



City of Green Lake

2022-2026

Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan

Update September 2023

Purpose of the Plan...

The City of Green Lake ***2022-2026 Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)*** 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.

So let us look at what we have accomplished in the past 15 months and what is still on the drawing boards for the next 4 years.

The paperwork...

- ✓ **3/16/2022 The Park, Recreation & Tree Board approves Goals and Objectives for the next 5 years with consideration of the resources available. Public Works Director reviews CIP and proposed project priorities to present to City Council.**
- ✓ **5/2022 Presentation is made to the City Council on Overview of the Comprehensive Plan.**
- ✓ **6/13/2022 City Council approves the Comprehensive Plan and signs Resolution.**
- ✓ **6/27/2022 The CORP/Comprehensive Plan is submitted and approved by DNR (6/27/2022 – 6/27/2027)**

Goals & Objectives (Pages 28-29 in CORP))

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

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

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

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

Proposed Park Capital Improvement Projects

The Public Works Department outlined priority park capital improvement projects within the planning period of 2022-2026 and estimated project costs to be reviewed by the Common Council.

The following projects represent those 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 *(Project completed 8/2022, \$170,000 total cost with a \$40,000 donation from the American Legion and \$130,000 City)*

Resurface and line tennis courts/pickleball courts *(Projected project cost is approx.\$500,000. The City applied for State DNR grant however was denied 8/2023) Currently working on partnership opportunities and alternative funding and The City will re-submit grant application in Spring 2024.*

Upgrade Hattie Sherwood Beach lighting
(Pending)

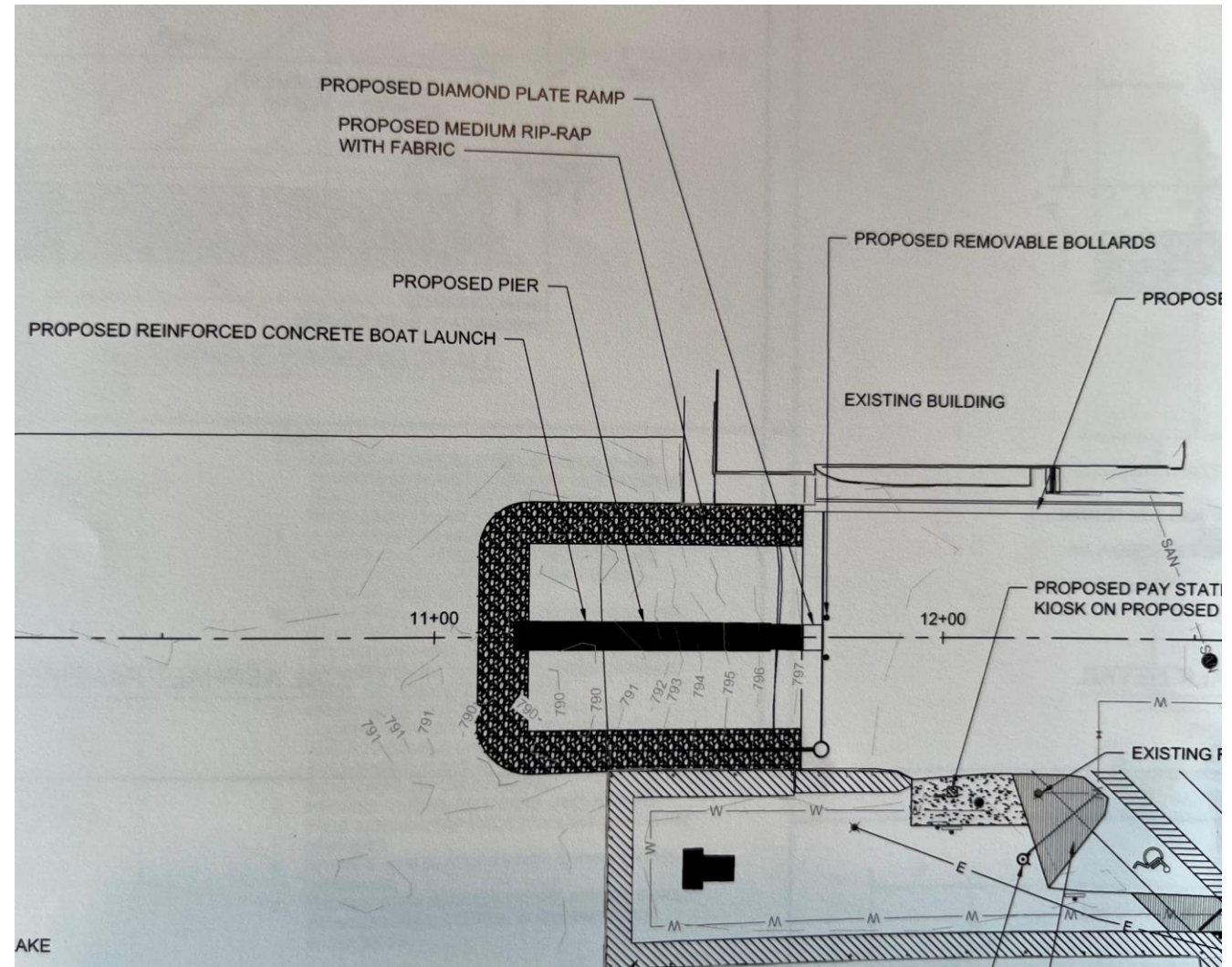
Renovate/replace/upgrade Hattie Sherwood Beach facilities ***(Grading and zero-depth beach entry project completed in April 2023, removal of dead trees and fishing pier completed April 2023. Permanent pier funding secured, pier is slated for installation Fall 2023. Working on project costs and alternative funding sources for restroom facility renovation and new ADA fishing deck .)***



Replace Deacon Mills boat launch pad
(Secured \$508,000 in federal and state grant funding. Total projected cost is \$616,000. The project is in design with construction slated to begin July 2024)

Replace Deacon Mills Restroom Facility
(Currently looking at cost effective design options to included an ADA /Family section and small concession. Working on alternative funding streams.)

Upgrade Deacon Mills Park lighting
(Lights have been donated, installation pending)





Add accessible walking path to Playground Park
(Currently working with non-profit group on project cost, and funding to replace playground equipment and add accessible pathways.)

Expand South Lawson Wharf

(Projected cost estimated at \$480,000 to expand the wharf from the bridge to the beach.

Working on funding)

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(Pending South Lawson completion)



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 outlines specific projects and actions which are recommended to be accomplished with the resources available during this 5-year planning period.

Maintain and improve Playground Park.

- Replace/upgrade play structure and individual playground pieces ensuring accessibility for all. (Currently working with non-profit on funding)
- Install a walking path to playground area for improved accessibility (ADA standards) (Currently working with non-profit)
- Install an accessible canoe/kayak launch site.
- Add a new picnic shelter overlooking the pond.

Maintain and improve Hattie Sherwood Beach

- Maintain/ensure annual shoreline restoration.
- Replace/upgrade lighting
- Refurbish restroom facilities, add space for snack shack facility/space for possible contracted vendor or non-profit adding services to the beach experience.
- Install a new pier (Fall 2024) and (Completed) beach friendly entrance to water.

Maintain and improve Hattie Sherwood Campground

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



Maintain and improve Deacon Mills Park

- Replace the boat launch pad (*Project funded, construction begins July 2024*)
- Replace the boat launch pier (*Project funded, construction begins July 2024*)
- Replace/upgrade park lighting (*Lights donated, install pending*)
- Replace/upgrade restrooms to ensure ADA standards are met.
- Annual maintenance on the Outdoor Amphitheater (*Painted July 2023*)
- Expand wharf to accommodate additional boat parking.



Maintain and improve Friday Club Park

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



Maintain and improve Lake Street Sports Complex & Dog Park

- ✓ Replace baseball field lights to LED lighting. *(Completed 2022)*
- Resurface and line tennis/pickle ball courts. *(Currently working on funding)*
- Add accessible walking/exercise paths to park amenities and throughout the park.
- Resurface and line bb courts.
- Add new LED lighting to softball fields.
- Repair infield and add baseline fencing. *(Currently working with Community group that secured funding for the project. Project to begin Fall 2023)*
- Pave drive and parking area to future dog park and kayak/canoe boat launch area.
- Improve kayak/canoe boat launch with new signage, pier, and launch pad.

Maintain and improve Highnocker Trail Park

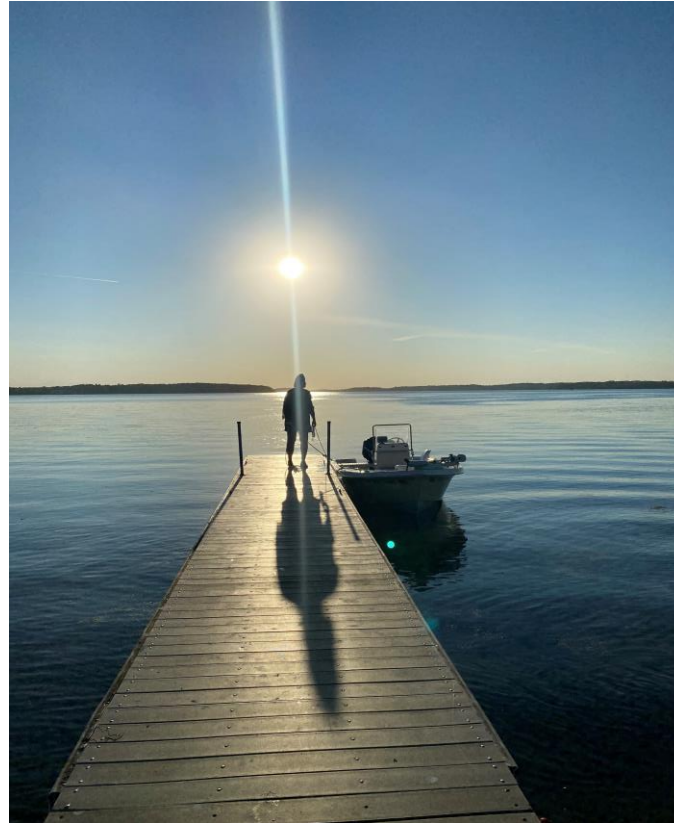
- Replace gravel with accessible path to playground equipment. (ADA standards)
- When replacing playground equipment add accessible playground equipment.
- Replace and ensure fall protection materials/standards are met under playground equipment.
- Add walkway lighting.

Maintain and improve Daycholah Park

- ✓ Add 2-3 on-street parking stalls with Illinois Avenue Street improvements.
(Completed August 2022)
- Install concrete pads under park benches.

Maintain and improve Canal Street Boat Launch

- Improve boat launch pad
- Re-stripe parking lot
- Expand parking lot



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

- Recruit, select, and train 1 FT staff member for field operations.
- Recruit, select and train 1 new clerical support personnel as needed.
- ✓ Hire a Grant Administrator to maximize funding resources. **(As needed basis with MSA)**

Utilize technology to improve maintenance and operations.

- ✓ Purchase and install an electronic boat launch fee system at Deacon Mills Park. **(Completed 2023)**
- Purchase and install new field operation equipment as needed.

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

(Completed system for communication and logging hours, annual recognition program pending)

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

(A Sponsorship/Marketing Committee is currently in the works)



Hattie Sherwood Beach Park

450 South Lawson Drive
Master Plan Concept 8/2022



Kayak/canoe launch



Demo road & install a new bridge.

Algae/vegetation remediation application.



Zero depth water entry for accessibility



Retrofit existing building to include a concession area and picnic shaded areas.



Install a new permanent pier.



Install a permanent wharf along the shoreline.



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Lake Street Outdoor Sports Complex & Dog Park

557 Lake Street

Master Plan Concept 11/2022



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Tennis/Pickle ball

Resurface, line and replace fencing on existing tennis courts. Add two new pickle ball courts. Add small picnic area and bottle water station.

Softball Field Extend fence lines and remediate weed problem, pave drive, and add circular drop off, add lights.

Basketball Add half-court basketball court.

Dog Park Add accessible paths and entrance to both areas.

Exercise/Walking Path Add chat path on perimeter area of park.

Kayak/Canoe Launch Demo old pier, add launch pad and improve waterway signage. Pave road to launch and Dog Park.

Park Entrance Add entrance site signage and concrete sidewalk.

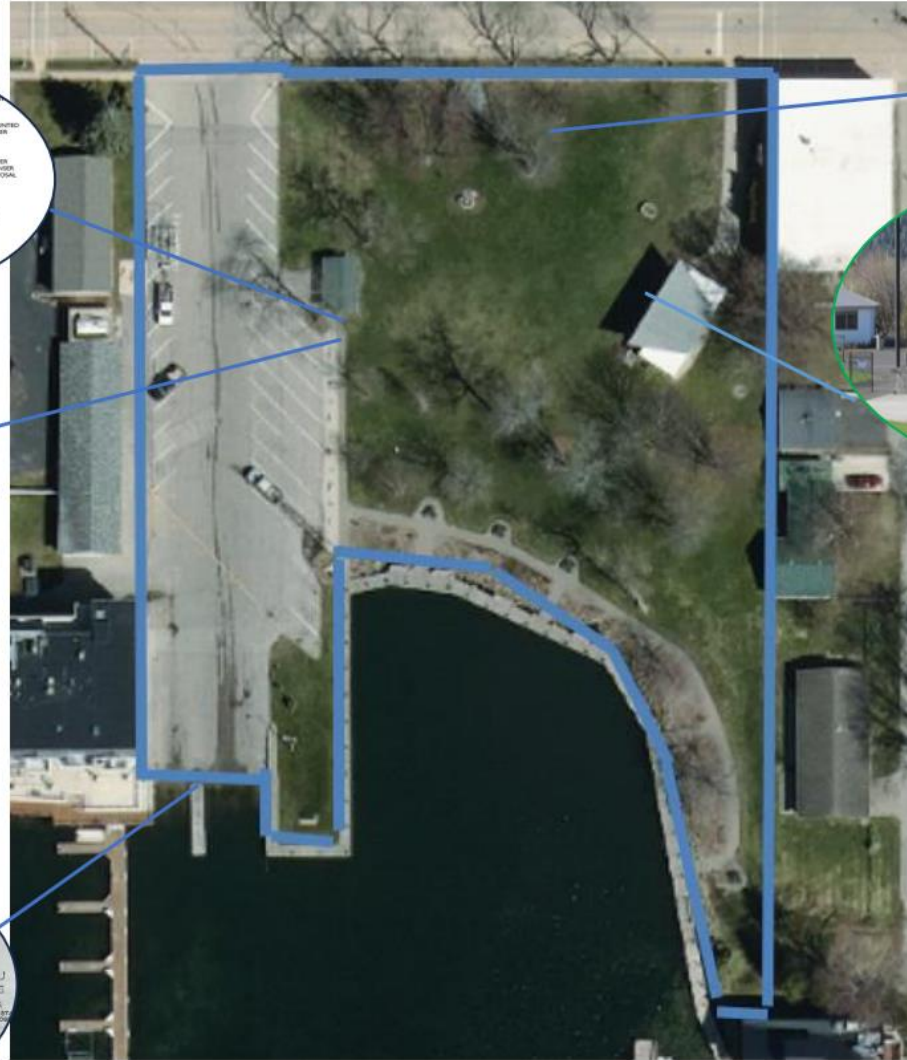
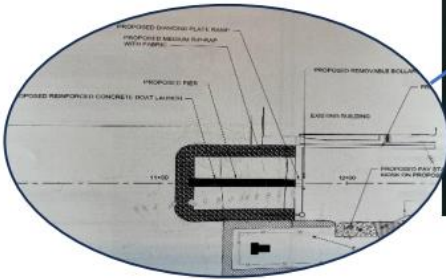
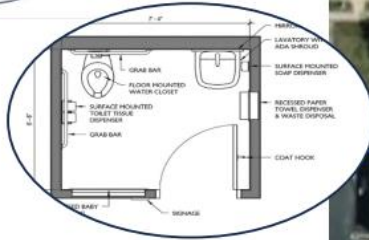
Pavilion and Play Area Add at a later date if site/land comes available adjacent to the park.



Deacon Mills Park

491 South Street

Master Plan Concept 8/2023



Amphitheater - Add a concrete pad off the front of the existing amphitheater. Improve/upgrade stage electrical and lighting.

Restroom Facility- Renovate/expand existing restroom facility to include an ADA/Family bathroom facility and small concession.

Sidewalk – Add a meandering sidewalk on the perimeter areas of the park for improved accessibility and connectivity.

Site Lighting – Add new park lights.

Boat Launch – Demo existing launch and add a new launch infrastructure and a new floating pier.

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What we've accomplished with partners of the parks...and what's in the hopper

- ✓ Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approved our 5-year Comprehensive Plan (CORP)
- ✓ Received donation for lights for Deacon Mills and Hattie Sherwood.
- ✓ Sports Complex – Purchased and installed new LED lights for baseball field.
- ✓ Added 2 parking stalls on Illinois Ave for Daycholah Park.
- ✓ Secured \$508,000 in grant funds for a new boat launch and accessible pier.
- ✓ Established a communication and log-in system for volunteer hours.
- ✓ Hattie Sherwood Beach – graded and added zero-depth entry to water, removed old fishing pier, removed dead trees. Secured funding for permanent pier.
- ✓ Established agreement with MSA for grant writing on an “as need” basis.
- ✓ Established a boat launch electronic fee collection system
- ✓ Painted and repaired gazebo near bridge to Friday Club Park

What's in the hopper...

- ❖ Re-submit grant application to DNR for tennis and pickle ball courts at Sports Complex (Spring 2024).
- ❖ Sports Complex softball field improvements to include infield repairs and baseline fencing.
- ❖ Install donated lights at Deacon Mills and Hattie Sherwood Beach
- ❖ Installation of permanent pier at Hattie Sherwood Beach (Fall 2024)
- ❖ Secure funding for ADA fishing deck and restroom facility at the beach.
- ❖ Construction and completion of Boat Launch and ADA pier (July 2024)
- ❖ Develop cost effective design for restroom rehab of Deacon Mills Park
- ❖ Partner to secure funding, design, and construction of new ADA playground.
- ❖ Secure funding for expansion of S. Lawson Drive wharf expansion

hopper continued...

- ❖ **Develop a Master Conceptual Site Plan for Hattie Sherwood Campground. (Begin Fall 2023)**
- ❖ **Upgrade electrical sites at the Campground.**
- ❖ **Establish an Annual Volunteer Recognition Program**
- ❖ **Develop Sponsorship/Marketing Committee Strategic Plan**
- ❖ **Upgrade electrical stage needs at Deacon Mills amphitheater**
- ❖ **QR placards in parks for visitors to learn about the history of the park land and adjacent lands.**
- ❖ **New maritime flag pole in Deacon Mills Park**



The future is bright for the City of Green Lake Parks and Outdoor Recreation!

Benefits of parks and recreation for our community...Economic...Social...and Personal Health benefits

We value community partnerships...strength in working together!

Embracing the history of our area and working toward the future!