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Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan



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1.0 Introduction

Purpose of the Plan

The City of Green Lake 2022-2026 Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan is to provide a vision for parks and recreation within the community. The purpose of this plan is to provide recommendations for the planning period from 2022-through 2026. This is an update of the Outdoor Recreation Plan that was adopted by the City of Green Lake Common Council in 2010-2015. This updated plan will guide planning and development efforts over the next five-year period. Once adopted, the plan is the official document that can be used by the community to help guide decisions regarding parks and outdoor recreation. In addition to assisting decision making for the Park, Recreation, and Tree Board members, Elected Officials and Staff, the revised and updated plan is intended to meet requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for grant funding eligibility in addition to federal and private grant opportunities and future partnerships. The State of Wisconsin requires communities to prepare and adopt a five-year park and outdoor recreation plan in order to maintain eligibility for State and Federal grants and loans. The City's 2022-2026 Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan follows the "Guidelines for the Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and is intended to meet WDNR criteria for a local park and outdoor recreation plan.

Parks and recreation facilities host a number of community benefits to include but not limited to the following:

- Parks and recreation facilities provide venues for residents to lead healthy lifestyles by providing places to walk, run, play, swim, and bike.
- They are places that promote economic benefits utilized for festivals and community gatherings, bringing people to shops, restaurants, and the downtown area.
- Well maintained and safe parks and facilities are the most visible community service and indicator of the quality of life within the town that can encourage business relocation and tourism.

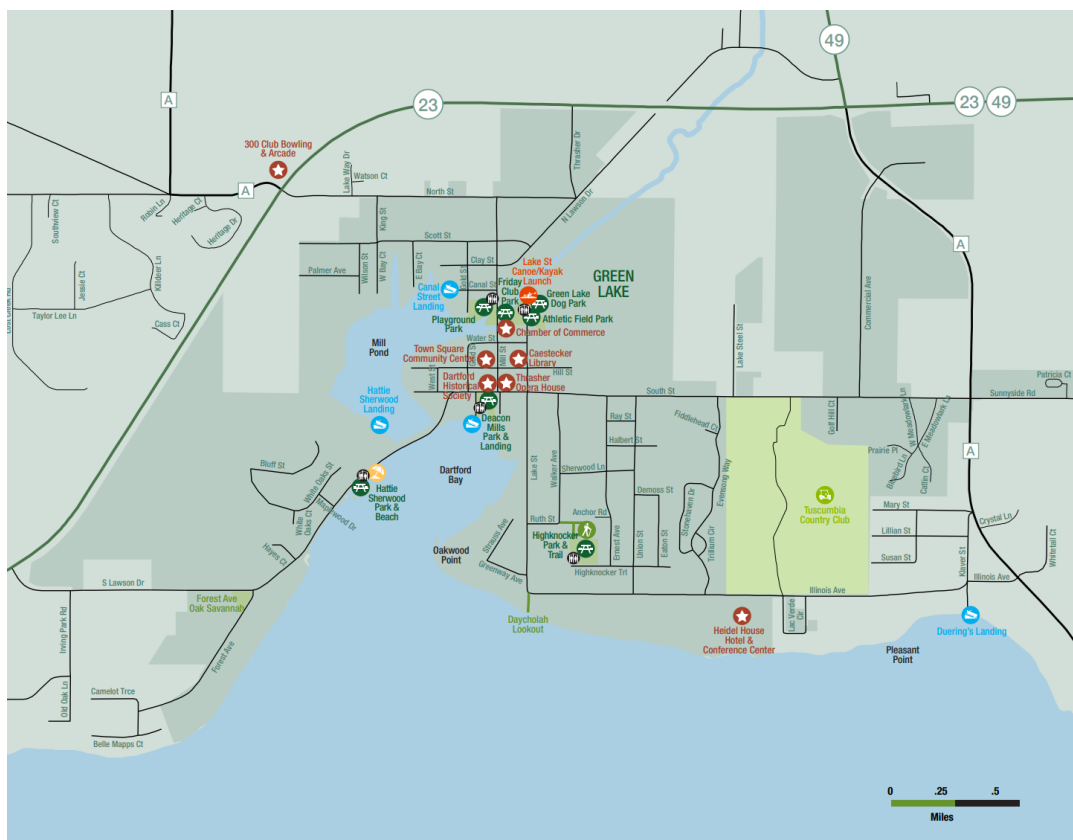
Planning Process

The City of Green Lake 2022-2026 Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan follows the format suggested by the Wisconsin DNR, in addition to the National Recreation and Park Association guidelines for the Development of Park, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plans. It begins with a brief overview of the plan as well as a description of the planning process which was used to develop the plan. The plan then describes the community to include population and demographic data, and physical/natural features and characteristics. The Administrative Structure is next described, including information on funding, budget, and staffing. An overview of the

facilities in the City describes the existing parks and recreational facilities within the community, in addition to the surrounding area. The Public Participation and Needs Assessment portion of the plan presents the input received from citizens, Board Members, and Elected Officials and national trends, challenges and issues which helped in formulating the Goals and Objectives. The Plan then provides an Action Plan and strategies for implementation. Finally, the supporting documents include GIS maps, posted public meetings, an Open House, and the resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by the City Common Council.

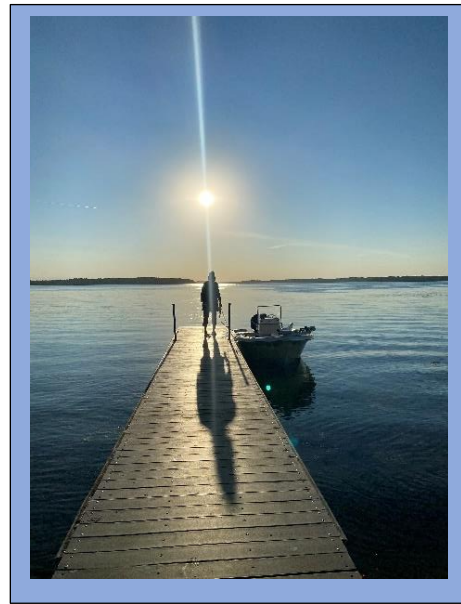
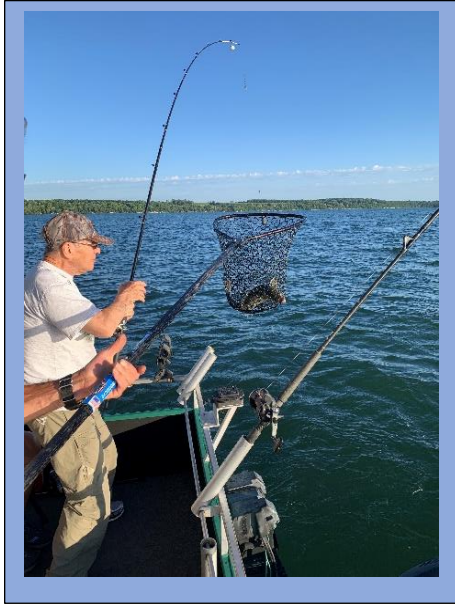
2.0 Community Description

The City of Green Lake is located within the east-central portion of Green Lake County approximately 100 miles northwest of Milwaukee, located along Highway 23 between Ripon and Princeton. The Town of Brooklyn surrounds the City of Green Lake on three sides. The lake itself is the most predominant natural feature with the Puchyan River, the only outlet of the lake being the other significant natural feature which divides the city, east to west, as the river flows north linking to the Fox River. The City lies on the north shores of Big Green Lake and the Puckyan River. In addition to the City of Green Lake the shoreline is shared by numerous public sectors to include the Town of Brooklyn, Town of Green Lake, City of Princeton, and Markesan.



Courtesy of The Green Lake Chamber of Commerce

The City of Green Lake is a bustling summer resort town with many outdoor activities to include water sports, fishing, biking, hiking, camping, golf, summer concerts, and special events provided by private, non-profit, and public agencies. In the winter months residents can enjoy hunting, snowshoeing, ice fishing, bowling, cross country skiing, fat tire biking, ice skating, snowmobiling, performing arts, and special events.



The City provides access boat launch areas to the lake at three access locations in addition to a kayak/canoe launch on the river. Fishing Green Lake is a treat for many anglers due to the depth and size of the lake and the various freshwater fish that can be caught. Boating and water sports are enjoyed by residents and guests. The City provides a 12-acre seasonal campground, seven parks to include an outdoor performing arts venue and wharf boardwalk, a sports complex to include tennis/pickle ball courts, a lighted baseball field, softball field, outdoor basketball and sand volleyball, playgrounds, and picnic areas. The City has a beach park location just minutes from downtown which provides lake access/swimming and day use for residents and visitors. The first phase of a multi-use trail system was recently completed with a grant received by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and room tax revenue funds.



Canoe/kayak launch on the Puchyan River

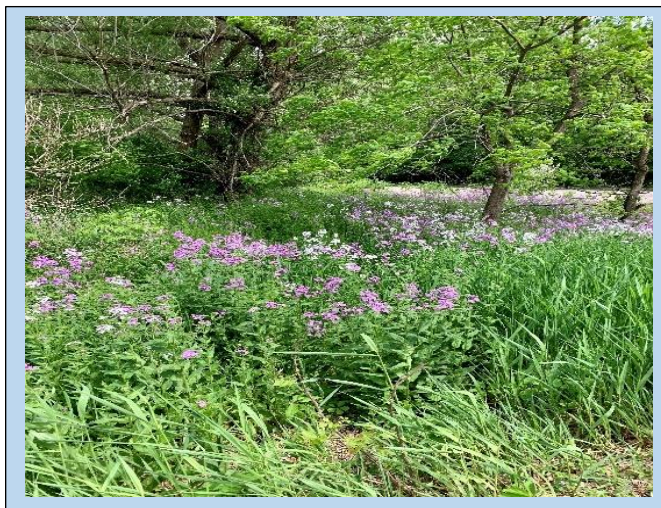
Aside from the lake, the area has historic buildings and venues for performing arts, classes, youth sports, and special events to include Thrasher Opera House (1910), Town Square (1899 County Courthouse), and the Green Lake Village Hall (1938). The Chamber of Commerce provides exceptional and well attended year-round events for residents and visitors. Just recently the 300 Bowling Alley opened with a new spin on the enjoyment of the game with an indoor youth entertainment center.

During seasonal months golf is sought after within the area. Tuscumbia Golf Course (privately owned and open to the public) is the oldest golf course in Wisconsin dating back to 1896 and noted as one of the best-groomed courses in the state. Just minutes away from downtown Green Lake, the Golf Courses of Lawsonia (privately owned and open to the public) are ranked in the top 100 courses in the US by Golf Digest.

A strong sense of community and shared pride in the area are perceived as factors contributing to the high quality of life offered in Green Lake. Green Lake School District provides an exceptional learning experience for students K-12 grade. The 4K-12 International Baccalaureate program is the only school of its kind in the state of Wisconsin and is 1 of 125 in the world. The program is a unique approach to learning and preparing students for college, careers and citizenship in a global society. In addition, the school teaches students the history of the lands and environmental stewardship.

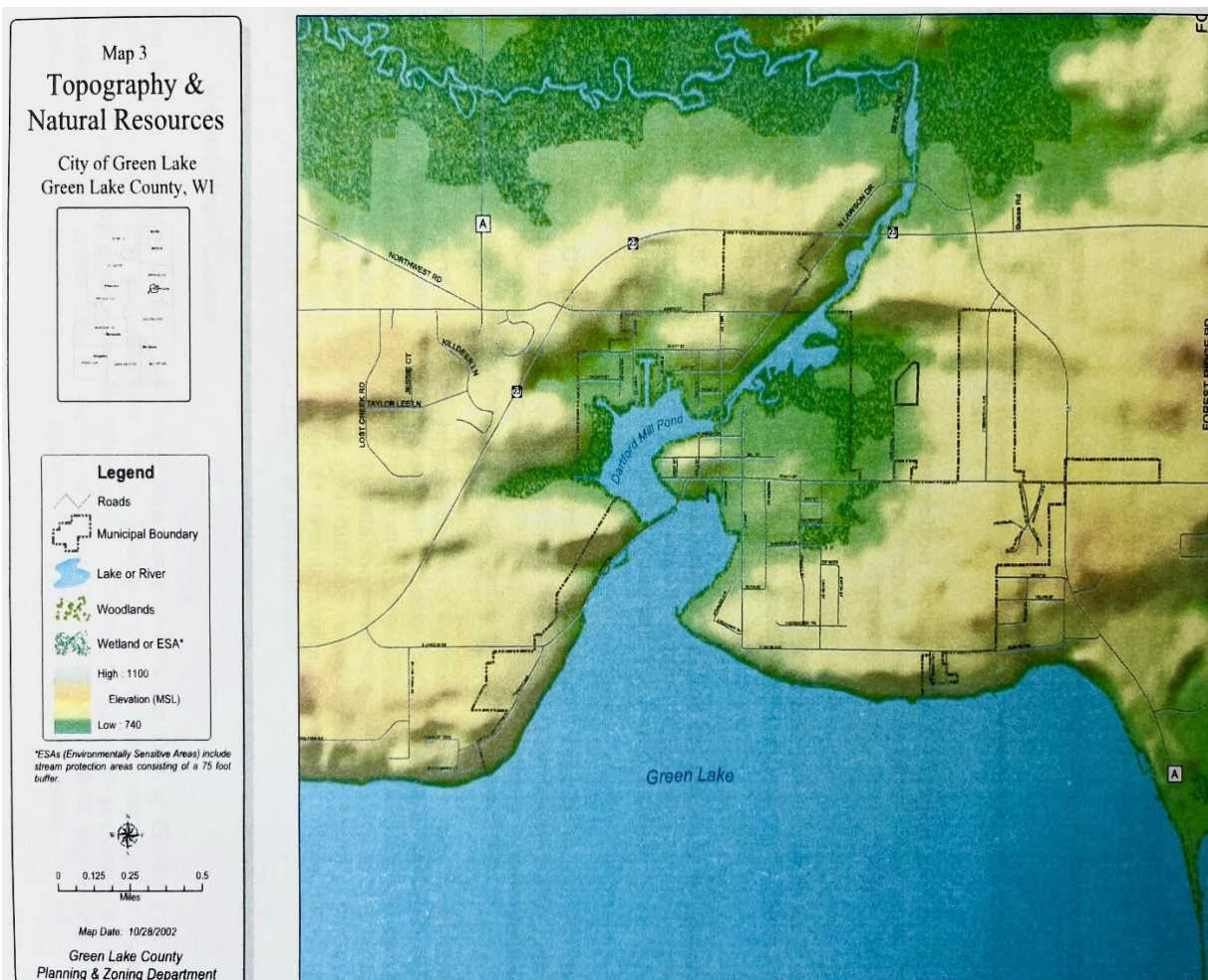
Additional assets of the Green Lake area include: land and water conservation efforts, natural setting, rural character, high quality homes, and increasing property values.

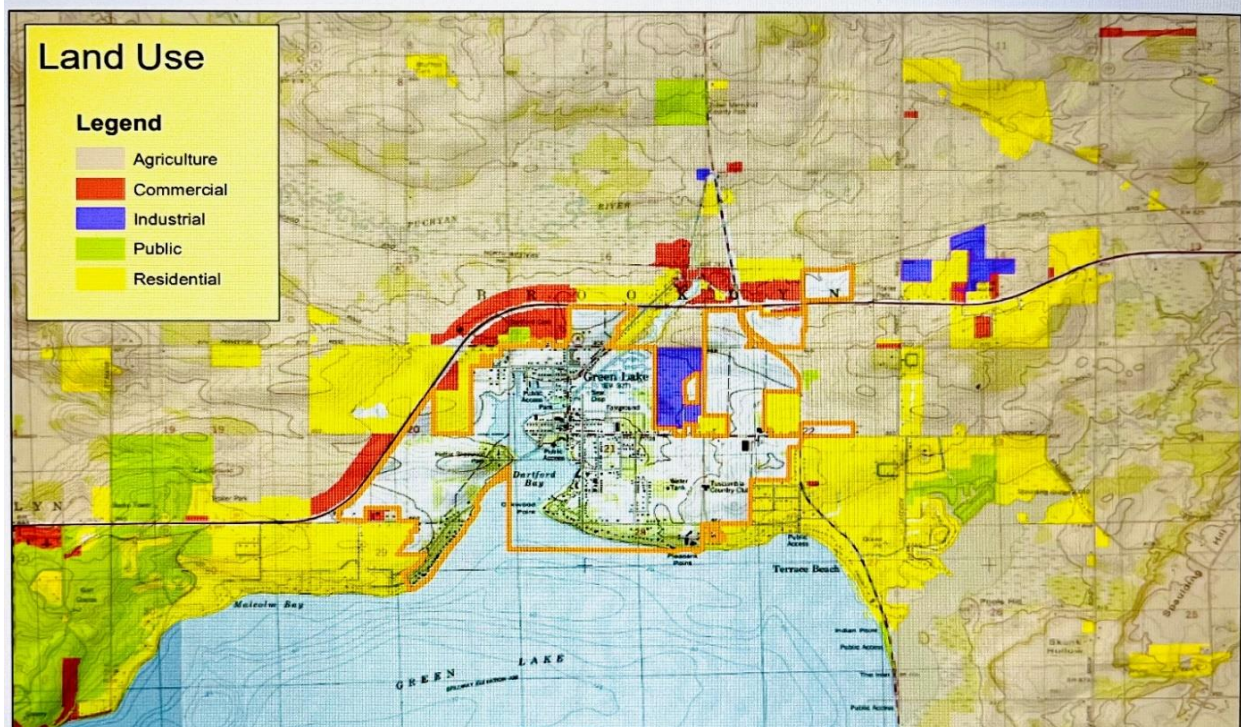
The natural features within the City of Green Lake have played a major role in attracting and influencing growth and development. As noted in the 2002 Adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan the City is closely linked to the lake and geographic features and natural resource areas. These features include the lake and large wetland/marshes associated with the Puchyan River. This area is also part of a larger watershed, tying into the waterways of the Fox River. Due to the sensitive area of wetlands and to protect the public welfare, any activity requiring earthmoving within or adjacent to the lake and Puchyan River from a planning perspective may require approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Wisconsin DNR, and county and local governments.



There are several lands within the City of Green Lake that are considered Environmentally Sensitive Areas as they are environmental corridors designated to protect general public health and safety, they protect ground water quality, they maintain important wildlife habitats and outdoor recreational areas. Lands associated with steep slopes having potential for high erosion and/or are susceptible to wetness due to flooding and ponding. They are generally categorized as Environmentally Sensitive Areas needing additional site planning, if considered for development, due to potential problems.

The lands that are adjacent to the Puchyan River have been noted to be floodplain wetlands. Approximately 7% of the total land within the city is noted as wetlands. The vegetative cover along the river is a mix of wetlands, marshes, and grasslands. These areas have great value to the water tributary as they filter pollutants and control flooding during the Spring and substantial storm events, and they recharge ground water. In addition, these areas are home to a variety of plants and animals. Wetlands are designated by the state and federal government as environmentally sensitive areas that should be protected from development.



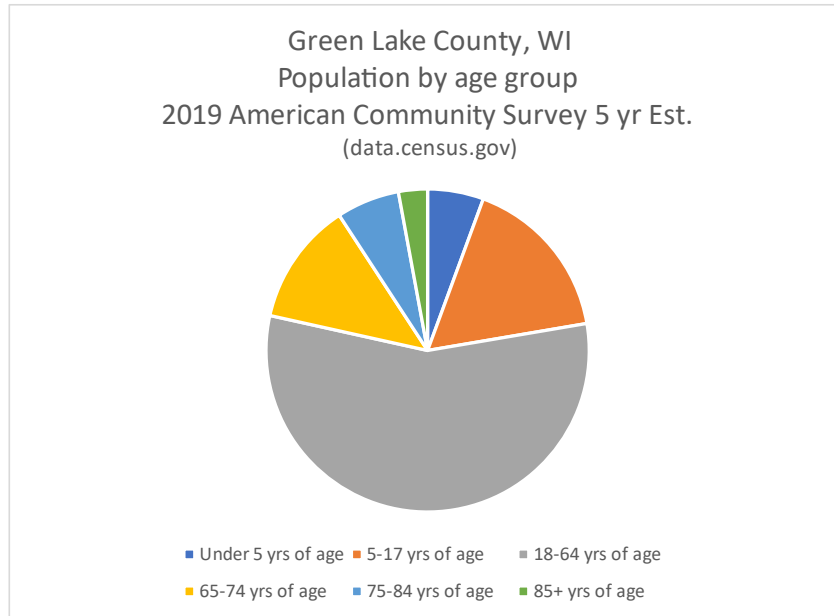


Green Lake is the deepest natural inland lake in Wisconsin with a maximum depth of 236 feet and a total area of 7,346 acres. Mill Pond has a dam that helps regulate the water levels of the lake. Various factors strongly influence the water quality of the lake and due to that, efforts have increased throughout the years to address/improve watershed areas, drainage basins and corridors.

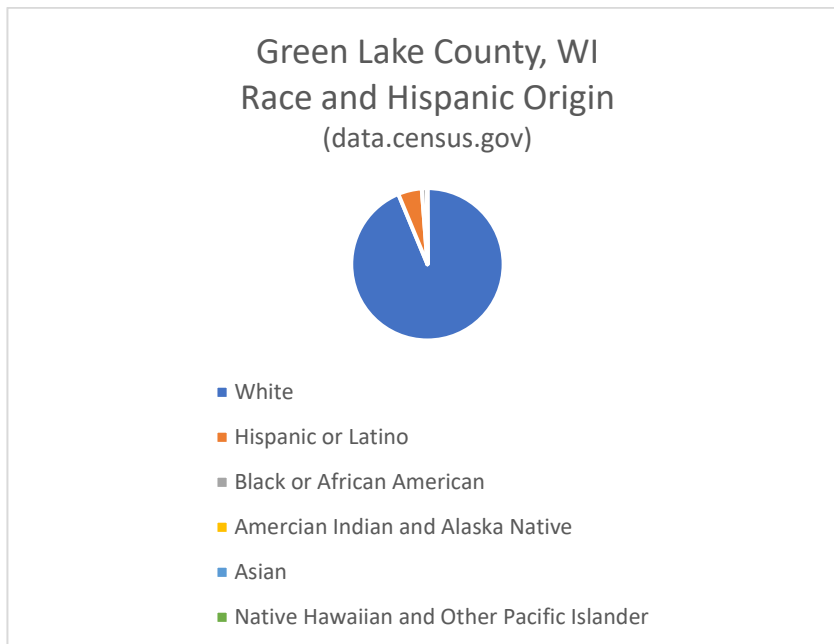


Population in the City of Green Lake has remained steady in the past 20 years as growth in the economy and population growth has been interrelated. The plateau of growth can be attributed to a number of factors, to include limited land available for expansion, an aging population, and a drop in household size.

The following information is provided for all of Green Lake County and will provide a sense of the area's demographic information.



Source: US Census.Gov



Source: US Census.Gov

Income and Poverty (data collected 2015-2019)	Green Lake County	United States
Median household income (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$55,075	\$62,843
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2019 dollars), 2015-2019	\$29,207	\$34,103
Persons in poverty, percent	9.7%	11.4%

Source US Census.Gov

Housing Information (data collected 2015-2019)	Green Lake County	United States
Housing units	10,784	139,684,244
Owner-occupied housing unit rate	76.1%	64.0%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	\$146,600	\$217,500
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage	\$1,194	\$1,595
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage	\$474	\$500
Median gross rent	\$710	\$1,062
Building permits (2020)	51	1,471,141

Source: US Census.Gov

Green Lake County Land Use Patterns & Development Trends

Land Use	Acreage	Percent of Total
Residential	10,240	4.2%
Commercial	1,920	0.08%
Industrial	1,920	0.08%
Mixed Use	640	0.03%
Public, Government, Parks	18,560	7.6%
Water Features	19,200	7.9%
Agricultural/Vacant	190,720	78.4%
Total	243,200	100%

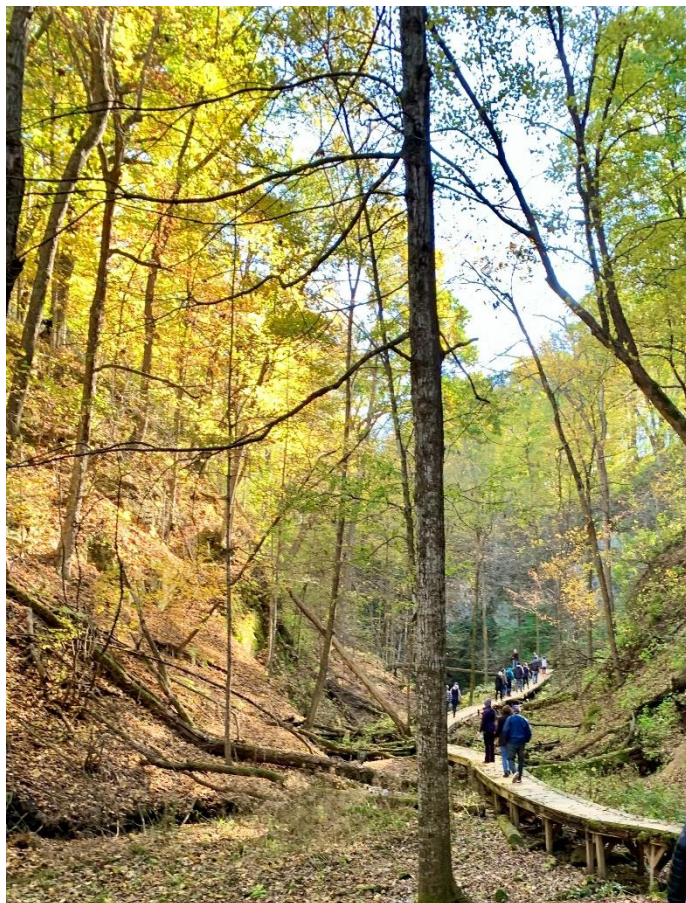
Source: Green Lake County Planning & Zoning Department

Related Planning Initiatives

The City has undergone planning initiatives throughout the years to include a 2002 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, 2015 Outdoor Recreation Plan, Bicycle Trail Plan and Street Plan. All of these plans in addition to County and Land Conservation Plans will be utilized upcoming planning efforts and within this updated 2022-2026 Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan. In addition, the following organizations provide plans that are imperative to the city and surrounding natural waterways and lands.

Green Lake Association (GLA)

The Green Lake Association is a private organization striving to improve the lake's water quality through science-based action, diverse partnerships, and community commitment. Recently GLA has worked in collaboration with the Green Lake Sanitary District and the City of Green Lake to study and analyze the lake's water quality and performed a storm drain study and analysis.



The Green Lake Conservancy

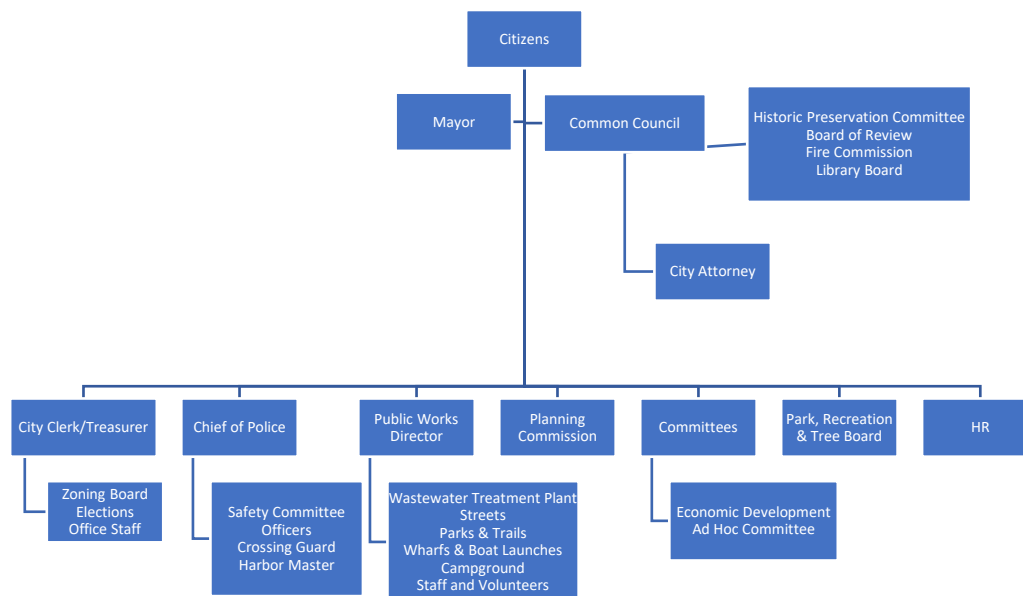
The Green Lake Conservancy is an all-volunteer non-profit, land trust organization. The Conservancy was established in 1995 and have been strategic lake partners preserving the watershed lands that protect the lake. They achieve this goal by providing land acquisition, gift and conservation easements. They provide conservation solutions for landowners, public education, and partnerships. The Conservancy has supported and developed camps for children using designated land as a backdrop for environmental learning and exploration. They have protected special lands to include Tichora, Mitchell Glen, Norwegian Bay Wetlands and many more. In the future they hope to continue to develop trails and paths on private land within the community all residents and visitors.

3.0 Administrative Structure

Administration

The administration of parks in the City of Green Lake is the responsibility of the Public Work Department. The Public Works Department is responsible for the parks, streets, the wastewater treatment facility, a campground, a linear trail system, and boat launch sites. The department has a staffing structure of 1 Director, 4 full-time staff, and 3 part-time seasonal staff members who are committed to providing clean and safe parks for residents and visitors to enjoy. The Public Works Director is responsible for the administration of the Department. In this capacity the Director plans, organizes, and implements the operations and maintenance and capital improvement program as approved by the Park, Recreation, and Tree Board and City Common Council. The Director is hired by and responsible to the Mayor and City Common Council, which makes the final decisions relative to site improvements, capital projects, and the budget.

City of Green Lake Organizational Chart



Funding & Budget

The Parks budget is supported by the General Fund, Room Tax revenues, user fees and charges, donations, and grants. Recently the City has secured a contracted grant writer to assist with alternative revenue opportunities. The City depends heavily on Room Tax funds collected for the purpose of capital improvement projects associated with tourism. Due to the pandemic and closed resorts/hotels in the area coupled with an upswing of Air BnB/VRBO properties, the Room Tax Park funding has remained somewhat level. The City receives boat launch fees for the purpose of capital improvement of the launch areas. In the upcoming years it will be imperative to stretch

funding resources through matching grant funds, public/private partnerships, and alternative revenue streams.

Volunteers & Partnerships

Green Lake is a small community so working closely with non-profits and the private sector has been, and will continue to be imperative in providing programs and events throughout the year for both residents and visitors. The City of Green Lake works closely with the Chamber of Commerce, non-profits and the private sector in providing recreational programs and special events within the community. Each year the Chamber of Commerce provides free concerts in the park all summer long with approximately 150-200 residents and visitors in attendance every Wednesday. A Fall Festival is coordinated with the Chamber and area non-profit agencies. The streets are closed for the two-day event to include music stages, craft vendors, food vendors, and car and tractor shows. This event brings in approximately 5,000 people in attendance over the two days. In addition, the City works closely with the Chamber throughout the year hosting year-round special events to include holiday events, Winter festivals, etc. Each year the City and Chamber provides a spectacular 4th of July weekend to include a parade, music concerts and fireworks show over the water. The School District houses the Boys and Girls Clubs which provides a summer and after-school programs for youth. The City provides the Boys and Girls Club with an annual allocation of funds.

The City is fortunate to have volunteers assisting staff not only with special events but with the community flower gardens and baskets. Volunteers plant flowers each year at Playground Park and the numerous street baskets located throughout town.

Volunteers and the partnership with the American Legion and Rotary Clubs is vital in providing sports tournaments and special events throughout the year.

There are many service clubs and organizations that actively support the City of Green Lake.

Local Service Clubs

American Legion
Rotary

Non-Profit Organizations

Thrasher Opera House
Town Square
Boys and Girls Club
Green Lake Sailing School

Water and Land Conservancies

Green Lake Land Conservancy
Green Lake Association

Partnerships

Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Town of Brooklyn
Green Lake County
Green Lake Library District
Green Lake Sanitation District
Green Lake School District



4.0 Inventory of Park & Recreation Facilities

Residents and visitors of the City of Green Lake are able to take advantage of a variety of recreational and cultural resources at the local level, as well as at the county and state levels. There are seven City parks, seven County parks, and several non-profit facilities within and surrounding the city. This section describes park inventory and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Facilities and park amenities are listed for each location. The following is a brief description of the park, recreation, and cultural facilities found in the Green Lake community.

	Baseball Fields	Basketball Court	Canoe Landing	Dogs Allowed	Restrooms	Tennis Courts	Boat Launch	Fishing	Shoreline	Bandshell	Beach	Horseshoes	Playground	Shelter	Volleyball Courts	Camping	Walking Trail	Disc Golf
Athletic Field Park	•	•	•	•	•	•												
Canal Street Boat Launch			•			•	•											
Community Park								•										
Daycholah Park								•										
Deacon Mills Park			•	•		•	•	•	•									
Dodge (County) Park			•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•				
Friday Club Park			•				•	•										
Hattie Sherwood Park			•	•		•	•	•		•		•			•			
Highknocker Park	•			•	•							•	•			•		
Playground Park				•			•	•			•	•	•					
Sunset Park			•	•		•	•	•					•					
Zobel Park				•								•	•			•	•	

Courtesy of the Green Lake Chamber of Commerce

City Parks and Outdoor Recreation Facilities



Deacon Mills Park 491 South Street
(2.5 developed acres)

Deacon Mills Park is a community park located in the heart of downtown. The park has an outdoor amphitheater which hosts a variety of special events throughout the year. The park has a large grassy area with flower gardens, picnic tables, a boardwalk along the harbor with a pier for boat access to the downtown area, a boat launch with boat trailer parking and

restroom facilities. In the winter months an ice-skating rink and a warming shed with the help of a private partnership, are provided near the boat launch

Playground Park

547 Mill Street (approx. 2.5 acres)

Playground Park located downtown on Mill Pond is one of the most picturesque parks in the area due to the beautiful lighted waterfalls, the foot bridge, mature trees, and lovely sunsets over the pond. The park has playground facilities, a large picnic pavilion, grassy play areas, flower gardens, a restroom facility, and park benches to sit and enjoy the view.



Lake Street Outdoor Sports Complex and future Dog Park

557 Lake Street (approx. 12 acres)

The Outdoor Sports Complex and future Dog Park is located downtown adjacent to the Puchyan River. The 12-acre site has one 90 ft lighted baseball field, one softball field, basketball courts, a sand volleyball court, 2 tennis/pickle ball courts, a gazebo, restroom facilities, a kayak/canoe boat launch, and picnic tables.



Highknocker Trail Park

564 Highknocker Trail
(approx. 4 acres)

Highknocker Park is located within a newer neighborhood in the city. The park has a small picnic pavilion with restrooms, bbq grill, playground equipment, benches, and grass ballfield/open grass area, and a perimeter walking path through the wooded area. Residents and visitors enjoy the park for day use and small group gatherings.

Friday Club Park

554 Mill Street (approx. 1/2 acre)

The Friday Club Park is located adjacent to the Sports complex and on the Puchyan River bank. It is the home of the Green Lake Historical Society Train Museum. The museum is open to the public during limited hours of operation. The park has benches and has a footbridge joining the Lake Street Sports Complex and future Dog Park.

Daycholah Lookout (approx. 1/2 acre)



Daycholah Lookout is located at the intersection of Lake Street and Illinois Avenue. The park has been developed to protect a viewshed of the lake offering residents and guests a quiet place to enjoy sunsets and beautiful lake views. The park has an historical information sign noting the park name Daycholah meaning “magnificent body of water” referred by the Native American Indians who settled here 10,000 years ago. The park has several benches and a beautifully landscaped walking path down to the lakefront



Hattie Sherwood Beach Park

450 South Lawson Drive (approx. 1 acre)

Hattie Sherwood Beach is rich in history. The land was donated to the city in a land trust and is to be utilized for the purpose of outdoor recreation activities. This beach-oriented park is located at the south end of Lawson Drive along the shoreline. It consists of a swimming beach area, benches, picnic shelter, a fishing dock, shaded grassy area, and restroom facilities. In the past, a lifeguard was onsite during busy times; but due to limitations on operation funds, there is no lifeguard and swimming occurs “at your own risk.”



Hattie Sherwood Campground

451 South Lawson Drive (approx. 12 acres)

Hattie Sherwood Campground is located across from the beach. The city owned campground has a rustic appearance and caters to tent camping and small RV camper users, rather than to people using very large RVs. The site amenities include 38 paved sites with electrical hook ups, shower/restroom facilities, picnic tables, designated fire pit areas, playground equipment, a boat launch area located on the north side of the campground with access to Mill Pond. The campground caretaker's residence is also located on the park site.

Canal Street Boat Launch

567 Gold Street (approx. 1 acre)

Canal Street Boat launch has access to Mill Pond and provides parking for vehicles and boat trailers.



Multi-Use Trail/Linear Park

Trails allow the city to offer residents and visitors an environmentally friendly mode of transportation.

Through grants obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation along with room tax revenues, the City was able to develop a 10-foot-wide non-motorized multi-use path on the west side of the City. This path connects

the Green Lake Conference Center with the rest of the Green Lake community without having to cross State Highway 23. It begins at the Conference Center to South Lawson Drive and continues along the south and east side of State Highway 23 to North Street. This path provides safety for walkers, bikers, and joggers as it is separated from the motorized portion of the highway.



City Gymnasium

The indoor gym is part of the City Hall building. The City and community groups use the gym for sports leagues, large meetings and events.



Private and Non-Profit Recreation & Cultural Facilities

Town Square

Town Square Community Center was established to enrich the lives of the Green Lake community members, family and friends by providing cultural, social and recreational, educational and economic opportunities for people of all ages. Town Square has provided start-up companies the opportunity to rent office space and utilize the community kitchen for business entrepreneurs. Some events sponsored by Town Square include Dino Daze 2021- with over 600 adults and children attending. Gloria Hills Bonfire, Party on the Pond, Town Square Golf Outing and the Supper Club Dinner Event. The new ballroom provides space for monthly Bingo games and space to rent for private community events. Town Square worked directly with the City to organize a 5K walk/run.

Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Clubs originally launched the Green Lake site in 2020 at Town Square. The Club has recently re-located to the school. The Club is a safe place for young children ages 6-18 yrs. to learn and grow after-school and during the summer. The after-school program includes academic support, healthy snack options, leadership and character development and various opportunities that expose young children to a variety of ideas and culture. The summer programming includes health and wellness, in addition to sports and leisure activities in and around Green Lake. The Boys and Girls Club of Green Lake works in collaboration with the City of Green Lake by utilizing city parks, beaches and public gyms for outdoor exercise and leisure activities.

Thrasher Opera House

Built in 1910, the Opera House remains true to its purpose as a community-gathering house promoting the arts and power of live music. With over 35 events and 35 entertainment performances yearly, Thrasher Opera House provides the citizens of Green Lake and surrounding areas with a blend of culture and music. Thrasher also prides itself on providing a stage for the Missoula Children's Theater, a traveling theater company that works with children in producing and acting in a drama performance.

Green Lake Sailing School

The Green Lake Sailing School has been teaching people of all ages and abilities to sail on Green Lake since 1960 and offers lessons to suit every skill level. Regularly scheduled classes are taught each summer. The school has a variety of sailboats available for lessons and rental. Sailing has been an important Green Lake summer recreational activity since the earliest visitors discovered this area and the sailing school provides opportunity for all abilities.

Green Lake School District Fitness Center

The School District opens the Fitness Center to all residents located within the District boundaries 7th grade and older, at no charge. Hours are limited to off school hours maximizing the facility use for the school and the community.

County Parks & Facilities

Dodge Memorial County Park (Big Green Lake – in the Township of Green Lake) W3306 CTH K Markesan, WI 53946 (STH 73 to CTH K (Next to Terrance Shores Church) Amenities: Shelter, 36 Picnic tables, 9 barbecues, playground equipment, ADA playground equipment, beach/swimming, boat launch.

Twin Lake Park (Big Twin Lake and Little Twin Lake – in the Township of Green Lake) Lakeview Rd Markesan, WI 53946 (CTH K to Twin Lake Access Rd) Amenities: Big Twin only picnic table, barbecue, beach/swimming, boat launch.

Spring Lake Park (located in Township of Green Lake) Spring Lake Rd Markesan, WI 53946 (CTH K to Lakeview Rd to Spring Lake Rd) Amenities: Picnic table, beach/swimming, boat launch

Zobel Memorial Park (located in Township of Brooklyn) STH 49 Green Lake, WI 54941 (North on STH 49 from City of Green Lake or South on STH 49 from City of Berlin) Amenities: 5 picnic tables, barbecue, shelter and benches

Sunset Park (located in Township of Brooklyn) CTH A (Inlet Rd) Green Lake, WI 54941 (Between STH 23/49 and CTH K) Amenities: 9 picnic tables, 4 barbecues, beach/swimming, boat launch, shelter and benches

Kingston Spring Lake Park (located in Township of Kingston) Spring Lake View Drive Kingston, WI 53939 (STH 44 through the Village of Kingston to CTH FF right on Spring Lake Park Rd) Amenities: 10 picnic tables, 3 barbecue, beach/swimming, boat launch, swing

Lake Maria County Park (located in Township of Manchester and Mackford) Manchester, WI 53949 (STH 73 Access Road between Carter Rd to the North and Schulz Rd to the South Amenities: picnic table, boat launch.

Resource Green Lake County Website

5.0 Public Participation & Needs Assessment

Public Participation & Needs Assessment is an essential part of the planning process to determine the needs of the community and formulate an action plan for parks and recreation facility improvements. A Needs Assessment provides the rationale for goals and objectives and notes areas for capital improvements. In assessing needs, the City reviewed current recreation trends and an Open House and on-line survey was conducted to receive opinions and desires from residents.

Recreation Trends

Recreation trends on a national and regional level provide insights into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. In 2016 NSGA listed the top seven outdoor activities persons aged seven years and older participated in at least once in 2016.

National Overall Rank Participation

- #1 Exercise walking 106.3 million
- #2 Swimming 46.3 million
- #3 Running/jogging 44.5 million
- #4 Hiking 42.0 million
- #5 Camping 40.1 million
- #6 Bicycle riding 36.0 million
- #7 Fishing 29.5 million

Source: NSGA Sports Participation in the US 2016

Trail-related sports continue to grow in popularity. The top growing national outdoor activities between 2006 and 2016 were exercise walking (106.3 million), running/jogging (44.5 million), hiking (42.2 million) and kayaking (9.2 million). Team-related sports showed a significant decline in participation with the exception of soccer and lacrosse.

Regional Recreation Trends

Trends in participation at County Parks, forests and trails are included in the Wisconsin SCORP. Activities with largest increases in participation from over the last five years at Wisconsin County properties include:

- Bicycling – winter/fat-tire biking
- Camping – RV/pop-up
- Bicycling – mountain biking
- Riding ATV/UTVs
- Canoeing/kayaking
- Bicycling – recreational/rail-trail biking
- Picnic areas/day use/beaches
- Paddle boarding
- Dog walking on trails
- Hiking/walking/running on trails
- Fishing

Source: Wisconsin State Wide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2019-2023

An on-going review of parks and recreation trends is important in forecasting municipal facilities and services. National and regional trends coupled with demographic and physical characteristics of the Green Lake community should be reviewed periodically by City Staff, the Park, Recreation, and Tree Board Committee, and City Common Council.

Public Input

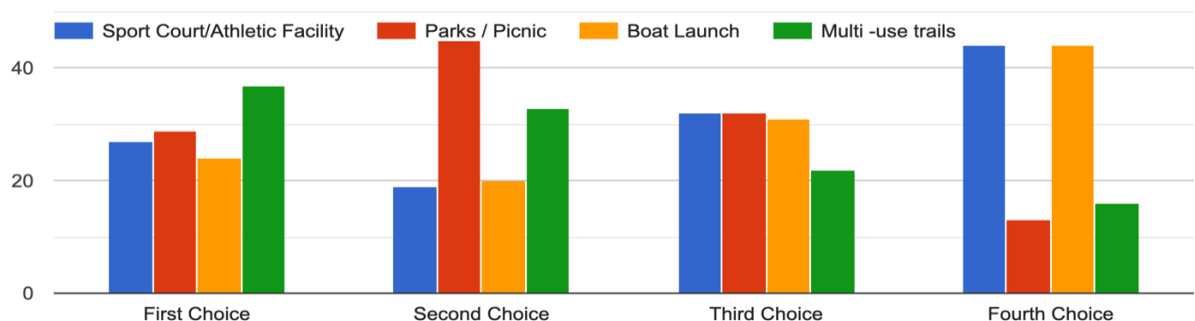
An on-line survey was advertised and posted on the City's website from March 28th – April 10th for residents of the City of Green Lake and Town of Brooklyn to participate and provide valuable feedback. In addition, an Open House was held at the City of Green Lake Gymnasium on April 6th and April 10th.

117 residents took part in the on-line survey and 22 residents attended the Open House to provide feedback and learn about City services and park and recreation facilities. At the Open House attendees were presented with a hard copy survey and questionnaire giving them an opportunity to provide valuable feedback for City staff and the Park, Recreation, and Tree board members to assess future capital improvement projects and insight into park and recreational facilities that holds importance to them. Board members recorded comments and ideas and collected surveys.

Survey says....

The following highlights the survey results:

Rank the importance of each of the following types of recreational facilities to you and your family?

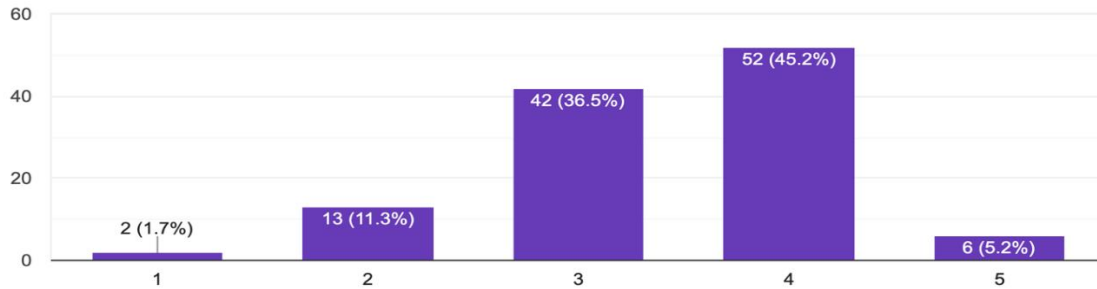


- #1 Multi-use trails were high in importance to residents.
- #2 Parks and picnic areas again were high on the list.
- #3 Sports courts, athletic facilities and boat launch areas were also of importance.

(#1 Not Satisfied # 5 Extremely Satisfied)

How satisfied are you with the City's Park and Recreation Facilities Overall?

115 responses

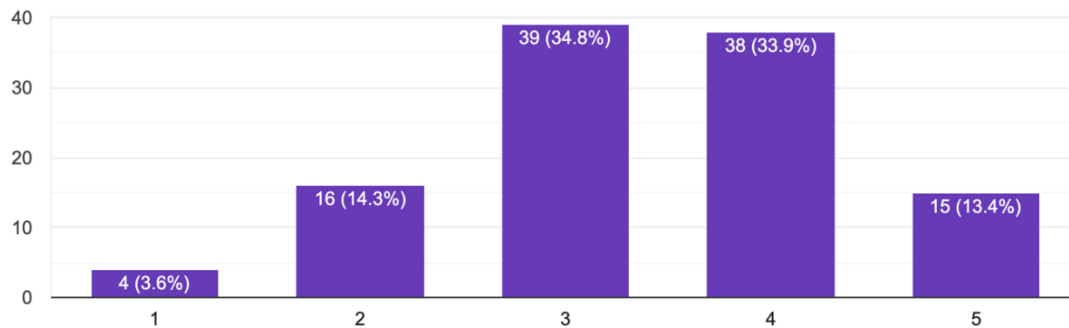


Of the 115 resident responses to this question 87% indicated they were satisfied with the parks and recreation facilities overall. Whereas 13% were not satisfied with the parks and facilities.

(#1 Does not meet our needs at all. # 5 Meets all or family's needs.)

Do the the existing Parks and Facilities in the city meet you and your families recreational needs?

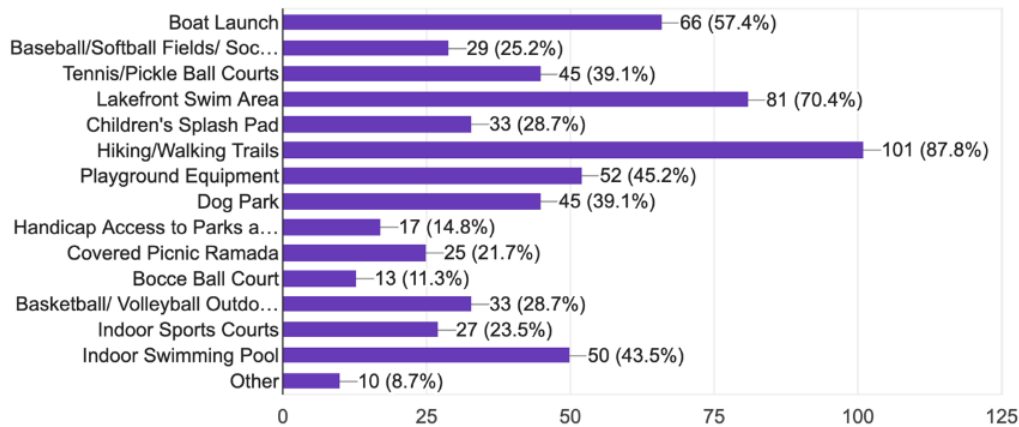
112 responses



Of the 112 resident responses to this question 82% indicated that the existing parks and facilities in the City met their recreational needs. Whereas 18% indicated the existing facilities did not meet their needs.

Please select each of the following Parks and Recreation Facilities/Amenities you or any member of your household have a need for using.

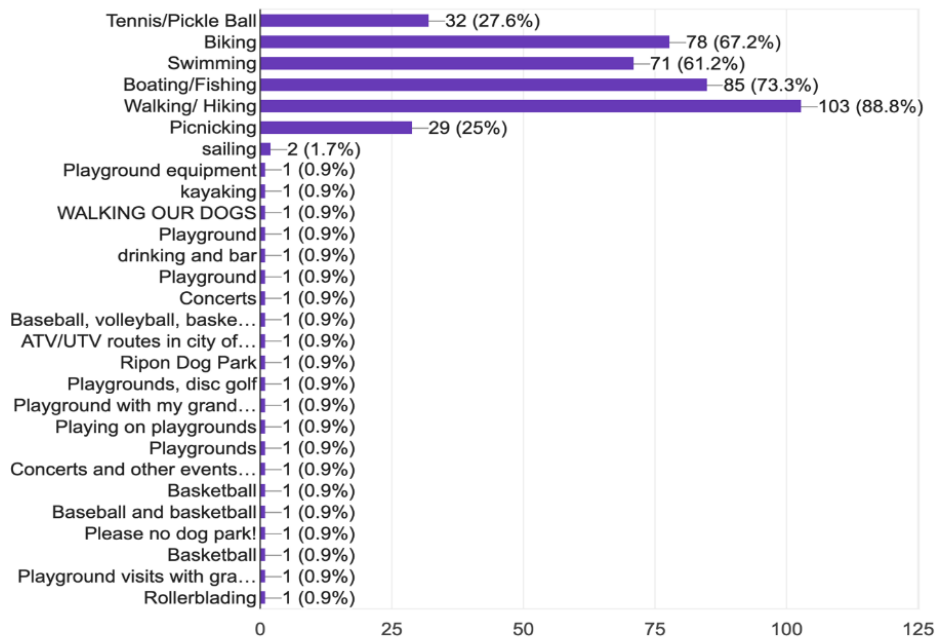
115 responses



87.8 % have a need for Hiking /Walking trails.
 70.4% have a need for Lakefront Swim Area.
 57.4% have a need for Boat Launches
 45.2% have a need for Playground Equipment
 43.5% have a need for an Indoor Swimming Pool
 39.1% have a need for Tennis/Pickleball Courts
 39.1% have a need for a Dog Park
 28.7% have a need for Basketball/Volleyball Courts
 28.7% have a need for a Children's Splash Pad
 25.2% have a need for Baseball/Softball Fields
 23.5% have a need for Indoor Sports Courts
 21.7% have a need for Covered Picnic Ramadas
 14.8% have a need for Handicapped Accessibility to Parks
 11% have a need for Bocce Ball Courts
 10% indicated Other

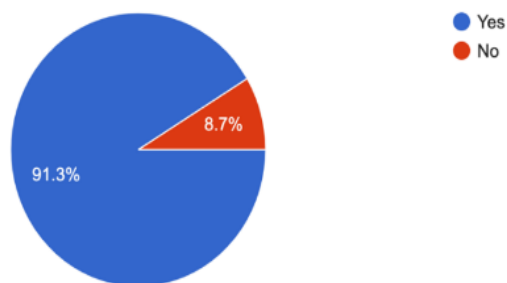
What type of activities do you and your family members participate in on a regular basis? (choose all that apply)

116 responses



Would you like to see an expanded trail system within the Green Lake City limits?

115 responses



Of the 116 resident responses, the top 6 activities residents and/or their family participate in on a regular basis...

88% indicated they or their family walk or hike.

73.3% indicated they or their family goes boating /fishing

67.2% indicate they or their family goes biking

61.2% indicate they or their family go swimming

27.6% indicate they or their family play tennis or pickleball

25% go on a picnic

91.3% of the 115 responses indicated they would like to see trails expanded in the City. 8.7% do not want to see trails expanded.

Open House Comments

Residents that participated in the Open House were asked to fill out a hard copy survey and a questionnaire listing the 3-5 major Park & Recreation related issues facing the community. Below are comments from the questionnaire.

"It would be nice to have more walking trails especially by the lake not by the busy highway. This will allow residents & visitors to enjoy the beauty of the lake without needing to be on the lake. It would also be nice to have hiking trails through the woods and hills too. West Bend has great trails both biking and hiking for a benchmark visit. The public beach is small, minimal parking and no playground close by it. It would be nice to have a larger space to enjoy the water, beach with nice sand, nice facilities like bathrooms and changing rooms (updated from current ones) and a playground for young families to enjoy. Walking path connecting bike path outside of town via the street that goes behind the beach."

"Add garbage cans. Resurface tennis courts. Add extra tennis court where the sand volleyball court is. Need for a kayak launch."

"Planting of new trees needed on Illinois Ave. Add a walking/biking trail through Evensong More lake access – consider a new park at Grey Rock property (ask for donations) You've done a great job at Deacon Mills Park."

"Trail connection needed. Wharf connection with Hattie Sherwood Park."

"Tennis courts are dangerous. Play equipment in parks is old. Hattie Sherwood needs to offer more."

"Events should be more dog friendly. All parks should be dog friendly. There are no dog special events."

"Adequate parking is needed for boating and various park users. Upgrade boat launches. Extend wharf along S Lawson Dr. Add amenities to Hattie Sherwood Park. Signage is needed to Highknocker Park."

"Boat launch – needs updating. Boat launch – cars without trailers always park in trailer parking. Enforce the boat launch pass. Boat launch – encourage commercial users to use alternate launches. Guests and visitors to the city have to wait for docks, out of city fishing guides and so many other commercial users. Get rid of Big Powersports rental out of the city. Very rude and disrespectful."

Please find additional questionnaire responses located in the Appendix Section

Summary of Challenges/Issues

The following items encompass some of the challenges in regards to the park system. They consider the observed deficiencies in deferred maintenance, older park amenities/structures, demographics, current growth and forecasted development, the area's physical resources, and recreation trends.

Recreation Programs and Services

Partnership and improved coordination with non-profit and private agencies are vital in providing and maximizing services to residents and visitors in the area. Improving communication and resident awareness has shown to increase support for parks and recreation projects.

Park Maintenance and Operations

Many of the park amenities need to be upgraded along with ensuring ADA standards are met for accessibility. The Park, Recreation, and Tree Board has embraced a "Fix It First" approach to preserve and support existing assets for resident and visitor use. In addition, staff continue to research and utilize technology to improve operations.

Capital Improvement/Park Development

There is a desire to continue improving the parks that support the most popular recreation activities and events, in addition to supporting the local economy. As the city in-fill lands develop the preservation of natural areas, park land, and trail connectivity will be important. Numerous projects can be implemented in a timely manner while others are noted as long-term projects requiring more capital investments that are supported by grant funding and possible donations.

6.0 Goals and Objectives

The following Goals and Objectives have been approved by the Parks, Recreation, and Tree Board on 3/16/2022. They are written to encompass the needs expressed from the Public, Elected Officials, Park, Recreation, and Tree Board Members, and Staff, keeping in mind the resources available. In addition, they also consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical and natural resources, recreation trends, and operating costs.

Park Maintenance Goal: Maintain and upgrade existing park facilities to ensure they are clean, safe, attractive, and functional.

Objectives:

- A. Ensure Park facilities and equipment are clean and safe;
- B. Replace/upgrade aging park equipment as needed "Fix It First";
- C. Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- D. Remove barriers for universal access;
- E. Refurbish parking and pavement surfaces;
- F. Refurbish athletic field surfaces and sports courts;
- G. Provide appropriate park signage;
- H. Remove invasive plant species;
- I. Plant trees and shrubs to maintain and supplement natural areas;
- J. Develop green management practices to reduce the Parks and Recreation Department's carbon footprint;
- K. Keep Park Maintenance equipment and storage areas in good condition; and
- L. Continue exceptional park upkeep and stewardship

Park Development Goal: Develop Park facilities that respond to residents' recreational needs.

Objectives:

- A. Develop facilities such as restrooms, picnic pavilions, benches, signage, and playgrounds as needed to support park users, programs, and events;
- B. Improve recreation opportunities in the parks with additional athletic fields, game courts, boat access, and other activities as needed and sustainable;
- C. Expand maintenance and storage facilities when needed

Partnership and Communication Goal: Continue coordinated partnerships with other area recreation providers and promote communications and awareness of the City of Green Lake.

Objectives:

- A. Maintain existing and forge new partnerships with public and private recreation providers to support effective service, program, and events;
- B. Increase public awareness of the City of Green Lake parks and recreation facilities through additional communication and education;
- C. Provide continued opportunities for volunteers and community stewardship projects;
- D. Consider establishing a "Friends of the Parks" group which could be active in providing additional support for park project and funding;
- E. Expand the use of web-based communication to include website updates, webcams, etc.
- F. Continue to support the various organizations and associations that provide cultural and recreation opportunities in the City of Green Lake for both seasonal and year-round residents and guests.

Administrative Goal: Provide for an efficient and fiscal administration of parks and recreation services.

Objectives:

- A. Participate in state and regional park and recreation planning organizations;
- B. Increase staffing and maintenance equipment as needed to support services;
- C. Secure a Grant Administrator to aggressively pursue grants for park capital improvement projects and development;
- D. Encourage advocacy of parks and recreation by educating and encouraging continued involvement from elected officials, committee members and volunteers
- E. Maintain existing and forge new partnerships with public and private recreation providers to support efficient and effective service and program delivery;
- F. Increase volunteer opportunities for recreation programs and parks;
- G. Consider creating a Friends of the Parks Foundation to allow for the city to solicit donations.

7.0 Five Year Action Plan

The Action Plan details the manner in which the Goals and Objectives will be met in the next 5 years. It includes a list of specific projects, as well as a project schedule with suggested improvement projects and strategies for implementation. The following pages outline a list of specific projects and actions which are recommended to be accomplished with the resources available during this 5-year planning period.

1. Maintain and improve Playground Park.

- A. Replace/upgrade play structure and individual playground pieces ensuring accessibility for all;
- B. Install a walking path to playground area for improved accessibility (ADA standards)
- C. Develop a canoe/kayak launch site; and
- D. Add a new picnic shelter overlooking the pond

2. Maintain and improve Hattie Sherwood Beach

- A. Maintain/ensure annual shoreline restoration
- B. Replace/upgrade lighting
- C. Refurbish restroom facilities, add space for snack shack facility/space for possible contracted vendor or non-profit adding services to the beach experience.
- D. Install a new pier and beach friendly entrance to water

3. Maintain and improve Hattie Sherwood Campground

- A. Develop a Master Park Site Plan
- B. Improve /upgrade site pads and electrical hook ups
- C. Improve boat launch area to Mill Pond

4. Maintain and improve Deacon Mills Park

- A. Replace the boat launch pad
- B. Replace the boat launch pier
- C. Replace/upgrade park lighting
- D. Replace/upgrade restrooms to ensure ADA standards are met
- E. Annual maintenance on the Outdoor Amphitheater
- F. Expand wharf to accommodate additional boat parking

4. Maintain and improve Friday Club Park

- A. Ensure shoreline restoration along riverbanks
- B. Replace /upgrade lighting

5. Maintain and improve Lake Street Sports Complex and future Dog Park

- A. Replace baseball field lights to LED lighting
- B. Resurface and line tennis/pickle ball courts
- C. Add accessible walking/exercise paths to park amenities and throughout the park
- D. Resurface and line bb courts
- E. Add new LED lighting to softball fields
- F. Pave drive and parking area to future dog park and kayak/canoe boat launch area
- G. Improve kayak/canoe boat launch with signage, pier, launch pad

6. Maintain and improve Highnocker Trail Park

- A. Replace gravel with accessible path to playground equipment (ADA standards)
- B. When replacing playground equipment add accessible playground equipment.
- C. Replace and ensure fall protection materials/standards are met under playground equipment
- D. Add walkway lighting

7. Maintain and improve Daycholah Park

- A. Add 2-3 on-street parking stalls with Illinois Avenue Street improvements
- B. Install concrete pads under park benches

8. Maintain and improve Canal Street Boat Launch

- A. Improve boat launch pad
- B. Re-stripe parking lot
- C. Expand parking lot

9. Increase staffing levels utilizing regional and national best practices for staffing ratios to developed park lands and facilities.

- A. Recruit, select, and train 1 FT staff member for field operations
- B. Recruit, select and train 1 new clerical support personnel as needed.
- C. Hire a Grant Administrator to maximize funding resources

10. Utilize technology to improve maintenance and operations.

- A. Purchase and install an electronic boat launch fee system at Deacon Mills Park
- B. Purchase and install new field operation equipment as needed

11. Establish a formal volunteer program to log hours and provide for an annual recognition program.

12. Research and consider a Friends of the Park program that may lead into a foundation for the purpose of non-profit grant funding opportunities.

Implementation Strategies

Public support for parks and recreation is vital today and in the future. A well maintained and planned park system utilizing the Comprehensive Parks & Outdoor Recreation Plan can impact the City on many levels to include, proper fiscal management, business & economy, tourism, and community quality of life for residents.

- Increase awareness and support for the City's parks, recreation facilities and future trails.
- Update the Park CIP annually ensuring appropriate project costs.
- Secure a Grant Administrator to research, apply, and administer grants at the Federal, State, and local levels.
- Continue working in a collaborative manner with non-profit agencies, public agencies, and community volunteers to stretch existing resources and provide quality events and services for residents and visitors.
- Consider establishing a Friends of the Parks group to help seek donations, attract sponsors, hold fund-raising events and seek out alternative revenue streams.



Maintenance & Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The table below lists upcoming projects needed in the next 5 years along with cost estimates, and potential funding sources. In addition, a time frame for completion has been assigned with short-term (ST) recommended for completion within 1-2 years, long-term projects (LT) 5 years, and mid-term projects (MT) between 3-4 years On-going projects (OG). The second section gives detailed information for each project.

Park Name/Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
Deacon Mills Park			
Rehab/replace boat launch pad	\$150,000	Launch fees/Grant	ST
Rehab/replace restrooms	\$150,000	Room Tax/Grant	MT
Replace/upgrade lighting	\$10,000	Room Tax/Donation	ST
Expand wharf (additional boat parking)	\$25-\$150,000	Grant	MT
Outdoor Amphitheater Annual Maintenance	\$2,000-\$5,000	Room Tax/Donation	OG
Playground Park			
Upgrade playground structure and individual playground pieces	\$40,000-\$200,000	Room Tax/Grant	ST
Install accessible (ADA) walk/exercise path	\$25,000	Room Tax/Grant	ST
Develop kayak/canoe launch site	\$25,000	Public/Private Partnership/Grant	MT
Purchase and Install Picnic Pavilion	\$10,000	Public/Private Partnership/Grant	LT
Park Name/Location	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Time Frame
Daycholah Look Out Park			
Install concrete pads under 3 benches	\$500	Room Tax	ST
Add 2-3 on-street parking spaces	\$3,000	Street Improvement	ST
Hattie Sherwood Beach			
Maintain/ensure annual shoreline restoration	\$500-\$1,000	GF/Grant	OG
Install/upgrade lighting	\$15,000-\$20,000	Room Tax/Donation	ST
Refurbish Beach House/Restroom Facility	\$100,000-\$150,000	Public/Private Partnership/Grant	MT
Purchase and install a new pier	\$5,000	Donation/Grant	MT
Expand South Lawson Wharf	\$5,000	Room Tax/Grant	MT

Hattie Sherwood Campground			
Develop a Master Park Site Plan	\$5,000-\$10,000	Donation/Grant	LT
Improve/upgrade site pads and electrical	\$5,000-\$20,000	Donation/Grant	MT
Improve kayak/canoe boat launch	\$2,000-\$4,000	GF/Grant	MT
Friday Club Park			
Maintain/Ensure shoreline restoration	\$500-\$1500	GF/Grant	OG
Replace/upgrade lighting	\$2,000	GF	ST
Lake Street Sports Complex & Future Dog Park			
Replace/upgrade baseball fields lights	\$168,000	GF/Grant	ST
Resurface/stripe tennis/pickle ball courts	\$25,000-\$50,000	Room Tax/Grant	ST
Add a new tennis court/pickle ball court	\$50,000-\$100,000	Room Tax/Grant	LT
Add walking/exercise path	\$25,000	Grant/Donation	MT
Resurface/stripe BB courts/fencing	\$30,000	Room Tax/Grant	MT
Add new LED lights to softball fields	\$200,000	Room Tax/GF/Grant	LT
Pave drive and parking area to boat launch and dog park	\$6,000	Grant/Public/Private Partnership	LT
Improve Kayak/Canoe boat launch	\$2,000-\$4,000	Grant/Public/Private Partnership	MT
Highknocker Trail Park			
Replace gravel with accessible path to playground equipment (ADA standards)	\$500-\$1500	GF/Grant	ST
When replacing playground equipment add accessible playground equipment.	\$10,000	Room Tax/Grant	MT
On-going playground inspection and add fall protection materials under playground equipment when needed.	\$500-\$1000	Room Tax/Grant	OG
Add walkway lighting	\$2,000	GF	LT

City of Green Lake

Five Year Capital Improvement Program

Proposed Park Capital Improvement Projects

The Public Works Department outlined priority park capital improvement projects within the planning period of 2022-2026 and estimated expenditures to be considered for review/approval by the Common Council.

The following projects represent priority projects (not in order) using criteria to include impact on operating and maintenance costs and staffing levels, revenue generated opportunities, availability of funding, and other considerations. They include the following:

Replacement of Baseball Field lighting to LED lights

Resurface and line tennis courts/pickleball courts

Upgrade Hattie Sherwood Beach lighting

Renovate/replace/upgrade Hattie Sherwood Beach facilities

Replace Deacon Mills boat launch pad

Replace Deacon Mills Restroom Facility

Upgrade Deacon Mills Park lighting

Add accessible walking path to Playground Park

Expand South Lawson Wharf

Expand Deacon Mills Wharf

Capital Improvement Program

(Sample of project funding tracking/form to include donation, room tax, matching grant funded project)

Project Name: Resurface Tennis Courts

Description & Justification Resurface the tennis/pickle ball courts. The tennis courts are one of the park amenities that are heavily used and recently have a new group of Pickle Ball users. The courts are deteriorating and have not been resurfaced in approx. 15 years. They have exceeded their useful life and are in need a repair.

Location: Lake Street Sports Complex

Estimated Project Cost: \$50,000

Funding

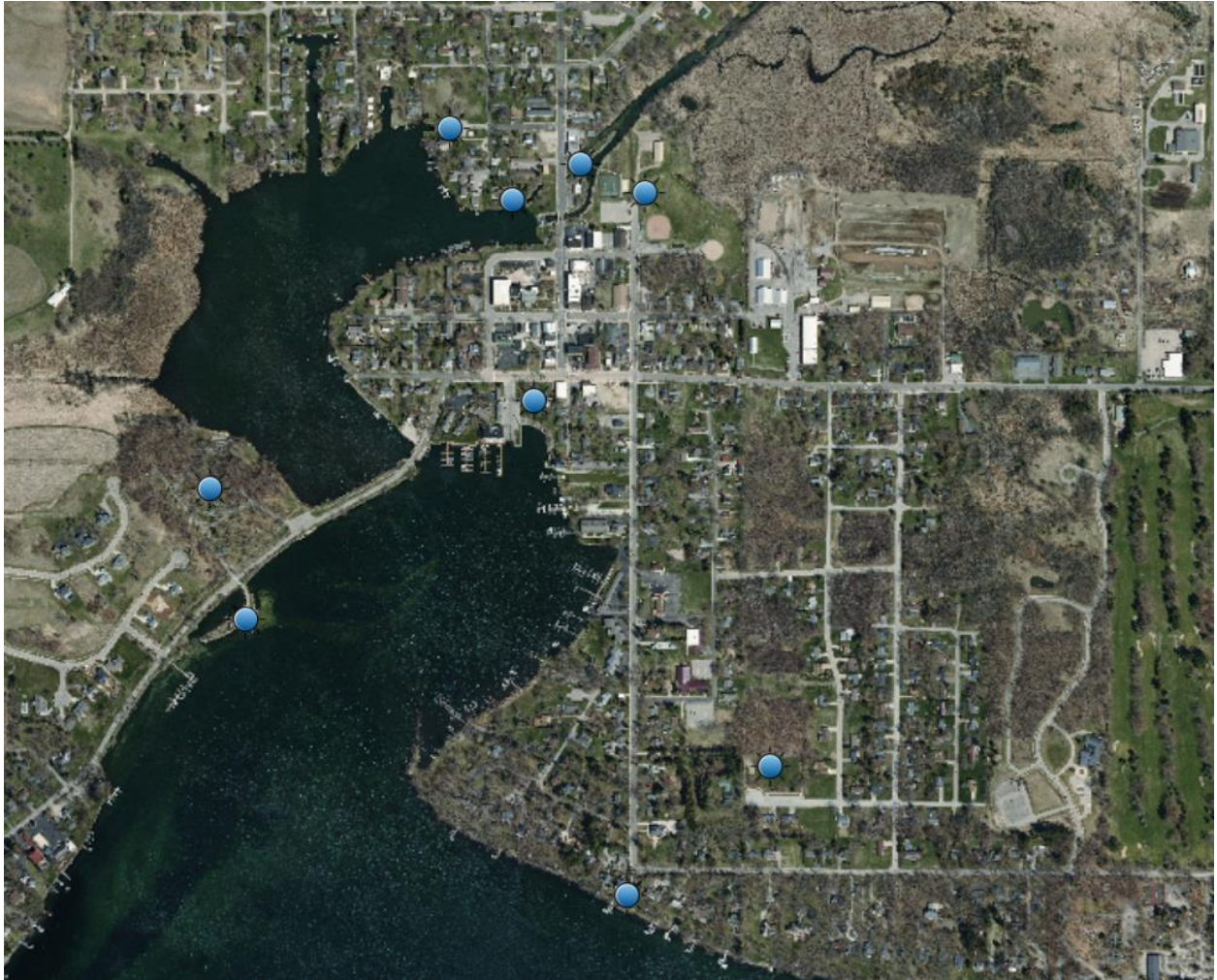
Project	Approved 2023	Approved 2024	Request 2025	Request 2026	Request 2027	Request 2028
Description						
Room Tax		\$15,000				
General Fund						
Grant		\$15,000				
Other	\$20,000					
<i>Total</i>	\$20,000	\$30,000				

Expenditures

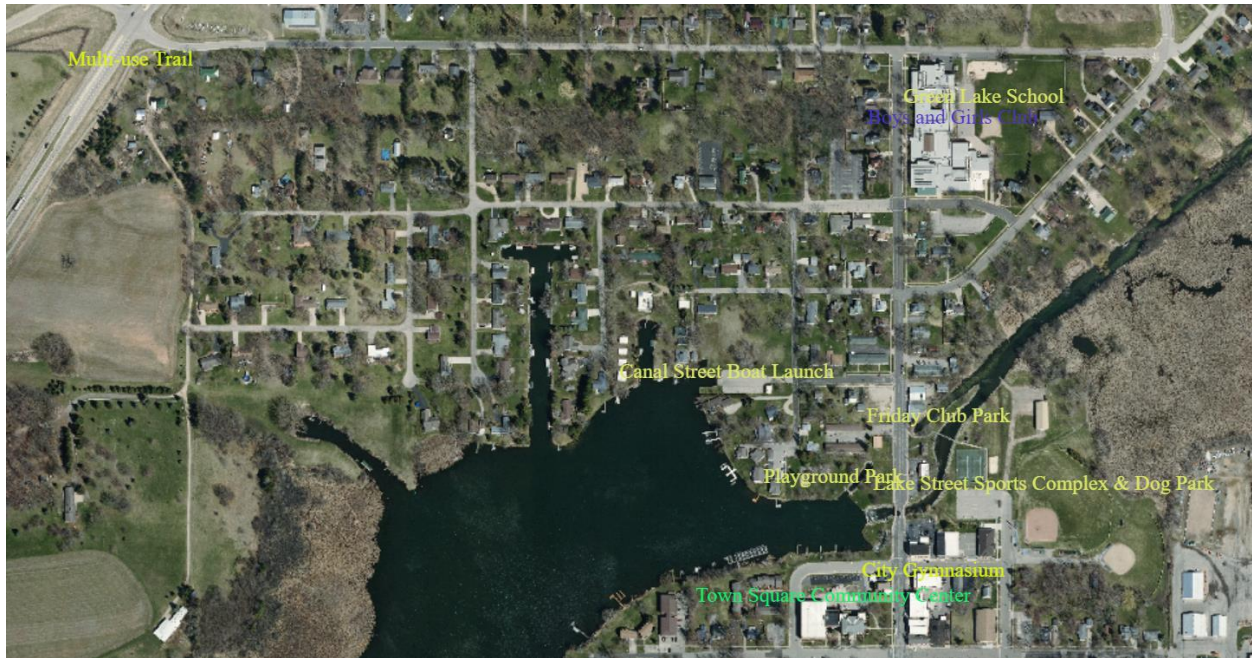
Project	Approved 2023	Request 2024	Approved 2025	Request 2026	Request 2027	Request 2028
Description						
Room Tax			\$15,000			
General Fund						
Grant			\$15,000			
Other	\$20,000					
<i>Total</i>	\$20,000		\$30,000			

8.0 Maps

Aerial Map of City Green Lake Park Locations



Aerial Map of Parks, Trails, and Non-Profit Agencies







Deacon Mills Park

Parcel: 231-00321-0000

Legal Acres: 2.50

Estimated Acres: 1.44

Name 2: DEACON MILLS
PARK

Site Address: 491 SOUTH
ST

Legal Desc: 2.5 ACRES OF
LAND SITUATED E OF GOLD
ST & S OF SOUTH ST TO
POND SEC 21

Playground Park

Parcel: 231-00095-0000

Legal Acres: 2.00

Estimated Acres: 2.00

Legal Desc: ORIGINAL PLAT PORTION
OF LAND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: N BY
BLKS 14 & 15, E BY MILL ST, W BY MILL
POND, S BY WATER ST





Lake Street Sports Complex & Future Dog Park

Parcel: 231-00293-0000

Legal Acres: 1.02

Estimated Acres: 8.24

Site Address: 557 LAKE ST

Legal Desc: COM 33' N OF NE COR BLK 10 OP; E14R; N TO PUCHYAN RIVER; W'LY ALG RIVER TO PT WHERE INTER WITH N LN BLK 12 OP; E TO NE COR BLK 11 S TO BEG SEC 21

Parcel: 231-00083-0000

Legal Acres: 0.55

Estimated Acres: 0.56

Site Address: 545 LAKE ST

Legal Desc: ORIGINAL PLAT LOT 1
CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP 1974 V8

Parcel: 231-00082-0000

Legal Acres: 2.24

Estimated Acres: 2.24

Site Address: 540 LAKE ST

Legal Desc: ORIGINAL PLAT LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 BLK 11 & THAT PORTION VAC WATER ST LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00292-0000

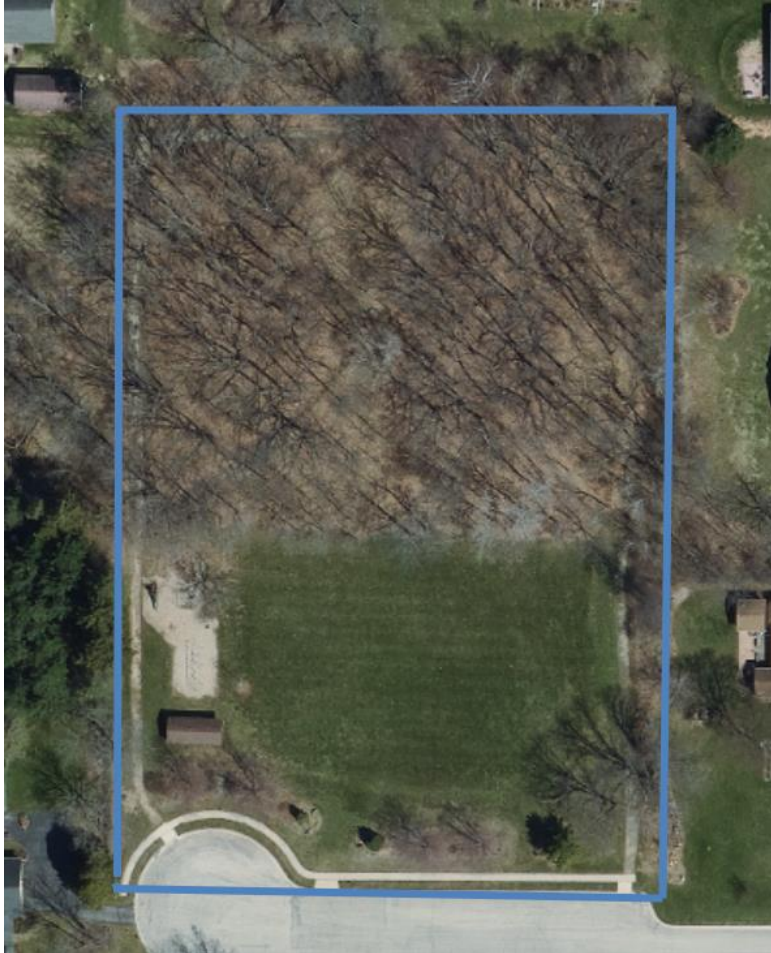
Legal Acres: 0.97

Estimated Acres: 0.71

Site Address:

Legal Desc: COM 33' N OF NE COR OF BLK 10: S 7R; E 51'9"; S 1R; E TO 1/4 LN; N 8R; W 14R TO BEG SEC 21

Highknocker Park



Parcel: 231-00769-0000

Legal Acres: 0.29

Estimated Acres: 0.36

Address: 564 HIGHKNOCKER TRL

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 6 BLK C & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO INCL ESMT V481 P129

Parcel: 231-00759-0000

Legal Acres: 0.33

Estimated Acres: 0.40

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 14 BLK B & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00770-0000

Legal Acres: 0.29

Estimated Acres: 0.36

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 7 BLK C & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00758-0000

Legal Acres: 0.33

Estimated Acres: 0.40

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 13 BLK B & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00771-0000

Legal Acres: 0.29

Estimated Acres: 0.38

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 8 BLK C & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00757-0000

Legal Acres: 0.34

Estimated Acres: 0.42

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 12 BLK B & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00772-0000

Legal Acres: 0.30

Estimated Acres: 0.38

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 9 BLK C & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00756-0000

Legal Acres: 0.35

Estimated Acres: 0.41

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 11 BLK B & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00773-0000

Legal Acres: 0.30

Estimated Acres: 0.38

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 10 BLK C & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Parcel: 231-00755-0000

Legal Acres: 0.34

Estimated Acres: 0.41

Legal Desc: ANCHORAGE ACRES PLAT LOT 10 BLK B & THAT PART VAC ANCHOR RD LYING ADJ THERETO

Friday Club Park

Parcel: 231-00098-0000

Legal Acres: 0.42

Estimated Acres: 0.42

Site Address: 554 MILL
ST

Legal Desc: ORIGINAL
PLAT THAT PART OF
LOTS 3-5 & 6 LYING S & E
OF MILL RACE BLK 13





Daycholah Look Out

On the corner of Lake Street and Illinois Avenue



Hattie Sherwood Beach

Parcel: 231-00614-0000

Legal Acres: 1.10

Estimated Acres: 0.53

Site Address: 450 S LAWSON DR

Legal Desc: THAT PART OF
GOVERNMENT LOT 1 LYING S & E OF
HWY 23 KNOWN AS THE ISLAND SEC
20



Hattie Sherwood Campground

Parcel: 231-00602-0000

Legal Acres: 9.00

Estimated Acres: 8.62

Site Address: 451 S LAWSON DR

Legal Desc: COM AT INTER OF E LN
SEC 20 & SHORE OF GREEN LAKE:
N59.24R TO 1/4 COR; S55°W 28.56R;
S41°W 21.12R; S39°E 43.96R TO
LAKE; NE'LY TO BEG
(GOVERNMENT LOT 1)

Parcel: 231-00335-0000

Legal Acres: 1.57

Estimated Acres: 1.57

Site Address: 459 S LAWSON DR

Legal Desc: PARCEL OF LAND IN
THE SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF THE
SW1/4 SEC 21



Canal Street Boat Launch

Parcel: 231-00107-0000

Legal Acres: 0.00

Estimated Acres: 0.72

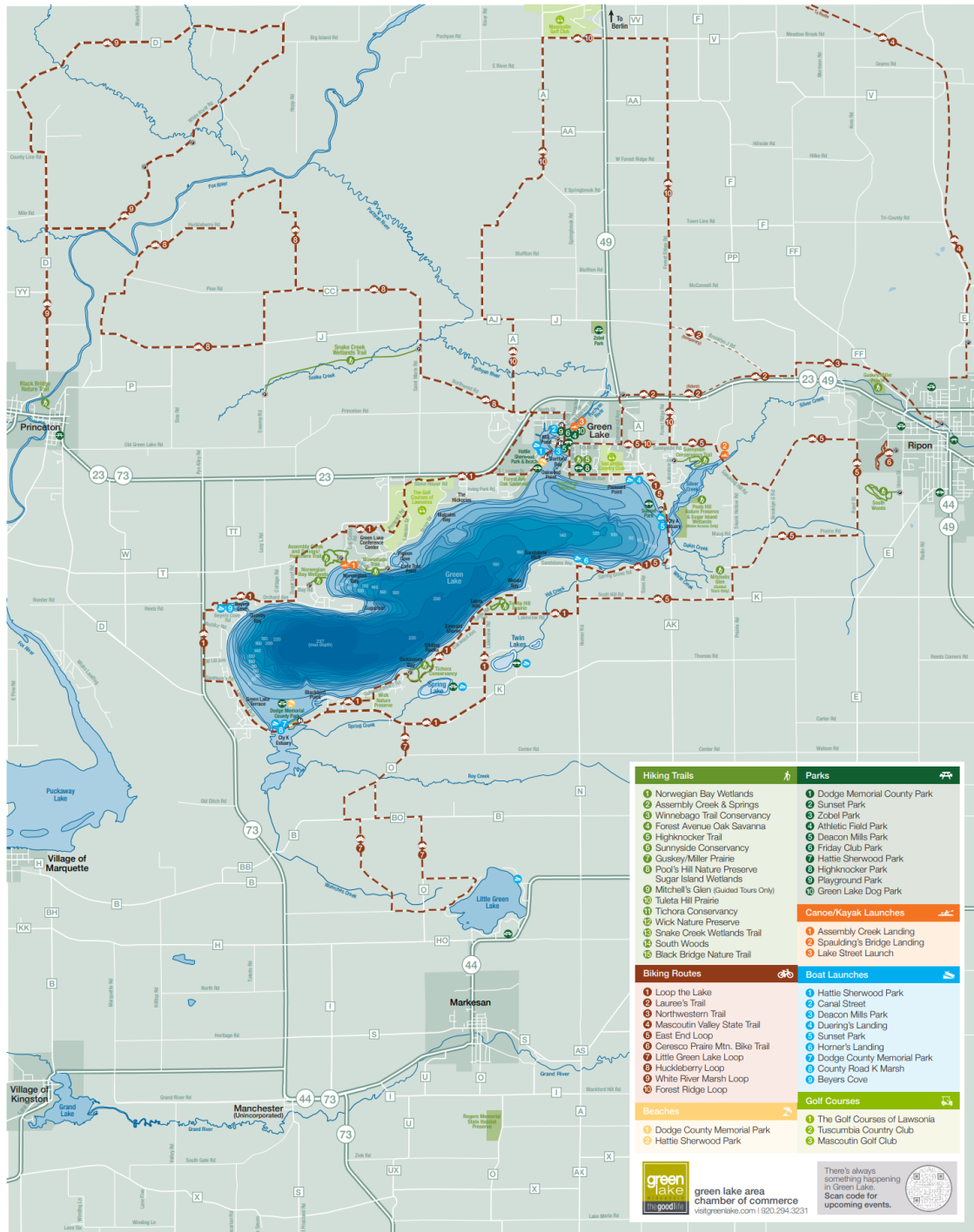
Site Address: 567 GOLD ST
Legal Desc: ORIGINAL PLAT N 30' OF LOTS 1, 2, 3 & 4 BLK 15 ALSO THE SOUTH 10' OF LOTS 5, 6, 7, 8 OF BLOCK 16; ALSO CANAL ST WEST OF GOLD ST

Parcel: 231-00111-0600

Estimated Acres: 0.35

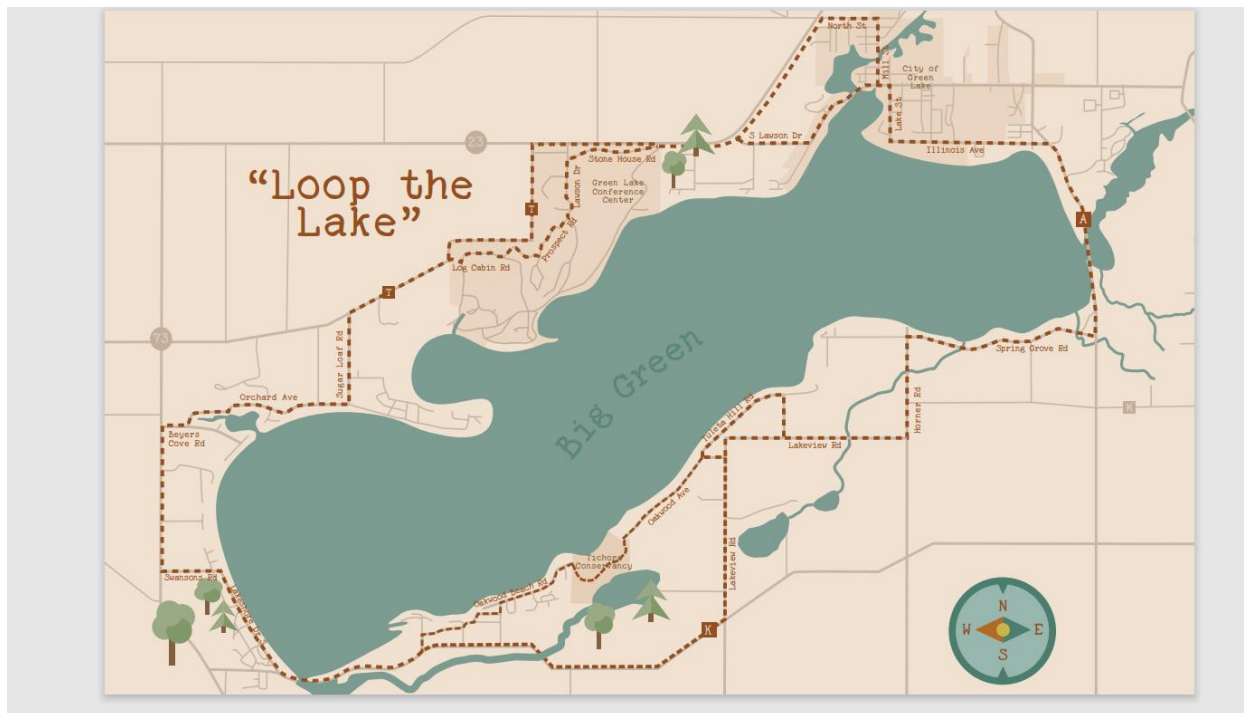
Legal Desc: ORIGINAL PLAT, N 122' OF LOTS 6, 7 & 8 BLK 16 EXC LANDS DESC AS COM AT NE COR BLK 16; S 131.58' TO POB; S 46.40'; W 164.99'; S47°W 111.57' TO SE COR LOT 1 CSM 2182; N 122.09'; E 247.54' TO POB SUBJ TO WI DNR RESTRICTIONS

Hike, bike, golf, boat, recreate....



Courtesy of The Green Lake Chamber of Commerce

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Appendices

Public Notices

Flyers were distributed to all school district students, was posted throughout town, and paid advertisements were included in both the Green Lake Reporter and Ripon Press. Feature articles were included in both newspapers and Park, Recreation, and Tree board Meeting Agendas were posted on the City's website, newspapers, and in town.

Flyer- Distributed through the school, public places and newspapers.



City of Green Lake Community Open House

Residents from the City of Green Lake and the Town of Brooklyn, we need your input on existing and future park and recreation facility needs. Please stop by to meet our volunteer committee members, elected officials and city staff. Complete our short informational survey, as your input will assist the City of Green Lake in forming the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Parks & Outdoor Recreation Plan.

We seek your input regarding:

- **City Parks**
- **Trails and Walkways**
- **Recreation Facilities and Special Events**

Where: City Gymnasium 534 Mill Street

When: Wednesday April 6th 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday April 9th 1:00 - 4:00 pm

If you are unable to join us, please share your thoughts by filling out the online Parks and Recreation Survey posted on the City's website.

Please contact City Hall for more information #920-294-6912

We look forward to seeing you!

FAQ: What should I know about Green Lake's upcoming Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan?

written by Joe Schulz
Published on Mar 25, 2022



Residents and visitors pack into Deacon Mills Park for the city's 2019 Fourth of July celebration. The city aims to address its park and recreation needs through a Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan. Joe Schulz photo

Question:

What should I know about Green Lake's upcoming Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan?

Answer:

Park & Recreation/Tree Board advisor Elaine Houser developed the draft plan and presented it to city officials.

The plan aims to create a vision for parks and recreation by providing recommendations for the planning period between 2022 and 2026.

It also hopes to assist in applying for grants from the DNR, federal government and private entities as Wisconsin requires communities to prepare and adopt a five-year park and outdoor recreation plan to be eligible for state and federal grants and loans.



The plan will establish goals for park maintenance, park development, partnership and communication as well as administration.

The draft noted those goals include maintaining and upgrading park facilities, developing park facilities that respond to recreational needs, continuing partnerships with area recreation providers and providing efficient and fiscal administration of parks and recreation services.

"The goals and objectives are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed by residents, the elected officials, Park & Rec/Tree Board members and staff, keeping in mind the resources available," Houser said.

In addition, the city will establish a five-year action plan featuring a list of projects and a project schedule.

Action plan items in the draft include:

- Maintain and improve Playground Park, Hattie Sherwood Beach, Hattie Sherwood Campground, Deacon Mills Park, Friday Club Park, Lake Street Sports Complex and future dog park, Highknocker Trail Park, Daycholah Park and Canal Street Boat Launch;
- Increase staffing levels utilizing regional and national best practices for staffing ratios to develop park lands and facilities;
- Utilize technology to improve maintenance and operations;
- Establish a formal volunteer program to log hours and provide for an annual recognition program;
- And establish a Friends of the Park program that may lead into a foundation for the purpose of non-profit grant funding opportunities.

"This portion of the plan is really in a draft format, because — even though we listed some things that are obviously there — after the public open house and the survey, we may have to go back and review that again," Houser said.

What this means for you:

Houser emphasized the importance of community feedback, noting the city is working on a survey for residents of both Green Lake and the town of Brooklyn.

An online survey was advertised and will be posted on the city's website later this month for residents to participate and provide feedback. In addition, citywide open houses will be held in the city of Green Lake gymnasium Wednesday, April 6 and Sunday, April 10.



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35° Cloudy
35° / 29°

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36°	36°	36°	38°

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- ☐ Chocolate Mini Eggs
- ☐ Milk Chocolate Bunny
- ☐ Other

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Newspaper Articles (Green Lake Reporter & Ripon Press)

City welcomes residents to park planning open house

By Kristin Radtke

What do area residents like about City of Green Lake parks? What would they like to see in the future?

The City of Green Lake is extending a welcome mat to area park users at an upcoming public open house, and an online survey. Open house dates are on Wednesday, April 6 from 1-7 p.m., and Saturday, April 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the City Hall gymnasium, located at 534 Mill Street. Chairperson Jon McConnell previously said representatives from every City department, the Common Council, and the Park and Recreation/Tree Board will be present, along with the Mayor and Green Lake Police Department. The public can come in, share thoughts and ask questions, and take part in a hard-copy survey.

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Open House

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Those who aren't able to attend in person can participate in the survey, which is on the City website, cityofgreenlake.com. "We want all citizens in the surrounding areas — including Town of Brooklyn residents, because they use our parks — to come and ask questions, and share," McConnell said.

"WE WANT ALL CITIZENS IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS ... TO COME AND ASK QUESTIONS, AND SHARE."
— JON MCCONNELL

City welcomes residents to park planning open house

What do area residents like about City of Green Lake parks? What would they like to see in the future?

The City of Green Lake extended a welcome mat to area park users during an Open House on Wednesday, April 6, and again on Saturday, April 9. Representatives from city departments, the Common Council, and the Park and Recreation/Tree Board were present, along with the Mayor and Green Lake Police Department. Both days, City of Green Lake

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GREEN LAKE REPORTER PHOTO
GRANT ADMINISTRATOR Robin Wallenfang speaks with a resident filling out a survey during the City of Green Lake Open House, held Wednesday, April 6, and Saturday, April 9.



GREEN LAKE REPORTER PHOTOS

LEFT: ELECTED OFFICIALS and employees from the City of Green Lake are on hand to listen to public feedback at the City of Green Lake Open House on Wednesday, April 6, and Saturday, April 9. City parks, trails and walkways, recreation facilities and special events are among the topics discussed at the Open House. RIGHT: PARK BOARD ADVISOR Elaine Houser, Chairperson Jon McConnell, and Mayor Ray Radis greet the public attending the City of Green Lake Open House to share their feedback in person and through a short informational survey. Residents from the City of Green Lake and the Town of Brooklyn provided input on existing and future Park and Recreation facility needs.

Park

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and Town of Brooklyn residents could share their feedback on what they feel city parks need. There was also an opportunity to take part in a hard-copy survey.

Those who weren't able to attend in person can participate in the online survey, which is on the city website, cityofgreenlake.com. Input will assist Green Lake in forming the 2022-2026 Parks and Outdoor Recreation Plan.

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**CITY OF GREEN LAKE
PARK & RECREATION/TREE BOARD
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 3:30 pm at Green Lake City Hall, Council Room, 534 Mill Street
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation
3. Certification of Open Meeting Law
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2021
7. Appearances:
 - A.
8. Financial Statement – October 31, 2021
9. Chairperson's Report
10. Public Works Director's Report
11. City Council Meeting Update
12. Tree Planting Requests
13. Business
 - A. Master Park Plan
 - B. Grant Administrator
 - C. South Lawson Drive Wharf
 - D. Annual donation of \$3,000 to Green Lake Youth Basketball & Baseball/Softball
 - E. Athletic Field Lighting
14. Correspondence
 - A. Letter dated 11/1/2021 from Tim Poock & Katie James regarding \$3,000 donation
15. Agenda Items for City Council Meeting
16. Agenda Items for next Park/Recreation/Tree Board Meeting
17. Adjournment

Posted: Green Lake City Hall, Green Lake Post Office, Caestecker Public Library, City Website
on 11/11/2021

cc: Evelyn Galster Jason Carley
Amy Gerstein Raymond Radis
Kyle Wiggs
Stephen Siders
Jon McConnell

Emailed to: Attorney Daniel Sondalle Green Lake Reporter
Ripon Commonwealth Press

* Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend, who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the City Clerk's Office (920-294-6912) no later than two business days prior to the meeting date.

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**CITY OF GREEN LAKE
PARK & RECREATION/TREE BOARD
DECEMBER 15, 2021**

1. Call Meeting to Order at 3:30 pm at Green Lake City Hall, Council Room, 534 Mill Street
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation
3. Certification of Open Meeting Law
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2021
7. Appearances:
 - A. Mark Kramer
 - B. Robin Wallenfang
8. Financial Statement – November 30, 2021
9. Chairperson's Report
10. Public Works Director's Report
11. City Council Meeting Update
12. Tree Planting Requests
13. Business
 - A. Athletic Field lighting, grants, etc.
 - B. Master Park Plan
 - C. Grant Administrator discussion
 - D. 175th Anniversary celebration update
 - E.
14. Correspondence
 - A.
15. Agenda Items for City Council Meeting
16. Agenda Items for next Park/Recreation/Tree Board Meeting
17. Adjournment

Posted: Green Lake City Hall, Green Lake Post Office, Caestecker Public Library, City Website
on 12/10/2021

cc: Evelyn Galster Jason Carley
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Kyle Wiggs
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**CITY OF GREEN LAKE
PARK & RECREATION/TREE BOARD
MARCH 16, 2022**

1. Call Workshop Meeting to order at 1:30 pm for purpose of working on Master Park Plan and All City Open House
2. Call Regular Meeting to Order at 3:30 pm at Green Lake City Hall, Council Room, 534 Mill Street
3. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation
4. Certification of Open Meeting Law
5. Roll Call
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2022
8. Appearances:
 - A.
9. Financial Statement – February 28, 2022
10. Chairperson's Report
11. Public Works Director's Report
12. City Council Meeting Update
13. Tree Planting Requests
14. Business
 - A. Discuss adding WiFi to the Lake Street sports Complex lighting project
 - B. Goals and Objectives Section approval for Master Park Plan
 - C. Grant Funding Updates
 - D. Green Lake's 175th Anniversary
 - E. All City Open House
15. Correspondence
 - A.
16. Agenda Items for City Council Meeting
17. Agenda Items for next Park/Recreation/Tree Board Meeting
18. Adjournment

Posted: Green Lake City Hall, Green Lake Post Office, Caestecker Public Library, City Website
on 3/11/2022

cc: Evelyn Galster Jason Carley
Amy Gerstein Raymond Radis
Tricia Perkins
Stephen Siders Council Members
Jon McConnell

Emailed to: Attorney Daniel Sondalle Green Lake Reporter
Elaine Houser Ripon Commonwealth Press

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**CITY OF GREEN LAKE PARK & RECREATION/
TREE BOARD – MARCH 16, 2022**

Workshop portion of this meeting came to order at 1:30 pm. Present: Jon McConnell, Amy Gerstein (participated through Zoom), George King, Donald Carpenter, and Elaine Houser. Elaine Houser gave a power point presentation regarding the Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan. Park restrooms are not adequate and not handicapped accessible. There was general discussion on various facilities in the City.

Regular meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairman Jon McConnell. Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Certification of Open Meeting Law: Agenda was posted March 11, 2022.

Roll Call: Jon McConnell, Amy Gerstein (via Zoom), Stephen Siders, Tricia Perkins. Absent: Evelyn Galster. Also present: Mayor Raymond Radis.

Agenda: Motion made by Siders, second by McConnell to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion made by Siders, second by McConnell to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2022. Motion carried.

Financial Statement: Motion made by Siders, second by McConnell to receive the Financial Statement dated February 28, 2022. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report: Jon McConnell gave an oral report.

Public Works Director's Report: None. Board noted that the new angle parking along South Lawson Drive by Hattie Sherwood Park is being utilized quite well.

City Council Meeting Update: Nothing pertains to City.

Tree Planting Requests: None

Discuss adding WiFi to the Lake Street Sports Complex lighting project: Robin Wallenfang has not heard back from T-Mobile grant. Table matter to next month.

Goals and Objectives Section approval for Master Park Plan: Comprehensive Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan. Elaine Houser addressed the Board. Board reviewed draft of Goals and Objectives. Motion made by McConnell, second by Siders to approve the Goals and Objectives as presented. Motion carried.

Grant Funding Updates: Robin Wallenfang gave an oral report. She is working on a second grant with Waste Management for the ballfield lighting. There is a DNR grant that is also available. These are matching grants. City will need to provide half of the total cost.

Green Lake's 175th Anniversary: Over \$2,150 in donations. Majority of food will be donated. Moving ahead with plans for June 5th. Working with Chamber for budget. Any profits will go towards gift to the City. Good to cover current expenses for right now.

All City Open House: Open House will be April 6th 1 to 7 pm in gym. April 9th 1 to 4 pm. Purpose is to get input from the general public for both the City of Green Lake and Town of Brooklyn. City Officials will be present to talk with the general public.

Agenda Items: Special Council Meeting right after Organizational meeting to approve Comprehensive Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan.
Park Board: April Meeting – Comprehensive Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan; Survey Results

Motion made by Siders, second by McConnell to adjourn. Motion carried. (4:09 pm)

Barbara L. Dugenske
Barbara L. Dugenske, Clerk

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**CITY OF GREEN LAKE
PARK & RECREATION/TREE BOARD
APRIL 20, 2022**

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order at **3:30 pm** at Green Lake City Hall, Council Room, 534 Mill Street
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation
3. Certification of Open Meeting Law
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2022
7. Appearances:
 - A. Lisa Meier-Green Lake Area Chamber Director
8. Financial Statement – March 16, 2022
9. Chairperson's Report
10. Public Works Director's Report
11. City Council Meeting Update
12. Tree Planting Requests
13. Business
 - A. MSA Boat Launch Rehab Proposal
 - B. Mooring Area Lease Agreement
 - C. Lee Recreation Playground Proposal
 - D. Discussion of adding a horseshoe pit to Sports Complex
 - E. Recommend to the Council to declare Parks are dog friendly
 - F. Discussion of adding a Town of Brooklyn advisor to the Park & Rec Board
 - G. Request from Chamber for funds for Band Shell
 - H. More bike racks placed in Parks
 - I. Update on the beach lights
 - J. Recap of Open House
 - K. Grant Funding Updates
 - L. Green Lake's 175th Anniversary
 - M. Discussion of the Comprehensive Parks and Outdoor Recreation Plan
14. Correspondence
 - A.
15. Agenda Items for City Council Meeting
16. Agenda Items for next Park/Recreation/Tree Board Meeting
17. Adjournment

Posted: Green Lake City Hall, Green Lake Post Office, Caestecker Public Library, City Website
on 04/13/2022

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Open House Resident Comments continued....

Residents that participated in the Open House were asked to fill out a hard copy survey and a questionnaire listing the 3-5 major Park & Recreation related issues facing the community. Below are comments from the questionnaire.

"The health of the lake is an issue facing the community. Update family spaces, Hattie Sherwood, Mill Pond Playground. Events are positive (bike races, Fall Festival) but need more basic business to support & promote return visits. Youth programs – get kids involved young. Partner with Heidel House, School Gym, Hattie for local Friends of the Park and Rec Program to utilize a membership."

"Would be nice to have local swim lessons. Handicap Accessible restrooms at the parks. Indoor Youth Sports/Recreation. Youth Sports Leagues. Adult Sports Leagues."

"Hattie Sherwood – Updated or new Shower Building. Hattie Sherwood- provide a lifeguard on a few days a week and weekend hours. Boat launch-update. More family-like activities that draw families to live here in town not just tourism or 2nd home residents."

"Riverwalk from the tennis courts/Friday club park, dog park to HWY 23- eventually work with Greenways to connect with the bike trail. Liaison member from each jurisdiction to include townships to be on the City Parks Committee and the City would have a member on the County Parks Committee. Advertise in the local magazines ex; the Green Lake Magazine featuring City and County Parks and their amenities."

"Improve bike parking. Accessible handicapped playground. Bike regulation enforcement."

"Smokers smoking in the parks/City during events. Bird poop on piers in the Bay. Benches could be leveled in Daycholah Lookout. Hattie?"

"Sports for seniors-ex; Pickleball."

Sample of on-line survey posted on the City's website March 25th-April 15th

City of Green Lake Parks and Recreation Survey

The City of Green Lake is currently in the planning and development process of the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan. The plan is designed to create a road map for enhancing parks, trails, and outdoor recreation facilities for the next 5 years. The plan will guide the city in prioritizing capital improvement projects, optimizing funding resources, and ensuring that the infrastructure is maintained.

Please take this opportunity to make your voice heard and help us plan for the future!

Thank you for your time.

* Required

1. Rank the importance of each of the following types of recreational facilities to you and your family? *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Sport Court/Athletic Facility	Parks / Picnic	Boat Launch	Multi-use trails
First Choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Second Choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Third Choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fourth Choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. How satisfied are you with the City's Park and Recreation Facilities Overall?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Extremely Satisfied

3. How satisfied are you with Playground Park?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Extremely Satisfied

4. How satisfied are you with Deacon Mills Park?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Extremely Satisfied

5. How satisfied are you with Friday Club Park?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Extremely Satisfied

6. How satisfied are you with Daycholah Lookout?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Extremely Satisfied

7. How satisfied are you with Highknocker Park?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Extremely Satisfied

8. How satisfied are you with Hattie Sherwood Park/Beach?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Satisfied ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Extremely Satisfied

9. Do the existing Parks and Facilities in the city meet you and your families recreational needs?

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Does not meet our needs at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Meets all of our families needs

10. What type of activities do you and your family members participate in on a regular basis? (choose all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Tennis/Pickle Ball
☐ Biking
☐ Swimming
☐ Boating/Fishing
☐ Walking/ Hiking
☐ Picnicking

Other: ☐ _____

11. Would you like to see an expanded trail system within the Green Lake City limits?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

12. Please select each of the following Parks and Recreation Facilities/Amenities you any member of your household have a need for using.

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Boat Launch
- ☐ Baseball/Softball Fields/ Soccer Fields
- ☐ Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts
- ☐ Lakefront Swim Area
- ☐ Children's Splash Pad
- ☐ Hiking/Walking Trails
- ☐ Playground Equipment
- ☐ Dog Park
- ☐ Handicap Access to Parks and Amenities
- ☐ Covered Picnic Ramada
- ☐ Bocce Ball Court
- ☐ Basketball/ Volleyball Outdoor Courts
- ☐ Indoor Sports Courts
- ☐ Indoor Swimming Pool
- ☐ Other

13. Please list the top three amenities you or any member of your household have a need for using.

14. What else can the City of Green Lake do to better meet your Parks and Recreational needs? Please include suggestions for improvements to park and recreation services.

Additional on-line survey comments

Please list the top three amenities you or any member of your household have a need for using. (94 responses)

Sidewalks, trails, trees

Baby buggy / handicap accessible trails, dog park, basketball courts

Walking trails, bike trails, indoor swimming pool

OUTDOOR POOL. DOG PARK. BETTER BEACHES

Indoor Swimming!!, Indoor and Outdoor Basketball Courts

Swimming indoor/outdoor, basketball courts, pickleball

Walking trails

Multi-use trail

Trails swimming walking

Dog Park, Bike Trails,

Fitness center. Tennis court/pickle ball courts... boat cleaning stations

Boat launch, playground equipment, hiking/walking trails

Trails, dog park, tennis courts

Gym. Bike trails. Beaches

Hiking, playground and lakefront swimming

An outdoor pool would be amazing, that way, the community can gather, like they do at the Berlin pool.

Pool, splash pad, natural park

Indoor swimming, lakefront swimming area Hiking bike trails

Boat launch, clean beach, playground

Boat launch and boat parking; concert and festival area

Trails

Parks boat launch and city hall bball court
 Workout facility with indoor pool
 Bike trails
 Fitness, swimming and playgrounds
 Hiking and biking trails Picnic areas Swimming beaches
 Launch, hiking, beach
 Bike trail, kids park, picnic tables
 Hiking and bike trails in, around the lake, and to neighboring cities. Picnic and Day use area with access to the lake. More boat parking access to Deacon Park events.
 Hiking/walking trail, lakefront swim area, playground equipment
 Boat launch, hiking trails, bike trails
 Walking trails, boat launch, indoor swimming
 Indoor swimming, pickle ball court, hiking trails
 Playground
 Dog friendly parks on the water!!
 Basketball, biking, trails
 Outdoor pool and splash pad. Clean Beach with full time lifeguards. Well-marked bike trail around the lake. Ice skating rink that can be used for more than a few weeks in the winter.
 Hiking and biking trails
 Indoor pool, hiking trails, boat launch
 Boat launch, bike trail, walking trail
 Tennis courts
 Boat launch and tennis
 Hiking, tennis, beach
 Tennis courts
 Tennis courts and hiking trails
 Indoor sports facility, outdoor courts, swim area
 Tennis, pickleball, bocce
 Swim area, splash pad, trails
 Playground, splash pad, indoor pool
 Biking trails, hiking trails
 tennis courts, biking trails, indoor swimming
 Hiking/Walking Trails (something along the lake would be wonderful!); Indoor Swimming Pool (to offer swimming lessons, or possibly to start a swim team); Basketball/Volleyball
 Outdoor Courts
 Tennis courts, biking lanes, parks
 Need an outdoor yoga class
 Boat launch NEW restroom facilities throughout the city Boat launch
 Lakefront swim, boat launch, walking/hiking trails
 Restrooms, swim areas, boat launches
 Launch beach picnic shelter
 Walking paths, swimming areas

Playground, Hiking/Walking Trails, and Lakefront Swim Area
 Boat launch, swimming, trails
 A rubber playground base instead of pebbles or mulch would be great. More picnic tables or benches at playground park.
 ATV/UTV ROUTES IN CITY OF GREEN LAKE AND TOWN OF BROOKLYN
 A workout facility, sport courts (basketball/volleyball), bike/hiking trails
 Children's splash pad, dog park, playground
 Pickleball. Indoor and outdoor Boat launch Bike trails
 Paved Bike paths
 Pickleball, dog park, hiking trails
 Hiking/walking trails, Playground equipment, Dog park
 Indoor sports area, indoor swimming and baseball field
 boat parking, bike path, and dog park
 Walking trails, dog park, weight room
 Playground, bike trails, splash pad
 Walking/biking trails, beach swimming, miniature golf
 Better playground equipment, indoor pool, sports fields
 Wharf, launch, parks, trails.
 Boat launch. Beach. Playgrounds
 Tennis, basketball, dog park...NO SPLASH PAD, PLEASE
 park picnic, trails, swimming

What else can the City of Green Lake do to better meet your Parks and Recreational needs? Please include suggestions for improvements to park and recreation services.

Upgrade equipment and courts
 Shoreline friendly, not sharp rocks
 Upgrade Hatti Sherwood Beach
 I think the City should work on dedicated off road walking/hiking, biking trails with connections to other towns such as Ripon, Berlin, and Princeton. Also, whenever possible protect views of the lake before condo development blocks the views.
 I WOULD LOVE IF DOGS WOULD BE ALLOWED IN OUR PARKS. IT IS SILLY THAT YOU CAN BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY, BUT NOT THE DOGS. BETTER WALK IN BEACH ACCESS. HATTIE SHERWOOD IS GREAT, BUT MOPRE BEACH ACCESS IS NEEDED IN OUR TOWN FOR TOURISM. BUT THE PARKS TO USE MORE OFTEN.
 Mini golf
 Hattie Sherwood should be a destination! Snack stand/kayak rentals. New/safe playground equipment on the hillside. Enhance the hillside as the view is beautiful.
 Connect bike trail to Green Lake campground (easy access for campers to town)
 Boat cleaning stations. Pickleball/tennis courts

Greatest need is beach front at the east side of the lake (Hattie Sherwood is way too small!)

Thank you for improving our beautiful parks!!

My son plays basketball, but there are no outdoor hoops in the city. Adding a basketball court would be great. And, adding a track around the baseball fields would be great too. More outdoor seating, the town as a whole can better work together to coordinate events and business. Make downtown more aesthetically pleasing and update or add to park equipment, a splash pad or natural playground would be amazing and something we are very interested in. An indoor pool or updates to the Heidel pool at encouraged for community use and wellness.

City consider partnering with resort for local memberships for pool and spa

Keep up the good work

Workout facility with indoor pool

More playground equipment and more than just at playground park, stuff for bigger kids like a playground safe zip line like in Fond du lac, I've also seen playground zip lines at parks in IL

When will Green Lake become dog friendly in our parks? Lets welcome the dog! install doggie bag pickup and drop stations in convenient locations and campaign to welcome dogs and good dog owners. Lets make Green Lake a recognized Dog Friendly city.

Parking is always going to be a problem as the quality of our parks are appreciated. If you increased existing parking by 50% it won't be enough. Who is addressing parking and how is it being addressed? I don't play softball anymore but athletic fields attract the crowds like bears to honey. Especially the leagues and the tournaments. Build it and they will come!

Maintain existing parks better.

I really think the Hattie Sherwood Park/beach area needs to be revamped we need some trees out there for shade they need the raft out there for the kids you need to do something for the local kids not just people that have boats a lot of kids that live here do not have the opportunity to be on or use a boat so therefore depending on the Hattie Sherwood Park

More seating by playground equipment and up to date equipment in park

Lifeguards. If the city keeps saying "we have a lake ", then provide nice, clean groomed beaches with lifeguards. Flood the grounds in Deacon Mills Park in winter to freeze for an ice-skating rink. It could be used for longer term instead of the lake for only a couple weeks. Safer, kids could go ice skating without falling through ice fishing holes created by fishermen.

Pickle and bocce ball and maybe an outdoor vita course?

Deacon Mills Park is too small now with all the activities going on there. No need to close the boat launch on July 4. Need more parking there. No one even knows there is a park at High Knocker...underutilized.

Resurface the tennis courts, improve the fence at the court level so the balls do not roll out into the grass. And most importantly, if you must have pickle ball lines in the tennis courts, please paint them a more subtle contrast. What was done last summer made it

very hard to distinguish between pickle ball and tennis ball court boundaries. And the patch job on the cracks made it even harder to determine the lines on quick sight because they were such a contrast also. Other combo pickle and tennis courts do not have such a highly visible contrast in the lines. Thank you.

Provide sufficient garbage and recycling so the parks can stay clean

Sandy beach/ picnic area

Asphalt the south street parking Place buoys well around boat launches (especially Horner) creating AMPLE !!!!! space/ clearance from the shore The jet skis are way toooooo fast way way way toooooo close to shore - extremely dangerous to swim comfortably. Create separate pickle ball courts Too confusing for tennis - specific colors are to be used.

Life guards would be nice

The playground is terrible. It's out of date and not enough of variety for kids to play on. We also have nothing for special needs children that would make them feel included. The splash pad and indoor pool is high on my list as well. We are having to travel just for swim classes or to go swimming in general. Even just an outdoor splash pad for the children. Our city is not children friendly. We have to travel to do anything outdoors for our kids that doesn't include having a boat.

Our beach could also use a HUGE improvement. Over the years it has gotten forgotten and it shows. If you would expand the beach and make it more swimming accessible and actually put up different water playground equipment at the beach for the children and families the area would get utilized more and be a better asset to the city. Moral of the story, if you don't have a boat there is nothing in this city to do with your family and children.

Continued access to the water, resurfacing the tennis courts, On line sign-ups for facilities, swimming lessons at Hattie Sherwood

Bigger public beach area would be amazing. Thank you for asking for our feedback! We appreciate the opportunity.

Please restripe the tennis courts to make the Pickleball lines more subtle. See how other courts are striped before redoing Green Lake's courts. Thank you for seeking our input!

Resurface the tennis courts

The boat launch is severely neglected and is in need of repair/replacement. Where does all the boat launch money go? Every time we launch, the place is jammed pack with cars parked in trailer only parking spots, it is very difficult to turn boat trailer around in launch area, commercial users take up the majority of the launches throughout the spring, summer, and fall time frames. Big powersport rental personnel are rude and are not very inviting to guests and visitors of the city. Why can't the commercial users utilize a different launch? When visiting other "lake towns" you do not see dump trucks backed into the boat launches, boat lift installers, shore restoration equipment, etc. using the town launch. They utilize other launches. Cannot tell you the hundreds of times I witness people using the launch that have not paid the launch fee. With the increase fee in 2022 for a season pass, I would hope that this would be much more enforced. Also,

it's frustrating as a season pass holder to not be able to find a parking spot, especially when you see vehicles parked without a launch fee receipt displayed in the windshield. Also, the cleanliness of the lake and boat launch should be of the highest priority. This area is the city center and home to a majority of the events held in town. It should be a priority to keep the park and boat launch clean. We constantly pull trash out of the water, pick up trash in the park, and clean the debris out of the boat launch. While I agree with having a boat cleaning area, I am so turned off seeing the seaweed pile on the grass and often rots before it is removed. I am so embarrassed when we have out of town guests visit and see how gross the marina has been the past few years.

New or updated restroom/wash facilities with handicap access at Deacon Mills. Multiple stalls for larger venues or events to accommodate more people.

New bath house or shower house with restrooms in Hattie Sherwood beach area, cleaner beach area, newer benches, and provide a staffed lifeguard several scheduled days throughout the summer weekdays and weekends for youth to have access to the swim area. Bring the floating stationary raft back for swim activity for older youth.

Have WIFI capability or play music on outdoor wired speakers for subtle beach music

Enhance walkway - sidewalk from downtown to the Hattie Sherwood beach area.

Signs state that the sidewalk was once put in by the Lions Club years ago but parts of the sidewalk need to be replaced and repaired. Perhaps make it a more attractive walkway with flowers or something more appealing to enhance the walk next to the Mill Pond. Cut down the numerous broken trees and limbs that hang off the trees along the walkway from downtown to Hattie Sherwood.

Extend boardwalk by the water side to walk along the water from downtown to Hattie!?

Update the Theatre/ amphitheater in Deacon Mills with new lighting, different color to give it a fresh look perhaps to match new bathrooms etc. Newer features in town will attract more visitors and families that will find the area attractive to live here.

Ask businesses to make investments in the fronts of their stores for better curb appeal throughout town. To match the look of some of the newer stores Such as Collective and Camp Girl. North Bay could make some improvements to their curb appeal, any traffic drives right to its front doors and either has to turn right or left staring at the old peeling OLIVE green paint. Could there be a grant program our town could establish so businesses could apply for grants and have help to make this a city-wide effort.

See the Waupaca City Grant Incentive Program and what they are offering for their downtown businesses: <https://www.cityofwaupaca.org/2021/06/10/downtown-incentive-grant-program/> Repaint Yellow paint that is peeling off the curbs just outside the city hall across street by Indigo Blue and the hair salon and other areas throughout town.

There are concerns about the dog park - if it comes to fruition, who will maintain it and clean up dog waste etc. Refill dog bags for cleaning up waste, clean up trash

There is a high likelihood that some patrons will be lazy and unwilling to clean up after their dogs. What has been addressed about who will maintain it!? Aside from signage, what is the plan to keep this area clean!? The rented gravel parking lot. Couldn't this gravel lot be paved!? It would be so much nicer for visitors to park in a blacktopped

parking lot with painted lines and some beautiful flower pots along the sidewalk areas of the lot for landscaping and curb appeal.

The Boat Launch area needs updates and needs regular maintenance. New removable dock/piers to tie boats up to. The current white one is old, sits in the water croaked and is very difficult to pull a boat up to because of how it sits in the water.

Our downtown marina would be at more appealing if the green algae was cleaned out regularly from the marina. Especially when there are larger planned events downtown like Bike events or 5K runs that bring outside visitors in our town. Wouldn't we want the town to look it's very best where there are 100's of guests visiting our town in a given weekend!? That is not very inviting for visitors to enjoy a picnic lunch on the table overlooking an algae filled marina. I understand efforts are underway in the GLA with water goals, but couldn't the launch and marina have some sort of skimming tool to remove this at peak times of the year!? Most pools have them.

Daycholah lookout is a beautiful spot. We love this spot overlooking the lake! Could the current old broken concrete wall be replaced that you sit in front of overlooking the lake!? The walk down to the benches is nice but then to sit and look at that old concrete. Thanks for having the survey and allowing the opportunity to give input on what we feel is important in enhancing our cute yet lovely little lake town.

Stuart's landscaping is what really enhances the Playground Park area and Mill Pond. I hope they continue to provide the lovely flower gardens, hanging flowers over the wooden bridge. They do a great job swapping these different flower gardens out for each season of the year!! Thank you for having them do this. The sidewalk art is a cute added touch to the town. Hopefully we see more unique things like this throughout the city.

Floating Water Park - for all ages. Splash pads are for toddlers, maybe up to ten years of age. Don't waste the money.

The Playground Park equipment is very outdated and needs to be upgraded. It would be nice if you could include a handicap swing in the future as well, since I know of a few handicap children in the Green Lake area that would greatly benefit from this.

Would be nice to have some more playground options for all ages, maybe a zip line.

The pebbles are annoying for all parents, a rubber bottomed playground surface would be great. A splash pad and/or some kind of indoor rec center would be awesome, too. Update the playground equipment, restroom areas kept cleaner, picnic areas cleaner, have paved bike/walking trails.

A children's splash pad would be amazing!!! It's scary to take little ones to the beach, so I think you'd see the splash pad get a lot of use. The dog park is also going to be a huge plus.

Add indoor pickleball

Swim lessons in GL would be nice. Dredge the area by the Deacon Mills

I didn't answer about many of the parks listed because I don't even know where they are or what they have to offer. Boat parking wasn't listed but we depend on parking to come into Green Lake to eat and shop. This is very important.

Adding a weight room

Indoor and outdoor shuffleboard, community center- indoor and outdoor
Boardwalk (s) around lake
Updated playground equipment at Highknocker and Playground parks and benches would be great. Maintenance and upkeep. Lights operating. Goose and duck crap control. Deacon Mills Park- Additional garbage and recycling cans needed.
Hattie Sherwood Beach- Additional garbage and replying cans needed I feel the beach could be developed into a much better area by adding more sand, raking sand to remove sticks and debris, a better entry for kids and adults into the lake by widening the steps and keeping them free from algae as the stones become very slippery, additional seating/picnic tables, landscaping around the beach area and restrooms.
Playground Park - updated playground equipment. Thank you for your time.
Improve the tennis courts, playground equipment, improved seating and increased restrooms would be helpful.
Bike trails to make getting around the Green Lake area safer
Allow dogs in more parks,
We would love to have expanded multi-use trails and indoor swimming access.
I think we are blessed to have such a variety of parks throughout the city. As a grandparent additional play items for the smaller children. More park benches.
Green Lake senior Tree benches
Create a new park as a nature area.
Restrooms upgrade.
Frequent leveling of gravel under playground equipment would be helpful.
Can we get more lake access or mill pond access?
More walking trails and protection of wet land.
Splash pad, improve bike law enforcement.
Have a WIFI free city /county
A launch/ramp for kayaks would be awesome! Would be handicap accessible but use for all!!! Also, a better access for young children to use Hattie Sherwood beach. Please consider both of these...thank you!
Ramp with kayak launch in various locations around the lake (perhaps Duering's Landing would be a good location?) These could also benefit people with certain physical disabilities to allow them to get in & out of kayaks easier.
Duerings Landing would be a great place for ADA accessible non-motorized watercraft launch.
Kayaks and paddle boards should have a safe place to launch that isn't near motorized boats. Making it ADA compliant expands access to everyone! The lake should be enjoyed by local residents as well as visiting tourists. It should NOT be made only accessible by rich folks on the lake with private access.
New hand dryers
Need more public access to Big Green. It's also important to offer different types of access to the lake so that boats, kayaks, and swimmers can all have safe and controlled access. Please utilize existing road rights-of-way for small, safe lake access points Thanks

City Council May 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes. (approval of the plan)

CITY OF GREEN LAKE REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 9, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Raymond Radis. Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Certification of Open Meeting Law: Agenda was posted May 5, 2022. Second posting was done May 6, 2022, before 5:00 pm to add one more item under new business.

Roll Call: Jon McConnell, Danielle Reysen, James Jahnke, George King, Steven Utecht, Christopher Foos. Also Present: City Attorney Daniel Sondalle, Police Chief Jason Reysen, Public Works Director Jason Carley.

Agenda: Motion made by McConnell, second by Utecht to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion made by McConnell, second by Foos to approve Minutes of Committee of the Whole – 4/11/2022; Regular Common Council – 4/11/2022; Organizational & Special Council Meeting – 4/19/2022. Motion carried.

Engagement Letter with Quarles & Brady for \$900,000 Loan: Motion made by Foos, second by McConnell to approve the Engagement Letter with Quarles & Brady for \$900,000 loan. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing \$900,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes: Motion made by Foos, second by McConnell to adopt a “Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$900,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022”. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Resolution #1250-2022.5

Street Closing Permit for NCSSA: Motion made by Foos, second by McConnell to approve a Street Closing Permit for NCSSA Sailboat Regatta on June 16 and 19, 2022, on Park Drive. Motion carried.

Gym Use Permits: Motion made by McConnell, second by Reysen to issue Gym Use Permits to Charles Mirr, Brad Pavelec and Robin Kenton. Motion carried. Motion made by McConnell, second by Reysen to suspend the rules to allow Andrew Maes to speak. Motion carried. Andrew Maes addressed the Council. He is asking for reserving the gym from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the whole year. Motion made by King, second by McConnell to suspend the rules to allow Charles Mirr to speak. Motion carried. Charles Mirr addressed the Council regarding several issues regarding the stage curtain, cleaning, and questioned the request for use of 4 hours daily, 3 days every week.

Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan 2022-2026: Motion made by McConnell, second by Utecht to adopt the Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan 2022-2026. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Suggestion was made to include to build wharf or walking path around shoreline in Playground Park including over the dam which should be referred to Park & Recreation Board.

DNR Grant Resolution: McConnell second by King to suspend the rules to allow Robin Wallenfang to speak. Motion carried. Motion made by McConnell, second by Foos to adopt a "Resolution Authorizing Representatives to Apply for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Grant for Deacon Mills Park Restrooms & Park Drive Boat Launch Renovations". Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Resolution #1251-2022.5

Well #2 Repairs: Motion made by Foos, second by McConnell to approve Well #2 repairs in the amount of \$9,338. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Foos left at 6:31 pm.

Mooring Area Lease Agreement: Agreement was presented to lease out the mooring area to Norton's Dry Dock. Motion made by McConnell, second by Jahnke to approve "Contract for Services". Motion made by McConnell, second by Utecht that the people that have already paid are grandfathered in for the \$500 and that money will have to be paid to the Service Provider, Service Provider has to be named, and Agreement is effective May 10th. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried. Roll Call on Original Motion: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Sale of Leaf Vac/Public Works Equipment: Motion made by McConnell, second by Jahnke to sell the leaf vac to JJ Services for \$2,000. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Appointment of Leah Haasch to Library Board: Motion made by Utecht, second by McConnell to approve the Mayor's appointment of Leah Haasch to the Library Board. Motion carried.

CSM for W1970 South Lawson Drive: Motion made by Jahnke, second by King to adopt a "Resolution for Approval of a Certified Survey Map for 1970 Lawson LLC, W1970 South Lawson Drive, Green Lake, WI". Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried. Resolution #1252-2022.5

Bills: Additional invoice was submitted for grant writing to Robin Wallenfang in the amount of \$3,000.00 for grant total of \$118,546.80. Motion made by McConnell, second by King to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$118,546.80. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Agenda Items: Illinois Avenue Street Project Update.

Motion made by King, second by McConnell to adjourn. Motion carried. (6:48 pm)

Barbara L. Dugenske, Clerk