 PM
9	More trails, particularly bike trails.	4/26/2021 8:06 PM
10	Love the MTB trail!	4/26/2021 7:48 PM
11	Biking trails could be expanded. Example : single track mountain biking	4/26/2021 7:37 PM

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12	More Bike trails!	4/26/2021 7:24 PM
13	Mountain bike trail next to heesakker park	4/26/2021 7:23 PM
14	Mountain bike trails have been a great addition.	4/26/2021 6:53 PM
15	More mountain bike trails!	4/26/2021 6:39 PM
16	Need more mountain bike trails and will gladly help build them and maintain them	4/26/2021 6:28 PM
17	Would like to see more mountain bike abs hiking trails. Mountain biking is one of the fastest growing outdoor sports in the country .	4/26/2021 6:26 PM
18	Need restroom for trail. For a multimillion dollar trail should include restrooms. Even portapoti as last resort.	4/16/2021 1:25 PM
19	The mountain bike trails have been incredible! Thank you for those that maintain them year round. I would love to see more single track trails developed in that area!	4/14/2021 5:27 PM
20	Cleaner bathrooms, soap may be empty, paper on the floor. Would be nice to have a basketball court at Haesekers.	4/14/2021 3:31 PM
21	Need parking kits at all parks. Not just street parking	4/13/2021 6:16 PM
22	Another idea for kids is an in-ground trampoline in one of our parks or rock climbing walls.	4/13/2021 3:20 PM
23	Ramps need repairs. Grandsons us the park almost daily.	4/11/2021 9:52 AM
24	Trail needs more lights	4/10/2021 9:53 PM
25	More trails if possible please	4/10/2021 5:47 PM
26	Need pickleball courts in Little Chute!	4/9/2021 3:04 PM
27	bathroom facilities are needed throughout park systems	4/9/2021 12:02 PM
28	I think an occasional bathroom or porta potty would be beneficial along the trail. Especially now that it will be a longer distance.	4/9/2021 8:11 AM
29	Where is there a pickle ball court?? I've been trying to get one for a few years. You have it listed as an activity. I would love to know where you have an actual court	4/8/2021 6:49 PM
30	More trails are always appreciated	4/8/2021 5:44 PM
31	Would love a porta potty in the Heritage Trail!	4/8/2021 12:24 PM
32	Doyle Park restrooms are in need of improvement - they're old, don't function properly, and disgusting.	4/8/2021 12:20 PM
33	More mountain bike trails needed	4/6/2021 9:45 PM
34	Mountain bike trails at Island Park are always well maintained!	4/5/2021 6:12 PM
35	Please let the folks at Riven Bike Works expand the mountain biking trails at Island/Heesakker parks. There is a lack of any mountain biking trails in the Appleton area and the trails on the island are great. An expansion of the trails would allow trails for all levels of riders and allow them to progress thier skills. These trails wouldn't cost the city any money to build. They would all be volunteer built.	4/4/2021 2:41 PM
36	Skate park: needs expanding as well as a pump track. Trails: MTB dirt trails are amazing, too bad the village doesn't acknowledge how many people they bring to the town. Haasaker park is in need of alot of work, the stairs are dangerous. The woods chip trails are washing out. The park is under utilized, there is room for more miles of MTB trails in Haasaker.	4/4/2021 1:22 PM
37	Expanding the single track mountain bike trails would be a great investment!	4/4/2021 10:17 AM
38	I live near Creakview park and my Grandma purchased a memorial bench for my Grandpa. Now the village put in wood benches that don't match and honestly it looks horrible! She is upset that the other bench's don't match.	4/4/2021 6:31 AM
39	Additional mountain bike trails at Heesakker would be amazing :)	4/3/2021 11:43 PM
40	Again. The only bike trails I'm aware of are by Riven Bike Works. Is there a. Opportunity to	4/3/2021 9:57 PM

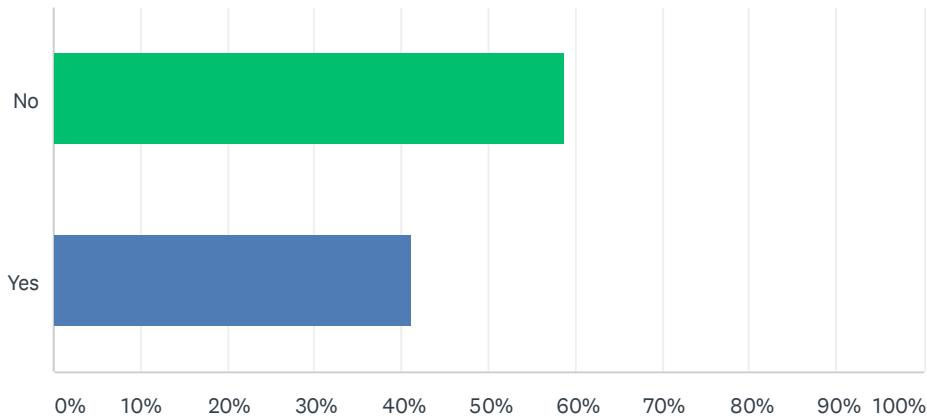
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work with a group like this to expand biking in our community?

41	I primarily use the Little Chute Islands trails and Heesaker park for mountain biking	4/3/2021 8:29 PM
42	Love off road biking and we need as many trails as possible!	4/3/2021 6:53 PM
43	The Skate parks need stricter sign rules not permitting scooter kids and kids who think its a playground. It is super dangerous for young unskilled kids. True skaters struggle to skate around them. They need a seperate area for scooters. It would be beneficial to have it lit at night like other skate parks.	4/3/2021 4:57 PM
44	Singletrack trails are sustainable, low-cost, and more intimately connect the community with nature. Please add more.	4/3/2021 3:08 PM
45	Mountain bike trail is such a gem.	4/3/2021 11:46 AM
46	The voluntarily maintained mtb trails on the island are the best maintained area in LC ... It's shameful the village hasn't adopted these trails as a part of their recreational opportunities	4/3/2021 10:56 AM
47	Bathrooms need to be open more than summer months! April thru December please!!!!!!	4/3/2021 10:50 AM
48	I did not realize we have pickle ball courts! Please put that on FB to see- also instructions for pickle ball would be great along with a senior league	4/3/2021 10:17 AM
49	It would be great if fishing locations were listed in the park & rec program book.	4/3/2021 9:05 AM
50	Legion shelter needs work	4/3/2021 8:00 AM
51	The Reason I put satisfactory instead of great for parks is the only reason we never use the tot lots is they seem very run down and not kept up. I know it's geared towards the littler kids, but I'd love to see 2-3 larger parks with areas for smaller children vs all of these "tot lots" since a lot of families have older and younger kids	4/3/2021 7:39 AM
52	Running is a year round activity and having access to bathrooms is greatly appreciated- i wish a porta potty was made available in the event the full facility is not	4/3/2021 5:50 AM
53	Would like basketball court North LC	4/2/2021 10:47 PM
54	Not enough connected trails and bathrooms are rarely open.	4/2/2021 9:10 PM
55	Where are the pickleball courts?	4/2/2021 8:43 PM
56	Trails in Heesakkers need to be mulched more often. It's very muddy after rain and the trails will get a lot more use with the bridge opening	4/2/2021 8:16 PM
57	With island park and the new trail bridge you need a restroom at the bottom of the sledding hill.	4/2/2021 7:38 PM
58	New surface at heesakker as mentioned above	4/2/2021 6:20 PM
59	I am not aware of any tennis courts. Would like to see those, pickleball, And bocce ball courts added to some parks.	4/2/2021 3:49 PM
60	The bathroom are always closed whenever we tried to use them no matter the season. It's very inconvenient.	4/2/2021 3:47 PM
61	Trails should also all be plowed so they can be accessed in the winter.	4/1/2021 6:00 PM
62	Heesakker Park trails are great but I wish there were other trails in Little Chute.	3/31/2021 8:32 PM
63	Volleyball field at Doyle park needs lots of improvement Sand is weed growen	3/31/2021 10:18 AM

Q5 Do you think the Village should offer more recreation programs and special events?

Answered: 380 Skipped: 100



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
No		58.68%	223
Yes		41.32%	157
TOTAL			380

#	IF YES, WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OFFERED?	DATE
1	More mountain biking single track. Once the tracks are built this opens up more activities for all family members to enjoy together. If the trail network is large enough the area could draw in huge bike racing events. The only reason that we moved to the area was for schools and the hope that bike trails will expand. If there is ever any doubt of the benefit of bike trails, look to Marquette Michigan.	4/27/2021 1:04 PM
2	Cycling races and running events	4/27/2021 12:56 PM
3	No opinion for the recreation programs and special events questions.	4/27/2021 9:06 AM
4	More mountain biking trails.	4/27/2021 7:26 AM
5	Runs	4/27/2021 6:43 AM
6	Music events in park, food truck night	4/26/2021 7:53 PM
7	My. Bike events	4/26/2021 6:54 PM
8	Nature programs and events for kids	4/26/2021 6:31 PM
9	More charity events and more bike and pet friendly events	4/26/2021 6:29 PM
10	mtb clinic / bike skills clinic	4/22/2021 1:19 PM
11	More music	4/20/2021 7:37 PM
12	More events that adults can bring children of all ages to. Like a movie on the hill type of event.	4/20/2021 3:50 PM
13	I would just like a refresh. I feel like every weekly one day youth park event is just a regurgitated version of the previous week. My kids really looked forward to the bigger ones where you went to Bay Beach or served ice cream. The inflatables can get redundant if used all summer at the park days and then again at Family Fun Fest and again at the carnival, etc.	4/18/2021 8:24 PM

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I'm happy to see some new offerings listed this year. Maybe take a look at what other cities around the state/country do for insight.

14	I think the village needs to put more emphasis/importance on children and families by investing more in park playgrounds. The Green Bay titelton district is a year round attraction. They have weekly events for families - this draws people from all over. This type of attraction or even a children's museum would be an attraction which would definitely bring more interest and draw business to our downtown. Would love to see LC really make an investment in a development plan for family fun.	4/15/2021 8:57 AM
15	I think you do a good job offering programs but if you have others, great.	4/15/2021 7:49 AM
16	Bring back the Wine Walk. Have a Food Truck night. More live music events.	4/14/2021 9:30 PM
17	You offer many different programs. Believe these are adequate	4/14/2021 5:24 PM
18	More take and make activities	4/13/2021 6:17 PM
19	Would like to see more take and make projects for adults and kids in light of the covid 19 issues	4/13/2021 3:22 PM
20	Do a good job already!	4/13/2021 4:11 AM
21	Food days	4/12/2021 9:25 PM
22	More family events for young kids, or events with music and food trucks/ vendors by the windmill	4/11/2021 8:54 PM
23	I was very disappointed to see the limited number of openings within this years tot lot programs. After this year these kids need a sense of normalcy and most of the events are outside. Make parents sign a waiver and let them make the decision on participating or not participating. No masks!!	4/11/2021 7:43 PM
24	Dissapointed at the lack of programs offered for younger tots (4 year olds). Specifically summer birthdays. Last year kids turning 4 in the summer could not utilize the programs. Although all their school friends were in the classes. THIS YEAR ...the programs are ALL bumped up to 5YEARS. So again if a child isnt 5 by June 1. They are prohibited from registering. So again the summer birthday kids will miss out. Maybe cutting out all the kids with summer birthdays produced low enrollments. All public schools have a Sept 1 cut off. Shouldnt the Village consider this cut off to be consistent.	4/11/2021 10:05 AM
25	Amazing race! Scavenger hunt	4/10/2021 9:55 PM
26	Seem to offer enough	4/10/2021 5:48 PM
27	You guys do a great job! We are sad that Adam is leaving but excited for him.	4/10/2021 4:38 PM
28	Summer volleyball leagues	4/10/2021 12:23 AM
29	More family events for younger kids!!	4/9/2021 10:30 PM
30	I'd like to take a Zumba class. Would love to see that offered in a park during the summer. Somewhere with decent shade preferably. Also am hoping to take the summer yoga class. Time during the school year is too early for me to make it. Maybe some weekend classes?	4/9/2021 2:13 PM
31	Organized walks, fitness classes.	4/9/2021 10:11 AM
32	Regional partnership programs showcasing the river	4/9/2021 9:23 AM
33	More adult activities	4/9/2021 7:35 AM
34	Would love more activities for seniors. Maybe	4/8/2021 11:59 PM
35	Adult classes	4/8/2021 8:37 PM
36	I don't know	4/8/2021 7:26 PM
37	Workout classes	4/8/2021 6:12 PM
38	Adult / senior exercise classes	4/8/2021 6:04 PM
39	I think a good amount at offered.	4/8/2021 5:46 PM

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40	Volleyball for elementary girls, arts and crafts classes	4/8/2021 5:33 PM
41	More toddler programs	4/8/2021 4:41 PM
42	Park and Rec run tball for kids, not through Diamond Club which fills up so quickly.	4/8/2021 4:20 PM
43	Wasn't sure how to answer this since the Parks and Rec Dept does a great job with the tot lot program, carnival, movie nights, family fun fest and park events. They are always adding new and fun things to keep people coming which is great.	4/8/2021 4:02 PM
44	I'd love to see more festivals! Cheesefest and Rock Cancer are so fun that it would be nice to have more family fun festivities!	4/8/2021 3:51 PM
45	I mean more is always better	4/8/2021 2:22 PM
46	outdoor fairs, public sporting events	4/8/2021 2:04 PM
47	Winter basketball program for elementary kids	4/8/2021 1:50 PM
48	I think the variety is great, but it would be nice for those programs that have small class sizes to be offered more than once.	4/8/2021 1:45 PM
49	more kid's running clubs would be nice - otherwise I'm very happy with the events offered!	4/8/2021 12:21 PM
50	There is always room for improvement in the number of activities.	4/8/2021 12:19 PM
51	More programs for teens (11-17)	4/8/2021 12:15 PM
52	more options for kids to go during the day in the summer	4/8/2021 12:10 PM
53	More youth dance and sports program. For dance programs possibly offer more than just Pom and tumbling.	4/8/2021 12:08 PM
54	I would love to see a youth golf summer program as well as a gymnastics class offered. More events would be great. The movie in the park is an awesome idea, having more of those would also be nice.	4/8/2021 12:05 PM
55	More family centered events.	4/8/2021 12:05 PM
56	More adult based recreation courses. Whether more exercise, or learn to do courses.	4/8/2021 12:00 PM
57	Possible learn to skate, Rollerblade, hockey	4/8/2021 11:57 AM
58	I was looking forward to my children participating in the summer programming, but with COVID didn't participate in anything. I am hoping that type of programming continues.	4/8/2021 10:39 AM
59	Things for kids under the age of 4.	4/7/2021 6:57 AM
60	More events to bring the community out but what? We don't need another live local band and beer. Look to other communities as to what they are doing with respect to development and social events. Look at Neenah and it's idea of the winter skate that can be used for events during the other seasons. What about regular weekly movie nights - Chicago Parks does this at ALL of its parks multiple nights all summer. Look to other cities - if I had time, I'd look up other cities ideas that have low overhead. We need to invigorate something into this village. The "shops" next to Dollar Tree have been vacant too long and now finally occupied - hopefully long-term. There are other vacancies. What about partnering/develop a relationship with FVTC e-seed program to encourage new start-up business to consider LC. There must be grants or SBA options to help with this campaign. Can SCORE help cultivate ideas or help with introductions to potential businesses? There are SO MANY cities and villages in this country that have developed themselves as a destination. Sure, we have a windmill, but we're NOT a destination. If you watch HGTV - look at what happened in Waco TX of Laurel MS - designers started renovating homes in their cities and boom! Now these cities are destinations and one even became a TV network! What can LC do to go boom?	4/6/2021 7:56 PM
61	Movie nights, more activities similar to Appleton, dance classes etc.	4/6/2021 7:53 PM
62	We love programs and events that are free, easy, and family friendly, like the fun runs. It would be awesome if there were a few events offered in spring and fall.	4/4/2021 4:57 PM
63	Water aerobics classes at Doyle Pool	4/4/2021 11:15 AM
64	As our family ages, I appreciated the programs for our children, but I would like more events	4/4/2021 10:33 AM

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	like the Main St. or Village Square family events. Family festivals, music events, etc.	
65	Outdoor learning of our native and natural habitat	4/4/2021 9:43 AM
66	Archery and the pool needs major upgrading. Surrounding communities have nicer pools and they are packed compared to LC's	4/4/2021 6:34 AM
67	Baseball managed by rec dept like it used to be. Diamond club is way too disorganized and driven by parent coaches.	4/3/2021 11:34 PM
68	Not sure.	4/3/2021 9:58 PM
69	Mountain biking	4/3/2021 11:50 AM
70	Pickle ball leagues	4/3/2021 10:17 AM
71	More events for the whole family & longer weekday events for kids during the summer (2 hours is hard to accomodate)	4/3/2021 9:08 AM
72	Marathon after the trails are connected.	4/3/2021 6:53 AM
73	More 5k type run/walks	4/3/2021 6:19 AM
74	Family events	4/3/2021 12:05 AM
75	Expanded dance classes like ballet and tap. More family walks.	4/2/2021 11:06 PM
76	More things geared towards teen kids everything is for younger kids.	4/2/2021 11:04 PM
77	I have a child who is into building things and mechanical stuff, if love to see some summer activities that include stuff like these.	4/2/2021 10:40 PM
78	Would like to see more programs for older elementary and middle school aged kids	4/2/2021 10:33 PM
79	Not if at a cost to the tax payer.	4/2/2021 10:17 PM
80	Additional fitness, group classes (yoga, pilates and such). A fitness center would be extremely beneficial!	4/2/2021 10:16 PM
81	Pickle ball leagues	4/2/2021 9:51 PM
82	I like the community competition type events.	4/2/2021 9:12 PM
83	Satisfied with offerings	4/2/2021 9:09 PM
84	Family events	4/2/2021 8:52 PM
85	For tween/ teen ages	4/2/2021 8:34 PM
86	Summer camps	4/2/2021 8:29 PM
87	Love family fun night. Would love to see this expand throughout the year.	4/2/2021 8:25 PM
88	There seems to be a really nice variety	4/2/2021 8:22 PM
89	Events for moms with children under age 2. Especially infants.	4/2/2021 8:14 PM
90	We participate in all programs that are age appropriate for our kids, and would love to see more family events like the glow walk. We also utilize several of the parks. Weather permitting, we go to a park almost daily, and we are so glad to have so many to choose from.	4/2/2021 7:34 PM
91	More young adult special events - exercise classes - paint night	4/2/2021 5:58 PM
92	Dance	4/2/2021 5:06 PM
93	Dance classes other than poms for school age	4/2/2021 4:43 PM
94	It is hard now with COVID restrictions but would love to see more community walks/5ks, sports and picnic outings	4/2/2021 4:10 PM
95	More events for toddlers	4/2/2021 4:08 PM
96	Well more due to COVID cut backs	4/2/2021 4:06 PM
97	I think once this covid-19 get figured out and we go back to a new normal. We can all go back	4/2/2021 3:54 PM

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to our own programs.

98	More options for 2 to 3 year olds.	4/2/2021 3:53 PM
99	Family fun nights, adult kick ball, and adult dodgeball.	4/2/2021 3:51 PM
100	Family Bonfires, sensory friendly playgrounds, winter skating rink (not flooded area -A real skating rink). A sled hill with a lift.	4/1/2021 6:16 PM
101	There are a lot of summer Programs but the rest of the seasons could definitely use more options.	4/1/2021 10:21 AM
102	Kid parade where they decorate their bikes or wagons? Village awards top 10 or something. Kid incentive programs to volunteer or help clean up our village (organized/supervised spring clean-up and/or fall clean-up) to help make them proud of our village and deter them from littering. More movie nights? I sure wish you'd bring back the farmer's market.	3/31/2021 3:04 PM
103	Various small live music performances during the summer at Doyle or by the Windmill	3/31/2021 1:30 PM
104	Early morning senior pool time prior to swim lessons. Senior yoga type class.	3/31/2021 11:00 AM
105	Weekly park and rec games. When I was young we used to go every Monday thru Friday 9 am to 1 pm to the park. They had an adult there that organized activities for those who came or just hang out with us. usually enough kids came we play games like kickball, kick the can, tag, four square, gaga ball pit, good old fashioned games and maybe do arts and crafts there was no need to sign up just show up.....during the hours. It was great hang out for us....and got to know all the kids in the neighborhood.	3/31/2021 10:38 AM
106	I see a lot of kids and adults on the Mountain Bike trail, maybe expand this and get kids more involved in mountain biking.	3/30/2021 7:00 PM
107	Maybe a few classes for adults that indicate they would be suitable for adults with disabilities?	3/30/2021 6:06 PM

Q6 Please list any factors that would increase your use of Little Chute's recreational programs and special events (for example different dates/times, more info, different programs, different locations, etc.)

Answered: 102 Skipped: 378

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More bike trails!	4/28/2021 6:17 AM
2	More things in late afternoon/evenings especially during the summer for those that work during the day.	4/27/2021 3:13 PM
3	More bike trails and easy bike access to these trails.	4/27/2021 1:04 PM
4	Biking trails	4/27/2021 12:42 PM
5	More organized family outing opportunities	4/26/2021 9:28 PM
6	Mountain bike trails	4/26/2021 8:58 PM
7	More mountain bike trails	4/26/2021 8:21 PM
8	N/a	4/26/2021 7:58 PM
9	More items like bizarre after dark	4/26/2021 7:53 PM
10	More mountain biking trails	4/26/2021 7:24 PM
11	I would visit if you had mountain bike trails.	4/26/2021 7:15 PM
12	More Mt. Bike trails/expansion	4/26/2021 6:54 PM
13	More trails to use makes the 15min drive worth it. Little chute would be the most single track in the valley and destination for bikers	4/26/2021 6:31 PM
14	na	4/22/2021 1:19 PM
15	I would just like to add that Appleton's similar park Playground Program is FREE unless it's a special day with ice cream or something extra. I believe their college aged summer help are volunteers. That would really make me utilize the programs. I like the offerings for kids otherwise. Maybe something other than just running (Sun Night Fun Runs) for kids that want exercise. Like Ninja warrior kids or weight lifting for 12 and, etc.	4/18/2021 8:24 PM
16	Running events on the trails	4/15/2021 9:01 PM
17	More family seasonal events. Like a haunted hay ride for fall or a princess or hero day with characters and activities for theme, or a hot chocolate and bonfire in winter or a home for Christmas theme with sleigh rides.	4/15/2021 8:57 AM
18	Typically we visit parks just have not in the past twelve months due to Covid.	4/15/2021 2:17 AM
19	More STEM activities. More archery sessions. Offering child care during adult classes, e.g. Yoga. Expand the Explore Nature course for older age groups. Keep partnering with the Library. Bring back 'Pages in the Park'.	4/14/2021 9:30 PM
20	Please be mindful of children with food allergies in your offered programming. There are many options to create safe spaces and events that are inclusion for all.	4/14/2021 8:03 PM
21	More single track trails for bike riding! Kudos to the community for having this available:)	4/14/2021 5:27 PM
22	Block party, winner carnival, more adult themed events	4/14/2021 5:11 PM
23	More options for families. Special events like carnivals should be more frequent. Also more inclusive for those with cognitive disabilities or physical disability	4/13/2021 6:17 PM

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24	The end of year carnival is nice but I feel this could be expanded upon. Bounce houses, train rides, or petting zoos - maybe biweekly throughout the summer	4/13/2021 3:22 PM
25	More info	4/12/2021 9:25 PM
26	Once we have grandkids I am sure we will use the parks more. I enjoy yoga but wish it was offered twice a week.	4/12/2021 4:30 PM
27	More programs for teenagers.	4/12/2021 3:53 PM
28	Smaller age ranges for some programs. Ex: I love how there was a 5-6 year old summer basketball program. I have a 5 year old and it makes me nervous to send them to activities where 5-12 year olds are welcome.	4/12/2021 12:13 PM
29	SIMPLY....Give us a September 1st cut off date instead of June 1st for the K 4-5 school age kids. (You cut out all the Summer birthday kids). Kids that sit side-by side in school together. Prohibited with being with same age friends.	4/11/2021 10:05 AM
30	Teen Family friendly events.	4/10/2021 9:55 PM
31	Covid is the only thing that has held us back in the past year.	4/10/2021 4:38 PM
32	More ways to hear about them	4/10/2021 1:57 PM
33	Programs during "after" business hours to accommodate work schedules. More space available for the more popular programs, such as dance, softball.	4/10/2021 9:03 AM
34	More activities for families- glow run, Easter bunny/egg hunt, etc!	4/9/2021 10:30 PM
35	Offering for special needs. My daughter is 6 but nonverbal and can't participate in her age group.	4/9/2021 8:34 PM
36	Just would like to see some pickleball courts in Little Chute. If there are some, I don't know where they are.	4/9/2021 3:05 PM
37	see above	4/9/2021 2:13 PM
38	more info	4/9/2021 12:03 PM
39	n/a	4/9/2021 9:23 AM
40	More outdoor Adult activities	4/9/2021 7:35 AM
41	Better trained teachers/facilitators. High school dance instructor last year was rude and unfriendly toward young elementary age kids.	4/8/2021 8:20 PM
42	Pickle ball courts	4/8/2021 6:49 PM
43	Nothing...just too busy with other things, kids sports	4/8/2021 5:09 PM
44	More dates/times	4/8/2021 4:05 PM
45	Daytime sport camps for elementary age and art classes	4/8/2021 3:26 PM
46	Family fun night twice a year would be great	4/8/2021 2:22 PM
47	A park in the area near Gardenia Drive	4/8/2021 1:50 PM
48	It would be nice to have things more broken down for age groups, i.e. programs for 5-6 year olds, 7-9 year olds, etc. Tween and teen program seems to be lacking because the age range is so large for most events.	4/8/2021 1:45 PM
49	summer camp/day camps	4/8/2021 1:40 PM
50	Outdoor concerts, farmers market	4/8/2021 1:29 PM
51	Have evening times available	4/8/2021 1:04 PM
52	Better parking for some of the big events. It's a pain sometimes to get to some of them.	4/8/2021 12:47 PM
53	Later in the day.	4/8/2021 12:37 PM
54	More evening events for littles in the summer.	4/8/2021 12:29 PM

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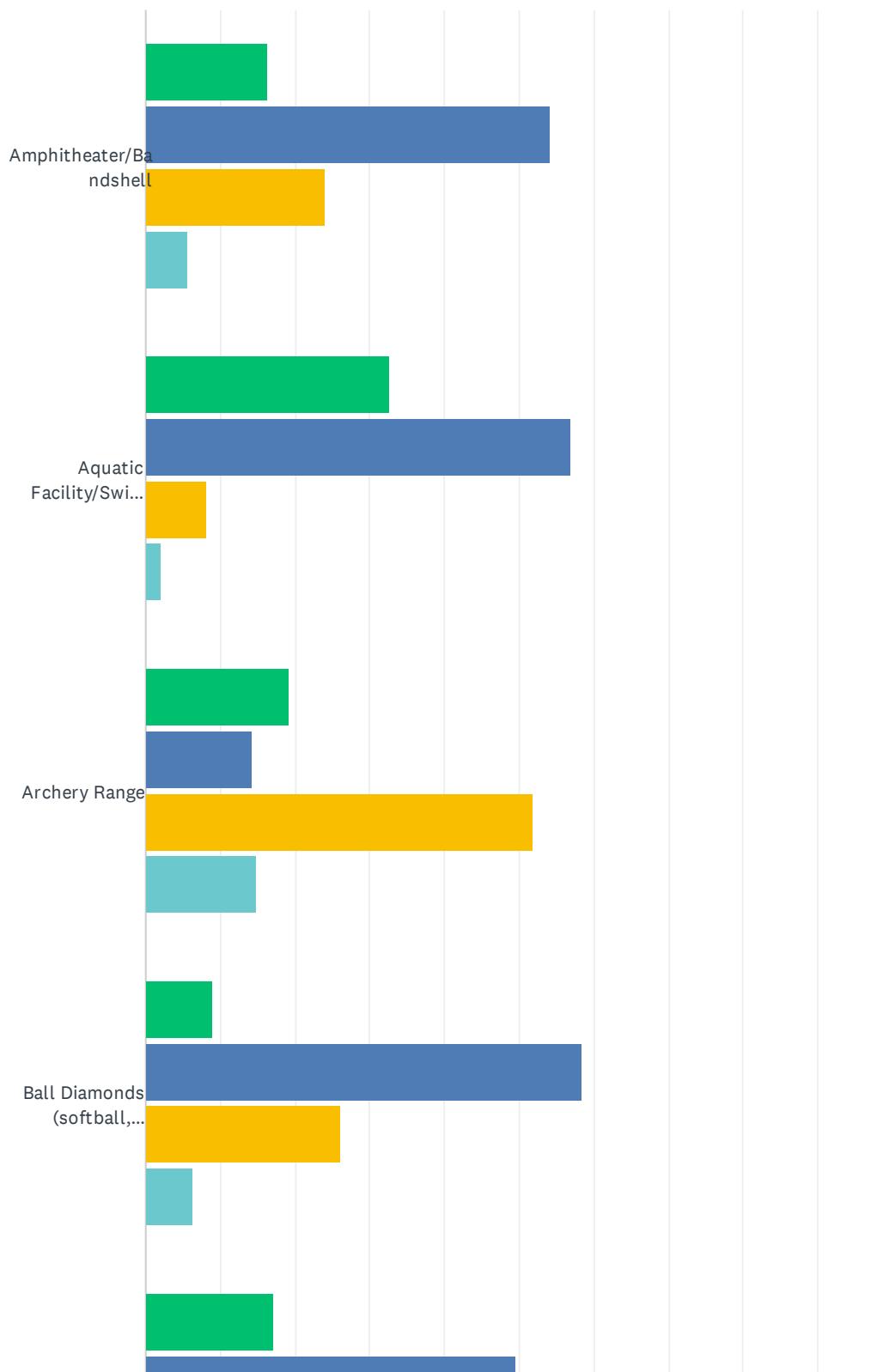
55	More times and dates available	4/8/2021 12:29 PM
56	Swim lessons twice a week vs. daily. More options for working families.	4/8/2021 12:19 PM
57	no COVID, the ability to register day of (maybe for an extra fee)	4/8/2021 10:39 AM
58	For younger ages.	4/7/2021 6:57 AM
59	I don't have children so the parks don't play a role in my life right now.	4/6/2021 7:56 PM
60	Different programs	4/6/2021 7:53 PM
61	Would love the drop in morning program for kids at Doyle this year	4/6/2021 10:49 AM
62	Love using the mountain bike trails! Also, use the sledding hill in winter and my kids love the playground equipment. I wish the restroom was open in winter.	4/5/2021 8:00 PM
63	Mountain bike trail at Island Park is the main reason I visit little chute!	4/5/2021 6:13 PM
64	Open more often and more fully	4/4/2021 3:26 PM
65	NA	4/4/2021 2:33 PM
66	Smaller, more quaint events are more enjoyable (for me) than large crowded events.	4/4/2021 10:33 AM
67	Offering more bike trails	4/4/2021 9:43 AM
68	Update pool, add splash pad, add more bridges and trails at creekview that hook up with Appleton trail system, more special events, better quality benches in parks. Take a look at what the surrounding communities are all doing, they're all wonderful and LC is so far behind.	4/4/2021 4:21 AM
69	More daytime athletic classes for kids under 6	4/3/2021 11:34 PM
70	Different times	4/3/2021 9:24 PM
71	More info.	4/3/2021 8:01 PM
72	More trails, specifically singletrack trails for year-round off-road biking, running, and snowshoeing	4/3/2021 3:09 PM
73	Na	4/3/2021 10:57 AM
74	Weekday evenings for a family friendly event would be great	4/3/2021 9:08 AM
75	More things offered in the evenings	4/3/2021 7:40 AM
76	Different days! Don't offer programs on Friday's. Stick to Monday through Thursday during summer events & programs. Most programs we'd be interested in seem to be offered only in Friday's & it's hard to sign up for those, due to the other family trips & events we plan during summer vacation.	4/3/2021 7:19 AM
77	The new boardwalk will increase my use when it is open.	4/3/2021 6:53 AM
78	More connections to downtown	4/3/2021 6:38 AM
79	Better pool hours, more family friendly events for shift workers	4/3/2021 6:19 AM
80	If the lock house at Heesakker park were a coffee shop i'd walk that trail more	4/3/2021 5:54 AM
81	More for younger kids (toddlers)	4/2/2021 9:54 PM
82	Competitions or challenges. Scavenger hunt to get you to all parks. My kids are too old for playground equipment.	4/2/2021 9:12 PM
83	Not sure	4/2/2021 8:52 PM
84	More to offer the younger children, ways for young adults (20s/30s) to connect with the community especially if new	4/2/2021 8:14 PM
85	More info	4/2/2021 7:39 PM
86	Would love to see more family events on evenings and weekends.	4/2/2021 7:34 PM
87	Toddler appropriate functions	4/2/2021 5:37 PM

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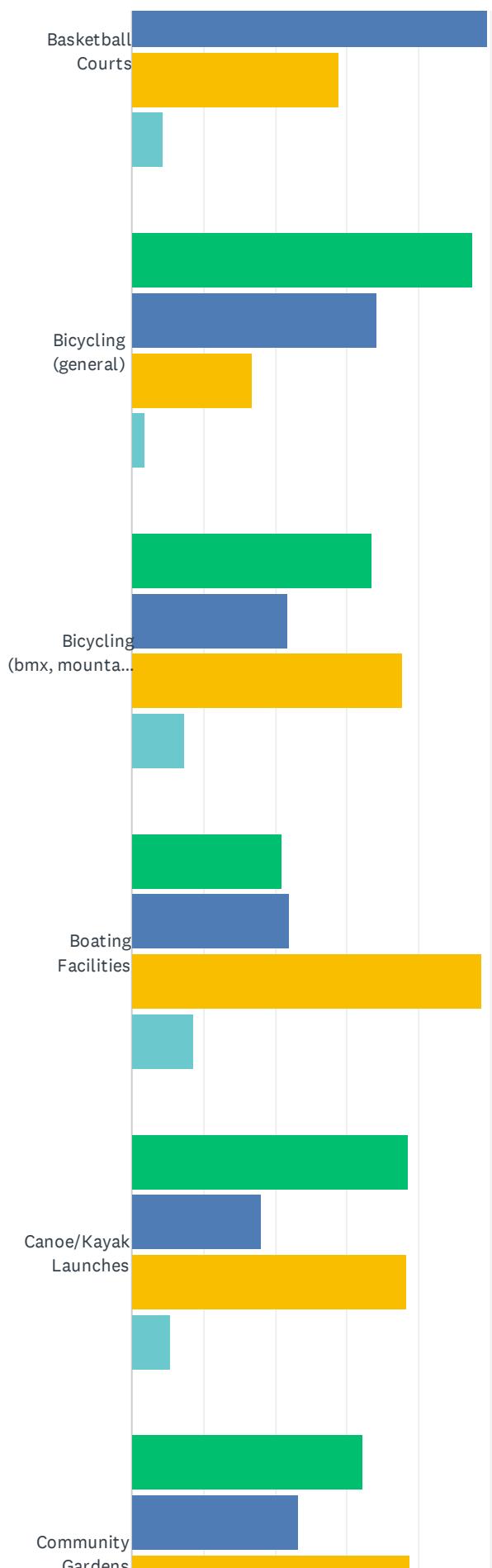
88	More dates	4/2/2021 5:25 PM
89	None	4/2/2021 5:06 PM
90	None	4/2/2021 4:43 PM
91	I do walk the park trail most days. There is some danger due to some bicyclists getting too close to walkers. I cringe at the thought that you might ok electric bikes on the trails without a safety class.	4/2/2021 3:55 PM
92	I'd like to see a dog park closer. And updated.	4/2/2021 3:54 PM
93	If you made a google calendar available so I can add it to my schedule.	4/2/2021 3:51 PM
94	Better pool at Doyle	4/2/2021 3:49 PM
95	More dates/times to choose from	4/2/2021 3:41 PM
96	How about sensory swim hour. Where those of different ability can relax in our pool with their families.	4/1/2021 6:16 PM
97	More programs in the winter	4/1/2021 10:21 AM
98	Evening got lot	3/31/2021 6:45 PM
99	Preference given to Little Chute residents to sign up for classes and swimming lessons	3/31/2021 1:30 PM
100	Listing all events from little to small on the village Facebook page...or make a "whats happening in little chute village " face book page.	3/31/2021 10:38 AM
101	More things a Legion field	3/30/2021 8:37 PM
102	More programs for Adults over 55	3/30/2021 7:00 PM

Q7 Do you feel the following recreation amenities are important or not important in our community? (Note: some options listed may not be currently offered)

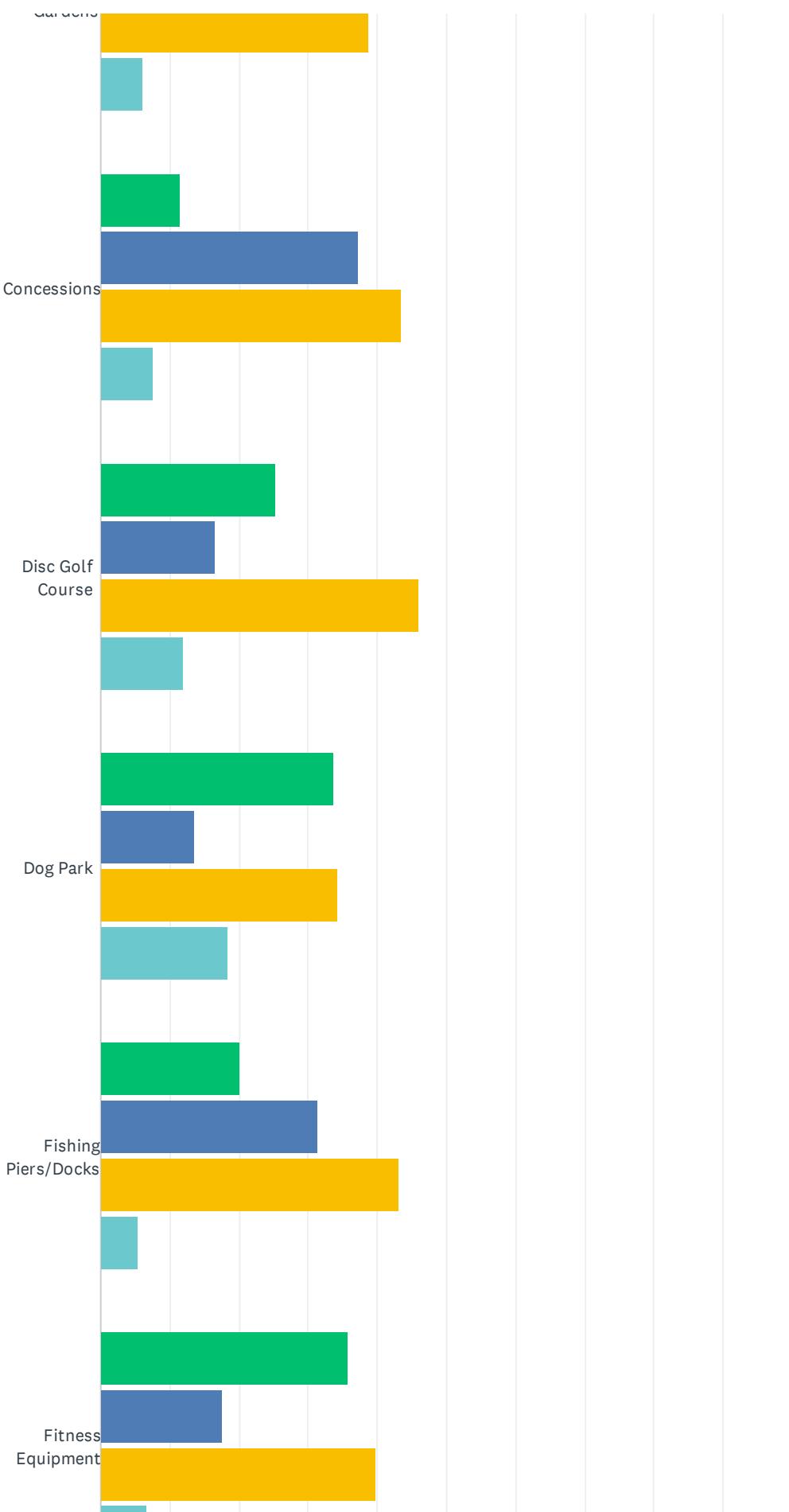
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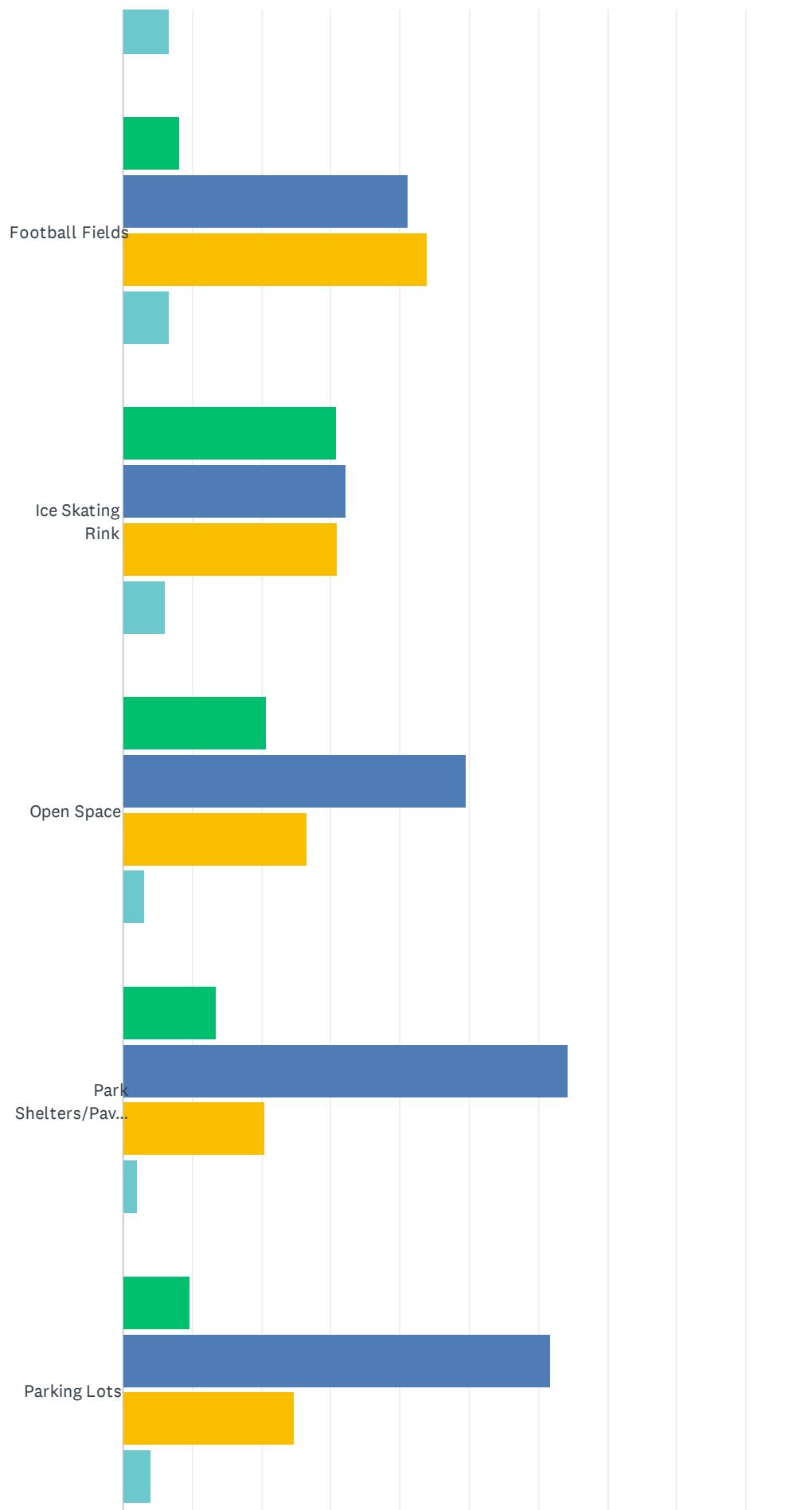


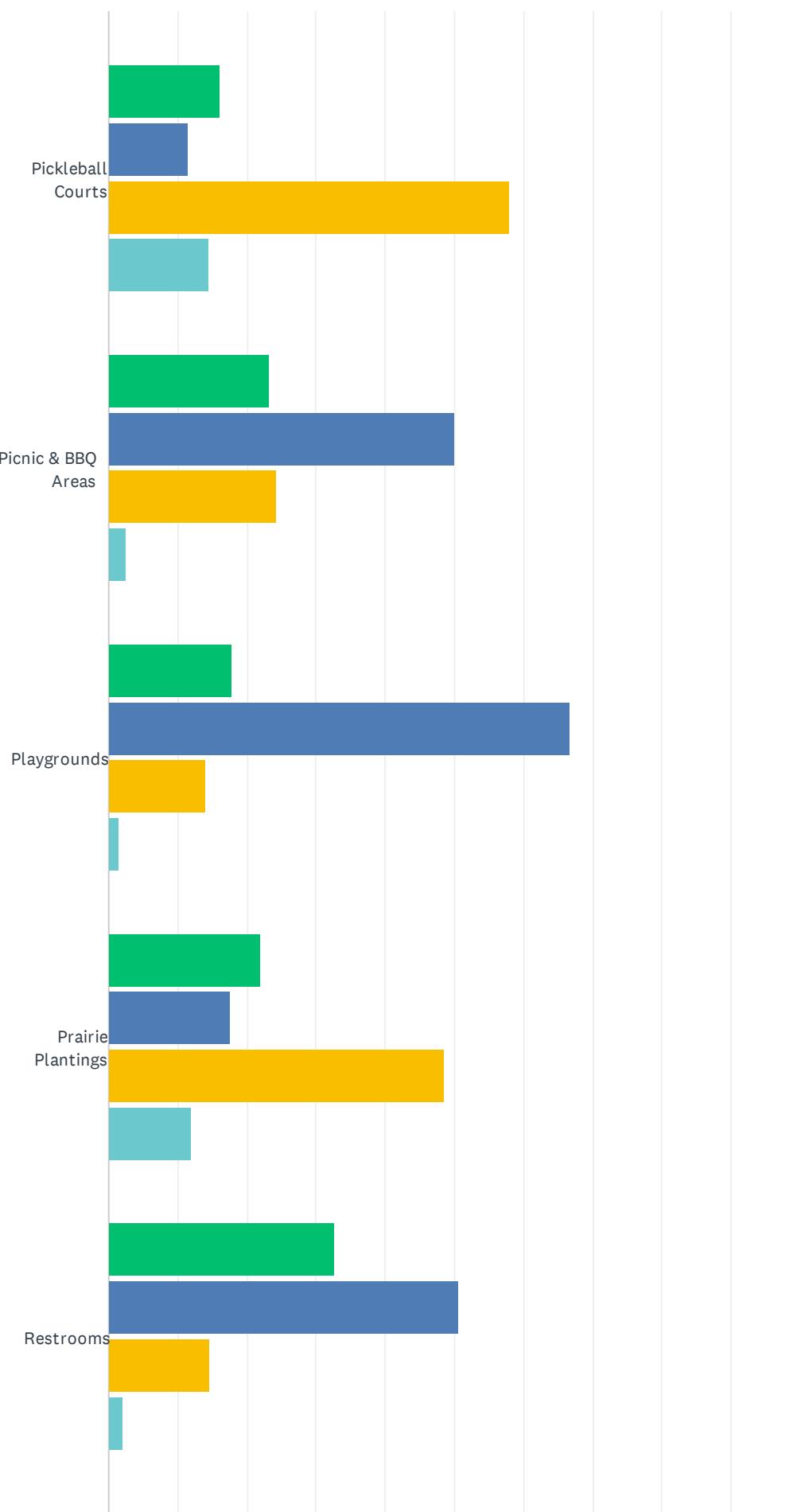
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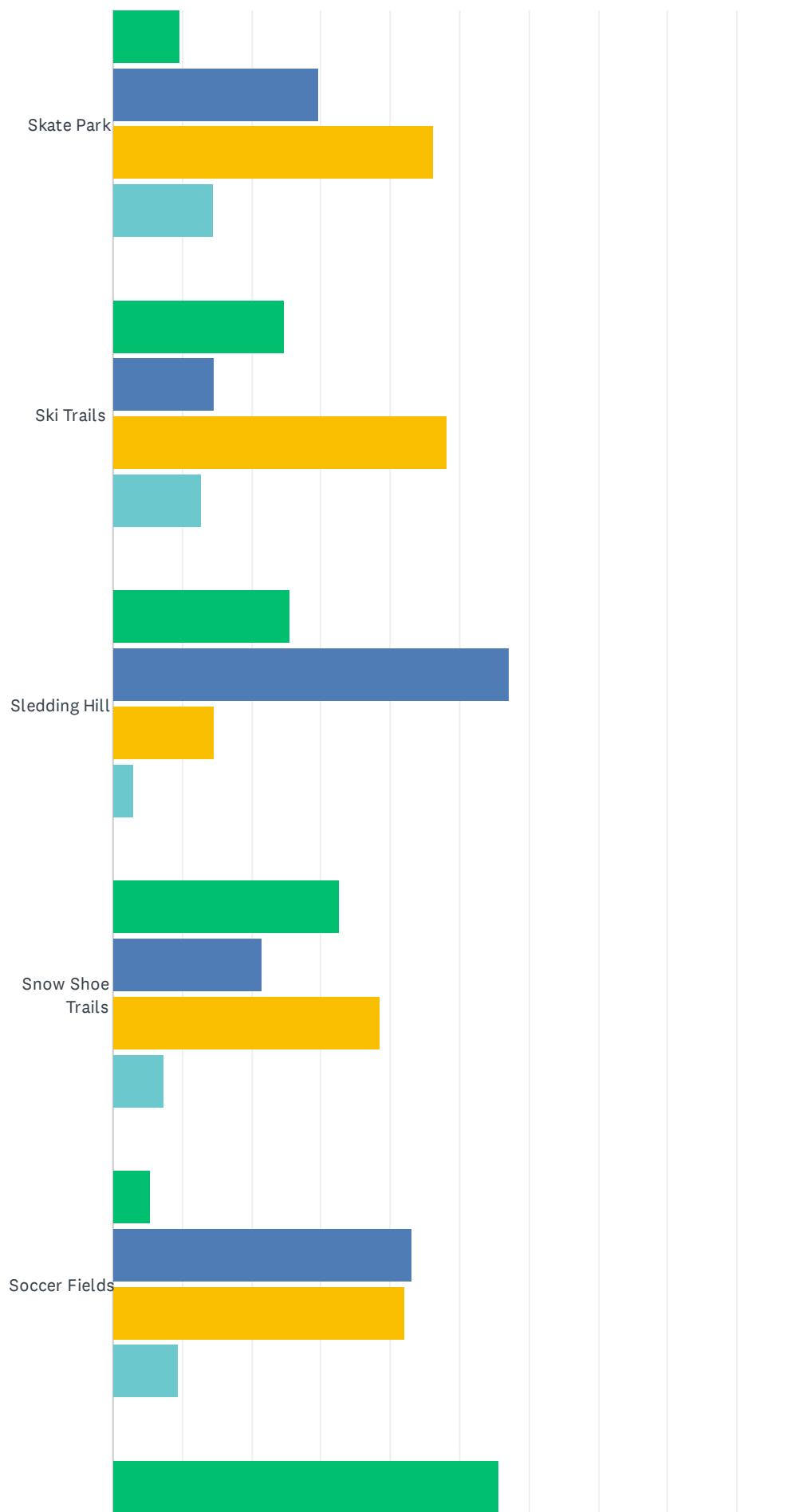


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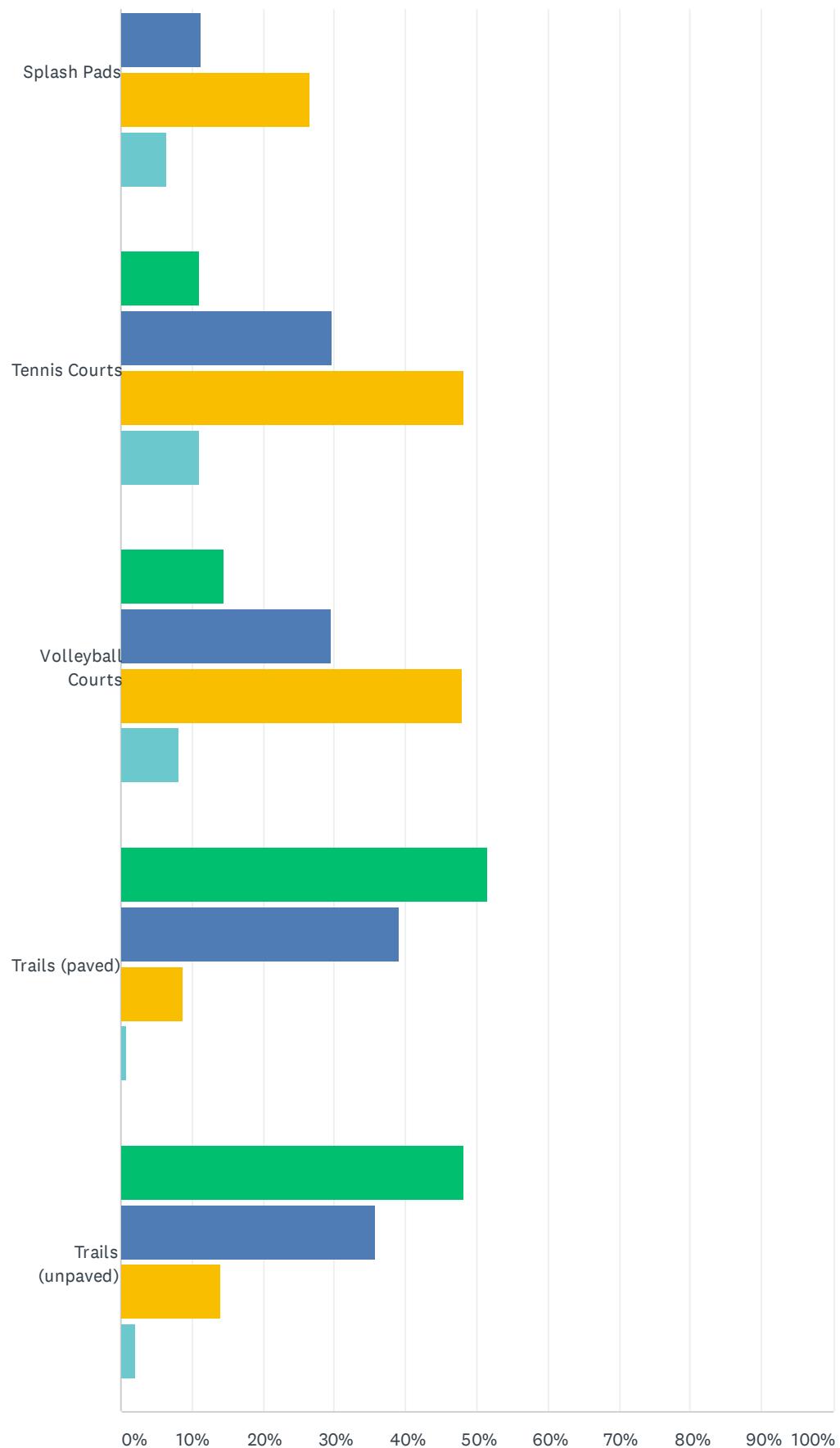








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█ Important (We need more of them!)

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- Important (But I am satisfied with the number we currently have)
- Indifferent/No Opinion
- Not Important

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	IMPORTANT (WE NEED MORE OF THEM!)	IMPORTANT (BUT I AM SATISFIED WITH THE NUMBER WE CURRENTLY HAVE)	INDIFFERENT/NO OPINION	NOT IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Amphitheater/Bandshell	16.24% 63	54.12% 210	23.97% 93	5.67% 22	388	1.65
Aquatic Facility/Swimming Pool	32.73% 127	56.96% 221	8.25% 32	2.06% 8	388	1.88
Archery Range	19.17% 74	14.25% 55	51.81% 200	14.77% 57	386	1.19
Ball Diamonds (softball, baseball)	9.09% 35	58.44% 225	26.23% 101	6.23% 24	385	1.61
Basketball Courts	17.05% 66	49.61% 192	28.94% 112	4.39% 17	387	1.62
Bicycling (general)	47.44% 185	34.10% 133	16.67% 65	1.79% 7	390	1.80
Bicycling (bmx, mountain, etc.)	33.42% 129	21.76% 84	37.56% 145	7.25% 28	386	1.48
Boating Facilities	20.83% 80	21.88% 84	48.70% 187	8.59% 33	384	1.34
Canoe/Kayak Launches	38.44% 148	17.92% 69	38.18% 147	5.45% 21	385	1.51
Community Gardens	32.11% 123	23.24% 89	38.64% 148	6.01% 23	383	1.49
Concessions	11.49% 44	37.34% 143	43.60% 167	7.57% 29	383	1.41
Disc Golf Course	25.39% 98	16.58% 64	46.11% 178	11.92% 46	386	1.30
Dog Park	33.59% 130	13.70% 53	34.37% 133	18.35% 71	387	1.29
Fishing Piers/Docks	20.10% 78	31.44% 122	43.04% 167	5.41% 21	388	1.46
Fitness Equipment	35.84% 138	17.66% 68	39.74% 153	6.75% 26	385	1.47
Football Fields	8.07% 31	41.15% 158	44.01% 169	6.77% 26	384	1.42
Ice Skating Rink	30.73% 118	32.29% 124	30.99% 119	5.99% 23	384	1.57
Open Space	20.67% 80	49.61% 192	26.61% 103	3.10% 12	387	1.67
Park Shelters/Pavilions	13.35% 51	64.14% 245	20.42% 78	2.09% 8	382	1.75
Parking Lots	9.61% 37	61.82% 238	24.68% 95	3.90% 15	385	1.68
Pickleball Courts	16.19% 62	11.49% 44	57.96% 222	14.36% 55	383	1.13
Picnic & BBQ Areas	23.18% 89	50.00% 192	24.22% 93	2.60% 10	384	1.71
Playgrounds	17.83%	66.67%	13.95%	1.55%		

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	69	258	54	6	387	1.83
Prairie Plantings	22.02% 83	17.51% 66	48.54% 183	11.94% 45	377	1.28
Restrooms	32.73% 126	50.65% 195	14.55% 56	2.08% 8	385	1.81
Skate Park	9.66% 37	29.77% 114	46.21% 177	14.36% 55	383	1.25
Ski Trails	24.68% 95	14.55% 56	48.05% 185	12.73% 49	385	1.26
Sledding Hill	25.52% 98	57.03% 219	14.58% 56	2.86% 11	384	1.80
Snow Shoe Trails	32.73% 126	21.56% 83	38.44% 148	7.27% 28	385	1.47
Soccer Fields	5.51% 21	43.04% 164	41.99% 160	9.45% 36	381	1.39
Splash Pads	55.73% 214	11.20% 43	26.56% 102	6.51% 25	384	1.60
Tennis Courts	11.17% 43	29.61% 114	48.05% 185	11.17% 43	385	1.30
Volleyball Courts	14.40% 55	29.58% 113	47.91% 183	8.12% 31	382	1.36
Trails (paved)	51.42% 199	39.02% 151	8.79% 34	0.78% 3	387	1.90
Trails (unpaved)	48.05% 185	35.84% 138	14.03% 54	2.08% 8	385	1.82

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Additional single-track mountain bike trails	4/29/2021 4:27 PM
2	Now mountain biking trails!	4/28/2021 9:17 PM
3	Mountain bike single track	4/27/2021 1:08 PM
4	More bike and hiking trails	4/27/2021 12:59 PM
5	Mountain bike trails	4/27/2021 12:47 PM
6	More trails, please. A pump track or small bike skills area would be great.	4/26/2021 8:09 PM
7	More singletrack mountain bike trails at haesakker would be great. The amount of people that use the existing island trails is pretty incredible.	4/26/2021 7:13 PM
8	More biking/hiking trails and natural spaces please!	4/26/2021 7:05 PM
9	Mountain biking!	4/26/2021 6:40 PM
10	I'm been riding the the awesome single track bike trail you installed some time ago. Would be nice to see more like this.	4/26/2021 6:32 PM
11	obviously i am bias towards mountain biking, being one of the people maintaining the trails on the island for the past 4 years. clearly by now the village sees the amount of use the trails get, and the people they are bringing into the village who otherwise wouldn't come. i'm also sure some people are aware these trails come with no cost to any taxpayer, unlike every other amenity offered. the offer for expanding trails into heesakker park still stands ... again at no cost to the tax payers.	4/22/2021 1:28 PM
12	Again I think LC needs to look at ideas which will be above/beyond what other communities offer. People are interested in fun family friendly events and attractions. I also think	4/15/2021 9:11 AM

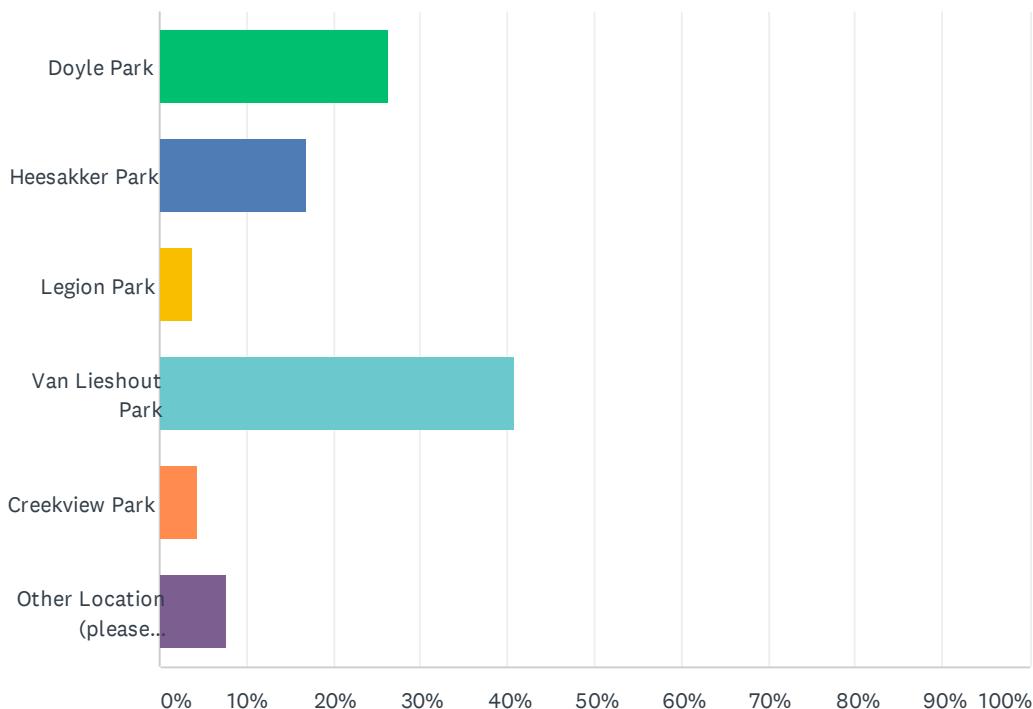
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incorporating a mural or graffiti wall where families can take and post pictures in one of these places would promote more and more visitors as people post and share the fun.

13	I would like there to be more basketball courts or at least one at haseaker because if you live by there all the other basketball courts are far away	4/14/2021 3:38 PM
14	Update playground equipment you have. Don't add more	4/13/2021 6:22 PM
15	Would be nice if we had a nature park like Kaukauna. Also ice skating rink - not pond. Again, take a look at titletown district	4/13/2021 3:26 PM
16	You can never have enough nature trails. Evict everyone between Heesakers and Doyle, bulldoze all of the houses and let nature reclaim that area. Make some trails, Then in 75 years when I'm old and crippled I can roll my wheel chair up and down the trails	4/10/2021 6:01 PM
17	Pickle ball is so popular and as far as I know little Chute doesn't even have a court. I have to go to other communities to play.	4/8/2021 6:55 PM
18	We could really use a dog park. Especially with Outagamie closing down half their park and eventually looking to fully close that location.	4/8/2021 12:50 PM
19	All of these are important! Look at the last year and how everyone was looking for a safe space to be outside. The bigger the variety, the happier the people will be.	4/8/2021 12:22 PM
20	The bike trails at island park are great! Would be awesome to expand into hesakker park if you are able!	4/5/2021 6:17 PM
21	YES to a SPLASH PAD!	4/4/2021 5:02 PM
22	The prairie by Creakview has not been burned for 8 yrs and needs to be. Once again this year it was skipped. LC should collaborate with Outagamie county landfill to build a sledding/ski hill out of the landfill. We smell it and deal with the influx of traffic and get no benefit from it. This would be a huge for our community.	4/4/2021 6:46 AM
23	mountain bike trails in natural areas is priceless and often clubs will help build them for little to no cost to the village.	4/3/2021 11:47 PM
24	Biking/walking trails to connect neighborhoods more recently developed/developing out near JJ and Buchanan Rd area.	4/3/2021 11:38 PM
25	The Village never flooded the ice rink at Heesakers this winter. Very disappointing. Had to go to Kaukauna	4/3/2021 9:42 PM
26	Love the mt bike trails on the island and ride there multiple times a week. Would be great to have more!!	4/3/2021 6:59 PM
27	There are PLENTY of ball diamonds I love community areas, but also know it takes money and manpower to accomodate such things.	4/3/2021 5:03 PM
28	More mtb trails There are volunteers (riven bike works) willing to build and maintain them for free	4/3/2021 11:01 AM
29	The soccer field has long grass and rough terrain compared to other fields the HS students play on.	4/3/2021 10:55 AM
30	A splash pad would be wonderful.	4/2/2021 9:16 PM
31	Splash pad please! This would be such an amazing addition to the community	4/2/2021 8:24 PM
32	Would LOVE to see a splash pad at Van Lieshout, but anywhere in Little Chute would be great!	4/2/2021 7:37 PM
33	Horse trails	4/2/2021 6:23 PM
34	All trails should be paved.	4/1/2021 6:21 PM

Q8 The Village of Little Chute is planning to build a splash pad in the next 2-3 years. Which park do you believe a new splash pad should be located in?

Answered: 371 Skipped: 109



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Doyle Park		26.42%	98
Heesakker Park		16.98%	63
Legion Park		3.77%	14
Van Lieshout Park		40.70%	151
Creekview Park		4.31%	16
Other Location (please specify)		7.82%	29
TOTAL			371

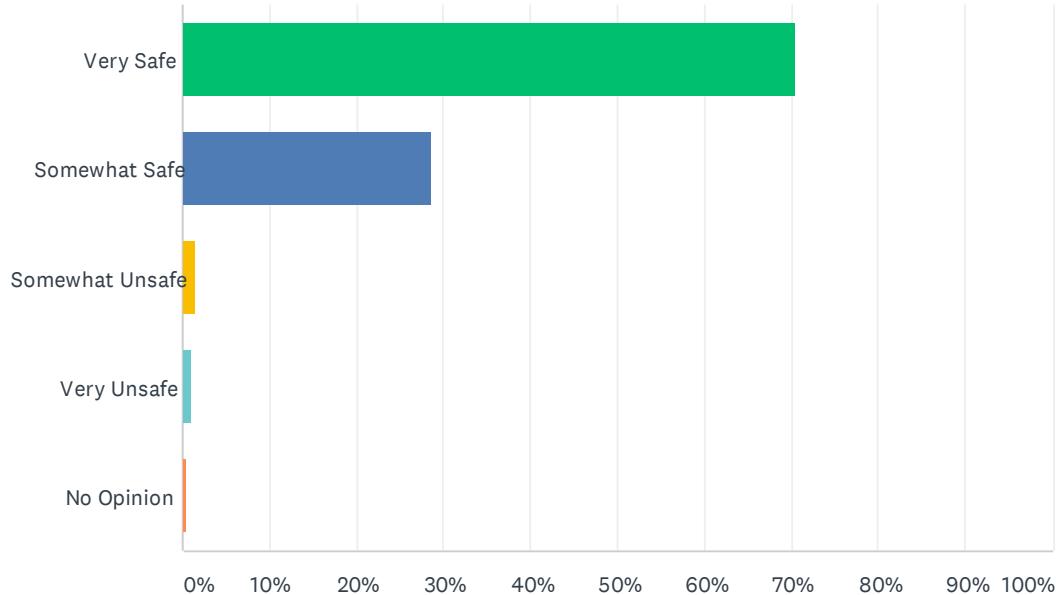
#	OTHER LOCATION (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Don't know	4/27/2021 1:08 PM
2	I don't care	4/26/2021 7:59 PM
3	Not sure	4/26/2021 7:41 PM
4	the village has a pool a splash pad is unnecessary and will only cost tax payers more money in maintenance	4/22/2021 1:28 PM
5	Any of the parks would be great!	4/13/2021 4:18 AM
6	Level the fire station (of course after the new one is built) and place it there.	4/11/2021 7:47 PM

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7	Not creek view. It's just an open useless field that is windy. Not Doyle, spread the water activities around Not Heesakkar, it would take away from the natural beauty that park has. Van lieshout would be best.	4/10/2021 6:01 PM
8	Wherever there is adequate parking	4/9/2021 7:19 AM
9	Should be located with pool, so Doyle if they keep pool location there	4/6/2021 5:13 PM
10	Either Van Lieshout or Heesakker. I don't think Legion Park is a good idea being that it's right next to the school.	4/6/2021 10:54 AM
11	Van Lieshout or Heesakker	4/6/2021 6:06 AM
12	Close to a pavilion and shade already with playground equipment. Or Doyle so older kids can swim. Younger hang at splash pad	4/5/2021 8:28 PM
13	Next to the pool would be best	4/5/2021 6:17 PM
14	Doyle, van lieshout, and legion get big crowds with the baseball diamonds, pool, and soccer field. I think it would be important to spread it out to a different park.	4/4/2021 5:02 PM
15	I have no opinion on this.	4/4/2021 10:21 AM
16	Would like to see it at Creakview but there is no parking	4/4/2021 6:46 AM
17	But keep the pool!	4/3/2021 9:42 PM
18	Otherwise Doyle because its central and kids who dont have wealthy parents can walk there.	4/3/2021 5:03 PM
19	I personally don't see a need to spend the money	4/3/2021 11:01 AM
20	Spacious, already attraction for kids with shelter and restroom facilities	4/2/2021 10:52 PM
21	Non - waste of budget funds	4/2/2021 10:19 PM
22	Van Lieshout or Legion, where there are bigger parking lots available	4/2/2021 9:13 PM
23	A splash pad would be awesome at any of the parks😊😊	4/2/2021 8:37 PM
24	Would have to be at a park with a parking lot	4/2/2021 8:22 PM
25	Wherever there is room	4/2/2021 5:21 PM
26	All of them!!	4/2/2021 4:00 PM
27	How exciting!!!	4/2/2021 3:43 PM
28	If pool stays at Doyle, then Doyle otherwise van lieshout	3/31/2021 6:49 PM
29	Not in Heesakker park...keep it natural LOOKING! Not Doyle too much stuff there already.....crowded already.	3/31/2021 10:48 AM

Q9 How safe do you feel when visiting Village parks?

Answered: 391 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very Safe	70.59%
Somewhat Safe	28.64%
Somewhat Unsafe	1.53%
Very Unsafe	1.02%
No Opinion	0.51%
Total Respondents: 391	

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL SAFE OR UNSAFE IN THE VILLAGE PARKS	DATE
1	Decent lighting, well kept, and it's Wisconsin!	4/28/2021 6:20 AM
2	Wide open areas good lighting and close to residential areas.	4/27/2021 1:50 PM
3	I've never felt any sort of threat in any way.	4/26/2021 7:13 PM
4	I think police patrols and sufficient lighting make the parks very safe	4/26/2021 6:32 PM
5	Safe community. Well lit areas. No dangerous broken, rundown areas.	4/18/2021 8:34 PM
6	I'm male so I feel safe but I can see why a female may not always feel safe in some parks	4/15/2021 9:08 PM
7	No parking lots means a safety issue. Also need better lighting. Regular patrol. Village needs to consider adding safer experiences in parks and equipment even for those with disabilities. Possibly enclose parks and certainly improve/update the playground equipment and surfaces. Sensory play is important to a more inclusive community environment - including this concept would help make our kid spaces safe for ALL	4/15/2021 9:20 AM
8	The vandalism makes them seem less safe. Maybe cameras near the restrooms would help. And for sure more lighting at Vanylieshout. So many people walk here and there is not enough lighting for the paths through the park.	4/15/2021 2:23 AM

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9	Overall LC is safe. Sometimes teenagers hanging out on kiddie playground equipment or shady characters make it feel unsafe.	4/14/2021 9:37 PM
10	Kids should have an enclosed or gated park. Also base should be the safe base at all parks and inclusive of all	4/13/2021 6:22 PM
11	No dogs should be allowed in parks or on trails. There are plenty of village sidewalks for walking dogs. Dogs make adults and children feel unsafe. Security cameras. Regular park patrol	4/13/2021 3:27 PM
12	I wish more parks would have playground equipment designed for younger kids. Some playgrounds seem dangerous for littler kiddos.	4/12/2021 12:17 PM
13	At Doyle the kids like to play on the playground equipment during break. There have been men wandering around. Makes you feel a little wary. I keep an eye on the kids. Its good to see the police going through the parking lots occasionally.	4/11/2021 10:17 AM
14	People respecting the areas- young kids not swearing and not respecting the equipment.	4/11/2021 9:49 AM
15	Lack of lighting.	4/10/2021 9:58 PM
16	It's little chute	4/10/2021 6:02 PM
17	Good community	4/9/2021 8:38 PM
18	Safe because they are clean, well maintained, and have people using them that are generally using the park for the correct uses - though I wish there was less vandalism.	4/9/2021 9:28 AM
19	Always feel very safe at all parks I visit. Except for VanLieshout in the late afternoon-early evening will no longer go with my grandchildren	4/9/2021 9:00 AM
20	Always feels like the parks are clean, and usually see Metro patrolling around, never see much if any unusual activity	4/8/2021 2:07 PM
21	Sometimes there are unsupervised kids that appear up to no good at the parks so I don't feel safe sending my kids on their own. Some parks have almost too much space and if they are close to a wooded area then that makes it feel like creepers could be hanging around.	4/8/2021 1:53 PM
22	The only issue is that sometimes older kids/adults are on the playground and make it difficult or intimidating for younger kids to use them. That's not necessarily on the Parks Dept to solve and I'd rather have them at the park than inside their house all the time! But still need others to be mindful and respectful that parks are for all to use.	4/8/2021 1:22 PM
23	Not aware of any incidents and have never seen any suspicious activities or people in the area while there.	4/8/2021 12:55 PM
24	I feel safe however, I feel like Van Lieshout is being taken over by teenagers. The last few times I have been there, there have been many kids in the equipment. I felt they were disrespectful to the equipment and asked them to use the equipment the way it should be used. They told me off....	4/8/2021 12:25 PM
25	The parks are open and not too crowded with visual barriers. My kids love them so much!!	4/8/2021 12:10 PM
26	Trails around Heesakker have lights and are occasionally monitored by police. The vandalism lately has made me feel less safe. Also for a few weeks last spring it seemed like our house was being targeted (knocking on windows at night, ding dong ditch, throwing an egg at our front door) We live on Garfield right by the entrance to Heesakker Park. This didn't affect my feeling of safety within the park, but affected my feeling of safety living near the park	4/8/2021 10:47 AM
27	Well-lit areas, trees and brush trimmed regularly make me feel safe	4/6/2021 8:01 PM
28	Hoodlum kids roaming around causing issues.	4/6/2021 7:57 PM
29	Never had any issues visiting the park	4/5/2021 6:17 PM
30	Heesakker in Particular needs more lighting.	4/4/2021 5:03 PM
31	Open and well-lit	4/4/2021 3:29 PM
32	I think there's a lot of people that turn the other cheek in this town. There's a lot of miss use of areas. Vandalism, trespassing, dog owners letting their dogs run unleashed in parks, the laws	4/4/2021 1:36 PM

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are not being held up by the village.

33	Little Chute has great community and I feel people look out for each other. I like seeing occasional Metro presence for reassurance. Although more lighting might give a sense of more security, I prefer no additional lighting in the parks.	4/4/2021 11:51 AM
34	Open water, open areas on play equipment for kids to fall, heritage- secluded (trail should be accessible to Doyle Park)	4/3/2021 10:38 PM
35	Lighting could be improved for dusk / early evening use	4/3/2021 10:03 PM
36	Only go to parks in areas that we are very familiar with.	4/3/2021 9:43 PM
37	Vandalism and unruly teenagers - more patrols in the evening hours need to happen as well as ramped up security and monitoring of parks	4/3/2021 8:04 PM
38	Police patrols	4/3/2021 10:55 AM
39	There have been an abundant of older kids at playgrounds lately. I have no problem with middle school & high school kids utilizing the playgrounds if they are going to be respectful. However, the language, inappropriate behavior & disrespect displayed is incredibly off putting & sad when it is so bad it causes our family to leave the park area. The times we've seen people smoking is also too often than it should be. Not sure how either of these things can be fixed, but they have both been huge factors in us using the parks & playgrounds less than we used to.	4/3/2021 7:27 AM
40	Overall I feel safe but having playgrounds burnt to the ground implies an issue	4/3/2021 5:59 AM
41	Van lieshout park has a lot of older kids/teens swearing and breaking things and generally being rough with equipment. I don't like bringing my kids there anymore. They're always there in weekends.	4/2/2021 11:13 PM
42	Doyle has a lot of people driving around in a non-safe manor in the evening hours (I live off the park so that is all I notice).	4/2/2021 10:19 PM
43	There are never any suspicious people at the parks. Everyone is friendly.	4/2/2021 9:45 PM
44	Open areas. Only concern I've ever had is people hanging out on the trail by Heesakkers that did not look like they were dressed for exercise and were smoking so just didn't seem like the best place for that.	4/2/2021 9:19 PM
45	Most have wide open spaces	4/2/2021 9:10 PM
46	Feel a bit unsafe at Heesaker when there aren't a lot of people around	4/2/2021 8:59 PM
47	I feel safe, but I have been concerned about the safety of my wife and kids at the parks when I am not along. Too many older kids unsupervised at the parks. Larger groups of kids between 12 and 15 at Van Lieshout swearing and causing trouble every single time we have taken our small children to the park in the last year.	4/2/2021 8:45 PM
48	There seems to be suspicious activity At heesakkers especially at night	4/2/2021 8:23 PM
49	sketch people hang out in the parks. more patrol especially at night	4/2/2021 8:11 PM
50	I don't love when misbehaved kids(swearing, mean to each other) are unsupervised around my young children, but am also comfortable asking them to stop and keep a close eye on my kids. Regular police presence makes me feel safe.	4/2/2021 7:39 PM
51	At Van Lieshout park is too many teen kids alone and they don't behave the best in front of the small kids.	4/2/2021 7:23 PM
52	Van Lieshout has too many middle school kids loitering	4/2/2021 5:41 PM
53	I've lived here all my life, it's a peaceful place	4/2/2021 5:22 PM
54	Clean and open space	4/2/2021 4:47 PM
55	I feel safe during the daytime hours. Living near the heesakker park there are many cars in the lot after the 11pm curfew which leads me to believe they are not out there for just a walk...	4/2/2021 4:16 PM
56	Van lieshout park I feel the most unsafe. Lots of teens hanging out, No adult supervision, my son no longer likes to go there.	4/2/2021 4:08 PM

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57	Well paved and very clean. Nice benches and seating area.	4/2/2021 4:02 PM
58	I daylight I feel safe but I always am aware of my surroundings. Night is very different. I would not venture into the park alone.	4/2/2021 4:01 PM
59	No dogs makes me feel safer. It also keeps out parks and trails cleaner. Patrol. Security Cameras. Well lit. Trails should also be lit.	4/1/2021 6:23 PM
60	No emergency call buttons if something were to happen	3/31/2021 1:33 PM
61	Statically there is hardly any violent crime in parks. Knowledge makes you safe. And a greener city.	3/31/2021 10:54 AM
62	Depends on time of day-before dark	3/30/2021 6:10 PM

Q10 Please share any other comments or suggestions you have for the Little Chute parks system.

Answered: 121 Skipped: 359

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More bike trials needed in the area....will draw others to the community	4/28/2021 9:58 AM
2	We tremendously appreciate all you do!	4/27/2021 3:18 PM
3	Would love to see more cycling and running trails added near the river.	4/27/2021 1:00 PM
4	Highly value and encourage the expansion of mountain bike trails. This is a great family activity!	4/27/2021 12:46 PM
5	I am excited about the Nelson Crossing which will open later this year. Thank you for helping to develop that connection.	4/27/2021 9:13 AM
6	Thnx	4/27/2021 8:01 AM
7	None	4/27/2021 7:30 AM
8	Expanding single track mountain biking would be awesome.	4/27/2021 1:37 AM
9	We should have kayak rentals.	4/26/2021 9:02 PM
10	Thanks for taking bikes into consideration.	4/26/2021 8:09 PM
11	As a mountain biker I would love and support any trails for the sport!	4/26/2021 8:00 PM
12	Would love more hiking/biking/walking trails and more music events at parks and food truck nights	4/26/2021 7:56 PM
13	Expand the mountain bike trails on the island. My kids and I come to little chute for them. I think it will bring people to the village	4/26/2021 7:42 PM
14	Single track mountain biking	4/26/2021 7:39 PM
15	Everyone does a fantastic job keeping the parks clean and safe. Thank you so much for all you do	4/26/2021 7:38 PM
16	Bike trails. If you build it, they will come.	4/26/2021 7:17 PM
17	I think some additional bike trails at haesakker park would be a great idea. There seems to be plenty of space with no user conflict, and would be great to get more people outside on bikes.	4/26/2021 7:16 PM
18	I am travel frequently and bring my bicycle with me everywhere. Being bicycle friendly and having both paved and unpaved trails is a major reason why I visit certain places. Please continue to make Little Chute a bicycle friendly community.	4/26/2021 7:07 PM
19	Additional Mt. bike trails at Heesakker Park (or other locations) would be awesome.	4/26/2021 6:57 PM
20	It would be great to have more Mountain bike trails. That is one part of the city/community that is definitely lacking.	4/26/2021 6:39 PM
21	Please consider more and improved biking trails - both paved and dirt. There is an entire biking community in the fox cities that actively seeks out these kinds of trails for family time, friend time and just good old fashion healthy recreational activity. Having visited trails all over the states, I know that there is a tremendous amount of opportunity to drive this large community of bicyclist to our area	4/26/2021 6:35 PM
22	Please consider adding more Mountain bike trails and more Pickleball courts	4/26/2021 6:31 PM
23	I'm curious if the city owns the land immediately north of Hwy 96 about one mile west. There are a couple small parking lots/turnouts, and I think it would be great to build something there that would further develop cycling infrastructure along 96 between Appleton & LC. With the new	4/26/2021 6:31 PM

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crossing, I think it's going to see substantially more bike traffic in the next few years, and I'd love to see a rethinking of both the Highway and the space around it.

24	as an active outdoor recreation person having natural trails is important to me. the paved trails are great, but given the use of the island singletrack by cyclists, walkers, and snowshoers there is clearly an interest in the community for more. keep in mind that if you utilize the volunteers available there is no cost to the tax payers	4/22/2021 1:33 PM
25	Keep up the great work!	4/18/2021 8:34 PM
26	You should seriously consider a long dock my Doyle park for boaters using the locks system. It would be a great way to introduce people to little chute.	4/16/2021 1:36 PM
27	More trails and more year around open bathrooms please! Thank you!	4/15/2021 9:09 PM
28	LC Seems to be expanding trail systems which is a great connection opportunity. I think we should expand on this strength. Possibly offer family bike rentals (I'm thinking the four and five seat bikes like you see along the boardwalk hotel in Florida). By marketing our strengths we can strengthen our position as a family friendly tourist destination. Win win Thanks	4/15/2021 9:33 AM
29	Better lighting. Cameras maybe.	4/15/2021 2:24 AM
30	Would love more info on walking paths and distances. Would like some adult water aerobics type classes offered when kids are in swim lessons. Would be nice to have a "season pass" option for all the one-day youth events and then sign up for ones you can attend, instead of having to register for each one separately.	4/14/2021 9:45 PM
31	Skating rink downtown. Bathrooms could use an update.	4/14/2021 5:17 PM
32	Trails that are easy to walk for older folks	4/14/2021 5:13 PM
33	The title town district has it figured out.	4/13/2021 6:23 PM
34	I would love to see LC invest more in our parks. Inclusive playgrounds say something about our community values - let's speak louder! Engaged kids will lead to a more engaged community.	4/13/2021 3:34 PM
35	Have always been VERY happy with the Parks we have and Rec Dept and all the programs they offer. Definitely use them!!	4/13/2021 4:20 AM
36	We're over 70.	4/12/2021 9:30 PM
37	I'd Like To know where all the pickleball courts are??	4/11/2021 6:36 PM
38	Thanks for the program offerings...but please consider aligning your registration age cut off dates with the schools.	4/11/2021 10:18 AM
39	thank you	4/10/2021 11:25 PM
40	Plant more trees at creek view. Like a lot more. A small patch of woods would be nice. Some nice hard woods mixed with some white pines would be nice. There are never enough trees in new parks and sub divisions	4/10/2021 6:05 PM
41	Love living here with lots of wonderful parks, trails and community events/parades! Keep up the great work! We appreciate your hard work!!	4/10/2021 4:43 PM
42	I am happy to live in the village and enjoy what LC has to offer. Thank you!	4/9/2021 8:40 PM
43	thank you	4/9/2021 12:06 PM
44	Update the pool. Or move it by Heesakkers	4/9/2021 10:15 AM
45	You guys have a big job, keep up the good work!	4/9/2021 9:28 AM
46	We have outstanding parks!	4/9/2021 9:01 AM
47	Creek view Park: I feel the completion of the park trail going north to link up with the new north neighborhood (Don Degroot dr.area) would be money better spent then putting in the parking lot on Harvest Trail at this time. The park visitation level is not up to the point where the parking lot is needed at this time. I believe you should continue to complete the park and then watch for an increase in park usage. In summery complete the trail first, then put in the parking lot. Thank you for your consideration, Dave Oliver	4/9/2021 8:31 AM

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48	While we are not at the stage of using tot lots at this time they are looking very run down.	4/9/2021 7:21 AM
49	I know of so many people who have been trying to get official pickle ball courts. This is something that can benefit so many seniors. We need to not only look at the youth but give retirees something to do.	4/8/2021 6:57 PM
50	I love our community!!!!	4/8/2021 6:15 PM
51	Ball diamonds used to be presine. Lack of care and inexperienced kids preping fields is disappointing. The club took most of the work/cost away from the village. It would be nice if maintenance was better and prep had some care involved or supervision of the summer help.	4/8/2021 5:55 PM
52	I think you should ask for volunteers/families that would go to the parks in spring/fall and clean them up!	4/8/2021 5:45 PM
53	Doyle pool needs to be updated. Especially the restroom situation!	4/8/2021 5:36 PM
54	Would love to see a basketball court at Creekview Park.	4/8/2021 5:14 PM
55	We used the park system a lot when our children were younger. Our parks programs provide a lot of fun things for the kids to do. Everyone growing up in LC is fortunate to have those things available. Thanks for all you do to keep that happening!	4/8/2021 4:06 PM
56	Keep up the good work.	4/8/2021 2:49 PM
57	You guys are amazing and your hard work shows through with how beautiful our community is. Thank you!	4/8/2021 2:25 PM
58	I think for a village of this size, we are blessed to have such incredible parks to use that are in such great condition. Managing in a baseball league, I see other parks, and we have the best maintained field in the league. I love playing at VLP and hope to stay there for years to come. I wish there was a way (post covid) that we could draw more of a public atmosphere to the games and see more turn out come to the park to watch sports, but other than that, wouldn't change a thing about Little Chute Parks. Thank you for all you do! Matthew Bent :)	4/8/2021 2:12 PM
59	Love the park and rec program! Maybe some focus could be spent on offering more programs for families and developing programs for smaller age groups. Scheduled winter programs might introduce some families to activities they haven't tried yet like snowshoeing or ice skating.	4/8/2021 1:58 PM
60	Thanks for all you do!	4/8/2021 1:53 PM
61	Update the pool	4/8/2021 1:43 PM
62	I said it in an earlier comment but we really need a dog park. Dog ownership is on the rise and with Outagamie County dog park on the verge of closing we need a place to go.	4/8/2021 12:51 PM
63	Need cleaner bathrooms. Love the paved trails. Some playground equipment at Doyle Park needs repair. More rubberized playgrounds would be nice like Van Leishout has.	4/8/2021 12:35 PM
64	For safety reasons I would like to see some trees come out around the sledding hill at Van Leishout.	4/8/2021 12:26 PM
65	A splash pad would be absolutely amazing and couldn't happen soon enough!!	4/8/2021 12:11 PM
66	Put up cameras in the areas that are being vandalized.	4/8/2021 10:48 AM
67	A few years ago there was a survey about an updated pool? I'm not sure what happened to that but I do think it needs to be updated. Nothing super fancy, I do like the kiddie pool and the slide. I like that it's not so huge that you can't see your kids on the other side of the pool.	4/6/2021 10:56 AM
68	Love them all over town. I hate heesakers equipment. Too steep and the railings are spaced to far apart. Children under 4-5 it is way to dangerous.	4/5/2021 8:29 PM
69	I appreciate the great condition that the parks, playgrounds, bike/walking trails and sports fields are in. I also appreciate the volunteers that keep the mountain bike trails open and in great shape. It's wonderful to have these amenities in a small community!	4/5/2021 8:04 PM
70	Please keep and/or continue to develop the mountain bike trails at Island park. It's an excellent way to bring more people into the community at all months of the year (winter fatbiking/snowshoeing)!	4/5/2021 6:18 PM

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71	I would love to see a pedestrian bridge from Doyle over the canal to the Heritage Island Trail. It would increase use of the trail and park. It would be a great destination for visitors, especially with access from Kaukauna coming soon and as an entrance point for homeowners that live near Doyle. I LOVE what you've done with the trail system over the years and the Parks system in general. Keep up the good work, thank you!	4/5/2021 1:18 PM
72	We use LC parks on a daily basis and can't wait to see what improvements are made!	4/4/2021 5:05 PM
73	The MTB trails in little chute are provide by volunteers, the least the village could do is recognize that they are there. Recognize how many people they have brought into our town.	4/4/2021 1:40 PM
74	Continue adding trees for shade, wind break and aesthetics. Trails of ANY sort, either paved or gravel or chipped, encourage walking and enjoying the outdoor venue. Having a safe pedestrian route over/under 41 would also be big on my wishlist!	4/4/2021 12:05 PM
75	Creekview needs a parking lot before any additional features are added that would draw more users. With the street being narrow, off street parking needs to be a priority.	4/4/2021 8:18 AM
76	Love the parks which i visit, the LC Islands mountian bike trails are especially enjoyed, looking forward to any expansions that can be made.	4/4/2021 7:49 AM
77	Make the village as friendly to bikes as possible, paved, commute friendly bike lanes, and mountain bike/winter fat bike trails. We need to set this space aside now, or there will be no space left in the future as the area continues to grow!	4/3/2021 11:49 PM
78	Splash pad at Doyle so it can be utilized by parents who have toddlers that can use the splash pad while older siblings enjoy the pool. Remove or somehow block large rock that homeowner placed at edge of property near the bottom of Heesaker sledding hill. We witnessed several children almost hit the decorative rock and never went back due to that hazard.	4/3/2021 11:42 PM
79	We would love to see some more happen at creekview park!! More equipment, longer trails, basketball courts, etc	4/3/2021 11:40 PM
80	Creekview park has a lot of open space that could be used for more things	4/3/2021 11:26 PM
81	A bridge at Creekview over ponds to connect the two subdivisions for safe walking and biking.	4/3/2021 10:40 PM
82	One last plug for additional / improved biking trails of all kinds !!	4/3/2021 10:03 PM
83	Please keep the pool. Children need a place to swim and take lessons within the Village.	4/3/2021 9:43 PM
84	I think you should have an age limit at parks with tot lots on them. Van Lieshout park has a great tot lot, but when older kids are there they don't look out for younger kids.	4/3/2021 9:31 PM
85	I'd like to explore other park areas of Little Chute, and will try to do so this summer!	4/3/2021 8:31 PM
86	Please make it possible to expand off road riding trails. There are volunteer resources who want to help!	4/3/2021 7:00 PM
87	More singletrack unpaved trails, please. Limit development of few natural areas left.	4/3/2021 3:12 PM
88	Anything that enhanced outdoor recreation is important to my family. Hiking, walking, biking(on and off road), open spaces that require little to no cost to enjoy are welcome.	4/3/2021 12:01 PM
89	Use the Free resources available to you. You've had mtb trails being maintained for going on 4 years now at no cost bringing hundreds of people into the village. There is room to grow The trails system at no cost But yet the village doesn't even recognize they are there.	4/3/2021 11:04 AM
90	Island park is not utilized as much as it could be,wonderful park setting should get more use.Hesacker park trails need lots of work.	4/3/2021 8:14 AM
91	I would like to see security cameras at parks to cut down down for potential graffiti and or damage.	4/3/2021 6:23 AM
92	Equipment for rent, like canoeing, Kayaking, snow shoeing, bmx biking... make the Heesakker lock house a coffee shop and rental facility	4/3/2021 6:01 AM
93	They should update the playground at some of the parks	4/3/2021 1:58 AM
94	I actually never heard of quite a few of the parks that were listed in the beginning, I'll have to check them all out!	4/2/2021 10:43 PM

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95	Please add EV chargers similar to Kaukauna to attract people to our parks.	4/2/2021 10:20 PM
96	I really think a community fitness facility would benefit the village.	4/2/2021 10:19 PM
97	Please put a fence around the splash pad, similar to the one in Sherwood!	4/2/2021 10:06 PM
98	Please keep the ice rink. I know the weather didn't cooperate this year. Please don't get rid of it. Thank you for the trail system. I can't wait to walk across the fox!	4/2/2021 9:46 PM
99	I feel creekview park could use improvements. As far as playground equipment, trees, basketball court and trails. As much as this park is used, I would like to see more equipment added for the kids and adults . It would also be nice to have access and connection to other trails for biking and walking.	4/2/2021 9:31 PM
100	I like Van lieschout for the splash pad because of the building rental space and the soccer and baseball fields. Good parking as well. Easy access for kids to walk or bike there without crossing over hwy 41.	4/2/2021 9:21 PM
101	Safe biking routes	4/2/2021 9:14 PM
102	We have very much enjoyed having an outdoor pool. We made good use of it last summer during the pandemic. Thank you for keeping it open.	4/2/2021 9:13 PM
103	Keep up the good work!	4/2/2021 9:10 PM
104	Splash pad yes !!!	4/2/2021 8:31 PM
105	I want to reiterate the importance of spending some time updating Heesacker park. This park needs new adaptive equipment, an age range of play areas, swings, and a parking lot.	4/2/2021 8:30 PM
106	Would love lighted trails at heesakkers	4/2/2021 8:24 PM
107	Splash pad at hessaker would be wonderful! Would maybe seem like the most sense at Doyle with the pool right there but hessaker has so much space and not a lot to do.	4/2/2021 8:18 PM
108	Thank you for putting out this survey. We love LC parks!	4/2/2021 7:40 PM
109	More shade structure within playground would be appreciated	4/2/2021 5:42 PM
110	Great idea with the survey, not currently using things but soon with grandbaby	4/2/2021 5:23 PM
111	Further support with pet waste rules and leash rules is needed for users of the heritage trail and hersaaker area	4/2/2021 4:48 PM
112	Keep up the good work!	4/2/2021 4:18 PM
113	Update shelters/pavilions. Maybe add some??	4/2/2021 4:09 PM
114	It would be great if there was a trail connecting the new Don Degroot Drive and Hammen Court subdivision to Creekview Park, especially with there being no sidewalks on Buchanan road on the north side of Highway 41. I think another long-term project that would be great if the Dollar Tree ever sold again, would be to create a small park in the parking lot with a stage for bands. With Stonearch Brewpub opening, it would be neat to have the other local bars (maybe we could get some upgraded bars/restaurants to take over Up The Hill and Weenies) have an area with picnic tables, etc. for people to have food/drinks at while bands play. This would put a lot of activity in the heart of downtown Little Chute and create a unique scene with the windmill across the street.	4/2/2021 4:04 PM
115	I really appreciate the direction the Village is going with park planning and fulfillment of the plan.	4/2/2021 4:03 PM
116	I enjoy all of the parks and trails we have in LC. I really appreciate that the Heritage Trail is cleared all through the winter as we walk it daily. All of our parks are very well maintained. Thank you for that!	4/2/2021 3:58 PM
117	Update Kinley Tot Lot, build splash pad!	4/2/2021 3:41 PM
118	More trees in the newer parks and along the trails. Benches along the trails and garbage cans. Please no dogs. Too messy	4/1/2021 6:24 PM
119	Would like to see a park developed in the Crosswinds subdivision.	3/31/2021 4:11 PM

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120	I think we are on the right track and hope that we keep moving forward with more plans to make our Village of Little Chute a great place to live! Thank you for getting people's opinions in this survey. It's a good start!	3/31/2021 3:08 PM
121	Would like to see the restrooms open your round at the most popular parks. Just because school starts it does not mean people to not still enjoy the parks. And having to load up children to run to a gas station. Volleyball sand at Doyle is awful. Plant more tree's for shade!!! Can't say the enough. Help.prevent skin cancer!	3/31/2021 11:10 AM



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COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING MINUTES

Client: Village of Little Chute Name of Project: CORP update RHR Project No.: 21.002		Date: Wednesday, Sept 08, 2021
		Time: 5:30 pm
		Location: Van Lieshout Park Pavilion
No.	Name	Company/ Representing
1.	John McDonald	Parks Director, Village of Little Chute
2.	John Kneer	PLA, President Rettler Corporation
3.	Rebecca Ramirez	PLA, Rettler Corporation
5.	Phil Weigman	Little Chute Diamond Club
6.	Joe Harlow	Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival
7.	Tracy Hengst	Heart Of the Valley Soccer Association

- **Overview/Review of Process to Date**
 - John Kneer presented the CORP book definition, importance, process, needs assessment component and opened the floor to comments.
- **Community Input**
 - Greater Wisconsin Cheesefest at Doyle Park
 - Lighting and security is outdated. Would like to see some decorative LED lighting and updated poles.
 - Restrooms need upgrades- not ADA compliant. Facilities are failing.
 - Baseball diamonds need to be upgraded
 - Pool needs to be upgraded
 - Storage building by DP1 needs to be upgraded- its where Cheesefest stuff is stored. Would like to add green room for bands.
 - Cheesefest would be willing to help with costs.
 - DP2- lights are out of warranty. DP2 is underutilized. What is the plan for it? If no plans, could use expanded parking for carnival, sponsor display area, camp sites, or something no one else has.
 - Would like to see PIP surface in playground at Doyle.
 - Fields at Doyle park have drainage issues

- Would like the road behind the stage widened to allow for band trailer parking.
- Little Chute Diamond Club
 - Would like lighting at Van Lieshout
 - Would like security cameras in Van Lieshout and Legion (note, some cameras have been recently installed in Van Lieshout)
 - Have heard on social media that some people avoid Van Lieshout due to teens and young adults congregating.
 - Would like bathroom upgrades at Legion, Doyle, and Van Lieshout.
 - Update concession stand at Legion
 - Would like more parking at Legion.
 - Agree with wanting LED and security lighting
 - Would like a fourth field at Legion
- Heart of the Valley Soccer
 - If the High School goes with a turf field, they may not use the field here at Van Lieshout. We do use the field as drainage is better here.
 - We did internal upgrades to the concession stand this spring. A wooden door covers the metal pull down doors and it is dangerous and heavy with no handles.
 - Need extra parking when multiples games go one. Would like parking on one side of the street and designated walk spaces for safety.



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COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING MINUTES

Client: Village of Little Chute
Name of Project: CORP update
RHR Project No.: 21.002

Date: Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Creekview Park Shade Structure

No.	Name	Company/ Representing	Email/Phone
1.	John McDonald	Parks Director, Village of Little Chute	
2.	John Kneer	PLA, President Rettler Corporation	
3.	Rebecca Ramirez	PLA, Rettler Corporation	
4.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
5.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
6.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
7.	Attendee	Don DeGroot Dr	
8.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
9.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
10.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
11.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
12.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
13.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
14.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
15.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
16.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
17.	Attendee	Harvest Trail	
18.	Attendee	E Evergreen	

- **Overview/Review of Process to Date**
 - John Kneer presented the CORP book definition, importance, process, needs assessment component and opened the floor to comments.

- **Community Input**

- Question: when Creekview park was originally built, a DNR wetland delineation was completed and several very low areas of poor quality wetland remain. Would it be possible to regrade those now?
 - Rettler Corp mentioned that the laws have changed since the park was first created and it may be possible to revisit the wetland situation with the DNR.
- Question: Are there any short-term plans for Creekview Park?
 - The Parks Director reviewed the various items that have been implemented from the last Creekview Master Plan. He mentioned that next year the Ebben Trail Phase 1 multiuse trail (which includes a bridge) will be constructed.
- Question: Are there plans for a fishing pier in the near future? It was noted that quite a few kids go down to the detention ponds to fish, particularly in the evening, and that a fishing pier might be safer.
 - The Parks Director responded that he is not sure if that is part of the Ebben Trail project at this time. The Parks Department is working with engineering.
- Discussion about mowing in future trail area.
- Question: Do/will the Village stock fish in the detention ponds?
 - Park Director stated that he does not know at this point.
- Comment: The latest master plan shows a spur going east connecting the future trail with the road. Do not want that due to drainage issues in that area. May wash out.
- Question: Can we alter/add/change components in the existing Creekview Master Plan.
 - Yes. As the community grows and changes, it would be wise to periodically revisit the master plan.
- Comment: Enjoy walking through the rustic, quiet, family friendly park. Concerned that too many elements aren't added that may not fit or that sit unused. Like the open green space.
- Comment: Neighbors are very connected and involved here.
- Comment: Do not want the proposed parking lot. The money is better spent on trails and improvements.
- Comment: would like to see temporary soccer nets to utilize the open green space.
- Comment: Glad to see trail connection as it is dangerous walking on Buchanan- too much traffic.
- Comment: There are many small subdivisions around here. Would like more park connections.
- Comment: if you build the trail, more people will come.
- Comment: Would like restrooms.
- Question about how many parking spaces are in the lot at Heesakker off Sanitorium Rd for reference.
 - Answer, about 16+, however an expansion is planned for that lot.

- Comment: Would like multiuse court space- basketball/tennis/pickleball. Several agreements.
- Comment: would like to see batting cages in preference to a backstop.
- Comment: would like more trees.
- Comment: Would like to see trail lighting. Its too dark to walk in the morning.
- Discussion about disc golf. Consensus was generally that Creekview is too small for a course and it would be dangerous in that area.
- Comment: would like to see something for the disabled and those with sensory needs. Maybe accessible play equipment. The Parks Director suggested Trane Park in Lacrosse for ideas.
- Comment: Creekview is the northernmost park. It will get lots of use.
- Comment: Would like sidewalks/access on Buchanan.
- Comment: would like to see safety features (i.e. lights, cameras, etc.) in the park.
- Question: will this trail go through to Scheels USA Youth Sports Complex eventually?
 - Yes
- Discussion about splash pad and location. Location not certain yet.



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STAFF INPUT MEETING MINUTES

Client: Village of Little Chute
Name of Project: CORP update
RHR Project No.: 21.002

Date: Wednesday, Sept 08, 2021

Time: 3:00-3:30 pm

Location: Maintenance Building

No.	Name	Company/ Representing	Email/Phone
1.	John McDonald	Parks Director, Village of Little Chute	
2.	John Kneer	PLA, President Rettler Corporation	
3.	Rebecca Ramirez	PLA, Rettler Corporation	
5.	Six (6) Park Staff members	Little Chute Parks	

- **Overview/Review of Process to Date**

- John Kneer presented the CORP book definition, importance, process, needs assessment component and opened the floor to comments.

- **Staff Input**

- Parkwide
 - Parks are improving
 - Maintenance seems to be the biggest issue
 - Restrooms: Would like updates to the restrooms and buildings throughout the park system (i.e. visually, maintenance related, ADA accessibility)
 - Restrooms: would like to see some additional restrooms at Creekview and the bottom of Heesakker Park.
 - Noted that parks dept receives numerous calls requesting pickleball courts.
 - Tennis program can be satisfied by the courts at Doyle. It gets used.
 - Goose control need noted.
 - It's mainly Van Lieshout and Heesakker that have one-day events.
 - Doyle and Heesakker have light pollution issues.
 - Doyle Park
 - (2) Ball diamonds need updated score booths and scoreboards (new roofs and steps)
 - Ballfields have drainage issues, but director noted that funding is in the budget for next year.
 - (2) replace pool (mechanical is problem waiting to happen)

- Replace pool fencing
 - Pool bathrooms are integral to building
 - Need shade on north side- can't watch the kids
 - resurface parking lot
 - would like to see some additional restrooms at Creekview
 - Cheesefest Shelter needs gutters, sealer, and stain
 - Stage is rotting, replace fascia, roof
 - DP1 shelter needs updating
 - Canal shelter has been redone
 - Shed/managers office/concessions has no insulation, like oven in the summer. Plywood doors, broken into.
- Heesakker
 - (3) more parking at Garfield. Need off-street parking at top of Heesakkers. Everyone parks in the street and it is very dangerous. High speed area. Angle parking?
 - Lighting at Garfield
 - would like bike trails
 - Noted that a pathway through Heesakker was just approved.
 - Would like to draw people in with a single-track bike path.
 - Bathrooms need to be updated
 - Would like to see some additional restrooms at the bottom of Heesakker Park.
 - Ice rink regrade (boards and lights)
 - Suggested to consider relocating ice rink under Cheesfest shelter (existing lights, parking, but no water).
- Creekview
 - would like to use the existing green space for something. A basketball/pickleball combination perhaps?
 - Needs parking.
- Island Park:
 - Would like ADA parking space near ADA fishing wharf.
 - Shade the benches- it gets very hot in the summer
 - Nelson Trail Junction – get a bathroom request just about every day. Discussed utilities vs holding tank option.
 - Trail between curb and dam needs to be redone.
- Legion Park
 - Needs more ball diamonds. Teams are practicing on the grass at Doyle.
- Van Lieshout Park
 - Want light on sledding hill. Both sides of hill are used.
- Trails
 - Areas need crack sealing or to be redone.

APPENDIX B:

PARK AND OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATIONS

Village of Little Chute Park Classifications/Standards

The list and chart below are intended to define key terms and identify the existing system resources.

The following definitions used in this plan are imported from the previous 2016-2020 Little Chute CORP and the *Guidelines for the Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans* published by the Wisconsin DNR, which are in turn based on the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) terms.

Little Chute Outdoor Recreation Facilities Terminology				
Classification	General Description	Preferred Size	Service Area	Village Examples
Mini Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.Contains greenery, seating areas, gazebo, fountain, or historical marker or art project as central focus.Often created on a single urban lot or remnant parcel.	1 acre or less	1/4-mile radius	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hietpas/Jaycee Tot LotMcKinley Tot LotMiller Lane Tot LotP. Van Zeeland Tot Lot
Neighborhood Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic unit of the park system.Recreational and social focus of the neighborhood.Informal active and passive recreation.Typical amenities include: shelters, picnic areas (with tables and grills), drinking fountains, and pathways.	5-15 acres	1/4 to 1/2-mile radius	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Creekview ParkLegion ParkVan Lieshout Park
Community Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs and/or preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.Provides a combination of intensive and non-intensive development. In addition to the facilities provided at neighborhood parks, community parks may provide natural features, trails, swimming pools, picnic areas, elaborate playfields, game courts, ice skating, shelters, or sanitary facilities and ample off-street parking.	25+ acres	1 to 2-mile radius	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doyle ParkHeesakker Park
Special Use Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward a single-purpose use.	Varies	Varies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Heritage ParkIsland Park
School Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parks associated with a school site that help fulfil the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as mini or neighborhood parks.	Varies	Varies	Little Chute Elementary, Middle, and High School

APPENDIX C:

NRPA FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

SUGGESTED OUTDOOR FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS				
Activity Format	Recommended Size and Dimensions	Recommended Space Requirements	Recommended Orientation	Service Radius and Location Notes
Badminton	Singles--17' x 44' Doubles-20' x 44' with 5' unobstructed area on both sides	1622 sq. ft.	Long axis north - south	1/4 - 1/2 mile. Usually in school recreation center or church facility. Safe walking or biking or biking access.
Basketball 1. Youth 2. High School 3. Collegiate	46' - 50' x 84' 50' x 84' 50' x 94' with 5' unobstructed space all sides.	2400-3036 sq. ft. 5040-7280 sq. ft. 5600-7980 sq. ft.	Long axis north - south	1/4 - 1/2 mile. Same as badminton. Outdoor courts in neighborhood/community parks, plus active recreation areas in other park settings.
Handball (3-4 wall)	20' x 40' with a minimum of 10' to rear of 3-wall court. Minimum 20' overhead clearance.	800 sq. ft. for 4-wall, 1000 sq. ft. for 3-wall.	Long axis is north - south. Front wall at north end.	15 - 30 min. travel time, 4-wall usually indoor as part of multi-purpose building. 3-2 all usually in park or school setting.
Ice Hockey	Rink 85' x 200' (Min. 85' x 185') Additional 5000 22,000 sq. ft. including support area.	22,000 sq. ft. including support area.	Long axis is north - south if outdoors.	1/2 - 1 hour travel time. Climate important consideration affecting no. of units. Best as part of multipurpose facility.
Tennis	36' x 78'. 12 ft. clearance on both ends.	Min. of 7,200 sq. ft. single court area (2 acres per complex)	Long axis north - south	1/4 - 1/2 mile. Best in batteries of 2 - 4. Located in neighborhood/community park or near school site.
Volleyball	30' x 60'. Minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.	Minimum 4,000 sq. ft.	Long axis north - south	1/2 - 1 mile.
Baseball 1. Official	Baselines - 90' Pitching distance-60.5' Foul lines - min. 320' Center field - 400'+	3.0 - 3.85 A min.	Locate home plate so pitcher is not throwing across sun, and batter not facing it. Line from home plate through pitchers mound to run east-northeast.	1/4 - 1/2 mile. Part of neighborhood complex. Lighted fields part of community complex.
2. Little League	Baselines - 60' Pitching distance - 46' Foul lines - 200' Center field - 200' - 250'	1.2 A min.		
Field Hockey	180' x 300' with a minimum of 10' clearance on all sides.	Minimum 1.5 A	Fall season - Long axis northwest or southeast. For longer periods, north/south	15 - 30 minute travel time. Usually part of baseball, football, soccer complex in community park or adjacent to high school.
Football	160' x 360' with a minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.	Minimum 1.5 A	Same as field hockey.	15 - 30 min. travel time. Same as field hockey.
Soccer	195' to 225' x 330' to 360' with 10' minimum clearance on all sides.	1.7 - 2.1 A	Same as field hockey.	1 - 2 miles. Number of units depends on popularity. Youth popularity. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to fields or neighborhood parks.
Golf - Driving Range	900' x 690' wide. Add 12' width each additional tee.	13.5 A for min. of 25 tees.	Long axis is southwest - northeast with golfer driving northeast.	30 minute travel time. Park of golf course complex. As separate unit may be privately operated.

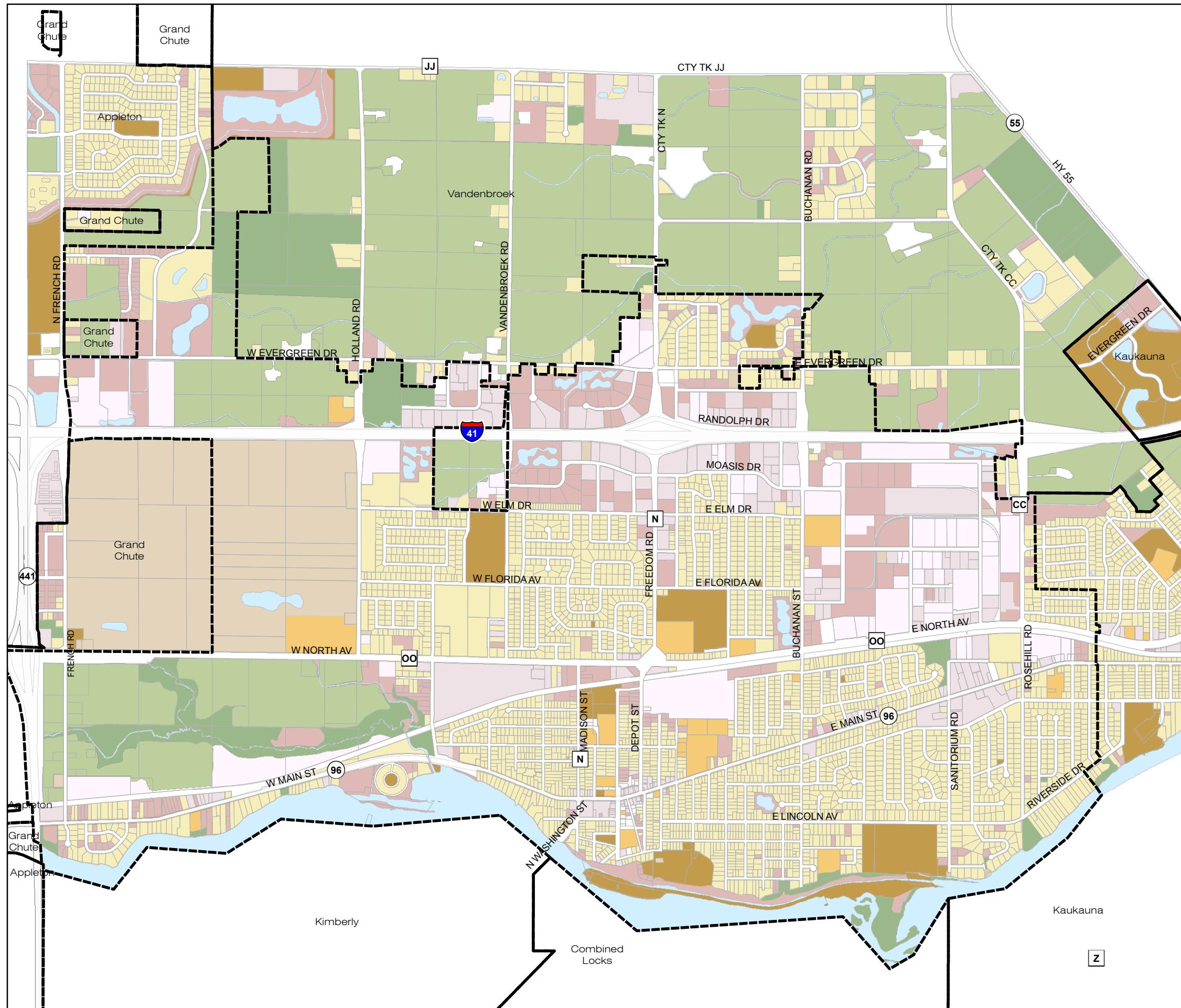
SUGGESTED OUTDOOR FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (continued)				
Activity Format	Recommended Size and Dimensions	Recommended Space Requirements	Recommended Orientation	Service Radius and Location Notes
1/4 mile running track	Over-all width - 276' length - 600'. Track width for 8 - 4 lanes is 32'.	4.3 A	Long axis in sector from north to south to northwest - southeast, with finish line at north end.	15 - 30 minute travel time. Usually part of a high school or community park complex in combination with football, soccer, etc.
Softball	Baselines - 60' pitching distance - 45' men. 40' women Fast pitch field radius from plate - 225' Slow pitch - 275' (men) 250' (women)	1.5 - 2.0 A	Same as baseball. indimensions for 16".	1/4 - 1/2 mile. Slight difference. May also be used for youth baseball.
Multiple use court (basketball, tennis, etc.)	120' x 80'	9,840 sq. ft.	Long axis of court with primary use north and south.	1 - 2 miles, in neighborhood or community parks.
Archery range	300' length x minimum 10' between targets. Roped, clear area on side of range minimum 30', clear space behind targets minimum of 90' x 45' with bunker.	Minimum 0.65 A	Archer facing north + or - 45 degrees.	30 minutes travel time. Part of a regional/metro complex.
Golf 1. Par 3 (18 hole)	Average length varies -600 - 2700 yards.	50 - 60 A	Majority of holes on north/south axis	1/2 - 1 hour travel time
2. 9-hole standard	Average length 2250 yards	Minimum of 50 A		9-hole course can accommodate 350 people/day
3. 18-hole standard	Average length 6500 yards.	Minimum 110 yards		500 - 550 people/day. Course may be located in community, district or regional/metro park.
Swimming pools	Teaching - min. 25 yards x 45' even depth of 3-4 ft. Competitive - min. 25 m x 16 m. Min. of 25 sq. ft. water surface per swimmer. Ration of 2 to 1 deck to water.	Varies on size of pool and amenities. Usually 1 - 2 A sites.	None, but care must be taken in siting life stations in relation to afternoon sun.	15 to 30 minutes travel time. Pools for general community use should be planned for teaching competitive and recreational purposes with enough to accommodate 1m and 3m diving boards. Located in community park or school site.
Beach areas	Beach area should have 50 sq. ft. of land and 50 sa. ft . of water per user. Turnover rate is 3. There should be a 3-4 A supporting area per A of beach.	N/A	N/A	1/2 to 1 hour travel time. Should have a sand bottom with a maximum slope of 5%. Boating areas completely segregated from swimming areas. In regional/metro parks.

APPENDIX D:
EXISTING VILLAGE AND COUNTY MAPS

MAP 9

Existing Land Use

Village of Little Chute
Comprehensive Plan

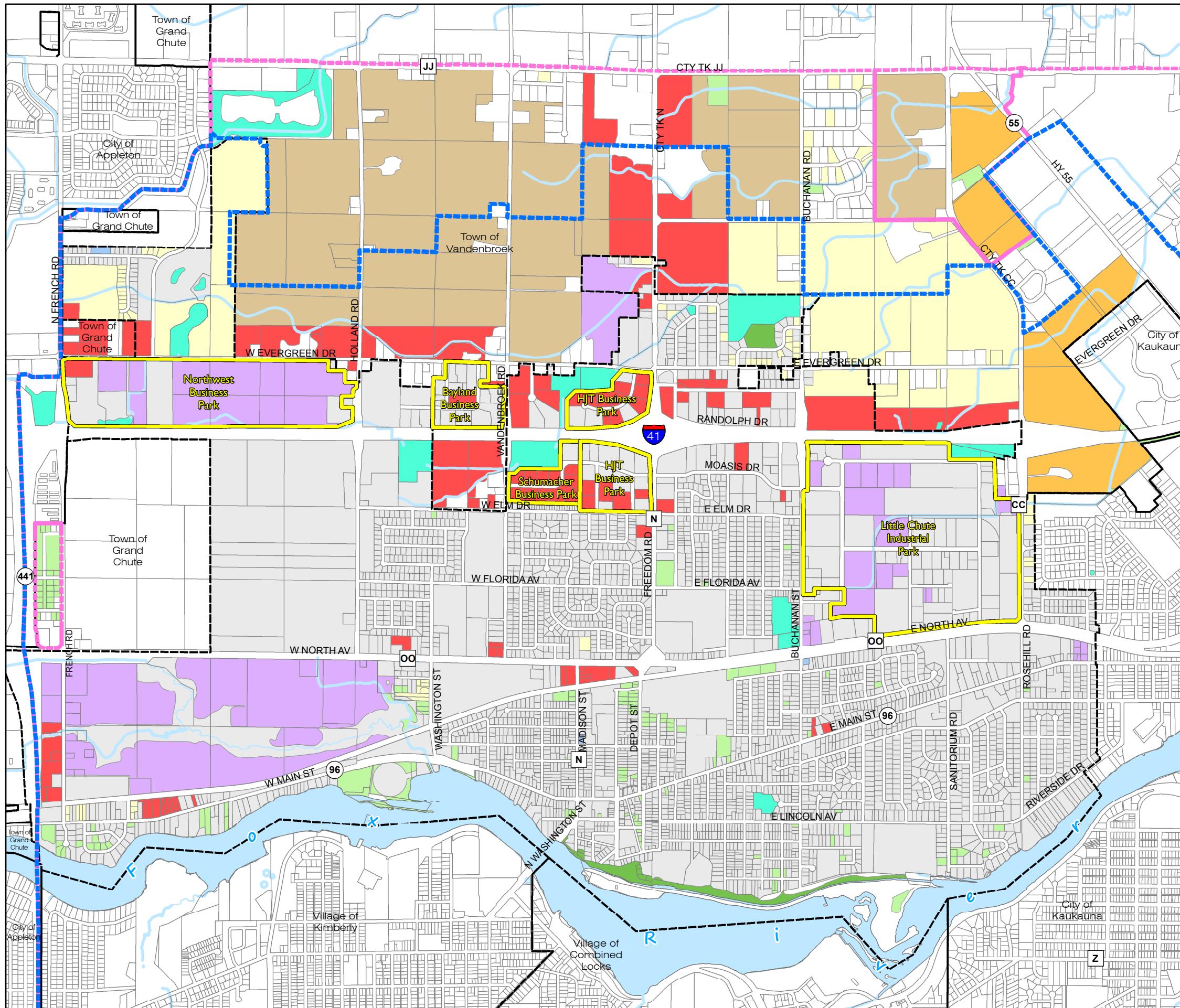


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MAP 1

Future Land Use

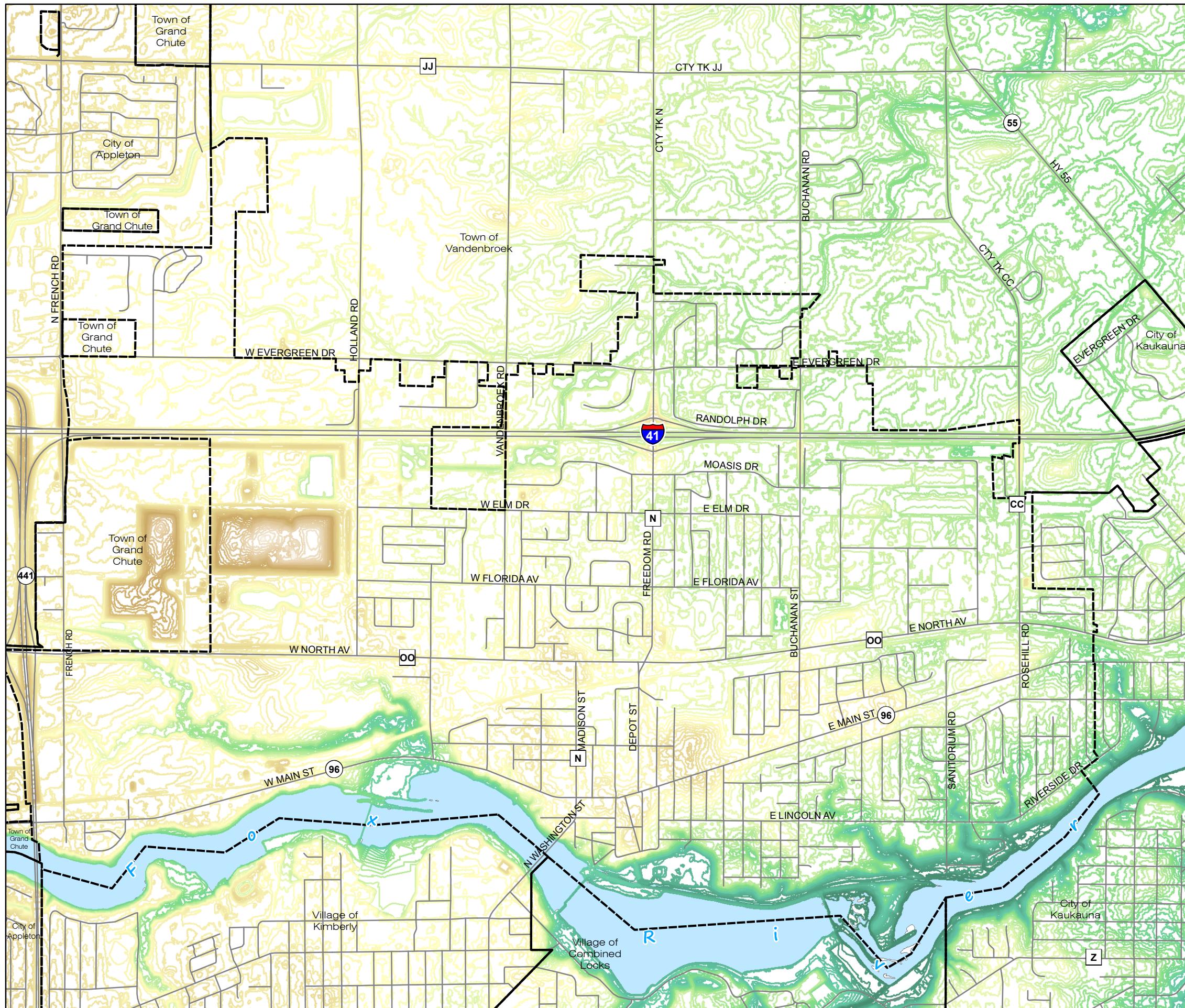
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-  Commercial
-  Currently Developed
Redevelopment on these parcels shall follow current zoning.
-  Industrial
-  Non-irrigated Cropland
-  Other Open Land
Development on these parcels shall follow current zoning.
-  Public Institution
-  Recreation
-  Residential
-  Rural Preservation
-  Stormwater Management Facility
-  Industrial & Business Parks
-  Sewer Service Area 2030
-  Sewer Service Area 2050
-  Municipal Boundary

Sources: Outagamie County, Village of Little Chute, East Central Regional Planning Commission, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. April 2016.



A horizontal scale bar with tick marks and labels for 0, 0.25, 0.5, and 1 Miles. The scale is marked in increments of 0.25 miles, with the first tick mark at 0 and the last tick mark at 1. Miles is written at the end of the scale.



MAP 2
Steep Slopes

Village of Little Chute
Comprehensive Plan

Municipal Boundary

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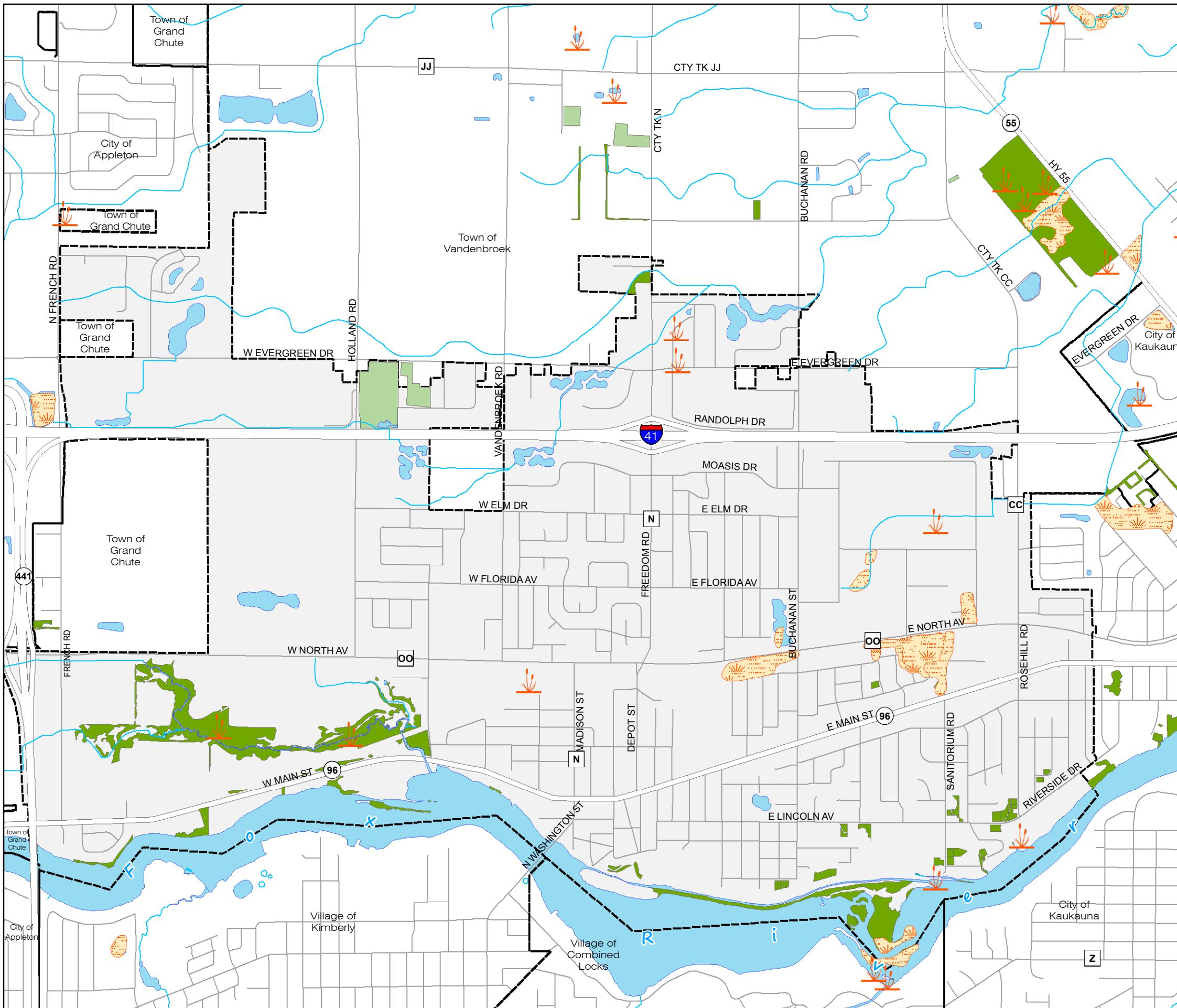
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MAP 3

Water & Woodland Resources

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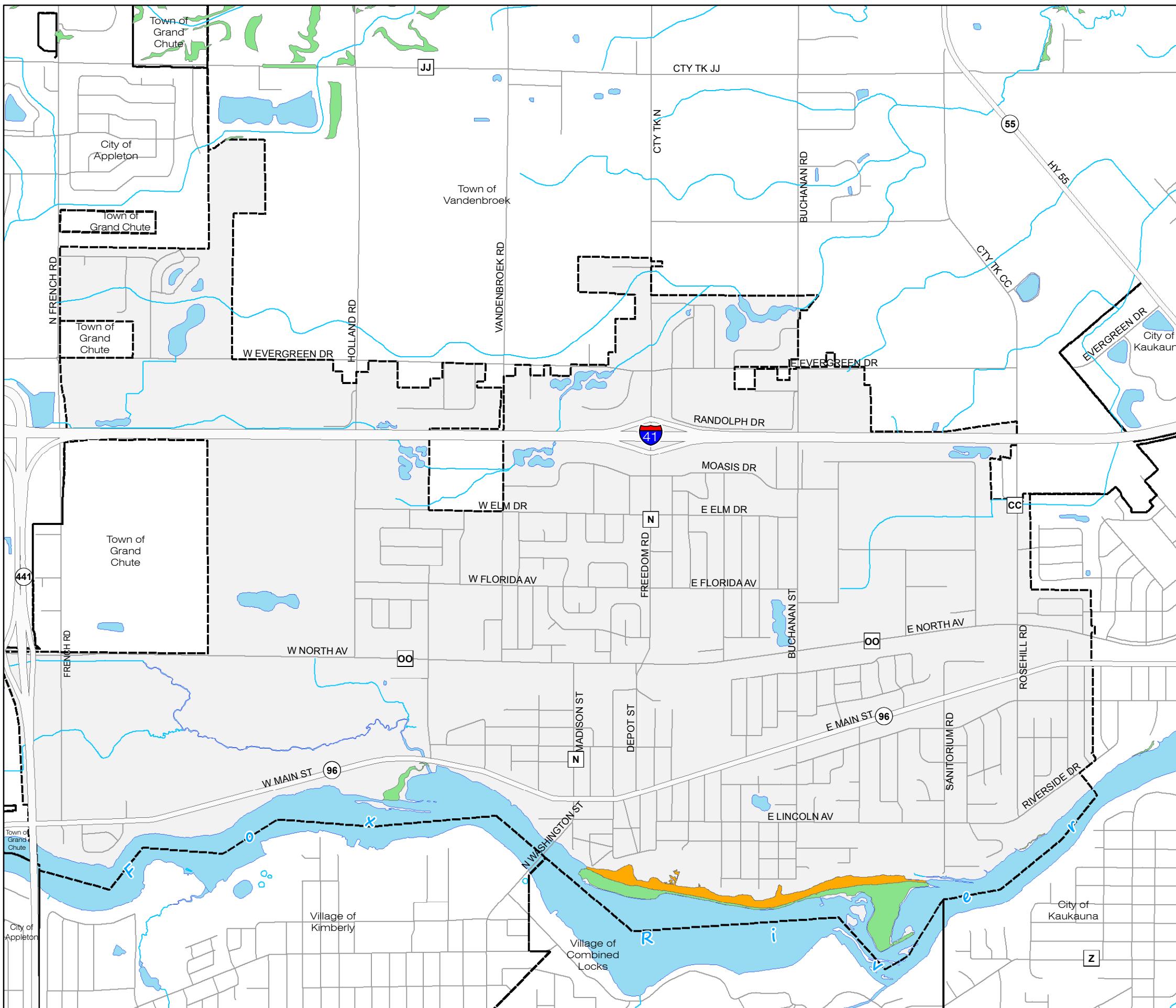
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MAP 4

Floodplain Zones

Village of Little Chute
Comprehensive Plan

-  Rivers &
-  Flood Hazard Areas
-  0.2 pct annual chance flood hazard
-  Areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event generally determined using approximate methodologies.
-  Municipal Boundary



Sources: Outagamie County, Village of Little Chute, and US Federal Emergency Management Agency. April 2016.



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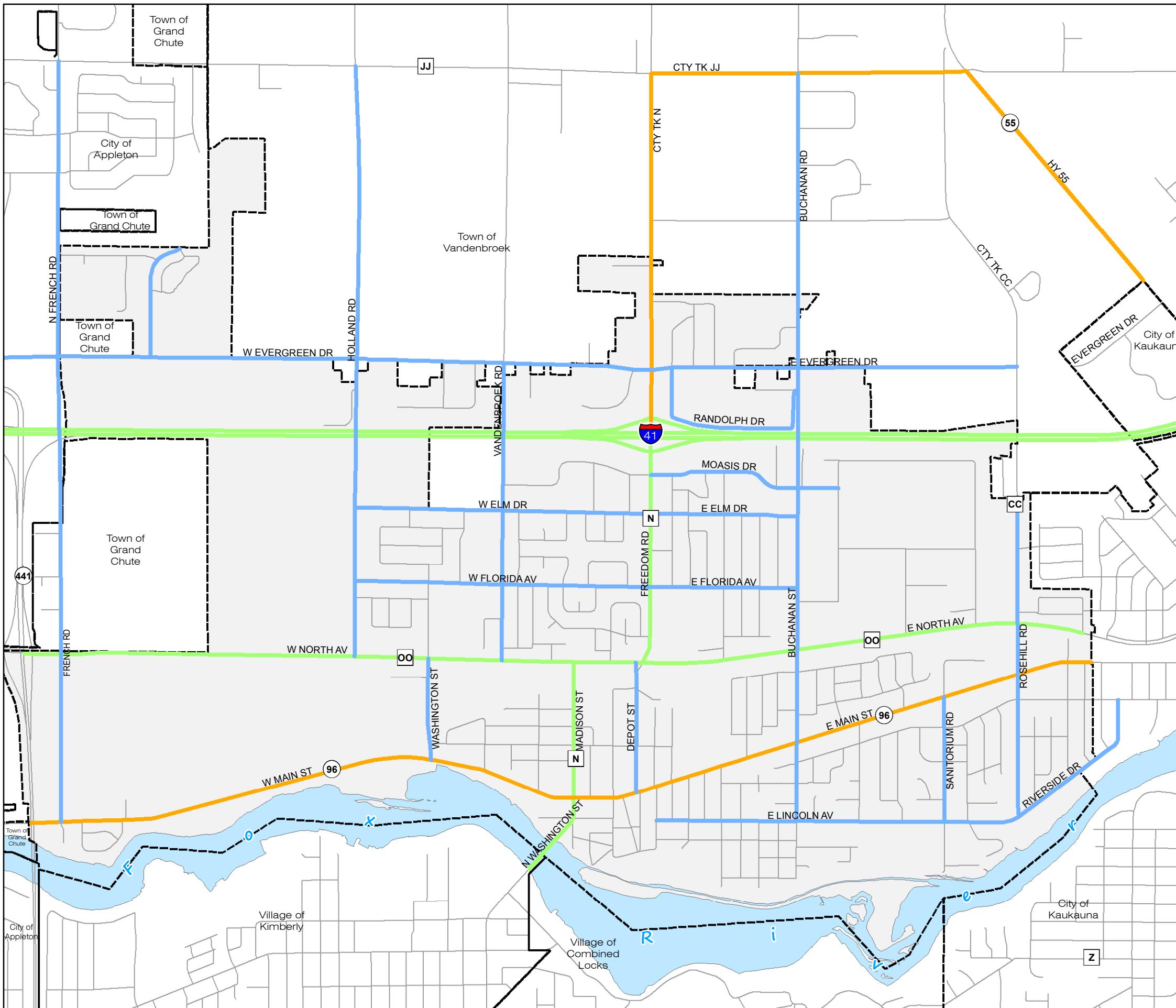
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MAP 5A

Street Classifications

Village of Little Chute
Comprehensive Plan

- Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Collector
- Local Street
- Municipal Boundary



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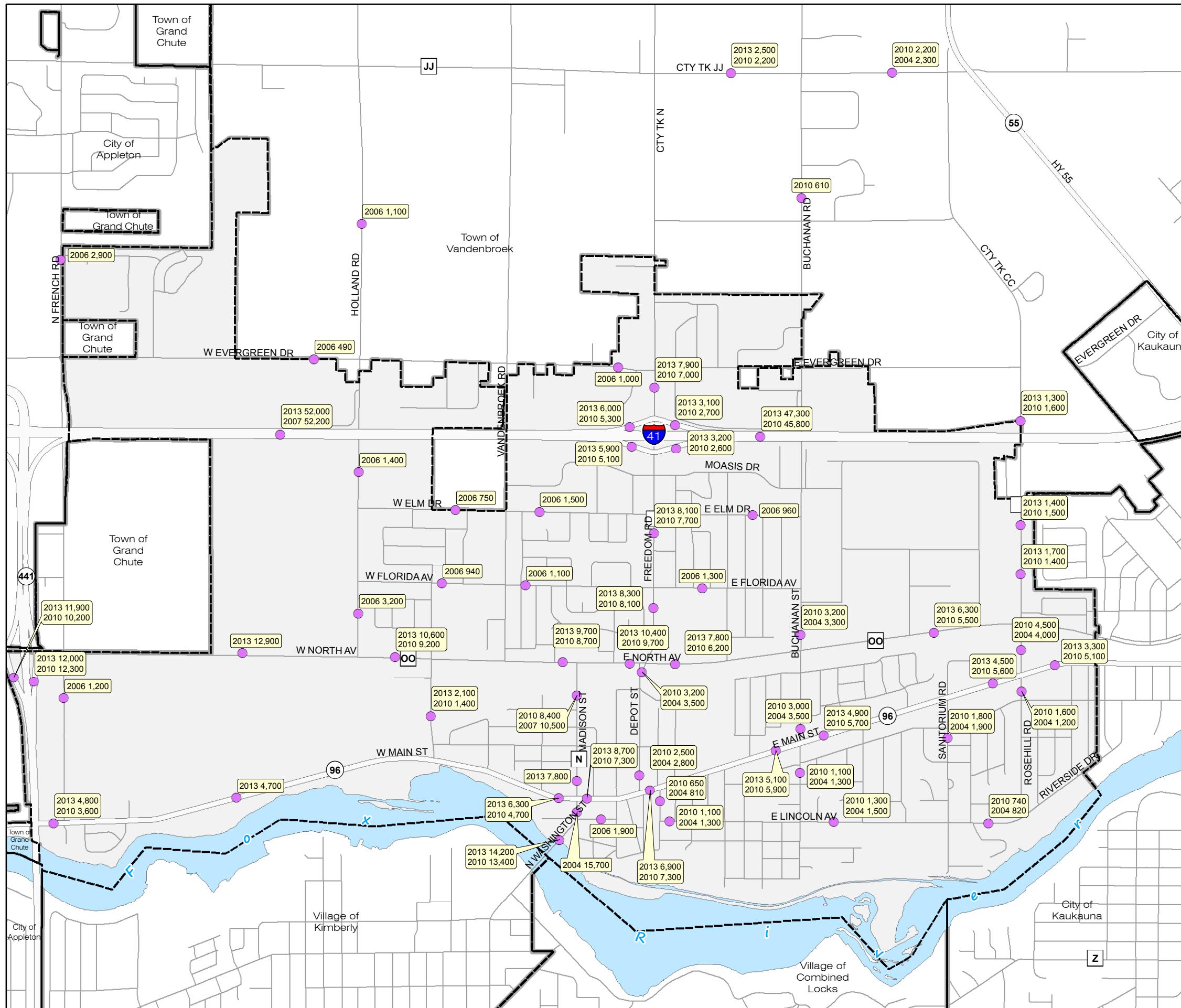
MAP 5B

Traffic Counts

Village of Little Chute
Comprehensive Plan

● Traffic Count Site

■ Municipal Boundary



Sources: Outagamie County, Village of Little Chute, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation. April 2016.



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MAP 6

Truck Routes, Railroads, Transit Routes & Bridges

Village of Little Chute Comprehensive Plan

Bridges

- Existing
- Future
- Transit Route
- Truck Route
- Railroads
- Municipal Boundary

Sources: Outagamie County and Village of Little Chute. April 2016.



A black triangle pointing upwards, representing the cardinal direction 'North'.

A detailed map of a region showing roads, water bodies, and geographical features. The map includes labels for Towns of Grand Chute, City of Appleton, Village of Kimberly, Village of Combined Locks, and City of Kaukauna. Major roads like WIS 41, WIS 96, and WIS 55 are marked with orange lines. Water bodies are shown in blue, and various local roads and streets are labeled in black text. A red line with a red arrow points from the bottom center towards the right side of the map.

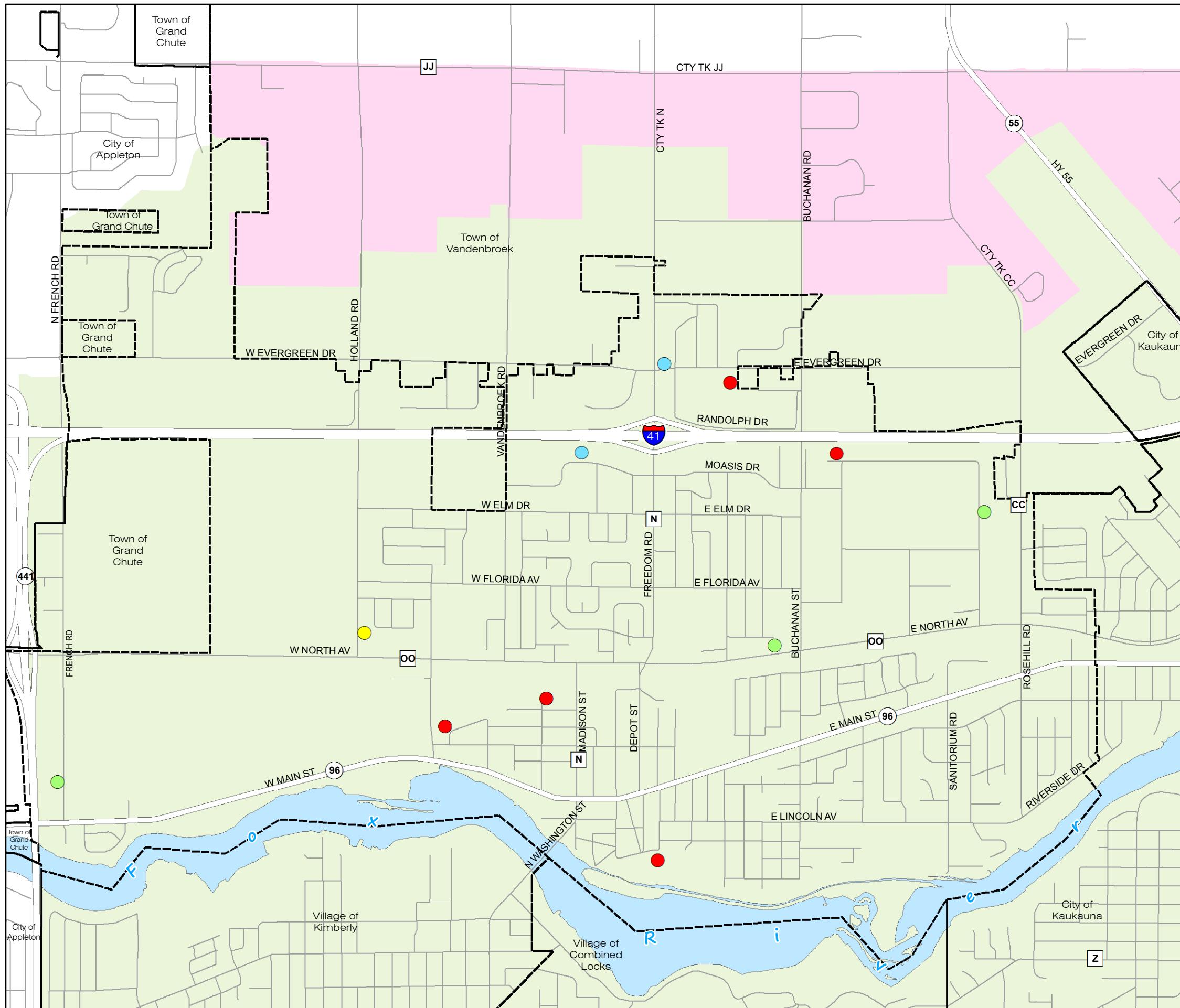
MAP 7

Utilities & Sewer Service Area

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- Broadcasting/Telecommunications
- Electric Utilities
- Natural Gas
- Water Utilities
- Sewer Service Area 2030
- Sewer Service Area 2050
- Municipal Boundary

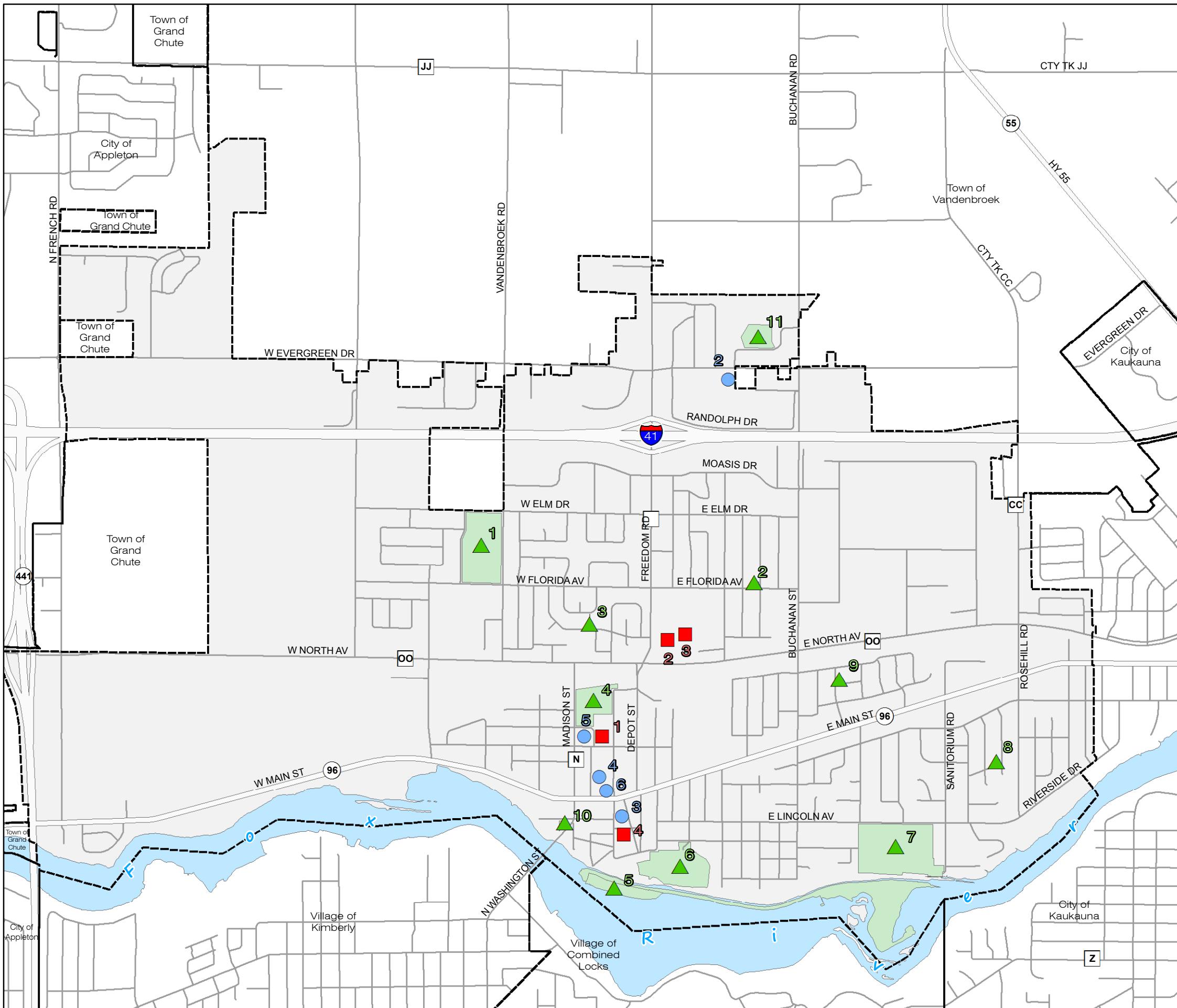
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MAP 8

Community Facilities

Village of Little Chute
Comprehensive Plan



Municipal Boundary

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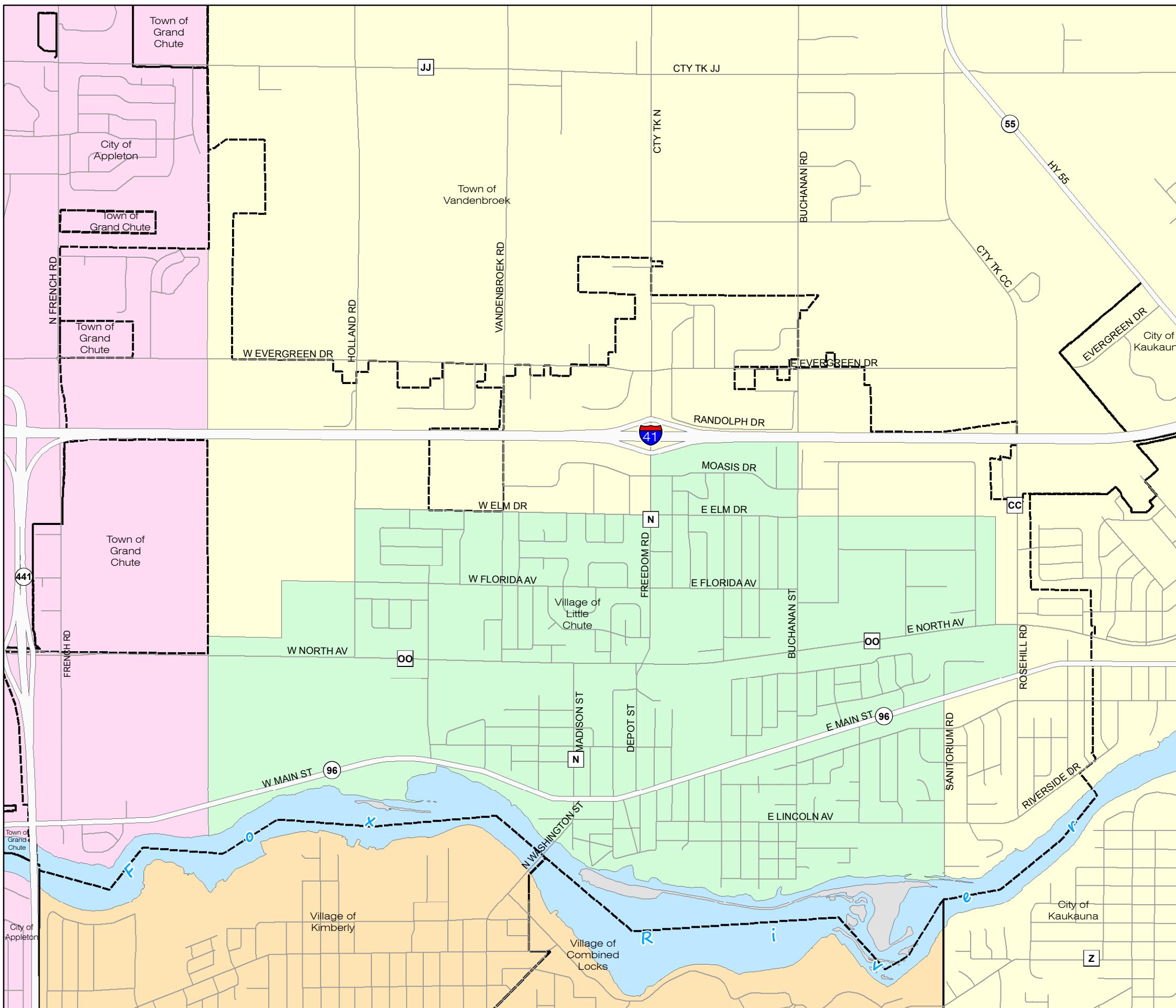
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MAP 10

School Districts

Village of Little Chute Comprehensive Plan

- Appleton School District
- Kaukauna School District
- Kimberly School District
- Little Chute School District
- Municipal Boundary



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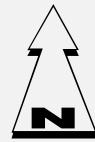
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Village of Little Chute
Official Zoning Map

- █ CB - Central Business
- █ CH - Commercial Highway District
- █ CS - Commercial Shopping Center District
- █ ID - Industrial District
- █ MH - Mobile Home District
- █ RC - Residential Single-Family
- █ RT - Residential Two-Family
- █ RM - Residential Multi-Family

Zoning designations as of February 2019



City of
Appleton

RM - Residential Multi-Family

Zoning designations as of February 2019

Village of Kimberly

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