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## WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to the public and news media, that a public meeting will be held to consider the following:

**Date:** WEDNESDAY, October 12, 2016  
**Time:** 5:00 P.M.  
**Location:** COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 136 N. MONROE ST.

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: July 13, 2016 and August 10 2016 (September 14, 2016 no meeting)
3. CITIZEN INPUT
4. REPORTS/UPDATES
  - a. Coordinator's Report
  - b. Waterloo Regional Trailhead
  - c. Friends of Firemen's Park
  - d. Dog Park
  - e. Waterloo Youth Sports Organization
  - f. Parks Financial Report – September
  - g. 2016 Capital Project Status Tracking
5. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Review of 2016 Waterloo Parks Community Survey
  - b. Recommendation For Council Approval Of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
  - c. Uses For Lesser Known Parks
    - i. Ideas list
    - ii. Naming contest for paths & other unidentified public spaces
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING
  - a. 720 West Madison Street Phase 4
  - b. November 9, 2016 at 5 pm.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Mo Hansen

Clerk/Treasurer

**COMMISSIONERS: PLEASE ALSO REFERENCE SEPTEMBER MEETING MATERIAL – PRINTED OR ONLINE**

Posted, Emailed & Mailed: 10/07/2016

Committee Members: **Stinnett**, Kegler, Quimby, Kopplin and Strobel

Ex-Officio Advisory Members: Gary Yerges, Public Works Director; Shannon Koele, Waterloo Youth Sports Organization Representative; Richard Jones and Charles Crave – Waterloo Regional Trailhead Implementation Team.

PLEASE NOTE: It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above meeting(s) to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body other than that specifically noticed. Also,

**WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES**  
**August 10, 2016**

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Stinnett called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present, Stinnett, Kegler, Strobel and Quimby. Absent: Kopplin. Ex-officio members present: Koele and Yerges. Absent: Crave and Jones. Others present: Maureen Giese for 15 minutes, Diane Graff of the Courier, Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: July 13, 2016. MOTION: Moved by Quimby, seconded by Kegler to table approval of the minutes. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT. Maureen Giese said Carousel books were available for \$10; postcards were available for sale. She offered July 4<sup>th</sup> suggestions: say thank you to donors, volunteers and participants; list raffle winners in the paper, include churches as vendors, encourage the band leader to invited people to stand and be recognized; include a master of ceremony person; invite Kids from Wisconsin and Kids from Waterloo. She said the Waterloo Parks Community Survey should be printed on paper.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES
  - a. Coordinator's Report. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn added to his written report by saying a Fall Clean-up was scheduled.
  - b. Waterloo Regional Trailhead. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn said pictures from a scheduled wedding at the WRT would be used for marketing.
  - c. Friends of Firemen's Park. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn said Erin Ziaja was planning a benefit at the park.
  - d. Dog Park. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn said the Phase 2 estimate from Kunkel Engineering was \$45,000.
  - e. Waterloo Youth Sports Organization. DISCUSSION: Shannon Koele said the WYSO Deppe Tournament was less successful than in the past; a 2017 tournament would be timed for improved attendance; flag football league activity was occurring; and MailChimp was used to increase a contact list from 100 to 207. She was very interested in using Morrison Field for flag football and youth baseball. She highlighted a planned October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> WYSO Halloween fundraising event.
  - f. Parks Financial Report – July. Written reports presented.
  - g. 2016 Waterloo Community Survey. DISCUSSION: It was noted that the survey would be public throughout August. All were encouraged to participate.
  - h. 2016 Capital Project Status Tracking. DISCUSSION: Hansen read the capital projects report relaying notes on park and open space projects. It was noted that the pedestrian path would be installed in 2016.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. 720 West Madison Street Phase 4. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn described a reworked concept plan consisting of a splash pad, restrooms, a canoe/kayak put-in and possibly ice skating.
  - b. Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (waiting on survey results). No action.
  - c. Uses For Lesser Known Parks (waiting on survey results). No action.
    - i. Ideas list
    - ii. Naming contest (paths & other unidentified public spaces)
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Hours for Seasonal Employees. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn said roughly \$1,000 remained for each seasonal worker. Yerges recommended more hours. The matter was addressed under 6b.
  - b. 2017 Budget Submittal To Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn presented two budgets for review and submittal to the Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee. One showing his salary as a base salary, a bonus component and an overtime component. The 2<sup>nd</sup> showing a base salary increase from \$30,000 to \$47,500 base with no bonus or overtime. MOTION: Moved by Strobel, seconded by Kegler to direct the Coordinator to submit both plans to the Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee. VOICE VOTE. Motion carried. MOTION: Moved by Strobel, seconded by Kegler to recommend to the Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee a 2016 budget amendment shifting \$1,600 in expense from the 225-55-5510-291 "Firemen's Park Security Contract" to 225-55-5522-124 "Parks Seasonal Grounds." VOICE VOTE. Motion carried.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING
  - a. September 14, 2016 at 5 pm. Noted.

8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Quimby, seconded by Strobel to adjourn. Approximate time: 6:10 pm



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Clerk/Treasurer

**WATERLOO PARKS COMMISSION – MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2016**

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER. Stinnett called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. ROLL CALL: Voting members present, Stinnett, Kegler, Quimby & Strobel. Absent: Kopplin. Ex-officio members present: none. Absent: Koele, Yerges, Crave and Jones. Others present: Parks Coordinator Gabe Haberkorn.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: June 8, 2016. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Strobel to approve the meeting minutes as listed. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT. None.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES
  - a. Coordinator's Report. Haberkorn reviewed a written report. Covering items a-g below. Commissioners quizzed the Coordinator on a variety of topics.
  - b. Waterloo Regional Trailhead
  - c. Friends of Firemen's Park
  - d. Dog Park
  - e. Waterloo Youth Sports Organization
  - f. Parks Financial Report – June
    - i. Waterloo Parks community funding appeal
    - ii. Incomplete July 4<sup>th</sup> information
  - g. 2016 Capital Project Status Tracking
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. 720 West Madison Street Phase 4. DISCUSSION: Haberkorn provided an update. No action taken.
  - b. Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. By consensus the matter was tabled. No action taken.
  - c. Uses For Lesser Known Parks. DISCUSSION: Stinnett encouraged ideas. Haberkorn provided an update. No action taken.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING
  - a. Hours for seasonal employees. Stinnett and Kegler encouraged volunteer participating to cover tasks.
7. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Kegler, seconded by Strobel to adjourn. Approximate time: 5:58 pm



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## **PARKS COORDINATOR REPORT**

August/September/October 2016

### **EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- Concert Series in the Park: Ended September 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Great turnout with lots of positive feedback
    - Looking at dates for next year in December
  - Negative feedback
    - Better advertising before event dates
- Weiner & Kraut Day: Volleyball and Softball Tournaments were a success. We didn't do as well monetary wise as the rain in the morning kept some away and also pushed games back on Saturday leaving our DJ without a crowd as they were all playing yet.
  - Will be meeting with the Chamber about next year with the event being in the park due to road construction.

### **ONGOING PROJECTS**

- MAIN ENTRANCE GATE: Project almost finished. It will cost additional money for the project (\$7100 to \$10,300) as it was disintegrating on the inside and had to be rebuilt entirely and the top cap has to be replaced.
- BASKETBALL COURT: We will be getting a \$7500 donation to start the project back up and are trying to get a matching contribution for the rest of the project. We are looking for a finish date in early spring 2017 for a completed court.
- SPLASH PAD: Looking for grant opportunities and fundraising ideas to raise funds. First quote \$250,00 for install of newly furnished design. Phase 1
- MLB – BTF GRANT: I am in the middle of writing a grant for Baseball/Softball Field restoration for all of fields at the park. We are waiting on quotes to come in so we can finish the grant application process. Grants are due October 1<sup>st</sup> with applications to be looked over in January and rewarded communities notified by February. If upon receiving this grant we would look for improvements to begin Fall 2017.
  - UPDATE: Grant finished and submitted. Have been in contact with the Grant Committee and we will here back in February in we are a winning applicant for the grant.

### **PROJECTS ON HOLD UNTIL 2017**

- CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Seasons have started already: May look into holding a Fall Ball League.
- DISC GOLF LEAGUE: Looking at waiting until after the expansion to 18 holes.

### **DONATION CAMPAIGNS**

- DONATION CAMPAIGN LETTER: All donation thank you letters have been delivered. We are still accepting donations and will continue to do so.

City of Waterloo Parks

Progress Report

10/12/2016 10:09 AM

<b>MONTHLY REVENUE</b>													
	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	TOTAL 2016
<b>Fund 225 Receipts</b>	\$100	\$810	\$6,294	\$6,849	\$23,194	\$22,586	\$26,690	\$8,809	\$9,916				\$105,247
Revenue Goal	\$10,441	\$10,441	\$10,441	\$10,441	\$10,441	\$10,441	\$20,882	\$10,441	\$10,441	\$10,441	\$5,221	\$5,221	\$125,293
% of Goal	1%	8%	60%	66%	222%	216%	128%	84%	95%	0%	0%	0%	84%

<b>SCHEDULED EVENTS (Count)</b>													
	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	TOTAL 2016
WRT	1	1	1	0	2	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	15
FP - Outdoor Function					7	15	22	3	3		2		52
FP - Upper Pavillion				2	6	1	5	4	3	6	4	1	32
FP - Lower Pavillion					0	1	2	1	1		2		7
FP - Bingo Hall					2	3	2	1	1	2			11
FP - Reunion Hall					2	1		1	1	1			6
FP - Roundhouse					2	1	2	1	1				7
FP - Bandstand Other							0	1					1
FP - Concession Stand						1							1
Other Park													0
<b>EVENT COUNT TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>132</b>

<b>Event Feed Back Scores</b>
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**CITY OF WATERLOO**  
 DETAIL REVENUES /EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET  
 FOR THE 9 MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

**FUND 225 - SPECIAL REVENUE PARKS**

<u>REVENUES</u>		PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET
	<u>TAXES</u>					
225-44-4421-000	DOG PARK LICENSE	.00	583.00	520.00	63.00	112.12
	TOTAL TAXES	.00	583.00	520.00	63.00	112.12
	<u>PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICE</u>					
225-46-4611-000	CAROUSEL RIDE FEES	.00	1,332.50	800.00	532.50	166.56
225-46-4620-000	FACILITY RENTAL TRAILHEAD	.00	2,260.00	2,000.00	260.00	113.00
225-46-4622-000	FACILITY RENTAL FIREMEN'S PARK	( 100.00 )	17,845.00	16,000.00	1,845.00	111.53
225-46-4623-000	ENTERTAINMENT/TOURNAMENT/LEAGU	.00	1,640.05	1,000.00	640.05	164.00
225-46-4624-000	FACILITY RENTAL OTHER	.00	.00	25.00	( 25.00 )	.00
225-46-4630-000	PARKS CONCESSIONS	.00	4,485.50	5,000.00	( 514.50 )	89.71
225-46-4632-000	PARKS ALCOHOL	.00	24,749.33	15,000.00	9,749.33	165.00
225-46-4634-000	PARKS RESTOCKING FEE	.00	.00	200.00	( 200.00 )	.00
225-46-4636-000	PARKS ADVERTISING FEE	.00	.00	2,250.00	( 2,250.00 )	.00
225-46-4638-000	PARKS BARTENDERS	.00	458.00	.00	458.00	.00
225-46-4674-000	CAROUSEL RENTAL	.00	460.00	250.00	210.00	184.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICE	( 100.00 )	53,230.38	42,525.00	10,705.38	125.17
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>					
225-48-4800-000	MISC REVENUES	.00	3,151.67	3,012.00	139.67	104.64
225-48-4850-000	DONATIONS TRAILHEAD	.00	161.47	2,000.00	( 1,838.53 )	8.07
225-48-4852-000	DONATIONS FIREMEN'S PARK	.00	12,949.68	17,500.00	( 4,550.32 )	74.00
225-48-4854-000	DONATIONS CAROUSEL	.00	16,223.00	.00	16,223.00	.00
225-48-4856-000	DONATIONS DOG PARK	.00	76.00	.00	76.00	.00
225-48-4858-000	DONATIONS YOUTH PROGRAMS	.00	291.67	.00	291.67	.00
225-48-4860-000	DONATIONS NOT SPECIFIED	.00	3,731.66	.00	3,731.66	.00
225-48-4862-000	DONATIONS JULY 4TH	.00	8,304.45	.00	8,304.45	.00
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	.00	44,889.60	22,512.00	22,377.60	199.40
	<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>					
225-49-4918-000	TRANSFER FROM PARKS IMPACT FEE	.00	.00	4,269.00	( 4,269.00 )	.00
225-49-4921-000	TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	.00	95,894.00	( 95,894.00 )	.00
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	.00	.00	100,163.00	( 100,163.00 )	.00
	<u>TOTAL FUND REVENUE</u>	( 100.00 )	98,702.98	165,720.00	( 67,017.02 )	59.56

September revenue not yet posted. Expenditures, yes, revenues no.

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		PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET AMOUNT	VARIANCE	% OF BUDGET
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
<u>MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL GOVT</u>						
225-51-5190-906	MISC GEN GOVT UNEMPLOYMENT ST	204.00	2,540.00	3,012.00	472.00	84.33
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL GOVT	204.00	2,540.00	3,012.00	472.00	84.33
<u>MACHINERY &amp; EQUIPMENT</u>						
225-53-5324-340	MACH & EQUIP SUPPLY GROUNDS	.00	475.62	1,000.00	524.38	47.56
225-53-5324-342	MACH & EQUIP GAS & OIL	408.49	2,900.47	3,100.00	199.53	93.56
225-53-5324-354	MACH & EQUIP REP EQUIP GROUN	524.34	2,716.93	2,000.00	( 716.93 )	135.85
	TOTAL MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	932.83	6,093.02	6,100.00	6.98	99.89
<u>PARKS ADMIN</u>						
225-55-5505-292	PARKS ADMIN MARKETING	130.00	2,833.85	300.00	( 2,533.85 )	944.62
225-55-5505-320	PARKS ADMIN DUES & MEMBERSHIP	.00	150.00	.00	( 150.00 )	.00
225-55-5505-350	PARKS ADMIN OFFICE SUPPLIES	.00	35.00	150.00	115.00	23.33
225-55-5505-380	PARKS ADMIN COMPUTER MAINT/SUP	.00	467.50	50.00	( 417.50 )	935.00
225-55-5505-399	PARKS ADMIN MISC	73.00	73.00	.00	( 73.00 )	.00
	TOTAL PARKS ADMIN	203.00	3,559.35	500.00	( 3,059.35 )	711.87
<u>PARKS - FIREMEN'S PARK</u>						
225-55-5510-221	FIREMEN'S PARK ELECTRIC	1,709.96	7,877.48	4,500.00	( 3,377.48 )	175.06
225-55-5510-222	FIREMEN'S PARK HEAT	13.47	474.62	4,500.00	4,025.38	10.55
225-55-5510-223	FIREMEN'S PARK WATER/SEWER	.00	2,448.91	3,800.00	1,351.09	64.44
225-55-5510-350	FIREMEN'S PARK FACILITY SUPPLY	376.80	2,137.19	1,000.00	( 1,137.19 )	213.72
225-55-5510-351	FIREMEN'S PARK FACILITY MAINT	4,010.00	13,850.50	1,000.00	( 12,850.50 )	1,385.05
225-55-5510-354	FIREMEN'S PARK ALCOHOL	3,744.37	17,999.52	3,750.00	( 14,249.52 )	479.99
225-55-5510-356	FIREMEN'S PARK CONCESSIONS	103.27	7,747.87	2,500.00	( 5,247.87 )	309.91
225-55-5510-357	FIREMEN'S PARK DOG PARK	.00	16.99	520.00	503.01	3.27
225-55-5510-358	FIREMEN'S PARK JULY 4TH EVENT	.00	16,082.37	11,000.00	( 5,082.37 )	146.20
225-55-5510-359	FIREMEN'S PARK ENTERTAINMENT	1,000.00	5,770.95	.00	( 5,770.95 )	.00
225-55-5510-360	FIREMEN'S PARK CAROUSEL	.00	844.24	1,000.00	155.76	84.42
	TOTAL PARKS - FIREMEN'S PARK	10,957.87	75,250.64	33,570.00	( 41,680.64 )	224.16

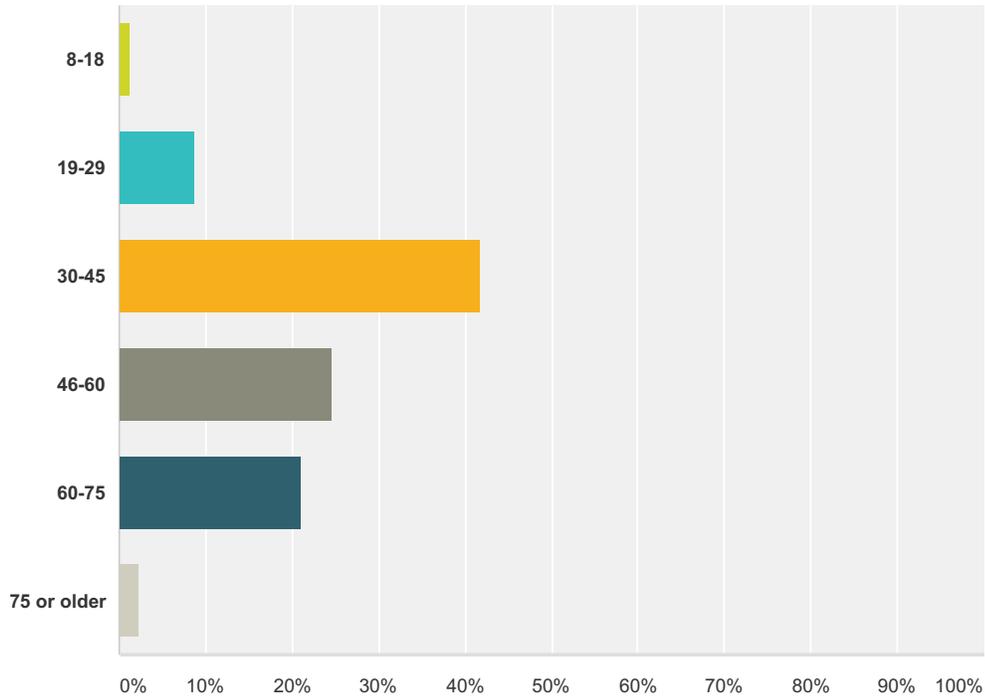
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			PERIOD		BUDGET		% OF
			ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	AMOUNT	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<u>PARKS - TRAILHEAD</u>							
225-55-5520-221	TRAILHEAD-WRT	ELECTRIC	77.98	1,438.19	2,500.00	1,061.81	57.53
225-55-5520-222	TRAILHEAD-WRT	HEAT	9.90	648.74	1,400.00	751.26	46.34
225-55-5520-223	TRAILHEAD-WRT	WATER/SEWER	81.94	606.56	860.00	253.44	70.53
225-55-5520-240	TRAILHEAD- WRT	BLDG MAINT	376.00	440.89	517.00	76.11	85.28
225-55-5520-290	TRAILHEAD-WRT	CLEAN CONTRACT	45.00	360.00	470.00	110.00	76.60
225-55-5520-291	TRAILHEAD-WRT	SECURITY CONTR	.00	1,067.20	1,042.00	( 25.20 )	102.42
225-55-5520-341	TRAILHEAD-WRT	COMMUNICATION	.00	780.00	800.00	20.00	97.50
225-55-5520-350	TRAILHEAD-WRT	CLEANING SUPPLY	52.98	179.29	80.00	( 99.29 )	224.11
225-55-5520-390	TRAILHEAD-WRT	PROGRAMS	.00	.00	600.00	600.00	.00
TOTAL PARKS - TRAILHEAD			643.80	5,520.87	8,269.00	2,748.13	66.77
<u>PARKS WAGES</u>							
225-55-5522-110	PARKS SALARY COORDINATOR		3,461.54	17,192.10	27,500.00	10,307.90	62.52
225-55-5522-113	PARKS COORDINATOR BONUS PAY		.00	.00	7,600.00	7,600.00	.00
225-55-5522-124	PARKS SEASONAL GROUNDS		1,735.00	9,540.00	1,600.00	( 7,940.00 )	596.25
225-55-5522-125	PARKS WAGES PART-TIME		1,180.00	3,410.00	6,500.00	3,090.00	52.46
225-55-5522-151	PARKS SOC SEC		478.58	2,259.55	3,893.00	1,633.45	58.04
225-55-5522-152	PARKS RETIREMENT		228.45	1,134.62	2,178.00	1,043.38	52.09
225-55-5522-153	PARKS HEALTH INS		1,653.96	8,269.80	13,232.00	4,962.20	62.50
225-55-5522-154	PARKS INCOME & LIFE INS		7.68	43.20	70.00	26.80	61.71
TOTAL PARKS WAGES			8,745.21	41,849.27	62,573.00	20,723.73	66.88
<u>MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL GOVT</u>							
225-55-5530-221	PARKS OTHER ELECTRIC		10.30	41.20	250.00	208.80	16.48
225-55-5530-223	PARKS OTHER WATER & SEWER		26.53	105.82	250.00	144.18	42.33
225-55-5530-310	PARKS OTHER SUPPLIES		.00	178.57	.00	( 178.57 )	.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL GOVT			36.83	325.59	500.00	174.41	65.12
<u>MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL GOVT</u>							
225-57-5701-800	CAPITAL PROJECT 720 W MADISON		1,460.00	8,770.72	.00	( 8,770.72 )	.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL GOVT			1,460.00	8,770.72	.00	( 8,770.72 )	.00
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES			23,183.54	143,909.46	114,524.00	( 29,385.46 )	125.66
NET REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES			( 23,283.54 )	( 45,206.48 )	51,196.00	( 96,402.48 )	( 88.30 )

**Q1 We want to hear from you! Your input will help staff, the Parks Commission and local elected officials establish Waterloo park & recreation priorities. Please answer the ten short questions below. Thank you. What is your age?**

Answered: 227 Skipped: 0

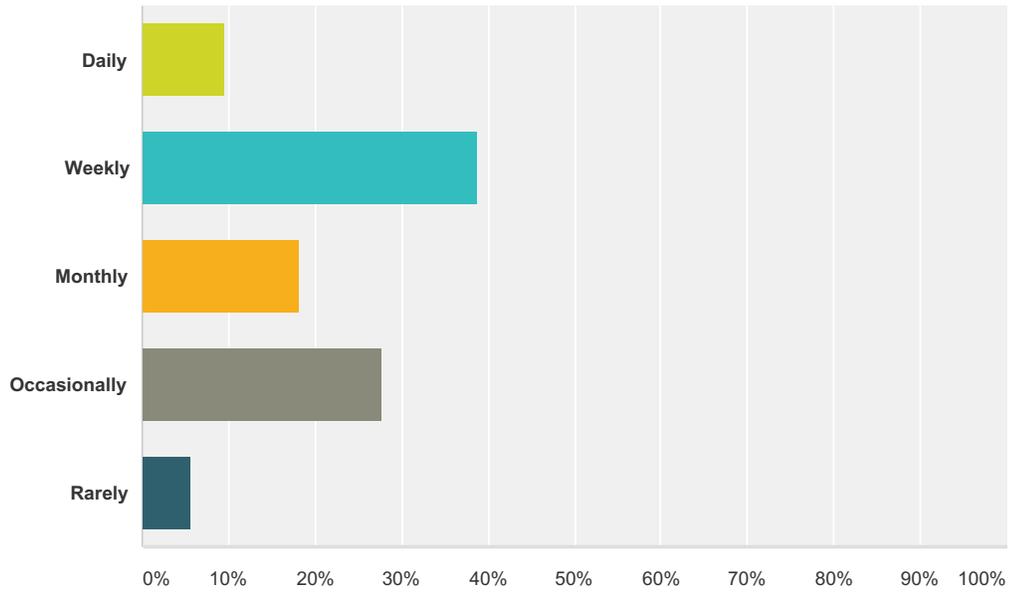


Answer Choices	Responses
8-18	1.32% 3
19-29	8.81% 20
30-45	41.85% 95
46-60	24.67% 56
60-75	21.15% 48
75 or older	2.20% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>

**Q2 How often do you visit a Waterloo park?**

Answered: 227 Skipped: 0

## 2016 Waterloo Parks Community Survey

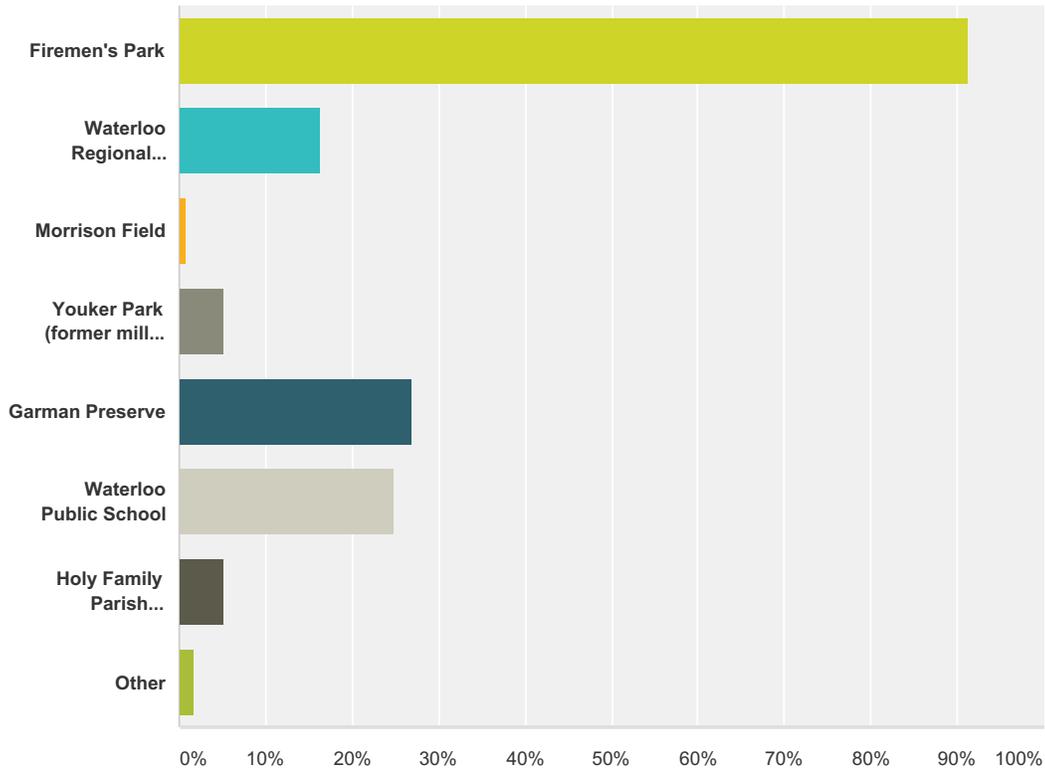


Answer Choices	Responses
Daily	9.69% 22
Weekly	38.77% 88
Monthly	18.06% 41
Occasionally	27.75% 63
Rarely	5.73% 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>

### Q3 What city parks do you -- or members of your household -- use the most?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 1

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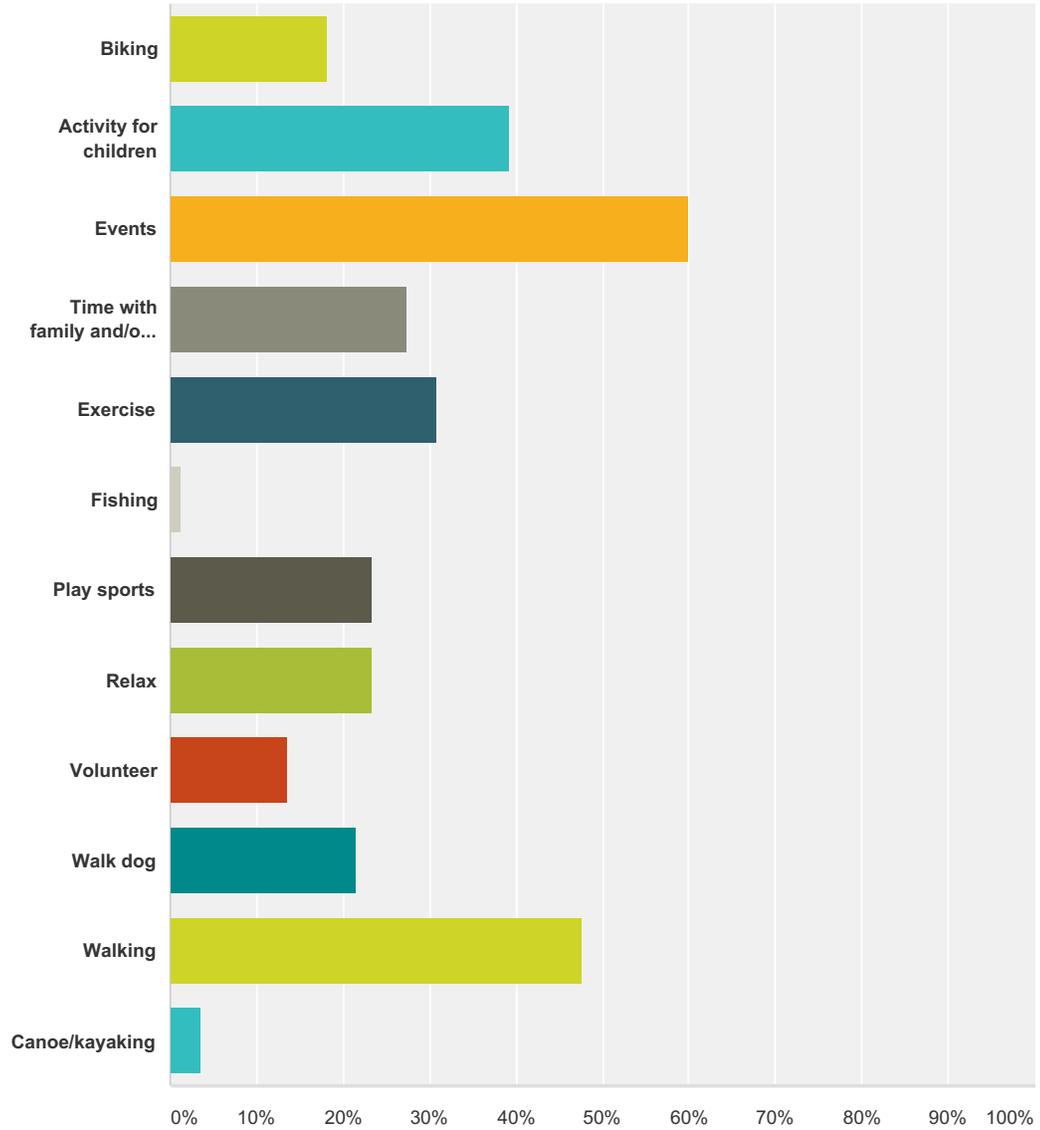


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Firemen's Park	91.15%	206
Waterloo Regional Trailhead	16.37%	37
Morrison Field	0.88%	2
Youker Park (former mill pond)	5.31%	12
Garman Preserve	26.99%	61
Waterloo Public School	24.78%	56
Holy Family Parish Playground	5.31%	12
Other	1.77%	4
<b>Total Respondents: 226</b>		

### Q4 Why do you visit Waterloo parks? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 227 Skipped: 0

## 2016 Waterloo Parks Community Survey

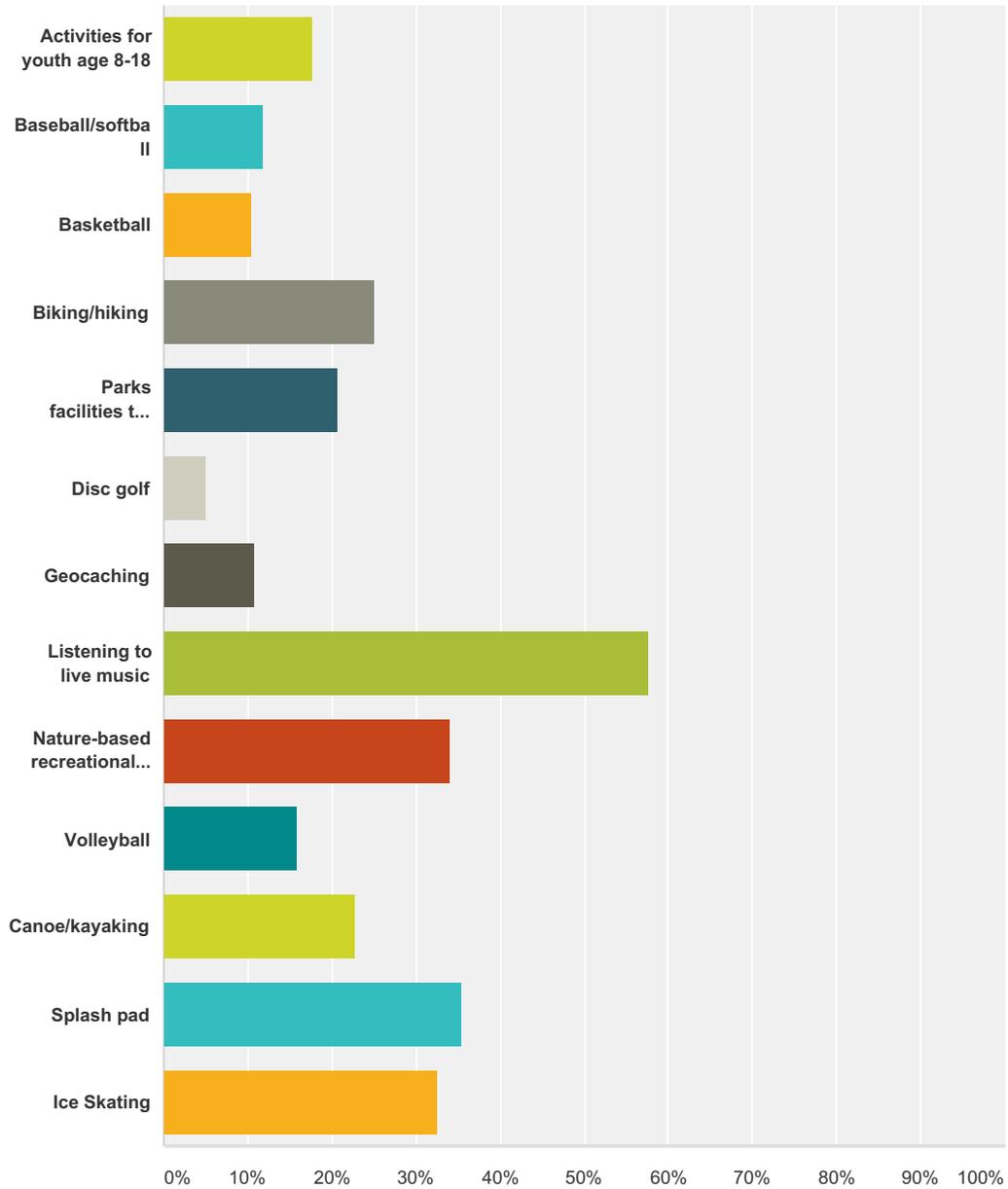


Answer Choices	Responses
Biking	18.06% 41
Activity for children	39.21% 89
Events	59.91% 136
Time with family and/or friends	27.31% 62
Exercise	30.84% 70
Fishing	1.32% 3
Play sports	23.35% 53
Relax	23.35% 53
Volunteer	13.66% 31
Walk dog	21.59% 49
Walking	47.58% 108

Canoe/kayaking	3.52%	8
<b>Total Respondents: 227</b>		

**Q5 I would visit Waterloo parks more often if there were more opportunities for:**

Answered: 203 Skipped: 24



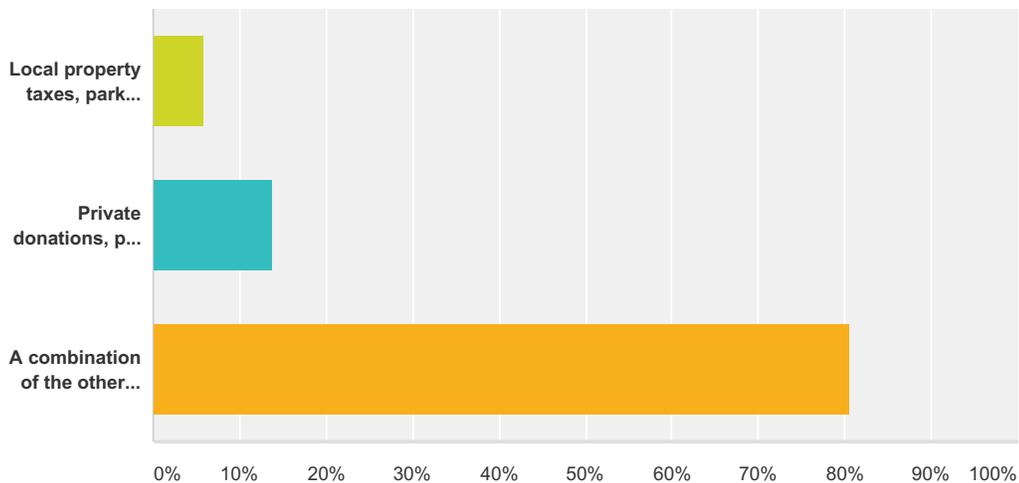
Answer Choices	Responses
Activities for youth age 8-18	17.73% 36
Baseball/softball	11.82% 24
Basketball	10.34% 21

## 2016 Waterloo Parks Community Survey

Biking/hiking	25.12%	51
Parks facilities to operate as a tavern	20.69%	42
Disc golf	4.93%	10
Geocaching	10.84%	22
Listening to live music	57.64%	117
Nature-based recreational programs	33.99%	69
Volleyball	15.76%	32
Canoe/kayaking	22.66%	46
Splash pad	35.47%	72
Ice Skating	32.51%	66
<b>Total Respondents: 203</b>		

### Q6 How should park repairs & improvements be funded?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 1

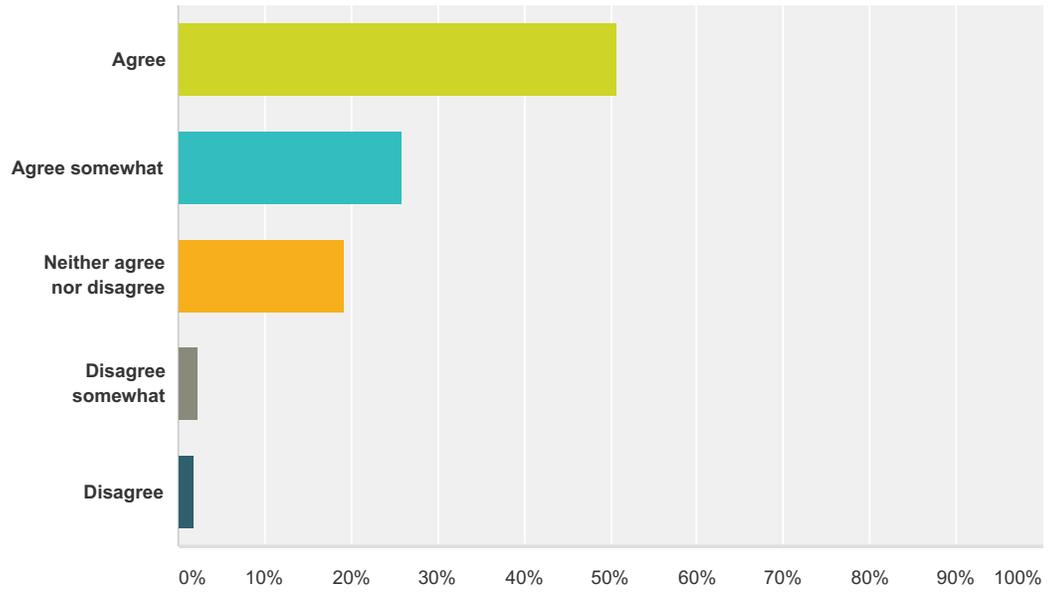


Answer Choices	Responses
Local property taxes, park program fees & rental fees -- only	5.75% 13
Private donations, park program fees & rental fees -- only	13.72% 31
A combination of the other two choices	80.53% 182
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>

### Q7 A tentative theme being considered for 2016-2021 is "increasing community involvement in recreation"

Answered: 209 Skipped: 18

## 2016 Waterloo Parks Community Survey

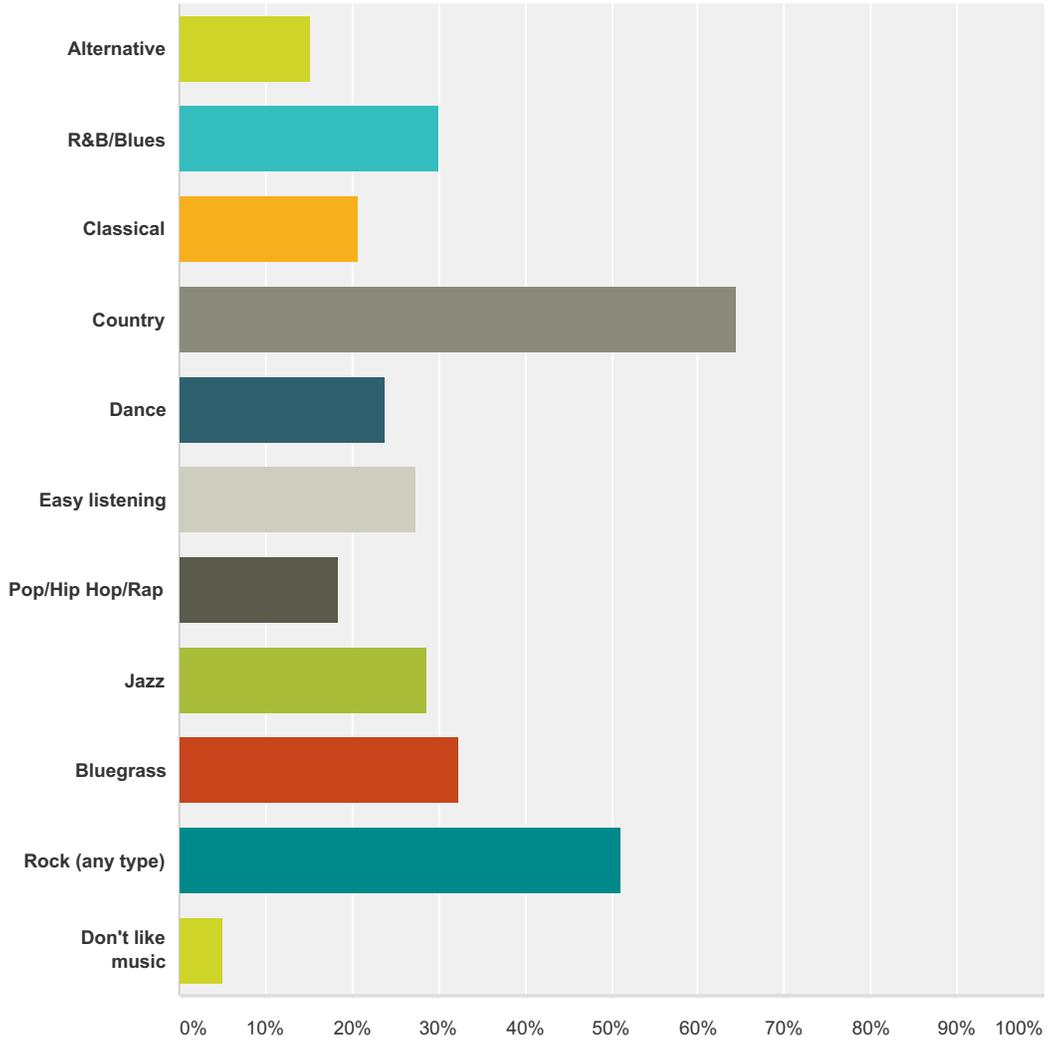


Answer Choices	Responses	
Agree	50.72%	106
Agree somewhat	25.84%	54
Neither agree nor disagree	19.14%	40
Disagree somewhat	2.39%	5
Disagree	1.91%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>209</b>

### Q8 What types of live music would you enjoy in a Waterloo park?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 4

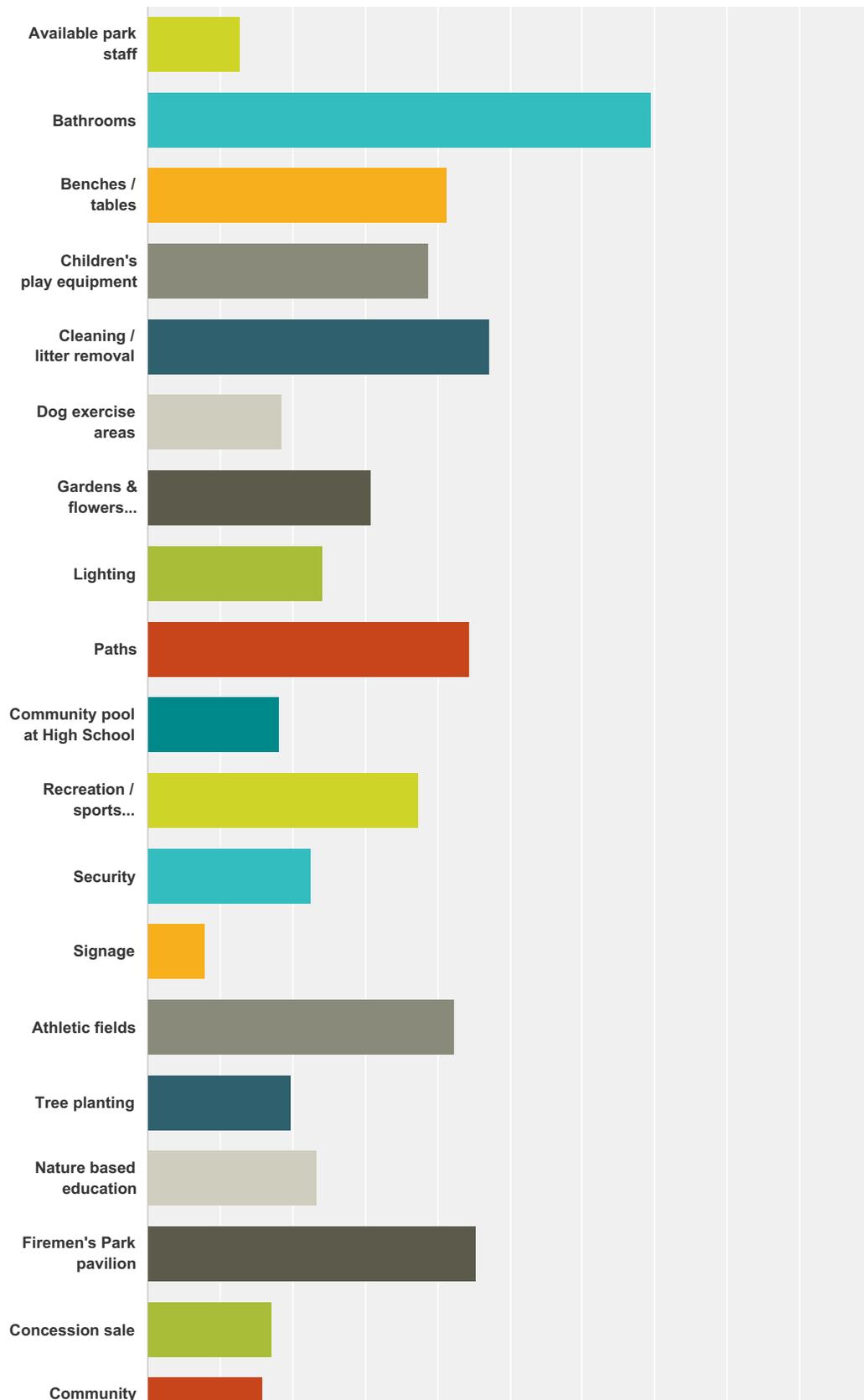
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Answer Choices	Responses
Alternative	15.25% 34
R&B/Blues	30.04% 67
Classical	20.63% 46
Country	64.57% 144
Dance	23.77% 53
Easy listening	27.35% 61
Pop/Hip Hop/Rap	18.39% 41
Jazz	28.70% 64
Bluegrass	32.29% 72
Rock (any type)	51.12% 114
Don't like music	4.93% 11
<b>Total Respondents: 223</b>	

### Q9 What are your priorities for Waterloo's parks? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 227 Skipped: 0



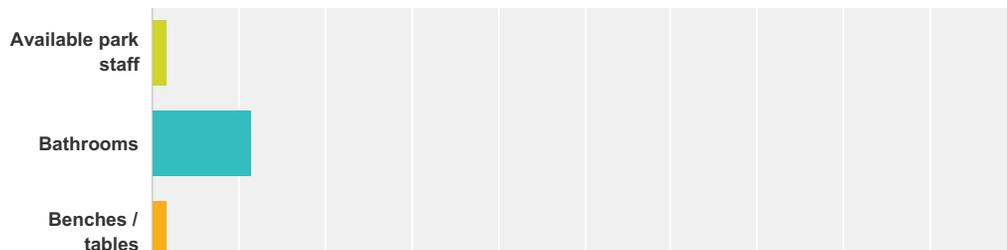
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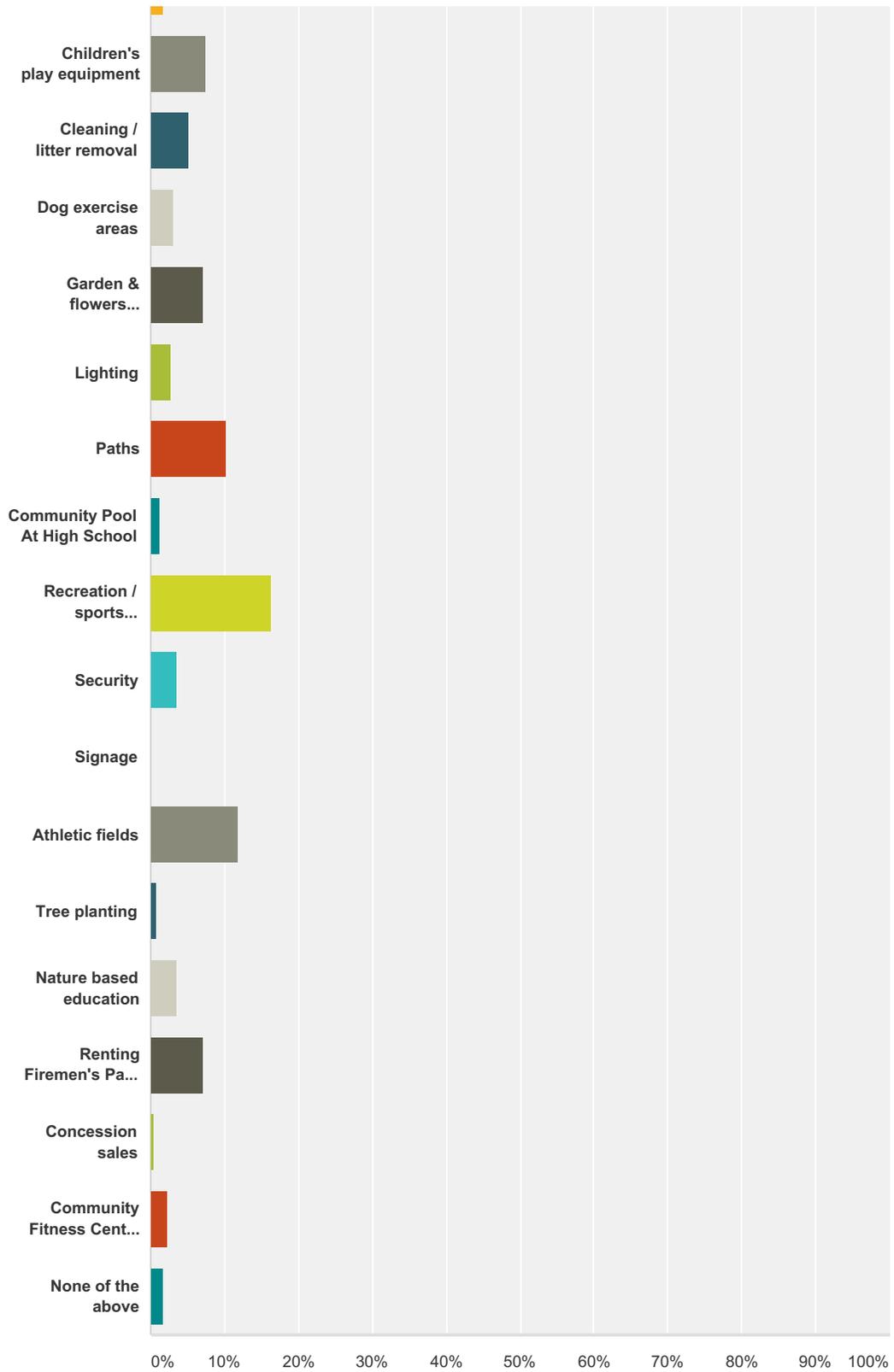
Answer Choices	Responses	
Available park staff	12.78%	29
Bathrooms	69.60%	158
Benches / tables	41.41%	94
Children's play equipment	38.77%	88
Cleaning / litter removal	47.14%	107
Dog exercise areas	18.50%	42
Gardens & flowers (horticulture)	30.84%	70
Lighting	24.23%	55
Paths	44.49%	101
Community pool at High School	18.06%	41
Recreation / sports programming	37.44%	85
Security	22.47%	51
Signage	7.93%	18
Athletic fields	42.29%	96
Tree planting	19.82%	45
Nature based education	23.35%	53
Firemen's Park pavilion	45.37%	103
Concession sale	17.18%	39
Community fitness center at High School	15.86%	36
None of the above	1.32%	3
<b>Total Respondents: 227</b>		

### Q10 Of the priorities checked above which is your #1 Waterloo parks priority?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 1



## 2016 Waterloo Parks Community Survey



Answer Choices	Responses
Available park staff	1.77% 4
Bathrooms	11.50% 26

## 2016 Waterloo Parks Community Survey

Benches / tables	1.77%	4
Children's play equipment	7.52%	17
Cleaning / litter removal	5.31%	12
Dog exercise areas	3.10%	7
Garden & flowers (horticulture)	7.08%	16
Lighting	2.65%	6
Paths	10.18%	23
Community Pool At High School	1.33%	3
Recreation / sports programming	16.37%	37
Security	3.54%	8
Signage	0.00%	0
Athletic fields	11.95%	27
Tree planting	0.88%	2
Nature based education	3.54%	8
Renting Firemen's Park pavilion	7.08%	16
Concession sales	0.44%	1
Community Fitness Center at High School	2.21%	5
None of the above	1.77%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>226</b>

# Waterloo, Wisconsin

# City Parks

**Firemen's Park**  
500 Park Avenue



**Waterloo Trailhead (WRT)**  
760 McKay Way



**Morrison Field**  
127 Minnetonka Way



**Veteran's Memorial Park**  
113 E. Madison Street



**Youker Park**  
291 Mills Street



**St. John Lutheran School**  
413 E. Madison Street



**Holy Family School & Parish**  
205 Milwaukee Avenue



**Waterloo Public School**  
865 N. Monroe Street



**DeYoung Farms**  
500 McKay Way



**South Side Park**  
905 Julia Way



**Indian Hills Nature Area**  
127 Minnetonka Way



**Naming Rights TBA**  
720 W. Madison Street



**Riverside Park**  
203 E. Madison Street



**Public Power Park**  
S. Monroe Street D.E.



**Garman Preserve**  
701 Fox Lane



**Holzhueter State Park**  
W7664 Island Road



**Waterloo Wildlife Area**  
500 Park Avenue



- Restrooms
- Playground
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Banquet Facility
- Carousal
- Dog Park
- Camping
- RV Parking
- Ball Fields
- Basketball Courts
- Soccer Field
- Tennis Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Biking
- Canoe/Kayak
- Cross Country Ski
- Fishing
- Geocache
- Hiking/Walking
- Hunting
- Ice Skating
- Skate Park
- Sledding
- School
- Pool/Splash Pad
- Accessible
- Scenic View



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**6-Year  
Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan  
2016-2021**



**Waterloo, Wisconsin**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## 2016 – 2021 Goals and Objectives

1. **FIREMEN'S PARK:** Fund and implement a multi-year Firemen's Park Capital Improvement Plan.
  2. **WATERLOO REGIONAL TRAILHEAD:** Fund and implement a phased nature based outdoor recreation program operations/activities plan in partnership with local and regional project supporters.
    - a. PHASE 1 (2013 – 2014) Completed capital fundraising and completed facility construction. Hired Naturalist Intern to facilitate nature based out
    - b. PHASE 2 (2015 – 2016)
    - c. PHASE 3 (2016-2021)
      - 2016: Fundraise, Rentals and Educational Opportunities
      - 2017: Fundraise and set up facility, install interactive displays, organize initial programs, plantings & signage (phase 1).
      - 2018: Fundraise for recurring expenses, playground & install playground, plantings & signage (phase 2), install interpretive kiosks, additional programming.
      - 2019: Complete outdoor amenities, continue programming, and fundraise for recurring expenses & special projects, building regional support.
      - 2020 - 2021: Continue facility fundraising & programming.
  3. **STAFFING:** Identify recurring sustainable funding to support a Parks Coordinator responsible for all parks; a Naturalist Intern for outdoor recreational/educational activities focused at the Waterloo Regional Trailhead provided by the Waterloo Youth Sports Organization and others.
  4. **PARK MAINTENANCE:** Seek adequate funding for existing parkland maintenance.
  5. **NEW PUBLIC SPACES & BIKE ROUTES IN CONCERT WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION GROWTH:** Develop park space and public space along the Maunasha River including 720 West Madison Street, 333 West Madison Street, and 203 East Madison Street and establish a Dog Park in Firemen's Park between the Maunasha River pedestrian bridge and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Also prepare for bike and pedestrian routing opportunities resulting from Jefferson County grant applications for a Waterloo to Watertown bike route.
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# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Through a comprehensive public outreach campaign and active discussions with the City of Waterloo Parks Commission and city staff, a detailed list of goals and objectives were developed for the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

- Provide and maintain active and passive recreational lands to meet current and future recreational needs
  - Ensure that parklands are designed to meet the special needs of all residents
  - Update the CORP plan to Wis. DNR standards
  - Adequately fund parkland maintenance, acquisition and future park facility development and create excitement and awareness for the Waterloo Parks
  - Promote Waterloo Parks other than Firemen's Park
  - Use available resources to further enhance the quality of the City's park system
  - Reduce general city maintenance of parklands and green space
  - Develop an implementation strategy for parkland improvements and acquisitions
  - Bring a more graphic approach to the CORP to increase fundraising abilities
  - Develop strong community support and increase user frequency
  - Create diversity of use and program for the park system
  - Develop a comprehensive park system
  - Promote resident support and involvement in the development, improvement and maintenance of the City's parks and open spaces
  - Provide residents with safe and reliable recreation equipment throughout the City park system
  - Provide adequate management and staffing to oversee park and open space maintenance. Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2015
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# DEFINITIONS

County, state and federal agencies have quite varied and extensive recreation and resource protection responsibility. Although these recreation elements are used as a guide, community agencies are most often concerned with meeting local daily recreation needs that provide a variety of park settings which serve all age and user groups within the local community. The following selected definitions of types of parks are those considered most appropriate for the City of Waterloo.

## **Parkland Classifications**

Parkland classification is determined by the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) standards and by the City of Waterloo. The following are the City of Waterloo's general guidelines for parkland classification.

### **Mini Parks**

**Summary:** A play lot or playground providing space for parental supervised recreation of toddlers and young children within a neighborhood, or as part of a larger neighborhood or community park and urban center, including retail shopping area.

**Size:** 0.5 to 2 acres

**Amenities:** Generally include sand play areas, play apparatus, play equipment and other special child-oriented features.

### **Neighborhood Park**

**Summary:** A neighborhood park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for the immediate neighborhood in which it is located. It is considered an extension of neighborhood residents' "out-of-yard" and outdoor use area.

**Size:** 1-25 acres

**Amenities:** Compatible with the neighborhood setting and park site constraints. Generally includes the following facilities, which are determined with public input as to use and activities:

- Parking (10 – 20 vehicles)
  - Restrooms
  - Tot lot/ children's play
  - Family/ group picnic facility
  - Informal picnic area with benches and tables
  - Unstructured turf grass plays area or practice field
  - Sports Facilities: Basketball, volleyball, softball/baseball field, tennis courts, ice skating, or additional features
  - Efforts should be made to allow easy pedestrian access to the park
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## **Community Park**

**Summary:** A community park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for a defined service area, the entire city, or significant geographic segment of the city's population.

**Size:** 5 – 150 acres

**Amenities:** Compatible with the neighborhood setting and park site constraints. Generally includes the following facilities, which are determined with public input as to use activities:

- Off-street Parking
- Restrooms
- Community recreation center
- Park maintenance and equipment storage
- Tot lot/ children's play
- Family/ group picnic shelters
- Informal picnic area with benches and tables
- Unstructured turf grass play area or practice field
- Sports Facilities may include: Basketball, volleyball, softball/baseball field, tennis courts, ice skating, Jogging trails, concessions, football or additional features.

## **Special Use Park**

**Summary:** A special use park satisfies a demand for a particular sport, recreational activity, or special event. A special use park may also be a sports park combined with enterprise activities and administered as a community recreation resource.

**Size:** Determined by size available and program

**Amenities:** Special use parks require facility programming that is based on community needs and may include:

- Bandstand/ Amphitheater
- Memorial features
- Waterplaypark
- Festival/swap meet/farmers market
- League/individual sports complex
- Fitness/entertainment center
- Skateboard/in-line hockey park
- Recreation programs and classes
- Youth/community center

## **School Park**

**Summary:** School park sites complement other community recreation or open lands. The important outcome in the joint-use relationship is that both the school district and park system benefit from shared use of facilities and land area.

**Size:** Varies, dependent on school. Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014

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**Amenities:** Typically used for neighborhood and community recreation services. The functions may include sports, recreation classes, passive recreation activities, and other recreation programs suitable for an elementary or secondary education school.

### **County Park/State Park**

**Summary:** County & State parks consist of land that is specifically set aside for active and passive recreation uses, and accommodate large gatherings, special events, or individual users. County & State parks offer a wide variety of compatible outdoor recreation activities, and may provide areas that do not primarily serve a recreational purpose such as protected natural areas, historic areas, and special use areas.

**Size:** Varies

**Amenities:** Recreation trails, hiking, picnic areas, Native American Burial Mounds

### **Nature/Conservation Area**

**Summary:** Nature/conservation areas compliment the park system by providing active and passive recreation in natural environments.

**Size:** Determined by size of lands available

**Amenities:** Generally determined by terrain, topography and vegetation ecosystems, which may included

- Recreational trails (hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, cross-country ski, etc.)
- Picnic areas
- Wildlife observation
- Vegetation studies
- Fishing access

### **Specialized Recreation Areas**

Golf courses, historic sites, and conservancy areas are examples of specialized recreation areas. Most of these have limited active recreation value, are undeveloped for recreation, or are not always available for use by the public. Such areas were not considered in the initial evaluation of recreation needs for Waterloo. However, recent encroachments along the Maunsha River and of the many scenic vistas around the community have increased the need to protect these valuable natural resources. In addition, other changes have occurred that illustrate the need for the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of such elements that reflect the City's cultural, social, architectural and geological history.

### **Other Recreation Facilities**

Waterloo is fortunate to have numerous non-park recreational facilities. The indoor swimming pool at the high school is available year round for recreational swimming. Tennis courts and a weight room are also available at the high school. The new bike trail/route allows safe travel across the city from east to west.

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# PLANNING PROCESS

A three phased planning process was developed to complete the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The first phase focused on understanding the physical assets and constraints of the individual park or green space areas. Site visits, gathering base map information and reviewing past planning documents greatly impacted the design and program for each area. The Waterloo Parks Commission desired a strong voice to come from the school district. An interactive workshop was held that allowed students to draw on base maps and create typical designs for what they desired in a park. Through an active series of meetings with the Waterloo Parks Commission, a public open house, a month long community survey and numerous stakeholder interviews, a program was developed for each existing park and new park locations were identified to accommodate future growth of the city.

Once the first phase of investigation and park programming was completed, design alternatives that incorporated the desired park program were developed for each park area. Design alternatives included concept plans, typical cross sections, and sketches to convey design intent. Accompanying the concept plans were estimates of probable cost, developed to aid in the decision making process. Preliminary recommendations were presented to the Parks Commission for review and revisions and the preferred plans were revised and presented at an open house for public comment.

To complete the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update, direction coming from the Parks Commission presentation and the Public Presentation meeting were documented and incorporated into this final document. Revisions to individual greenspace and park area plans and revisions to the estimates of probable cost were completed and incorporated into the final CORP. Research was completed to identify potential funding sources for park improvements. The existing CORP text was revised and updated to reflect the new recommendations. The final Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan was organized to be a more graphic document that is a valuable planning tool for the future development of Waterloo's park system.

## SUMMARY OF PAST CORP PLAN

The first plan completed by the Department of Natural Resources in 1972, inventoried the supply of recreation areas and evaluated their adequacy. Recommendations for action to eliminate those deficiencies were outlined. The 1972 plan was subsequently updated in 1979, 1988, 1996, 2001 and 2008. Whereas, many of these recommendations have since been implemented, the City realizes that several changes have occurred affecting the recreation needs within the community.

This report is not only an update of the first six plans, but also includes some considerations not previously discussed. The plan begins with definitions of types of recreation areas and proceeds to an inventory of Waterloo's current supply of recreation areas and standards for evaluating their adequacy. Comparison of existing park acreage, facilities, and locations with those needed in the community is the basis for identifying deficiencies, which should be corrected. The concluding section consists of recommendations for action to eliminate present deficiencies, it is hoped that this coverage and organization of the plan content will provide a clear framework for community efforts to meet daily outdoor recreation requirements, protect resources and provide a more desirable community environment. Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014

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# DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING REGION

## Historic / Social

Waterloo has an interesting heritage and unlike many communities has been able to maintain many of the nineteenth and early twentieth century residential and commercial buildings. These buildings are relatively unaltered and the overall quality of a rural village is well preserved. To date, the City has undertaken only minor historic preservation efforts. The Wisconsin State Historical Society has established a downtown historical district and a copy of the National Register report can be obtained at Waterloo's City. Secondly, due to the hard work of many Waterloo citizens, Waterloo's Carousel has too been inducted into the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Fortunately, a local historical society has been formed and has purchased the old St. Joseph's Church, which has been converted into a museum to display local history. Another effort underway is the continued indexing system designed to trace the history of the community.

## Population Projections

From 1972 to 1980, Waterloo experienced a slow but steady increase in residents. Since 1980, the City grew to 2,712 in 1990 and a 3,259 population in 2000. As of October 13, 2011 the City of Waterloo population is 3,334 residents.

Based on current economic trends, it is projected that the population of Waterloo will reach 3,835 by the year 2015. This projection is based on the continued implementation of current zoning and subdivision regulations dictating residential densities.

## Population Projections (2008 Waterloo Comprehensive Plan)

Year: 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 2025 2030  
Population: 3,259 3,317 3,576 3,835 4,093 4,352 4,611

# OUTDOOR RECREATION/NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

The following are descriptions of natural resource areas available to residents of Waterloo for recreational purposes.

## Garman Nature Preserve

The Dr. J.S. Garman Nature Preserve is a special place that provides public access to a 40 acre wooded tract within the City of Waterloo. The woodlands extend west and south of the property for a total wooded area of 54.2 acres. The preserve is located on one of the highest hills in northwestern Jefferson County, at over 980 feet in elevation. The northwest hillside is particularly steep with slopes of over 35 percent for short distances.

The Preserve has two unique features making it a special landscape for Jefferson County. The first feature has more than twenty Indian mounds, located along the eastern ridgeline of the drumlin within the Preserve. Indian mounds are protected by the Wisconsin Burial Sites Law. These mounds are a sacred site for Native Americans and may still contain burials. Jefferson County intends to work with the Ho-Chunk Nation to stabilize and preserve the mounds and to create educational opportunities on Native American culture and the Indian mounds. The second feature is the yellow giant hyssop (*Agastache Nepetoides*), a plant species on the Wisconsin State Threatened list.

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Jefferson County is required by law to protect the yellow giant hyssop and cannot destroy plants through construction or activities in the Preserve. The yellow giant hyssop is a savanna indicator species, meaning it is usually found in areas that once supported a savanna ecosystem. Remnant savanna communities are extremely rare today. Many parts of Jefferson County were covered with savanna or oak openings prior to the mid-1800s.

### **Mauneshia River**

The Mauneshia River is a 33.5 mile-long tributary of the Crawfish River in south-central Wisconsin. The Mauneshia winds through the city and creates many opportunities for urban and natural water recreation within the city limits.

### **Glacial Heritage Area**

The Glacial Heritage Area project is a coordinated series of parks, preserves, wildlife, natural areas and other conservation lands in Jefferson County that are linked together to nearby cities and villages with different types of trails. This network or “string and pearls” will provide readily accessible opportunities for residents and visitors to get outdoors to hike, watch wildlife, fish, paddle, hunt, camp, cross country ski, ride horses and participate in other nature-based activities.

### **Waterloo DNR Wildlife Area/Holzhueter State Park**

This impressive natural area is approximately 4,000 acres with a diverse range of vegetative habitat types. These habitat types include open watermarsh, sedge meadow, fens (including a state natural area), lowland and upland hardwoods, some native prairie and extensive Shrub Carr ecosystem. The wildlife area is approximately one mile east of the City of Waterloo in northwestern Jefferson County and southwestern Dodge County.

## **OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY**

Below is an inventory of all the outdoor recreation facilities available to the residents of Waterloo.

### **City Parks and School Facilities**

#### **Firemen's Park**

**Classification:** Community Park

**Size:** 60 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Central stadium style adult and youth baseball field, youth baseball and softball fields, connections to Mauneshia River, bikepath, disc golf, playground, war memorial, private pavilions, storage buildings, restroom buildings, concession buildings, basketball courts, natural playgrounds, Historic Carousel, natural parking, oak lawns, yard waste refuse storage, water fountains and walking trails. Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2016.

#### **Youker Park**

**Classification:** Nature/Conservation Area

**Size:** 5 acres

**Parking:** On-street/off-street

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**Amenities:** Memorial stones, eight car parking, bike path, Maunsha River access, MillPond native planting restoration, and mown native trails.

### **Veteran's Memorial Park**

**Classification:** Special Use Park

**Size:** 0.25 acre

**Parking:** On-street

**Amenities:** Central downtown gathering space with covered performance stage, refurbished Maunsha Business Center, war memorial, limestone clad seat wall, water fountain and ornamental plantings.

### **Morrison Field**

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Size:** 4.1 acres

**Parking:** On-street/off-street

**Amenities:** Soccer fields with goals, on-street parking and small parking lot, memorial sign, lawn seating, porta-potty and open lawn park space.

### **Waterloo Regional Trailhead**

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Size:** 2.5 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Twenty seven car and two Handicap parking and connections to Garman Preserve. Warming Room, Wi-Fi, men's and women's bathrooms, covered deck.

### **Holy Family School**

**Classification:** School Park

**Size:** 2 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Asphalt surface games, play structures, backstops and large mowed recreation field.

### **St. John Lutheran School**

**Classification:** School Park

**Size:** 2 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Asphalt surface games, play structures, backstops and large mowed recreation field.

### **Waterloo Public School Playground**

**Classification:** School Park

**Size:** 10 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Structured football stadium with track, lighted tennis courts, exercise/fitness course, open lawn practice fields and large play structures.

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## **Future City Parks**

### **DeYoung Farms**

**Classification:** Nature/Conservation Area

**Size:** 5 acres

**Parking:** On-street/off-street

**Amenities:** Memorial stones, bike & walking path, native planting restoration, and mown native trails.

### **Indian Hills Nature Area**

**Classification:** Nature/Conservation Area

**Size:** 11.1 acres

**Parking:** On-street

**Amenities:** Slightly restored native wooded area with limited bark walking paths

### **South Side Park**

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Size:** 2.5 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Twenty car and two Handicap parking, picnic shelter, men's and women's bathrooms, baseball/softball field, basketball court, walking & biking trail, playground and skate park.

### **Riverside Park**

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Size:** 1 acre

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Seven car and connections to downtown Waterloo and Youker Park, river walk and picnic area.

### **Naming Rights TBA**

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Size:** 2 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Ten car parking lot with two disability parking stalls, river walk, sand volleyball court, kayak launch, playground area, restrooms with changing rooms, ice skate area, splash pad and sheltered picnic area.

### **Public Power Park & Mauneshia River Greenway**

**Classification:** Neighborhood Park

**Size:** 2.5 acres

**Parking:** On-street

**Amenities:** The area already holds a stamped asphalt river walk with benches, ornamental lighting and accent plantings. The area is frequently flooded and has shown wear over the years but is maintained by the public works department. A recent grant awarded to the city for flood mitigation in the South Monroe Street area could be used

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for improving and expanding the Maunasha River walk. Men's and women's Restrooms, playground area, picnic shelter area and river walk would be the future link to wrap around the entire dead end of Monroe Street.

## **Waterloo Area Parks and Recreational Areas**

### **Garman Nature Preserve**

**Classification:** County Park

**Size:** 80 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Wooded area with invasive species, groomed mulch walking paths, entry sign, interpretive signage, Indian mounds and eight space paved parking lot, restrooms and covered picnic area with tables.

### **Holzhueter Farm Conservation Park**

**Classification:** State Park

**Size:** 175 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Wooded area with invasive species, groomed mulch walking paths, entry sign, interpretive signage, and bike paths.

### **Waterloo Wildlife Area**

**Classification:** County Park

**Size:** 4000 acres

**Parking:** Off-street

**Amenities:** Diverse range of habitat types. These habitat types include open water marsh, sedge meadow, fens (including Holzhueter State Park) lowland and upland hardwoods, some native prairie and extensive Shrub Carr.

## **ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The City of Waterloo's recreation facilities have limited accessibility to the handicapped, although some improvements have been made at Firemen's Park. Planned improvements to city facilities need to include accessibility criteria to meet the needs of residents, as well as the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

## **OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT PUBLIC INPUT ASSESSMENT**

See appendix for detailed survey results

## **OUTDOOR RECREATION NEEDS STANDARDS**

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) have outlined standards for evaluating a community's park system by comparing the developed open space of park and recreation areas to the community's population. The

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NRPA suggests that as a minimum, a park system be composed of an overall or “core” system of 6.25 to 10 acres per 1,000 populations. The park system is further defined by park classifications.

Mini Park ¼ - ½ acre / 1,000 population

Neighborhood Parks 1 -2 acres / 1,000 population

Community Parks 5 - 8 acres / 1,000 population

Core Park System 6.25 - 10 acres / 1,000 population

(See Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ for a detailed table of the NRPA standards.)

The standards outlined by the NRPA are intended to be used as a planning guide. Each community has different and unique parklands and opportunities. In Waterloo, the “core” parkland system exceeds 10 acres/1,000 populations, primarily due to Fireman’s Park 60 acres size. However, one large park does not satisfy all of a community’s parkland needs. A well-balanced park system incorporates a variety of park types and sizes to serve the community.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION PROVISIONS**

Park and outdoor recreation facilities are more than the physical aspects that fill up the park and open spaces. Creating awareness, developing programs and activities, coordination between user groups and city staff, budgeting and procuring funding and everyday upkeep of the park and open spaces are crucial behind the scene activities needed to ensure long term use and sustainability of a communities open spaces for future generations. The following are recommended additions for the current park programming and facilities operations.

- Increase community and user group involvement
  - Create a “Friends of Waterloo Parks” group to help with annual clean up and program activities
  - Work with local animal groups and veterinarian clinics to develop a dog park on the south side of Fireman’s Park
  - Collaborate with McKay Nursery to investigate the expansion of the existing pedestrian path system through the nursery grounds
  - Invite and encourage local Scout Groups to participate in park activities and operations and identify potential Eagle Scout projects to improve the park and outdoor spaces of Waterloo
  - Develop and organize an annual Maunasha River clean up
  - Hire a Park and Recreation Director that consolidates the operations, oversight and programming of all Waterloo parks
  - Increase teamwork and collaboration among Waterloo committees and agencies (Parks Commission, Fireman’s Park Board of Trustees, Public Works, WYSO, etc.)
  - Develop an annual allocation for park and open space improvements in the Waterloo Capital Improvement Budget
  - Create a parkland policy for all new developments
  - Increase public awareness of the park system and programs through Identity/Way Finding Program
  - Continue the investigation of reducing maintenance of smaller city owned out lots by transferring ownership to adjacent property owners or programming green space for active use or plantings of native species
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# ACTION PROGRAM

Some improvements, as recommended in past Recreation Plans, have been implemented, particularly those related to Firemen's Park and a south Side park. Others are still being considered as future community action. A strategic action plan with desired implementation items, timeline and budget should be developed to prioritize program facilities & improvements. Below is a discussion of recommendations made for existing, planned and proposed recreation sites in Waterloo.

## **Existing Recreation Sites:**

### **Firemen's Park**

- Develop master plan and strategic improvement plan
- Development of Dog Park on south side of park. Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014
- Sand Volleyball Court development and camping area

### **Youker Park**

- Mowing of interpretive path
- Improve and expand street parking
- Design and implement interpretive nodes
- Design and build bridge connection to City Hall

### **Veteran's Memorial Park**

- Improvements to Mauneshia Business Center
- Connection to city parking lot
- Fundraising for Phase I and Phase II construction
- Construction documents for Phase I improvements
- Phase I construction
- Fundraising for Phase II construction
- Construction documents for Phase II improvements
- Phase II construction

### **Morrison Field**

- Morrison Way street and parking improvements
- Bleacher and spectator improvements
- Field improvements
- Restrooms at Morrison Way
- North side pavilion, parking and play structure
- Pedestrian path through park

### **Indian Hills Nature Area**

- Clearing and grubbing of invasive plants
  - Connecting paths to internal mulch path
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- Path grading and re-mulching improvements
- Design and implement interpretive nodes
- Design and implement park entrance signs

### **Waterloo Regional Trailhead**

- Design and locate appropriate signage for the Trailhead and Park
- Fundraising for park improvements
- Educational opportunities

### **Naming Rights TBA**

- River improvements through grants
- Future use will be a park to include shelter, bathroom facility, kayak launch and splash pad
- Signage welcoming visitors to Waterloo with kiosk

### **DeYoung Farms**

- Clearing and grubbing of invasive plants
- Connecting paths to internal mulch path
- Path grading and re-mulching improvements
- Design and implement interpretive nodes Design and implement park entrance signs

### **Riverside Park**

- River improvements through grants
- Future use will be a park to include picnic area, river walk connecting downtown Waterloo and Youker Park/Firemen's Park
- Signage welcoming visitors to Waterloo with kiosk describing historic Waterloo

### **South Side Park**

- Parking area connecting to Julia Way
- Future use will be a park to include shelter, bathroom facility, basketball court, playground & baseball field
- Walking path connecting to Waterloo Regional Trailhead

### **Public Power Park**

- River walk connecting north side Monroe street river walk of dead end
  - Future use will be a park to include sheltered picnic area, bathroom facility and playground
  - Signage for educational purposes on electricity and energy use
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# EXPANSION OF PARKS PROGRAM

The neighboring needs analysis suggests that Waterloo should both improve existing park and playgrounds and expand park facilities. Recommendations for neighborhoods that require the greatest amount of additional land for outdoor recreation are as follows:

## Mauneshia River Greenway

Floodplains, wetlands and ground water are an environmental concern in recreation development. The City should consider either through purchase or through dedication, to acquire a minimum of 50 feet on both sides of the Mauneshia River from the East Madison Street Bridge north along the river to the City limits to protect this resource. A recreational trail or river walk would provide enjoyment of this scenic area as well.

## Open Space Areas

The City of Waterloo has a responsibility to protect open space and valuable water resources from urban sprawl. The community is fortunate to have wooded hillsides, wetlands, the Mauneshia River, and the Youker Park native area. Yet, many scenic resources have been usurped by development or blocked from public view or access.

To correct past errors and provide for an improved community environment, efforts should be made to acquire additional open space. This will insure that these important resources are physically and visually available in the future. Suggestions for action that could accomplish these objectives include:

- Rezoning lands as conservancy districts
- Purchasing of back lots that are adjacent to the mill pond or river
- Using scenic easements and subdivision plat review to protect wooded tracts and wetland from being lost permanently to development

## Signage

Signage of the park and recreation sites is one portion of the park program that needs attention. To increase local awareness, all parks should be signed. Names of proposed parks should be descriptive of the natural environment of the specific site designated. Signs should be constructed of a rustic material and should be uniform in design throughout the city. Directional signs from major highways would also be helpful to visitors to the city.

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# OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Provisions for sufficient land areas and park facilities are important to a community. Even more important, however, is the need to maintain existing areas and park equipment. Waterloo's public works department should establish a regular schedule of park surveillance and inspection. The following items to be considered are:

1. Trash removal
2. Litter
3. Broken play apparatus. Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014
4. Mowing and trimming
5. Hazards
6. Youker Park Nature area and Mauneshia River bank and bottom cleanup
7. Vandalism prevention

## FUNDING PROGRAMS

Possible sources of funding available include Wisconsin State Agencies such as the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Development (DOD), Department of Transportation (DOT), Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), Wisconsin Conservation Corp. (WCC), State Historical Society and Board of Commissioners of Public Works.

Financing tools are also available at the city level that may be implemented, such as:

- Special tax district, tax incremental financing, special assessments, or special charges and fees.

A list of Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs Administered by the WDNR is included in Appendix

## SUMMARY

Communities must recognize that recreation is essential to the welfare and happiness of their citizens. The scope of Waterloo's present recreation program indicates that the city has accepted the responsibility to provide for its citizens recreational needs. The recommendations outlined herein suggest ways to meet these needs and further improve the City's fine recreation program.

The proposed program is ambitious and will require considerable expenditures. However, many improvements and modifications are within the community's financial limitations. Community leaders must establish priorities and attempts made to reach agreed-upon goals. When the community desires major site improvements, it is suggested that it work closely with the Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grant Programs to secure financial assistance.

The City should update its outdoor recreation plan to accommodate the ever changing community needs and desires. Continuous planning and plan revisions every five years will guarantee Waterloo's ability to meet the outdoor recreation needs of its citizens and help to improve the aesthetic and program standards for the already attractive community.

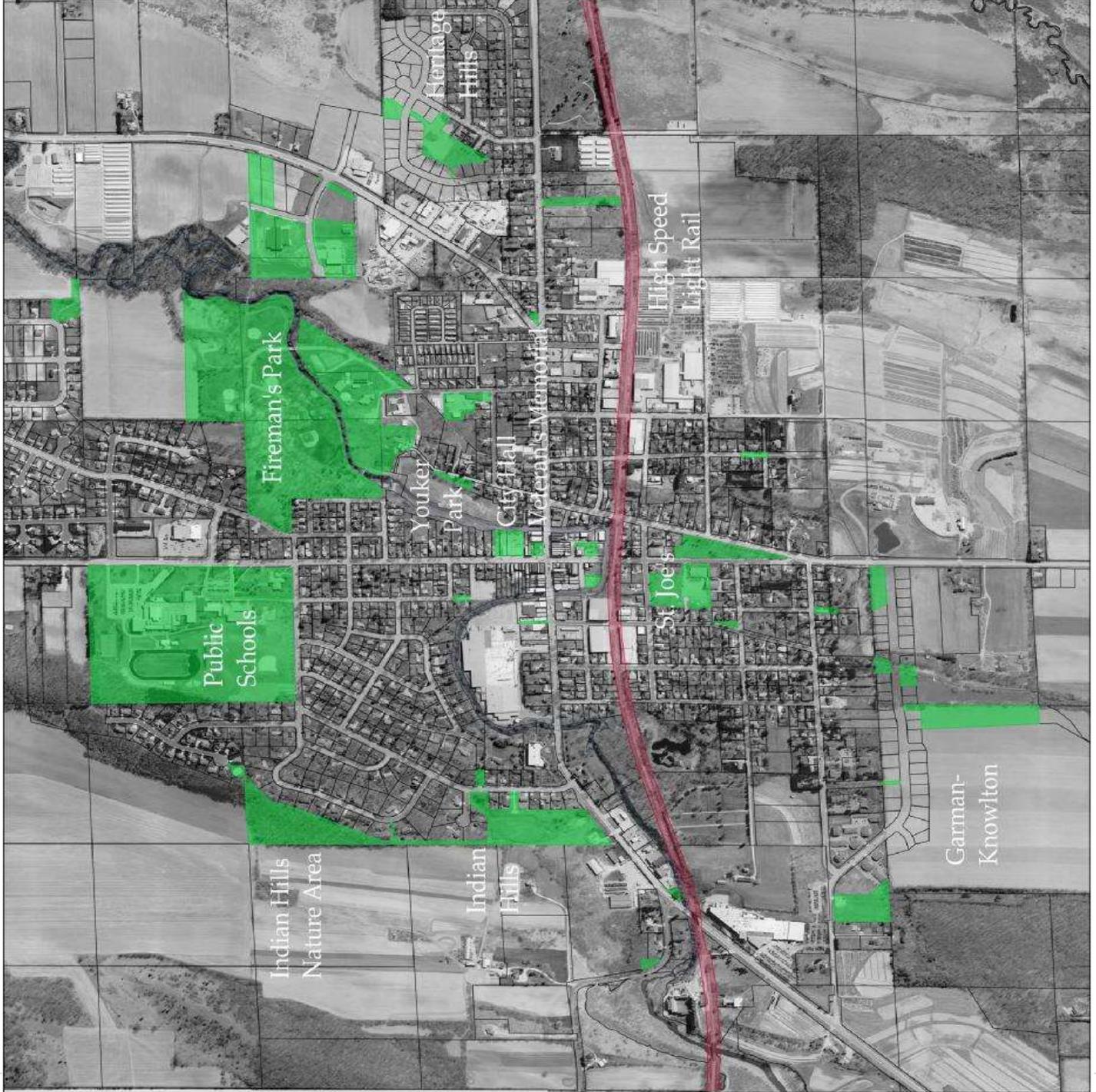
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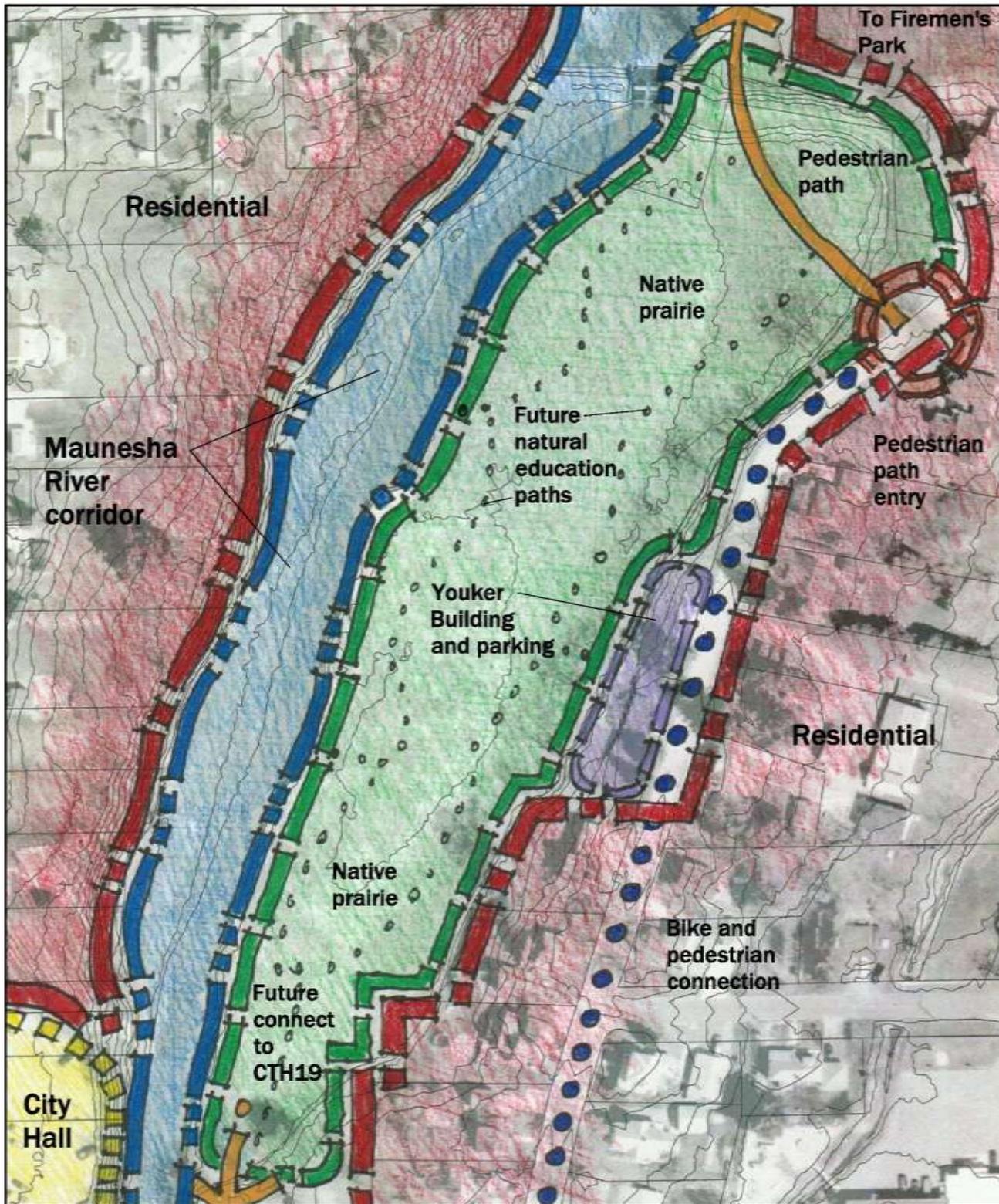
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# Youker Park - Inventory/Analysis

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreation Plan



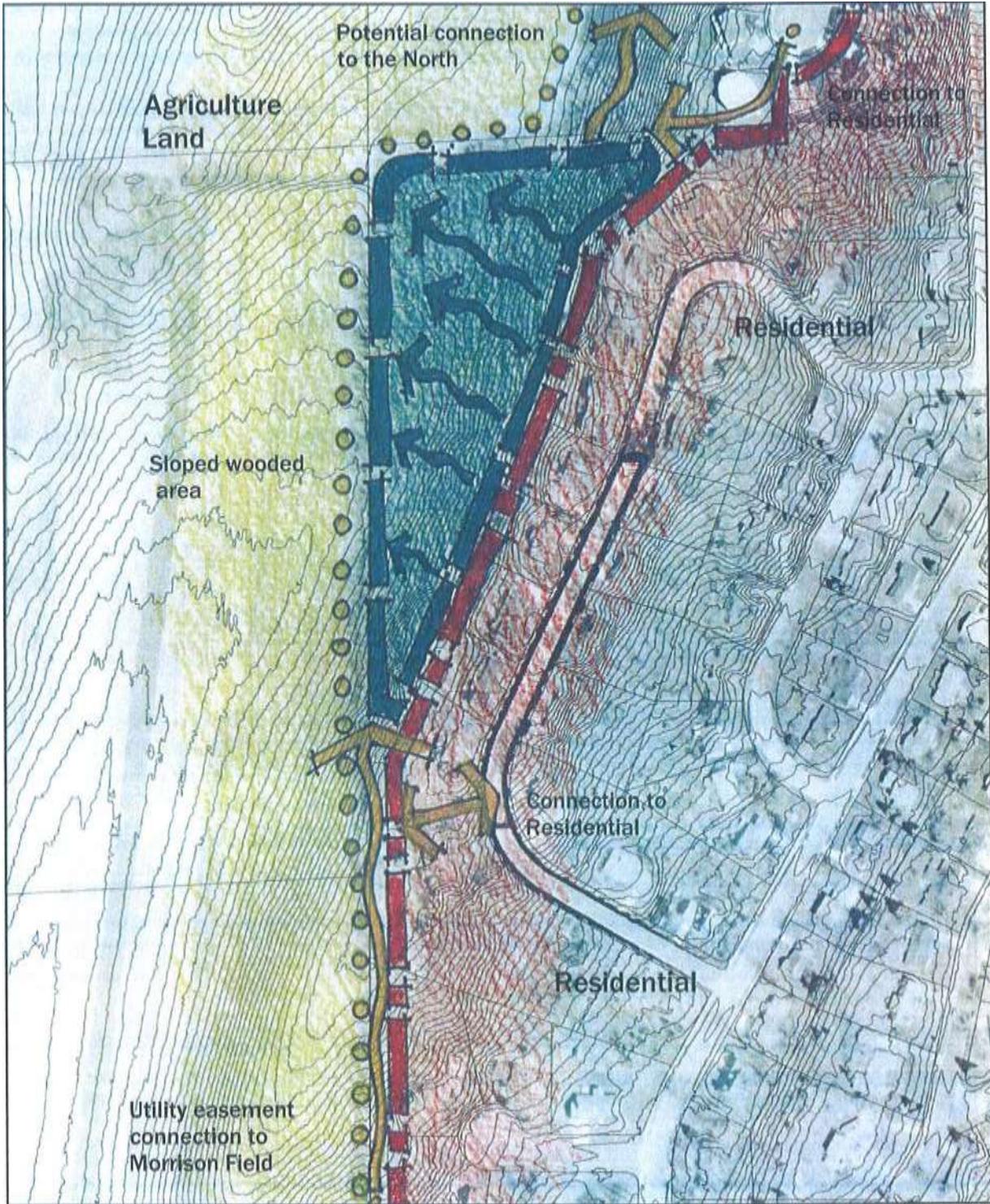
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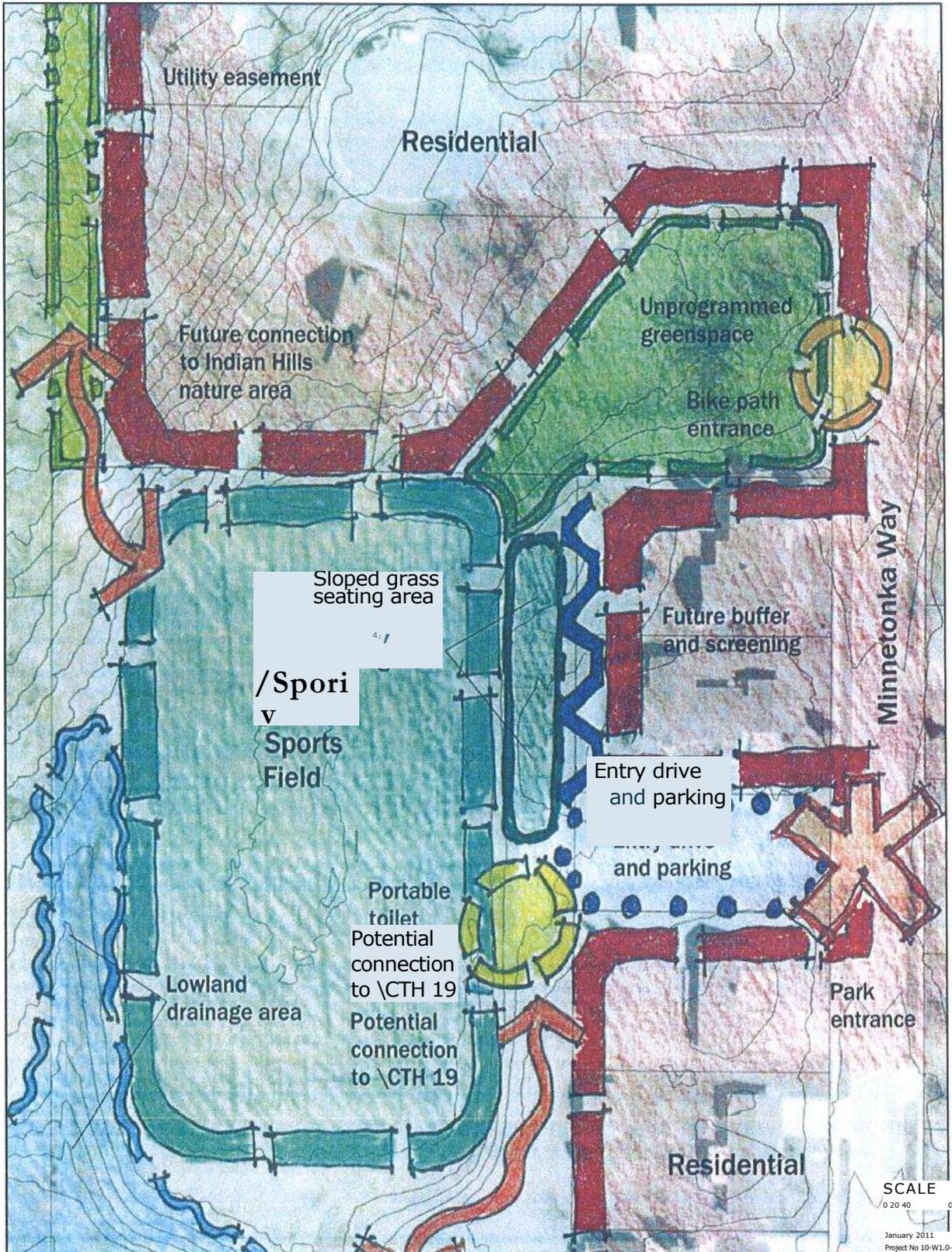
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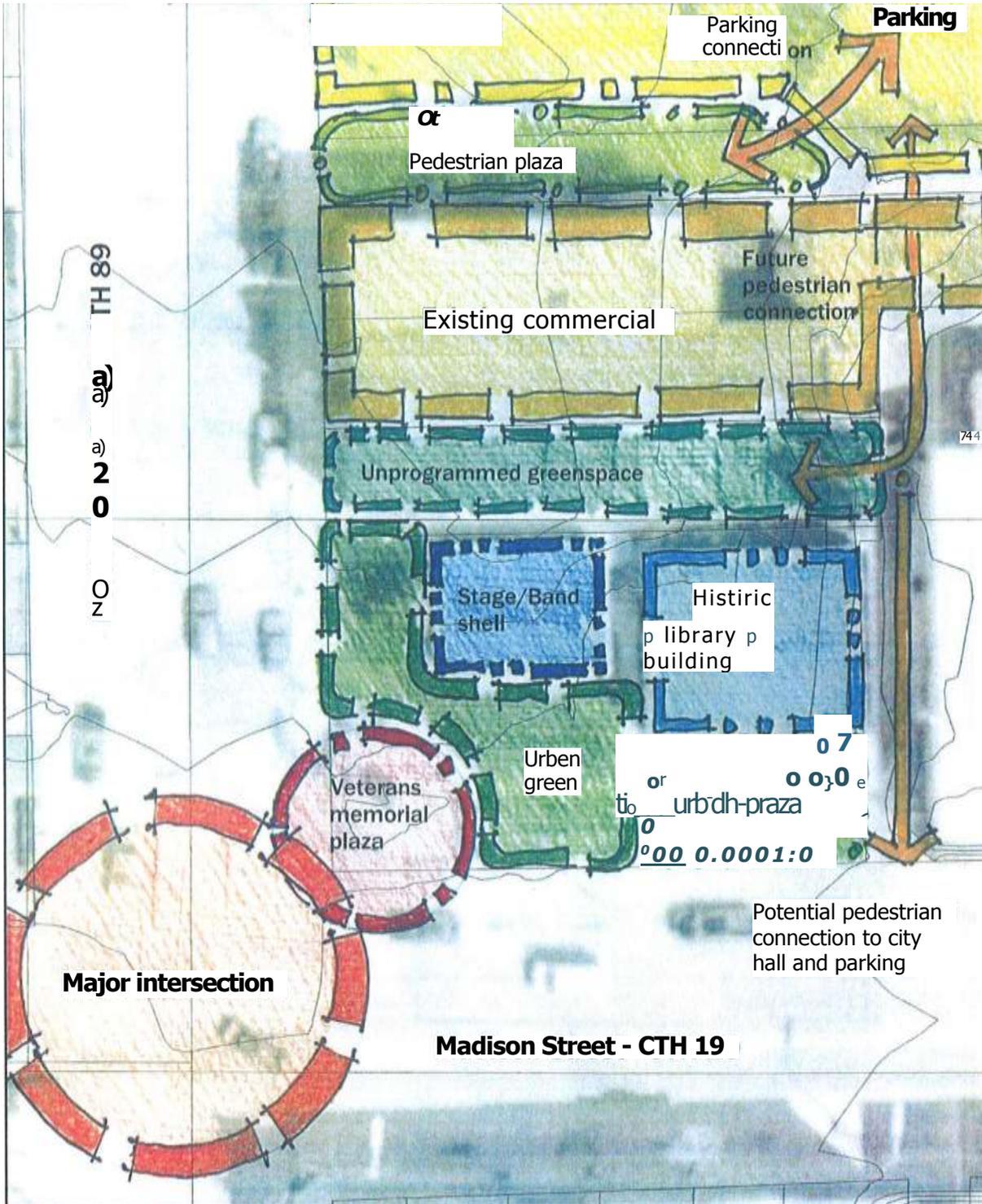
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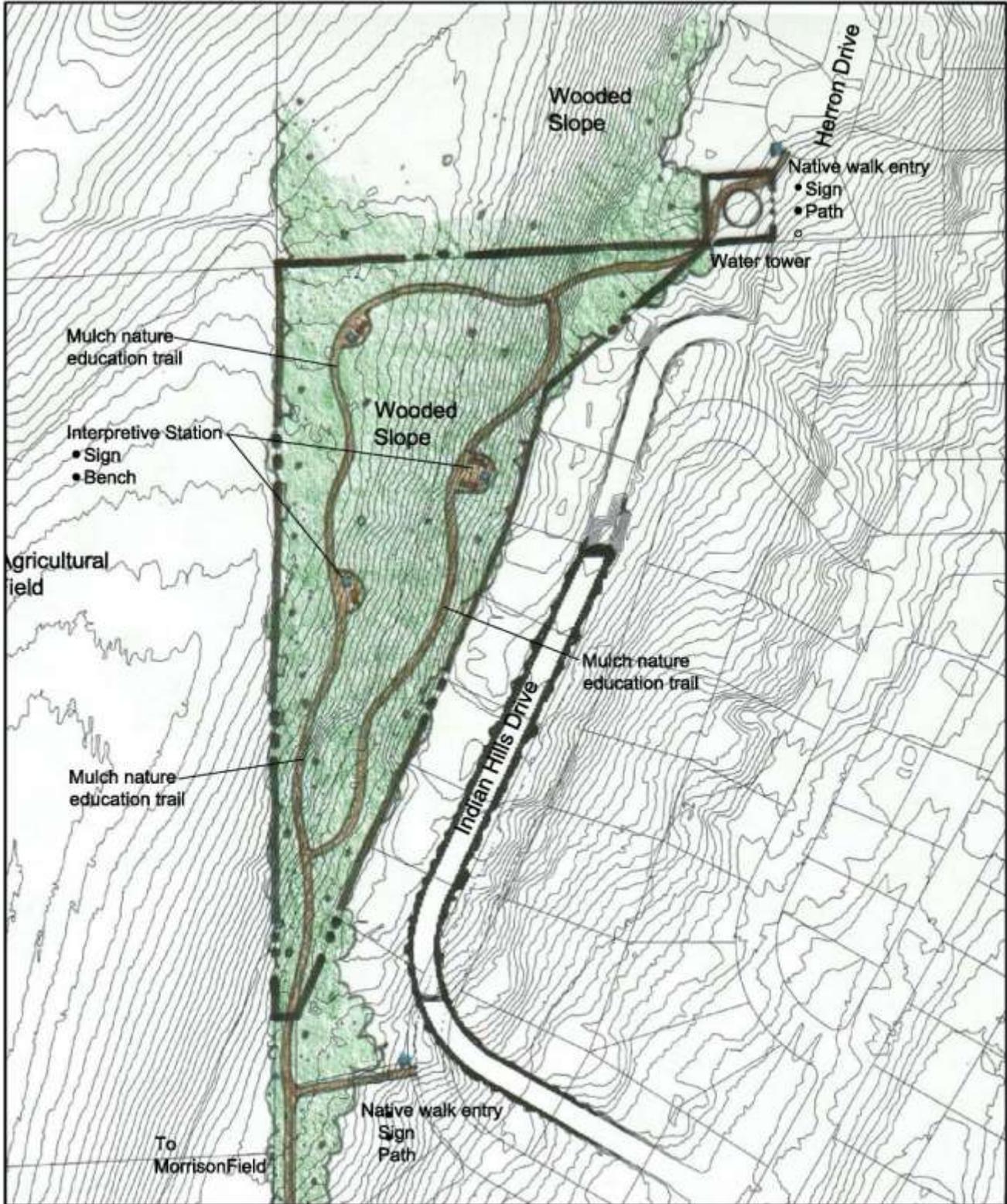
# Veteran's Memorial Plaza - Inventory/Analysis

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreation Plan



# Indian Hills Nature Area - Preliminary Master Plan

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreation Plan



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# Heritage Park - Estimate of Probable Cost

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Item	Description	Qt v.	Unit	Unit cost	Item total	Remarks
1	Grading	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
2	Parking/Road	4500	SF	\$6.00	527,000.00	
3	Entry Signs	1	LS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
4	Pavilion plaza	625	LS	\$12.00	\$7,500.00	
5	Benches	3	EA	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	
6	Trash receptacles	2	EA	\$800.00	\$1,600.00	
7	Pavilion	1	EA	\$50,000.00	550,000.00	
8	Play structure	1	EA	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
10	Backstop	1	EA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
11	Asphalt path	980	LF	\$15.00	\$14,700.00	
12	Native planting	1	LS	\$12,000.00	512,000.00	
13	Tree plantings	1	LS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
14	Lawn planting	1	LS	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
	Subtotal				\$160,300.00	
	20% Contingency				\$24,045.00	
	Total				\$184,345.00	

# Youker Park - Estimate of Probable Cost

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Item	Description	Qt	v. Unit	Unit cost	Item total	Remarks
1	Kayak/Canoe launch	1	LS	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	
2	Parking improvements	1300	SF	\$6.00	\$7,800.00	
3	Interpretive sign	6	LS	\$1,500.00	\$9,000.00	
4	Patio	500	EA	\$12.00	\$6,000.00	
5	Benches	6	EA	51,000.00	\$6,000.00	
6	Trash receptacles	4	EA	\$800.00	\$3,200.00	
7	Pedestrian bridge	1	EA	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	
8	Tree plantings	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
9	Volleyball	1	EA	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
	Subtotal				\$157,300.00	
	20% Contingency				\$23,595.00	
	Total				\$180,895.00	

# Indian Hills Nature Area - Estimate of Probable Cost

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Item	Description	Qt	v. Unit	Unit cost	Item total	Remarks
1	Clearing and grubbing	1	LS	55,000.00	\$5,000.00	
2	Mulch Path	3200	LF	\$5.00	\$16,000.00	
3	Entry Signs	2	LS	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	
4	Interpretive signs	3	EA	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	
5	Benches	3	EA	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	
6	Trash receptacles	3	EA	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	
	Subtotal				\$33,400.00	
	20% Contingency				\$5,010.00	
	Total				\$38,410.00	

# Morrison Field - Estimate of Probable Cost

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Item	Description	Qty.	Unit	Unit cost	Item total	Remarks
1	Grading	1	LS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
2	Morrison Lane Parking/Road	7681	SF	\$6.00	\$46,086.00	
3	Small Restroom Pavilion	1	LS	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	
4	Water extension	75	LF	\$35.00	\$2,625.00	
5	Sanitary extension	75	LF	\$30.00	\$2,250.00	
6	Entry Signs	2	LS	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	
7	Bleachers	4	EA	\$3,000.00	\$12,000.00	
8	Benches	5	EA	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	
9	Trash receptacles	5	EA	\$800.00	\$4,000.00	
10	Pavilion	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
11	Mohawk Court Parking	1560	SF	\$6.00	\$9,360.00	
12	Play structure	1	EA	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
13	Volleyball	1	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
14	Backstop	1	EA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
15	Asphalt path	1700	LF	\$15.00	\$25,500.00	
16	Water extension	200	LF	\$35.00	\$7,000.00	
17	Sanitary extension	200	LF	\$30.00	\$6,000.00	
	Subtotal				\$246,821.00	
	20% Contingency				\$37,023.15	
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$283,844.15</b>	

# South Side Park A - Estimate of Probable Cost

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Item	Description	Qty.	Unit	Unit cost	Item total	Remarks
1	Grading	1	LS	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
2	Parking/Road	3800	SF	\$6.00	\$22,800.00	
3	Entry Signs	1	LS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
4	Benches	3	EA	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	
5	Trash receptacles	3	EA	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	
6	Pavilion	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
7	Water extension	120	LF	\$35.00	\$4,200.00	
9	Sanitary extension	120	LF	\$30.00	\$3,600.00	
10	Play structure	1	EA	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
11	Backstop	1	EA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
12	Asphalt path	700	LF	\$15.00	\$10,500.00	
13	Native planting	1	LS	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
14	Tree plantings	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
15	Lawn planting	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
16	Pond	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	Subtotal				\$167,000.00	
	20% Contingency				\$33,400.00	
	Total				\$192,050.00	

# South Side Park B - Estimate of Probable Cost

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Item	Description	Qt	v. Unit	Unit cost	Item total	Remarks
1	Grading	1	LS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
2	Retaining Wall	320	LF	\$80.00	\$25,600.00	
3	Entry Signs	1	LS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
4	Benches	3	EA	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	
5	Trash receptacles	3	EA	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	
6	Pavilion	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
7	Water extension	120	LF	\$35.00	\$4,200.00	
8	Sanitary extension	120	LF	\$30.00	\$3,600.00	
9	Play structure	1	EA	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
10	Backstop	1	EA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
11	Asphalt path	725	LF	\$15.00	\$10,875.00	
12	Native planting	1	LS	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
13	Tree plantings	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
14	Lawn planting	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
15	Pond	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
16	Basketball	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
	Subtotal				\$182,175.00	
	20% Contingency				\$27,326.25	
	Total				\$209,501.25	

# Veterans Memorial Phase I - Estimate of Probable Cost

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Item	Description	Qt	v. Unit	Unit cost	Item total	Remarks
1	Demolition	1	LS	54,000.00	54,000.00	
2	Concrete walks	350	LF	\$18.00	\$6,300.00	
3	Multi use plaza	800	SF	\$15.00	\$12,000.00	
4	Benches	10	EA	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	
5	Trash receptacles	3	EA	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	
11	Native planting	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
13	Lawn planting	1	LS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
	Subtotal				\$42,700.00	
	20% Contingency				\$6,405.00	
	Total				\$49,105.00	

## Veterans Memorial Phase II - Estimate of Probable Cost

### Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Item	Description	Qt	v. Unit	Unit cost	Item total	Remarks
1	Stage Demolition	1	LS	55,000.00	\$5,000.00	
2	Site Demolition	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
2	Concrete walks	960	SF	\$6.00	\$5,760.00	
2	Paver plazas	1470	SF	\$12.00	517,640.00	
3	Performance stage	1	LS	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
4	Natural Stone Benches	12	EA	\$1,500.00	\$18,000.00	
5	Trash receptacles	3	EA	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	
11	Native planting	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
13	Lawn planting	5300	SF	\$2.00	\$10,600.00	
	Subtotal				\$124,400.00	
	20% Contingency				\$18,660.00	
	<b>Total</b>				<b>\$143,060.00</b>	

# Amenities Option A

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreation Plan



Bench 58



Receptacle 158



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# Amenities Option B

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreation Plan



Bench FB324



Receptacle TH24



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# Amenities Option C

## Waterloo Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreation Plan



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Bike Rack 26773\_md

### Upbeat Site Furnishings

## National Recreation and Park Association Standards

	Service Area Radius	NRPA	Waterloo		
		Suggested acres/1,000 population	Suggested acres based on population	Current acres provided.	Future Planned Parks
mini park	Less than 1/4 mile	.25-.5 acres	1-2 acres	0 acres	2 acres
neighborhood park	1/4 - 1/2 miles	1-2 acres	4-8 acres	6.6 acres*	6.6 acres*
community park	1 - 2 miles	5-8 acres	20-32 acres	50 acres	
"core" park system		6.25-10 acres	25-40 acres	50.6 acres	
special use park				5.25 acres	
nature/conservancy parks				11.1 acres	

\* Morrison Field, Garman/Knowlton Park are classified as neighborhood parks, but don't have complete amenities.

## **WDNR GRANT PROGRAMS**

### **County Conservation Aids**

Section 23.09 (12), Wis. Stats. Ch. NR 50, Wis. Admin. Code Counties or recognized Indian tribes are eligible for 50% of the costs of carrying out fish or wildlife management projects that enhance fish and wildlife habitat or are related to hunter/angler facilities. Applications are submitted throughout the year until funding is depleted.

### **Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration**

16 U.S.C. 777-777k, 64 Stat. 430 (also known as Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act)

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) prioritizes fisheries related projects (sport fish restoration, boating access, fishing piers) biannually to identify projects eligible for a 75% cost share; the DNR sometimes negotiates contracts and use agreements with counties, villages, and towns for use of this funding for construction of boat landings and fishing piers.

### **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

LWCF Act of 1965, Public Law 88-578, 78 Stat. 897; 36 CFR Ch 1, Part 59

Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and school districts are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of acquisition of land and the development of facilities for Public Park and recreation areas.

Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year.

### **Recreational Trails Program**

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - Title 23 United States Code (23 U.S.C.).

Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governing bodies, school districts, state agencies, federal agencies, and incorporated organizations are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, construction of new trails (with certain restrictions on federal lands), and acquisition of easements or property for trails.

Funds are available for both motorized and non-motorized trails. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year. The amount of funding available varies depending upon federal gas excise taxes paid on fuel used by off-highway vehicles.

### **Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000**

*Local Assistance Programs: Acquisition and Development of Local Parks*

Section 23.09(20), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XII, Wis. Admin. Code Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats., are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of acquisition of land or conservation easements, and the development of facilities for public park and recreation areas used for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes.

### **Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000**

#### *Local Assistance Programs: Urban Rivers*

Section 30.277, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XIV, Wis. Admin. Code Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats., are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of acquisition of land or conservation easements, and the development of facilities for public park and recreation areas, including shoreline enhancements, for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes along urban waterways and riverfronts. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year.

### **Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000**

#### *Local Assistance Programs: Urban Greenspace*

Section 23.09(19), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XIII, Wis. Admin. Code Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats., are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of acquisition of land and conservation easements for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes that will protect open natural space and land with scenic, ecological, or natural values in urban areas. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year.

### **Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000**

#### *Local Assistance Programs: Acquisition of Development Rights*

Section 23.09(20m), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XV, Wis. Admin. Code Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats., are eligible for up to 50% of the costs to acquire development rights (conservation easements) in areas where restrictions on residential, industrial, or commercial development would provide or enhance nature-based outdoor recreation. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year.