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## **NOTICE OF PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE:** February 15, 2022  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Washburn Public Library

This meeting may have members participating via tele or web conferencing. Public participants can listen to the proceedings on-line at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82298068571?pwd=MVpsL1NGT3RjVmJ1aDFxWVgvRkVaUT09> or by calling 888-788-0099 (Toll-free) and entering Mtg ID: 822 9806 8571 and Passcode: 021522. Limited seating will be available at the meeting and guests are asked to keep a six-foot distance.

### **Agenda:**

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approval of the November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Updates from Public Works Department
- Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal Management Grant
- Discussion & Action of Moneywort Treatment Experiment Proposal
- Discussion & Action of Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Discussion & Action of West End Park Flowing Wells
- Adjournment

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of, other governmental bodies including the Common Council of the City of Washburn are in attendance at the above meeting. No action will be taken by any governmental body other than the Parks Committee.

November 16, 2021

## CITY OF WASHBURN PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM

Washburn City Hall and Remote Call-In

Members Present:

Jennifer Maziasz (Council rep), Angel Croll, and Erika Lang

Municipal Personnel Present:

Assistant City Administrative Administrator Tony Janisch,  
Director of Public Works Gerry Schuette

Absent:

Jamie Cook, Kyleleen Bartnick

### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm. Quorum met.

### **Approval of the October 19, 2021 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**

Motion made to approve minutes by Croll, second by Lang. Minutes approved unanimously.

### **Updates from Public Works Department**

Public Works Director Gerry Schuette and Asst. City Administrator Janisch gave the following updates:

- Campground at the parks are all closed now
- Lift stations have all been cleaned and maintenance has been completed. Staff pulled all the pumps, cleaned them, and made sure they are all working.
- The parks budget will be approved in December. We will have a little more money to work with next year.
- We are currently doing renovations on the warming shed at the skating rink. We are improving the kitchen, removing some walls, installing a window, and upgrading the flooring system. The shed will also be available for summer use for the athletic department for different events, etc.
- Staff is looking at doing some sewer work in the spring near the baseball diamonds and if they do this, they might look at the irrigation system too so it is easier to maintain the fields instead of dragging hoses.
- The City recently shared on its Facebook site that the beached sailboat has been removed. It was towed to the marina and it was hauled away. The City got lots of comments about this.
- Scott sent out a Council update showing the income that the City received from the boat launch. Lots of annual passes and daily passes and just over \$8000 came in.
- Janisch doesn't yet have the campground revenue figures.
- This past week, the City received an application for a commercial use permit from a different kayaking outfit. The outfitter has led trips in the Pictured Rocks area, and his father lives in Washburn. The City has 5 days to either approve or deny, and the permit is only good from May-October for the year approved. We acknowledged we received the application and that we'll act on it next year. We are still discussing where the outfitter should launch. They are asking to use the coal dock beach but that beach is busy with other users, so the City will discuss this further.
- The City recently applied for a grant to redo 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the loop through Thompsons West End and then out. It will also improve parking. We are applying for state funds. If it is approved, we'll have all the work done by 2024.

### **Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal Management Grant**

- City submitted two grants to Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. One with Erika's help for more work on the walking trail area - invasives, steps, bridge over the ravine near the beach, and 4 signs. Match is in-kind time from city staff and some funds from the City. Another grant proposal was submitted for engineering design for the eroding shoreline at Memorial Park. We didn't include any match as the project is very expensive with the contractor cost over \$100,000. We could take out the final design part but then we would have to find funding for this in another way.
- Contractor finished the invasive treatment along the walking trail. There were lots of resprouts that had to be addressed. Once the larger invasive plants were removed, small seedlings popped up from the seedbank. These areas will continue to need follow-up.
- Erika is working on the plant order for spring 2022. The contractors provided some location and specie recommendations. Erika will review this and compare it to the view corridors to make sure the plants are placed correctly.

### **Discussion & Action of Outdoor Recreation Plan, Parks & Recreation Inventory**

Work and discussion continued on the outdoor recreation plan by focusing on the policies which will be used to conduct project work.

Committee members suggested the following edits:

- Provide residents with opportunities to engage in recreational experiences throughout the City
- Collaborate with a variety of government, non-profit, and private partners to...
- Combine the two statements related to collaboration
- Evaluate potential recreation service gaps
- Formalize user agreements as needed with partners related to use, maintenance, etc.
- Coordinate long range planning
- Manage parks in a sustainable way that promotes access, safety, natural conditions, user needs, emerging trends, etc. (combine statements 7, 13, 14, and 16 into one or two statements)
- Remove wi-fi statement
- Re-work statement 9
- Leave statement 10 separate on its own if it doesn't fit with statement 9. The fund and the idea of balancing needs between user groups are two different things
- Remove statement 11 and include this as an opportunity
- Statement 12: Promote public awareness through... (add City meetings)
- Statement 15: Start this statement with "Update"
- Statement 16: remove this statement and combine into a general management statement
- A statement related to the City being a destination should probably be included

### **Adjournment**

Date and time of next meeting will be in January 2022 unless the planning consultants need something more from the Parks Committee in December (Janisch will let everyone know).

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Erika Lang  
Secretary, Parks Committee

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To: Parks Committee  
From: Tony Janisch, Assistant City Administrator  
Re: Experimental Treatment Proposal  
Date: January 13, 2022

While conducting invasive special contract along the Walking Trail last year, contractor Bay Area Environmental Consulting discovered Moneywort, a new invasive species to the area. BAEC is proposing an experiment treatment of this species to see what works best for control and/or eradication. Please find the following proposal.



**Bay Area Environmental  
Consulting LLC**  
Washburn, WI

Environmental services for a  
sustainable tomorrow

## **Moneywort Treatment Experiment Proposal**

**December 2021**

### Background

Moneywort (*Lysimachia nummularia*), also known as creeping jenny, is an exotic, short trailing herbaceous plant which has been used widely in gardens and has recently become invasive in northern Wisconsin. It thrives in moist environments including yards, wood edges, ravines, and floodplains. At several sites in Ashland and Bayfield Counties, the species has significantly expanded, posing a serious threat to native vegetation and the insects and wildlife which depend on that native flora.

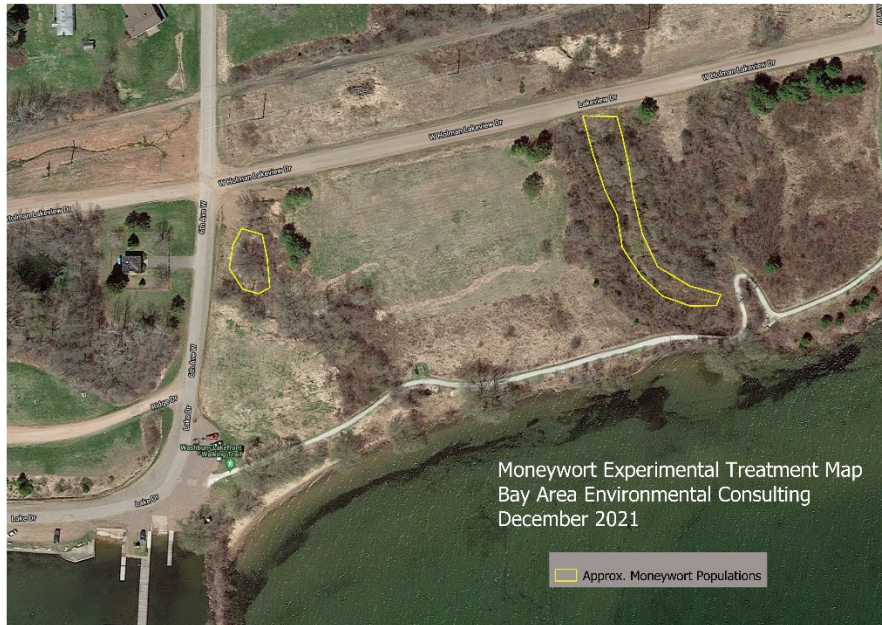
There are two cultivars of this species – yellow and green – easily told apart by the color of their leaf. The yellow cultivar has not been observed causing ecological problems, but the green has become highly invasive. This species has not been observed reproducing by seed in North America, only by vegetative reproduction. Mowing and flooding appear to be the primary transportation mechanisms for this species in northern Wisconsin.

As this is a new invasive species in the area, little research has been conducted on what methods effectively control its invasion. Mechanical means such as mowing may help spread it, and hand pulling may be effective on small patches but not a viable strategy on large populations. Its tolerance to fire or tarping is unknown, but these methods may be undesirable in residential areas where the species often exists.

It appears that chemical control is the best option for long-term management of the species. Glyphosate (e.g. Roundup) and triclopyr (e.g. Garlon) have been proposed. In a non-experimental treatment on the Fish Creek floodplain, mixed results were observed treating with glyphosate, suggesting that more research is needed.

The City of Washburn has two populations on its property. The eastern population, at 46.6678446, -90.9001892, is larger and stretches down an entire ravine. The western population, at 46.6673576, -90.9022153, is smaller (*Figure 1*).

We propose an experiment on City of Washburn land testing the efficacy of glyphosate and triclopyr applied at different times of the year, August and October.



*Figure 1. Map of the moneywort populations present on the Washburn lakeshore, on property owned by the City of Washburn. The boundaries are approximate. Twenty plots would be randomly placed throughout these areas where moneywort is present.*

## Methods

### *Plot Establishment*

We plan to place 20 1x1 meter plots randomly throughout the populations. Five plots will be assigned randomly to each treatment combination (glyphosate-August, glyphosate-October, triclopyr August, and triclopyr October). Plot edges will not touch each other to avoid cross contamination. GPS points will be taken on each plot and the corners will be marked with flags and/or rebar.

### *Pre-Treatment Monitoring*

Percent cover of living, damaged, and dead moneywort will be visually estimated in all plots, prior to the August treatment. Records will be made on any soils or native vegetation of note. A picture will be taken of each plot.

### *Plot Treatment*

Plots will be treated with 2.5% glyphosate (Alligare Glyphosate 5.4) and 2.5% triclopyr (Alligare Triclopyr 3) during the assigned month, applied using backpack sprayers. Alligare 90 surfactant will be added to both herbicides to reduce drip-off and improve herbicide performance. Application will be done within the plot and a quarter meter outside of the plot in all directions. By treating outside of the plot, we hope to minimize the amount of “creep” back into the plot from untreated individuals in the surrounding area.

All herbicides and surfactants proposed in this project are approved for aquatic use since we want to protect the health of Lake Superior and its feeder streams.

### *Post-Treatment Monitoring*

The pre-treatment measurements and notes will be repeated in the following November (if snows allow) and August. We will record any surprising responses. More monitoring and/or experimental treatment may be necessary to get a better understanding of the effects of repeated annual applications, as would be normal in this type of control. Methods for this possible extension to the experiment will be planned after the first year of monitoring.

### *Full Treatment*

We suggest that the rest of the population be treated following this project, since the experimental treatment will not cover the entire population. Treatment should be done using the most effective herbicide and timing that is found during the study. Yearly applications will likely be necessary for 3-5 years.



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Re: Outdoor Recreation Plan  
Date: January 13, 2022

Included is a very DRAFT Outdoor Recreation Plan. The Northwest Regional Planning Commission would like to present this for discussion, moving forward with the final document.

# **OUTDOOR RECREATION**


## **INTRODUCTION**

The City of Washburn recognizes that parks, recreation, and open space are essential to the quality of life for community residents. These resources provide an environment and setting where residents can engage in passive or active recreational pursuits. Parks and open space provide gathering spaces for families, social groups, and individuals, regardless of ability to pay. Recreational resources and programming; including community events hosted in public parks, are accessible by persons of all ages and abilities. These spaces also provide opportunities to engage in healthy activities in a relaxed, natural setting which contributes overall community wellness. Parks and open space also play an important role in protecting both ground and surface water, provide flood control functions and serve as critical habitat for plants and animals. Parks, outdoor recreation, and open space are also important economic resources to the City of Washburn. In addition to generating revenue from user fees, indirect spending within the community and economic activity generated is greatly important to local businesses.

## **PURPOSE OF THE OUTDOOR RECREATION ELEMENT**

This City of Washburn Outdoor Recreation Element of the comprehensive plan reviews and updates information on the physical infrastructure and lands that make up the City's parks, recreation, and open space system, and it provides guidance for future enhancement and expansion of the system. This element addresses Washburn's long-range park, recreation and open space needs but focuses primarily on needs over the next 5-year period (2021-2026). Submission of this element to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) maintains eligibility for a variety of Federal and State Aids to purchase land and to add facilities to existing outdoor recreation lands. Preparation of this element was conducted in accordance with guidance found in Wisconsin Statutes 23.30, Outdoor Recreation Program, and the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

# PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE PROFILE

Mini Parks			
	<u>Existing Facilities</u>	<u>Recommended Improvements</u>	<u>Related Policies</u>
 <p><b>Triangle Park</b> 0.12 Acres</p> <p>This irregular pocket park is located at the intersection of N. Washington Ave/N. Central Ave. and W. 5th Street. This small park space provides minimal amenities and has no facilities.</p> <p><b>Park Acreage Supply/Demand:</b></p> <p><b>Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):</b></p> <p><b>Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:</b></p> <p><b>Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:</b></p> <p><b>Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flower gardens</li> <li>• Benches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace/upgrade benches</li> <li>• Landscaping as necessary</li> <li>• Provide space for public art</li> <li>• Improve current sidewalk, ADA compliant</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Related Goals &amp; Objectives</u></b></p>



**City Hall Plaza**  
0.25 Acres

**Small plaza fronting City Hall along Bayfield St/Washington Ave. Key features include a fountain, walkway, flag poles, flower gardens and benches.**

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**

- Fountain
- Lighting
- Walkways
- Flag poles
- Flower gardens
- Benches & picnic tables

**Recommended Improvements**

- Replace/upgrade plaza lights
- Replace/upgrade plaza walkways
- Replace/upgrade benches & picnic tables
- Install interpretive signage, including map with city parks
- Landscaping as necessary

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**

**Neighborhood Parks**



**East Side Tennis Courts**  
0.65 Acres

Public recreation area located between E. Bayfield St. and E. 3rd St. Features fenced in tennis courts (asphalt), 1/2 court basketball, tennis backboard and benches.

Park Acreage Supply/Demand:

Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):

Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:

Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:

Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:

**Existing Facilities**

- Tennis courts
- Benches
- Fencing
- 1/2 court basketball court
- Tennis backboard

**Recommended Improvements**

- Resurface tennis courts and include Pickle Ball striping
- Install drinking fountain.
- Remove basketball court
- Provide ADA compliant pathway access
- Replace/upgrade benches
- Renovate tennis court lighting
- Landscaping as necessary.
- Improve signage.
- Improve storm water handling

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**



**Wikdal Park**  
1.16 Acres

**Community gateway park located at the intersection of W. Bayfield St. and N. 3rd Ave W. Site features benches, lighting, informational kiosk, picnic tables and flower gardens. This park hosts a number of community events during the year.**

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**

- Benches
- Lighting
- Picnic tables
- Flower gardens
- Informational Kiosk

**Recommended Improvements**

- Prepare park development plan
- Renovate flower gardens and landscaping as needed
- Construct gazebo or band stage
- Upgrade/Install utilities for outdoor lighting and restrooms
- Construct ADA compliant walkways
- Install drinking fountain
- Place benches and picnic tables

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**



**Legion Park**  
1.58 Acres

**Park and public open space located along E. Bayfield St. and N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E. This site houses the city’s veterans memorial and features flag poles, flower gardens, pathways, and benches.**

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**

- Veteran’s Memorial
- Flag poles
- Flower gardens
- Pathways
- Benches & picnic tables
- Bus stop shelter

**Recommended Improvements**

- Prepare park development plan
- Extend utilities to park, with potable water
- Replace pathways with ADA compliant walkways
- Renovate and expand flower gardens and landscaping as needed
- Upgrade/replace benches and picnic tables
- Reimagine Veteran’s Memorial
- Provide space for public art

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**





**Jackie's Field**  
1.61 Acres

**Neighborhood park located at the intersection of E. 3rd St. and N 3rd Ave. E. Site features playground equipment, benches, picnic tables and a sandlot ball field with backstop. The open area also serves as a soccer field.**

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**

- Playground set, swings and slide
- Benches
- Exercise equipment
- Free Little Library
- Sandlot ball field
- Picnic tables
- Gravel parking lot

**Recommended Improvements**

- Construct covered picnic shelter
- ADA compliant pathways throughout park
- New backstop and fencing at ball field
- Construction of soccer field
- Extend utilities to park
- Construction of restrooms; potable water
- Add more picnic tables
- Landscaping as necessary
- Improve storm water handling
- Explore feasibility of splash pad

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**



**Hillside Park**  
4.27 Acres

Neighborhood park located at N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. and W. Hillside Dr. Site amenities include tennis courts (asphalt), 1/2 basketball court, sandlot ball diamond, tennis backstop, benches, and picnic tables.

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**

- Playground
- 1/2 court basketball court
- Benches & picnic tables
- Tennis courts
- Sand lot ball diamond
- Tennis backstop

**Recommended Improvements**

- Resurface tennis courts
- Renovate, upgrade, and expand playground
- Extend utilities and potable water
- Construct covered picnic shelter
- Landscaping as necessary
- Construct ADA complaint pathways and access
- Renovate tennis court lighting
- Fence sand lot ball diamond
- Construction of soccer field
- Replace/upgrade benches and picnic tables
- Construct parking lot
- Expansion of picnic or pet exercising areas.
- Install signage as necessary
- Explore feasibility of splash pad

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**

## Community Parks



### **Athletic Field & Skate Rinks** 14.73 Acres

Located between E. Memorial Park Dr. and E. Pumphouse Rd. The property includes regulation softball, baseball, and Little League fields, two ice skating rinks, warming house, restrooms, and a concession stand. A groomed snowmobile trail also bisects the property.

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

### Existing Facilities

- Regulation softball field with dugouts
- Regulation baseball field with dugouts and scoreboard
- Regulation little league field with dugouts
- Two ice rinks
- Restrooms, concession stand, warming building
- Parking and access road

### Recommended Improvements

- Tree planting & landscaping
- Install electronic scoreboards at all fields
- Install lighting at fields
- Connect lakefront parkway walking trail through park
- Reconstruct east skating rink (hockey)
- Improve waterlines for ice rink flooding
- Extend waterlines to ballfields for irrigation & potable water
- Install bleachers at all fields
- Construct covered picnic pavilion(s)
- Prepare park development management & usage plan for Athletic Fields Park
- Develop/construct pump track
- Develop/construct curling rink
- Install basketball hoops on blacktop at ice rink area
- Update warming shed to be all year-round bathroom/concession usage

### Related Policies

### Related Goals & Objectives

**Waterfront Recreation**



**West End Park Boat Landing**  
0.41 Acres

**Public boat launch on Chequamegon Bay located just east of the campgrounds, at Lake Dr. and S 6th Ave W. Renovated in 2020 and features boat ramps, docks, and parking areas. Adjacent features include trailhead, fitness equipment, overflow camping, and beach.**

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**


- Boat Docks
- Boat Launch
- Picnic Point
- Beach
- Overflow Camping Area
- Paved & Grass Parking Area
- Lakeshore Parkway Trailhead
- Fitness Equipment
- North Coast Community Sailing Instruction Storage Sheds

**Recommended Improvements**

- Improve infrastructure (restrooms, parking, landscaping)
- Expand parking to accommodate larger boat trailer parking
- Stormwater management improvements.
- Construct community center or pavilion (determine need and/or desire)
- Add picnic tables and benches

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**

 <p><b>Coal Dock Beach &amp; Trail/Parkway Extension</b> 0.52 Acres</p> <p>Public beach located next to the Coal Dock. Includes access to a gravel trail and parkway extension. This site provides parking amenities as well as benches that overlook Lake Superior.</p> <p>Park Acreage Supply/Demand:</p> <p>Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):</p> <p>Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:</p> <p>Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:</p> <p>Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:</p>	<p><u><b>Existing Facilities</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Gravel trail</li> <li>• Overlooks with benches</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Recommended Improvements</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade parking at beach area</li> <li>• Install stairway access from picnic area</li> <li>• Install signage, interpretive and directional</li> <li>• Replace/upgrade benches</li> <li>• Install picnic tables</li> <li>• Improve stormwater management and erosion</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Related Policies</b></u></p> <p><u><b>Related Goals &amp; Objectives</b></u></p>
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**Commercial Dock**  
2.04 Acres

**Public access site at one of the last working bulk cargo docks on Chequamegon Bay. Site features a mooring bollard for commercial boats, fishing area and a small beach. This site is also a popular winter access to Chequamegon Bay.**

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**

- Mooring bollard for commercial boats
- Transloading and storage space available
- Fishing area

**Recommended Improvements**

- Install better signage of area rules

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**



**Washburn Marina**  
18.11 Acres

**Full-service marina located 3 blocks from the City's commercial district, just west of the Commercial Dock. The Marina offers a variety of services including dockage, bulk cargo storage areas, boat ramps, a 150-ton boat lift, indoor and outdoor vessel storage, and vessel repair.**

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

**Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:**

**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**

- 138 boat slips, plus 5 transient slips
- Piers & docks with electric and water hook-up
- Outdoor boat storage
- Boat lift
- Covered picnic shelter
- Store
- Petroleum sales
- Boat launch
- Fish cleaning station
- Paved and unpaved parking areas
- Restrooms & shower facilities
- Office building and repair building
- Lounge

**Recommended Improvements**

- Landscaping/aesthetic improvements as practical for operations, improve appearance of main entrance area.
- Build enhancements to/better delineate lakefront trail
- Relocate lakefront trail
- Construct additional 5-8 transient slips on Pier 4
- Repair and expand parking areas.
- Asphalt Central Avenue down to beginning of Coal Dock; delineate parking in that area; add riprap along shoreline
- Provide ADA dock/lift facilities to pier(s)
- Expand boat storage facilities

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**



**Thompson's West End Park**  
21.88 Acres

**Park and campground located at the foot of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave W. Site features include 50 campsites with utility hookups, showers, restrooms, dump station, two artesian wells, festival area, picnic area and shelter, swimming beach, playground, fishing pier, boat launch and docks.**

**Park Acreage Supply/Demand:**

**Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):**

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**Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:**

**Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:**

**Existing Facilities**

- Campground
- Campsite cable hook-ups/electrical sites and WIFI.
- Shower & restroom facilities in ADA compliance.
- Information kiosk and payment pipe
- Sewage dump station.
- Two flowing wells.
- Festival area – across from pavilion.
- Covered picnic shelter.
- Picnic area.
- Swimming beach.
- Playground area.
- Boat launch & docks.
- Storm water conveyance pond.
- Volleyball sand area/pit

**Recommended Improvements**


- Improve park infrastructure (i.e., water & sewer, roads & parking, trails, signage, kiosk, hardscape, public facilities)
- Replace playground equipment.
- Add full-service picnic shelter/cabin
- Extend Lakefront Trail through park
- Construct year-round ADA compliant restrooms
- Develop better access to lake by pavilion (i.e., rollout dock)
- Construct roof structure overflowing wells and upgrade piping
- Construct waterfront gazebo
- Establish ADA compliant pathways and access trails, including a walkway from the playground/pavilion area to the bathrooms
- Erosion control along lakefront
- Improve existing campfire area by pavilion
- Develop additional campsites/camping areas
- Improve beach volleyball court
- Shelter for artesian well
- Invasive plant control as needed

**Related Policies**

**Related Goals & Objectives**





<p>Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct picnic pavilion &amp; restroom at Washington Ave. Trailhead.</li> </ul>	
 <p><b>Memorial Park</b> 26.28 Acres</p> <p>Park and campground located on E. Memorial Park Dr., overlooking Chequamegon Bay. Site features 50 campsites, dump station, playground, picnic areas, shower, and restrooms. Electric, cable TV and WI-FI Internet access is available at some sites.</p> <p>Park Acreage Supply/Demand:</p> <p>Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):</p> <p>Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:</p> <p>Number of Residents within 1/4 mile radius:</p>	<p><b><u>Existing Facilities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campground</li> <li>Covered picnic shelter</li> <li>Dump station</li> <li>Electric and cable TV service to some sites and WIFI. – Electric, Cable &amp; Wi-Fi in all sites.</li> <li>Playground</li> <li>Historic kitchen building (no water, plumbing)</li> <li>Picnic areas</li> <li>Pathways and bridges across ravines</li> <li>Restrooms and shower building</li> <li>Information kiosk and payment pipe</li> <li>Parking area</li> <li>Archway Entrance (South 6th Avenue East)</li> <li>Trail to lake access</li> <li>Firewood shed</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Recommended Improvements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve park infrastructure (i.e., water &amp; sewer, roads &amp; parking, trails, signage, kiosk, land/hardscape, public facilities)</li> <li>Replace playground equipment</li> <li>Replace full-service picnic shelter/cabin</li> <li>Update/remodel restrooms to meet ADA compliance</li> <li>Pathways and access trails that comply with ADA</li> <li>Erosion control along lakefront</li> <li>Create/improve existing campfire area by pavilion</li> <li>Develop additional campsites/camping areas (yurt, primitive, glamping)</li> <li>Install beach volleyball /multi-purpose rec area</li> <li>Invasive plant control as needed</li> <li>Prepare campground development plan</li> <li>Expand/connect park trail and old railroad to create inner city trail loop</li> <li>Rebuild caretaker’s house for historic purposes</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Related Policies</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Related Goals &amp; Objectives</u></b></p>





**Old Railroad Trail**  
*35.56 Miles*

The City of Washburn purchased the majority of the former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad right-of-way within the city when the railroad abandoned service to the area in 1983. The right-of-way under municipal ownership has been converted into an off-road snowmobile and ATV trail.

Park Acreage Supply/Demand:

Park Acreage Projected  
Supply/Deficit (Level of Service):

Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population:

Number of Residents within 1/4 mile  
radius:

Number of Residents within 1/2 mile  
radius:

### Existing Facilities

- Multi-Use Recreation Trail (ATV, snowmobile, bike, walk)

### Recommended Improvements

- Install signage as required
- Landscaping as necessary
- Purchase or easement railroad right-of-way in private hands between Superior Ave. and Gary Road
- Construct silent sports trail between 4th Avenue East and Superior Ave
- Improve existing railroad grade to multipurpose trail to include walking, biking, skiing

### Related Policies

### Related Goals & Objectives





## ANALYSIS OF DEMAND AND NEED

### QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

An analysis of existing parks, recreational lands and open space is provided to determine whether the needs of city residents are being met. The City of Washburn currently provides about 294 acres of parkland, excluding school facilities, private facilities, special use areas, and open space. Considering the City's population of 2,051 residents (U.S. Census 2020), there are 0.14 acres of parkland per person, or 140 acres per 1,000 population. Inclusion of open space (99 acres) increases per capita parkland to 0.20 acres of parkland per person, or 200 acres per 1,000 population. According to the National Parks and Recreation Area (NPRA), typically there are 9.9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents in the United States, and the general benchmark for parkland acreage is 10.5 acres per 1,000 population.

#### Park Acreage Overall Supply/Demand

	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	2,051	2,010	1,945	1,916	1,863
Supply	393	393	393	393	393
Supply (Per Capita)	0.192	0.196	0.202	0.205	0.211
Demand (10.5 Ac/1,000 Pop)	22	21	20	20	20
Surplus/Deficiency	+371	+372	+373	+373	+373

#### Park Acreage Projected Supply/Deficit by Park Type (Former NPRA Standards)

	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	2,051	2,010	1,945	1,916	1,863
Mini-Parks					
<i>Low Standard (0.25 Ac/1,000 Pop)</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.08	-0.07
<i>High Standard (0.5 Ac/1,000 Pop)</i>	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5
Neighborhood Parks					
<i>Low Standard (1.0 Ac/1,000 Pop)</i>	+7.2	+7.3	+7.4	+7.4	+7.4
<i>High Standard (2.0 Ac/1,000 Pop)</i>	+5.2	+5.3	+5.4	+5.5	+5.6
Community Parks					
<i>Low Standard (5.0 Ac/1,000 Pop)</i>	+4.4	+4.7	+5.0	+5.1	+5.4
<i>High Standard (8.0 Ac/1,000 Pop)</i>	-1.7	-1.4	-0.9	-0.6	-0.2
Special Use Areas (No Standard Applicable)					
Open Space (No Standard Applicable)					

Determining if a community's park and open space needs are being met can be difficult. The process is often not methodical and depends heavily on input from community residents, park and open space users, officials, and staff. Formerly, the National Recreation and Park Association published standards for park acreage per 1,000 population. Current methodology calls on each community to determine its own standard, or Level of Service (LOS), tailored to an appropriate range, quantity, and quality of recreational site, facilities, and amenities within its budgetary constraints.

#### Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population

	Total Acreage	Acreage Per 1,000
Mini-Parks	0.4	0.2
Neighborhood Parks	9.3	4.5
Community Parks	14.7	7.2

## GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

The geographic location of parks, recreation, and open space facilities in relation to the community's population is an indicator of how well existing resources are distributed throughout the community. NRPA guidelines suggest that city residents should reside within 1/4 to 1/2 mile of some type of park or open space.

### City Residents within 1/4 to 1/2 mile of Park or Open Space

<b>C. Washburn Population 2,051 (2020 Census)</b>	<b>Residents</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Estimated Population within 1/4 mile of a Park	1,523	74.3%
Estimated Population within 1/2 mile of a Park	2,051	100.0%
Estimated Population within 1/4 mile of Open Space	1,000	48.8%
Estimated Population within 1/2 mile of Open Space	1,951	95.1%
Estimated Population within Mini Park Service Area (1/4 mile)	763	37.2%
Estimated Population within Neighborhood Park Service Area (1/2 mile)	1,980	96.6%
Estimated Population within Community Park Service Area (1/2 mile)	2,051	100.0%

### City Residents within 1/4 to 1/2 mile of Park or Open Space by Park

<b>Park</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Estimated Population within 1/4 mile Radius</b>	<b>Estimated Population within 1/2 mile Radius</b>
Small Triangle Park	Mini Park	527	337
City Hall Plaza	Mini Park	351	1,063
Hillside Park	Neighborhood Park	102	1,336
Jackie's Field	Neighborhood Park	349	832
East Side Tennis Courts	Neighborhood Park	265	802
Legion Park	Neighborhood Park	333	322
Wikdal Park	Neighborhood Park	403	94
Athletic Fields & Skating Rinks	Community Parks	62	555
West End Park Boat Landing	Waterfront Recreation	45	379
Washburn Marina	Waterfront Recreation	11	345
Commercial Dock & Beach	Waterfront Recreation	2	756
Thompsons West End Park	Waterfront Recreation	44	1,084
Memorial Park	Waterfront Recreation	62	1,083

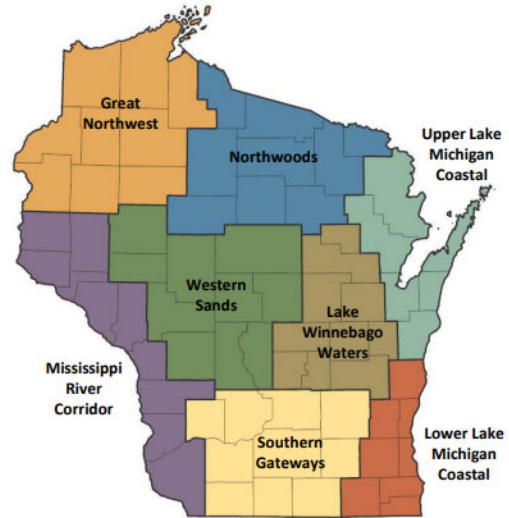
Overall, park and recreation system resources are generally well distributed throughout the City of Washburn. Most City residents (74.3%) live within 1/4 mile of a park, while 100% reside within 1/2 mile of a park. Of the 2,051 City residents, nearly half (48.8%) live within 1/4 mile of public open space, while most (95.1%) reside within 1/2 mile of the City's open space resources, much of which is located along the City's waterfront.



## REGIONAL AND STATE RECREATIONAL TRENDS

### STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN

The Wisconsin Statewide Recreation Plan (SCORP) evaluates outdoor recreation supply, demand, trends, and issues in Wisconsin. The 2019-2023 SCORP included a Recreation Opportunities Analysis conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to identify recreation needs for each of the 8 recreational regions in Wisconsin. The City of Washburn is within the 9-county Great Northwest Region of the state. High needs identified in the Recreational Opportunities Analysis for the Great Northwest Region include:



- ATV/UTV riding
- Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
- Bird or wildlife watching
- Camping - developed and primitive
- Canoeing or kayaking
- Fishing
- Four-wheel vehicle driving
- Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
- Hunting -big game
- Motor boating (including waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)
- Off-highway motorcycle riding
- Swimming in lakes and rivers

### BAYFIELD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

The Bayfield County Outdoor Recreation Plan 2020-2024 is a cooperative effort between Bayfield County and its many municipalities, which includes 25 towns, 2 cities (including the City of Washburn), as well as the Red Cliff Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, and several non-profits in the county. The plan identifies existing outdoor recreation-based infrastructure in Bayfield County while also listing foreseeable recreation facility needs.

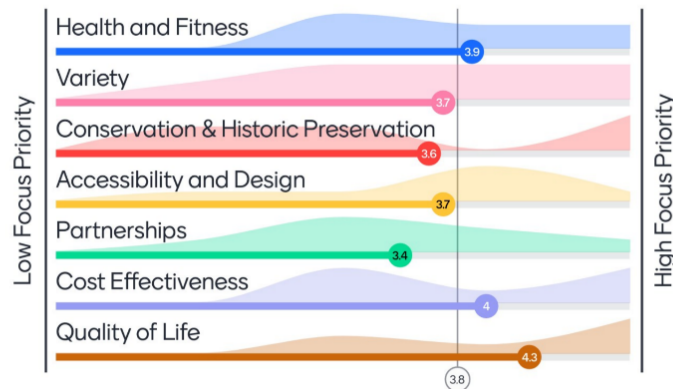
# VISIONING

The vision framework for the Outdoor Recreation Element, prepared by the Washburn Parks Committee, was guided by the following basic principles.

- Plan should provide a guide for the sustainable development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities (sustainability related to economic and environment) things that are important include: maintenance, sustainability, balance place to live with place to come to visit, cost effectiveness, partnerships, conservation-minded, provide amenities that enhance the quality of life, people are drawn here because of nature and what we have.
- We need to continually engage and seek partners and we should be cautious about relying on partners too much. We should also create a partner list and communicate with partners as we develop a plan.
- We need to engage local residents; we need to determine what that engagement should look like (speak with people; page on City website; survey, etc.). We need to get lots of people’s feedback, particularly from a diversity of generations and age groups.
- We also want to know what our visitors think/desire too as we develop the plan; we should make sure objectives and activities/projects are realistic and attainable. We also need to think about short-term and long-term maintenance. The plan should be a living document that can be updated.
- We could probably learn from other communities in our area related to how they created an outdoor recreation plan and engaged residents. Maybe we could get a presentation or meeting with them.
- Continue to visit and inventory City parks

These principles helped establish the core outdoor recreation planning focus topics, which were prioritized by the Parks Committee in March 2020.

## Outdoor Recreation Planning Focus Topics



# WASHBURN OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Overarching Goal: *Provide a partnership-driven, cost-effective, conservation-based multi-purpose outdoor evolving recreation system that enhances the quality of life and sustainability for its infrastructure, residents, and visitors alike.*

## **Focus Priority: Health and Fitness**

Objective 1.1. Ensure healthy living activities and opportunities are easily accessible to residents and visitors through outdoor and indoor facility spaces.

## **Focus Priority: Variety**

Objective 2.1. Offer various options and equitable opportunities for the public to participate in outdoor recreation experiences.

## **Focus Priority: Conservation & Historic Preservation**

Objective 3.1 Invest in protecting outdoor and natural environments through historic preservation programming and conservation strategies.

Objective 3.2 Leverage the conservation and historic preservation investments through offering outdoor and recreation opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

## **Focus Priority: Accessibility and Design**

Objective 4.1 Focus in the development of developing and maintaining accessible outdoor recreation options and opportunities to facilitate a welcoming environment for locals and tourists.

Objective 4.2 Create user-friendly physical design alternatives that balances healthy blend of natural and built environments for all to enjoy.

## **Focus Priority: Partnerships**

Objective 5.1 Establish new partnerships that provides representation in public, private, and non-profit sector collaboration, and cooperative opportunities to invest in outdoor recreation.

## **Focus Priority: Cost Effectiveness**

Objective 6.1 Ensure that outdoor and recreation investments bring cost-effective outcomes while not compromising the quality of physical design and infrastructural investment opportunities.

Objective 6.2 Enable locals to have a direct say in cost-effective solutions to enhance outdoor and recreational opportunities.

## **Focus Priority: Quality of Life**

Objective 7.1 Promote lifestyle physical changes through investing in new and enjoyable outdoor recreational opportunities that encourage and challenge positive quality of life changes for residents and visitors.

## Future New-Construction and Improvement Projects

The following list reflects new-construction and improvement projects that the Outdoor Recreation Plan Committee believe should be identified as high priority short-term projects.

Neighborhood Parks
<b>East Side Tennis Courts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resurface tennis courts.</li><li>• Install drinking water fountain.</li><li>• Expand basketball court to full court.</li><li>• Fence basketball court.</li><li>• Provide ADA compliant paved pathways.</li><li>• Install benches and picnic tables.</li><li>• Paint mural on tennis backboard.</li><li>• Construct maintenance building.</li><li>• Renovate tennis court lighting.</li><li>• Add landscaping and tree planting.</li><li>• Improve signage.</li><li>• Purchase additional lands.</li></ul>
<b>Jackie's Field</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construct covered picnic shelter.</li><li>• Provide ADA compliant pathways.</li><li>• Install new backstop and fencing at ball field.</li><li>• Construct a soccer field.</li><li>• Extend utility lines to park.</li><li>• Install informational signage.</li><li>• Install benches and picnic tables.</li><li>• Construct restrooms.</li><li>• Pave parking lot.</li><li>• Add landscaping and tree planting.</li><li>• Improve stormwater handling.</li></ul>

**Legion Park**

- Prepare park development plan.
- Extend utility lines to park.
- Replace pathways with ADA compliant pathways.
- Install drinking water fountain.
- Renovate and expand flower gardens.
- Install benches.
- Renovate veteran's memorial.
- Upgrade electrical service to park.
- Construct fountain.
- Construct fountain plaza.
- Construct sculpture.
- Add landscaping and tree planting.
- Install picnic tables.
- Install park lighting.

**Wikdal Park**

- Prepare park development plan.
- Renovate flower gardens.
- Renovate outdoor lighting and upgrade electrical capability for festivals.
- Construct gazebo or band stage.
- Construct restrooms.
- Construct ADA compliant pathways and walkways.
- Install drinking water fountain.
- Install benches and picnic tables.

**Community Parks**

### **Athletic Fields and Skating Rinks**

- Reconstruct skate park ramps.
- Recontour skating rink walls to permit better maintenance and landscaping.
- Pave parking lot.
- Add landscaping and tree planting.
- Install electronic scoreboards at all fields.
- Install lighting at fields.
- Pave access road to concession stand.
- Reconstruct little league dugout.
- Construct press box and announcer's stand at all fields.
- Extend lakefront parkway walking trail throughout park.
- Install additional benches and picnic tables at park.
- Construct new access road to park via 2nd Avenue East.
- Relocate and reconstruct skate park.
- Better sealing of east skating rink basin to better permit it to hold water.
- Improve stormwater handling.
- Complete fencing of little league field.
- Install bleachers at all fields.
- Construct paved ADA compliant walkways throughout park.
- Extend water lines to softball field and little league field.
- Prepare park development plan for Athletic Fields Park.
- Place fencing around baseball field and skate park at other locations.
- Construct equipment storage buildings.
- Construct field sports are including paved athletic track, bleachers, lighting and fencing.
- Construct dugouts at boy's baseball field and repair other dugouts.
- Purchase additional lands.

### **Waterfront Recreation**

#### **Washburn Marina**

- Add campsites.
- Replace pier decking on piers.
- Landscape to eliminate industrial look.
- Replace existing office building with enlarged office, store, and lounge.
- Construct laundry facilities.
- Construct playground area.
- Build enhancements to lakefront trail.
- Extend south break wall to better protect interior basin opening.
- Install safety equipment on break wall and piers.
- Construct picnic area.
- Construct additional marina basin for 50-100 additional slips.
- Relocate lakefront trail.
- Repair and expand parking areas.

**West End Park Boat Landing**

- Extend water & sewer utilities to public facilities at boat launch.
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Implement stormwater management improvements.
- Construct community center.
- Construct access roads and parking by community center.
- Remove pilings to permit better water access to landing.
- Construct larger boat and trailer parking lot by boat ramp.
- Extend Lakefront Trail through park.
- Install picnic tables and benches.
- Expand Maritime Trails signage.
- Relocate instructional facilities, and indoor storage for sailing, kayaking and rowing programs.
- Add landscaping and tree planting.
- Purchase buoys to mark channel to boat landing.
- Dredge boat ramp area.

### **Thompson's West End Park**

- Extend water & sewer utilities to campsites.
- Replace playground equipment.
- Include additional covered picnic shelter.
- Extend of Lakefront Trail through park.
- Construct year-round ADA compliant restrooms within festival area.
- Purchase an automated beach rake.
- Extend water utilities to festival area.
- Replace fishing pier with an ADA compliant fishing pier.
- Construct roof structure overflowing wells and upgrade piping.
- Construct equipment storage building.
- Extend adequate power facilities to festival area.
- Pave parking lot with permeable materials.
- Expand playground area.
- Construct gazebo by waterfront.
- Drive, for surface water management and park expansion.
- Construct ADA compliant pathways and access trails.
- Expand Maritime Trails signage within park.
- Implement erosion control along lakefront.
- Construct campfire program area with seating.
- Implement stormwater management improvements.
- Reduce lake level of Lake Superior.
- Develop additional campsites.
- Develop additional camping areas.
- Landscaping of current and any additional camping areas.
- Expand restroom/shower facilities within campground, with ADA compliance.
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- Extend municipal utilities to additional campsites and restrooms.
- Develop additional picnic and recreation facilities e.g. playground equipment, disc golf course and public pavilions.
- Construct appropriate parking facilities for park facilities, including boat ramp and beach.



**Lakefront Parkway**

- Improve trail heads and parking lots.
- Pave entire trail for ADA accessibility.
- Install additional benches and picnic tables.
- Relocate trail within Washburn Marina.
- Expand trail from 1st Avenue East to Memorial Park.
- Update management plan.
- Renovate trail between Washington Avenue and Marina with switchbacks and bridges across ravines for ADA accessibility.
- Install decorative and safety lighting as necessary.
- Expand picnic or pet exercising areas.
- Expand Maritime Trails, historical and informational signage within parkway.
- Expand trail from 6th Avenue West to Summit Avenue.
- Replace existing and install new bridges across ravines as necessary.
- Remove invasive plant species and plant native species.

**Thompson Creek Parkway**

- Purchase lands along Thompson Creek for park.
- Prepare park development plan.
- Construct access roads to park site.
- Extend utilities to access points.
- Construct hiking and cross-country ski trails.
- Landscaping & tree planting.
- Erosion control along stream banks.
- Construct picnic pavilion.
- Construct trail shelters.
- Construct parking lots at access points.
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Construct bridges across Thompson Creek as necessary.
- Install additional signage.
- Construct boardwalks across wetlands.

**Former Railroad Grade**

- Purchase remaining private railroad right-of-way between 4th Avenue East and Gary Road.
- Construct ATV/snowmobile trail and/or silent sports trail between 4th Avenue East and Gary Road.
- Transition old railroad grade to multipurpose trail to include walking, biking, skiing.
- Install signage as required.
- Add landscaping as necessary.
- Grade and resurface trail throughout the city.
- Relocate overhead power lines.

## **Snowmobile Trails**

### **Inter-Community Trail**

- Prepare recreational trail plan over abandoned railroad corridor between Washburn and Ashland for mixed use activities.
- Prepare recreational trail plan over abandoned railroad or existing highway corridors between Washburn and Bayfield for silent sports.
- Legal work to purchase lands and acquire easements as necessary.
- Surface trail with gravel or asphalt as warranted.
- Provide trail heads and parking as needed.
- Prepare maps and trail brochures.
- Undertake clearing and grade trail as necessary.
- Install bridges as necessary.
- Install signage as necessary.

### **Dupont Linear Park**

- Prepare park development plan.
- Provide clearing and grading of silent sports trail.
- Install benches.
- Surface trail with gravel.
- Prepare and publish maps and brochures of park.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park, extend park, and establish trailheads.
- Provide signage as necessary.
- Install gates at access points to limit motorized vehicles.

**Washburn Green Circle Trail**

- Prepare trail development plan.
- Provide clearing and grading of silent sports trail.
- Install benches.
- Purchase trail maintenance equipment including ATV, trailers, and accessories.
- Surface trail with gravel.
- Install gates as necessary to limit motorized vehicles.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park, extend park, and establish trailheads.
- Provide signage as necessary.
- Prepare and publish maps and brochures of park.
- Purchase of snowmobile and cross-country skiing trail grooming equipment.
- Bridge ravines and streams as necessary.

**Open Space****Public Open Space****Thompson's West End Park to South City Limits**

- Extend Lakefront Trail and Maritime Trail from Thompson's West End Park westward along lakefront to the south city limits (Summit Avenue).
- Const parking lot at trail head by Summit Avenue (south city limits).
- Design and construct cross-country ski trails.
- Transition old railroad grade to multipurpose trail to include walking, biking, skiing.
- Construct pedestrian bridge across Thompson Creek.
- Grade and surface of ATV/snowmobile trail along old railroad grade.
- Complete ATV/snowmobile bridge across Thompson Creek.
- Install signage along trails.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Construct fishing pier south of Thompson Creek.
- Purchase additional lands.
- Construct trail shelters.
- Construct boardwalks over marshy areas of pedestrian trail.

## Outdoor Recreation Development Policies

The City of Washburn's Outdoor Recreation Plan's needs were identified through a careful review of previous outdoor recreation assets and plans, on-site visits, and supported by the City of Washburn's Outdoor Recreation Planning Committee and the city's administrative leadership, along with Northwest Regional Planning Commission staff's guidance of the process.

The following policies reflect and support the City of Washburn's Outdoor Recreation Planning Committee's identified short-term project priorities and the necessary action steps towards implementing these policies accordingly.

1. Provide residents with opportunities to engage in recreational experiences throughout the city.
2. Evaluate potential recreation service gaps, emerging trends, and interests in outdoor recreation.
3. Collaborate with governmental, non-profit, and private entities to develop, maintain, and improve recreational facilities and resources for the benefit of the public.
4. Formalize user agreements with public, private, and non-profit partners for use and/or maintenance of city parks and recreational facilities.
5. Coordinate long range planning of parks and recreational resource with land use and the City's future land use map.
6. Manage parks and recreational facilities in a sustainable manner that promotes natural conditions, accessibility, safety standards, user needs, and emerging trends.
7. Maintain the Park Designated Fund as a means to support future park and recreational facility development and capital improvements.
8. Strive to balance city investments in parks and recreation development improvements between revenue generating facilities and other city parks and recreational assets.
9. Promote public awareness of the City's parks and recreational facilities through public meetings, wayfinding signage, maps, and other digital and print media.
10. Update the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan on a five-year cycle to maintain eligibility for state and federal grant programs.

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Metrics Map

Parks and Open Space Map

Park Accessibility Map

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To: Parks Committee  
From: Tony Janisch, Assistant City Administrator  
Re: West End Park Flowing Well  
Date: January 13, 2022

This past summer, the committee meet at and visited the West End Park flowing well and gave recommendations to Public Works for vegetation maintenance. This agenda item is to continue discussion of vegetation maintenance and usage of the site.

