

**Parks and Recreation Committee Agenda
July 18, 2023
Reedsburg City Hall Council Chambers
5:15 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 20, 2023:

THE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT DISCUSS THESE TOPICS, AND WILL NOT TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THEM AT THIS MEETING

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration of draft (2) of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)
- B. Consideration of naming Granite Avenue area Mackey Park
- C. Consideration of changes to park hours ordinance
- D. Update of department projects and programs

II. ADJOURN:



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Reedsburg, WI 53959
June 20, 2023

The Parks and Recreation Committee convened in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. at the Reedsburg City Hall Council Chamber with the following members present:

Present: Phil Peterson
Tom Seamonson
Aaron Bauer
Jake Stanek
Missy Frenz

Also Present: Matthew Miller, Melissa Hunt-Vierbicher, Tim Becker, Monica Liegel and Oris Smith

Minutes: Moved by Frenz, seconded by Seamonson to approve May 16, 2023 minutes.

Motion Carried 5-0

1. Discussion of City Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).

No Action Taken

2. Consideration of possible new park names.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Stanek to name future park on South Webb and Granite Avenue Mackey Park.

Motion Carried 5-0

3. Consideration of the creation of paved walking paths around Industrial Park retention ponds.

Moved by Frenz, seconded by Seamonson to approve the conceptual plan for walking trail in the Industrial Park.

Motion Carried 5-0

4. Update of department projects and programs.

No Action Taken

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Frenz to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

Motion Carried 5-0

Submitted by Matt Scott

City of Reedsburg

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) 2023-2028



Acknowledgments

We would like to thank the following individuals and entities for their roles in this Plan's Process!

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Timothy Becker, City Administrator
Jacob Crosetto, City Clerk-Treasurer

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Matt Scott, Parks and Recreation Director
Timothy Becker, City Administrator

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RESOLUTION -23

WHEREAS, The City of Reedsburg has need for a continuing outdoor recreation planning program based on sound planning principles and long-range goals and objectives for the City's recreation development; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the outdoor recreation plan was prepared and thoroughly reviewed by the Reedsburg Park and Recreation Committee, and the necessary revision were included in the final report; and

WHEREAS, the plan will serve as a guide for making future decision related to the expansion and development of needed recreation areas in Reedsburg

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Reedsburg that it goes on record to adopt the Reedsburg Outdoor Recreation Plan 2023 - 2028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide continued eligibility to Reedsburg for participation in the various recreation cost sharing programs administered by the Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

David G. Estes, Mayor

Jacob Crosetto, Clerk/Treasurer

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF SAUK)

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly and regularly passed by the Common Council of the City of Reedsburg on the 28th day of August 2023. And that said resolution has not been repealed or amended, and is now in full force and effect.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2023

City Clerk

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NRPA Classifications

Play/Tot Lot

The play lot is the smallest unit of the park system in terms of size and area that it would serve and is generally considered a substitute for a backyard. The primary function of a play lot is intended to serve preschool children and usually in areas of high-density housing as well as areas with a high concentration of multiple family housing.

Neighborhood Playground/Park

A neighborhood playground/park is a "walk to" park serving the people of a residential area with a service radius of one-half mile. The playground often coincides with an elementary school and may often adjoin and complement the school facility if it is intended to serve the same age group. The age of the user group ranges from 6-11 years old. These parks should be placed away from busy streets and should have easy access.

Neighborhood Park

A neighborhood park is a "walk to" park serving the people of a residential area with a service radius of approximately one-half mile. The park is to provide recreational activities for all age groups. Some things you may see at a neighborhood park are picnic tables, benches, walkways, play equipment, plaques, statues, and special plantings. The most important function of the neighborhood park is to meet the distinctive recreation needs of the neighborhood it serves. Since recreation needs vary from one neighborhood to another, depending upon age, income, and preferences of its residents, the facilities and programs of a neighborhood should not be rigidly standardized, but should be designed to meet the particular requirements of each individual neighborhood. Neighborhood parks should not be located on arterial streets in order that people using the facility can walk or ride bikes to the park more safely.

Street Islands

Street Islands are generally located in proximity to a street intersection and separate lanes of traffic. These areas can be as large as 6,500 sq. feet and some features may include benches and plantings.

Community Park

A community park is a facility designed to provide a combination of passive and active recreational activities for the entire community. A community park is larger and contains more facilities than a neighborhood park and may provide community playfield facilities for organized leagues and teams in which are not provided at neighborhood parks.

Community parks should be dispersed throughout the community; however, their location is highly dependent on securing a site of large enough size, which provides a variety of natural amenities and physical features. Community parks, including both land-based and water-based activities is preferable.

Community parks should be located on collector or arterial streets to provide easy access by residents of the community. In addition, since these parks attract a large number of people, they should be well buffered from adjacent residential areas.

Special Area Facilities

Special area facilities play an important role in fulfilling the community's needs for special outdoor recreation activities. These activities are provided for the benefit of the entire community, but for various reasons have not been incorporated into the community park setting. Rather, these facilities have been designed to provide one major activity on site with secondary activities provided only if the area is of sufficient size. Although these facilities may operate separately from the other parks in the city, they are a valuable component of the entire park system.

Waterfront Corridors

A waterfront corridor is a land owned by the city which abuts either a lake or a river but which is not part of any specific park. The width of these corridors ranges from 10 feet to over 100 feet and provide the opportunity for public access to portions of a city's waterways.

Introduction

The City of Reedsburg lies in the heart of Sauk County, Wisconsin along the Baraboo River. Reedsburg has been a member city of "[Tree City USA](#)" since 2013, and a member of "[Bird City Wisconsin](#)" since 2014. To serve its estimated 10,181 residents, the City of Reedsburg Parks and Recreation Department oversees more than two dozen recreational facilities with indoor and outdoor, passive and active uses such as parks, conservancies, nature areas, and more. The facilities offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities to residents, guests, and folks visiting from elsewhere.

The parks system reflects community pride while preserving scenic and natural areas. Given the vital roles recreational spaces play in a community, the City of Reedsburg Parks and Recreation Department pursues proper park planning to meet residents' recreational needs and desires while providing beautiful natural areas. To accomplish this, understanding trends in the community's social and physical characteristics plus existing conditions compared to facility standards is essential.

This document is the 2023-2028 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for the City of Reedsburg, Sauk County, Wisconsin. The introduction covers social and physical characteristics of the City, a summary of the preceding CORP's successes and dreams yet to be realized, how this Plan was prepared, and the goals, objectives, and action items that inform the Implementation Matrix. The Outdoor Recreation Supply Inventory evaluates current and planned facilities, while the Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment evaluates the needs and desires of residents for certain facilities alongside the potential budgeting implications. This Plan concludes with the "Implementation Matrix," which recommends projects that fulfill residents' needs while outlining budget, timeframes, and potential partners. Expanded information on community information, such as demographics, may be viewed within the appendices.

Figure 1: Population Pyramid



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, S0101 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates. Accessed by Vierbicher staff April 20, 2023.

<https://data.census.gov/table?q=160XX00US5566800&tid=ACST5Y2021.S0101>

The Wisconsin Department of Administration estimates the City of Reedsburg has 10,181 residents, while the 2020 U.S. Census estimates 9,984 people live in the City of Reedsburg, a 7.85 percent population increase from the 2010 U.S. Census count of 9,200. This growth exceeds Sauk County's 5.75 percent population growth during the same timeframe, from 61,976 to 65,763 residents (**Appendix A**). Ninety-five percent of residents were one race, with 'White' (88.3 percent of city pop.) and 'Black or African-American' (1.3 percent of city pop.) being the largest cohorts, while five percent of city residents were two or more races. The Reedsburg School District has a 2022-2023 enrollment of 2,628 students from Early Childhood (EC) to 12th grade (**Appendix A**). Population growth necessitates sufficient recreation space for the number of residents plus the amenities that serve certain age groups.

To determine population trends, U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates from 2011 and 2021 were used (**Appendix A**). Reedsburg, like many communities, has an aging population, as reflected in the median age increasing from an estimated 34.6 years old in 2011 to 36.4 years old in 2021.

An aging population has implications for provisioning park facilities and their amenities, among other things. As an example, the 55- to 59-year-old population cohort represents 611 residents, and the 65-to-69-year-old cohort represents 377 residents in 2021 (**Figure 1**). As the 55- to 59-year-old population cohort ages ten years, the group will be nearly twice the population size as the 65-to-69-year-old age group currently in Reedsburg. As a result, recreation spaces and programming must continue to adapt, welcoming people of all ages and physical abilities. The workout equipment in Wellness Park (park #9 on the **City of Reedsburg Parks Map**) is an infrastructure example, while an adult yoga class is a programming example of adapting to population trends.

The city's largest cohort – the 5-to-9-year-old cohort comprising 1,021 residents (655 boys, 366 girls) in 2021 – has its own needs now and as it ages. Youth sports over the next decade will have a larger resident pool to support with activities such as youth football, and then will be followed by the current under-5-year-old cohort that is half the size (an estimated 509 residents in 2021). This represents a cautionary tale about expanding infrastructure to support an age group with many people, only to be followed by a cohort smaller in size that may not use expanded facilities to their maximum potential.

Employment Fast Facts:

- The City of Reedsburg has an estimated 7,395 residents aged sixteen (16) or older; 4,952 residents are in the labor force, while 2,443 residents are not in the labor force.
- The unemployment rate is an estimated 2.0 percent
- The city's employment rate is 65.6 percent.
- Median household income is \$56,080.
- Around 21.2 percent of the city's population possesses a bachelor's degree or higher education.

Notable local employers:

- Lands End Inc.
- Grede Foundries, Inc.
- Seats, Inc.
- NUK USA, LLC
- Primex Plastics Corporation
- Lakeside Foods
- Reedsburg Area Medical Center
- Reedsburg School District
- Sauk County Health & Human Services

Figure 2: Industry by Occupation for Residents Sixteen Years and Older

Label	Estimate
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	4,851
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	82
Construction	164
Manufacturing	1,065
Wholesale trade	84
Retail trade	833
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	218
Information	83
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	157
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	152
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,065
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	590
Other services, except public administration	217
Public administration	141

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, S2405 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates. Accessed by Vierbicher staff April 20, 2023.

<https://data.census.gov/table?g=160XX00US556800&tid=ACST5Y2021.S2405>

Reedsburg – Geography

The City of Reedsburg experiences a Warm Summer Continental Climate per the Köppen Climate Classification with hot, humid summers and cold winters (**Appendix A**).

Reedsburg lies north of the Baraboo Range, whose western extents mark the farthest glaciation during the last Ice Age. Going further west, one enters the Driftless Area, which did not experience glaciation during the Last Ice Age.

Several water bodies exist within or near Reedsburg. Babb Creek, Hay Creek, and Copper Creek are tributaries to the Baraboo River, which passes through the city's western extents. Additionally, Lake Virginia lies east of the city near State Highway 23 (STH 23) and the privately owned Plenke's Pond is in Reedsburg's southwestern extents and open to the public.

Several city facilities, such as the Haycreek Nature Area, Popple Nature Area, Webb Park, future Farmer's Market (former Star Cinema site), Monument Park, Granite Avenue Recreation Area boat ramp, Smith Conservancy, and South Park (including the dog park) enjoy water access. This affords Reedsburg residents ample access to water and its recreational opportunities. At the same time, it represents a challenge to park maintenance and planning. Given the flooding experienced in 2008 and 2018 along the Baraboo River and future potential for higher variance weather events, current and future recreational areas or facilities near water must balance accessibility with maintenance and survivability.

The 2018 to 2022 City of Reedsburg CORP served as a guide for park planning and maintenance in addition to outlining future paths forward for amenities. Several assumptions were made in the course of the plan, including: population growth lower than what was seen post-2000, flat school population projections, and increased input / demand from citizen groups to upgrade or develop recreational facilities. These assumptions tracked accurately with conditions seen during the life of the plan.

The former CORP contained a Policy Plan, with the goal:

Develop the City of Reedsburg's parks and open space resources to their fullest recreational potential while meeting the diverse recreational needs of the community.

This goal had four (4) objectives supported by several policies apiece. What follows are highlights of accomplished activities, plus some things that were not accomplished under the former plan that now represent opportunities this new CORP plan hopes to fulfill for the City.

Accomplishments: Former Objective 1-1 aimed to "provide adequate park, recreation, and open space facilities to meet the diverse needs of the community." In the years since the former CORP's passage, several parks have received new equipment, including a splash pad at Webb Park (see **Figure 3**), while new areas to be further developed have come under the City's control, such as the former Star Cinema site at the corner of Main St. and Webb Ave.

Objective 1-2 sought to minimize cost for park and open space development. **Grant opportunities, sponsors, and benefitted parties donating time, talent, and treasure have helped the City create or maintain recreational facilities.**

Objective 1-3 pursued safe and hazard-free parks and recreational facilities. In the intervening time, equipment deemed dangerous under CPSC or ASTM regulations, such as animal swings, seesaws, merry-go-rounds, and metal slides were removed from several park facilities.

Figure 3: Webb Park Splash Pad



Source: Vierbicher staff, April 25 2023.

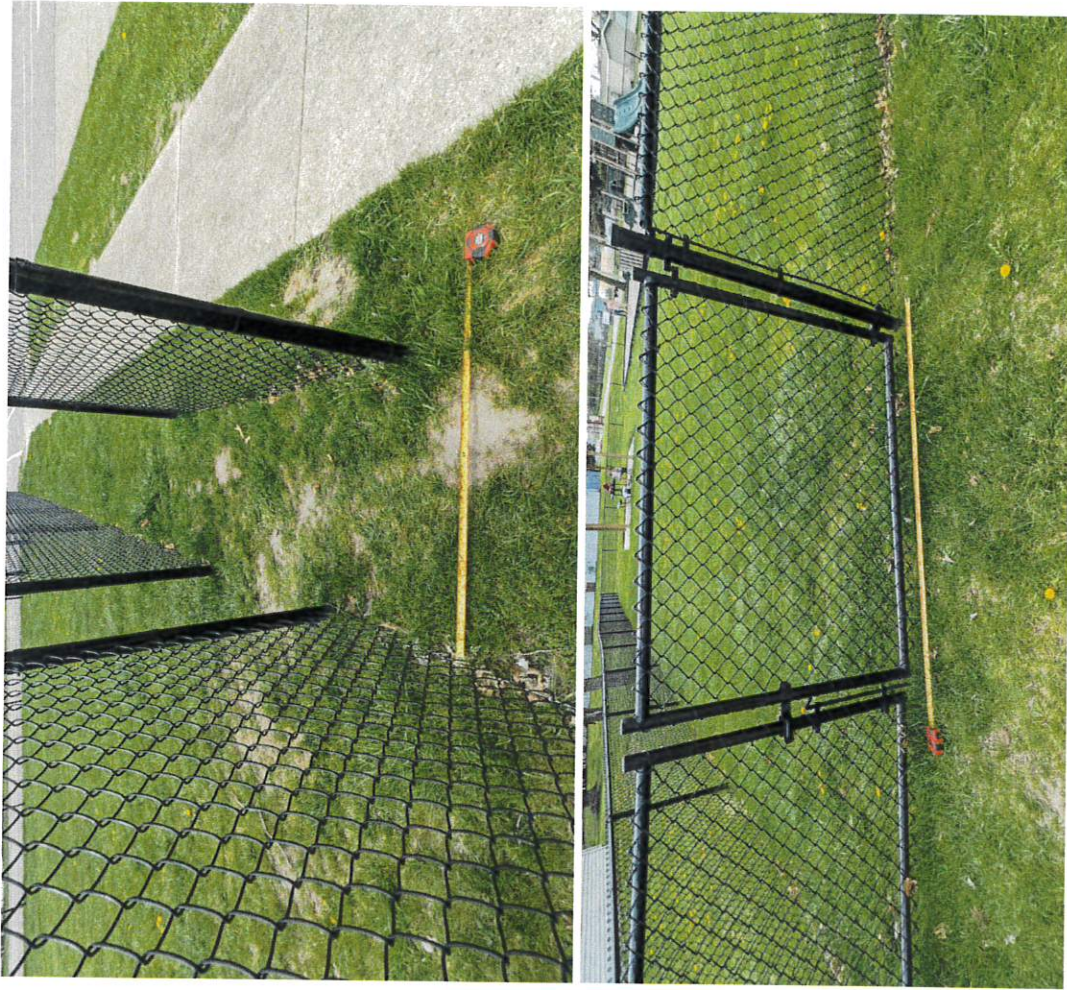
Opportunities Yet To Be Fulfilled: The Reedsburg Parks and Recreation Department has done a great job maintaining and updating existing recreation facilities while also bringing new public lands under their management. Of course, it is impossible to do everything, and so some objectives and policies from the former CORP plan were not completed due to time and/or monetary constraints. It is the intention that these important progress markers are not cast aside; their brief reference here is done to help inform the goals, objectives, and action items for this new CORP.

Some supporting policies for former Objective 1-1 have not been completed. Policies 1-1.3 & 1-1.5 regarding fulfilling needs of residents with disabilities (ADA standards) and park access leave room for improvement. For example, Sauey Park has an entry gate that would be challenging for a wheelchair user to navigate, and the gate for mower / maintenance access that could work takes a person through grass (**Figure 4**). In conjunction with the pavilion / shelter discussion below, a new amenity's location should try to lean on existing sidewalk access (if any) to bolster accessibility while lessening cost.

Reedsburg covers an estimated 6.19 square miles, with an estimated 2.13 square miles zoned for residential land uses. Nearly 87.8 percent of the City's residentially-zoned lands are within a quarter-mile of city-owned park or recreation facilities. Approximately 96.2 percent of the City's residentially-zoned land is within a quarter mile from school district sites or city-owned park and recreation facilities.

Some of former Objective 1-4's policies to support "keep[ing] our parks beautiful and well maintained" have not reached fruition. For example, Policy 1-4.2 desired to "construct picnic pavilions at all parks that don't have one now or are in need of a new one." The **Outdoor Recreation Supply Inventory Chart** on page 16 reports that some parks, such as 20th St. Park, do not have a pavilion (shelter). Similarly, Policy 1-4.4 desired "to maintain and improve restroom facilities at parks." While some places have received new or renovated bathroom facilities, such as City Park, other parks such as Oak Park, Anna Stone Park, Ramsay Park, and Sorom Park would benefit from bathroom renovation or replacement.

Figure 4: Sauey Park Entrance



Source: Vierbicher staff, May 7, 2023.

Planning Process

Recreational facilities planning is essential to a community's health, happiness, desirability, and pride. The City of Reedsburg contracted with Vierbicher to complete this CORP update, working alongside City Parks and Recreation Director Matt Scott to gather citizen feedback on future priorities for the next five years from the Reedsburg Parks and Recreation Committee.

The process involved one (1) kick-off meeting, two (2) staff meetings, three (3) Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings, one (1) public hearing held prior to plan adoption, and one (1) City Council meeting for approval (**Appendix A**). Data collection used the U.S. Census Bureau, discussions with Parks and Recreation Director Matt Scott as well as the Parks and Recreation Committee, and the recently completed [City of Reedsburg 2042 Comprehensive Plan](#). This CORP was developed following the [Guidelines for Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans](#) created by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Amending the Plan

The Parks and Recreation Committee does not need to wait five years before amending the CORP. Plan amendments are common and prolong the effectiveness of the original plan. As such, amendments should be considered part of the planning process, following the same process as when the original plan was prepared. There should be opportunity for public input in the planning process with a full and open discussion of the need for the amendment by the Parks and Recreation Committee, a draft amendment that is reviewed and acted on by the Parks and Recreation Committee at an official public meeting, a referral to the City Council, a public hearing held by the Parks and Recreation Committee or City Council, and finally, the adoption of the plan amendment by the City Council.

Outdoor Recreation Supply Inventory

Did you know?

The City of Reedsburg has **twenty-eight (28)** existing or proposed parks and recreational facilities!

This section contains:

- A list of available city, school district, and private open space recreation locations
- An amenities inventory for Reedsburg parks and recreation facilities
- The City of Reedsburg Parks Map
- A Quarter-Mile Walkability Map to City plus Reedsburg School District Recreational Areas
- Accessibility and ADA compliance efforts at parks



There are numerous opportunities for recreation in and around the City of Reedsburg (Figure 5). Residents visit city parks and recreation facilities, Reedsburg School District sites, private open space, and even state recreation areas to relax and explore the outdoors.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides guidance on recreation facilities and amenities. It historically categorized park and recreation facilities into several categories, whose definitions may be viewed on page 6. Though some methodology has changed, the categories remain a good comparison tool and city facilities are categorized in Figure 5 to the right. Please see the "How Does Reedsburg Compare?" on page 29 to see how Reedsburg compares with municipalities of a similar size or nationally on several key metrics!

The City has twenty-eight (28) recreation locations number-coded in the **City of Reedsburg Parks Map** (page 19). The City's new fieldhouse is currently under construction within the northern extents of Nishan Park. Some areas, such as the Granite Avenue Recreation Area (with boat ramp), Northwest Recreation Area, South School Park site, and former Star Cinema site ("Farmers' Market") may experience a name change in the future. At the present, the South School Park is 'undeveloped,' as the park at that location has not yet been completed to coincide with the conversion of the former South School to apartments. The Northwest Recreation Area has developed areas, with a playground, a full basketball court, and an archery range, but the bulk of the site is a blank slate for future passive and active recreation amenities. For that reason, the Northwest Recreation Area is labeled a "Community Park," since at future full-build-out it will surpass a neighborhood park's amenities. Lastly, the proposed trail in the Reedsburg Business Park is included in this list and mapped accordingly, though ground has not yet been broken for construction.

Please view the next page for the **City of Reedsburg's Outdoor Recreation Supply Inventory Chart (Figure 6)**.

Figure 5: List of Recreation Areas

Number	Park or Recreation Area Name	Address	Area (Acres)	NRPA Classification
1	Anna Stone Park	300 W. 2nd St.	0.6	Neighborhood Park
2	City Park	222 N. Park St.	2.5	Neighborhood Park
3	Ernstmeyer Park	946 Joseph Circle	0.2	Tot Lot
4	Harvest Park	26 Railroad St.	0.7	Special Area Facility
5	Haycreek Nature Area	Mittlesteadt Dr.	43.4	Special Area Facility
6	Huntington Park	1400 Wellington Dr.	2.0	Neighborhood Park
7	Monument Park	5 E. Main St.	0.2	Special Area Facility
8	Nishan Park	1700 8th St.	48.9	Community Park
9	Wellness Park	1301 19th St.	7.1	Neighborhood Park
10	Oak Park	550 N. Oak St.	4.0	Neighborhood Park
11	Popple Nature Area	425 N. Webb Ave.	74.2	Special Area Facility
12	Ramsay Park	433 S. Preston Ave.	1.1	Neighborhood Park
13	Skate Park	145 Granite Ave.	0.3	Special Area Facility
14	Smith Conservancy	333 S. Webb Ave.	33.8	Special Area Facility
15	South Park / Dog Park	850 Division St.	29.4	Special Area Facility
16	Webb Park	425 N. Webb Ave.	29.1	Community Park
17	Sorum Park	344 S. Willow St.	1.9	Neighborhood Park
18	Roloff Park	231 Barbara Ann Dr.	0.3	Neighborhood Park
19	Eastridge Park	2015 Cambridge Ct.	0.7	Neighborhood Park
20	20th St. Park	1830 20th St.	2.7	Neighborhood Park
21	Granite Avenue Recreation Area	239 Granite Ave.	6.5	Waterfront Corridor
22	Northwest Recreation Area	320 Dessa Rain Dr.	41.0	Community Park
23	Farmers' Market	115 N. Webb Ave.	1.5	Special Area Facility
24	South School Park	420 Plum St.	0.3	Neighborhood Park
25	Sauvey Park	1104 Maple St.	0.3	Neighborhood Park
26	519 N. Ave Street Island	519 N. Ave.	0.2	Special Area Facility
27	Hospital Hill	610 N. Walnut St.	0.9	Special Area Facility
28	Proposed Trail in Business Park	Off Zinga Dr.	~3800ft path	Special Area Facility
Reedsburg School District Locations				
A	Reedsburg Area High School	1100 S. Albert Ave.	57.2	
B	Webb Middle School	707 N. Webb Ave.	22.5	
C	Prairie Ridge Intermediate School	2400 8th St.	75.3	
D	Westside Elementary School	401 Alexander Ave.	9.3	
E	Pineview Elementary School	1121 8th St.	28.2	
Private Open Space				
F	Sacred Heart Catholic School	545 N. Oak St.	4.9	
G	St Peters Lutheran School	345 N. Pine St.	1.7	
H	Plenke's Pond & Park	615 Granite Ave.	8.4	
I	Reedsburg Country Club	3003 E. Main St.	158.6	
J	Green Wood Cemetery	1000 Myrtle St.	22.2	
K	Saint John's Lutheran Cemetery	1001 Myrtle St.	3.2	
L	Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery	1000 Myrtle St.	6.6	
State Recreational Areas				
M	Cady's Marsh State Natural Area	600 S. Golf Course Rd.	78.8	

Source: Sauk County Open Data Repository, accessed by Vierbicher staff May 15, 2023. <https://data-saukgis.opendata.arcgis.com/>

Figure 6: City of Reedsburg's Outdoor Recreation Supply Inventory Chart

#	PARK FACILITIES	Baseball Fields	Basketball Court	Bow Range	Camping	Disc Golf	Fishing	Horeseshoes	Ice Hockey	Ice Skating	Picnic Grills	Picnic Tables	Playground	Restrooms	Pickleball	Shelter	Skateboarding	Sledding	Softball Fields	Splash Pad	Swimming Pool	Tennis Courts	Walking Trails	Inclusive
1	Anna Stone Park 300 W. 2nd St.																							
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21	Granite Avenue Recreation Area (boat ramp) 239 Granite Ave.																							
22	Northwest Recreation Area 330 Dessa Rain Dr.																							
23	Farmers' Market 115 N. Webb Ave.																							
24	South School Park 420 Plum St.																							
25	Sauey Park 1104 Maple St.																							
26	519 N. Ave Street Island 519 N. Ave.																							
27	Hospital Hill 610 N. Walnut St.																							
28	Proposed Trail in Business Park Zinga Dr.																							

Figure 7: Playground Equipment Inventory

The City of Reedsburg has sixteen (16) of its twenty-eight (28) parks and recreation areas equipped with playgrounds. The chart below details playground amenities by recreational facility.

Number	Park or Recreation Facility	Slide(s)	Swing(s)	Climbing	Benches	Digger
1	Anna Stone Park 300 W. 2nd St.	X	X	X		
2	City Park 222 N. Park St	X	X	X	X	
3	Ernstmeyer Park 946 Joseph Circle	X	X			X
6	Huntington Park 1400 Wellington Dr.	X	X	X	X	
8	Nishan Park 1700 8th St.	X	X	X		
9	Wellness Park 1301 19th St.	X	X	X		
10	Oak Park 550 N. Oak St	X	X	X	X	
12	Ramsay Park 433 S. Preston Ave.	X	X	X	X	
16	Webb Park 425. N Webb Ave.	X	X	X	X	
17	Sorom Park 344 S. Willow St.	X	X	X	X	
18	Roloff Park 231 Barbara Ann Dr.	X	X	X	X	
19	Eastridge Park 2015 Cambridge Ct.	X	X	X	X	
20	20th St. Park 800 20th St.	X	X	X	X	
22	Northwest Recreation Area 330 Dessa Rain Dr.	X	X	X	X	
24	South School Park 420 Plum St.	X	X	X	X	
25	Sauey Park 1104 Maple St.	X	X	X	X	

Reedsburg School District's Amenities

In addition to Reedsburg parks and recreational facilities, the Reedsburg School District has five (5) schools with outdoor recreational amenities outlined below. If interested in seeing the quarter-mile walkability to a school district school or city facility, please view the **City of Reedsburg Walkability Map** on page 20:

Reedsburg Area High School – Sitting on 57 acres, the school grounds contain eight (8) tennis courts, several practice fields, a baseball diamond, plus batting cage practice area. Millennium Field hosts football and soccer games plus track and field contests.

Webb Middle School – Has open fields, a baseball field, and two half basketball courts on the school's nearly 23-acre site.

Prairie Ridge Intermediate School – Sits on 75 acres, the largest school site in the Reedsburg School District. At the school, one can find open practice fields, two (2) full basketball courts, and a playground.

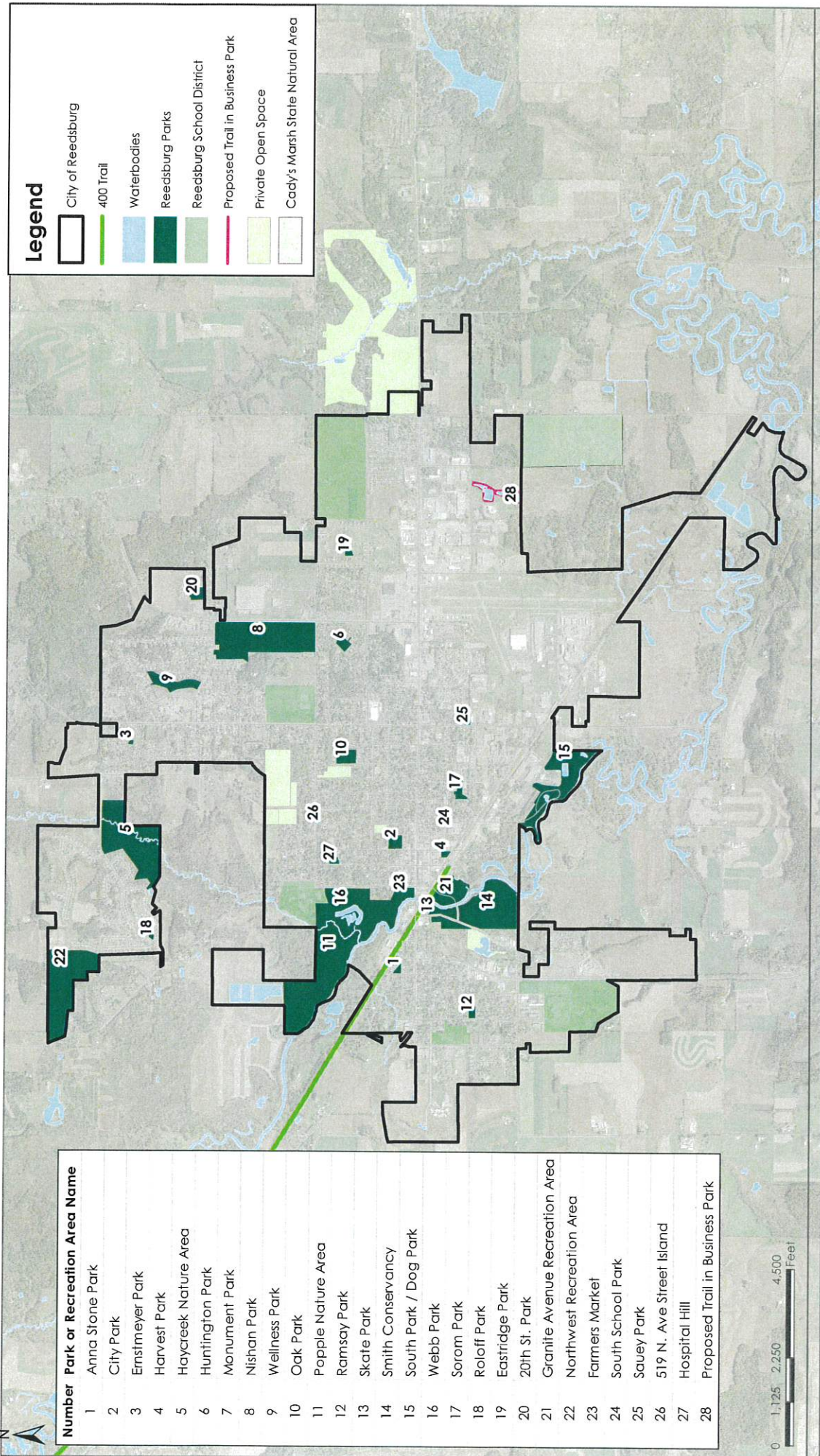
Pineview Elementary School – Has open practice fields, a track, and playground space on 28 acres. The Pineview Soccer Field is the home of the Soccer Club of Reedsburg.

Westside Elementary School – Sits on a little over 9 acres, the smallest school site in the Reedsburg School District. The site has open fields including a baseball diamond, two (2) half-basketball courts, and a new playground as of 2023.

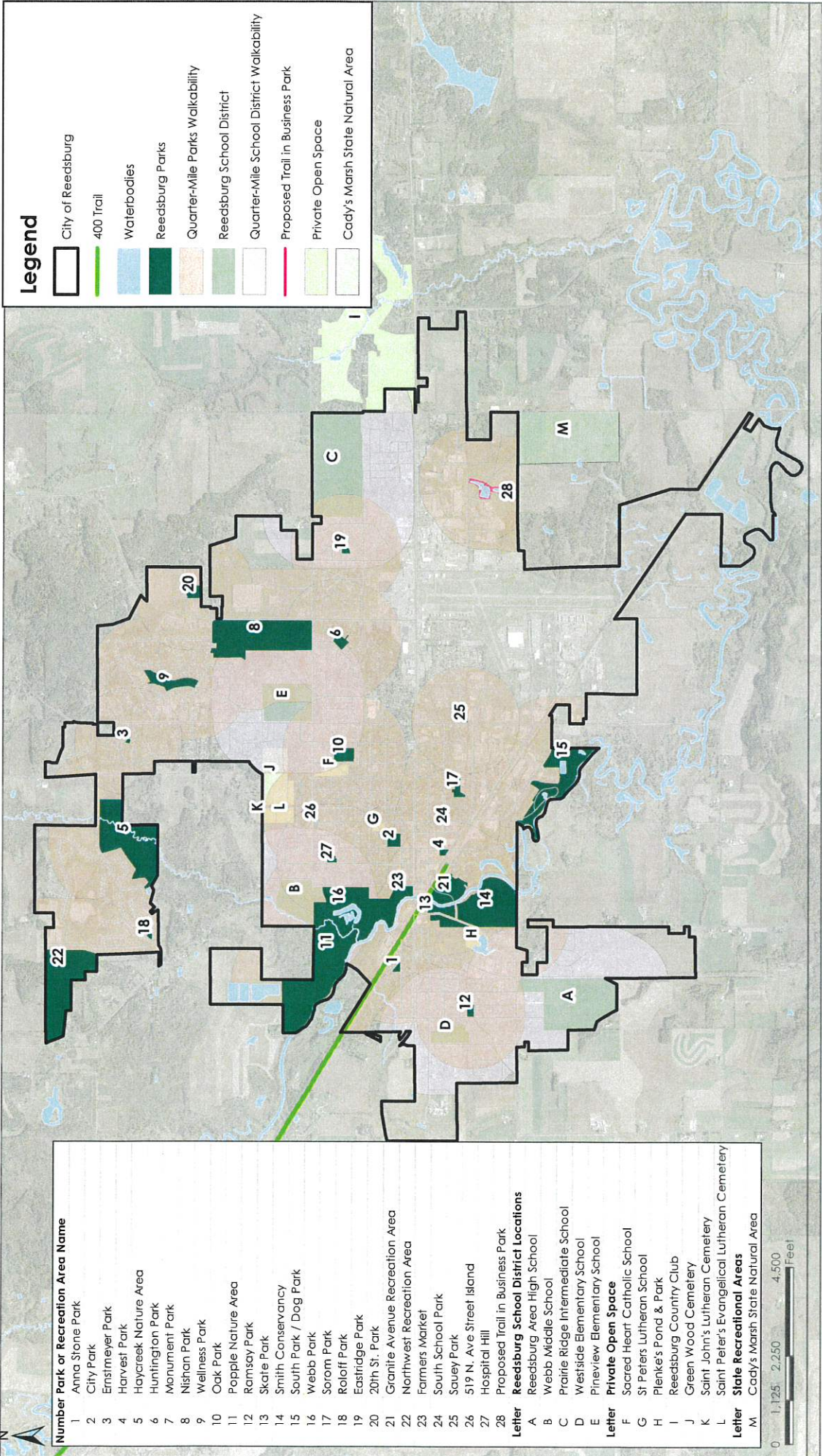
Figure 8: Westside Elementary School's New Playground



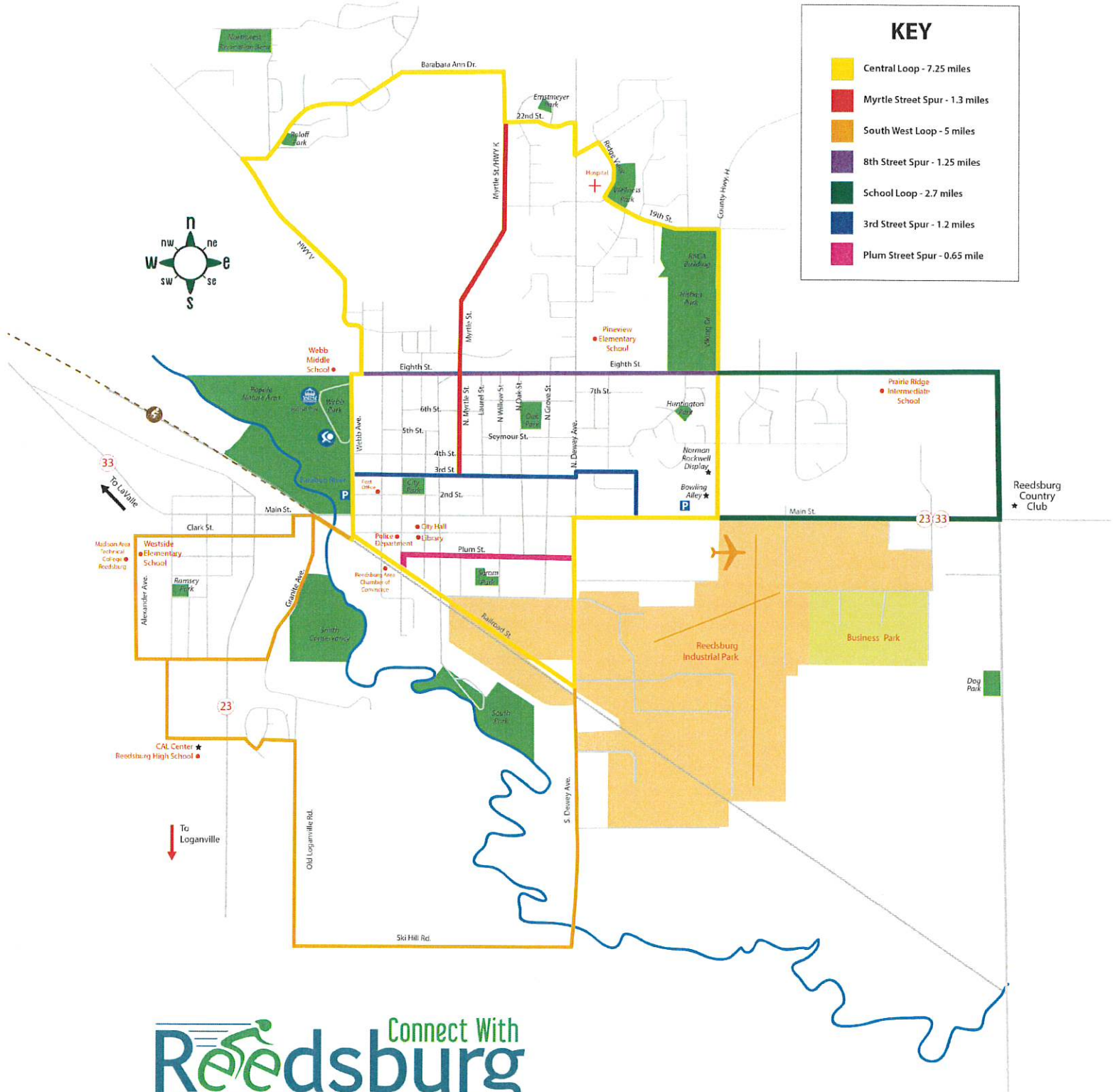
Source: Vierbicher staff, June 6, 2023.



Number	Park or Recreation Area Name
1	Anna Stone Park
2	City Park
3	Ernstmeyer Park
4	Harvest Park
5	Haycreek Nature Area
6	Huntington Park
7	Monument Park
8	Nishan Park
9	Wellness Park
10	Oak Park
11	Popple Nature Area
12	Ramsay Park
13	Skate Park
14	Smith Conservancy
15	South Park / Dog Park
16	Webb Park
17	Sorum Park
18	Roloff Park
19	Eastridge Park
20	20th St. Park
21	Granite Avenue Recreation Area
22	Northwest Recreation Area
23	Farmers Market
24	South School Park
25	Sauey Park
26	519 N. Ave Street Island
27	Hospital Hill
28	Proposed Trail in Business Park



Reedsburg Bicycle Routes



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Detailed bike maps are available at
City Hall and the Reedsburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

Current Conditions

Reedsburg's parks and recreational facilities are well maintained and kept in a good state of repair. The May 2023 inventory noted several potential improvements for the parks below, as they are numbered on the **City of Reedsburg Parks Map**:

- 3. Ernstmeyer Park** – The wood boundary for the swing set is deteriorating (**Figure 9**). Consider replacement to a plastic / composite material the City uses successfully at other parks, or new wood.
- 6. Huntington Park** – No formal wood, plastic, or composite material as a boundary for the playground space is present to delineate the wood-chipped area from grass.
- 8. Nishan Park** – Improve signage to invite people to appreciate the space for the Veterans' Memorial Park.
- 9. Wellness Park** – No formal wood, plastic, or composite material as a boundary for the playground space is present to delineate the wood-chipped area from grass.
- 10. Oak Park** – The Pawlisch Tennis Courts have had sealing of the surface performed. Plan to resurface the courts in 2025-2026.
- 11. Popple Nature Area** – The concrete sidewalk near the Monument Park entrance is beginning to be covered by growth. Clear the sidewalks, or begin long-term plan for this section to revert to natural surface.
- 17. Sorom Park** – Painting lines for basketball court for consistency with other basketball courts in the park system.

Additionally, some parks such as **1. Anna Stone Park** or **18. Roloff Park** have not yet received the newer, rebranded signage other parks have received. Similarly, bathroom updates for **1. Anna Stone Park**, **10. Oak Park**, **12. Ramsay Park**, and **18. Sorom Park** would be beneficial.

Figure 9: Ernstmeyer Park Edging



Source: Vierbicher staff, May 7, 2023.

Accessibility for All

The City of Reedsburg aims to have its parks and recreation facilities be inclusive and accessible to all.

Accessibility refers to:

- the ability for people of all ages and abilities to access recreational spaces, plus
- the proximity of certain amenities close to residents, regardless of where they live within the City of Reedsburg.

Earlier, the review of the 2018-2022 City of Reedsburg CORP noted that park access could use some improvement, with Sauey Park's entrance (**Figure 4**) as an example.

As Reedsburg implements new park and recreation areas, or adds amenities to existing locations, many could benefit from sidewalk or walking paths to make visits easier for a resident in a wheelchair, or a visitor pushing a baby stroller. A good example would be bathroom access at Oak Park versus Sorom Park (**Figure 10**).

Oak Park has the bathroom accessible with a walkway from the sidewalk, plus good pavement provisioning with ample benches.

On the other hand, Sorom Park's bathroom and other amenities are far from the existing sidewalk, requiring a journey through grass.

Moving forward, this becomes even more important if the City includes park shelters (pavilions) at each existing or new facility. Planning access to the shelters should include accessible pathways, especially if they are a long distance from sidewalk and /or where vehicles are parked.

Figure 10: Oak Park vs. Sorom Park Access



Source: Vierbicher staff, May 7, 2023.

Accessibility to Amenities

As mentioned earlier, accessibility may also refer to the proximity of certain amenities close to residents, regardless of where they live within Reedsburg. Across the city, numerous amenities occur at different parks or recreation facilities, basketball courts are one example.

There are amenities, however, which currently only exist in one location. While a Reedsburg resident or their guests are free to travel to that amenity, some amenities may warrant additional locations.

In the coming years, Reedsburg should consider neighborhood surveys asking residents what amenities are desirable in more locations. Some examples include:

1. Pickleball courts. Nishan Park, as a community park, has pickleball courts that see good use, and the ice hockey rink sometimes has court lines drawn to host matches. The new fieldhouse will host pickleball as well, but the fieldhouse's location at the northern extents of Nishan Park mean this amenity is concentrated.
2. The splash pad at Webb Park has been well received, and some have wondered if an additional splash pad could be procured elsewhere in the city (read the next two pages for other community thoughts!)
3. Sledding currently occurs at the Wellness Park, Nishan Park, and Hospital Hill. The Northwest Recreation Area's varying topography could host a sled hill, in addition to amenities like mountain biking that make use of the terrain.
4. Additional amenities, such as volleyball courts, badminton courts, and bocce ball courts.

Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment

To support this plan, the inventory on the preceding pages detailing the outdoor recreation facilities was prepared. Simultaneously, this section, the Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment, was created based on the lived experience and testimony from City Parks and Recreation Staff, the Parks and Recreation Committee, plus insights learned from outreach efforts during the recently rewritten City of Reedsburg 2022-2042 Comprehensive Plan. Some of the major findings from city staff appear below, with Parks and Recreation Committee as well as resident feedback on the following page.

City Staff Insights

Given the strength of youth activities like baseball (read "Programming & Opportunities" on page 30 for more information!), it would be desirable to have new ball fields, with a minimum of one field being regulation. Such a ball field could be within a more-built-out Northwest Recreation Area. At the same time, a centralization of batting cages, existing and new, could occur at Nishan Park.

Aquatically, city staff noted the Webb Park splash pad has been a big success, with people asking for another one elsewhere in Reedsburg. The pool, built in 1957 and renovated in 1998, hosts many activities and provides relief on hot summer days. Fundraising for replacement of the pool facility in the next ten (10) years should begin in the five (5) year lifespan of this plan.

Touched on earlier, some amenities such as pickleball are increasing in popularity. It will have to be determined if the existing Nishan Park pickleball courts plus the new courts within the fieldhouse will be sufficient.

Signage has been replaced and standardized, though some parks still have their existing signage, and wayfinding to locations such as the Veteran's Memorial Park (within Nishan Park) could be improved.

The farmers' market will have a 40' by 88' shelter at the former Star Cinema site on the corner of Webb Avenue and STH 23. Given the flooding history of the site, any improvements would need to work with nature, such as permeable materials.

The former South School with its apartment conversion will host a gymnasium plus outdoor park space.

For maintenance, the Nishan Park parking lots are to be redone. The Oak Park Pawlisch tennis courts are to be redone in 2025-2026, after sealing occurred in 2023. Lighting conversion to LEDs would make sense at that time.

Lastly, bathrooms at Anna Stone Park, Oak Park, Ramsay Park, and Sorom Park are slated for renovation or replacement. The bathroom facility adjacent to the Veteran's Memorial at Nishan Park could be added to this list too.

Within Reedsburg government, conversations regarding more bicycle lanes, EV charging infrastructure at recreational facilities, and phone charging stations at recreational facilities should occur to bolster amenities for Reedsburg citizens plus our guests.

Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment

Parks and Recreation Committee Insights

While there is a need to develop new parks, such as the Northwest Recreation Area, maintaining existing parks remains very important. Because there is an opportunity to use the city's abundant recreational opportunities to sell the city to guests and businesses alike, more thought needs to go towards asking what can parks do for the community, beyond serving as recreational space. Increased visitors to the 400 Trail, for example, represents one opportunity for growth.

Reedsburg has aquatic amenities, such as the Baraboo River, the private (but open to the public) Plenke's Pond, Webb Pool, plus the Webb Park splash pad. Greater ability to access the Baraboo River, which is the longest free-flowing river in the nation (nearly 100 miles!) would be welcomed, though any amenities would require careful siting or permeable designs to lessen flood damage risks. Trails would be especially welcomed in South Park, adjacent to the Dog Park.

Maintenance can be lessened and biodiversity increased with native grasses and vegetation.

Park and recreation facilities should be accessible and usable to varying ages and abilities plus activities. For example, which parks can a grandparent recovering from surgery visit with grandchildren? Or where can more residents enjoy winter sledding?

In the long term, recreation spaces improve the community and its desirability as a place to live. COVID showed the value in outdoor spaces for residents to enjoy.

The City has a plethora of activities for young and old in the parks. Inviting and hosting different events should continue, and the communication should be far-reaching.

Resident Insights

The 2021 Comprehensive Planning Survey (with 110 responses) found:

- 46 percent of respondents ranked "develop new parks, trails, and greenways," as very important.
- 79 percent of survey respondents chose "maintain existing parks" as very important.
- 66 percent of respondents supported the addition of an on-street bike lane on certain roads
- 88 percent of respondents supported the addition of recreation trails in the community.

Residents desire: maintained facilities, new facilities or amenities where appropriate, and the ability for the young and the elderly to enjoy Reedsburg's park space.

Coordination with Other Plans

This new Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for the City of Reedsburg works alongside [The City of Reedsburg 2022-2042 Comprehensive Plan](#) and the [City of Reedsburg Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan](#) to plan for the future of the City of Reedsburg by leveraging resident feedback to inform this Plan's Implementation Matrix.

Additionally, plans such as the

- [Sauk County 2020-2024 CORP \(Appendix B\)](#)
- [Wisconsin Statewide 2019-2023 CORP \(Appendix C\)](#)

were evaluated to ensure consistency with recreation goals at higher county and state levels of government. At the same time, the information in these plans serves as a valuable benchmark for the city and its own goals.

The **Sauk County CORP**'s action items for implementation include:

1. Further Development of the County Park System
2. Resource Management and Stewardship
3. Partnerships
4. Economic Development and Tourism

These action items for the County have broad similarities to the desires written about in this Plan. People want what exists to be well maintained, but also see parks or their amenities further developed. Partnerships have helped maintain and support youth activities such as baseball in Reedsburg, while also spurring people from elsewhere to visit the city.

The **Wisconsin Statewide CORP (SCORP)** touches upon similar desires and concerns as this Plan for Reedsburg, albeit at a larger scale. Demographic investigations on an aging state population highlight the importance of access, just as the condition of recreation facilities shows that a facility or amenity's condition matters for its usefulness to residents.

There are deficiencies at the state level that City residents have noted on a local scale, such as access to the Baraboo River. As a result, the City should continue to keep an eye on opportunities for collaboration with Sauk County or the State of Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources to investigate, plan, and implement recreational possibilities.

Coordination with Others

The following is a brief list of partners and their potential activities that could strengthen the City's recreational spaces and available programming with mutually-beneficial relationships.

- Girls Scouts – Tree Planting
- Boy Scouts – Trail maintenance
- Schools – Ecological study
- Reedsburg Area Senior Life Center – Natural Field Trips
- Sauk County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) – Senior exercise best practices
- Reedsburg Area Medical Center – Health studies and outreach
- Reedsburg Athletic Club – High School sports' support and outreach
- Reedsburg Little League – Growing sportsmanship in the next generation
- Reedsburg Chamber of Commerce – Showcasing the benefits to business of recreation
- Realtors Association of South-Central Wisconsin – Highlight recreation amenities to new residents
- AND MORE

How Does Reedsburg Compare?

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) prepares an annual report on recreational spaces and programming. The [2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review](#) serves as a comparison tool: municipalities nationwide and municipalities under 20,000 residents may be compared to Reedsburg, and vice-versa.

A comparison amongst Reedsburg, other municipalities under 20,000 residents, and the national median reveals Reedsburg has fewer residents per park and more acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.

Reedsburg has fewer full-time employees (FTEs) than similarly sized municipalities or the national median. This reflects the efficiency of Reedsburg's Parks and Recreation team while also suggesting that, when new recreational facilities are provisioned, the staffing to care and curate those recreational resources will be efficient.

Residents per Park (Recreation Area)

National Median: 2,287

Municipalities less than 20,000 residents: 1,225

Reedsburg: 384

Acres of Parkland per 1,000 residents

National Median: 10.8 acres

Municipalities less than 20,000 residents: 13.0 acres

Reedsburg: 33.33 acres

Full-Time Employees (FTEs) per 10,000 residents

National Median: 8.9 FTEs

Municipalities less than 20,000 residents: 11.5 FTEs

Reedsburg: 4 FTEs, plus 4 summer mowers

Programming & Opportunities

The City of Reedsburg Parks and Recreation Department offers adventure to all ages and abilities! See some of the youth or adult offerings below based on the 2023 calendar year offerings.

Still have questions? Visit the website to learn how to [reserve a facility](#), know the [pool schedule](#) before you go, read about [recreational programs](#), or how to get reduced-cost tickets to nearby recreational amenities.

Youth Activities

- Tot-Lot program doing arts and crafts, story telling, and free-play time (ages 3-5)
- Rookie T-ball & T-ball (ages 4-5, 6-8)
- Youth Tennis (ages 8-15)
- Soccer Clinic (ages 6-11)
- Youth Gymnastics (pre-K through 12th grade)

Adult Activities

- Adult Volleyball or Adult Volleyball League (ages 18+)
- Adult Softball (ages 18+)
- Men's League Basketball (ages 18+)
- Adult Basketball (ages 18+)
- Open Ice Skating (all ages)
- Swim Lessons (bracketed ages/abilities)

Other Community Programs

- Youth Baseball
- Girls Softball Reedsburg Area Youth Softball (RAYS)
- RAYS Little Sluggers (Girls K – 2nd grade)
- Reedsburg Youth Wrestling Club (K – 8th grade)
- Flag Football (2nd – 4th grade)
- Tackle Football (4th – 8th grade)
- Youth Hockey (ages 3 - 14)
- Reedsburg Area Youth Basketball (RAYB) (K – 8th grade)
- Saturday Skills and Drills Clinics (K – 2nd grade)
- 3v3 League (2nd – 5th grade)
- Traveling Team Program (3rd – 8th grade)
- Raging Rapids Summer Swim Team (age 6 - 18)
- Youth Soccer (ages 4 - 19)
- Introduction to Basketball Fundamentals (Boys K – 2nd grade, Girls K – 3rd grade)
- Girls Basketball Camp (3rd grade – 12th grade)
- Youth Summer 2023 Wisconsin DNR ATV Training (ages 12+)
- Beginner Pickleball for Kids (ages 9 & 10)
- Boys and Girls Club of Reedsburg (1st grade – 12th grade)
- AND MORE!

IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

The Implementation Matrix is a table summarizing the recommended actions, organized by related goals, that the City of Reedsburg has established to guide the implementation of the City of Reedsburg Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).

It is a useful tool for decision-making and for monitoring progress, as it is expected that the implementation will take place over the course of the next 5-10 years.

The table is meant to provide information on the expected timeframes, sponsors, partners, and funding sources necessary to accomplish each action. This table should be updated as part of the regular review of the Plan.

Each of these priority actions is assigned the following in the Implementation Matrix:

- Project Lead – who is most likely to be responsible for seeing that the action is pursued
- Potential Project Partners – who is most likely to assist, oversee, or advise during implementation
- Timeframe – Short-Term (0-3 years), Medium-Term (4-7 years), Long-Term (>7 years)

Please view the following sheet for the Implementation Matrix.

IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

Action	Project Lead	Potential Partners	Time Frame	Potential Funding Sources
Goal 1 - Ensure Reedsburg's parks and recreation facilities meet residents' needs.				
Objective - Ensure age-friendly spaces – toddler friendly and senior-friendly.				
Action Item 1: Monitor the use of parks and collect data to determine park usage for seniors and toddlers.	City of Reedsburg	Reedsburg Area Senior Life Center & Sauk Co. ADRC	Short - Term	
Action Item 2: Mimic Wellness Parks' workout equipment at other current or new facilities.	City of Reedsburg	Sauk Co. ADRC & Reedsburg Area Medical Center Foundation	Mid - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Fully accessible parks and spaces				
Action Item 3: Ensure ADA-compliant access/wheelchair access to City parks and recreational facilities	City of Reedsburg	Local Volunteer organizations & Sauk Co. ADRC	Short - Term	National Recreation And Park Association
Action Item 4: DREAM Park	City of Reedsburg	Sauk Co. ADRC	Long - Term	
Goal 2 - Maintain existing park and open space(s)				
Objective - Add amenities to existing parks.				
Action Item 1: New volleyball court created.	City of Reedsburg	Reedsburg Youth Volleyball Club	Mid - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Action Item 2: Baseball batting area addition at Nishan Park.	City of Reedsburg	Reedsburg Athletic Club	Long - Term	City of Reedsburg
Action Item 3: New fieldhouse will have a pickleball court; desire/need for a court elsewhere?	City of Reedsburg	City Staff, Fieldhouse employees	Short - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Webb Pool (built 1957; 1998 pool work)				
Action Item 4: Study on Pool condition	City of Reedsburg	City Staff	Mid - Term	City of Reedsburg
Action Item 5: Prepare for Pool replacement	City of Reedsburg	City Staff	Long - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Complete rebranding signage; signage for wayfinding				
Action Item 6: Complete rebranding for signage	City of Reedsburg	City Staff/ Community	Short - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Tennis Courts				
Action Item 7: Rebuild Pawlisch tennis courts at Oak Park	City of Reedsburg	City Staff	Mid - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Parking Lots				
Action Item 8: Keep parking facilities in good state of repair with painted parking lines.	City of Reedsburg	City Staff	Long - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Clean, modernized bathroom facilities				
Action Item 9: Outline Repair/Replacement Schedule for bathrooms at Oak Park, Ramsay Park, Sorom Park.	City of Reedsburg	City Staff	Short - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Goal 3 - Develop new parks, recreation areas, and facilities				
Objective - create new passive areas in parks and open space				
Action Item 1: Consider new amenities, such as trails or a kayak launch, along the River	City of Reedsburg	DNR South Central Region & Summer Outdoor Adventure Club	Mid - Term	Recreational Grants, KNOWLES-NELSON
Objective - Increase native biodiversity				
Action Item 2: Plant native grasses on former Granite Avenue homesites to boost native biodiversity while lessening City's mowing needs	City of Reedsburg	NRPA Parks and Pollinators, Landscape Architect	Mid - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Trails in cemeteries as open space				
Action Item 3: Investigate trails in cemeteries as open space	City of Reedsburg	City Staff & Greenwood Cemetery Assn.	Short - Term	Recreational Trails Program funding
Objective - Ball Fields				
Action Item 4: New regulation-sized Ball Field(s) at Northwest Recreation Area	City of Reedsburg	Reedsburg School District & Reedsburg Little League	Mid - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Splash Pad				
Action Item 5: Create additional Splash pad –preferably on NE side of the City	City of Reedsburg	Local Volunteer organizations	Long - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Archery Range				
Action Item 6: Consider a more formal arrangement within the NW Recreation Area	City of Reedsburg	City Staff/ Reedsburg Outdoor Club	Mid - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Objective - Winter Recreation				
Action Item 7: New parks shall use fill (that once would have been removed) onsite to create mounds for winter sledding.	City of Reedsburg	Local General Contractor	Short - Term	
Objective - Mountain Biking				
Action Item 8: Plan for mountain biking on part of the NW Recreation Area	City of Reedsburg	City Staff & Summer Outdoor Adventure Club	Mid - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Goal 4 - Leverage parks facilities as a gateway to the City for economic development and marketing tool.				
Objective - Promote City's parks and recreational facilities				
Action Item 1: Host a "Realtor Day." Give information to realtors and prospective buyers about recreational amenities	City of Reedsburg	(RASCW) Realtors Association of South Central Wisconsin	Long - Term	Reedsburg Chamber of Commerce
Action Item 2: Work with local employers via Chamber to incorporate parks and recreation facilities into "amenity" discussions	City of Reedsburg	Reedsburg Economic Development Commission & Reedsburg Chamber of	Short - Term	Reedsburg Chamber of Commerce
Goal 5 - Provide proper budget to keep parks and recreation facilities clean, safe, comfortable, and beautiful.				
Objective - Safety in park				
Action Item 1: Cameras in parks	City of Reedsburg	Reedsburg Police Department	Mid - Term	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Goal	Action Item	Capital Project	Project Lead	Fiscal Year (FY) Start
1	2	Workout equipment at current/new parks	City of Reedsburg	2027
2	1	New Volleyball Court	City of Reedsburg	2024
2	5	Webb Pool Replacement	City of Reedsburg	TBD
2	6	Signage rebranding	City of Reedsburg	2024
2	7	Rebuild Pawlisch Tennis Courts at Oak Park	City of Reedsburg	2025
2	8	Parking lots in good repair - repave Nishan Park parking lots	City of Reedsburg	2024
2	9	Repair/Replacement for bathrooms at: Anna Stone Park Oak Park Ramsay Park Sorom Park	City of Reedsburg	2027 2025 2026 2025
3	1	Proposed Trail in Business Park	City of Reedsburg	2024
3	2	Native species reintroduction (Parks and Recreation Dept. currently plants 20-25 new trees annually)	City of Reedsburg	2024
3	4	New regulation-sized ball field at Northwest Recreation Area	City of Reedsburg	2026
3	5	Additional Splash pad - NE side of the city	City of Reedsburg	2027
3	6	More formal Archery Range at Northwest Recreation Area	City of Reedsburg	2028
3	7	Sledding Mounds at Parks	City of Reedsburg	2024
3	8	Mountain biking trail at Northwest Recreation Area	City of Reedsburg	2027
5	1	Cameras in parks for safety and security	City of Reedsburg	2024

*Projects and their timeframes may be amended due to funding availability or other considerations

Looking Forward

This Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for the City of Reedsburg intends to be a living document, taking the plans, lessons, and successes of the past to better prepare Reedsburg's future parks and recreational facilities.

This Plan has outlined Reedsburg's social and physical characteristics, the former CORP's successes alongside desires yet-to-be achieved, and current recreational facility conditions. The Outdoor Recreation Needs Inventory and Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment investigated parks and recreational facilities as they currently are to chart a path forward for maintenance and potential new amenities.

Over the life of this Plan, changes may – and should – be welcomed for actions that lead to amenities or programs that strengthen Reedsburg and its residents' joy playing outdoors.

If amendments to this Plan occur, it will use the "CORP Process" on page 13, and the new material will follow this page, being placed before the Appendices.

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Figure A-1 Growth Rates, Reedsburg versus Sauk County

Year	City of Reedsburg	Sauk County
2010 Census	9,200	61,976
2020 Census	9,984	65,763
2021 ACS	9,942	65,697
2010 to 2020 % change	+7.85%	+5.75%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, P1 2020 Census. Accessed by Vierbicher staff April 20th, 2023. <https://data.census.gov/table?q=reedsburg+city&tid=DECENNIALPL2020.P1>

Figure A-2 Reedsburg Population and Race

Label	Quantity	Percentage	Label	Quantity	Percentage
Total:	9,984	100.0%			
Population of one race:	9,488	95.0%	Population of three races:		
White alone	8,815	88.3%	White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	24	0.2%
Black or African American alone	132	1.3%	White; Black or African American; Asian	6	0.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	100	1.0%	White; Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Asian alone	68	0.7%	White; Black or African American; Some Other Race	1	0.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1	0.0%	White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	5	0.1%
Some Other Race alone	372	3.7%	White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Population of two or more races:	496	5.0%	White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Some Other Race	5	0.1%
Population of two races:	472	4.7%	White; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1	0.0%
White; Black or African American	79	0.8%	White; Asian; Some Other Race	4	0.0%
White; American Indian and Alaska Native	103	1.0%	White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0	0.0%
White; Asian	24	0.2%	Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	0	0.0%
White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5	0.1%	Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2	0.0%
White; Some Other Race	251	2.5%	Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Some Other Race	0	0.0%
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	2	0.0%	Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Black or African American; Asian	0	0.0%	Black or African American; Asian; Some Other Race	0	0.0%
Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0	0.0%
Black or African American; Some Other Race	2	0.0%	American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	1	0.0%	American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some Other Race	0	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native; Some Other Race	2	0.0%	Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1	0.0%	Population of four+ races	0	0.0%
Asian; Some Other Race	2	0.0%			
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some Other Race	0	0.0%			

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, P1 2020 Census. Accessed by Vierbicher staff April 20th, 2023. <https://data.census.gov/table?q=reedsburg+city&tid=DECENIALPL2020.P1>

Figure A-3 Reedsburg 2021 Population Cohort Estimates

Label	Total		Percent		Male		Percent Male		Female		Percent Female	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total population	9,942	±47	(X)	(X)	5,059	±268	(X)	(X)	4,883	±256	(X)	(X)
AGE												
Under 5 years	509	±185	5.1%	±1.9	313	±161	6.2%	±3.1	196	±116	4.0%	±2.3
5 to 9 years	1,021	±222	10.3%	±2.2	655	±195	12.9%	±4.0	366	±96	7.5%	±2.0
10 to 14 years	878	±239	8.8%	±2.4	544	±234	10.8%	±4.4	334	±166	6.8%	±3.3
15 to 19 years	688	±187	6.9%	±1.9	312	±123	6.2%	±2.4	376	±116	7.7%	±2.4
20 to 24 years	507	±160	5.1%	±1.6	303	±128	6.0%	±2.5	204	±92	4.2%	±1.9
25 to 29 years	433	±132	4.4%	±1.3	263	±98	5.2%	±1.9	170	±74	3.5%	±1.5
30 to 34 years	638	±175	6.4%	±1.8	247	±90	4.9%	±1.8	391	±117	8.0%	±2.4
35 to 39 years	768	±218	7.7%	±2.2	402	±131	7.9%	±2.7	366	±142	7.5%	±2.9
40 to 44 years	501	±173	5.0%	±1.7	284	±131	5.6%	±2.5	217	±95	4.4%	±1.9
45 to 49 years	535	±184	5.4%	±1.9	250	±109	4.9%	±2.1	285	±107	5.8%	±2.3
50 to 54 years	477	±144	4.8%	±1.4	206	±83	4.1%	±1.7	271	±93	5.5%	±1.9
55 to 59 years	611	±173	6.1%	±1.7	228	±98	4.5%	±1.9	383	±125	7.8%	±2.5
60 to 64 years	608	±198	6.1%	±2.0	328	±130	6.5%	±2.7	280	±107	5.7%	±2.2
65 to 69 years	337	±144	3.4%	±1.5	166	±72	3.3%	±1.4	171	±113	3.5%	±2.3
70 to 74 years	550	±229	5.5%	±2.3	255	±136	5.0%	±2.6	295	±137	6.0%	±2.8
75 to 79 years	293	±125	2.9%	±1.3	64	±38	1.3%	±0.8	229	±111	4.7%	±2.3
80 to 84 years	296	±108	3.0%	±1.1	148	±68	2.9%	±1.3	148	±66	3.0%	±1.3
85 years and over	292	±120	2.9%	±1.2	91	±59	1.8%	±1.2	201	±103	4.1%	±2.1
Median age (years)	36.4	±2.0	(X)	(X)	34	±4.1	(X)	(X)	40.3	±4.5	(X)	(X)

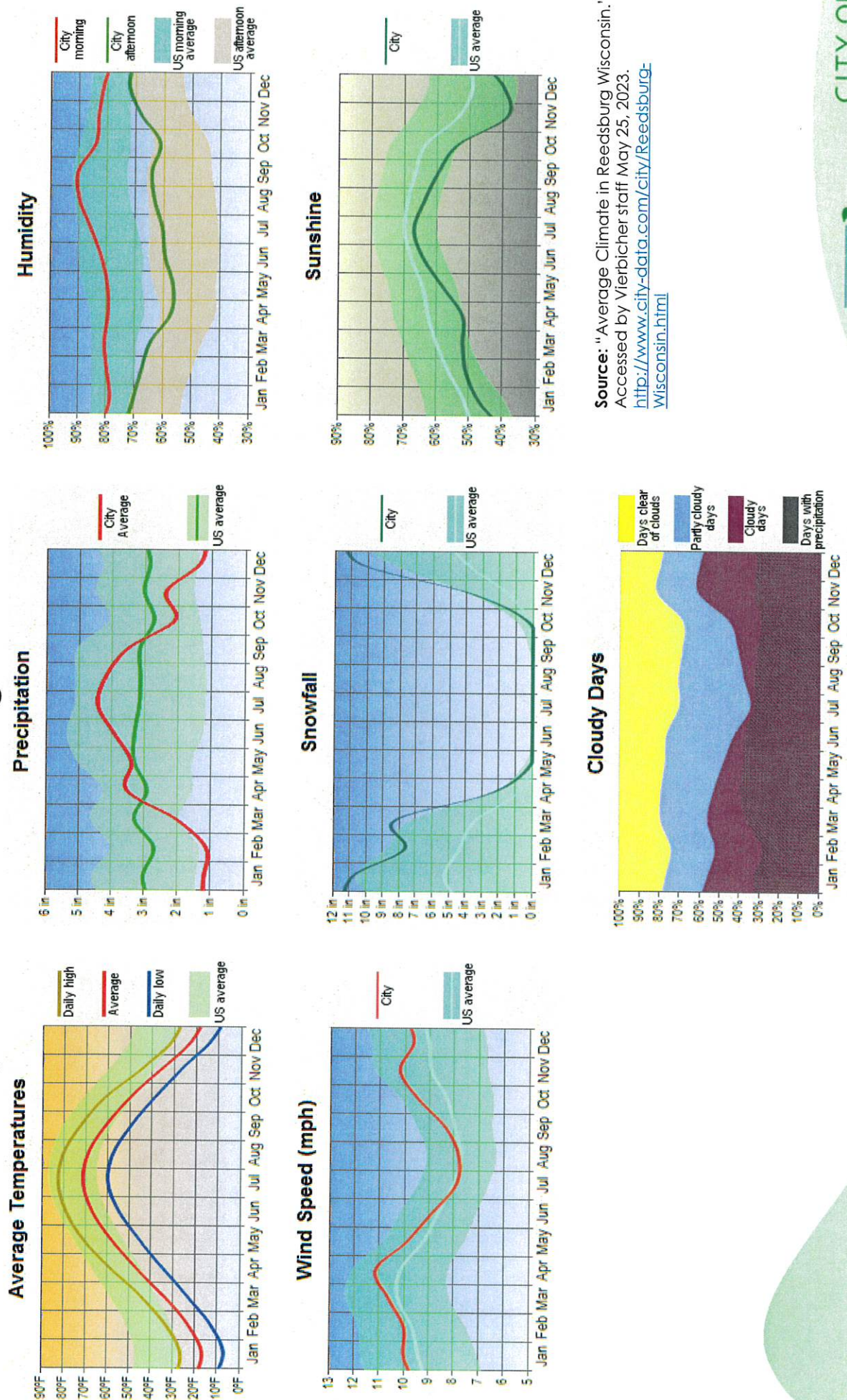
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, S0101 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates. Accessed by Vierbicher staff April 20, 2023.
<https://data.census.gov/table?q=160XX00US5566800&tid=ACST5Y2021.S0101>

Figure A-4 Reedsburg School District 2022-2023 Enrollment

Reedsburg School District			
Grade	Enrollment		Percent Change
	(June) 2016	2022-2023	2016 to present
ECH	-	33	-
4-K	-	167	-
KGN	203	149	-36.24%
1	179	161	-11.18%
2	208	159	-30.82%
3	202	173	-16.76%
4	189	170	-11.18%
5	177	163	-8.59%
6	190	188	-1.06%
7	206	205	-0.49%
8	194	185	-4.86%
9	213	231	7.79%
10	220	218	-0.92%
11	209	217	3.69%
12	214	209	-2.39%
Total	2,604	2,628	

Source: School District communication with Vierbicher staff May 18, 2023.

Figure A-5 Reedsburg Weather & Climate



Source: "Average Climate in Reedsburg Wisconsin."
 Accessed by Vierbicher staff May 25, 2023.
<http://www.city-data.com/city/Reedsburg-Wisconsin.html>

Figure A-6 CORP Process Timetable

City of Reedsburg
Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)
Summary of Activities and Timetable
March 22, 2023

ACTION	Party Responsible	Date
1. Authorization to Proceed with Project	Vierbicher, Staff, Committee	March 3, 2023
2. Review Existing Plan	Vierbicher / City Staff	March 2023
3. Staff Meeting #1	Vierbicher / City Staff	April 11 th , 2023
4. Parks & Recreation Committee Kick-off Meeting	Vierbicher / Committee	April 18 th , 2023
5. Communications	Vierbicher / City Staff	April-August 2023
6. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting #1 (Engagement)	Vierbicher / Committee	May 16 th , 2023
7. Document Preparation (Assessment, Strategy, Implementation)	Vierbicher	April – June 2023
8. Staff Meeting #2	Vierbicher / City Staff	June 6 th , 2023
9. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting #2	Vierbicher / Committee	June 20 th , 2023
10. Reminder email Public Notice to City	Vierbicher	July 13 th , 2023
11. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting #3, Recommend Approval	Vierbicher / Committee	July 18 th , 2023
12. Public Notice to The Reedsburg Independent (Class 1, 30-day notice)	City Staff	July 20 th , 2023
13. Public Notice Date of Publication	City Staff	July 27 th , 2023
14. Public Hearing and City Council Approval	Vierbicher / City Staff	August 28 th , 2023
15. Submit to DNR	City Staff	August 2023

- Parks and Recreation Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:15 PM at Reedsburg City Hall
- Common Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 6:00 PM at Reedsburg City Hall in the Common Council Chambers.
- Public Hearing host is the City Council.
- Official newspaper: The Reedsburg Independent
- SIX (6) MEETINGS: One (1) Kick-Off meeting; two (2) staff meetings; two (2) Parks & Rec meetings finalizing plan; one (1) Final Parks & Rec meeting to recommend approval.

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Source: Vierbicher

Appendix B – Sauk County CORP

The [Sauk County CORP 2020-2024](#) has four (4) priority areas with action items for implementation, including:

1. Further Development of the County Park System
2. Resource Management and Stewardship
3. Partnerships
4. Economic Development and Tourism

The Purpose – Establish outdoor recreation priorities; which protect, conserve and manage lands owned by Sauk County for current and future generations.

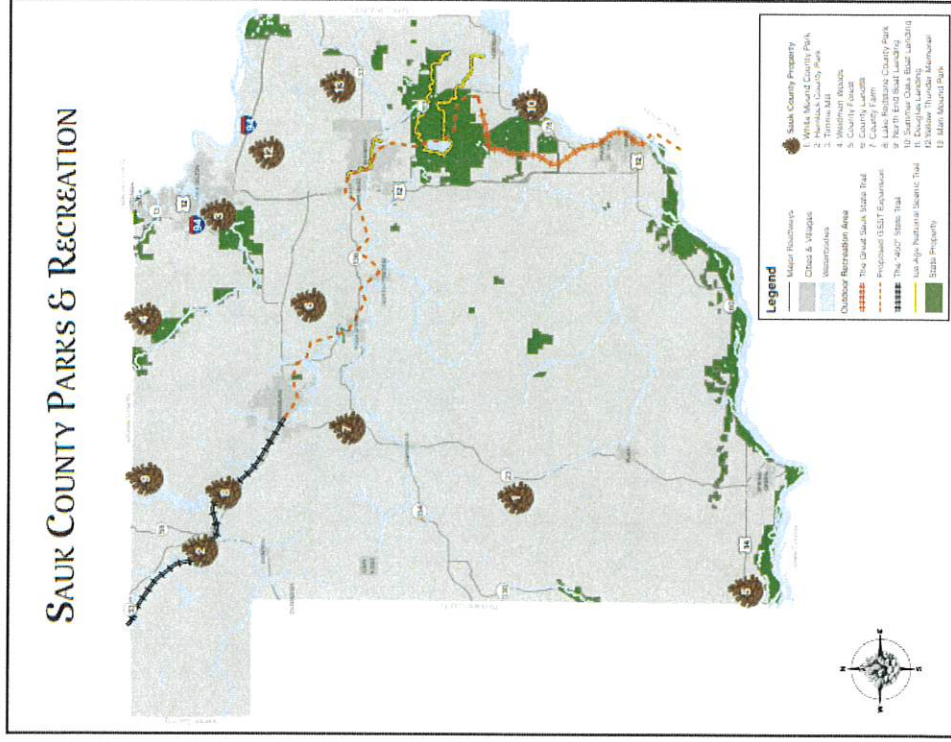
Mission Statement – the CORP offers a vision for the future, and sets the course for long-term preservation and expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities by setting goals and clearly defining objectives to achieve them.

Did You Know?

- Sauk County has thirteen (13) properties for recreation
- The first CORP for Sauk County was developed in 1970
- In Sauk County, nearly 1 in 6 adults are physically inactive, and 1 in 5 adults lack access to exercise opportunities.

Source: Sauk County CORP, accessed by Vierbicher staff May 25, 2023. https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/land_resources_and_environment/page/97611/scorp_2020-2024.pdf

Figure B-1 Sauk County Parks and Recreation



Appendix C – State CORP (SCORP)

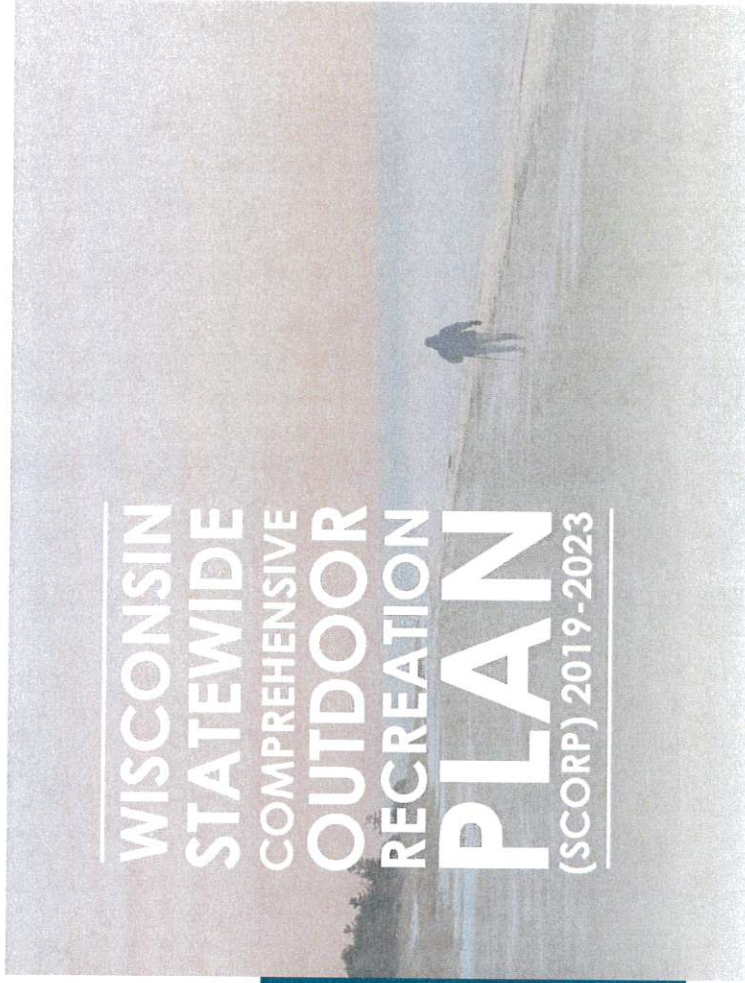
The [Wisconsin Statewide 2019-2023 CORP](#) laid out five overarching goals for outdoor recreation:

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

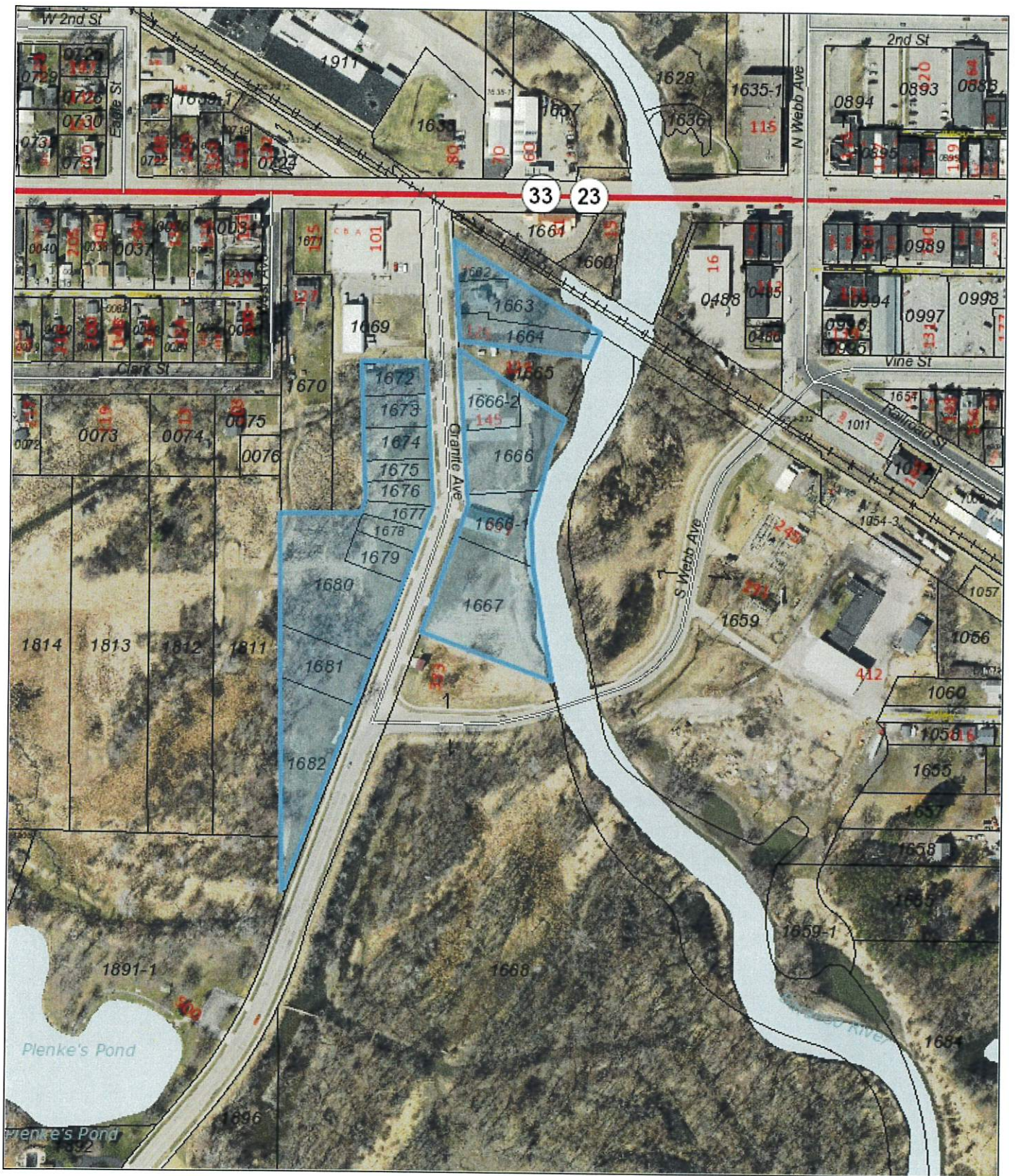
Did You Know?

- Survey respondents reported 58 "outdoor recreation activities"
- 95 percent of Wisconsin residents participate in some form of outdoor recreation
- Wisconsin has 2.4 million acres of County Forests
- Wisconsin residents' top 5 nature-based outdoor activities are walking/hiking, fishing, hunting, bicycling, and camping

Figure C-1 Wisconsin Statewide CORP Cover



Source: Wisconsin State CORP, hosted by Wisconsin DNR, accessed by Vierbicher staff May 25, 2023. <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fi/PropertyPlanning/Scorp>



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