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# City of Green Lake

2022-2026

Comprehensive Park & Outdoor Recreation Plan

*Progress Update June 2024*

## 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 and what is still on the drawing boards.

## **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 re-submitted the grant application in Spring 2024. DNR will be announcing /awarding grant funding in the Fall of 2024.*



**Upgrade Hattie Sherwood Beach lighting**

***(Installation will occur July 2024)***

**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 and ADA fishing pier funding secured, and piers were installed April 2024. Adirondak chairs on the pier were donated and installed March 2024.***

***Restroom facility was painted May 2024***

***New signs were installed.***

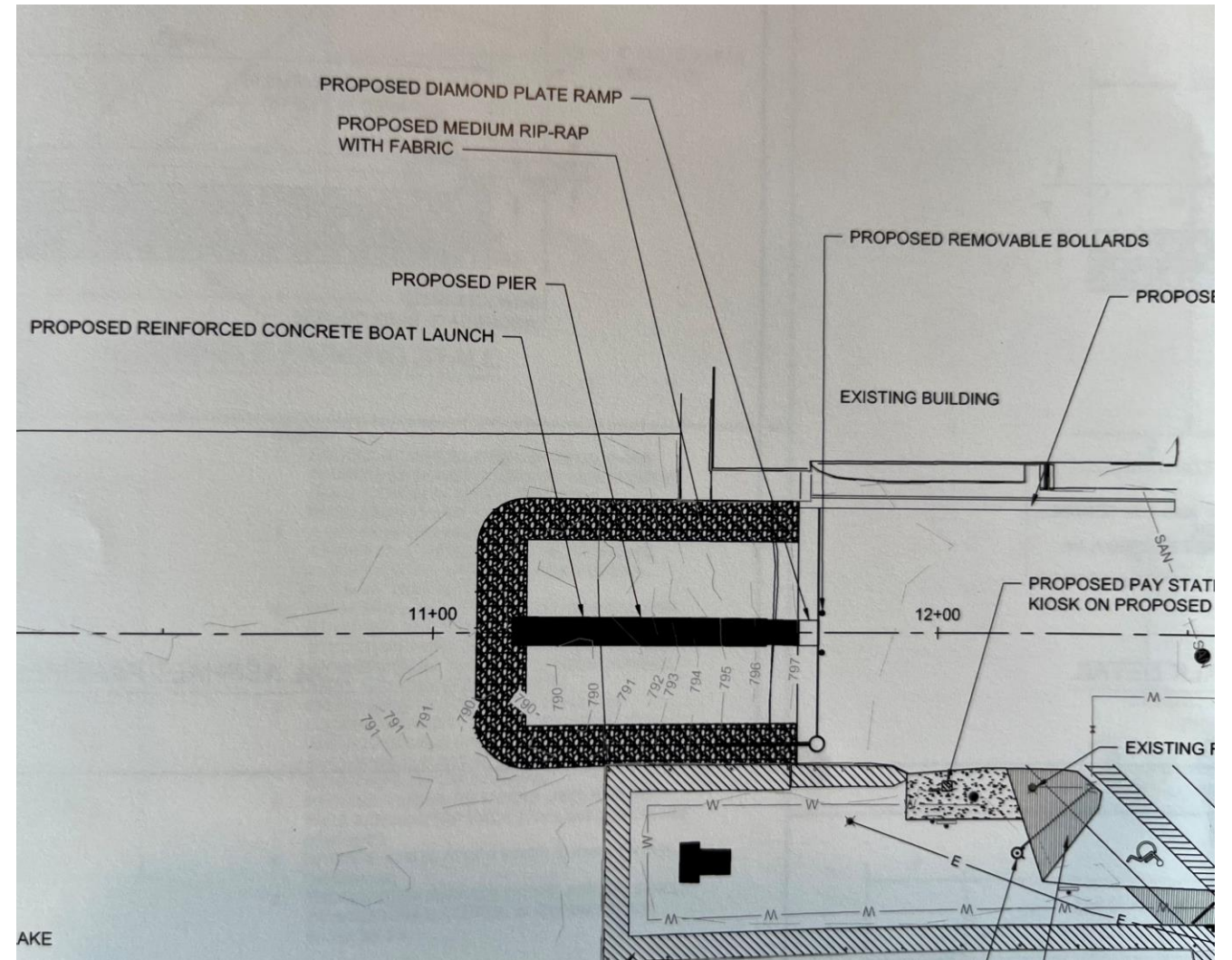
***Working on project costs and alternative funding sources for restroom facility renovation.***



**Replace Deacon Mills boat launch pad**  
*Secured \$508,000 in federal and state grant funding. Total projected cost is \$616,000. The project construction start date is July 8, 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 is scheduled for July 2024.*







**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.*

## **Expand Deacon Mills Wharf**

*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 organization on funding.**
- Install a walking path to playground area for improved accessibility (ADA standards) **Currently working with non-profit organization.**
- Install an accessible canoe/kayak launch site.
- Add a new picnic shelter overlooking the pond.
- **A conceptual site plan will begin Fall 2024**

## Maintain and improve Hattie Sherwood Beach

- Maintain/ensure annual shoreline restoration.
- **Removed dead trees and planted new trees May 2024**
- Replace/upgrade lighting **Scheduled for July 2024**
- Refurbish restroom facilities, add space for snack shack facility/space for possible contracted vendor or non-profit adding services to the beach experience. **Painted May 2024. Working on alternative funding for upgrades/replacement of restroom facility.**
- Install a new pier **and replaced ADA fishing pier. Completed Feb 2024**
- Zero depth/accessible beach friendly entrance to water **Completed Spring 2023**

# Maintain and improve Hattie Sherwood Park

- Develop a Master Park Site Plan. **A conceptual site plan to begin Sept 2024**
- Improve /upgrade site pads and electrical hook ups. **Completed May 2024**
- Improve boat launch area to Mill Pond.
- Removed over 150 dead trees and planted 19 new trees. **Completed May 2024**





# 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, installation scheduled for July 2024*
- 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
- Painted gazebo Fall 2023



# 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. DNR grant application re-submitted Spring 2024)*
- 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. *Community group donated time and materials for the project. Completed Fall 2023.*
- Pave drive and parking area to 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

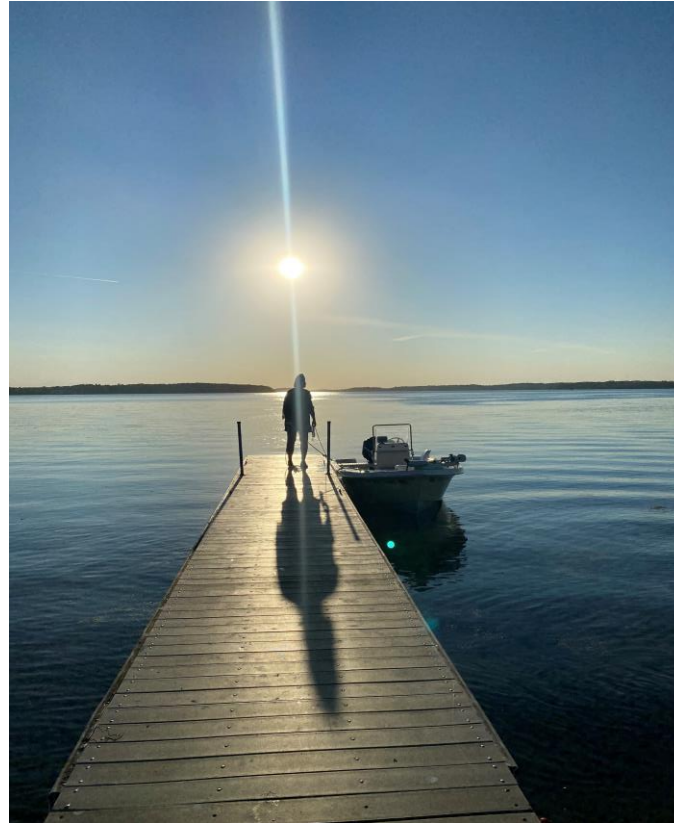
- Replace gravel with accessible path to playground equipment. (ADA standards)
- When replacing playground equipment add accessible playground equipment.
- Replace and ensure fall protection materials/standards are met under playground equipment.
- Add walkway lighting.

## 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. **Completed Fall 2023**
- 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

Completed and on-going. Annual recognition was held in Fall 2023

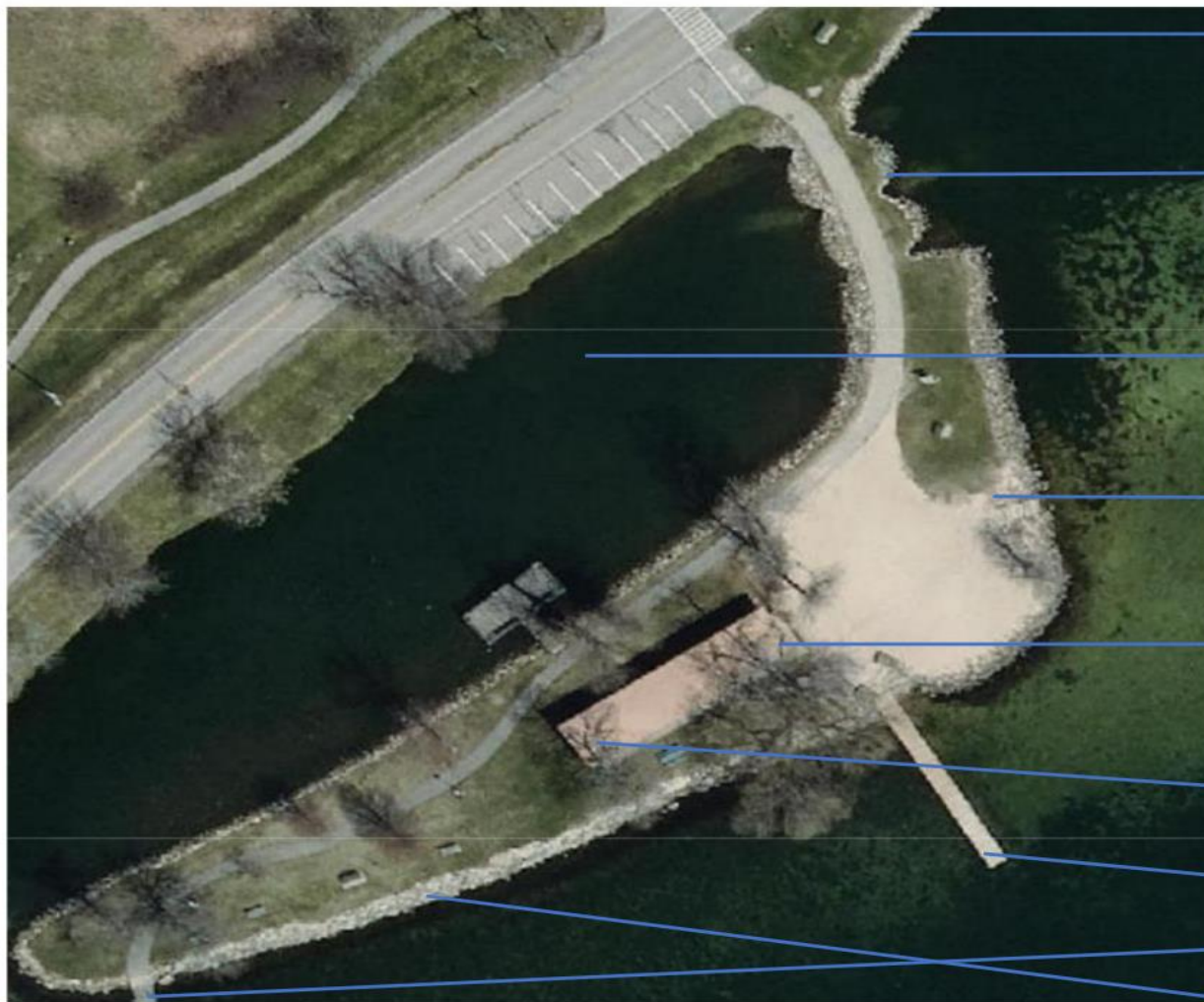
**Research and consider a Friends of the Park program that may lead into a foundation for the purpose of non-profit grant funding opportunities.**

A Sponsorship/Marketing Committee has been established - 2023



# 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



## **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.

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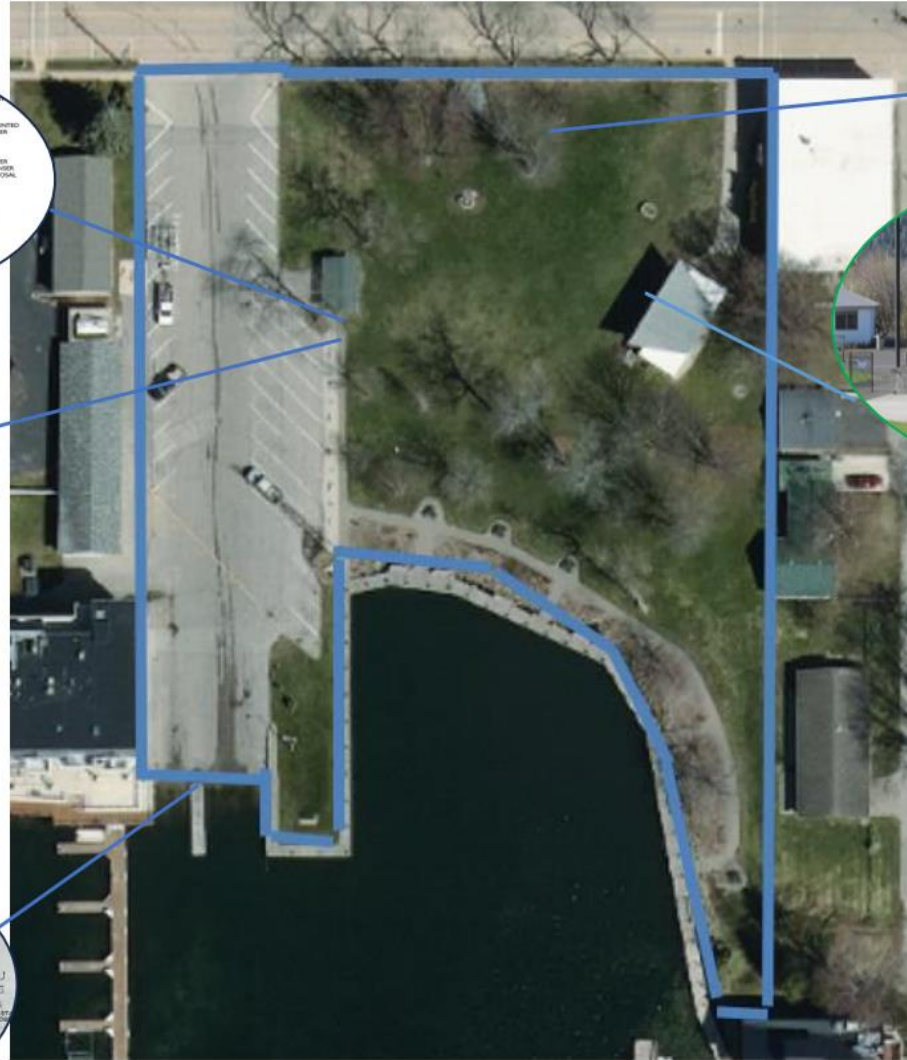
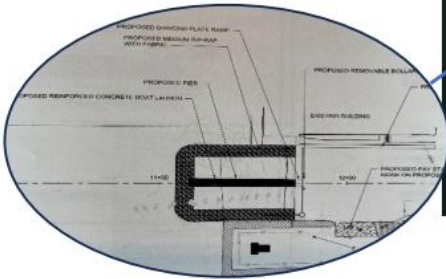
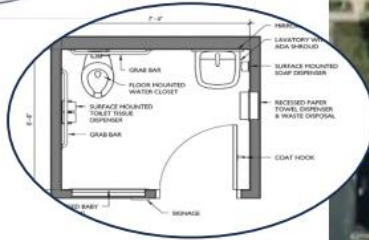




# Deacon Mills Park

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)
- ✓ Sports Complex – Purchased and installed new LED lights for baseball field.
- ✓ Secured \$508,000 in grant funds for a new boat launch and accessible pier.
- ✓ Hattie Sherwood Beach – graded and added zero-depth entry to water, removed old fishing pier, removed dead trees. Secured funding for permanent pier.
- ✓ Established a boat launch electronic fee collection system
- ✓ Received donation for lights for Deacon Mills and Hattie Sherwood.
- ✓ Added 2 parking stalls on Illinois Ave for Daycholah Park.
- ✓ Established a communication and log-in system for volunteer hours.
- ✓ Established agreement with MSA for grant writing on an “as need” basis.
- ✓ Removed 150 dead trees and planted 19 trees in Hattie Sherwood Park and Beach locations .
- ✓ Upgraded campsite pads and electrical at Hattie Sherwood Campground. Had bathroom painted.
- ✓ Hired a new Campground Manager
- ✓ Secured and developed an electronic registration system for the Campground.
- ✓ Refreshed the Campground webpage.
- ✓ Hired a new field operations staff member within the Public Works Dept.
- ✓ Re-submitted grant application for Sports Complex/Tennis and Pickle ball courts.
- ✓ Upgraded softball fields to include infield repairs, new baseline fencing, and new flag pole.
- ✓ Secured funding and installed permanent pier and ADA fishing pier at Hattie Sherwood Beach. Painted restroom facility.
- ✓ Held an Annual Volunteer Recognition Program.
- ✓ Installed QR codes at all park locations to give patrons history of the park site.
- ✓ Painted and repaired gazebo near bridge at Friday Club Park

# What's in the hopper...

- ❖ Install donated lights at Deacon Mills and Hattie Sherwood Beach
- ❖ Begin construction and 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
- ❖ Develop a Master Conceptual Site Plan for Hattie Sherwood Park. (Begin Fall 2024)
- ❖ Develop a Master Conceptual Site Plan for Playground Park. (Begin Fall 2024)
- ❖ Upgrade electrical stage needs at Deacon Mills amphitheater
- ❖ 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!***