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A guide for managing and improving the Village's park and trail system

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The quality of life in a community is measured by employment opportunities, quality of local schools, supply and quality of housing and neighborhoods, service levels, natural beauty and aesthetics, and cultural and recreational opportunities.

Parks, trails, and open spaces are key contributors to the Village of Poynette's high quality of life by meeting needs for recreation and aesthetic values, protecting and enhancing the natural environment, and helping shape community development. The Village's park and trail system has been designed and managed to meet the diverse needs of residents, focus on the types of spaces and facilities needed, and provide a fair geographic distribution.

The *2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan* charts the future of the Village's park, trail, and open space system. It updates the 2012-2016 *Park and Open Space Plan*. This updated *Plan* inventories the current Village park system and guides its future improvement.

As guided by the Village's Parks and Recreation Commission, the broad strategy in the *2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan* includes the following elements:

1. **Build a North-South Trail.** The Village intends to pursue a north-south trail built from the Colby Park area, through Pauquette Park, and south to the Highway CS/Q intersection area. This will provide safer routes for north and south siders to get to flagship parks, schools, the library, downtown, and other amenities near the Village's center. The Village may pursue state and federal grants, like the State Stewardship program, for this and other trail priorities. Trail projects are good targets for grants.

2. **Extend the Rowan Creek Trail.** The Rowan Creek Trail—mainly in Pauquette Park today—is one of the most popular aspects of the Village's recreational system. The Village will attempt to extend the Rowan Creek Trail both west to Jamieson Park and east to the school campus and then north to the intersection of Seward Street and Highway 51 (with a safer crossing to the east). There will be environmental, property ownership, and related cost challenges associated with this effort, which must be

overcome (through techniques like boardwalks) and/or bypassed (such as by following existing streets and sidewalks for parts of the route).

3. **Repurpose Jamieson Park.** Based on its current condition and community support for improvements, the Village intends to address Jamieson Park as its next major park project. Many respondents to a community survey conducted during this process favored restoring camping, which has its drawbacks from a management and cost standpoint. Others suggested Jamieson as a location for a dog park, disc golf course, ropes course, and/or larger-scale family reunions and similar events. More broadly, the survey suggested support for more restrooms in Poynette's parks and for more activities for teens—many of whom have greater mobility that a more distant park like Jamieson could tolerate. Linking the recommended master planning process for this park with the design process for the westerly Rowan Creek Trail extension will aid in potential acquisition of lands for both efforts.

4. **Make Room for These Bigger Projects.** The Village has a finite budget for its park and open space system. Aside from the projects summarized above, the Village will consider improvements to Columbia Park—the only Poynette park east of Highway 51. This could include a playground suited to older kids and/or a natural playground (e.g., boulders). The Village will not, in the next five years, prioritize improving Colby Park or Old Settlers Park, except maybe for an improved basketball court and improved maintenance at Old Settlers Park. The Village will move to sell the unimproved and largely landlocked South Park, after first researching how it was acquired to determine any limitations. The addition of the North-South Trail described above would lessen the need for improvements to these parks and provide a different recreational amenity for north and south side residents. Further, the potential for the Poynette School District to develop its North Street site may provide alternate recreational facilities for north side residents. All this being said, the Parks and Recreation Commission's efforts to keep existing parks safe and up-to-date will continue.

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INTRODUCTION

This *Plan* is a guide for the Village of Poynette's improvement of parks, trails, open spaces, and outdoor recreation facilities for the five-year period from 2018 through 2022. The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requires each community to prepare and adopt a five-year park and open space plan if it wishes to maintain eligibility for State and Federal parks and recreational grants. This *Plan* follows WDNR's "Guidelines for the Development of Local Governmental Comprehensive Recreation Plans."

The *Plan* is also a detailed element of the Village's comprehensive plan, which is its long-range guide for land use, transportation, and other aspects of community development. The *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan* is primarily articulated through an updated plan document adopted in January 2017. This *2018-2022 Park and Open Space* plan will control to any extent that park and recreation-related recommendations differ between the two documents. This being said, any differences are minor, as the January 2017 *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan* includes only broad direction for the park system.

Description of the Planning Process

The process to complete this updated *Plan* actually began in the early 2010s, when the Village, led by its Parks and Recreation Commission simultaneously guided development of Valley View Park and prepared the *2012-2016 Park and Open Space Plan*. That process featured a public open house attended by approximately 50 people.

This updated *Plan* was largely completed in 2017. The process was guided by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Community input was solicited through stakeholder interviews with representatives from youth and adult sports clubs, the Friends of Rowan Creek, and the Poynette School District. Interview findings are presented later in this *Plan*. The Village also conducted a community survey, administered mainly on the internet. The survey yielded 283 responses, which represents an exceptional response rate. The respondents generally reflected the make-up of Poynette's adult population as a whole. The survey results are included as an appendix to this *Plan*, and were carefully referenced in *Plan* development.

Ongoing Monitoring, Amendments, and Update

The Village—mainly through the Parks and Recreation Commission—will review this *Plan* and its capital improvement and maintenance program priorities as part of the annual budget process. Substantive changes to the recommendations based upon Village staff, committee, and citizen input will be incorporated through *Plan* amendments as appropriate. The Village intends to complete a formal update of this *Park and Open Space Plan* every five years to both maintain the Village's eligibility for grant programs administered by through the State and address the evolving park and recreation needs and capabilities.

VISION, MISSION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Village park system is managed by the Poynette Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission has adopted the following Vision and Mission Statements as the foundation for its activities and this *Plan*.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Poynette Parks and Recreation Commission is for the Village to have one of the best municipal parks and recreation programs in the Madison metropolitan region.

Parks and Recreation Commission Mission Statement:

To realize our vision, the mission of the Poynette Parks and Recreation Commission is to:

- *raise public awareness of the Village's assets and opportunities,*
- *support recreation program leaders and volunteers,*
- *improve park facilities,*
- *expand recreation program offerings,*
- *nurture partnerships throughout the Village, and*
- *achieve recognition for these efforts throughout the region.*

To effectively manage the park, trail, and open space system in the community, the Village has established a framework of Goals, Objectives, and Policies. A Goal is a broad statement that reflects the community's vision and priorities. Objectives are tangible elements that, in aggregate, advance the goal to which they relate. Policies usually articulate measurable standards or targets, and include or advise particular actions that achieve objectives. Goals, Objectives, and Policies are listed on the pages that follow.

GOAL

To provide and maintain sufficient parks, recreational facilities, and natural areas to support the health, safety, and quality of life desired by current and future Village residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Objective 1: Acquire and manage parklands and recreational facilities to meet the needs of Village residents.

- Policy 1. Maintain an inventory of improved parkland at an overall per capita ratio that meets or exceeds the National Recreation and Park Association standard of at least 10.5 acres of improved public park land (exclusive of special parks and open space facilities) per 1,000 residents. (Poynette's current ratio of improved park lands to population is 12.3 acres per 1,000 Village residents—based on the Village's estimated 2017 population.)
- Policy 2. Locate parks and provide safe and convenient pedestrian routes so that each home is within a 15 minute walk of a park or playground.
- Policy 3. Commensurate with population growth, acquire additional park lands through land dedication requirements in the Village's land division regulations.
- Policy 4. Be responsive to opportunities to acquire additional lands for parks and recreational facilities, especially for the acquisition of trail corridors and preservation of unique and sensitive environmental areas.
- Policy 5. As part of each 5-year update to this *Parks and Open Space Plan*, conduct a parks and recreation services opinion survey of residents and/or engage in other meaningful input efforts.

- Policy 6. Annually monitor participation in the various park and recreation programs to gauge demand and determine appropriate Village support for future facility and program improvements.

Objective 2: Provide safe and accessible park and recreational facilities.

- Policy 1. Design and construct new and renovated park facilities to be compliant with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to the extent allowed by factors like terrain and cost.
- Policy 2. Ensure that every park has an identifiable entry point, proper addressing, and a paved pedestrian and emergency vehicle access route to an improved public street. Consider disposing of public lands that do not or cannot meet this policy.
- Policy 3. To the extent practical, install and/or reconstruct sidewalks and trails to provide safe and barrier free routes for pedestrian and bike travel between residential neighborhoods and park and recreation facilities. Work with the Poynette School District and others to minimize hazardous walking areas as tracked and mapped by the County and District.
- Policy 4. Resolve remaining issues regarding ownership and access to existing Village parks to reflect commonly understood boundaries and access routes.

Objective 3: Provide a diversity of multi-seasonal and multi-use recreational opportunities.

- Policy 1. Specify Village parklands that are sufficiently sized to accommodate the recreational needs of the adjoining neighborhood and the community
- Policy 2. Formulate an investment and maintenance program for each park.

- Policy 3. Support and manage special purpose parks and open spaces to provide outdoor gathering places, aesthetic enhancements, and/or enhanced opportunities to appreciate cultural resources and heritage.
- Policy 4. Use a capital improvements program to implement proposed major investments in the Village's park and trail system, as laid out in this *Plan* (see Table 2 in particular)

Objective 4: Preserve, manage, and promote appropriate use of parklands, the Rowan Creek corridor, and other environmental resources in and near the Village.

- Policy 1. Through the Village's land development ordinances and processes, require the demarcation of sensitive environmental areas such as wetlands, natural drainageways, floodplains, slopes steeper than 20%, unique geologic or topographic features, and special and unique habitats. Work to protect conservancy areas with limitations on uses and activities to mitigate adverse impacts, such as through the Village's Conservation Overlay zoning district.
- Policy 2. Implement appropriate land management practices on Village owned properties, and encourage management of private property, to minimize invasive plant and animal species and maximize the use and propagation of native plant communities.
- Policy 3. Formulate and implement appropriate park use guidelines to accommodate recreational uses and mitigate adverse ecological impacts on environmentally sensitive lands.
- Policy 4. Emphasize the protection and enhancement of the Rowan Creek corridor as the community's premier natural resource, gathering place, and attraction.

Objective 5: Improve the inter-connectivity of Village parks and open spaces.

- Policy 1. Provide safe, convenient, and identifiable pedestrian and bicycle connections among parks, the downtown area, residential neighborhoods, and Poynette schools and sites.
- Policy 2. Encourage, as appropriate, the use of environmental corridors and utility corridors for walking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing.

Objective 6: Coordinate the development and management of parks and recreational facilities with other governmental agencies.

- Policy 1. Continue and expand the Village's relationship with the Poynette School District for the joint development and maintenance of neighborhood playground facilities and other recreation opportunities.
- Policy 2. Cooperate with Columbia County and the State of Wisconsin in accommodating regional recreation activities and facilities.
- Policy 3. Incorporate and advocate for pedestrian and bicycle facilities in Village, County, and State street and highway improvement projects.

Objective 7: Broaden the social and economic role that parks and open spaces perform for the community.

- Policy 1. Encourage park stewardship by supporting community groups and businesses to assist with maintaining and developing the Village's Park System.
- Policy 2. To the extent practical and appropriate, support regional events that utilize the Village's park system.
- Policy 3. Incorporate Village recreational and natural area opportunities into community marketing and promotional efforts.

COMMUNITY CONTEXT AND PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Demographic Characteristics

The 2000 Census showed the Village population at 2,260 people – a dramatic increase of 3.6% annually from 1990. Young adults and families with school aged children characterized this growing population.

This growth reflected the general economic and housing development climate during the 1990s. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of housing units in the Village increased 43% – from 671 to 960 units. New housing units were split 45% single family homes vs. 55% duplexes and multiple family buildings.

In 2000, approximately 12% of the population lived alone, 53% of the Village population was in family households with children, and 35% was in families and households without children.

2010 Census information indicated the Village had grown to a population of 2,528 people. At 1% annually between 2000 and 2010, the rate was much slower rate than between 1990 or 2000. The slower growth rate reflected the slowing and eventual crash of the national real estate market in 2007, higher land development costs versus stagnant ability-to-pay and lot prices, and likely a smaller number of potential home buyers.

2010 household demographics showed 1,046 households and an almost identical distribution of population as in 2000: 13% living alone, 52% in households with children, and 35% living in households without children. Importantly, from a recreation program perspective, the age distribution remained relatively stable. In 2010, roughly 30% of the population were children, 60% were adults between 18 and 65, and 10% of the population was older than 65.

By 2010, there were 1,122 dwelling units in the Village, of which 6.7% were vacant. Average population per occupied dwelling was 2.4 people.

As of January 1, 2017, the State Department of Administration estimated the Village's population at 2,526 persons—essentially no change from 2010. This is indicative of the fact that almost no new housing was built in Poynette from 2010 through 2015. 2016 and 2017 brought some new housing unit development, but still fewer than 10 new homes per year.

In the 2017 *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan*, the planning consultant forecasted Village population growth over the next 20 years at a rate of 1% to 2% per year. This *Parks and Open Space* planning effort presumes a 1% annual growth rate for the 2018 to 2022 planning period, which would result in about 2,650 residents by January 1, 2022.

Village Recreation Program Participation

Residents of the Village and surrounding areas have access to a variety of recreation programs and organizations that utilize Village park facilities, including:

- Youth Baseball/Softball
- Adult Baseball/Softball
- Youth Football (flag and tackle)
- Youth Soccer
- Poynette Area Gardening Association
- Poynette Historic Society
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- 4H

Reflecting the modest projected population increase, demand for most youth recreation facilities and youth programs will likely be stable to slightly increasing through 2022. Interest in specific types of facilities and programs will continue to shift.

As part of the *Plan* update process, the Village's consultant in autumn 2017 obtained information on current and projected needs from the following user groups:

- Friends of Rowan Creek - Awareness of water quality is important, including maintaining sewage plant performance, managing rainwater drainage and winter saltwater runoff. Extending trails would be favorable only if they are maintained.
- Adult Baseball - Replacement of aged field lighting and dugouts is desired.

- Youth Baseball - Desire is to provide two adjacent little league sized fields to alleviate demand on the full-sized fields and provide more appropriately sized facilities for the players. Village assistance with organizing sports leagues would take pressure off dwindling volunteer resources
- Youth Tackle Football - Dedicated field space would alleviate wear and tear on the organization's current location in the high school baseball outfield.
- Youth Flag Football - Two adjacent 60 by 30 yard fields would be ideal, preferably at Valley View Park.
- Youth Soccer - Intends to add more teams in the near-term. Seeks dedicated storage space at Valley View Park. Establishing a recreation summer program would allow multiple organizations to work together and cooperate for most efficient use of park land and expansion of concession sales.
- Youth Softball - Community would benefit from adding a small softball sized field. Increasing partnership with the Village is desired.
- Poynette School District - Identified recreational needs include youth football (need for more exclusive-use space and storage), youth ultimate Frisbee (on or walkable from school campus), golf (starting club team at Shepherds Meadow course), swim team (but existing pool not suitable), and more indoor recreational space (current demand exceeds supply, better conditioning space).

With the assistance of the Columbia County Highway Department, School District representatives also maintain a map that indicates hazardous walking areas in the community. This map determines where bussing and crossing guards are required. Based on the general lack of sidewalks in the west and south sides of Poynette, these areas are generally designated as hazardous for walkers. Also, Highway 51 results in a "hazardous" walking rating for much of the area east of that highway. Additional sidewalks and potentially a pedestrian-actuated signal crossing of Highway 51 at Seward Street could reduce hazards.

Finally, during the course of stakeholder conversations, interest in pickleball courts was also expressed. This would consist of indoor and outdoor space for 20 by 42 foot courts.

Planning Consideration
Continuing to be responsive to stakeholder expectations (and changes in demand) and maintaining a high level of participation and excitement for parks will be critical to the Village's ability to foster and maintain community support for facilities and programs.

Community Development Patterns

In general, though bisected by Rowan Creek and US Highway 51, the Village has developed in a relatively compact urban form surrounding the historic downtown area. Nearly all parts of the community are within a 15 to 20 minute walk from Village Hall/Pauquette Park.

The current residential character in the Village is predominantly conventional single family detached homes with some duplexes and moderate density multiple family units in limited locations. The density of the existing single-family residential neighborhoods is approximately 2.2 dwelling units per net residential acre.

Through its adopted *Comprehensive Plan*, the Village anticipates only modest, compatible changes to the existing land use pattern within the current boundaries of the Village. Four areas of future neighborhood expansion are anticipated: one at the northeastern edge of the Village (generally north of Pauquette Pines Lane), one at the eastern edge (east of the cemetery and mobile home park), one at the southern edge (south of County Highway CS), and one at the northwestern corner (including the platted but undeveloped Westridge subdivision). Residential densities are projected to be around 4 dwelling units per acre on average – predominantly single family homes but also including duplex and multiple family units. Areas planned for higher-density residential use (e.g., apartments) are mainly near the Highway 51 corridor.

Planning Considerations

- The physical layout of a community can promote or limit opportunities for physical activity. Increasing opportunities for physical activity is key to addressing the national concern about the rising trend of obesity (especially among children), which in turn results in increasing health care costs. Information reported in the 2010 Outdoor Recreation Participation Report published by the Outdoor Foundation validates that there is more recreation participation in communities that have accessible park and trail facilities.
- Compact community design not only preserves open space but is shown to result in more people and children willing to walk to school or incidental trips to the store and parks.
- Parks and recreational opportunities are vital to improving the general physical and mental health of a community.
- Additional open space in neighborhoods creates more opportunities for physical contact with the outdoors, which appears to correlate with improved behavior in children and stress reduction in adults.

Community History

The first non-indigenous settlers arrived in the 1830s and established a trading outpost with the native American peoples living in the area. Wallace Rowan, who is thought to be the first settler in Columbia County, is the namesake of Rowan Creek (the location of the Rowan cabin is within the Village's Old Settlers Park). On February 8, 1837, 120 acres of land was laid out for the village of Pauquette, named for Pierre Pauquette, the son of a Frenchman and a Winnebago Indian woman, an agent and interpreter employed by the American Fur Company at Portage who spent much of his time in the Rowan Creek area. It was not until 1850, when the village of Pauquette made application for a post office, that it was discovered that the name had been recorded as Poynette due to poor penmanship. By 1883, the Village had already been a railroad stop for 13 years, and had grown to a thriving community

supporting the surrounding agricultural economy with two grist mills and 55 business establishments (including a roller-skating rink).

The Wisconsin State Historical Society's Architecture and History Inventory (AHI) includes 19 documented properties within the Village of Poynette, including homes, institutional and commercial buildings. Historic properties found in this list may also have been certified for the tax credit programs for the rehabilitation of certified historic properties. Currently, there are no properties in Poynette listed in the State or National Registers, or determined to be eligible for the Register. However, properties may be named to the Register in the future.

Planning Considerations

Awareness of and sensitivity to historic and cultural resources fosters a sense of pride and provides and important feeling of social and cultural continuity between the past, present, and future. Historic and cultural preservation and interpretation can also provide economic benefits to property owners and the community. They also expand the variety of recreational opportunities (museum visits, history walks, and founder's day events) that contribute to the fabric of a community's character and desirability as a place to live.

Land Forms and Natural Resources

In the immediate vicinity of the Village, land forms range from lowlands and wetlands along Rowan and Hinkson Creeks to rolling fertile farmland, to steep wooded hillsides and ridges. This variety of natural features contributes to the attractive vistas and diverse habitats that characterize and define the Village's identity.

The Village is located in the center of the 56 square mile Rowan Creek Watershed – a very picturesque natural setting. Based on a 1998 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) data base, land cover in the watershed was 70% agricultural, 29% woodlands and wetlands, and 1% developed. This watershed drains to Rowan Creek and its tributary,

Hinkson Creek. Rowan Creek meets the Wisconsin River approximately 3.5 miles west of the Village.

Rowan Creek, which passes through the southern portion of the Village, is designated as an Exceptional Water Resource by the WDNR, and the reaches of the stream that are located within the Village limits are considered to be Class I trout water. Hinkson Creek, which meanders less than one-half mile north of the present Village limits, is a lower grade, Class II trout stream. Within the watershed, WDNR has acquired and protected over 650 acres of land adjoining these streams as a Public Fishery Area. Roughly 200 acres of this Public Fishery Area is within the current Village Limits.

The diversity of the ecological communities within and surrounding the Village support a wide variety of native plants, mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and insects. The WDNR's Natural Heritage Inventory data base has identified over 38 rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species in the area.

Planning Considerations

The extensive natural areas and resources in the vicinity, and especially Rowan Creek, have contributed greatly to the character of the community and are highly valued by residents and businesses (*"Poynette – Naturally"*). Protecting these resources and enhancing accessibility for community and area residents will be extremely important to maintaining the desired quality of life.

Regional Outdoor Recreation Features and Attractions

Noteworthy among the many regional recreation attractions in the vicinity is the Mackenzie Environmental Education Center, located less than 1 mile east of the Village. Established in 1934, the Mackenzie Center is one of the largest environmental education centers in the state. With over 250 acres of diverse habitats the center offers a variety of opportunities for outdoor experiences including: hiking, picnicking, snowshoeing, and conservation education. WDNR assumed full operation of the Mackenzie Center in 2014. It continues to offer environmental education programs and is working with the Friends of Mackenzie and other partners to develop an innovative outdoor skills center.

In addition to the recreational resources found in and near the Village, there are many other recreational features and attractions within a short car or bike trip from the Village, including:

The Wisconsin River	The Merrimac Ferry
Gibraltor Bluff	Devils Lake State Park
Parfrey's Glen Natural Area	Goose Pond
City of Portage Historic sites	Wisconsin Dells

Planning Considerations

- By virtue of the features and attractions in Poynette and the surrounding region, the surrounding area has many recreational opportunities which relate to, and in turn, can be complimented by the Village of Poynette park system.
- Investment in the park system and especially facilities which compliment regional features could be an important component of effective economic development efforts for the community.

Wisconsin State Outdoor Recreation Plan

Since 1965, the State of Wisconsin has developed and maintained its Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) to classify, measure, and ultimately provide for the preferences and needs of a statewide recreating public. The SCORP is updated every five years. In addition to providing a blueprint for policy and an overview of recreation trends, the document is used as a way to help allocate federal funds equitably among local communities. At time of writing, the State was in the midst of preparing a 2017-2022 SCORP, and is utilizing its 2011-2016 SCORP as its most current policy document in the meantime.

The 2011-2016 SCORP has a particular focus on promoting the relationship between outdoor recreation and public health, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation in urban Wisconsin, and exploring public/private partnerships as a way to maintain open space for public use. In addition, the SCORP provides goals and actions aimed to expand outdoor recreation. These goals are intentionally broad and are meant to help local policymakers align their recreational needs with those of the State.

The objectives identified in this Village *Parks and Open Space Plan* fit well with the goals provided by the 2011-2016 SCORP. The chart on the following page assesses each Village objective with the State goal (or goals) that best align with it.

Village Parks and Open Space Objectives	Supporting 2011-2016 SCORP Goals
Acquire and manage parklands and recreational facilities to meet the needs of Village residents.	Establish great urban parks and community green spaces
Provide safe and accessible park and recreational facilities.	Promote outdoor recreation as a means of improving public health among Wisconsinites
Provide a diversity of multi-seasonal and multi-use recreational opportunities.	Assess, understand, and adapt to growing recreation tourism demands and preferences
Preserve, manage, and promote appropriate use of parklands, the Rowan Creek corridor, and other environmental resources in and near the Village.	Continue to provide and enhance public access to Wisconsin recreational lands and waters Establish great urban parks and community green spaces
Improve the inter-connectivity of Village parks and open spaces.	Promote outdoor recreation as a means of improving public health among Wisconsinites Improve integration of outdoor recreation interests and needs in land use and other relevant planning efforts
Coordinate the development and management of parks and recreational facilities with other units of government and other governmental agencies.	Improve integration of outdoor recreation interests and needs in land use and other relevant planning efforts
Broaden the social and economic role that parks and open spaces perform for the community.	Address funding challenges associated with managing Wisconsin outdoor recreation resources

Relevant Comprehensive Plan Policies

The 2017 *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan* articulates several policy and program recommendations that have both direct and ancillary bearing on outdoor recreation facilities in the Village. The community vision from the Comprehensive Plan is re-stated below.

Village of Poynette Vision

The future economic and community health of Poynette is directly linked to the preservation of natural resources and small-town and rural character. Preservation and enhancement of these assets through comprehensive, coordinated planning – along with the cooperative implementation of economic development initiative – will ensure a continued high quality of life.

In addition, the *Comprehensive Plan* has the following applicable goals:

- Natural Resources - Protect the Village's natural resources and engage in environmental sustainability.
- Cultural Resources - Preserve and build on Poynette's historic and cultural character.
- Land Use - Promote a future land use pattern containing a sustainable mix of uses and buildings.
- Transportation - Provide a safe, integrated, and efficient transportation system.
- Utilities and Community Facilities - Provide safe and sustainable public utilities, facilities, services, and parks.
- Housing and Neighborhood Development - Encourage a variety of housing types and neighborhood environments.
- Economic Development - Strengthen, support, and promote growth of businesses and economic development districts, consistent with community resources and identity.
- Intergovernmental Cooperation -- Promote cooperation with the communities in the Poynette area.

POYNETTE'S EXISTING PARK SYSTEM

For park planning purposes, each of the Village's parks is categorized as either a:

- Neighborhood Playground,
- Neighborhood Park,
- Community Park, or
- Special Park and Open Space.

These categories are defined below and are based on the standards that appear in "Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines" (4th Edition) published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

The Poynette park system currently includes 10 parks – two of which are future sites within an approved but as yet undeveloped subdivision in the northwest corner of the Village (Westridge). The eight other parks encompass nearly 30 acres.

The Village park system also includes an additional 50 acres of parkland classified as a Special Park or Open Space. The majority of this resource category is contained in Jamieson Park.

Information about Village parks and trail facilities is presented in Table 1: Existing Park Facilities, January 2018 and on Map 1: Existing Recreational and Open Space Resources, both included in the Attachments section of this *Plan*.

Neighborhood Playgrounds

Neighborhood Playgrounds are Village-owned parks typically serving a residential neighborhood within a ¼-mile to ½-mile radius from the park. These parks are generally small, between one-half and 1.5 acres in size, and primarily include playground equipment, benches and picnic tables, and small informal play areas serving the immediate neighborhood.

Neighborhood Playgrounds are the smallest park classification and are typically used to provide a limited recreational need or address a unique recreational opportunity such as a downtown plaza or to serve a specific population group such as senior citizens.

The Village currently has five neighborhood playground locations, the following two of which are improved:

- Columbia Park – This park is about ¾ acre and is located on a neighborhood walkway between Columbia Drive and Eagle Lane, in the northeast corner of the Village. It has playground equipment and a small shelter with picnic tables.

- Old Settlers Park – This wooded 2.6 acre park is located at 100 Old Settlers Trail, on the Village's south side. It has a small playground and a hard surface play area for half-court basketball—both of which were in marginal repair at time of writing.

The four unimproved park sites in the Village that are currently slated to be Neighborhood Playgrounds include:

- Colby Park – Located in the northern part of the Village, this unimproved parcel encompasses approximately 0.8 acres and adjoins a segment of the Village's stormwater drainage swale network.
- South Park – Located in the far south part of the Village this site is an unimproved ½ acre parcel with a narrow access easement across an adjoining residential lot.
- Two un-named park sites in the northwest neighborhood – Two sites have been dedicated in the approved but as yet undeveloped Westridge subdivision.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks provide space for informal recreation opportunities for residents in the surrounding neighborhood and to a degree, also provide facilities for the entire community. These parks are typically 3 to 8 acres in size in order to accommodate space for formal and informal play areas and are often improved with facilities for organized sports (ball diamonds, soccer fields, basketball courts), off-street parking, and playground equipment.

Poynette does not have any parks that meet the Neighborhood Parks criteria.

Community Parks

Community Parks are larger recreation facilities that serve the Village-wide population as well as functioning as a neighborhood park/playground for the immediate neighborhood. Community Parks are generally larger than 8 acres to provide adequate area for specialized and unique facilities such as ball diamonds or play fields designed for organized competitive

sports, off-street parking, and shelter and restroom facilities. Community Parks may have lighted playfields, spectator areas, concession areas and special facilities such as a swimming pool, ice arena, boat launch, and camping sites.

There are essentially two developed Community Park sites in the Village: the centrally located Pauquette Park/Veterans Memorial Park complex and Valley View Park on the near west side of the Village, described as follows:

- Pauquette Park – Located in the heart of the Village immediately south of the downtown business district, this 13.3 acre park encompasses heavily used baseball and softball diamonds, a large picnic pavilion, smaller picnic shelters, playground equipment, and a paved perimeter walking path. Pauquette Park is also the primary trailhead for the Rowan Creek Trail. It includes a parking lot along Main Street.

- Veterans Memorial Park – This 3.7 acre park is across the street from Pauquette Park, with which it shares a parking lot. It currently provides open play area, picnic shelters, and community gardens. It is also the location of the Poynette Veterans Memorial.

- Valley View Park – This 9.2 acre park is located on the near west side of the community. Valley View Park currently encompasses 5.3 acres of Village owned property and approximately 4 acres of land leased from Columbia County. The Village has an agreement that will enable acquisition of additional lands from the County for future park expansion. In 2011, the Village made substantial improvements to Valley View Park. These included soccer field upgrades, a new picnic and concession pavilion, upgraded playground facilities, a 1/3 mile perimeter walking path, and a 2,500 square foot "Spray Pad" water playground.

Special Purpose Parks

Special Purpose Parks are recreational and open space facilities that are designed to serve a specific purpose, such as a stand-alone event facility or trailhead locations for walking, bicycling, and ski trails.

- Jamieson Park – Located on the County Highway CS approximately one mile west of downtown, this 45 acre park has a picnic shelter and trail access to Rowan Creek. The park formerly had 10 camper/tent sites that were closed at the end of 2016, mainly based on cost associated with State rule compliance. Approximately 32 acres of the site is native wooded and marshy habitat.

- Northwest Trail Corridor – Located on the Village's northwest side, at present this corridor serves only drainage purposes, except that a small segment near Washington Street also has a trail.

Rowan Creek Trail and Village Path Networks

There are over 4 miles of paved and un-paved walking paths in the Village. These include:

Pauquette Park Path	0.86 miles, paved
Columbia Park Path	<0.1 miles, paved
Valley View Park Path	0.3 miles, paved
Bluebird Court Path	<0.1 miles, un-paved
Jamieson Park Path	0.2 miles, un-paved
Rowan Creek Trail	2.4 miles total, with 0.3 miles paved

Non-Village Owned Recreational Facilities

Other non-Village park and recreation opportunities are available in and very near the community.

WDNR manages two recreational spaces of regional significance. Though technically not part of the Village park system, nearly 200 acres of the State's Rowan Creek State Fisheries Area are located within the Village limits. The 250-acre Mackenzie Environmental Education Center is located just east of the Village and provides a wide variety of outdoor settings for hiking, cross country skiing, and family outings.

The Poynette School District provides a variety of recreational opportunities to the community from its 28-acre campus along Highway 51, beyond direct offerings to its students. These include the following:

- Indoor Swimming Pool – The pool provides open swim, lap swim, water aerobics, swim lessons, and special events.

- Gymnasiums – The high school has two gymnasiums, and the elementary school has another. These are used for both open recreation and organized sports.
- Outdoor Sports – The campus provides space for youth softball and youth football. At time of writing, youth football is played on the baseball outfield. The District and youth football organization were exploring other locations both on-campus or in one of the Village parks due to significant wear and tear.
- Outdoor Playground – The District upgraded the elementary school playground in 2014. The playground, plus a paved play area, is located near Seward Street.

At time of writing, the District was engaged in a facilities study, through which it is exploring the future use and viability of its existing 28-acre campus plus its vacant 48-acre site along North Street for future use. This study *could* lead to a building referendum as early as fall 2018.

Finally, the Shepherds Meadow Golf Course is a 9-hole golf course, with clubhouse and restaurant, located on Links Drive on the northeast side of the Village. It is a privately-owned course open for public play.

PARK SYSTEM NEEDS

In small communities, it is often difficult to compare a local park system to the standards recommended by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). Nevertheless, understanding the amount of parkland that is conveniently and safely accessible to community residents is an effective way to articulate the character of a community, to describe its valued quality of life, and to assess parkland needs.

Two basic criteria provide the framework for the NRPA recommendations for adequate park facilities:

Acres of Parkland per Capita

The NRPA recommends at least 10.5 acres per 1,000 population. This total park area is generally allocated as 1.25 to 2.5 acres of neighborhood parks per 1,000 people, and 5 to 8 acres of community parks per 1,000 people.

The Poynette park system currently provides parkland for neighborhood playgrounds, neighborhood parks, and community parks totaling 30.8 acres (amount does not include the two future park sites in the northwest neighborhood). When allocated to the 2017 estimated Village population of 2,526, this equates to 12.3 acres per 1,000 population overall.

Based on the NRPA's parkland area per population standard, overall, the Village of Poynette currently has an adequate amount of land dedicated for recreational uses. The current parkland inventory also meets the NRPA recommendations for the 2022 projected population of 2,650 people.

Planning Considerations

To maintain the current ratio of parkland per 1,000 population, the Village would need to acquire new parklands at a rate of 1,307 Square Feet (SF) per new dwelling unit (based on recent demographic characteristics of 2.4 people per dwelling unit). Accordingly, in 2014, the Village amended its land division ordinance to require 1,307 square feet of parkland dedication per new residential lot.

Service Areas and Accessibility

NRPA recommends that parks should be safely and conveniently accessible within a 10 to 15 minute walk from every residence (typically measured as a ¼-mile to ½-mile radius from the park). Evaluating park service areas also must give consideration to the fact that major highways, railroads and geographic features can create barriers that effectively reduce convenient access.

In a small community such as Poynette, evaluating ¼- and ½-mile service areas provides minimal value for assessing the adequacy and distribution of park facilities since essentially the entire community is within a 15 to 20 minute walk from the downtown.

A more useful review threshold is to evaluate park distribution in terms of the safety and convenience of the walking and bicycling routes that can be used to get to any given park. In other words, all parks should be reasonably accessible to residents within a one-quarter mile walk via a convenient, barrier free and safe route.

Within the Village, there are four major "barriers" that limit the walk-ability and bike-ability to access the Village Park System:

- US Highway 51, due to high traffic volumes and speed
- County Highway CS, due to high traffic volumes and speed
- the CPRS railroad corridor, due to the hazardous nature of rail traffic (though infrequent), and
- Rowan Creek, a natural feature currently with only two improved pedestrian crossings (the Main Street and Pauquette Path bridges)

Planning Considerations

- Pedestrian and bicycling improvements should be incorporated into the planning and improvement design for US Highway 51 and County Highways CS and Q, such as shared use paths or wide paved shoulders.
- A traffic signal or at least a pedestrian-actuated crossing signal along Highway 51 could be warranted to address increased pedestrian/bike vs. vehicle conflicts as more residents, school children will be seeking to travel to the school campus and downtown businesses resulting from residential development east of US Highway 51.
- A related consideration to safe pedestrian travel is limited amount and poor surface condition of sidewalks in some areas of the Village.

Map 2: Generalized Land Use and Map 2.1: Park Planning Considerations illustrate important community context considerations related to park planning, including community development patterns, land use, pedestrian accessibility and park service areas. Map 2.1 shows that most of the residential areas in the Village are accessible to a public park or playground with the exceptions of:

- the small residential neighborhood located between the railroad corridor and US Highway 51 (though this area does have limited access to the elementary school playground),
- the residential neighborhood east of US Highway 51 between the Cemetery and County Highway Q, and
- the south side neighborhoods along and near County Highway CS.

As the Village grows, additional Neighborhood Parks and Neighborhood Playgrounds should be located within a ¼ mile service area radius of future residential neighborhoods. Refer to Map 3 for the Village's plan for future parks that would be provided in conjunction with residential expansion indicated in the *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan*.

Additionally, better sidewalk and path access should be provided to existing improved parks. Improved walkable linkages between existing neighborhoods and parks will address park facility access limitations, significantly improve pedestrian safety, expand the overall trail network in the Village, and reduce the need to significantly improve all existing parks. Refer to Map 4 for the Village's general plan for future off-street trails, and descriptions elsewhere in this document for priority trail recommendations.

Planning Considerations

- Investigate the possibility to consolidate the two dedicated Neighborhood Playground sites in the Westridge subdivision into a single, more centrally located 1+ acre site, if the developer/land owner is amenable.
- Investigate opportunities to relocate South Park to a more centralized site serving the existing and future planned residential neighborhood south of County Highways "CS" and "Q", when future development dictates. In the meantime, explore a path from this area to central Poynette to better link these residents with improved park space.
- Consider the option of creating a Neighborhood Park east of US Highway 51, in conjunction with future growth there. A Neighborhood Park of 3 to 5 acres could accommodate a youth baseball diamond. In the meantime, improve Columbia Park and provide safer access across Highway 51 to the existing park and school sites.
- Investigate and consider the opportunity to establish a Neighborhood Park or playground to serve the future neighborhoods that will develop west of Valley View Park.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA, enacted in 1990, clearly states the right of equal access for persons to local government services such as parks. New facilities must comply with the ADA and provide

accessibility. There are fundamental differences in how accessibility in the outdoors is accommodated compared to indoor or the built environments, however. While restrooms, shelters, interpretive centers, playgrounds and parking lots, for example, need to follow detailed ADA guidelines, other improvements such as trails, boat landings, and swimming beach areas do not necessarily need to follow standards for indoor or built environment ramp gradients or surfacing requirements. Nonetheless, it is good policy to make park and recreation facilities as accessible as possible to as many people as possible, including the use of motorized personal mobility devices (motorized chairs and scooters).

Functional Size of Parks

Neighborhood Playgrounds

While the Village's historical practice of obtaining and developing relatively small Neighborhood Playground facilities has provided some form of public recreational opportunity for children, the small size of these parks greatly restricts the type of play equipment that can be offered to Village residents. For example, in the Columbia Park neighborhood a significant number of the residences near the park have larger and more elaborate playgrounds than are found in the park itself. The cost efficiencies of park maintenance efforts (expenditures) is also a consideration for the Village as it is likely more efficient to maintain a single 1.5 acre Neighborhood Playground than three one-half acre playgrounds serving the same neighborhood.

Future Neighborhood Playgrounds should be a minimum of 1 acre in size.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks provide open space and recreational amenities to the surrounding neighborhood. There is increasing interest (demand) for more open play areas to accommodate informal play and field sports facilities (soccer, football, Ultimate Frisbee, softball, and lacrosse) in the community.

Future Neighborhood Parks should be a minimum of 3 acres in size. It is conceivable, that if the School District develops its North Street site in some manner, parts of that new site

and/or more space at the existing school campus could be made available, particularly for field sport needs.

Park Needs Articulated by the Village Parks and Recreation Commission

In addition to initiating park development plans and financing initiatives that have focused on the refurbishing the Village's three main parks (Pauquette, Valley View and Veterans Memorial Parks), the Village has endorsed several creative concepts to expand awareness of park and recreation resources.

To establish the character and identity of the Poynette park system, each park should be:

- identified with a sign with a standardized format, and
- improved with a shelter with similar design element (such as a forest green roof and masonry walls or foundations), as budget permits.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to attract and keep new residents, the Village endeavors to both support a sustainable, vibrant economy and a sense of place and community for its residents. The Village recognizes that parks are a major contributor to establishing and maintaining a high quality of life and for growing the local economy.

The following recommendations for park operations, maintenance, acquisition, and capital improvements are advanced. It is expected that these recommendations will be reviewed and modified on a regular basis in order to:

- reflect community input on park and facility needs,
- be responsive to opportunities for acquisitions,
- be responsive to emergency situations to remove hazardous conditions, and
- reflect fiscal priorities and constraints established by the Village Board.

Operations and Maintenance

The Village's primary objective for park operations is be as cost effective as possible in maintaining the park system to provide a variety of recreation opportunities that are safe, clean, and attractive to park users. Operation and maintenance activities to consider include:

- Installing mulch rings or substitute around trees to simplify park mowing operations (generally 6 foot diameter).
- Pruning, removing and replacing trees as noted in the Village's *Urban Forestry Plan and Tree Inventory Summary*.
- Reconstructing park sidewalks and paved pathways to be as wide as snow plowing equipment.
- Restoring expansive under-utilized playfield space and stormwater management swales with native grasses with minimal required mowing.
- Standardizing maintained facilities, furniture and equipment for cost efficient maintenance.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will periodically review the scope of facilities and amenities that would typically be provided in each park in order to assure that the park system is meeting the needs of the community and that improvements are equitably distributed.

Parkland Acquisition

The Village population is not expected to increase substantially during the 2018-2022 planning period. Since the Village currently exceeds the National Park Standards of 10.5 acres per 1,000 residents, it *may* not be necessary to seek land acquisitions for new active park facilities, except:

- where new residential development is proposed (Map 3 illustrates the plan for Future Park Sites in the Village),
- if opportunity presents itself to expand Jamieson Park to the east into property formerly used as a shooting range,
- if opportunity presents itself to acquire County land southeast of Valley View Park,
- if opportunity presents itself for natural/wooded site acquisition between Old Settlers Trail and Bluebird Circle, north of Highway CS, and/or
- as necessary to complete trail recommendations in this plan or respond to other unique opportunities.

Since the natural landscape of the Village and its surrounding areas are a major component of the Village's image and character, the Village should be responsive to opportunities to protect and/or acquire and preserve native landscapes whenever possible. Strong consideration should be given to supporting opportunities to expand existing Village conservancy lands along Rowan Creek (see Maps 3 and 4).

Parkland Dedication and Impact Fees

The Village's parkland dedication requirements are included as Section 1.07 of the Village's Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance. To help implement the *2012-2016 Parks and*

Open Space Plan, the Village updated its parkland dedication requirement (to 1,307 square feet per housing unit) and fees in-lieu-of parkland dedication (to $450 per housing unit). No further changes are advised

The Village also has an impact fee for park improvements, also included in Section 1.07 of the Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance. That impact fee, based on a study in the 2000s, is $243 per dwelling unit.

At time of writing, the Village was working to improve the market for new residential development, and as part of that effort beginning to evaluate its fees.

Park Development Standards

The Village's Land Division and Subdivision ordinance also has basic standards for the improvement of parks. The Village intends use those standards, plus the following more specific standards developed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2013 and reproduced below, when requiring appropriate developer-installed improvements in parks to be dedicated to the Village as part of a subdivision. The Village may also use these as guidelines for the development of parks already under Village ownership. The Parks and Recreation Commission is granted flexibility in administering these standards to address unique circumstances and types of parks.

Development Standards for All Parks

All areas not designated as "natural" or "wooded" areas should have:

1. Soil is to be deep-tilled prior to final smoothing and topsoil. Add 6 inches of topsoil fill of a good quality loamy/sandy soil – not clay. Grade evenly into surrounding terrain and seed with Madison Parks turf grass mixture or other mixture identified by Village Forester or Village Engineer, and mulched.
2. Landscaping to include a mixture of trees and shrubs suitable to the Commission. Suggested quantities for areas within a park that are designated for future natural or passive recreational use of a park are as follows:

a. Climax/Canopy trees 15 per acre

b. Medium/ornamental trees 5 per acre

c. Shrubs/bushes 20 per acre

3. Lighting: All parks should have street lighting strategically located to light key areas in the park. If this is not practical, or street lighting does not reach far enough, new light standards should be installed, meeting applicable standards in the Village's Zoning Ordinance.

Development Standards for Neighborhood Playgrounds

1. Play area complete with:
   a. Accessible playground equipment suitable for age group, designated by the Commission
   b. Cushioning layer appropriate to the playground equipment
   c. Barrier surrounding play area, designed to encompass and/or retain the cushioning layer
2. Open park shelter: 16'x20' or 16'x24'; low-maintenance style, materials, and color selected by the Commission (with dark green as default), with concrete pad extending three feet beyond eaves in all directions.
3. 2 picnic tables: heavy duty, low maintenance, of a color, style, and type approved by the Commission
4. An asphalt path or sidewalk leading from curb to shelter or other point of interest in the park. Such path or sidewalk shall be at least 6' in width, to specifications included in the Village's Standard Specifications, and approved by the Village Engineer.
5. 2 park benches: of a style, color, and type approved by the Commission.
6. Equipment setup for one or two other activities suitable for the neighborhood and selected by the Commission, such as:
   a. Sand volleyball

b. Basketball

c. Horseshoes

d. Soccer goal(s)

e. Others that may be identified by the Commission.

Development Standards for Neighborhood Parks

1. For all Neighborhood Parks:

   a. Play area complete with:

      i. Accessible playground equipment suitable for age group, designated by the Commission.

      ii. Cushioning layer appropriate to the playground equipment.

      iii. Barrier surrounding play area, designed to encompass and/or retain the cushioning layer.

   b. Park shelter: size suitable to intended purpose of park; low-maintenance style, materials, and color selected by the Commission (dark green as default), with concrete pad extending three feet beyond eaves in all directions. Include a unisex restroom if directed by Commission.

   c. Picnic tables; number suitable to size of shelter and purpose of park; heavy duty, low maintenance, of a style and type approved by the Commission.

   d. An asphalt path or sidewalk leading from curb to shelter or other point of interest in the park. Such path or sidewalk shall be at least 6' in width, to specifications included in the Village's Standard Specifications, and approved by the Village Engineer.

   e. Park benches; of a quantity, style, color, and type approved by the Commission.

2. For Neighborhood Parks designated by the Commission for athletic purposes, athletic field(s) suitable to size and purpose of park, to include:

   a. Athletic field(s) landscaped, drainage installed, water (for lawns) installed

b. Backstops/goals appropriate to the type of field

c. Paved parking area, size to be determined by Village Zoning Ordinance standards and by the Commission based upon intended purpose of the park

d. Optional, at discretion of the Commission:

i. One additional rest room.

ii. Bleachers or alternative seating.

iii. Sports equipment storage facility, generally as part of shelter..

iv. Additional paved paths or trails if connecting to proposed Village network.

3. For Neighborhood Parks and greenways designated by the Commission for primary purposes other than athletics: Requirements to be determined based upon planned use.

Rowan Creek Trail Network

Working in close collaboration with WDNR and as funding allows, the Village will attempt to pursue the following improvements to the Rowan Creek Trail Network:

- Extend the Trail from Veterans Park easterly to US Highway 51, and then north to the Seward Street intersection. There are unfortunately wetland and property ownership issues that may make a 100% riverfront alignment impractical. The Village may need to consider a route that, in part at least, depends on existing streets and sidewalks, with sidewalk upgrades where necessary.
- Extend the Trail from "Pine Island" to Jamieson Park, if wetland issues can be successfully and cost effectively addressed.
- Extend a trail segment linking the Pine Island-Jamieson trail segment north to the McMillan Road parking lot.
- Install and replace trail amenities including additional benches, wayfinding signage, and mile markers (with GPS coordinates).

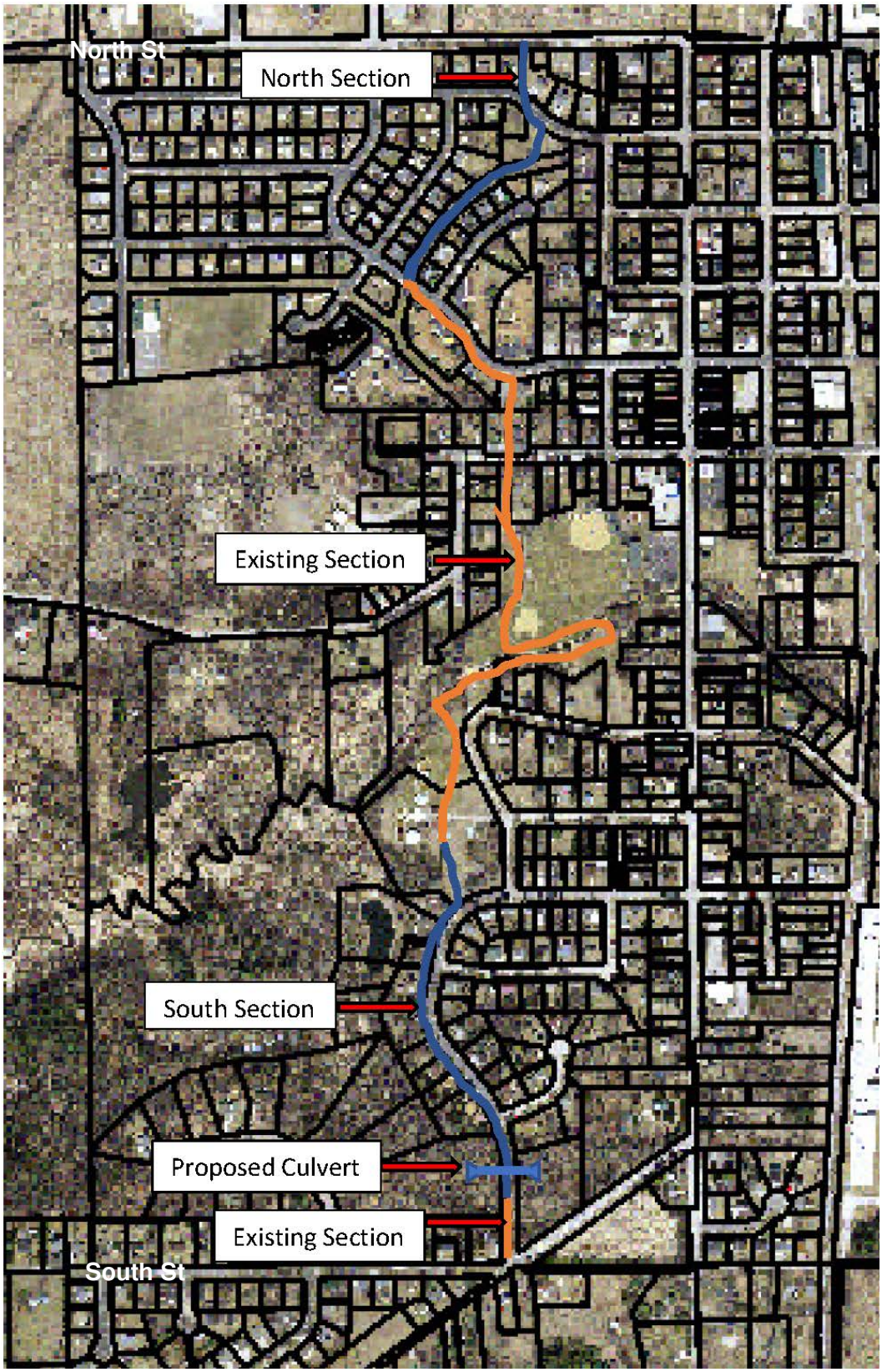
Village Path Network/North-South Trail

Beyond the Rowan Creek trail network, the Village will work to include the following linkages and segments to expand the network of paved Village paths and walkways:

- Seward Street to Colby Park utilizing the greenway, making sure that essential stormwater management functions of the greenway are not compromised.
- Old Settlers Trail to CTH CS (South Street) and continuing along CTH CS and CTH Q.
- Extend a paved path with a bridge using the old dam foundations for north-south circulation to connect West Mill Street to Academy Street with a connection to West Washington Street and into the expanded Valley View Park.
- Linkage of Village path network with existing path in Bluebird Circle.
- West Washington to Valley View Park.
- Park Street to McMillan Road (WDNR parking lot).
- Park Street to North Street (along a future greenway).
- Along Highway Q from Highway 51 to the Mackenzie Center.
- A loop connection between Highway 51 west along Rowan Creek and connecting north to the future "Neighborhood Park/Neighborhood Playgrounds" and residential neighborhoods north and east of the golf course.

Priorities from among the above list make up the proposed North-South Trail—a continuous off-street path from Colby Park (or ideally North Street) at the north end of the Village to the Highway CS/Q (South Street) intersection area at the south end of the Village. Some of this path is already built. The proposed routing is illustrated with the thick red line on the map on the following page. This path would better link north and south neighborhoods to existing flagship parks and the school campus near the center of the Village, reduce the need to improve Colby and South Parks, and potentially provide a key link to the School District's North Street parcels, if they are improved.

Proposed North-South Trail Route



Another priority is at least one protected (signalized and/or pedestrian-actuated) crosswalk on US Highway 51, perhaps at Seward Street, North Street, and/or Piggly Wiggly, together with an improved sidewalk along the west side of US Highway 51 to provide safe, unsupervised, accessibility for residents and visitors to parks, the school campus, and downtown and Highway 51 businesses.

See also Table 2: Recommended Park and Trail Improvement Projects, 2018-2022 for a detailed list, prioritization, and generalized cost for priority trail projects.

Additionally the Village path system should be enhanced with:

- Mileage markers with GPS coordinates to facilitate timely emergency response.
- Benches.
- ADA upgrades.
- Kiosks and interpretive signage.
- Wayfinding signage at trailheads and intersections.

The Village should consider an annual sidewalk improvement program to extend and/or complete repairs and gaps in Village sidewalk facilities. Such an effort would also benefit the School District and, most importantly, students. Refer to Map 2.1, which illustrates current deficiencies in the sidewalk network. The School District's hazardous zones map is another resource.

Potential Park Improvements—General

The sections that follow list the planned improvement projects for each park and an anticipated timeframe for completion—either within the five-year term or beyond. Near-term projects may begin upon adoption of this *Parks and Open Space Plan*, subject to Village Board authorization of expenditures for each listed project. Longer-term projects are generally ideas that are not anticipated for implementation until after 2022, but may be taken on sooner if unique opportunities present themselves, subject to the Village Board authorization. Such unique opportunities may include a substantial donation or receipt of a large grant.

See also Table 2: Recommended Park and Trail Improvement Projects, 2018-2022 for a detailed list, prioritization, and generalized cost for priority park projects.

The park improvement process will generally include:

- Annual review of community park needs and an evaluation of financial resources based with input from the Village Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, and residents.
- Selection of annual priorities.
- Inclusion of the priority projects in the adopted Annual Village Budget.
- Preparation of Detailed Site Civil Engineering Plans and Architectural Plans as needed.
- Notice and Bidding.
- Validation of estimated budgets and alternative financing opportunities including donations and grant programs.
- Construction authorization as needed.

Potential Park Improvements—Neighborhood Playgrounds

Old Settlers Park

In the five-year term of this *Plan*, the Village intends to pursue the following actions related to Old Settlers Park:

- Construct a segment of the proposed North-South Trail from the Highway CS/Q intersection, extending from Old Settlers Trail through the wooded part of the park and down W. South Mill Street.
- Better maintain the existing play equipment and sandbox, or remove any of these existing features that are considered unsafe or unusable.
- Selectively remove trees to address dying trees and increase sunlight.
- Either better maintain the existing basketball hoop and court, or replace them with a new court, considering a full court either in the current location or in another spot just north of the Mill/W. Thomas Street intersection. Either

location would require grading work. The Village will consider dual striping of this surface to accommodate both basketball and pickleball.

Beyond the five-year term, the Village will consider more significant upgrades to Old Settlers Park, including a modern playground. The playground could include equipment that takes advantage of the park's slope, such as a zip line. A shelter, ideally with a restroom, could also be added. Past plans have suggested the possibility of a BMX and/or skate park at Old Settlers Park—this idea will require further investigation. Again, these are likely ideas for *after* 2022.

Colby Park

In the five-year term of this *Plan*, the Village intends to pursue constructing an off-street paved path from Colby Boulevard through Colby Park and the drainageway to its south. This would be part of the main north-south path discussed earlier in this *Plan*. Particularly if the School District develops its North Street property with a new school and/or athletic fields, the Village should attempt to secure extension of this trail north to North Street, by acquiring land or an easement between Colby Boulevard and North Street. Two mid-block crossing locations appear to have some potential.

Otherwise, the Village intends in the near-term to retain Colby Park as an open space, particularly pending the School District's decision for its North Street site. If the District elects not to develop the North Street site, the Village will consider further improvements at Colby Park beyond 2022. These may include play equipment, a shelter, and/or a hard surface that could accommodate sports like basketball and pickleball.

South Park

The Village does not intend to improve this park, which appears to have been dedicated along with access easements with the platting of the West Hill First Addition subdivision. The Village believes that this area's recreational needs would be better served in the near-term through a new paved off-street path through the already-dedicated public right-of-way of Old Settlers Trail from the Highway CS/Q intersection to the north (i.e., the North-South Trail). In the longer-term, the Village could acquire a more suitable south side park location in conjunction with future residential development planned to the south of the current South Park location.

The Village will consider disposing of the South Park land, perhaps to one or more adjoining home owners if interested. As it appears this land was obtained as dedicated parkland, there is a statutory process for its vacation that requires action by the Columbia County Circuit Court. The Village intends to work with its attorney to finalize the correct procedure before disposing of the South Park land.

Columbia Park

While well-maintained, the existing playground equipment in Columbia Park is designed for use by children between the ages of 2 and 5. The neighborhood would benefit from a second playground with modern equipment designed for children aged 5 to 12 and/or a natural playground (e.g., boulders, tree trunks for climbing). If budget permits, and other higher priority projects are completed, this play equipment upgrade could occur by 2022. Columbia Park's appeal mainly to nearby home dwellers may limit the value of a restroom at that park.

Northwest Parks (future development)

The improvements to these park sites, within the platted but unbuilt Westridge subdivision, will be determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission at the time that the owner/developer initiates the first phase of development improvements. The Village should

work with the developer to explore the potential for combining these two sites to create a single 1+ acre Neighborhood Playground to serve this future neighborhood.

Potential Park Improvements—Neighborhood Parks

Plans for new Neighborhood Parks will be developed at the time that there are opportunities to obtain park land dedications and/or assemble land. Future Neighborhood Parks are suggested south of CTH Q east of Highway 51 and between McMillan Road and Park Street. See Map 3.

Potential Park Improvements—Community Parks

Valley View Park

The Village does not intend to make major improvements to this park in the five-year plan period. The Village does intend to install a tee ball field on the County easement land, and may work with the County to acquire that land. The Village will be careful not to overuse existing field space at Valley View Park.

Pauquette Park

Pauquette Park is likely the most heavily utilized park in the Village's system, and the Village will take care not to overload it with too many additional uses. That being said, the Village will consider the following improvements to Pauquette Park through 2022:

- Upgrade older playground equipment near the northeast corner of the park.
- Replace remaining wood picnic tables.
- Repair, replace, or remove smaller open shelter near the southeast corner of the park, which is noticeably leaning.
- An accessible fishing pier/spot along the Rowan Creek. At present, access to the Creek is fairly poor.
- New court space that could provide for basketball and/or pickleball.
- Replace athletic field lights and poles, and consider adding lights to the southwest.

- Build a second bike/pedestrian bridge to facilitate more direct crossing Rowan Creek for the proposed North-South Trail described earlier in this *Plan*, with that bridge being a later phase of potential development than the rest of the North-South Trail

In addition (and complemented by a potential second bridge), the Village will consider improving the land near the southwest corner of Pauquette Park, beyond the softball diamond. This space could be set aside for additional youth field sport space, or developed with a shelter with restrooms and/or a new playground. Given other priorities, such improvements may best be deferred until after 2022. Still, a nearer-term decision for this space may impact what the Village does with the older shelter and playground equipment further east in the Park, listed above.

Finally, the Village will consider installing fitness course equipment (exercise stations) along the perimeter path of Pauquette Park. Each station generally costs between $750 and $1,000, plus installation. The community survey conducted during this planning process suggests support for such an investment. Again, this may be best deferred until after 2022, unless a particular opportunity presents itself.

Veterans Memorial Park

The Village may extend a path along Rowan Creek through Veterans Park by 2022. This project would include a safe crossing (pedestrian activated signals, pavement markings) on Main Street to connect with the existing path in Pauquette Park. That crossing should also serve Veterans Park users parking in the Pauquette Park lot. The feasibility of extending the path further east along the Creek corridor will need to be finalized. Significant wetland and property ownership issues may compel an eastern path exit point from Veterans Park at Van Buren Street, rather than closer to the Creek.

The Village could consider relocating the ice rink in this park, complete with berms and liner.

Beyond repair or replacement of the aging park sign, the Village does not anticipate other significant improvements to Veterans Memorial Park through 2022. There has been

discussion of a second shelter with a restroom, but this does not appear to be a priority given its expense and the shelters and restrooms across Main Street in Pauquette Park.

Potential Park Improvements—Special Parks

Jamieson Park

The Village intends to pursue the repurposing and upgrading of Jamieson Park as its major park improvement initiative through 2022. This direction is based on several factors, including support through the community survey, the loss of its main historic purpose (camping), and interest in larger-footprint activities like a dog park and disc golf course that may benefit from the more remote location that Jamieson provides.

The improved portions of Jamieson Park make up only about 9 of the total 46 acres in the Park ownership. Most of the 46 acre park is heavily wooded, but not wetland or floodplain. Further, there is land owned by WDNR and by the Columbia County Sportsman League to the immediate east of Jamieson Park. These facts all suggest great opportunity for Jamieson Park for larger footprint, nature-based or nature-compatible recreational activities.

Given its location and community need, improvements could focus on teen and adult interests. The following is a proposed process and ideas for repurposing Jamieson Park:

- Determine existing property boundary and consider expansion opportunities, particularly to the east.
- Formulate a concept development plan for Jamieson Park with consideration to linkages to the Rowan Creek Trail network, the east/west trail link, with input from a wide range of community stakeholders including neighborhood land owners, WDNR, Friends of Rowan Creek, and the Town of Dekorra.
- Construct improvements per master plan including potentially the following:
    - *Dog park.* Jamieson Park provides both open and wooded locations for a fenced dog park. A double-gated entry should be established, at which appropriate signage/rules, a watering hose, and potentially a donation box

could be positioned. Separate areas for large vs. small dogs could be considered. Paths could be established.

- *Disc golf course.* According to the Professional Disc Golf Association, a small recreational course can sometimes fit 2-3 holes per acre depending on terrain. Ideally, a well-balanced course has a mixture of holes that go completely thru the woods, partially thru woods and mostly in the open. These basic design parameters suggest that a Jamieson Park could accommodate a 9- to 12-hole disc golf course plus other potential amenities described in this list.

- *Upgraded shelter with restrooms.* Jamieson Park has the potential to host events like large family reunions and weddings—but only with compatible shelter and restroom upgrades.
- *Ropes course.* A ropes course is the modern twist on the obstacle course. Constructed of wood, cables and ropes strung between trees or poles, ropes courses provide people of all ages the opportunity to learn about challenges, risks and rewards—in a safe and exciting environment.
- Trail circuit to facilitate races, fun runs, and other similar events.
- Removal of excessive driveways and other features (e.g., remote grills) that are vestiges of the Park's campground past.

Attachments

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Community Survey Results

Table 1
Existing Public Park Facilities, January 2018

Park	Size (Acres) Total	Size (Acres) Improved	Playground	Shelter(s)	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Restrooms	Cooking Grills	All Weather Play Area	Baseball Diamond	Bleachers	Softball Diamond	Bleachers	Varsity Football	Bleachers	Varsity Soccer	Bleachers	U-11 Soccer	Walking Path (hardsurface)	Walking Trails	Fishing	Protected Natural Habitat	Rowan Creek Access	Off-street Parking	Other/Special Features
Neighborhood Playgrounds	5.5	3.3																							
Columbia Park 890 Columbia Drive	0.7	0.7	X *Age 2-5*	X	X														X						
Old Settler's Park 100 Old Settlers Trail	2.6	2.6	X *Old and in marginal repair*					*Half court B-ball in marginal repair*	X															X	Interpretive signage (2012); Overgrown wooded area
Colby Park 209 Colby Blvd	0.8	0	*Currently undeveloped; includes only park sign in reasonable state of repair and drainageway across west side*																						
South Park 906 Valley Road	0.5	0	*Currently undeveloped.*																						
NW Neighborhood Park(s) *Address TBD*	0.9	0	*In platted but undeveloped Westridge subdivision; park improvements will not be planned until after neighborhood development has begun*																						
Neighborhood Parks	0	0	In 2018, Village had no parks that met the criteria to be classified as neighborhood parks																						
																								X	
Community Parks	26.2	26.2																							
Pauquette Park 126 S. Main Street	13.3	13.3	X *2-5, 5-12*	X *3*	X	X	X	X	X	X *Lighted*	X	X	X						X *0.86 Miles*		X		X *1,100 FT*	X *59 stalls*	Trailhead to Rowan Creek Trail and Fisheries Area; farmer's Movies in the Park; occasional concerts
Veterans Memorial Park 115 S. Main Street	3.7	3.7		X	X									*flag football in open space*							X	X *1 Acre*	X *450 FT*	X	Veterans Memorial, Community Gardens
Valley View Park 300 Park Street	9.2 See Note (A)	9.2	X *2-5, 5-12*	X	X	X	X				X		X			X	X *2*	X	X *1/3 mile*					X *43 stalls*	Spray Pad; bike parking; benches; kiosk
Subtotal	**31.7**	**29.5**																							
Special Parks & Open Space																									
Jamieson Park Co. Hwy CS	45.2	13.2	*park sign in good repair*	X	X	X *hand pump*	X port-o-let	X *2; in disrepair*											X		X	X *32 Acres*	X *2,500 FT*	X *gravel*	Posted no overnight camping
NW Trail Corridor W. Washington	4.6	0	*This corridor is currently undeveloped and used for stormwater management*																X						
Subtotal	**49.8**	**13.2**																							
Total	**81.5**	**42.7**																							

Note: (A) Valley View Park includes 4 acres currently leased from Columbia County for use by the Poynette Soccer Club

Other Public Outdoor Recreational and Cultural Facilities Within the Village																									
Rowan Creek Fisheries Area W. Mill Street access	197	0	*Portion of 650 Acre Fishery Area Managed by WDNR*		X															X *2.15 Miles*	X	X *197 Acres*	X	X *8 stalls*	interpretive signage
Highway 51 Bridge access			*Portion of 650 Acre Fishery Area Managed by WDNR*																					*4 car max*	one bench
W8350 Highway CS access			*Portion of 650 Acre Fishery Area Managed by WDNR*																					*gravel*	signage
Poynette Schools Campus 108 N. Cleveland	28	28	X *2-5, 5-12*			X	X		X *basketball in marginal repair*	X	X	X	X	X	X				X			X *1 Acre*	X *400 FT*	X *200 stall*	Gyms, indoor swimming pool
Poynette Historical Society 116 N. Main Street																									

Other Outdoor Recreational Facilities Open to the Public within the Village																									
Shepherds Meadow Golf Course 1004 Links Drive	45	45																						X *90 stalls*	9 Holes, Clubhouse

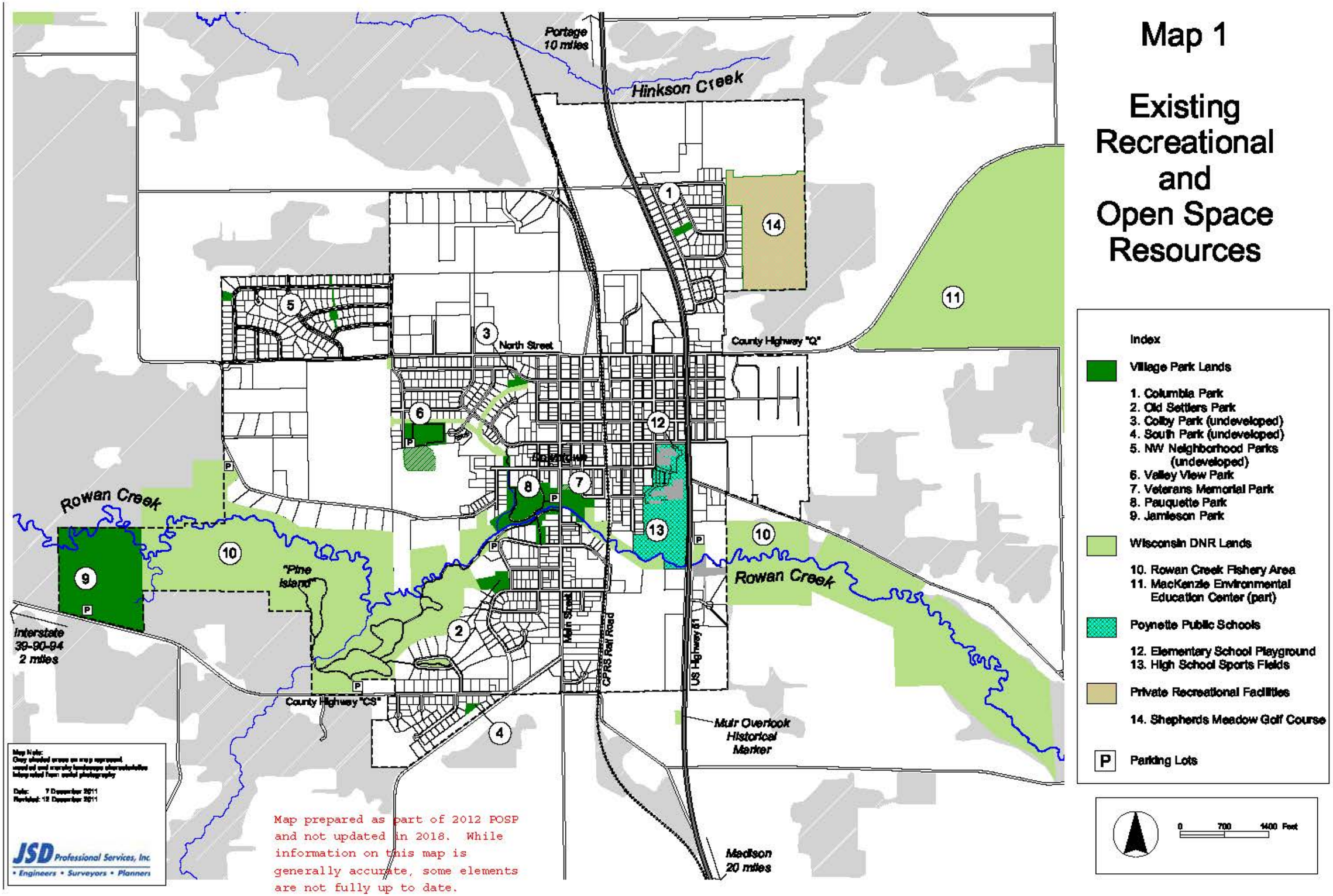
Table 2
Recommended Park and Trail Improvement Projects, 2018-2022

Park	Improvement Project *	Estimated Cost	Priority
Jamieson Park	Consider expansion opportunity	Negotiated	1st
	Formulate conceptual park redevelopment plan	$8,000-$10,000	1st
	Implement priority conceptual development plan initiatves	? (based on plan)	2nd
Pauquette Park	Replace remaining wood picnic tables	$3,000	1st
	Repair, replace, or remove smaller open shelter near southeast corner	$1,000-$30,000	1st
	Provide new court space for basketball and/or pickleball	$11,000-$13,000	1st
	Replace athletic field lights and poles	? (get quote)	2nd
	Upgrade older playground equipment near the northeast corner of the park	$75,000	2nd
	Install accessible fishing pier/spot along the creek	$15,000-$30,000	3rd
Veterans Memorial Park	Replace aging sign	$1,000	2nd
Valley View Park	Install a tee ball field on current County easement land	$10,000	1st
Old Settlers Park	Refurbish the existing basketball hoop and court OR replace with a new court, considering full court with striping for both basketball and pickleball	$2,000-$12,000	2nd
	Repair/remove equipment and selectively remove trees	$3,000-$4,000	2nd
Colby Park	Aside from trail, no improvement projects planned through 2022		
South Park	Consider selling park land	$2,000	1st
Columbia Park	Install 2nd playground for children aged 5 to 12 and/or natural playground	$10,000-$50,000	2nd
North-South Trail	Segment from North to Seward Streets (North Segment)	$91,100	1st
	Segment from WWTP/Old Settlers Park to Highways CS/Q (South Segment)	$124,100	1st
	Potential new bridge over Rowan Creek using abutments of old dam	$300,000	3rd
Rowan Creek Trail Extensions	Segment through Veterans Park, including connection to Pauquette Park	$40,000	2nd
	Segment from Veterans Park to 51/Seward, including rail crossing and through school campus	$125,000	2nd
	Pedestrian activivated crosswalk across Highway 51	$20,000	2nd
	Segment from “Pine Island” to Jamieson Park	$125,000-$175,000	3rd

* Improvement projects in table do not include potential land acquisition or routine maintenance (e.g., restoring wood chips in playground fall zones) or repair.

Map 1

Existing Recreational and Open Space Resources



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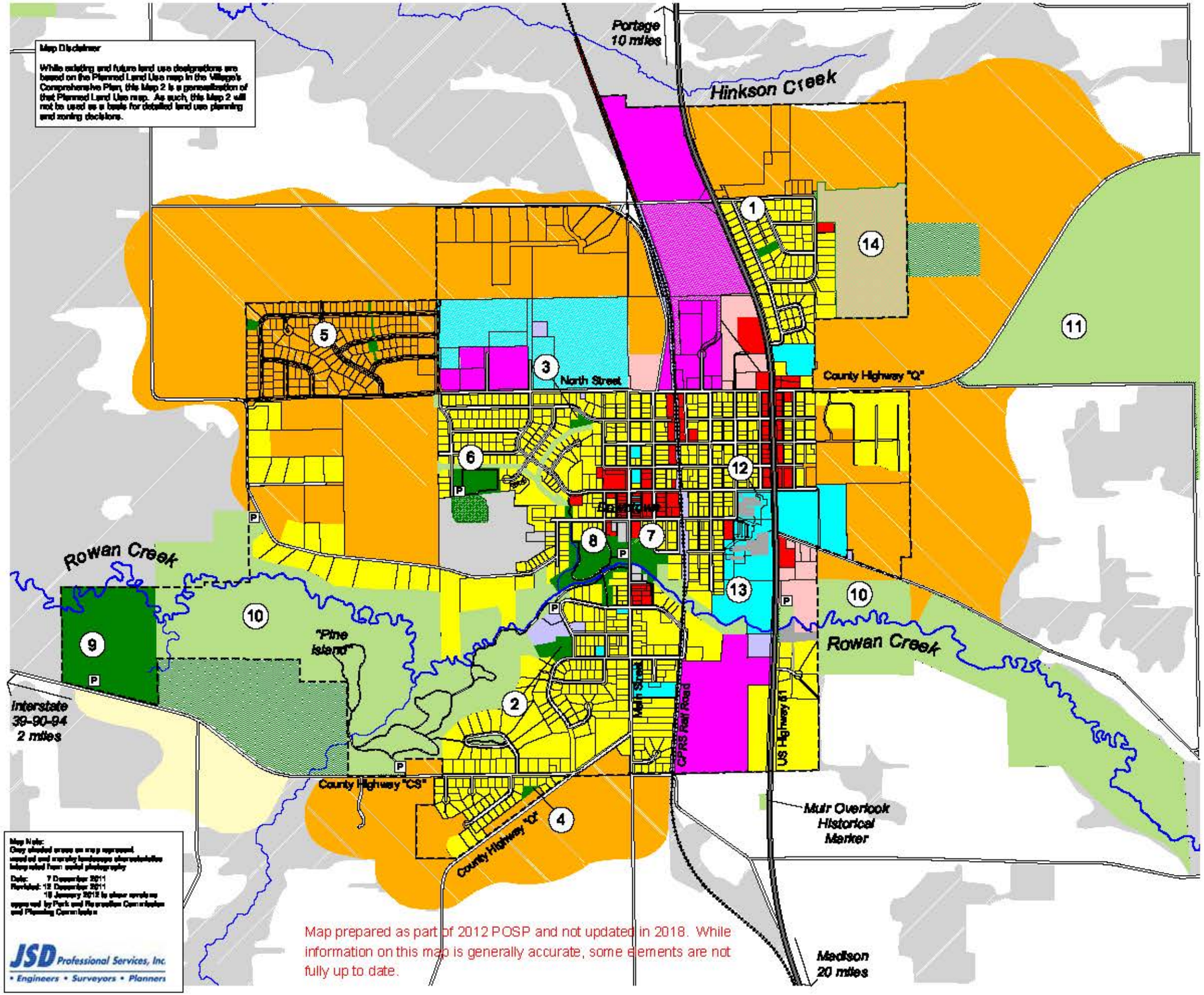
Generalized Land Use



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Existing and Planned Land Use

(Derived from Comprehensive Plan adopted 2003)

- Existing Residential Neighborhoods
- Planned Residential Neighborhoods
- Existing Business
- Planned Business
- Existing Industrial
- Planned Industrial
- Existing Educational and Civic
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- Transportation, Communication, Utilities
- Governmental
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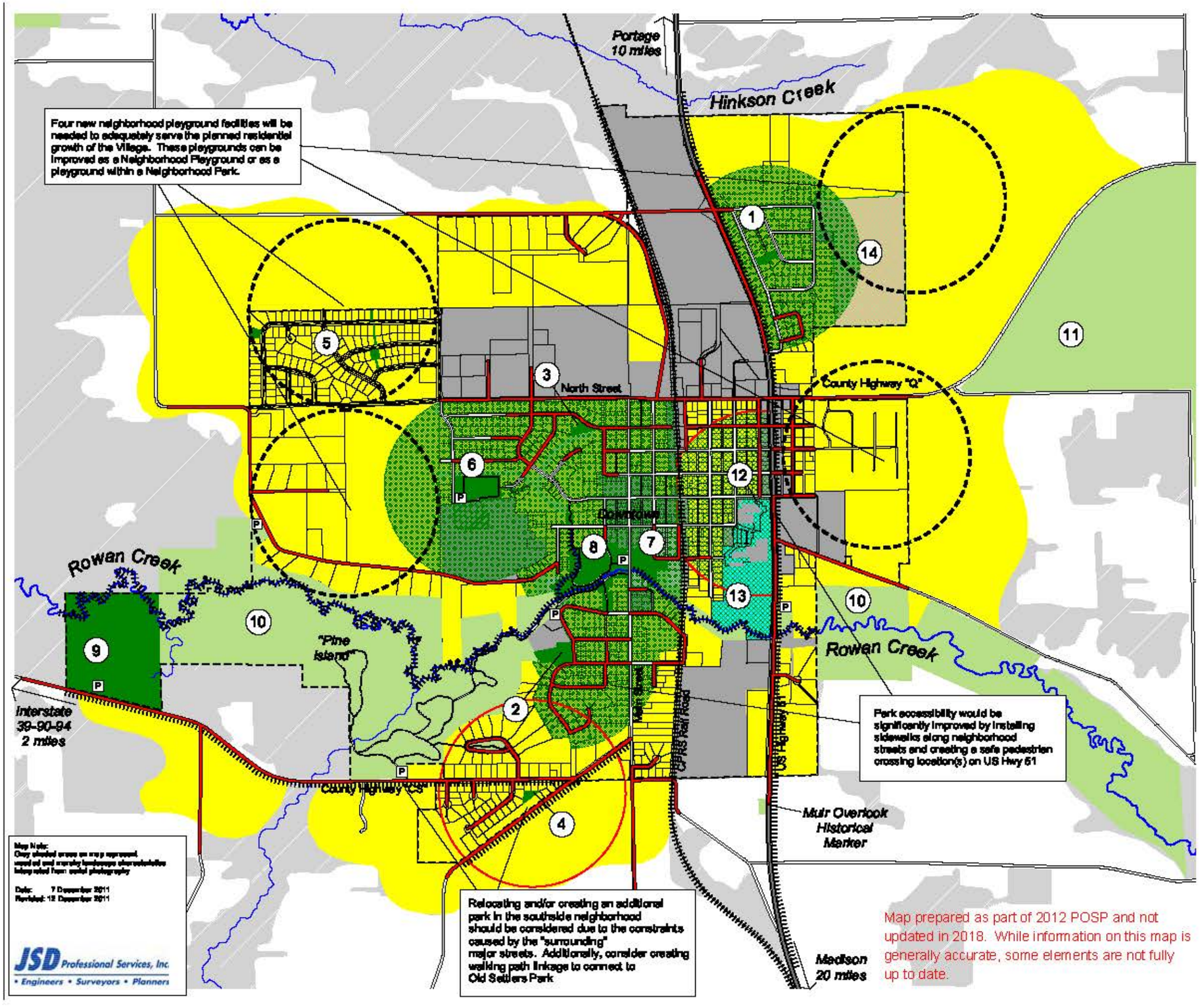
P Parking Lots

0 700 1400 Feet

Map 2.1

Park Planning Considerations



1/4 mile Service Areas surrounding existing Village Parks

Existing and planned residential areas located farther than 1/4 mile from a Village Park

Village Streets with no sidewalks.

Barrier to safe and convenient pedestrian travel

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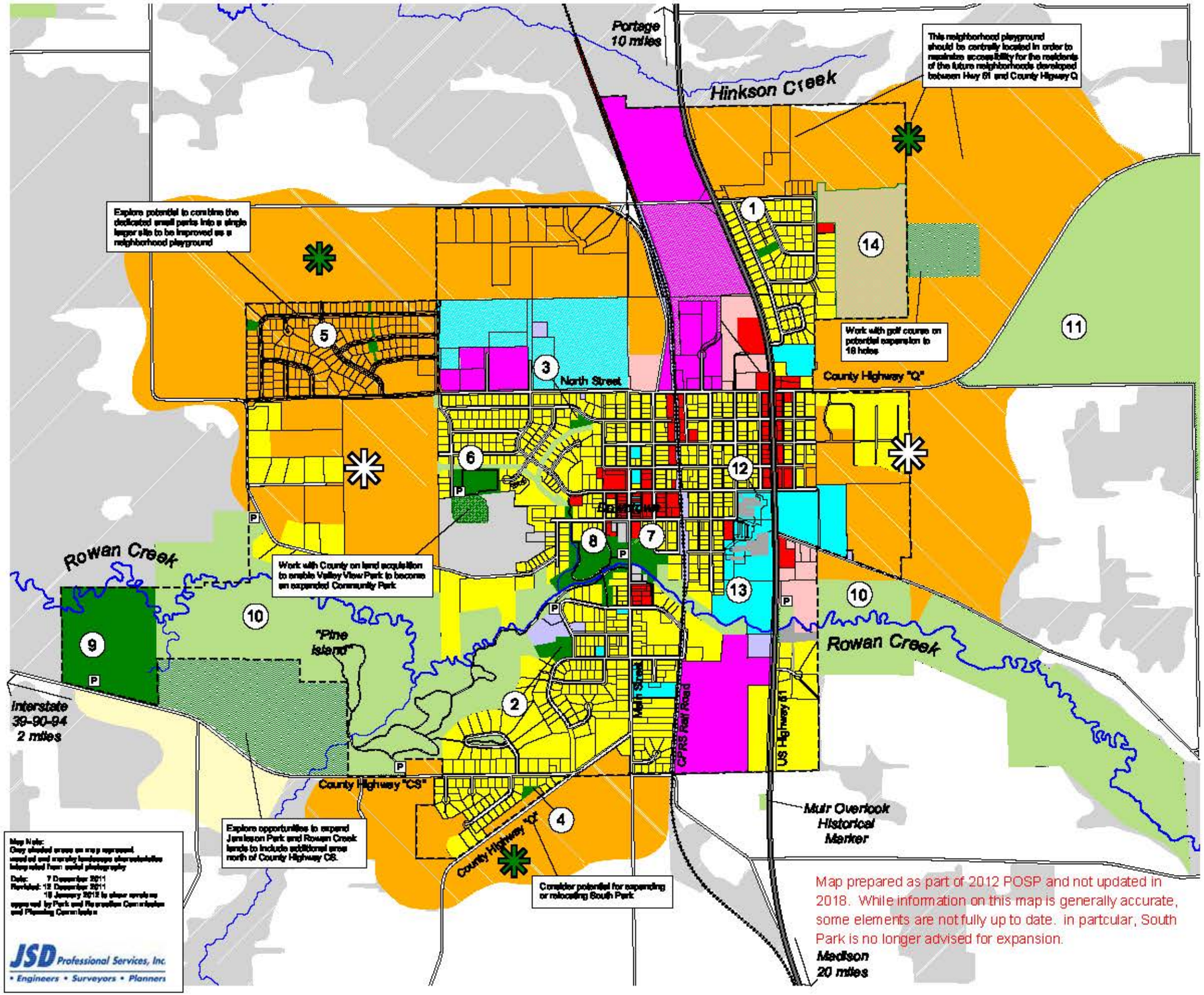
Plan for Future Park Sites



Map Note:
Grey shaded areas on map represent wooded and marshy landscape characteristics interpreted from aerial photography

Date: 7 December 2011
Revised: 12 December 2011
18 January 2012 to show spraying approved by Park and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission

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Planned Neighborhood Playground (1 acre minimum)

Planned Neighborhood Park (3 acres minimum)

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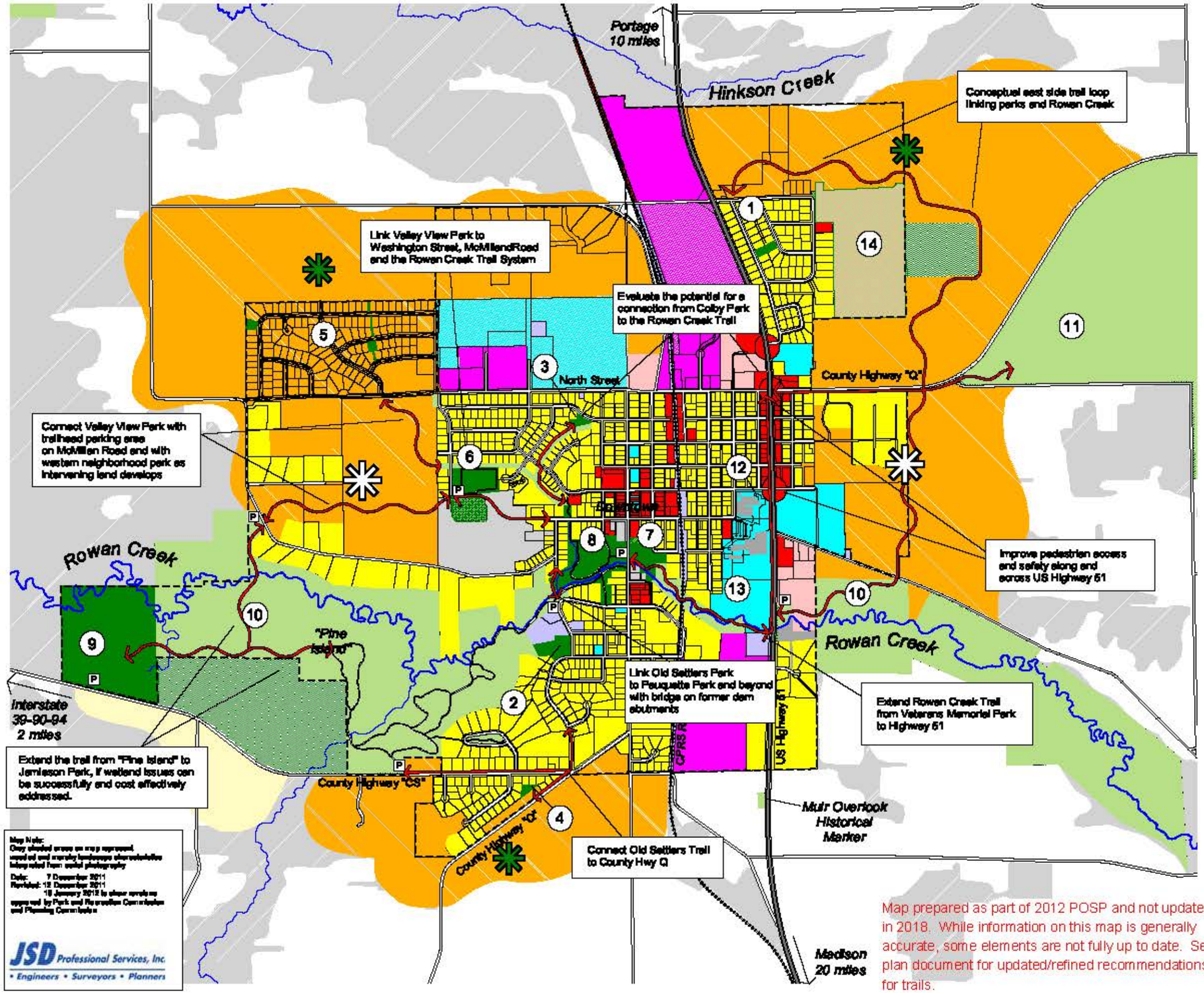

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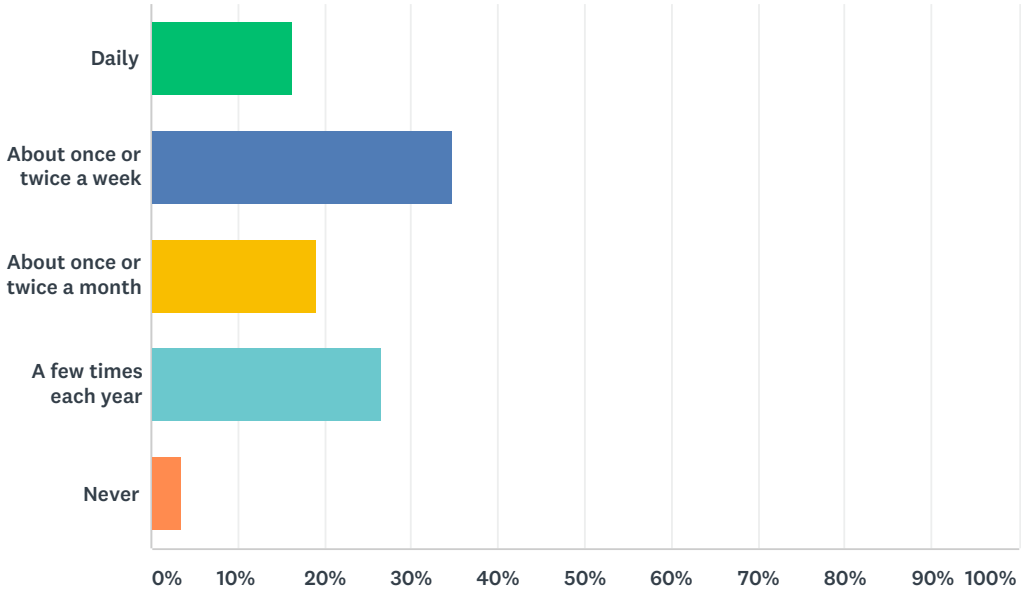
Q1 How often do members of your household visit Poynette's Village parks?

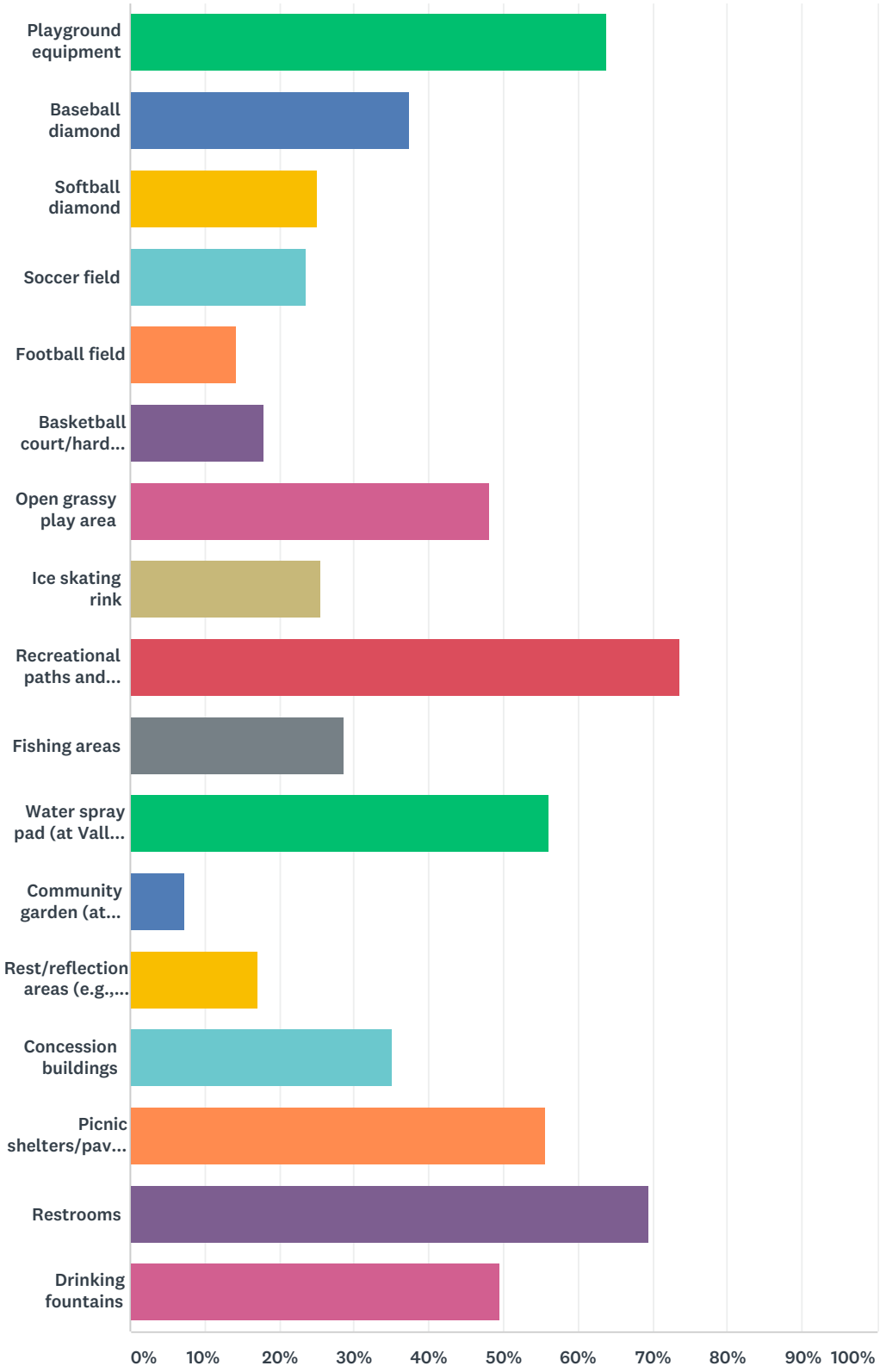
Answered: 283 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	16.25%	46
About once or twice a week	34.63%	98
About once or twice a month	19.08%	54
A few times each year	26.50%	75
Never	3.53%	10
TOTAL		283

Q2 Which types of park facilities do members of your household use? (check all that apply)

Answered: 262 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Playground equipment	63.74%	167
Baseball diamond	37.40%	98
Softball diamond	25.19%	66
Soccer field	23.66%	62
Football field	14.12%	37
Basketball court/hard surface play area	17.94%	47
Open grassy play area	48.09%	126
Ice skating rink	25.57%	67
Recreational paths and trails	73.66%	193
Fishing areas	28.63%	75
Water spray pad (at Valley View Park)	56.11%	147
Community garden (at Veterans Memorial Park)	7.25%	19
Rest/reflection areas (e.g., veterans memorial)	17.18%	45
Concession buildings	35.11%	92
Picnic shelters/pavilion	55.73%	146
Restrooms	69.47%	182
Drinking fountains	49.62%	130
Total Respondents: 262		

Q3 Which of the following potential improvements to Poynette's parks do you support the Village making? Please check the appropriate box after each potential improvement to indicate whether you support, are neutral or have no opinion, or do not support the potential improvement.

Answered: 250 Skipped: 33

	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL OR NO OPINION	DO NOT SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
More or better playgrounds for pre-school aged children	48.96% 118	43.98% 106	7.05% 17	241	1.58
More or better playgrounds for school-aged children	58.26% 141	36.78% 89	4.96% 12	242	1.47
More or refurbished basketball courts	52.89% 128	42.15% 102	4.96% 12	242	1.52
Picnic shelters at more parks	42.74% 103	52.28% 126	4.98% 12	241	1.62
Restroom facilities in more parks	59.67% 145	37.86% 92	2.47% 6	243	1.43
More walking paths and trails	79.44% 197	17.74% 44	2.82% 7	248	1.23
Accessible fishing pier or deck along Rowan Creek	54.55% 132	35.12% 85	10.33% 25	242	1.56
Permanent ice skating rink	41.74% 101	38.84% 94	19.42% 47	242	1.78
Disc golf course	34.02% 82	47.30% 114	18.67% 45	241	1.85
Dog park	54.51% 133	33.20% 81	12.30% 30	244	1.58
Fitness exercise course	57.96% 142	31.02% 76	11.02% 27	245	1.53
Racing area for drones (remote control miniature aircraft)	12.86% 31	40.25% 97	46.89% 113	241	2.34
Additional places for quiet reflection	27.50% 66	58.75% 141	13.75% 33	240	1.86
Music amphitheater	36.51% 88	40.25% 97	23.24% 56	241	1.87
BMX bike and/or skate park	32.24% 79	38.78% 95	28.98% 71	245	1.97
More art/sculpture installation(s) or historic markers	24.47% 58	53.59% 127	21.94% 52	237	1.97
Public restrooms	65.16% 159	30.33% 74	4.51% 11	244	1.39

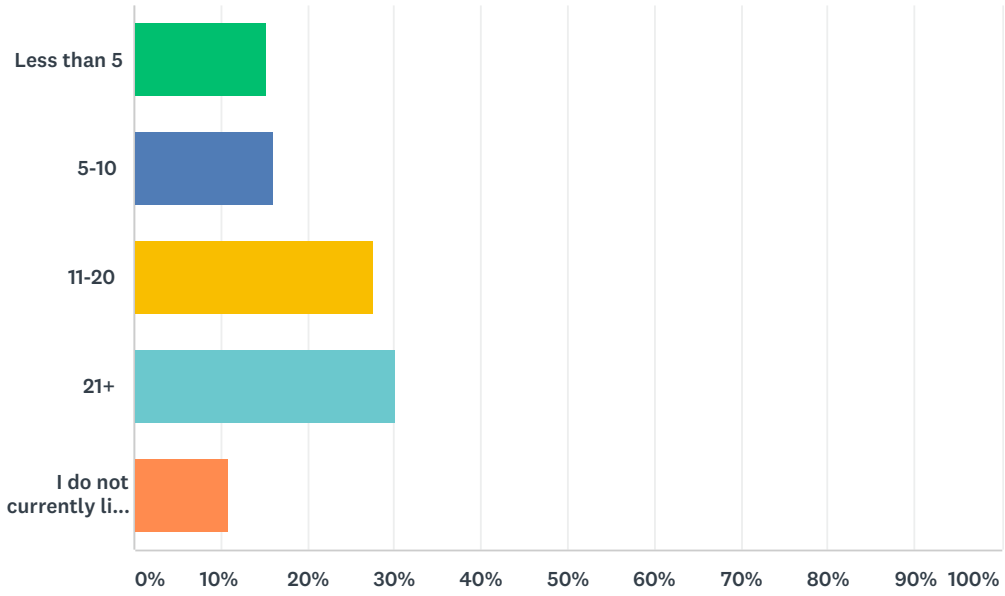
Q4 Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you support, are neutral or have no opinion, or do not support each of following larger park and recreation projects the Village could potentially undertake in the next five or so years. NEXT, in the comment boxes, please provide any further thoughts or questions on each of the potential projects. For example, what new facilities do you think should be in the park or where exactly should the trail go? Or if you oppose the project, can you tell us why?

Answered: 249 Skipped: 34

	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL OR NO OPINION	DO NOT SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Revitalize Jamieson Park (on Highway CS towards the Interstate) with a new purpose and new recreational facilities	67.47% 168	25.70% 64	6.83% 17	249	0.61
Revitalize Old Settlers Park (100 Old Settler's Trail, on the Village's south side) with a new purpose and new recreational facilities	41.70% 103	48.18% 119	10.12% 25	247	0.32
Build an off-street trail network to connect the north and south ends of the Village	75.61% 186	21.14% 52	3.25% 8	246	0.72
Extend the Rowan Creek trail network to the east and west	76.23% 186	18.85% 46	4.92% 12	244	0.71

Q5 How many years have you lived within the Village of Poynette?

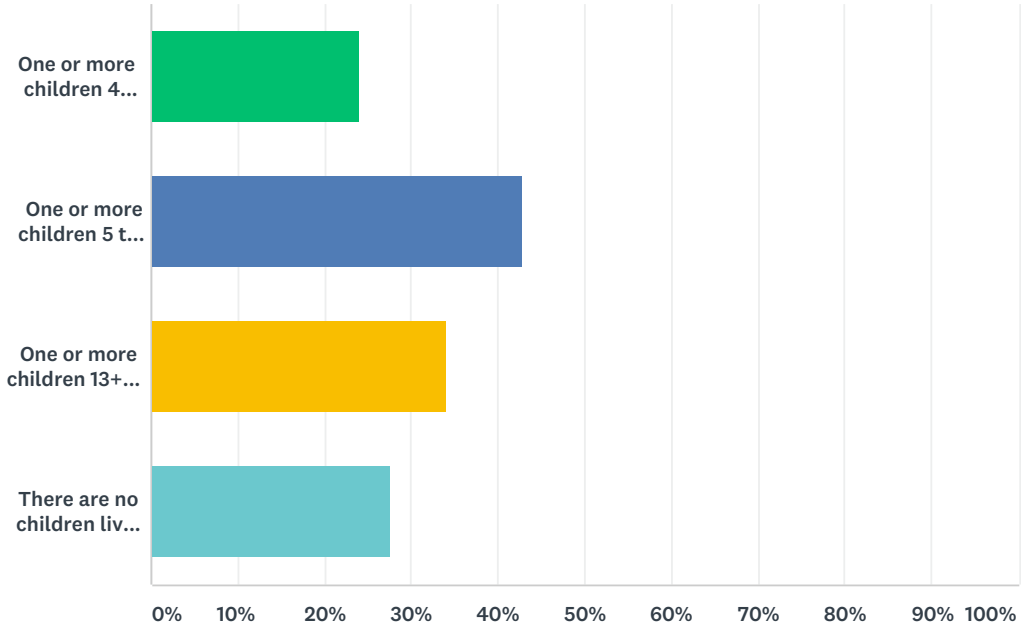
Answered: 249 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5	15.26%	38
5-10	16.06%	40
11-20	27.71%	69
21+	30.12%	75
I do not currently live within the Village limits	10.84%	27
TOTAL		249

Q6 Please let us know whether you have children in your household, at least part of the time. Check all that apply.

Answered: 249 Skipped: 34



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One or more children 4 years old or less	24.10%	60
One or more children 5 to 12 years old	42.97%	107
One or more children 13+ years old	34.14%	85
There are no children living in my household	27.71%	69
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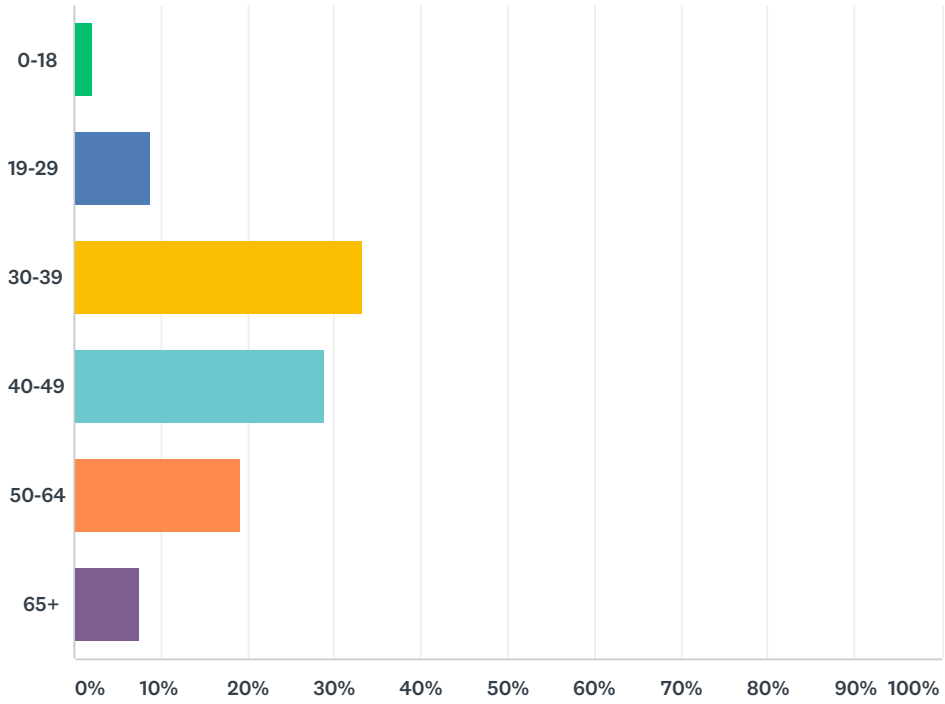
Q7 What is your age?

Answered: 249 Skipped: 34



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0-18	2.01%	5
19-29	8.84%	22
30-39	33.33%	83
40-49	28.92%	72
50-64	19.28%	48
65+	7.63%	19
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Q8 Any other advice you care to offer as the Village updates its Park and Open Space Plan?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 224

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#	ARE THERE ANY OTHER POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO POYNETTE'S PARKS YOU WOULD SUPPORT THE VILLAGE MAKING?	DATE
1	A dog park would be a wonderful Improvement	11/27/2017 4:25 PM
2	Expand use of open (Soccer) area - disc golf, hiking and walking trail.	11/27/2017 3:20 PM

3	Disc golf course by soccer fields	11/27/2017 3:13 PM
4	New lighting for baseball field. User fees for non residents involved in local leagues and for water park	11/11/2017 7:08 AM
5	Could there be handouts of maps somewhere that it states where you can take your dogs on hikes, on/off leash, etc.	11/11/2017 4:12 AM
6	Need atv trails around and thru poynette	11/8/2017 12:44 PM
7	Open access to the roads and some trails for ATV/UTV routes.	11/8/2017 11:28 AM
8	Four wheeling trails	11/7/2017 5:19 PM
9	Atv trails	11/7/2017 3:49 PM
10	I think with what resources you have your doing a great job. Would like to see more attention given to the Rowan creek trails. Also as a suggestion, find away to keep the public involved with volunteering to help with projects. There's those who go out of there way to help and actively seek opportunities and those who would help but may need the opportunity put in front of them a little more often. Keep up the good work and thank you!	11/6/2017 8:44 PM
11	More water features (Lighted fountains, rock formations, etc.)	11/6/2017 9:21 AM
12	The children are the ones who will continue to live here after us and keep the village a great place to be so making it great and more things for kids to do will keep them here and make them want to raise there familys here as we all are. Keeping them busy out of trouble with things to do and look forward to will make a better community and happier place to raise family's. A carnival back here would also be great. I always Remember looking foword to the fair comming being good to get to go. Made more to look foword to and brought more people here from out of town to see how great it is here help local business and bring family together.	11/4/2017 8:40 AM
13	Horse area	11/3/2017 9:24 PM
14	Volleyball court	11/3/2017 8:28 PM
15	We need a place to dispose dog do do. Not only in the parks but through out the community. Pet owners need to be more aware of other people's property.	11/3/2017 8:04 PM
16	More activities and interests for high school aged children.	11/3/2017 4:56 PM
17	Please consider installing a walking path along Hwy CS connecting theRowan Creek Path to main St. Hwy CS is a dangerous place to walk from the two subdivisions off of CS to main st. There are many children who are unable to ride their bikes to main st. Due to safety issues.	11/3/2017 2:37 PM
18	There should be an indoor hang out for the kids when it’s to cold to play outside.	11/3/2017 1:38 PM
19	Lights and snow plowed walking trails in Pauquette park.	11/3/2017 12:14 PM
20	Exercise groups, activities for kids, sports related	11/3/2017 11:31 AM
21	Tennis court	11/3/2017 11:24 AM
22	Parks system is great. Would like to hike or ski the Rowan creek trails in the winter months, or have walking access in town hall gym, winter only. Thanks for keeping the bathrooms open.	11/3/2017 10:47 AM
23	re-surfacing Rowan Creek paths and bridges	11/3/2017 8:52 AM
24	Open up Jamieson park to camping again. That was a very popular spot and It's difficult to wrap my head around the park being infested with drug dealers and protitutes. DNR and local law enforcement could resolve that with simply driving through the park a couple of times a night.	11/3/2017 8:46 AM
25	Little league sized baseball fields	11/1/2017 4:20 PM
26	Updating old settlers park would be nice to see. A dog park should be a must have on the list.	10/31/2017 5:25 PM
27	Fix playground equipment that is broken, has sharp edges, or is deteriorating.	10/30/2017 7:55 AM
28	Improvements to Jamieson Park to allow for camping again, connecting the trails there to the ones in town.	10/27/2017 9:16 PM
29	I don’t know if I want dog park as much as always have recipical for waste for on trails mounted throughout. You don’t have to supply dog bags but have the dog reciprocals. I’m sick of seeing dog poop all over!! By September you pick up the very few garage cans (really) that are available. So people don’t pick up or leave the bags - disgusting!!	10/26/2017 6:47 PM

30	Maintain what we have. There was a swing at the Splash Pad that was broken for well over a year and when it was replaced, it was with an inferior hard, rigid swing instead of the flexible one that was there.	10/25/2017 9:01 AM
31	Connecting parks with pathways-many streets do not have sidewalks to get from place to place.	10/23/2017 11:39 AM
32	Longer paved walking/bike trails are very important	10/22/2017 6:24 PM
33	Jamison park would be a perfect dog park facility with a little work adding a fence. Location now no longer a campground seems to never get used each day when I drive by- it is empty and often gates are closed. Dog park would draw more people to the park	10/20/2017 8:34 PM
34	N/A	10/20/2017 7:45 PM
35	DOG PARK! Many dog owners would be willing to pay a fee to use and support. There are so many dogs in Poynette and they deserve a space to play!	10/20/2017 5:06 PM
36	Tennis court	10/18/2017 8:10 PM
37	I would love for Columbia Park to get swings!!! A sandbox would be great too!	10/17/2017 10:22 AM
38	Would like to see the Rowan creek trail connected to Jamison park	10/16/2017 5:18 AM
39	A designated bike path would be spectacular! Biking is a wonderful low impact cardiovascular exercise for all ages. It would promote wellness for all ages in our community. Having moved here from Madison, more than a decade ago, having a safe bike path to ride is something that I've longed for here.	10/15/2017 7:05 AM
40	Pedestrian path connecting the McKenzie Center too our town - interconnecting trails too all of our parks. Another bridge across the creek using the old dam foundation as a base too build off of and trail out too McMillan road and the soccer park	10/14/2017 2:22 PM
41	Need more to support our teens for activities and places to gather.	10/14/2017 1:50 PM
42	Beer and brats ar special events	10/14/2017 1:25 PM
43	We would love a long walking trail paved of possible that could be utilized for walking running, biking.....cross country skiing in the winter.	10/14/2017 12:11 AM
44	We would love some paved trails that our kids could ride their bikes on. We visit the DeForest Yahara River trail often because my kids can ride their bikes, and I can go for runs.	10/13/2017 8:51 PM
45	Shade at the splash pad. Updating current shelters and picnic tables. Updating current equipment / swings	10/13/2017 8:25 PM
46	Better park equipment for our kids, especially downtown.	10/13/2017 8:22 PM
47	Please add swings to the parquet the pines neighborhood!	10/13/2017 7:44 PM
48	More playground equipment	10/13/2017 7:09 PM
49	Better playground equipment at the Paukette Area subdivision	10/13/2017 6:10 PM
50	Updates and upgrades to children's play areas	10/13/2017 6:03 PM
51	Shovel the snow off the bike paths in winter.	10/13/2017 5:45 PM
52	A bigger splash pad with more water optins for school aged kids not just the basic toddler pad that is there now. I fully support the skate park idea and ice rink as we need more for our per teens and teens.	10/13/2017 5:39 PM
53	Love parks!	10/13/2017 5:22 PM
54	More play equipment at the golf course subdivision park.	10/13/2017 5:05 PM
55	Updates to the park in the golf course subdivision. There are many young families with young children there that would love a larger park with more play options!	10/13/2017 4:55 PM
56	Pickleball courts	10/13/2017 4:50 PM
57	Move park away from the baseball fields, extremely dangerous with foul balls. Replace equipment downtown, outdated and unsafe. Add an in town biking trail like Sauk just did.	10/13/2017 2:47 PM
58	Dog waste station for owners who "forgot" a bag. Too much poo in park!	10/13/2017 2:32 PM
59	We need a space for pre teens and teens to socialize safely. More teen based activity.	10/13/2017 2:14 PM

60	Jamison Park camping	10/13/2017 1:31 PM
61	everytime I see splash park is running, I end up thinking how much it's costing us for letting water just drain out... anyway to recycle water??	10/13/2017 1:20 PM
62	Better maintenance of the current parks. There is broken equipment and weeds all over. Sand burrs are all over at Pauquette Park and they are hurting the children. You can hardly walk through Rowan creek anymore because the weeds have overtaken the trail.	10/13/2017 12:50 PM
63	Changing the downtown baseball diamond to a grass infield	10/13/2017 12:39 PM
64	Fenced in off leash dog park.	10/13/2017 12:24 PM
65	Increased walking/biking trails that are connected!	10/13/2017 12:23 PM
66	Skate park- outdoor pool... we need more stuff for middle age and high school kids!	10/13/2017 12:19 PM
67	My son spent many hours this summer, with help from the Poynette library staff, creating and distributing petitions for a skate/BMX park. He's collected these petitions and we would like to approach the parks and rec committee with our collected data.	10/13/2017 12:12 PM
68	I would like the walkway around Pauquette Park cleaned off after snowfalls. Liability has been told me but is it any different than sidewalks?	10/13/2017 11:30 AM
69	Allow already lusted a dog park would be amazing! Many residents already use the soccer fields as a pseudo dog park (not a complaint). I think this shows there would be a high use low cost thing for Poynette to add. Also think it would bring in a lot of people from outside Poynette (tourism).	10/13/2017 10:36 AM
70	Tennis courts	10/13/2017 9:17 AM
71	Areas for teens like a skate park.	10/13/2017 8:26 AM
72	At paquette park the slide is broken and needs to be replaced.	10/13/2017 8:23 AM
73	More baseball/ softball fields	10/13/2017 8:22 AM

Q4 Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you support, are neutral or have no opinion, or do not support each of following larger park and recreation projects the Village could potentially undertake in the next five or so years. NEXT, in the comment boxes, please provide any further thoughts or questions on each of the potential projects. For example, what new facilities do you think should be in the park or where exactly should the trail go? Or if you oppose the project, can you tell us why?

Answered: 249 Skipped: 34

	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL OR NO OPINION	DO NOT SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Revitalize Jamieson Park (on Highway CS towards the Interstate) with a new purpose and new recreational facilities	67.47% 168	25.70% 64	6.83% 17	249	0.61
Revitalize Old Settlers Park (100 Old Settler's Trail, on the Village's south side) with a new purpose and new recreational facilities	41.70% 103	48.18% 119	10.12% 25	247	0.32
Build an off-street trail network to connect the north and south ends of the Village	75.61% 186	21.14% 52	3.25% 8	246	0.72
Extend the Rowan Creek trail network to the east and west	76.23% 186	18.85% 46	4.92% 12	244	0.71

#	COMMENTS FOR "REVITALIZE JAMIESON PARK (ON HIGHWAY CS TOWARDS THE INTERSTATE) WITH A NEW PURPOSE AND NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES"	DATE
1	Allow Camping; restrooms	11/27/2017 4:20 PM
2	Open to Camping but have user fees/ Manager to supervise	11/27/2017 4:13 PM
3	Not sure what the new purpose would be. But need to be fiscally responsible for the long haul. But Do Not SELL OFF any Park Land! Once it is Gone, It Is Gone! I know this has been brought up before (By our current Village President, No Less)	11/27/2017 4:10 PM
4	Camping was nice, hiking trails, restrooms, rest & relax area maybe if no longer for camping.	11/27/2017 3:32 PM
5	A controlled camping facility would be great.	11/27/2017 3:24 PM
6	Open year around; 6:00 am - midnight: groom towards picnics evaluate for disc golf	11/27/2017 3:20 PM
7	Do not lock gates to park, should be left open year-round. No need to plow in winter 4 wheel units can utilize. Parking on road is hazardous.	11/27/2017 3:13 PM
8	sell the park!	11/11/2017 7:08 AM
9	Would like the camping to remain open and free.	11/8/2017 11:28 AM
10	I'd like to see this kept as it's original purpose. A place to camp, if your talking about updating the camping area I'm all for it. Maybe open to new ideas but would like to here what they are before voting.	11/6/2017 8:44 PM
11	Bathrooms should be put in and camping still allowed but does need more activity options (playground, etc., as well as hiking and nature trails)	11/6/2017 9:21 AM
12	I have been here less than 10 years and know this has been a great family place, meeting place for families for many years and that is being taken away. It's a great, free camping space for those less fortunate but still gives a good experience.	11/3/2017 11:13 PM
13	Aloe people to stay over night	11/3/2017 9:24 PM

14	It would be nice to have the camping sites a little more later out. Also electricity and water hook up. Would not want it to commercialized. Need to revamp the shelter. A nice trail marking trees, plants etc.	11/3/2017 8:04 PM
15	Playground equipment and a shelter for picnics would be great	11/3/2017 5:15 PM
16	I like the camping and it should stay open for those who uses it	11/3/2017 3:36 PM
17	Path connecting Jamison park to Poynette! Would truly benefit community.	11/3/2017 2:37 PM
18	This area would be great for a no cost facility for kids to hang out during cold weather and extreme heat! With different activities each day	11/3/2017 1:38 PM
19	Bring camping back!	11/3/2017 11:24 AM
20	Nice spot, pavilion with bathroom would be nice.	11/3/2017 10:47 AM
21	That's a pretty general statement, I support the natural wildlife, small shelter, but would like better restroom facitites	11/3/2017 8:52 AM
22	See above.	11/3/2017 8:46 AM
23	A permanent path from Pine Island to Jameson Park.	11/3/2017 7:57 AM
24	I feel finding a new purpose for Jamieson is important. I also feel keeping the camping available equally important. The people I know came from out of town to enjoy this feature. They would then come into town to buy groceries or stop in town for dinner. Not just residents utilized this park for camping.. sorely missed...	10/27/2017 9:32 PM
25	We liked it the way it was, it was nice to be able to go somewhere quick to camp for a day or two.	10/27/2017 9:16 PM
26	You will need to update with everything and impose a small county fee park; not free. We camped at these parked and enjoyed them and glad they existed. Nothing is free. See if you can’t hired student interns.	10/26/2017 6:47 PM
27	Connect Jamieson park to the existing Rowan Creek trail system	10/25/2017 9:01 AM
28	There is a lot of space to work with, although getting there will be difficult	10/23/2017 11:39 AM
29	yes, develop the place	10/23/2017 10:54 AM
30	I think we need a dog park!	10/22/2017 10:18 PM
31	Mileage of paved trails!	10/22/2017 6:24 PM
32	Dog park!	10/20/2017 8:34 PM
33	I would absolutely support (even donate up to $4,500-$7,000) to set aside a portion for a dog recreation area. Annual passes and contributions/volunteering could keep this clean and vital for years to come.	10/20/2017 7:45 PM
34	I don't think locals would go there, unless it was a dog park.	10/20/2017 5:06 PM
35	I also feel that it should be used for camping also a great place for the permanent Ice-skating!	10/17/2017 10:22 AM
36	Put the bathrooms in and reopen.	10/15/2017 7:31 PM
37	What is under consideration as a new purpose?	10/15/2017 7:05 AM
38	Purchase old Gun Club Property too compliment Jamison Park - Pine Island - Rowan Creek , A Nature corridore for Generations too come. This nature corridor would be a major community asset.	10/14/2017 2:22 PM
39	I think we need to take care and improve Jamison Park. I enjoyed picnics, camping, walking out there. Don't take the park away and what can do away from the residents of Poynette.	10/14/2017 5:36 AM
40	It would be nice to have a rec center similar to the one in lodi	10/14/2017 12:42 AM
41	I don't see that many people on the them the ones we have	10/13/2017 11:31 PM
42	Great area to put the disc golf course and drone racing area lots of space that isn't being used and parking already for people to be off road	10/13/2017 9:26 PM
43	Wonderful piece of land could be used for many different options	10/13/2017 8:25 PM
44	Disc golf, ropes course, alternative location for certain club sports such as flag football, ice rink, etc.	10/13/2017 7:42 PM

45	Dog park	10/13/2017 6:35 PM
46	Needs to stay lo cost. It's a shame less fourtunate faimilies, young men and women had a place to camp close to lake Wisconsin and now is closed due to some minor needed upgrades	10/13/2017 6:03 PM
47	Great big space for skate park, ice skating, disc golf. So much for kids to do in that huge space	10/13/2017 5:49 PM
48	I would camp more often with my family if there was running water, bathrooms and things to do.	10/13/2017 5:39 PM
49	More and better trails along Rowan Creek.	10/13/2017 4:57 PM
50	Pickleball courts	10/13/2017 4:50 PM
51	I find it a shame that overnight camping was eliminated.	10/13/2017 4:31 PM
52	Since the new restrictions, there has been no activity there. Persons visiting might to run for groceries or gas if the park were more inviting.	10/13/2017 3:06 PM
53	Waste of resources. More people go to parks in town.	10/13/2017 2:47 PM
54	Dog park	10/13/2017 2:19 PM
55	Camping. Extended trail system	10/13/2017 1:31 PM
56	This is too far out of town. I would rather see money spent on updating the parks in town that more people use. With facilities so far out of town it is also easier for people to vandalize because there is less supervision.	10/13/2017 12:50 PM
57	Dog park?	10/13/2017 12:24 PM
58	would like to see re-opened for camping. Especially on Holiday weekends, such as Labor Day, 4 th of July, Memorial day. also with more bathroom facilities especially on those week-ends	10/13/2017 12:20 PM
59	Need to offer older kids more options to keep busy!	10/13/2017 12:19 PM
60	Please bring back the camping!	10/13/2017 11:40 AM
61	We never use this park	10/13/2017 11:23 AM
62	Dog park?	10/13/2017 10:36 AM
63	A small playground might be a nice addition for families that go camping there.	10/13/2017 9:47 AM
64	i feel it is space that is just wasted	10/13/2017 8:59 AM
65	Open this back up for camping. Build some vault toilets and let people camp in this rustic park.	10/13/2017 8:27 AM
66	Put bathroom with more camping cites	10/13/2017 8:22 AM
#	**COMMENTS FOR "REVITALIZE OLD SETTLERS PARK (100 OLD SETTLER'S TRAIL, ON THE VILLAGE'S SOUTH SIDE) WITH A NEW PURPOSE AND NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES"**	**DATE**
1	not even sure where this is.	11/27/2017 3:32 PM
2	Maintain as is.	11/27/2017 3:20 PM
3	maintain but do not upgrade	11/11/2017 7:08 AM
4	This park and area could be so much more !	11/6/2017 8:44 PM
5	Is that area really used that much?	11/3/2017 8:04 PM
6	New playground equipment or a fitness park would be great	11/3/2017 5:15 PM
7	Not familiar with this	11/3/2017 10:47 AM
8	I walk passed and through there occasionally and enjoy it from the standpoint of the serenity. The trees are beautiful and plentiful and It's quite cool and quiet there even on hot, muggy days. Possibly updating some of the equipment is something the local neighbors would enjoy.	11/3/2017 8:46 AM
9	I live across the street. I would like to see the equipment updated and basketball court be resurfaced but not other additions. Too close to residental properties.	10/31/2017 5:25 PM

10	More details. I walk through this as I walk my dogs. This is were I use the garbage cans. I see people continue on through the trail. The highly used item is the basketball court. Mostly kids BUT dad's and sons this is why I get angry u pull garbage cans before First snow, garbage lays here a lot!! Secondly, This park is outdated but I see very few people here. I come here 2X or 3X a week for the pass 20 Years. Is it because it's outdated or need a better use??	10/26/2017 6:47 PM
11	I have not seen this park	10/23/2017 11:39 AM
12	Make it a dog park.	10/20/2017 5:06 PM
13	What is under consideration as a new purpose?	10/15/2017 7:05 AM
14	Maybe a skate board park?	10/14/2017 2:22 PM
15	I use to live across the street from this park. We used the park daily. Again don't take the park away from the Poynette residents. Please update the park.	10/14/2017 5:36 AM
16	I think this piece of land is out of the way for many ppl, difficult to find and wouldn't get used	10/13/2017 8:25 PM
17	Add restrooms and upgrade equipment/landscaping; also an alternative location for club sports to use such as flag football, ice rink, etc.	10/13/2017 7:42 PM
18	Not sure where this is but yes I support	10/13/2017 6:03 PM
19	I am not familar with this as being a park.	10/13/2017 5:39 PM
20	Pickleball courts	10/13/2017 4:50 PM
21	Super buggy and not a great area.	10/13/2017 2:47 PM
22	Greatly improve old basketball courts.	10/13/2017 2:19 PM
23	New playground equipment and reflection area	10/13/2017 12:23 PM
24	We live very close to this park but don't use it because it isn't very appropriate for our very young children. The sand box also is usually full of leaves and sticks. We would love to have another park close the kids can play at.	10/13/2017 11:23 AM
25	Possibly making a skateboard park or a dog park here.	10/13/2017 10:26 AM
26	Better playground equipment.	10/13/2017 8:27 AM
#	**COMMENTS FOR "BUILD AN OFF-STREET TRAIL NETWORK TO CONNECT THE NORTH AND SOUTH ENDS OF THE VILLAGE"**	**DATE**
1	I would be concerned about the Cost & Maintenance of such a network - Long Term.	11/27/2017 4:10 PM
2	waste of taxpayer dollars	11/11/2017 7:08 AM
3	ATV trails!	11/6/2017 4:37 PM
4	I think that would be hard.	11/3/2017 8:04 PM
5	Would be great to combine with a fitness park.	11/3/2017 5:15 PM
6	1	11/3/2017 4:58 PM
7	Neat	11/3/2017 10:47 AM
8	I Don't k ow where you'd do this but we walk a lot and would certainly enjoy not having to hit the sidewalk. Walking in a natural area is very calming.	11/3/2017 8:46 AM
9	It would be great to have a hiking/ biking trail that can loop around the village without having to walk on the roads or highways.	10/27/2017 9:32 PM
10	YES, parks are for all. I want something for all. I'm to the point., Ihave no reason to stay in Poynette. Need something for all ages. I'm a active older adult and I want to stay that way.	10/26/2017 6:47 PM
11	The lack of sidewalks in town is concerning and doesn't help with the utilization of the parks and outdoor spaces	10/23/2017 11:39 AM
12	I agree that trail networks away from busy streets would increase park activity and overall safety for those that use streets currently.	10/20/2017 7:45 PM
13	Sounds nice but not sure what that would look like	10/20/2017 5:06 PM
14	Bike path!	10/15/2017 7:05 AM

15	Yes!?? We need to insulate pedestrians from vehicle traffic! New bridge using dam foundation too connect soccer park too Rowan creek Trail.	10/14/2017 2:22 PM
16	This would make it much nicer for running and getting around town with kids to not have to deal with street traffic as much.	10/13/2017 8:51 PM
17	I use the trails a lot in town and find them useful with two small kids. They create a safe place for use to be out and about without worrying about traffic and are wheel friendly-something many of the sidewalks in town aren't	10/13/2017 8:25 PM
18	our family would enjoy being able to walk a connected path.	10/13/2017 5:39 PM
19	More trails keep people off the street.	10/13/2017 4:57 PM
20	Extremely dangerous for kids getting from CS by Hwy Q to town. People speed and I don't trust the drivers on CS.	10/13/2017 2:47 PM
21	Great idea!	10/13/2017 2:19 PM
22	Connect Blue bird circle to old settlers	10/13/2017 12:39 PM
23	Wide bike path.	10/13/2017 12:24 PM
24	If possible, a paved trail system through Rowan creek that is bikeable. Something similar to the Deforest trail system!	10/13/2017 12:23 PM
25	Have it connect all parks/rec areas within Poynette. Had something similar as a child in Milwaukee and was a great source of exercise and kept kids safely outside off streets.	10/13/2017 10:36 AM
26	We are seeking a new home in Poynette and find ourselves having to avoid homes along CS/Q due to unsafe travel for our 5th grader. Not sure if this is one of the areas being considered. There isn't a safe walking/biking route from CS/Q to school or to the baseball fields.	10/13/2017 9:05 AM
27	This should have first priority please.	10/13/2017 8:26 AM
#	**COMMENTS FOR "EXTEND THE ROWAN CREEK TRAIL NETWORK TO THE EAST AND WEST"**	**DATE**
1	Don't know the geography, but this trail is great and any additional trails would be great.	11/27/2017 4:25 PM
2	This along w/some potential fishing areas. Could bring people to Poynette.	11/27/2017 4:10 PM
3	Extend to High School/ Hwy51	11/27/2017 3:20 PM
4	Now this would be great. If the trials are taken care of and new mulch added , it would be fantastic!	11/6/2017 8:44 PM
5	I think it would be used more.	11/3/2017 8:04 PM
6	If properly maintained.	11/3/2017 6:29 PM
7	Great hiking opportunity	11/3/2017 10:47 AM
8	See above	11/3/2017 8:46 AM
9	See above comment. Plus make others want to come visit us.	10/26/2017 6:47 PM
10	The walking trail we have is too circular and repetitive, it would be nice to expand and have other areas to walk	10/23/2017 11:39 AM
11	As stated above. I support trails in order to extend usage and create a safer way to get places without relying on heavily used roadways.	10/20/2017 7:45 PM
12	And make a dog park	10/20/2017 5:06 PM
13	Have the trail travel out to the MacKenzie Center (which is one of the communities best resources).	10/19/2017 1:12 PM
14	We could also use regular maintenance and trail grooming.	10/16/2017 12:58 PM
15	Bike path!	10/15/2017 7:05 AM
16	Yes! ??Connecting the McKensie Center and Jamison Park too our community would be an awesome amenity. And would raise property values and quality of life for a 1st rate bedroom community	10/14/2017 2:22 PM
17	Please consider paving at least one trail to allow for bikes and running.	10/13/2017 8:51 PM

18	again, being able to walk a connected path.	10/13/2017 5:39 PM
19	Rowan Creek is an incredible resource for Poynette. Great idea to extend trail system.	10/13/2017 2:19 PM
20	I would like to see the current trail maintained first.	10/13/2017 12:50 PM
21	See above	10/13/2017 12:23 PM
22	I enjoy walking the Rowan Creek trails. I wish more people would keep their dogs on leashes. I have been startled by a dog running way ahead of their owners. It is fine, but not all dogs are friendly to people or other dogs.	10/13/2017 10:26 AM
23	More fishing access would be great to have, especially in the harder to reach areas of the creek. Although, it would have to be done in a way that would not disturb the local ecosystem.	10/13/2017 9:47 AM
24	Love this trail! Any improvements would be welcome.	10/13/2017 8:27 AM

Q8 Any other advice you care to offer as the Village updates its Park and Open Space Plan?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 224

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think a dog park would be a great addition to the Village, that could attract first time buyers w/dogs to the area.	11/27/2017 4:25 PM
2	Be sure to include our stakeholders & Get the word out. This survey is a good start. Please use the Poynette Press as a conduit to the Community. Thanks!	11/27/2017 4:10 PM
3	Support the Poynette Garden Association	11/27/2017 3:35 PM
4	Make Jamison Park move available	11/27/2017 3:13 PM
5	Possible rec center... instead of refurbishing basketball courts build a rec center. The one in Lodi is awesome but people from poynette don't wanna drive there	11/11/2017 8:36 AM
6	Too much money is spent on parks projects and maintenance. How about trying to find ways to save money instead of spending more for a change?	11/11/2017 7:08 AM
7	More stuff to do with our dogs	11/11/2017 4:12 AM
8	more softball diamonds, more basketball courts like down Colby blvd	11/9/2017 7:12 AM
9	Atv trails	11/8/2017 12:44 PM
10	I would like to see ATV/UTV road and trail access in and around Poynette. I think the majority of people that have ATV/UTV's are older and more responsible and it would be a great money maker for Poynette buisnesses	11/8/2017 11:28 AM
11	ATV Trails	11/8/2017 11:19 AM
12	You need to open the town up to allowing 4 wheelers and UTV to be driven on the town street's.	11/8/2017 10:55 AM
13	Would love ATV trails!!!	11/7/2017 3:49 PM
14	ATV trails.	11/7/2017 2:45 PM
15	Biggest thing I would like to see is getting Jamieson Park back open for camping etc. Spend the money were it is needed to revitalize and maintain before building new rec activities that will need the same.	11/4/2017 5:47 PM
16	Keeping kids and family's happy keep family's here and have them choose to raise there kids here. That is what keeps the great village of poynette close and family to stay here. I have lived here my whole life and now my daughter is doing the same. I want her to get out experience things I did as a kid. Not this cellphones and games. Get out have fun there are fun things to do and things to look foword to comming to town and I hope she chose a to stay and raise her family here also. As of now my whole family has been born and raised here and hope for it to stay that way. So show them how fun it is here and keep the kids busy. They are our future. Making changes will make us all closer Heath will improve kids will stay out of truble.	11/4/2017 8:40 AM
17	equipment safe for kids, slides with holes, swings wider at the park near the police station, many not ridable for younger students (plastic wider seats) We are lucky to have so many schools and parks near by!!!!	11/3/2017 11:13 PM
18	Having a horse area for kids like my daughter	11/3/2017 9:24 PM
19	Teenagers need more appropriate things to do in Poynette. If we do not provide them with things, they will find less appropriate activities. A rec center would be a great way for teenagers to be involved in the community. Activities could be set up to allow students the ability to be involved in the community. Job coaching and skills workshops could also be given to help students get more prepared for the future. If a student is not involved in athletics the available options for them to be involved in are minimal in Poynette. We can't put all of the blame on the students for making poor choices when they are not provided with the tools/opportunities to make good choices. As a community we need to come together for the youth of today, the future of Poynette.	11/3/2017 8:26 PM

20	Have a concert in the park once a month. Bring in food vendors and have ethnic food nights along with corresponding music.	11/3/2017 8:04 PM
21	Seems to be more and more people utilizing the trails and paths for walks and runs. Lots of dogs, a park would be great for them.	11/3/2017 6:17 PM
22	Trail system needs improvement. We are an outdoor family who loves hiking and walking dogs. The trails need improvement and more of them! We have a beautiful community!	11/3/2017 2:37 PM
23	Doing a good job	11/3/2017 10:47 AM
24	I live outside the Village limits, but frequently use the Rowan Creek trail and own dogs. Would be most in favor of expanded trail opportunities and a dog park.	11/3/2017 9:01 AM
25	Remember to add adequate lighting. Thank you	11/3/2017 8:52 AM
26	Forge ahead.	11/3/2017 8:46 AM
27	Place video cameras every where! Even fake cameras deter from vandalism.	11/3/2017 7:57 AM
28	I really enjoy the ice skating in the winter. Last year was a bust though. It was set up way to late and not maintained so it was not utilized to its potential. Basically a watse of time and money last year.	11/3/2017 7:46 AM
29	More baseball fields.	11/3/2017 7:45 AM
30	My top priority would be a dog park. I currently take my dog out to Dekorra to use their dog park. We pay the membership fee there and would be willing to pay a similar fee for a dog park in Poynette.	10/31/2017 4:27 PM
31	Please consider everything stated and visit other communities. Waunakee has a nice Community Center. How did they do it?? I believe some was grants.	10/26/2017 6:47 PM
32	The trail expansions is what I would give highest priority. Within this idea, it further needs to be prioritized as to what section to do first within the village's budget.	10/25/2017 9:01 AM
33	The Village has very nice park facilities and we use them well as a family. It would be exciting to see new/more options.	10/23/2017 11:39 AM
34	N/A	10/20/2017 7:45 PM
35	Dog park, Dog park, Dog park, Dog park, Dog park, Dog park, Dog park, Dog park, Dog park, Dog park.	10/20/2017 5:06 PM
36	Offer more for the school age. The swimming during the summer is nice but there’s not enough for middle and high school kids to do. A lot of families can’t afford a whole lot and the idea of getting a seasonal pass like the pool is an excellent idea. Like the skate park would be another great option for kids get out.	10/19/2017 7:55 PM
37	Again with such a young neighborhood in the Columbia park district I would love to see more for our children to do here!	10/17/2017 10:22 AM
38	The village should own the screen that is used for movies in the park.	10/16/2017 5:18 AM
39	Any plans on the gravel pit area? Would make a great place for bike trails and dog area.	10/15/2017 7:31 PM
40	Bike path! Consider a fitness station at a park revitalization location. A bike path. Did I mention a bike path? :)	10/15/2017 7:05 AM
41	A really nice environmental corridor east too west (Rowan Creek) with connections too our northern neighborhoods at a the (old dam) and (DNR parking at McMillan too Jamison). This would be used daily and year round by our locals and be a destination for others too Park in town and hike or bike too the McKensie Center and back. We have the community assets but need too connect them!	10/14/2017 2:22 PM
42	We have enough parks. Let's keep them updated. If we need to add activities to an existing park, great!	10/14/2017 5:36 AM
43	Do not put grass inside baseball dianmond	10/13/2017 10:18 PM

44	Spend the money wisely and not wast it like u did on the water park and start centeraly locating stuff instead of putting it on the edges of town cause no one will use it then and the concession stand at the water park and the appliances in it is the biggest waste of money this community has done in awhile never gets used and has brand new stuff just sitting inside it going to waste when that money could have been used to update other parks in the center of town	10/13/2017 9:26 PM
45	Thanks for putting this survey out!	10/13/2017 8:25 PM
46	Work with all sports that are club affiliated and not school affiliated to assist in any upgrades geared toward spaces they currently use or would seek to use.	10/13/2017 7:42 PM
47	Longer bike trail with limited car traffic	10/13/2017 6:03 PM
48	Skate park skate park skate park get with the times	10/13/2017 5:49 PM
49	adding more for school aged and teens to do.	10/13/2017 5:39 PM
50	Please consider updating the park or add additional playground to the golf course subdivision! Thank you!	10/13/2017 4:55 PM
51	Make it work for ALL groups of kids not just softball or baseball. Safety should be first concern.	10/13/2017 2:47 PM
52	Please find bored teenagers something to do. Nothing here in town to keep them occupied and put of trouble.	10/13/2017 2:32 PM
53	Thank you to the Parks Commission for all their hard work! It is my understanding your budget is very limited and I believe you have done an incredible job with the monetary resources the Village Board has given the Parks Commission. I would really like to see that budget increased, so larger scale projects could be done.	10/13/2017 2:19 PM
54	Thank you for being willing do this survey. I know there are people pushing for a skate park in the area. I am personally against a skate park and especially against it being remotely close to any parks the younger kids play on. The skate park in Portage is a disaster with the big kids being naughty and swearing in front of the little children. It’s not a good mix to have the big unsupervised kids around the little kids.	10/13/2017 12:50 PM
55	Keep tabs on park usage to guide future projects. Ex: if nobody is using an exercise area this could be replaced with a service that may need more space.	10/13/2017 12:24 PM
56	Having areas for kids to play unorganized "pick up" games and activities is so important in giving older kids something constructive to do! Also possibly offering adult and kid programs to get them into the parks. Sandlot baseball is a great example! Maybe photography, fishing the creek, exercise in the park. Could be occasional one time events led by people from the community on a volunteer basis.	10/13/2017 12:23 PM
57	The splash pad during the summer is a favorite spot, but some of our kids nap in the afternoon and we usually do park things in the morning so we didnt use it much this year due to it not being open as early.	10/13/2017 11:23 AM
58	Love the spaces. One of the big reasons we chose to move here. Safely having them connected with paths or sidewalks would potentially increase usage.	10/13/2017 10:36 AM
59	It is my understanding there is a green space for a park to be added by the Valley Rd area. A park for kids on that side of town would be nice, since there are no sidewalks along CS into town.	10/13/2017 8:19 AM