SAA DESIGN GROUP
www.saa-madison.com

2015 - 2019 Park and Open Space Plan

Burlington, Wisconsin

Chocolate City USA
BURLINGTON, WI

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Parks and Recreation Committee
Darrel Eisenhardt (President)
Alderman Robert Prailes
Clay Brandt
Ruth DeLay
Peter Turke
Jeff Schopp
Jennifer Amborn

Common Council
Mayor Robert Miller
Robert Prailes, Alderman, 1st District
Edward Johnson, Alderman, 1st District
Ruth Dawidziak, Alderman, 2nd District
Peter Hintz, Council President and Alderman, 2nd District
Tom Vos, Alderman, 3rd District
Jon Schultz, Alderman, 3rd District
Todd Bauman, Alderman, 4th District
Thomas Preusker, Alderman, 4th District

City Staff
Carina Walters, City Administrator
Craig Workman, Director of Public Works
Dan Jensen, Department of Public Works Supervisor

Planning and Design Assistance
SAA Design Group, Inc.
Blake Theisen, Project Manager
Aaron O'Keefe, Cartographer

101 E. Badger Rd.
Madison, WI 53715
608.255.0800
www.saa-madison.com

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Chapter 4: Implementation

Appendices

1 INTRODUCTION

This plan updates and replaces the City of Burlington Outdoor Recreation Plan Update and Amendment (2010). It has been prepared to guide the city in acquiring and developing public outdoor parks and recreation facilities and to enable Burlington to participate in outdoor recreation grant programs through the Department of Natural Resources.

1.1 Executive Summary

This update of the City of Burlington's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan sets forth the city's vision for the future growth and development of its outdoor recreation parks and facilities. This plan is intended to guide the city's outdoor recreation facility development through the year 2019.

Burlington has enjoyed steady population growth over the past 50 years and is anticipated to add an additional 1,100 residents over the next twenty years (Wisconsin DOA). These new populations will enjoy a variety of active and passive use parks with activities ranging from fishing (Echo Park, etc.) to baseball (Hintz Complex, etc.).

The existing city park system is comprised of 26 active and passive use park areas. A majority of these parks are special use parks that provide specific facilities for baseball or other active use pursuits. Other parks, including Bushnell County Park (Racine) which is located in the southeastern corner of the city, provide an array of soccer and football facilities to serve local user groups. There are also seven local school parks owned by the Burlington School District that are heavily utilized by local residents and three state trails (White River State Trail, Burlington-Kansasville State Trail and Seven Waters Trail).

General recommendations for the entire park system include continuing to retrofit all parks and park facilities (restrooms and shelters) to be disabled accessible, improving existing totlots and playgrounds with amenities for all ages; completing the citywide, barrier-free, multi-purpose trail system that connects city parks, county and state parks, existing regional trails, and actively pursuing funds for park and recreation programs and park development.

1.1.1 Mission Statement

The City of Burlington's Park and Recreation mission is to provide residents within the urban service area a high quality of life. This will be achieved through the effective provision of athletic, recreational, and leisure facilities and programs available for residents of all age groups and levels of ability.

1.1.2 Statement of Need

The City of Burlington Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan has been prepared to identify a strategy to provide residents and visitors an array of recreational opportunity. This plan updates the 2010 Plan. The updated recommendations and CIP tables are useful in preparing budgets, policies and strategies to maximize the enjoyment and economic capability of the parks and recreation system. Burlington intends to leverage the desirable attributes of the park system to enhance the vitality of neighborhood and commercial areas, especially the downtown, by enhancing facilities and connectivity that will make Burlington a destination locale for shopping, dining, and recreation enthusiasts.

1.2 Goals and Objectives

The following section identifies goals and objectives to guide the future development or expansion of community parks and open space facilities.

Goal 1.2.1: Maintain an adequate amount of active and passive recreational lands to meet current and future recreational needs.

Objectives:

a. Acquire additional lands for active and passive recreational use based on current demand, demands created by increasing populations, and environmental significance of the land.
b. Acquire 10.5 acres of land suitable for active recreation for every 1,000 new residents.
c. Acquire lands suitable for park and recreation use by explicitly stating acceptable characteristics of land in the parkland dedication ordinance.
d. Establish a trail network to link existing and future parkland and surrounding neighborhoods, schools, and state trails (White River State Trail, Burlington/Kansasville State Trail and Seven Waters Trail).

Goal 1.2.2: Ensure that open space, recreational facilities and programs are designed to meet the special needs of all residents regardless of age, gender, or ability.

Objectives:

a. Provide for barrier-free access in all new park facility construction and play areas.
b. Strive for compliance with accessibility requirements in existing facilities by 2019.
c. Encourage participation and accommodation of all interested participants at park and recreational meetings and in recreational programs.
d. Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act as it applies to communication with the public. This is in reference to the standard language that government agencies should use on their agendas and other public meeting documents stating accommodation of those with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting.

Goal 1.2.3: Coordinate subdivision review with all departments responsible for providing or maintaining adequate park facilities.

Objectives:

a. Consult and incorporate the needs identified in the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan before subdivision plats are approved.

b. Evaluate land dedicated for parks to differentiate between land appropriate for active park use, land appropriate for open space only, and land requiring protection from development. Land requiring protection from development should be protected via development codes.
c. Continually evaluate and update the subdivision ordinance so that it adequately addresses the recreational needs of residents.
d. Preserve any proposed trail corridors in any review of new development.

Goal 1.2.4: Coordinate development efforts and the use and maintenance of recreational facilities between the City of Burlington, the Burlington Area School District, and appropriate recreation associations.

Objectives:

a. Coordinate planning efforts of new transportation corridors to ensure proper consideration of trail connection development, and adequate green space protection.
b. Coordinate the public use of indoor and outdoor school recreation facilities.
c. Encourage cooperative City/School/Sports Association development projects to help improve and expand recreational opportunities throughout the community in a cost-effective manner.
d. Develop formal use/revenue/maintenance agreements between the City, school district, and public recreation associations to help operate and maintain public recreation facilities in the City. Agreements should be reviewed every two years.
e. Participate in regional planning of parks and recreational needs, including Racine County Parks Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Goal 1.2.5: Stress the benefits of larger neighborhood and community parks that provide a wide range of facilities over the development of small playground and tot-lot facilities.

Objectives:

a. Analyze the location, size and function of existing and proposed parks as annexations, residential development, or land use changes occur.
b. Use Park Service Area Criteria to help determine the location of future park sites (see Chapter 2).
c. Communicate the importance of dynamic, multi-purpose parks and recreational facilities as a component of the city's regional draw and economic development potential.
d. Provide an adequate supply of large sports fields and other athletic facilities to meet the growing needs of league sports teams, and other organized recreational users.
e. Develop new facilities to provide suitable recreational amenities to traditionally underserved age cohorts such as teenagers and senior citizens.
f. As development needs arise, install tot lots and smaller neighborhood parks in centrally located sites to promote neighborhood cohesion and provide a common gathering place.

Goal 1.2.6: Provide residents with safe and reliable recreation equipment throughout the city park system.

Objectives:

a. Accurately inventory existing park facilities and maintain an active log of facilities' improvements.
b. Continue funding the replacement of old and deteriorating recreation equipment in all city parks.
c. Continually monitor and maintain existing park equipment to ensure its longevity and safety.

Goal 1.2.7: Use all available resources to further enhance the quality of the City's park system.

Objectives:

a. Continually pursue state and federal funding programs, which can aid in the purchase and/or development of desired park system improvements.
b. Nurture the existing positive relationships with public and private organizations for donations and volunteer help to aid in park system development.
c. Update the city's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan every five years to maintain grant eligibility.
d. Pursue the development of revenue generating recreational facilities and activities, which can aid in the development of new facilities and/or the maintenance of existing facilities.
e. Utilize the skills and ideas of Park Board members. This includes keeping a roster of improvement ideas for evaluation and inclusion in CORP updates.

Goal 1.2.8: Improve and expand the bicycle network.

Objectives:

a. Improve trail connectivity throughout the Burlington area to parks, schools, and regional trails.
b. Establish wayfinding signage to allow new residents or visitors to effectively travel throughout the city.
c. Increase the availability of bicycle parking.
d. Coordinate with streets development to provide on-street linkages (such as bike lanes) between trail segments and park facilities.

Goal 1.2.9: Recognize the importance of an adequate park budget, which can financially address existing park hazards and allow for future parkland acquisition and facility development.

Objectives:

a. Use the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as a guide to establish yearly park budgets.
b. Invest funds for the development of facilities that will maximize existing park and recreation areas and provide exciting recreational programs, with the intention of increasing park prominence, community visibility, and use.
c. Balance the need to acquire and develop new park and recreational facilities with the needs to improve, maintain, and renovate existing park sites and facilities.
d. Implement park donation programs (memorial benches, etc.) to enable philanthropy.

Goal 1.2.10: Utilize multimedia to advertise, promote, and educate users about City owned parks.

Objectives:

e. Update the City website to include more information on parks. This includes offering pictures, maps, and descriptions of play options.
f. Consider developing a more interactive park website that allows users to select parks and view pictures and information specific to each site.
g. Announce and promote new facilities and playground installations.
h. Encourage neighborhood festivals at local parks to increase familiarity and appreciation for neighborhood parks.

1.3 Review of Past Planning Documents (Local, Regional, State)

1.3.1 City of Burlington Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2010 - 2014)

The 2010 plan is the predecessor to this version of the Burlington CORP. The plan served as a guide for the maintenance and development of Burlington's park system for the years 2010 through 2014. It included analysis of existing park conditions, a background on mechanisms for funding park projects and recommendations for improvements to the park system.

Recommendations included:

- Retrofitting all parks and park facilities to be disabled accessible.
- Installation of resilient surfaces under play equipment.
- Conducting a safety audit/inspection of all existing play structures.
- Acquisition of additional parklands.
- Developing a City-wide, barrier-free, multi-purpose trail system.
- Several park specific recommendations for each park in the system.

1.3.2 City of Burlington Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (1996)

The 1996 CORP set forth the City of Burlington's vision for the future growth and development of its outdoor recreation parks and facilities. It was intended to guide the City's outdoor recreation facility development to the year 2010. Recommendations are listed in Chapter 6 for all city public outdoor recreation sites. Priorities included updates and improvements to Echo Veterans' Memorial Park, Festival Park, Beaumont Ball Field, Congress Street Ball Diamond, Riverside Park, Wehmhoff-Jucker/Benson Park, Bear Meadows Park No. 2, and Beverly-Jo Park.

1.3.3 City of Burlington Downtown Master Plan (2000)

This plan was prepared to provide a guideline to assist city stakeholders in identifying and prioritizing redevelopment activities. It was developed in response to riverfront redevelopment along the Fox River and White River in downtown Burlington. The master plan seeks to strengthen the relationship between the river and the downtown and capitalize on economic opportunities that would result from new public and private investments in the riverfront area.

The plan identifies public space development in the downtown including plazas, seating areas, special use areas, sculpture/focal features, information kiosks and pedestrian wayfinding. Public spaces mentioned in the plan include:

a. Wehmhoff Town Square
b. The "Loop"
c. Riverfront Plaza
d. Echo Park

Additional recommendations for park spaces include improvements to Echo Park as a special events site and long-term and special events parking to serve the downtown and riverfront.

1.3.4 City of Burlington Strategic Planning Workshop (2008)

The goals of this workshop were to stimulate discussion of Burlington's present and future, to select areas key to success in achieving an envisioned and desired future, to define and set goals for these key areas, and to identify measurable objectives by which progress toward key strategic goals could be determined.

Park facilities and recreation opportunities were mentioned as primary city responsibilities. The workshop report listed such related goals as considering alternative funding sources such as assessments and impact fees.

1.3.5 A Multijurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035 (2009)

The City of Burlington participated in the development of a multijurisdictional comprehensive plan with Racine County, prepared by Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). In addition to the nine elements required by the State of Wisconsin for comprehensive land use plans, the plan contains information related to parks and open spaces. In Burlington, this includes two proposed park sites (shown on Map XIII-6 in the 2035 document). One of the sites is located north of the Burlington Municipal Airport and south of Spring Prairie Road. The other is located south of STH 11and east of Mormon Road. Both potential sites are located outside current city limits. The plan recommends each park is approximately twenty acres in size.

1.3.6 A Park and Open Space Plan for Racine County (2013)

The SEWRPC assisted Racine County in updating their park and open space plan. Three general recommendations of the County Comprehensive Plan are used as a guideline for the development of this plan. These recommendations are: 1) to preserve primary environmental corridors in essentially natural, open uses, and the preservation of secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas whenever possible; 2) the maintenance of the best remaining farmland in long-term agricultural uses; and 3) encouragement of a more compact pattern of urban development, one that can be efficiently served by such essential public facilities and services as centralized sanitary sewerage, water supply, and mass transit. Recommendations of the plan included steps to maintain environmental corridors, acquisition of new park land, and numerous park specific recommendations.

Recommendations for Burlington adjacent Bushnell Park include additional picnic facilities and trails.

1.3.7 A Regional Park and Open Space Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin (SEWRPC, 2000)

The regional park and open space planning program represents an attempt to apply comprehensive planning principles and practices to recreational and open space problems on an areawide basis. The regional plan is intended to guide the preservation, acquisition, and development of lands not only for outdoor recreation but for the protection of the natural resource base and thereby for the preservation of the overall quality of life within the Region. The plan recommends the general location, size, and type of park and open space sites and facilities required to meet the recreational needs of the resident population of the Region through the turn of the century, as well as to protect the primary environmental corridors and the prime agricultural lands of the Region for all time. The plan contains considerable information that can be used in county and local park and related open space planning and in private recreational development planning and is intended to promote coordination of public and private outdoor recreation facility development so that efforts in the two sectors complement rather than duplicate one another.

The plan mentions the City of Burlington in three locations. First, park planning standards identify 10 acres of recreational area per 1,000 population for Burlington. Second, parkland dedication requirements are listed. Third, the plan recommends the DNR acquire the segment of environmental corridor along the main stem of the Fox River in Kenosha and Racine counties south of the City.

1.3.8 Wisconsin State Trails Network Plan – Southeast Region (2001)

Segment 39-Burlington to La Grange: This trail starts in Burlington and runs west along a proposed 14.5-mile Sugar Creek Trail to Abel's Corners in Walworth County. The route continues north on roadways five miles to link with the Mukwonago River Trail east of La Grange. North of this segment an on-road segment would provide access to the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Southern Unit and the Ice Age Bike Route.

1.3.9 Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment of 3 Railway Purchases (WisDOT, 1999)

The Burlington-Elkhorn Trail (White River Trail) is located on the western edge of Racine County and extends into Walworth County. The corridor is 12.6 miles in length and contains 152.73 acres. It is part of a larger 45-mile corridor located between the City of Racine in Racine County and the Village of Darien in Walworth County, identified in the state trails plan as a later target of acquisition. The City of Burlington is the eastern trailhead and the City of Elkhorn is the western terminus of the portion of the rail corridor being acquired. The trail passes through the Town of Lyons, five miles west of Burlington.

1.3.10 Wisconsin's State Outdoor Recreation Plan (2011)

Since 1965, the State has developed and maintained the *Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan* (SCORP) in an attempt to classify, measure, and ultimately provide for the preferences and needs of a statewide recreating public. Goals include the following:

1. Improve integration of outdoor recreation interests and needs in land use and other relevant planning efforts.
2. Continue to provide and enhance access to Wisconsin recreational land and waters.
3. Promote outdoor recreation as a means of improving public health among Wisconsinites.
4. Establish great urban parks and community green spaces.

1.4 Summary of the Planning Process

1.4.1 Work Plan and Timeline

This plan was developed between September 2014 and March 2015. The process included three meetings with staff and other officials and publicly noticed park Board Meetings. All parks were audited by SAA staff with findings identified on inventory sheets. An online survey was also performed to elicit public information from individuals and groups unable to attend the public meetings.

1.4.2 Meetings

Meeting #1 September 18, 2014: the project kick-off meeting was held at the Public Works Building during a publicly noticed Park Board meeting. The scope and timeline of the project was reviewed and dates for the remainder of the meetings were set. SAA reviewed the past plan and discussed observations from the site visit and facility audits conducted that day.

Meeting #2 November 20, 2014: SAA attended a publicly noticed Park Board meeting to present the preliminary findings and recommendations. A discussion for each site was held to determine priority projects and possible funding solutions. Preliminary maps were presented and survey questions discussed.

Meeting #3 March 19, 2015: SAA presented the draft CORP at a publicly noticed Park Board meeting and reviewed the newly 5-year CIP tables. Park Board members were given two weeks to provide further review and comment prior to plan finalization and adoption.

1.4.3 Online Survey

An online survey was developed to record public opinion concerning key issues and opportunities for enhanced use and enjoyment of the Burlington recreation system. The survey was also used to formulate recommendations in Chapter 3.

A web link to the survey was placed on the home page of the City of Burlington website, the link was also distributed via email and shown during public meetings. The survey was active in January and February of 2015. There were 333 responses collected. Summary responses for the entire survey are available for review in Appendix A. General findings are summarized below.

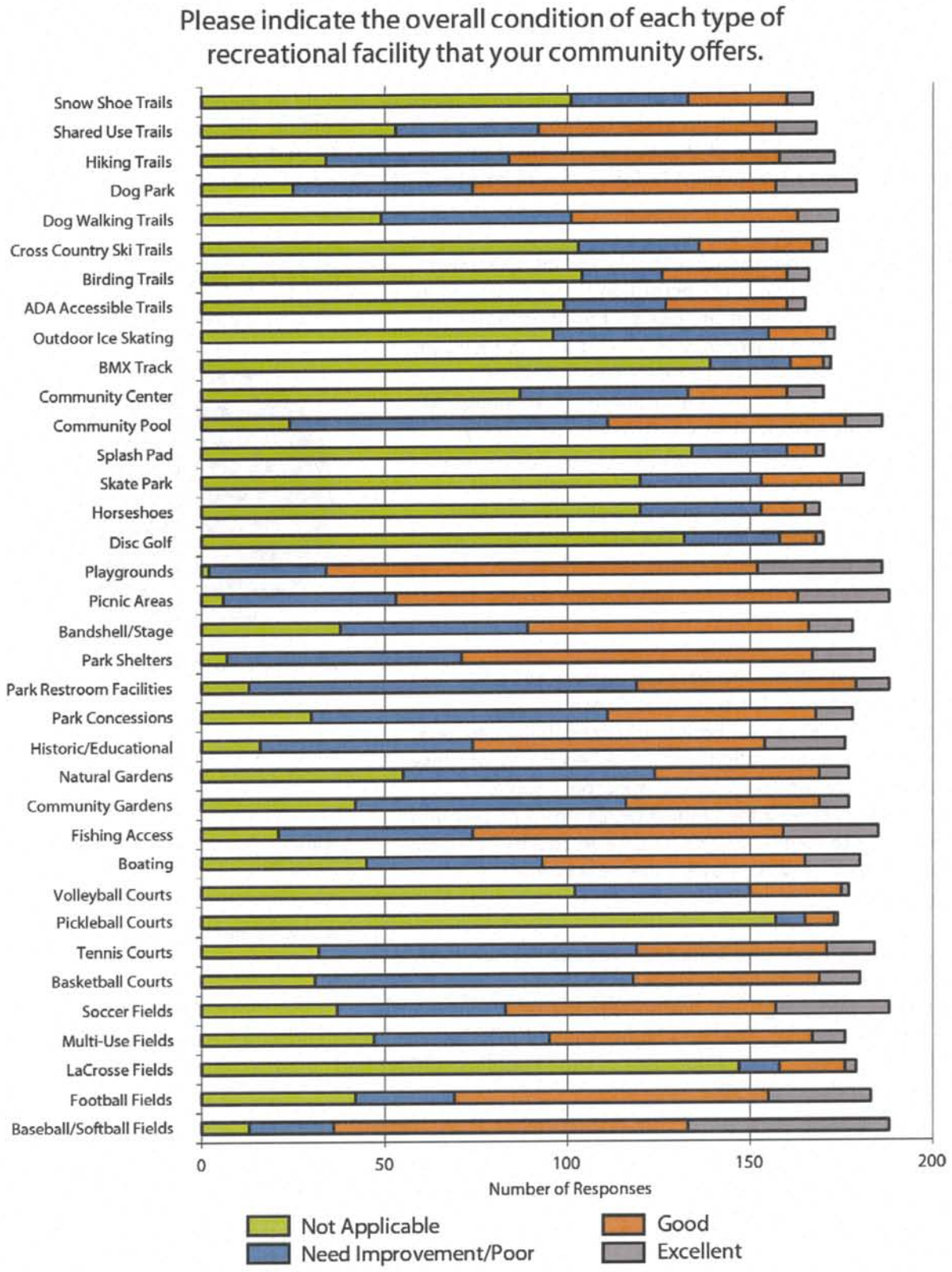
The highest percentage of response for the overall condition of each type of recreation facility offered in Burlington was a rating of "good". Facilities that were lacking, or "need improvement", include park restroom facilities, basketball courts, tennis courts and the community pool. When asked if there were enough of these facilities, park restroom facilities, community gardens, basketball courts and park concession facilities were all regarded as insufficient. The majority of respondents felt that age groups were adequately served by existing facilities. The exception being the "13 to 18 year old" age group which 64% of respondents believe are not adequately served by Burlington parks.

Chart 1-1: Highest Priority - Survey Respondents

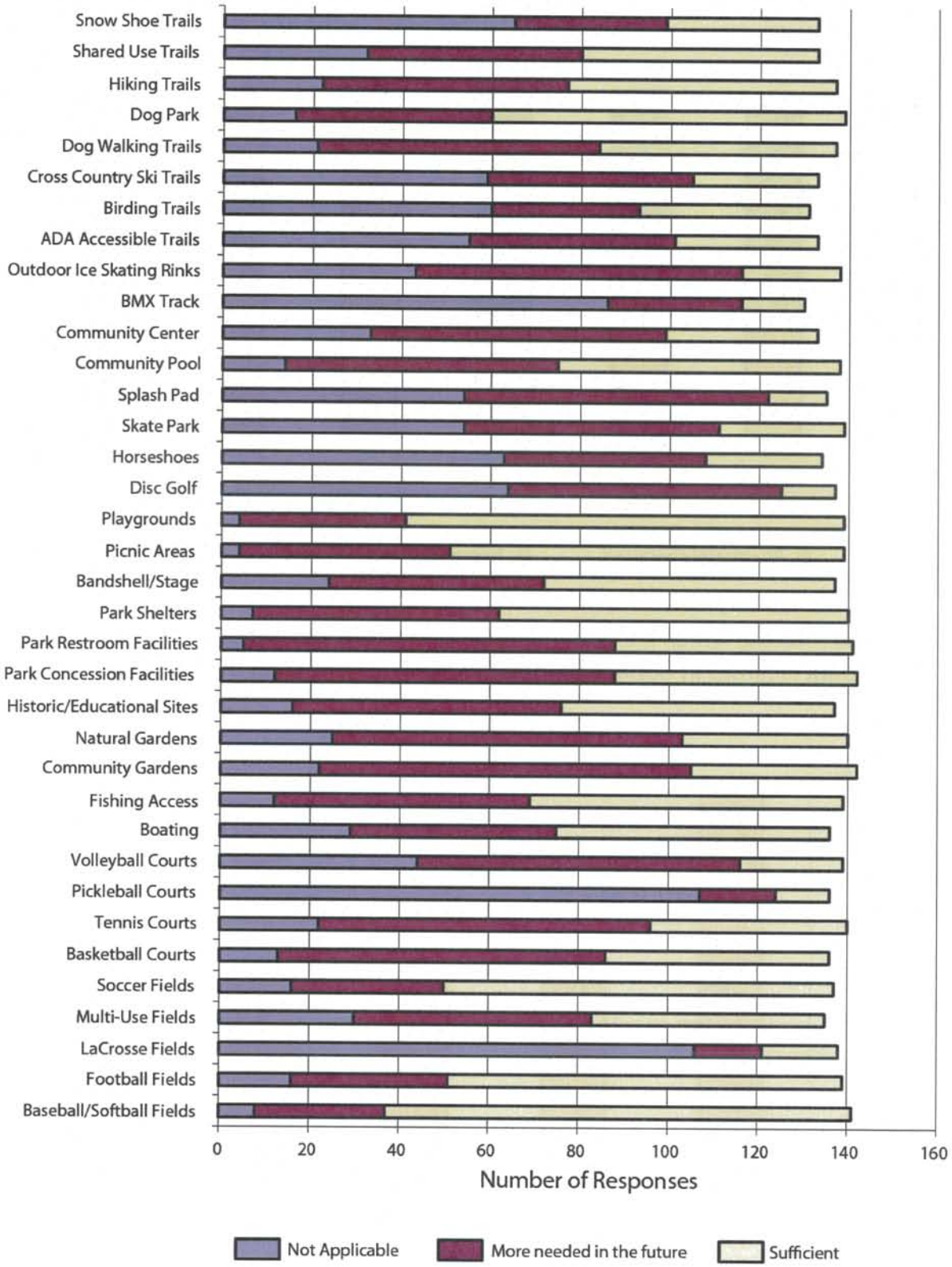
Support components are accessory structures and facilities necessary for park use. These include restrooms, parking lots, handicap accessibility, shelters, and public transportation. When asked if any of these facilities were inadequate in Burlington, "public restrooms" received the highest percentage of response (78%). "Safe routes to walk or bike to facility" (50%) and "parking" (42%) showed the next highest percentage.

Respondents were also asked to consider the needs of the area for additional outdoor recreation facilities, resources, and programs, and to rate the selections in order of importance. Chart 1-1 shows the priority ranking. The most highly ranked priority was "maintenance of existing facilities" (34%) followed by "development of new facilities" (30%) and "improvements added to existing facilities" (28%).

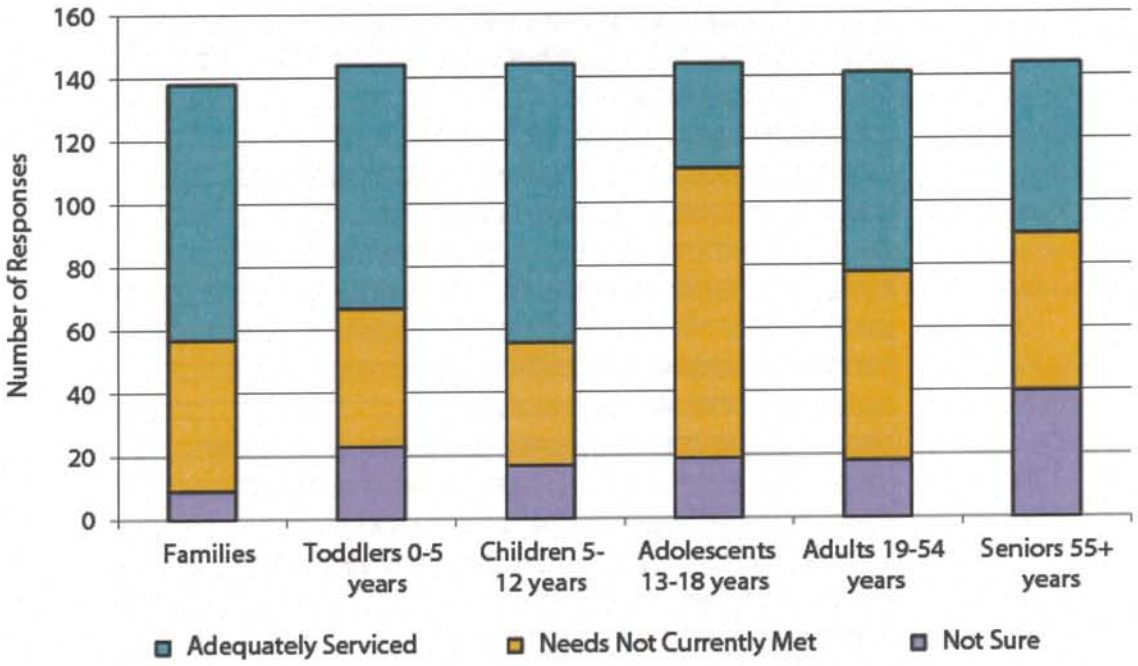
Additional question summaries are provided below:



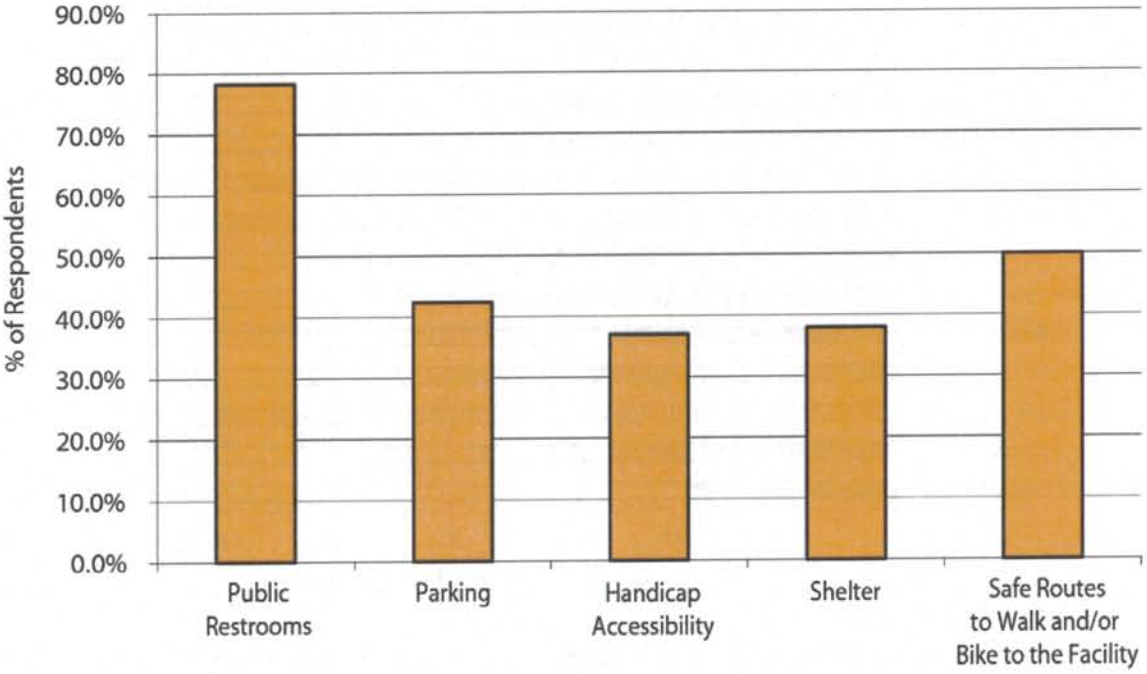
Considering the same group of facilities, please indicate whether or not your community has sufficient quanitites for each type to meet the demand.



Considering the various age groups of people in Burlington, please indicate whether the existing facilities adequately meet their needs.



Please indicate which if any of the following support components at existing park facilities in Burlington need improvement. Select all that apply.



1.5 City of Burlington Demographics

1.5.1 Social Characteristics

This section presents social factors that are important to understanding the Burlington community and its recreation needs and potential. Particularly important to planning for the adequate provision of parks and open spaces are population trends and projections over the planning period (5-10 years) and age characteristics of potential park users.

Population Trends and Projections

There is a direct relationship between population and the need for parks and recreational space. Predicting how the population might grow in the future provides important information about the amount of new parkland and recreational facilities that will be needed to serve the new populations.

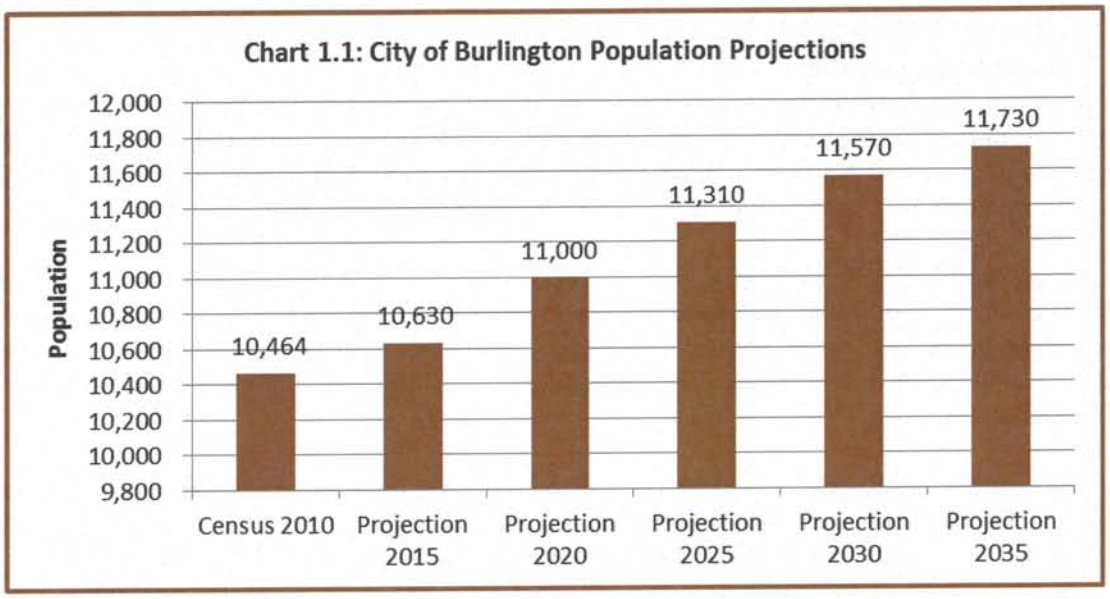
The greatest population change over the past 60 years in the City of Burlington was between 1960-1970 when the population increased 27.7% (5,856 to 7,479). The period from 1970-1980 was 12.1% and from 1980-1990 there was a 5.6% increase. Table 1.1 shows population projections for Burlington and adjacent or neighboring communities through year 2035. These estimates indicate that there can be expected a 12% increase in population between the years 2010 and 2035. This amounts to approximately 1,265 people.

Table 1.1: Population Projections for City of Burlington and Comparables (2035)

Name of Municipality	Census 2010	Projection 2015	Projection 2020	Projection 2025	Projection 2030	Projection 2035	Percentage Change 2010-2035
C Burlington	***10,464***	***10,630***	***11,000***	***11,310***	***11,570***	***11,730***	***12%***
T Burlington	6,502	6,535	6,775	6,970	7,135	7,240	11%
T Lyons*	3,698	3,705	3,900	4,125	4,305	4,345	17%
T Spring Prairie*	2,181	2,175	2,260	2,360	2,440	2,435	12%
V Rochester	3,682	3,760	3,940	4,110	4,255	4,370	19%
V Waterford	5,368	5,535	5,955	6,345	6,720	7,035	31%
V Union Grove	4,915	5,015	5,280	5,520	5,740	5,910	20%

** Walworth County*

Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration – Wisconsin Minor Civil Division Projections, 2010-2040



Ethnic Background

The 2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate for the City of Burlington indicates the largest percentage of Burlington residents (89.2%) are "White". The second highest percentage is "Black or African American" at 4.2%, followed by "Two or more races" at 3.5% and "Asian" at 1.0%. "Other" races make up the remaining 2.1%.

Employment/Unemployment

The unemployment rate for Burlington is 11.2% according to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-year estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is slightly above the state unemployment rate of 7.8% during the same period.

Age

Age distribution in the City of Burlington is shown in Table 1.2. Age cohorts are an important consideration when determining park facilities because certain age groups are more likely to utilize certain recreation facilities depending upon their stage in life. For example, in 2010 there were an estimated 675 (6.5%) of children under the age of 5. These children would best be served by low platforms with ramps or ladders, sand areas, or short slides no taller than 4 feet. These same facilities would be uninteresting to a 10 year old. A well-rounded park system will provide a variety of facilities (soccer fields, etc.) and equipment (swings, etc.) for all potential users regardless of ability or stage of life.

Changes in age distribution between 2000 and 2010 seem to suggest there is a growing need for more adult-oriented activity centers. Following national trends, the city is likely to experience an increase of senior residents seeking recreation opportunities. These populations are generally seeking walking paths (with benches) and formalize senior programming as well as fishing and other outdoor options.

Table 1.2: Age Distribution, 2000 – 2010

	2000		2010		Percent Change
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	2000 - 2010
Under 5 years	702	7.1	675	6.5	-3%
5 to 9 years	779	7.8	717	6.9	-8%
10 to 14 years	777	7.8	746	7.1	-4%
15 to 19 years	749	7.5	745	7.1	-1%
20 to 24 years	647	6.5	601	5.7	-7%
25 to 29 years	646	6.5	651	6.2	1%
30 to 34 years	702	7.1	675	6.5	-4%
35 to 39 years	775	7.8	609	5.8	-21%
40 to 44 years	806	8.1	736	7.0	-9%
45 to 49 years	681	6.9	783	7.5	15%
50 to 54 years	516	5.2	799	7.6	55%
55 to 59 years	432	4.3	652	6.2	51%
60 to 64 years	340	3.4	508	4.9	49%
65 to 69 years	323	3.3	384	3.7	19%
70 to 74 years	316	3.2	313	3.0	-1%
75 to 79 years	308	3.1	313	3.0	2%
80 to 84 years	231	2.3	260	2.5	12%
85 to 89 years	130	1.3	175	1.7	35%
90 years and over	76	0.8	122	1.2	61%
Total Population	9,936		10,464		5%
2000, 2010 Census, SF-1					

1.5.2 Physical Characteristics

This section presents physical factors in the community and region that are important to understanding Burlington's recreation potential.

Topography[1]

Racine County varies from gently rolling glacial plains, or ground moraines, in the eastern half to steeper hills in the western half. Ground moraines are typically comprised of dense basal till, which frequently contains a combination of silt and clay. The eastern edge of Racine County also contains the lake terrace, which runs parallel to and contiguous with the shoreline of Lake Michigan. In the western area of Racine County, the western side of the Fox River is comprised of sand and gravel outwash deposits. Glacial outwash deposits are common along the major rivers and streams of Racine County. Outwash is alluvial in origin and was deposited by glacial meltwaters. A few places in the County also contain lacustrine deposits, which include the sediments of glacial lakebeds.

Water Resources[2]

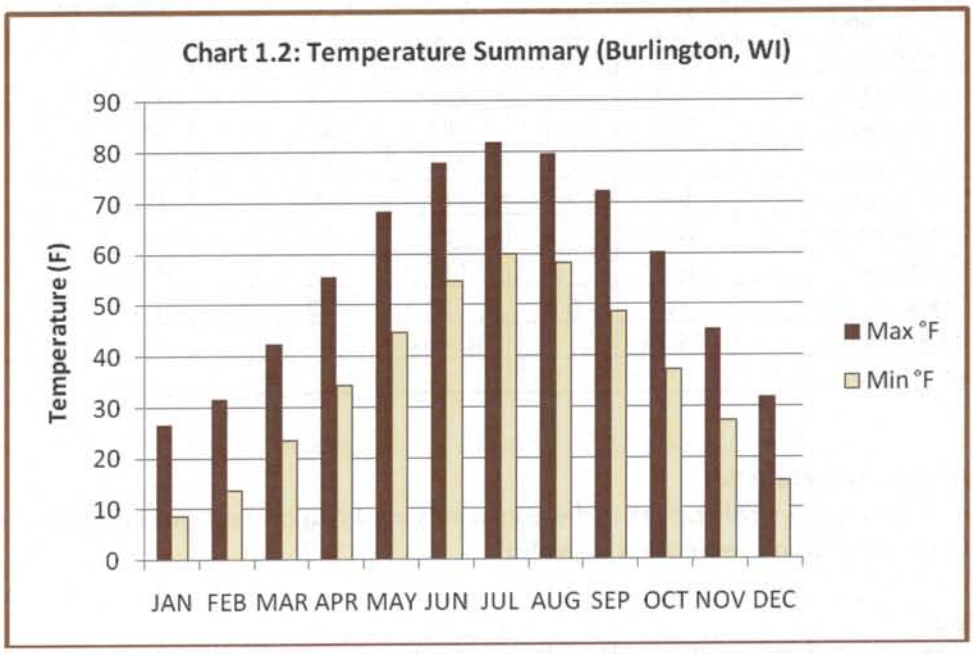
The City of Burlington is located in the Fox River Watershed. Approximately 151 acres (3.3%) of the city contain surface waters. Significant local water bodies include the Fox River, which

[1] A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035 (2009)
[2] A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035 (2009)

bisects the city, Echo Lake, the White River, and Honey Creek. Rockland Lake and Browns Lake are located immediately to the east.

Climate

Climate is an important consideration for determining the range of recreational activities that should be provided. The Burlington area has a continental climate characterized by significant changes in weather. The cold, snowy winters favor a variety of winter sports. Lakes and rivers usually begin to freeze over in December and remain ice covered until March. Early spring brings a variety of temperatures and a mix of precipitation. By the end of March, nearly all precipitation is in the form of rain. Summers are characterized by warm days and potentially cool nights with occasional hot and humid weather. Drought conditions may occur. Fall temperatures are generally mild during the day with cool clear nights. Temperature extremes are common in fall with sudden transitions into cold winter weather.



2 Analysis of the Parks and Open Space System

This chapter analyzes the park and open space system in and around the City of Burlington. It inventories and classifies the park system based on national standards established by the National Recreation and Park Association. In addition, this chapter documents the nearby county and state outdoor recreation facilities available to Burlington residents.

2.1 City of Burlington Parks, Open Spaces, and School Facilities

The information for this section was gathered from site visits conducted by SAA staff, discussion with City staff, and review of the 2010 - 2014 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. A Facility Matrix for the entire Burlington park system is located in Appendix B. See Appendix B Figure B for a map of park locations.

2.1.1 Mini Parks

Mini parks include specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. Desirable size is 1 acre or less.

Benson Park

This 0.55 acre park is located at the terminus of Wisconsin Street on the banks of the Fox River. This park sits adjacent to the larger Wehmhoff Jucker Park and could be visually mistaken for an extension of this parcel. There are no amenities in this park and it is comprised of general open space and large mature trees. Vegetation species include silver maple.

Beverly-Jo Park

This 1.63 acre park is located at the terminus of Dunford Drive on the City's south end. This parcel is a mix of general open space and mature hickory and oak trees. Steep slopes offer winter sledding opportunities and existing primitive trails offer fair weather walking. Views to the west overlook the industrial park. The City owns a parcel to the north and east containing a water tower and heavily wooded area. Some of this lot is lighted. Vegetation species include Bur oak and miscellaneous understory brush.

Meinhardt Park

This 0.34 acre park is located on Spring Street on the banks of the Fox River. General open space on the river offers views of the riverwalk and downtown. There are a few parking stalls to the west of the park and two benches. This park serves as open space for the Burlington Senior Center. Vegetation species include ash and maple.

Steinhoff Park
This 1.69 acre park is located on Cedar Drive in the City's north neighborhood. Situated in a natural bowl, the setting is quite attractive and well landscaped. A play structure and swings occupy one corner with general open space and a sledding hill is spaced throughout the park. The west side of the park is bordered by a corridor ideal for a multi-use path connecting to Grove Street to the south. Vegetation species include sugar maple, shagbark hickory, ash, oak, black cherry, and norway maple.

Wagner Park
This 1.59 acre park is located between the banks of the White River and STH 11 on the north end of the City. It is predominantly general open space with mature trees throughout the linear park. Concrete block banks protect the turf areas from high river water levels. Vegetation species include sugar maple, norway maple, black walnut, honey locust, ash, river birch, and norway spruce.

Wehmhoff Square
This 0.87 acre park is located on the corner of Washington Street and Pine Street. The "Town Square" is well landscaped and is frequently used for lunchtime escapes, public gatherings, and educational opportunities. A pioneer cabin, garden, paver walkways, extensive seating options and an open air pavilion offer users various interests. A kiosk for public notices and a bicycle rack also exist on the Pine Street side. Vegetation species include dawn redwood, black walnut, sugar maple, norway maple.

Westedge Park
This 1.69 acre park is located south of Dyer Middle School and is accessible from Hillside Drive. The park contains general open space and is visually indecipherable from the softball fields on the school property. Four ballfields with backstops, team benches, and excellent infields are owned by the school. Vegetation species include blue spruce.

2.1.2 Neighborhood Parks
Neighborhood parks are areas for intense recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus, skating, picnicking, wading pools and the like. Desirable size is 15+ acres.

Riverfront Park
This 1.6 acre park is located between Bridge Street and the Fox River. Heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists, this linear park connects the downtown, Riverside Park, St. Mary's Park, and the County owned Bushnell Park via the County bicycle trail. The park contains various public amenities in addition to the lighted formal riverwalk.

Riverside Park
This 4.35 acre park is located on Congress Street on the north bank of the Fox River just east of the confluence with the White river. A trail connects the park to Wehmhoff Jucker Park via a bridge on the south banks of the river and to the Seven Rivers Trail north of the park. Amenities include an open air shelter with picnic tables, two play structures, two swing sets, adequate parking, sand volleyball, and general open space. This park is often used for a kayak and canoe launch. Vegetation species include oak, ash, river birch, and various maples.

St. Mary's Park
This 21.33 acre park is located on Calumet Street and is adjacent to the Fox River. The park is split in half by a privately owned section of land. Due to the frequent flooding of the park, recreational use is somewhat limited. The south end contains a large fenced dog park and portable restrooms. A bridge connects this park to the County owned Bushnell Park on the east side of the river. Amenities include a canoe launch, benches, and picnic tables. The Burlington-Kansasville Trail runs through this park and connects to the riverwalk and the White River State Trail. Vegetation species include cottonwood, ash, various maple, hackberry, poplar, river birch, boxwood, and willow.

Wehmhoff Jucker Park
This park is located at the confluence of the White and Fox rivers and contains approximately 3.28 acres. Large mature trees provide shade for users of this park which is connected to Riverside Park via a bridge providing access to the Burlington-Kansasville State Trail and Seven Waters Trail. The park is heavily used due to the proximity to downtown and the excellent trail connections. The pavilion and restroom building are fully ADA accessible. Vegetation species include oak, hackberry, ash, maple, and linden.

2.1.3 Community Parks

Community parks are areas of diverse environmental quality and may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. Desirable size is 25+ acres.

Devor Park

This park is located on Amanda Street and contains approximately 4.63 acres. Amenities include the community swimming pool, play structure, tennis courts, general open space, sledding hill, and pavilion. Vegetation species include spruce, crabapples, black cherry, ash, red maple, linden, and sugar maple.

Echo Park

This park is located between the banks of Echo Lake and STH 36, and contains approximately 10.48 acres. This is one of the most heavily used City parks and offers a variety of amenities. The park is easily accessible by motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The park contains a continuous path system connecting many of the uses including the playground, lakefront, shelters, and veterans memorial. The dam and spillway on the White River offer a major attraction for fisherman. Vegetation species include red and sugar maple, shagbark hickory, oak, linden, pine, and hackberry.

Festival Grounds

This 5.05 acre property is located on Maryland Avenue on the old City landfill site. The "park" is used once a year for Chocolate City Festival activities and is the site of the City's brush collection from April through November. The grounds are mostly gravel and contain a few concrete pads used for tent setup. Chain link fencing provides site security.

McCanna Park 1

This 33.30 acre park is located on McCanna Parkway south of the intersection of McCanna Parkway and CTH E. Rockland Lake lies to the east of the park and the site is predominantly covered in wetlands. A parking lot serves the improved park area which includes a shelter, restrooms, and playground area. The bike trail is located across the street and should be connected to the park. A second portion of the park lies west of McCanna Parkway and is general open space. A small pier serves access for human powered watercraft and ice fishermen. This area is most likely used by residents of the adjacent apartment complex. Vegetation species include oak, sugar maple, linden, ash, honey locust, norway maple, and hackberry.

2.1.4 Special Use Parks

Special use parks are areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, such as golf courses, nature centers, skate parks, and ball diamonds.

Beaumont Field/Congress Field

This 7.42 acre park is located on Milwaukee Avenue (STH 36/83) across from Echo Park. This is considered the City's premier baseball facility and is used by community teams as well as the high school teams. There is a softball field to the south of the main baseball diamond, accessible from Congress Street. The facility is equipped with bleachers, concessions, restrooms, masonry dugouts, and lights.

Grove Street Park

This 0.31 acre park is located between Grove Street and the banks of Echo Lake. This linear space is heavily wooded and offers no formal amenities.

Hintz Complex

This 6.71 acre park is located on Maryland Avenue across from the Festival Grounds. This park contains two little league baseball fields and one full size adult field. A large paved parking also provides overflow parking during the Chocolate City Festival. The site is a former landfill. Vegetation species include ash, linden, and blue spruce.

Nestles Park

This 2.44 acre linear park is situated between STH 83 and the Wisconsin Central Railroad line across from the Nestle manufacturing plant. This space is not accessible to pedestrians and is comprised of general open space and various tree plantings. It serves as a visual buffer from the railroad line. Vegetation species include blue spruce and norway maple.

Sunset Park

This 1.91 acre park is located on Sunset Drive at the corner of Sheldon Street. The parcel includes a little league baseball field with lights, dugouts, press box, restrooms, and concessions. The site also includes a smaller T-Ball field and an asphalt parking lot. Vegetation species include ash, honey locust, linden, and Norway maple.

Water Tower Park

This 0.06 acre park is located on the top of a hill at Lewis Street and James Street. Amenities on the site are limited to a historic water tower structure and various tree plantings. There is no parking and pedestrian access is very limited. Steep slopes and a large concrete retaining wall are prominent features of this special use park. It is possible that the historic building may have some limited reuse in the future. Vegetation species include ash, chokeberry, linden, and hackberry.

2.1.5 Conservancy Areas

Conservancy parks are established for protection and management of the natural or cultural environment with recreational facilities as a secondary objective.

Bear Meadows Park 1

This natural area is located at the end of Monica Avenue and contains approximately 4.24 acres. The site is heavily wooded and has steep slopes creating a large depression. The site has very little recreation value other than for protection of its natural resources.

Bear Meadows Park 2

This park is located on Cooper Hawk Drive and contains approximately 1.66 acres. The site is heavily wooded and contains an ATC power line. The site has very steep slopes and provides little recreation value other than the protection of natural resources.

McCanna Park 2

This park is located on STH 11 directly across from McCanna Parkway and McCanna Park 1. The approximately 1.20 acre parcel is adjacent to a large wetland and contains predominantly general open space. The bicycle trail runs through this site, but it has no other improvements.

McCanna Wetland Preserve

This park is located on Browns Lake Drive and contains approximately 7.37 acres. The site is predominantly wetland or shallow pond area. There is little recreation value other than the protection of natural resources. An ATC power line runs through the site connecting to the north and south.

2.1.6 School Parks

The information for this section was first used in a 2005 parks inventory conducted by Meehan & Company and verified with assistance from the City and SAA staff.

Catholic Central High School Practice Field

Classified as a "Community Playfield", the Catholic Central High School Practice Field is largely an open grass area.

Facilities at Catholic Central High School Practice Field Include:

- Baseball field with (cyclone fence) backstop
- Football practice field
- Sandlot baseball field with backstop

Cooper Elementary School

This is a "Neighborhood Playground" area.

Facilities include:

- Blacktop play area with associated game markings
- Eight (8) place swing set
- Two (2) modular sets
- Three (3) picnic tables
- Parallel bars

Burlington High School
This school was built in 2000, on an approximate 56 acres site. It lies adjacent to Gateway Technical College and the Aurora Wellness Center. Originally, tennis courts and a football field with a surrounding track were built. In 2004, construction began on lights, bleachers, restroom/concession stand, baseball, softball and associated open space practice fields.

Facilities include:

- Eight (8) tennis courts
- Lighted football field with bleachers seating for 3000
- Running track with associated field event areas
- Baseball field – lighted
- Two (2) softball fields
- Concession/restroom building
- Paved parking lot

Dr. Edward Dyer School
This "Neighborhood Playground" area is essentially an open grass play area. The playground is contiguous to the undeveloped West Edge Park.

Facilities at the Burlington Dyer School include:

- Four (4) sandlot ball (cyclone fence) backstops which are utilized by girl's softball as well as various youth baseball programs for practice fields
- School parking lot, paved with associated game markings
- Three (3) trash barrels
- Five (5) picnic tables
- Six (6) bike racks
- Three (3) basketball standards with backboards
- Play structure with various climbing apparatus

Karcher Middle School
Classified as a "Community Playfield", Karcher Middle School facilities are utilized heavily by the school district. Public use of the facilities is restricted to non-school hours. The focal point of the Karcher Middle School area is the football field and associated running track area. The City provided the playground structure that currently exists on school grounds.

Facilities at Karcher Middle School include:

- Lighted football field (eight poles-ninety-six lights)
- Electric scoreboard
- Score box area with new press box
- Concrete section of bleachers
- Two (2) combination metal/wood bleacher sections
- Paved running track area surrounding the football field
- Open practice area
- Sandlot baseball backstop
- Three (3) equipment storage buildings

- Four (4) lighted tennis courts (four light poles)
- Cyclone fencing surrounding the tennis courts
- Two (2) basketball standards
- Playground structure

St. Charles Grade School
This recreational area is classified as a "Neighborhood Playground" with minimal facilities available.

Facilities at St. Charles Grade School include:

- Blacktop (asphalt) play area that also serves as a parking lot
- Three (3) basketball standards with backboards

St. John's Lutheran School
This "Neighborhood Playground" has the benefit of a variety of newer playground apparatus and it is well organized.

Facilities at St. John's Lutheran School include:

- Four (4) place swing set
- Merry -go-round
- Slide
- Three (3) monkey bar climbing apparatus
- Two (2) teeter-totters
- Three (3) tire climbing apparatus
- Fun barrel ball game
- Small blacktop play area with associated game markings
- Open grass play area with two (2) soccer goals
- Tot lot structure
- Three (3) basketball standards with backboards

St. Mary's Grade/High School
Classified as a "Neighborhood Playground", the site can be broken into two distinct recreational areas.

Facilities included at the grade school portion of St. Mary's Grade/High School are:

- Large blacktop play area with associated markings for various games
- Three (3) basketball standards
- Three (3) modular play sets – one (1) wooden

The second distinct area associated with this recreational facility is the high school football field which includes the following facilities:

- Lighted football field (eight light posts – fifty –six lights)
- Two (2) bleacher sections
- Electric scoreboard
- Scorer box

- Concession stand
- Playground structure

Waller Elementary School
This particular "Neighborhood Playground" site is one of the most fully developed of the areas classified as "Neighborhood Playgrounds" in the City of Burlington.

Facilities at Waller Elementary School include:

- Three (3) ball fields which are utilized by the City of Burlington Little League and Minor League programs
- Each ball field has a cyclone fence backstop and dugout benches
- Blacktop play area which includes:
  - Four (4) Half-court basketball courts
  - Modular play equipment
  - Safety village course
  - Five (5) bicycle racks
  - Brick storage shed

2.1.7 Linear Parks (Trail Corridors)

A linear park is an area developed for one or more modes of recreational travel such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, etc. County and state trails are discussed in Section 2.4.

Burlington Riverwalk
The Burlington Riverwalk is the main trail corridor owned and maintained by the City. This trail system connects several parks including Riverside Park, Wehmhoff Jucker Park, Echo Park, Bushnell Park (Racine County), and the Burlington High School.

Beloit Pedestrian Way
This corridor is being developed (at the time of this plan development) into a multi-use trail corridor connecting Sunset Park, Westedge Park and the residential area south of Hillside Drive to the new Arora Hospital site and the White River State Trail. This project is the result of a DNR RTA grant and a cooperative effort between the city and Aurora Hospital.

2.2 Inventory of Nearby County and State Facilities

2.2.1 Racine County Parks

Bushnell County Park

Spanning 95 acres, Bushnell is a very active park with baseball and soccer fields, horseshoe courts and playground equipment. There is park land along the Fox River with a trail system and fishing nodes. Many local families take advantage of the large shelter, with picnic tables, grills and electric, for summer picnics. The City of Burlington schedules all sporting activities, prepares fields for use and maintains the open areas. A bridge across the Fox River allows the bike trail to run through the park.

Seven Waters Trail (Burlington Leg)

This is a four mile stretch of the extensive Racine County trail system. The trail begins at Riverside Park and travels northeast along the Fox River to Waterford.

2.2.2 State Parks

Burlington-Kansasville Bicycle Trail

This is an eight mile trail section that is operated by Racine County. The trail is crushed limestone and begins on the east edge of Burlington adjacent to the high school and extends to Kansasville.

White River State Trail

Ten miles of this county-operated state trail between Elkhorn and the Walworth County line just west of Burlington are open to hiking, biking, and snowmobiling. A 2-mile stretch is open to horseback riding. The trail goes past farmlands, through the historic village of Lyons, and within 5 miles of Lake Geneva and Big Foot Beach State Park. Bicyclists and horseback riders age 16 and older must have a state trail pass.

2.3 Parkland Classification Analysis

The number and type of parks and recreation facilities needed within a community are dependent on the demands of the local residents. Identifying the recreational needs and wants of community residents provides the justification for funding the acquisition and development of new facilities as well as for the maintenance of existing recreational facilities.

2.3.1 Parkland Classification

A parkland classification system is a useful tool to determine if an existing park system serves the needs of a community. The definitions in this document are adapted from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) classification system. Total acreage alone does not guarantee that the community's park needs are being met. A community should have a number of different types of parks to serve the various needs of the residents. They may have "met the standard" in acreage through the creation of one large park, but the community's needs can best be met through a variety of recreational activity. Table 2-1 explains the seven park classifications, their associated use, service areas, desirable size and desired acres per 1,000 population. A well-rounded park system offers at least one park in each classification.

Table 2-1 National Recreation and Park Association Parkland Classification System

Component	Use	Service Area	Desirable Size	Acres/1,000 Population
A. Local/Close-to-Home Space				
Mini-Park	Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.	Less than ¼ mile radius	1 acre or less	0.25 to 0.5A
Neighborhood Park/Playground	Areas for intense recreational activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus area, skating, picnicking, wading pools, etc.	¼ to ½ mile radius to serve a population up to 5,000 (a neighborhood)	15+ acres	1.0 to 2.0A
Community Park	Areas of diverse environmental quality. May include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. May be an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation, such as walking, viewing, sitting, picnicking. May be any combination of the above, depending upon site suitability and community need.	Several neighborhoods. 1 to 2 mile radius	25+ acres	5.0 to 8.0A
	Total Local Space = 6.25 to 10.5 AC/1,000			
B. Regional Space				
Regional/ Metro-politan Park	Areas of natural or ornamental quality for outdoor recreation, such as picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and trail uses; may include play areas.	Several communities. 1 hour driving time	200+ acres	5.0 to 10.0A
C. Space that may be Local or Regional and is Unique to Each Community				
Linear Park	Area developed for one or more varying modes of recreational travel, such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, canoeing and pleasure driving. May include active play areas. (NOTE: the above components may occur in the "linear park")	No applicable standard	Sufficient width to protect the resource and provide maximum use	Variable

Component	Use	Service Area	Desirable Size	Acres/1,000 Population
Special Use	Areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, such as golf courses, nature centers, skateparks, marinas, zoos, conservatories, arboreta, display gardens, arenas, outdoor theaters, gun ranges, or downhill ski areas, or areas that preserve, maintain, and interpret buildings, sites, and objects of archeological significance. Also plazas or squares in or near commercial centers, boulevards, parkways.	No applicable standard	Variable	Variable
Conservancy	Protection and management of the natural/cultural environment with recreational use as a secondary objective.	No applicable standard	Sufficient to protect the resource	Variable

2.3.2 Level of Service Standards

Once a community's existing parks have been classified, a comparison can be made between the national standard for each park type and existing park acreage. While there is no formally established formula to determine the Level of Service (LOS) provided by the existing facilities, the following parameters should be considered.

Indicators	Social Environmental Economic
Acreage/Miles	Population standards (Acres/1000 population) Benchmarking
Facilities, Activities, Capacity	Population standards Demographic Analysis Neighborhood area activities Supply/Demand
Access	Walking/Bicycling/Driving, Transit Parks Facilities
Quality	Evaluation Mapping/Distribution
Programs	Relevancy, quality, and variety Scheduling Mapping/Distribution

For this plan, the acreage standard for local park space is most relevant. The standard of 10.5-acres/1,000 population (Table 2-1) is used as a basis for determining recommended acreage needs. This acreage should be distributed among park types as follows:

Table 2-2 Recommended Park Standards	
Mini Parks	0.5 acres/1,000 population
Neighborhood Parks	2.0 acres/1,000 population
Community Parks	8.0 acres/1,000 population
Total	10.5 acres/1,000 population

Actual acreage totals compared to national standards are identified in Chart 2-1. As shown, current acreage totals surpass minimum national standards, but do not meet recommended totals for community parks (53 actual acres compared to a recommended standard of 85 acres). However, as shown in Chart 2-2, if you add in the acres for Bushnell County Park which provides accommodations for many of the city's active use needs, the city meets or surpasses the national standard in each active use park classification for the current population (10,630 in 2015).

Chart 2-3 uses the 2035 projection (Wisconsin DOA) of 11,730 residents and applies it to current acreage figures. Assuming two additional community parks are built (each about 20 acres in size), Burlington will meet the recommended standard for community parks.

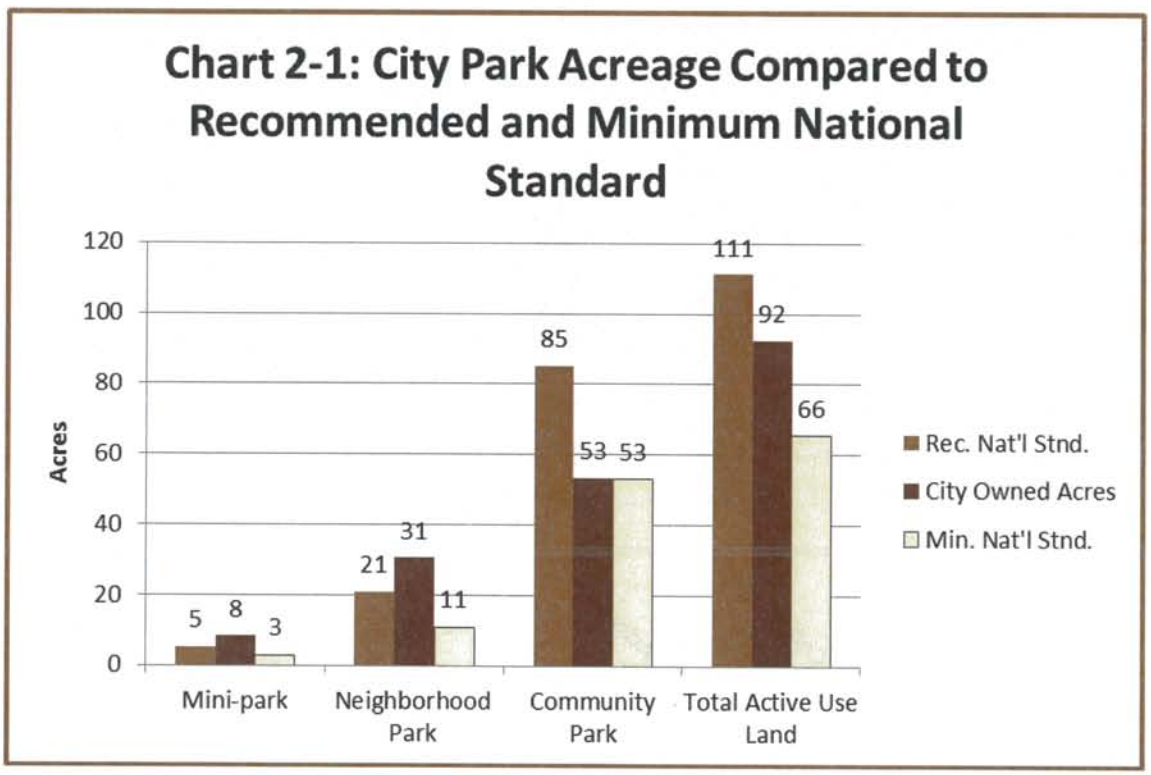


Chart 2-2: City Plus Bushnell Acreage Compared to the National Standard

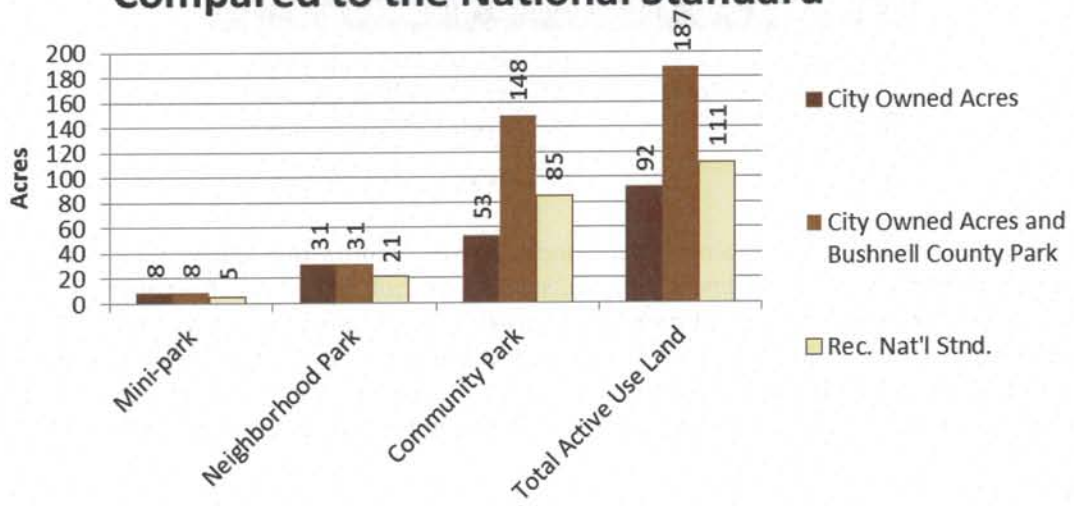
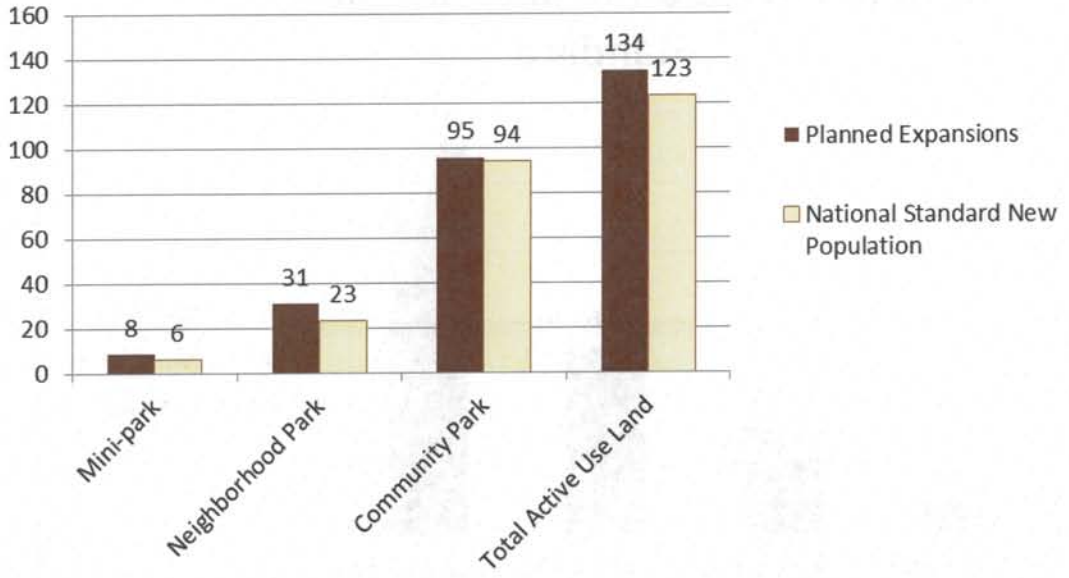


Figure 2-3: City Owned Acres Compared to 2035 Population Projection



2.4 Park Service Area Requirements

This method of evaluating a community's parkland needs and adequacy of service includes plotting park service areas on a base map to identify areas that are underserved. Utilizing the park service radii criteria established by the NRPA, park service areas were mapped for existing mini, neighborhood and community parks in Burlington. See Figure C in Appendix B.

Several areas of the city have been identified as deficient in categorical distribution. While no major gaps exist under the community park classification for populated areas, both neighborhood and mini park classifications are lacking in the outlying areas of the city. All four of the city's neighborhood parks are located along the waterfront and serve only the downtown and adjacent residential areas. Several mini parks do exist in outlying areas, but service area coverage only reaches ¼ mile. Residential areas in the northwest corner of the city have the largest gap in park system coverage.

As residential growth continues, other areas of focus should include the STH 36/83 corridor to the northeast and the STH 83 corridor to the south. The city has approved a residential development master plan for a parcel located in the southern corner of the city. A plan to serve new residents in this area should be formulated.

2.5 Population Density Analysis

A map (Appendix B - Figure F) was developed to help prioritize improvements based on the distribution of residents by age in relation to their geographic location. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau was used to visualize not only the general trend in terms of demographic makeup of the city but also where certain age groups are clustered. Park amenities would ideally be located in areas that correspond to demand based on the predominant age groups in the area. For example, parks in an area with a high number of children under 5 years old would want to have equipment that would be used by this age group. Things like sandboxes, toddler swings, spring riders and tilt cups should be maintained and/or installed in these areas.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations chapter of a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan provides actions to guide the future development or expansion of community parks and open spaces. General citywide recommendations provide direction on policy and design considerations while also considering operational and maintenance procedures. This chapter also includes a detailed park facilities sheet for each park in the Burlington system with general issues, improvements, and costs, where applicable.

3.1 General Recommendations

The following is a list of general recommendations for the entire City of Burlington parks system. Some recommendations should be implemented as necessary when capital improvements and upgrades are considered on an annual basis. Others, such as long-term parkland acquisition statements should be evaluated in coordination with new residential developments.

3.1.1 General Recommendations for the Entire Park System

a. Retrofit all parks and park facilities to be disabled accessible, including shelters and restrooms. As park toilet buildings are built or upgraded, they should be designed to be barrier-free and accessible to all park users.

b. Cover surfaces directly under play equipment and a safe zone around the play equipment with a 10-inch to 12-inch layer of resilient safety surface. Commonly used resilient surfaces are sand, pea gravel, recycled rubber or wood chips. To meet the Federal ADA requirements, the City of Burlington should consider using "Wood Carpet" or a similar product that provides wheelchair accessibility as well as a resilient surface.

c. Conduct a safety audit/inspection of all existing play structures for current National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) conformance. Audits should be performed by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI).

d. Acquire additional parklands as appropriate to meet current and future recreational needs per the recommendations of the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

e. Improve existing playlots and playgrounds as neighborhood gathering places for all ages, and incorporate new neighborhood-focused facilities consistent with the patterns of new residential growth in the City.

f. Develop a City-wide, barrier-free, multi-purpose trail system that connects city parks, county and state parks, existing regional trails, and provides access to natural and cultural resources in the community and region. Cooperate with various transportation agencies to provide safe crossings at major street and highway intersections.

g. Actively generate funds for park and recreation programs and park development. The city should also pursue grant opportunities to supplement capitol funds for future development and park system upgrades.

h. Develop an ordinance to control boating access and storage on public waterways within the city of Burlington.

i. Perform systematic routine maintenance of park facilities and equipment including:
   - Play equipment
   - Courts and fields
   - Benches and picnic tables
   - Trail systems
   - Restrooms and shelters

3.2 Future Parks and Open Spaces

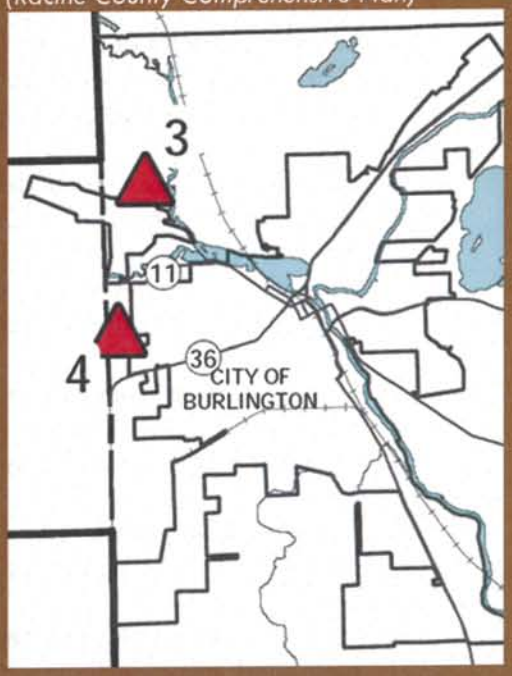
The following section discusses future park and open space locations based on existing documents and the public information process. Tools for acquiring and funding parklands are discussed in Chapter 4.

3.2.1 New Parkland Locations

The *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035* (2009) identifies two potential locations for future parkland development to serve City of Burlington populations. See Image 1. These parks were identified as city parks, and each is anticipated to be approximately 21 acres in size. One of the sites is located approximately north of the Burlington Municipal Airport, south of Spring Prairie Road (3), the other is located approximately south of STH 11, east of Mormon Road (4). Both potential sites are located outside current city limits.

Development plans have also been proposed for a residential subdivision in the southern portion of the city and include a large parcel dedicated for parkland. When this project is implemented, the city should insist that enough "usable" land is set aside to accommodate the needs of the neighborhood residents.

Image 1: Future Burlington Park Locations
(Racine County Comprehensive Plan)



3.2.2 New Facilities Development

There are several opportunities for new facilities development that warrant mention. These facilities will increase the functional enjoyment of public spaces and enhance the recreational capacity of existing parks or can fill a void in the existing park system.

Hintz Complex and Sunset Park

Baseball in Burlington is a prominent family activity and draws residents of all ages. The addition of play structures at Hintz Complex and Sunset Park would provide a recreation venue for the younger siblings of youth participating in baseball programming.

Bicycle Network

The city has made great efforts to further develop the bicycle path/trail network in the area. With the new trail segments and connections, a better signage system would improve awareness and potentially increase trail usership. This would also allow local businesses to capitalize on potential business being lost because current trail users are not effectively directed or routed through commercial areas.

Community Garden

In many communities, a strip of land is made available for plots that are rented, tended, and maintained by local groups and individual users. The city should coordinate with interested parties to identify a central location that is accessible and can provide a water source. A logical location would be the open space in Meinhardt Park.

3.3 City Operations and Maintenance

There are unique agreements with many user groups in Burlington that enables the park system to operate through a variety of cost-sharing, private maintenance, and intergovernmental coordination. The following recommendations speak to formalizing agreements and programming.

3.3.1 Formal Agreements

It is vital that the existing relationships between user groups, the City of Burlington, Burlington School District, and Racine County continue if current levels of service are to be maintained. It is recommended that city staff develop formal joint use policies and agreements between the City, School District, neighboring communities, Racine County and recreation associations to ensure a seamless relationship.

3.3.2 Sale of Public Property

From the perspective of use, there are some facilities within the current park system that offer little active or passive recreation. One of the sites, Nestles Park, is situated between STH 83 and the Wisconsin Central Railroad line across from the Nestle manufacturing plant. This space is not accessible to pedestrians and contains some open space and tree plantings. It serves as a visual buffer from the railroad line and little more. This property is an example of a parcel that should be considered for sale to a private party.

3.4 Individual Park Recommendations

The following section discusses the detailed improvements identified through the planning process and requested by the Park Board for each park within the Burlington system. These items will also be included in the 5 year action plan in Chapter 4.

Due to the successes of the Burlington sports organizations, athletes from surrounding municipalities regularly travel to play with the Burlington based teams, thereby placing additional demand on the existing facilities. The city should work with the organizations to identify potential expansion areas and parcels, and begin planning for future expansion. It is suggested that financial burden be evaluated and shared between the city and these groups.

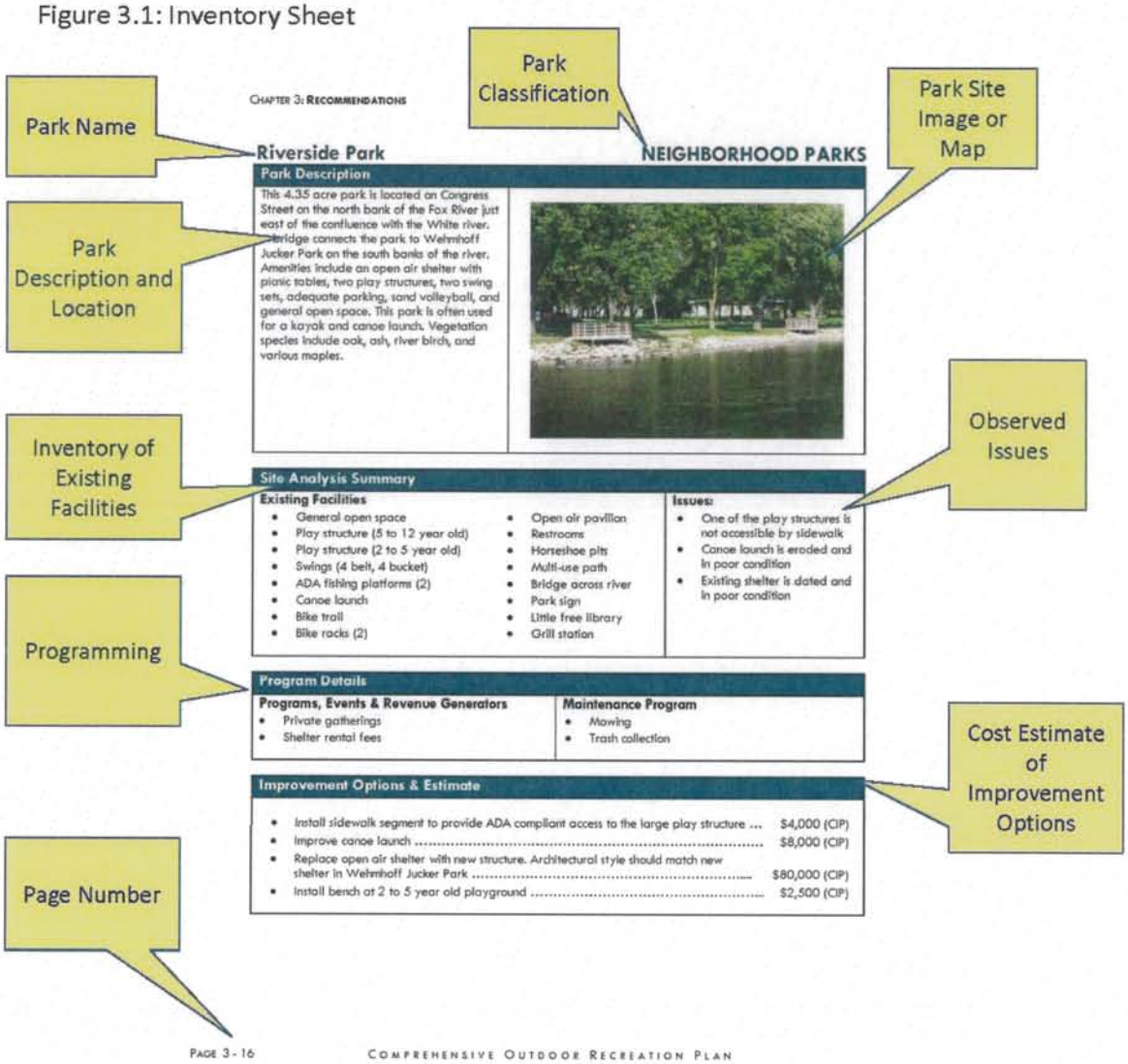
The city is fortunate to have several regional and state trails in proximity to the parks. There currently is a good network of city owned/maintained paths and trails, and the city has made great strides in filling the gaps in infrastructure. Several pieces of the full network are still missing and this should remain a top priority for future development projects. A trail map is provided in Appendix B.

Currently the public pool is privately owned and operated through joint agreement between local service clubs (Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary). The facility is located on city property (Devor Park), but all financial burden is borne by the service clubs. During the development of this plan, the city began a feasibility study and public referendum process to determine the future of the pool. Options could include a renovation of the facility, demolish and rebuild, or selection of a new site entirely for the aquatic facility.

An inventory sheet has been prepared for each park or conservancy area in the city park system. Each sheet contains the location of the park, existing facilities, observed issues, and recommendations for improvements. Not all improvements can be made in the next 5-years, and many require substantial investment in the form of time, money, or human capital to implement. Improvement recommendations should be viewed as options that could occur to mitigate, improve, or promote aspects of the park site.

A sample inventory sheet (Figure 3.1) illustrates how information is presented on each park sheet. Park sheets are presented by parkland classifications devised by the National Recreation and Park Association as identified in Chapter 2.

Figure 3.1: Inventory Sheet



MINI PARKS

Benson Park

MINI PARKS

Park Description

This 0.55 acre park is located at the terminus of Wisconsin Street on the banks of the Fox River. This park sits adjacent to the larger Wehmhoff Jucker Park and could be visually mistaken for an extension of this parcel. There are no amenities in this park and it is comprised of general open space and large mature trees. Vegetation species include silver maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- General open space

Issues:

- The riverbank should be monitored for flood damage.
- Mature trees may require pruning for safety.

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install shoreline stabilization materials ..... $40,000 (DNR ADLP Grant, CIP)
- Plant trees to enhance habitat and aesthetics ..... $1,000 (DNR UF Grant, CIP)
- Install pathway/trail from sidewalk on Wisconsin Street to the pathway in Wehmhoff Jucker Park ..... $10,000 (DNR RTA Grant, CIP)

Benson Park

MINI PARKS

Site Images

Install trail from sidewalk to Wehmhoff Jucker

View of park from Wisconsin Street

Wisconsin Street ends at park

View of Riverside park

Park at Wisconsin Street

Beverly-Jo Park

MINI PARKS

Park Description

This 1.63 acre park is located at the terminus of Dunford Drive on the City's south end. This parcel is a mix of general open space and mature hickory and oak trees. Steep slopes offer winter sledding opportunities and existing primitive trails offer fair weather walking. Views to the west overlook the industrial park. The City owns a parcel to the north and east containing a water tower and heavily wooded area. Some of this lot is lighted. Vegetation species include Bur oak and miscellaneous understory brush.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Sledding hill
- Hiking trails

Issues:

- There is very limited parking.
- No pedestrian walkways therefore this facility is not ADA compliant.
- Very large trees will need low limb pruning and preventative maintenance to ensure safety.

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Tree maintenance

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install a small parking lot at end of cul-de-sac to accommodate park users ..... $10,000 (CIP)
- Install small bicycle skills course ..... $20,000 (CIP)
- Install small playground suitable for ages 2-5 and 5-12. Facility should include 4 swings (2 bucket, 2 belt) ..... $55,000 (CIP)
- Restore large areas of turf to native prairie species to minimize ongoing mowing/maintenance ..... $10,000 (CIP)

Beverly-Jo Park

MINI PARKS

Site Images

Limited parking

No pedestrian walkways/Not ADA compliant

Park trees and open space

Unpaved trail

Wooded area

Concrete swale at Dunford Drive

Meinhardt Park

MINI PARKS

Park Description

This 0.34 acre park is located on Spring Street on the banks of the Fox River. General open space on the river offers views of the riverwalk and downtown. There are a few parking stalls to the west of the park and two benches. This park serves as open space for the Burlington Senior Center. Vegetation species include ash and maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- General open space
- Two benches
- Stone steps providing water access

Issues:

- Lack of ADA compliant connectivity from Senior Center to Jefferson Street sidewalk network.
- General turf is in poor condition.
- Shoreline revetment is in poor condition

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Improve turf conditions .....
- Install a small gazebo to serve park visitors from the Senior Center ..... $20,000 (CIP)
- Construct sidewalk along Spring Street to connect Jefferson Street and bridge to the senior center ..... $15,000 (CIP)

Meinhardt Park

MINI PARKS

Site Images

Water access

Sidewalk possible along Spring Street

Damaged wall

Bench

Slope to bench

No sidewalk at Spring Street

Steinhoff Park

MINI PARKS

Park Description

This 1.69 acre park is located on Cedar Drive in the City's north neighborhood. Situated in a natural bowl, the setting is quite attractive and well landscaped. A play structure and swings occupy one corner with general open space and a sledding hill spaced throughout the park. The west side of the park is bordered by a corridor ideal for a multi-use path connecting to Grove Street to the south. Vegetation species include sugar maple, shagbark hickory, ash, oak, black cherry, and norway maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Swing set
- Play equipment
- Sledding hill
- Park sign

Issues:

- There are no bicycle racks, benches, or trash receptacles.
- The playground area is not ADA accessible.
- Mature trees may require pruning to ensure safety.

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing

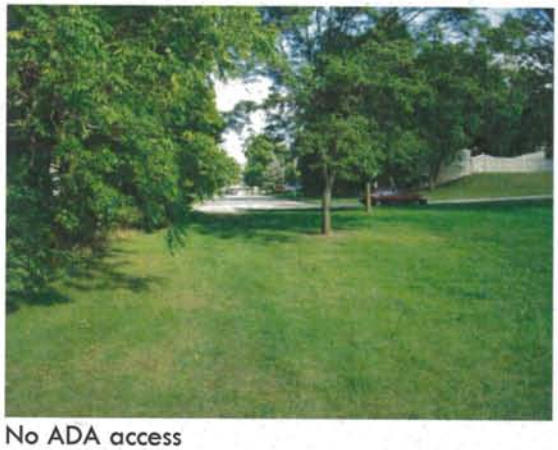
Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install a bicycle rack on hard surface ..... $1,500 (CIP)
- Install pathway system through park to provide ADA compliant access to park facilities ..... $40,000 (DNR RTA grant, CIP)

Steinhoff Park

MINI PARKS

Site Images



No ADA access

Mature trees may require pruning

Park sign

Open space

Swings

Abandoned connection in playground mulch

Wagner Park

MINI PARKS

Park Description

This 1.59 acre park is located between the banks of the White River and STH 11 on the north end of the City. It is predominantly general open space with mature trees throughout the linear park. Concrete block banks protect the turf areas from high river water levels. Vegetation species include sugar maple, Norway maple, black walnut, honey locust, ash, river birch, and Norway spruce.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Swings (2 belt, 2 bucket)
- Restroom building
- Balance structure
- Play equipment
- Historic marker
- Benches
- Parking stalls (10)

Issues:

- The sidewalk along STH 11 ends abruptly at the park and does not provide accessibility options for pedestrians.
- The concrete block banks are in poor condition. Many of the blocks are broken and collapsing.
- There are no accommodations for bicyclists using the park.
- Missing historical marker
- Restroom not ADA accessible

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Restroom maintenance and winterization
- Trash pick-up

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install bicycle rack on hard surface ..... $1,500 (CIP)
- Expand the existing sidewalk system to provide ADA compliant access to park facilities ..... $15,000 (CIP)
- Replace shoreline stabilization materials ..... $75,000 (DNR NPS Grant, CIP)
- Install canoe launch ..... $10,000 (DNR Recreational Boat Facilities Grant, CIP)
- Renovate restroom facility for ADA compliance ..... $50,000 (CIP)

Wagner Park

MINI PARKS

Site Images

Sidewalk ends/No ADA access

Concrete block banks in poor condition

Missing historical marker

Restroom not ADA accessible

Play structure

No connection to curb ramp/crosswalk

Wehmoff Square

MINI PARKS

Park Description

This 0.87 acre park is located on the corner of Washington Street and Pine Street. The "Town Square" is well landscaped and is frequently used for lunchtime escapes, public gatherings, and educational opportunities. A pioneer cabin, garden, paver walkways, extensive seating options and an open air pavilion offer users various interests. A kiosk for public notices and one bicycle rack also exist on the Pine Street side. Vegetation species include dawn redwood, black walnut, sugar maple, norway maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Pioneer Cabin and garden
- Paver walkway
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Pedestrian lighting
- Bicycle parking
- Kiosk
- Open pavilion
- Drinking fountain
- Flag pole

Issues:

- There is only one bicycle rack for this park.

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Farmers Market Thursdays

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Landscape maintenance
- Cabin maintenance and winterization

Improvement Estimate

- Install additional bicycle parking in convenient locations ..... $1,500 (CIP)

Wehmoff Square

MINI PARKS

Site Images

Gazebo

Pioneer cabin

Bench & lighting

Farmers market

Pioneer cabin

Kiosk & bike parking

Westedge Park

MINI PARKS

Park Description

This 1.69 acre park is located south of Dyer Middle School and is accessible from Hillside Drive. The park contains general open space and is visually indecipherable from the softball fields on the school property. Four ballfields with backstops, team benches, and excellent infields are owned by the school. Vegetation species include blue spruce.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- General open space

Issues:

- There is no parking available for park users other than streetside on Hillside Drive.
- No sidewalk or path exists to access the site. This is not ADA accessible.
- The park is not signed in any way.

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install a sidewalk or path from Hillside Drive to the ballfield complex..... $10,000 (CIP)
- Install a park identification and rules sign ..... $1,500 (CIP)
- Install small playground for ages 2-5 in the open space adjacent to Hillside Drive ..... $25,000 (CIP)

Westedge Park

MINI PARKS

Site Images

Softball fields to the north

Open space

Open space

Open space

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Riverfront Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

This 1.6 acre park is located between Bridge Street and the Fox River. Heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists, this linear park connects the downtown, Riverside Park, St. Mary's Park, and the County owned Bushnell Park via the County bicycle trail. The park contains various public amenities in addition to the lighted formal riverwalk.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- General open space
- Open air shelter with restrooms
- Drinking fountain
- Bicycle parking facilities
- Multi-use path
- Pedestrian walkway
- Picnic tables
- Benches

Issues:

- 'No bicycling' policy is ignored
- Bent picnic table seat
- Skateboard damage
- Crosswalks at Bridge Street need lights or better sight lines

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Trash collection
- Winterization

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install arbor structure at overlook point along southern walk ..... $30,000 (CIP)
- Replace damaged picnic tables ..... $2,000 (CIP)
- Install skateboard deterrents along stone seat walls ..... $5,000 (CIP)

Riverfront Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images

No biking policy is ignored

Bent picnic table seat

Skateboard damage

Poor lighting/sight lines at crosswalk

Bench

Gazebo

Riverside Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

This 4.35 acre park is located on Congress Street on the north bank of the Fox River just east of the confluence with the White river. A bridge connects the park to Wehmhoff Jucker Park on the south banks of the river. Amenities include an open air shelter with picnic tables, two play structures, two swing sets, adequate parking, sand volleyball, and general open space. This park is often used for a kayak and canoe launch. Vegetation species include oak, ash, river birch, and various maples.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- General open space
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Play structure (2 to 5 year old)
- Swings (4 belt, 4 bucket)
- ADA fishing platforms (2)
- Canoe launch
- Bike trail
- Bike racks (2)
- Open air pavilion
- Restrooms
- Horseshoe pits
- Multi-use path
- Bridge across river
- Park sign
- Little free library
- Grill station

Issues:

- One of the play structures is not accessible by sidewalk
- Canoe launch is eroded and in poor condition
- Existing shelter is dated and in poor condition

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Private gatherings
- Shelter rental fees

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Trash collection

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install sidewalk segment to provide ADA compliant access to the large play structure ... $4,000 (CIP)
- Improve canoe launch ..... $8,000 (CIP)
- Replace open air shelter with new structure. Architectural style should match new shelter in Wehmhoff Jucker Park ..... $80,000 (CIP)
- Install bench at 2 to 5 year old playground ..... $2,500 (CIP)

Riverside Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images

Play structure not ADA accessible

Improve canoe launch

Fishing pier

Shelter

Swings

Open space

St. Mary's Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

This park is located on Calumet Street and is adjacent to the Fox River. The park is split in half by a parcel used for dumping and storage of City materials. Due to the frequent flooding of the park, recreational use is somewhat limited. The south end contains a large fenced dog park and portable restrooms. A bridge connects this park to the County owned Bushnell Park on the east side of the river. Amenities include a canoe launch, benches, and picnic tables. The Citywide bike trail runs through this park and connects to the riverwalk and the county bike trail. Vegetation species include cottonwood, ash, various maple, hackberry, poplar, river birch, boxwood, and willow.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Picnic tables
- Fenced dog park
- Canoe launch
- Lighted bike trail
- Trailhead kiosk
- Parking areas (1 gravel, 1 paved)
- Portable restrooms
- Pedestrian bridge

Issues:

- Frequent flooding occurs with seasonal rains.
- There is no park identification or rules sign.
- There are no restrooms on the north end of the park.
- Leaning light post

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Debris cleanup

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install bicycle racks on hard surface ..... $1,500 (CIP)
- Pave dog park parking area ..... $25,000 (Private donation, CIP)
- Improve canoe launch area ..... $8,000 (CIP)

St. Mary's Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images

Leaning light post

Improve canoe launch

Lighted trail

Dog park

Trees/open space

Gravel parking at dog park

Wehmhoff Jucker Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Park Description

This park is located at the confluence of the White and Fox rivers and contains approximately 3.28 acres. Large mature trees provide shade for users of this park which is connected to Riverside Park via a bridge providing access to the County bike trail system. The park is heavily used due to the proximity to downtown and the excellent trail connections. The pavilion is fully ADA accessible, but the parking lot is located on the opposite end of the park with no provisions for pedestrian movement between the facilities. Vegetation species include oak, hackberry, ash, maple, and linden.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- General open space
- Open air pavilion
- Picnic tables and grill
- Basketball court
- Sand volleyball court
- Bicycle trail with pedestrian scale lighting
- Bike racks (2)
- Park signage
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountain

Issues:

- The river banks are in need of stabilization
- Cracked light pole
- Sand volleyball court in poor condition

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Private gatherings
- Shelter rentals

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Trash collection
- Winterization

Improvement Option & Estimate

- Shoreline Stabilization ..... $100,000 (DNR NPS or ADLP Grant, CIP)
- Replace lighting as needed ..... $6,000 (CIP)
- Restore sand volleyball court ..... $2,000 (CIP, city crew)

Wehmhoff Jucker Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Site Images

Banks not protected from flood waters

Cracked light pole

Sand volleyball in poor condition

Basketball court

Trail

Construction in progress

COMMUNITY PARKS

Devor Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

This park is located on Amanda Street and contains approximately 4.63 acres. Amenities include the community swimming pool, play structure, tennis courts, general open space, sledding hill, and pavilion. Vegetation species include spruce, crabapples, black cherry, ash, red maple, linden, and sugar maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Community pool (3 pools)
- General open space
- Open air shelter
- Benches
- Play structure (5 to 12)
- Bicycle racks (2)
- Tennis courts (2)
- Swings (2 belt, 2 bucket)
- Picnic tables
- Basketball court (1/2)
- Sled hill
- Drinking fountain

Issues:

- The parking lot striping pattern is very confusing. The parking allocation may also be less than desirable for a community pool.
- The playground area and shelter are not ADA accessible.
- The path to the tennis courts is very steep.
- The drinking fountain doesn't work.
- Play structure stickers have been removed

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Pool user fees.....(collected by Pool Board)

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Trash Collection
- Pool Winterization

Improvement Option & Estimate

- Install sidewalk to the playground/shelter area to provide ADA compliance ..... $10,000 (CIP)
- Regrade and repave the path to the tennis courts to meet ADA standards ..... $10,000 (CIP)
- Restripe the parking lot to provide better circulation and possibly increase the number of parking stalls ..... $ 8,000 (CIP, city crew)
- Replace drinking fountain ..... $5,000 (CIP)
- Complete pool renovation feasibility study/Master Plan ..... $20,000 (Pool Board)
- Remove basketball court ..... $3,000 (CIP, city crew)
- Install 2 soccer goals in lower open space area ..... $4,000 (CIP, soccer club)
- Replace guidelines stickers on play structure $100

Devor Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

Confusing striping pattern in parking lot

No ADA access to playground & shelter

The path to the tennis courts is steep

The drinking fountain doesn't work

Pool complex

Tennis courts

Echo Veterans Memorial Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

This park is located between the banks of Echo Lake and STH 36, and contains approximately 10.48 acres. This is one of the most heavily used City parks and offers a variety of amenities. The park is easily accessible by automobile, pedestrians, and bicycles. The park contains a continuous path system connecting many of the uses including the playground, lakefront, shelters, and veterans memorial. The dam and spillway on the White River offer a major attraction for fisherman. Vegetation species include red and sugar maple, shagbark hickory, oak, linden, pine, and hackberry.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- General open space
- Play structure (5 to 12 year old)
- Open air shelters (2)
- Restrooms
- Trail system w/ int. signage
- Gazebo
- Swings (4 belt, 4 bucket, 1 tire)
- Benches
- Drinking fountain
- Funnel ball
- Memorial
- Little free library
- Trash receptacles
- Spring rider (1 missing)

Issues:

- Old benches should be replaced.
- Mature trees require pruning to ensure safety.
- There is no ADA accessible access to the path system except for the farthest entrance in the park.

Program Details

Programs and Events

- n/a

Revenue Generators

- n/a

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Tree Pruning
- Maintenance and winterization of restrooms

Improvement Option & Estimate

- Install bicycle parking facilities ..... $1,500 (CIP)
- ADA ramps and connection from parking lot ..... $8,000 (CIP)
- Replace dilapidated benches ..... $5,000 (CIP)

Echo Veterans Memorial Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

Prune or remove haradous trees

Gazebo

Fishing pier

Play structure

Large shelter

Small shelter

Festival Grounds

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

This property is located on Maryland Avenue at the old City landfill site. The "park" contains approximately 5.05 acres and is used primarily once a year for the Chocolate City Festival activities. The grounds are mostly gravel and contain a few concrete pads used for tent setup. Security fencing provides site security.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Gravel parking lot
- Chainlink security fencing
- Concrete tent pads
- Paved walkway
- Grandstand

Issues:

- Parking and access

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Chocolate Fest
- Special Events

Maintenance Program

-

Improvement Options & Estimate

- None

Festival Grounds

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

Festival grounds

Festival grounds

McCanna Park 1

COMMUNITY PARKS

Park Description

This park is located on McCanna Parkway at the corner of State Street, and contains approximately 33.30 acres. Rockland Lake lies to the east of the park and the site is predominantly covered in wetlands. A parking lot serves the improved park area which includes a shelter, restrooms, and playground area. The bike trail is located across the street and should be connected to the park. A second portion of the park lies west of McCanna Parkway and is general open space. This area is most likely used by residents of the adjacent apartment complex. Vegetation species include oak, sugar maple, linden, ash, honey locust, Norway maple, and hackberry.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- General open space
- Play structure
- Swings (2 belt, 2 bucket)
- Open air pavilion
- Restrooms
- Grill
- Pier
- Boat rack

Issues:

- There is no bicycle parking, yet this park is adjacent to the bike trail.
- The pavilion and restrooms are not ADA accessible.
- The turf appears to be in poor condition. Possible reasons include poor drainage patterns or frequent flooding.
- No ADA transfer mat at play structure
- All light bulbs in shelter are broken
- No convenient access to pier

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Private gatherings
- Shelter rental fees

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Maintenance and winterization of restrooms

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install bicycle parking on hard surface ..... $1,500 (CIP)
- Install sidewalk/path from the parking lot to the shelter/restroom ..... $10,000 (CIP)
- Install a sidewalk or path from the crosswalk to the parking area. This will allow bicyclists and pedestrians to access the park from the trail system without crossing traffic twice ..... $10,000 (CIP)
- The play structure needs age guideline stickers $100
- Install ADA transfer mat at playground structure ..... $1,000 (CIP)
- Install parking lot and boat launch at pier ..... $10,000 (CIP, DNR RBF Grant)

McCanna Park 1

COMMUNITY PARKS

Site Images

No ADA access from parking lot to restrooms

No ADA access from crosswalk to park

No ADA transfer mat at play structure

Needs access and boat launch

Pavilion

Park sign

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Bear Meadows Park 1

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Park Description

This natural area is located at the end of Monica Avenue and contains approximately 4.24 acres. The site is heavily wooded and has steep slopes creating a large depression. The site has very little recreation value other than for protection of its natural resources.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- None

Issues:

- None

Improvement Options:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- None

Improvement Options & Estimate

- None

Bear Meadows Park 1

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Site Images

Bear Meadows Park 2

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Park Description

This park is located on Cooper Hawk Drive and contains approximately 1.66 acres. The site is heavily wooded and contains an ATC power line. The site has very steep slopes and provides little recreation value other than the protection of natural resources.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- None

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- None

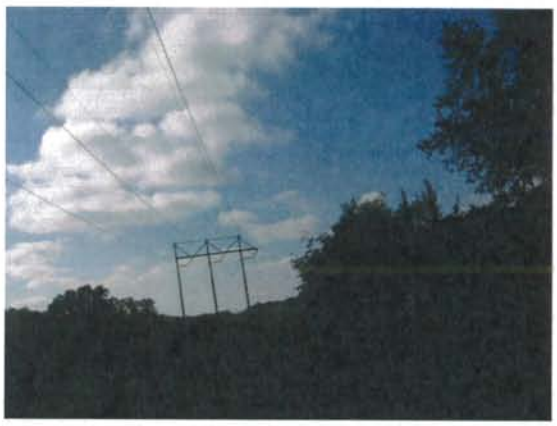
Improvement Options & Estimate

- None

Bear Meadows Park 2

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Site Images



McCanna Park 2

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Park Description

This park is located on STH 11 directly across from McCanna Parkway and McCanna Park 1. The approximately 1.20 acre parcel is adjacent to a large wetland and contains predominantly general open space. The bicycle trail runs through this site, but it has no other improvements.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Bicycle trail

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install signage to McCanna Park and restrooms ..... $1,500 (CIP)

McCanna Park 2

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Site Images

McCanna Wetland Preserve

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Park Description

This park is located on Browns Lake Drive is contains approximately 7.37 acres. The site is predominantly wetland or shallow pond area. There is little recreation value other than the protection of natural resources. An ATC power line runs through the site connecting to the north and south.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- None

Issues:

- Illegal dumping of yard and other waste

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- None

Improvement Options & Estimate

- None

McCanna Wetland Preserve

CONSERVANCY AREAS

Site Images

SPECIAL USE PARKS

Beaumont Field/Congress Diamond

SPECIAL USE

Park Description

This 7.42 acre park is located on Milwaukee Avenue (STH 36/83) across from Echo Park. This is considered the City's premier baseball facility and is used by community teams as well as the high school teams. There is a softball field to the south of the main baseball diamond, accessible from Congress Street. The facility is equipped with bleachers, restrooms, masonry dugouts, and lights.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Lighted baseball diamond
- Softball diamond
- Bleachers
- Dugouts
- Storage shed
- Restrooms and concessions
- Drinking fountain
- Batting cages
- Park identification sign
- Picnic tables

Issues:

- The restroom building at Congress Field is in poor condition and does not meet ADA code
- The drinking fountain is not ADA compliant
- The homeplate scoreboard is overgrown with vines and miscellaneous vegetation
- The changing room entrance doors at Beaumont Field are not ADA accessible

Improvement Options:

- Upgrade the restroom building to meet current ADA code or demolish and rebuild.
- Replace drinking fountain
- Remove vegetation on homeplate wall and treat stumps to prevent future vine growth
- Remove concrete area by dressing rooms and install sloped ramp

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Baseball 2000
- Concessions

Maintenance Program

- Private

Beaumont Field/Congress Diamond — SPECIAL USE

Improvement Estimate

- Upgrade the restroom building to meet current ADA code or demolish and rebuild $50,000
- Replace drinking fountain $5,000
- Remove vegetation on homeplate wall and treat stumps to prevent future vine growth $500
- Remove concrete area by dressing rooms and install sloped ramp $6,000

Site Images

Baseball field (Beaumont field)

Bleachers

Dugout

Scoreboard

Grove Street Park

SPECIAL USE

Park Description

This 0.31 acre park is located between Grove Street and the banks of Echo Lake. This linear space is heavily wooded and offers no formal amenities. There is potential for this parcel to provide a link from the proposed trail system beginning in Steinhoff Park to Echo Park.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Various tree plantings

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Tree pruning

Improvement Estimate

- On road painted bicycle lanes ..... $16,000 (CIP)

Grove Street Park

SPECIAL USE

Site Images

Install on road bike lanes

Hintz Complex

SPECIAL USE

Park Description

This 6.71 acre park is located on Maryland Avenue across from the Festival Grounds. This park contains two little league baseball fields and one full size adult field. A large paved parking area provides overflow parking during the Chocolate City Festival. The site is also a former landfill. Vegetation species include ash, linden, and blue spruce.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Two Little League baseball diamonds
- One full size baseball diamond
- Concession stand with restrooms
- Press box
- Parking lot

Issues:

- The facility has reached player capacity.
- Bleachers have mixed material seating (wood and aluminum)

Improvement Options:

- Expand the recreational facility to the east if the land becomes available for purchase.
- Install a playground structure for younger age children
- Replace all wood bleacher sections with aluminum

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Little League
- Concessions

Maintenance Program

- Mowing

Improvement Estimate

- Playground structure ..... $45,000 (CIP)
- Install bleachers ..... $5,000 (CIP)

Hintz Complex

SPECIAL USE

Site Images

Youth baseball field

Concession building

Aluminum bleachers

Dugouts

Parking lot

Memorial rock

Nestles Park

SPECIAL USE

Park Description

This 2.44 acre linear park is situated between STH 83 and the Wisconsin Central Railroad line across from the Nestle manufacturing plant. This space is not accessible by pedestrians and is comprised of general open space and various tree plantings. It serves as a visual buffer from the railroad line. Vegetation species include blue spruce and Norway maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Various tree plantings
- General open space

Issues:

- No accessibility.
- No parking.

Improvement Options:

- This park may be a suitable location for a "Welcome to Burlington" Entrance sign.
- Re-zone this land out of park or sell for another use. It is currently a burden on maintenance staff.

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Tree pruning

Improvement Estimate

- Sell or lease land for alternate use. No improvements warranted.

Nestles Park

SPECIAL USE

Site Images

Skateboard Park

SPECIAL USE

Park Description

This 0.84 acre parcel is located on Maryland Avenue adjacent to the festival grounds. This site was developed by volunteer efforts and a youth skateboarding organization and fell into disrepair before all equipment was removed. The park is now closed.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Chain link fence

Issues:

- None

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- None

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Sell or lease land for alternate use. No improvements warranted.

Skateboard Park

SPECIAL USE

Site Images

Park closed

Sunset Park

SPECIAL USE

Park Description

This 1.91 acre park is located on Sunset Drive at the corner of Sheldon Street. The parcel includes a little league baseball field with lights, dugouts, press box, restrooms, and concessions. The site also includes a smaller T-Ball field and an asphalt parking lot. Vegetation species include ash, honey locust, linden, and Norway maple.

Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Little league baseball field
- T-Ball field
- Asphalt parking lot
- Bicycle rack
- Bleachers
- Restrooms and concessions
- CMU dugouts
- Wooden storage shed

Issues:

- A missing sidewalk or path could connect Beloit Street to the neighborhoods and Beloit Pedestrian way to the west.
- No parking striping
- The bike rack should be replaced
- The bleachers on the third base side should be replaced

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- Little League
- Concessions

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Restroom maintenance and winterization
- Infield maintenance

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Stripe parking lot ..... $5,000 (CIP)
- Replace bike rack ..... $1,500 (CIP)
- Replace third base bleachers ..... $5,000 (CIP)
- Install playground structure ..... $45,000 (CIP)

Sunset Park

SPECIAL USE

Site Images

No parking striping

The bike rack should be replaced

Bleachers on 3rd base side should be replaced

T-ball field

Park sign

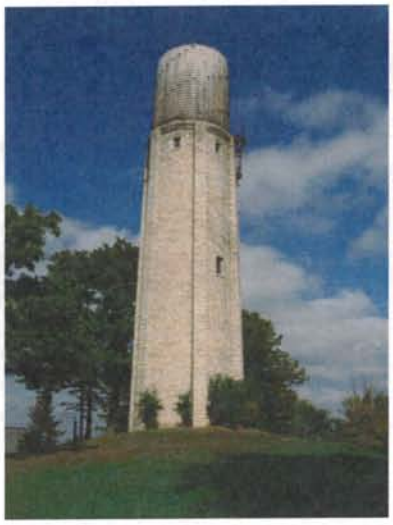
Potential path connection

Watertower Park

SPECIAL USE

Park Description

This 0.06 acre park is located on the top of a hill at Lewis Street and James Street. Amenities on the site are limited to a historic water tower structure and various tree plantings. There is no parking and pedestrian access is very limited. Steep slopes and a large concrete retaining wall are prominent features of this special use park. It is possible that the historic building may have some limited reuse in the future.



Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities

- Various tree plantings
- Uneven turf
- Old fencing
- Historic water tower
- Steep slopes

Issues:

- Several dead trees could cause safety concerns.
- There are no signs identifying the park name or rules.

Program Details

Programs, Events & Revenue Generators

- None

Maintenance Program

- Mowing
- Tree pruning

Improvement Options & Estimate

- Install park identification & rules sign ..... $1,000 (CIP)
- Prune and/or remove trees ..... $1,000 (City crew)

Watertower Park

SPECIAL USE

Site Images

Prune/remove trees

Prune/remove trees

Water tower

Steep slopes

Steep slopes

4 IMPLEMENTATION

The previous chapter of this report detailed an extensive number of specific improvement options. This chapter of the comprehensive outdoor recreation plan provides a strategy for implementing them. It includes a compilation of capital improvements, park acquisition and development mechanisms, and funding sources. The chapter also includes the process for adopting, monitoring, and updating this plan.

4.1 Plan Approval and Amendments

Introduction

A prerequisite to participation in outdoor recreation grant programs is the adoption and subsequent Department of Natural Resources acceptance of a local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan.

Comprehensive planning is an overall survey of the existing facilities within a given jurisdiction, and gives recommendations for future improvements. A Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is only the first step in the development of a recreational park site or system.

Master planning, which follows the recommendations of the comprehensive plan, is an overall view and analysis of an existing or proposed park area. The purpose is to guide the orderly development of a park or recreational facility.

Site planning, is the detailed plan of how an area within a park or recreation area will be developed. Site plans supply the construction details needed to develop a facility recommended in the master plan.

This plan provides strategies and recommendations for improving public parks city-wide. It is anticipated that master planning for community parks and proposed parks is a high priority and should be featured prominently when budgets are determined over the life of this plan.

Formal Plan Approval

This CORP should be approved by the local governing body after thorough review by the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council. Once adopted, the plan will become a component of the city's comprehensive plan. The city should follow all rules and procedures established in the citizen participation plan adopted as part of the comprehensive planning process (per State Statute 66.1001) when adopting this CORP.

Amending the Plan

Plan amendments are common and should be considered part of the planning process. They frequently represent good implementation or plan usage and should be acceptable for consideration by local decision-makers. Amendments must follow the same process as the original plan and should be developed in coordination with the Parks Board before they are presented to the City Council for approval. Amendments generally prolong the effectiveness of the parent plan.

The City of Burlington Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan will make the city eligible for funding through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through the year 2019. Similarly, since this plan has been developed with a five-year timeframe, it should be amended in 2019 to ensure grant eligibility and to reflect progress made over time.

4.2 Park Acquisition and Development Mechanisms

4.2.1 Parkland Dedication Ordinance

Many communities have developer exactions for parkland acquisition. These exactions are designed to help a growing community acquire new park land to keep pace with new residential development. As residents move into a new subdivision, they place additional stress on existing park facilities. Developer exactions, agreed upon during the subdivision review and approval period, provide land, cash, or a combination of both to be used for the provision of park facilities that serve the new neighborhood.

The City of Burlington general code (Section 278-51 "Public sites and open spaces") covers dedication of lands and public site fee options. Subdividers of land where a public space has been designated on the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan component, Offical Map, or component neighborhood development plan, are required to make these spaces part of the plat. Dedication of the public space can take three forms:

1. Dedication of site option – the public space is dedicated to the public at the rate of one acre for each 100 proposed or potential dwelling units;
2. Reservation of site option – the public space is reserved at the time of the final plat for a period not to exceed three years and the subdivider is required to pay a public site fee;
3. Public site fee option – if the subdivision does not encompass a public space, a fee is collected to serve future populations elsewhere. The fee for the acquisition of public sites is placed in a special fund in the amount set by Common Council for each proposed dwelling unit.

Usable Lands

Because the intent of parkland dedication requirements is to provide sufficient recreation lands for new residents, mini or neighborhood parks should be developed within new developments. Neighborhood parks are designed to provide active and passive recreation activities and organized league recreation, as well as informal "pick up" play. The ½ mile radius service area should include the entire neighborhood; with some neighborhood overlap if features are unique. The average neighborhood park commonly ranges from 3 to 10 acres in size and serves from 1,000 to 5,000 people – basically one park for every elementary school.

Defining the term "usable lands" is very important to ensuring the quality of the proposed dedication. To obtain credit towards meeting Burlington's parkland dedication requirements, the city will utilize the following criteria in evaluating land proposed for dedication:

- Located outside of the floodplain, wetlands, surface waters, storm water basins and conveyance routes, and other areas with severe limitations for park development.
- Contains developer-finished slopes of less than 4% for active recreation areas, and slopes less than 12% for passive recreation areas and conservancy.
- Contains soils that are suitable for construction of the anticipated park facilities, such as athletic fields, parking lots, and shelters.
- At least 15% of the perimeter of the proposed parkland will be adjacent to a public street.
- Visible and accessible to the public (foot, bike, and auto access) and for effective monitoring for public safety.
- Sufficiently shaped to accommodate the anticipated facilities.
- Not presenting any sort of environmental hazard to the community, such as through soil contamination or excessive nuisance or invasive vegetation.
- Situated in a location that is consistent with this plan, that contributes to the city's community development goals, and that adequately serves the park's service area.

4.2.2 User Groups

The city should coordinate with potential user groups when planning new facilities to see if cost-sharing, donation, or outright purchase options exist.

4.2.3 Planned Giving

In many communities, parkland development often occurs with the availability of land. Donations of private land for a public purpose is not uncommon, but there needs to be criteria for accepting lands, and a formal procedure for how the land will be planned and used in the best interest of the community. A planned giving program through the city would allow prospective patrons to dedicate land in a legal manner that provides a legacy for how the land will be utilized over time.

4.2.4 Grant Funding

Implementation dollars are available for acquisition and development of recreation spaces and facilities. Linear parks and trails can be funded through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) or the Department of Transportation (WDOT). The WDNR also provides monies for the acquisition of lands, the stabilization of shorelands, and the protection of environmentally sensitive areas. A complete list of grant opportunities is provided in Section 4.3.

4.3 Grant Information for Park Acquisition and Development

The state and federal government provides grants to local governments for the acquisition and development of parks. Many of these programs require that a local government submit an approved park and open space plan or master plan to the WDNR as a condition for eligibility. By adopting this Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan by ordinance, the City of Burlington has met the eligibility requirement for these grant programs until 2019.

4.3.1 Projects that Require Grant Funding

Grant funding provides seed money and crucial capital for leveraging additional community dollars and support. While many projects identified in this CORP would benefit from the acquisition of outside funding sources, some projects will require grant funding if they are to be realized. A brief description of each project and potential funding is provided below. Grant programs are discussed in the next section (4.3.2).

The trail improvements recommended at Steinhoff Park include the development of a trail connection. The DNR RTA grant program would be an excellent opportunity to fund this trail segment.

Benson Park and Wehmhoff Jucker Park are both recommended for shoreline stabilization improvements. The city has applied for past grant funding and successfully implemented similar projects in Riverside Park utilizing DNR RTA and Stewardship funding.

The recommended improvements at Benson Park and St. Mary's included extensive vegetation management practices and new tree plantings. This project in conjunction with other forestry efforts within the city could be a candidate for a DNR Urban Forestry Grant.

4.3.2 Grant Programs

This section provides general information and details for many of the grant programs that may be used to acquire and develop local park facilities, linear trails, or beaches. Categories, by authorization agency, include:

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Wisconsin Department of Administration
- Other Programs (Various Agencies)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program: Named for two of Wisconsin's most revered conservation leaders, Governor Warren Knowles and Senator Gaylord Nelson, the Wisconsin Legislature created this innovative program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation.

All grant program awards cover up to 50% of eligible project costs. Projects eligible for Stewardship grant programs require that all land acquisition and development projects provide public access for "nature-based outdoor recreation" purposes. DNR decisions as to whether a particular project activity is "nature-based outdoor recreation" are made on a case-by-case basis. Please note that purchase and installation of playground equipment, and the purchase of land for recreation areas not related to nature-based outdoor recreation (dedicated sports fields, swimming pools, etc.) are not eligible. The Stewardship Program includes the four funds described below (A – D).

For more information and to submit applications contact the South East Region representative (listed below). All applications are due May 1.

Jim Ritchie
Telephone: (414) 263-8610
Email: Jim.Ritchie@wisconsin.gov

A. Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)

Description: Stewardship sets aside 50% of funds for projects that improve community parks and acquire land for public outdoor recreation. Applicants compete against other applicants from their region. Funds may be used for both land acquisition projects and development projects for nature-based outdoor recreation, such as fishing piers, hiking trails and picnic facilities. Funds are not available for non nature-based activities such as baseball and soccer fields. Costs associated with operation and maintenance of parks and other outdoor recreation facilities are not eligible for Stewardship funds.

Eligible Project Examples:

1. Land acquisition projects that will provide opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.
2. Property with frontage on rivers, streams, lakes, estuaries and reservoirs that will provide water-based outdoor recreation.
3. Property that provides special recreation opportunities, such as floodplains, wetlands and areas adjacent to scenic highways.
4. Natural areas and outstanding scenic areas where the objective is to preserve the scenic or natural values, 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.
5. Land within urban areas for day-use picnic areas.
6. Land for nature-based outdoor recreation trails.

Ineligible Project Examples:

1. Projects that are not supported by a local comprehensive outdoor recreational plan.
2. Land to be used for non-nature-based outdoor recreation such as athletic facilities.
3. Acquisition and development of golf courses.

B. Urban Rivers (UR)

Description: Stewardship allocates 20% of funds annually to restore or preserve the character of urban riverways through the acquisition of land or easements adjacent to rivers. Funding will be provided for projects that are part of a plan to enhance the quality of a river corridor. Applicants compete against other applicants statewide. The purposes of the program are:

1. To provide for economic revitalization through the restoration or preservation of urban rivers or riverfronts;
2. To improve outdoor recreational opportunities by increasing access to urban rivers for a variety of public uses, including but not limited to, fishing, wildlife observation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, canoeing, boating, hiking and bicycling;
3. To preserve or restore significant historical, cultural, or natural areas along urban rivers.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

1. Acquires land or land rights that preserve or restore natural values, including aesthetic values, and enhance environmental quality along urban waterways.
2. Provides new or expanded diverse recreational opportunities to all segments of urban populations.
3. Provides new or expanded access to urban waterways.
4. Acquires blighted lands that will be restored to complement riverfront redevelopment activities.
5. Encourages comprehensive riverway planning within and between municipalities and other agencies.
6. Provides opportunities for increasing tourism.
7. Acquires lands that through proper management will improve or protect water quality.

C. Urban Green Space (UGS)

Description: The intent of the Urban Green Space Program (UGS) is to provide open natural space within or in proximity to urban areas; to protect from urban development areas that have scenic, ecological or other natural value and are within or in proximity to urban areas; and to provide land for noncommercial gardening for the residents of an urbanized area.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

a. Planning Considerations, including:
   - Specifically implementing a priority of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
   - Implementing the approved master plans of 2 or more units of government or regional planning agencies
   - Preserving land that is listed on the natural heritage inventory database
   - Implementing elements of water quality plans or initiatives
b. Project Considerations, including:
   - Serving the greatest population centers
   - Serving areas of rapidly increasing populations
   - Providing accessibility
   - Having unique natural features, threatened or endangered species, or significant ecological value
   - Providing open natural linear corridors connecting open natural areas
   - Having water frontage
   - Containing or restoring wetlands
   - Protecting sensitive wildlife habitat
   - Protecting an area threatened by development
   - Preserving a natural community or one that could be restored
   - Having regional or statewide significance
   - Relating to brownfield redevelopment
c. Administrative considerations, including:
   - Projects that are ready to be implemented and/or continue previously started projects

D. Acquisition of Development Rights

Description: The purpose of the Acquisition of Development Rights Program is to protect natural, agricultural, or forest lands that enhance nature-based outdoor recreation. "Development Rights" are the rights of a landowner to develop their property to the greatest extent allowed under state and local laws. The goals of the program are achieved through the purchase of those development rights and compensating landowners for limited future development on their land.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Property with frontage on rivers, streams, lakes or estuaries
- Property that creates a buffer between land that has been permanently protected for natural resource and conservation purposes and potential or existing residential, commercial or industrial development
- Property that is within the boundaries of an acquisition project established by the DNR, a government unit or a NCO where the uses of the property will complement the goals of the project and the stewardship program
- Property that is within an environmental corridor that connects 2 or more established resource protection areas

Federal Programs Related to the Stewardship Program: The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and Recreational Trails Act (RTA) programs fund projects that are similar to the Stewardship programs. One primary difference is that LWCF and RTA programs are not restricted to nature-based outdoor recreation projects. In these programs, nature-based outdoor recreation projects compete against projects with non-nature based recreation elements for LWCF funds. Another difference is that federal programs have additional requirements that must be satisfied – for example, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Historic Preservation Act, etc. Federal programs administered through the DNR include the two funds described below (E, F).

E. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Description: This program was established to encourage nationwide creation and interpretation of high quality outdoor recreational opportunities. The program funds both state and local outdoor recreation activities.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Relationship to the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan; activities must be in locally approved plans
- Regional or statewide in nature
- Acquires land where a plan supports need
- Provides or enhances water-based activity
- Serves the greatest populations
- Involves other local governments, cooperation, volunteers, local donations
- First time applicants
- Sponsor has completed past projects
- Provides multi-season, multi activity use
- Basic over elaborate facilities

- Participant over spectator facilities
- "Nature based" restriction does not apply

Eligible Project Examples:
- Land acquisition
- Development of outdoor recreation facilities, including active sports facilities

F. Recreational Trails Act (RTA)

Description: These funds are used to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses. RTA funds may only be used on trails which have been identified in or which further a specific goal of a local, county, or state trail plan included or referenced in a statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. 30% of funds must be used on motorized trail uses, 30% on non-motorized trail uses, and 40% on diversified (multiple) trail uses.

Funding Priorities: Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:
- 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).
- Acquisition of easement or property for trails.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation offers a variety of programs that can provide financial assistance to local governments, along with other public and private entities, to make improvements to highways, airports, harbors, bike, rail and pedestrian facilities. The use of these funds in Burlington would be most closely tied to developing trails to link parks and conservancy areas to places of employment, residence, and commerce.

G. Surface Transportation Program – Rural (STP-R)

Description: This program allocates federal funds to complete a variety of improvements to federal-aid-eligible roads and streets outside of census-designated urban areas. Projects must meet federal and state requirements. Communities are eligible for funding on roads functionally classified collector or arterial. The WisDOT requires that pedestrian and on-street bicycle accommodations be part of all STP projects within or in the vicinity of population centers, unless extraordinary circumstances can be demonstrated to WisDOT for not providing these accommodations.

Contact: Robert Schmidt, Southeast Region at (262) 548-8789 or robert1.schmidt@dot.wi.gov

Deadline: spring of odd-numbered years, next cycle Calendar Year 2015

H. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Description: The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) allocates federal funds to transportation improvement projects that "expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment." TAP is a new legislative program that was authorized in 2012 by federal transportation legislation, the Moving Ahead for

Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The transportation alternatives program provides for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects, with examples ranging from the restoration of historic transportation facilities, to bike and pedestrian facilities, to landscaping and scenic beautification, and to the mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff. Examples of bicycle and pedestrian projects that TAP will likely fund include: multi-use trails, paved shoulders, bike lanes, bicycle route signage, bicycle parking, overpasses/underpasses/ bridges, sidewalks, and pedestrian crossings. Local municipalities contribute 20% of the project costs. Federal regulations restrict the use of funds on trails that allow motorized users, except snowmobiles.

Contact: Tressie Kamp, State Coordinator at 608-266-3973 or tressie.kamp@dot.wi.gov or Robert Schmidt, Southeast Region at (262) 548-8789 or robert1.schmidt@dot.wi.gov

Deadline: WisDOT anticipates the next award cycle will begin in fall of 2015

Wisconsin Department of Administration

I. Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities (CDBG-PF)

Description: Available through the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), communities receiving CDBG funds from the State may use the funds for many kinds of community development activities including, but not limited to:

- Acquisition of property for public purposes;
- Construction or reconstruction of streets, water and sewer facilities, neighborhood centers, recreation facilities, and other public works;
- Demolition;
- Rehabilitation of public and private buildings;
- Public services;
- Planning activities;
- Assistance to nonprofit entities for community development activities; and
- Assistance to private, for profit entities to carry out economic development activities (including assistance to micro-enterprises).

Contact: Tom Clippert at (608)261-7538 or tom.clippert@wisconsin.gov

4.4 Capital Improvements Plan

Capital improvements to a park are the addition of labor and materials that improve the overall value and usefulness of that park. Capital improvements are designated and funded individually through segregated municipal funds. Routine maintenance, on the other hand, is considered to be the repair and upkeep of existing park facilities, such as painting a shelter building. Routine maintenance of park facilities does not appreciably increase the value or usefulness of the park, and is traditionally funded through the park department's operations budget. Non-routine maintenance of park facilities, such as upgrading a toilet facility to be barrier-free, is usually considered to be a capital improvement.

Most projects can be easily identified and categorized, but some are difficult. When a project falls on the borderline between a capital improvement and maintenance, the overall cost becomes the determinant. Projects with a high cost, such as that for seal coating roads or parking lots, are categorized as capital improvements.

The capital improvements program for each park is a combination of several types of projects. These projects are ranked according to their importance and priority in the overall development of the park, and the value of the project to the overall city parks system. Capital improvements for this plan are ranked in the following manner:

a. Improvements to existing facilities that will:
   i. Correct health and safety hazards
   ii. Upgrade deficient facilities
   iii. Modernize adequate but outdated facilities

b. Installation of facilities as deemed appropriate and necessary through public demand (public meetings, park committee input, city budgeting)

c. Development of new facilities as deemed necessary through level of service, population projection, and age cohort analyses

Generally, improvements to existing facilities rank the highest in the capital improvements program, while new facilities are usually ranked lower, according to their relative need in each park location. Improvements that correct health and safety hazards are always the highest ranking priority. Improvements that are deemed necessary through empirical analyses are usually ranked the lowest.

Parks have been divided by classifications established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) including Mini, Neighborhood, Community, Conservancy, and Special Use parks. Improvement costs are shown by year (2015-2020) which establishes a priority ranking – higher priority improvements would occur sooner in the schedule. When a long-term improvement is forecast to occur beyond 2020 the improvement is highlighted and labeled "LONGTERM". In some cases a capital improvement may utilize a special fund. When this occurs the improvement contains an identifier citing that particular funding source. Depending on the fund, it may or may not be reflected in the subtotal for each park type.

The total improvement cost by park classification and by year is assembled in Table 4. Costs associated with each park improvement option are based upon recent regional project

construction costs and may be spread out over many years. An inflation factor of 2.5% starting in year three has been used to adjust for cost increases. This inflation factor, like the priority rankings, should be adjusted over time to reflect changes that may occur which were unknown when this plan was originally prepared.

Table 4: Total Improvement Costs by Year and Park Classification

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
MINI PARKS Subtotal	$106,000	$86,500	$40,488	$85,050	$107,500	$425,538
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS Subtotal	$100,000	$25,000	$82,000	$38,325	$34,938	$280,263
COMMUNITY PARKS Subtotal	$22,200	$61,000	$13,325	$9,450	$3,225	$109,200
SPECIAL USE PARKS Subtotal	$0	$63,500	$56,375	$47,775	$23,650	$191,300
CONSERVANCY PARKS Subtotal	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,613	$1,613
ALL PARKS Subtotal	$228,200	$236,000	$192,188	$180,600	$170,925	$1,007,913

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
MINI PARKS						
Benson Park						
Install shoreline stabilization materials	$40,000					
Plant trees to enhance habitat and aesthetics				$1,000		
Install pathway/trail					$10,000	
Subtotals	$40,000	$0	$0	$1,000	$10,000	$51,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ 40,000	$ -	$ -	$ 1,050	$ 10,750	$ 51,800
Beverly-Jo Park						
Install a small parking lot at end of cul-de-sac					$10,000	
Install small bicycle skills course					$20,000	
Install small playground suitable for ages 2-5 and 5-12.				$55,000		
Restore large areas of turf to native prairie species			$10,000			
Subtotals	$0	$0	$10,000	$55,000	$30,000	$95,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ 10,250	$ 57,750	$ 32,250	$ 100,250
Meinhardt Park						
Improve turf conditions	$1,000					
Install a small gazebo to serve park visitors from the Senior Center					$20,000	
Construct sidewalk along Spring Street				$15,000		
Subtotals	$1,000	$0	$0	$15,000	$20,000	$36,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ 1,000	$ -	$ -	$ 15,750	$ 21,500	$ 38,250
Steinhoff Park						
Install a bicycle rack on hard surface			$1,500			
Install pathway system through park					$40,000	
Subtotals	$0	$0	$1,500	$0	$40,000	$41,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ 1,538	$ -	$ 43,000	$ 44,538
Wagner Park						
Install bicycle rack on hard surface			$1,500			
Expand the existing sidewalk system	$15,000					
Replace shoreline stabilization materials		$75,000				
Install canoe launch		$10,000				
Renovate restroom facility for ADA compliance	$50,000					
Subtotals	$65,000	$85,000	$1,500	$0	$0	$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ 65,000	$ 85,000	$ 1,538	$ -	$ -	$ 151,538
Wehmoff Park						
Install additional bicycle parking in convenient locations			$1,500			
Subtotals	$0	$0	$1,500	$0	$0	$1,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ 1,538	$ -	$ -	$ 1,538
Westedge Park						
Install a sidewalk or path from Hillside Drive to the ballfield complex				$10,000		
Install a park identification and rules sign		$1,500				
Install small playground for ages 2-5			$25,000			
Subtotals	$0	$1,500	$25,000	$10,000	$0	$36,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ 1,500	$ 25,625	$ 10,500	$ -	$ 37,625
MINI PARKS Subtotal	**$106,000**	**$86,500**	**$40,488**	**$85,050**	**$107,500**	**$425,538**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS						
Riverfront Park						
Install arbor structure at overlook point along southern walk					$30,000	
Replace damaged picnic tables		$2,000				
Install skateboard deterrents along stone seat walls		$5,000				
Subtotals	$0	$7,000	$0	$0	$30,000	$37,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ 7,000	$ -	$ -	$ 32,250	$ 39,250
Riverside Park						
Install sidewalk segment to the large play structure		$4,000				
Improve canoe launch		$8,000				
Replace open air shelter with new structure			$80,000			
Install bench at 2 to 5 year old playground					$2,500	
Subtotals	$0	$12,000	$80,000	$0	$2,500	$94,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ 12,000	$ 82,000	$ -	$ 2,688	$ 96,688
St. Mary's Park						
Install bicycle racks on hard surface				$1,500		
Pave dog park parking area				$25,000		
Improve canoe launch area				$8,000		
Subtotals	$0	$0	$0	$34,500	$0	$34,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 36,225	$ -	$ 36,225
Wehmhoff Jucker Park						
Shoreline stabilization	$100,000					
Replace lighting as needed		$6,000				
Restore sand volleyball court				$2,000		
Subtotals	$100,000	$6,000	$0	$2,000	$0	$108,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ 100,000	$ 6,000	$ -	$ 2,100	$ -	$ 108,100
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS Subtotal	**$100,000**	**$25,000**	**$82,000**	**$38,325**	**$34,938**	**$280,263**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
COMMUNITY PARKS						
Devor Park						
Install sidewalk to the playground/shelter area		$10,000				
Regrade and repave the path to the tennis courts		$10,000				
Restripe the parking lot		$8,000				
Replace drinking fountain		$5,000				
Complete pool renovation feasibility study/Master Plan	$20,000					
Remove basketball court					$3,000	
Install 2 soccer goals in lower open space area				$4,000		
Replace guidelines stickers on play structure	$100					
Subtotals	$20,100	$33,000	$0	$4,000	$3,000	$60,100
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ 20,100	$ 33,000	$ -	$ 4,200	$ 3,225	$ 60,525
Echo Veterans Memorial Park						
Prune or remove hazardous trees as needed	$1,000					
Install bicycle parking facilities			$1,500			
Replace dilapidated benches				$5,000		
ADA ramps and connection from parking lot		$8,000				
Subtotals	$1,000	$8,000	$1,500	$5,000	$0	$15,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ 1,000	$ 8,000	$ 1,538	$ 5,250	$ -	$ 15,788
Festival Grounds						
No improvements						
Subtotals	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
McCanna Park 1						
Install bicycle parking on hard surface			$1,500			
Install sidewalk/path from the parking lot to the shelter/restroom		$10,000				
Install a sidewalk or path from the crosswalk to the parking area		$10,000				
The play structure needs age guideline stickers	$100					
Install ADA transfer mat at playground structure	$1,000					
Install parking lot and boat launch at pier			$10,000			
Subtotals	$1,100	$20,000	$11,500	$0	$0	$32,600
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ 1,100	$ 20,000	$ 11,788	$ -	$ -	$ 32,888
COMMUNITY PARKS Subtotal	**$22,200**	**$61,000**	**$13,325**	**$9,450**	**$3,225**	**$109,200**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
SPECIAL USE PARKS						
Beaumont Field/Congress Diamond						
Upgrade restroom building to meet ADA code or demolish and rebuild		$50,000				
Replace drinking fountain			$5,000			
Remove homeplate wall vegetation, treat stumps to prevent vine growth				$500		
Remove concrete area by dressing rooms and install sloped ramp					$6,000	
Subtotals	$0	$50,000	$5,000	$500	$6,000	$61,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ 50,000	$ 5,125	$ 525	$ 6,450	$ 62,100
Grove Street Park						
On-road painted bicycle lanes					$16,000	
Subtotals	$0	$0	$0	$0	$16,000	$16,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 17,200	$ 17,200
Hintz Complex						
Playground structure				$45,000		
Install bleachers			$5,000			
Subtotals	$0	$0	$5,000	$45,000	$0	$50,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ 5,125	$ 47,250	$ -	$ 52,375
Nestles Park						
No improvements	$0					
Subtotals	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Skateboard Park						
No improvements	$0					
Subtotals	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sunset Park						
Stripe parking lot		$5,000				
Replace bike rack		$1,500				
Replace third base bleachers		$5,000				
Install playground structure			$45,000			
Subtotals	$0	$11,500	$45,000	$0	$0	$56,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ 11,500	$ 46,125	$ -	$ -	$ 57,625
Watertower Park						
Install park identification & rules sign		$1,000				
Prune and/or remove trees		$1,000				
Subtotals	$0	$2,000	$0	$0	$0	$2,000
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ 2,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,000
SPECIAL USE PARKS Subtotal	**$0**	**$63,500**	**$56,375**	**$47,775**	**$23,650**	**$191,300**

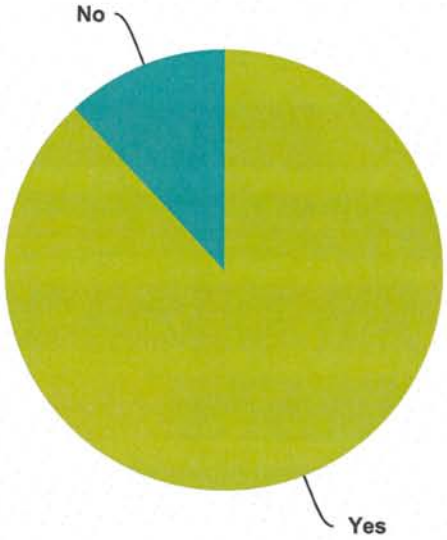
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
CONSERVANCY PARKS						
Bear Meadows Park 1						
No improvements						
Subtotals	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Bear Meadows Park 2						
No improvements						
Subtotals	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
McCanna Park 2						
Install signage to McCanna Park and restrooms					$1,500	
Subtotals	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,500	$1,500
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,613	$ 1,613
McCanna Wetland Preserve						
No improvements						
Subtotals	$0		$0	$0	$0	$0
Inflation	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	
Totals	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
CONSERVANCY PARKS Subtotal	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$1,613**	**$1,613**

Appendix A:

Online Survey Summary

Q1 Are you a resident of Burlington?

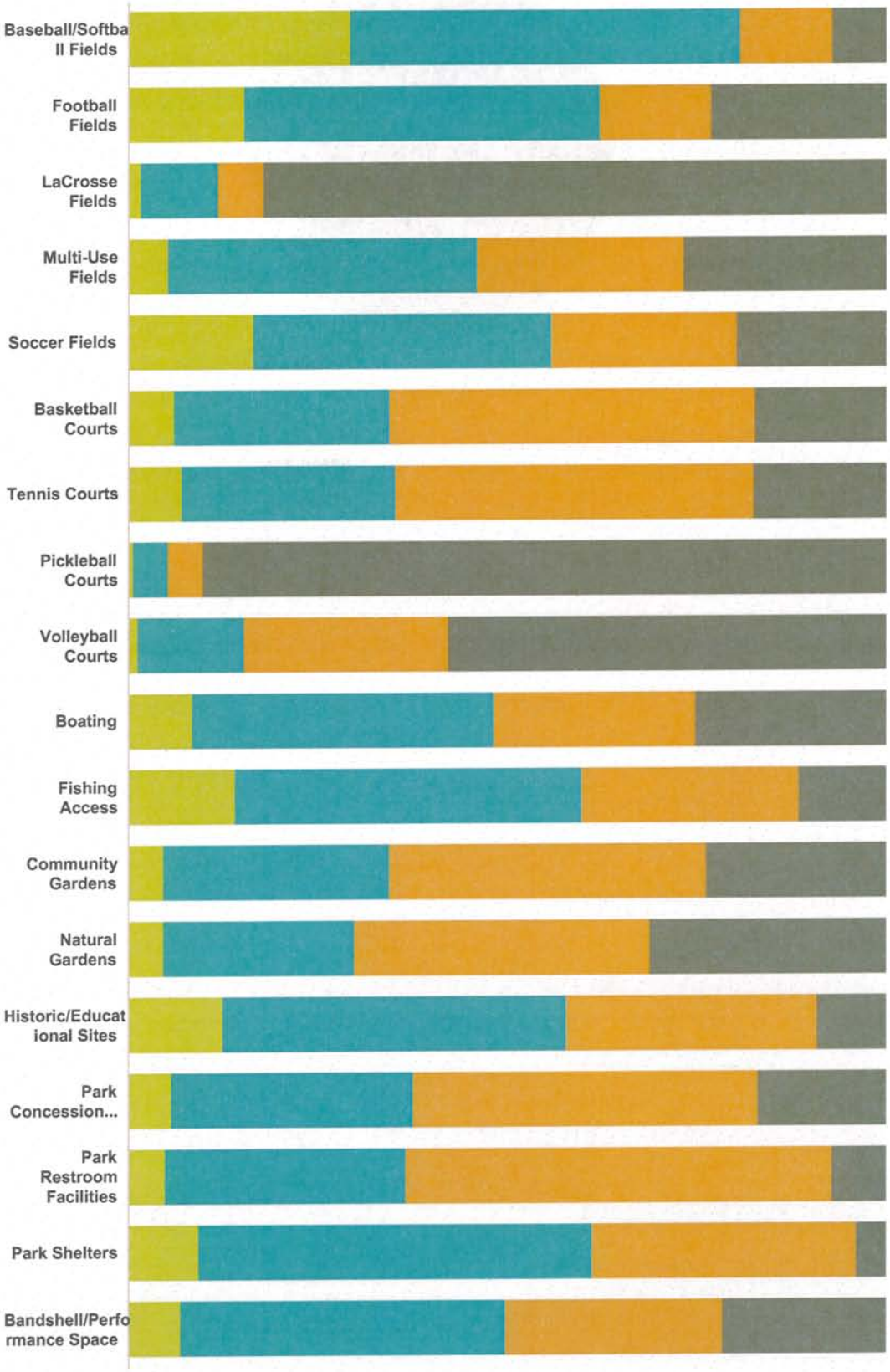
Answered: 333 Skipped: 0

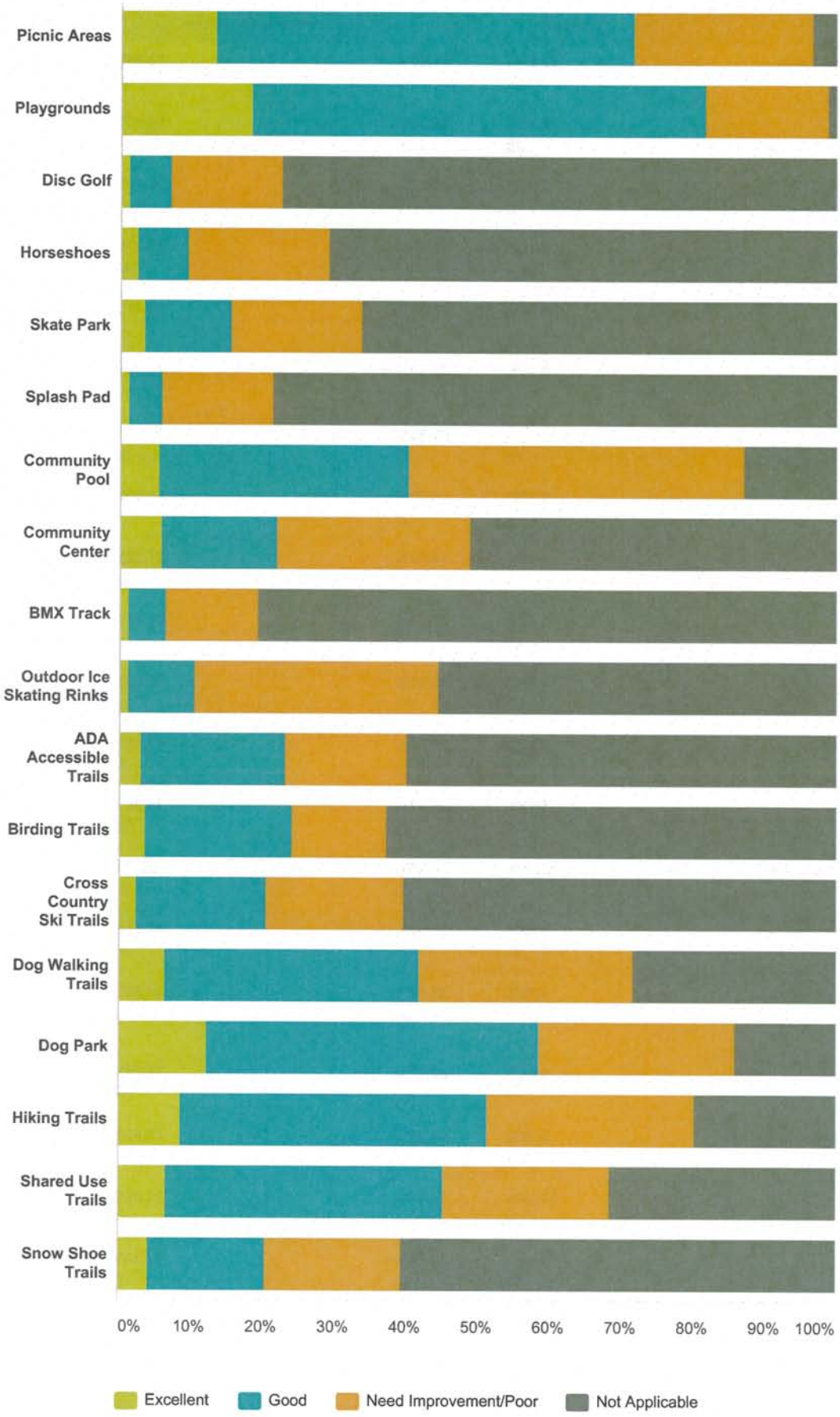


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	87.99%	293
No	12.01%	40
Total		333

Q2 Please indicate the overall condition of each type of recreational facility that your community offers.

Answered: 205 Skipped: 128



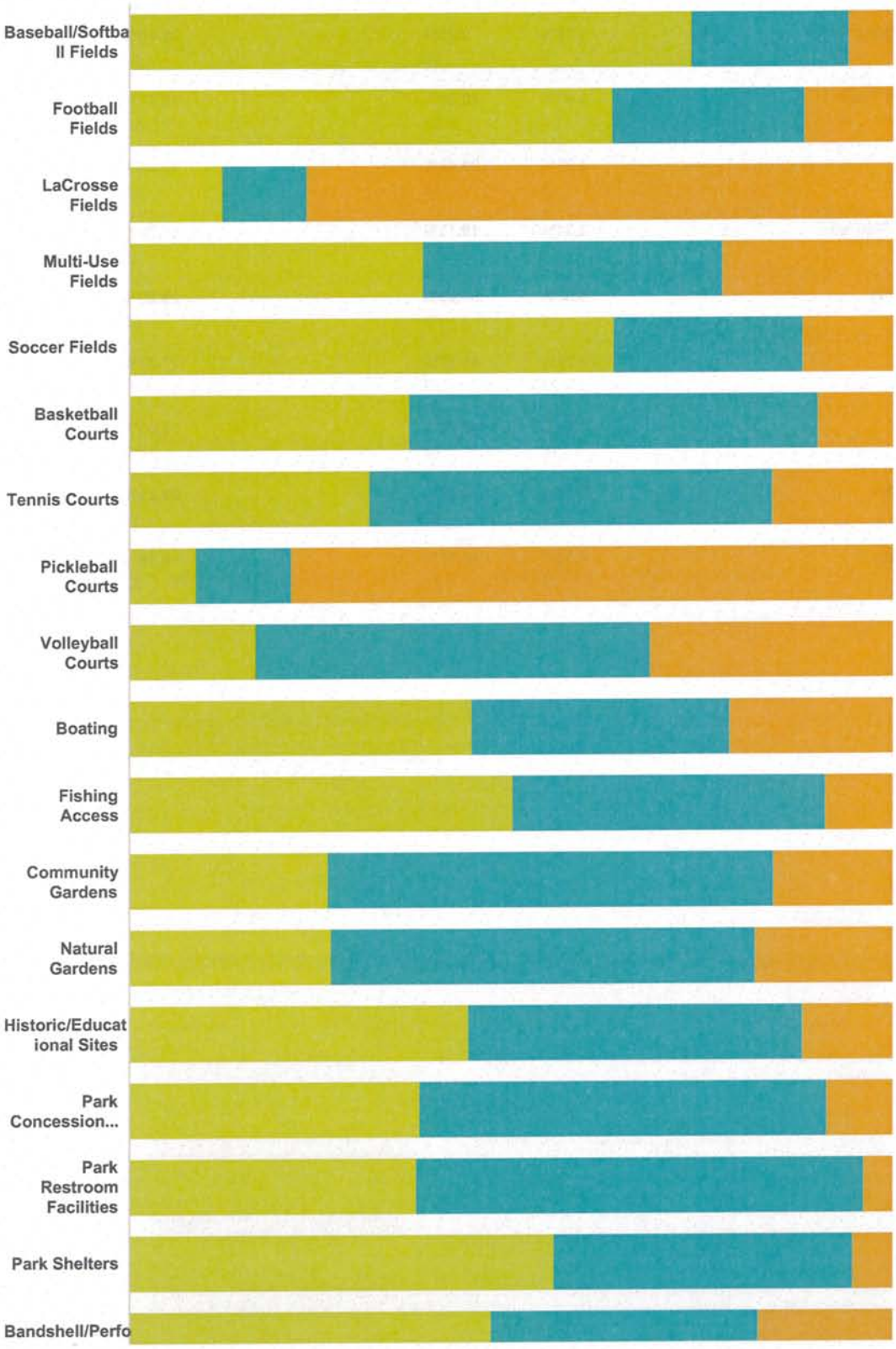

Picnic Areas
Playgrounds
Disc Golf
Horseshoes
Skate Park
Splash Pad
Community Pool
Community Center
BMX Track
Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks
ADA Accessible Trails
Birding Trails
Cross Country Ski Trails
Dog Walking Trails
Dog Park
Hiking Trails
Shared Use Trails
Snow Shoe Trails
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
Excellent
Good
Need Improvement/Poor
Not Applicable

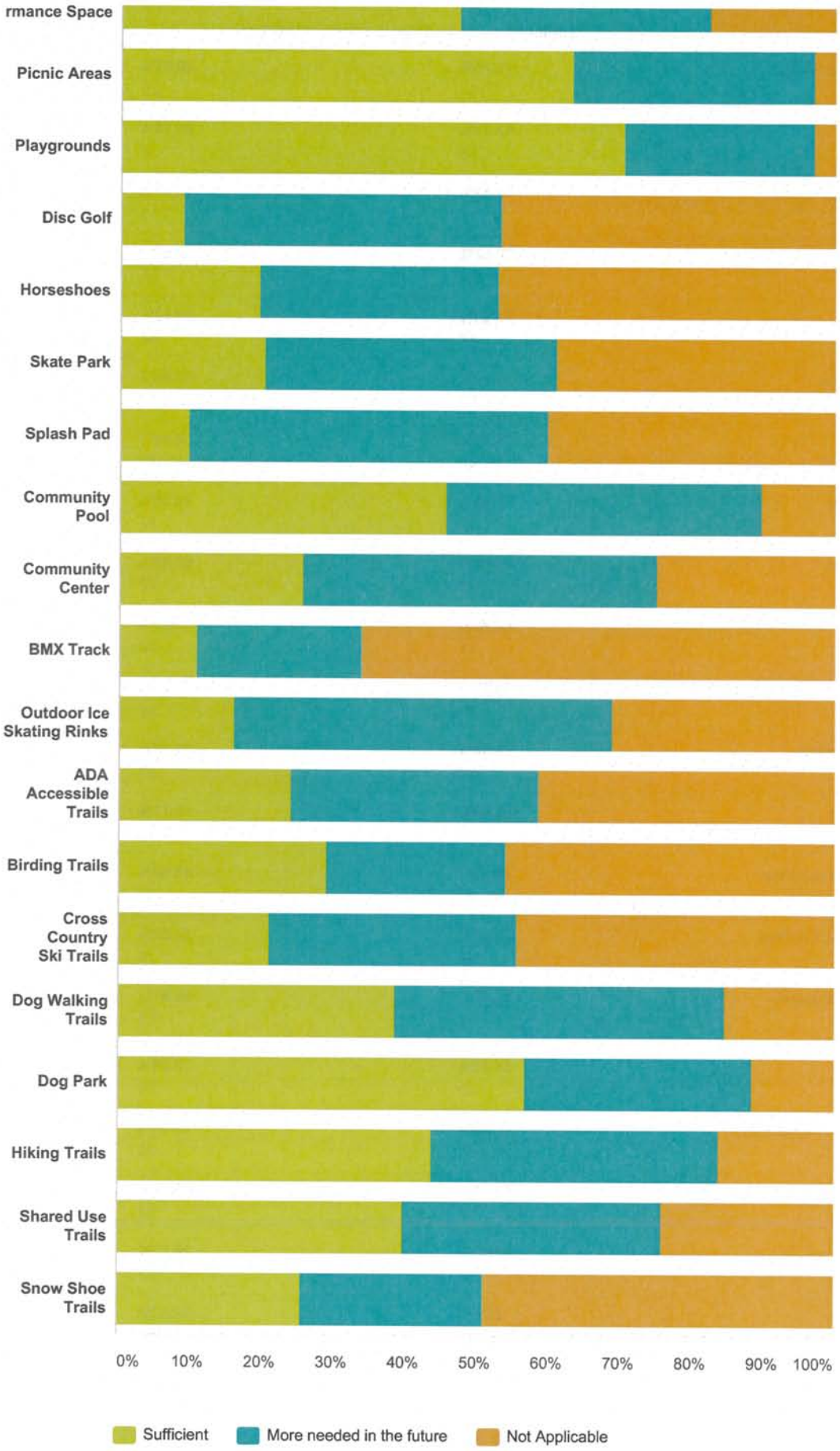
	Excellent	Good	Need Improvement/Poor	Not Applicable	Total
Baseball/Softball Fields	**29.26%** 55	**51.60%** 97	**12.23%** 23	**6.91%** 13	188
Football Fields	**15.30%** 28	**46.99%** 86	**14.75%** 27	**22.95%** 42	183
LaCrosse Fields	**1.68%** 3	**10.06%** 18	**6.15%** 11	**82.12%** 147	179
Multi-Use Fields	**5.11%** 9	**40.91%** 72	**27.27%** 48	**26.70%** 47	176
Soccer Fields	**16.49%** 31	**39.36%** 74	**24.47%** 46	**19.68%** 37	188
Basketball Courts	**6.11%** 11	**28.33%** 51	**48.33%** 87	**17.22%** 31	180
Tennis Courts	**7.07%** 13	**28.26%** 52	**47.28%** 87	**17.39%** 32	184
Pickleball Courts	**0.57%** 1	**4.60%** 8	**4.60%** 8	**90.23%** 157	174
Volleyball Courts	**1.13%** 2	**14.12%** 25	**27.12%** 48	**57.63%** 102	177
Boating	**8.33%** 15	**40.00%** 72	**26.67%** 48	**25.00%** 45	180
Fishing Access	**14.05%** 26	**45.95%** 85	**28.65%** 53	**11.35%** 21	185
Community Gardens	**4.52%** 8	**29.94%** 53	**41.81%** 74	**23.73%** 42	1
Natural Gardens	**4.52%** 8	**25.42%** 45	**38.98%** 69	**31.07%** 55	177
Historic/Educational Sites	**12.50%** 22	**45.45%** 80	**32.95%** 58	**9.09%** 16	176
Park Concession Facilities	**5.62%** 10	**32.02%** 57	**45.51%** 81	**16.85%** 30	178
Park Restroom Facilities	**4.79%** 9	**31.91%** 60	**56.38%** 106	**6.91%** 13	188
Park Shelters	**9.24%** 17	**52.17%** 96	**34.78%** 64	**3.80%** 7	184
Bandshell/Performance Space	**6.74%** 12	**43.26%** 77	**28.65%** 51	**21.35%** 38	178
Picnic Areas	**13.30%** 25	**58.51%** 110	**25.00%** 47	**3.19%** 6	188
Playgrounds	**18.28%** 34	**63.44%** 118	**17.20%** 32	**1.08%** 2	186
Disc Golf	**1.18%** 2	**5.88%** 10	**15.29%** 26	**77.65%** 132	170
Horseshoes	**2.37%** 4	**7.10%** 12	**19.53%** 33	**71.01%** 120	
Skate Park	**3.31%** 6	**12.15%** 22	**18.23%** 33	**66.30%** 120	181

Splash Pad	**1.18%** 2	**4.71%** 8	**15.29%** 26	**78.82%** 134	170
Community Pool	**5.38%** 10	**34.95%** 65	**46.77%** 87	**12.90%** 24	186
Community Center	**5.88%** 10	**15.88%** 27	**27.06%** 46	**51.18%** 87	170
BMX Track	**1.16%** 2	**5.23%** 9	**12.79%** 22	**80.81%** 139	172
Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks	**1.16%** 2	**9.25%** 16	**34.10%** 59	**55.49%** 96	173
ADA Accessible Trails	**3.03%** 5	**20.00%** 33	**16.97%** 28	**60.00%** 99	165
Birding Trails	**3.61%** 6	**20.48%** 34	**13.25%** 22	**62.65%** 104	166
Cross Country Ski Trails	**2.34%** 4	**18.13%** 31	**19.30%** 33	**60.23%** 103	171
Dog Walking Trails	**6.32%** 11	**35.63%** 62	**29.89%** 52	**28.16%** 49	174
Dog Park	**12.29%** 22	**46.37%** 83	**27.37%** 49	**13.97%** 25	179
Hiking Trails	**8.67%** 15	**42.77%** 74	**28.90%** 50	**19.65%** 34	173
Shared Use Trails	**6.55%** 11	**38.69%** 65	**23.21%** 39	**31.55%** 53	168
Snow Shoe Trails	**4.19%** 7	**16.17%** 27	**19.16%** 32	**60.48%** 101	167

Q3 Considering the same group of facilities, please indicate whether or not your community has sufficient quanitites for each type to meet the demand.

Answered: 156 Skipped: 177



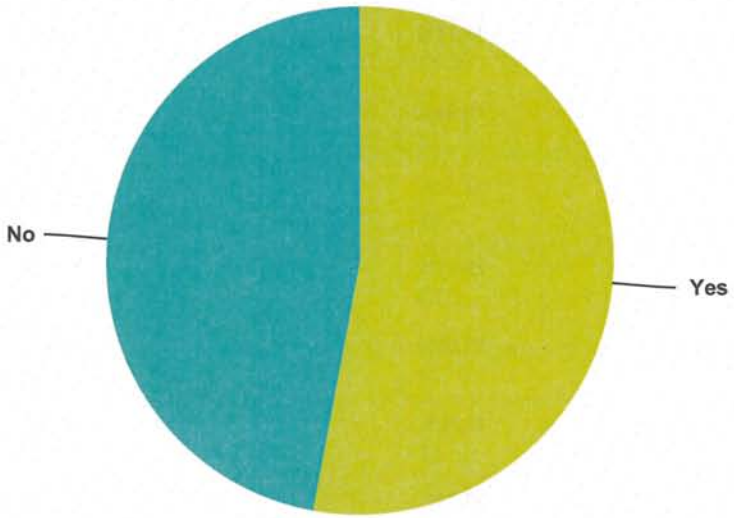

rmance Space
Picnic Areas
Playgrounds
Disc Golf
Horseshoes
Skate Park
Splash Pad
Community Pool
Community Center
BMX Track
Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks
ADA Accessible Trails
Birding Trails
Cross Country Ski Trails
Dog Walking Trails
Dog Park
Hiking Trails
Shared Use Trails
Snow Shoe Trails
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%
Sufficient
More needed in the future
Not Applicable

	Sufficient	More needed in the future	Not Applicable	Total
Baseball/Softball Fields	**73.76%** 104	**20.57%** 29	**5.67%** 8	14[illegible]
Football Fields	**63.31%** 88	**25.18%** 35	**11.51%** 16	139
LaCrosse Fields	**12.32%** 17	**10.87%** 15	**76.81%** 106	138
Multi-Use Fields	**38.52%** 52	**39.26%** 53	**22.22%** 30	135
Soccer Fields	**63.50%** 87	**24.82%** 34	**11.68%** 16	137
Basketball Courts	**36.76%** 50	**53.68%** 73	**9.56%** 13	136
Tennis Courts	**31.43%** 44	**52.86%** 74	**15.71%** 22	140
Pickleball Courts	**8.82%** 12	**12.50%** 17	**78.68%** 107	136
Volleyball Courts	**16.55%** 23	**51.80%** 72	**31.65%** 44	139
Boating	**44.85%** 61	**33.82%** 46	**21.32%** 29	136
Fishing Access	**50.36%** 70	**41.01%** 57	**8.63%** 12	139
Community Gardens	**26.06%** 37	**58.45%** 83	**15.49%** 22	1[illegible]
Natural Gardens	**26.43%** 37	**55.71%** 78	**17.86%** 25	140
Historic/Educational Sites	**44.53%** 61	**43.80%** 60	**11.68%** 16	137
Park Concession Facilities	**38.03%** 54	**53.52%** 76	**8.45%** 12	142
Park Restroom Facilities	**37.59%** 53	**58.87%** 83	**3.55%** 5	141
Park Shelters	**55.71%** 78	**39.29%** 55	**5.00%** 7	140
Bandshell/Performance Space	**47.45%** 65	**35.04%** 48	**17.52%** 24	137
Picnic Areas	**63.31%** 88	**33.81%** 47	**2.88%** 4	139
Playgrounds	**70.50%** 98	**26.62%** 37	**2.88%** 4	139
Disc Golf	**8.76%** 12	**44.53%** 61	**46.72%** 64	137
Horseshoes	**19.40%** 26	**33.58%** 45	**47.01%** 63	1[illegible]
Skate Park	**20.14%** 28	**41.01%** 57	**38.85%** 54	139

Splash Pad	**9.63%** 13	**50.37%** 68	**40.00%** 54	135
Community Pool	**45.65%** 63	**44.20%** 61	**10.14%** 14	138
Community Center	**25.56%** 34	**49.62%** 66	**24.81%** 33	133
BMX Track	**10.77%** 14	**23.08%** 30	**66.15%** 86	130
Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks	**15.94%** 22	**52.90%** 73	**31.16%** 43	138
ADA Accessible Trails	**24.06%** 32	**34.59%** 46	**41.35%** 55	133
Birding Trails	**29.01%** 38	**25.19%** 33	**45.80%** 60	131
Cross Country Ski Trails	**21.05%** 28	**34.59%** 46	**44.36%** 59	133
Dog Walking Trails	**38.69%** 53	**45.99%** 63	**15.33%** 21	137
Dog Park	**56.83%** 79	**31.65%** 44	**11.51%** 16	139
Hiking Trails	**43.80%** 60	**40.15%** 55	**16.06%** 22	137
Shared Use Trails	**39.85%** 53	**36.09%** 48	**24.06%** 32	133
Snow Shoe Trails	**25.56%** 34	**25.56%** 34	**48.87%** 65	133

Q4 Are there enough boat access points or launches in the city?

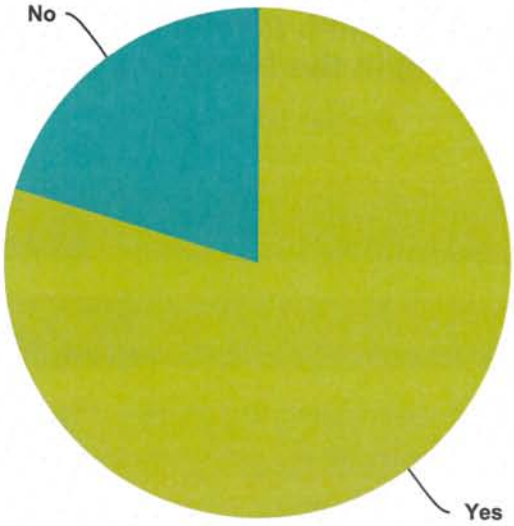
Answered: 151 Skipped: 182



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	52.98%	80
No	47.02%	
Total		151

Q5 Should there be additional canoe/kayak lauch points in the city?

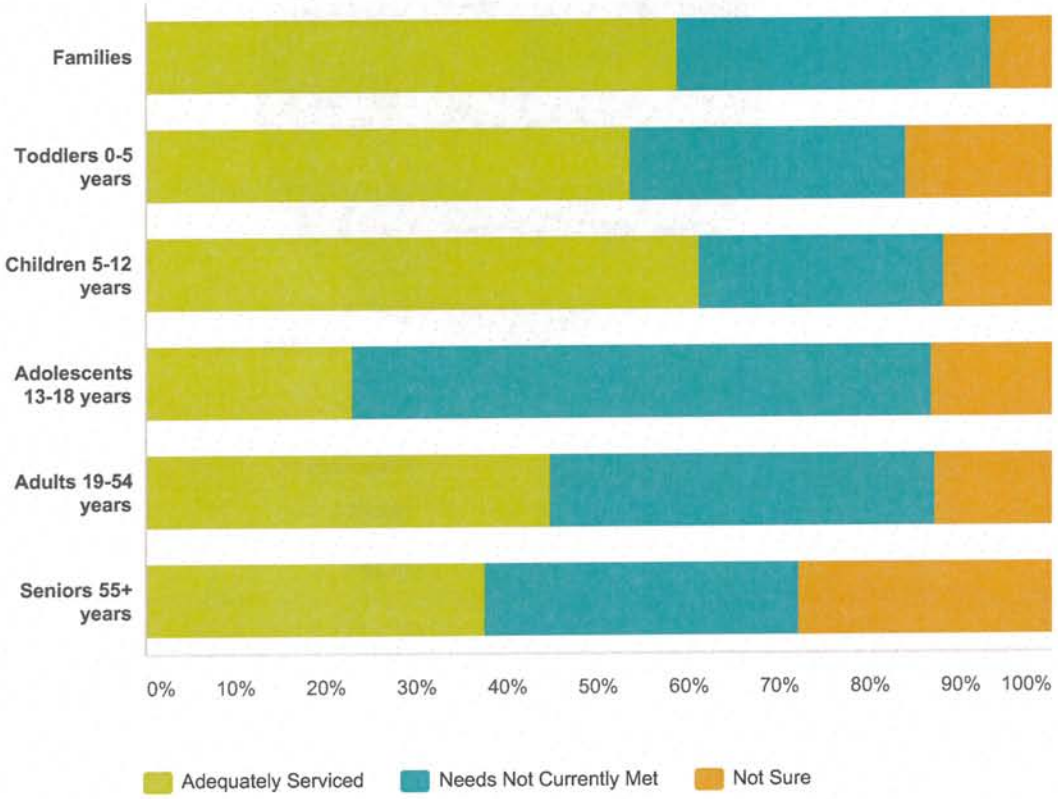
Answered: 152 Skipped: 181



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.61%	121
No	20.39%	31
Total		152

Q6 Considering the various age groups of people in the Burlington area, please indicate whether the existing facilities adequately meet their needs. If needs are not currently met, please specify what is lacking in the blank box below.

Answered: 148 Skipped: 185



	Adequately Serviced	Needs Not Currently Met	Not Sure	Total
Families	**58.70%** 81	**34.78%** 48	**6.52%** 9	138
Toddlers 0-5 years	**53.47%** 77	**30.56%** 44	**15.97%** 23	144
Children 5-12 years	**61.11%** 88	**27.08%** 39	**11.81%** 17	144
Adolescents 13-18 years	**22.92%** 33	**63.89%** 92	**13.19%** 19	144
Adults 19-54 years	**44.68%** 63	**42.55%** 60	**12.77%** 18	141
Seniors 55+ years	**37.50%** 54	**34.72%** 50	**27.78%** 40	144

Q7 What are the two most popular park facilities/amenities currently provided for families?

Answered: 81 Skipped: 252

Answer Choices	Responses	
Facilities/amenities 1	93.83%	76
Facilities/amenities 2	75.31%	61
Not Sure	7.41%	6

#	Facilities/amenities 1	Date
1	playgrounds	2/5/2015 6:46 AM
2	Echo Park playground	2/1/2015 10:09 PM
3	Echo	2/1/2015 3:42 PM
4	Echo Park	1/31/2015 9:14 AM
5	echo park	1/30/2015 1:00 PM
6	Echo Park	1/23/2015 11:47 PM
7	baseball/softball fields	1/23/2015 11:26 AM
8	Echo Park	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
9	Little League Fields/Diamonds	1/22/2015 7:04 PM
10	Echo	1/22/2015 9:58 AM
11	Bushnell park	1/21/2015 10:07 PM
12	echo park	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
13	Echo Park	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
14	parks with picnic areas	1/21/2015 11:05 AM
15	Echo Park	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
16	Echo park	1/21/2015 8:35 AM
17	pool	1/21/2015 5:21 AM
18	areas to sit for picnics	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
19	baseball	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
20	park , football fields baseball fields	1/20/2015 10:40 PM
21	echo park	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
22	Echo Park	1/20/2015 10:34 PM
23	Echo Park	1/20/2015 10:32 PM
24	Echo park	1/20/2015 10:12 PM
25	echo park	1/20/2015 8:58 PM
26	playgrounds	1/20/2015 8:31 PM
27	echo park	1/20/2015 8:29 PM

28	Echo park	1/20/2015 8:05 PM
29	Echo park	1/20/2015 7:36 PM
30	echo	1/20/2015 7:26 PM
31	Echo	1/20/2015 6:51 PM
32	Riverside park	1/20/2015 6:39 PM
33	echo park	1/20/2015 6:38 PM
34	echo park	1/20/2015 6:36 PM
35	Echo Park	1/20/2015 6:11 PM
36	Echo Park	1/20/2015 5:57 PM
37	echo park	1/20/2015 5:56 PM
38	echo	1/20/2015 5:54 PM
39	Echo park	1/20/2015 5:47 PM
40	echo	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
41	echo	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
42	Riverside park	1/20/2015 5:41 PM
43	Echo park	1/20/2015 5:13 PM
44	Community Pool	1/20/2015 4:54 PM
45	Playgrounds	1/20/2015 4:40 PM
46	Echo	1/20/2015 2:57 PM
47	Echo	1/20/2015 2:14 PM
48	Echo Park	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
49	Echo Park	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
50	Pool	1/20/2015 2:00 PM
51	Playgrounds	1/20/2015 1:55 PM
52	Ball diamonds	1/20/2015 1:53 PM
53	Echo Park	1/20/2015 1:44 PM
54	echo park	1/20/2015 1:41 PM
55	Echo Memorial Park	1/20/2015 1:35 PM
56	Echo Park	1/20/2015 1:30 PM
57	echo park	1/20/2015 1:15 PM
58	Echo Park	1/20/2015 1:10 PM
59	echo	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
60	Echo park	1/20/2015 1:06 PM
61	Echo	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
62	Echo Park	1/20/2015 1:04 PM
63	Bushnell	1/20/2015 1:02 PM
64	Echo park	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
65	Echo Park playground	1/20/2015 12:48 PM

66	echo park	1/20/2015 12:45 PM
67	Echo	1/20/2015 12:42 PM
68	Echo Park	1/20/2015 12:32 PM
69	Echo park	1/20/2015 12:29 PM
70	Echo Park	1/20/2015 12:28 PM
71	Echo Park	1/20/2015 12:23 PM
72	Echo Park	1/20/2015 12:17 PM
73	Bushnell Rd. Park. Soccer fields.	1/20/2015 12:10 PM
74	Bushnell (soccer area) - needs playground update	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
75	echo park	1/20/2015 11:58 AM
76	Echo Park	1/20/2015 11:53 AM
#	**Facilities/amenities 2**	**Date**
1	ball fields	2/5/2015 6:46 AM
2	Community pool	2/1/2015 10:09 PM
3	Riverside	2/1/2015 3:42 PM
4	devor park	1/30/2015 1:00 PM
5	Wehmoff park	1/23/2015 11:47 PM
6	playground equipment	1/23/2015 11:26 AM
7	Pool Park	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
8	Echo Park	1/22/2015 7:04 PM
9	Pool Park	1/22/2015 9:58 AM
10	downtown park	1/21/2015 10:07 PM
11	plaza theatre	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
12	Plaza Theatre	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
13	community swimming pool	1/21/2015 11:05 AM
14	Pool Park	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
15	bathrooms at echo park	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
16	soccer	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
17	river side park	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
18	Plaza Theater	1/20/2015 10:34 PM
19	Beaumont Park	1/20/2015 10:32 PM
20	public library	1/20/2015 10:12 PM
21	picnic areas	1/20/2015 8:31 PM
22	community pool	1/20/2015 8:29 PM
23	pool	1/20/2015 7:36 PM
24	riverside	1/20/2015 7:26 PM
25	Pool	1/20/2015 6:51 PM
26	Echo park	1/20/2015 6:39 PM

27	Baseball Diamonds	1/20/2015 6:11 PM
28	Bushnell	1/20/2015 5:56 PM
29	dog park	1/20/2015 5:54 PM
30	wehmhoff park	1/20/2015 5:47 PM
31	riverside	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
32	swimming pool	1/20/2015 5:41 PM
33	wellness center	1/20/2015 5:13 PM
34	Echo Park	1/20/2015 4:54 PM
35	picnic shelters	1/20/2015 4:40 PM
36	Pool	1/20/2015 2:14 PM
37	Burlington Pool	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
38	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
39	Playgrounds	1/20/2015 2:00 PM
40	Pool	1/20/2015 1:55 PM
41	Echo park area	1/20/2015 1:53 PM
42	Bike path /hiking trails	1/20/2015 1:44 PM
43	riverside park	1/20/2015 1:41 PM
44	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 1:35 PM
45	burlington pool	1/20/2015 1:30 PM
46	Congress st	1/20/2015 1:15 PM
47	riverside Park	1/20/2015 1:10 PM
48	riverside park	1/20/2015 1:06 PM
49	Wagner	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
50	Echo	1/20/2015 1:02 PM
51	dog park	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
52	Riverdie Park playground	1/20/2015 12:48 PM
53	Riverside	1/20/2015 12:42 PM
54	Congress St park	1/20/2015 12:32 PM
55	hintz complex	1/20/2015 12:29 PM
56	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 12:28 PM
57	Park behind Adrian's Custard	1/20/2015 12:23 PM
58	Library	1/20/2015 12:17 PM
59	echo park. General playground.	1/20/2015 12:10 PM
60	echo	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
61	traxxside /plaza theatre	1/20/2015 11:58 AM
#	**Not Sure**	**Date**
1	x	1/22/2015 11:30 AM
2	not sure	1/21/2015 5:21 AM

3	X	1/21/2015 12:10 AM
4	?	1/20/2015 10:53 PM
	not sure	1/20/2015 7:55 PM
6	not sure of names of parks	1/20/2015 4:26 PM

Q8 What are the two most popular park facilities/amenities currently provided for pre-school children?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 264

Answer Choices	Responses	
Facilities/amenities 1	86.96%	60
Facilities/amenities 2	63.77%	44
Not Sure	14.49%	10

#	Facilities/amenities 1	Date
1	playgrounds	2/5/2015 6:46 AM
2	Riverside Park playground	2/1/2015 10:09 PM
3	Echo	2/1/2015 3:42 PM
4	echo park	1/30/2015 1:00 PM
5	Echo Park	1/23/2015 11:47 PM
6	playgrounds	1/23/2015 11:26 AM
7	Echo	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
8	Echo Park	1/22/2015 7:04 PM
9	bushnell	1/21/2015 10:07 PM
10	Echo Park	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
11	playgrounds	1/21/2015 11:05 AM
12	Echo Park	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
13	echo park	1/21/2015 5:21 AM
14	swings	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
15	echo park	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
16	eriver side park	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
17	Library Activities	1/20/2015 10:34 PM
18	public library	1/20/2015 10:12 PM
19	playgrounds	1/20/2015 8:31 PM
20	echo park	1/20/2015 8:29 PM
21	Echo park	1/20/2015 8:05 PM
22	echo	1/20/2015 7:26 PM
23	Echo	1/20/2015 6:51 PM
24	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 6:39 PM
25	echo park	1/20/2015 6:36 PM
26	Echo Park	1/20/2015 6:11 PM
27	echo park	1/20/2015 5:56 PM

28	pool	1/20/2015 5:54 PM
29	Echo park	1/20/2015 5:47 PM
[illegible]	echo	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
31	echo	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
32	Riverside park	1/20/2015 5:41 PM
33	echo park	1/20/2015 5:13 PM
34	playgrounds	1/20/2015 4:40 PM
35	echo	1/20/2015 2:57 PM
36	Echo	1/20/2015 2:14 PM
37	Burlington Pool	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
38	Pool	1/20/2015 2:00 PM
39	Playgrounds	1/20/2015 1:55 PM
40	echo park	1/20/2015 1:53 PM
41	Echo Park	1/20/2015 1:44 PM
42	echo	1/20/2015 1:41 PM
43	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 1:35 PM
44	echo park	1/20/2015 1:30 PM
45	echo	1/20/2015 1:15 PM
46	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 1:10 PM
[illegible]	echo	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
48	echo park	1/20/2015 1:06 PM
49	cathey	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
50	Echo	1/20/2015 1:02 PM
51	echo	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
52	Echo Park playground	1/20/2015 12:48 PM
53	Echo park	1/20/2015 12:45 PM
54	Echo	1/20/2015 12:42 PM
55	Echo park	1/20/2015 12:32 PM
56	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 12:28 PM
57	Echo Park	1/20/2015 12:23 PM
58	echo park playground	1/20/2015 12:10 PM
59	echo	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
60	echo park	1/20/2015 11:58 AM
#	**Facilities/amenities 2**	**Date**
1	clean areas to run around	2/5/2015 6:46 AM
2	Community pool	2/1/2015 10:09 PM
[illegible]	Riverside	2/1/2015 3:42 PM
4	riverside park	1/30/2015 1:00 PM

5	Pool park	1/23/2015 11:47 PM
6	Riverside	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
7	Riverside Park	1/22/2015 7:04 PM
8	echo park	1/21/2015 10:07 PM
9	Plaza Theatre	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
10	parks	1/21/2015 11:05 AM
11	Pool Park	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
12	pool	1/21/2015 5:21 AM
13	climbers	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
14	library	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
15	echo park	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
16	Local Parks	1/20/2015 10:34 PM
17	echo park	1/20/2015 10:12 PM
18	wildlife (feeding ducks)	1/20/2015 8:31 PM
19	pool park	1/20/2015 8:29 PM
20	School lawns	1/20/2015 8:05 PM
21	pool park	1/20/2015 7:26 PM
22	Pool	1/20/2015 6:51 PM
23	Community Pool	1/20/2015 6:11 PM
24	Bushnell	1/20/2015 5:56 PM
25	echo	1/20/2015 5:54 PM
26	riverside park	1/20/2015 5:47 PM
27	bushnell	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
28	Riverside	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
29	Swimming	1/20/2015 4:40 PM
30	Cooper playground	1/20/2015 2:14 PM
31	Echo Park	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
32	Playgrounds	1/20/2015 2:00 PM
33	Bushnell Park	1/20/2015 1:44 PM
34	riverside	1/20/2015 1:41 PM
35	Echo Memorial Park	1/20/2015 1:35 PM
36	Riverside park	1/20/2015 1:30 PM
37	congress	1/20/2015 1:15 PM
38	bushnell park	1/20/2015 1:06 PM
39	Public education	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
40	Riverside Park playground	1/20/2015 12:48 PM
41	Riverside	1/20/2015 12:42 PM
42	Congress St PArk	1/20/2015 12:32 PM

43	Play areas at each of the parks	1/20/2015 12:23 PM
44	riverside	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
	Not Sure	**Date**
1	x	1/22/2015 11:30 AM
2	X	1/21/2015 12:10 AM
3	0?	1/20/2015 10:53 PM
4	not sure	1/20/2015 7:55 PM
5	not sure	1/20/2015 6:38 PM
6	unsure	1/20/2015 5:13 PM
7	not sure of name of parks	1/20/2015 4:26 PM
8	not sure, I take my kids to Rochester, WI to play at a park	1/20/2015 1:04 PM
9	not sure	1/20/2015 12:17 PM
10	X	1/20/2015 11:53 AM

Q9 What are the two most popular park facilities/amenities currently provided for children 5-12 years of age?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 265

Answer Choices	Responses	
Facilities/amenities 1	88.24%	60
Facilities/amenities 2	66.18%	45
Not Sure	13.24%	9

#	Facilities/amenities 1	Date
1	playgrounds	2/5/2015 6:46 AM
2	echo park	1/30/2015 1:00 PM
3	Echo Park	1/23/2015 11:47 PM
4	playgrounds	1/23/2015 11:26 AM
5	Echo	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
6	Little League fields/Diamonds	1/22/2015 7:04 PM
7	Echo Park	1/22/2015 11:30 AM
8	bushnell	1/21/2015 10:07 PM
9	Echo Park	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
10	softball and baseball parks	1/21/2015 11:05 AM
11	Echo Park	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
12	Echo park	1/21/2015 8:35 AM
13	climbers	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
14	echo park	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
15	echo park	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
16	PLAYING AT PARK	1/20/2015 10:34 PM
17	Echo Park	1/20/2015 10:32 PM
18	plaza theater	1/20/2015 10:12 PM
19	playgrounds	1/20/2015 8:31 PM
20	echo park	1/20/2015 8:29 PM
21	Echo park	1/20/2015 8:05 PM
22	Echo	1/20/2015 7:36 PM
23	echo	1/20/2015 7:26 PM
24	Echo	1/20/2015 6:51 PM
25	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 6:39 PM
26	echo park	1/20/2015 6:38 PM
27	Baseball Diamonds	1/20/2015 6:11 PM

28	echo park	1/20/2015 5:56 PM
29	pool	1/20/2015 5:54 PM
	Echo park	1/20/2015 5:47 PM
31	echo	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
32	echo	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
33	echo park	1/20/2015 5:13 PM
34	echo	1/20/2015 2:57 PM
35	Echo	1/20/2015 2:14 PM
36	Echo Park	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
37	Pool	1/20/2015 2:00 PM
38	Playgrounds	1/20/2015 1:55 PM
39	ball diamonds and parks but weak on anything else	1/20/2015 1:53 PM
40	Echo	1/20/2015 1:44 PM
41	Echo Memorial Park	1/20/2015 1:35 PM
42	echo park	1/20/2015 1:30 PM
43	echo	1/20/2015 1:15 PM
44	echo park	1/20/2015 1:10 PM
45	echo	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
46	Echo park	1/20/2015 1:06 PM
	School grounds	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
48	Echo	1/20/2015 1:02 PM
49	echo	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
50	Echo Park playground	1/20/2015 12:48 PM
51	echo park	1/20/2015 12:45 PM
52	Little League complex	1/20/2015 12:42 PM
53	Same as above	1/20/2015 12:32 PM
54	Echo	1/20/2015 12:29 PM
55	Echo Park	1/20/2015 12:28 PM
56	Echo Park	1/20/2015 12:23 PM
57	Echo Park	1/20/2015 12:17 PM
58	echo	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
59	echo park	1/20/2015 11:58 AM
60	Echo Park	1/20/2015 11:53 AM
#	**Facilities/amenities 2**	**Date**
1	clean areas to run around	2/5/2015 6:46 AM
2	riverside park	1/30/2015 1:00 PM
	Pool park	1/23/2015 11:47 PM
4	riverside	1/22/2015 9:50 PM

5	Echo Park	1/22/2015 7:04 PM
6	echo	1/21/2015 10:07 PM
7	Plaza Theatre	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
8	soccer ball	1/21/2015 11:05 AM
9	Pool Park	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
10	community pool	1/21/2015 8:35 AM
11	slides	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
12	library	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
13	riverside park	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
14	NOT MUCH ELSE	1/20/2015 10:34 PM
15	pool	1/20/2015 8:31 PM
16	Maryland baseball fields	1/20/2015 8:29 PM
17	School lawns	1/20/2015 8:05 PM
18	Pool	1/20/2015 7:36 PM
19	riverside	1/20/2015 7:26 PM
20	Pool	1/20/2015 6:51 PM
21	Echo Park	1/20/2015 6:39 PM
22	Community Pool	1/20/2015 6:11 PM
23	Bushnell	1/20/2015 5:56 PM
24	echo	1/20/2015 5:54 PM
25	bushnell	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
26	Riverside	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
27	Dyer	1/20/2015 2:14 PM
28	Burlington Pool	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
29	Playgrounds	1/20/2015 2:00 PM
30	Pool	1/20/2015 1:55 PM
31	Bushnell	1/20/2015 1:44 PM
32	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 1:35 PM
33	congress	1/20/2015 1:15 PM
34	riverside park	1/20/2015 1:10 PM
35	bushnell park	1/20/2015 1:06 PM
36	public parks	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
37	Bushnell	1/20/2015 1:02 PM
38	Riverside Park playground	1/20/2015 12:48 PM
39	Bushnell	1/20/2015 12:42 PM
40	hintz complex	1/20/2015 12:29 PM
41	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 12:28 PM
42	Park behind Adrian's Custard	1/20/2015 12:23 PM

43	Library	1/20/2015 12:17 PM
44	riverside	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
[illegible]	traxxside	1/20/2015 11:58 AM
#	**Not Sure**	**Date**
1	nothing comes to mind	2/1/2015 10:09 PM
2	x	2/1/2015 3:42 PM
3	X	1/21/2015 12:10 AM
4	0?	1/20/2015 10:53 PM
5	Echo Park	1/20/2015 7:55 PM
6	n/a	1/20/2015 6:36 PM
7	not sure of names of parks	1/20/2015 4:26 PM
8	Cooper	1/20/2015 2:14 PM
9	not sure	1/20/2015 12:10 PM

Q10 What are the two most popular park facilities/amenities currently provided for adolescents?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 276

Answer Choices	Responses	
Facilities/amenities 1	54.39%	31
Facilities/amenities 2	43.86%	25
Not Sure	50.88%	29

#	Facilities/amenities 1	Date
1	echo park	1/30/2015 1:01 PM
2	Echo Park	1/23/2015 11:48 PM
3	Echo	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
4	Echo Park	1/22/2015 11:30 AM
5	TRAK SIDE	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
6	coffee house on chestnut and pine	1/20/2015 10:13 PM
7	pool	1/20/2015 8:32 PM
8	Fischer Park	1/20/2015 7:57 PM
9	none	1/20/2015 7:27 PM
10	echo park	1/20/2015 6:45 PM
11	Echo Park	1/20/2015 6:41 PM
12	Echo park	1/20/2015 6:31 PM
13	Echo Park	1/20/2015 6:11 PM
14	skate park	1/20/2015 5:55 PM
15	Echo park	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
16	echo	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
17	Echo	1/20/2015 2:15 PM
18	Baseball	1/20/2015 1:56 PM
19	beach?	1/20/2015 1:54 PM
20	High School fields	1/20/2015 1:45 PM
21	? not enough options	1/20/2015 1:31 PM
22	echo	1/20/2015 1:16 PM
23	Pavilion by riverside	1/20/2015 1:11 PM
24	school grounds	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
25	There isn't	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
26	Devor Park swimming pool	1/20/2015 12:50 PM
27	Pool	1/20/2015 12:43 PM

28	little league	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
29	none	1/20/2015 12:24 PM
[illegible]	Echo	1/20/2015 12:01 PM
31	traxxside	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
#	**Facilities/amenities 2**	**Date**
1	pool	1/30/2015 1:01 PM
2	Wehmoff park	1/23/2015 11:48 PM
3	riverside	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
4	Trackside	1/22/2015 11:30 AM
5	NOT MUCH ELSE	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
6	wellness center	1/20/2015 10:13 PM
7	hiking trails	1/20/2015 8:32 PM
8	Echo Park	1/20/2015 7:57 PM
9	none	1/20/2015 7:27 PM
10	echo pavilion	1/20/2015 6:45 PM
11	sports fields	1/20/2015 6:41 PM
12	Wehmoff park	1/20/2015 6:31 PM
13	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 6:11 PM
14	sledding hill watertiwer	1/20/2015 5:55 PM
[illegible]	bushnell	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
16	Baseball	1/20/2015 1:56 PM
17	fishing?	1/20/2015 1:54 PM
18	Bushnell and walking biking trails	1/20/2015 1:45 PM
19	?	1/20/2015 1:31 PM
20	pool	1/20/2015 1:16 PM
21	echo	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
22	dog park?	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
23	Echo Park playground	1/20/2015 12:50 PM
24	softball diamonds	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
25	plaza theatre	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
#	**Not Sure**	**Date**
1	find something to do . not hang around in groups	2/5/2015 6:49 AM
2	nothing comes to mind	2/1/2015 10:10 PM
3	x	2/1/2015 3:43 PM
4	not sure	1/21/2015 10:08 PM
5	not sure	1/21/2015 11:07 AM
[illegible]	Not sure	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
7	not much	1/21/2015 5:22 AM

8	not sure	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
9	X	1/21/2015 12:10 AM
10	none	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
11	0?	1/20/2015 10:53 PM
12	?	1/20/2015 8:05 PM
13	none	1/20/2015 7:27 PM
14	Lack of facilities for teenagers	1/20/2015 6:52 PM
15	n/a	1/20/2015 6:37 PM
16	?	1/20/2015 5:57 PM
17	x	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
18	None	1/20/2015 5:13 PM
19	not sure	1/20/2015 4:26 PM
20	?	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
21	unfortunately the parking structure	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
22	x	1/20/2015 1:02 PM
23	None	1/20/2015 12:46 PM
24	Not sure	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
25	X	1/20/2015 12:29 PM
26	NONE	1/20/2015 12:17 PM
27	Not sure	1/20/2015 12:10 PM
28	.	1/20/2015 11:59 AM
29	None	1/20/2015 11:53 AM

Q11 What are the two most popular park facilities/amenities currently provided for adults 19-54 years of age?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 276

Answer Choices	Responses	
Facilities/amenities 1	66.67%	38
Facilities/amenities 2	47.37%	27
Not Sure	33.33%	19

#	Facilities/amenities 1	Date
1	softball	2/5/2015 6:49 AM
2	echo park	1/30/2015 1:01 PM
3	Echo Park	1/23/2015 11:48 PM
4	Echo	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
5	Echo Park	1/22/2015 11:30 AM
6	dog park	1/21/2015 10:08 PM
7	walking trails	1/21/2015 11:07 AM
8	COFFEE HOUSE	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
9	Coffee house on chestnut and pine	1/20/2015 10:13 PM
10	boating	1/20/2015 8:32 PM
11	echo band shell	1/20/2015 8:30 PM
12	Echo park	1/20/2015 8:05 PM
13	Fischer Park	1/20/2015 7:57 PM
14	walking trail	1/20/2015 7:27 PM
15	Wehmhoff	1/20/2015 6:52 PM
16	Riverside Park	1/20/2015 6:41 PM
17	Echo park	1/20/2015 6:31 PM
18	Bushnell	1/20/2015 5:57 PM
19	echo	1/20/2015 5:55 PM
20	Echo park	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
21	riverside	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
22	wellness center	1/20/2015 5:13 PM
23	Farmers Market	1/20/2015 4:55 PM
24	Echo	1/20/2015 2:15 PM
25	Baseball	1/20/2015 1:56 PM
26	band shell	1/20/2015 1:54 PM
27	Echo Park	1/20/2015 1:45 PM

28	white river trail	1/20/2015 1:31 PM
29	We me off square	1/20/2015 1:16 PM
30	any park	1/20/2015 1:11 PM
31	Echo	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
32	there isn't	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
33	Dog Park	1/20/2015 12:50 PM
34	Trails	1/20/2015 12:43 PM
35	Softball diamond	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
36	Band stand for the B-Town Sounds	1/20/2015 12:24 PM
37	Echo	1/20/2015 12:01 PM
38	bars	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
#	**Facilities/amenities 2**	**Date**
1	partying	2/5/2015 6:49 AM
2	pool	1/30/2015 1:01 PM
3	Beaumont field	1/23/2015 11:48 PM
4	riverside	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
5	Trackside	1/22/2015 11:30 AM
6	walking trails	1/21/2015 10:08 PM
7	fishing areas	1/21/2015 11:07 AM
8	PLAZA THEATER	1/20/2015 10:35 PM
9	wellness center	1/20/2015 10:13 PM
10	pool	1/20/2015 8:32 PM
11	Echo Park	1/20/2015 7:57 PM
12	Echo	1/20/2015 6:52 PM
13	Echo Lake/Park	1/20/2015 6:41 PM
14	dog park	1/20/2015 5:55 PM
15	echo	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
16	Baseball	1/20/2015 1:56 PM
17	lake access	1/20/2015 1:54 PM
18	Browns lake	1/20/2015 1:45 PM
19	Dog park	1/20/2015 1:31 PM
20	echo	1/20/2015 1:16 PM
21	Wagner	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
22	dog park?	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
23	Echo Park playground	1/20/2015 12:50 PM
24	Bushnell	1/20/2015 12:43 PM
25	running trails	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
26	mccanna	1/20/2015 12:01 PM

27	plaza theatre	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
#	**Not Sure**	**Date**
	nothing comes to mind	2/1/2015 10:10 PM
2	x	2/1/2015 3:43 PM
3	Not sure	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
4	not sure	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
5	X	1/21/2015 12:10 AM
6	i have no idea	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
7	0?	1/20/2015 10:53 PM
8	\	1/20/2015 6:45 PM
9	unknown	1/20/2015 6:37 PM
10	x	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
11	not sure	1/20/2015 4:26 PM
12	?	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
13	x	1/20/2015 1:02 PM
14	unknown	1/20/2015 12:46 PM
15	X	1/20/2015 12:29 PM
16	NONE	1/20/2015 12:17 PM
17	not sure	1/20/2015 12:10 PM
	.	1/20/2015 11:59 AM
19	None	1/20/2015 11:53 AM

Q12 What are the two most popular park facilities/amenities currently provided for Seniors 55+ years of age?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 279

Answer Choices	Responses	
Facilities/amenities 1	48.15%	26
Facilities/amenities 2	25.93%	14
Not Sure	51.85%	28

#	Facilities/amenities 1	Date
1	watching grandkids in park	2/5/2015 6:49 AM
2	Echo Park	1/23/2015 11:48 PM
3	Echo	1/22/2015 9:50 PM
4	senior center	1/20/2015 10:57 PM
5	pine street cafe	1/20/2015 10:13 PM
6	boating	1/20/2015 8:32 PM
7	echo band she'll and park	1/20/2015 8:30 PM
8	Echo Park	1/20/2015 7:57 PM
9	Wehmhoff	1/20/2015 6:52 PM
10	Echo park	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
11	none	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
12	Recreational trails	1/20/2015 4:41 PM
13	Echo	1/20/2015 2:15 PM
14	Watching your grandkids play baseball	1/20/2015 1:56 PM
15	band shell	1/20/2015 1:54 PM
16	Echo Park	1/20/2015 1:45 PM
17	dog park	1/20/2015 1:31 PM
18	wemhoff	1/20/2015 1:16 PM
19	none	1/20/2015 1:11 PM
20	Echo	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
21	There isnt	1/20/2015 12:56 PM
22	Devor Park tennis courts	1/20/2015 12:50 PM
23	Echo	1/20/2015 12:43 PM
24	Running trails	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
25	Senior center	1/20/2015 12:33 PM
26	none	1/20/2015 12:24 PM
#	Facilities/amenities 2	Date

1	more drinking fountins	2/5/2015 6:49 AM
2	dog park	1/20/2015 8:32 PM
	Echo	1/20/2015 6:52 PM
4	none	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
5	gardens	1/20/2015 4:41 PM
6	Watching your grandkids swim at the pool	1/20/2015 1:56 PM
7	lake access	1/20/2015 1:54 PM
8	Browns lake	1/20/2015 1:45 PM
9	echo park	1/20/2015 1:31 PM
10	echo	1/20/2015 1:16 PM
11	wiemhoff	1/20/2015 1:05 PM
12	Echo Park Gazebo - outdoor concerts	1/20/2015 12:50 PM
13	Riverside	1/20/2015 12:43 PM
14	walkong/bike path	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
#	**Not Sure**	**Date**
1	nothing comes to mind	2/1/2015 10:10 PM
2	x	2/1/2015 3:43 PM
3	x	1/22/2015 11:30 AM
4	not sure	1/21/2015 10:08 PM
	not sure	1/21/2015 11:07 AM
6	Not Sure	1/21/2015 10:20 AM
7	not sure	1/21/2015 1:54 AM
8	X	1/21/2015 12:10 AM
9	0?	1/20/2015 10:53 PM
10	?	1/20/2015 8:05 PM
11	\	1/20/2015 6:45 PM
12	Not sure	1/20/2015 6:41 PM
13	unknown	1/20/2015 6:37 PM
14	don't have community center	1/20/2015 6:31 PM
15	?	1/20/2015 5:57 PM
16	x	1/20/2015 5:55 PM
17	x	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
18	Unsure	1/20/2015 5:13 PM
19	not sure	1/20/2015 4:26 PM
20	Aurora wellness center	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
21	x	1/20/2015 1:02 PM
22	unknown	1/20/2015 12:46 PM
23	X	1/20/2015 12:29 PM

24	Not sure	1/20/2015 12:17 PM
25	Not sure	1/20/2015 12:10 PM
26	Not sure	1/20/2015 12:00 PM
27	.	1/20/2015 11:59 AM
28	X	1/20/2015 11:53 AM

Q13 State which outdoor recreation activity(s) you predict will gain in popularity in this area over the next 5 years.

Answered: 78 Skipped: 255

#	Responses	Date
1	disc golf	2/5/2015 6:51 AM
2	Nothing comes to mind	2/1/2015 10:12 PM
3	Handicap sports	2/1/2015 3:44 PM
4	soccer	1/30/2015 1:02 PM
5	Biking	1/23/2015 11:49 PM
6	Biking	1/22/2015 9:51 PM
7	Pickleball	1/22/2015 7:05 PM
8	unsure	1/22/2015 11:31 AM
9	Pool	1/22/2015 9:58 AM
10	cheaper water park and pool	1/21/2015 10:09 PM
11	Fake Taxi	1/21/2015 8:59 PM
12	Tennis	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
	skateparks	1/21/2015 1:14 PM
14	vollyball	1/21/2015 11:09 AM
15	Not sure	1/21/2015 10:22 AM
16	Walking/hiking	1/21/2015 7:22 AM
17	teens	1/21/2015 7:04 AM
18	multi use trails	1/21/2015 5:23 AM
19	skate parks, splash pads	1/21/2015 1:56 AM
20	skate/bike park	1/20/2015 10:59 PM
21	community pool	1/20/2015 10:54 PM
22	SKATE PARK AND COMMUNITY REC CENTER	1/20/2015 10:36 PM
23	football	1/20/2015 10:33 PM
24	Unsure	1/20/2015 10:15 PM
25	soccer & football	1/20/2015 8:33 PM
26	biking	1/20/2015 8:31 PM
27	Mountain Biking	1/20/2015 7:58 PM
28	Pickleball	1/20/2015 7:37 PM
29	walking and biking	1/20/2015 7:28 PM
	Wehmhoff	1/20/2015 6:53 PM
31	kayaking	1/20/2015 6:45 PM

32	soccer	1/20/2015 6:37 PM
33	cross country sking	1/20/2015 6:34 PM
34	Lacrosse	1/20/2015 6:12 PM
35	Kayaking, canoeing	1/20/2015 5:58 PM
36	beach, swimming	1/20/2015 5:57 PM
37	a v wellness center like ymca	1/20/2015 5:56 PM
38	Dog park	1/20/2015 5:52 PM
39	sight seeing	1/20/2015 5:49 PM
40	Disc golf	1/20/2015 5:48 PM
41	splash pads, pee wee sports, community gardens	1/20/2015 5:45 PM
42	Baseball	1/20/2015 5:14 PM
43	pool	1/20/2015 5:11 PM
44	biking kayaking canoeing	1/20/2015 5:07 PM
45	softball/baseball travel teams	1/20/2015 5:03 PM
46	Biking	1/20/2015 4:47 PM
47	I am not sure	1/20/2015 4:27 PM
48	Skatepark	1/20/2015 4:25 PM
49	outdoor skate park	1/20/2015 2:29 PM
50	Atv trails	1/20/2015 2:15 PM
51	disc golf	1/20/2015 2:09 PM
52	Soccer	1/20/2015 1:57 PM
53	fishing if better locations provided	1/20/2015 1:55 PM
54	tennis, swimming, pickle ball	1/20/2015 1:45 PM
55	parks	1/20/2015 1:42 PM
56	pickleball	1/20/2015 1:17 PM
57	Baseball	1/20/2015 1:11 PM
58	?	1/20/2015 1:08 PM
59	disk golf	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
60	Canoeing/Kayaking	1/20/2015 1:03 PM
61	Skateboarding and ice skating!	1/20/2015 12:59 PM
62	Tennis court or splash pad	1/20/2015 12:58 PM
63	Fishing, walking	1/20/2015 12:51 PM
64	Tennis	1/20/2015 12:50 PM
65	Running, biking and canoeing	1/20/2015 12:48 PM
66	Soccer	1/20/2015 12:44 PM
67	Running, hockey,	1/20/2015 12:35 PM
68	Walking trails and volleyball	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
69	soccer	1/20/2015 12:34 PM

70	B-Town Sounds, Soccer, Frisbee Golf, Skateboard Park, Bands and Music at Social Events	1/20/2015 12:27 PM
71	Bicycling	1/20/2015 12:23 PM
[illegible]	Tennis	1/20/2015 12:19 PM
73	Outdoor Live music shows	1/20/2015 12:11 PM
74	soccer	1/20/2015 12:08 PM
75	Soccer, Skating, football, tennis	1/20/2015 12:02 PM
76	skateboarding, ice skating	1/20/2015 12:01 PM
77	none	1/20/2015 11:59 AM
78	Kayaking	1/20/2015 11:54 AM

Q14 Are there park facilities/amenities that are not currently provided in your area? If so, tell us what you would like.

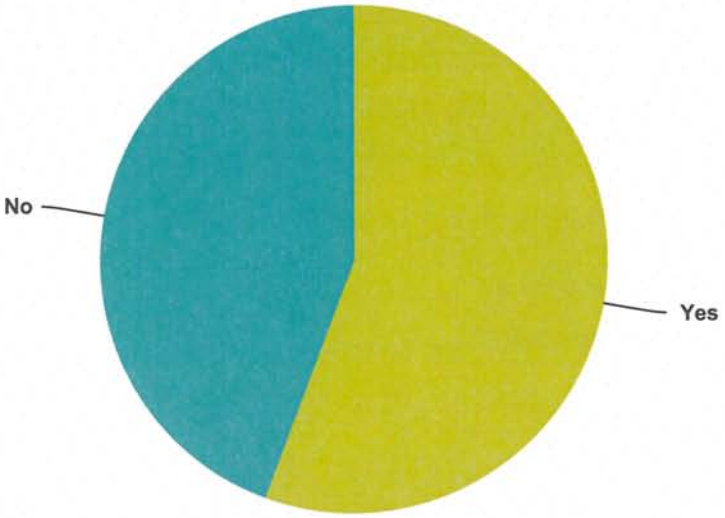
Answered: 65 Skipped: 268

#	Responses	Date
1	more bubblers	2/5/2015 6:51 AM
2	Community recreation building	2/1/2015 10:12 PM
3	skate park, frisbee golf	1/30/2015 1:02 PM
4	The pool needs to be updated	1/22/2015 9:51 PM
5	SPLASH PARK!	1/22/2015 7:05 PM
6	unsure	1/22/2015 11:31 AM
7	free pool park and something for teenagers	1/21/2015 10:09 PM
8	Brothels	1/21/2015 8:59 PM
9	Disk golf	1/21/2015 8:58 PM
10	public bathrooms	1/21/2015 1:14 PM
11	community centers	1/21/2015 11:09 AM
12	a splash pond would be nice	1/21/2015 10:22 AM
13	indoor pool	1/21/2015 8:36 AM
14	Neutral hang out place for adults cover 21 other then a bar.	1/21/2015 7:22 AM
15	garden	1/21/2015 5:23 AM
16	skate parks, splash pads, lower climbing structures for toddlers	1/21/2015 1:56 AM
17	skate/bike park, air soft/ paint ball park	1/20/2015 10:59 PM
18	hiking trails	1/20/2015 10:54 PM
19	COMMUNITY REC CENTER AND SKATE PARK	1/20/2015 10:36 PM
20	a larger dog park area for smaller dogs.	1/20/2015 10:15 PM
21	band shell	1/20/2015 8:33 PM
22	There are no parks on the south west side of town	1/20/2015 8:31 PM
23	More natural trails and scenic areas	1/20/2015 7:58 PM
24	pool improvements	1/20/2015 7:37 PM
25	skate park	1/20/2015 7:28 PM
26	Winter ice-skating rink on one of many empty lots in city	1/20/2015 6:53 PM
27	Ice skating more accessible	1/20/2015 6:42 PM
28	community center	1/20/2015 6:34 PM
29	More ice Skate Areas	1/20/2015 6:12 PM
30	splash pad	1/20/2015 5:57 PM
31	better parks for dogs, trails	1/20/2015 5:56 PM

32	parking	1/20/2015 5:49 PM
33	put fireworks back over echo lake!!!!	1/20/2015 5:46 PM
	splash pads, pee wee sports, community gardena	1/20/2015 5:45 PM
35	waterpark, trampoline park	1/20/2015 5:14 PM
36	splash pad, water slides	1/20/2015 5:11 PM
37	water access	1/20/2015 5:07 PM
38	skatepark	1/20/2015 4:25 PM
39	Toddler friendly park	1/20/2015 2:41 PM
40	outdoor skate park	1/20/2015 2:29 PM
41	Echo	1/20/2015 2:15 PM
42	Safe ice skating for families other than Echo Lake	1/20/2015 2:10 PM
43	Many of our park facilities are just in poor repair.	1/20/2015 1:57 PM
44	more fishing piers	1/20/2015 1:55 PM
45	pickle ball	1/20/2015 1:45 PM
46	disc golf	1/20/2015 1:42 PM
47	?	1/20/2015 1:08 PM
48	disk golf	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
49	sand volleyball, ice skating rental	1/20/2015 1:06 PM
50	Skate Park,Disc Golf	1/20/2015 1:03 PM
	Skatepark PLEASE!	1/20/2015 12:59 PM
52	Lots.. Tennis courts, splash pad, open field for dodge ball ect	1/20/2015 12:58 PM
53	Splash Pad	1/20/2015 12:50 PM
54	volleyball courts and updated tennis courts	1/20/2015 12:48 PM
55	more developed soccer fields	1/20/2015 12:44 PM
56	hockey	1/20/2015 12:35 PM
57	There are no volleyball courts	1/20/2015 12:34 PM
58	Provide more activities at Beverly-Jo Park	1/20/2015 12:30 PM
59	Organized Hikes, Euchre Tournaments in a Pavillion, Allow alcohol in the parks for these events!!!	1/20/2015 12:27 PM
60	Water Park	1/20/2015 12:19 PM
61	Hockey rinks	1/20/2015 12:11 PM
62	splash pad, skate park, tennis courts, volleyball courts	1/20/2015 12:02 PM
63	See above	1/20/2015 12:01 PM
64	.	1/20/2015 11:59 AM
65	Gardens	1/20/2015 11:54 AM

Q15 Would you be willing to pay more in taxes or user fees for that facility/service?

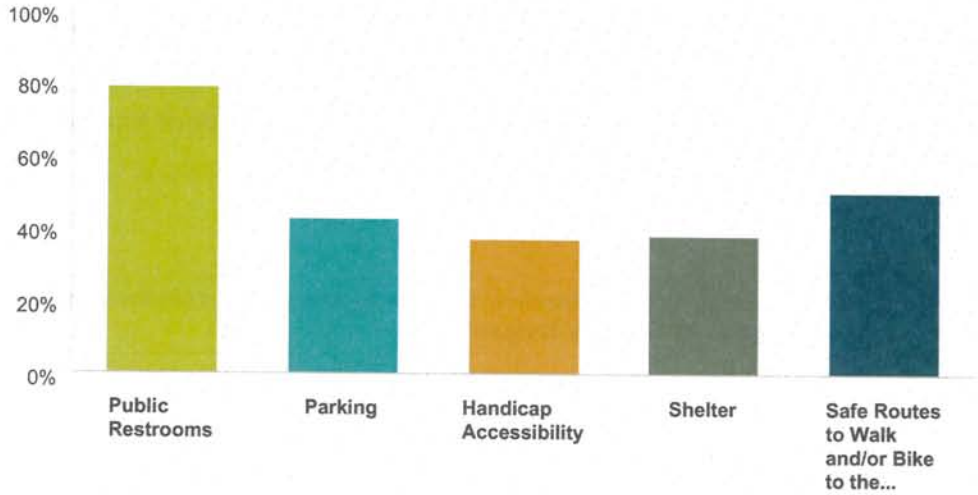
Answered: 104 Skipped: 229



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	55.77%	58
No	44.23%	
Total		104

Q16 Please indicate which if any of the following support components at existing park facilities in Burlington need improvement. Select all that apply.

Answered: 92 Skipped: 241



Answer Choices	Responses	
Public Restrooms	78.26%	72
Parking	42.39%	39
Handicap Accessibility	36.96%	34
Shelter	38.04%	35
Safe Routes to Walk and/or Bike to the Facility	50.00%	46
Total Respondents: 92		

Q17 Please indicate the park locations and support components that need improvement below.

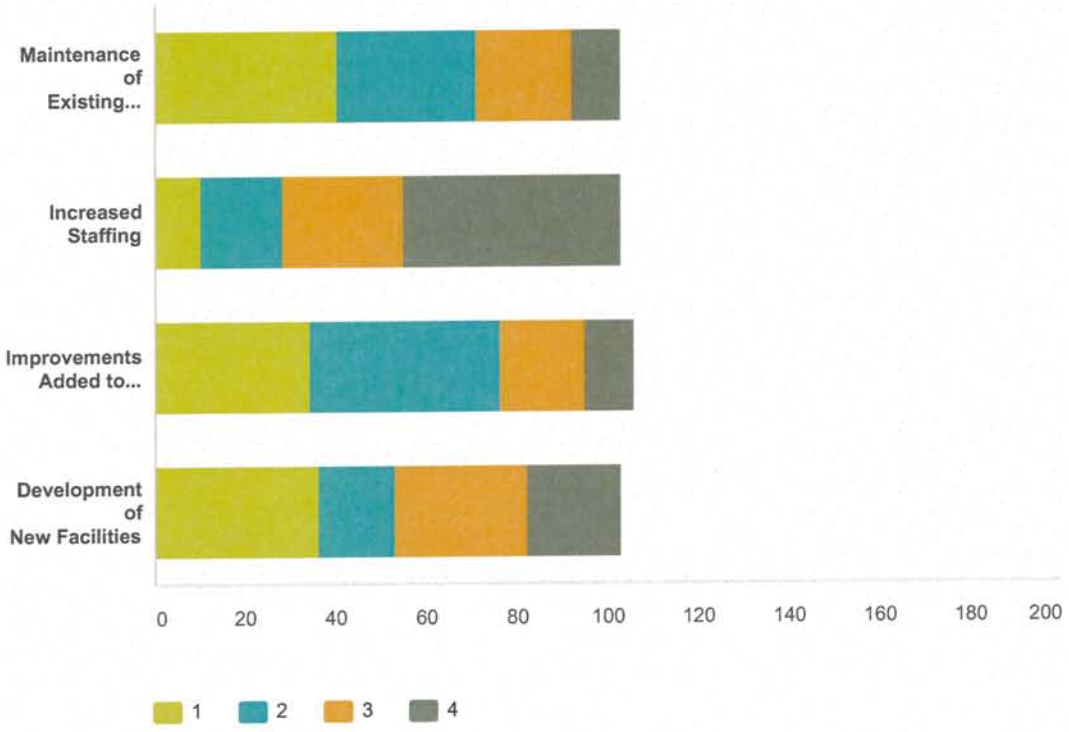
Answered: 32 Skipped: 301

#	Responses	Date
1	Echo park	2/5/2015 6:51 AM
2	Echo Park needs goose proof trails within the park around the lake. Due to the volume of people that use the park throughout the year, a couple more restrooms would be ideal.	2/1/2015 10:15 PM
3	Echo Park Restrooms are very dirty	1/31/2015 9:15 AM
4	bushnell	1/30/2015 1:02 PM
5	Need additional parks - especially near new developments. Should be mandatory as part of growth plan. Need to connect town and new additions with Walking and biking paths	1/22/2015 9:52 PM
6	N/A	1/21/2015 10:09 PM
7	Echo restrooms	1/21/2015 11:35 AM
8	Pool Park - no facilities after pool closes	1/21/2015 10:22 AM
9	Lighted bike/walking path would be good.	1/21/2015 8:36 AM
10	All. They all could use improvements in all areas	1/21/2015 1:57 AM
11	ECHO PARK< MORE shelter near park Riverside-park equipment needs to be fixed up.	1/20/2015 10:38 PM
12	Echo park, riverside park, baseball diamonds	1/20/2015 10:15 PM
13	Alk parks are on one side of town	1/20/2015 8:32 PM
14	ALL OF THEM	1/20/2015 7:54 PM
15	Echo park	1/20/2015 6:34 PM
16	Echo	1/20/2015 5:57 PM
17	most	1/20/2015 5:49 PM
18	Put Fireworks back at echo lake Much easier to control the children	1/20/2015 5:47 PM
19	Improved bike/walking paths would be wonderful!	1/20/2015 5:45 PM
20	bike trail in certain areas are dark and they seem unsafe a lot of places where someone could hide and hurt someone. Parking there is just not enough parking near the parks. The parking garage is far compared to like Veterans Terrace. Public restrooms are just disgusting.	1/20/2015 4:32 PM
21	Echo bushnell	1/20/2015 2:16 PM
22	The only restrooms are at the city pool. Better paved paths for handicapped accessibility.	1/20/2015 1:58 PM
23	Echo Park bathrooms, Bushnell Park bathrooms, soccer field bathrooms	1/20/2015 1:46 PM
24	Echo and riverside park need more fishing areas	1/20/2015 1:44 PM
25	All parks	1/20/2015 1:36 PM
26	Echo park parking	1/20/2015 1:08 PM
27	Echo	1/20/2015 1:07 PM
28	Restroom at Devor Park, in combination with an updated swimming pool facility	1/20/2015 12:51 PM
29	Handicapped playground equipment would be appropriate as well. Echo park	1/20/2015 12:49 PM

30	Bathroom improvements at Hintz Complex	1/20/2015 12:32 PM
31	All parks	1/20/2015 12:12 PM
[illegible]	Open restrooms at Bushnell, updated playground equipment at Bushnell (near soccer fields, not across the street)	1/20/2015 12:04 PM

Q18 Considering the needs the City of Burlington has for additional outdoor recreational facilities and resources, please rate the following in order of importance with 1 being the most urgent and 4 being the least urgent.

Answered: 104 Skipped: 229



	1	2	3	4	Total Respondents
Maintenance of Existing Facilities	**38.83%** 40	**30.10%** 31	**20.39%** 21	**10.68%** 11	103
Increased Staffing	**9.71%** 10	**17.48%** 18	**26.21%** 27	**46.60%** 48	103
Improvements Added to Existing Facilities	**32.69%** 34	**40.38%** 42	**18.27%** 19	**10.58%** 11	104
Development of New Facilities	**34.95%** 36	**16.50%** 17	**28.16%** 29	**20.39%** 21	103

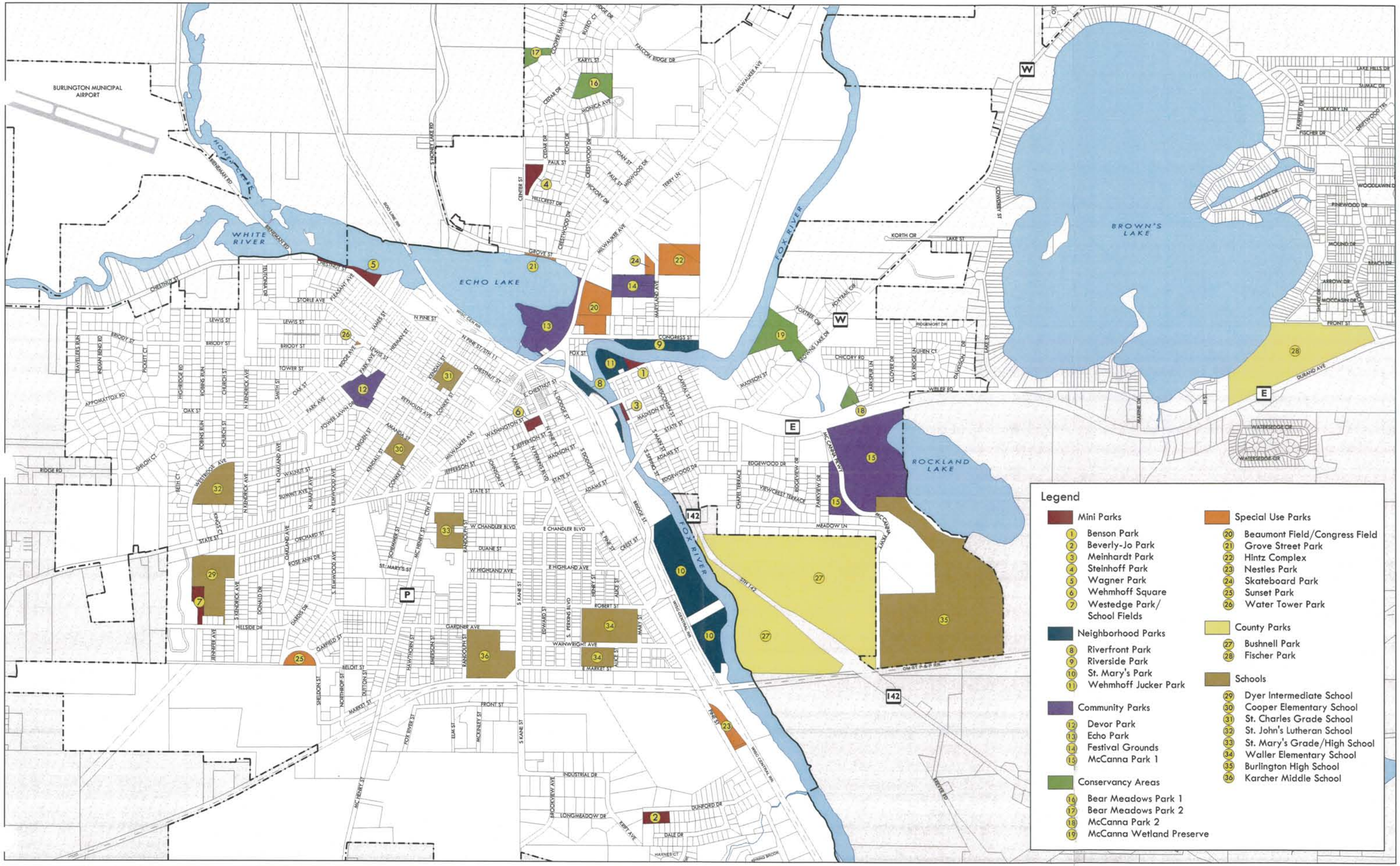
Appendix B:

Plan Maps

			Passive Areas					Informal Active Games						Hard Surfaced Courts					Seasonal												Trails				Special Event Areas			Service and Buffer								
Designation		Acreage	Facility	Open Space	Disc golf	Picnic area	Play equipment	Biking/walking	Soccer	Sandlot backstop	Baseball	Softball/Youth Baseball	Football	Sand Volleyball	Basketball	Tennis	Horseshoes	Skateboard Area	BMX / Freestyle Bike	Pool/Splash Pad	Swimming Beach	Golf Course/Driving Range	Archery Range	Camping Facilities	Hockey	Ice Skating	Sledding	Fishing Area	Xcountry Skiing	Boat Launch	River/Lake Access	Pedestrian	Multi-Use	Mountain Bike	Snowmobile	Performance Stage	Zoo	Event area	Other building	Restrooms	Picnic Shelter	Pedestrian Access	Transit Capabilities	Drinking Water	ADA Accessibility	Bicycle Parking	Automobile Parking
MP																																															
		0.55	Benson Park	◆																								◆			◆																
		1.63	Beverly-Jo Park	◆				◆		◇																	◆					◆	◆	◆	◆												
		0.34	Meinhardt Park	◆																											◆																◆
		1.69	Steinhoff Park	◆			◆							◇													◆						◆								◆						
		1.59	Wagner Park	◆			◆																					◆			◆									◆		◆			◆		◆
		0.87	Wehmhoff Square			◆																										◆							◆		◆	◆			◆	◆	◆
		1.69	Westedge Park	◆																																											◆
Sub Total		**8.36**																																													
NP																																															
		1.66	Riverfront Park	◆		◆		◆																								◆	◆						◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	
		4.35	Riverside Park	◆		◆	◆							◇			◆											◆		◆	◆	◆	◆							◆							◆
		21.33	St. Mary's Park	◆		◆		◆																						◆	◆			◆					◆		◆						◆
		3.28	Wehmhoff Jucker Park	◆		◆		◆						◆	◆													◆			◆	◆	◆						◆	◆	◆						◆
Sub Total		**30.62**																																													
CP																																															
		4.63	Devor Park	◆		◆	◆								◆	◆				◆						◆	◆											◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆
		10.48	Echo Park	◆		◆	◆	◆																				◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆
		5.05	Festival Grounds	◆																																		◆				◆			◆		◆
		33.30	McCanna Park 1	◆		◆	◆	◆																				◆		◆	◆	◆							◆	◆						◆
Sub Total		**53.46**																																													
SP																																															
		7.42	Beaumont Field/Congress Field								◆	◆																										◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆
		0.31	Grove Street Park																												◆																
		6.71	Hintz Complex	◆							◆	◆																										◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
		2.44	Nestles Park	◆																																											
		0.84	Skateboard Park																																						◆						◆
		1.91	Sunset Park	◆								◆				◇																						◆	◆		◆		◆		◆	◆
		0.06	Water Tower Park	◆																																		◆								
Sub Total		**19.69**																																													
CONS																																															
		4.24	Bear Meadows Park 1																																												
		1.66	Bear Meadows Park 2																																												
		1.20	McCanna Park 2																														◆														
		7.37	McCanna Wetland Preserve																																												
Sub Total		**14.47**																																													
City Total		**126.60**																																													

MP: Mini Park
NP: Neighborhood Park
CP: Community Park
SP: Special Use Park
CONS: Conservancy Area

◆ Existing Facility
◇ Facility Recently Removed



SAA

COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Burlington, Wisconsin

Existing Parks & Open Space Map

Figure B

0 0.125 0.25 Miles

CITY OF BURLINGTON
300 N. Pine Street
Burlington, WI 53105

Project No. 2575 | March 2015

Legend

Park Service Areas

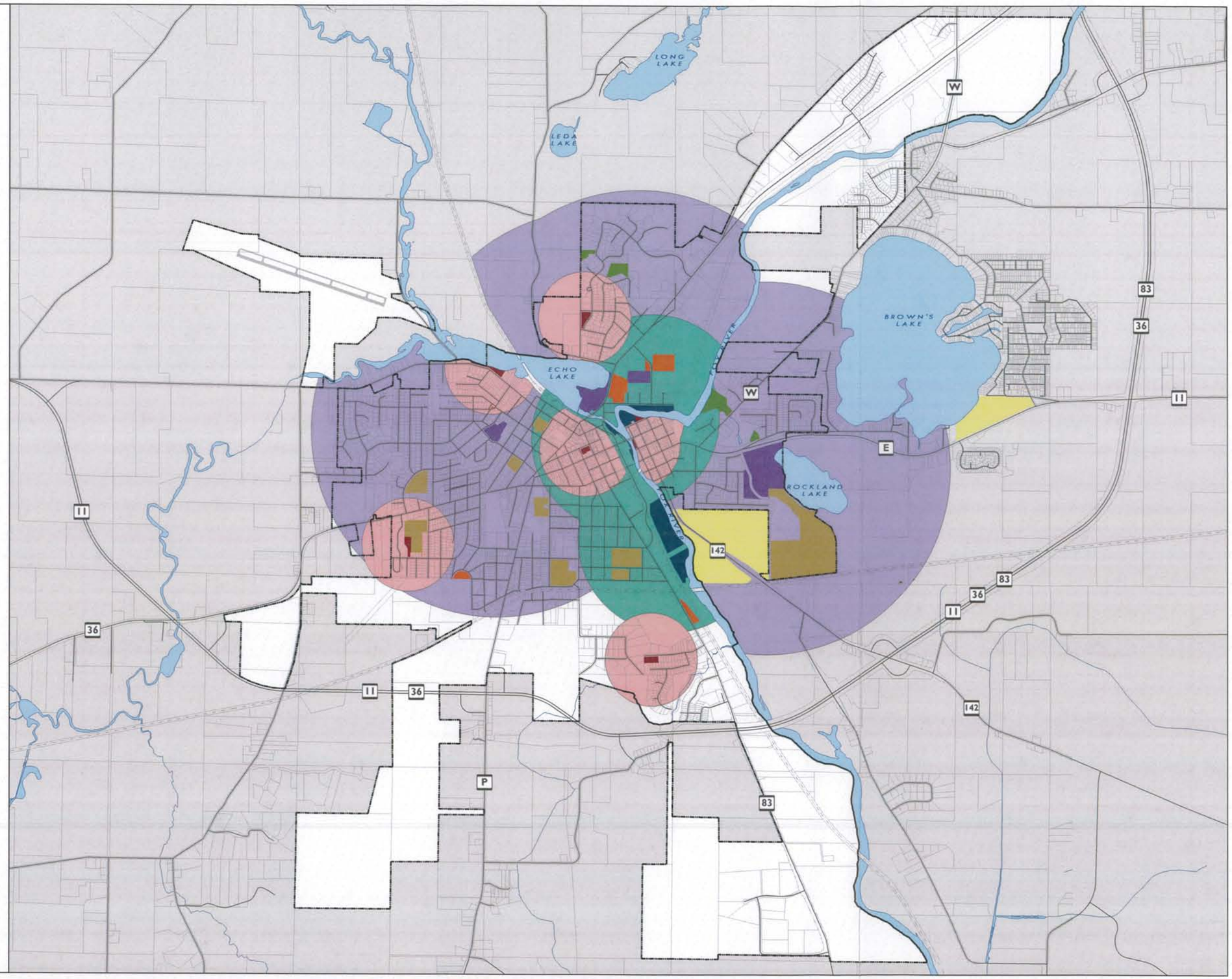
- Mini Park ($\frac{1}{4}$ Mile)
- Neighborhood Park ($\frac{1}{2}$ Mile)
- Community Park (1 Mile)

Parks

- Mini Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Special Use Parks
- Conservancy Areas
- County Parks
- Schools

Other Features

- Railroad
- Stream
- Water
- City of Burlington



SAA

COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Burlington, Wisconsin

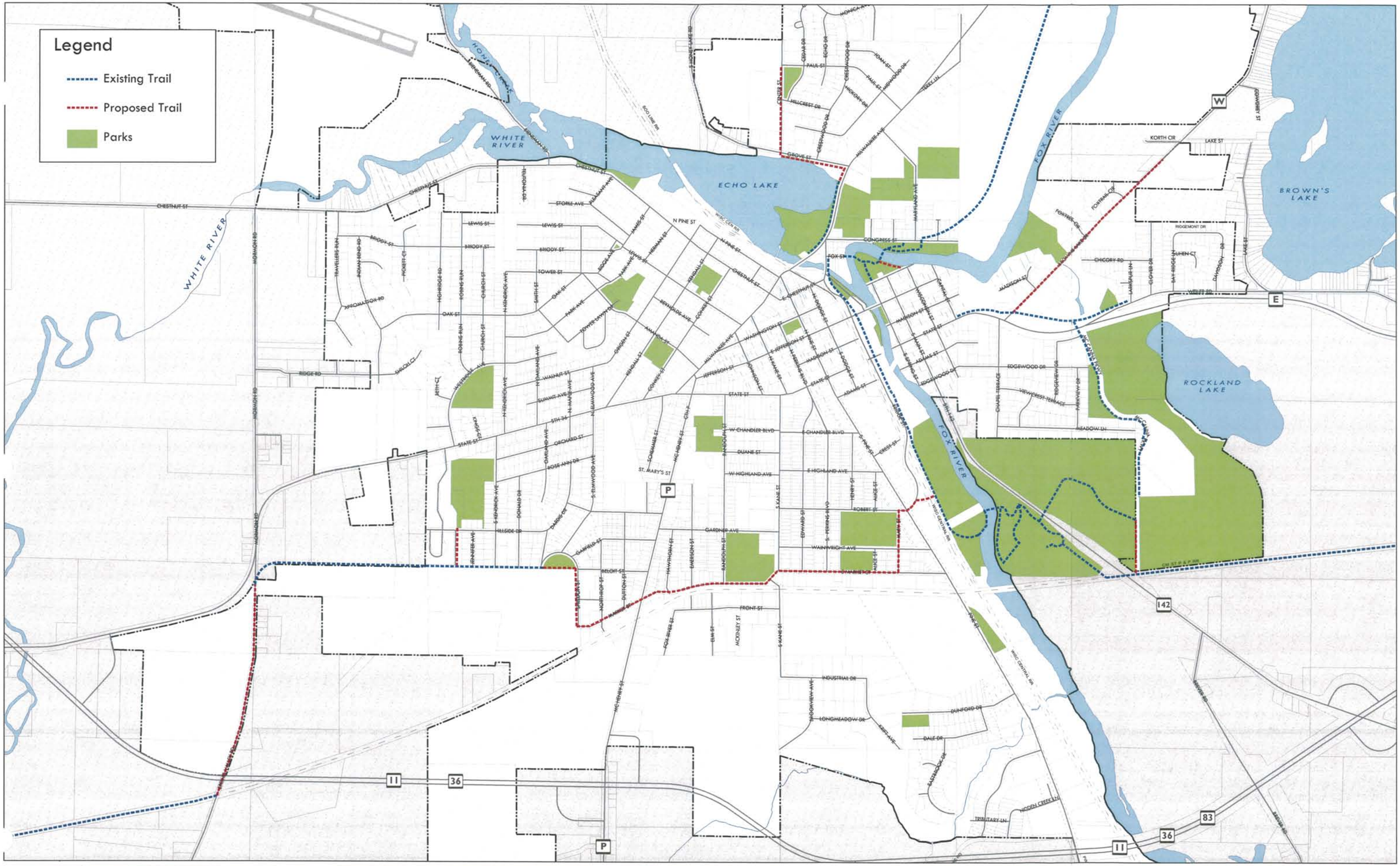
Park Service Area Map

Figure C

0 1400 2800
Feet

CITY OF BURLINGTON
300 N. Pine Street
Burlington, WI 53105

Project No. 2575 | March 2015



COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Burlington, Wisconsin

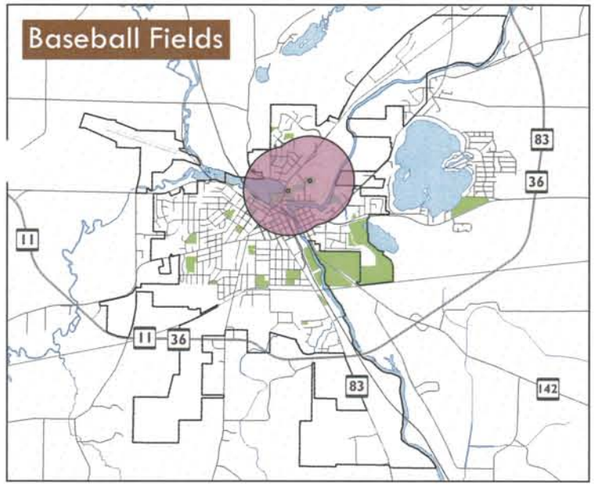
Trail System Map

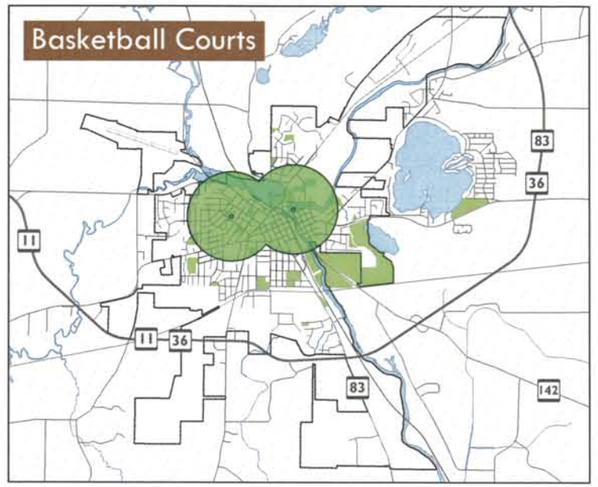
Figure D

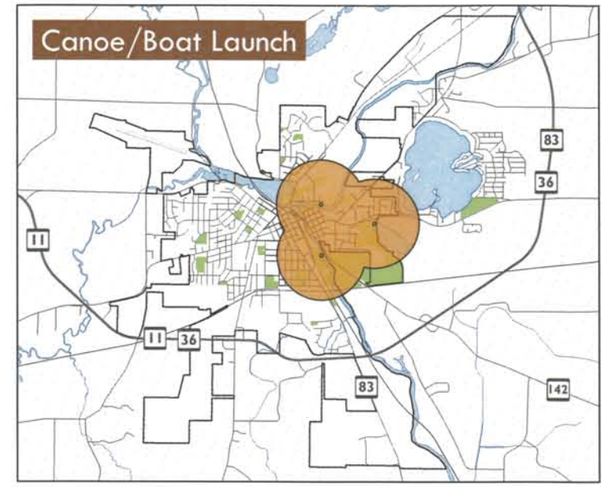
0 0.125 0.25
Miles

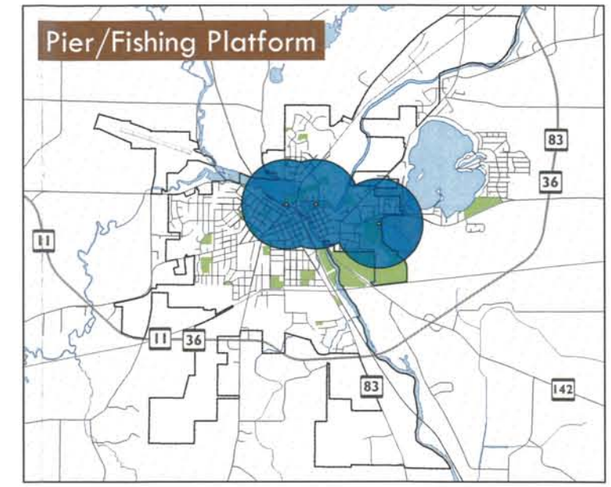
CITY OF BURLINGTON
300 N. Pine Street
Burlington, WI 53105

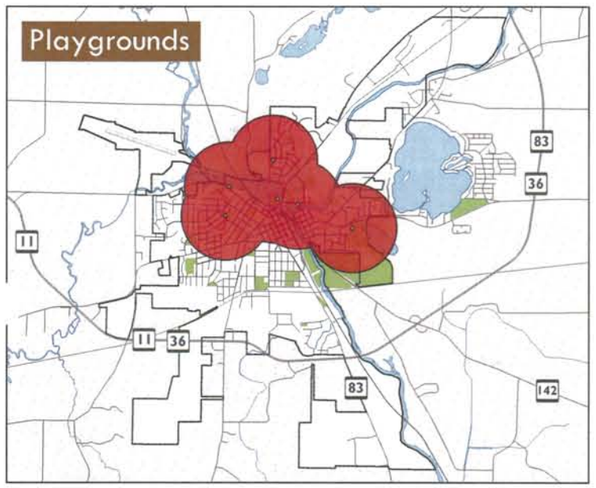
Project No. 2575 | March 2015

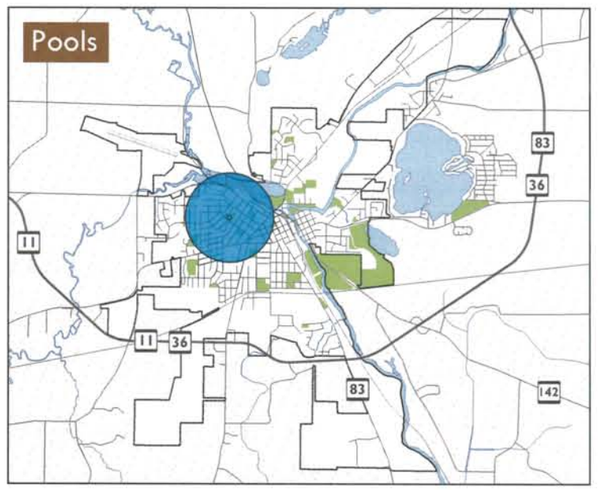


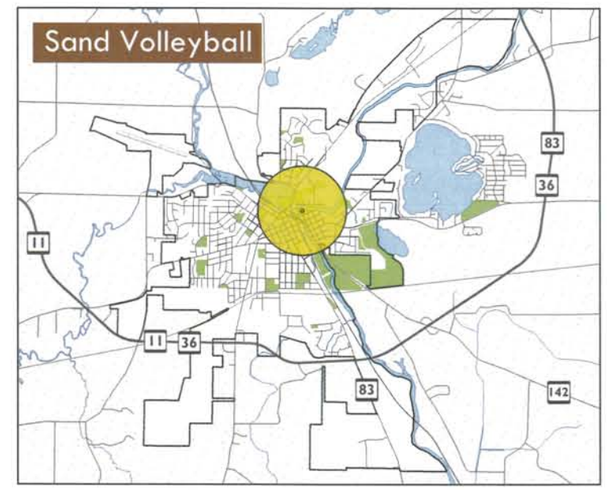


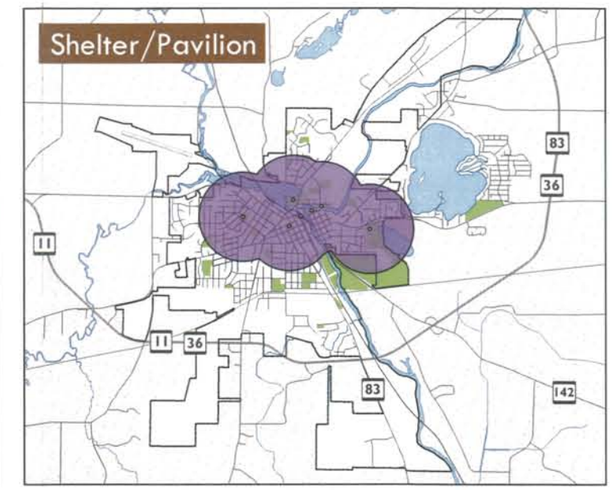


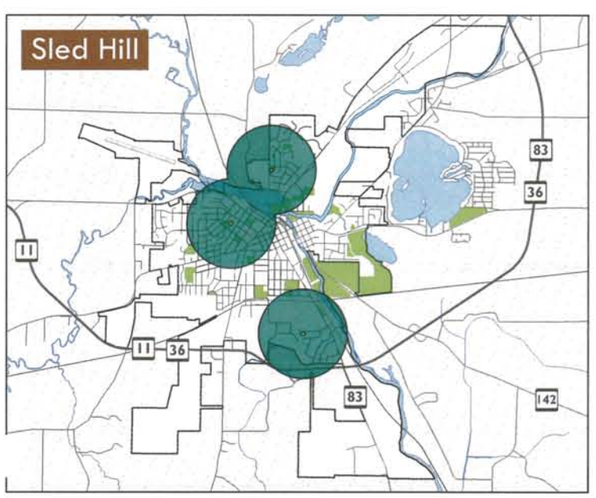


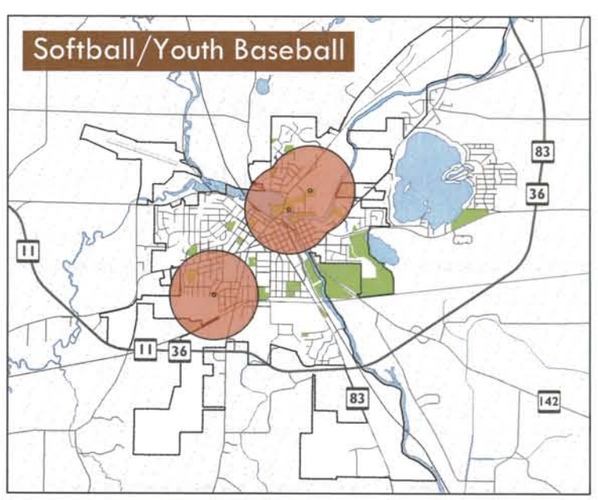


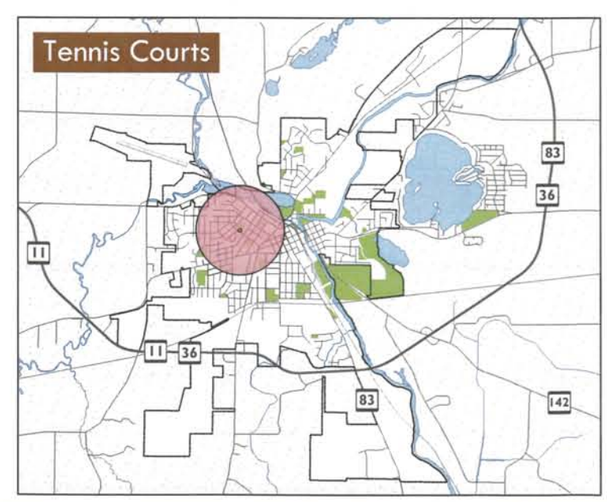


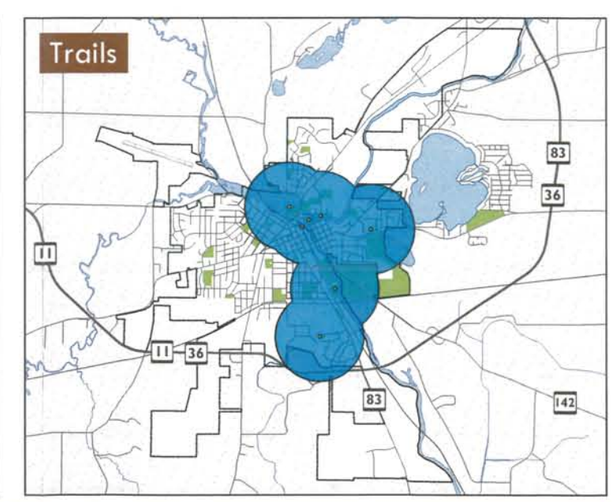












SAA

COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN
Burlington, Wisconsin

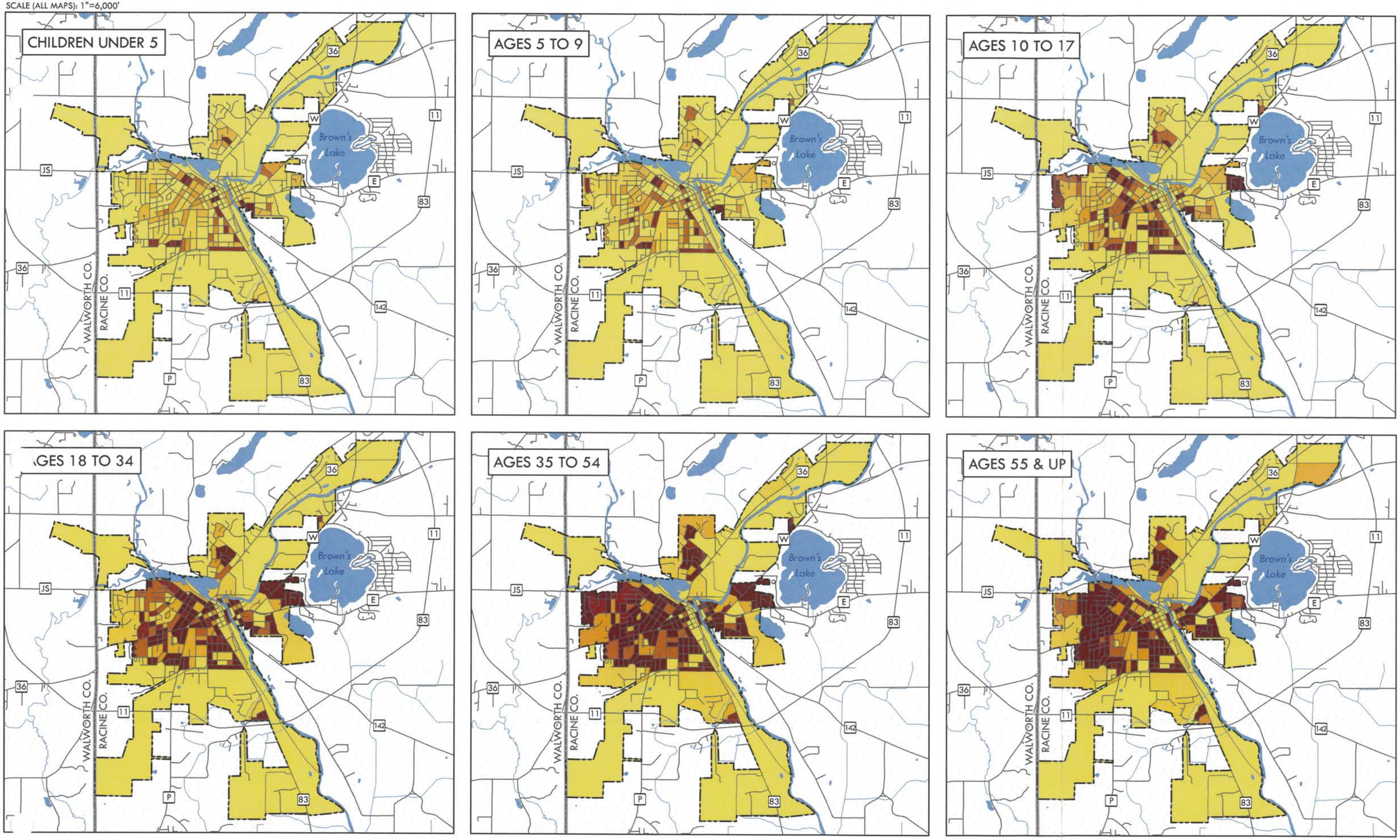
Facility Distribution
Figure E

0 4500 9000
Feet

CITY OF BURLINGTON
300 N. Pine Street
Burlington, WI 53105

Project No. 2575 | March 2015

SCALE (ALL MAPS): 1"=6,000'



COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Burlington, Wisconsin

Population Density by Age Group

Figure F

Population Density (Persons per Acre)

0 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00 1.25 1.5 22.22

CITY OF BURLINGTON
300 N. Pine Street
Burlington, WI 53105

Project No. 2575 | Mar. 2015