

VILLAGE OF POYNETTE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN 2023-2027

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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The quality of life in a community is driven by employment opportunities, good local schools, decent and safe housing and neighborhoods, effective services, natural beauty and aesthetics, and abundant cultural and recreational opportunities. Parks, trails, and open spaces are key contributors to the Village of Poynette's high quality of life. The Village's recreational system has been designed and managed to focus on the types of spaces and facilities desired by residents and to provide a fair geographic distribution.

This *2023-2027 Parks and Open Space Plan* charts the future of the Village's park, trail, and open space system. It updates the *2018-2022 Parks and Open Space Plan*, which has led to new and improved parks and trails, including a repurposed Jamieson Park and the "North-South" trail that was aided by a State grant.

As guided by the Village's Parks and Recreation Commission, the *2023-2027 Parks and Open Space Plan* includes the following priorities:

1. **Develop the Village's Trail Network.** The Rowan Creek Trail is one of the most popular aspects of the Village's recreational system. The Village will work to extend the Rowan Creek Trail west to Jamieson Park as its highest priority, ideally through the Columbia County Sportsman League property which was actively being pursued for acquisition at time of writing. Extension of the trail east to the high/middle school campus and then north to the intersection of Seward Street and Highway 51 is also envisioned. There are environmental, property ownership, and cost challenges associated with this eastern extension. Some of these may be bypassed such as by following existing streets and sidewalks for parts of the route. Other trail projects are suggested to develop a true network within the Village and to key destinations like the Mackenzie Center.
2. **Continue to Improve Existing Parks.** The Commission envisions improvements to a number of Village parks. These include (but are not limited to) replacement playground equipment and other improvements in Pauquette Park, continued improvement to Jamieson Park guided by its 2019 park master plan, a natural playground and respite space in Colby Park, and improvements to Old Settlers' Park guided by a future park master plan. Old Settlers' Park improvements are worn, and despite containing approximately 700 residents, the part of the Village south of Rowan Creek does not have any public playgrounds.
3. **Modernize Park and Trail Signs.** With rare exception, the Village's existing park and trail signs are badly worn and out of date. Further, for residents and visitors alike, the bike trail network is not easy to follow and park locations are not always obvious. The Commission therefore envisions a fully updated and extended system of identification signs for all parks, plus new and extended trail signs, all under a unified, modern brand.

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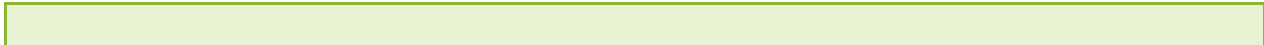
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Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION

This *Plan* is a guide for improvement of parks, trails, open spaces, and outdoor recreation facilities in Poynette from 2023 through 2027. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requires each community to prepare and adopt a five-year parks and open space plan—also known as a “comprehensive outdoor recreation plan”—to maintain eligibility for State and Federal recreational grants. Over the past five years, Poynette used its last plan as a springboard to two such grants. Like the prior versions, this updated *Plan* follows WDNR’s “Guidelines for the Development of Local Governmental Comprehensive Recreation Plans.”

The *Plan* is also a detailed element of the Village’s comprehensive plan—its long-range community development guide. The *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan* is primarily articulated through an updated document adopted in January 2017 and last amended in 2021. This *2023-2027 Parks and Open Space Plan* controls to any extent that parks and recreation-related recommendations differ between the two documents. Any differences are minor. The 2017 *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan* includes only broad direction for the parks system.

Description of the Planning Process

This *2023-2027 Parks and Open Space Plan* largely represents an incremental update to the five-year plan that preceded it. The Parks and Recreation Commission guided the *Plan* update through three workshop-type meetings and a parks system tour in April 2022. Community input was solicited through stakeholder interviews and a community survey, with results of both presented later in this *Plan*.

Ongoing Monitoring, Amendments, and Update

The Village—mainly through the Parks and Recreation Commission—will review this *Plan* and its capital improvement and maintenance program priorities as part of the annual budget process. Substantive changes to recommendations will be incorporated through *Plan* amendments as appropriate. The Village intends to complete a formal update of this *Parks and Open Space Plan* in 2027—both to maintain the Village’s eligibility for grant programs and reflect evolving park and recreation needs.

Chapter 2: VISION, MISSION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

The Village park system is managed by the Poynette Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission has adopted the vision and mission statements and the goals, objectives, and policies in this chapter as the foundation for its activities and this *Plan*. A goal is a broad statement that reflects the vision and priorities. Objectives are tangible elements that, in aggregate, advance the goal to which they relate. Policies usually articulate measurable standards or targets, and include or advise particular actions that achieve objectives.

Vision Statement

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

Mission Statement

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

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

Goal

Provide and maintain sufficient parks, trails natural areas, and recreational opportunities to support the health, safety, and quality of life of current and future Village residents and visitors.

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

- Policy 1. Maintain an inventory of improved parkland at an overall per capita ratio that exceeds the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA_ standard of at least 10.5 acres of improved public park land—exclusive of special parks and open space facilities—per 1,000 residents.
- Policy 2. Locate parks and provide safe and convenient pedestrian routes so that each home is within less than a 15 minute walk of a park or playground.

- Policy 3. Acquire and consolidate new park lands through land dedication requirements in the Village's land division regulations when residential subdivisions are proposed.
- Policy 4. Consider opportunities to acquire additional lands for parks and natural areas, especially for rail corridors, connection with or expansion to existing public lands, and/or preservation of unique or sensitive environmental areas.
- Policy 5. As part of each five-year update to this Parks and Open Space Plan, conduct a parks and recreation services opinion survey of residents and/or engage in other meaningful input efforts.
- Policy 6. Annually monitor participation in the various park and recreation land and programs to gauge demand and determine appropriate support for future facility and program improvements and changes.

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

- Policy 1. Design and construct new and renovated park facilities to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the concept of "universal design" to the extent allowed by factors like terrain and cost.
- Policy 2. Ensure that every park has an identifiable entry point, legible sign(s), proper addressing, and a paved pedestrian and emergency vehicle access route to an improved public street.
- Policy 3. To the extent practical, install and/or reconstruct sidewalks and trails to provide safe and barrier free routes for pedestrian and bike travel between residential neighborhoods and park and recreation facilities, and between parks.
- Policy 4. Resolve remaining issues regarding ownership and access to existing Village parks to reflect commonly understood boundaries and access routes.

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

- Policy 1. Formulate an investment and maintenance program for each park, including a replacement schedule for play structures based on manufacturer instructions where available.
- Policy 2. Support and manage special purpose parks and open spaces to provide outdoor gathering places, aesthetic enhancements, and/or enhanced opportunities to appreciate cultural resources and heritage.
- Policy 3. Use a capital improvements program to implement proposed major investments in the Village's park and trail system, as laid out in this *Plan* (see Table 2 near the end of this *Plan* in particular).

- Policy 4. Support winter use and programming of Village parks through both time-tested and creative programming. See Active Living: a Winter Playbook for Wisconsin for ideas and inspiration.

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

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

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

- Policy 1. Provide safe, convenient, and identifiable pedestrian and bicycle connections among parks, the downtown area, residential neighborhoods, and Poynette schools.
- Policy 2. Extend trails in and around Poynette to form an interconnected network including loops where possible.
- Policy 3. Encourage, as appropriate, the use of environmental corridors and utility corridors for walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and other quiet uses.

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

- Policy 1. Continue and expand the Village's relationship with the Poynette School District for the joint development and maintenance of neighborhood playground facilities and other recreation opportunities.

- Policy 2. Cooperate with Columbia County and the State of Wisconsin in interconnecting parks and trails and in accommodating regional recreational activities and facilities.
- Policy 3. Incorporate and advocate for pedestrian and bicycle facilities in Village, County, and State street and highway improvement projects.

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

- Policy 1. Encourage park stewardship by supporting community groups and businesses to assist with maintaining and developing the Village's Park System.
- Policy 2. To the extent practical and appropriate, support regional events that utilize the Village's park system.
- Policy 3. Incorporate Village recreational and natural area opportunities into community marketing and promotional efforts.
- Policy 4. Assure that all Village residents have ready access to Village parks and trails—regardless of place of residence, income, age, mobility, and auto-ownership.

Chapter 3: COMMUNITY CONTEXT & PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Demographic Characteristics

The Village experienced a period of significant population growth (+36%) and housing unit construction (+43%) during the 1990s. The Village's year 2000 population was 2,260 people. Significant population growth continued through the mid-2000s, and by 2010 the Village population was 2,528.

The Great Recession of the late 2000s had a significant negative impact on the growth of Poynette and other communities like it. While suburban areas closer to Madison emerged from the recession with significant housing and population growth by the mid-2010s, places like Poynette typically have not due to rising development costs, lower birth rates, and other factors. Poynette has not had any new residential subdivisions developed since Woodland Ridge on its south side in 2007.

As a result, the Census Bureau reported Poynette's year 2020 population at 2,590—an increase of 62 people since 2010. The Census Bureau also reported 1,143 housing units in Poynette in 2020—a reported increase of only 21 units during the 2010s (local building permit records are a little different).

Population characteristics in Poynette have also changed over the past decade, as follows:

- Average household size was 2.4 persons in 2010 and 2.3 persons in 2020 (1,075 households).
- In 2010, 13% of residents lived alone, 52% in households with children, and 35% in households without children. By 2020, 34% of residents lived alone, 33% in households with children, and 34% in households without children.
- In 2010, 30% of residents were children, 60% were adults between 18 and 65, and 10% were older than 65. By 2020, 26% of residents were children, 61% were adults between 18 and 65, and 13% were older than 65.

Together, these statistics suggest an aging population, likely affected by a large number of older students in 2010, a general lack of new housing options in the community over the past decade, and a declining birth rate that is common among smaller communities.

Population Projections

In the 2017 *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan*, the Village's planning consultant forecasted Village population growth over the next 20 years at a rate of 1% to 2% per year. This rate is likely dependent on the construction of new housing at a greater rate than has occurred over the past decade, which the Village is working to achieve.

This park planning effort presumes a 1% annual growth rate for the 2023 to 2027 planning period, which would result in about 2,777 residents by January 1, 2027.

Village Recreation Program Participation

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

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



Reflecting the modest projected population increase, demand for most adult and youth recreation facilities and programs will likely be stable through 2027. Interest in specific types of facilities and programs will continue to shift.

As part of this *Plan* update process, the Village’s planning consultant in 2022 obtained information on current and projected needs from the following user groups:

- **Friends of Rowan Creek** – Water quality awareness is important, including maintaining sewage plant performance, managing stormwater, and limiting winter saltwater use and runoff. Extending trails would be favorable including accommodations for people with disabilities. Further using Rowan Creek for educational outreach opportunities with the nearby schools is also desirable.
- **Youth Softball** – The community would benefit from one additional softball field and new overhead lights at the baseball field in Pauquette Park. A bike rental post would be desirable once the trails have been more fully developed.
- **Youth Soccer** – The youth soccer program is seeking participation growth but could use community member and enhanced Village support and coordination to do so. Use and maintenance of fields at Valley View Park is acceptable.
- **Adult Baseball** – Continued commitment from the Village to maintain Pauquette Park for baseball is desired.

- **Poynette Area Gardening Association (PAGA)** – The community garden has progressed and expanded in the last 22 years but could use greater financial support from the community or Village government. Maintenance equipment needs replacement. The addition of a new greenhouse will add to year-round maintenance and utility costs, therefore PAGA is seeking the help of businesses and residents to for a new adopt-a-planter program.
- **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)** – Continued communication between the Village and the WDNR property manager for the Rowan Creek State Fishery Area is desired, such as for trail interconnections. The WDNR has an ongoing timber management project in the Fisheries Area that will result in temporary closing of trails for timber cutting and removal, invasives species control, and tree planting. The WDNR has no major improvements planned for the Rowan Creek Fishery Area.
- **Former Plan Commissioner, Local Historian, and Naturalist Lynn Hanson** – More adult recreational areas and activities would be desirable, as would a community center and programming for young people. The trail system should be expanded Village wide and the County bike route through the Village should be better marked. Rowan Creek should be sustained as a natural and community asset. Old Settlers’ Park is a historical and archeological landmark, which should be factored into any plans for changes in that park.
- **Poynette School District** – Future or desired recreational improvements include a replacement scoreboard for youth softball, skinning of the North Street field infield, recrowning of the football field, and field light replacement. Youth football remains in need of additional space for practices and games. Expansion of trails and associated signage for students and their families would be desirable.

In sum, continuing to be responsive to stakeholder expectations (and changes in demand) and maintaining a high level of participation and excitement for parks will be critical to the Village’s ability to foster and maintain community support for facilities and programs.

Community Development Patterns

Increasing opportunities for physical activity is key to mental and physical health, including addressing the rising trend of obesity. The physical layout of a community can promote or limit opportunities for physical activity. Walkable communities with plentiful and accessible parks and trails are healthier communities. In such communities, more people are willing to walk or bike to school, shopping, and jobs, and to use parks for physical activities. The COVID-19 pandemic only increased the importance of walkable communities with ample outdoor recreational spaces.

In general, though bisected by Rowan Creek and US Highway 51, the Village has developed in a relatively compact urban form surrounding the historic downtown area. Nearly all parts of the community are within a 15 to 20 minute walk from Village Hall and adjacent Pauquette Park. Recent sidewalks, crossing improvements, and trails have aided with walkability, but there remain gaps in this system.

The Village's current residential character is predominantly single family detached homes with some duplexes, mobile homes, multiple family units in limited spots. Density of the existing neighborhoods is approximately 2.2 dwelling units per net residential acre.

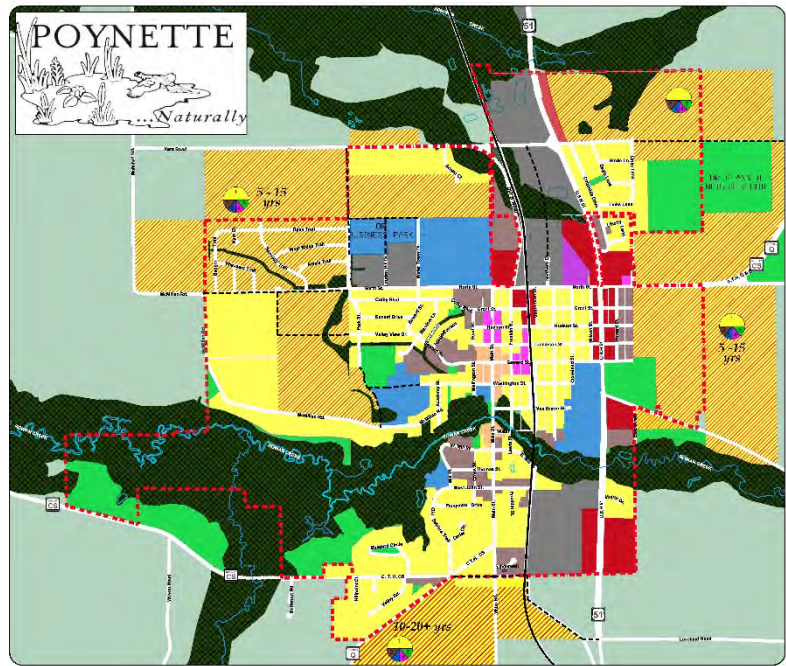
Through its adopted *Comprehensive Plan*, the Village anticipates compatible changes to the existing land use pattern, largely within the current boundaries of the Village.

The most significant and immediate area planned for neighborhood development is near the northwest corner of the Village. This northwest corner includes the platted but undeveloped West Ridge subdivision. At time of writing, the Village was working with a developer on a plan to replat West Ridge to ultimately accommodate more than 300 single family homes and up to 150 multiple family housing units, and proposed to include replacement of two previously-platted pocket parks with about 9.5 acres of centralized public park. Plans may change before final approval. Development would be phased over a number of years, and would likely absorb the vast majority of residential demand in Poynette over that time.



This conceptual neighborhood development plan for the replatting of West Bridge, submitted in May 2022, would result in substantial park expansion. Suggested park areas are in green; subject to change.

Three other areas of future neighborhood expansion are anticipated, as depicted in cross-hatched areas with the pie shapes on the Village's future land use map to the right. One is at the northeastern edge of the Village (generally north of Pauquette Pines Lane), one is at the eastern edge (east of the cemetery and mobile home park), and one is at the southern edge (south of County Highway Q). Residential densities are projected to be around 4 dwelling units per acre on average – predominantly single family homes but also including duplex and multiple family units. At time of writing, there were no short-term development prospects at any of these locations.



This future land use map from the Village's Comprehensive Plan shows other areas for future neighborhood development (cross hatched with "pies"), which suggests potential longer-term park locations.

Areas planned for higher-density residential use (e.g., apartments) are mainly near the Highway 51 corridor. In 2020, there was a conceptual development proposal for new apartments east of Family Dollar, but that proposal has yet to advance.

Community History

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

The first non-indigenous settlers arrived in the Poynette area in the 1830s and established a trading outpost with the native American peoples living in the area. Wallace Rowan, who is thought to be the first settler in Columbia County, is the namesake of Rowan Creek. The former location of the Rowan cabin is within Old

Settlers' Park. On February 8, 1837, 120 acres of land was laid out for the village of Pauquette, named for Pierre Pauquette, the son of a Frenchman and a Winnebago Indian woman, an agent and interpreter employed by the American Fur Company at Portage who spent much of his time in the Rowan Creek area. It was not until 1850, when the village of Pauquette made application for a post office, that it was discovered that the name had been recorded as Poynette due to poor penmanship. By 1883, the Village had already been a railroad stop for 13 years, and had grown to a thriving community supporting the surrounding agricultural economy with two grist mills and 55 business establishments (including a roller-skating rink).

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

Historic and archeological resources within Poynette's parks are described in the next section of this *Plan*.

Landforms and Natural Resources

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

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

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

meets the Wisconsin River approximately 3.5 miles west of the Village. Rowan Creek, which passes through the southern portion of the Village, is designated as an Exceptional Water Resource by the WDNR, and the reaches of the stream located within the Village limits are considered to be Class I trout water. Hinkson Creek, which meanders less than one-half mile north of the present Village limits, is a lower grade, Class II trout stream. Within the watershed, WDNR has acquired and protected over 650 acres of land adjoining these streams as a Public Fishery Area. Roughly 200 acres of this Public Fishery Area is within the current Village limits.



The diversity of the ecological communities in and near the Village support a wide variety of native plants, mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and insects. The WDNR's Natural Heritage Inventory data base has identified at least 26 rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species in the area.

Regional Outdoor Recreation Features and Attractions

The surrounding area has many recreational opportunities which relate to, and in turn, can be complimented by the Village of Poynette park and trail system.

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

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

The Wisconsin River
Gibraltar Bluff
Parfrey's Glen Natural Area
City of Portage historic sites

The Merrimac Ferry
Devils Lake State Park
Goose Pond
Wisconsin Dells

Wisconsin State Outdoor Recreation Plan

Since 1965, the State of Wisconsin has developed and maintained its Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) to classify, measure, and ultimately provide for the preferences and needs of a statewide recreating public. The SCORP is updated every five years. In addition to providing a blueprint for policy and an overview of recreation trends, the document is used as a way to help allocate federal funds equitably among local communities.

The 2019-2023 SCORP has a particular focus on promoting the relationship between outdoor recreation and public health, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation in urban Wisconsin, and exploring public/private partnerships as a way to maintain open space for public use. In addition, the SCORP provides goals and actions aimed to expand outdoor recreation. These goals are intentionally broad and are meant to help local policymakers align their recreational needs with those of the State.

The following are the goals for outdoor recreation outlined in the 2019-2023 SCORP:

1. Boost participation in outdoor recreation
2. Grow partnerships
3. Provide high-quality experiences
4. Improve data to enhance visitor experiences and benefits
5. Enhance funding and financial stability

The objectives identified in this Village *Parks and Open Space Plan* fit well with the goals in the 2019-2023 SCORP. The following list assesses each Village objective with the State goal (or goals) that best align with it:

- Acquire and manage parklands and recreational facilities to meet the needs of Village residents. (Supporting 2019-2023 SCORP Goals 1, 2, and 3)
- Provide safe and accessible park and recreational facilities. (Supporting SCORP Goals 1 and 3)
- Provide a diversity of multi-seasonal and multi-use recreational opportunities. (Supporting SCORP Goals 1 and 3)
- Preserve, manage, and promote appropriate use of parklands, the Rowan Creek corridor, and other environmental resources in and near the Village. (Supporting SCORP Goals 1, 2, 3 and 5)
- Improve the inter-connectivity of Village parks and open spaces. (Supporting SCORP Goals 1, 2, and 3)
- Coordinate the development and management of parks and recreational facilities with other governmental agencies. (Supporting SCORP Goals 2, 3, 4 and 5)

- Broaden the social and economic role that parks, and open spaces perform for the community. (Supporting SCORP Goals 1, 2, 4 and 5)

Relevant Village Comprehensive Plan Components

Beyond the future land use map presented earlier in this chapter, the 2017 *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan*, last amended in 2020, articulates several recommendations that have bearing on outdoor recreation in the Village. The community vision from the Comprehensive Plan is re-stated below.

Village of Poynette Vision

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

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

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

Chapter 4: POYNETTE'S EXISTING PARK SYSTEM

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

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

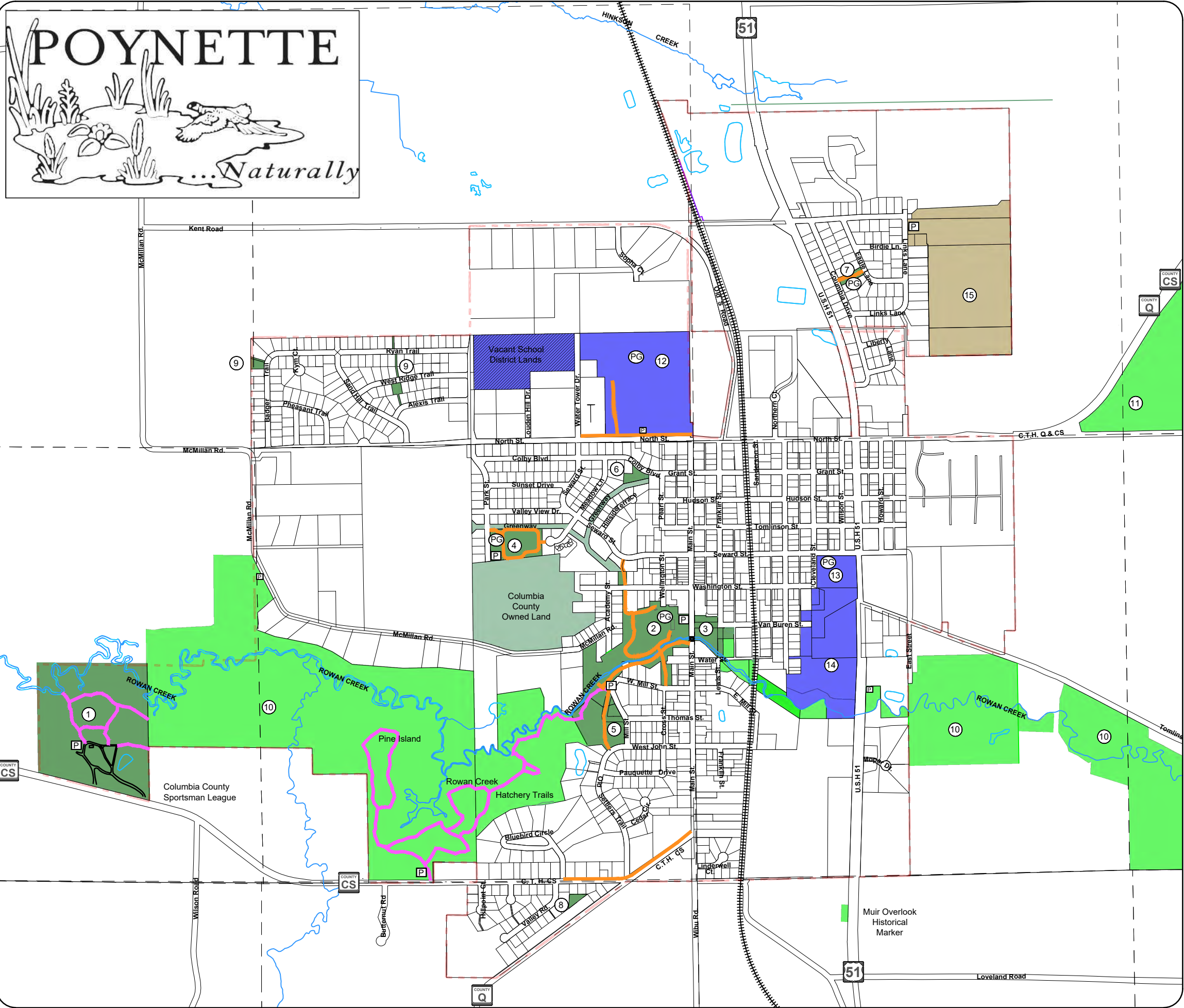
These categories are defined below and are based on the standards that appear in "Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines" (4th Edition) published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

The Poynette park system currently includes 10 parks – two of which are future sites within an approved but as yet undeveloped subdivision in the northwest corner of the Village (West Ridge). These two parks may be consolidated into one larger park with the prospective replatting of West Ridge. The eight other parks encompass 76 acres, of which approximately 43 acres have been improved for active recreational use.

Information about existing Village parks and trail facilities is presented in Table 1: Existing Public Park Facilities, April 2022, Map 1: Existing Parks and Trail Resources, and the below narrative.

**Table 1
Existing Public Park Facilities, August 2022**

Park	Size (Acres)		Playground	Shelter(s)	Picnic Tables	Drinking Water	Restrooms	Cooking Grills	All Weather Play Area	Baseball Diamond	Bleachers	Softball Diamond	Bleachers	Football Field	Bleachers	Varsity Soccer	Bleachers	U-11 Soccer	Walking Path (hard surface)	Dog Exercise Area	Disc Golf Course	Fishing	Protected Natural Habitat	Rowan Creek Access	Off-street Parking	Other/Special Features	
	Total	Improved																									
Neighborhood Parks & Playgrounds			5.5	3.3																							
Columbia Park 890 Columbia Drive	0.7	0.7	X	X	X														X								
			Age 2-5 playground plus swingset										0.06 mile of hard surfaced path														
Old Settlers' Park 100 Old Settlers Trail	2.6	2.6	X						X										X						X	Interpretive signage (2012); Overgrown wooded area	
			Old and in marginal repair					Half court B-ball in marginal repair					0.14 mile of path constructed in 2021														
Colby Park 209 Colby Blvd	0.8	0																									
			Currently undeveloped; includes only park sign in reasonable state of repair and drainageway across west side																								
South Park 906 Valley Road	0.5	0																									
			Currently undeveloped open field																								
NW Neighborhood Park(s) West Ridge subdivision	0.9	0																									
			In platted but undeveloped West Ridge subdivision; parks likely to be reconfigured/consolidated with expected replat of this subdivision.																								
Community Parks			71.4	39.4																							
Pauquette Park 126 S. Main Street	13.3	13.3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X			X		X	X	Ping pong; concession stand; ice skating rink in parking lot; parking lot in fair condition	
			2-5, 5-12	3	Lighted, dugouts, press box, scoreboard										flag football in softball outfield					0.94 mile of path (inc. south Rowan) plus trailhead					1,100 FT	59 stalls	
Veterans' Memorial Park 115 S. Main Street	3.7	3.7		X	X								X								X	X	X	X	Veterans memorial, community garden		
			flag football in open space																								
Valley View Park 300 Park Street	9.2	9.2	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X							X	Bike parking; benches; kiosk	
			2-5, 5-12		Spray pad										2		0.36 mile of path					43 stalls					
Jamieson Park Co. Hwy CS	45.2	13.2		X	X	X	X	X												X	X	X	X	X	X	Mown trails in woods; posted no overnight camping	
			Park sign in fair condition Hand pump Pit toilet to be installed Summer 2022																								
			32 Acres					2,500 FT					gravel														
Subtotal	76.9	42.7																									
Special Parks & Open Spaces																											
Northwest Corridor b/t Washington, Colby, Park	4.8	0																									
			Corridor system is currently undeveloped and used for stormwater management																								
Grand Total	81.7	42.7																									
			Note: (A) Valley View Park acreage includes 4 acres currently leased from Columbia County for use by the Poyette Soccer Club																								
Other Public Outdoor Recreational and Cultural Facilities Within the Village																											
Rowan Creek Fishery Area W. Mill Street access	197	0			X														X	X		X	X	X	X	interpretive signage	
			Portion of 650 Acre Fishery Area Managed by WDNR										2.15 Miles unpaved trail										8 stalls				
Highway 51 Bridge access			Portion of 650 Acre Fishery Area Managed by WDNR										hiking, trapping										4 car max				
W8350 Highway CS access			Portion of 650 Acre Fishery Area Managed by WDNR																				gravel				
Poyette Middle & High School Campus 108 N. Cleveland	28	28	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X	X	X	Gyms, indoor swimming pool	
			Age 5-12					basketball in marginal repair					tackle football					1 Acre	400 FT	200 stall							
Poyette Elementary School 225 W. North Street	32.3	11.5	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X							X	Indoor gym; parking across 2 lots	
			2-5, 5-12 Inc. full & half-court basketball practice fields near North St. 0.12 mile plus path along North St.																								
Poyette Historical Society 116 N. Main Street																											
Other Outdoor Recreational Facilities Open to the Public within the Village																											
Shepherds Meadow Golf Course 1004 Links Drive	45	45																							X	9 Holes, Clubhouse	
			90 stalls																								



MAP 1 EXISTING PARKS AND TRAIL RESOURCES

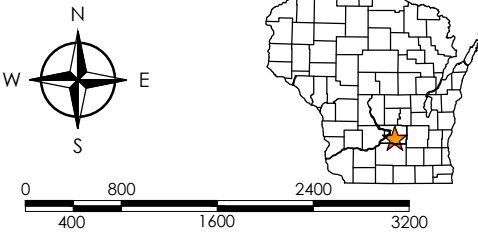
Revision Dates

REVISION DATE	ACCEPTED DATE
8/3/2022	

LEGEND

- Village Boundary (2022)
- Railroad
- Public Playgrounds
- Parking Lots in Parks
- Paved Multi-Use Trails
- Unpaved Trails

- Village Park Lands
 - ① Jamieson Park
 - ② Pauquette Park
 - ③ Veterans Memorial Park
 - ④ Valley View Park
 - ⑤ Old Settlers Park
 - ⑥ Colby Park (undeveloped)
 - ⑦ Columbia Park
 - ⑧ South Park (undeveloped)
 - ⑨ NW Neighborhood Parks (undeveloped)
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
 - ⑩ Rowan Creek Fishery Area
 - ⑪ MacKenzie Environmental Education Center (part)
- Poynette Public Schools
 - ⑫ Elementary School
 - ⑬ Middle School
 - ⑭ High School / Sports Fields
- Private Recreational Facilities
 - ⑮ Shepherds Meadow Golf Course
- Other Public Open Spaces



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Neighborhood Playgrounds

Neighborhood Playgrounds are Village-owned and typically serve a residential neighborhood within a ¼-mile to ½-mile radius from the park. They are generally small—between one-half and 2 ½ acres in size—and primarily include playground equipment, benches and picnic tables, and small informal play areas serving the immediate neighborhood.

The Village currently has four (or five) neighborhood playground locations, but only one that is improved, as follows:

- **Columbia Park** – This park is about ¾ acre and is located on a neighborhood walkway between Columbia Drive and Eagle Lane, near the northeast corner of the Village. It has playground equipment and a small shelter with picnic tables.
- **Colby Park** – Located in the northern part of the Village, this unimproved parcel (except for a sign) encompasses approximately 0.8 acre and adjoins a segment of the Village’s stormwater drainage swale network.
- **South Park** – Located in the far south part of the Village, this site is an unimproved ½ acre triangular parcel with a narrow access easement across an adjoining residential lot north to County Highway CS.
- **Two un-named park sites in the northwest neighborhood** – Two sites have been dedicated in the approved but as yet undeveloped West Ridge subdivision, but these may be consolidated and expanded to a larger neighborhood park via a proposed replatting.

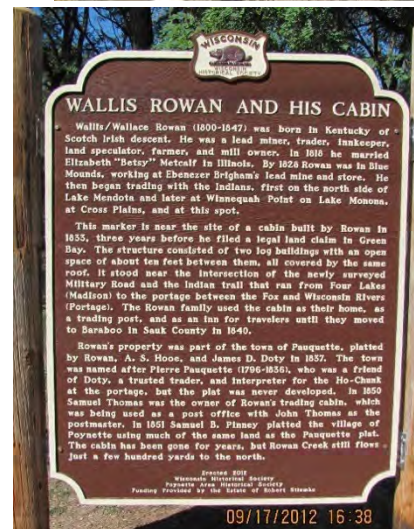


Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks provide space for informal recreation opportunities for residents in the surrounding neighborhood and to a degree, also provide facilities for the entire community. These parks are typically 3 to 9 acres in order to accommodate space for play areas and are often improved with facilities for organized sports such as a ball diamond, small soccer fields, and a basketball courts, off-street parking, and playground equipment.

The Village currently has one neighborhood park:

- Old Settlers' Park** – This wooded 2.6 acre park is located at 100 Old Settlers' Trail, on the Village's south side. Its adjacency to the Village's wastewater treatment plant site including a wooded area on its south end, provides a perception of a larger park. It has a small playground and a hard surface play area for half-court basketball—both of which were old and in marginal repair at time of writing. Wallis (or Wallace) Rowan established a cabin in what is now Old Settlers' Park that was used as a home, trading post, and inn for travelers along the Old Military Road. This is recognized as an archeological site (CO-0246) by Wisconsin Historical Society, and a Wisconsin Historical Marker was dedicated in the park in September 2012 as a joint project of the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Poynette Area Historical Society.



Community Parks

Community Parks are larger recreation facilities that serve the Village-wide population as well as functioning as a neighborhood park/playground for the immediate neighborhood. Community Parks are generally larger than 9 acres to provide adequate area for specialized and unique facilities such as ball diamonds or play fields designed for organized competitive sports, off-street parking, and shelter and restroom facilities. Community Parks may have lighted playfields, spectator areas, concession areas and special facilities such as a swimming pool, ice arena, boat launch, and camping sites.

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

- **Pauquette Park** – Located in the heart of the Village immediately south of the downtown business district, this 13.3 acre park encompasses heavily used baseball and softball diamonds, a large picnic pavilion, smaller picnic shelters, playground equipment, and a paved perimeter walking path.



Pauquette Park is also the primary trailhead for the Rowan Creek Trail. It includes a parking lot along Main Street, which in winter months has provided space for an outdoor ice rink.

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



- **Valley View Park** – This 9.2 acre park is located on the near west side of the community. Valley View Park currently encompasses 5.3 acres of Village owned property and approximately 4 acres of land leased from Columbia County. The Village has an agreement that will enable acquisition of additional lands from the County for future park expansion. In 2011, the Village made substantial improvements to Valley View Park. These included soccer field upgrades, a new picnic and



concession pavilion, upgraded playground facilities, a 1/3 mile perimeter walking path, and a 2,500 square foot “Spray Pad” water playground.

- **Jamieson Park** – Located on the County Highway CS approximately one mile west of downtown, this 45 acre park has a picnic shelter, dog park, 9-hole disc golf course, and trail access to Rowan Creek. The disc golf course and dog park were added following a park master planning process in 2019—the park master plan is reproduced/updated later in this *Plan* document as Map 3. The park



formerly had 10 camper/tent sites that were closed at the end of 2016, mainly based on cost associated with State rule compliance. Approximately 32 acres of the site is native wooded and marshy habitat.

In Spring 2022, the State Archaeologist toured the wooded area of Jamieson Park and found no evidence of Native American burial sites, based on the lack of surface features. Jamieson Park was originally named Muir Park. The original intent of the park was to be a natural park where people could appreciate nature and connect with the life of John Muir—a naturalist, author, environmental philosopher, glaciologist, and early advocate for wilderness preservation with a strong local connection.

Special Purpose Parks and Open Spaces

Special Purpose Parks and Open Spaces are recreational and open space facilities designed to serve a specific purpose, such as a stand-alone event facility or trailhead locations for walking, bicycling, and ski trails. At present, the following is considered the only Special Purpose Open Space in Poynette:

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

Rowan Creek and Village Trail Network

There are 3.9 miles of paved and un-paved walking paths and trails in the Village, not including sidewalks. These are represented on Map 1. Trails in the Village feature nearly 1 mile of paved trail in Pauquette Park, 1.8 miles of paved and limestone trail along Rowan Creek outside of Pauquette Park and generally managed by the WDNR,

over 1/3 mile of paved trail in Valley View Park, and new trails along North and South Streets.

Non-Village Owned Recreational Facilities

Non-Village park and recreation opportunities are available in and near Poynette.

WDNR manages two recreational spaces of regional significance. Nearly 200 acres of the State's Rowan Creek State Fishery Area are located within the Village limits. The 250-acre Mackenzie Environmental Education Center is located just east of the Village and provides a wide variety of outdoor settings for hiking, cross country skiing, and family outings.

The Poynette School District provides a variety of recreational opportunities to the community from its 28-acre high-middle school campus along Highway 51 and its new 33-acre elementary school site along North Street. These offerings include the following:

- **Indoor Swimming Pool** – The pool provides open swim, lap swim, water aerobics, swim lessons, and special events.
- **Gymnasiums** – The high school has two gymnasiums and the elementary school has another. These are used for open recreation and organized sports.
- **Outdoor Sports** – The high school/middle school campus provides space for youth softball and youth football. The District has identified a space need for youth football, particularly for practices, as the high school football field use is restricted. The new elementary school site includes a ballfield and parking lot along North Street, with the District intending to skin the infield.
- **Outdoor Playgrounds** – The District upgraded the elementary school playground in 2014, which now serves as the middle school playground. The playground, plus a paved play area, is located near Seward Street. The new elementary school on North Street has its own playground.

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

Finally, Columbia County owns 32 acres of generally open land just south of Valley View Park, including the nearly 4 acres adjacent to the park it leases to the Village for soccer fields. The County is currently undergoing a remediation process for its 32 acres, expected to be concluded within the next five years.

Chapter 5: PARK SYSTEM NEEDS

In small communities, it is often difficult to compare a local park system to the standards recommended by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA).

Nevertheless, understanding the amount of parkland that is conveniently and safely accessible to community residents is an effective way to articulate the character of a community, to describe its valued quality of life, and to assess parkland needs.

Two basic criteria provide the framework for the NRPA recommendations for adequate park facilities, described in the following sections.

Acres of Parkland per Capita

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

The Poynette park system currently provides improved parkland within neighborhood playgrounds, neighborhood parks, and community parks totaling 42.7 acres. When allocated to the 2020 Village population of 2,590, this equates to 16.5 acres per 1,000 population overall.

Therefore, based on the NRPA's parkland area per population standard, overall, the Village of Poynette currently has an adequate amount of land improved for recreational uses. The current parkland inventory also meets the NRPA recommendations for the 2027 projected population of 2,777 people.

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

Effective Park Service Areas

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

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

A more useful review threshold is to evaluate park distribution in terms of the safety and convenience of the walking and bicycling routes that can be used to get to any given park. In other words, all parks should be reasonably accessible to residents within a ¼-mile walk via a convenient, barrier free, and safe route.

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

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

A related consideration to safe pedestrian travel is limited amount and poor surface condition of sidewalks in some areas of the Village—particularly the south side. Most existing residential areas in the Village are accessible to a public park or playground with the exceptions of:

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

As the Village grows, additional Neighborhood Parks and Neighborhood Playgrounds should be located within a ¼-mile radius of future residential neighborhoods. Refer to Map 2 for the Village’s plan, later in this document, for future parks advised in conjunction with residential expansion indicated in the *Village of Poynette Comprehensive Plan*. This includes the likely consolidation and expansion of park space in what was formerly known as the West Ridge subdivision near the Village’s northwest corner.

Additionally, better sidewalk and path access should be provided to existing improved parks. Improved walkable linkages between existing neighborhoods and parks will address park facility access limitations, significantly improve pedestrian safety, expand the overall trail network in the Village, and reduce the need to significantly improve all existing parks. Refer also to Map 2 for the Village’s general plan for future off-street

trails, and descriptions in Table 2 and elsewhere in this document for priority trail recommendations.

Handicapped Accessibility/Universal Design

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted in 1990, states the right of equal access for persons to local government services such as parks. New facilities must comply with the ADA and provide accessibility. There are fundamental differences in how accessibility in the outdoors is accommodated compared to indoor or the built environments, however. While restrooms, shelters, interpretive centers, playgrounds, and parking lots, for example, need to follow detailed ADA guidelines, other improvements such as trails, boat landings, and swimming beach areas do not necessarily need to follow standards for indoor or built environment ramp gradients or surfacing requirements. Nonetheless, it is good policy to make park and recreation facilities as accessible as possible to as many people as possible, including the use of motorized personal mobility devices (motorized chairs and scooters).

Outside of the legal framework, the words “universal design” have generally replaced “handicapped accessibility.” Universal design is design that’s usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

Recommended Size and Location of Neighborhood Playgrounds

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

Future Neighborhood Playgrounds should be a minimum of 1 acre in size, and may be located generally where indicated on Map 2.

Recommended Size and Location of Neighborhood Parks

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

Future Neighborhood Parks should be a minimum of 3 acres in size, and should generally be located where indicated on Map 2.

Park Needs Articulated through the Community Survey

As part of this *Plan* update, the Village conducted a community survey of Village residents related to park and trail system interests. The complete survey results are included in the appendix.

There were 246 survey responses, which represents about 22% of Poynette households. A majority of respondents were between the ages of 30 and 49. About 75% of the respondents have lived in the Village for more than five years. More than half have one or more children under 13 years old, while about 1/3 have no children at home.

Nearly 40% of respondents reported visiting Village parks “once or twice a week,” with “once or twice a month” the second most common response. Respondents’ most-used facilities were recreational paths and trails (80%), followed by restrooms (66%), playground equipment (58%), water spray pad at Valley View Park (55%), and picnic shelters/pavilion (52%). Open play areas, Movies in the Park, and drinking fountains were also frequently mentioned. A similar survey in 2017 yielded similar results to these questions.

Of 20 potential park and recreational improvements listed, those with the greatest levels of support were more walking paths and trails (82%), a food truck pavilion with a central picnic area (72%), more or better playgrounds for school-aged children (72%), more bicycling/skating paths and trails (68%), and restroom facilities in more parks (68%). A fitness exercise course, music/performance amphitheater, basketball courts, pre-school playgrounds, more picnic shelters, and accessible fishing pier also received majority support. The 2017 survey showed similar support for more paths and trails, but greater support for more restrooms in more parks.

Of four listed “larger park and recreation projects the Village could potentially undertake in the next five or so years,” “extending the Rowan Creek trail network to the west (e.g., to Jamieson Park) and/or east (e.g., to school campus)” received the greatest support. Nearly ½ even indicated that they would be willing to pay more taxes to see such a project happen. This and the “north-south” trail project also received the greatest level of support in the 2017 survey, among a somewhat different list of candidates. Continued revitalization of Jamieson Park and a new revitalization effort for Old Settlers’ Park also received considerable support in the new 2022 survey—clearly more so than building a permanent ice skating facility.

Participants were then asked open-ended questions to provide further thoughts, comments, or questions on each of these same four potential projects, including desired locations. These responses confirmed the strong support for Rowan Creek trail expansion. Diverse opinions about further improvements to Jamieson Park were

shared, but considerable support was voiced for a trail connection to the rest of the Village. For Old Settlers' Park, most commonly mentioned wants were upgrading/replacing the playground equipment and basketball court and establishing a sledding hill. There was mixed support for (and some confusion about) the potential for a zip line and gaga pit at Old Settlers' Park. Concerns that appear to have led to lower levels of support for a permanent ice skating facility included perceived or expected low usage, increasingly unpredictable winter temperatures limiting days available, and the Pauquette Park parking lot location being viewed as acceptable or preferred. Still, Veterans' Memorial or Valley View Parks were the most commonly identified locations for participants who advised a different, permanent site.

Participants were also asked to identify what types of recreational programming they would most like to have in Poynette, in addition to what is offered to students in the schools. The most common responses were Movies in the Park (53%), winter outdoor activities (49%), nature walks and interpretation (46%), and a community fun-run or walk (45%). Organized sports were generally among the least identified.

Finally, participants were asked an open-ended question about other potential improvements to Poynette's parks and trails participants would support the Village making over the next five years. The most common responses were new or refurbished basketball courts, more trails outside of the Rowan Creek area, and new or refurbished play equipment. A number of respondents took this question as an opportunity to encourage the Village to (better) maintain recreational lands and facilities it has now.

Chapter 6: GENERAL PARK SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

Operations and Maintenance

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

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

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

Parkland Acquisition

The Village population is projected to increase by around 200 people by 2027. Since the Village currently exceeds the National Park Standards of 10.5 acres per 1,000 residents, it *may* not be necessary to seek land acquisitions for new active park facilities, except:

- where new residential development is proposed, particularly associated with the proposed West Ridge replatting (Map 2 illustrates the general plan for future park sites in the Village),
- if opportunity presents itself to expand Jamieson Park to the east into property formerly used as a shooting range (at time of writing, the Village was negotiating its acquisition with assistance from a grant obtained through the WDNR),
- if opportunity presents itself to acquire County land southeast of Valley View Park,
- if opportunity presents itself for natural/wooded site acquisition between Old Settlers' Trail and Bluebird Circle, north of Highway CS, and/or
- as necessary to complete trail recommendations in this *Plan* or respond to other unique opportunities.

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

Parkland Dedication and Impact Fees

The Village's parkland dedication requirements are included as Section 1.07 of the Village's Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance. To help implement an earlier *Parks and Open Space Plan*, the Village updated its parkland dedication requirement (to 1,307 square feet per housing unit) and fees in-lieu-of parkland dedication (to \$450 per housing unit). No further changes are advised.

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

Park Development Standards—Generally

The Village's Land Division and Subdivision ordinance also has basic standards for the improvement of parks. The Village intends use those standards, plus the following more specific standards developed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2013

and reproduced below, when requiring appropriate developer-installed improvements in parks to be dedicated to the Village as part of a subdivision. The Village may also use these as guidelines for the development of parks already under Village ownership. The Parks and Recreation Commission is granted flexibility in administering these standards to address unique circumstances and types of parks.

Development Standards for All Parks

All areas not designated as “natural” or “wooded” areas should have:

1. Soil to be deep-tilled prior to final smoothing and topsoil. Add 6 inches of topsoil fill of a good quality loamy/sandy soil – not clay. Grade evenly into surrounding terrain and seed with Madison Parks turf grass mixture or other mixture identified by Village Forester or Village Engineer, and mulched.
2. Landscaping to include a mixture of trees and shrubs suitable to the Commission. Suggested quantities for areas within a park that are designated for future natural or passive recreational use of a park are as follows:
 - a. Climax/Canopy trees 15 per acre
 - b. Medium/ornamental trees 5 per acre
 - c. Shrubs/bushes 20 per acre
3. All parks should have street lighting strategically located to light key areas in the park. If this is not practical, or street lighting does not reach far enough, new light standards should be installed, meeting applicable standards in the Village’s Zoning Ordinance.

Development Standards for Neighborhood Playgrounds

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

included in the Village's Standard Specifications, and approved by the Village Engineer.

5. 2 park benches of a style, color, and type approved by the Commission.
6. Equipment setup for one or two other activities suitable for the neighborhood and selected by the Commission, such as:
 - a. Sand volleyball
 - b. Basketball
 - c. Horseshoes
 - d. Soccer goal(s)
 - e. Others that may be identified by the Commission.

Development Standards for Neighborhood Parks

1. For all Neighborhood Parks:
 - a. Play area complete with:
 - i. Accessible playground equipment suitable for age group, designated by the Commission.
 - ii. Cushioning layer appropriate to the playground equipment.
 - iii. Barrier surrounding play area, designed to encompass and/or retain the cushioning layer.
 - b. Park shelter of a size suitable to intended purpose of park; low-maintenance style, materials, and color selected by the Commission (dark green as default), with concrete pad extending three feet beyond eaves in all directions. Include a unisex restroom if directed by Commission.
 - c. Picnic tables of a number suitable to size of shelter and purpose of park; heavy duty, low maintenance, of a style and type approved by the Commission.
 - d. An asphalt path or sidewalk leading from curb to shelter or other point of interest in the park. Such path or sidewalk shall be at least 6' in width, to specifications included in the Village's Standard Specifications, and approved by the Village Engineer.
 - e. Park benches of a quantity, style, color, and type approved by the Commission.
 - f. Bicycle rack or inverted-U loop.
2. For Neighborhood Parks designated by the Commission for athletic purposes, athletic field(s) suitable to size and purpose of park, to include:

- a. Athletic field(s) landscaped, drainage installed, water (for lawns) installed
 - b. Backstops/goals appropriate to the type of field
 - c. Paved parking area, size to be determined by Village Zoning Ordinance standards and by the Commission based upon intended purpose of the park
 - d. Optional, at discretion of the Commission:
 - i. One additional rest room.
 - ii. Bleachers or alternative seating.
 - iii. Sports equipment storage facility, generally as part of shelter.
 - iv. Additional paved paths or trails if connecting to proposed Village network.
3. For Neighborhood Parks and greenways designated by the Commission for primary purposes other than athletics: Requirements to be determined based upon planned use.

Chapter 7: SPECIFIC PARK & TRAIL NETWORK RECOMMENDATIONS

Future Trail Network Vision

The Village has had recent success in building off-street trails primarily for bicyclists and pedestrians, and as evidenced by community survey results additional trail development is desired by the community. Poynette also has some significant stretches of interconnected trails, particularly to and near Rowan Creek.

Over the next five years, the Village endeavors to broaden its trail development, maintenance, signage, and other improvement to develop a true *network* of trails Village-wide and to important “edge” destinations like Jamieson Park and the Mackenzie Center. The network should have both out-and-back routes plus looping opportunities. Improved connections to parks, schools, and business districts are also desired.

The Village may also consider an annual sidewalk improvement program to extend and/or complete repairs and gaps in Village sidewalk facilities.

Overview of Recommended Trails

Map 2 and Table 2 indicate trail system recommendations that, together, are intended to build the desired network. In most cases, the intent is to build new trails or paths that are off of the motor vehicle travel way of a street, and do not rely on sidewalks. These off-street trails should generally be 10 feet in width, unless constrained by available right-of-way or easement width. Asphalt or limestone, as indicated in Table 2, are the recommended surfacing options depending on the trail. In general, limestone may be used for longer and more rural routes, with asphalt advised in more developed areas.

Two different alternative routes are offered for three recommended trails on Map 2, with one for each labeled as “preferred.” Each alternative recognizes that the preferred route may not be possible. These are summarized as follows:

- **Trail “A”** – This is the highest priority planned trail, connecting the Rowan Creek Trail system at Pine Island with Jamieson Park and its trails and growing attractions. The preferred route is through the Columbia County Sportsman League property, which the Village was negotiating to purchase at time of writing. If that land cannot be secured, then the alternative route is through the Rowan Creek Fishery Area to its north. This alternative route would require cooperation with WDNR, likely has greater wetland impacts, and as such would likely be more expensive than the cost estimate in Table 2. Map 3 presents these two alternatives for Trail “A” in greater detail.

- **Trail “C”** – This planned trail would connect the downtown and the eastern end of the current Rowan Creek Trail system to the middle/high school campus and the Highway 51 business district, where a pedestrian-actuated crossing current exists at the Seward Street intersection.

The preferred route would include an off-street trail segment from Main Street through Veterans’ Park, with users potentially going on-street on the quiet Van Buren Street (ideally with resurfacing). This route would involve a new trail crossing of the railroad along



Van Buren, in the location pictured to the right. The Village will attempt to seek approval from the railroad and/or the Department of Transportation Bureau of Rails and Harbors, as appropriate. With School District collaboration, this preferred route could then potentially wind through the school campus to the playground and the Highway 51/Seward Street intersection. The alternative route avoids the new rail crossing by heading north from the east end of Veterans’ Park along the quiet Railroad Avenue, then east-northeast along existing streets, with more experienced cyclists able to use the road within a signed route and those less experienced and pedestrians using an improved sidewalk network to get to the Highway



51/Seward Street intersection. The Washington Steet corridor is depicted above.

- **Trail “G”** – This proposed trail would connect the recently-constructed Highway CS trail segment and south side neighborhoods with the Rowan Creek Hatchery Trails and, in combination with Trail “A”, with Jamieson Park. The preferred route follows Bluebird Circle, and then would go off-street between two lots at the west end of Bluebird Circle in the Woodland Ridge subdivision. The plat and recorded covenants for Woodland Ridge include a 15 foot wide walking trail easement in this location, and suggest that the homeowners’ association was to maintain a

path in that easement. In addition to being anticipated by legal documentation, this preferred route for Trail “G” would be substantially less expensive than the alternative route. As shown on Map 2, that alternative route would continue the trail along Highway CS west to the eastern Fishery Area parking lot.

Recommended Trail Network Signage and Mapping

The Village also endeavors to better sign its trail network and make digital and hard-copy user maps available. The intent of this effort would be to better inform residents and visitors of trails, mark short on-street or sidewalk connectors where necessary, and market this growing trail amenity as a community development tool. The timing of such a signage effort may correspond with development of a major additional trail—such as Trail “A” to Jamieson Park—or with other similar expenditures such as new community wayfinding and/or park signs (described in greater detail below). As described in Table 2, this effort may include:

- Replacing existing worn Rowan Creek trailhead signs,
- Installing new trail network directional/wayfinding and/or mile marker signs (with GPS coordinates), with wayfinding signs included in places necessary to link existing off-street trails together, and
- Installing or encouraging one additional protected (signalized and/or pedestrian-actuated) crosswalk on US Highway 51 at North Street/Highway CS to provide safe, unsupervised accessibility for residents and visitors to parks, the school campus, and downtown and Highway 51 businesses.

Overview of Recommended Park Improvements

The sections that follow and Table 2 list the planned improvement projects for each existing park in the Village’s system, an estimated cost for each project in 2022 dollars, and an anticipated priority for completion (1st, 2nd, or 3rd). First priority projects may begin upon adoption of this *Parks and Open Space Plan*, subject to Village Board authorization of expenditures for each listed project. Second and third priority projects are generally not anticipated for implementation until after 2023, but may be taken on sooner if unique opportunities present themselves, subject to the Village Board authorization. Such unique opportunities may include a substantial donation or receipt of a large grant.

The park improvement process will generally include:

- Annual review of community park needs and an evaluation of financial resources based with input from the Village Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, and residents.

- Validation of estimated budgets and alternative financing opportunities, including donations and grants.
- Selection of annual priorities.
- Inclusion of the priority projects in the adopted annual Village budget.
- Preparation of grant applications and detailed site, civil engineering, and architectural plans as needed.
- Notice and bidding.
- Construction authorization as needed.

Replace all existing park signs in the system (along with existing trailhead signs) is a priority of this *Plan*. These existing wooden signs are generally in poor repair and in some cases nearly illegible. More durable composite signs are advised, and are listed as 1st priority projects in Table 2. Seeking proposals for replacement of all signs at once should result in a substantial per-sign cost saving compared to replacing each sign one-by-one over time.



Jamieson Park Recommended Improvements

In 2019, the Village undertook a master planning project for the repurposing and upgrading of Jamieson Park, amended its *Park and Open Space Plan* to incorporate the master plan, and thereafter began implementing the master plan. The overall theme has been to repurpose Jamieson Park for larger footprint, nature-based or nature-compatible recreational activities. Given its location and community need, improvements have focused on teen and adult interests.

Already-completed projects have included a dog park, 9-hole disc golf course, parking lot, new pit toilet structure (late 2022), and other improvements and adjustments. Future park improvements may include expanding and adding electricity to the shelter to accommodate larger family events and possible installation of other park amenities envisioned in the 2019 master plan, possibly including a natural performance amphitheater, aerial adventure (ropes) course, and/or bicycle pump track.



Such improvements are a lower priority, however, to the first priorities of extending a trail from the existing Village/WDNR trail system from the east to Jamieson Park, and expanding Jamieson Park to include the 76-acre Columbia County Sportsman League property to its east.

Remaining recommendations from the 2019 Jamieson Park Master Plan are included in Map 3.

This *Plan* does not advise re-introducing camping at this time. Any notion to re-introduce overnight camping would need to be balanced with the cost, maintenance, management, policing, and use compatibility particularly as other activities expand.

Pauquette Park Recommended Improvements

Pauquette Park is likely the most heavily utilized park in the Village's system, and the Village will take care not to overload it with too many additional uses. The Village will consider the following improvements to Pauquette Park through 2027:

- Replace playground equipment near the northeast corner of the park (shown to right), which is well past its recommended replacement date, has resulted in minor injuries, and parts for needed repairs are generally no longer available.
- Install taller fences beyond foul lines at southwest ball field.
- If funding permits, such as via a tax incremental district pending at time of writing, complete more extensive park improvements perhaps including parking lot reconfiguration and stormwater management improvements, a pavilion to better host community events and food trucks, spectator improvement at ballfields like bleachers and/or shade structures, alternative energy improvements, and others.
- Install accessible fishing pier/spot along Rowan Creek, either on south or north bank. This final improvement may extend beyond the five-year period.



Valley View Park Recommended Improvements

The Village does not intend to make major improvements to this park in the five-year *Plan* period, except for replacement of the two park entrance signs. The Village envisions a new tee ball field on the County easement land, and may work with the County to acquire that land, but this will not occur until the County land is appropriately remediated. The Village will also be careful not to overuse existing field space at Valley View Park.



Veterans' Memorial Park Recommended Improvements

The Village may extend a path along Rowan Creek through Veterans' Park and replace the aging park sign, as described elsewhere in this chapter. The Village also anticipates supporting community garden upgrades at the east edge of Veterans' Memorial Park. This may include a new or relocated storage shed, new gardening equipment, greenhouse enhancements, and/or other improvements in concert with the Poynette Area Gardening Association. Finally, Veterans' Park may serve as an appropriate permanent home for the Village's ice skating rinks.



Old Settlers' Park Recommended Improvements

South of Rowan Creek, Poynette has close to 700 residents. Old Settlers' Park is the only Village park in the developed part of Poynette south of Rowan Creek; further, none of the Poynette School District playgrounds and fields are south of the Creek. Old Settlers' Park also has some of the oldest recreational equipment in the Village's parks system. On the plus side, Old Settlers' Park has interesting topography and history, is walkable from most of the Village's south side, and was recently better connected to the rest of the community via a trail project.

Through this *Park and Open Space Plan*, the Village advises preparation of a park revitalization master plan for Old Settlers' Park. This is similar to the treatment for Jamieson Park in 2019, before recent improvements there were commenced. Given

the close proximity of residential neighbors, community involvement should be a component of this planning process.

Table 2 lists some preliminary improvement ideas to be explored during a master planning process for Old Settlers' Park, but that separate process would guide actual recommended improvements. In any case, the historic significance of Old Settlers' Park—as described earlier in this *Plan*—should be a key factor in the master planning and eventual improvements to Old Settlers' Park.

Colby Park Recommended Improvements

Colby Park has been undeveloped since it was dedicated with the adjacent subdivision many years ago. It enjoys abundant sunlight, is accessible to the neighborhood, and would become more accessible with the planned trail extension to it through the greenway from the south (see Map 2). It is also relatively close to active-use recreational facilities in Valley View Park and at the Poynette Elementary School site.

The above conditions suggest different future recreational opportunities in Colby Park than are typical of neighborhood parks and playgrounds in Poynette. The recommended improvement program includes a natural playground, defined as an area built entirely or predominantly from natural materials like boulders and logs for children's recreation (see example to right), plus a prairie or oak savannah restoration area with wildflowers and walking paths that may be more appealing to adults. A fruit tree orchard is also possible. The concept would be to minimize costs that are otherwise typically associated with constructed play equipment, and to lean on volunteers for installation and maintenance—potentially including the Gardening Association if interested.



Columbia Park Recommended Improvements

No major improvement projects are envisioned for Columbia Park over the five-year *Plan* term. The worn park sign should be replaced in conjunction with the recommended Village-wide effort described above, with perhaps a second sign at the Eagle Lane entrance also installed.

South Park Recommended Improvements

Based on a recommendation of the prior *Park and Open Space Plan*, the Village had investigated the possible disposition of South Park but found the legal and cost hurdles to be not worth the effort.

The most likely future for South Park during the five-year term of this *Plan* will be to leave it as-is and monitor its current usage patterns. Natural area restoration or a fruit orchard are also possible, particularly if one or the other is not implemented in Colby Park. Any such improvement may be combined with marking the public access easement from Highway CS through the West Hill First Addition subdivision.



If and when adjacent lands south of South Park along Highway Q develop or come available, the Village may consider park expansion to the south of the current park limits. This would expand the size of this small park, potentially make the shape more regular, and also make it more accessible to the community.

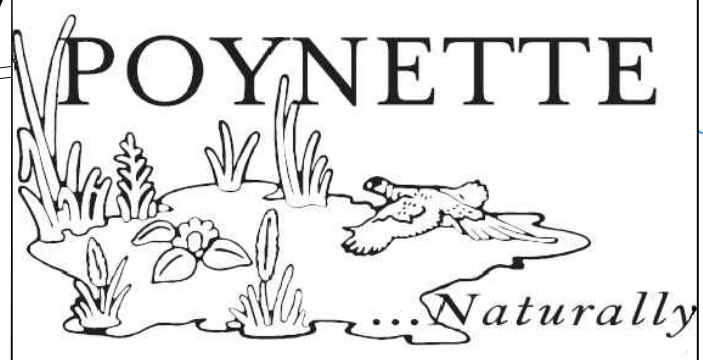
Northwest Neighborhood Park Recommended Improvements

In spring 2022, a developer brought forward a plan to replat the unimproved West Ridge subdivision, platted in the mid-2000s at the northwest corner of the Village. At time of writing, the Village was establishing incentive, zoning, and plat approval structure to advance that residential development. As envisioned, the replat would include over 450 single- and multiple-family housing units, perhaps developed over a decade.

The replat also anticipates up to 9.5 acres of public parkland, mainly near the center of this 80-acre site. Ideally, this would replace the two existing small parks originally dedicate with the West Ridge plat. In conjunction with this anticipated park dedication, the Village and Parks and Recreation Commission would likely guide a park master planning process to determine the range of appropriate recreational improvements, likely in conjunction with the developer. Village park improvement fees may be used, at least in part, to fund park improvements.

Table 2
Planned Park and Trail Improvement Projects

Park or Trail (keyed to Map 2)	Recommended Improvement Project	Estimated Cost	Priority
1. Jamieson Park	Replace worn park sign and consider trailhead sign	\$3,000	1st
	Acquire 76-acre Sportsman League lands to enable park expansion and trail connection	\$320,000	1st
	Adjust 1-2 disc golf course holes, prepare quality course map, post map at holes	\$2,500	1st
	Expand existing park shelter for larger family events, and add electricity	\$90,000	3rd
	Explore installation of other park amenities, including but not limited to additional disc golf holes, a natural performance amphitheater, aerial adventure course, astronomy center, fitness course, , and/or pump track (see Map 3)	\$15,000-\$80,000	3rd
2. Pauquette Park	Replace worn park sign	\$3,000	1st
	Replace playground equipment near the northeast corner of the park	\$200,000	1st
	Install taller fences beyond foul lines at southwest ball field	\$15,000-\$20,000	2nd
	Replace/reconfigure parking lot with stormwater management improvements, new multi-purpose pavillion, spectator amenities at ball fields, and accessory facilities	\$700,000	2nd
	Install accessible fishing pier/spot along creek, either on south or north bank	\$25,000-\$35,000	3rd
3. Veterans' Memorial Park	Replace worn park sign	\$3,000	1st
	Site ice rinks as their permanent location	\$15,000-\$25,000	2nd
	Support community garden upgrades, such as new or relocated shed (possibly from Pauquette Park), new equipment, and/or greenhouse enhancements	\$5,000	2nd
4. Valley View Park	Replace worn park signs (2)	\$4,500	1st
	Install a tee ball field on current County easement land (5+ years out)	\$10,000	3rd
5. Old Settlers' Park	Replace worn park sign	\$3,000	1st
	Complete park redevelopment master plan with community involvement. Plan might include the following future improvements: replacing existing basketball court potentially with a multi-sport court; re-contouring hill for safe sledding to the northwest potentially including removal of one-way road; enhancing playground with new, affordable, and innovative pieces, potentially including a zip line, gaga pit, and/or climbing cubes; and/or improving historic marker and/or installing interpretative sign describing the Old Military Road and ancient Indian trails along the new trail	\$8,000 for master plan, including participation effort	1st
	Begin to implement park redevelopment master plan, perhaps following conclusion of intended work at Jamieson Park	TBD by master planning process	2nd
6. Colby Park	Replace worn park sign	\$3,000	1st
	Install natural playground (e.g., boulders, ash tree trunks/stumps), prairie or savannah restoration area, and/or fruit tree orchard	\$15,000 + volunteer install	2nd
7. Columbia Park	Replace worn park sign and add another at Eagle Lane entrance	\$4,500	1st
8. South Park	Investigate current usage; consider natural restoration and/or orchard upgrade	\$3,000	3rd
	If/when lands south of park along Highway Q develop or come available, consider park expansion to south of current park limits	With fees in lieu of parkland dedication	3rd
9. Northwest Neighborhood Park(s)	Consolidate two small parks into one larger park with West Ridge replatting	Developer & TIF	1st
	Prepare park master plan and install neighborhood park equipment	With park improvement fees	2nd
Off-Street Shared Use Trails (locations of lettered trail segments to right are referenced to Map 2)	Replace existing worn Rowan Creek trailhead signs (3)	\$4,000	1st
	New trail system directional/wayfinding and/or mile marker signs (~10)--may be integrated with community wayfinding plan; followed by trail system map	\$6,000	1st
	A. Limestone trail segment from Pine Island Trails to Jamieson Park, ideally through acquired Sportsman League property; otherwise in collaboration with WDNR	\$90,000	1st
	B. Asphalt east-west trail segment through Veterans Park, including crossing and connection to trail in Pauquette Park	\$40,000	2nd
	C. Segment from Veterans Park to Highway 51/Seward Street intersection, ideally including new rail crossing at Van Buren Street, likely including some on-street signed segments and improved sidewalks, and potentially through part of school campus	\$60,000	2nd
	D. Asphalt North Street trail extension to west--from Water Tower Road to new West Ridge park	\$200,000	2nd
	E. Asphalt North Street trail extension to east--from Main Street to Highway 51/North Street intersection, including pedestrian actuated Highway 51 crossing	\$140,000	2nd
	F. Asphalt trail through the northwest greenway--extending Rowan Creek Trail to north and west and connecting Pauquette, Valley View, and Colby Parks	\$150,000	2nd
	G. Asphalt trail from Bluebird Circle to Rowan Creek Trails, or extension of Highway CS trail west to connect with Rowan Creek Fishery parking lot	\$20,000 (via Bluebird), or \$115,000 (via CS)	2nd
	H. Limestone trail from Highway 51/Q/CS intersection into Mackenzie Center	\$220,000	3rd
	I. Asphalt trail in right-of-way from south end of Old Settlers Trail to Highway CS trail	\$50,000	3rd



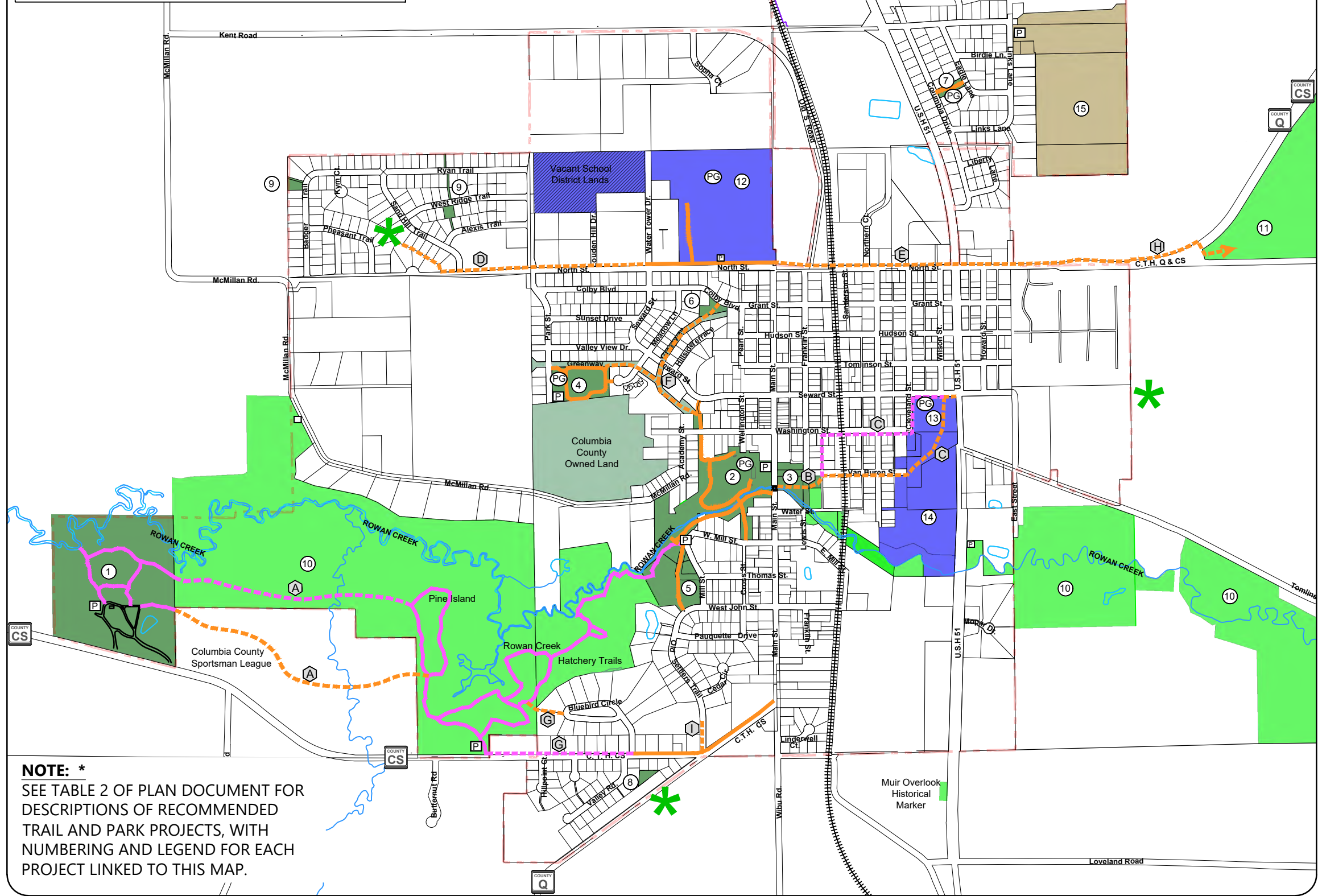
MAP 2 PLANNED PARK AND TRAIL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

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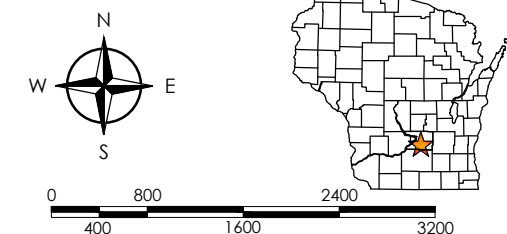
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LEGEND

- Village Boundary (2022)
- Railroad
- Existing Public Playgrounds
- Existing Parking Lots in Parks
- Existing Paved Multi-Use Trails
- Existing Unpaved Trails
- Future Trails, Preferred Routes*
- Future Trails, Possible Alternative Routes*
- Future Neighborhood Parks or Playgrounds
- Existing Village Park Lands*
- 1 Jamieson Park
- 2 Pauquette Park
- 3 Veterans Memorial Park
- 4 Valley View Park
- 5 Old Settlers Park
- 6 Colby Park
- 7 Columbia Park
- 8 South Park
- 9 NW Neighborhood Parks
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- 10 Rowan Creek Fishery Area
- 11 MacKenzie Environmental Education Center (part)
- Poynette Public Schools
- 12 Elementary School
- 13 Middle School
- 14 High School / Sports Fields
- Private Recreational Facilities
- 15 Shepherds Meadow Golf Course
- Other Public Open Spaces



NOTE: *
SEE TABLE 2 OF PLAN DOCUMENT FOR DESCRIPTIONS OF RECOMMENDED TRAIL AND PARK PROJECTS, WITH NUMBERING AND LEGEND FOR EACH PROJECT LINKED TO THIS MAP.



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JAMIESON PARK EXPANSION CONCEPT PLAN

- Nature-Based Recreation
- Youth and Family Outings
- Environmental & Recreation Education
- Improved Visibility & Connections

LEGEND

- Jamieson Park
- Sportsman League Land
- Rowan Creek
- Wetlands
- Floodplain boundary
- Village Limits
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail
- Water Crossing
- Proposed Trail Abandon
- Proposed Road Abandon
- Disc Golf Hole*

*NOTE: Disc golf holes do not indicate actual placement.



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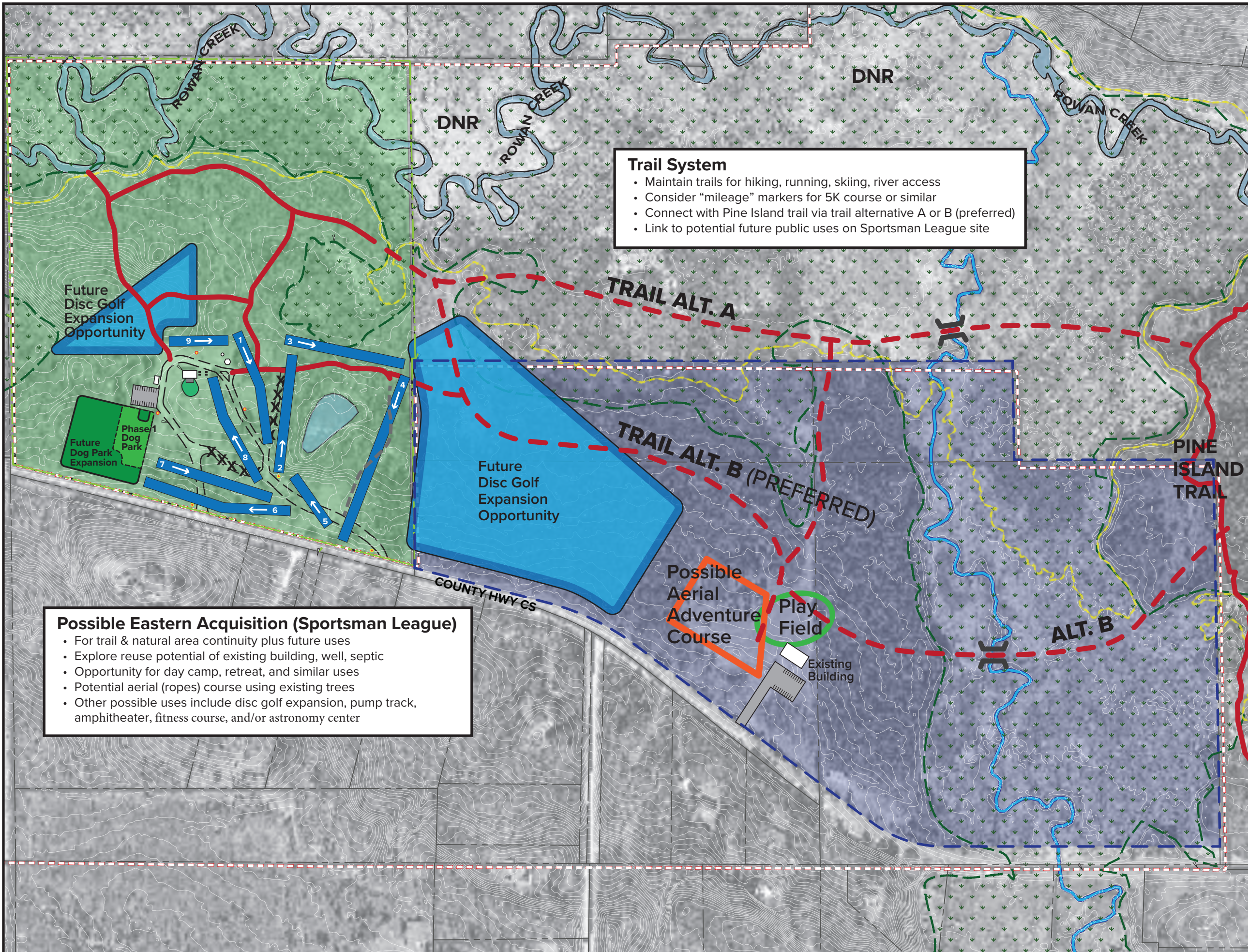
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Trail System

- Maintain trails for hiking, running, skiing, river access
- Consider "mileage" markers for 5K course or similar
- Connect with Pine Island trail via trail alternative A or B (preferred)
- Link to potential future public uses on Sportsman League site

Possible Eastern Acquisition (Sportsman League)

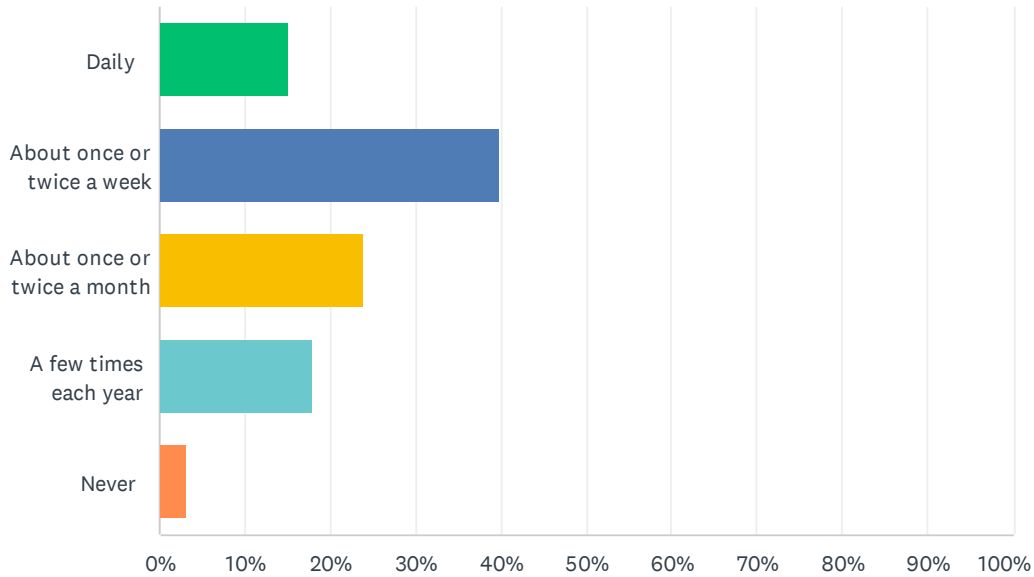
- For trail & natural area continuity plus future uses
- Explore reuse potential of existing building, well, septic
- Opportunity for day camp, retreat, and similar uses
- Potential aerial (ropes) course using existing trees
- Other possible uses include disc golf expansion, pump track, amphitheater, fitness course, and/or astronomy center



APPENDIX: COMPLETE COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

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

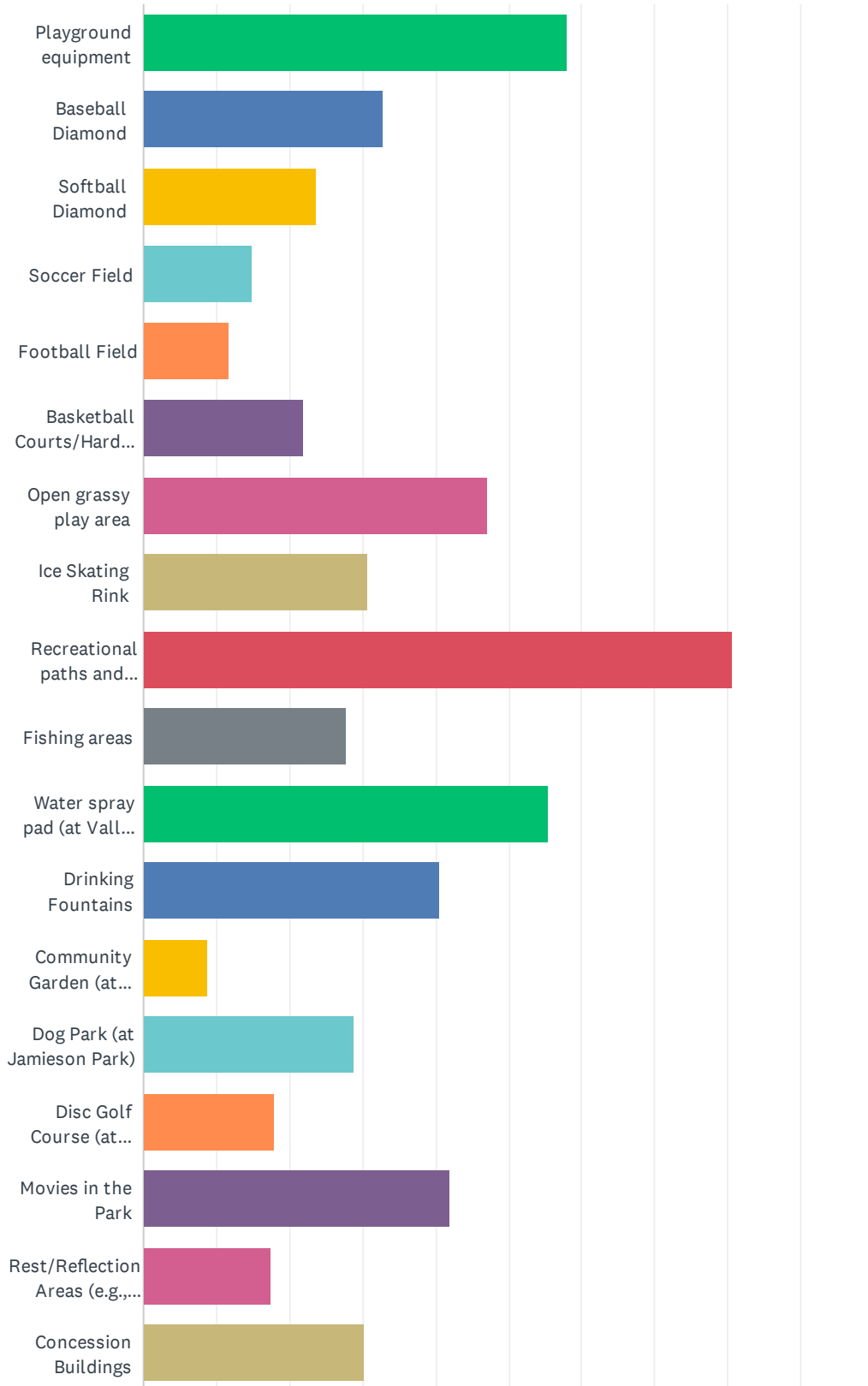
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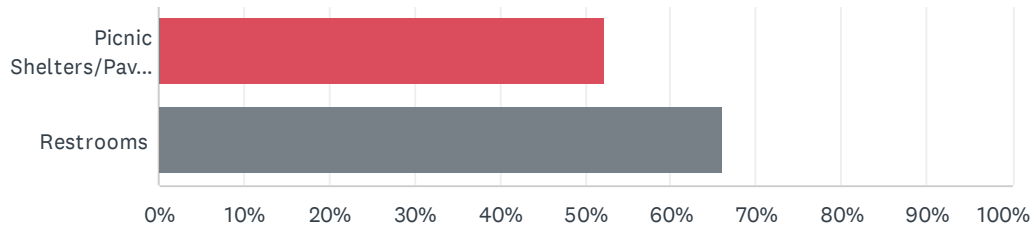
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	15.04%	37
About once or twice a week	39.84%	98
About once or twice a month	23.98%	59
A few times each year	17.89%	44
Never	3.25%	8
TOTAL		246

Q2 Which types of park facilities in Poynette do members of your household use? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 195 Skipped: 51



Park and Open Space Planning Survey



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Playground equipment	57.95%	113
Baseball Diamond	32.82%	64
Softball Diamond	23.59%	46
Soccer Field	14.87%	29
Football Field	11.79%	23
Basketball Courts/Hard surface play area	22.05%	43
Open grassy play area	47.18%	92
Ice Skating Rink	30.77%	60
Recreational paths and trails	80.51%	157
Fishing areas	27.69%	54
Water spray pad (at Valley View Park)	55.38%	108
Drinking Fountains	40.51%	79
Community Garden (at Veterans Memorial Park)	8.72%	17
Dog Park (at Jamieson Park)	28.72%	56
Disc Golf Course (at Jamieson Park)	17.95%	35
Movies in the Park	42.05%	82
Rest/Reflection Areas (e.g., veterans memorial)	17.44%	34
Concession Buildings	30.26%	59
Picnic Shelters/Pavilion	52.31%	102
Restrooms	66.15%	129
Total Respondents: 195		

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

Answered: 197 Skipped: 49

Park and Open Space Planning Survey

	SUPPORT	NEUTRAL OR NO OPINION	DO NOT SUPPORT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
More or better playgrounds for pre-school children	55.96% 108	35.75% 69	8.29% 16	193	1.52
More or better playgrounds for school-aged children	71.50% 138	25.39% 49	3.11% 6	193	1.32
More or refurbished basketball courts	56.48% 109	36.79% 71	6.74% 13	193	1.50
Picnic shelters in more parks	53.65% 103	38.54% 74	7.81% 15	192	1.54
Restroom facilities in more parks	67.88% 131	25.39% 49	6.74% 13	193	1.39
More walking paths and trails	82.47% 160	14.43% 28	3.09% 6	194	1.21
More bicycling/skating paths and trails	68.42% 130	25.79% 49	5.79% 11	190	1.37
Accessible fishing pier or deck along Rowan Creek	50.79% 97	39.27% 75	9.95% 19	191	1.59
Outdoor pickleball courts	28.72% 54	53.19% 100	18.09% 34	188	1.89
Permanent ice skating rink	38.62% 73	40.21% 76	21.16% 40	189	1.83
Outdoor bocce ball court	19.68% 37	59.04% 111	21.28% 40	188	2.02
Fitness exercise course	59.04% 111	31.38% 59	9.57% 18	188	1.51
Aerial adventure/high ropes course	42.11% 80	31.58% 60	26.32% 50	190	1.84
Racing area for drones (remote control mini-aircraft)	12.17% 23	42.33% 80	45.50% 86	189	2.33
Additional places for quiet reflection	35.42% 68	52.60% 101	11.98% 23	192	1.77
Food truck pavilion with central picnic area	72.40% 139	19.79% 38	7.81% 15	192	1.35
Fruit tree orchard	40.74% 77	37.04% 70	22.22% 42	189	1.81
Music/performance amphitheater	55.15% 107	27.84% 54	17.01% 33	194	1.62
BMX bike and/or skate park	33.16% 63	34.21% 65	32.63% 62	190	1.99
More art/sculpture installation(s) or historic markers	33.33% 64	41.15% 79	25.52% 49	192	1.92

Q4 Please check the box that best reflects your opinion after each of the following larger park and recreation projects the Village could potentially undertake in the next five or so years.

Answered: 197 Skipped: 49

	SUPPORT, AND WOULD PAY MORE TAXES TO SEE IT HAPPEN	SUPPORT, BUT WOULD PAY NO MORE TAXES TO SEE IT HAPPEN	NEUTRAL OR NO OPINION	DO NOT SUPPORT	TOTAL
Continue to revitalize Jamieson Park (on Highway CS towards Interstate), possibly including a new or refurbished shelter, expanded dog park, expanded disc golf course, high ropes course, camping, and/or improved trails	31.47% 62	42.64% 84	16.24% 32	9.64% 19	197
Revitalize Old Settlers Park (100 Old Settlers Trail, on the Village's south side) with a new purpose and new recreational facilities, possibly including an improved playground, zip line, gaga ball pit, basketball court, and/or sledding hill	34.18% 67	37.24% 73	18.37% 36	10.20% 20	196
Extend the Rowan Creek trail network to the west (e.g., to Jamieson Park) and/or east (e.g., to school campus)	48.21% 94	35.90% 70	11.28% 22	4.62% 9	195
Build a permanent ice skating facility, including separate spaces for hockey and free skating, and a warming shelter	26.15% 51	27.69% 54	23.59% 46	22.56% 44	195

Q5 Continue to revitalize Jamieson Park (on Highway CS towards Interstate), possibly including a new or refurbished shelter, expanded dog park, expanded disc golf course, high ropes course, camping, and/or improved trails

Answered: 112 Skipped: 134

This and the following three questions were open-ended, and preceded by the following question: "Please provide your further thoughts, comments, or questions on each of these same potential projects, including desired locations. For example, exactly what new facilities do you think should be (or not be) in the park or where exactly should the facility (e.g., ice rink) go in the community? Or, if you oppose the potential project, can you tell us why?". See separate document for responses.

Q6 Revitalize Old Settlers Park (100 Old Settlers Trail, on the Village's south side) with a new purpose and new recreational facilities, possibly including an improved playground, zip line, gaga ball pit, basketball court, and/or sledding hill

Answered: 102 Skipped: 144

Q7 Extend the Rowan Creek trail network to the west (e.g., to Jamieson Park) and/or east (e.g., to school campus)

Answered: 102 Skipped: 144

Q8 Build a permanent ice skating facility, including separate spaces for hockey and free skating, and a warming shelter (advise location please!)

Answered: 101 Skipped: 145

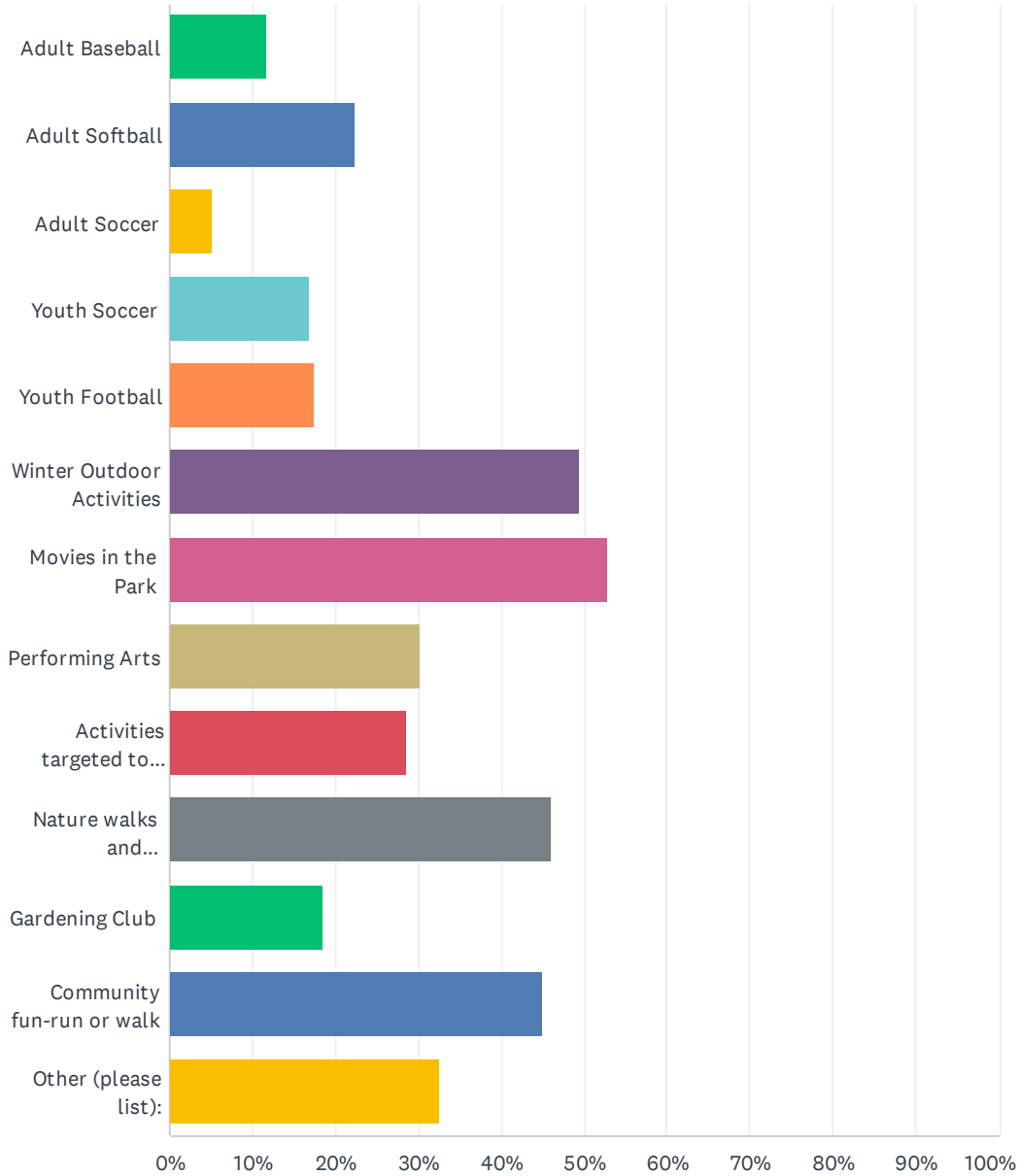
Q9 What other potential improvements to Poynette's parks and trails would you support the Village making over the next five years, if any?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 144

See separate document for responses to this open-ended question.

Q10 What types of recreational programming would you most like to have in Poynette, in addition to what is offered to students in the schools? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 178 Skipped: 68

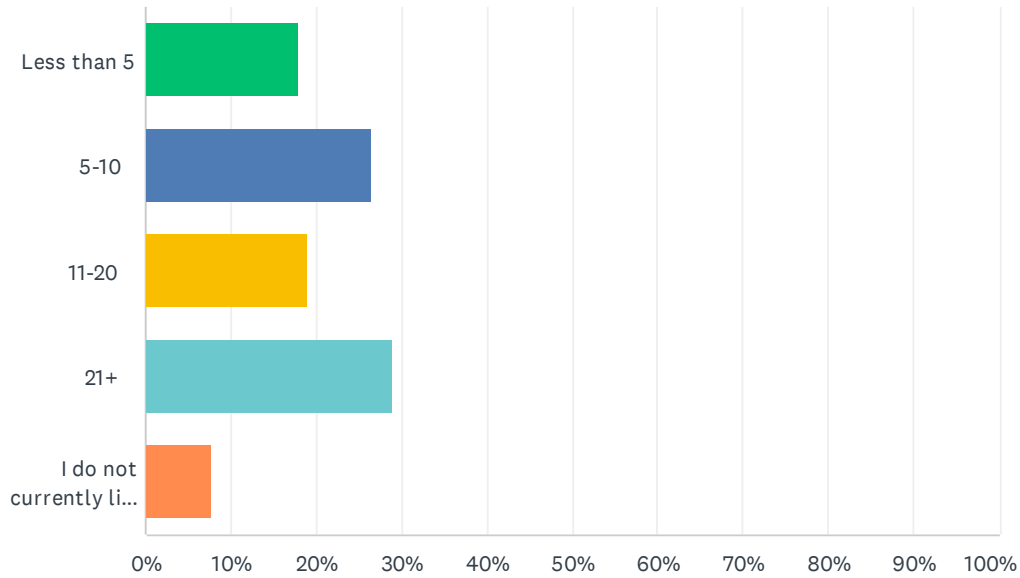


Park and Open Space Planning Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adult Baseball	11.80%	21
Adult Softball	22.47%	40
Adult Soccer	5.06%	9
Youth Soccer	16.85%	30
Youth Football	17.42%	31
Winter Outdoor Activities	49.44%	88
Movies in the Park	52.81%	94
Performing Arts	30.34%	54
Activities targeted to senior citizens	28.65%	51
Nature walks and interpretation	46.07%	82
Gardening Club	18.54%	33
Community fun-run or walk	44.94%	80
Other (please list):	32.58%	58
Total Respondents: 178		

Q11 How many years have you lived within the Village of Poynette?

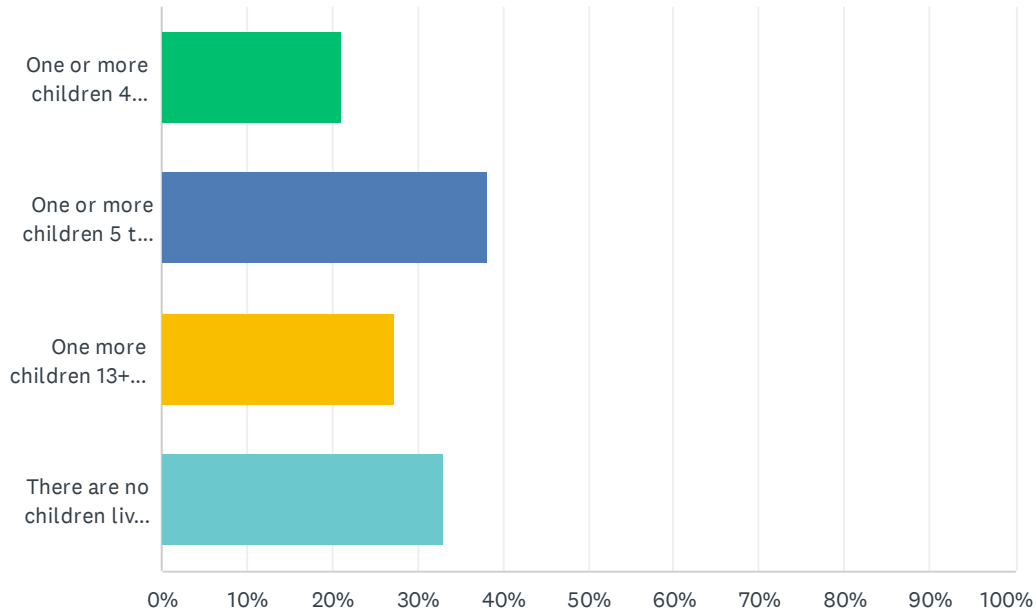
Answered: 196 Skipped: 50



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5	17.86%	35
5-10	26.53%	52
11-20	18.88%	37
21+	29.08%	57
I do not currently live within the Village limits	7.65%	15
TOTAL		196

Q12 Please let us know whether you have children in your household, at least part of the time. Check all that apply.

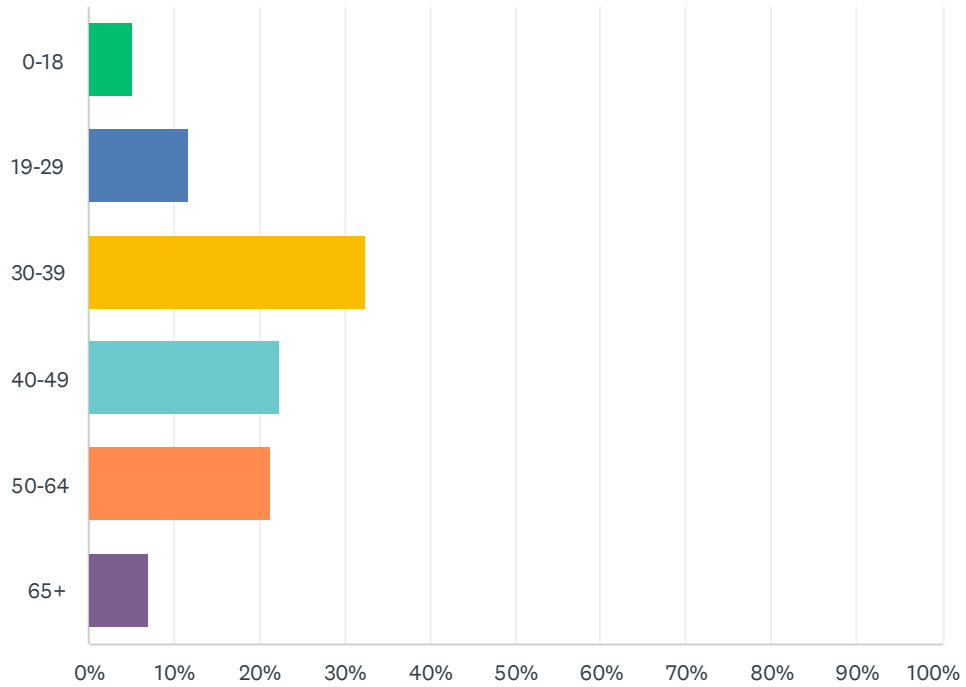
Answered: 194 Skipped: 52



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One or more children 4 years old or less	21.13%	41
One or more children 5 to 12 years old	38.14%	74
One more children 13+ years old	27.32%	53
There are no children living in my household	32.99%	64
Total Respondents: 194		

Q13 What is your age?

Answered: 197 Skipped: 49



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-18	5.08%	10
19-29	11.68%	23
30-39	32.49%	64
40-49	22.34%	44
50-64	21.32%	42
65+	7.11%	14
TOTAL		197

Q5 Continue to revitalize Jamieson Park (on Highway CS towards Interstate), possibly including a new or refurbished shelter, expanded dog park, expanded disc golf course, high ropes course, camping, and/or improved trails

Answered: 112 Skipped: 134

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Improving connectivity of trail system would be wonderful!	4/21/2022 9:15 PM
2	shelter for picnic, etc. maintain trails on north side for hiking. bigger dog park.	4/20/2022 2:34 PM
3	No to high ropes and camping WAY too much up keep and liability! Also WHY? Further who will monitor this? Police? THE NEW OVER PAID PARKS DIRECTOR?	4/20/2022 2:28 PM
4	High ropes course - Maintenance, Injury/ Insurance, Cost Concern???	4/20/2022 1:54 PM
5	refurbish shelter	4/20/2022 1:24 PM
6	.	4/19/2022 1:43 PM
7	Unless these are revenue generating things, I would not support. Address the existing deferred maintenance first before adding new things.	4/17/2022 6:21 PM
8	do not support because it is too far for kids to get to	4/15/2022 6:11 PM
9	It's not in town so no	4/14/2022 6:45 PM
10	Fewer parks but higher end. Less to maintain but better offerings. Many parks are too little used	4/14/2022 6:05 PM
11	Camping seemed to be used by more people than current use.	4/14/2022 4:54 PM
12	Yeah	4/14/2022 3:32 PM
13	Or taxes already super high. They have at least doubled since we moved here. Sounds like we pay a lot more then most around here and we are in town,not sure why.	4/14/2022 8:17 AM
14	Blank	4/13/2022 11:27 PM
15	No	4/13/2022 8:09 PM
16	I support hiking trails / improving trails in this park.	4/13/2022 4:10 PM
17	No one uses the park. Never seen anyone playing disc golf. Dog park is ok but would be better if in valley view	4/13/2022 2:03 PM
18	Camping	4/13/2022 1:55 PM
19	High ropes course would be neat!	4/13/2022 1:35 PM
20	Expand disc golf, camping, improve trails, update shelter.	4/13/2022 1:34 PM
21	Trails	4/13/2022 1:28 PM
22	We need number 7 to happen first.	4/13/2022 1:10 PM
23	Larger dog park would be great. There are lots of residents with dogs in Poynette and I can see this being utilized often. We currently drive 30 minutes to go to a larger dog park and it would be nice not to have to do that. I would also like to see a tennis court. There are none within the area. The closest is Lodi. A volleyball court would be nice too.	4/12/2022 10:08 PM
24	If the village needs a Gaga ball pit, it would be best placed at Jamieson Park with the disc golf where organized activities are already taking place...or by the splash pad where there are often	4/9/2022 8:12 AM

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many potential users. Keeping it centralized is a good idea, although keeping is maintained may be a problem. Like many things in the village, maintenance upkeep and the general look of things could use a lot of attention. Traveling to other communities and viewing their upkeep is a good comparison. Camping at Jamieson park has been a problem for years, it has been very nice not having it there and not using village resources to patrol it.

25	I am not in favor of bringing back camping. My biggest concern with a high rope course would be upkeep and making sure it is always safe. If you are going to move forward with it then Jamieson park is the appropriate place for it.	4/9/2022 7:56 AM
26	A robust trail system from McKensie Center to Jamison Park connecting all neighborhoods	4/7/2022 5:49 AM
27	I don't think the dog park needs to be bigger, but it does need to be preserved. It is a great addition to the community. Connecting Jamieson Park to the existing Rowan Creek Trail would be envied by other communities of our size. While there are significant challenges that exist with pulling it off, it would be worth the effort.	4/5/2022 8:51 PM
28	Disc golf is pretty nice and dog park is plenty big. Needs bathrooms	4/4/2022 10:17 PM
29	Meh have never gone out to this park before but campground would be nice.	4/4/2022 9:55 PM
30	Adding a high ropes course and improving the trails would be a great addition to the park.	4/4/2022 9:04 PM
31	More activities in the dog park. Agility course	4/4/2022 7:20 PM
32	Anything to attract people/keep them in the area for recreation should be considered. Nearly all outdoor activities are done in other communities	4/4/2022 11:43 AM
33	Connecting the trails that currently exist. Paved trail possibly to connect walking/skating path out to dog park area.	4/3/2022 8:08 PM
34	No opinion.	4/3/2022 1:23 PM
35	Place to go camping closer to home, trails to walk, high ropes for fun and exercise with kids, and place for my dog!	4/2/2022 4:33 PM
36	Don't have a strong opinion on this park since it is outside of town, but am very happy to see the improvements that have been made.	4/2/2022 3:12 PM
37	Although this park is a great improvement, it isn't easily accessible for all people in Poynette without using a vehicle. I would stay to projects more within the village.	4/2/2022 1:51 PM
38	I never use this park	4/2/2022 11:29 AM
39	I like this but u need to create a continuation of the walking and bike path from the newly created path on CS. This way ALL ages can get there by themselves in a safe manor and utilize the park. Also recommend garbage can so people pick up after themselves and/or pets.	4/2/2022 6:19 AM
40	Disc golf	4/1/2022 10:07 PM
41	I wouldn't mind revitalizing Jameson park. But I think a trail system/ side walk to get there is more important. Having to drive to get to the park is a negative.	4/1/2022 11:43 AM
42	...didn't even know there were trails at Jamieson Park!! Would be very cool to have connection from Rowen Creek Trail to this park	3/31/2022 11:01 PM
43	This is such a great park. Make a connecting trait all the way to town	3/31/2022 9:22 PM
44	A nice basketball court with adjustable rims for all ages look at portage park it's nice	3/31/2022 8:24 PM
45	Ropes course would be something most cities and villages don't have. I feel that would be a good addition not only for our community but also bring in revenue from visitors using the facility.	3/31/2022 7:08 PM
46	Permanent bathrooms.	3/31/2022 6:46 PM
47	ropes course	3/31/2022 6:35 PM
48	No comment	3/31/2022 6:21 PM
49	Camping would be awesome	3/31/2022 6:10 PM

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50	Don't use this park	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
51	The kids and familys here need more to do together and even more events to attend fairs parades ect	3/31/2022 4:59 PM
52	Definitely improved trails. Sadly no camping.	3/31/2022 4:46 PM
53	Definitely would like to see camping brought back.	3/31/2022 3:33 PM
54	Improve the trails and don't allow the DNR to clear cut the park like they did on Rowan Creek	3/31/2022 12:05 PM
55	This would be a great location for a very large shelter area for grad parties, reunions etc. Located close to the interstate this could be used a lot to host	3/31/2022 12:00 PM
56	Improved trails, new shelter, bathrooms.	3/31/2022 11:42 AM
57	Bathroom	3/31/2022 11:34 AM
58	N/A	3/31/2022 11:08 AM
59	I love expanding the dog park and the disc golf. It would be great to have camping back but with some bathrooms and water.	3/31/2022 11:00 AM
60	We don't use this but do see it being used alot. It is also nice for dog owners to have a place vs running dogs loose on the trails.	3/31/2022 10:49 AM
61	Our family personally loves this space and it's great for some of our family to use the dog park while some play the disc golf course. Extending/improving both would be ideal. It would also be great to have maybe a 2nd smaller dog park for those dogs who are reactive or cant play well with others.	3/31/2022 10:03 AM
62	NO comment	3/31/2022 9:58 AM
63	X	3/31/2022 9:54 AM
64	I think everything but a high ropes course would be great for the community	3/31/2022 9:45 AM
65	I would love to see the dog park expanded! High ropes and fitness park would be awesome! Also really enjoy the trails to walk my dogs and bike!	3/31/2022 9:39 AM
66	High ropes course would be great	3/31/2022 9:34 AM
67	No further comment	3/31/2022 9:31 AM
68	I love Jamieson Park and would love to spend more time there in the nicer weather but the flies are so bad which makes me only visit in winter on trails which I love. Park is beautiful.	3/31/2022 9:30 AM
69	No thanks	3/31/2022 9:24 AM
70	Add camping option	3/31/2022 9:24 AM
71	Opening the park back up for camping is a must. Not only did people use the park for camping all summer, but it was a great close to home place to enjoy with small kids without travelling far.	3/31/2022 9:17 AM
72	Great space for those of us living in rural Poynette! It could use some more smaller kid friendly options	3/31/2022 8:53 AM
73	Absolutely not	3/31/2022 8:51 AM
74	Support improved trails. Dov park area needs to be much larger.	3/29/2022 9:53 PM
75	Can you just make sure that the trees grow back in the park. The ones you had cut down and sold to build the new trail. Please keep more trees around town also. Everywhere I turn, there are less and less trees. I thought our motto or slogan here was Poynette, Naturally. We can grow and keep our nature. Do not keep selling it all and doing away with it.	3/27/2022 4:14 PM
76	Yes	3/27/2022 2:58 PM
77	Agree	3/26/2022 4:47 PM
78	Ropes course seems dangerous or would be vandalized, no camping	3/26/2022 4:45 PM

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79	Flush toilets	3/26/2022 8:34 AM
80	Expand trail and dog park areas. Create high ropes and camping area.	3/25/2022 8:12 PM
81	This park is too far from town to be accessible to kids	3/25/2022 4:59 PM
82	Ropes and camping	3/25/2022 1:55 PM
83	Camping should have never been removed from the recreation options here at the park. I would limit it to tent camping and install a restroom facility. Improve trails and maybe make it an adventure trail with the ropes course and other activities along the way.	3/25/2022 8:21 AM
84	Do not bring back camping	3/25/2022 12:37 AM
85	Jamieson park is out of site and out of mind. Why keep dumping money in to a park that's rarely used. Last time I was at Jamieson there weren't even trash can at the shelter and was forced to take my trash home with me. \$4,000 a year taxes hard at work there!	3/24/2022 6:45 PM
86	Would love to see improved. Wooded trails and expanded dog park. Even more the expanded dog park with wooded trail.	3/24/2022 5:49 PM
87	I think an expanded dog park would be good here. Improved trails would be awesome, even if they were just more clearly marked. A high ropes course here would be good too. I do not have an opinion about disc golf or camping.	3/24/2022 4:28 PM
88	Love this idea. A lot of space there to take advantage of.	3/24/2022 2:48 PM
89	Does usage support expansion? Liability and maintenance of High Ropes course could open the village to litigation as it ages. It's a beautiful area, increased and maintained trails would be nice.	3/24/2022 1:30 PM
90	I never really understood the reasoning behind stopping camping at the park, so I would support that to start up again. Also the added activity areas will help for activities for the kids in Poynette. There is not enough of those, especially for older teenagers.	3/23/2022 4:14 PM
91	A bike path connecting	3/23/2022 3:35 PM
92	I no longer go to Jamieson Park. The disc golf course is to me a waste of money, i.e. how many people besides a few 20-somethings actually use it?	3/23/2022 11:57 AM
93	It's a great way to get adults outside and active	3/23/2022 7:37 AM
94	Shelter, bathroom, improved trails. Camping	3/22/2022 9:34 PM
95	Camping is a good idea. We love walking the trails with our dog	3/22/2022 8:30 PM
96	Improved trails!! Camping sounds good but would have to be monitored. People should have to pay to camp.	3/22/2022 6:21 PM
97	Purchase or obtain sportsman club property to connect Jamison park with pine island park	3/22/2022 5:46 PM
98	Great projects for families as well as others without children. Potential to bring visitors to the community	3/22/2022 5:31 PM
99	Yes, but not before Pauquette park play ground equipment is completely replaced. The playground is not safe to use, too many sharp edges and the merry go round is especially unsafe.	3/22/2022 3:50 PM
100	Bathrooms	3/22/2022 3:37 PM
101	Expanded dog park, disc golf, attach trails to Rowan trails	3/22/2022 2:17 PM
102	Running water for the dog park would be great!	3/22/2022 1:17 PM
103	This option could attract others outside of our community, bringing increased customers to our local businesses.	3/22/2022 1:02 PM
104	I like seeing improvement and increased use of the park but I dont see our household utilizing these activities there.	3/22/2022 12:25 PM
105	Fix the roads and pay less taxes	3/22/2022 12:04 PM
106	I visit the park 3-4 times a week, my dog loves the fenced play area and the numerous other	3/22/2022 12:02 PM

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regulars that are frequently there at the same time. The disc golf course is also very enjoyable. Future improvements would be great for my family and children when they're old enough.

107	My only preference if improvements are made here is to have an area protected from the disc golf users- the last time my family was there, we were almost hit by discs, and the disc golfers were annoyed that we were trying to enjoy the park as non-golfers. We no longer go there	3/22/2022 12:00 PM
108	Definitely having connected trails all the way from Jamieson to the high school would be great! Ropes course and camping would also be nice to have.	3/22/2022 11:37 AM
109	I support a new or refurbished shelter at Jamieson park with nice trails.	3/22/2022 11:32 AM
110	An expanded disc golf course and refurbished shelter could bring more revenue if tournaments could be held there. Most disc golfers have dogs. Camping and other activities would be beneficial to the disc golfers as well. I imagine a 2-day weekend disc golf tournament with camping, dogs, and activities for non-tournament time on the trails or ropes course.	3/22/2022 11:25 AM
111	Love to see more walking trails in the public land along Rowan creek	3/22/2022 11:16 AM
112	I support the trail system and connecting it to our current trails to provide more access and yse	3/22/2022 10:53 AM

Q6 Revitalize Old Settlers Park (100 Old Settlers Trail, on the Village's south side) with a new purpose and new recreational facilities, possibly including an improved playground, zip line, gaga ball pit, basketball court, and/or sledding hill

Answered: 102 Skipped: 144

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The kids need more places to play basketball! What about tennis courts?	4/21/2022 9:15 PM
2	improve playground, basketball court.	4/20/2022 2:34 PM
3	I feel these will be like the ping pong tables - nice the scouts did it but where are the paddles and balls?	4/20/2022 2:28 PM
4	Need benches and or picnic tables in area!! garbage cans and bags for dog waste!	4/20/2022 1:59 PM
5	Same as above but for zipline	4/20/2022 1:54 PM
6	Time to respect the original settlers! A nice green space where we can reflect and not need structured activity - doggie bags and signs for mandatory leashing!!! Improve facilities and add sledding hill.	4/20/2022 1:24 PM
7	.	4/19/2022 1:43 PM
8	Before we invest in new amenities, we need to address the existing infrastructure. The playgrounds at Paquette Park is in horrible condition. Valley View playground is in rough shape. Address deferred maintenance first before adding more new things that the existing budget cannot support to fix.	4/17/2022 6:21 PM
9	I think if there were to be a newer and refurbished basketball court anywhere in town there would be a lot of use for it.	4/16/2022 1:20 PM
10	new playground equipment	4/15/2022 6:11 PM
11	There needs to be 2 fullsize outdoor basketball courts in Poynette. There are many towns much smaller than Poynette that have these & they are used alot.	4/15/2022 6:31 AM
12	Kids can actually ride or walk to park, this needs to be expanded	4/14/2022 6:45 PM
13	Basketball	4/14/2022 6:05 PM
14	Yeah	4/14/2022 3:32 PM
15	Sounds like this could be used a lot for all ages.	4/14/2022 8:17 AM
16	Sounds good	4/13/2022 11:27 PM
17	Yea	4/13/2022 8:09 PM
18	I support revitalizing this area. New basketball courts, playground equipment and sledding hill.	4/13/2022 4:10 PM
19	No opinion	4/13/2022 2:03 PM
20	Zip line and sledding hill	4/13/2022 1:35 PM
21	I am open to updates, just don't want to pay more taxes for it.	4/13/2022 1:34 PM
22	An sledding hill and new playground would be nice. I would love to see a tennis court and possibly another splash pad or a community outdoor pool	4/12/2022 10:08 PM
23	Please remember how important quiet open spaces are for recreation. Every open space doesn't need more "stuff." The main open spaces in our community have sports fields in them. Old Settlers park has some of the only undesignated green space in town. It could use a	4/9/2022 8:12 AM

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revitalized playground and fixed basketball court. The historic signage and park signage have been neglected. Also, please consider "dogs on leash only" signage at all parks, and dog waste receptacles. Each and every grassy area does not need to be filled with equipment, the quiet green space in this park is beautiful and welcomed. This is the only village park with significant trees...if that's where a zip line would be, it may detract from the quiet area. More stuff isn't always better and upkeep has proven to be an issue. Our village workers struggle to keep up with what we have.

24	I would like to see improvements to what is there. Updating the play equipment and current basketball court should take priority. A new surface would go a long way. I do not support a Gaga pit or zip line at this location. I don't think you can place a zip line without impacting other things like the new walking path or even the street traffic. I do think that is a very good place for a sledding hill. This park also sees a lot of pet traffic. Dog waste receptacles including bags would be a nice addition. A sign about leashing would also be a good idea.	4/9/2022 7:56 AM
25	Schools have Basketball Courts	4/7/2022 5:49 AM
26	I support this	4/4/2022 10:17 PM
27	Yes! Basketball courts and sledding hill	4/4/2022 9:55 PM
28	Adding a zip line and basketball court would be great! Although I am unsure if the Gaga ball pit would be used daily.	4/4/2022 9:04 PM
29	Improved playground at all parks-they are breaking/in poor condition	4/4/2022 11:43 AM
30	Moving park location to a place that does not smell from the water treatment plant.	4/3/2022 8:08 PM
31	The playground is definitely outdated and I wouldn't mind paying more in taxes to give it an upgrade.	4/3/2022 1:23 PM
32	All of it sounds great, if done I would probably visit	4/2/2022 4:33 PM
33	Would love to see better playground equipment and sledding hill. A nice basketball court, lighted, for our pre teens and teenagers would be great if it were policed a d not left to be a drug traffic area or where teens are just hanging out and vandalized.	4/2/2022 3:12 PM
34	This park is too close to our main park downtown. I would rather improve the rainbow park and bring more visitors to our village downtown area.	4/2/2022 1:51 PM
35	I'm for it	4/2/2022 11:29 AM
36	I walk by this park and needs major updating for ALL ages. I want to see for young and old. I believe Poynette is also forgetting abou adults which pay for this items. You need to keep adults and senior wanting to live here. If u don't you will having them move.	4/2/2022 6:19 AM
37	Basketball courts	4/1/2022 10:07 PM
38	Fitness stations Skate park	3/31/2022 11:01 PM
39	Such a great idea. Need things for older kids. Current playgrounds are all geared to little kids	3/31/2022 9:22 PM
40	Basketball courts	3/31/2022 8:24 PM
41	Update the park but not sure about zip line or gaga ball pit.	3/31/2022 6:46 PM
42	playground equipment	3/31/2022 6:35 PM
43	No comment	3/31/2022 6:21 PM
44	Gaga ball and a new basketball court	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
45	That would be great and add something for children to do	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
46	We need more for family and kids to do	3/31/2022 4:59 PM
47	Basketball court, and sledding hill,	3/31/2022 4:46 PM
48	All of the above. Kids in this town need things to do.	3/31/2022 3:33 PM
49	The park is pretty good as is at the moment	3/31/2022 12:05 PM
50	I love it, kids and teens more to do to stay out of trouble	3/31/2022 12:00 PM

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51	Great in town resource for families.	3/31/2022 11:42 AM
52	Yes	3/31/2022 11:08 AM
53	A sledding hill would be great. There isn't a good spot in town to go sledding. There used to be at the top of Old Settlers but houses were built on the hill.	3/31/2022 11:00 AM
54	YES! Another playplace for kid is great. Love the idea of a sledding hill - it is something lots of people look for in the winter. Basketball court would be a nice option	3/31/2022 10:49 AM
55	What is a "gaga ball pit"??? How about tennis courts? Something that everyone knows how to use and can provide a life-long interest in. This town NEEDS tennis courts!	3/31/2022 10:14 AM
56	This park is very diminished but has lots of kids in the surround neighborhood. It would be great to see new playground equipment and a sledding hill.	3/31/2022 10:08 AM
57	No comment	3/31/2022 9:58 AM
58	X	3/31/2022 9:54 AM
59	Portage has an amazing outdoor basketball facility, with sport courts. These are always highly used, and we actually travel from Poynette to use these courts. I feel that point at currently does not have any functional basketball courts, and is highly needed in the area.	3/31/2022 9:50 AM
60	Zip line would be awesome! Sledding hills are great!	3/31/2022 9:39 AM
61	Any or all of these improvements would be great	3/31/2022 9:34 AM
62	All are great ideas, I'd just want to make sure whatever is installed is kept up with so it stays nice for a long time.	3/31/2022 9:31 AM
63	I don't really visit this park much.	3/31/2022 9:30 AM
64	Better than the CS park nobody will use	3/31/2022 9:24 AM
65	Fix basketball court	3/31/2022 9:24 AM
66	A nice playground, ziplines, and a place to sled in the winter would be a wonderful addition.	3/31/2022 9:17 AM
67	I would support any new area like this for our youth - they need more options of things to do here!	3/31/2022 8:53 AM
68	No comment	3/31/2022 8:51 AM
69	Zip line is a bad idea as it has to be staffed. Improved basketball courts is a good idea	3/29/2022 9:53 PM
70	Don't care	3/27/2022 4:14 PM
71	No	3/27/2022 2:58 PM
72	Pickleball	3/26/2022 4:47 PM
73	Basketball and sledding hill should be priority	3/26/2022 4:45 PM
74	It seems the only other sledding hill in town is by the HS baseball field	3/26/2022 8:34 AM
75	Improved playground and REC center	3/25/2022 8:12 PM
76	Although this makes the most sense for a sledding hill and ice rinks, the parking is limited	3/25/2022 4:59 PM
77	All of above	3/25/2022 1:55 PM
78	We are in desperate need of an outdoor basketball court that is upkept and nice for our kids.	3/25/2022 8:21 AM
79	The basketball court is trash and has been for the 20+ years I have lived in Poynette. Rain water runs across the court dumping dirt and whatever else on the court. Other towns that have Gaga ball things always look overgrown and never used. A sledding area in Poynette would be nice to have with the only option right now being at the high school.	3/24/2022 6:45 PM
80	I support all of this. Concern with zip line. Will the town have ro carry additional insurance in case of injury? Not sure how that works.	3/24/2022 5:49 PM
81	I think all these improvements would be great, especially for the youth of the community.	3/24/2022 4:28 PM

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82	I have never used it, but would support it if used by others.	3/24/2022 2:48 PM
83	Sledding hill would be a great resource	3/24/2022 1:30 PM
84	I'm iffy on the zip line and whatever a gaga ball pit is, but improved playground, basketball court and a sledding hill would be awesome. Probably less noise too.	3/23/2022 4:14 PM
85	This would be nice as far as new playground and sledding hill. The rest - meh. Gaga ball? What is that?	3/23/2022 11:57 AM
86	Would give older kids more things to do in the community	3/23/2022 7:37 AM
87	Not familiar with this area, love the idea of a sledding hill.	3/22/2022 9:34 PM
88	It would be great to have a tennis court at this park as there are it any in the town	3/22/2022 8:55 PM
89	Sledding hill would be nice	3/22/2022 8:30 PM
90	More garbages and doggie bag stations like the dog park has. Improved basketball court! What in the world is Gaga ball?	3/22/2022 6:21 PM
91	Great for families and would provide a nice spot to rent for large gatherings with lots for entertainment	3/22/2022 5:31 PM
92	Yes perfect for that park's landscape but neighborhood is not supportive of parks. I would invest \$ resources else where.	3/22/2022 3:50 PM
93	Playground and basketball courts	3/22/2022 2:17 PM
94	Would love to see tennis courts somewhere in town! Closest courts are in Lodi...	3/22/2022 1:02 PM
95	Sure. Nothing is happening here and it looks like a beautiful space.	3/22/2022 12:25 PM
96	Fix the roads and pay less taxes	3/22/2022 12:04 PM
97	No comment, never visited this park.	3/22/2022 12:02 PM
98	This could be nice, but I wonder if this location would be as useful as updating equipment by the rainbow park that is highly visible from the main road.	3/22/2022 12:00 PM
99	These improvements would be excellent for this neighborhood. I see many young families but the park doesn't get much use right now.	3/22/2022 11:37 AM
100	Not sure a zip line or gaga ball pit is necessary.	3/22/2022 11:32 AM
101	A sledding hill would be great!	3/22/2022 11:25 AM
102	For it except for the zip line and ball pit.	3/22/2022 11:16 AM

Q7 Extend the Rowan Creek trail network to the west (e.g., to Jamieson Park) and/or east (e.g., to school campus)

Answered: 102 Skipped: 144

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Extending either way would be a great opportunity to walk more of the village.	4/21/2022 9:15 PM
2	This should be a priority	4/20/2022 2:34 PM
3	This is the best of the ideas. it would join the village and emphasize a true jewel of the village!	4/20/2022 2:28 PM
4	Near existing parking or south of vet's memorial or jamieson park dual purpose(spring fall activities at jamieson, winter for skating)	4/20/2022 1:54 PM
5	.	4/19/2022 1:43 PM
6	This would be a good idea for commuting from downtown to the Jamieson Park.	4/16/2022 1:20 PM
7	both would be good	4/15/2022 6:11 PM
8	No , it's not entertainment nor will it bring people to utilize in town businesses	4/14/2022 6:45 PM
9	No	4/14/2022 6:05 PM
10	Yeah	4/14/2022 3:32 PM
11	We would love more hiking trails. People would pitch in to help and maintain 😊	4/14/2022 8:17 AM
12	Awesone	4/13/2022 11:27 PM
13	No	4/13/2022 8:09 PM
14	Great idea!	4/13/2022 4:10 PM
15	No opinion	4/13/2022 2:03 PM
16	And upkeep what is already there.	4/13/2022 1:55 PM
17	Always for better and new trails	4/13/2022 1:35 PM
18	Would like this, but not if you are going to allow the current company to come in and remove and destroy so many trees.	4/13/2022 1:34 PM
19	Yes	4/13/2022 1:28 PM
20	Great idea and will be used by many community members that would rather not drive to the location.	4/13/2022 1:10 PM
21	A path here would be nice	4/12/2022 10:08 PM
22	The trail looks good as is.	4/9/2022 8:12 AM
23	Trail is good as is.	4/9/2022 7:56 AM
24	Yes and too the McKensie Center which is a zoo maintained by the state !	4/7/2022 5:49 AM
25	Connecting the network to the schools will bring value for several reasons including safety. As people come to our village for sporting events or other reasons, seeing a network of trails will invite them to stumble upon a few of the excellent offerings we have.	4/5/2022 8:51 PM
26	Don't think it's needed	4/4/2022 10:29 PM
27	Concern for safety	4/4/2022 10:17 PM
28	No	4/4/2022 9:55 PM
29	This would be great for walking and running!	4/4/2022 9:04 PM

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30	Nature trails are great-do need to have plan for upkeep	4/4/2022 11:43 AM
31	Yes! Connecting these trails would greatly improve the Poynette area. Safe travel to and from parks and schools.	4/3/2022 8:08 PM
32	I'm not familiar with the creek trails.	4/3/2022 1:23 PM
33	I love trails, wouldn't mind using if done	4/2/2022 4:33 PM
34	Would like to see this as long as it is maintained!	4/2/2022 3:12 PM
35	I think Rowan Creek trail needs to be improved overall. Years ago students use to work on the trail spreading wood chips. I wish we could offer a community work day or ask school age kids to give back to their community. I know the teachers at all levels would support this work!	4/2/2022 1:51 PM
36	Yes. I'm getting closer to retiring and I'm very active and want to continue this for my lifetime and if u don't offer more for me I will move and I'm hearing this all over.	4/2/2022 6:19 AM
37	I support this. I think making it more weather friendly would be an improvement. Also making the trails fat bike/cc ski friendly in the winter would be great	4/1/2022 11:43 AM
38	I also think the trail along Rowan creek to the west should be updated and linked better to jamieson park	4/1/2022 6:50 AM
39	This would be number one on our families list!!!	3/31/2022 11:01 PM
40	Do it! Do it!	3/31/2022 9:22 PM
41	Basketball court	3/31/2022 8:24 PM
42	Great idea, for hikers and runners.	3/31/2022 6:46 PM
43	would love to see the trail connect to Jamieson Park	3/31/2022 6:35 PM
44	No comment	3/31/2022 6:21 PM
45	Yes	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
46	No comment, sounds fine	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
47	Yes!!! Good idea!!	3/31/2022 4:46 PM
48	Don't really see a need for this	3/31/2022 3:33 PM
49	Extending the trail west or east of the campus would be nice. However don't let the DNR screw it up by clear cutting all the trees. The current Rowan creek looks terrible now due the tree harvesting. I Would hate to waste tax dollars on the park if the trees will be removed and it's turned into another field...	3/31/2022 12:05 PM
50	Poynette naturally.... we need more nature walking/bike riding areas to really live up to the name and slogan on our sign	3/31/2022 12:00 PM
51	Fantastic outdoor resource! Expansion would be great.	3/31/2022 11:42 AM
52	Yes	3/31/2022 11:08 AM
53	Love this! Any way to connect them would be great.	3/31/2022 11:00 AM
54	yes to both options - we live on Colby and would love to hear more about the idea of expansion to the school	3/31/2022 10:49 AM
55	No comment	3/31/2022 9:58 AM
56	X	3/31/2022 9:54 AM
57	I would love to see the trails extended!	3/31/2022 9:39 AM
58	I don't know why this hasn't been done yet	3/31/2022 9:34 AM
59	Fully support more trails	3/31/2022 9:31 AM
60	I live on Hillpoint Court and I would love for the sidewalk to be extended from Bluebird Circle to at least entry to Rowan Creek trail. I feel so unsafe on CS walking to trail.	3/31/2022 9:30 AM

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61	Sure	3/31/2022 9:24 AM
62	This is an excellent plan, our family already enjoys walking the trails, to be able to walk to Jamieson Park, have lunch, and walk back would be great.	3/31/2022 9:17 AM
63	Absolutely!!! One of our favorite things to do is explore the trail	3/31/2022 8:53 AM
64	Would love this	3/31/2022 8:51 AM
65	I support extending the trail. It would be nice to extend it to the northeast side of town.	3/29/2022 9:53 PM
66	Please keep as many trees as possible.	3/27/2022 4:14 PM
67	Yes	3/27/2022 2:58 PM
68	In favor	3/26/2022 4:47 PM
69	Sure	3/26/2022 4:45 PM
70	As long as users don't treat the area like a dump or toilet	3/26/2022 8:34 AM
71	Expand in either direction	3/25/2022 8:12 PM
72	Extending the paths would encourage more visitors to our community but the paths through the existing rowan creek also need to be improved possibly making them bikeable would be a great bonus!	3/25/2022 4:59 PM
73	Agree	3/25/2022 1:55 PM
74	Any extension of the Rowan Creek Trail, that is done in a way not to disturb the nature, would be great.	3/25/2022 8:21 AM
75	Extending the trails would be nice, but how about we fix up the ones we have that have heaved or have settled below grade and hold water for a long time after rain or snow melt.	3/24/2022 6:45 PM
76	Would love to see this!	3/24/2022 5:49 PM
77	I would prefer to see it expand West.	3/24/2022 4:28 PM
78	It would be great to be able to walk between the two.	3/24/2022 2:48 PM
79	The existing trails are very well used, additional trails would help with over use. Rowan Creek trail adds a lot of value to living in Poynette.	3/24/2022 1:30 PM
80	Absolutely in favor of this as I am a hiker, be it a slow one.	3/23/2022 4:14 PM
81	Walking trails are a good investment, all ages use them. They should be lighted at night for safety, however. We don't want crime there.	3/23/2022 11:57 AM
82	People can go on longer walks	3/23/2022 7:37 AM
83	Yes, both ways would be good. The trail has some marshy area. I get my shoes wet. Would love to see boardwalks here. Would be nice for students to use like for cross country.	3/22/2022 9:34 PM
84	This would be great for the community.	3/22/2022 8:55 PM
85	More walking trails, the better!	3/22/2022 8:30 PM
86	Yes. Yes. Yes. But, need more garbages and doggie clean up stations.	3/22/2022 6:21 PM
87	Yes	3/22/2022 5:46 PM
88	Would provide more safe walking areas with no traffic, noise, etc.	3/22/2022 5:31 PM
89	Yes to school campus to encourage our children to walk more!	3/22/2022 3:50 PM
90	Yes, more paths the better	3/22/2022 2:17 PM
91	Most important. Add a permanent StoryWalk in conjunction with Poynette Public Library.	3/22/2022 1:30 PM
92	Love the Rowan Creek Trail and would be great to see it expanded. However, would like it to be wooded and not the deforested mess that it is now.	3/22/2022 1:17 PM
93	Love the current trail! An extention would be used often. Would be great for the school to get	3/22/2022 1:02 PM

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	involved and utilize more with students.	
94	Yes! I love the trail and would enjoy it more if you extended it.	3/22/2022 12:25 PM
95	Fix the roads and pay less taxes	3/22/2022 12:04 PM
96	Extending Rowan Creek trail would make access to Jamieson Park easier for my family.	3/22/2022 12:02 PM
97	This would be excellent. My family likes to go for hikes/walks and more trails would be great!	3/22/2022 12:00 PM
98	Yes!!	3/22/2022 11:37 AM
99	I support the trail system expansion	3/22/2022 11:32 AM
100	To encourage and promote more adult/family physical activity, a stronger trail network would help.	3/22/2022 11:25 AM
101	Enjoy the current trail, would love to see it extended	3/22/2022 11:16 AM
102	This would be good use of the village funds and attract more families to our community	3/22/2022 10:53 AM

Q8 Build a permanent ice skating facility, including separate spaces for hockey and free skating, and a warming shelter (advise location please!)

Answered: 101 Skipped: 145

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Wow! This would be incredibly fun. Is there space for this at the splash pad park location?	4/21/2022 9:15 PM
2	yes in gravel pit. also sledding hill	4/20/2022 2:34 PM
3	What are your metrics? how many people really use this? Yes I see people but I cant tell if they are the same every time. To say nothing of the HUGE cost! Both up front and out going! for only seasonal use! and winter are getting shorter!	4/20/2022 2:28 PM
4	Should be financed with donations from those who would use it/support it.	4/20/2022 1:54 PM
5	No	4/20/2022 1:36 PM
6	.	4/19/2022 1:43 PM
7	This is not worth the investment with the unpredictable winter weather of recent years. A liner system works just fine.	4/17/2022 6:21 PM
8	I personally don't mind having or not having an ice skating facility.	4/16/2022 1:20 PM
9	If you build a permanent ice rink for winter, you could use the same facility for a basketball court in the summer	4/15/2022 6:31 AM
10	This would bring people into town	4/14/2022 6:45 PM
11	Do not support this	4/14/2022 6:05 PM
12	Yeah	4/14/2022 3:32 PM
13	Where would this go, without cutting down trees? Would this be year round? The ice rinks we have now are wonderful.	4/14/2022 8:17 AM
14	Not needed	4/13/2022 11:27 PM
15	No	4/13/2022 8:09 PM
16	I don't think this is needed. The current location works well and uses space we already have that are not used throughout winter. I would support cameras to discourage vandalism.	4/13/2022 4:10 PM
17	Waste of money. The temp ice rink is working fine for those that want to use it. Never over crowded.	4/13/2022 2:03 PM
18	Indifferent	4/13/2022 1:35 PM
19	This is an interesting idea, but not sure on the location	4/13/2022 1:34 PM
20	Yes	4/13/2022 1:28 PM
21	A permanent facility isn't necessary. Improve what we have and spend money to do the improvements and hire someone to do that. Hire someone to put it up, maintain it and take it down. The location is perfect where it is. It's nice to drive through town and see the skaters enjoying it.	4/9/2022 8:12 AM
22	I like where it is currently located. It is accessible especially for kids. I would support spending to improve the rink itself and paying for someone to set up and take down. Could the current shelter be used somehow as a warming facility? I would support a separate rink for hockey versus recreational skating.	4/9/2022 7:56 AM
23	Alot of capitol and maintenance monies for 1 -2 months a year	4/7/2022 5:49 AM
24	I would like to see this added in Valley View Park in the winter. I'd like to see the trail network	4/5/2022 8:51 PM

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connect to Valley View Park and I think the winter use of the trail network could bring people to this winter warming shelter on occasion as well as serving skaters.

25	No	4/4/2022 10:29 PM
26	Large area for free skate would be nice	4/4/2022 10:17 PM
27	Yes! Get rid of 1 of the soccer fields at blue park as rarely are all 4 used.	4/4/2022 9:55 PM
28	I would love to see this especially the separate spaces for hockey and free skating. Unsure of where it would be located.	4/4/2022 9:04 PM
29	No opinion	4/4/2022 11:43 AM
30	Not needed. Would flooding the baseball field be an option?	4/3/2022 8:08 PM
31	Strongly disagree. The ice rinks do get used but not often enough to justify a permanent structure.	4/3/2022 1:23 PM
32	I know the town would love this!	4/2/2022 4:33 PM
33	Not sure if possible, but would be nice in the splashpad area, utilizing the shelter and the concession area for warming, but again, it must be policed.	4/2/2022 3:12 PM
34	Absolutely this would be a great idea! The rinks are a special treat each winter and we really appreciate the hard work that goes into building and maintaining them. Would it be possible to put the rinks in the Veterans Park field area? It's often too low for other sports because it can get wet. It's an under utilized area. This helps keep the activity near downtown too, centrally located.	4/2/2022 1:51 PM
35	Nope. Will never use BUT if a private sponsor builds and pays for then it can happen	4/2/2022 6:19 AM
36	I do not support. Would be a burden on the tax payer.	4/1/2022 11:43 AM
37	The open area near veterans park	4/1/2022 6:50 AM
38	In the open area next to the veterans park would be a great location...downtown, fully visible in busier area of village & police station Parking options- across the street at Pauquette Park, bank parking lot during off hours & street parking. Or Old Settlers Trail Park street parking or adding small parking lot Or The open space park on Colby Blvd. parking could be an issue as it's only street parking.	3/31/2022 11:01 PM
39	No	3/31/2022 9:22 PM
40	Basketball court	3/31/2022 8:24 PM
41	No in favor. How many people would use it? Who would maintain it during the winter?	3/31/2022 6:46 PM
42	Memorial Park	3/31/2022 6:35 PM
43	No comment	3/31/2022 6:21 PM
44	Pauquette	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
45	My family would not use this	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
46	Kids love this but need cameras to get bad kids to be good	3/31/2022 4:59 PM
47	If permanent we may not have so many people ruining the temporary rink.	3/31/2022 4:46 PM
48	Wouldn't support it. What we have is sufficient	3/31/2022 3:33 PM
49	I strongly oppose this. There is a lot of maintenance and up keep to for a hockey rink and without a hockey team or club hockey team, in town, it would be very costly to operate.	3/31/2022 12:05 PM
50	Don't forget to add many cameras! Or maybe only access is through a membership to track who may vandalize it, like how the library uses library cards	3/31/2022 12:00 PM
51	Would be ok	3/31/2022 11:08 AM
52	With our spotty winter weather, I like the temporary skating rink that is set up and taken down.	3/31/2022 11:00 AM
53	where? worth it for the limited months?	3/31/2022 10:49 AM

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54	I don't think this is necessary. I'd rather see funds go to other projects.	3/31/2022 10:14 AM
55	No comment	3/31/2022 9:58 AM
56	X	3/31/2022 9:54 AM
57	I don't know where this would go but it would be awesome if we could skate all of the time!	3/31/2022 9:39 AM
58	Next to the community garden and veterans memorial would be a good spot	3/31/2022 9:34 AM
59	I think this would be good, given all the troubles we've had with vandalism the last few years	3/31/2022 9:31 AM
60	We do enjoy the skate rink and appreciate those that put it up and maintain most definitely... but I don't feel like we need a perm want one.	3/31/2022 9:30 AM
61	Nope. Would never get consistent use	3/31/2022 9:24 AM
62	Ours current one is good for the amount it is used	3/31/2022 9:24 AM
63	No ideas here.	3/31/2022 9:17 AM
64	Not important to us but I don't oppose it.	3/31/2022 8:53 AM
65	Do not know	3/31/2022 8:51 AM
66	Don't support	3/29/2022 9:53 PM
67	Don't care	3/27/2022 4:14 PM
68	No	3/27/2022 2:58 PM
69	Propose it be placed in a well lit area for evening	3/26/2022 4:47 PM
70	Site should be dual purpose like Lodi, low cost	3/26/2022 4:45 PM
71	Depends on the location	3/26/2022 8:34 AM
72	Build a permanent space for hockey and ice skating.	3/25/2022 8:12 PM
73	Parking is an issue but the Old Settlers park would be great spot for winter activities	3/25/2022 4:59 PM
74	Nuetral	3/25/2022 1:55 PM
75	no opinion on this	3/25/2022 8:21 AM
76	Splash park would be a good fit for this. There is parking, bathrooms, tons of green space. How many soccer fields does this small town need?	3/24/2022 6:45 PM
77	Would LOVE to see this happen. Another consideration would be to have a year round hockey and/or skating rink. Valley View park already has a nice pavilion. Maybe just expand this building?	3/24/2022 5:49 PM
78	I do not think this is necessary. I think other projects would be a much better use of money.	3/24/2022 4:28 PM
79	It would probably be easier on the staff to have a permanent rink.	3/24/2022 2:48 PM
80	I like the idea, but lack the ingenuity.	3/24/2022 1:30 PM
81	Yes!!!! Put it by the Community Garden or, as I think I understand there will be a new Park in the new development that is being proposed at the West end of North St.	3/23/2022 4:14 PM
82	Yes, a nice addition. Between community garden and main street would work, that space is under-utilized.	3/23/2022 11:57 AM
83	It would be a good winter activity to get people out of the house. Cannot think of location	3/23/2022 7:37 AM
84	No opion	3/22/2022 9:34 PM
85	This would be nice to have downtown next to the veterans memorial in the grassy area.	3/22/2022 8:55 PM
86	Haven't used it, I've only lived here a year with no kids. No input, but a good idea!	3/22/2022 8:30 PM
87	Waste of money. The temporary one is barely used. No need for a permanent skating rink.	3/22/2022 5:31 PM
88	I Propose having it at Valley View Park where there is already an unused water resource, and	3/22/2022 3:50 PM

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	moving the soccer park to Jamieson park, or expand to new sub development.	
89	Indifferent	3/22/2022 2:17 PM
90	We live the ice skating rink, but realistically it is only usable a out 2 months out of the year. What would it be the rest of the year?	3/22/2022 1:47 PM
91	Great idea!	3/22/2022 1:33 PM
92	There is an open field across from the new paved trail going into town. Not sure who owns that but it would be a good spot	3/22/2022 1:17 PM
93	The temporary skating rink seems to be sufficient for current interest.	3/22/2022 1:02 PM
94	We wouldnt utilize this. Sorry.	3/22/2022 12:25 PM
95	Fix the roads and pay less taxes	3/22/2022 12:04 PM
96	I've never visited the ice skating facilities, but would like to. No comment on amenities or location, but I do enjoy having it available.	3/22/2022 12:02 PM
97	This is interesting, and I would support it, but it is something that could be enjoyed for such a small part of the year. I think a permanent rink could be great, but I don't think we'd need something huge or with an additional building (to limit costs).	3/22/2022 12:00 PM
98	This would be nice, but I would like to see other ways it could also be used during the rest of the year. Could be located open field where CS/Q split on the sound end of town, near the fields at Valley View Park, or near the new kickball field by the elementary school.	3/22/2022 11:37 AM
99	I think this is a great idea. People love the skating rinks and it's a good winter sport activity. It's nice to see on Main Street but I know it may be better to have over at Valley View Park.	3/22/2022 11:32 AM
100	I don't have thoughts on location, but I do know it would be appreciated and add more skaters/hockey players.	3/22/2022 11:25 AM
101	Not sure about a permanent but why not have it at the park with the splash pad. You have an area with bathrooms and food. Could make removable panels for the area with the tables for a warming area	3/22/2022 11:16 AM

Q9 What other potential improvements to Poynette's parks and trails would you support the Village making over the next five years, if any?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 144

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Tennis courts would be ideal. Also it's a shame we don't have a functional baseball field on north street by the new school. That was built and now with no infield, it seems like an opportunity wasted. Can we get a fundraiser going for that to get completed?	4/21/2022 9:15 PM
2	What ever happened to the skate board park? That was the "flavor of the day" for awhile, just like the ICE RINKS(!?) ARE NOW!	4/20/2022 2:28 PM
3	Who will be responsible for maintaining the parks excellence? Need to be free of debris, branches, stumps twigs etc. needs to be neat and tidy.	4/20/2022 1:24 PM
4	.	4/19/2022 1:43 PM
5	The playground is Paquette Park NEEDS to be addressed. I don't take my kids there anymore because of it's condition- rusting and broken parts are a real safety hazard. Add native plantings to grassy areas to save resources (savings in staff time and reduction of emissions). Pollinator plants help the environment, look beautiful, reduce the need to mow, and require virtually no maintenance once established after their first year. Turning Colby Park into a pollinator demonstration garden with educational interpretative signage would be a great use if that space that doesn't require additional budget once it's planted and established... plus, the crew wouldn't need to mow there anymore. It's a win win.	4/17/2022 6:21 PM
6	A New Basketball court somewhere in town. Maybe some more bathrooms, new trails connecting to Jamieson Park	4/16/2022 1:20 PM
7	more playground equipment and activities for kids to do	4/15/2022 6:11 PM
8	Turn one of the soccer fields into a full time football field for the youth to use.	4/15/2022 6:31 AM
9	Playgrounds and something for the youth	4/14/2022 6:45 PM
10	Bike trail system like CamRock	4/14/2022 6:05 PM
11	Yeah	4/14/2022 3:32 PM
12	Zip lines, more for older kiddos at splash pad(it's like for 3 years old and younger), more water things, basket hoops/ court, bigger swings for older kiddos/ adults to sit and swing, a roller slide, a "ninja" course, more area to ride bikes safely, more walking area in woods and out without poop from dogs. Could add the park they took down from now the middle school and put up at one of the parks or at the park that only has grass.	4/14/2022 8:17 AM
13	Adding basketball courts	4/13/2022 8:09 PM
14	Better splash pad with warmer water. Dog park by splash pad. Updated play sets.	4/13/2022 2:03 PM
15	Upgrading/fixing playground equipment and shelters.	4/13/2022 1:35 PM
16	A tennis court Volleyball court Newer playground equipment Another splash pad or a community outside pool A larger dog park, if a swimming area with it would be awesome	4/12/2022 10:08 PM
17	I would just recommend the town do a better job at taking care of Columbia Park. Stating that the landscape was "excellent" at your visit is true considering spring just started. I invite you to come back for a visit in the summer months to look again. The town mows 2x a month in the summer, so every other week. The grass gets so long it looks like it's a prairie. Then when do do now it's like a hayfield because it was so long. They don't do any trimming around the black edging of the playground or anything for that matter! so the grass grows up taller then the edging. It looks terrible. The town works does the bare minimum at Columbia park. It's sad. They spend more time driving by the park in there town truck then they spend mowing or doing up keep! All facts.	4/12/2022 12:44 PM

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18	Please don't forget about how important quiet spaces are in our parks. We don't always have to have "more things" to enjoy the parks. We need to take a serious look at the condition of what we presently have before adding more items that would need upkeep. As a village, we don't take care of what we have in our parks very well. We would like to see dogs on leash signage at all parks, this is a liability with ball tournaments, hiking trails and playground equipment. There have been many close calls with other dogs and elderly park users. Also, dog waste receptacles and sturdy receptacles at each park are needed. Driving around to other communities shows that the general upkeep, trimming, mowing, stick pick up, litter pick up is needed to be put on a daily schedule. Every day. Pay our village workers more to do that and then check to see that it is done. At this point, we really need to take pride in what we have and figure out how to do that every day.	4/9/2022 8:12 AM
19	I would like to see some of our current facilities maintained before we make more additions. New is always good but requires maintenance. Let's make sure what we have is in very good condition before adding more to maintain.	4/9/2022 7:56 AM
20	Trail from McMillan road to Jamison Park - Trails Trails Trails used year round by all ages ... easy to maintain	4/7/2022 5:49 AM
21	I would like to see our parks connected to each other by trails. Obviously people could walk our village streets, but I think groups of cyclists are safer traveling on paths or marked side streets as they travel from the High School campus to downtown or from downtown to the Elementary School. I feel like we kind of have a network established and can expand on that in the near future.	4/5/2022 8:51 PM
22	Fishing spot would be fantastic	4/4/2022 10:17 PM
23	-Outdoor pool!! Wouls give high school kids a job in the summer and kids (older than pre school) somewhere to cool off. -More family rec so we can stop leaving town to find some - basketball court with lights to use after dark -adult rec teams -atv trails or snowmobile trails - community activities, all of them. -bathrooms open after hours and on halloween trick or treating. Worst when kids need to use and doors are locked. -fix broken equipment at parks and update rainbow park items	4/4/2022 9:55 PM
24	Adding basketball courts, ample restrooms, and drinking fountains.	4/4/2022 9:04 PM
25	Playground equipment especially at valley park and rainbow park need to be addressed. Many parts are broken/breaking and potentially unsafe	4/4/2022 11:43 AM
26	Connecting the trails. Both paved and wooded. Adding mountain bike friendly trails. Adding fitness equipment to a park location.	4/3/2022 8:08 PM
27	Dog park in town, higher maintenance of the splash pad	4/2/2022 4:33 PM
28	New, safe playground equipment that is well maintained.	4/2/2022 3:12 PM
29	Keep expanding the trials and parks as best as possible. One small frustration is especially coming off the new trail from Bluebird Circle to Main Street, to continue to bike to the soccer field area (for example) it is really hard to ride bikes with little kids down Main Street. Often there isn't a "ramp" for bikes to cross the road when using the sidewalk. It's quite a jolt to new bikers trying to get around town when you can't bike easily using the sidewalks. Too many curbs without curb cuts.	4/2/2022 1:51 PM
30	Skateboarding park! Better nighttime lighting for safety. Better lawn maintenance. Keep up on the wood chip levels. Keep up on the maintenance for park signage.	4/2/2022 11:56 AM
31	I would like to see an RC car park, me and friends would be willing to help maintain it also	4/2/2022 11:29 AM
32	Trails connecting all over for biking and walking and placing garbage cans through. Would love a community center like Waunakee has built. It has a stage for performance. Equipment for working out and indoor walking area. Plus they offer resident one very low price and non-resident another all very reasonable. We need an indoor facility for winter months for ALL ages.	4/2/2022 6:19 AM
33	I think a pump track (for bikes) would be great to see for kids/adults. Also some paved trails for families to go out on bikes/walk and not have to worry about traffic	4/1/2022 11:43 AM
34	More trails	4/1/2022 6:50 AM
35	Tennis/volleyball courts Fitness stations Potential location could be Open area park on Colby	3/31/2022 11:01 PM

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36	Please add more to the splash pad. So many use it and there could be so many cooler things and half the stuff never works.	3/31/2022 9:22 PM
37	Basketball court	3/31/2022 8:24 PM
38	What about adding volleyball courts? Cameras in the park/parks for supervision.	3/31/2022 6:46 PM
39	No comment	3/31/2022 6:21 PM
40	Redo the trails	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
41	More equipment/ slides at the splash pad. Maybe enhance the splash pad with more things.	3/31/2022 6:10 PM
42	Anything to give family and friend and kids things to do and things to look forward to	3/31/2022 4:59 PM
43	Netting for the baseball fencing and basketball ball court at Paquette and Colby Park.	3/31/2022 4:46 PM
44	I like the trails the village has to offer. An improvement could be made with the drainage of the paved trails possibly. Seems like they have a lot of standing water	3/31/2022 12:05 PM
45	Another splash pad with mote options. Many people from the area outside of poynette are using the one we have and plugging it up	3/31/2022 12:00 PM
46	Playground equipment	3/31/2022 11:08 AM
47	Hate to say it but as I get older, bathrooms along the walking paths is something I really look for.	3/31/2022 11:00 AM
48	Tennis courts!	3/31/2022 10:14 AM
49	Our family uses the trails frequently and its great to see that the villiage is looking at these so closely. I would just hope that expanding the trails doesn't impact the quality of the existing trails. We also use the path around the ball diamonds atleast 3 times a week, please when considering things, don't remove that.	3/31/2022 10:03 AM
50	No comment	3/31/2022 9:58 AM
51	X	3/31/2022 9:54 AM
52	Additional basketball courts, with Full court capabilities with sound backboards, and a nice surface to practice on. During the summer students are always looking for a nice Court to play at, and unfortunately there are no basketball courts in Poynette	3/31/2022 9:50 AM
53	trails to potentially connect Jamieson park to the village would be amazing.	3/31/2022 9:45 AM
54	I definitely would love to see a fitness park and stuff for the older kids!	3/31/2022 9:39 AM
55	Fitness course for sure. Colby park would be an excellent space for this.	3/31/2022 9:34 AM
56	The park in the pauquette pines neighborhood could use some love. Potentially maybe a 1/2 basketball court or a few hoops. Population has really grown there in the past 5 years and there's a lot more young families that utilize that park every day!	3/31/2022 9:31 AM
57	Nicer basketball courts and playground at the Park next to Police Department.	3/31/2022 9:30 AM
58	Ball fields. Fencing. Concessions. Restrooms. Storage.	3/31/2022 9:24 AM
59	More hiking/biking trails would be wonderful.	3/31/2022 9:17 AM
60	Bigger splash pad	3/31/2022 8:53 AM
61	More student involvement for the upkeep like they used to...	3/31/2022 8:51 AM
62	Volleyball and tennis courts	3/29/2022 9:53 PM
63	Improve the area of the trail in the park that runs adjacent to the trail around the baseball fields. It is seemingly graded poorly. It always floods over it and gets dangerously icy. Maybe another garbage can near the trail heads. Lots more litter from trail goers.	3/27/2022 4:14 PM
64	Yes	3/27/2022 2:58 PM
65	8 pickleball courts for day/evening play	3/26/2022 4:47 PM

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66	Bring in more food trucks, community orchard, maybe skate park	3/26/2022 4:45 PM
67	Parking lots could use work at Pauquette and Jamieson Parks. The south entrance to Pauquette is too steep	3/26/2022 8:34 AM
68	A park needs to be put in the Valley Rd, Blue bird circle area. More children in the area and no park.	3/26/2022 7:56 AM
69	More trails and space for running. More picnic and family friendly areas.	3/25/2022 8:12 PM
70	Making our paths bikeable would be a huge asset to our community. The main shelter downtown needs a complete overhaul or replacement. The shelter is dirty and run down, the birds poop on everything. It's truly an eyesore and I would never rent it for an event as is.	3/25/2022 4:59 PM
71	Definitely a zipline as we have to go to other towns to use a zipline and the kids love them	3/25/2022 1:55 PM
72	A rec center for our kids would be a great added benefit. Include indoor and outdoor activities. We do not have anything for our teen-aged kids to do in town. They often travel to Lodi to do these when we could provide it here.	3/25/2022 8:21 AM
73	There seems to always be talk about adding to the parks, but rarely does there seem to be anything about improving or maintaining what we already have. The bathrooms at the downtown park could use updating. The bubbler outside that bathroom is too high off the ground for kids to use, I'm always having to pick up kid and their friends to get a drink. The wood chips and sandboxes always seem to have tons of weeds growing in them.	3/24/2022 6:45 PM
74	Dog poop bag dispensers with garbage bin and pick up. Year round hockey rink OR roller hockey rink.	3/24/2022 5:49 PM
75	I would love to see more trails for biking/walking in the area. I do not have additional ideas than what have been offered here. I do think that expanding the recreation department to offer classes would be great, especially since there are not a lot of recreation departments offering classes and camps in our immediate area.	3/24/2022 4:28 PM
76	None other than mentioned, but would like to thank you for your work.	3/24/2022 2:48 PM
77	None	3/24/2022 1:30 PM
78	I think that's enough for now.	3/23/2022 4:14 PM
79	Plow them in the winter so they can be used year-round. A garden tractor with a blade would get the job done in a couple hours at most.	3/23/2022 11:57 AM
80	Anything to get kids and especially adults outside and active. Some sort of outdoor exercise course, things that can hold up in the winter or easily be taken down and stored	3/23/2022 7:37 AM
81	Love the idea of a fishing pier with handicap access	3/22/2022 9:34 PM
82	Agree with improving hiking, biking trail system. Consider having tennis court and basketball hoops in town and a more permanent ice rink. Zip line would be fun for the kids if upgrading play equipment. Consider mountain bike track in sandy area by valley view park. Consider cosmetic improvements to pauquette park as this is the centerpiece of the downtown - parking area, entrance and pavilion are currently run down looking	3/22/2022 8:55 PM
83	More human & doggy drinking water stations?	3/22/2022 8:30 PM
84	I would love to see a basketball court in the Columbia Park.	3/22/2022 7:23 PM
85	Doggie bag stations and more garbage cans. I like the fitness course idea.	3/22/2022 6:21 PM
86	connect parks with trails	3/22/2022 5:46 PM
87	More things people without children would also enjoy doing. ie music performances, festivals/fairs, events such as food trucks, wine tasting, craft fairs etc Do something in the community center that can be utilized by many like a workout area/gym so people don't have to leave town and go to Lodi or Portage	3/22/2022 5:31 PM
88	Enforce our sidewalk ordinance so people can get to all places by walking. We as a society need to encourage activity and can be something as simple as walking to the Library, grocery store, home from a bar, taking your children on a stroller ride to a park or school event.	3/22/2022 3:50 PM

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89	Path, updating equipment	3/22/2022 2:17 PM
90	Refurbished park signs, better lawn care, better lighting for safety.	3/22/2022 1:33 PM
91	Add a permanent StoryWalk (like in Baraboo) to one of the trails near downtown / schools / public library.	3/22/2022 1:30 PM
92	More trails and maybe more lighting for night use	3/22/2022 1:17 PM
93	Basketball, tennis courts. Expansion / updates of playground equipment. Extending trails. Programming for children!!!	3/22/2022 1:02 PM
94	Improvement at Rowan Creek would be my recommendation.	3/22/2022 12:25 PM
95	What about a Little Free Art Gallery, similar to a Little Free Library? We have a lot of children who participate in the arts, never mind adults!	3/22/2022 12:06 PM
96	Fix the roads and pay less taxes	3/22/2022 12:04 PM
97	Against advisement of the signage, mountain biking along the Rowan Creek trails is a very good time. I think a dedicated off-road bicycling area would be very fun, similar to what's available at Sheehan Park in Sun Prairie or the cyclocross biking area of Northeast Park in Madison. Some of the recently deforested areas around the Rowan Creek trails could accommodate this activity.	3/22/2022 12:02 PM
98	Definitely improve the play area by rainbow park. I also think any additional trails would be wonderful. I think outdoor activities for teens/adults would be great, too (basketball court, outdoor exercise equipment).	3/22/2022 12:00 PM
99	New basketball/pickleball/street hockey courts (with adjustable hoops or a shorter option for young kids)	3/22/2022 11:37 AM
100	Connecting the trails from the school over to Jamieson Park	3/22/2022 11:32 AM
101	Add gravel or wood chips to the path along Rowan creek. Would make it a little less muddy	3/22/2022 11:16 AM
102	lights, and more food truck locations	3/22/2022 11:15 AM