



**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 – 6:30PM
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**6:30 p.m.- December 21, 2021 Park Board
Tue, Dec 21, 2021 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CST)**

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AGENDA

Committee Members: Cindy Feuredi, Brian Olsen, David Quickel, Barbara Philipps, Peggy Schneider, Obdulia Alvarez, Peg Esposito, Alderperson Mary Jo Fesenmaier and Mayor Charlene Klein

1. Call to order – Cindy Feuredi
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2021
4. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes
5. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Veterans Park / Neighborhood Investment Grant
6. Discussion regarding the Mountain Bike Trail Development
7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Disc Golf Course Bridge
8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding YMCA Contract
9. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Dave Volk Signs
10. Discussion/Recommendation regarding placement of more Park Benches
11. Discussion/Recommendation regarding the Mary Kotousky Four Season Nature Preserve Map
12. Discussion/Recommendation regarding the Playground Equipment Audit
13. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Park Display on City Website



14. Set Next Meeting Date (January 18, 2022- 6:30 PM)

15. Adjournment

Park and Open Space Plan Work Session to commence immediately following the adjournment of the Board of Park Commissioners Meeting.

Although this work session meeting is not an official meeting of the Lake Geneva Common Council or the Board of Park Commissioners, it is anticipated that some members will attend the event. The purpose of this notice is to comply with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, which requires that public notice be given when members of a governmental body will gather to receive information on matters that may fall within the scope of the governmental body's governing authority.

Board of Park Commissioners

October 19, 2021 -6:30 pm

Minutes

1Call to order - Cindy Fueredi

2Roll call - Cindy Fueredi, David Quickel, Barb Phillips, Peg Esposito, Peggy Schneider, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Mayor Charlene Klein, Neil Wasco

3No public comments

4August minutes require amending: Peg Esposito would like to amend her statement to reflect that by improving the playgrounds in the parks, they promote indirect revenue that helps to fund them.

5Recommendation/Discussion regarding NeverSayNever video and support of fundraising.

Motion: Conduct a playground equipment replacement and repair audit including ADA audit and cost. - Dave Quickel

Seconded: Peggy Schneider

6YMCA Quarterly update. Mike Coolidge presented.

He reported that the summer sports season through the YMCA attracted 803 players including 4 three-day tournaments in 2021. 8 three-day tournaments are scheduled for 2022.

The YMCA has applied for a tourism grant addressing the need to resurface the 5 baseball diamonds.

7Discussion/Recommendation regarding the White River Park Bridge Repair.

Motion: Repair bridge #3 to be built for vehicle traffic - Cindy Fueredi

Seconded: Mayor Klein

8MSA final presentation

Becky Binz reminded the board that stewardship funds may be available for future parkland purchase and splashpad creation at Seminary Park.

Becky Binz reminded the city to raise impact fees and developer fees on new developments.

Becky Binz recommended that the City conduct an ADA audit.

Becky Binz of MSA submitted her recommendations for review

Motion: Remove recommendation to move boat launch to Big Foot beach and close Wrigley Dr. - Mayor Klein

Seconded: Mary Jo Fesenmaier

Motion: Conduct a Park Board "work session" to review MSA final proposal. -Peg Esposito

Seconded: Mary Jo Fesenmaier

9 Discussion/Recommendation regarding moving the existing sign at MKFourSeasonNaturePreserve to be more visible.

Motion: Moving existing sign at MKFourSeasonNaturePreserve to be more visible - Cindy Fueredi
Seconded: Neil Wasco

10. Discussion/Recommendation regarding creating an ordinance that multi use paths be maintained by adjacent property owners ie Park Drive, and near Aldi/TacoBell.

Motion: Create an ordinance that multi use paths be maintained by adjacent property owners. - Cindy Fueredi

Seconded: Neil Wasco

11 Next meeting Date Nov 9, 6:30pm, 2021

12 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Mayor Klein

Seconded: Cindy Fueredi



LAKE GENEVA

COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

2021-2026

Board of Park Commissioners

Cindy Forster-Fueredi, *Chair*

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, *Second District Alder*

Charlene Kleinm, *Mayor*

Peggy Schneider, *Playground Equipment Subcommittee*

Neil Waswo, *Superintendent*

Peg Esposito

Brian Olson

Dave Quickel

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Adoption Ordinance

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 PLAN PURPOSE

Parks, recreation and trails are important elements in the quality of life for all communities. Not only these elements provide a safe and healthy place to recreate, they also serve to beautify, protect the natural environment and influence the patterns of development in and around the community.

The City of Lake Geneva realizes the importance and benefits its parks, open space and trail systems have on the City's character and quality of life and is committed to providing for the recreational needs of current and future residents. This plan intends to guide the continual improvement of the City's park, recreation and trail systems to maintain its eligibility for State and Federal park and recreation grants. This plan envisions a connected system of parks, open spaces and trails throughout Lake Geneva, related to the City's natural resources, geography and neighborhoods.

The plan is also intended to be a support document and component of Lake Geneva's Comprehensive Plan, as well as align Lake Geneva with local and State initiatives to promote outdoor recreation. This plan along with the City's other long-range plans and development-related ordinances, will be used to implement and promote its parks and recreation program.

Specifically the plan provides:

- Information regarding demographic trends
- An inventory of existing park and recreational facilities,
- An analysis of parkland and recreational needs and demands,
- General policy direction regarding park, recreation, open space, bicycle, and pedestrian facility planning and maintenance,
- Recommendations for new and improving existing park, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and
- Funding and implementation strategies.

This plan identifies conceptual locations and recommendations for different types of parks, trails, natural areas, and recreational facilities. In nearly every case, more detailed planning, engineering, study, budgeting, and discussions will be necessary before decisions are made to actually acquire land or construct recreational facilities.

CORP & GRANT FUNDING

The Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program (Stewardship) in 1989. Named for two of Wisconsin's most revered conservation leaders, Warren Knowles (Governor 1965-1971) and Gaylord Nelson (Governor 1959-1963, U.S. Senator 1964-1981), the purpose of the program is to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. The conservation and recreation goals of the Stewardship Program are achieved through the acquisition of land and easements, development of recreational facilities, and restoration of wildlife habitat.

The Stewardship grant program is the most widely used recreational grant program in the state. Eligibility for the program requires that a community maintain a local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (CORP), updated every five years, and that the project for which grant funding is sought is described in the CORP. Many other similar state and federal recreational grant programs have similar requirements or have shown a tendency to favor those grant applications which are supported through previous community planning efforts.

1.2 PLANNING PROCESS

Recreation, bicycle, and pedestrian planning are essential components of long-range community planning in Lake Geneva. Currently Lake Geneva has a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) that was adopted in 2015. In 2021, the City contracted with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to assist with an update to the 2015-2020 plan.

Early in the planning process Lake Geneva facilitated an online community survey to gather citizen feedback on desired public park, trail and recreational facilities. The process also included a public involvement meeting (PIM). This meeting was held to obtain input from the public and surrounding communities on desired park and recreation improvements (Refer to Appendix A for survey results and Chapter 4 for a summary of the public involvement meeting). A public hearing was also held prior to plan adoption.

This plan was developed following the Guidelines for the Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans of the 2019-2023 Wisconsin State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) created by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The plan content and format have been tailored to fit the needs of Lake Geneva.

1.3 THE ROLE OF PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS

The benefits of parks go far beyond simply being spaces where people can recreate. Parks contribute to the physical and mental health of individuals and provide public safety, environmental, economic and social equity benefits to our communities. Recently, parks have come to the forefront of public health discussions due to COVID-19. The pandemic has put parks in the spotlight as more people seek them out as places to gather and enjoy the outdoors. It is important to remember the benefits parks provide to the communities they serve, which include:

Belonging

Public parks are a unique amenity because they have the potential to be accessible to anyone in the community, regardless of age, gender, ability, socioeconomic status, race or ethnicity. Though we often find that disparities exist in the distribution and quality of parks and recreation amenities, many parks and recreation departments across the U.S. are now rethinking how to engage and provide benefits to residents who do not currently have access to parks. If parks can be more inclusive, they have the potential to function as a nucleus of neighborhood activity, where residents can gather for social events, recreational activities, and meetings about local issues, increasing social interaction and creating an overall sense of community.

Community Health

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), when individuals use green spaces, they have fewer health issues, improved blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and reduced stress—which leads to a lower incidence of depression and a greater ability to face problems. According to a report by the NRPA titled

PROJECT MILESTONES

APRIL-MAY 2021

- Existing Conditions Review
- Park Needs Review
- Board of Park Commissioners (BPC) Meeting #1

JUNE-JULY 2021

- Community Survey
- Public Open House

AUGUST 2021

- Preliminary Park Needs

SEPTEMBER 2021

- Draft Plan

OCTOBER 2021

- BPC Meeting #2
- Planning Commission Review & Recommendation
- Common Council Review & Adoption

"The Economic Impact of Parks," "Diabetic individuals taking 30-minute walks in a green space experienced lower blood glucose levels than spending the same amount of time doing physical activity in other settings. Thirty minutes of walking in nature resulted in larger drops in blood glucose than three hours of cycling indoors."

Ecological Health

While parks, forests and trails provide opportunities to improve the health of residents, they also contribute to the greater ecological health of the City. Parks are often tied together with environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, floodplains, surface waters, or significant woodlands which can include trails. These areas provide food and shelter for local wildlife and natural stormwater retention. Individual parks can provide important "rooms" of natural resource activity; however, they become even more functional when they can be linked together by environmental corridors, or "hallways." Wildlife, plants, and water all depend on the ability to move freely within the environment from room to room.

Economic Prosperity

Leisure time is an important component of everyone's lifestyle and increasingly people are choosing locations to live based on quality-of-life factors such as recreational amenities. This is especially true as more employers are allowing flexibility for employees to work remotely. The ability to retain or attract new residents has direct economic benefits to the City. For this reason, having a great park, recreation, and trail systems contributes directly to economic development.

According to a study completed by the National Recreation and Parks Association and George Mason University, 72% of the 70 communities studied use parks and recreation images in their economic development materials. The study notes that parks and recreation contribute to economic development through business attraction, business retention and expansion and talent attraction.

In addition, if a park system is designed with connections to regional destinations, it can serve to bring in additional visitors. This additional tourism can be a significant benefit to local businesses. The City's plan will align with regional and State plans to promote outdoor recreation in the greater area.

Connections

Connecting parks and recreational facilities to each other and the general population via trails is important to encourage safe, alternative modes of transportation. These paths can provide an important alternate means of traveling for those who prefer to bike for health or environmental reasons and for those who lack other means of transportation due to age, income or disability. Shared-use paths also provide important connections to public transit. According to the National Household Travel Survey conducted by the Federal Highway Administration, 85% of transit trips begin and end with walking and nearly one in six walking trips is made for the purpose of accessing public transit.

Impact of COVID-19

With COVID-19 we are seeing increased usage of trails and parks that are forcing us to redesign common areas and improving pedestrian and bicycle flow to maintain social distancing and increased usage. It is likely these shifts will impact parks into the future. Along with the design of park and recreation spaces, we are anticipating the way in which parks are funded is going to shift—there will likely be a more diverse set of funding sources and partnerships for park and recreation projects. To accelerate the recovery of communities that rely on travel, tourism and outdoor recreation the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 includes dedicated funding for Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (see more information on this program in Chapter 6).

1. <https://www.nrpa.org/parks-recreation-magazine/2018/june/recognizing-parks-and-recreations-role-in-economic-development/>

Chapter 2

ABOUT LAKE GENEVA

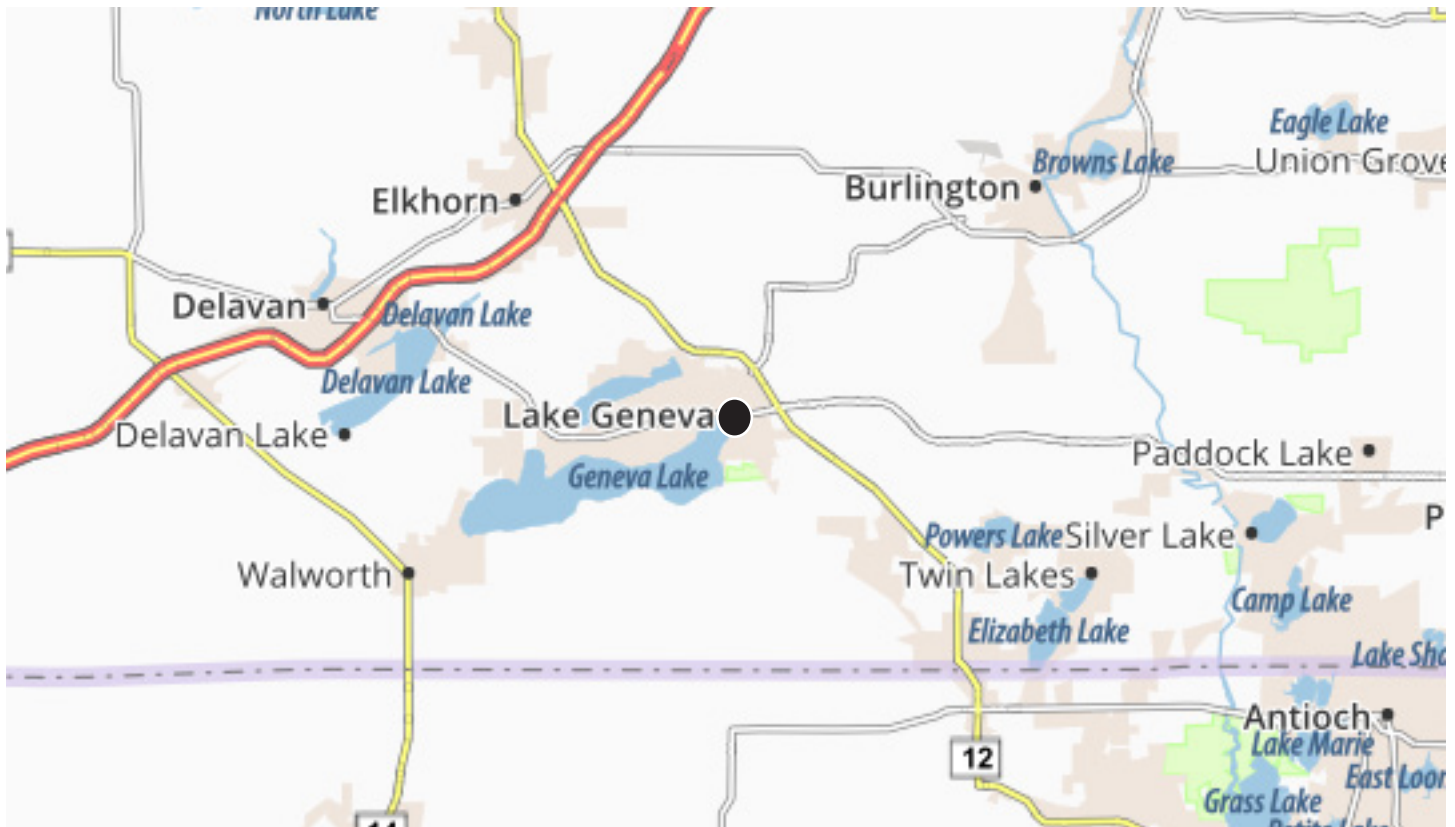
2.1 LOCAL & REGIONAL CONTEXT

The City of Lake Geneva is located in southeastern Walworth County, near the Wisconsin and Illinois border. The City is near several larger metropolitan areas, including Kenosha, Racine, Chicago and Milwaukee. As a City located on the shores of Geneva Lake, it is a very popular tourist destination from these metropolitan cities. Lake Geneva was originally developed as a recreational retreat for upper class families. However, because of its proximity to regional highway systems and to larger metropolitan areas, the City has become a place where individuals and families from all walks of life choose to live, work and recreate on a daily basis.

2.2 TRANSPORTATION & CIRCULATION

The City is south of Interstate Highway 43, and situated between Interstate Highway 90 to the west and Interstate Highway 94 to the east.

While some neighborhoods are well served by sidewalks (many older neighborhoods north of Main Street), others areas (newer subdivisions) have limited walkability. There are several multi-use trails throughout the City that can be used by bicyclists and pedestrians. Some of these trails require users to navigate between on- and off-street facilities.



2.3 DEMOGRAPHICS

This section describes some of the historic demographic trends for Lake Geneva as it pertains to population, age composition, housing, and school enrollment. This includes data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) which is reported as a rolling average over a 5-year period. The 2020 population estimate and population projections are from the Wisconsin Department of Administration (WI DOA).

Population

The most recent population estimate for the City is 8,233 for year 2020 (WI DOA). From year 1980 to 2020, the population of Lake Geneva grew by 46.7%, much higher than the percentage growth in the State (24.2%) (WI DOA). It should be noted that the City is a resort and vacation destination, and therefore has a significant seasonal increase in population between May and September.

According to WI DOA population projections, the City is expected to add an additional 637 residents between 2020 and 2040. This represents a 7.7% increase over a 20-year period, or 0.3% annual growth. This projection is lower than the growth projected for Walworth County (18.8%) and the State (11.1%) (WI DOA projections). Despite relatively slower projected growth, new park lands and facilities will still be necessary to continue meeting the demands of new neighborhoods.

Age Composition

Age composition is an important consideration in park and recreational planning as needs and desires of individuals will vary based on their interests and physical abilities. The table on the right summarizes the age composition of the City's population from 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates. Approximately 25.6% of the population is considered youth (<20 years old) which is above the 2010 ACS 5-Year Estimate (24.4%). Approximately 24.2% of the population is considered at retirement age (>60 years old), which is also higher than the 2010 ACS 5-Year Estimate of 19.9%. This number is projected to grow as Baby Boomers continue to age. Similar trends are being seen across the nation. The median age of the City has increased from 39.0 in 2010 ACS 5-Year Estimates to 40.7 in 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates, which is above the State median (39.6).

Table 2.1 Population History & Projections

Source: US Census, WI DOA Population Estimate and Projections

	City of Lake Geneva	Walworth County	Wisconsin
1970	4,890	63,444	4,417,821
1980	5,612	71,507	4,705,642
1990	5,979	75,000	4,891,769
2000	7,148	93,759	5,363,715
2010	7,651	102,228	5,686,986
2020 DOA Estimate	8,233	104,086	5,843,443
Projections			
2025	8,505	116,105	6,203,850
2030	8,860	121,835	6,375,910
2035	8,915	123,470	6,476,270
2040	8,870	123,680	6,491,635
Change			
1980-2020	2,621	32,579	1,137,801
2020-2040	637	19,594	648,192
Percent Growth			
1980-2020	46.7%	45.6%	24.2%
2020-2040	7.7%	18.8%	11.1%

Table 2.2 Age By Range

Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Age	Total	Percentage
0-9	929	11.8%
10-19	1,092	13.8%
20-29	935	11.8%
30-39	944	12.0%
40-49	802	10.2%
50-59	1,279	16.2%
60-69	995	12.6%
70-79	496	6.3%
80+	422	5.3%
Median	40.7	

Race and Ethnicity

Based on 2019 ACS 5-Year estimates, the majority of the population in Lake Geneva is white (96.0%, followed by Asian (2.0%), American Indian/Alaska Native and Some Other Race (both at 1.8%), Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (0.8%), and Black/African American (0.6%). Approximately 10.6% of the population is Hispanic or Latino, down from 21.0% according to 2010 ACS 5-Year Estimates. Compared to the 2010 ACS 5-Year Estimates, there has also been a decrease in the percentage of population that is Asian and Some Other Race. There have been increases in the percentage of population that identifies as White, Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

Figure 2.3 Race and Ethnicity

Source: 2010 and 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates

	2010	2019
White	90.2%	96.0%
Black or African American	0.2%	0.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.1%	1.8%
Asian	3.5%	2.0%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.8%
Some Other Race	6.3%	1.8%
Hispanic or Latino	21.0%	10.6%

Housing

Based on 2019 ACS 5-Year estimates, there are approximately 3,531 households in the City, 23.8% of which include at least one child under 18 years old. The total number of households is up 204 since the year 2010; however, the number of households with at least one child under 18 years old declined from 29.2% of all households in year 2010. The average household size is 2.21 individuals, smaller than the average size in 2010 of 2.28. Although national trends

Table 2.4 Housing Statistics

Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Households	
2010	3,327
2019	3,531
Average Household Size	
2010	2.28
2019	2.21
% of Households with individuals under 18	
2010	29.2%
2019	23.8%

are showing household size is starting to increase after over 100 years of decrease, it is possible Lake Geneva's average household size will continue to decrease or stagnate if the percentage of the population at retirement age continues increasing.

In total there were approximately 4,507 housing units in the City based on 2019 ACS 5-Year estimates; 3,531 occupied housing units plus an additional 976 vacant units. The high number of vacant units is likely due to the significant supply of seasonal housing units, which the U.S. Census considers vacant. Of the occupied units, 52.1% are owner-occupied and 47.9% are renter-occupied.

In Lake Geneva single-family housing starts picked up after the Great Recession, reached a high of 64 new units in 2014, and in 2018 went back down to pre-recession levels. The development of multi-family units has increased from 387 units permitted between 2009 and 2013 to 1,226 between 2014 and 2018. Over the next year or so, the City expects approximately 691 units of multi-family rentals, 17 units of owner-occupied townhomes and 104 units of seniors living/memory care to be constructed. The recommendations in this CORP have taken into account the need to serve these new units with park space and facilities.

2.4 PHYSICAL CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Water Resources

The City of Lake Geneva lies in the White River and Nippersink Creek Watershed. The watershed is drained by approximately 239 miles of perennial rivers and streams, and flows in a southeasterly direction toward the Illinois border.

Geneva Lake is the most important surface water resource in the City. Other significant surface waters include the White River, Lake Como, and Como Creek.

Soils and Vegetation

As defined by the United States Department of Agriculture, four major soil associations dominate the Lake Geneva area. Most of these soils are classified as prime farmland by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. Soils in the Miami-McHenry Association extend out from the lake shore and are the primary soil type found in the City. Miami-McHenry series soils are generally well drained with a subsoil of clay loam and

silty clay loam and usually found on uplands. These soils have only slight limitations for development.

The Houghton-Palms Association is the next most common soil, and is concentrated around the eastern end of Lake Como and along the southern branch of the White River. This soil type has severe development limitations because it is composed mainly of very poorly drained organic soils and is found primarily in depressions and bottom lands.

Soils of the Pella, Kendall, Elburn Association are found north of the City along Como Creek east of Lake Como. This concentration continues northeast along the path of Como Creek and the White River to the Town of Lyon. It also extends a short distance along the southern branch of the White River. Characterized by drainage problems and silty clay loam subsoils, these soils have severe to very severe development limitations due to low strength, ponding, and frost heave.

The Plano-Griswold Association is found to the south of the City along Nippersink Creek. These soils have moderate development limitations due to shrink-swell potential. Generally these soils are well drained and have a subsoil of clay, silty clay loam and sandy clay loam.

At the time of European settlement, much of southeastern Wisconsin was covered with prairie and oak savannah, oak woods, and lowlands. Since that time, most of the land has been converted to agricultural and urban uses. Currently, approximately 16 percent of the City remains wooded. The majority of these areas are located on the western side of the City and along the shores of Lake Geneva. Dominant forest types include oak-hickory and maple basswood.

Wildlife

Species of wildlife common to the southeastern Wisconsin region are rabbits, squirrels, woodchucks, raccoons, muskrats, and beavers. Larger mammals such as white-tailed deer, coyotes, and foxes also inhabit the region. Common bird species include cardinals, robins, woodthrushes, great blue herons, wrens, blue jays, cranes, hawks, and killdeer.

Over the course of a ten year study, SEWRPC identified high quality natural areas and critical species habitats throughout the region. In 1997, the results were published in a report titled "A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin". The

2010 amendment to that plan added one additional new natural area site; the 138-acre, privately owned, Oak Hill Cemetery Woods, located in the northern portion of the City. In this Plan, natural areas are defined as tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or which have sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant and animal communities believed to be representative of the pre-European-settlement landscape. Critical species habitats are defined as those that support endangered, threatened, or rare plant or animal species. The amended SEWRPC plan recommends that each of the natural areas and critical species habitat sites should be protected and preserved to the maximum extent practicable. The only site located in the City is Oak Hill Cemetery Woods.

2.5 EXISTING LAND USE AND ZONING

According to the United States Census Bureau, the City has a total area of around 6.9 square miles of land and a population density of 1,193 inhabitants per square mile.

Residential development accounts for 23% of the City's total land area. Single-family residential is the predominant residence type throughout the City, with multi-family development included in residential areas.

Commercial development occurs primarily near the interchanges and along Wells Street and Elkhorn Road. Industrial development is located within the City south of Sheridan Springs Road and west of USH 12, between East Drive and USH 12, and between Wells Street and USH 12. There are two areas of industrial development that occur outside of the City and within the extraterritorial jurisdiction, located to the north of Sheridan Springs Road and east of USH 12.

Refer to Figure 2.5, the City's Existing Land Use Map.

2.6 FUTURE LAND USE PLANS

The future growth of the City is guided by the City of Lake Geneva Comprehensive Plan (2020). The current plan sets forth the desired development pattern for the City over the comprehensive planning period. The plan also gives guidance to accommodate projected population, household, and employment growth;

Figure 2.5 City of Lake Geneva Existing Land Use Map (2020)

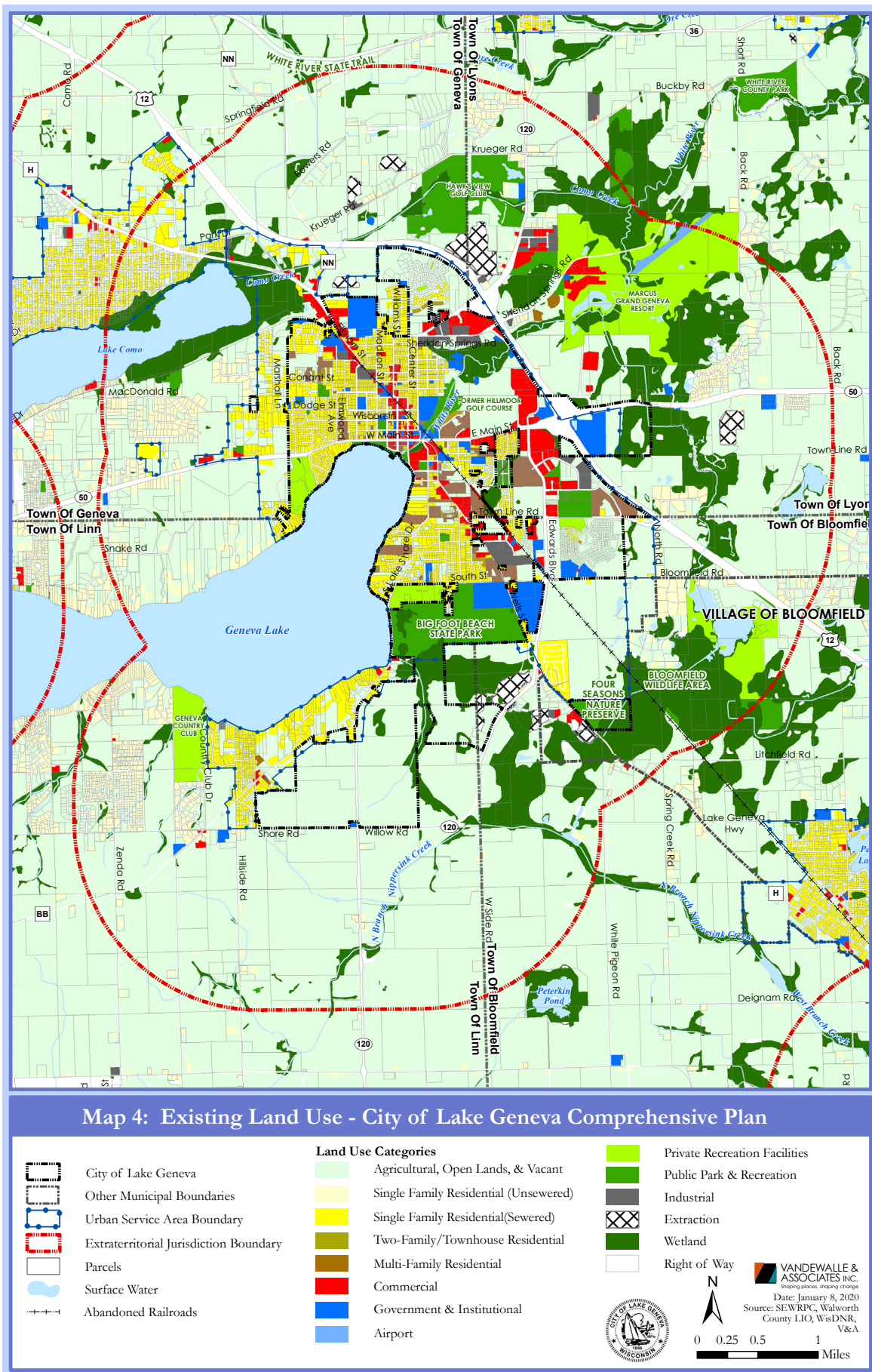
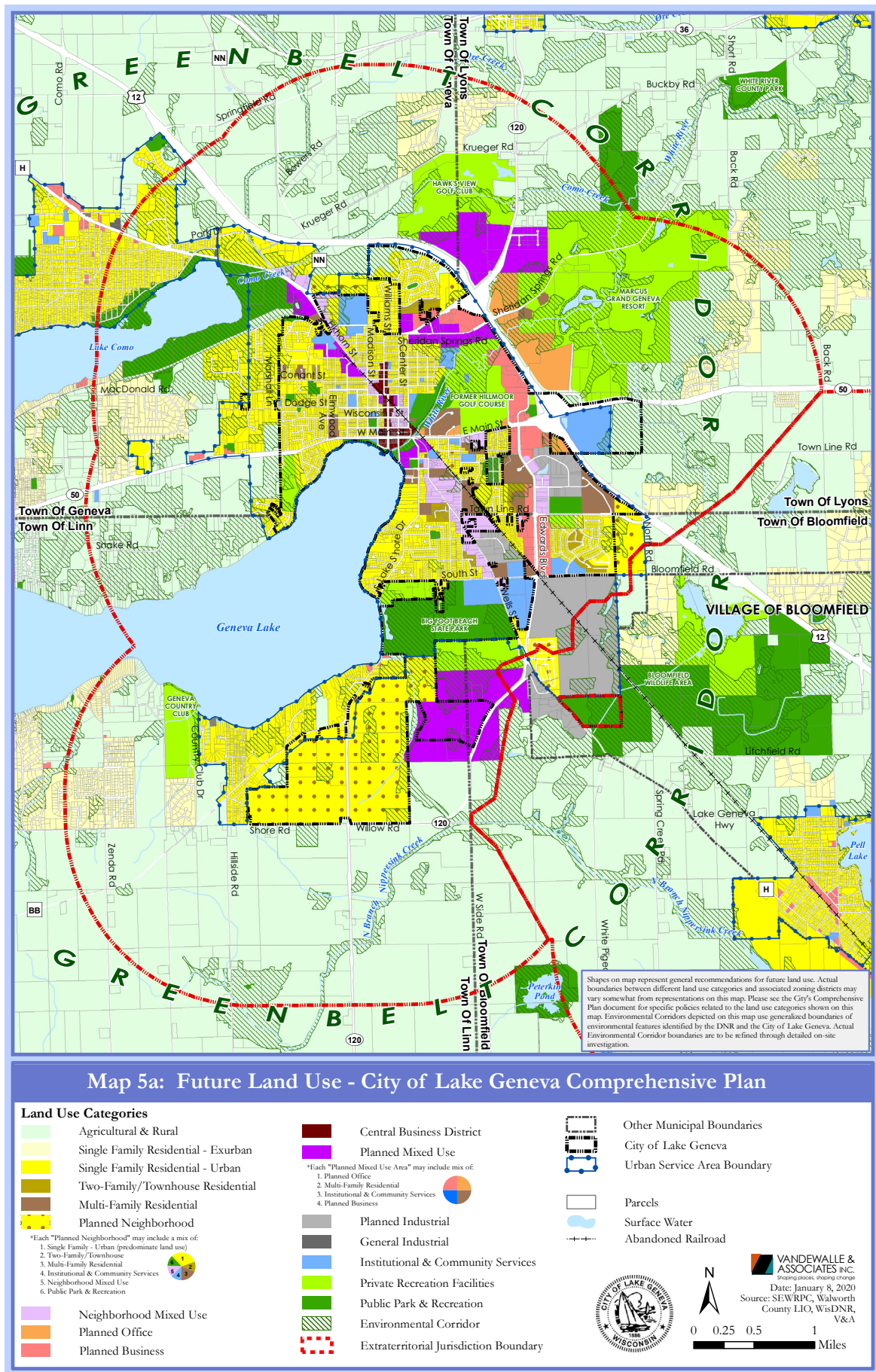


Figure 2.6 City of Lake Geneva Future Land Use Map (2020)



the projected land needed to serve residential, business, and industrial uses in the City; and the City's agricultural and natural resource base. The plan projects approximately 212 acres will be needed to accommodate new housing units (plus roads, sidewalks and parks) from 2020 to 2040. New parks will be needed to serve new developments. These areas existing primarily within current City limits. Refer to Figure 2.6.

2.7 CITY-OWNED FACILITIES & EXISTING RECREATION PROGRAMS

The following contains information about City-owned facilities, trails, and recreation programs. Privately-owned parks are not included in this analysis because they are typically only open to private neighborhoods and the City has no control over these parks.

City-Owned Facilities

Table 2.8 contains a summary list of City parks and their acreages. Recommendations for parks are found in Chapter 5.

Mini Parks

Mini parks include specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. Desirable size is 1 acre or less.

Oak Hill Tot Lot

This 0.1 acre park is located on the City's north side and offers a variety of playground equipment.

Westgate Tot Lot

Westgate Tot Lot is a 0.7-acre park located on the City's west side and offers a variety of playground equipment and benches.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are areas for multiple and sometimes intensive recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus, skating, picnicking, wading pools, and the like. Desirable size is between 3 to 10 acres.

Cobb Park

Cobb Park is a 4.9 acre park located just west of the City. The mostly wooded site features a nature trail, playground equipment, benches, a picnic shelter, restrooms, and parking.

Flat Iron Park

This 1.8 acre park sits adjacent to the convergence of Geneva Lake and the White River. The park is the site of the Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Center. Facilities include boat slips, a gazebo, and restrooms.

Rushwood Park

Rushwood Park is a 3.3-acre neighborhood park on the City's south side. The park includes a sandlot softball diamond, playground equipment, open playfield, open-air shelter, drinking water, and a sledding hill.

Seminary Park

Seminary Park is a 3.0-acre park located downtown. The site provides an open air shelter, playground equipment, restrooms, and parking.

Community Parks

Community parks are areas of diverse environmental quality and may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. Desirable size is at least 10 acres.

Dunn Field

Dunn Field is a 14.1-acre park adjacent to Eastview Grade School. It is under ownership of the school district, but under a 1984 agreement, the land is under the control and use of the City for recreational purposes. Facilities include a state-of-the-art skate park, two tennis courts, one sandlot softball diamond, a playground, basketball court, soccer facilities, concessions, restrooms, and parking.

Library/Elm Park

This 7.1 acre community park is located on the north shore of Geneva Lake. The Public Library is in the park's center. Facilities include open space, pier, ice skating, walking trail, boat slips, and restrooms.

Veterans Park

Veterans Park is a 25.0-acre park located on the east side of the City. Facilities at the park include a lighted baseball diamond, two lighted softball diamonds, three unlit softball diamonds, six soccer fields, a basketball court, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, two sand volleyball courts, batting cages, concessions, restrooms (in two separate buildings), two open-air shelters, and parking.

Nature Preserves

Nature preserves are established to conserve forest lands, marshlands, floodplains, prairies, wildlife habitats, and other areas having cultural, scenic, or natural values. Desirable size depends on function.

Fermano Park

This 6.4-acre site is located in the City's Business Park and includes a pond with a path.

Dodge Water Tower Pond Park

Dodge Water Tower Pond Park is a 2.7-acre site located on the western side of the City, east of the water tower and includes a detention pond.

Donian Park

Donian Park is a 4.1-acre wooded site that encompasses a mill race, boardwalk, wetland overlook, and the 100-year recurrence interval floodplain along the White River in downtown Lake Geneva.

Edgewood Hills Park

This 3.2-acre site is on the City's north side and contains wetlands and an environmental corridor. It is adjacent to the Duck Lake Nature Trail.

Four Seasons Nature Preserve

This 66.7-acre site is located southeast of the City. Facilities include an open-air shelter, observation deck, nature trail, dog exercise area, and boardwalk amid a wetland, prairie, and oak opening. The Preserve is bordered by an additional 250 acres of land that lies within a primary environmental corridor and is open to the public.

Hidden Woods

This 12.0-acre site is located near the center of the City. Facilities include a path at the west and south sides of the park as well as playground equipment on the north side.

Home Depot Park

Home Depot Park is a 4.4-acre site located northwest of the intersection of US Highway 12 and State Highway 50. It includes a detention pond and has asphalt bike trails. Lands immediately to the north are held by the Lake Geneva Conservancy.

Mill Park

Mill Park is 3.0-acres and located on the City's near east side. It has a pond with lighted spray and landscaped cascading falls.

Price-Fremont Park

Price-Fremont Park is 4.6-acres of wooded property in the northwest area of the City.

Special Use Parks

Special use parks are areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, such as golf courses, nature centers, skate parks, and ball diamonds.

Lake Geneva Bocce Ball Park

The 0.5-acre Lake Geneva Bocce Ball Park was dedicated to the community by the Lake Geneva Utility Commission. The site features two bocce courts.

Riviera Beach

Riviera Beach is 0.5 acres and located on Geneva Lake. The historic Riviera Building is located on the east end of the beach. Facilities include a swimming beach and restrooms.

White River Park

White River Park is a 39.7-acre park adjacent to Dunn Field. The property includes open space, natural areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, walking path, and dog park.

For more detailed information on City-owned facilities and their amenities, see Figure 2.8.



Riviera Beach

Trails

Figure 2.7 also provides an overview of existing trails in the City. Lake Geneva has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that was adopted in 2018. Recommendations from this 2018 plan were carried into the City's 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update and are subsequently incorporated into this planning document in Chapter 5.

Of the trails shown in Figure 2.7, there are two well-known, named trails worth noting:

Duck Lake Nature Trail

A former railroad right-of-way was converted to a two-mile walkway that offers excellent opportunities for bird watching in the Town of Geneva. The trail is on lands adjacent to Lake Como.

Geneva Lake Walkway

This historical 26-mile walkway path extends completely around Geneva Lake's wooded lakeshore. Approximately 3-miles of the trail are located within the City.

There is also one unofficial trail that a number of residents use:

White River Walk

This unofficial walk currently exists along the White River from Geneva Lake to Main Street and from Main Street along the White River to the northeast.

Recreation Programming

The City contracts with the YMCA to provide recreational programming. A variety of recreational opportunities are offered for fitness, sports and other activities for youth, adults and seniors. There were approximately 600 youth enrolled in City-sponsored sports programs during Summer 2021.

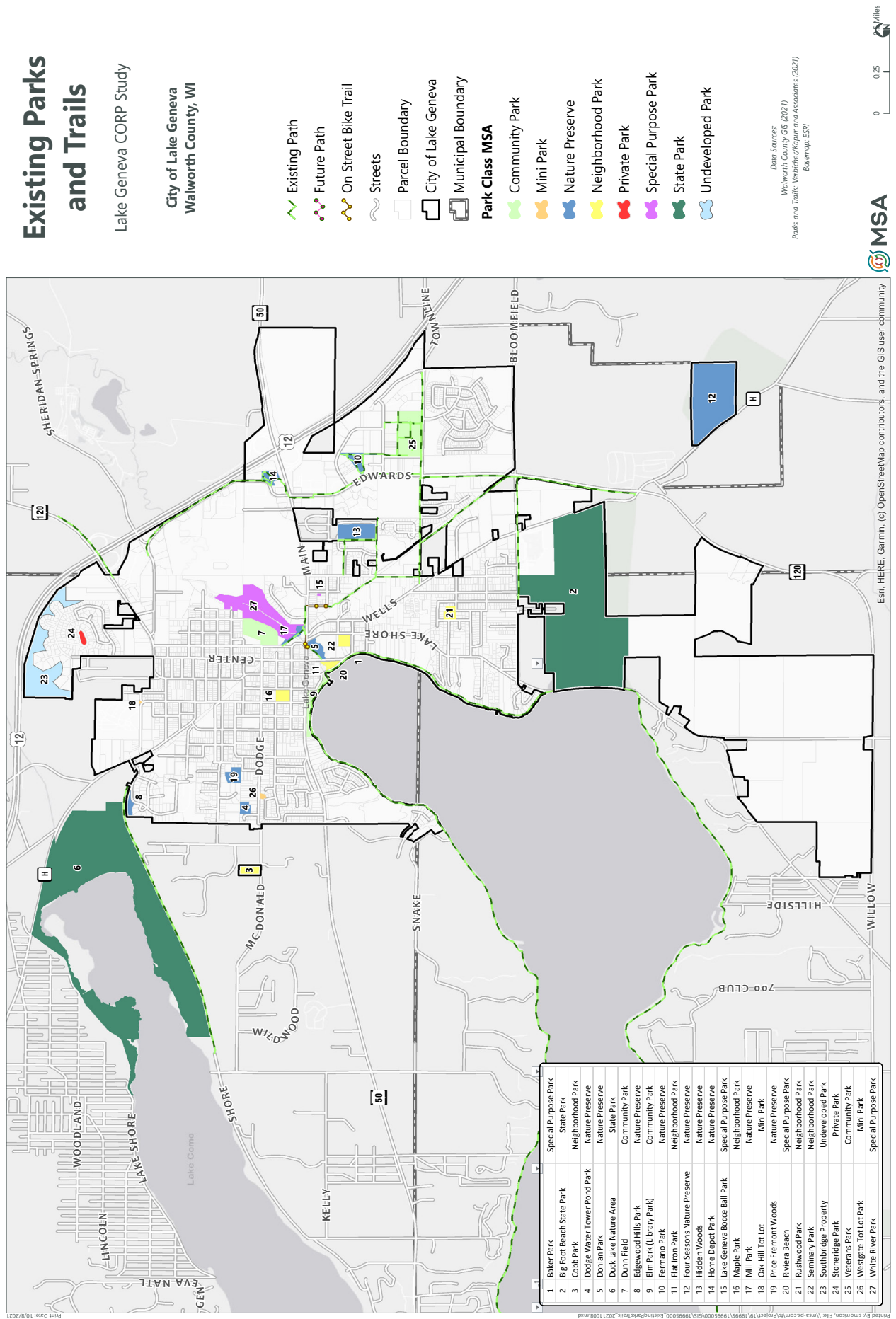
2.8 SCHOOL FACILITIES

Schools can also fulfill local park needs in communities as they provide many of the same facilities found in neighborhood parks, such as playground equipment and athletic fields.



Flat Iron Park

Figure 2.7 Existing Parks and Trails in Lake Geneva
Source: MSA Professional Services



The City is within the Lake Geneva J1 School District, which includes elementary and middle schools, and the Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union High School District. The districts serve the Cities of Lake Geneva and Genoa, the Town of Bloomfield, and segments of the Towns of Geneva, Lyons, and Linn. Enrollment in all schools has been declining over the past four years. Four of the districts' schools are located within Lake Geneva's borders. The City currently partners with the Lake Geneva School District on park maintenance and ownership for two locations. For Dunn Field, the City maintains and manages the facility for recreational purposes, but it is owned by the School District. For Maple Park, the school district manages the use and the City owns the property.

Facilities

The following public schools are all within Lake Geneva's borders and offer the following amenities:

Badger High and Lake Geneva Middle School

This 55-acre recreation area includes a number of athletic fields including a regulation baseball diamond, two basketball courts, two league softball fields, eight tennis courts, a football stadium, track and soccer stadium, sand volleyball, and numerous soccer practice fields. Badger High School contains an indoor swimming pool and staffed weight room facilities. Summer swimming lessons, a youth community swim team and use of the weight room are available to the public.



Edgewood Hills Park

Central Denison Elementary School

The recreation area referred to as Maple Park, encompasses approximately 3 acres and is owned by the City and managed by the school district. Amenities include two basketball courts, a playfield, a playground, one sandlot softball diamond, and two tennis courts.

Eastview Elementary School

This 13-acre site referred to as Dunn Field is owned by the school district but managed by the City. Because it is managed by the City, it is considered to be a Community Park (see full description under Community Parks, Dunn Field).

The following private schools are all within Lake Geneva's borders and offer the following amenities:

First Evangelical Lutheran School

Located at 1101 Logan Street in Lake Geneva, the facilities at this 4-acre church and school site include two basketball courts and playground equipment.

St. Francis School de Sales Catholic Church & School

Located at 148 West Main Street in Lake Geneva, this 4-acre site includes a basketball court and playground equipment.

2.9 REGIONAL FACILITIES

Walworth County is in the southern portion of the WI DNR's Southeast Region. There are several park and recreational facilities within close proximity to Lake Geneva in public ownership:

Big Foot Beach State Park

This 271-acre park on the shore of Lake Geneva in the City offers wooded campsites, shower and restroom facilities, 5.5 miles of hiking trails, a sand beach and a 100-foot swimming area, volleyball and horseshoe courts, and a 40-acre picnic area.

Duck Lake Nature Area

This is a WI DNR-owned wildlife habitat area with public access.

White River County Park

This park is owned and maintained by Walworth County. It lies outside the City of Lake Geneva in the town of Lyons and protects 190.5 acres of wetlands, upland woods and wildlife habitat. The park includes trails, a canoe/kayak launch, parking lots, and a

shelter. Recreational uses include: hunting, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, picnicking and canoeing/kayaking.

2.10 PRIVATE FACILITIES

In addition to public recreation facilities, the residents of Lake Geneva have access to a variety of other private recreational resources:

Covenant Harbor Bible Camp

Located at 1724 Main Street in Lake Geneva, this lakeside site contains 56-acres of woodland that includes picnic areas, two tennis courts, a ropes course, and archery facilities.

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa

Located northeast of Lake Geneva, this resort offers golf, a health spa, tennis, hiking, horseback riding, downhill skiing, indoor lap-swimming, and other activities that are open to the public for a fee.

Lake Geneva Youth Camp

This 22-acre summer camp site is located at W 2655 South Street in the Town of Linn. Facilities include two basketball courts, soccer facilities, various playfields, playground equipment, four sandlot softball diamonds, and two tennis courts.

Kent's Par T Miniature Golf

An 18-hole miniature golf park located near downtown Lake Geneva.

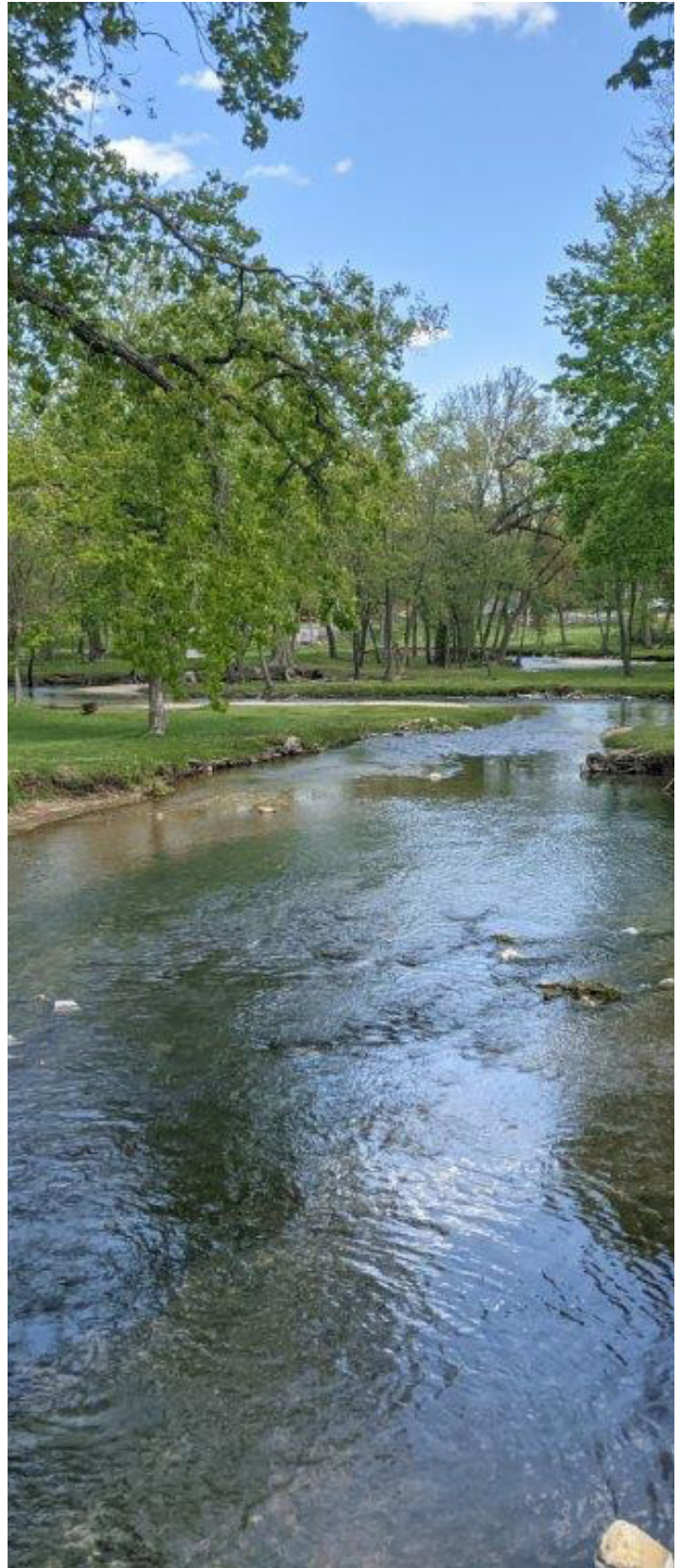
Paradise Golf Park

An 18-hole miniature golf park located near downtown Lake Geneva.

YMCA

Located at 203 Wells Street, "The Y" includes a full Wellness Center, two gymnasiums, a 25-meter swimming pool, a large therapy pool, saunas, steam rooms, racquetball courts, and spin cycling equipment. The City contracts with The Y to provide recreational programming.

The Y will be relocating two miles south of its current location near the intersection of Highway 120 and H. The new location will add space for additional amenities and future growth both in the building and on the outdoor campus.



Donian Park

Figure 2.8 City of Lake Geneva Park Amenities (highlight indicates lighted facility)

Park/Facility	Location	Acres		Swimming	Canoe/Kayak Launch	Fishing Pier	Boat Slips	Playground Equipment	Battling Cages	Baseball Fields	Sandlot Softball	League Softball	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Soccer Field	Horseshoes	Playfield	Bocce Ball	Ice Skating/ Hockey	Sledding Hill	Skate Park	Dog Exercise Area	Bike/Walking Trail	Frisbee/Disc Golf Course	Open-Air Shelter	Enclosed Shelter	Restroom	Concession Stand	Drinking Water	Picnic Tables	Benches	Parking Lot
Mini Parks																																	
Oak Hill Tot Lot	1350 Tomike St	0.8						✓																									
Westgate Tot Lot	1701 Miller Ct	0.1						✓																									✓
Neighborhood Parks																																	
Cobb Park	2101 McDonald Rd	13.0																															
Flat Iron Park	Wrigley Dr and Center St	4.9						✓																✓							✓	✓	
Rushwood Park	991 Timothy Dr	1.8					✓													✓						✓					✓		
Seminary Park	Wrigley Dr and South Lake Shore Dr	3.3						✓			✓															✓					✓		
Community Parks																																	
Dunn Field (Eastview School)	425 Sage St	46.2						✓			✓			✓									✓										✓
Library/Elm Park	west of Library, south of Main St	14.1			✓																											✓	
Veterans Park	901 E Townline Rd	7.1						✓					2													2			✓				
Nature Preserve												5	✓		6																		
Fernano Park	120 Edwards Blvd	25.0							✓	✓																							
Dodge Water Tower Pond Park	behind 1885 Dodge St	107.1																					✓										
Donian Park	Main St and S Lake Shore Dr	6.4																															
Edgewood Hills Park	1340 Edgewood Dr	2.7																															
Four Seasons Nature Preserve	N1889 County Trunk H	4.1																															
Hidden Woods	Hill St and West Dr	3.2																					✓			✓							
Home Depot Park	615 N Edwards Blvd	66.7																															
Mill Park	off Sage St. by old railroad path	12.0					✓																										
Price-Fremont Park	1525 Conant St	4.4																															
Special Purpose Parks																																	
Lake Geneva Bocce Ball Park	140 East St	4.6																		✓													
Riviera Beach	211 Wrigley Dr	0.5		✓																												✓	
White River Park	299 Mill St	39.7																					✓										

Chapter 3

GOALS & STRATEGIES

This purpose of this plan is to guide development of subsequent parks, recreation, open space and bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Lake Geneva. Goals are presented here as desired outcomes. Strategies include both actions and policy rules—they are the methods proposed to achieve the stated goals.

3.1 GOALS & STRATEGIES

Goal 1 - Ensure the provision of a sufficient number of quality parks, recreational facilities, and open space areas to enhance the health and welfare of City residents and visitors. Such facilities should be available to everyone regardless of income, age, race, ability, or geographic location.

Strategies

1. Ensure that at least one park and recreational facility is within a safe and comfortable walking distance for all Lake Geneva residents, generally within 1/4-1/2 mile.
2. All new residential development should meet the park and open space standards and recommendations as outlined in this plan and implemented by the City of Lake Geneva zoning and subdivision ordinances.
3. Acquisition of park and open space lands should occur in advance of or in coordination with development to provide for reasonable acquisition costs, and to facilitate site planning. Parklands in undeveloped areas should be acquired through land developer dedications, where feasible.
4. Neighborhood Parks should be sited and designed to enhance neighborhood cohesion and provide a common neighborhood gathering place. All parks should have multiple access points from surrounding neighborhoods.
5. Encourage public awareness of the City's parks and outdoor recreational facilities by promoting them through maps, signage, and other materials.
6. Continue to develop a diversity of park sizes and types based on the characteristics and needs of individual neighborhoods (both present and future), and the surrounding land use and natural resource features.
7. Continue the Neighborhood Planning process

to identify future land uses, road and lot layouts, and the locations of parks, open space corridors, and trails.

8. Increase the diversity of recreational opportunities (active and passive, resource-oriented and non-resource-oriented, water-based and land-based), and ensure that these opportunities are well distributed throughout the City.
9. Prepare park master plans for parks where major improvements are anticipated to occur to assure highest and best use of existing City resources. Master plans should also be prepared for all proposed new parks before development. Engage neighborhood residents in master planning process.
10. Provide ADA complaint barrier-free access in all new or improved park facility construction, play areas, and sports field in accordance with adopted regulations.
11. Complete ADA audit. After ADA audit of parks is complete, target 33% compliance with ADA access recommendations in all existing facilities by 2026.

Goal 2 - Preserve the City's natural resources and amenities for the benefit of current and future residents.

Strategy

1. The preservation of primary and secondary environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, steep slopes, woodlands and forests, lakes, ponds, streams, lakeshores, floodplains, riparian habitats, and wetlands should receive special attention to ensure their maintenance as vegetative, wildlife and fish habitats, as natural stormwater infiltration areas, as areas for passive and active outdoor recreation, and as stormwater detention management areas, where appropriate.

Goal 3 - Develop, improve and operate the City's parks and recreation programs in a cost effective manner.

Strategies

1. Continually pursue county, state and federal funding programs, which can aid in the purchase and/or development of desired park system improvements.

2. At least every five years (in conjunction with the CORP update) review and update the City's parkland dedication/ fee in lieu.
3. Establish new methods for the development of recreational facilities (i.e. public-private partnerships).
4. Expand the City's recreation program offerings via community partners or a City Park and Recreation Department if created.
5. Seek revenue generating opportunities within recreational and park spaces (e.g. shelters or pavilions rented as event/wedding venues).
6. Balance the need to acquire and develop new park and recreational facilities with the need to maintain and upgrade existing park sites and facilities.

Goal 4 - Provide a seamless network of trails that provide safe and easy access.

Strategies

1. Provide a safe and convenient network of sidewalks, multi-use trails, and bike lanes between park and open space facilities and other destinations in the community. These connections should be emphasized in on-going City planning and acquisition efforts, and should follow State and AASHTO design standards.
2. Inventory, standardize, and improve the availability and accessibility of bicycle parking.
3. Establish wayfinding signage to allow residents or visitors to effectively travel throughout the City on foot or bicycle.



Rushwood Park

COMPLYING WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The ADA, enacted in 1990, clearly states the right of equal access for persons to local government services, including parks. On September 15, 2010 the Department of Justice published revised final regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 2010 Standards included new provisions for accessible design for recreational facilities such as playgrounds, swimming pools, fishing and golf facilities. Similar to when the original 1991 ADA Standards were adopted for public buildings, a community is required to complete a self-evaluation of their recreational facilities for ADA compliance by March 15, 2012. Those communities with 50 or more full or part-time employees are also required to develop a Transition Plan, which identifies what corrective work will be completed, when it will be completed, and the individual responsible for the corrective work. Any new recreational facilities designed, constructed, or shaped after March 15, 2012 are subject to the 2010 Standards. Any alteration (not simple maintenance, but something that changes the way the site is used) must make the element altered accessible and must create an accessible path of travel through the site or facility to that element.

There are some fundamental differences in how accessibility in the outdoors is accommodated compared to indoors or the built environment. While restrooms, shelters, interpretive centers, and parking lots, for example, need to follow detailed ADA guidelines, other improvements such as trails or swimming beach areas, for example, do not necessarily need to follow indoor or built environment ramp grades or surfacing requirements. A good rule of thumb for the City to follow is that anything constructed must not make the outdoor experience anymore difficult than what occurs naturally. Mother Nature does not have to comply with ADA, but the City does.

The New England ADA Center is a good resource to use and offers checklists to evaluate accessibility at existing park facilities. The fillable checklist forms can be found here: <http://www.adachecklist.org/checklist.html#rec>

Goal 5 - Coordinate park development efforts with other City departments, other units of government, local School Districts, and sporting and recreational programming organizations.

Strategies

1. The Board of Park Commissioners and Planning Commission must consult and incorporate the needs identified in the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan before subdivision plats are approved.
2. Coordinate park planning efforts with surrounding communities and partner to provide park and recreation amenities that benefit all involved.
3. Continue to partner with the School District and private organizations for the development and maintenance of park facilities.
4. Review and update use agreements with School District and private organizations for shared park facilities. Agreements should be reviewed to ensure they still meeting all parties' needs.

Goal 6 - Provide residents with safe and reliable recreation equipment throughout the City park system.

Strategies

1. Develop bi-annual inspections and inventory of existing parks facilities to maintain an active log of facilities and improvements. Consider using ArcGIS to simplify and streamline asset management.
2. Make every effort to repair, replace, or remove park facilities that become broken or otherwise become a safety hazard.
3. Take into consideration long-range maintenance and operations costs at the time new parklands are acquired through land dedications or other means.
4. Provide adequate management and staffing levels to oversee the maintenance of park and open space lands and facilities.



Edgewood Hills Park

Chapter 4

ANALYSIS OF NEEDS & DEMANDS

This chapter presents an analysis of how well the City’s existing park and recreation facilities satisfy current needs. The adequacy of the City’s existing park and recreation systems are evaluated using the following methods:

- **Quantitative Analysis** - a comparison of existing parkland acreage and population projections versus park and recreational agencies across the US, including a review of the amount of parkland available to City residents.
- **Geographic Analysis** - an analysis of the geographic distribution of parks within the City.
- **Qualitative Analysis** - a summary of public input regarding City parks and recreational facilities gathered through the community survey and public involvement meeting.
- **Regional & State Insights** - a summary of the demand trends in recreational amenities at the regional and state level.

4.1 QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

An analysis of existing recreational land area is provided to determine if the recreational needs of residents are being met. This analysis is limited to an evaluation of City-owned park land, and does not include off-road trails not located in parks.

Park Acreage Level of Service

The City has previously (2015 CORP) set a goal of providing 11 acres of total parkland per 1,000 residents. This standard was based on national guidelines at the time. Table 4.1 below calculates the anticipated parkland demand for Lake Geneva, based on these metrics. At this service level, if no new parkland is added by 2040, the City will have a surplus of parkland of about 110 acres.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) developed a set of standards over two decades ago for the amount of parkland a community should

strive to achieve. Recently, NRPA has shifted away from the use of park standards because there is no single set of standards that takes into account the uniqueness found in every community across the country. Instead, NRPA now collects information from Park and Recreation Departments across the US such as residents per park, budgets, staffing, park amenities. This data is organized by jurisdiction size so that communities of similar size across the US can see metrics typical of its peers. Figure 4.3 shows how Lake Geneva compares to its peer communities (pop. <20,000) across the US in terms of acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. The City is currently providing 25.2 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, surpassing peer communities in the upper quartile who are providing 21.8 acres per 1,000 residents. The lower quartile bound is 5.2 acres per 1,000 residents and the median is 12.4 acres per 1,000 residents.

Table 4.2 below shows demand and supply for parkland at the City’s current level of service, 25.2 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. If the City wishes to maintain its current level of service, it will need to acquire an additional 16 acres of parkland by 2040. The geographic, qualitative and regional and state analysis in the following sections will provide additional guidance on this need.

Outdoor Facilities

Figure 4.4 is from the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review and shows the national summary of outdoor park and recreation facilities by population per facility based on the number of residents per square mile. Lake Geneva falls into the 500-1,500 residents per square mile category with an estimated 1,198 residents per square mile. Based on these metrics, Lake Geneva’s largest gaps are in the following facilities: la crosse fields, football fields, outdoor pool, community gardens, and youth baseball fields. With the exception of community gardens and an outdoor pool, all of these facilities are provided at the local public schools giving the public some access to these amenities.

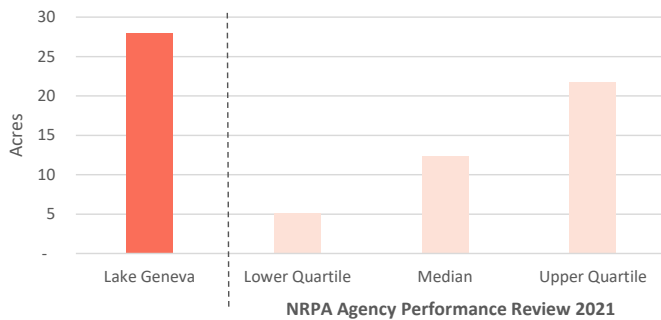
Table 4.1 Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (11.0 ac./1,000 residents)

Total Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (in acres)						
	Year	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population		8,233	8,505	8,860	8,915	8,870
Total Supply (acres)		207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8
Demand (11 acres/1,000)		90.6	93.6	97.5	98.1	97.6
Surplus (11 acres/1,000)		117.2	114.2	110.3	109.7	110.2

Table 4.2 Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (25.2 ac./1,000 residents)

Total Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (in acres)						
	Year	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population		8,233	8,505	8,860	8,915	8,870
Total Supply (acres)		207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8
Demand (25.2 acres/1,000)		207.8	214.7	223.6	225.0	223.9
Surplus (25.2 acres/1,000)		0.0	-6.9	-15.8	-17.2	-16.1

Figure 4.3 Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents (jurisdiction pop. < 20,000)
Source: NRPA Agency Performance Review 2021



Indoor Recreation Facility Level of Service

Opportunities for indoor recreation are as important as outdoor recreation. This is particularly true considering Wisconsin’s winter months when it can be challenging or less desirable for people to go to local parks and trails. Currently the City does not operate any indoor park and recreation facilities. Data from the 2021 NRPA Agency Performance Review shows that for similar sized communities (<20,000), 22% have senior centers, 50% have community centers and 53% have recreation centers.

4.2 GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

The location of parks in relation to Lake Geneva’s residents is an important indicator of how well existing facilities are dispersed throughout the community. The National Recreation and Park Association, in partnerships with the Trust for Public Land and the Urban Land Institute, is part of a national effort dedicated to improving access to safe, quality parks and green spaces. The effort is focused on a goal of everyone in the U.S. having access to a park within a 10-minute walk (approximately ½ mile) of home by 2050. The Park Service Areas map in Appendix C indicates areas of the City that are not currently served by a City park. Within the City the lakes, White River, USH 12, WI 120, and WI 50 all serve as either nature or manmade barriers to park access.

The map shows several deficiencies in the location of City parks in Lake Geneva:

- The residential area at Manning’s Point. However, this area is adjacent to and well-served by Big Foot Beach State Park, but it is not free to access. Visitors must purchase a single day or an annual park pass.
- The Geneva Bay Estates neighborhood, located on the west side of City. The neighborhood is served by private park and recreation amenities

Table 4.4 Park and Recreation Facilities - Residents Per Square Mile
Source: NRPA Agency Performance Review 2021

National Recreation and Park Association Metrics				
Outdoor Park and Recreation Facilities - Residents Per Square Mile				
	Median Number of Residents Per Facility (500-1,500 residents per square mile*)	Number Suggested Based on Population of 8,233 (2020 DOA Estimate)	Existing Public Facilities	Gap (Extra)
Tennis Courts (outdoor only)	5,363	1.5	2.0	(0.5)
Lacrosse Field	19,263	0.4	-	0.4
Football Field	18,745	0.4	-	0.4
Community Gardens	23,965	0.3	-	0.3
Cricket Field	310,042	0.0	-	0.0
Totlots	10,232	0.8	2.0	(1.2)
Swimming Pools (outdoor only)	38,658	0.2	-	0.2
Skate Park	36,606	0.2	1.0	(0.8)
Dog Park	36,275	0.2	2.0	(1.8)
Ice Rink (outdoor only)	13,243	0.6	1.0	(0.4)
Baseball - Adult	16,054	0.5	1.0	(0.5)
Baseball - Youth	5,518	1.5	1.0	0.5
Basketball Courts	6,913	1.2	2.0	(0.8)
Softball - Adult	11,057	0.7	5.0	(4.3)
Softball - Youth	9,679	0.9	2.0	(1.1)
Soccer Field - Adult	11,492	0.7	6.0	(5.3)
Soccer Field - Youth	6,671	1.2	6.0	(4.8)
Playgrounds	3,422	2.4	5.0	(2.6)

- a private park, sand beach with swimming raft, and boat slips.
- The Stone Ridge residential development is underserved by City parks. There is a 2-acre private park located at center of the development which includes playground equipment.
- A residential area surrounding Tomike St on the City's north side.
- A residential area at the intersection of South St and CTH H near the High School and Middle School. This area has access to the recreation amenities at the schools when they are not in session and is approximately a 10-minute walk from the east entrance at Big Foot Beach State Park. Again, visitors must pay a fee to access Big Foot Beach State Park.

In conclusion, almost all City residents are well-served by City parks, or have access to State or privately-owned parks.

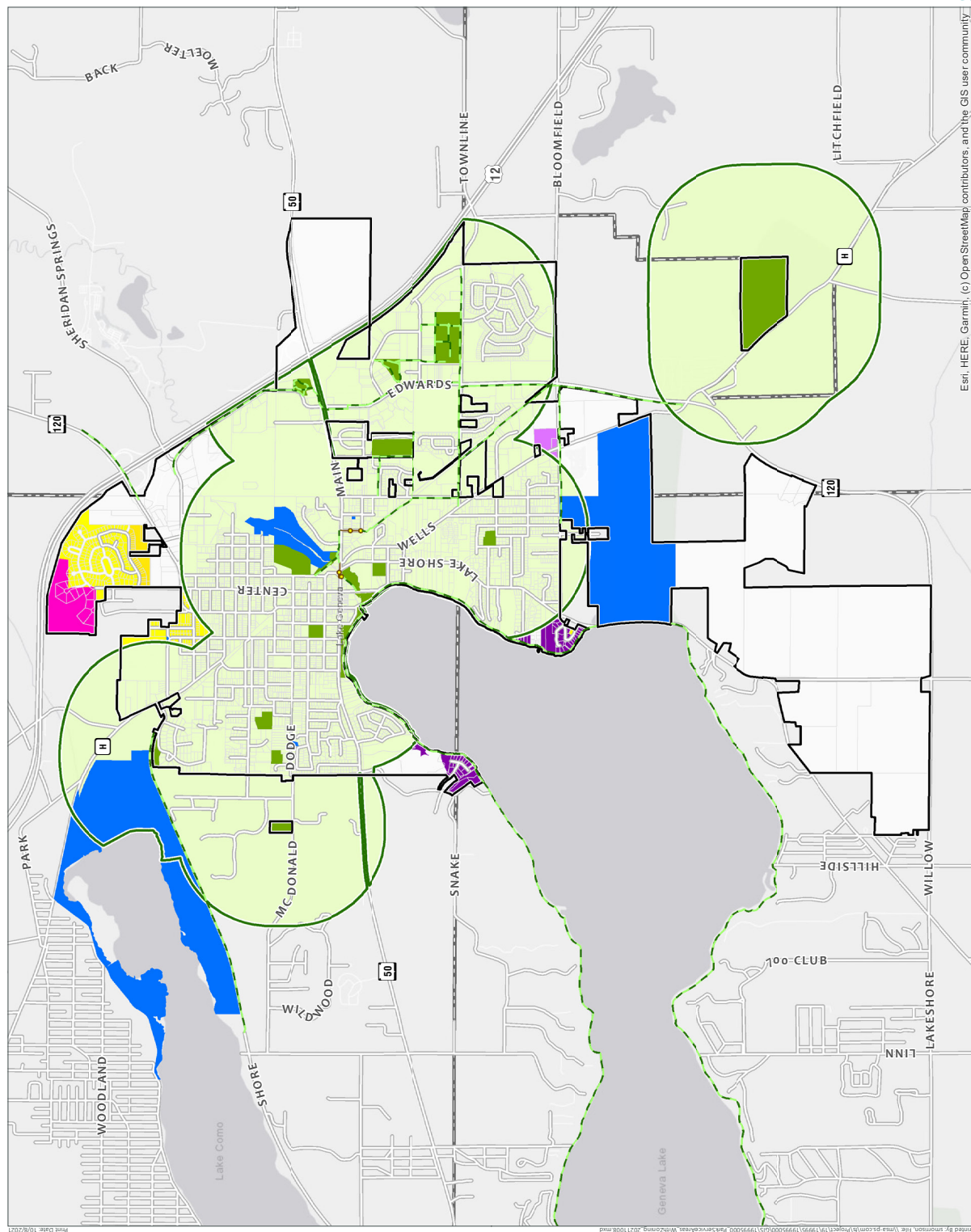
4.3 QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

Survey

As part of the planning process, a survey was distributed to gauge preferences, opinions, and feedback on the City's park facilities and recreational programs. In total, the survey received 223 responses. This is a key component of analyzing recreational needs and demands in the City, and the following is a summary of responses and findings.

- Many respondents (60%) did NOT bike for transportation from home to secondary locations. More than half (55%) of respondents noted walking or running for exercise.
- Popular responses for locations that need to be improved for bicycle or pedestrian safety
 - Intersection of Edwards (HWY 50) and Main (HWY 120) (Bike/Ped Safety Concerns)
 - Bike/Ped Path Connecting The Y and surrounding area (heavy maintenance needed)
 - Downtown (Pedestrian Crossings Improvement and Bike Connectivity)
 - Bigfoot Beach State Park (Pedestrian Safety and Crossing Improvements Needed)
- More than half (57%) of respondents did NOT participate in Lake Geneva/YMCA recreation programs in the past year.
- Sixty-two percent (62%) of respondents are within reasonable walking or biking distance from a park or trail.
- Sixty-one percent (61%) of respondents were either not sure if the YMCA meets their recreation programming needs or felt it did not fit their needs at all.
- The top activities respondents participate in at City Parks are:
 - Walking (88%)
 - Biking (60%)
 - Swimming (55%)
 - Playground Equipment (54%)
 - Bird/Nature Viewing (34%)
- The top amenities all survey respondents would like added to City parks are
 - Outdoor Pool (37%)
 - Off-road walking/biking trails (24%)
 - Restrooms (24%)
 - Splash Pad (24%)
 - Canoe/Kayak Facilities (23%)
- The top 3 favorite parks of respondents are as follows:
 - Riviera Beach (22%)
 - Elm Park/Library (19%)
 - Veterans Park (17%)
- Over a quarter of respondents (27%) expressed concern for safety or accessibility in Lake Geneva Parks. Some concerns include broken playground equipment, on road cycling safety, and lack of signage for parks and trails.
- Sixty-two percent (62%) of all respondents drive somewhere outside of the City of Lake Geneva to use specific recreational facilities – common responses as to where are Parks and Trails in Kenosha, Kettle Moraine State Forest, and the public pool in Elkhorn.
- Top three reasons why respondents don't use parks are:
 - Overcrowding (33%)
 - Don't Know Locations of Facilities (24%)
 - Lack of Restrooms (23%)

Figure 4.5 Park Service Area Map



- About 80% of respondents believe the City of Lake Geneva should spend more on Youth and Adult sports and recreation, with more emphasis put on Youth (48%).
- Generally respondents feel the City should spend more money on Bicycle Facilities/ Trails and Sidewalk Facilities/Pedestrian Enhancements.
- When asked what the top benefits are provided by parks and recreation, respondents indicated the following benefits:
 - Community Character (57%)
 - Conservation of Natural Areas (51%)
 - Neighborhood/community open space for social interactions and play (49%)
 - Community Safety (40%)
 - Transportation/Connectivity (39%)

General themes from the survey included:

- Additional bike/ped paths and maintenance on existing paths are a priority.
- A desire for a City Park and Recreation Department.
- Strong interest in water-based recreation amenities: canoe/kayak launch, splash pad, pool.
- People need to know where parks are located and what facilities are.
- Residents have concerns about crowding at parks.

The full survey results are available in Appendix A.

Public Open House

In addition to survey responses, we received input at a public open house held on June 29, 2021. The meeting was held at City Hall. A recording was also made of the presentation and corresponding meeting activities were posted online for anyone unable to attend the in-person meeting. In total there were twelve people who attended the meeting. The meeting included several activity stations to gauge public insight on parks and recreation wants and needs. Feedback from the activities included:

Activity #1 - Comment Map:

Participants were asked to put location-specific comments and recommendations on a map.

• Parks:

- Out of the 13 comments relating to parks, six of the comments talk about the privately owned land adjacent to White River Park. However, because of legal troubles in the past, there is not much that can be done, though it is important to note this demand.
- There was a general theme that park maintenance is needed. Two of the parks identified with significant maintenance needs are Rushwood Park and the Frisbee Golf course at White River Park.
- There were also some improvements suggested for parks. Some improvements are for the Bocce Ball Park (benches and community garden). Improvements were also suggested for Veterans Park (large pavilion, splash pad, and an inclusive playground).
- Reclassifying Donian Park as something other than a nature preserve was suggested.

• Trails:

- The theme of maintenance continues in this section of comments as well. There is request for maintenance and repair on the trail by the Y and maintenance and creation of new trails at Veterans Park.
- There was also a theme of safety and navigability concerns. There were comments that the crossing from Veterans Park to Edwards Blvd is unsafe and another that the intersection at 50 and Edwards is also unnavigable. There was also a safety concern for the trail by the Y. There is also a need for signage and better connectivity to help people know where to go.
- New trails and paths were also requested by participants at the meeting. There was a suggestion for a trail along the White River.

Activity #2 - Budget Bucket:

Participants were given coins and told to put coins in labeled buckets where they would like to focus City funding for parks. The top three budgeted categories are as follows:

1. Bicycle Trails/Facilities—43 Coins.
2. Park Maintenance (existing parks)—21 coins.
3. Installing new equipment at/facilities at parks—15 coins.

Activity #3 - Big Ideas:

Participants were asked to write what their big ideas are for parks and recreation in Lake Geneva. Some of these ideas included:

- Better trail signage and connectivity.
- Better park signage.
- A senior citizen community center.
- An online reservation system for park rentals.
- Parks and Rec programs managed by the city rather than the Y.
- Multi-Municipal Partnerships.
- An Amphitheater.
- A kid-centric park.

General themes from the open-house included:

- Park and trail maintenance. A consistent and routine maintenance schedule is needed. Safety was the impetus for this theme.
- Trail connectivity throughout the city.
- More signage - for better trail navigation, locating parks, and for safety.

4.4 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER LOCAL PLANS

Lake Geneva Comprehensive Plan, 2020-2040

The Lake Geneva Comprehensive Plan outlines the following recommendations for parks in lake Geneva:

- Collaborate with nearby Towns and Villages on establishing a "Greenbelt Corridor" around the long range growth area.
- Work with the Wisconsin DNR to address safety issues concerning Big Foot Beach and S. Lake Shore Drive and to relocate the boat launch, perhaps in conjunction with the WDNR master plan process for Big Foot Beach State Park.
- Support public-private partnerships for open space preservation.
- Expand Flat Iron/White River Parks to include environmental corridor areas along the White River. Improve the dog park and sledding hill.

4.5 REGIONAL & STATE INSIGHTS

Insights from the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), 2019-2023

The recently updated Wisconsin SCORP features a Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA). The ROA examines existing outdoor-recreation opportunities compared to future opportunities in eight regions throughout Wisconsin. Walworth County is located in the Lower Lake Michigan Coastal Region region.

The Lower Lake Michigan Coastal Region has approximately 95,000 acres of public land available for outdoor recreation. This region is home to Milwaukee, the largest City in the state. The urban influence of Milwaukee and its surrounding suburbs has created demand for distinctly urban recreation facilities such as dog parks, city trails, and basketball courts. In addition to these more urban park amenities, the numerous lakes and Kettle Moraine State Forest offer opportunities for undeveloped outdoor recreation. The ROA found that residents of the Lower Lake Michigan Coastal Region participate in the following activities at higher rates than the State average.

- Bicycling - surfaced trails
- Camping - tent
- Canoeing/kayaking
- Fishing - from a boat, canoe or kayak
- Fishing - from shore
- Hiking, walking, running on trails
- Swimming
- Wildlife/bird watching

The most popular places to go in the region are Ice Age Trail, Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit, Southern Unit, Lapham Peak Unit, Pike Lake Unit, Glacial Drumlin State Trail, and Hank Aaron State Trail.

Of the people who participated in the ROA, the majority (76%) selected the quality of trails as the most important factor in determining their favorite property to visit. The three next most important factors are the desire to be in a quiet place, quality habitat, and good maps, signage or information about properties.

The following recreation activities are identified in the SCORP as high priority needs in the Lower Lake Michigan Coastal region:

- Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
- Bird or wildlife watching
- Camping - primitive
- Canoeing or kayaking
- Cross country skiing
- Fishing - lake fishing from a boat, canoe or kayak
- Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.
- Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
- Motorboating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)
- Nature photography
- Picnicking
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming in lakes and rivers

Insights from the Walworth County Park and Open Space Plan, 2014

The Walworth County Parks and Open Space Plan has not been updated since the previous Lake Geneva CORP was completed. The Walworth County plan contains recommendations near or adjacent to the City of Lake Geneva including:

- Development of the White River as a potential water trail.
- Acquisition of the 138-acre Oak Hill Cemetery Woods for natural resource preservation purposes.

The plan generally recommends protection of environmental corridors, natural areas, lands within forests and wildlife areas, and prime agricultural lands.

Insights from the Amendment to the Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, 2010

This amendment to the 1991 study by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission (SEWRPC) of critical natural areas and species habitats identifies 494 natural areas and 271 critical species habitat sites that should be protected. The amended plan also recommends that 686 sites, or 90 percent of the total, be placed in public or private protective conservation ownership and that the remaining 79 sites be

protected through zoning and other regulatory means. There are no specific sites in or adjacent to the City that are recommended for local government ownership.

Insights from the Lake Management Plan for Lake Geneva, 2008

This Lake Management Plan was prepared by SEWRPC in 2008 and contains the following recommendations that are relevant to the City:

- Maintenance of the historic low- and medium-density residential character of the already-developed portions of shoreline of Lake Geneva; implementation of structural stormwater management measures and vegetative shoreline protection measures where there is a higher density of development.
- Limit large-lot residential development in the Lake tributary area; consider modifying development codes to include maximum lot sizes and clustering requirements to reduce the amount of land consumed and preserve open space.
- Careful review of lakefront developments to ensure compliance with shoreland zoning requirements and encourage the use of shoreland buffers, environmentally friendly landscaping practices, and stormwater management practices.
- Promotion of urban nonpoint pollution abatement through the use of stormwater management planning programs and consideration of nonpoint source control measures.
- Public acquisition of some wetlands and woodlands in the area tributary to Geneva Lake.
- Continued enforcement of boating regulations and maintenance of public access sites.

Chapter 5

RECOMMENDATIONS

The quantitative, qualitative, and geographic analysis discussed in Chapter 4 reveals the need for improvements to existing facilities, as well as the acquisition and development of new sites for future recreational use. It should be noted that some of the recommendations may require considerable cooperation with others, including the citizens of Lake Geneva, local civic and business associations, and State agencies. In nearly every case, more detailed planning, engineering, study, budgeting, and/or discussion will be necessary before decisions are made to actually acquire land or construct recreational facilities.

The recommendations of this plan are divided into four major sections: (1) existing park facilities (2) new or expanded park facilities; (3) trail improvements; (4) miscellaneous improvements.

The timeline for completion of recommendations is noted in the action tables in Chapter 6. High priority items should occur in the next 1-3 years (2024), Medium priority items should occur over the next three to five years (2026) and low priority items may not be completed within the next five years; however, initial planning activities may occur to bring these items closer to completion. Due to budgetary constraints it is unlikely that all of the recommendations within this chapter will be implemented in the next five years. Maintenance and improvement projects will be prioritized on an annual basis by City staff in conjunction with Lake Geneva's Board of Park Commissioners as part of the City's annual budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Many of the recommendations regarding locating new park or trail facilities will be coordinated with the sale or donation of land by other parties; therefore, the timing is much more variable. Acquisition projects will be implemented through donation, dedication, purchase, or a combination thereof.

5.1 EXISTING PARK FACILITIES

The following is a bullet list of recommendations for improvements to existing, developed parks. Some of the recommendations identified within this section are remnants from the 2015 CORP. These recommendations have been highlighted (*) where they occur. Character images for potential park improvements are located throughout this chapter and showcase the latest trends in park facility materials and design.

Mini Parks

Oak Hill Tot Lot

- Add/level surfacing under all playground equipment.
- Update playground equipment.
- Add park sign.
- Add benches and picnic table.

Westgate Tot Lot

- Add new park sign and place in front of trees.
- Add/level surfacing under all playground equipment.
- Update playground equipment.

Neighborhood Parks

Cobb Park

- Pave park entrance and parking lot.
- Repair roof on existing building.
- Add surfacing under all playground equipment.
- Update playground equipment.
- Update park signage.

Flat Iron Park

- Vacate Wrigley Drive and expand Flat Iron Park to water's edge
- Create a master plan for the park if Wrigley Drive is vacated and park is to be expanded. Use this space as an expansion of Riviera Beach. The existing public boat launch could be moved to Big Foot Beach to take some of the traffic and congestion away from this area.
- Add internal ADA path between amenities.



Adaptive Playground - Salem, OR



Natural Playground - Seattle, WA



Playground- Oak Brook, IL



Exercise Equipment - Wausau, WI



Hill Play - Seattle, WA



Adventure Play - Wausau, WI

Rushwood Park

- Add surfacing under all playground equipment
- Remove weeds from sandbox.
- Extend electricity to park shelter.
- Update playground equipment - consider adventure play-based equipment.
- Add benches.
- Add bases to ballfield.
- Add restrooms.

Seminary Park

- Add ADA connectivity between parking areas, playground and pavilion.
- Add splash pad.

Community Parks

Dunn Field (Eastview School)

- Convert existing tennis courts to shared use pickleball courts.
- Add park sign.

Library/Elm Park

- Add park sign.
- Add restrooms (2021 CIP) .
- Add additional dinghy storage space to free up space on concrete.

Veterans Park

- Add 100 person, four-seasons pavilion near existing parking lot. This pavilion should be designed so that it can be used and promoted as a wedding venue.
- Replace aging playground by pavilion with ADA playground.
- Add signage at all entrance points.
- Repair five ball diamonds (2022 CIP)
- Add new batting cages.
- Repair fencing (2021 CIP).

Nature Preserve/Greenway

Fermano Park

- Resurface trail.
- Add benches.
- Add park sign.



Amphitheater and Restroom - Verona, WI



Park Shelter and Restroom - Verona, WI



*Amphitheater, Community Gathering Space, Splashpad
- Wausau, WI*



Zipline - Unknown



River-Themed Playground and Splashpad - Sauk City, WI



ADA Canoe/Kayak Launch - Stock Photo

Dodge Water Tower Pond Park

- Add park sign.
- Add walking trail around pond.
- Add benches on pads.

Donian Park

- None.

Edgewood Hills Park

- Add park sign.

Four Seasons Nature Preserve

- Level gravel in parking lot.
- *Consider adding an archery range .
- Add shelter (2021 CIP).
- Improve trails over marshy areas.
- Add information kiosk at park entrance and update trail map.

Hidden Woods

- Consider adding community gardens to the north.
- Add park sign.

Home Depot Park

- Add benches on pads.
- Add park sign.

Mill Park

- Combine with adjacent White River Park.
- Add ADA accessible path from parking to trail.

Price-Fremont Park

- Add park sign.
- Mow at entrance.
- Trail maintenance - add/level gravel.
- *Master Plan and develop.

Special Use Parks

White River Park

- Combine with adjacent city park — Mill Park.
- Mow park to ensure frisbee golf course is accessible.
- Consider adding a canoe/kayak launch and partnership with Walworth County on creation of a water trail on the White River (Walworth County Park and Open Space Plan).

- Put map of disc golf course online.
- Add restrooms.
- Add bridges to disc golf course (2021 CIP).
- Rebuild bridge #3
- Add cross country and snowshoe trails (incl. grooming equipment and signage).
- Update existing park sign and place signage at all entrance points.

Riviera Beach

- None.

5.2 NEW AND EXPANDED PARK FACILITIES

New Park Facilities

The City should develop new parks in areas that are underserved by existing facilities and areas where future residential expansion is expected to occur. There should be a focus on the acquisition of park and open space which will advance the goals and policies of this plan or the Lake Geneva Comprehensive Plan.

The New Parks & Trails Recommendations Map in Appendix C (Figure 5.1) identifies the location for potential new facilities based in part on Lake Geneva's future land use plan (see Section 2.6) areas potentially underserved by parks outside of park service areas (Figure 5.2), public engagement processes that identified general community priority and need, and growth projections for the City.

- Site A (parcel ZSR 0169) is currently a 43.4 acre wooded site that is owned by the City. This area is currently underserved by parks and more residences are anticipated to be built in here. The only concern with this site is that there is no easy public access. The City should work with the landowners of parcels ZSR 0004 and 0005 on a formal access easement to the wooded lot. If access can be provided, a multi-use path that connects to the zip line and Grand Geneva should be constructed that could also be used for cross country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. If the City were able to acquire parcels ZYUP 001371 or ZYUP001371 in the future this would provide emergency access to the site and it would be possible to consider mountain biking or a pump track due to the topography of the site.

- Site B is an area that is underserved by all park types. A neighborhood park should be developed in this area and development occurs in the Southland Farms subdivision, Amenities should include those appropriate for a neighborhood park, including dedicated pickleball courts.
- Site C is an area where residential growth is anticipated to occur in the City. As growth occurs, a Community Park should be developed in this area that includes 3.6-4.4 acres for a cricket field.

In addition to these proposed new parks on the map, the City should consider available lands for purchase that are adjacent to existing parks and could be used to expand recreational opportunities. As new park lands are acquired by the City, individual master plans should be developed in order to guide development. All individual master plans should be adopted as appendices to this plan in order to maintain eligibility for state and federal park and recreational grants.

5.3 TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

The City should develop a local system of trails that link to regional trails and trail systems in adjacent communities. A map of the proposed routes and trail improvements can be found on pages 38-39 and in Appendix C. Descriptions of the trail recommendations are shown in Table 5.1 on the following page.

5.4 OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Administrative

- *Update subdivision ordinance to clarify that lands dedicated for public park purposes shall be provided to the City with appropriate grading and seeding, utility stubs, and improved with required curb, gutter, and sidewalks.
- Develop a branding and marketing plan for the City's parks. This should include unified signage and wayfinding throughout the community.
- Do a survey or title search and remove what has been called "Moss Park" from the City's maintenance schedule as this is privately-owned property.
- Per City ordinance, ensure Board of Park Commissioners is engaged in subdivision review to assist with determination of land dedication vs. fee-in-lieu.

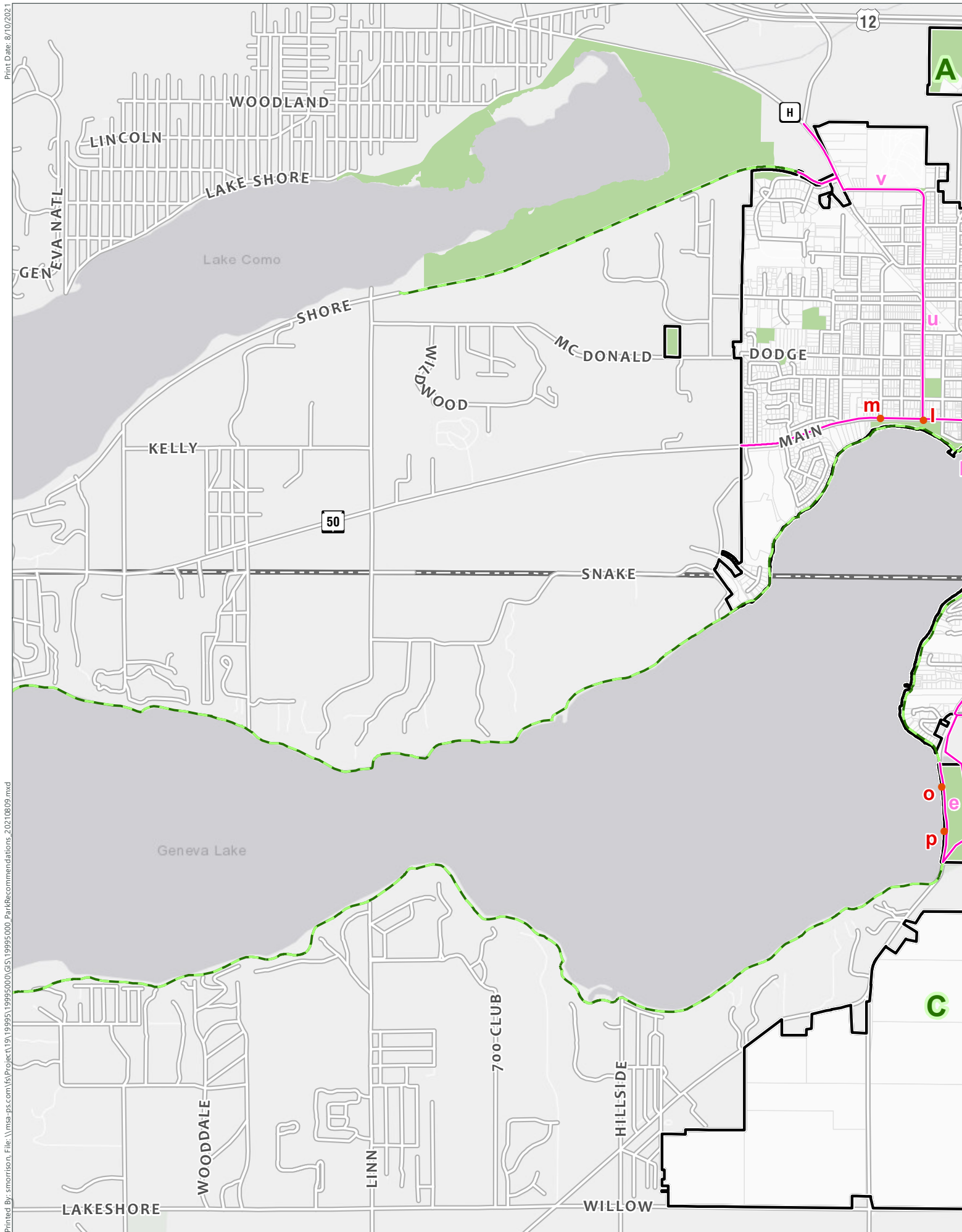
Table 5.1 Recommended Trail Improvements Key for Figure 5.1

Source: MSA

Label on Map	Description
a	sidewalk on north side of Park Dr and off-street trail on south side
b	consider closing the road and creating a pedestrian mall on Wrigley Drive from convergence of Center St and Wrigley Drive to Broad St.
c	off-road trail via South Street Trail project (2020-2024 TAP grant)
d	off-road extension of the South Street Trail project to connect to the Symphony Bay neighborhood
e	off-road extension of the South Street Trail project to connect to Big Foot Beach State Park
f	off-road connection between trail at Veteran's Park and Edwards Blvd trail
g	re-grade and re-pave existing off-road trail
h	bike/pedestrian crosswalk enhancements needed to provide safe crossing- DOT is reviewing as part of their HWY 50 resurfacing project
i	bike/pedestrian crosswalk enhancements needed to provide safe crossing for residents from Symphony Bay to Veterans Park
j	off-road trail along White River
k	bike/pedestrian crosswalk enhancements needed to provide safe crossing- consider rapid flash beacon
l	bike/pedestrian crosswalk enhancements needed to improve safety - consider rapid flash beacon
m	bike/pedestrian crosswalk enhancements needed to improve safety - consider rapid flash beacon
n	widen one side of the sidewalk to create an off-road trail on Lakeshore
o	bike/pedestrian crosswalk enhancements needed to provide safe crossing- consider rapid flash beacon
p	bike/pedestrian crosswalk enhancements needed to provide safe crossing- consider rapid flash beacon
q	move on-street parking to a parking ramp and creating an on-road bike path along Main Street
r	bike/pedestrian crosswalk enhancements needed to provide safe crossing- consider rapid flash beacon
s	off-road trail to connect Edgewood subdivision to downtown
t	off-road trail connection to White River State Trail
u	on-road bike trail on Madison Street, beginning at Wisconsin Street and heading north, curving to the West on Cemetery Rd and ending at Elkhorn Rd (2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan)
v	on-road bike trail on Edgewood Drive and Promontory Drive to connect to the Duck Lake Nature Trail (2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan)
w	on-road bike trail on Sage St from East Sheridan Springs Rd to Geneva St (2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan)
x	off-road trail along West South St from Lake Geneva Boulevard to East Townline Rd with pedestrian and bicycle-activated crossings at these two intersections (2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan)
y	off-road trail on Wells St. from Lake Geneva Blvd to E Townline Rd (2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan)
z	off-road trail connection from Joshua Lane to existing bike path (2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan)
aa	off-road trail between existing trail and E Sheridan Springs Rd (2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan)

Figure 5.1: New Park and Trail Recommendations

Source: MSA



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Park & Trail Recommendations

Lake Geneva CORP Study

**City of Lake Geneva
Walworth County, WI**

-  Streets
-  Existing Path
-  On Street Bike Trail
-  Lake Geneva Park
-  Parcel Boundary
-  City of Lake Geneva
-  Municipal Boundary

Park & Trail Recommendations

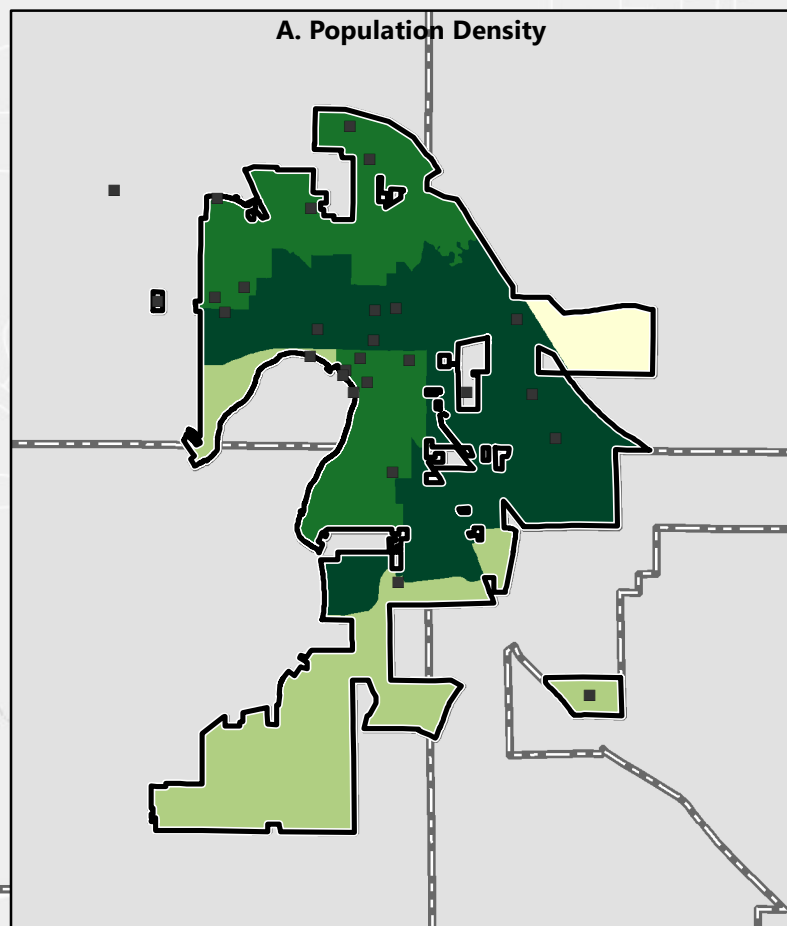
-  Proposed Park
-  Proposed Trail Safety Improvement
-  Proposed Safety Improvement Location
-  Proposed Trail
-  Proposed Trail Location

Data Sources:
Walworth County GIS (2021)
Parks and Trails: Verbicher/Kapur and Associates (2021)
Basemap: ESRI

Figure 5.2: Potentially Underserved Areas

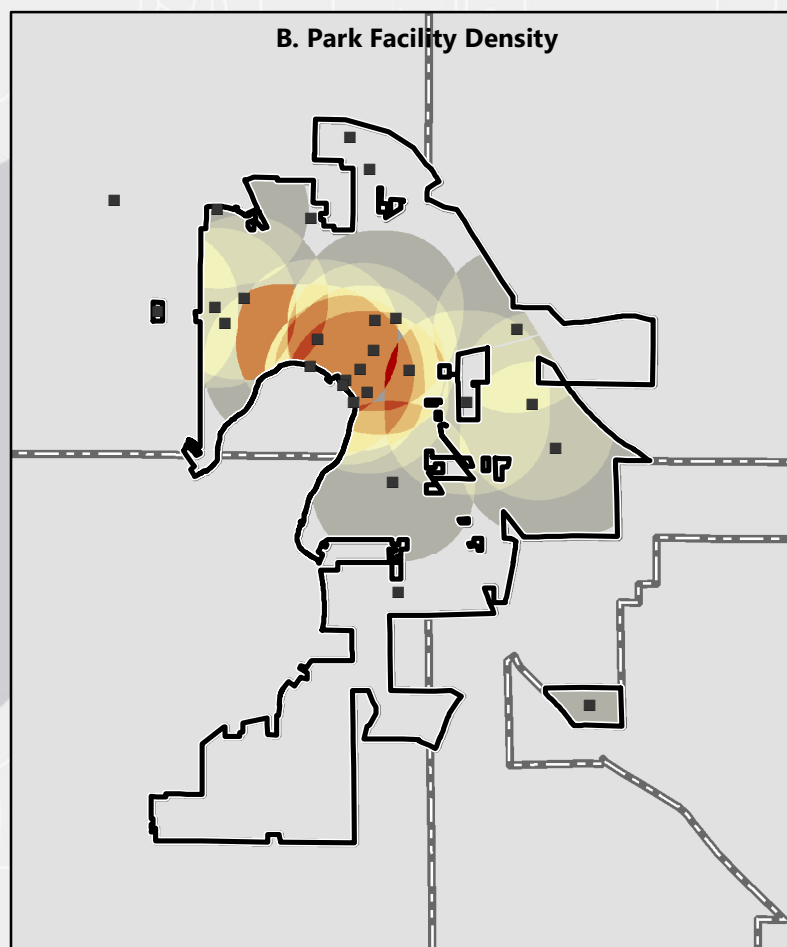
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Potentially Underserved Areas

This map is an overlay of maps **A** and **B** and represents areas that are potentially underserved. Darker areas are areas that are highly populated by do not have nearby park facilities.



What is the purpose of this map?

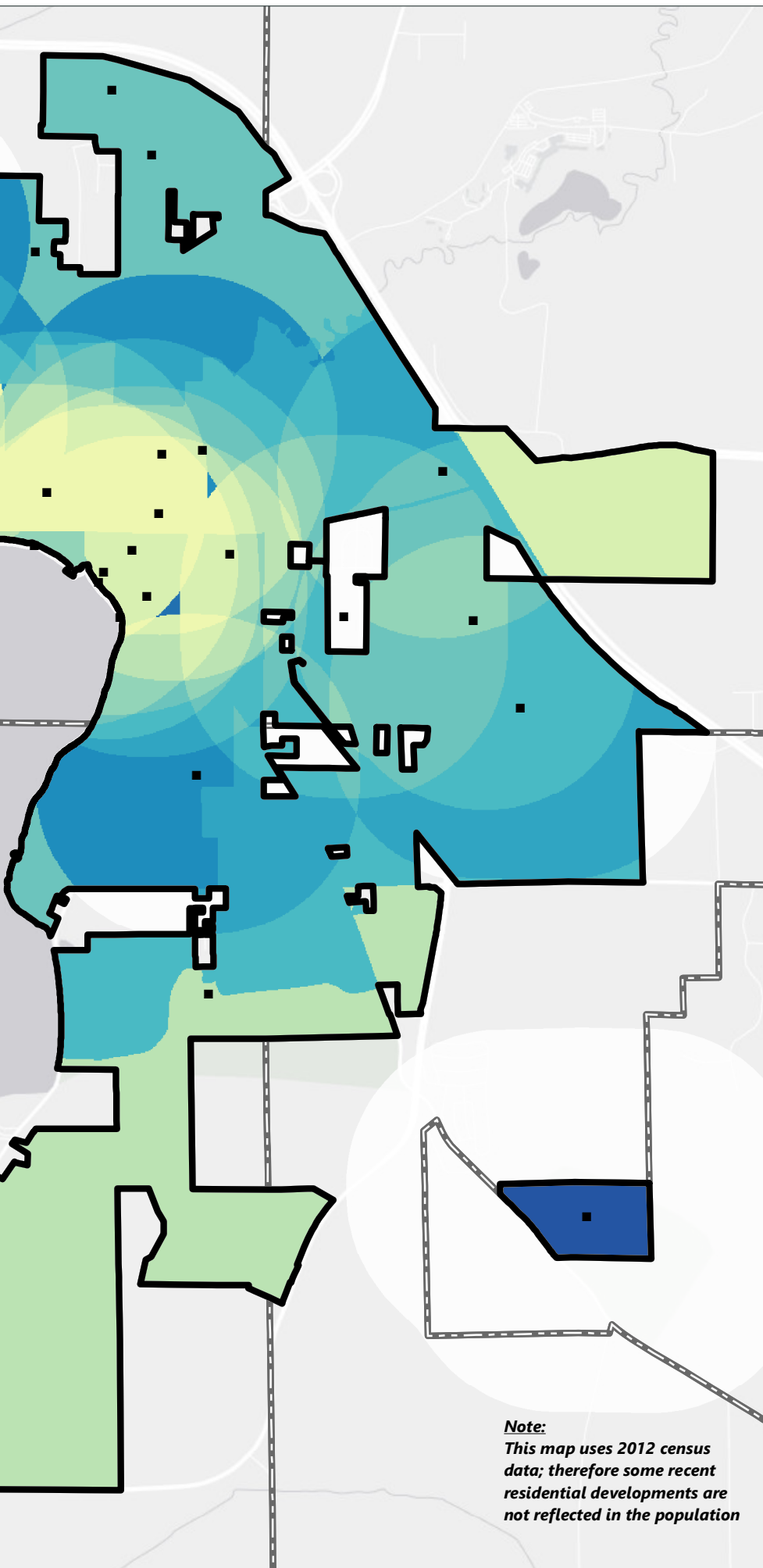
1. To determine if areas of Lake Geneva are underserved by City parks. Areas that are most underserved are shown by the darkest colors on the map. It may be beneficial for the City to take these areas into consideration when planning future parks.
2. Some parks may be subject to heavy use based on surrounding population density. These parks may require additional maintenance and repair.

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Potentially Underserved Areas

Lake Geneva CORP Study

City of Lake Geneva
Walworth County, WI



■ Park



City of Lake Geneva

Value



Areas well served by parks

Areas underserved by parks

Note:

This map uses 2012 census data; therefore some recent residential developments are not reflected in the population

Data Sources:
Walworth County GIS (2021)
Parks and Trails: Verbicher/Kapur and Associates (2021)
Basemap: ESRI

- Complete a Park Impact Fee and Land Dedication Policy Needs Assessment to determine an update of the City's current land dedication/fee-in-lieu requirements and impose a park impact fee (something the City does not currently charge).
- Begin charging a park impact fee to be used for park facility/amenity development.
- Hire a Park and Recreation Director and develop a Park and Recreation Department. Funding for the Director position should be included in the City's budget as well as potential operation costs for the department.
- Consider creation of a sidewalk ordinance (or policy) that requires accessible sidewalks or trails in all new residential and commercial developments and sidewalk to be added during street reconstruction if it does not currently exist.
- Employ an online reservation system for park shelter rentals.
- Consider an online asset management system through ArcGIS for the Department of Public Works (or new Park and Recreation Department) to identify, manage, and maintain park amenities.
- Incorporate park projects into the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- Develop a non-lapsing endowment fund for parks donations to be used for park facility enhancements or land acquisition.

General Parks

- Conduct an ADA audit of all City parks.
- Create a Playground Maintenance Plan.
- Conduct a Playground Safety Audit. Check with the City's insurance company - they may provide this type of service.
- Focus on developing, maintaining and better identifying parks outside of the downtown area. This would give residents more options when they want to avoid crowds. A number of respondents to the community survey mentioned they do not use City parks due to overcrowding.
- *Use grant funds to acquire additional natural and open space areas north of White River Park.
- *Establish a "Greenbelt Corridor" around the long range growth area.
- *Accept donations of quality and accessible lands for natural and open space uses.
- Increase native vegetation and landscaping in parks. Incorporate landscaping that is dual purpose and addresses stormwater needs, or is pollinator-friendly.
- Create an ArcGIS StoryMap for an easy to use, online presence for the City's park and trails. This should include location and amenities offered

at each park. Many responses to the community survey indicated people do not know where all of the City's parks are located. The StoryMap can also be converted into a physical map to be used for park promotion.

- Ensure all parks have community-branded park system signs.
- Add dedicated ADA canoe/kayak launch to City Boat Launch.
- If staff capacity allows, consider taking over ownership of private parks where they occur in new neighborhoods.
- Consider addition of a community pool once a Park and Recreation Director is hired and Park and Recreation Department is established.

General Trails

- Consider placing parking ramp, or consolidate existing parking lots, downtown for visitors. This could free up space for dedicated bike lanes throughout downtown and Main Street in particular.
- Improve bicycle wayfinding signage.
- Keep multi-use trails clear during winter months.
- Complete maintenance on the Lake Shore Path where needed.
- Map and promote the Lake Shore Path. There were a number of respondents on the survey who were unaware of this path.

Recreation Programming

- Consider creation of a senior center, possibly located at the former YMCA.
- Create City-managed and sponsored recreation that offers a variety of youth and adult sports and recreation opportunities at affordable rates.

Partnerships

- Partner with adjacent municipalities on park projects where feasible.
- Work with the School District to replace playground surfacing at Maple Park. Poured in place surfacing is recommended. Broken playground equipment and tennis court lighting should also be fixed.
- Partner with Walworth County on the preservation of the Oak Hill Cemetery Woods.
- Partner with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a possible ADA canoe/kayak launch at Duck Lake Nature Area.
- Partner with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to move the City of Lake Geneva Boat Launch to the State Park. Move Lake Shore Drive to the east side of the existing lagoon and locate launch in the lagoon. This will allow expansion of

Chapter 6

IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter summarizes tools and mechanisms that the City can use to fund implementation of the park, trail, and open space recommendations discussed in Chapter 5. This chapter also outlines the process for plan adoption and plan amendments.

6.1 TOOLS AND MECHANISMS TO FUND IMPLEMENTATION

Maintenance and operational expenses of the Lake Geneva's Parks are generally funded through property taxes and user fees. As the park system grows, the need to increase funding to meet the basic maintenance and operational costs also grows. Often there are insufficient funds to undertake major capital improvement projects. There are a wide variety of potential funding sources to assist with up-front capital costs, including acquisition of land and the development of new recreational facilities.

Grant Programs

An important source of funding is grant programs offered by state and federal agencies, especially the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Table 6.1 provides a summary of common state and federal park and recreation grant programs. The table is not an exhaustive list of grant programs, rather those that are typically used by jurisdictions to supplement acquisition and development of park and recreation areas. Funding details shown in Table 6.1 should be verified prior to seeking grant funding. Private funding sources are another potential source for funding park improvements. A query of a private funding database reveals the following sources may be available for projects in Lake Geneva. These funding sources should also be explored by the City:

- Bjorkman Foundation
- Epaphroditus Foundation
- Raymond James Charitable Endowment
- National Christian Charitable Foundation
- L.L. Bean Outdoor Access Fund
- Domanada Foundation
- Fidelity Investments Charitable Gift Fund
- The Soderquist Family Foundation
- Shupe Family Foundation
- FairWyn Fund
- Bickner Family Foundation
- AmazonSmile Foundation
- Esper A. Petersen Foundation
- James and Lynne Newman Foundation

Community Fundraising & Volunteer Groups

Community groups and civic organizations are sometimes willing to organize fundraising efforts to assist with costs, programming, and upkeep. "Friends of (name of park)" organizations can support specific parks on an ongoing basis. They may also be able to organize volunteer labor to assist with small development projects such as trail creation, maintenance, or playground installations. Local business and corporate support should also be sought. Both non-profit and for-profit organizations can be rewarded for their support with naming rights on an amenity or acknowledgment on a sign at the site.

Endowment Fund

The City can set up an endowment fund as an additional means of providing continual financial support for park acquisition and development. An endowment fund is a self-sustaining account in which assets are invested. The annual disbursement amount of the fund is a set percent of assets, generally smaller than the accrued interest amount, which allows the value of the fund and assets to grow over time. A park endowment fund can provide a means for residents to provide ongoing donations to the City's park system with the certainty that the money donated will only be used for the advancement of recreation in the community. Gifts to an endowment fund are tax deductible under federal and state law.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

As part of a broader plan to redevelop an area, the City can use tax increment financing to assist with parkland/trail acquisition and development. There are some limitations to what revenues from a TIF district can be used to pay for (e.g., generally the costs of constructing public buildings cannot be funded with TIF).

The City currently has no active TIF districts. Tax Increment Finance Districts are generally created for the purpose of stimulating redevelopment and new public and private investments. Tax increment can however be used for land acquisition and site development, but could not be used for construction of park shelters.

Under state statute 66.1105 a municipality can use tax increment to complete public improvements within a 0.5-mile radius of the TID, so long as the use of the funds supports and benefits the TID and is identified as allowable in the TID project plan. Therefore, it may be possible for the City to use TIF increment to pay

Table 6.1 Park and Recreation Public Grant Funding Programs

Funding Programs By Category	Maximum Award	Application Due Date	Granting Agency
Urban Forestry			
Provides technical service and financial assistance to communities for developing urban forestry programs. Priorities include:	50% local match required.	1-Oct	DNR
1) Communities needing to develop an urban forestry plan;	Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.		
2) Communities needing worker training; and			
3) Communities needing to conduct a street tree inventory.			
Eligible projects include 1) Undertaking street tree inventories; 2) Training for Village tree workers; 3) Developing urban open space programs; 4) Developing urban forestry plans; 5) Developing a tree ordinance; 6) Developing a public awareness program; and, 7) Tree planting and maintenance			
Lake Protection and Classification Grants			
• Designed to assist lake users, lake communities and local governments as they undertake projects to protect and restore lakes and their ecosystems. Eligible projects include:	25% local match required.	1-May	DNR
• Purchase of property or a conservation easement.	\$200,000 maximum per project.		
• Restoration of wetlands.			
• Development of local regulations or ordinances.			
• Lake classification projects that allow counties to design and implement local land and water management programs that are tailored to specific classes of lakes in response to various development and recreational use pressures (these grants are limited to \$50,000).			
• Lake protection projects recommended in a DNR-approved plan including watershed management, lake restoration, diagnostic feasibility studies, or any other projects that will protect or improve lakes.			
Recreational Boating Facilities Grant			
• Construction of capital improvements to provide safe recreational boating facilities and for feasibility studies related to the development of safe recreational facilities.	50% local match required	Established quarterly	DNR
• Also includes purchase of navigation aids, dredging of channels of waterways, and chemically treating Eurasian water milfoil.			
American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grant			
• Provides funds to help communities devise and implement sustainable economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects to respond to damage to the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors from the coronavirus pandemic and to promote the economic resilience of regions dependent on those industries.	20% local match required	Application Due: January 31, 2022. Preliminary consultation with regional EDA rep required.	EDA, US Dept. of Commerce
• Examples of eligible projects include water and stormwater/wastewater improvmeents; pier construction; new outdoor recreation and trail infrastructure and public access enhancements; nature-based infrastructure projects to improve access to recreation; accessibility enhancement; etc.			

Funding Programs By Category	Maximum Award	Application Due Date	Granting Agency
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program			
The Stewardship Program was established in 1989 to preserve Wisconsin's most significant land and water resources for future generations and to provide the land base and recreational facilities needed for quality outdoor experiences. These goals are achieved by acquiring land and easements for conservation and recreation purposes, developing and improving recreational facilities, and restoring wildlife habitat. This is an umbrella program that funds the following grants: Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP) - Helps to buy land or easements and develop or renovate local park and recreation area facilities for nature-based outdoor recreation purposed (e.g., trails, fishing access, and park support facilities). Urban Green Space (UGS) - Helps to buy land or easements in urban or urbanizing area to preserve the scenic and ecological values of natural open spaces for nature-based outdoor recreation, including non-commercial gardening. Urban Rivers (UR) - Helps to buy land on or adjacent to river flowing through urban or urbanizing areas to preserve or restore the scenic and environmental values of riverways for nature-based outdoor recreation. Acquisition of Development Rights Grants (ADR) - Helps to buy development rights (easements) for the protection of natural, agricultural, or forestry values, that would enhance nature-based outdoor recreation. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) - This fund is used to implement projects that are identified by both the local and the state Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. - In general, land acquisition, development, and renovation projects for public outdoor recreation purposes are eligible LWCF projects. LWCF does not include the "nature-based outdoor recreation" restriction that the Stewardship Local Assistance Programs do. Recreational Trails Program Grant - Eligible projects include: maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, construction of new trails, and acquisition of easement or property for trails. - May only be used on trails which have been identified in or which further a specific goal of a local, county or state trail plan included or reference in a statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan required by the federal LWCF.	50% local match required	1-May	DNR

for trail improvement projects near TIDs or if it were to create any TIDs in the future.

Parkland Dedication

The City's Municipal Code includes regulations regarding parkland dedication requirements. Section 66-97(a)(1) of the City's Subdivision ordinance requires parkland dedication equal to 5% of the gross land area contained within the subdivision. Based on the Comprehensive Plan's estimate of residential land demand in Lake Geneva of five dwelling units per one acre, this equates to a parkland dedication requirement of approximately 436 square feet per dwelling unit. Looking at nearby peer communities, this requirement is the same as the City of Burlington, but much lower than the requirements in the Cities of Delavan and Elkhorn.

To maintain the current park service level of around 25 acres per 1,000 residents, the City will need an additional 16 acres of parkland by 2040 to serve the 2,621 residents anticipated by the WI DOA to be added to the area. The Lake Geneva Comprehensive Plan (2020) estimates that the total residential acreage demand plus roads, sidewalks and parks will be an additional 212 acres. Five percent of this total is roughly 11 acres of land for parks. If the City wishes to maintain a standard of 25 acres per 1,000 residents it should consider updating its land dedication requirements to be 7-8% of the gross land area contained within the subdivision (~600-700 SF per dwelling unit). The City could also consider increasing to requirements closer to those required in Delevan and Elkhorn.

The City should also determine the recreation quality of the proposed dedication. The City should use the following criteria in evaluating proposed land for dedication:

- Located outside of areas with severe limitations for park development - flood plain or areas with steep slopes (12%).
- Contains soils suitable for construction of anticipated park facilities.
- At least 15% of the perimeter of the proposed parkland will be adjacent to a public street.
- Visible and accessible to the public on foot, bicycle, and by vehicle.
- Accessible to public safety vehicles.
- Sufficiently shaped to accommodate the anticipated park facilities.

- Situated in a location consistent with the goals of this plan and serving current or future underserved areas.

Fees in Lieu of Land Dedication

If parkland dedication is not possible or preferred due to the land configuration or proximity to planned or existing parks, at the discretion of the park board and city plan commission, a subdivider may satisfy the requirement for provisions of such park, recreation and general open space by payment of a fee in lieu of land. The fees are currently:

- \$400 per single-family residential lot
- \$200 per multi-family residential unit
- \$200 per net developable acre not used for residential purposes

We surveyed available for-sale properties that are undeveloped and found the average cost per acre of that land to be approximately \$100,000. Using this and the assumption that the City needs to acquire 15.8 acres to meet the needs of new residents through 2030, we assume that the City needs to collect \$1,580,000 total in fee-in-lieu between 2020 and 2030. If divided evenly between the 469 new dwelling units anticipated between 2020 and 2030 per the 2020 Comprehensive Plan, this is \$3,370 per dwelling unit.

Park Impact Fee

While the parkland dedication or fees in lieu ensure sufficient parkland available to meet the needs of new residents, park development fees fund park amenities for new residents. State statutes allow park development fees to be collected based on maintaining, not increasing current park service levels. These fees must be used within eight years or returned to the developer, with interest.

The City is currently providing 25 acres of parkland per 1,000 persons so the park development fee calculation maintains this assumption, and the assumption of 469 additional dwelling units added between 2020 and 2030. A total of \$1,437 per additional dwelling unit constructed over the next 10 years would ensure the City's ability to provide park facilities for new residents. Note, this is much higher than nearby communities and may not be feasible, though it is a reflection of the actual costs to develop parkland.

Table 6.2 Summary of Land Dedication Requirements and Park Impact Fees in Peer Communities

	City of Lake Geneva	City of Delevan	City of Elkhorn	City of Burlington
Park Impact Fees	None	\$1,011 per dwelling unit	Single family dwelling unit: \$874 Multi-family dwelling unit: \$681	None
Land Dedication Requirements	5% of the gross land area contained in a subdivision (~436 Sf per dwelling unit based on Comp Plan estimate of 1 acre unit per five dwelling units)	1,450 SF per dwelling unit	0.024 acres (1,045 SF) per dwelling unit	1 acre per 100 dwelling units (436 SF per dwelling unit)
Fees in Lieu of Land Dedication	Single-family lot = \$400 Multi-family lot = \$200 Each net developable acre not used for residential purposes = \$200	\$757 per dwelling unit	\$535 per dwelling unit	\$975 per dwelling unit
Park and Rec Department?	No	Yes	Yes	No
Total Number of Parks	21	21	11	28
Total Park Acreage	208	422	120	217
2020 WI DOA Population Estimate	8,233	8,270	9,968	10,912

Comparable communities

Table 6.2 compares Lake Geneva's land dedication requirement to peer communities in the region. Lake Geneva's land dedication requirement is approximately the same as Burlington (436 SF per dwelling unit), both being much lower than Delevan and Elkhorn which both require >1,000 SF of parkland dedicated per dwelling unit.

When comparing Lake Geneva's fee in lieu of land dedication to communities in the region it is the lowest of all peer communities. The second lowest is Elkhorn at \$535 per dwelling unit and the highest is Burlington at \$975 per dwelling unit.

6.2 SYSTEM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

Realizing the desire of residents for improved and expanded programming and operation of the park and recreation system, as well as recommendations of this plan, staffing will remain a key consideration in continued maintenance and operations. The City currently has no dedicated Park and Recreation Department. The City's Public Works Department currently cares for and maintains the City's parks and trails, and does a very good job. According to NRPA's 2021 Agency Review, communities of similar size (population of less than 20,000) offer a median of 10 Park and Recreation FTEs per 10,000 residents; with a lower quartile of 6 and an upper quartile of 23. If looking at FTEs by the total acres of parks maintained by agencies, Lake Geneva falls into the 25 or less category which has a lower quartile of 5 FTEs, median of 9 FTEs and upper quartile of 20 FTEs. While these numbers provide a benchmark for peer communities, it is important to remember that each community maintains different facilities, provides different programming, and experiences population growth to different degrees.

In order to continue to provide consistent levels of service under increased park planning, acquisition, and existing park development needs, a Park and Recreation Department is needed with a full-time Park and Recreation Director. Currently, the City's Park Board is fulfilling the duties that would typically be undertaken by a paid Park and Recreation Director position (long-range park planning, park maintenance requests, budgeting for capital improvements).

6.3 PLAN ADOPTION & AMENDMENTS

This plan is adopted as a complement to the City's Comprehensive Plan. As such, procedures for adoption of this plan, and future amendments follow similar Commission Recommendation and Common Council approvals highlighted below:

Board of Park Commissioners' Recommendation

Lake Geneva's Board of Park Commissioners shall meet to review the plan and pass a motion to recommend approval of the plan or plan amendment.

Plan Commission Recommendation

Lake Geneva's Plan Commission shall meet to review the plan and pass a motion to recommend approval of the plan or plan amendment.

Public Hearing

Prior to adopting this plan, or plan amendment, Lake Geneva may, but is not required to, hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed plan or plan amendment. A notice should be published up to 30 days before a public hearing that contains, at minimum, the following:

- The date, time and location of the hearing.
- A summary of the proposed plan or plan amendment.
- The local government staff who may be contacted for additional information.
- Where to inspect and how to obtain a copy of the proposed plan or amendment before the hearing.

The notice should also provide a method for submitting written comments, and those comments should be read or summarized at the public hearing. The public hearing may be held by either the Plan Commission or Common Council. Public Hearings for this plan are considered to be best practice, but are not a requirement of the WDNR.

Plan Adoption

This plan and any future amendments become official City policy when the Common Council passes, by a majority vote, a resolution to adopt. The Common Council may choose to revise the plan after it has been recommended by the BPC and Plan Commission, and after any potential public hearing (optional).

Plan Amendment vs. Plan Update

Amendments can be made at any time, but the City should not amend the plan more than once per year. A common recommended approach is to establish a consistent annual schedule for consideration of minor plan amendments.

This plan should be updated every five years in order to maintain eligibility for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Funding. Unlike an amendment, a plan update would revisit the entirety of the plan content and include more robust opportunities for public participation.

6.4 ACTION PLAN

The Board of Park Commissioners has prioritized certain recommendations for each existing park in Lake Geneva. These are explored park by park in Chapter 5. Table 6.3 lists these improvements in a singular list to provide easy access to desired improvements by park.

Table 6.3 Recommended Park Improvements

Mini Parks				
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Potential Project for Public Funding
Oak Hill Tot Lot Overall Estimate: \$119,000+	MED	Add/level surfacing under all playground equipment	\$60,000	
	MED	Update playground equipment	\$50,000 - \$80,000	
	HIGH	Add park sign	\$5,000	
	HIGH	Add benches and picnic table	\$4,000	
Westgate Tot Lot Overall Estimate: \$44,000+	HIGH	Add new park sign and place in front of trees	\$5,000	
	MED	Add/level surfacing under all playground equipment	\$14,000	
	MED	Update playground equipment	\$25,000 - \$60,000	
Neighborhood Parks				
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Potential Project for Public Funding
Cobb Park Overall Estimate: \$135,000+	LOW	Pave park entrance and parking lot	\$60,000	
	LOW	Add surfacing under all playground equipment	\$10,000	
	HIGH	Repair roof on existing building	\$10,000	
	MED	Update playground equipment	\$50,000 - \$80,000	
	HIGH	Update park sign	\$5,000	
Flat Iron Park Overall Estimate: \$36,000+	HIGH	Vacate Wrigley Drive and expand Flat Iron Park to water's edge	-	Stewardship or American Rescue Plan Act - for vacation of drive and implementation of master plan
	HIGH	Create a master plan for the park if Wrigley Drive is vacated and the park is to be expanded. Use this space as an expansion of Riviera Beach. The existing public boat launch could be moved to Big Foot Beach State Park to take some of the traffic and congestion out of this area.	\$18,000 - \$30,000	
	HIGH	Add internal ADA path between amenities	\$18,000	
Rushwood Park Overall Estimate: \$233,000+	LOW	Add surfacing under all playground equipment	\$50,000	
	HIGH	Remove weeds from sandbox	-	
	HIGH	Extend electricity to park shelter	\$5,000	
	HIGH	Update playground equipment-consider adventure-based play	\$50,000 - \$80,000	
	HIGH	Add benches	\$2,500	
	HIGH	Add bases to ballfield	\$500	
	LOW	Add restrooms	\$125,000	
Seminary Park Overall Estimate: \$166,000+	HIGH	Add ADA connectivity between parking areas, playground and pavilion	\$16,000	Stewardship
	HIGH	Splash pad	\$150,000 - \$500,000+	

Table 6.3 Recommended Park Improvements

Community Parks				
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Potential Project for Public Funding
Dunn Field (Eastview School) Overall Estimate: \$13,000+	HIGH	Convert existing tennis courts to shared use pickleball courts	\$8,000 - \$10,000	
	HIGH	Add park sign	\$5,000	
Library/Elm Park Overall Estimate: \$50,000+	HIGH	Add park sign	\$5,000	
	HIGH	Add restrooms (2021 CIP)	\$40,000	
	MED	Add additional dinghy storage space to free up space on concrete	\$5,000 for pad	
Veterans Park Overall Estimate: \$1,215,000+	MED	Add 100 person, four-seasons pavilion near existing parking lot	\$1,000,000 - \$1,250,000	
	HIGH	Replace aging playground by pavilion with ADA playground	confirm target w/Cindy	
	HIGH	Add signage at all entrance points	\$15,000	
	HIGH	Repair five ball diamonds (2022 CIP)	\$125,000	
	HIGH	Add new batting cages	\$5,000 - \$7,500	
	HIGH	Repair fencing (2021 CIP)	\$20,000	
Nature Preserves/Greenways				
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Potential Project for Public Funding
Fermano Park Overall Estimate: \$15,000+	HIGH	Resurface trail	\$28,000	
	HIGH	Add benches on pads	\$2,500 EA	
	HIGH	Add park sign	\$5,000	
Dodge Water Tower Pond Park Overall Estimate: \$19,000+	HIGH	Add park sign	\$5,000	
	HIGH	Add walking trail around pond	\$12,000	
	HIGH	Add benches on pads	\$2,500 EA	
Donian Park Overall Estimate: -		none	-	
Edgewood Hills Park Overall Estimate: \$5,000	HIGH	Add park sign	\$5,000	
Four Seasons Nature Preserve Overall Estimate: \$119,000+	MED	Level gravel in parking lot	\$5,000	Stewardship
	HIGH	*Consider adding an archery range	\$25,000 - \$100,000	
	HIGH	Add shelter (2021 CIP)	\$50,000	
	LOW	Improve trails over marsh	\$30,000+	
	HIGH	Add information kiosk at park entrance and update trail map	\$4,500	
Hidden Woods Overall Estimate: \$15,000+	HIGH	Consider adding community gardens to the north	\$10,000 - \$13,000	
	HIGH	Add park sign	\$5,000	
Home Depot Park Overall Estimate: \$7,000+	HIGH	Add benches on pads	\$2,500 EA	
	HIGH	Add park sign	\$500	
Mill Park Overall Estimate: \$8,000+	HIGH	Combine with adjacent Hillmoor property	-	
	HIGH	Add ADA accessible path from parking to trail	\$8,000	
Price Fremont Park Overall Estimate: \$13,000+	HIGH	Add park sign	\$5,000	
	HIGH	Mow at entrance	-	
	HIGH	Trail maintenance - add/level gravel	\$4 - \$8 SY	
	HIGH	*Master Plan and develop	\$18,000 - \$30,000	

Table 6.3 Recommended Park Improvements

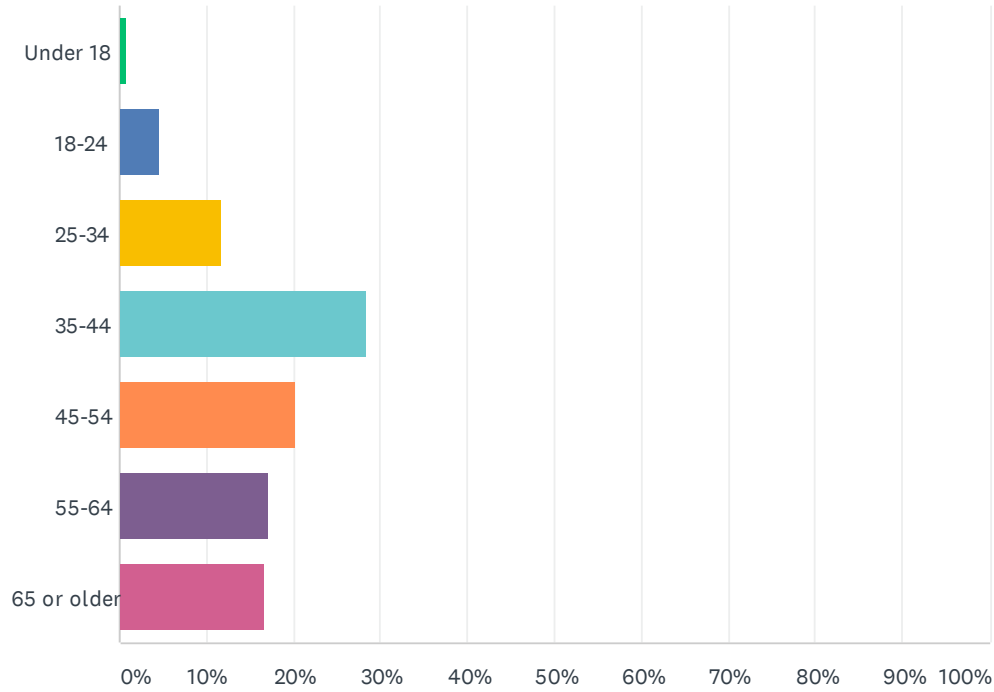
Special Use Parks				
Park Name	Priority	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Potential Project for Public Funding
Hillmoor Property Overall Estimate: \$370,000+	HIGH	Combine with adjacent Mill Park	-	Stewardship
	HIGH	Mow park to ensure frisbee golf course is accessible	-	
	LOW	Consider adding a canoe/kayak launch and partnership with Walworth County on creation of a water trail on the White River (Walworth County Park and Open Space Plan)	\$40,000+	
	HIGH	Put map of disc golf course online	-	
	HIGH	Add restrooms	\$125,000	
	HIGH	Add bridge to disc golf course (2021 CIP)	\$60,000	
	HIGH	Rebuild bridge #3	\$120,000	
	HIGH	Add cross country and snowshoe trails (incl. grooming equipment and signage)	\$15,000 - \$70,000	
Riviera Beach Overall Estimate: -	HIGH	Update existing park sign and place signage at all entrance points	\$10,000	
		none	-	

Appendix A

SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 What is your age?

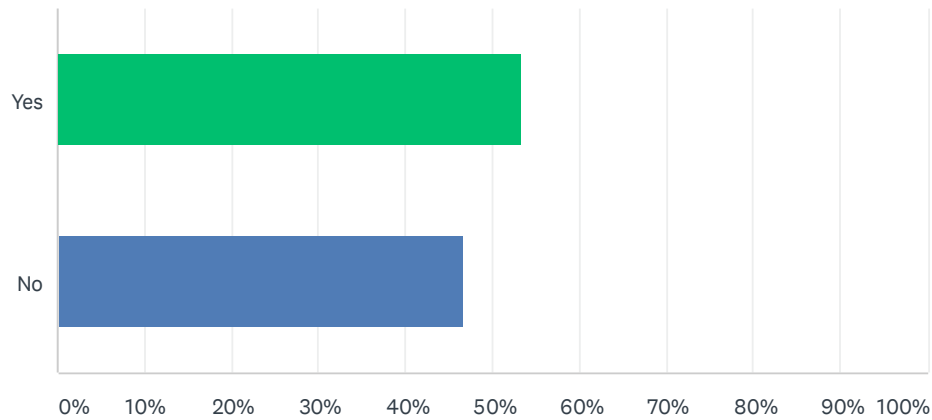
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.90%	2
18-24	4.52%	10
25-34	11.76%	26
35-44	28.51%	63
45-54	20.36%	45
55-64	17.19%	38
65 or older	16.74%	37
TOTAL		221

Q2 Do you have any children living in your home that are under the age of 18?

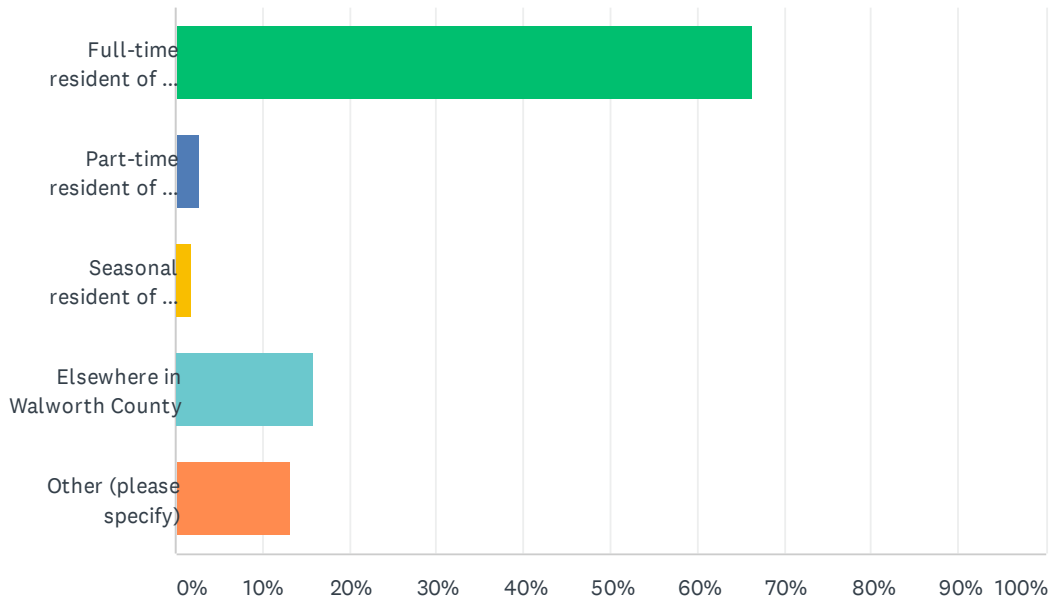
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.42%	117
No	46.58%	102
TOTAL		219

Q3 Where do you live?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Full-time resident of the City of Lake Geneva		66.36%	146
Part-time resident of the City of Lake Geneva (all seasons)		2.73%	6
Seasonal resident of the City of Lake Geneva		1.82%	4
Elsewhere in Walworth County		15.91%	35
Other (please specify)		13.18%	29
TOTAL			220

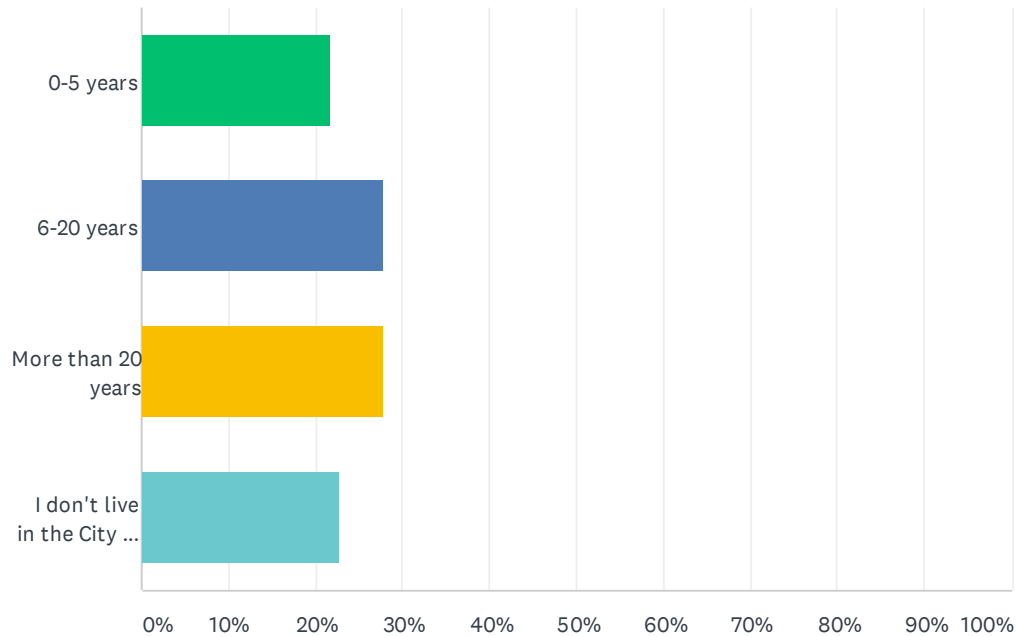
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1	Illinois	6/26/2021 11:34 AM
2	Illinois	6/22/2021 7:53 AM
3	Chicago	6/18/2021 6:31 PM
4	il	6/17/2021 6:05 PM
5	Kenosha	6/17/2021 1:22 PM
6	Full time Linn Township	6/14/2021 7:31 AM
7	Just outside of LG	6/12/2021 2:34 PM
8	Tourism	6/7/2021 8:20 AM
9	Palatine, IL	6/6/2021 8:50 AM
10	Lived in LG until very recently & still Come to LG lake to walk lake front	6/4/2021 8:53 AM
11	Bloomfield Township	6/3/2021 3:33 PM
12	Genoa city, wi	6/3/2021 3:04 PM

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13	Pell lake	6/3/2021 1:48 PM
14	Live in Pell Lake	6/3/2021 12:34 PM
15	Pell Lake but in Lake Geneva school system	6/3/2021 11:52 AM
16	Bloomfield	6/3/2021 11:36 AM
17	Linn township	6/3/2021 11:19 AM
18	Chicago	5/31/2021 3:44 PM
19	Trevor, WI	5/31/2021 7:12 AM
20	Illinois	5/30/2021 7:44 PM
21	Twin lakes	5/30/2021 8:33 AM
22	Western Kenosha County resident	5/30/2021 3:29 AM
23	Burlington	5/29/2021 10:59 PM
24	Burlington	5/29/2021 10:56 PM
25	Como	5/28/2021 12:13 PM
26	south milwaukee but visit Lake Geneva often	5/28/2021 11:43 AM
27	Business property owner	5/27/2021 10:08 AM
28	Silver Lake (Kenosha County), WI	5/24/2021 8:44 PM
29	Northern Illinois resident	5/24/2021 2:34 PM

Q4 How long have you lived in the City of Lake Geneva?

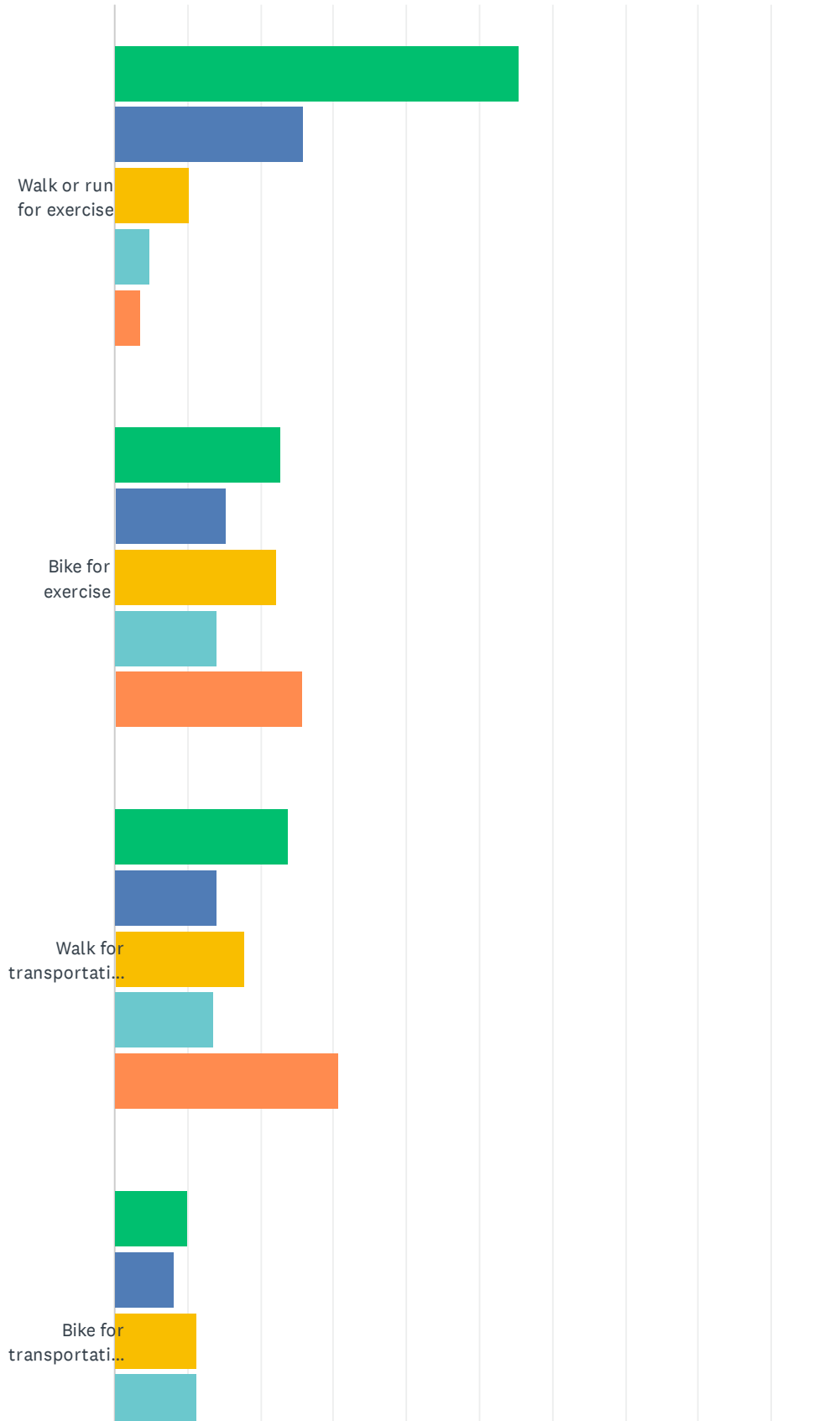
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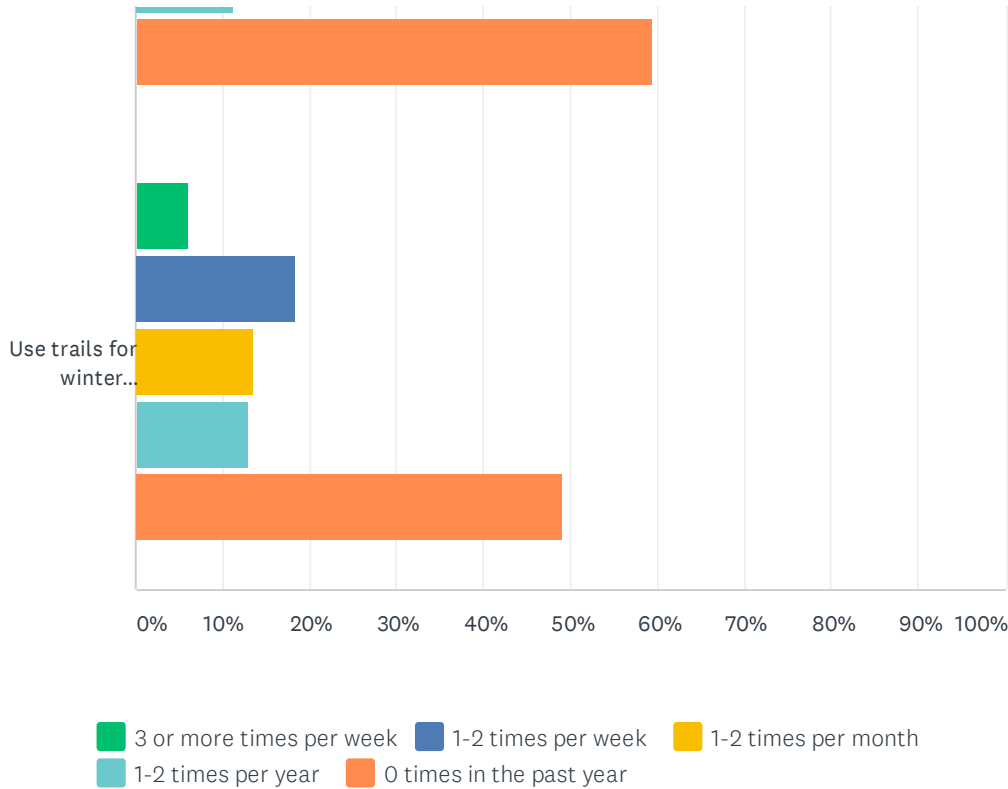
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	21.82%	48
6-20 years	27.73%	61
More than 20 years	27.73%	61
I don't live in the City of Lake Geneva	22.73%	50
TOTAL		220

Q5 How often do you....

Answered: 166 Skipped: 57



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	3 OR MORE TIMES PER WEEK	1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER YEAR	0 TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Walk or run for exercise	55.42% 92	25.90% 43	10.24% 17	4.82% 8	3.61% 6	166	1.57
Bike for exercise	22.70% 37	15.34% 25	22.09% 36	14.11% 23	25.77% 42	163	2.43
Walk for transportation from home to work, stores, restaurants, etc.	23.93% 39	14.11% 23	17.79% 29	13.50% 22	30.67% 50	163	2.51
Bike for transportation from home to work, stores, restaurants, etc.	10.00% 16	8.13% 13	11.25% 18	11.25% 18	59.38% 95	160	3.20
Use trails for winter activities such as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, or fat tire biking (winter months only).	6.13% 10	18.40% 30	13.50% 22	12.88% 21	49.08% 80	163	3.05

Q6 Is there a specific location or destination in the City of Lake Geneva that needs to be improved for bicycle or pedestrian safety?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 143

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Bike lanes all around town and in Maple Park neighborhood	6/30/2021 8:19 AM
2	YES!!!! The bike path from the Y to Curtis Street is extremely dangerous for several reasons! Broken pavement, dips from sinking culvert, bump from raised culvert, narrowing due to mud then weed growth, slime from wet moss due to poor pavement condition, broken split rail fence by ravine dropoff, MISSING fence by ravine drop off,	6/28/2021 9:10 PM
3	There are many places in LG that the sidewalks end. Consistent sidewalks would be nice.	6/27/2021 9:30 AM
4	No	6/25/2021 6:13 AM
5	The pedestrian crosswalks at Main Street and Maxwell and Main Street and Madison need to be more prominent to motorists. I have seen and have had so many close calls throughout the years since I cross at these intersections about once a day.	6/24/2021 2:19 PM
6	Bike routes that discourage use of Highway 50 or any of the downtown streets. Traffic counts are too high to encourage bike users to ride in the immediate downtown area.	6/22/2021 11:06 AM
7	Everywhere! Need signage and bike lanes. From town to Wal-mart especially.	6/21/2021 8:15 PM
8	Lake Shore Drive	6/21/2021 7:46 PM
9	Designated bike path/lane would be really helpful in town. Even just one going north/south and one east/west.	6/21/2021 7:20 PM
10	Lake front near Andy Gump statue cross walks need flashing lights for motorists	6/21/2021 7:07 PM
11	It could be better where there is room to expand	6/21/2021 2:29 PM
12	we need open parkland ,green space for residents. Hillmoor , should be an open space for lake Geneva residents.	6/21/2021 10:00 AM
13	The turns on George Street. The crossing of the intersections at George and Williams. It's unsafe to cross the street from the south side of George as it turns on the west side of town. Vehicles travel too fast and speed around the turn. There is no sidewalk and therefore you must walk across the street. Very dangerous local and something needs to be modified to improve safety.	6/21/2021 9:11 AM
14	Downtown lake geneva	6/20/2021 10:18 PM
15	Crossing Edwards 120 is hazardous in most places, and the intersection at Main St/50 and Edwards/120 is next to impossible to navigate on a bike.	6/20/2021 2:54 PM
16	Crossing to Walmart, Walgreens, and the other stores in that area. Perhaps pedestrian bridges could be placed.	6/19/2021 8:24 AM
17	none	6/17/2021 6:07 PM
18	Pedestrian safety - Big Foot Beach area - matter of time till a distracted driver drives off the road adjacent to the beach - with lots of people at the beach. Attractive guard rail?	6/17/2021 7:01 AM
19	Downtown, Around schools, and Bigfoot State Park	6/17/2021 6:29 AM
20	Downtown	6/17/2021 5:09 AM
21	Bloomfield - south street;south lakeshore dr	6/16/2021 3:19 PM
22	All areas of Lake Geneva are bicycle unfriendly. Its all afterthought and the only dedicated bike trail to downtown LG is Not taken care of with a cyclist in mind.	6/16/2021 1:29 PM

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23	South Lakeshore drive near Eugene. Dangerous when bikes are alongside cars.	6/16/2021 12:54 PM
24	Get the bikes off the roads in summer and on the paths where they belong. Too much traffic.	6/15/2021 4:18 PM
25	Connected Sidewalks along Sheridan Springs rd to connect	6/15/2021 7:56 AM
26	Heading out of town on Main Street, also heading out to the Piggly Wiggly area. South St. Sherwood area.	6/13/2021 7:37 PM
27	Almost everywhere but there is a serious need on Wells St. The area between down town and the fast food restaurants, YMCA, lots of motels and apartments, and middle and high school is probably the most likely area you'd have a lot of pedestrians and there's literally no safe way for a pedestrian or bike rider to get through there safely. No sidewalk or shoulder and a steep incline in the yard at Mcdonalds Also, other than downtown where there are traffic lights it's really unsafe to cross the busier streets, anywhere on Williams st for example. Cars just don't stop for pedestrians and when one does there's a good chance another vehicle will pass them on the right, endangering the pedestrian (usually a kid) crossing the street. There's also really no safe way to bicycle downtown, bike lanes and a lot of enforcement would help.	6/13/2021 6:43 PM
28	Interchange North and Center Street needs a crosswalk	6/11/2021 2:44 PM
29	No	6/9/2021 12:23 PM
30	Edwards blvd and Hwy 50 Edwards Blvd and Townline Road	6/8/2021 4:00 PM
31	South Street desperately needs a safe sidewalk and/or bike path for safety. There are lots of pedestrians and bikers trying to safely walk/ride and the traffic gets worse all the time.	6/6/2021 4:44 PM
32	Edwards Boulevard and Hwy. 50	6/6/2021 3:06 PM
33	Wells street, south shore drive & Lakefront	6/6/2021 11:46 AM
34	Crosswalks	6/5/2021 8:56 AM
35	Better enforcement of pedestrian crossing...maybe occasional police presence	6/5/2021 8:34 AM
36	Crossing Edwards Blvd from Town line Rd to Walmart. No easy way to get to Veterans Park. Crossing at the intersection of Wells St. and Hwy 50 to access the train bridge walking path.	6/4/2021 9:12 PM
37	Bicycle/Pedestrian interaction with vehicles is the biggest issue, so all major intersections and downtown need to be the priority.	6/4/2021 2:34 PM
38	The crossing of Townline Rd and Edward's Blvd. At this time, it's a divided hwy with only 2 stop signs. This can be a very dangerous intersection	6/3/2021 9:25 PM
39	Big Foot Beach State Park road crossing onto South St . More noticeable crossing. and tree blocks view coming out of student parking lot of Badger by tennis courts taking a left onto South St. Those cars go fast down that road.	6/3/2021 8:20 PM
40	By Badger HS and LGMS. Crosswalks across South to residential areas (maybe even trails/sidewalks) across from Bigfoot-lots of student walkers.	6/3/2021 7:01 PM
41	South Street, State Park Area, Wells Street	6/3/2021 4:48 PM
42	The bike path completed. The neighborhoods near Eastview sidewalk completed.	6/3/2021 4:19 PM
43	Toweline and Edwards Blvd going North on Edwards.	6/3/2021 3:56 PM
44	Around the Walmart/Target area. The area around 50 & 120.	6/3/2021 3:23 PM
45	Townline road crossing 120. Bike path between ymca and cass st is really rough	6/3/2021 2:58 PM
46	Wells st. Where the sidewalk changes to other side. It's a very busy street especially when the quick trip gets built.	6/3/2021 1:02 PM
47	Cross walks should be safer and have more cones or reflective posts in in the street	6/3/2021 12:13 PM
48	Please Improve the playgrounds for the children's!! Every single playground in town I believe is more than 20 years old they all need improvements.	6/3/2021 11:47 AM
49	Would love to see a walking/biking trail available from the Edgewood subdivision to downtown	6/3/2021 7:41 AM
50	The Lake Path is very inconsistently maintained and dangerous in places. All homeowners	6/1/2021 5:16 PM

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should be required to maintain the Path in a safe manner.

51	Existing roads should have bike lanes added.	6/1/2021 12:29 PM
52	Bike lanes would be appreciated	6/1/2021 6:24 AM
53	downtown veterans park	5/31/2021 9:35 PM
54	Sidewalks are uneven esp in Maple Park. Easy to trip on them.	5/31/2021 12:13 PM
55	Route 50 between downtown and Edwards Blvd, Center St into Stone Ridge	5/31/2021 12:07 PM
56	would like to see separate bike/walking paths in the city	5/31/2021 11:53 AM
57	Enforce bicycling rules in the historic district. Middle school and high school children should be riding their large bicycles in the streets.	5/31/2021 11:27 AM
58	Lakefront	5/31/2021 7:11 AM
59	Downtown	5/31/2021 5:44 AM
60	Shopping g district	5/30/2021 7:45 PM
61	Downtown to out of Lake Geneva	5/30/2021 6:03 PM
62	Having dedicated lanes for biking in town.	5/30/2021 8:51 AM
63	I think we need actually bike/pedestrian paths. Not just painting bike lane on a road such as they did on 120 heading to white river trail. Too many tourist in area with distracted driving.	5/30/2021 8:31 AM
64	Intersection at 50 and Edward's Blvd. So many stops and crossing roads. It needs one straight shot across.	5/30/2021 8:13 AM
65	Paved biking paths that are safe would be a huge draw for Lake Geneva. I love our town but it clearly lacks dedicated paths for safe biking	5/30/2021 6:54 AM
66	crossing by Walgreens	5/30/2021 6:50 AM
67	Downtown	5/30/2021 3:31 AM
68	More bike paths that are away from traffic	5/29/2021 11:51 PM
69	Trails to the lake	5/29/2021 11:49 PM
70	Downtown to Walmart/that general area. Downtown to new YMCA needs to happen as well.	5/29/2021 11:09 PM
71	Connection from Lake Geneva to White River trail.	5/29/2021 11:02 PM
72	Back by the dog park there are trails back there but hard to get to.	5/28/2021 11:29 PM
73	Curtis Str . Main Str. East	5/28/2021 11:23 AM
74	Hwy 50 east side of town	5/28/2021 10:56 AM
75	Highway 50 from havenwood to Walmart. Veterans park needs sidewalks on park Dr. bike path behind Ymca. Bike accommodations in front of Brunk on Sheridan springs road. Highway H bike accommodation toward coni in curbed section. As sidewalk on Edwards from Petco to Starbucks east side.	5/28/2021 9:03 AM
76	All along route 50 from border to border; highway H from Broad Street to city border	5/26/2021 9:01 PM
77	Yes, we need sidewalks or walking path on the North Side of Veterans Park, along Park DR. It is very dangerous now to walk in the Street,	5/25/2021 9:45 PM
78	Crossing Main Street from the residential neighborhood	5/25/2021 3:26 PM
79	The path behind the YMCA has been is disrepair for years.	5/25/2021 8:56 AM
80	Townline Road/Edwards Blvd. Crossing Edwards. Also, having a continuous sidewalk/bike path around Vet's park.	5/24/2021 2:15 PM

Q7 Where would you prioritize the location of new bike facilities, routes, or trails?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 149

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Town and Maple Park	6/30/2021 8:19 AM
2	No place until WE MAINTAIN what we have. Hearing the words it's not in the budget (to fix it), per Tom Earle at the 6/28 meeting is really maddening.	6/28/2021 9:10 PM
3	A bike/pedestrian path near center street to connect stone ridge with the rest of the city would definitely increase pedestrian safety.	6/27/2021 9:30 AM
4	None	6/25/2021 6:13 AM
5	Northwest and Northeast sides	6/22/2021 11:06 AM
6	Hwy 50 especially but all roads around Lake Geneva. Make it safer and promote bike tourism. Link from town to White river trail needs more development	6/21/2021 8:15 PM
7	See above. With all of the parked cars it can be treacherous to bike to downtown on streets (live .6 miles from library).	6/21/2021 7:20 PM
8	Foot traffic is more important bc it helps local businesses make \$\$	6/21/2021 7:07 PM
9	The Old Hillmoor Property	6/21/2021 2:29 PM
10	I think HILLMOOR has amazing possibilities for all ages. IT IS THE LAST GREEN LAND. DOWN TOWN PARKS ARE USED BY VISITORS TO THE MAX.	6/21/2021 10:00 AM
11	On the side streets running parallel to Main Street. In the parks. Connect the parks with bike routes?	6/21/2021 9:11 AM
12	Broad street , lake shore	6/20/2021 10:18 PM
13	I'd like to see better access throughout the main section of town	6/20/2021 2:54 PM
14	Business district	6/19/2021 8:24 AM
15	none	6/17/2021 6:07 PM
16	Near the lake	6/17/2021 1:23 PM
17	Maintain/repair the trails and walkway at Four Seasons Park	6/17/2021 7:01 AM
18	Downtown, to and from schools, Bigfoot State Park	6/17/2021 6:29 AM
19	Near schools	6/17/2021 5:09 AM
20	Bloomfield - south street;south lakeshore dr	6/16/2021 3:19 PM
21	A well thought route through the major areas of downtown LG. Right now you have no dedicated bike lane markings or bicycle awareness programs in the area worth noting.	6/16/2021 1:29 PM
22	See above	6/16/2021 12:54 PM
23	To schools, neighborhoods.	6/15/2021 4:18 PM
24	Hillmoor	6/15/2021 7:56 AM
25	Between badger and the new ymca	6/14/2021 3:09 PM
26	Heading out to Badger and LGMS	6/13/2021 7:37 PM
27	See above	6/13/2021 6:43 PM

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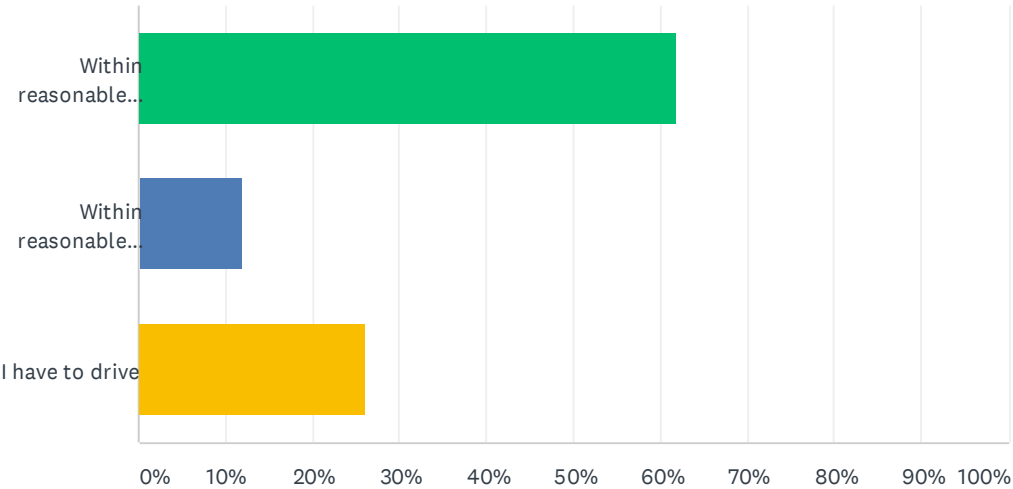
28	lowest priority. Downtown and the surrounding area are congested with traffic and pedestrians. Bicycles that ignore all traffic laws and rules are dangerous in the downtown area. Cyclists ignoring traffic laws in the RULE, not the exception. i.e. ignoring traffic signs, zig zagging on roads to avoid traffic and pedestrians, turning in front of moving cars, etc.	6/11/2021 2:44 PM
29	In the White River Park.	6/9/2021 12:23 PM
30	Edwards Blvd and Hwy 50 Edwards Blvd and Townline Road	6/8/2021 4:00 PM
31	I am not a biker, so can't really say.	6/6/2021 4:44 PM
32	Hillmoor - all Lake Shore Drive - bike lane	6/6/2021 3:06 PM
33	Wells street	6/6/2021 11:46 AM
34	Outskirts, neighborhoods	6/5/2021 8:56 AM
35	No input at this time...still exploring area	6/5/2021 8:34 AM
36	N/A,	6/4/2021 10:18 PM
37	It's be neat to see bike and walking tails through the old Hillmoor golf course. They would/could connect to other paths through the downtown area.	6/4/2021 9:12 PM
38	Better connection to the lakefront from the east to the Grand Geneva, northeast to the Burlington and northwest to Elkhorn.	6/4/2021 2:34 PM
39	I live in Williams Bay, moved here from Madison. I was spoiled there. The bike paths connecting communities there is amazing. I would LOVE to see a bike/pedestrian path that connected all of the communities around the lake. I would love to be a part of helping make that happen. Check out the Green Circle Trail in Stevens Point. It floored me how nice it was. How well marked it was. What a great way to promote mental and physical wellness!!	6/4/2021 8:56 AM
40	Outside of the downtown area. Perhaps around the Veteran's park area.	6/3/2021 9:25 PM
41	By schools-LGMS and Badger	6/3/2021 7:01 PM
42	Lengthen present bike trail. Use Hillmor?	6/3/2021 6:56 PM
43	Along South Street	6/3/2021 4:48 PM
44	Creating a loop through the whole town. Access to restaurants and destinations.	6/3/2021 4:19 PM
45	Out to connect to white tail trail (might not be the correct name)	6/3/2021 2:58 PM
46	Bike path on main roads	6/3/2021 1:02 PM
47	Try to connect the outlining areas such as Town of Geneva, Bloomfield so the kids would have away to get to town on there bikes.	6/3/2021 11:47 AM
48	to Four Seasons Nature Preserve	6/3/2021 11:15 AM
49	In or around downtown	6/3/2021 7:41 AM
50	around Geneva Lake	6/1/2021 5:16 PM
51	Highway 50 going out of town in both directions	6/1/2021 6:24 AM
52	downtown maple park area	5/31/2021 9:35 PM
53	Connect to white river trail	5/31/2021 7:29 PM
54	Closer to downtown	5/31/2021 3:41 PM
55	Route 50	5/31/2021 12:07 PM
56	anywhere there is currently not a sidewalk	5/31/2021 11:53 AM
57	encourage people to use the streets for bicycle use. Walking my dog is dangerous when big kids try to intimidate you on the sidewalks. The should know the rules.	5/31/2021 11:27 AM
58	There are some trails that don't go anywhere or connect to anything.	5/31/2021 5:44 AM
59	Downtown to outside of downtown	5/30/2021 6:03 PM

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60	Start Downtown and go north east and west	5/30/2021 8:31 AM
61	120 by pioneer estates to South Street by badger	5/30/2021 8:13 AM
62	just want them to connect	5/30/2021 6:50 AM
63	Downrown	5/30/2021 3:31 AM
64	Along the lake	5/29/2021 11:51 PM
65	Also bike racks by the lake not one in the city only	5/29/2021 11:49 PM
66	Replacing the existing paths would be a great start. Connecting them from the YMCA to downtown would be great. Otherwise going from downtown to HWY 120 to connect to the White River Trail would be huge. I understand the new 120 has an expanded shoulder but calling that a bike lane is absurd. There's no way I'm riding with my children down that to get to the trail.	5/29/2021 11:09 PM
67	Center Street Park trails could use a more identifying trailhead, and designated multi use for mountain bikers also (if not so already), as well as trail improvements for a more beginner loop.	5/29/2021 11:02 PM
68	Not sure?	5/28/2021 11:29 PM
69	Connecting Lake Geneva to Springfield trail	5/28/2021 11:23 AM
70	Connect bike path to white river path, better signage for paths	5/28/2021 10:56 AM
71	In order as above	5/28/2021 9:03 AM
72	Improved routes; attachment to trails	5/26/2021 9:01 PM
73	On the North Side of Veterans Park, along Park DR.	5/25/2021 9:45 PM
74	Vet's Park	5/24/2021 2:15 PM

Q8 How close is the nearest park or trail to your home?

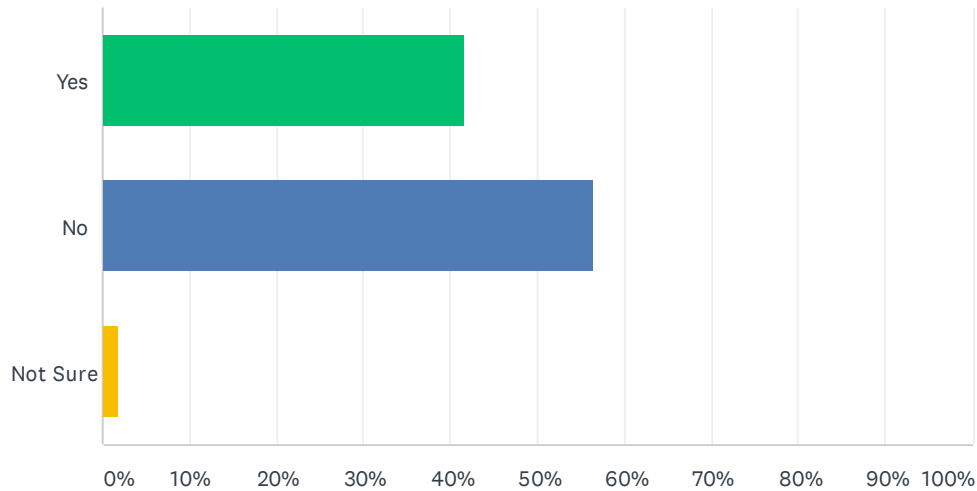
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Within reasonable walking and biking distance		61.88%	99
Within reasonable biking distance, but not walking distance		11.88%	19
I have to drive		26.25%	42
TOTAL			160

Q9 Did anyone in your household participate in City of Lake Geneva/YMCA sponsored recreation programs in the past year (e.g. youth sports, adult sports, swim, dance, etc.)

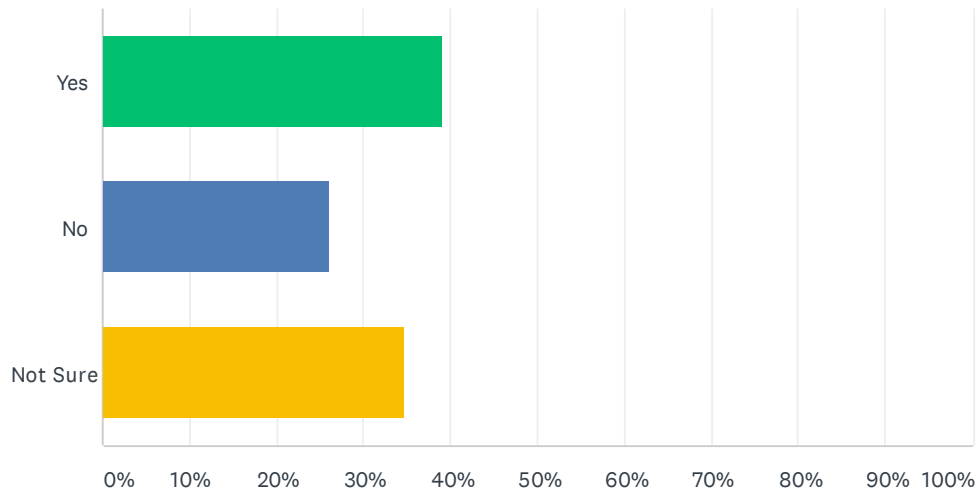
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		41.61%	67
No		56.52%	91
Not Sure		1.86%	3
TOTAL			161

Q10 Does the City's/YMCA's current variety of recreational programs and classes meet the needs of your household?

Answered: 161 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	39.13% 63
No	26.09% 42
Not Sure	34.78% 56
TOTAL	161

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN IN WHAT WAYS IT IS OR IS NOT MEETING YOUR NEEDS.	DATE
1	More outdoor programs, hikes, night programs, longer hours for the pool, kids camps , teen camps or enrichment programs	6/30/2021 8:23 AM
2	Poor attendance by instructors and constant last minute cancel of classes led me to not renew.	6/28/2021 9:10 PM
3	The YMCA does a terrible job and Lake Geneva needs a rec department. There is no responsibility, the fields are taken care of terribly, and it's a weird set up that they don't "own" the fields. Stop being cheap skates and have a rec department like Big Foot!	6/21/2021 9:06 PM
4	Because of covid the YMCA wasnt a safe or open place to go, I N THE WINTER I HAD TO GO TO THE HIGH SCHOOL TO WALK in the PARKING LOT. Because it was the only place plowed and cleared of snow and ice.	6/21/2021 10:05 AM
5	Yoga and personal training, before Covid.	6/21/2021 9:11 AM
6	Need more options and times	6/17/2021 10:06 AM
7	I've not taken the time to review	6/16/2021 3:20 PM
8	Waiting for new facilities. Present is antiquated	6/16/2021 1:30 PM
9	As a new resident, I just looked at their schedule today. Perhaps it's just a summer schedule but it didn't offer a whole lot of variety for my needs	6/16/2021 12:54 PM
10	The City pays way too much to the YMCA, let the people who use it pay for it.	6/15/2021 4:19 PM
11	Covid curtailed many activities	6/15/2021 7:57 AM

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12	The current parking and entrance in and out of the ymca need improvement. Yes, they are often repaved but it is not easy pulling out. Both traffic and the uneven surfaces are accidents waiting to happen.	6/14/2021 3:13 PM
13	There are really just no recreation or classes that meet the needs or interests of my household, and though we are residents of the City of Lake Geneva there are higher costs for those who are not members of the YMCA. Our city needs a parks and recreation department. The "partnership" with the YMCA makes no sense and is unfair. A Park Department like Elkhorn has would make a good model for a small size town like ours. They have lots of offerings at different days and times for all ages and interests.	6/13/2021 6:50 PM
14	Need more options. Cant wait til the new Y is built. more swimming fun. splash pad! more sports options for kiddos	6/12/2021 2:35 PM
15	Exercise in the outdoors, not at the YMCA	6/8/2021 4:01 PM
16	Current location is perfect; new location will not be walkable for school-age students	6/6/2021 3:06 PM
17	No bike/walking trails	6/6/2021 11:47 AM
18	Many classes have been cut over the years, especially those offered at the 6 am time before work.	6/6/2021 8:15 AM
19	Times for those that work full time -	6/5/2021 8:40 PM
20	To small	6/5/2021 7:52 PM
21	They offered discounted swim class to our private weight loss group which was very nice and beneficial	6/5/2021 8:35 AM
22	Yoga and aerobic exercise	6/4/2021 10:19 PM
23	However, the cost are quite high in comparison to other communities near by. Also more instructional offerings that are open to more age ranges and being taught from a recreational play perspective would be great. Majority of sports offered by the city/Y are based on competition/competitive play from an early age.	6/4/2021 9:18 PM
24	Wish they had more programs for teens	6/4/2021 3:36 PM
25	I don't know much about what's offered. I currently prefer to run trails, ride a gravel bike and use my Peloton religiously	6/4/2021 8:57 AM
26	Wish there was an option to just play (adult) basketball without membership.	6/3/2021 10:39 PM
27	Our children utilize the Ybase wrap around program for before and after care at school. Our children participate in sports through the YMCA. My husband coaches many of the youth sports programs	6/3/2021 9:27 PM
28	Would like more opportunities but the building to so small. And parking is hard too. Looking forward to the next facility.	6/3/2021 8:56 PM
29	YMCA youth baseball program is great. To allow kids who want to play they can. My husband was a coach for 5 yrs and we have met so many people.	6/3/2021 8:21 PM
30	We participate in club-level activities at a different level	6/3/2021 7:02 PM
31	Question 9 answer question and answer misleading because of Covid. Outdoor Pickleball would be great.	6/3/2021 7:00 PM
32	We appreciate the sports programs run through the YMCA.	6/3/2021 4:49 PM
33	Soccer programs or fields.	6/3/2021 3:57 PM
34	We haven't participated in anything at the Y in the last year, but did many programs there per-pandemic.	6/3/2021 3:56 PM
35	Way to expensive. No way to be able to afford to put my kids into anything. Let alone both of them.	6/3/2021 1:49 PM
36	They do a great job for the schools and there training of the people is pretty good	6/3/2021 1:03 PM
37	Not well organized or communicated. Don't always know what is available or when start dates	6/3/2021 12:41 PM

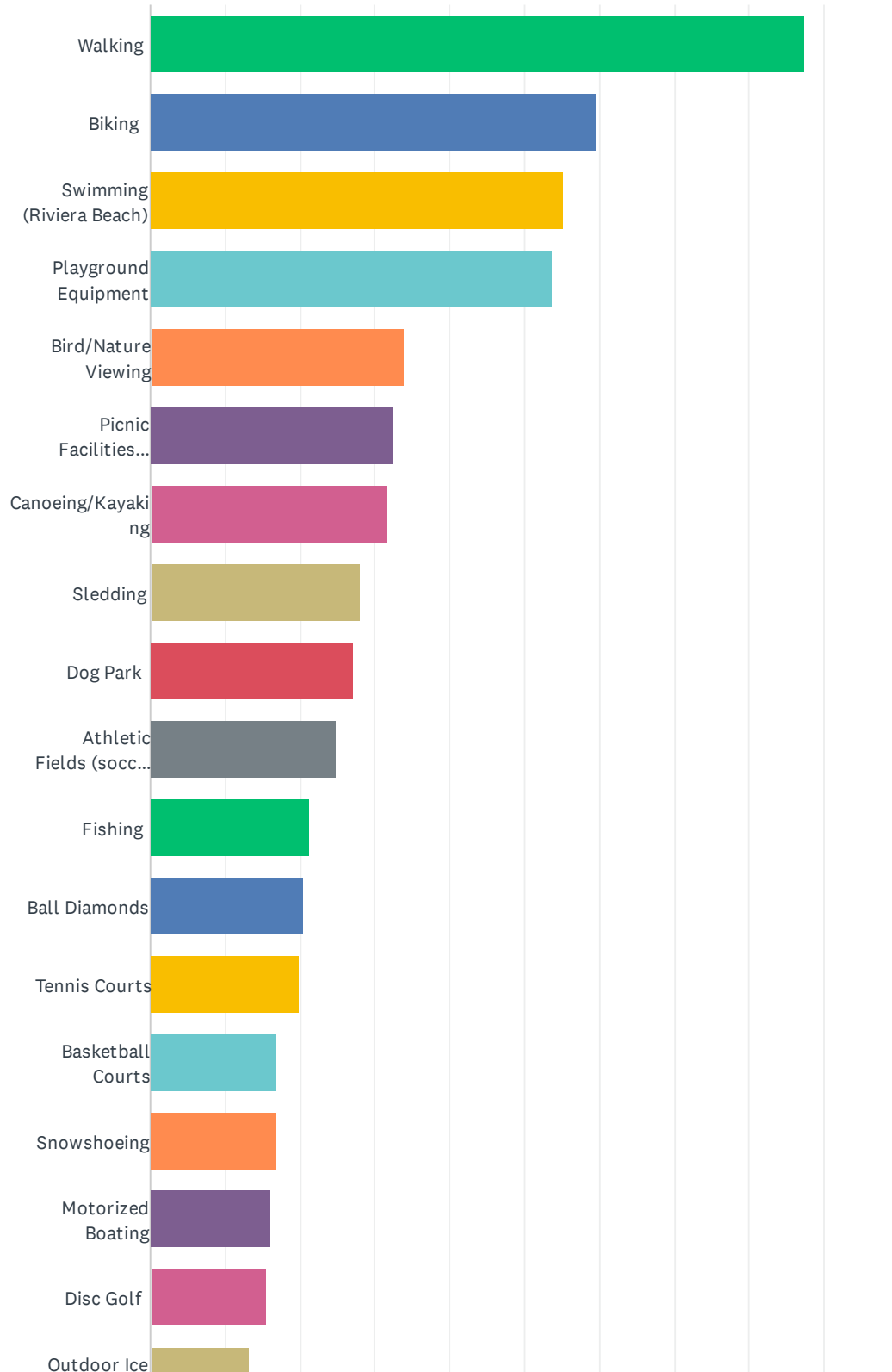
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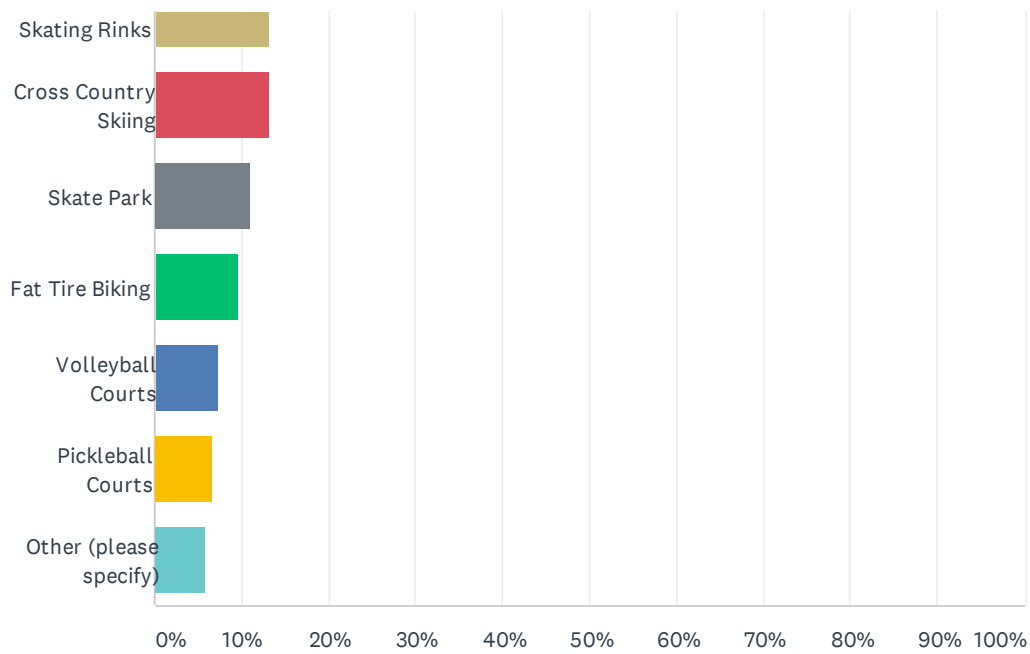
38	Class sizes are so limited that sometimes we don't get to participate in things we would like	6/3/2021 12:14 PM
39	For the past two years the YMCA has not had enough girls in my daughters age group for a softball team very disappointing . No marketing or any extra effort has gone into this. I believe several parents are unaware that the city rec department is ran through the YMCA. Flyers should be sent home with kids at school to let them know what programs are out there for them to join. This should be sent out from the City of Lake Geneva not the YMCA.	6/3/2021 11:54 AM
40	They don't have much for younger kids	6/3/2021 11:15 AM
41	Not competitive enough	6/1/2021 10:36 AM
42	Not competitive	6/1/2021 10:19 AM
43	Limited equipment and small area but anticipate this will improve once the new YMCA is built	6/1/2021 6:25 AM
44	It is ok	5/31/2021 7:37 PM
45	More senior activities are needed	5/31/2021 12:18 PM
46	Great gym	5/30/2021 12:59 PM
47	More adult activities. Exercise classes	5/30/2021 6:55 AM
48	outdoor bike class	5/30/2021 6:51 AM
49	We love the swim lessons and rec sports.	5/29/2021 11:10 PM
50	More classes and different activities needed	5/28/2021 10:57 AM
51	Not competitive enough	5/28/2021 9:04 AM
52	Hesitate to use in door facilities at Y or otherwise until more folks are vaccinated. Actually think that folks who refuse to be vaccinated should not be able to use the Y.	5/26/2021 9:03 PM
53	No outdoor pool in Lake Geneva - we drive to Elkhorn. Beach is too crowded at the weekend so we don't use it and parking is non-existent when you want to visit the down town area.	5/24/2021 2:03 PM

Q11 When visiting City parks, which activities or facilities do you or members of your household most commonly participate in or use? Check all that apply.

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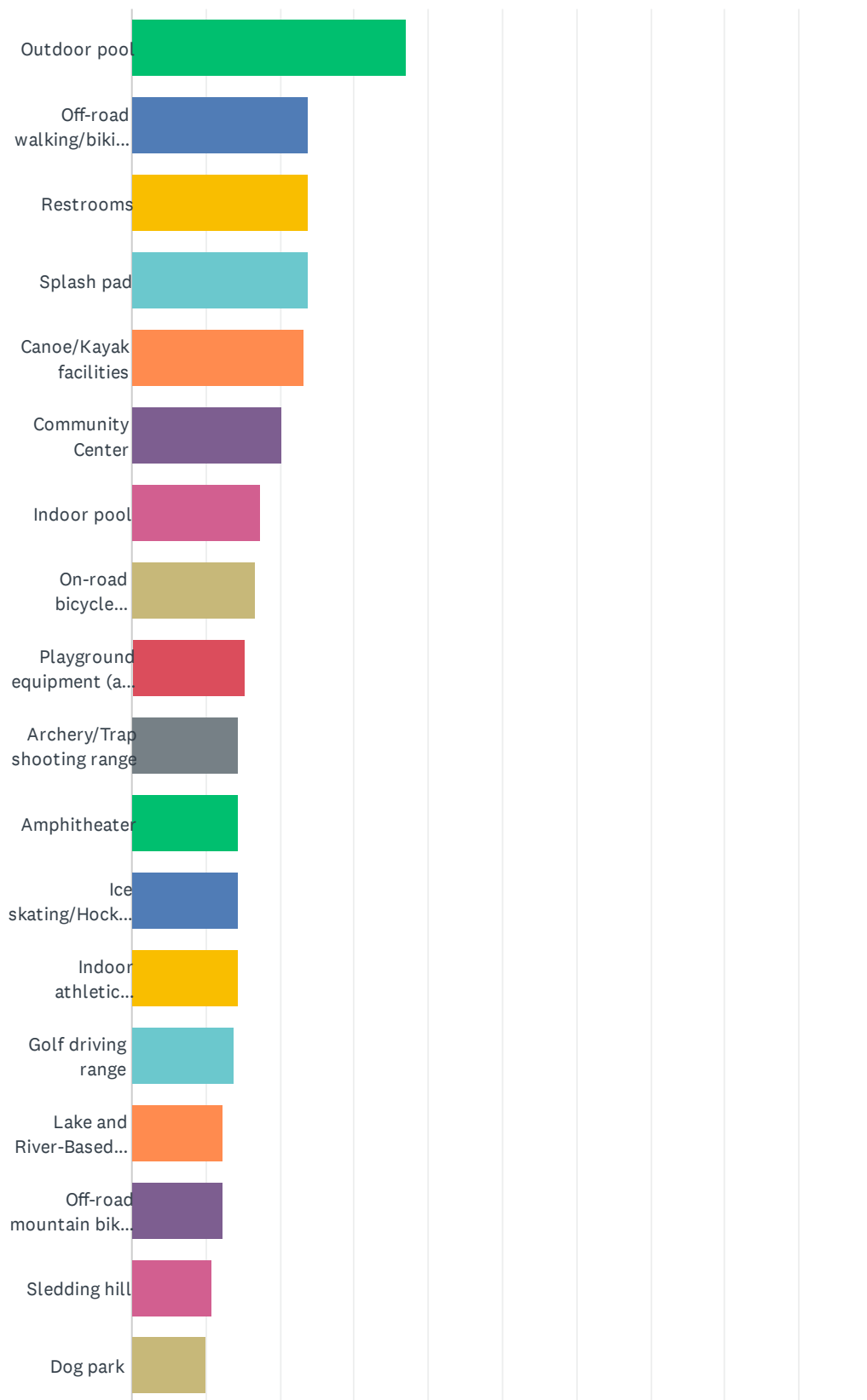
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking	87.50%	119
Biking	59.56%	81
Swimming (Riviera Beach)	55.15%	75
Playground Equipment	53.68%	73
Bird/Nature Viewing	33.82%	46
Picnic Facilities (grills, shelters, etc.)	32.35%	44
Canoeing/Kayaking	31.62%	43
Sledding	27.94%	38
Dog Park	27.21%	37
Athletic Fields (soccer, football, etc.)	25.00%	34
Fishing	21.32%	29
Ball Diamonds	20.59%	28
Tennis Courts	19.85%	27
Basketball Courts	16.91%	23
Snowshoeing	16.91%	23
Motorized Boating	16.18%	22
Disc Golf	15.44%	21
Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks	13.24%	18
Cross Country Skiing	13.24%	18
Skate Park	11.03%	15
Fat Tire Biking	9.56%	13
Volleyball Courts	7.35%	10
Pickleball Courts	6.62%	9
Other (please specify)	5.88%	8
Total Respondents: 136		

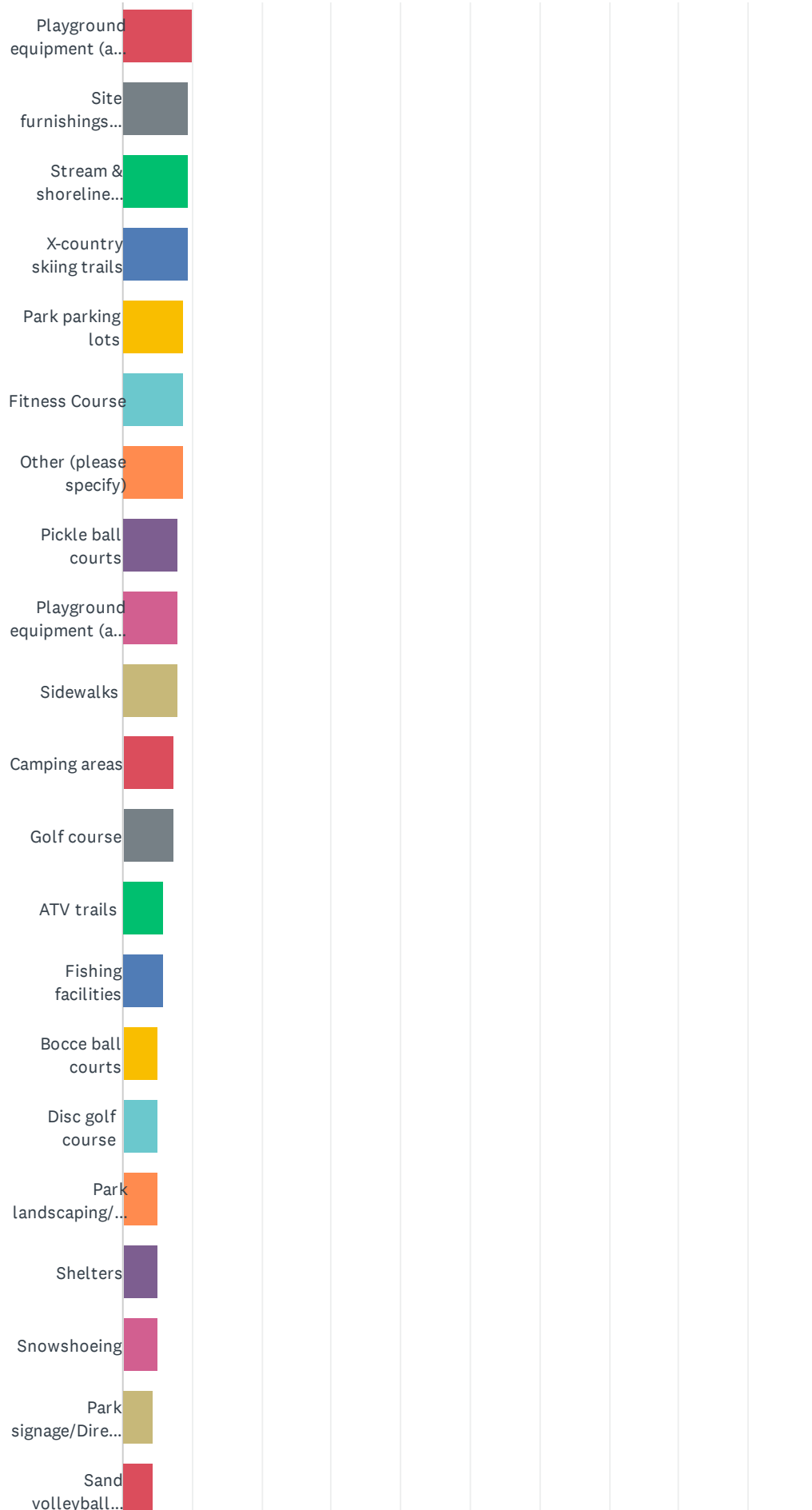
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	SUP	6/27/2021 9:37 AM
2	none of above	6/20/2021 6:20 PM
3	relax on park bench after restaurant meals	6/17/2021 6:12 PM
4	Need a fishing location, west end fishing pier way too short	6/6/2021 11:56 AM
5	Mountains , rivers , waterfalls,	6/6/2021 8:59 AM
6	I	6/3/2021 12:01 PM
7	paddle boarding	5/31/2021 11:58 AM

Q12 Which of the following amenities would you like to be added either by public or private entities? Mark up to 6 preferences.

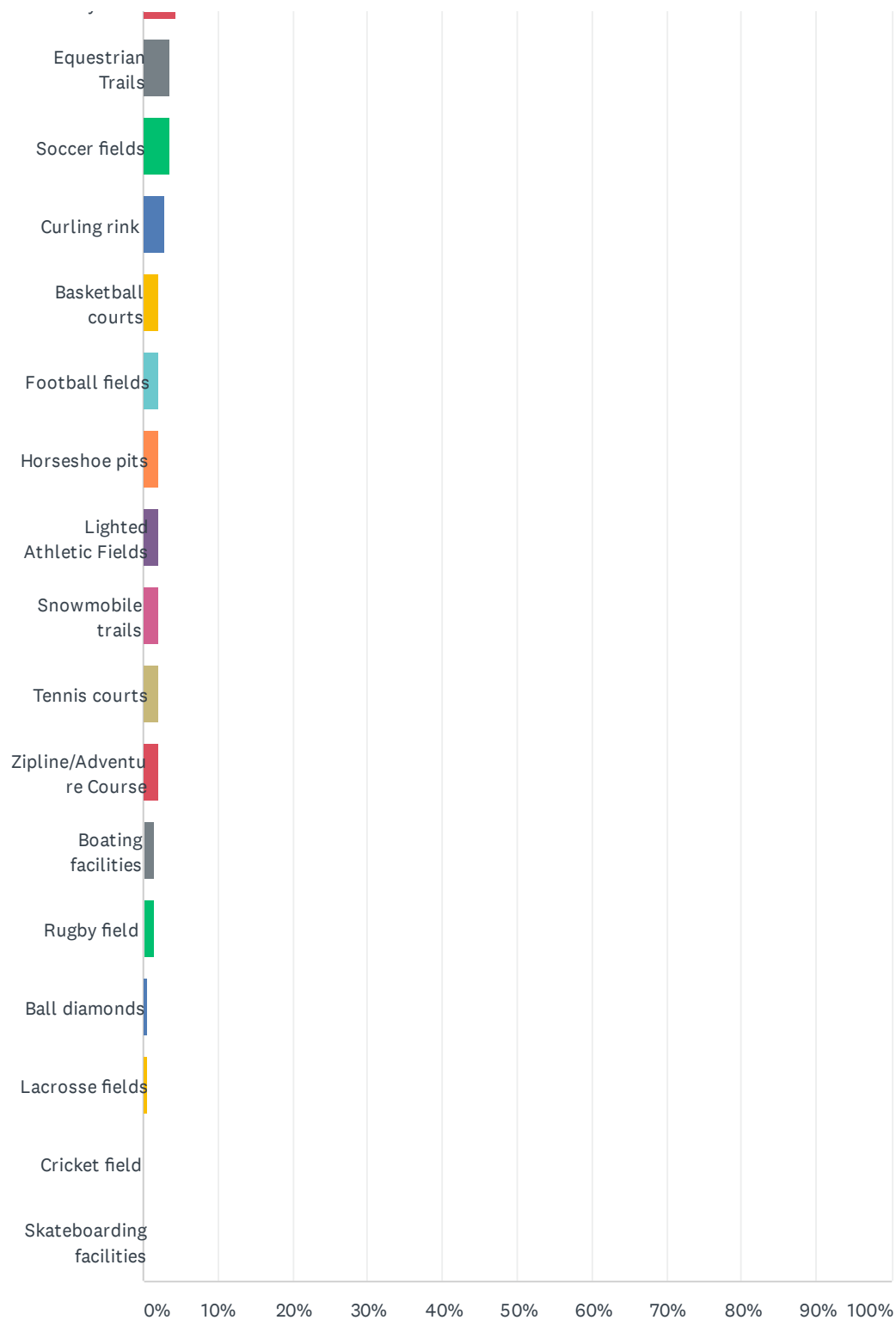
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Outdoor pool	36.96%	51
Off-road walking/biking trails	23.91%	33
Restrooms	23.91%	33
Splash pad	23.91%	33
Canoe/Kayak facilities	23.19%	32
Community Center	20.29%	28
Indoor pool	17.39%	24
On-road bicycle facilities	16.67%	23
Playground equipment (ages 5-12 years)	15.22%	21
Archery/Trap shooting range	14.49%	20
Amphitheater	14.49%	20
Ice skating/Hockey rink	14.49%	20
Indoor athletic complex (for multiple programs/sports)	14.49%	20
Golf driving range	13.77%	19
Lake and River-Based Programming	12.32%	17
Off-road mountain biking trails	12.32%	17
Sledding hill	10.87%	15
Dog park	10.14%	14
Playground equipment (ages 2-5 years)	10.14%	14
Site furnishings (benches, tables, grills,etc.)	9.42%	13
Stream & shoreline restoration	9.42%	13
X-country skiing trails	9.42%	13
Park parking lots	8.70%	12
Fitness Course	8.70%	12
Other (please specify)	8.70%	12
Pickle ball courts	7.97%	11
Playground equipment (ages 6-23 months)	7.97%	11
Sidewalks	7.97%	11
Camping areas	7.25%	10
Golf course	7.25%	10
ATV trails	5.80%	8
Fishing facilities	5.80%	8

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Bocce ball courts	5.07%	7
Disc golf course	5.07%	7
Park landscaping/Trees	5.07%	7
Shelters	5.07%	7
Snowshoeing	5.07%	7
Park signage/Directional signage	4.35%	6
Sand volleyball courts	4.35%	6
Equestrian Trails	3.62%	5
Soccer fields	3.62%	5
Curling rink	2.90%	4
Basketball courts	2.17%	3
Football fields	2.17%	3
Horseshoe pits	2.17%	3
Lighted Athletic Fields	2.17%	3
Snowmobile trails	2.17%	3
Tennis courts	2.17%	3
Zipline/Adventure Course	2.17%	3
Boating facilities	1.45%	2
Rugby field	1.45%	2
Ball diamonds	0.72%	1
Lacrosse fields	0.72%	1
Cricket field	0.00%	0
Skateboarding facilities	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 138		

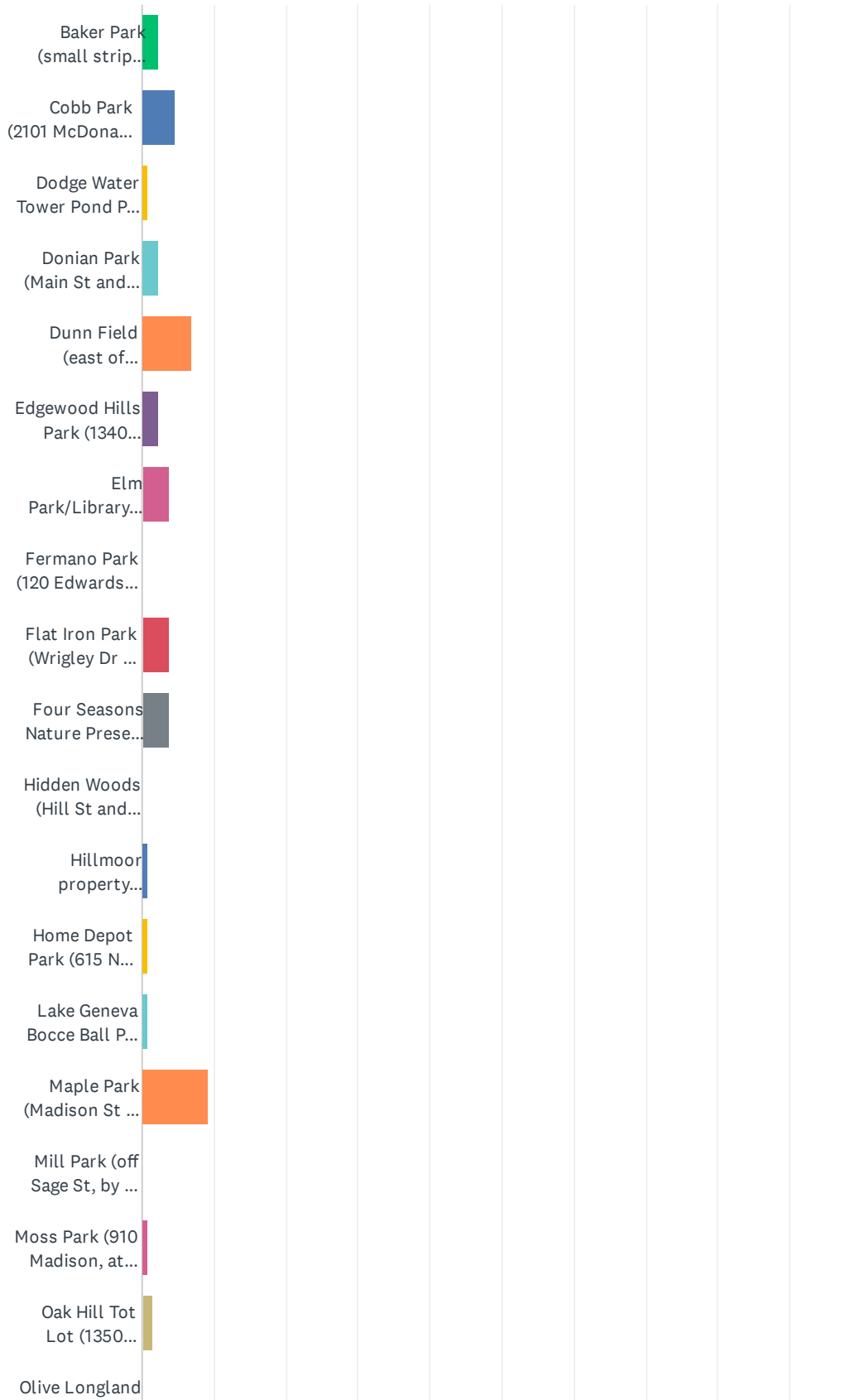
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Need to invest in signage for bike trails	6/28/2021 9:15 PM
2	None	6/27/2021 9:37 AM
3	none	6/20/2021 6:20 PM
4	more benches	6/17/2021 6:12 PM
5	A	6/17/2021 6:57 AM
6	A fully developed and safe beach at Bigfoot	6/17/2021 6:37 AM
7	Signage specific to lake path as far as where you can enter or exit and how far to next entrance/exit	6/14/2021 3:21 PM
8	Only 6?	6/13/2021 7:47 PM
9	BMX bike trails/jumps	6/3/2021 9:32 PM

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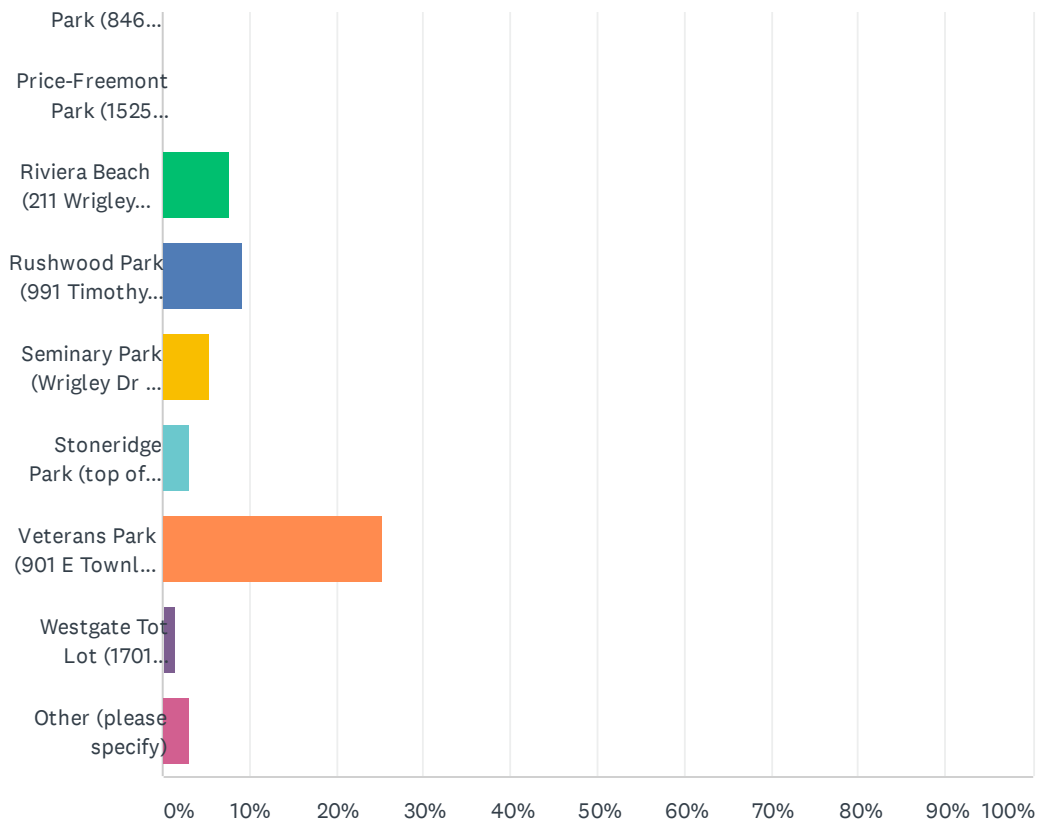
10	Why only 6?!?	6/3/2021 12:01 PM
11	This year for the first time, people are fishing along the rocks at the Riviera park (from Maxwell Street to the beach). This is very dangerous and appropriate signage should be installed prohibiting it and then it should be enforced.	6/1/2021 5:21 PM
12	relaxing with my dogs	5/31/2021 11:39 AM

Q13 What City park is closest to your home?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 93



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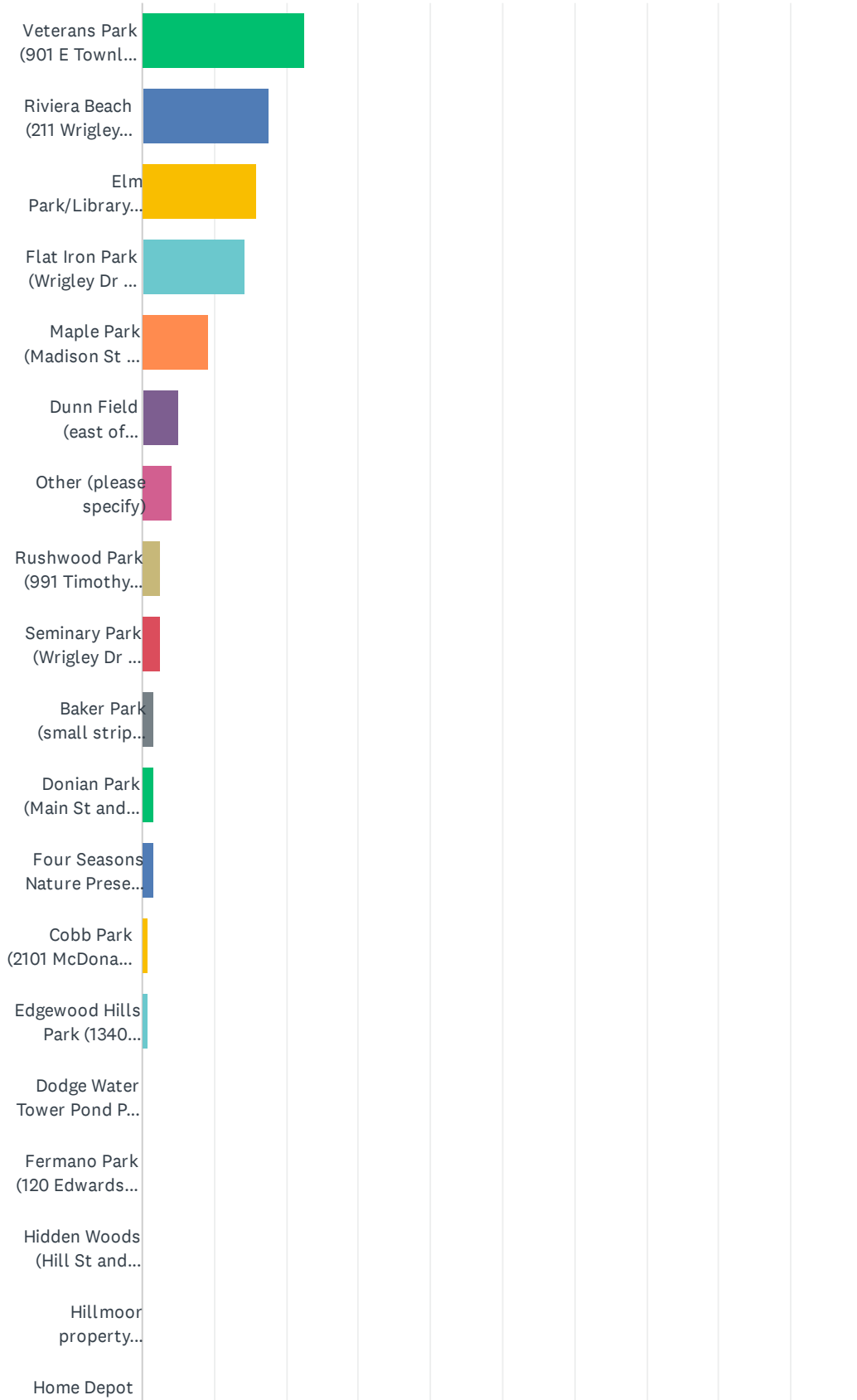
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Baker Park (small strip of lakefront at the end of Baker St)	2.31%	3
Cobb Park (2101 McDonald Rd)	4.62%	6
Dodge Water Tower Pond Park (behind 1885 Dodge St)	0.77%	1
Donian Park (Main St and South Lake Shore Dr)	2.31%	3
Dunn Field (east of Eastview School, includes skatepark) (425 Sage St)	6.92%	9
Edgewood Hills Park (1340 Edgewood Dr)	2.31%	3
Elm Park/Library (west of Library, south of Main St)	3.85%	5
Fermano Park (120 Edwards Blvd, between Geneva Pkwy and Park Dr)	0.00%	0
Flat Iron Park (Wrigley Dr and Center St)	3.85%	5
Four Seasons Nature Preserve (N1889 County Trunk H)	3.85%	5
Hidden Woods (Hill St and West Dr)	0.00%	0
Hillmoor property (inclusive of disc golf course) (299 Mill St)	0.77%	1
Home Depot Park (615 N Edwards Blvd)	0.77%	1
Lake Geneva Bocce Ball Park (140 East St)	0.77%	1
Maple Park (Madison St and Geneva St)	9.23%	12
Mill Park (off Sage St, by old railroad path)	0.00%	0
Moss Park (910 Madison, at Woodland Way)	0.77%	1
Oak Hill Tot Lot (1350 Tomike St)	1.54%	2
Olive Longland Park (846 Madison St)	0.00%	0
Price-Freemont Park (1525 Conant St)	0.00%	0
Riviera Beach (211 Wrigley Dr)	7.69%	10
Rushwood Park (991 Timothy Dr)	9.23%	12
Seminary Park (Wrigley Dr and South Lake Shore Dr)	5.38%	7
Stoneridge Park (top of Center St in the middle of the Shodeen development)	3.08%	4
Veterans Park (901 E Townline Rd)	25.38%	33
Westgate Tot Lot (1701 Miller Ct)	1.54%	2
Other (please specify)	3.08%	4
TOTAL	130	

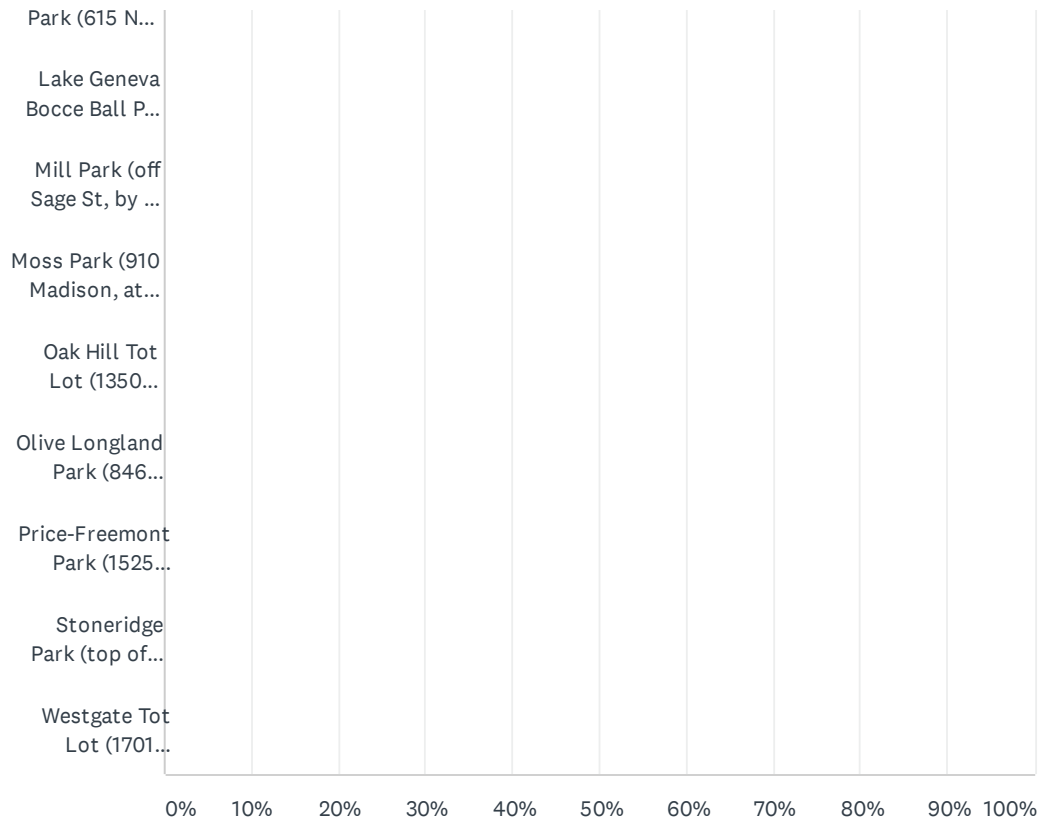
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Library park	6/17/2021 10:04 AM
2	End of sue ann drive	6/14/2021 3:21 PM
3	First time coming from Chicago	6/6/2021 8:59 AM
4	State Park	6/3/2021 4:54 PM

Q14 What park do you visit most often in the City of Lake Geneva?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 103



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Veterans Park (901 E Townline Rd)	22.50%	27
Riviera Beach (211 Wrigley Dr)	17.50%	21
Elm Park/Library (west of Library, south of Main St)	15.83%	19
Flat Iron Park (Wrigley Dr and Center St)	14.17%	17
Maple Park (Madison St and Geneva St)	9.17%	11
Dunn Field (east of Eastview School, includes skatepark) (425 Sage St)	5.00%	6
Other (please specify)	4.17%	5
Rushwood Park (991 Timothy Dr)	2.50%	3
Seminary Park (Wrigley Dr and South Lake Shore Dr)	2.50%	3
Baker Park (small strip of lakefront at the end of Baker St)	1.67%	2
Donian Park (Main St and South Lake Shore Dr)	1.67%	2
Four Seasons Nature Preserve (N1889 County Trunk H)	1.67%	2
Cobb Park (2101 McDonald Rd)	0.83%	1
Edgewood Hills Park (1340 Edgewood Dr)	0.83%	1
Dodge Water Tower Pond Park (behind 1885 Dodge St)	0.00%	0
Fermano Park (120 Edwards Blvd, between Geneva Pkwy and Park Dr)	0.00%	0
Hidden Woods (Hill St and West Dr)	0.00%	0
Hillmoor property (inclusive of disc golf course) (299 Mill St)	0.00%	0
Home Depot Park (615 N Edwards Blvd)	0.00%	0
Lake Geneva Bocce Ball Park (140 East St)	0.00%	0
Mill Park (off Sage St, by old railroad path)	0.00%	0
Moss Park (910 Madison, at Woodland Way)	0.00%	0
Oak Hill Tot Lot (1350 Tomike St)	0.00%	0
Olive Longland Park (846 Madison St)	0.00%	0
Price-Freemont Park (1525 Conant St)	0.00%	0
Stoneridge Park (top of Center St in the middle of the Shodeen development)	0.00%	0
Westgate Tot Lot (1701 Miller Ct)	0.00%	0
TOTAL	120	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Big foot state park	6/20/2021 9:29 PM
2	Bigfoot	6/17/2021 6:37 AM
3	Library park	6/4/2021 10:28 PM
4	Currently we have not visited any in Lake Geneva due to the issue of crossing Edwards Blvd	6/3/2021 11:21 AM

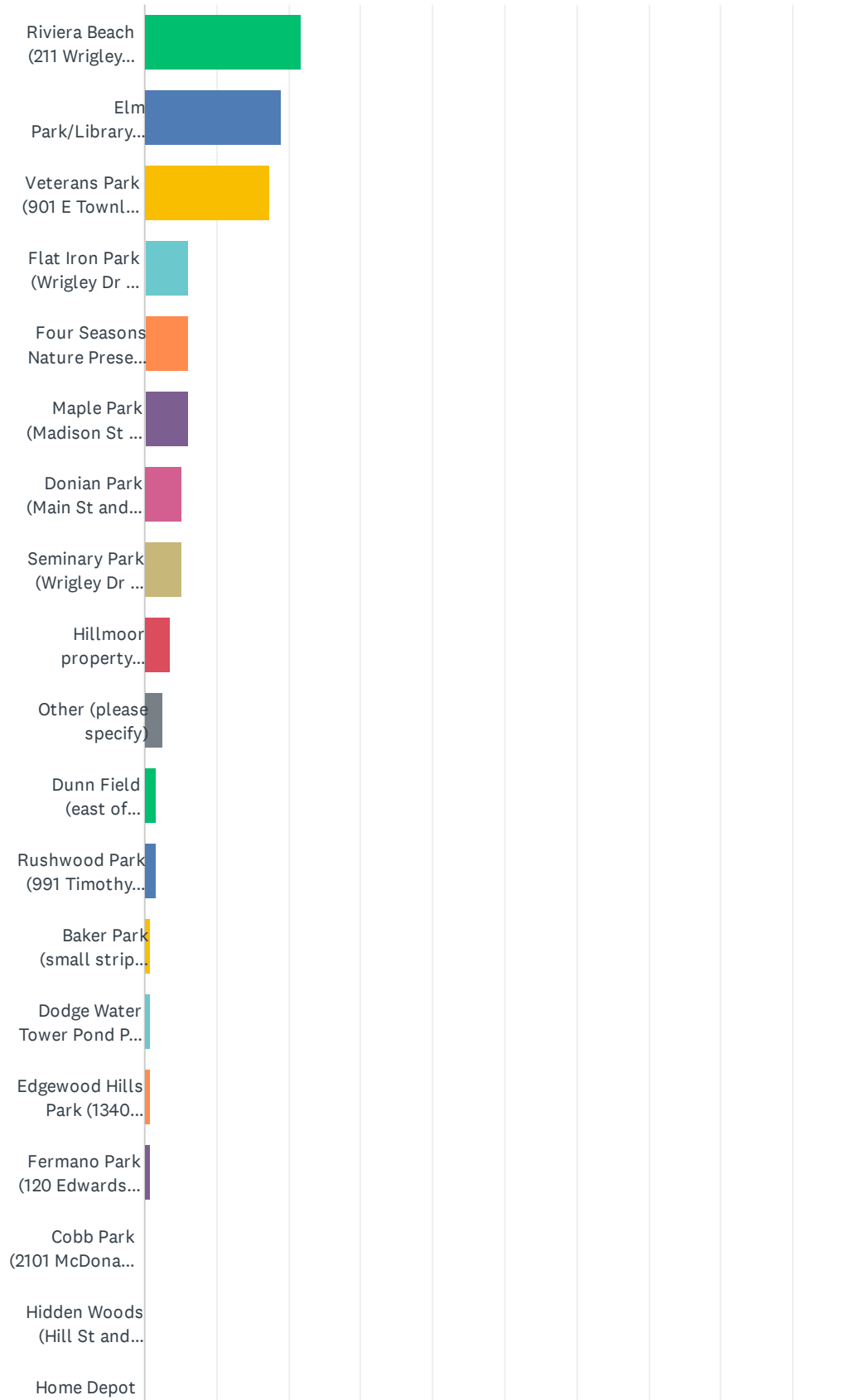
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when walking and the equipment being so run down. Also Veterans park has become unsafe due to strange activity in the parking lot.

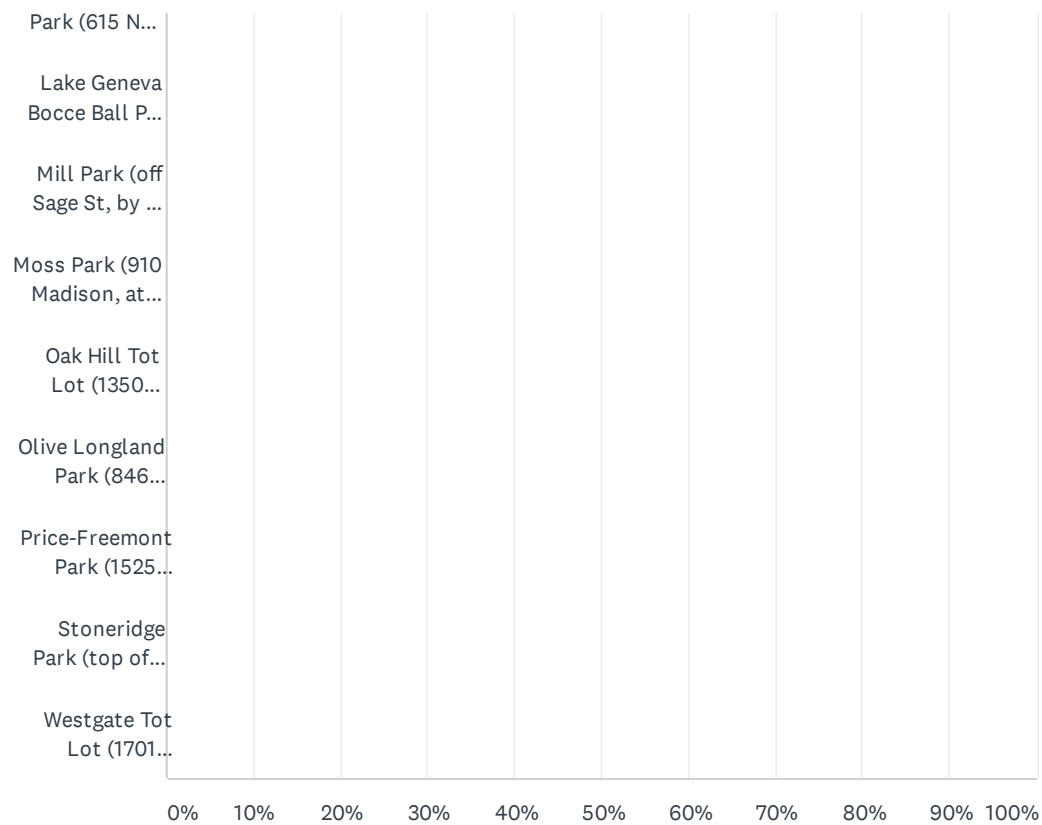
5	White River Dog Park	5/25/2021 9:00 AM
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Q15 What is your favorite park in the City of Lake Geneva?

Answered: 115 Skipped: 108



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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Riviera Beach (211 Wrigley Dr)	21.74%	25
Elm Park/Library (west of Library, south of Main St)	19.13%	22
Veterans Park (901 E Townline Rd)	17.39%	20
Flat Iron Park (Wrigley Dr and Center St)	6.09%	7
Four Seasons Nature Preserve (N1889 County Trunk H)	6.09%	7
Maple Park (Madison St and Geneva St)	6.09%	7
Donian Park (Main St and South Lake Shore Dr)	5.22%	6
Seminary Park (Wrigley Dr and South Lake Shore Dr)	5.22%	6
Hillmoor property (inclusive of disc golf course) (299 Mill St)	3.48%	4
Other (please specify)	2.61%	3
Dunn Field (east of Eastview School, includes skatepark) (425 Sage St)	1.74%	2
Rushwood Park (991 Timothy Dr)	1.74%	2
Baker Park (small strip of lakefront at the end of Baker St)	0.87%	1
Dodge Water Tower Pond Park (behind 1885 Dodge St)	0.87%	1
Edgewood Hills Park (1340 Edgewood Dr)	0.87%	1
Fermano Park (120 Edwards Blvd, between Geneva Pkwy and Park Dr)	0.87%	1
Cobb Park (2101 McDonald Rd)	0.00%	0
Hidden Woods (Hill St and West Dr)	0.00%	0
Home Depot Park (615 N Edwards Blvd)	0.00%	0
Lake Geneva Bocce Ball Park (140 East St)	0.00%	0
Mill Park (off Sage St, by old railroad path)	0.00%	0
Moss Park (910 Madison, at Woodland Way)	0.00%	0
Oak Hill Tot Lot (1350 Tomike St)	0.00%	0
Olive Longland Park (846 Madison St)	0.00%	0
Price-Freemont Park (1525 Conant St)	0.00%	0
Stoneridge Park (top of Center St in the middle of the Shodeen development)	0.00%	0
Westgate Tot Lot (1701 Miller Ct)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		115

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Not really any of them.	6/21/2021 9:17 AM
2	Bigfoot	6/17/2021 6:37 AM
3	Tie between Veterans Park and Library Park	6/16/2021 1:04 PM

Q16 Why is this park your favorite park in the City of Lake Geneva?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 128

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Clean beach. But wish part was private to homeowners in Maple Park	6/30/2021 8:31 AM
2	Not busy and relaxing by the River. Library park was nice until it became so overcrowded	6/28/2021 9:15 PM
3	Lake views	6/27/2021 9:37 AM
4	Near the lake	6/25/2021 6:20 AM
5	Slightly out of the main traffic pattern of most tourists	6/22/2021 11:08 AM
6	The most activities.	6/21/2021 9:08 PM
7	Its out of the way	6/21/2021 8:19 PM
8	Walking path. Bike racks. Dog/water spot. Kayak launch. Events. Library.	6/21/2021 7:27 PM
9	Convenient	6/21/2021 7:10 PM
10	I believe it should be the Central Park of Lake Geneva. It is the last green space that could be developed for family recreation. We have enough new subdivisions.	6/21/2021 2:34 PM
11	The parks are used for schools, sports, tourism. I don't fit those categories. They are not well planned for others to use. Such a disappointing fact.	6/21/2021 9:17 AM
12	Because there is a lot to do there	6/20/2021 10:21 PM
13	Great walking, away from traffic, lots of birds, plants	6/20/2021 2:59 PM
14	Shaded, picnic tables, beautiful water, natural	6/19/2021 8:25 AM
15	sand beach	6/17/2021 6:12 PM
16	Tree, view of lake	6/17/2021 10:09 AM
17	The lake front	6/17/2021 10:04 AM
18	Remote for stuff I do.	6/17/2021 10:03 AM
19	The great variety of options for being outdoors - walking, camping, playground, biking, snowshoeing, fishing, picnics, meeting friends, playing frisbee, seeing all sorts of people	6/17/2021 6:37 AM
20	My toddler loves playing in the water and sand.	6/16/2021 3:49 PM
21	On the Lake!	6/16/2021 3:23 PM
22	They are the 2 parks i come to most often.	6/16/2021 1:04 PM
23	Out of town, no crowds.	6/15/2021 4:20 PM
24	Close, playground equipment for grand kids	6/15/2021 8:02 AM
25	We are there for baseball.	6/14/2021 3:21 PM
26	The lake!!	6/13/2021 7:47 PM
27	Because there's always things to do there	6/13/2021 7:03 PM
28	Good view of the lake. Nice spot to sit and relax.	6/11/2021 2:48 PM
29	The wonderful nature trails.	6/10/2021 8:25 PM
30	Surroundings	6/9/2021 12:29 PM
31	Beautiful park with wonderful lake breezes to relax, read a library book, people watch.	6/8/2021 4:05 PM

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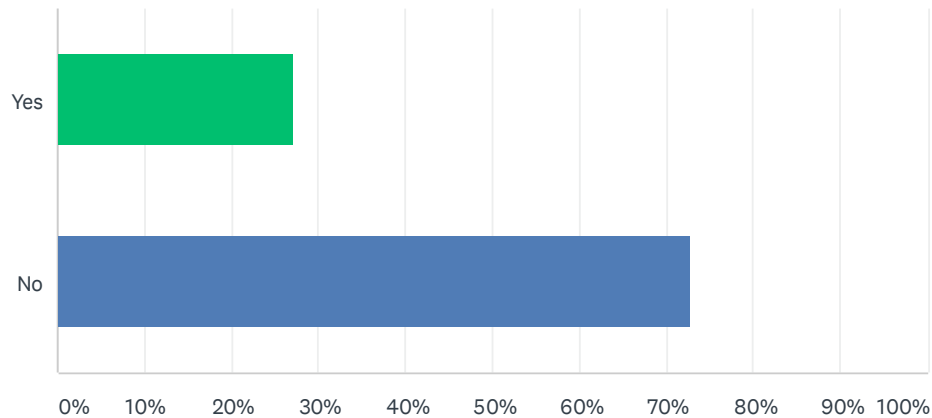
32	Has tennis courts with lights	6/6/2021 7:20 PM
33	I love the White River, and it's peaceful with lots of trees.	6/6/2021 4:52 PM
34	Spred out over looking lakefront	6/6/2021 11:56 AM
35	Need advice	6/6/2021 8:59 AM
36	Off the beaten path, unknown to most tourists, frequented by locals, fun in the water without the crowds.	6/6/2021 8:22 AM
37	Some sledding, and playground	6/5/2021 7:58 PM
38	Has a lot of shade, bathrooms are close (when open) good equipment for the kids. Has a few seating area & pavilion	6/5/2021 11:52 AM
39	Lakefront, walks	6/5/2021 9:04 AM
40	View, shade, benches, activity	6/5/2021 8:44 AM
41	Lake views and benches and trees	6/4/2021 10:28 PM
42	It is a great blend of natural play features, the hills, field, trees, and rocks-in addition to the tunnels/sand, and more traditional park elements playground and small pavilion. I wish it was a larger scale park with bike/walking trails and more natural play areas-rocks to climb, hills and updated (or at least fixed/cared for) playground equipment.	6/4/2021 9:37 PM
43	Variety of amenities	6/4/2021 3:38 PM
44	Playground BUT needs bigger playground with safe surface like East Troy's Little Prairie School has!	6/4/2021 9:03 AM
45	Variety and wide open space.	6/3/2021 10:20 PM
46	Options for kids of different ages	6/3/2021 9:32 PM
47	The playground equipment has a variety of fun things to do.	6/3/2021 9:27 PM
48	Best location! The beach isn't a park—buts my fav of all the options. Maple park is the best playground for children—however more equipment would be nice to have. And perhaps Wood chip mulch instead of rocks would be very helpful. My children often slip on the rocks when exiting the playground onto the blacktop surface. This causes lots of bumps scratches and Band-Aid usage. Also a public bathroom there would be very helpful for young children using the bathroom.	6/3/2021 9:02 PM
49	Very well maintained and lights. Concession stand	6/3/2021 8:25 PM
50	Location	6/3/2021 7:04 PM
51	We love to cool off at the beach and have easy access to that area.	6/3/2021 4:54 PM
52	We love to enjoy the lake. It would be nice to have resident only time	6/3/2021 4:28 PM
53	Good for the kids.	6/3/2021 4:03 PM
54	Playground, free street parking close by and close to the lakefront.	6/3/2021 4:02 PM
55	Relaxing on one weekend days	6/3/2021 3:03 PM
56	seclusion from traffic noise and large enough so there are not large crowds.	6/3/2021 2:24 PM
57	Easier to get through. My kids love the helicopter and it has free and easy parking	6/3/2021 1:53 PM
58	Swimming	6/3/2021 1:16 PM
59	Good view of the lake, plenty of room for picnics, near walking paths.	6/3/2021 1:15 PM
60	The mature and that it is usually empty.	6/3/2021 12:44 PM
61	There's a lot of space for soccer and football but there's also tennis courts which we use for soccer tennis	6/3/2021 12:41 PM
62	my kids like the helicopter	6/3/2021 12:40 PM

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63	Lots of benches and multiple varieties of children's activities and there is plenty of shade ... additionally it's fenced in which provides a sense of safety for parents	6/3/2021 12:20 PM
64	It's the closest to home and has lots of parking. Always clean and has some shady areas available.	6/3/2021 12:17 PM
65	We don't have a favorite. They all need improvements.	6/3/2021 12:01 PM
66	Has the most tranquility to be able to take a hike or walk with a dog.	6/3/2021 11:41 AM
67	Quiet	6/3/2021 11:20 AM
68	beautiful natural area - needs some TLC	6/3/2021 11:17 AM
69	On the water	6/3/2021 7:45 AM
70	Because I love the beach and that it is limited to those who will pay for the usage.	6/1/2021 5:21 PM
71	View of the lake	6/1/2021 12:33 PM
72	Closest to home	6/1/2021 6:29 AM
73	view and benches	5/31/2021 9:43 PM
74	Nice bathrooms	5/31/2021 7:38 PM
75	Most activities for my family and myself	5/31/2021 5:42 PM
76	wonderful views and ample park benches, shade	5/31/2021 12:10 PM
77	view of the lake, shade	5/31/2021 11:58 AM
78	Closest to lake and has small pier for kayaking	5/31/2021 11:42 AM
79	tourists have not found this Gem of a Park.	5/31/2021 11:39 AM
80	Live music in the summer	5/31/2021 5:50 AM
81	We enjoy the lake.	5/30/2021 8:56 AM
82	I like the beach	5/30/2021 8:29 AM
83	The beach is beautiful and clean	5/30/2021 8:18 AM
84	largest space different things kids can do	5/30/2021 6:55 AM
85	Proximity to home	5/29/2021 11:53 PM
86	Closed to home	5/29/2021 11:53 PM
87	The lakefront and the ability to put down a blanket and just hang out.	5/29/2021 11:13 PM
88	The lake to watch the boats in the summer and the beach	5/28/2021 11:41 PM
89	Out of the city	5/28/2021 9:39 AM
90	Walk with the lake view. And dog park at sun field. But it needs maintenance.	5/28/2021 9:14 AM
91	Closest to home & great exercise to walk	5/25/2021 9:50 PM
92	The covered areas	5/25/2021 3:29 PM
93	It's lovely and cooler with the water running through it. Also, it is dog (on leash) friendly.	5/25/2021 9:00 AM
94	Location	5/24/2021 2:17 PM
95	Beautiful view, space to sit and enjoy a picnic	5/24/2021 2:06 PM

Q17 Do you have any concerns about safety or accessibility in any of our parks?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 102



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.27%	33
No	72.73%	88
TOTAL		121

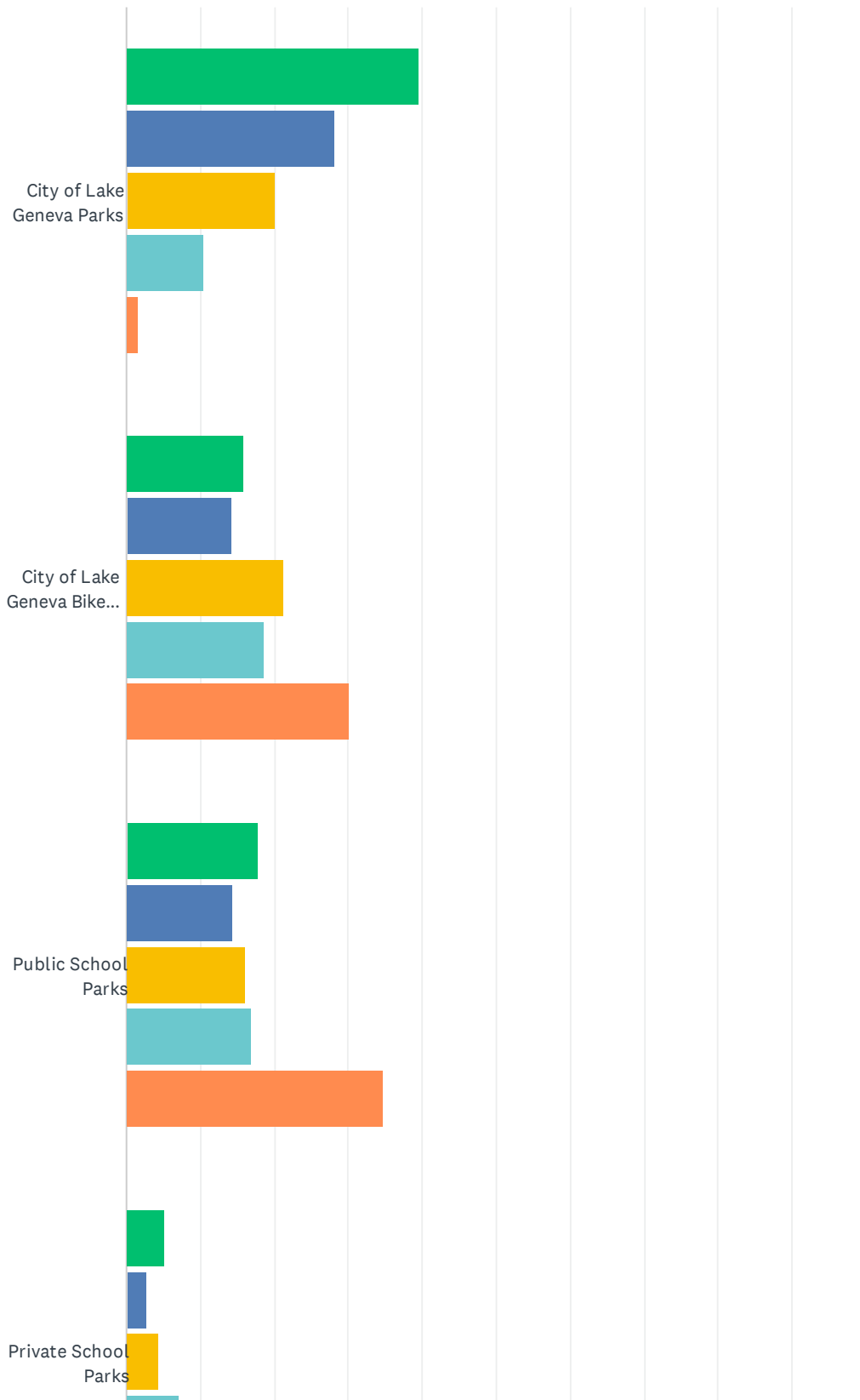
#	IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NAME OF THE PARK AND THE CONCERN.	DATE
1	The ground materials are not soft. The equipment seems dated and often broken.	6/30/2021 8:34 AM
2	Unleashed dogs.	6/28/2021 9:17 PM
3	Crime is up all over the US, soon it will be up in Lake Geneva.	6/25/2021 6:26 AM
4	Where can you park close and sit in a peaceful park anywhere downtown?	6/21/2021 9:24 AM
5	But I was not aware of all of them.	6/20/2021 9:33 PM
6	Dog park at lake front park. West end park.	6/20/2021 6:21 PM
7	The nicest parks are the most crowded with tourists. It seems that the city prioritizes the non-citizens	6/20/2021 3:02 PM
8	Big Foot Beach next to road	6/17/2021 7:07 AM
9	bigfoot state park - the beach is non functional and unsafe.	6/17/2021 6:49 AM
10	Don't get me going!	6/13/2021 7:50 PM
11	Accessibility! Reading the list of parks on the preceding page - I've never even heard of most of these parks. Are they marked? How would anyone know to find them or that they are allowed to use these spaces and they're not just the edge of someone's lawn? I called the city several years ago and asked about one park I'd seen mention of online - something on Madison street but I don't recall the address. The man I spoke with told me a general idea of where it was and said "I guess you could throw a ball there" but there was literally nothing to mark the boundaries of said "park" and we gave up. Too bad, these properties seem close to a lot of residents that could be making good use of them!	6/13/2021 7:37 PM
12	Four Season boardwalk needs to be repaired. Signage needs updating also.	6/10/2021 8:30 PM
13	Bathrooms	6/6/2021 1:13 PM

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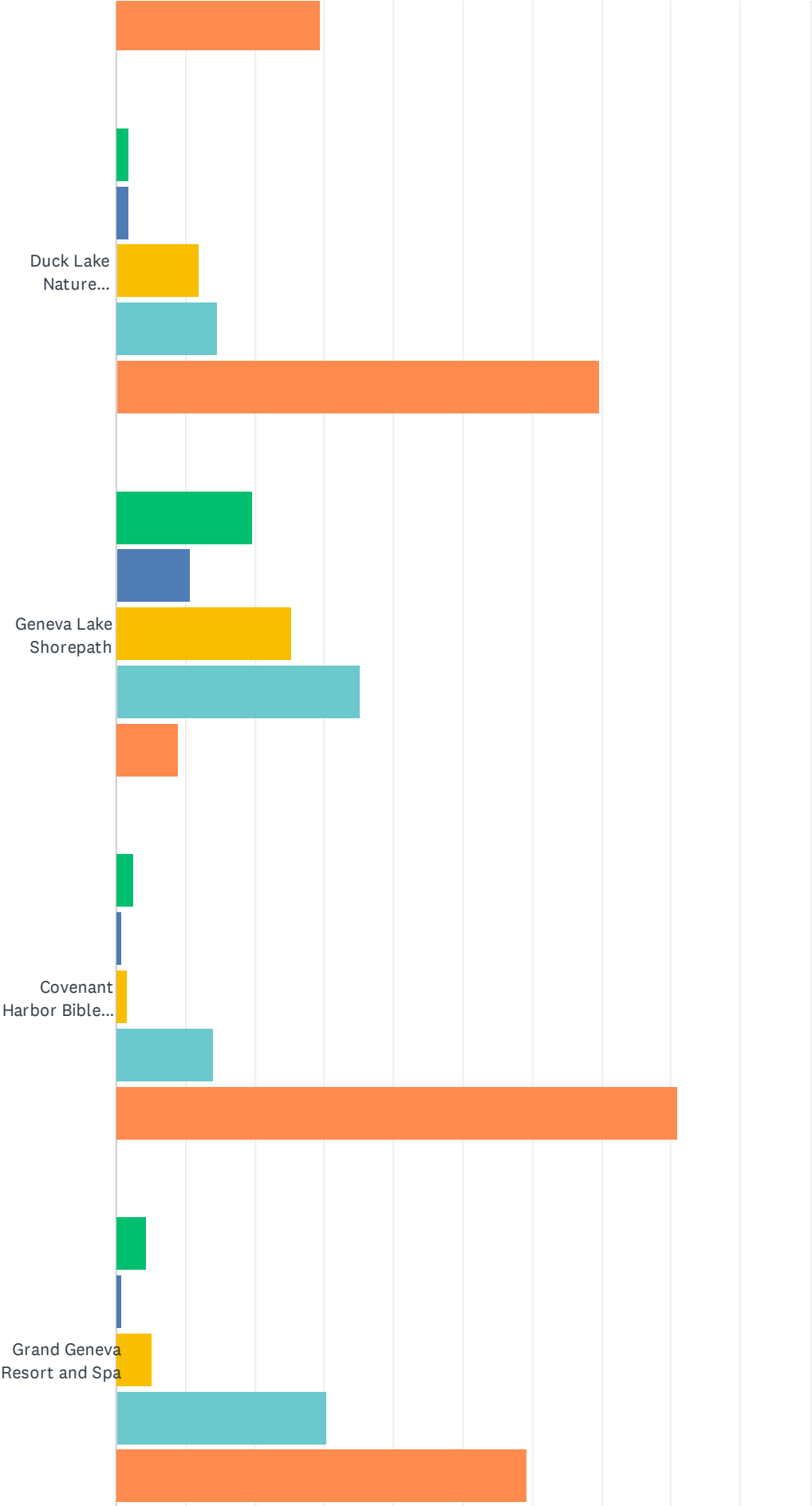
14	Too often you cater to tourists from out of town instead if the year-round residents. It's time to make coming into downtown easier for our residents. Making parking impossible with the strict 2 hour, or a couple of minutes if you need to run an errand, makes enjoying the larks hard. You should encourage locals to use our parks and area just as much as tourists. Because of the poor choices and attitudes that locals so that matter many locals just stay away. It's time you made locals important as they pay your property taxes, support businesses in the winter when tourism is down, and many have been in the community for years, and some for their lifetime!	6/6/2021 8:29 AM
15	Rushwood park REALLY needs to be updated and the very ugly cement tubes removed. All they attract is animals ! It really is NOT family oriented at all and needs attention !	6/5/2021 8:48 PM
16	They don't seem very well maintained. Everything for playground equipment is very old	6/5/2021 8:01 PM
17	Pioneer cemetery is beautiful, many people visit, but is in badly needed help with stones falling, broken.	6/5/2021 9:09 AM
18	Rushwood and Veteran's both have broken and unsafe play equipment. There are no accessible playgrounds in city of Lake Geneva parks. We often visit local school playgrounds as they have accessibility.	6/4/2021 9:53 PM
19	Surface Material better Not gravel or wood chips	6/4/2021 9:07 AM
20	Flat iron park parking	6/3/2021 10:22 PM
21	The playground on Townline is all rusty and in bad shape. Even though it is the closest playground to our home, we never go there for the playground.	6/3/2021 4:06 PM
22	Crossing 120 to get to veterans pa	6/3/2021 3:05 PM
23	Bathrooms need to be open before tourist seasons at all parks and cleaned more often as well as fencing parks in	6/3/2021 12:24 PM
24	Yes, all of them. Just take a look around any of them. You can easily see improvements that need to be made.	6/3/2021 12:06 PM
25	Dog park near Eastview school needs modifications, it would be really good if it was split into a smaller dog and big dog area.	6/3/2021 11:51 AM
26	Veterans Park: the equipment is run down and there seems to always be strange activity going on in the parking lot. The last time I took my children there, there was an older man in a car staring at us and as soon as we started walking towards the play equipment he followed. We continued back to our vehicle and called the police. Many friends have said they have had the same experience.	6/3/2021 11:24 AM
27	On road biking is not safe in LG. Need more off road options	6/3/2021 7:49 AM
28	See above as to fishing off the folks. In addition, the no smoking ban at the Riviera Beach is not enforced and all along the grassy area and in the parks; there are countless smokers and it is very unpleasant in peak times and the second hand smoke dangerous.	6/1/2021 5:24 PM
29	Parking	5/31/2021 7:42 PM
30	Bike trail behind the ridges is quite secluded	5/28/2021 9:19 AM
31	We need Sidewalks, or walking Path on North Side of Veterans Park. It is very dangerous to walk along Park Drive with all the traffic & Semi Traffic!!!	5/25/2021 9:56 PM
32	The playground equipment needs to be upgraded/replaced.	5/24/2021 2:19 PM
33	Skateboard park	5/24/2021 2:08 PM

Q18 Excluding winter months, on average how often do you or members of your household visit or use...?

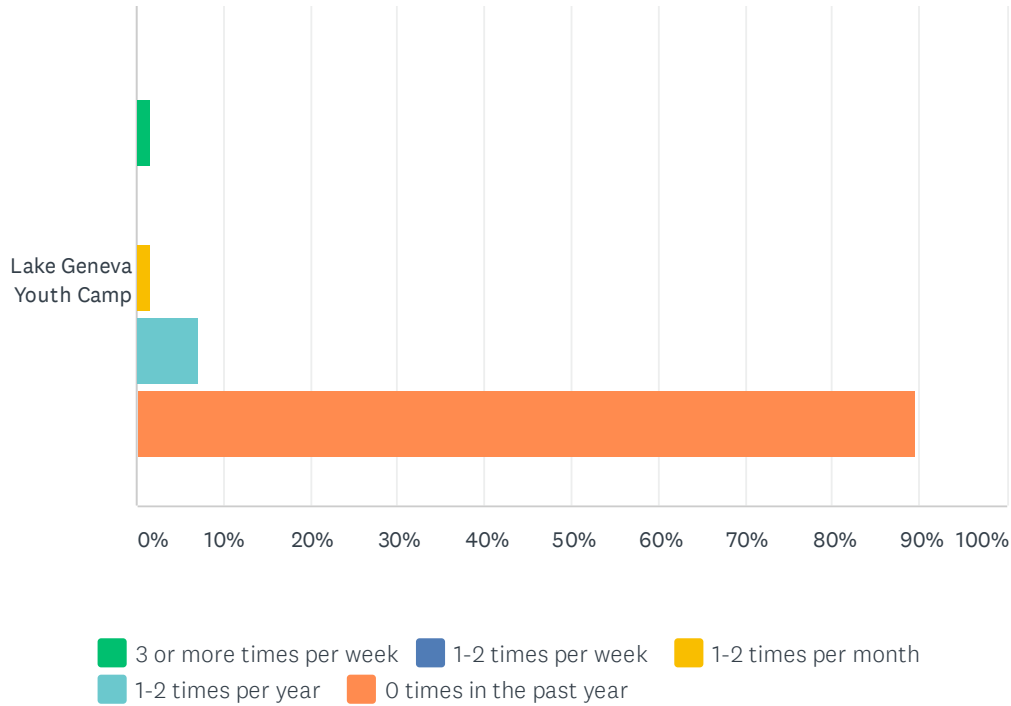
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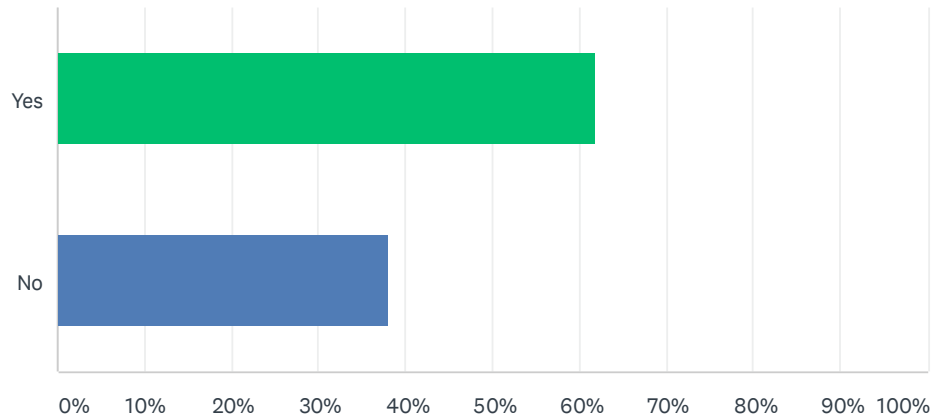
	3 OR MORE TIMES PER WEEK	1-2 TIMES PER WEEK	1-2 TIMES PER MONTH	1-2 TIMES PER YEAR	0 TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
City of Lake Geneva Parks	39.52% 49	28.23% 35	20.16% 25	10.48% 13	1.61% 2	124	1.74
City of Lake Geneva Bike Routes	15.93% 18	14.16% 16	21.24% 24	18.58% 21	30.09% 34	113	2.63
Public School Parks	17.80% 21	14.41% 17	16.10% 19	16.95% 20	34.75% 41	118	2.69
Private School Parks	5.26% 6	2.63% 3	4.39% 5	7.02% 8	80.70% 92	114	3.63
Walworth County Parks	11.30% 13	12.17% 14	26.09% 30	27.83% 32	22.61% 26	115	2.62
State Parks, Forests or Natural Areas	9.40% 11	13.68% 16	29.06% 34	37.61% 44	10.26% 12	117	2.49
Town Parks	12.28% 14	13.16% 15	27.19% 31	25.44% 29	21.93% 25	114	2.57
Big Foot Beach State Park	13.04% 15	5.22% 6	20.00% 23	32.17% 37	29.57% 34	115	2.78
Duck Lake Nature Area/Trail	1.83% 2	1.83% 2	11.93% 13	14.68% 16	69.72% 76	109	3.52
Geneva Lake Shorepath	19.67% 24	10.66% 13	25.41% 31	35.25% 43	9.02% 11	122	2.34
Covenant Harbor Bible Camp	2.61% 3	0.87% 1	1.74% 2	13.91% 16	80.87% 93	115	3.73
Grand Geneva Resort and Spa	4.35% 5	0.87% 1	5.22% 6	30.43% 35	59.13% 68	115	3.44
Lake Geneva Youth Camp	1.75% 2	0.00% 0	1.75% 2	7.02% 8	89.47% 102	114	3.84

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	YMCA camps	6/30/2021 8:34 AM
2	none	6/20/2021 6:21 PM

Q19 Do you or members of your household commonly (an average of at least once per month) drive somewhere outside of the City of Lake Geneva to use specific recreational facilities?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 102



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	61.98% 75
No	38.02% 46
TOTAL	121

#	IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY WHERE YOU GO AND FOR WHAT ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES.	DATE
1	Fontana parks. And Big Foot Rec programs include horseback riding and Kishatoe parks	6/30/2021 8:34 AM
2	But we bike to the white river trail and bike it end to end	6/28/2021 9:17 PM
3	Dance classes	6/27/2021 9:39 AM
4	Off road bike trails or walking trails.	6/21/2021 7:29 PM
5	Kettle Moraine bike/hike trails	6/21/2021 2:36 PM
6	Kenosha lake front park, beach and sculpture park. Music at the bandshell at Kennedy's park.	6/21/2021 9:24 AM
7	kayak from Williams Bay	6/20/2021 3:02 PM
8	Walking/jogging on nice maintained trails in Kenosha Co	6/17/2021 7:07 AM
9	white river bike trail	6/17/2021 6:49 AM
10	Elkhorn public pool	6/16/2021 10:32 PM
11	My parents live in Kenosha. They have an excellent play ground called Dream Playground. It's the best we've ever been to. Would love to see something like this in LG. We also travel out of the city to go to splash pads. That would be an amazing addition!	6/16/2021 3:52 PM
12	Golf	6/16/2021 3:24 PM
13	Elkhorn	6/15/2021 4:22 PM
14	Kettle Moraine	6/13/2021 7:50 PM
15	Walworth County nature parks - White River County Park- for hiking and enjoying the river and prairies. Sometimes other town's parks and state parks for hiking, nature activities,	6/13/2021 7:37 PM

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	playgrounds, etc.	
16	Dog parks	6/10/2021 8:30 PM
17	White River trails	6/7/2021 9:58 AM
18	Kettle moraine bike trails	6/6/2021 8:29 AM
19	Elk horn pool	6/5/2021 8:01 PM
20	To beaches, expensive when you have multiple children and you live in the area but not a Lake Geneva resident.	6/5/2021 12:00 PM
21	Kishwauketoe,	6/5/2021 9:09 AM
22	Fontana-bike/walking trails and parks/playgrounds Elkhorn-parks/playgrounds, recreational programming through city, and pool Burlington-parks/playgrounds, Seno conservacy and pool Williams Bay-Kishwauketoe and walking paths Delavan-Pheonix Park band shell/music	6/4/2021 9:53 PM
23	Powerslake Sportsmans Club for Trap Shooting and Pistol/Rifle Shooting	6/4/2021 3:40 PM
24	East Troy Fontana	6/4/2021 9:07 AM
25	Do Kettle Moraine and Alpine Valley count? Canopy Tours is great too	6/4/2021 9:01 AM
26	Genoa City for baseball	6/3/2021 9:35 PM
27	Richmond Illinois trail conservation on Keystone Rd	6/3/2021 8:28 PM
28	Recplex-pool	6/3/2021 7:06 PM
29	Milton splash pad, Burlington outdoor pool	6/3/2021 4:29 PM
30	Linn Township park across from Reek school for the walking paths, Veterans Park in Twin Lakes for walking path, Bong State park for camping and many more.	6/3/2021 4:06 PM
31	Eagle for hiking trails, northern communities.	6/3/2021 4:05 PM
32	Ice age trail	6/3/2021 3:05 PM
33	White River Park in Lyons	6/3/2021 2:26 PM
34	Ice skating rink	6/3/2021 12:45 PM
35	Elkhorn for the public pool	6/3/2021 12:43 PM
36	williams bay park	6/3/2021 12:41 PM
37	We go out of town to swim at public pools and splash pads	6/3/2021 12:24 PM
38	Genoa city park	6/3/2021 12:18 PM
39	Yes, my children are enrolled in the Elkhorn rec department sports because we have been so disappointed in lake Geneva rec. Elkhorn has great sports and Facilities.	6/3/2021 12:06 PM
40	Genoa City Parks - playground	6/3/2021 11:59 AM
41	Go to East Troy to price park.	6/3/2021 11:51 AM
42	Kishwauketoe, walking, snowshoeing	6/2/2021 1:06 AM
43	Grand Geneva and Hawks View golf courses and Grand Geneva ski facilities and White River bike path	6/1/2021 5:24 PM
44	Kettle Moraine	6/1/2021 12:35 PM
45	Kishwauketo	5/31/2021 7:42 PM
46	kettle moraine for biking and CC skiing in winter	5/31/2021 12:01 PM
47	Kettle moraine	5/31/2021 7:15 AM
48	Rec plec Kenosha - basketball State Parks-hiking, running	5/31/2021 5:52 AM
49	Kettle Moraine State Park	5/30/2021 6:06 PM

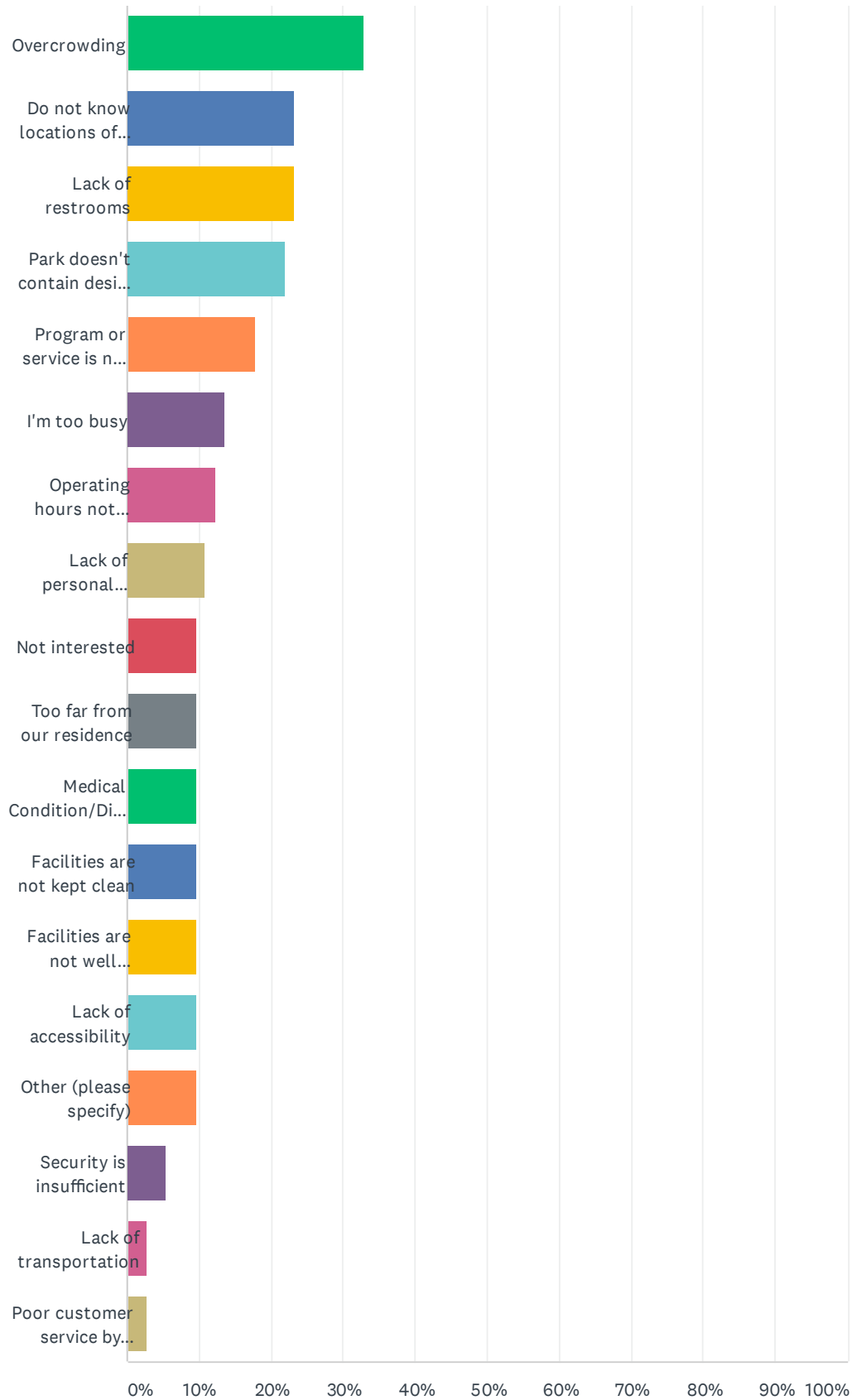
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50	Kettle moraine, alpine valley, stoughton	5/30/2021 8:37 AM
51	Genoa city to access bike trail	5/30/2021 8:20 AM
52	Spring lake for biking. Kettle moraine for hiking and biking	5/30/2021 6:58 AM
53	bike paths	5/30/2021 6:57 AM
54	Kenosha bike trails	5/29/2021 11:56 PM
55	Kenosha bike path	5/29/2021 11:54 PM
56	Silver Lake Park, Kettle Moraine (John Muir/Emma Carlin/Nordic)	5/29/2021 11:15 PM
57	Kettle marine	5/28/2021 11:45 PM
58	Downhill skiing	5/28/2021 9:41 AM
59	National parks, kettle moraine for hiking. Or other dog parks	5/28/2021 9:19 AM
60	Burlington, Elkhorn	5/24/2021 2:19 PM
61	Babe Mann Park in Elkhorn. In the summer we go to Sunset Pool in Elkhorn.	5/24/2021 2:08 PM

Q20 Are there any reasons that you or members of your household do not participate in recreational activities? If yes, check all that apply.

Answered: 73 Skipped: 150

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Overcrowding	32.88%	24
Do not know locations of facilities	23.29%	17
Lack of restrooms	23.29%	17
Park doesn't contain desired features or facilities	21.92%	16
Program or service is not available	17.81%	13
I'm too busy	13.70%	10
Operating hours not convenient	12.33%	9
Lack of personal resources (money, equipment, etc.)	10.96%	8
Not interested	9.59%	7
Too far from our residence	9.59%	7
Medical Condition/Disability	9.59%	7
Facilities are not kept clean	9.59%	7
Facilities are not well maintained	9.59%	7
Lack of accessibility	9.59%	7
Other (please specify)	9.59%	7
Security is insufficient	5.48%	4
Lack of transportation	2.74%	2
Poor customer service by staff	2.74%	2
Total Respondents: 73		

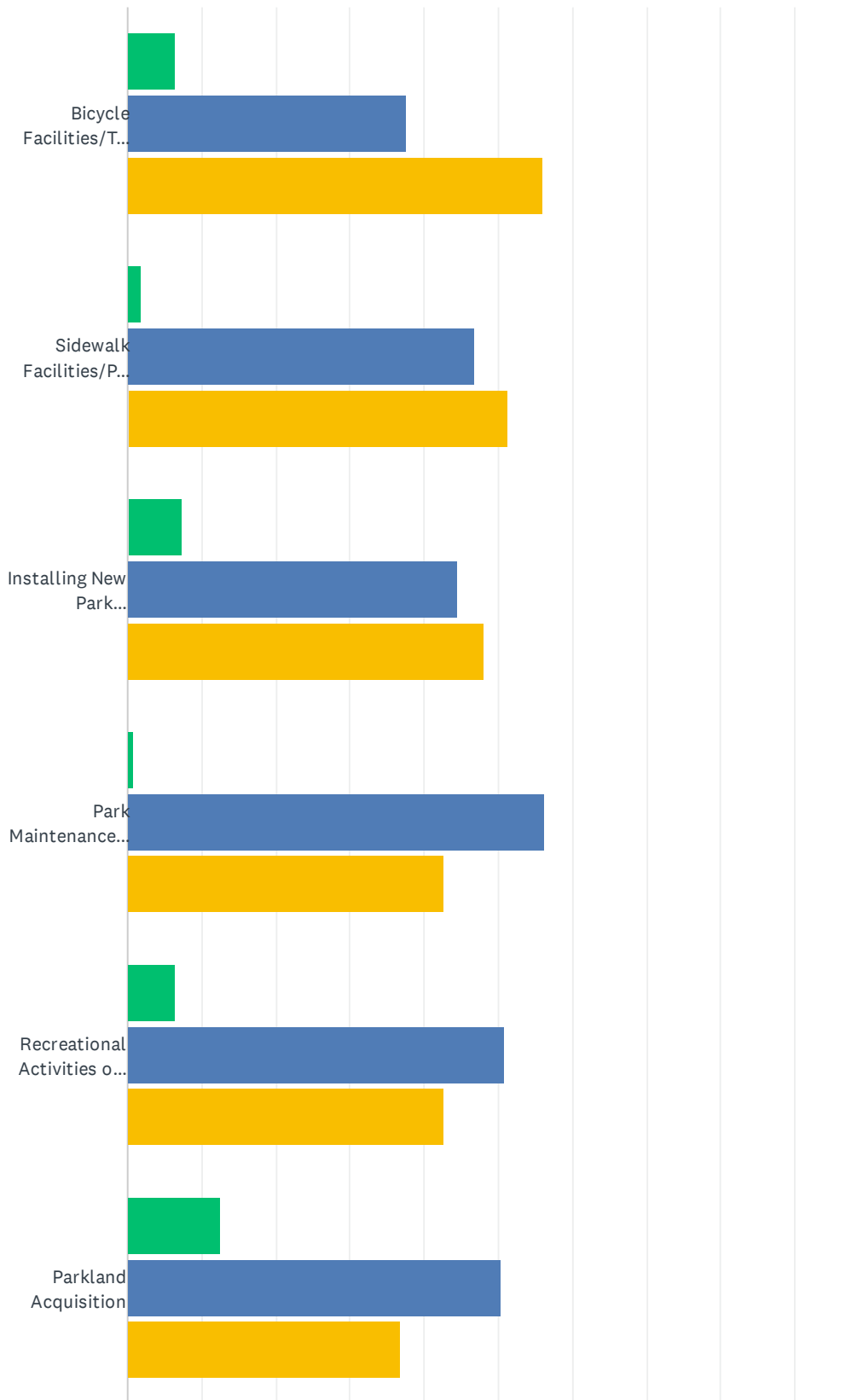
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Poor sidewalks or no sidewalks when walking to the downtown	6/21/2021 9:24 AM
2	There just aren't many offerings here in town. Lake Geneva needs a Parks and Recreations department. Elkhorn would provide a good model for the sort of offerings that residents and youth would benefit from. The beach here is great but swimming lessons are only during the day on weekdays (though we are grateful for the water safety patrol, they offer a great program!) Some of the parks and the sledding hill are really nice too BUT there's no way to reserve a shelter without going through a lengthy permit process! Again, similar small towns like Elkhorn and Burlington provide a nice model for ease and affordability in reserving picnic shelters and nice indoor facilities as well. No one could afford to rent the Riviera for say, a family picnic or baby shower and Lake Geneva is sorely lacking in this. And again, other than the schools community education programs (great but at difficult times and impossible for someone with no car to get to at LGMS) the city offers literally NO recreational programs or classes. I do not consider any YMCA offerings to be be City of Lake Geneva programs provided for its residents and I hope there are plans to separate from the YMCA and whatever (hopefully small) city funding has been given to the YMCA	6/13/2021 7:37 PM
3	Knees hurt	6/4/2021 10:32 PM
4	These are all reasons we go to other communities often for recreation vs staying solely in LG.	6/4/2021 9:53 PM
5	Lack of free parking	6/4/2021 2:37 PM
6	Covid	6/3/2021 7:08 PM

7 Since the city began charging for beach passes, we no longer go to the Riviera beach

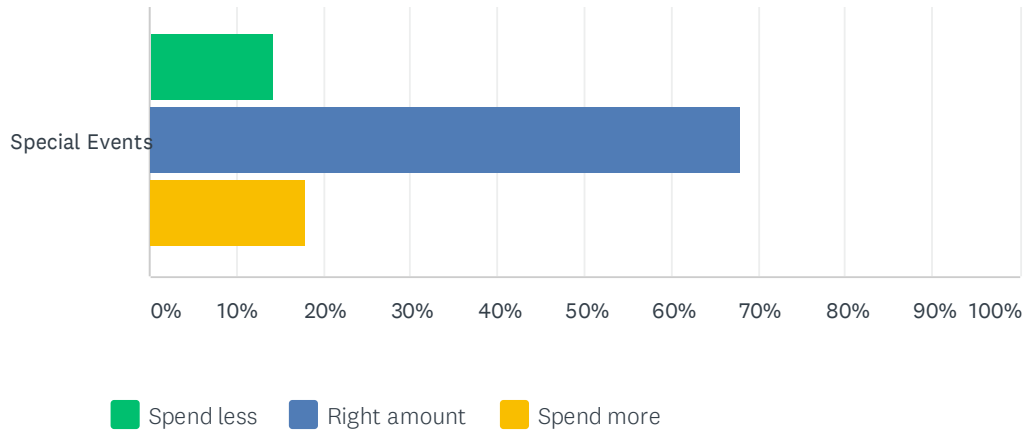
6/3/2021 7:06 PM

Q21 Please indicate whether you think the City should spend less, spend more, or if current funding is the right amount for the following:

Answered: 115 Skipped: 108



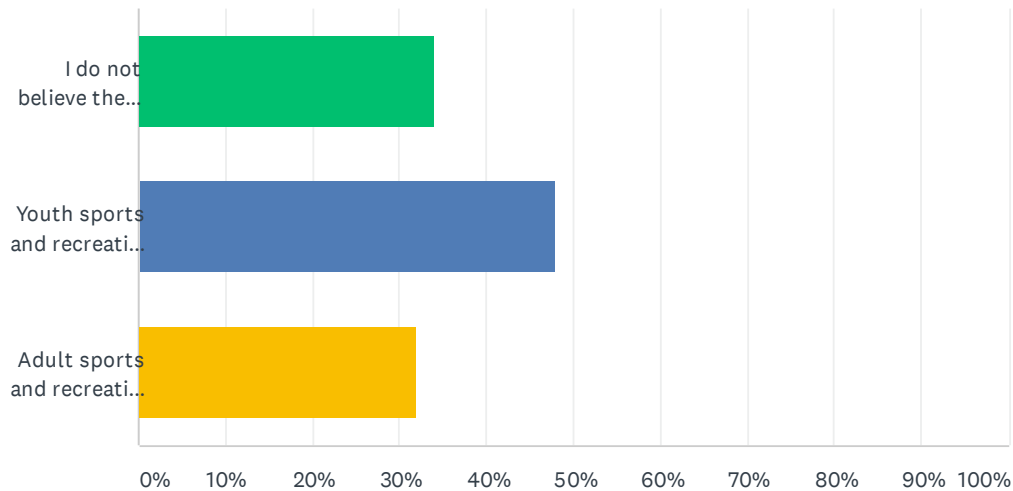
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	SPEND LESS	RIGHT AMOUNT	SPEND MORE	TOTAL
Bicycle Facilities/Trails	6.42% 7	37.61% 41	55.96% 61	109
Sidewalk Facilities/Pedestrian Enhancements	1.80% 2	46.85% 52	51.35% 57	111
Installing New Park Facilities/Equipment	7.27% 8	44.55% 49	48.18% 53	110
Park Maintenance (maintain existing grounds/facilities)	0.91% 1	56.36% 62	42.73% 47	110
Recreational Activities or Programs	6.48% 7	50.93% 55	42.59% 46	108
Parkland Acquisition	12.62% 13	50.49% 52	36.89% 38	103
Special Events	14.15% 15	67.92% 72	17.92% 19	106

Q22 If you would like the City to spend more on recreational programming, which programs should be subsidized? (select all that apply)

Answered: 94 Skipped: 129



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not believe the City should spend more on recreational programming	34.04%	32
Youth sports and recreation (e.g. volleyball, dance, karate, baseball, softball)	47.87%	45
Adult sports and recreation (e.g. karate, racquetball, softball)	31.91%	30
Total Respondents: 94		

Q23 Please use the space provided below to identify a type of new recreation program or service that the City should consider offering.

Answered: 46 Skipped: 177

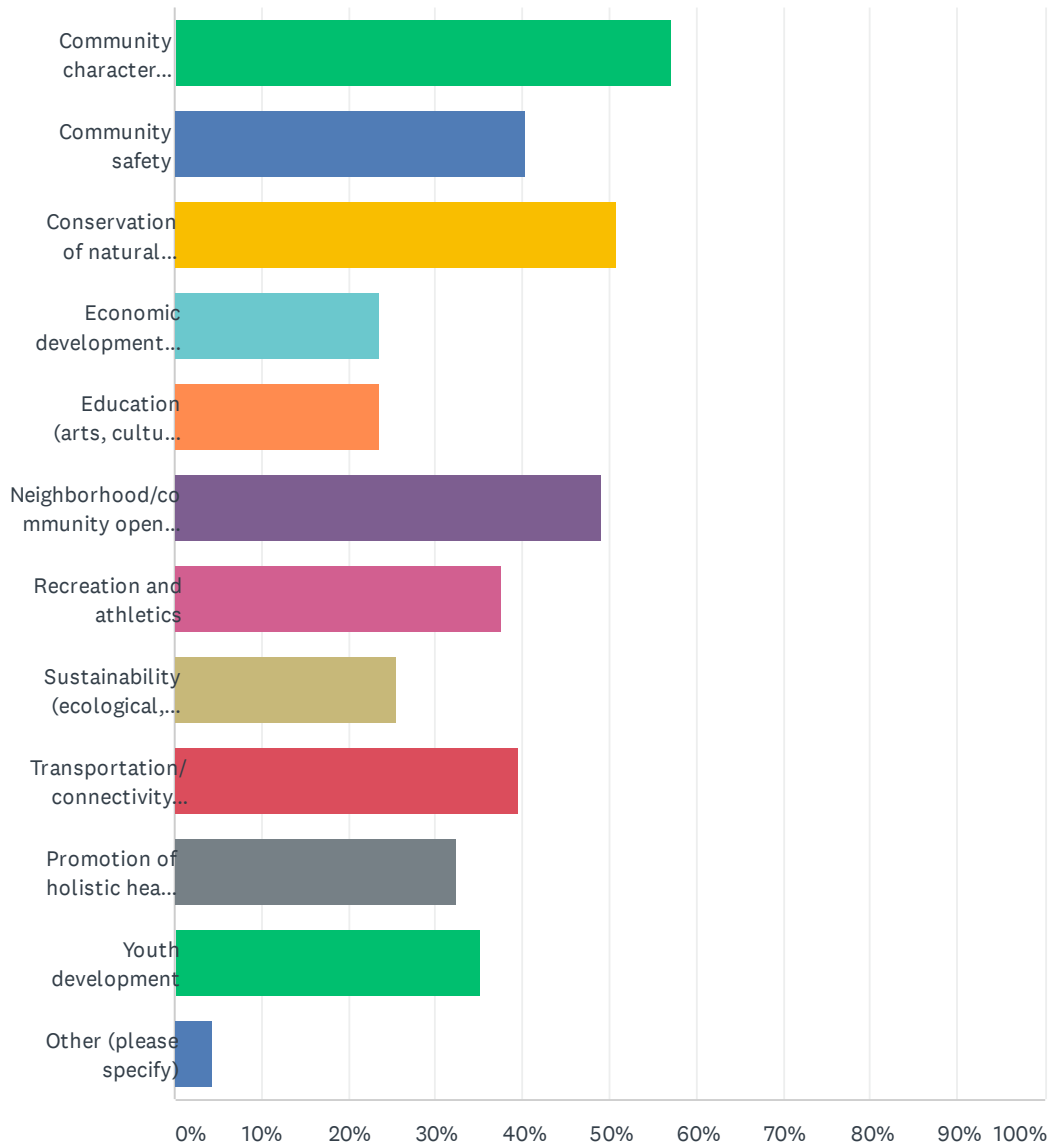
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Check of Big Foot Rec plan.	6/30/2021 8:37 AM
2	None. Bike paths should not be expanded until existing paths are repaired and maintained. Path next to the YMCA is in desperate need of reconstruction.	6/22/2021 11:12 AM
3	Any adult league offerings or taking over from the YMCA.	6/21/2021 9:10 PM
4	Developing Hillmoor into the Central Park of Lake Geneva. Something that would get better with time and geared for local use.	6/21/2021 2:41 PM
5	Outdoor pool, splash park, walking trails, picnic areas for residents, neighborhood focused park areas. Too much emphasis on the downtown. Let's strengthen the local people's needs. Take a look at the parks in Savanna Georgia or Chicago's Millennial Park.	6/21/2021 9:40 AM
6	I'd like to see the equivalent to the Kishwaukee Nature Preserve in Hillmoor. Plantings, identification walks, gatherings at sunset for bird watches, etc.	6/20/2021 3:07 PM
7	Community outdoor pools	6/17/2021 10:06 AM
8	ice skating outdoors - flat iron park rink was a good try but too small and did not have a warming shelter. if riviera were open during the winter with coffee and hot chocolate, a rink on the lake would be perfect.	6/17/2021 6:50 AM
9	Splash pad, inclusive playground	6/16/2021 3:55 PM
10	Pickleball. Popularity is high for all ages	6/16/2021 12:59 PM
11	Par courses	6/15/2021 8:06 AM
12	The city should be focusing on educational and recreational programs other than just sports. Classes, arts, social programs for older adults, families, and youth. Please see my previous answer regarding facilities.	6/13/2021 7:52 PM
13	Soccer	6/9/2021 12:32 PM
14	Pickle Ball	6/6/2021 7:24 PM
15	The YMCA is doing a great job.	6/6/2021 3:13 PM
16	A time for the Riviera to be reserved for locals only. Give some perks to those who support your town year-round.	6/6/2021 8:35 AM
17	Community outdoor pool or splash pad	6/5/2021 8:04 PM
18	An outdoor pool, aquatic center	6/5/2021 12:08 PM
19	I think Pioneer Cemetery needs some help!! It is a historical attraction, and the headstones could use some propping up, etc. we see lots of tourists going there.	6/5/2021 8:50 AM
20	Pickle ball courts and more for seniors	6/5/2021 5:29 AM
21	Create a campus like setting for recreational activities that have both public and private facilities and that you can walk or ride your bike to downtown and the lakefront.	6/4/2021 2:41 PM
22	More walking trails, gymnastics program/gym, lake geneva's own soccer club for youth	6/3/2021 9:38 PM
23	Pickleball	6/3/2021 7:14 PM
24	Free beach passes once again to residents.	6/3/2021 7:11 PM

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25	More opportunities to take a course or class that uses the many recreational facilities our city has access to.	6/3/2021 5:01 PM
26	Splash pad and outdoor pool	6/3/2021 4:30 PM
27	Nature and art based programs. Concerts in an amphitheater	6/3/2021 4:27 PM
28	Soccer fields for hosting tournaments. Lake Geneva would be a draw for these youth teams to come to. Indoor facility for football, baseball and soccer training and availability.	6/3/2021 4:08 PM
29	utilize Hillmore property for something other than frisby golf. Walking trails, ampitheatre?	6/3/2021 2:38 PM
30	Ice hockey.	6/3/2021 12:46 PM
31	Public Pool would be nice and maybe more tennis courts and or public work out areas like they have in janesville	6/3/2021 12:45 PM
32	We should have multiple splash pads, pools and more youth programs, dance, soccer, karate, softball, archery, more summer camps spots more kids workshops more options like other park districts for classes and recreation for children so we don't have to go to other cities once the ymca fills up immediately upon opening sign up	6/3/2021 12:31 PM
33	pool or splash pad!	6/3/2021 12:00 PM
34	I believe playground equipment, similar to Manning Way & Stoneridge should be considered for the Meadowland Subdivision (Joshua Lane, Andria Drive, Heather Court) in the open circle at the entrance of Subdivision	6/3/2021 11:30 AM
35	ice rinks and hockey facilities	6/1/2021 5:27 PM
36	Perhaps use hillmoor property for public rec use	6/1/2021 6:31 AM
37	golf course at hiilmoor	5/31/2021 9:48 PM
38	Off road cying	5/30/2021 1:06 PM
39	Improve bike and pedestrian lanes. Make this a walkable/bikeable community.	5/30/2021 8:38 AM
40	Walking trails	5/30/2021 8:32 AM
41	Outdoor mountain biking or paved bike paths	5/30/2021 7:01 AM
42	More like trails	5/29/2021 11:58 PM
43	Not sure/no opinion.	5/29/2021 11:21 PM
44	Outdoor pool	5/28/2021 9:42 AM
45	No comment at this time	5/25/2021 9:59 PM
46	Outdoor Pool	5/24/2021 2:10 PM

Q24 Parks, recreation and open spaces provide a multitude of benefits. From the following list, please select up to FIVE benefits that are MOST IMPORTANT to you and your household.

Answered: 114 Skipped: 109



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Community character (quality of the built environment, neighborhoods, streetscapes, etc.)	57.02%	65
Community safety	40.35%	46
Conservation of natural areas	50.88%	58
Economic development (helping the City become more vibrant, attracting businesses and people)	23.68%	27
Education (arts, culture, science, etc.)	23.68%	27
Neighborhood/community open space for social interactions and play (creating a sense of community/brining people together)	49.12%	56
Recreation and athletics	37.72%	43
Sustainability (ecological, fiscal and social equity)	25.44%	29
Transportation/connectivity (e.g., bike lanes, greenways)	39.47%	45
Promotion of holistic health (physical, social engagement, psychological), wellness, and fitness	32.46%	37
Youth development	35.09%	40
Other (please specify)	4.39%	5
Total Respondents: 114		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	senior accomodation	6/17/2021 6:15 PM
2	A	6/17/2021 6:58 AM
3	We really need a Parks and Recreation department please	6/13/2021 7:52 PM
4	Every one of these are so important I can't pick just 5	6/5/2021 5:29 AM
5	Save Hillmoor for our residents of the city	5/31/2021 11:45 AM

Q25 Please use this space to provide any other comments relating to pedestrian, bicycle, park and recreation services or facilities in the City of Lake Geneva.

Answered: 27 Skipped: 196

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please take back the Hillmore Course. That area is needed for park and rec And maybe even a botanic garden	6/30/2021 8:37 AM
2	We are a resort city advertising bike paths, frisbee golf and bocce ball. Most residents don't even know about the bocce ball courts, the frisbee golf course is sorely in need of a good cleanup and a regular maintenance schedule, and the bike paths lack signage, lead to nowhere with no warning, and are dangerous in spots. The city needs a budget that will allow maintenance of what we have before we add more. Every alderperson need to view the Y to Curtis Street bike path first hand. It's a lawsuit waiting to happen!	6/28/2021 9:23 PM
3	This survey is too long and is designed for zero meaningful feedback.	6/21/2021 9:10 PM
4	Stop overdeveloping our small town. It is becoming more crowded due to covid and overdevelopment. There will be a breaking point where it loses its small town feel and appeal traffic is getting worse all the time and its outpacing the infrastructure	6/21/2021 2:41 PM
5	I am very disappointed in the overall park planning that exist for the city. Where could I walk to within a mile and sit on a bench and relax? Where can I take my grandchildren to swim without a huge crowd? Where is the emphasis on neighborhoods? Each area/ neighborhood should have its own park. I can't go to the school parks during school hours so please don't list them as city parks. The downtown area has parks for the visitors. So please don't count them on your list of parks either. Think ahead and be ambitious about the future of this town's parks. Think land acquisition for the future generations.	6/21/2021 9:40 AM
6	It is hard to walk and bike in Lake Geneva. It would be good to increase sidewalks and biking lanes.	6/20/2021 3:07 PM
7	we have hundreds of acres of parks currently. some need improvement (Bigfoot), some need to be free to residents (paid for with our property taxes-beach). before we spend millions to add more (buying hillmoor) let's take care of what we have currently. let's collaborate with the state to make Bigfoot the best in the state.	6/17/2021 6:50 AM
8	Please see my previous answers, but a Parks And Recreation Department would be the correct first step. We don't have any recreation, social, or course offerings provided by the City of Lake Geneva at this time. I see mentioned a "partnership" with the YMCA which is concerning because of their membership fees and that non members pay more for things- also being a religious / private organization is VERY concerning. City Parks and Recreation should be provided for and available to everyone equally! I hope this is being addressed. Youth and older adults need classes, clubs, lessons, etc. Residents should have access to public facilities such as reservable picnic shelters and parks buildings with bathrooms etc year round. Bike and pedestrian safety are a big concern, it's just not safe to cross most of the busy streets. Enforcement at the crosswalks would help as would dedicated bike lanes and adding in sidewalks where they are missing for example, Wells St.	6/13/2021 7:52 PM
9	Two lights post for tennis courts at Maple Park do not turn on as they seem to be broken.	6/6/2021 7:24 PM
10	Lets make our city as pedestrian and bike friendly and safe as possible! too many drivers don't watch or pay any attention!	6/6/2021 4:57 PM
11	We need to keep adding and spend money on maintenance. We need to make RESIDENTS aware of the parks.	6/6/2021 3:13 PM
12	Pioneer Cemetery, where we have Veterans from all wars could use an expert in gravestone installation to upright fallen stones, gravesights.	6/5/2021 9:14 AM

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13	More organized activities for seniors. A community building for education, card games, music, plays, etc	6/5/2021 5:29 AM
14	When our tax money is used for these services, then we are further charged, we end up not using at all and spend money elsewhere. When we had the opportunity for free beach passes, we spent money on enrolling kids in swim lessons with WSP, then would frequent downtown businesses on lesson days and beach days. Now, we stay away from beach and downtown-alienated as citizens in our town.	6/3/2021 7:11 PM
15	We have many areas in our city that are well traveled by local citizens but do not have paved areas for better access. There are very few sidewalks outside of the downtown area.	6/3/2021 5:01 PM
16	I wish the Never Say Never Playground would receive more donations from the city so that it can finally be built. I feel like it is an embarrassment that Lake Geneva does not have an accessible playground.	6/3/2021 4:11 PM
17	The roads/allies in the subdivision by East view are terrible. They started re-paving last year and have done some curb work, but never finished...Spring street in particular. Makes you not want to bike around or walk around at least not at all in the dark. You could roll and ankle in some of the pot holes.	6/3/2021 2:38 PM
18	The ymca fills fast and there is not many other options for smaller children to participate in summer time activities and with the beach being so expensive and no pools or splash pads we often go to other towns to participate in their activities and use their pools or splash pads	6/3/2021 12:31 PM
19	I believe playground equipment, similar to Manning Way & Stoneridge should be considered for the Meadowland Subdivision (Joshua Lane, Andria Drive, Heather Court) in the open circle at the entrance of Subdivision. There are roughly 40 houses in our subdivision with roughly 45 kids (and growing) in our subdivision. Majority of those kids being under the age of 16. Playground equipment would benefit our subdivision kids immensely.	6/3/2021 11:30 AM
20	Need more and safer cycling to all communities around the lake	6/2/2021 1:09 AM
21	Please plant more parkway and park trees to continue to replace all the ash that have died and other species that have been removed, eaten by beavers, etc.	6/1/2021 5:27 PM
22	acquire the hillmoor property	5/31/2021 9:48 PM
23	Fort Atkinson has a nice bike path Riverwalk that goes through the town	5/31/2021 5:55 AM
24	Pedestrian and bicycle paths need attention in Lake Geneva. Residents need outdoor space to safely walk and bike. Long connected safe paved dedicated walk and bike paths/trails are necessary	5/30/2021 7:01 AM
25	Lake Geneva is missing out on a huge opportunity in regards to bike infrastructure. The Heart of Vilas trail network should be a blueprint for the area. Imagine trails going from LG to Williams Bay, Elkhorn, Walworth, etc. A lake loop would be a huge selling point. Biking would provide a great benefit to the area especially in the spring/fall when the lake tourism is down. The amount/condition of the current trails is shameful.	5/29/2021 11:21 PM
26	Although I do not use the bike paths, I have acquaintances that feel the bike paths and the frisbee golf park areas are very run down and disappointing for a City of our caliber.	5/27/2021 12:41 PM
27	Our sidewalks are in major need of fixing	5/24/2021 2:21 PM

Appendix B

PARK & OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATIONS

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Park & Open Space Classifications are used in this CORP to classify the existing parks and recreation system and to guide plans for its future development. Definitions for the classification of parks and facilities are generally based upon National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) guidelines.

B.1 PARK & OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATIONS

Mini-Park

Also sometimes referred to as a "Tot Lot" or "Pocket Park" typically located on a small lot, generally a ¼ acre or less, within a residential neighborhood or commercial business district. Often these sites were originally intended for residential use, but due to various factors (e.g. poor lot design, environmental concerns, etc.), have been converted to a park. Mini-parks generally lack any active recreational facilities and may be limited to gardens, benches, gazebos, fountains, or other small social gathering facilities. Mini-parks typically do not have off-street parking or restroom facilities. Over time they may develop into neighborhood playgrounds.

Desirable size: 1.5 acres or less
Service Area: 1/4 mile radius

Neighborhood Parks

A neighborhood park mainly serves the active recreational needs of children from 5 to 15 years of age, and it may offer passive recreation opportunities to adults. Neighborhood parks typically consist of one or more playground apparatus, small green space/general purpose fields, shelter facilities, grills, basketball courts, ball diamonds and associated benches.

Desirable size: 3 to 10 acres
Service Area: 1/2 mile radius

Community Parks

The community park is intended to serve the active and passive recreational needs of a number of neighborhoods or a medium-sized municipality. It provides more unique facilities than a neighborhood park. Examples include parks designed specifically for court games (tennis, basketball, pickleball, etc.), field games (soccer, football, ultimate frisbee) or ball games (softball,

baseball). However, community parks usually also offer areas for passive recreation use such as wood areas and walking trails, scenic lookouts, botanical gardens, multiple shelters, grills, and picnic areas. Unique active use facilities may include band shells and aquatic facilities. Off-street parking areas for vehicles and bicycles, permanent restroom facilities, shower facilities, and lighting are common.

Desirable size: 25 or more acres
Service Area: 1.5 mile radius

Special Use Parks

A special use park is often designed as a revenue-generating enterprise created to satisfy demand for a particular sport, recreational activity, or special event. A special use park may also be a sports park combined with enterprise activities and administered as a community recreation resource. Certain recreational facilities such as disc golf courses, golf courses, race tracks, municipal pools and waterparks, fishing areas and marinas might be considered special purpose parks. Less active uses may include community gardens or veteran memorials. Special use parks may be combined with community parks. Supporting facilities (off-street parking, restrooms, etc.) will vary based on the user needs.

Desirable size: Varies - depends on function
Service Area: Varies - depends on function

Nature Preserves

Nature preserves may be established to conserve forest lands, marshlands, floodplains, prairies, wildlife habitats, and other areas having cultural, scenic, or natural values. Such areas are usually provided by county, state, or federal governments and have the primary function of wildlife and resource protection. Nature preserves usually include large tracts of land that are undeveloped or have limited development, although some improvements may be provided which are incidental to the enjoyment of the property. Improvements are usually located in one section on the property so that the area remains largely undeveloped. Improvements may include parking areas, interpretive centers, and restrooms. Hunting may be a primary recreational activity in such areas. Other recreational uses might include backpacking, camping, trail use, picnicking, and bird watching.

Desirable size: Varies - depends on function
Service Area: Varies - depends on function

Greenbelts

The greenbelt has basically the same characteristics and functions as the reservation or preserve; however, a greenbelt may be used to shape urban development. It may be a buffer between an urban area and surrounding rural areas and may connect parks within an urban area.

Desirable size: Varies - depends on function
Service Area: Varies - depends on function

Appendix C

PARKS & RECREATION MAPS

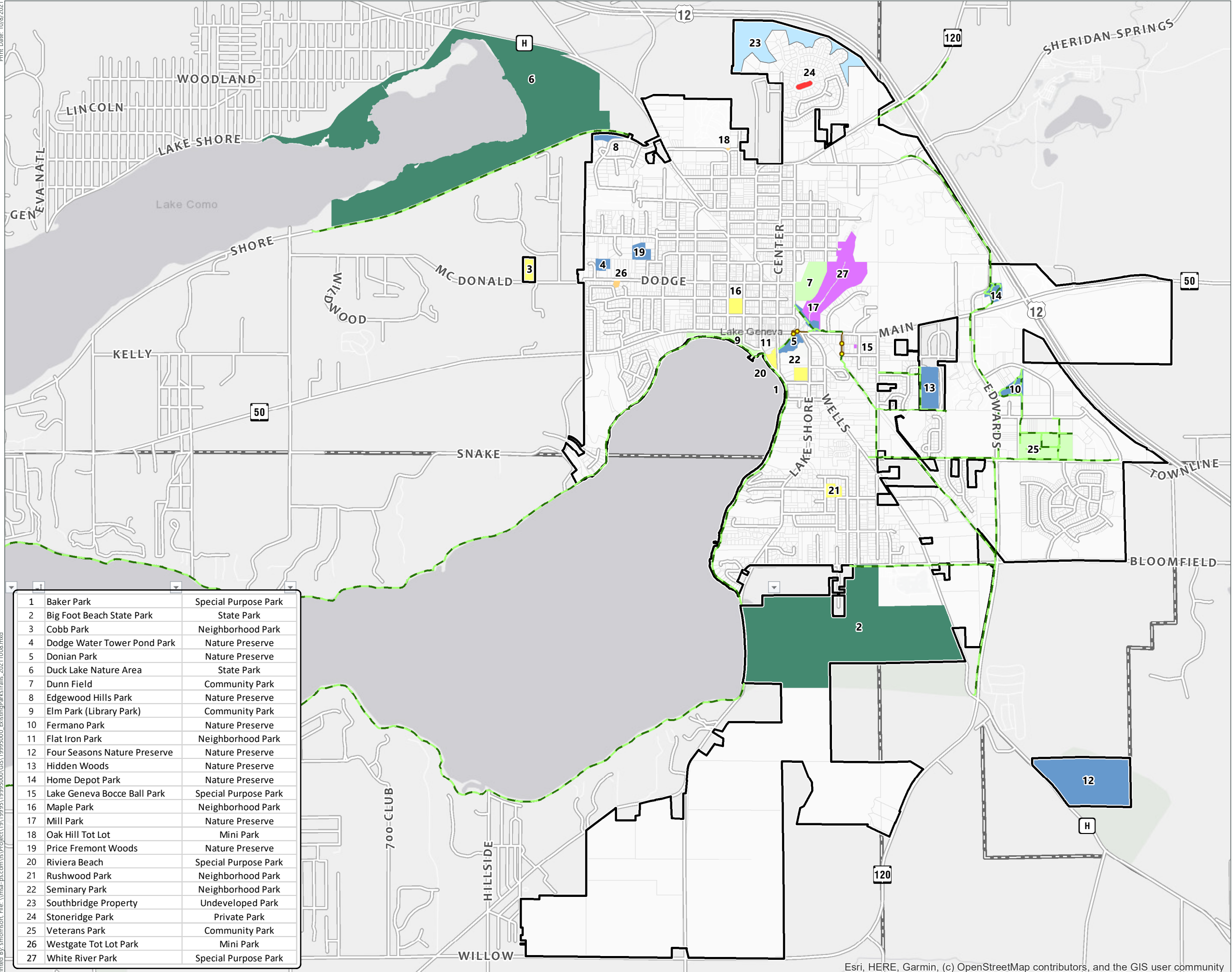
Existing Parks and Trails

Lake Geneva CORP Study

City of Lake Geneva
Walworth County, WI

- Existing Path
- Future Path
- On Street Bike Trail
- Streets
- Parcel Boundary
- City of Lake Geneva
- Municipal Boundary
- Park Class MSA**
 - Community Park
 - Mini Park
 - Nature Preserve
 - Neighborhood Park
 - Private Park
 - Special Purpose Park
 - State Park
 - Undeveloped Park

Data Sources:
Walworth County GIS (2021)
Parks and Trails: Verbicher/Kapur and Associates (2021)
Basemap: ESRI



Park Service Areas

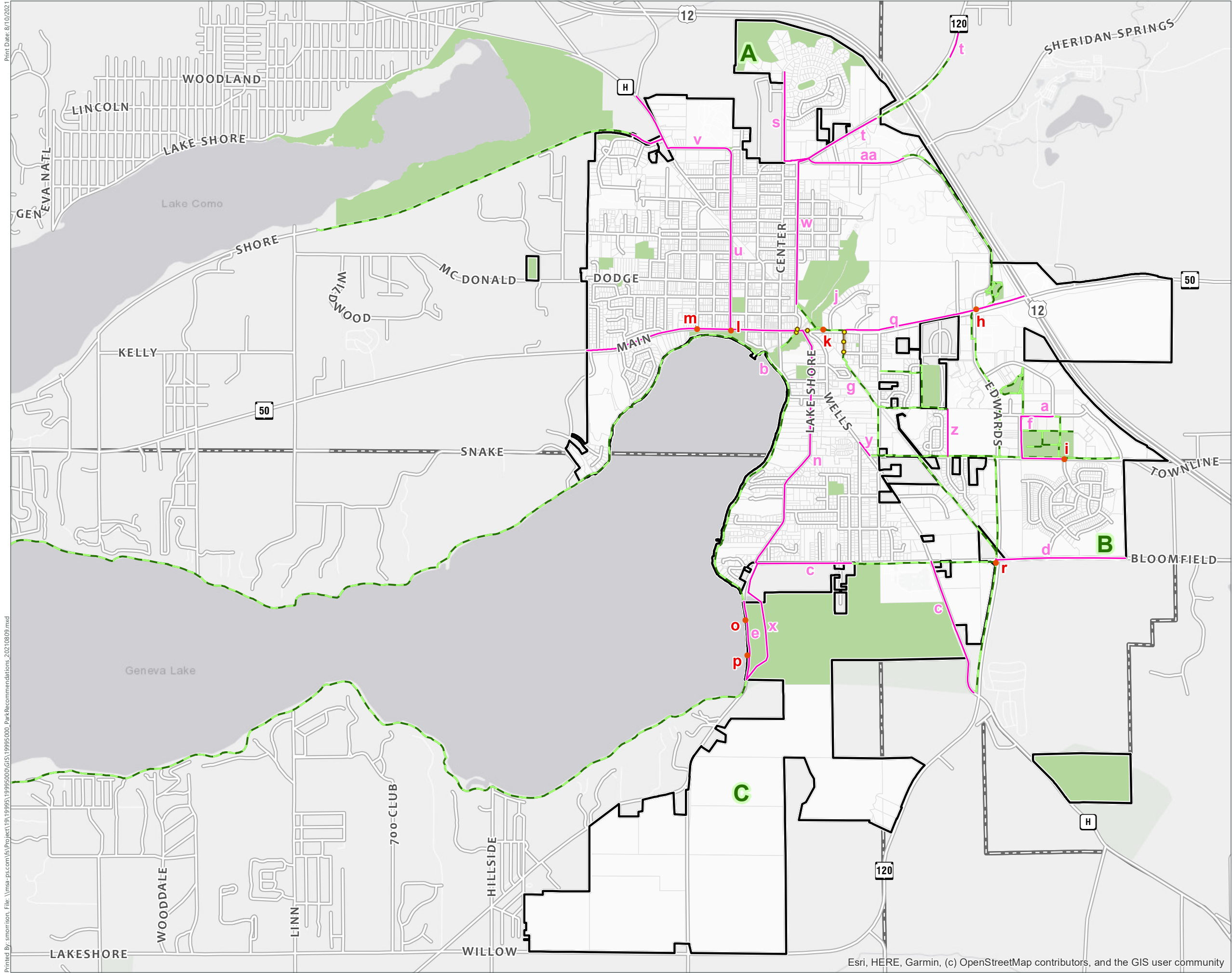
Lake Geneva CORP Study

City of Lake Geneva
Walworth County, WI

- Existing Path
- Future Path
- On Street Bike Trail
- Streets
- Half Mile Park Service Area
- Parcel Boundary
- City of Lake Geneva
- Municipal Boundary
- Park Class MSA**
 - Community & Neighborhood Park, or Nature Preserve
 - Mini, Special Purpose, & State Park

- Zoning Description**
 - Two-family Residential
 - Single-family Residential
 - Multi-family Residential
 - Estate Residential
 - Countryside Residential

Data Sources:
Walworth County GIS (2021)
Parks and Trails: Verbicher/Kapur and Associates (2021)
Basemap: ESRI



Park & Trail Recommendations

Lake Geneva CORP Study

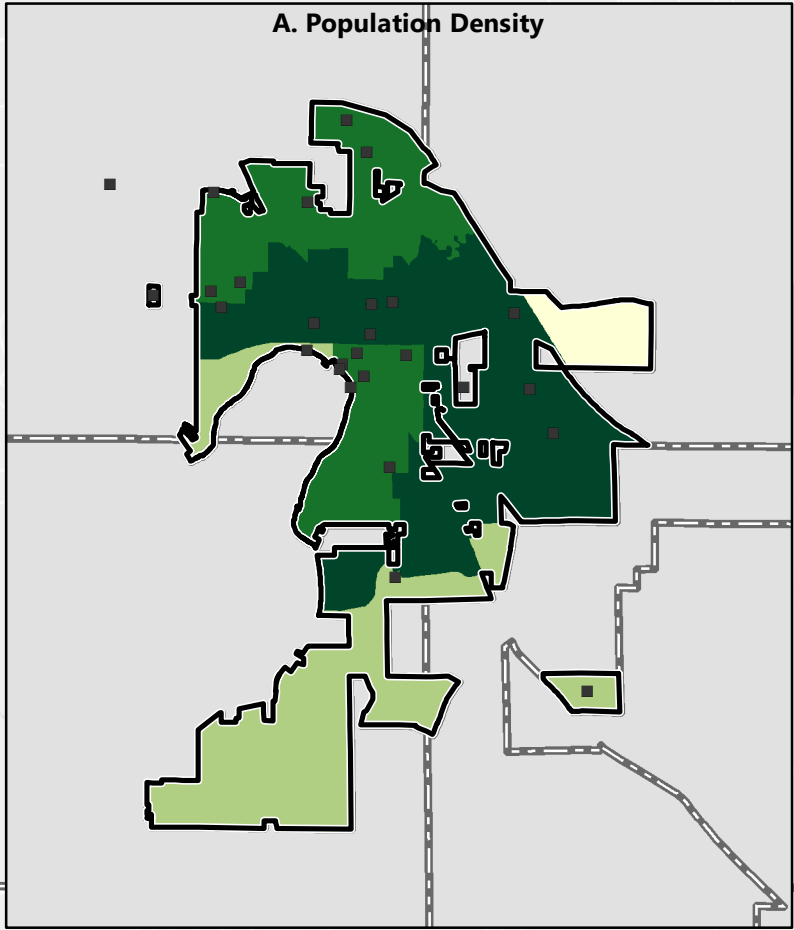
City of Lake Geneva
Walworth County, WI

- Streets
- Existing Path
- On Street Bike Trail
- Lake Geneva Park
- Parcel Boundary
- City of Lake Geneva
- Municipal Boundary

Park & Trail Recommendations

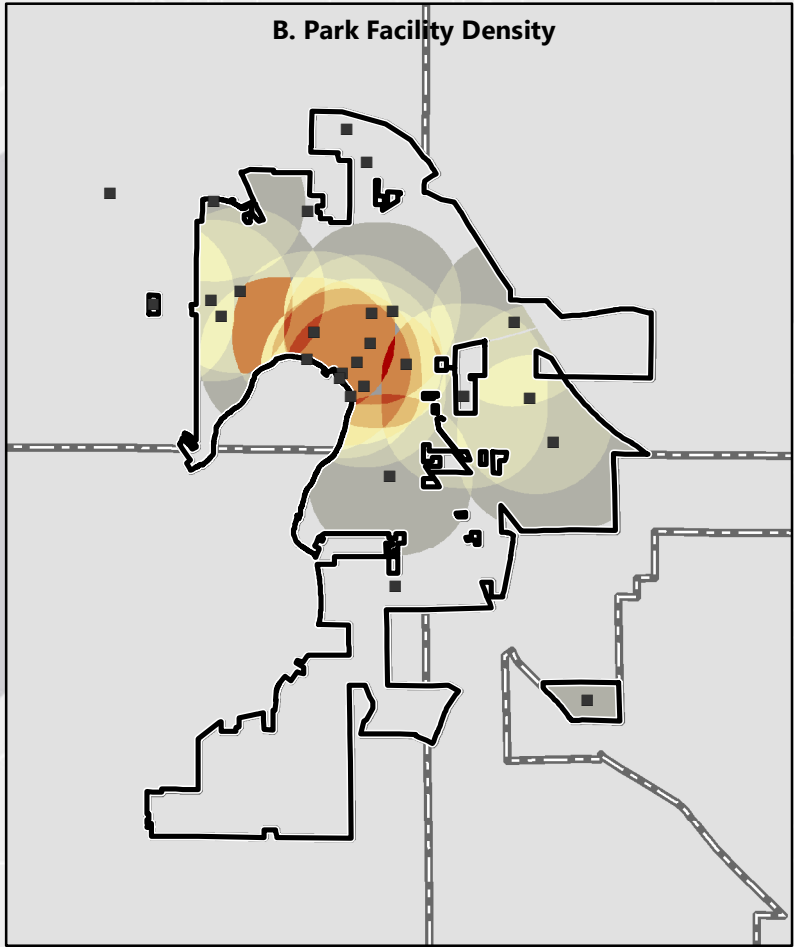
- Proposed Park
- Proposed Trail Safety Improvement
- Proposed Safety Improvement Location
- Proposed Trail
- Proposed Trail Location

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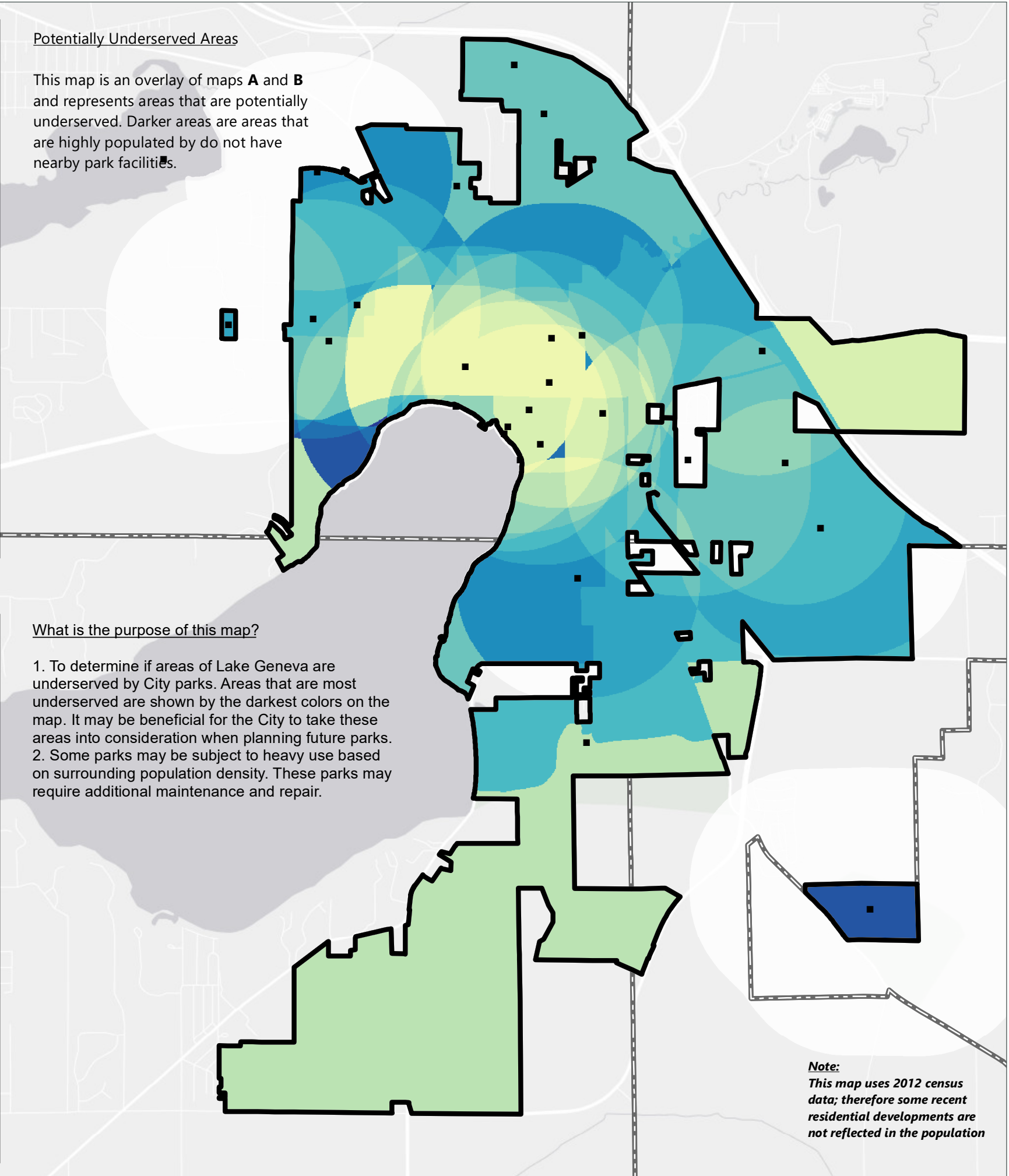
Potentially Underserved Areas

This map is an overlay of maps **A** and **B** and represents areas that are potentially underserved. Darker areas are areas that are highly populated by do not have nearby park facilities.



What is the purpose of this map?

1. To determine if areas of Lake Geneva are underserved by City parks. Areas that are most underserved are shown by the darkest colors on the map. It may be beneficial for the City to take these areas into consideration when planning future parks.
2. Some parks may be subject to heavy use based on surrounding population density. These parks may require additional maintenance and repair.



Potentially Underserved Areas

Lake Geneva CORP Study

City of Lake Geneva
Walworth County, WI

- Park
- City of Lake Geneva
- Value**
- Areas well served by parks
- Areas underserved by parks

Note:
This map uses 2012 census data; therefore some recent residential developments are not reflected in the population

Data Sources:
Walworth County GIS (2021)
Parks and Trails: Verbicher/Kapur and Associates (2021)
Basemap: ESRI