



CITY OF PLATTEVILLE

*Parks and Recreation  
Comprehensive Plan*

2019



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# Introduction

## COMMITMENT TO LONG TERM PLANNING

Planning is a major focus of the Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires that communities have an adopted five-year outdoor recreation plan on record to be eligible for cost-sharing grants available through the DNR and the State's Stewardship Fund program. This Plan is a complete update to the 2012 Parks Comprehensive Plan.

## PLAN PURPOSE

The purpose of this plan is to establish a strategic plan of action and future direction articulated through goals, objectives, and initiatives. Through this plan of action, the Parks Comprehensive Plan will illustrate how the Parks and Recreation Department will maintain and improve responsiveness to the community's park and recreation needs, promote efficient and effective management, and demonstrate fiscal and environmental responsibility. Furthermore, the plan is designed to focus the attention of the Committee, staff, and community on the most relevant issues facing the City of Platteville. It is important to understand that this Plan is a statement based on current information and draws conclusions for projected actions as a result of the planning process. The adopted plan should never be considered set in stone, but rather a dynamic plan. Revisions will ultimately be made to the plan to respond to internal and external changes within the Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Platteville.

## PARKS AND RECREATION MISSION

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to improving the **quality of life** for residents and visitors to the City of Platteville. We want to make Platteville a better place to **live, work, and play**. We strive to provide **creative, fun-filled** activities the entire family can enjoy.

## ROLE OF CITY PARKS

Planning is essential for the City's park and open space system to continue to meet the recreation needs of the community, as well as to continue to preserve natural areas. Parks provide opportunities for formal and informal social gatherings such as festivals, recreational events, or chance meetings. Great park facilities enhance community pride.

## PLATTEVILLE ARTS, TRAILS, AND HISTORY (PATH)

From 2018–2019, the City of Platteville completed an Arts, Trails, and History (PATH) Plan that involved various community engagement opportunities. According to survey results, 60% thought that arts and culture should be included in City planning. Specific survey comments included: continue creative bike racks; create a true outdoor walking art experience with varying creations, whether permanent or rotating; plant more trees and flowers; better landscaping including outdoor art coupled with well-managed native plants; interactive art/playground; and art along the trail.

This Plan aims to include art in Parks, as evidenced by the proposed Farm Theme Playground at Legion Field, better signage and entryways, and landscaping with a focus on native plants. The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee is open to including permanent or temporary installations in our parks and along our trails. Residents or artists are encouraged to discuss ideas and support with the Parks and Recreation Department.

## PROJECT MILESTONES

December 18, 2017	Public Input and Information Gathering Meeting
January 2018	PFR Committee Meeting - Survey Development
March 2018	PFR Committee Meeting - Survey Results
Fall & Winter of 2018	Review of current park needs and history
April 2019	PFR Committee Meeting - Draft Plan
May 2019	PFR Committee Meeting - Comprehensive Plan Approved
July 2019	Common Council - Plan Adoption



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE 2012 PLAN

### City Park

- Firefighters Memorial
- Lighting updated to LED
- Speaker system replaced
- Fountain repaired

### Harrison Park

- Volleyball courts lit and expanded
- Memorial benches added
- Bocce ball court removed
- Community garden removed

### Jenor Park

- Community garden added
- Broken water feature removed

### Knoll Wood Park

- Naturalization
- Single track trail added

### Legion Park

- Rookie fields added
- Parking lot repaved and expanded

### Mound View Park

- New playground installed
- Single track trail added

### Prairie View Park

- Athletic fields leveled

### Platteville Family Aquatic Center

- Chemical room renovated
- Boilers added
- Major leaks repaired
- Pool painted
- Sunshades added
- Tot slide installed
- Variable frequency drive

### Smith Park

- Memorial bench added
- Basketball court repaved

### Swiss Valley Park

- Small dog and dog-in-training areas
- Outdoor exercise station
- Parking lot paved
- Trail maintenance shed built

### Valley View Park

- Tennis court surface removed

### Westview Park

- Pickleball lines added to a tennis court

### David Canny Rountree Branch Trail

- Paved and lights installed

## PLAN SUMMARY

The planning process for this Plan started in December 2017 with a public input and information gathering meeting. A survey was then conducted from January 2018 to March 2018 to further gather public input. The Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee used data gathered from these sources to help draft this Plan. The Comprehensive Plan establishes 5 goals and outlines 63 initiatives which help us to achieve these goals. Each of these initiatives was then assigned as either high, medium, or low priority. The estimated cost to implement these initiatives is \$1,900,800.

# GOALS



## GOAL 1:

### Community Engagement and Communication

Encourage meaningful public involvement in park and recreation planning and inform residents through department communications.

## GOAL 2:

### Recreation Programming

Establish and maintain a varied and inclusive suite of recreation programs that accommodate a spectrum of ages, interests, and abilities, and promote the health and wellness of the community.

## GOAL 3:

### Parks & Open Space

Acquire and develop a high-quality, diversified system of parks, recreation amenities, and open spaces that provide equitable access to all residents.

## GOAL 4:

### Trails & Pathways

Develop a high-quality system of multi-use trails and bicycle and pedestrian corridors that connects to regional trails and provides access to public facilities, neighborhoods, and businesses.

## GOAL 5:

### Design, Development & Management

Plan for a parks system that is efficient to maintain and operate, while protecting capital investment.

# Objectives



## **Public Art**

Incorporate art into parks and the trail network which will provide an ever-changing experience by working with local artists.

## **Access**

Ensure that all parks and trails are ADA accessible.

## **Manage Capital and Maintenance Costs**

Make maximum use of federal, state, county, and private grant opportunities to help with park development, recreation, and trail improvements.

Coordinate with and support organized athletic groups on maintenance costs in parks.

## **Signage and Landscaping**

Install new signage at all parks and enhance entryways with landscaping.

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## COMMUNITY & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

The most recent population estimates is 12,268 for the year 2018 by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (WDOA). The WDOA population projections indicate the City is expected to add an additional 72 residents by 2020, and 460 residents by 2025.

Considering the City also has the UW-P students, it is critical to include those numbers. If we subtract the UW-P enrollment numbers from the population numbers, the City has a population of 4,475 residents. Now if we look at the percent of population under 18, the percentage is 28% of the population. Those aged 60 years and over comprise 38% of the total population. This is important for park planning and accessibility.

**12,268**  
Population

**22.5**  
Median Age

**7,793**  
UW-Platteville  
Enrollment

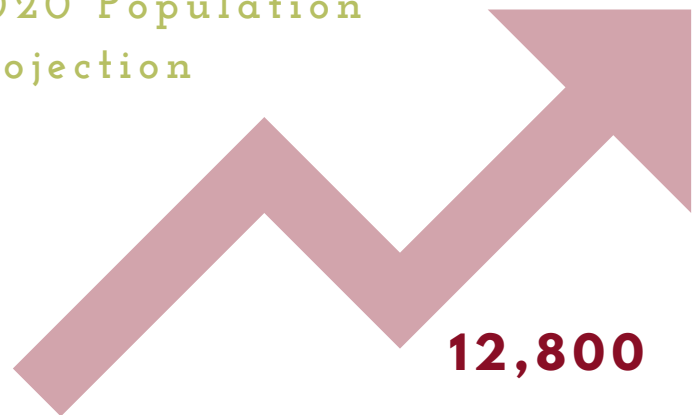
**1,236 (10%)\***  
Population 18  
years & under

**2.48**  
Average  
Household Size

**1,702 (14%)\***  
Population  
60 Years & over

American Community Survey, 2017

**12,340**  
2020 Population  
Projection

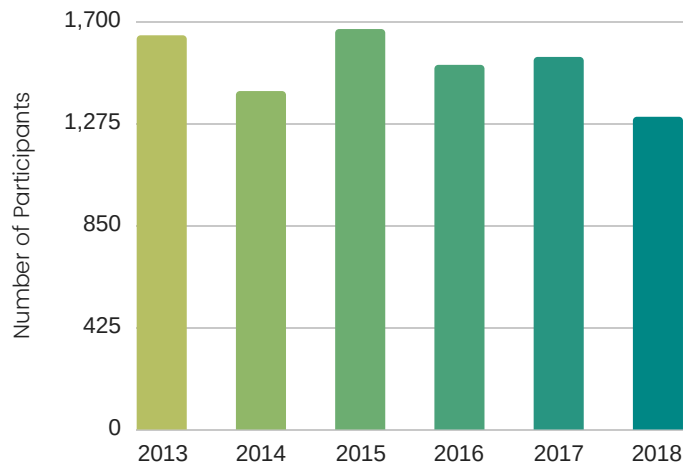


**12,800**  
2025 Population  
Projection

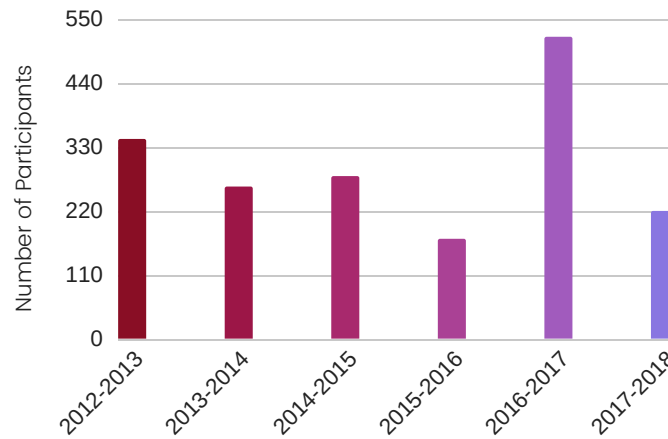
# RECREATION TRENDS

The Parks and Recreation Department has offered 957 programs between 2013 and August 2018, with 21,067 participants.

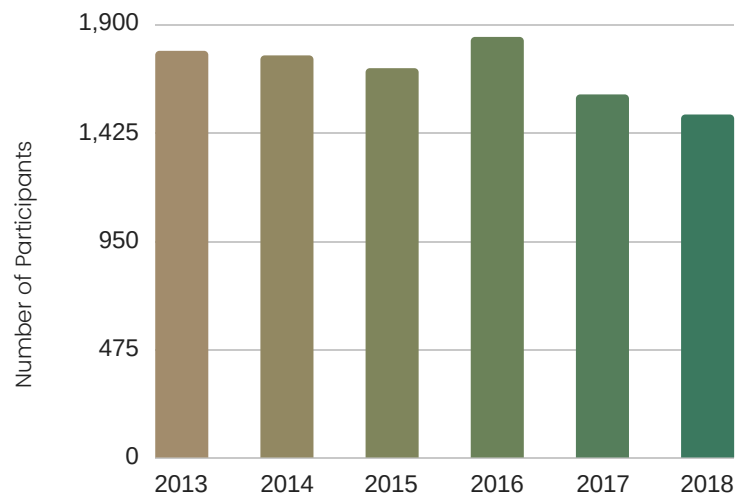
### Spring/Summer Programming Number of Participants



### Fall/Winter Programming Number of Participants



### Pool Programming Number of Participants



# COMMUNITY INPUT & PLANNING PROCESS

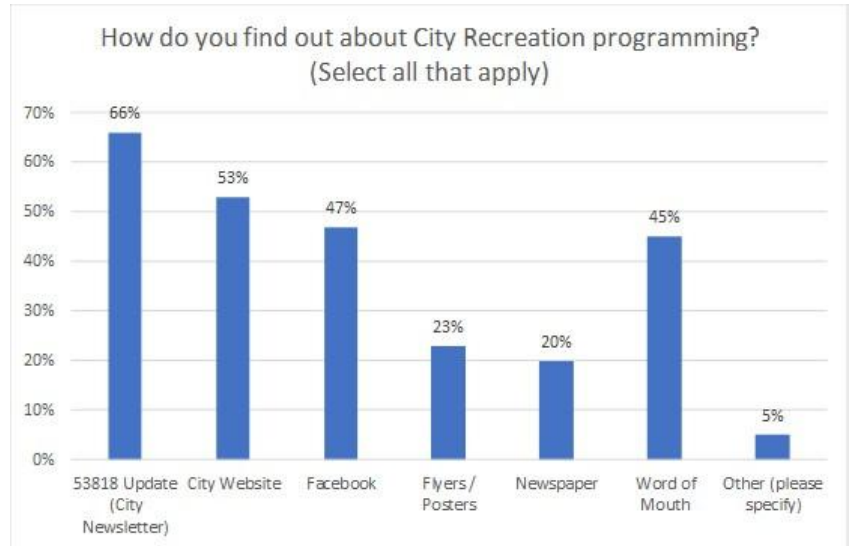
## SURVEY

A total of 105 survey participants completed the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan survey. 75% of the survey participants live in the City of Platteville. 84% of all participants own their home. Five survey participants noted that they have physical limitations that may limit access to parks or park amenities.

The three parks most visited are Smith Park, Legion Park, and the Mound View Park & Campground. 78% of participants indicated that the City has the right amount of Parks.

Please see Appendix A for full survey results.

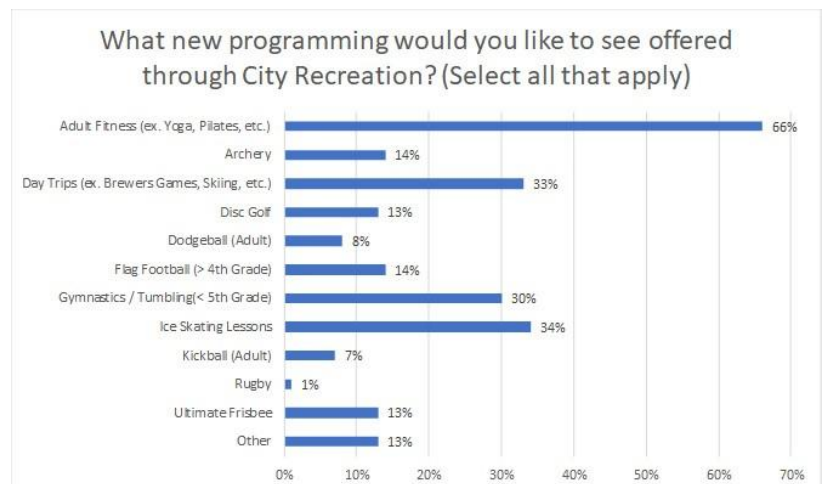
Most survey participants (66%) indicated that they receive City Recreation programming information from the 53818 Update (City newsletter), followed by the City website (53%), Facebook (47%), and word of mouth (45%).



Survey participants indicated the City did not have enough basketball and pickleball amenities. However, the most important amenities for households were paved trails and swimming facilities.

Survey participants recommended that an indoor gymnasium was the highest priority for the capital budget. Additionally, survey participants indicated a handicap accessible play feature, indoor gymnasium, and sensory playground would have community donations support.

Adult fitness received the most responses for new programming that the survey participants would like to see offered.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Platteville Parks and Recreation Department is committed to continuing to grow and maintain our current partnerships with other departments and agencies, as well as private and community organizations, businesses and Platteville residents with the goal of developing a wide variety of programs and resources. Residents and the general public are encouraged to attend Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Committee meetings to provide ideas.

Dedicated coordination and collaboration greatly enhance the Parks and Recreation Department's ability to fulfill the community's aspirations and the goals of this Plan; Open lines of communication ensure we are utilizing our resources wisely. For example, the Recreation Director meets quarterly with the Library and Museum Directors to discuss planned programming for the upcoming seasons and possible collaborations. Several other active partnerships, but not all would include:

### Civic Organizations

- Platteville Community Arboretum
- Platteville Golf & Country Club
- Platteville Main Street Program
- Platteville Power Soccer
- Platteville School District
- Platteville Youth Basketball
- Platteville Youth Diamond Sports
- University of Wisconsin - Platteville



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# Parks & Recreational Facilities

This section will analyze the existing park and recreation facilities in the City of Platteville. Parks are inventoried and classified based on standards established by the National Recreation and Park Association. The parks will be collectively assessed followed by an in-depth review of each park's facilities, amenities, history, and potential development opportunities as well as needed maintenance.

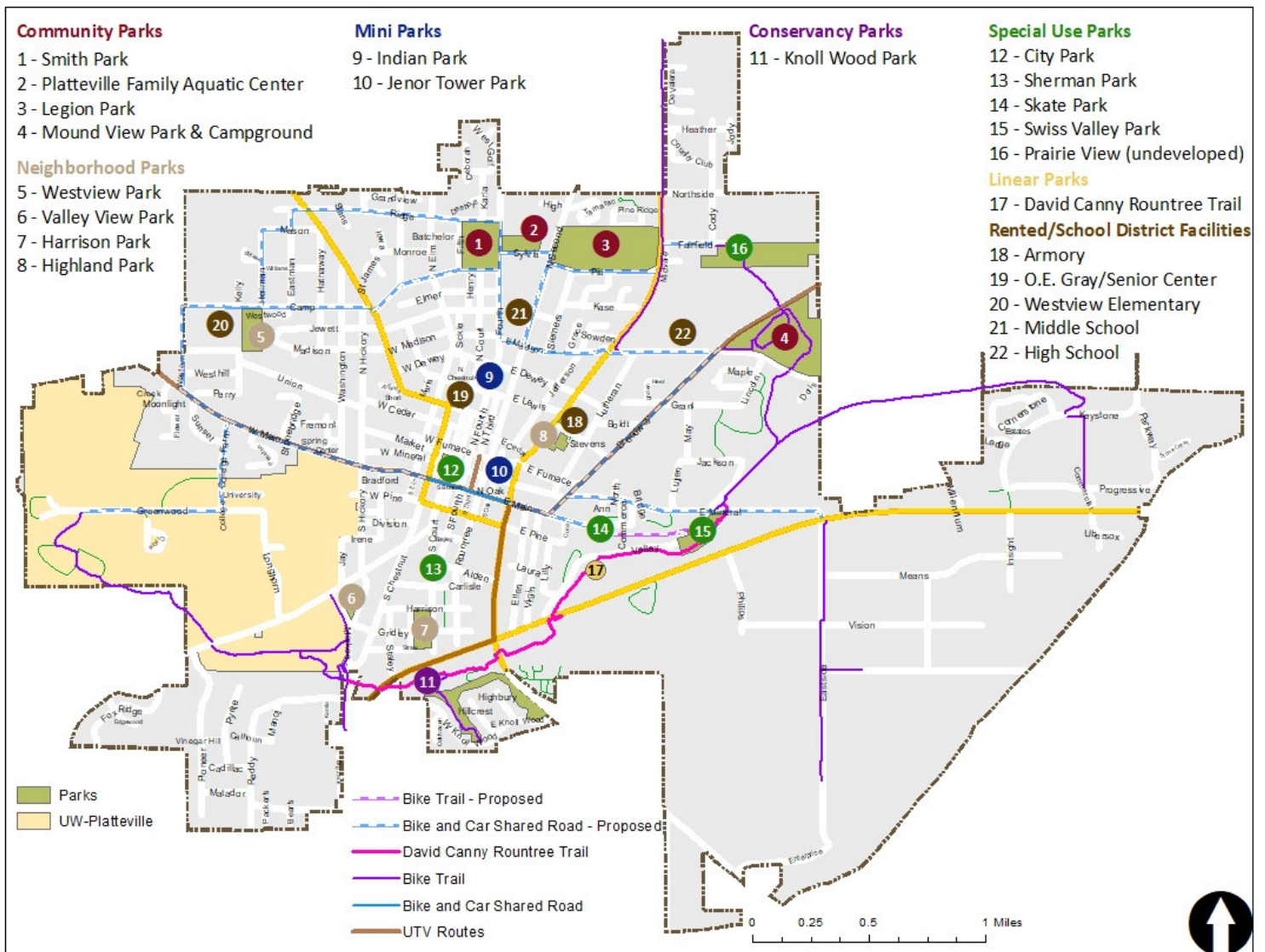
## PARKS OVERVIEW

Platteville has 22 parks and recreational facilities. While most are city-owned properties, four are owned by the Platteville School District and one by the Wisconsin National Guard. The National Recreation and Park Association provides a park and open space classification system based on size, service area, use, and site characteristics. By classifying these facilities, the City can determine future needs.

Platteville has four Community Parks, four Neighborhood Parks, two Mini-Parks, one Linear Park, one Conservancy, and five Special Use parks.

Map 1 shows that all community parks are located in the northern half of the city. One neighborhood park is located on the west side, two on the south side, and one in the center of Platteville. Two mini-parks are located in the center of the city. The conservancy is located on the southern edge and connects to the linear park. Special use parks are located throughout the city; community facilities are also featured.

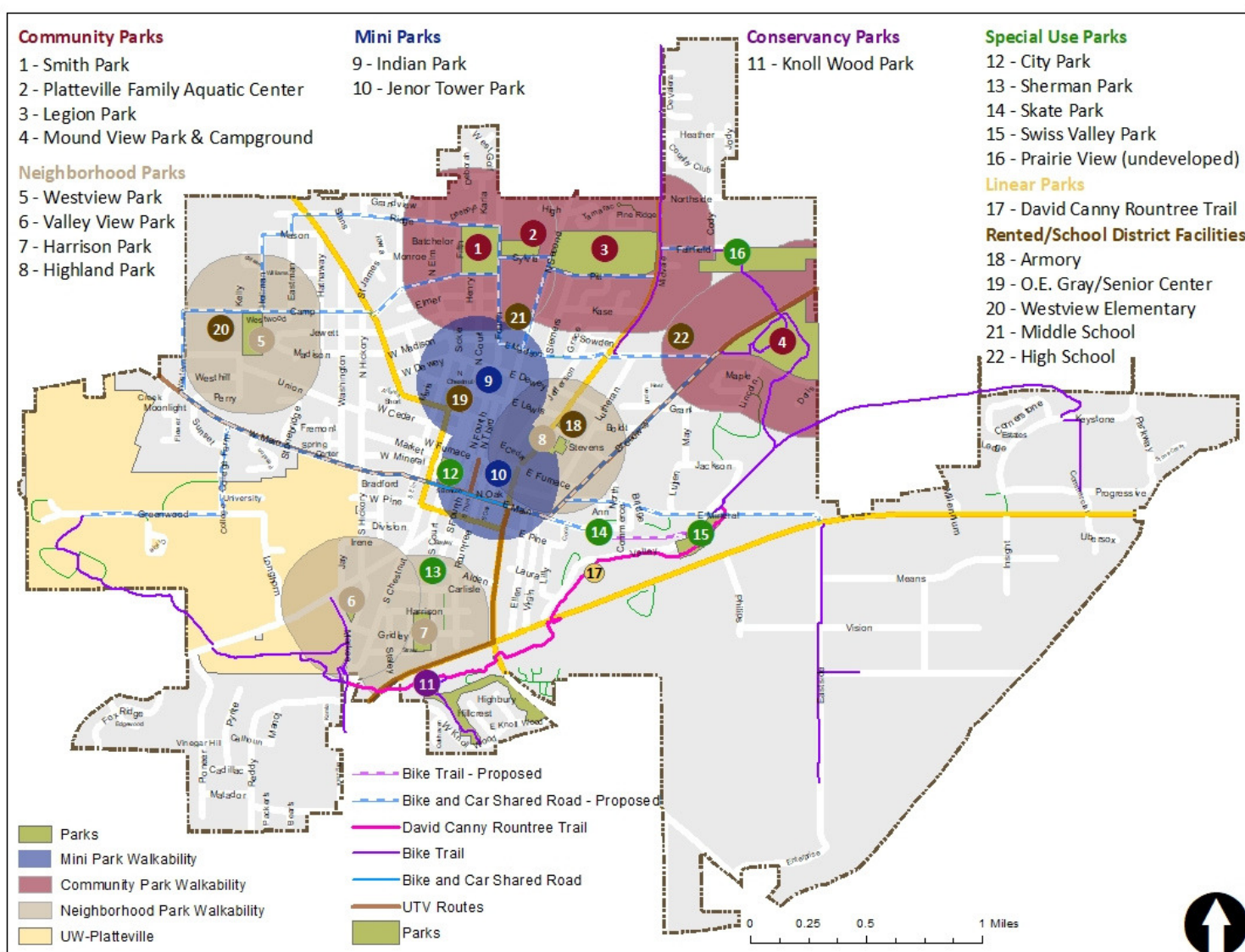
The existing bike trails, proposed bike trails, and UTV trails are included on the map to show connections.



MAP 1

Park walkability is defined as having a park within .25 mile, close enough to walk to from a place of residence. Map 2 shows the park walkability for community parks, neighborhood parks, and mini-parks only because of the park amenities. The colored buffered circles relate to the corresponding park.

Map 2 shows that portions of the city are not within walking distance of a park. This perceived lack of amenities could prompt the Parks and Recreation Department to consider placing additional parks in areas without a park. However, the survey results indicate that respondents did not feel the city needed another park.



MAP 2

# SMITH PARK



## History & Amenities

Smith Park is the City's oldest parkland. The land was originally owned by John H. Rountree and was sold by his heirs to the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1891. During this period, the land was known as the Chautauqua Grounds, though many referred to it simply as The Campground. As a part of the Chautauqua adult education movement of the late 19th century, the grounds were host to preachers, speakers, musicians, and other entertainers, with many programs taking place in the onsite Tabernacle. Crowds gathering for the programs would camp in tents or onsite sleeping cottages. The church sold a portion of the property to the City in 1894, and the entire parcel became public land in 1943. The park was renamed W. N. Smith Memorial Park after the president of the Vinegar Hill Mining Company. Mr. Smith was regarded as Platteville's first millionaire.

Today, Smith Park is most well-known for its mature oak trees, which provide natural shade for the park's amenities, which include: a paved walking path, playgrounds (2), basketball courts (2), a sand volleyball court, and outdoor shelter buildings (2) with restroom facilities (4). The shelters can be reserved and are used frequently by family gatherings in summer months.

## Initiatives:

### Repave Basketball Courts:

The two basketball court surfaces are in poor condition and should be repaved. (\$30,000)

### Handicap Accessible Swing:

A new handicap swing should be added. (\$1,500)

### Trees:

Efforts should be taken to maintain and enhance the woodland look of Smith Park. As trees need to be removed, new trees should be planted. A variety of species should be used, and plantings should continue each year so there is diversity, not only of species but also of age class structure. (\$1,000)

**Signage:** New park signs should be added to the corners of Ridge Avenue / 5th Avenue and Camp Street / N 4th Street. (\$1,000)

### Play Equipment:

Several pieces of freestanding play equipment should be removed from the park, including a metal slide, sandbox, and climbing cube. The climbing cube can be reused in another park but should be incorporated into a woodchip area with other play features. (\$0)

### Stone Grill:

The unusable stone grill should be removed. (\$0)

### Stone Wheel:

Research the stone wheel that is lying in the park. If it is site-specific, an interpretive sign should be added. (\$500)

### Shelters:

The shelters should be repainted and electrical outlets and lighting inspected for possible replacement. When possible, LEDs should be used. (\$1,500)

# PLATTEVILLE FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER



## History & Amenities

In 1934 the City purchased the land for the aquatic center for the price of one dollar from Dr. and Mrs. Wilson-Cunningham. The original facility was constructed the same year. The facility was most recently updated in 1996 with a bathhouse, concession stand, zero-depth entry, tot-play area, 40-foot slide, competitive pool, and diving boards. The facility also features a 900-square-foot sandbox called “The Big Dig” . In 2018, the new Tot slide was added to the pool.

## Initiatives:

### Signage:

The main sign for the pool should be replaced. (\$1,500)

### Landscaping:

The posts and ropes surrounding the landscaping planters should be repaired or replaced. Rock beds should also be topped off with additional materials. (\$2,500)

### Water Heater:

Replace the water heater in the bathhouse. (\$10,000)

# LEGION PARK



## History & Amenities

Plotted as Driving Park on a city map from 1895, the more widely known historic name for the property is Big Badger Fairgrounds. From 1910 through sometime after World War II, the property was the host of the Big Badger Fair. In 1959 the Platteville Fair Association sold the land to the City of Platteville exclusively for public, recreational, or educational purposes. Today the park is primarily a sports complex including soccer fields (3), sand volleyball courts (2), and horseshoe courts (16), plus ball diamonds (6), batting cages (3), and hitting stations (5).

## Initiatives

### Event Center:

There is currently a community-led committee working on replacing the existing Art Hall and Warming House with a new event center. The proposed event space would be approximately 6,000 square feet, double the size of the existing Art Hall. The proposed, barn-themed structure would also include restrooms, a food service area, covered outdoor seating, and storage, with heating and air conditioning enabling the structure to be used for events year-round. (\$650,000)

### Silo Shelter:

A silo shelter could be added to complement the event center. (\$30,000)

### Landscaping:

When the event center is constructed, the outdoor area could be spruced up to create a “garden party” area areas to sit and socialize. String lights could be added to create ambiance in the evenings. (\$25,000)

### Horseshoe Court Lights:

The existing lights for the horseshoe courts are starting to fail. At this time, it is recommended to replace the existing fixtures with LEDs. (\$1,500)

### Ice Rink Lights:

The existing lights for the ice rink area are starting to fail. At this time, it is recommended to replace the existing fixtures with LEDs. (\$1,500)

## Batting Cages:

The batting cages are currently exposed to the elements. Covering the cages would extend the expected life of the pitching machines and netting while also making it possible to practice hitting during inclement weather. (\$15,000)

## Outfield Fencing:

Gaps are starting to form on the bottom of our outfield fences. The cause of this is believed to be an increase in windthrow caused by the addition of the outfield signs which are impervious to wind. These fences will need to be repaired. (\$5,000)

## Rookie Fields:

Backstops and temporary fencing will be needed for the recently constructed Rookie Fields. Portable backstops would allow for maximum flexibility. (\$7,500)

## Backstops:

The backstops on several fields are starting to curl due to repeated hits from baseballs and softballs. Three-foot-tall brick or composite boards could be added to the backstops to help solve this problem and prevent future damage. (\$2,500)

## Dairy Days' Garage Roof:

The roof of the Dairy Days' shed is starting to leak and should be replaced. This cost can likely be shared among the entities using the facility for storage. As a cost-saving measure, contact could be made with the contractor of the new Event Center to see if re-roofing could be part of the construction. (\$5,000)

## Farm-Themed Playground:

A new community-built, farm-themed playground would be the perfect complement to the barn-themed event center. (\$250,000)

## Western Parking Lot:

A new parking lot should be constructed on the western side of the park to provide access to the horseshoe courts, ice rink, and overflow parking for the event center. A pathway could connect this lot to the event center and main parking lot. (\$80,000)

# MOUND VIEW PARK



## History & Amenities

Approximately half of Mound View Park remains natural vegetation and woodland that serves as an attractive greenway for the city. A section of the Rountree Branch flows through the natural area. Additionally, a section of the park was once a part of the Homestead Mine. Information about local mining history is available at the nearby Mining Museum. Much of the park can be accessed via a trail system which includes both wilderness and paved trails open to bike and pedestrian traffic. Leashed pets are permitted in the park, trails, and campground. One of the most popular amenities in Mound View Park is an 8-site campground. All sites are available for both tents and RVs with water and electric hookups. Restroom and shower facilities are also available onsite.

## Initiatives:

### Paint Shelter:

A fresh coat of paint could help spruce up the park shelter. (\$500)

### Expand Campground:

Add on additional campsites to the back side of the main drive loop. (\$10,000)

### Water & Electric:

Water and electric hookups to campsites should be improved. Improvements should include fixing water valves, increasing amps, and better alignment of hookups to the intended campsites. (\$10,000)

### Trail Signage:

There are currently three separate trails in and through Mound View Park. A detailed map of this area should be created and placed at the major intersections of these trails. (\$500)

### Naturalization:

Much of the park is maintained as mowed turf grass yet is not used for active recreation. Much of this area could be naturalized to reduce maintenance. (\$15,000)



# WESTVIEW PARK



## History & Amenities

Westview Park is adjacent to Westview Elementary School. The park was created when the City of Platteville exchanged Cunningham Park to the school district for the construction of the current Platteville High School. The main features of Westview Park are a 9-hole disc golf course and lighted tennis courts. One of the tennis courts is also lined for pickleball.

## Initiatives

### Signage:

New entry signs should be added along Camp Street and the intersection of Union Street and Perry Drive. (\$1,000)

### Pickleball Courts:

Dedicated pickleball courts should be added to the park. (\$100,000)

## History & Amenities

Valley View Park was donated to Platteville in 1908. The area was expanded in 1939, 1940, and 1963. Along with a shelter (1) and restroom facilities (2), the park features a playground (1), basketball court (1), and t-ball field (1).

# VALLEY VIEW PARK

## Initiatives

### Signage:

A new entry sign should be added along Markee Avenue. (\$500)

### Repave Basketball Court:

The basketball court surface is in poor condition and should be repaved. (\$15,000)



# HARRISON PARK



## History & Amenities:

The land for the park was purchased by the City of Platteville in 1968. Originally referred to as J.C.'s or Jaycee's Park, by the mid-70s the park was officially named Harrison Park. The northern half of the park is manicured turf grass and contains lighted sand volleyball courts (4), soccer field (1), playground (1), picnic tables, grills, and a shelter building (1) with restrooms (2). The park lost several trees during the tornado of 2014. Several dozen trees were planted on the south half of the park, with the goal of restoring the southern two acres back to a natural area.

## Initiatives:

### Signage:

New park entrance signs should be added at Harrison Avenue and S. Court Street. (\$500)

### Playground Replacement:

The existing playground structure was installed in 1991 and is currently the oldest in the City. A replacement should occur in the next 3-5 years. Based on feedback from the survey, consideration should be given to a climbing feature or more natural playground. The new playground should be moved closer to the existing shelter building, centralizing the active use areas. (\$20,000)

### Remove Metal Slide:

The existing metal slide should either be repaired or replaced. The hood was installed backward and has never been corrected. Given the age of the slide, its removal is likely the more logical option. This should be done in conjunction with the playground replacement. (\$0)

### Move Bench:

There is a memorial bench overlooking the existing playground. This bench should be moved in conjunction with the playground replacement. (\$300)

### Naturalize Turfgrass:

The southern two acres of the park should be naturalized to reduce turf grass. Pending feedback from local property owners, either woodland prairie or low-mow grass should be installed. (\$10,000)

### Single Track Trail:

A small section of single-track trail should be installed in conjunction with the creation of the naturalized area. A bench swing could be installed along the trail. This could be done in partnership with Platteville Human Powered Trails. (\$500)

# HIGHLAND PARK



## History & Amenities:

Purchased in 1964 and 1965, Highland Park is nestled between residential homes with the only public access provided by a narrow drive off Stevens Avenue. The park contains a shelter building (1), playground (1), and basketball court (1).

A drainage ditch flows north to south through the park and the westernmost quarter acre is maintained as a wetland, with taller groundcover, to help slow flash flooding.

## Initiatives:

### Entryway:

The current entry to the park is easy to miss when driving down Stevens Avenue. It could benefit from a new entry sign, landscaping, and removing or concealing the current porta-potty. (\$1,000)

### Playground Surface:

The playground equipment was installed in 1995. It is still in usable condition; however, the existing sand surface should be tilled or replaced with playground-grade wood mulch. (\$500)

### Wetland:

Wetland plantings should be added to the areas along the drainage ditch. This would allow for more water infiltration and reduce downstream flash flooding. (\$500)

# CITY PARK



## History & Amenities

City Park was originally laid out in the 1835 plat of Platteville to honor the tradition of a central green space popular in the English countryside. It is a showcase facility for the city and offers visitors, nearby business employees, and residents a centralized location for passive recreation, picnics, relaxation, and entertainment opportunities, such as the summer concert series. The annual summer arts festival and Farmer's Market are held here. The park has many shade trees and is attractively landscaped. In 1991, the City of Platteville, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Extension, completed a downtown revitalization study that called for the redevelopment of the City Park. In 2003, a "brick fund" was created by Building Platteville to fund the care and maintenance of City Park. The Downtown Revitalization Plan was released in 2010 with a general redevelopment strategy that provides long-range plans to enhance the downtown. In 2012, the City of Platteville, Platteville Chamber of Commerce, Building Platteville, Inc., and local veterans unveiled the Veteran's Honor Roll Memorial in the park, consisting of eight statues and an obelisk. Names of all Platteville area Veterans are inscribed on the Memorial. A similar Firefighter Memorial, a statue honoring Platteville's volunteer firefighters, was added in 2013.

## Initiatives:

### Signage:

New entry signs should be added along each side of the park. (\$2,000).

### Limestone Rocks:

Additional limestone rocks should be added around the gazebo. The rocks could be used as seating for concerts, or as natural "playful" features for children to climb on and jump from. (\$2,500)

### Gardens:

Low-maintenance flower gardens should be added within the park to add beauty to the park. Different types of gardens could be created in partnership with the Master Gardeners or UW-Platteville horticulture classes to serve as examples for residents. (\$2,000)

### Main Street Connection:

Located 135 feet from Main Street, there is currently not a good connection between City Park and Main Street. The 1991 revitalization study illustrates how Court Street can be redeveloped to help better form this connection. See Appendix C. The 2010 Revitalization plan expands on this idea. See Appendix D. (\$100,000)

### Picnic Areas:

Additional picnic areas should be created. (\$3,000)

### Security Cameras:

The veterans group would like to partner with the City of Platteville to install security cameras to help deter damage to the statues. (\$5,000)

# SHERMAN PARK



## History & Amenities

Named after W.T. Sherman Post No. 66, Grand Army of the Republic, Sherman Park is a small triangular piece of land surrounded by three streets. In 1961 an artillery shell used in the Siege of Vicksburg was moved from the Old Capitol Site to Sherman Park. While the monument remains, this shell has since gone missing.

Current amenities include a grill, picnic table, and a 7.58 cm Minenwerfer; a German mortar from WWI, which translates as “mine-thrower”. The park receives very little usage.

Long term, Sherman Park should be maintained for community beautification. While considered fully developed, efforts should be taken to reduce mowing maintenance using low mow grasses, wood chips, or other ground coverings.

## Initiatives

**Vicksburg Monument:** The artillery shell from the Siege of Vicksburg is no longer a part of the monument. Rumor is it had been replaced by a bowling ball for some time, but now that is also missing. Efforts should be taken to either restore or remove this monument. (\$1,000)

# SKATE PARK



## History & Amenities

What started as local teenagers' letters to the editor eventually turned into a community-run effort to create a skate park in Platteville. A total of seven sites were considered for the location, with the existing site scoring highest on the site analysis system. The park consists of a split-level concrete pad with free-standing modular obstacles.

Long term, a trail should be formed in the adjacent railroad bed to connect Skate Park to the Swiss Valley Park. By connecting these two parks, they could likely share a future restroom facility. The trail would serve to not only connect the two parks but help connect the downtown district with the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail.

## Initiatives

### Signage:

A new entry sign should be added along Main Street. (\$500)

### Skate Obstacles:

Parks staff should create one or two new obstacles each season. When this is done each year, the oldest obstacles should be removed. This rotation will help keep obstacles in good condition. (\$1,000)

### Picnic Area:

A picnic area could make the park more welcoming to non-skaters / non-bikers. More users would also discourage some of the graffiti and vandalism issues that are currently present in the park. (\$500)

# SWISS VALLEY PARK



## History & Amenities

Located along the Rountree Branch, the land for the Swiss Valley Park was donated to the City in 2003 by Swiss Valley Farms / Old Wisconsin Cheese. A portion of the park was dedicated for dogs in 2007 when the Platteville Community Arboretum raised funds to install a fence around a section of the park.

Today there are separate spaces for large dogs, small dogs, and dogs-in-training. Other amenities include a covered shelter, picnic tables, waste disposal stations, and water hydrants. For those without canine companionship, the park also features an outdoor fitness center and convenient access to the David Canny Rountree Branch Trail.

## Initiatives

### Naturalization:

The southern portion of the park should be naturalized to reduce maintenance. (\$10,000)

### Community Orchard:

Fruit trees should be planted in an area of the park to create a community orchard. This would be a place where residents could pick edible fruit from trees on public property. (\$2,500)

# PRAIRIE VIEW PARK



## History & Amenities

The City of Platteville currently owns 15.9 acres of land adjacent to Platteville High School. A portion of the land was donated in 2006 and 2007 with the development of the Prairie View Subdivision. Additional acres were purchased over the next few years. Immediate uses for the park were stormwater management and trail connectivity. A gravel trail currently starts in the park and connects to the Rountree Branch Trail. In 2018, 5.5 acres of this land was leveled to create athletic field space. The remaining acres are being held by the City until the demand for more athletic field space become apparent.

## Initiatives:

### Soccer Fields:

Ensure that the current athletic field space becomes usable for soccer through the addition of soccer goals. (\$15,000)

### Parking:

When Fairfield Drive is extended out to Hazel Dell Road, it should be constructed wide enough to permit on-street parking to service Prairie View Park. An additional parking lot may also need to be constructed within the center of the park, as part of a future Comprehensive Parks Plan. (\$0)



# INDIAN PARK



## History & Amenities

The land was originally owned by John H. Rountree. In 1848, it was deeded to the trustees of the German Presbyterian Church for use as a public burial ground. In 1917, it was given to the City and the cemetery was deemed vacated by the state. In that notice, it was asserted that *"all but a very few of the remains had been removed"*. In 1918, the land was plotted as Cemetery Park, but on March 8, 1918 the Common Council designated it as Rountree Park. The next month, a committee was formed to move any additional remains to Greenwood Cemetery. In the following years, this dedicated name seems to have been forgotten, as in 1928 the park was plotted as *"North Park"* and in 1959 referred to in Common Council meeting notes as *"Fourth Street Park (also known as North Park and Indian Park)"*. The name Indian Park seems to have stuck, as many residents remember the park always being referred to by that name. Per the Wisconsin Historical Society, *"local legend states that a Native American is buried in the middle of the parcel, thence the name of the park,"* but no documentation has been found to verify this claim.

Today, Indian Park appears much the same as it was drawn in the plot from 1928. It is lightly developed with sidewalks, grills, and picnic tables as the only amenities. Potential additions should be done thoughtfully, in a way that is respectful to the history of the park as a burial ground. Prior to future developments, the Wisconsin Historical Society should be consulted.

## Initiatives:

### Signage:

New park entrance signs should be added at N 4th Street and N Court Street. (\$500)

### Interpretive Signage:

The addition of interpretive signage could help tell the history of this park. The German Presbyterian Church is still located at 180 W Cedar Street. (\$2,000)

### Water Feature:

Adding a water feature to the park could assist in creating a reflective atmosphere to help maintain this area as a quiet thoughtful place, respecting its origins. (\$15,000)

# JENOR PARK



## History & Amenities

Jenor Park was developed in 1983 with assistance from a Community Development Block Grant. The park is near downtown and serves as an oasis in the Central Business District. Currently, the park is used heavily by residents of Jenor Tower, a neighboring apartment complex. The adjoining property of 160 E Mineral Street is also owned by the City and is currently being used as a community garden. Additional amenities include a shelter (1), gazebo (1), a drinking fountain (1), grills, benches, and picnic tables.

## Initiatives:

### Signage:

A new entry sign should be added along E Mineral Street. (\$500)

### Retaining Wall:

The wood retaining wall in Jenor Park is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. It is suggested that the parks staff replace it with a stone block wall. Planters could be added to be filled with low maintenance plantings. (\$10,000)

### Lighting:

The existing lighting is old and should be updated to LED. (\$1,000)

### Sensory Garden:

The addition of sensory elements as part of the community garden could attract more users to this park. The addition of a “garden playhouse” with built-in storage areas for gardening tools would be a great central focus. (\$7,500)

# KNOLL WOOD PARK



## History & Amenities

Knoll Wood Park is a remnant of an oak savanna. Much of the area can be accessed via a trail system which includes both wilderness and paved trails open to bike and pedestrian traffic. Parking and restroom facilities are provided at the nearby Platteville Regional Chamber.

## Initiatives:

### Naturalization:

As recently planted trees mature in the eastern section of the park, maintenance should gradually be reduced, allowing the area to convert back to oak savanna. (\$0)

### Single Track Trail:

The Knoll Wood Single Track Trail should be added to directional signage currently located on the Rountree Branch Trail. Trailhead signs should also be added, including a spot to post a "trail closed" sign when the trail is too wet to pass. (\$500)

# DAVID CANNY ROUNTREE BRANCH TRAIL



## History & Amenities

The Rountree Branch Trail is a 3-mile paved and lighted trail that crosses the city west to east from UW-Platteville to the Mound View State Trail. The trail roughly follows the Rountree Branch, which is a tributary of the Little Platte River. In addition to the natural beauty of the Rountree Branch, there are gardens, benches, artistic bike racks, historical kiosks, a gazebo, and an outdoor fitness center along the trail. A portion of the trail, from the Chestnut Street to Mineral Street, was dedicated to David Canny, who, in the early 1990s, envisioned a trail that would create a corridor to enjoy the natural world.

## Initiatives:

### Trail Improvements:

There are occasional washouts along the gravel trail that runs from Mound View Park to Prairie View Park. Paving or adding a limestone mix to this trail could help with this and create better conditions for bikers. Because this trail is currently part of the snowmobile trail, a non-paved trail is preferred.

### Trail Connection:

A trail should be constructed to connect the Swiss Valley Park and Skate Park. In addition to connecting the two parks, this would provide a better connection between downtown Platteville and the Rountree Branch Trail. Because this trail is currently part of the snowmobile trail, a non-paved trail is preferred.

# PLATTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



## History & Amenities

The Parks and Recreation Department utilizes several School District gymnasiums for various summer and winter programs.

The City of Platteville currently rents space in OE Gray Learning Center for the Platteville Senior Center, also known as PEAK (Platteville Enrichment, Activity, and Kinship). There is potential for this building to become an even greater community resource.

## Initiatives

210 & 220 W Adams Street:

Should the properties of 210 & 220 W Adams Street ever become available, consideration should be given to purchasing this property for the potential addition of a gymnasium onto the OE Gray Learning Center. (\$65,000)



# PLATTEVILLE ARMORY



## History

The Platteville Armory was originally constructed by the City of Platteville. In 1941 the Wisconsin National Guard started leasing the facility. This lease was renewed by the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in 1962 and 1965. In 1982 the City sold the property to the DMA for \$50,000. In 1988 the City entered a 99-year lease, which included free access to the Armory for voting, marksmanship training, and recreation programming. This lease also permitted the DMA free use of the northern parking lot and a storage lot located on Valley Road. In 2017, the 229th Engineer Company, which was stationed in Platteville, was moved to Richland Center. Later that year, the DMA terminated the 99-year lease and explored options including selling or closing the Armory. As of the writing of this document, the DMA still has a Facility Manager and Recruiters stationed at the Armory. The City of Platteville coordinates with these individuals to rent the Armory for voting and recreation programming.

As a precautionary measure, City staff have worked with the Platteville School District to secure alternative locations for most of our existing recreation programming. Long term, the City should consider adding a Community Center, which would include gym space.

# Implementation & Funding

## IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation plans connect actions to defined initiatives, budgets, and priorities. The most successful plans reach outside the local government to engage partners in the public, private, and non-profit sectors in implementation. Through the Capital Planning Process, the identified initiatives will be proposed for each year for the next five years. The following chart contains all initiatives that have a cost for each park. The initiative, the cost, and the priority are provided. These priorities are not set in stone; one project might happen sooner than planned, and others might happen later than planned. This is a guide for park planning.

### Park Priorities:

	PARKS	ID	INITIATIVE	COST	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
C1	Smith Park	1	Repave Basketball Courts	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
		2	Handicap Accessible Swing	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
		3	Trees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
		4	Signage	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
		5	Stone Wheel	\$ 500		\$ 500	
		6	Shelters	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
C2	Platteville Family Aquatic Center	7	Signage	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
		8	Landscaping	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500	
		9	Water Heater	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		
C3	Legion Field	10	Event Center	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000		
		11	Silo Shelter	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	
		12	Landscaping	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	
		13	Horseshoe Court Lights	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
		14	Ice Rink Lights	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
		15	Batting Cages	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
		16	Outfield Fencing	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
		17	Rookie Fields	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500	
		18	Backstops	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500	
		19	Dairy Days' Garage Roof	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		
		20	Farm Themed Playground	\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000
		21	Western Parking Lot	\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000	
C4	Mound View Park & Campground	22	Paint Shelter	\$ 500	\$ 500		
		23	Expand Campground	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
		24	Water & Electric	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
		25	Trail Signage	\$ 500	\$ 500		
		26	Naturalization	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	

## Park Priorities: .... continued

N1	Westview Park	27	Signage	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
		28	Pickleball Courts	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
N2	Valley View Park	29	Signage	\$ 500	\$ 500		
		30	Repave Basketball Court	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	
N3	Harrison Park	31	Signage	\$ 500	\$ 500		
		32	Playground Replacement	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000	
		33	Move Bench	\$ 300		\$ 300	
		34	Naturalize Turf Grass	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
		35	Single Track Trail	\$ 500		\$ 500	
N4	Highland Park	36	Entryway	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
		37	Playground Surface	\$ 500	\$ 500		
		38	Wetland	\$ 500		\$ 500	
S1	City Park	39	Signage	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000	
		40	Limestone Rocks	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500	
		41	Gardens	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000	
		42	Main Street Connection	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
		43	Picnic Areas	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000	
		44	Security Cameras	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000	
S3	Sherman Park	45	Vicksburg Monument	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
S5	Skate Park	46	Signage	\$ 500	\$ 500		
		47	Skate Obstacles	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
		48	Picnic Area	\$ 500		\$ 500	
S7	Swiss Valley Park (Dog Park)	49	Naturalization	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		
		50	Community Orchard	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500	
S8	Prairie View (undeveloped)	51	Soccer Fields	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		
M1	Indian Park	52	Signage	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
		53	Interpretive Signage	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		
		54	Water Feature	\$ 15,000			\$ 15,000
M2	Jenor Tower Park	55	Signage	\$ 500	\$ 500		
		56	Retaining Wall	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		
		57	Lighting	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	
		58	Sensory Garden	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500	
CS1	Knoll Wood Park	59	Naturalization	\$ -			\$ -
		60	Single Track Trail	\$ 500	\$ 500		
CF 1	OE Grey	61	Property Acquisition	\$ 60,000			\$ 60,000
L1	Rountree Trail	62	Trail Connection	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000
		63	Trail Improvements / Connection	\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000
				<b>\$ 1,900,800</b>	<b>\$ 735,500</b>	<b>\$ 292,300</b>	<b>\$ 877,000</b>



# FUNDING

## Parkland Dedication and Impact Fees

The City's Municipal Code includes regulations regarding parkland dedication requirements. Within the corporate limits of the City, subdividers are required to dedicate sufficient land to provide park, recreation, and general open space to meet the anticipated neighborhood needs of residential and development areas or pay a fee-in-lieu-of-land.

## DNR GRANT PROGRAMS

### Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON)

- 50% local match
- Applications due May 1 of each year

### Recreation Trails Grant Program

- Up to 50% of project costs
- Applications due May 1 of each year

### Urban Forestry

- 50% local match
- Applications due October 1 of each year

### Knowles - Nelson Steward Program

- 50% local match
- Applications due May 1 of each year

## Community Fundraising & Volunteer Groups

Community groups, businesses, and civic organizations have always been great supporters of our community parks and recreation programs. We acknowledge the tremendous support that we receive and hope to continue to receive.

## FUNDING...CONTINUED

### Endowments

The **Platteville Parks Endowment Fund** was established in 2014. This fund is currently held by the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. The primary purpose of this fund is to maintain, improve, and/or expand City of Platteville parks, trails, and other recreational facilities and programs located in Platteville, Wisconsin.

The **Legion Park Endowment Fund** was established in 2014. This fund is currently held by the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. The primary purpose of this fund is to support projects that address maintenance, repair, and improvement of the Legion Park baseball/softball facilities and concession areas.

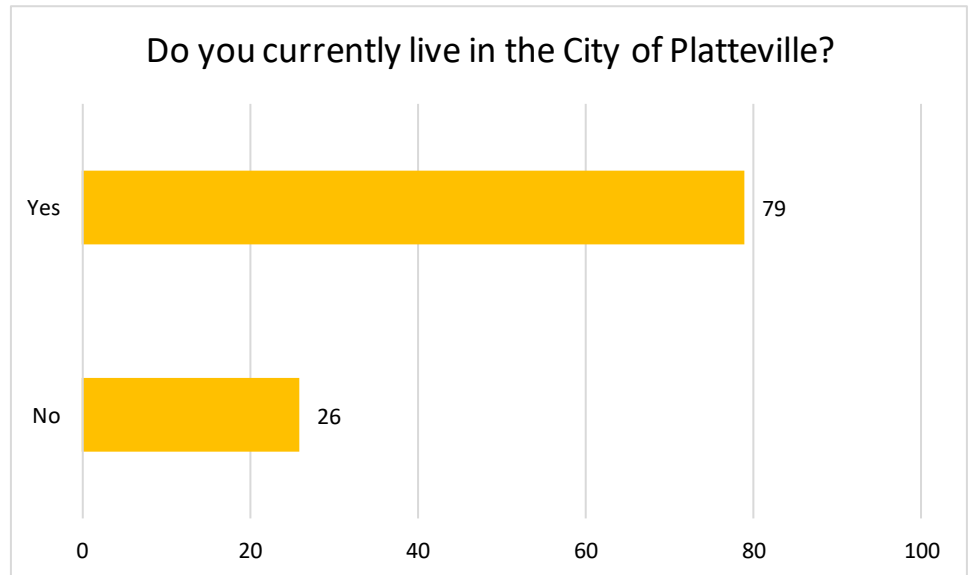
The **Orlo Clayton Endowment Fund** was established in 2015. This fund is currently held by the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. This fund was gifted for the Parks and Recreation Program for the maintenance and improvements of Smith Park and Legion Field as determined by the City Council of the City of Platteville upon the recommendation of the appropriate City Staff. Upon the establishment of this fund, \$150,000 was kept spendable and can be requested for qualifying projects.

The **Cyril Clayton Endowment Fund** was established in 2015. This fund is currently held by Mound City Bank. This fund was gifted for the Parks and Recreation Program or the maintenance and improvements of Smith Park and Legion Field as determined by the City Council of the City of Platteville upon the recommendation of the appropriate City Staff.

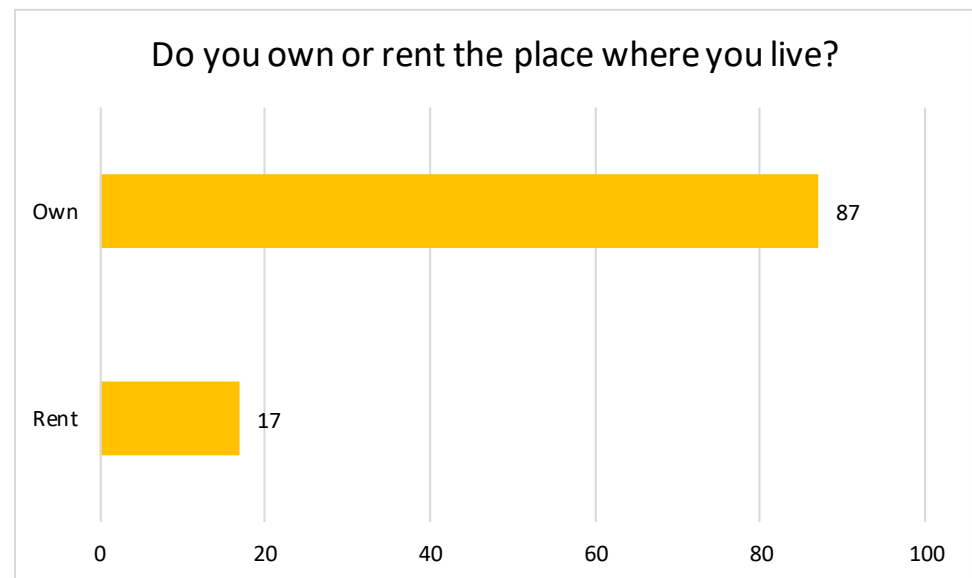
# APPENDICES

# 2018 Parks and Recreation Survey Results

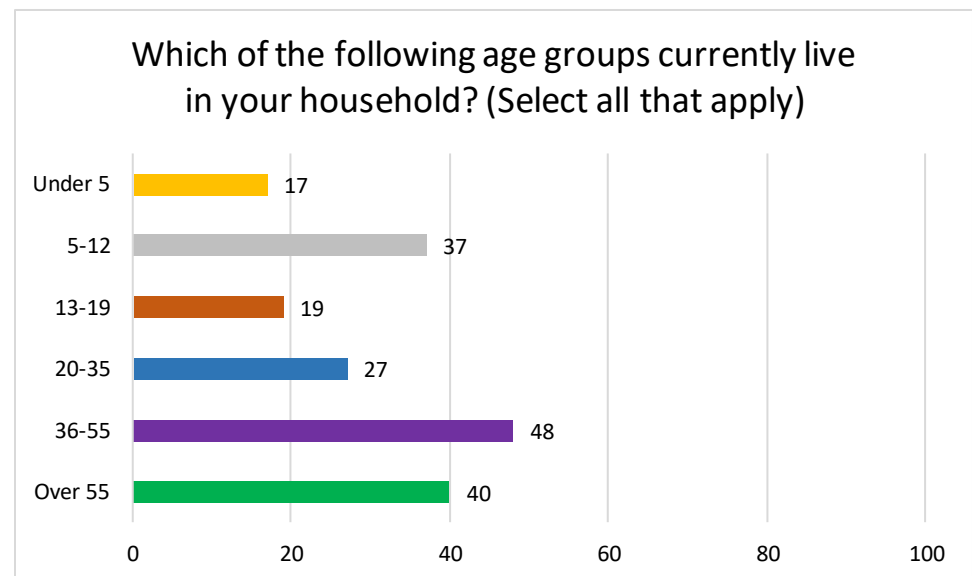
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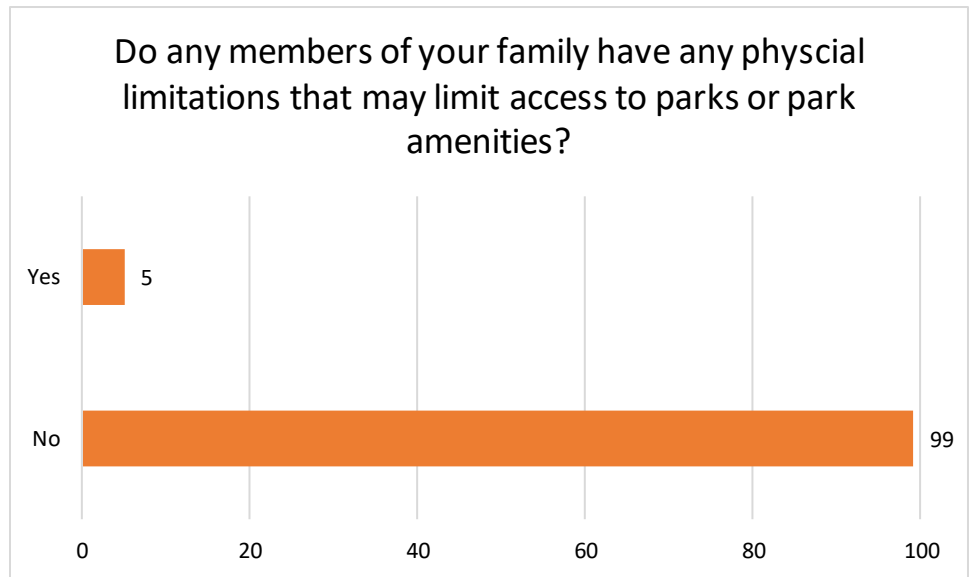
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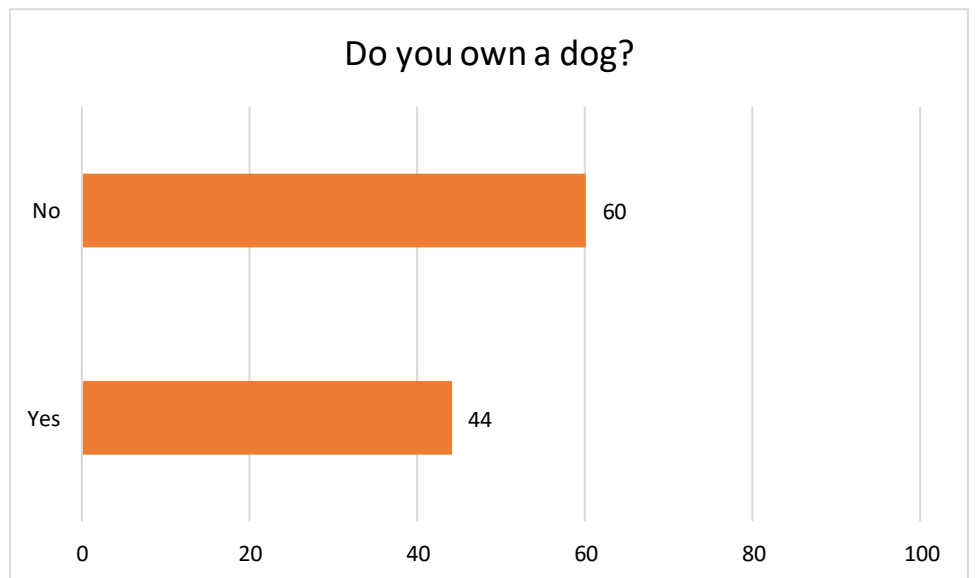
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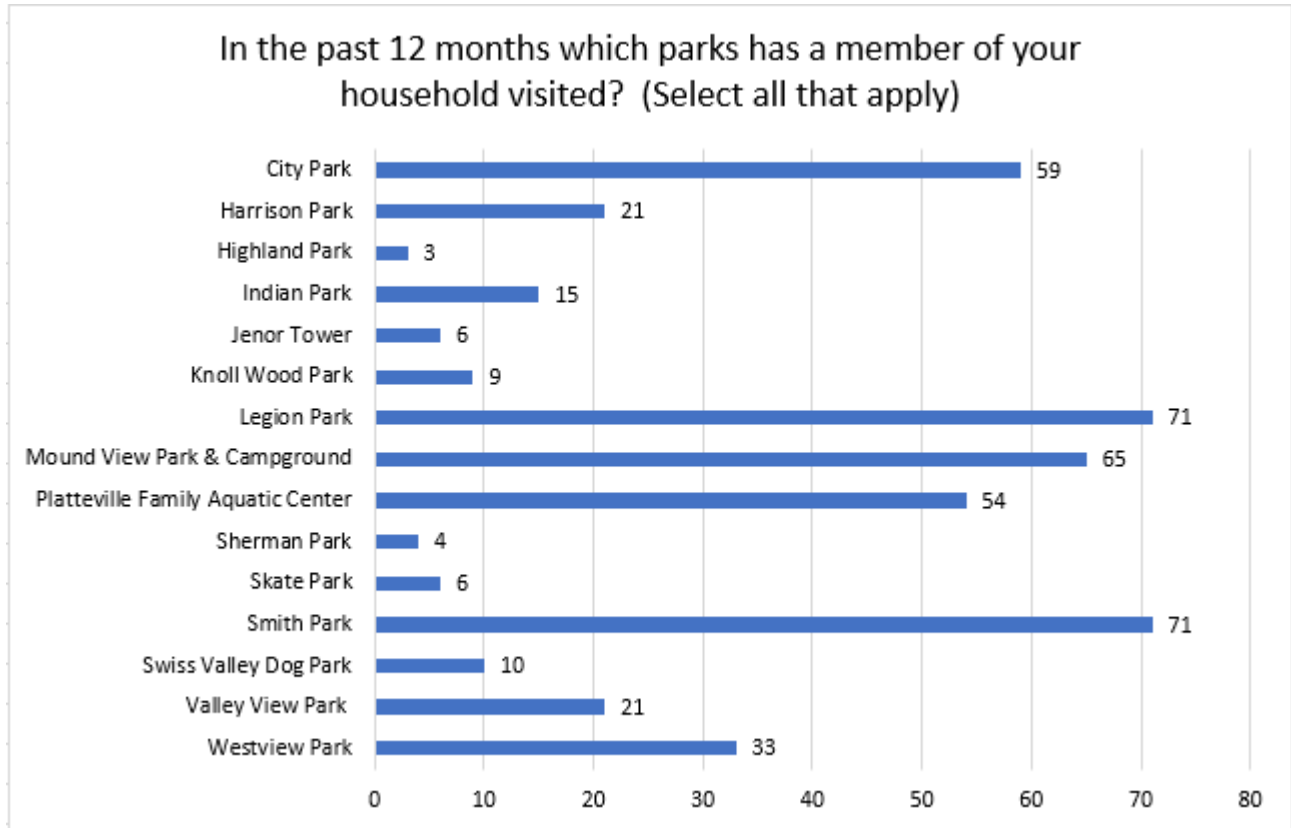
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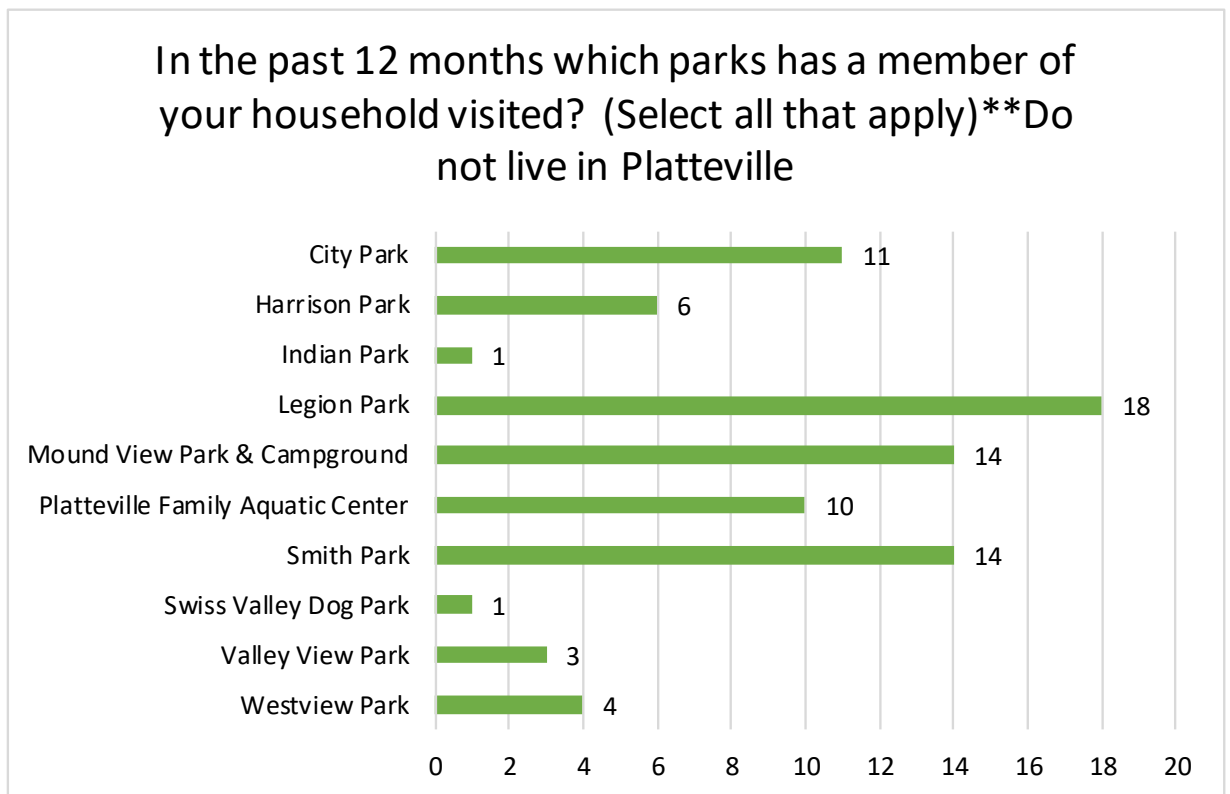
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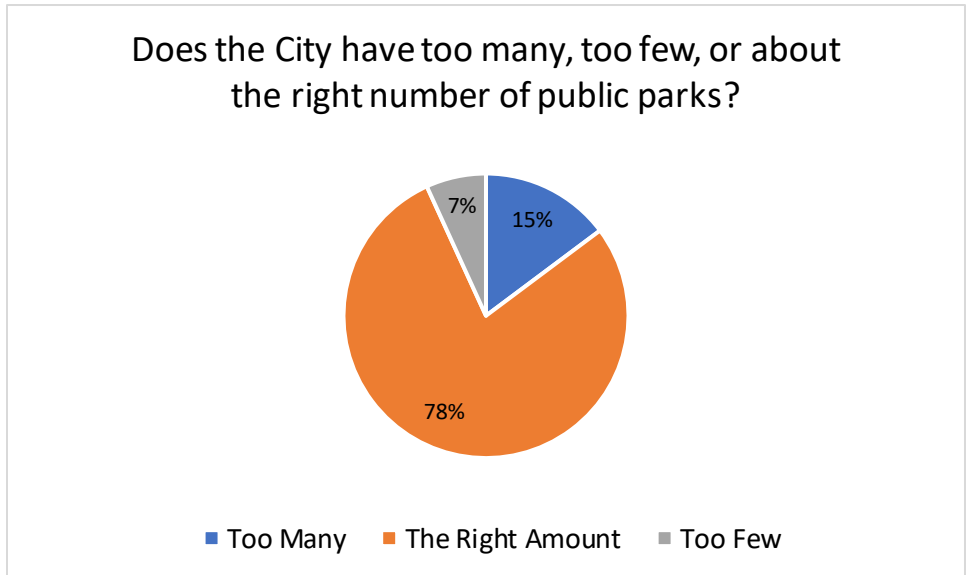
Q6 - Includes all survey participant responses, the majority visit Legion Park , Smith Park, and Mound View Park & Campground.



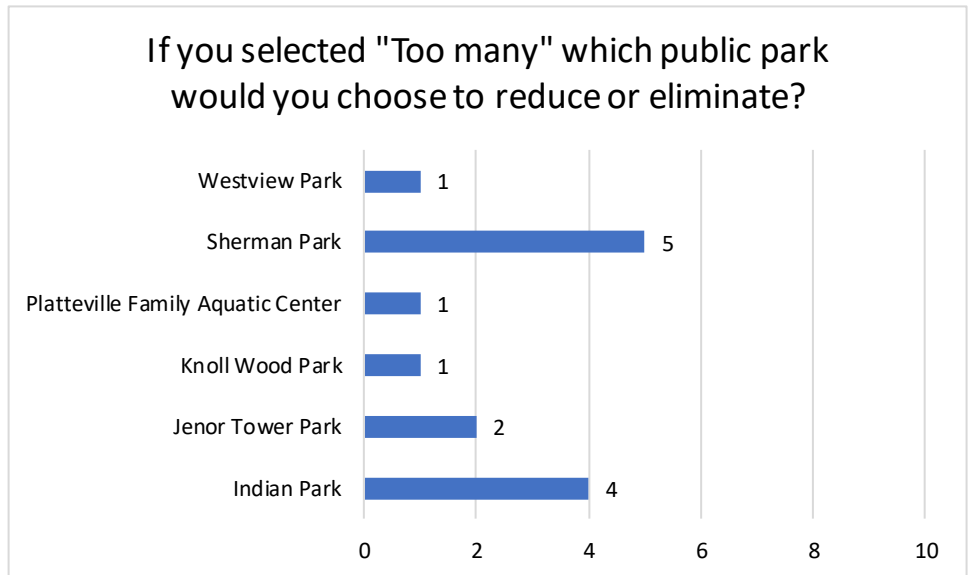
Q6a - Separated out those that do not live in Platteville. A majority visit Legion Park, Smith Park, and Mound View Park & Campground.



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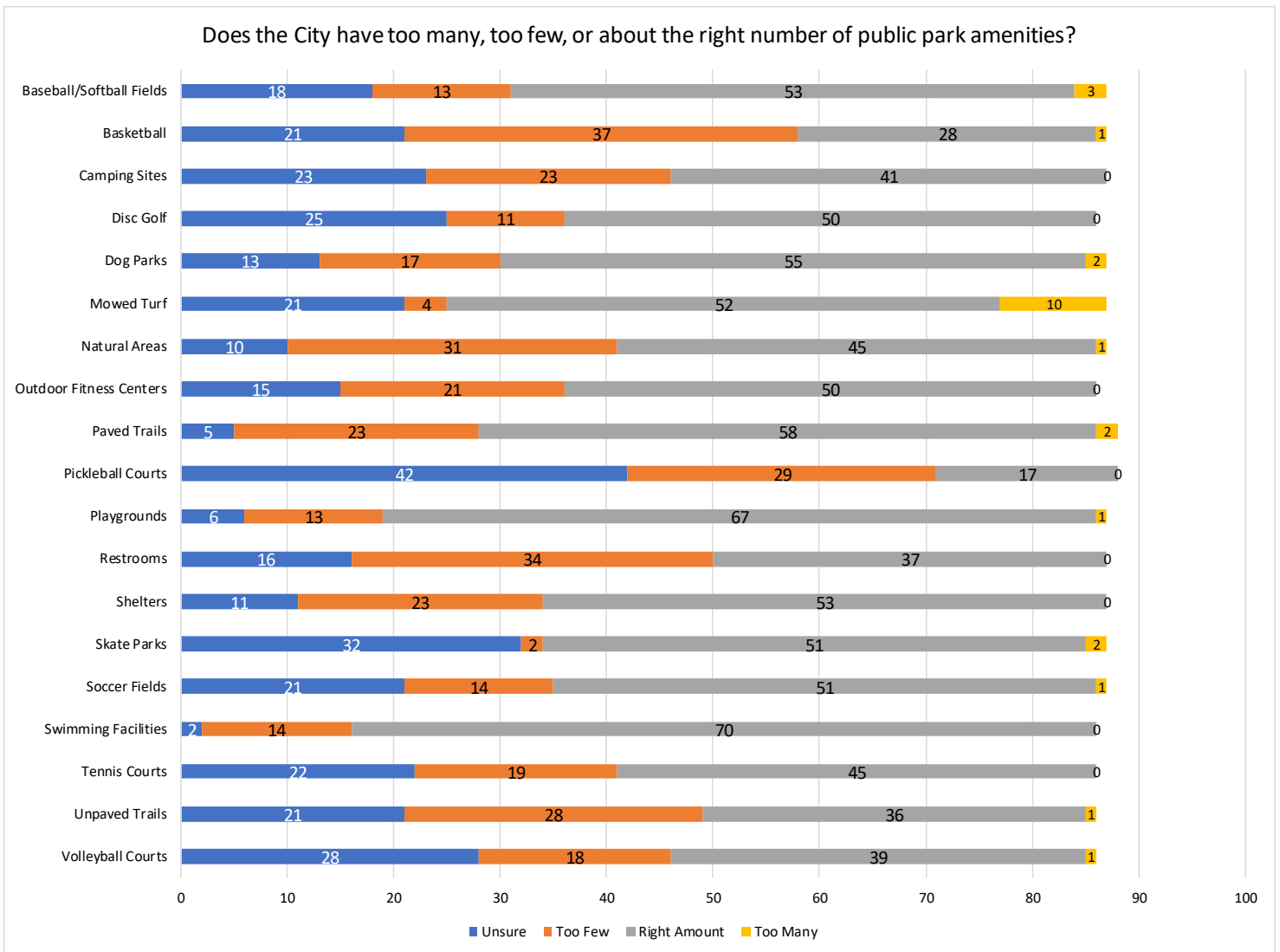
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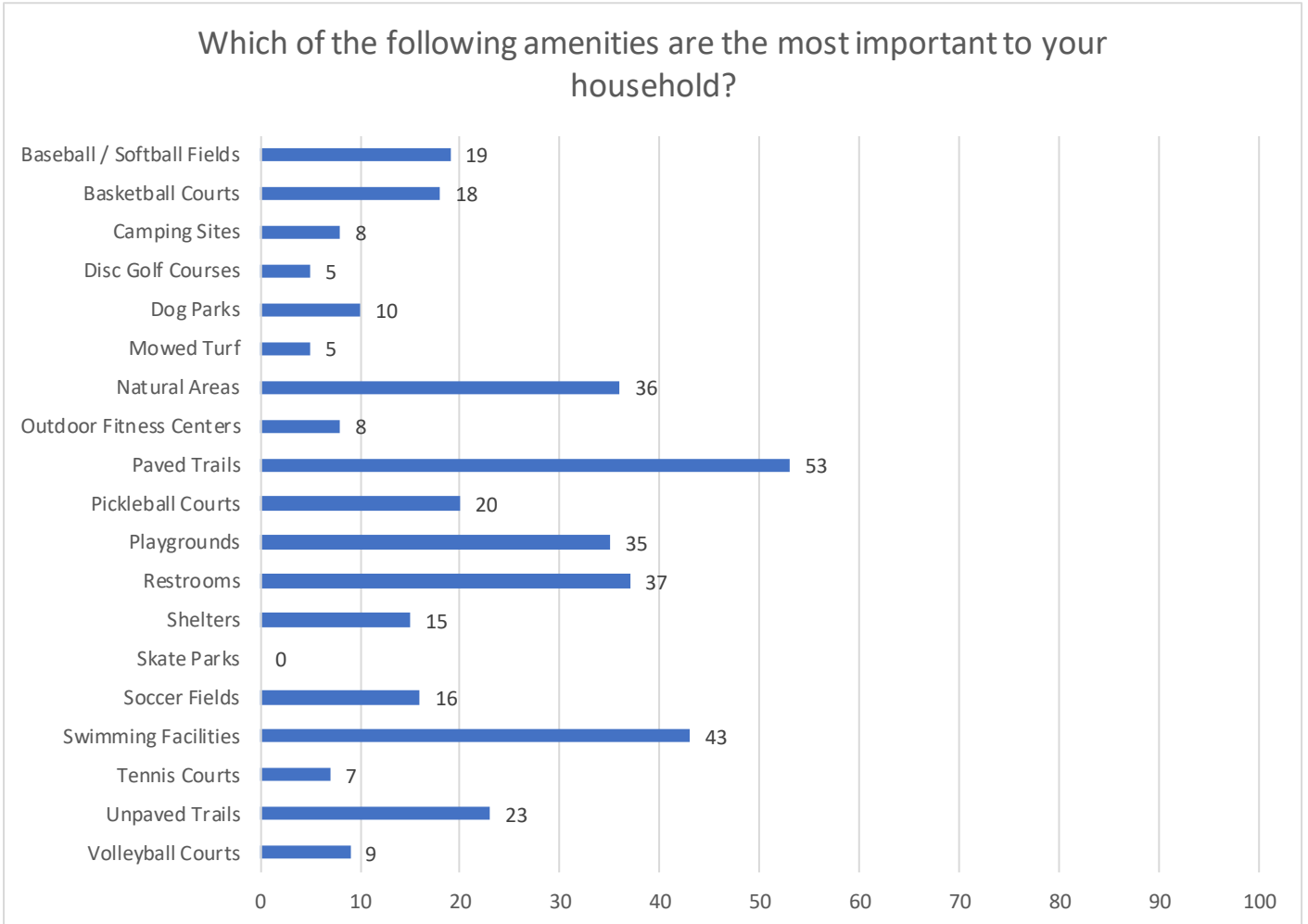


Q9 - The graph below indicates if each amenity has too many (yellow), too few (orange), about the right number (gray) or unsure (blue). Taking Basketball as an example, 21 participants indicated they were unsure about the number of amenities, 37 participants noted there were too few, 28 noted there are about the right number of amenities and I voted they felt there were too many courts.

Basketball and pickleball had the most participants indicate that there were too few amenities. 10 participants indicated there are too many mowed turf areas.

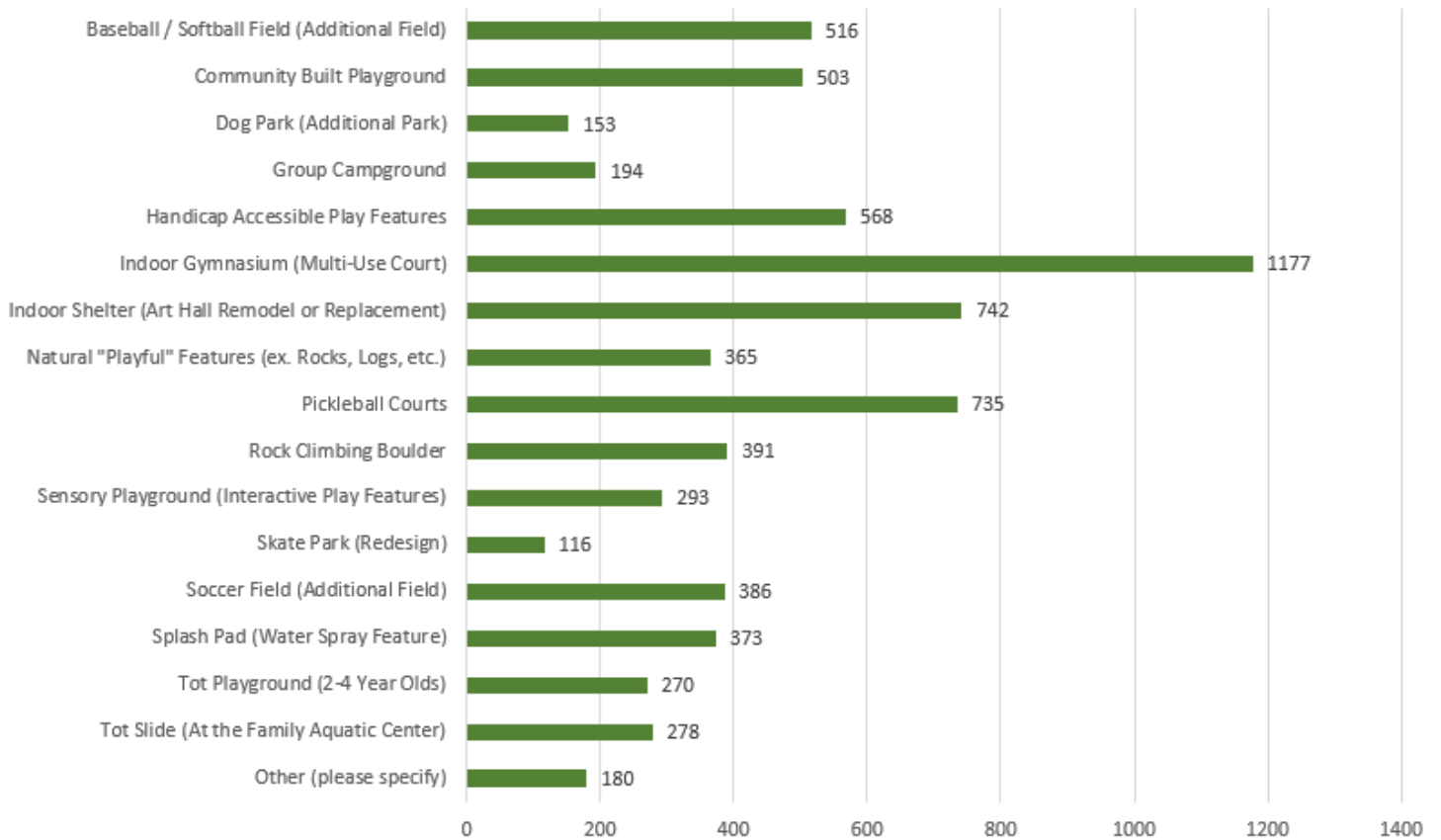


Q10



Q12 - Asked participants to allocate the capital budget and to ensure that the numbers equaled 100%. Each participant used a different numbering system. The graph above show the total points allocated to each item. The indoor gymnasium received the highest allocation. On the following page are the “other” amenities indicated by participants (Q14). The answers are provided as written from the survey.

If you were responsible for 100% of the Parks and Recreation Department capital budget, how would you spend it? You can spread the percentage over as many items as you choose, but your total must equal 100%

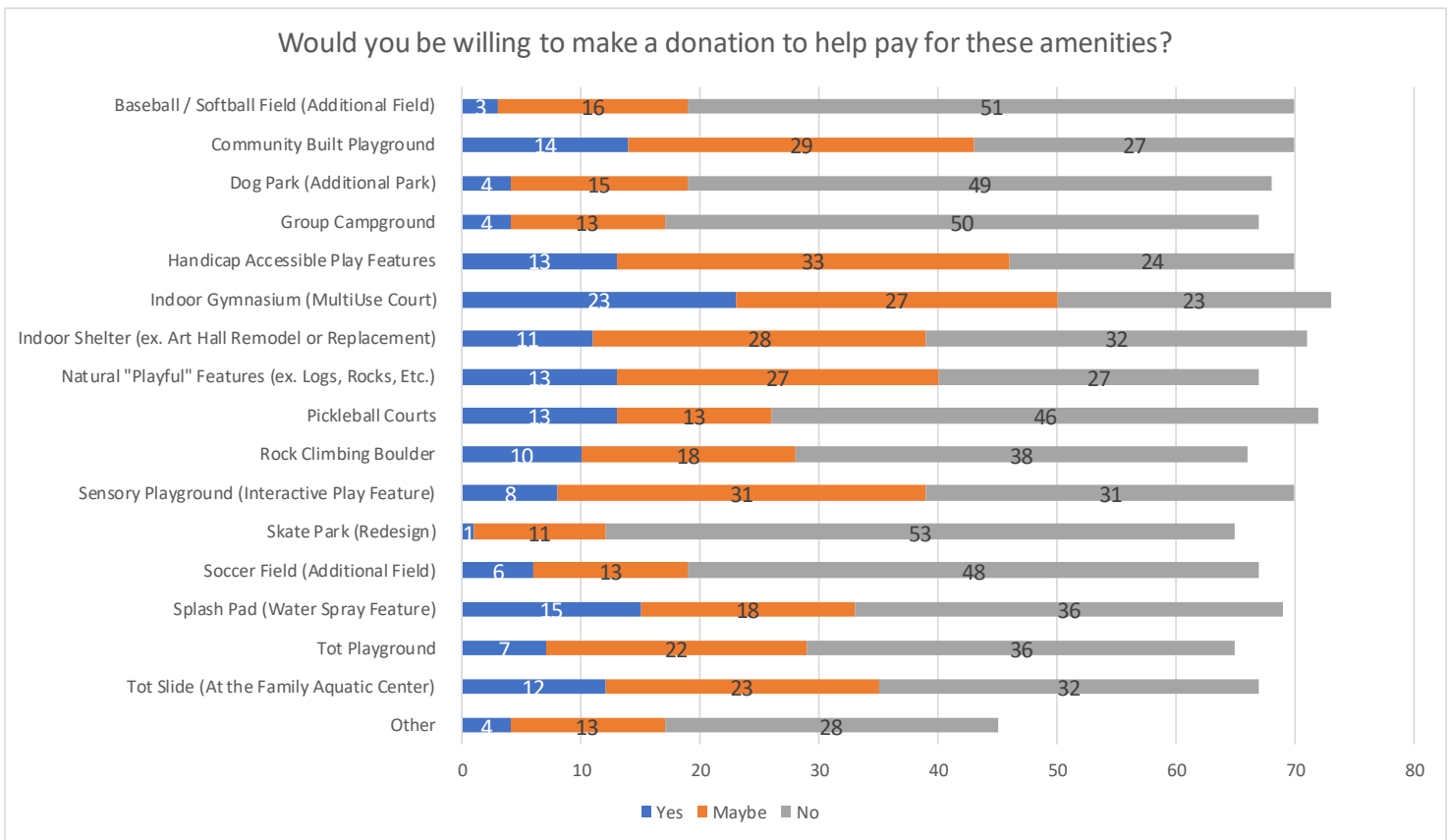


Q14 - Asked participants to allocate the capital budget and to ensure that the numbers equaled 100%. . The graph on the previous pages show the total points allocated to each item. The following answers are the “other” amenities indicated by participants. The answers are provided as written from the survey.

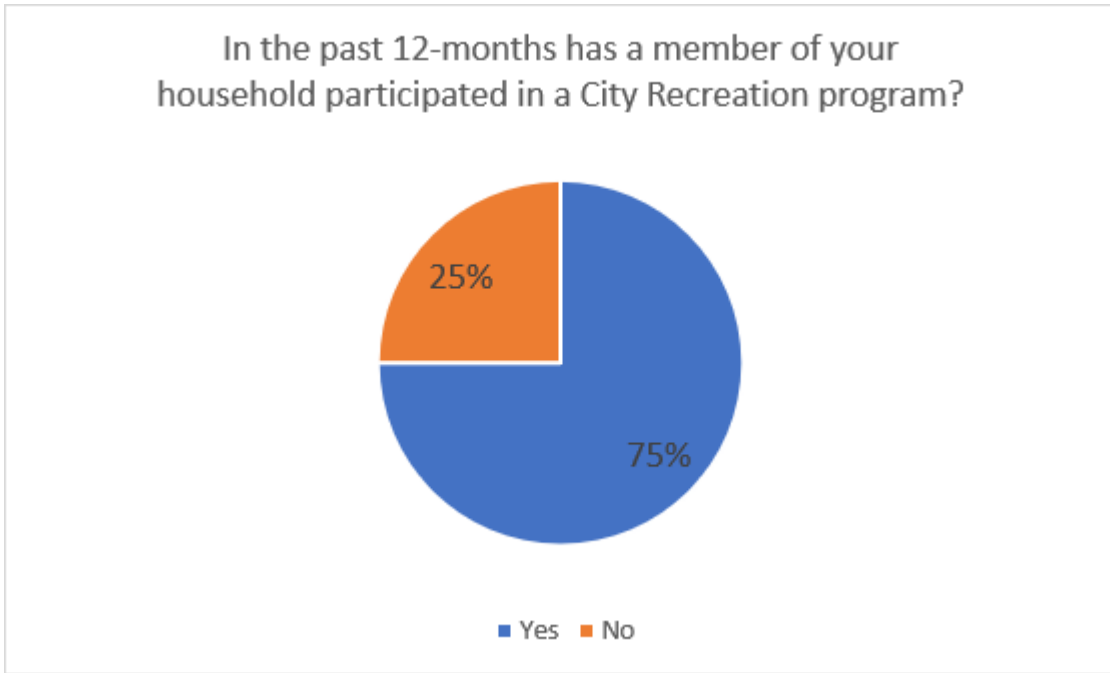
- Adding more trails, either paved or unpaved.
- Any and all of these projects need to be accessible to all ages and abilities. At this time, there is very little for individuals with disabilities. The city does not provide much support for adults with disabilities and in our situation that is the main focus. Personally, don't feel the city supports this population. If it weren't for our athletes participating in Special Olympics, there are no programs designed for that population. Yes, we get access to the Armory for basketball practices but the city doesn't own the building and the future of that is up in the air. The city does schedule us practice time for softball at Abing Field and hopes it continues, but in the past there are have been issues of other teams coming in to feel that they can use the field when we're scheduled to us it. It's like our population of athletes is of little significance. Granted, the city doesn't charge us usage when we do and that is greatly appreciated, but I as a tax payer, would expect better facilities and usage availability, especially for adults with disabilities. Playgrounds are great and I encourage the city to provide accessible playground equipment for young children with disabilities, but they do grow up and then what?
- Environmental interpretation. Community garden.
- Expanding Platteville’s trail systems
- go fund me
- I hope my notes for my other above went through and were not too long. My other is for some nice basketball courts. Please take a good look at the nice park area that Dodgeville built in Harris park. Those basketball courts, play area, and softball fields are very nice. Every time we go to Dodgeville to the park, someone is playing on the basketball courts. If you build it, they will come and play!!
- I really enjoy the paved trail which now goes all the way to Belmont. The 15% I indicated above can be used for trail maintenance and extension. I would like to see a safer way to access the trail from the other side of business 151. Pedestrians risk their lives to cross at main and business 151. There should be walk signs, cross walks etc and the sidewalk could be extended. It would also be awesome to see the trail hook up with the trail that runs along 151 towards dubuque.
- pickleball courts
- Please pave the gravel bike paths that lead to the paved Rountree trail. The gravel paths wash out and are dangerous! They are not maintained well at all. Seems like a law suit waiting to happen because an accident is bound to occur. I personally have had more than one wreck because of the condition of the gravel paths. Pleade make paving them a priority! Thank you
- Raise fees.
- Trails Open up fishing locations on the rountree branch
- Walking and bike trails

Q13 - The following question gave three options: Yes, Maybe, and No. The majority of responses were that people were not willing to pay for an amenity. The answers show that people are not interested in supporting another baseball/softball field, dog park, campground, skate park, or a soccer field. When the “yes” and “maybe” are added together, a high number of people are willing to pay for a community-built playground, which supports question 12’s responses of not wanting the Parks & Recreation budget allocated to a community park.

A handicap accessible play feature, indoor gymnasium, and sensory playground received a high response for community donations.



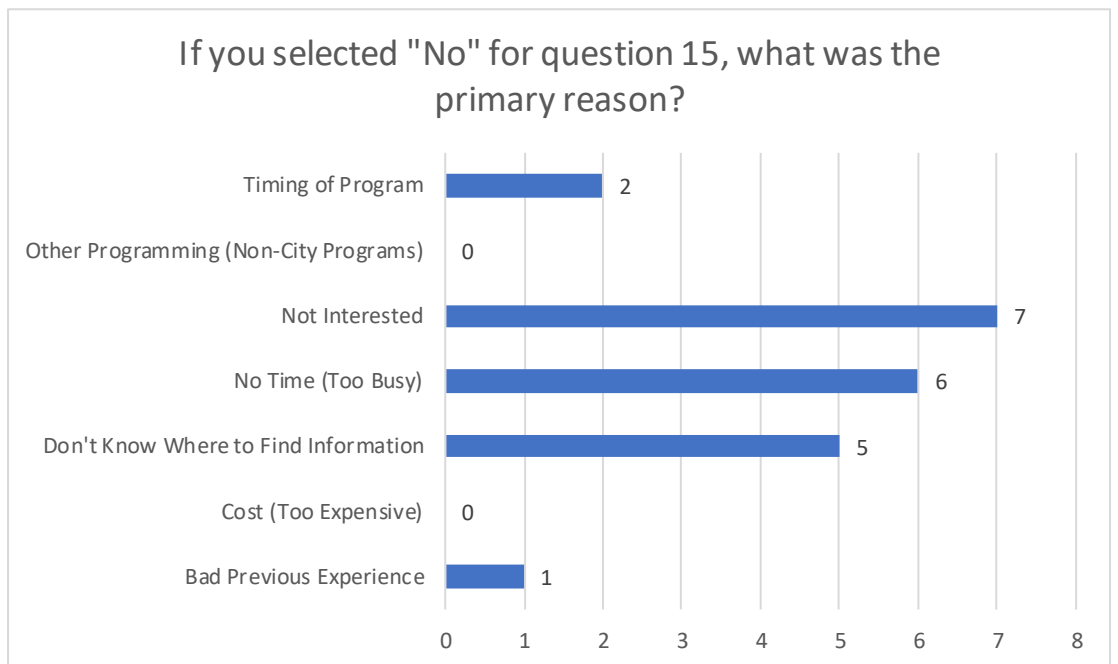
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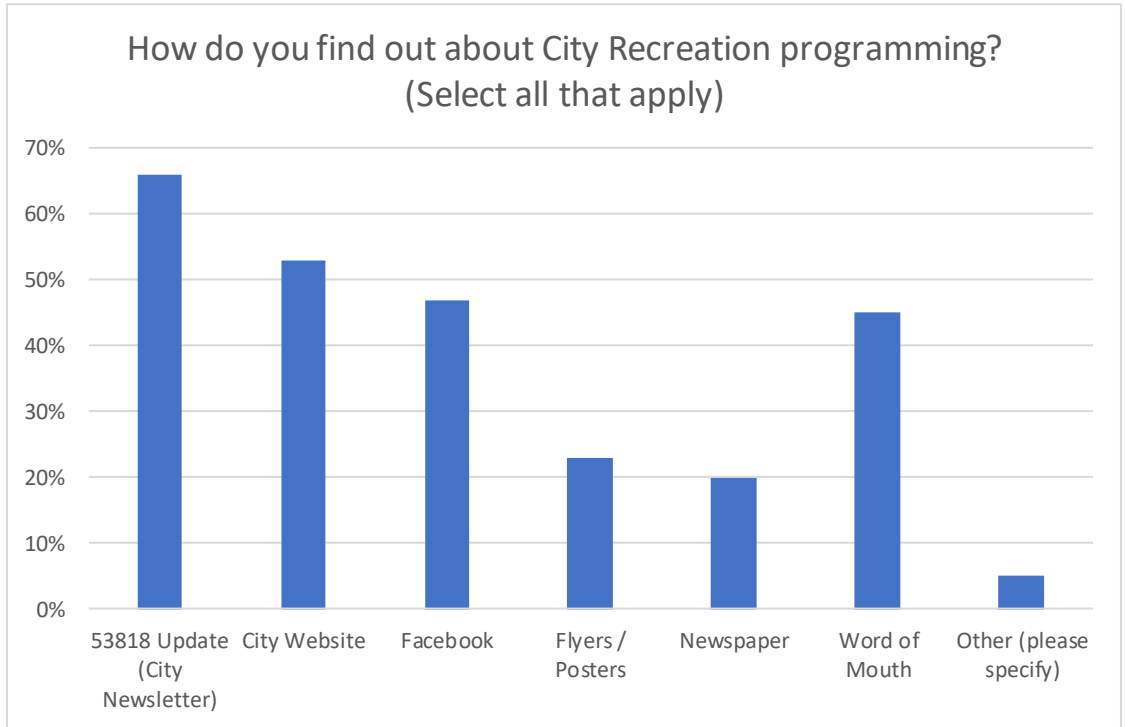
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Four additional answers were provided:

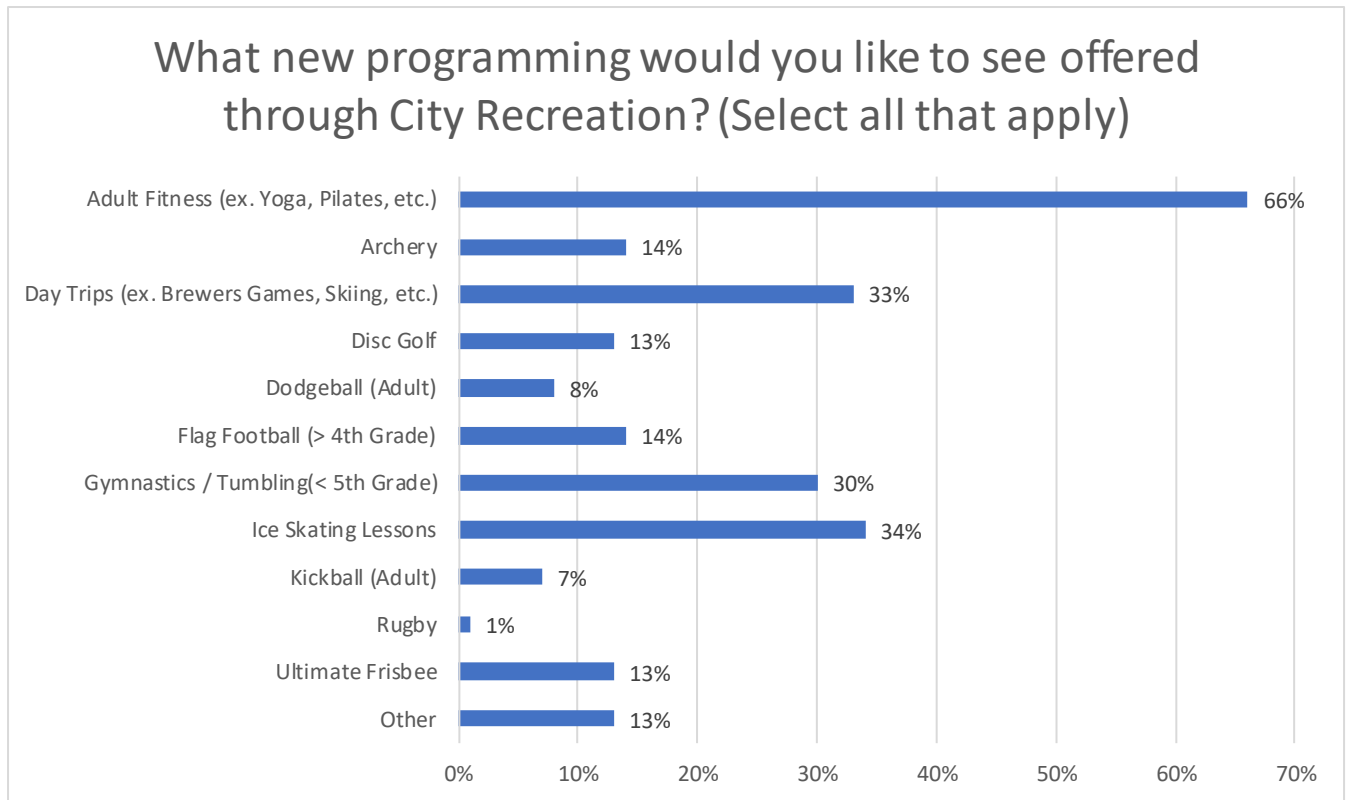
- Health
- No programs offered for adults with disabilities
- programs I am interested in are not offered
- Senior



Q17



Q18



The following were the open-ended responses for “other”:

- Anything that would be designed for individuals with disabilities, such as bocce.
- basketball for kids in 4th, 5th, 6th that don't want to be so competitive like PYB which has some issues with competitiveness. Just having a fun basketball program to learn skills, drills, friendly competition where all kids get to play regardless of skill level.
- curling
- Hiking
- More kids' programming - single day/themed programming/Gaga Ball
- Picklball
- Pickleball
- Running, biking, family clubs,
- Winter walking program
- Women's Basketball?



**Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?**

Flag football needs to be offered to greater than 4th grade. 5th and 6th grade is too young for tackle. Too many safety concerns.

I don't understand Question 23. Also, I think Sherman Park should be naturalized (if the cannon is moved to another park) or concreted (if the cannon stays).

I have always thought a playground at Indian Park would be a great addition.

I would say you could definitely update smith park playground.

If it weren't for UWP, public schools, the Armory, there is very little. I've heard over and over how the city just doesn't have the funds, yet there sits this property on the corner of Water and Pine, for what purpose? To benefit the community as a whole? If I'm missing something here I apologize but I haven't seen anything in the project that will benefit the young, elderly or those with disabilities. If it's all about revenue, where is that (after all these years of sitting)? Confused as to their decision to purchase this area when the Senior Citizens, the Gallery are taking hits because of budget restraints. Where are the leader's priorities? I have been involved with Special Olympics for years. If it weren't for that, there wouldn't be anything for the adults to be able to participate in. Programming and facilities are just not there. Providing children with disabilities is wonderful and important but at the same time they do grow up, go through the school system, graduate and then what facilities is the city willing to provide? This is a growing population and if weren't for parents facilitating activities there wouldn't be any. The city needs to start paying attention to this population of Platteville citizens and a lot of us pay city taxes (a lot of city taxes) for services. Even the bus system, the way it's set up is not user friendly. As a parent, I've gone on a couple of routes just to get a feel of how it works and certainly isn't designed to their needs or abilities to get around. I was confused with the transfers, the coding, what bus goes there, get off, get on. Not a safe mode of transportation for some many.

Indoor pickleball courts is a top priority for me

Make Platteville as friendly to families/ people without kids as it is for people with kids.

My biggest concerns are communication/lack of brochure that comes home from school and the sandpit at the pool. The only way to play in the sandpit is to be sprayed off by a freezing cold, intense spray. We've opted for not going to the pool or going to a different city, especially with toddlers because of the sand. On the flip side, we appreciate the zero depth aspect of the pool.

My family and I have lived in Platteville for over 20 years. We currently have 2 children in youth sports. We are a family who enjoys the outdoors. Since they were born we have always visited the parks and pools, here and in other towns. We agree that the Platteville pool is already the best around for the entire family. The zero depth, slide, and sand areas are great for kids and ample lap lanes & fitness classes for adults. I would not spend any of the budget on the pool as it is already awesome. As for parks, we definitely have way too many. We have always found it odd to have so many just patches of grass- called parks that the city has to mow and then does not really take as good of care of the main parks- probably for lack of time. We should reduce the number of parks and then concentrate on making them better and taking better care of them. I cannot say that any one of our parks is Awesome. They all need some work. Our tennis courts and Frisbee golf are both in good condition. The softball fields are good- but I do not think the city should spend too much money there. These can be kept up by concession stand \$ and kids can do fundraisers if \$ is needed. Smith park could be a better park and really should be as it is the first one you see when you come into town. Has a nice walking path, decent pavilions, nice play equipment, then junk basketball courts. Also, unfortunately the youth programs like Friday fun days, etc, golf, tennis, etc. are not good. It has been our experience that they are run by teens and so it is a hit or miss each year depending on who is running them. For the most part, my children really did not learn anything in any of them. I do wish they were run better. Have fun, but actually learn something! We are not really involved in many adult sports, so really do not have much to say on that. No dog- but I really think 1 dog park in the city is plenty! We walk by the skate park quite often and rarely see anyone there. So not sure putting \$ there is a good idea. We enjoy the walking trails around town, but the one that goes to Walmart is very isolated and creepy- so we will not use that one.

Need to maintain and increase both indoor and outdoor Pickleball courts.

Non-resident fees are too high and I don't understand why they are needed when you pay a fee to participate anyway. We live in Belmont and utilize a lot of Platteville recreation sites and my son has played youth soccer for years.

Platteville has lots of great programs and I'm happy to live in a city with so many options.

Please consider flag football for greater than 4th grade. Concussion statistics are increasing in young kids who participate in tackle football. 5th and 6th grade are TOO young. Flag football would help kids develop the skills more. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this survey. Please make sure parks are properly maintained year-round. Thank you.

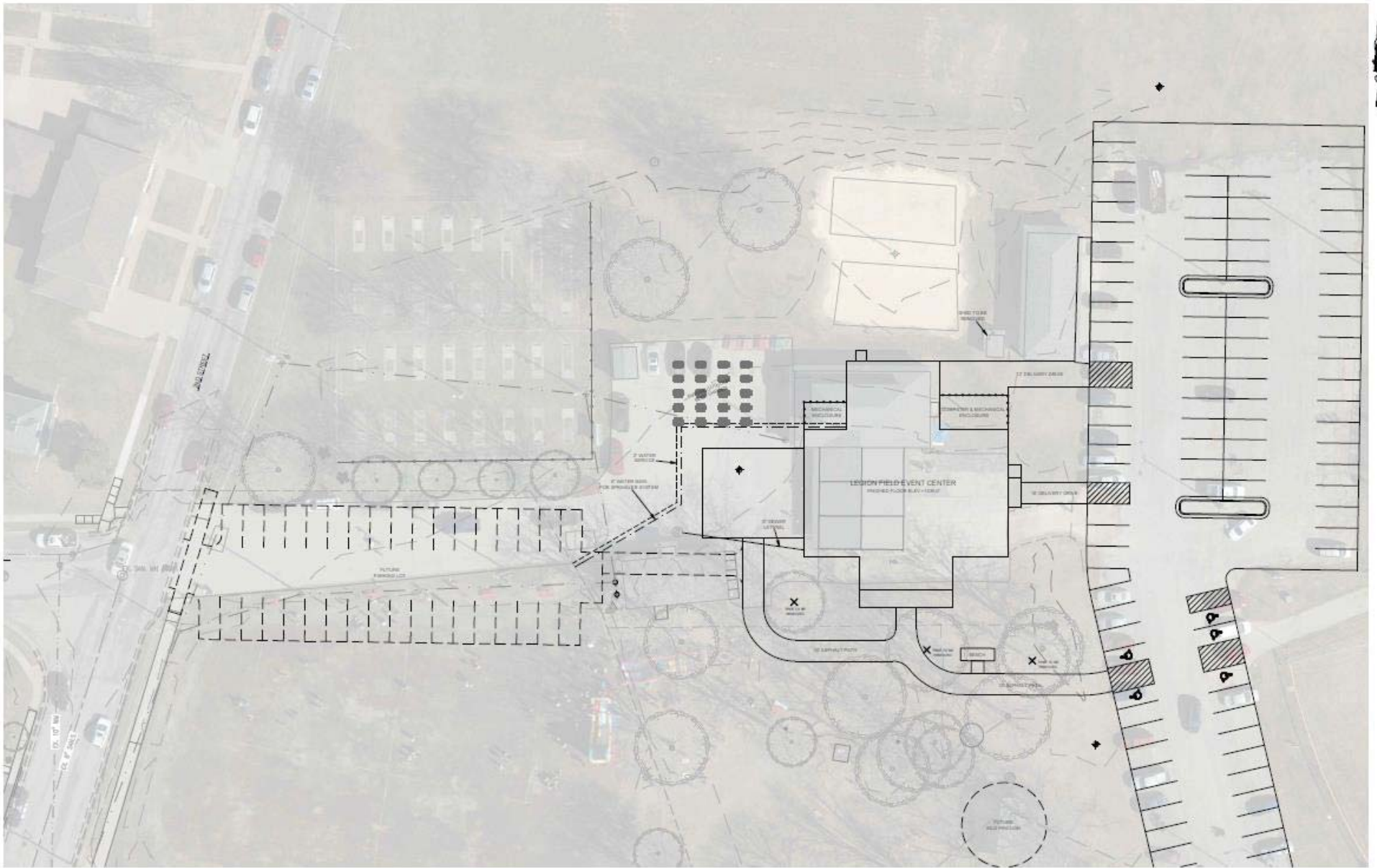
Really would like to see a replacement or purchase of Armory for multi-use gym space. Wisconsin winter's are long and indoor space is desired. If available- perhaps open the warming shelter at the ice skating rink Sunday's 2-5 or 4-7 using volunteers for staffing. It was nice to have both hockey and skating areas on the rink. It was also nice that the golf course opened an area for cross country skiing, fat tire biking, etc. Cooperative things like that are wonderful for our city. Good luck with the planning. It's not an easy task with many opinions.

The Family Aquatic Center is a wonderful facility in a city that can afford it. The city is making cuts to many programs and the Pool loses money every year. Why can this operate at a loss when other programs are being cut and the city is crying "poor"?

Try to get flag football for greater than 4th grade. Tackle football the young kids don't understand the safety concerns.

With the growing interest in pickleball facilities are needed since the Armory could be questionable in the future.

# APPENDIX B



LEGION FIELD EVENT CENTER  
PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

DATE: 08/14/2013  
PROJECT NO: 13-0000  
DRAWN BY: CJC



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 PLATTEVILLE, MISSOURI 64629

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION

**PRELIMINARY**

PROJECT NUMBER	OWNER
2018-001	LEGION PARK
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DRAWN BY	JMB
DATE	MAY 2, 2018
PROJECT PHASE	ELEVATIONS

SHEET TITLE:

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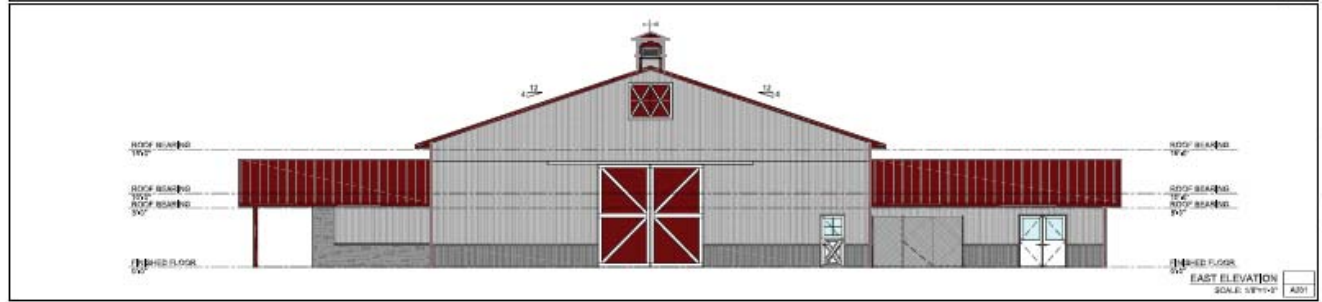
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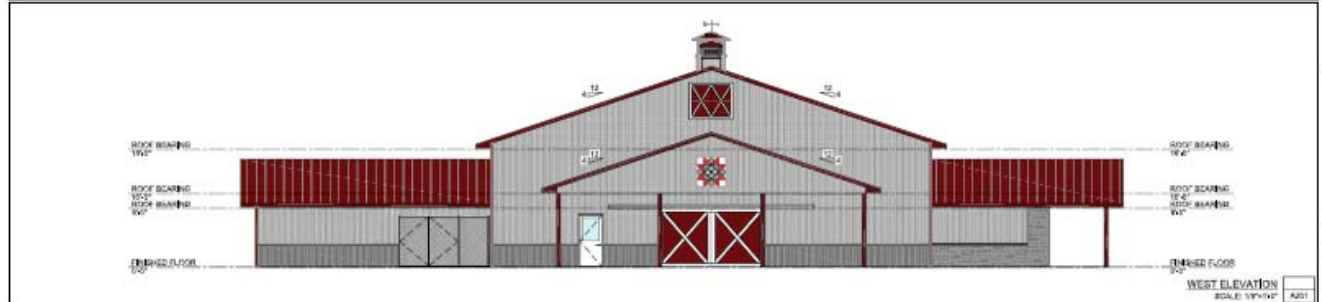
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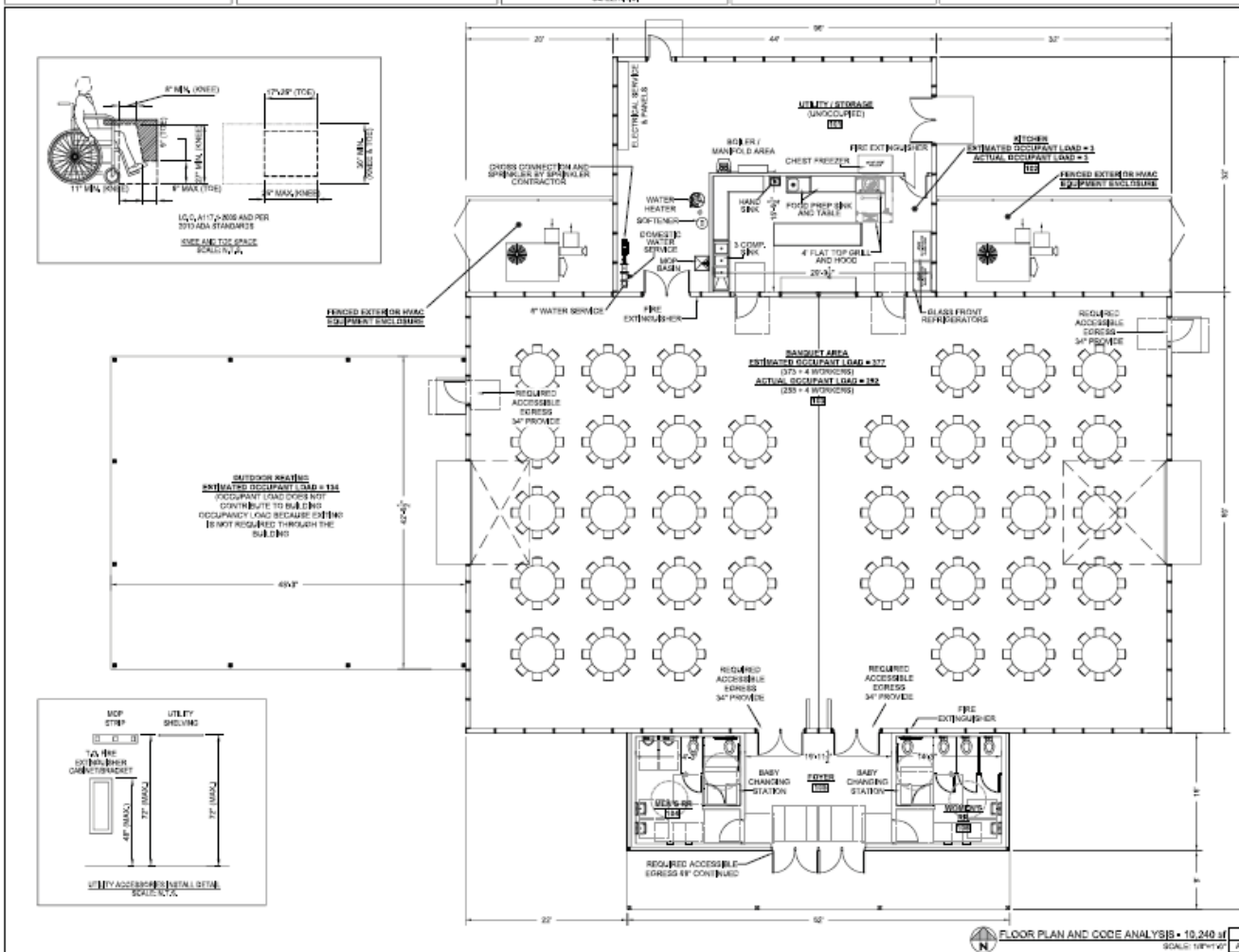
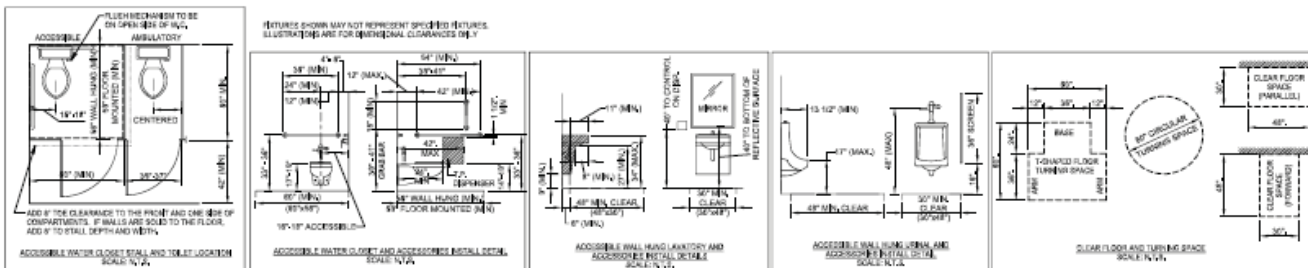
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**WEST ELEVATION**  
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**CODE INFORMATION**

BASE CODE:	2014 INTL. BUILDING CODE	CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY:	ADDITION
PLUMBING CODE:	2014 INTL. PLUMBING CODE	NEW CONSTRUCT.	ALTERATION
MECHANICAL CODE:	2014 INTL. MECH. CODE	NOTE:	
FIRE CODE:	2014 INTL. FIRE CODE		
ELECTRICAL CODE:	NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE 2014 EDITION		
ACCESSIBILITY:	2014 INTL. BUILDING CODE		
ENERGY:	2014 INTL. ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE		

RISK CATEGORY:	II	III	IV	EXISTING
IMPORTANCE FACTOR:	1.0	1.2	1.5	
EXPOSURE CATEGORY:	B	C	D	EXIST.

SNOW EXPOSURE FACTOR (Cs):	0.8	0.8	0.8					
WIND EXPOSURE FACTOR (Kzt):	1.0	1.0	1.0					
WIND PROTECTION FACTOR (Kd):	0.7	0.7	0.7					
WIND EXPOSURE CATEGORY:	A	B	C					
BASIC WIND SPEED:	120 mph							
CIRCULAR SNOW LOAD:	30 psf							
OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION:	A1	A2	A3	B	E	F1	F2	TARGET RAIL
TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION:	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	XB
NUMBER OF BUILDINGS ON LOT:	1							
AUTOMATIC SUPPRESSION SYSTEM:	NFPA 13	NFPA 17B	NFPA 172	FULLY SPRINKLED				
FIRE ALARM & DETECTION SYSTEM:	MANUAL	AUTOMATIC	NONE	DESIGNED BY OTHERS WITH REQUIRED APPROVAL				

**BUILDING INFORMATION**

ITEM	PERMITTED ALLOWED/REQUIRED	PROVIDED	NOTES
ALLOWABLE AREA:	28,200 sq ft	10,240 sq ft	
ALLOWABLE BLDG HEIGHT:	55 ft	33 ft	
NUMBER OF STORIES:	2	1	
PERMITTED AREA:	NO INCREASE NEEDED	10,240 sq ft	
OCCUPANT LOAD:	388 ESTIMATED	284 ACTUAL	SEE PLAN
EXIT ACCESS TRAVEL DISTANCE:	250 ft	SEE PLAN	
MAX PATH OF TRAVEL:	75 ft	SEE PLAN	
TOTAL NUMBER OF EXITS:	4	SEE PLAN	
NUMBER OF ACCESSIBLE EXITS:	4	SEE PLAN	
EXITS:	STAIR STAIRWAYS & TRAMPS	NA	NO INCLUSIVE REQUIRED FOR PROJECT
	EXIT PASSAGEWAYS	NONE	SEE PLAN
	HORIZONTAL EXITS	NONE	SEE PLAN
CORRIDOR RATINGS:	NA	NA	
MEANS OF EGRESS SIZING:	NA	NA	
MEANS OF EGRESS WIDTH:	NA	NA	
MEANS OF EGRESS SIGNAGE:	NA	NA	
MEANS OF EGRESS LIGHTING:	NA	NA	
PANIC HARDWARE:	YES	PROVIDE AT REQUIRED EXITS	A > 50 OCCUPANTS 3'-6" MOUNTING HEIGHT

**PLUMBING FIXTURES**

ITEM	PERMITTED ALLOWED/REQUIRED	PROVIDED	NOTES
URINALS:	1	2	
WATER CLOSETS:	2	2	
LAVATORIES:	1	2	
WOMEN:			
WATER CLOSETS:	3	4	
LAVATORIES:	1	2	
FACILITY:			
DRINKING FOUNTAIN:	1	THROUGH REPAIR FAUCET	
SHOWERS:	0	0	
SHOWER CHAIRS:	1	NO CHAIR	
UNisex REST ROOM - LESS THAN 19 OCCUPANTS:	NA	NA	

**FIRE RESISTANCE RATINGS**

ITEM	PERMITTED ALLOWED/REQUIRED	PROVIDED	NOTES
STRUCTURAL FRAME:	0 HR	NA	
BEARING WALLS:	EXTERIOR: 0 HR	NA	FIRE WALL: 200
	INTERIOR: 0 HR	NA	FIRE BARRIER: 200
			FIRE PARTITION: 200
NON BEARING WALLS:	EXTERIOR: 0 HR	NA	FIRE WALL: 200
	INTERIOR: 0 HR	NA	FIRE BARRIER: 200
	FLOOR CONSTRUCTION: 0 HR	NA	FIRE PARTITION: 200
	ROOF CONSTRUCTION: 0 HR	NA	FIRE PARTITION: 200
STEPPED BUILDING:	NA	NA	
OPENING PROTECTION:	NA	NA	
AUTO-CLOSING FIRE DOORS:	NA	NA	
DRAFT STOPPING:	NR	NONE	FACILITY SPRINKLED
PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:	3	3 (SEE PLAN)	MAX. TRAVEL DISTANCE TO EXTINGUISHER = 75'



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**LEGION PARK EVENT CENTER  
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**PRELIMINARY**  
 PROJECT NUMBER: 019065  
 SHEET SCALE: AS NOTED  
 DRAWN BY: JWB  
 DATE: MAY 3, 2019  
 SHEET: FLOOR PLAN AND CODE ANALYSIS

SHEET TITLE:  
**A101**

# APPENDIX C

# Platteville, Wisconsin Downtown Park Redevelopment Project

An Executive Summary



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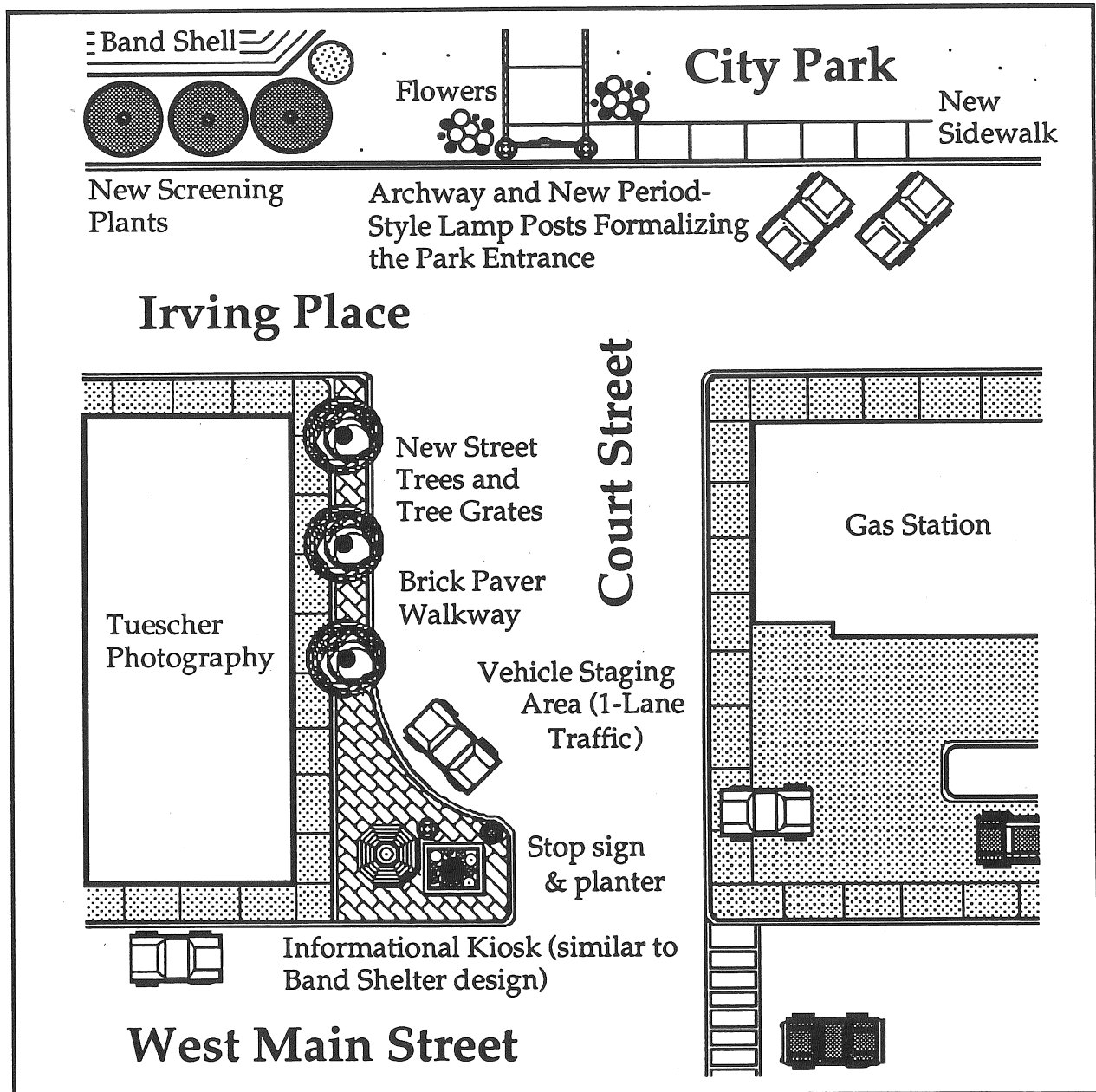
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## Court Street Revelopment

The plan drawing below illustrates how Court Street can be developed to help draw attention to the City Park from Main Street. Note how the existing curb line has been reconfigured to form a sidewalk isthmus extending out from the west side of Court Street. This would provide room for an informational kiosk (similar in design to the new band shelter) and street plantings. An wrought iron archway could also be constructed between two new decorative lamp posts at the southern entry to the park. Computer-enhanced images on the following page show the current view toward the Park from the intersection of Court and Main Streets and what that view would look like after incorporating the proposed changes.





Current View Toward Park From the Intersection of Court and Main Streets



Same View With Suggested Design Elements

# APPENDIX D



Example of two-level tiered parking structure with no ramp.

### Green Space

There is, at present, little green in Downtown Platteville. There are no street trees, and some blocks have little or no green plants of any kind. In this context, the green spaces that do exist have added importance. There are two key opportunities

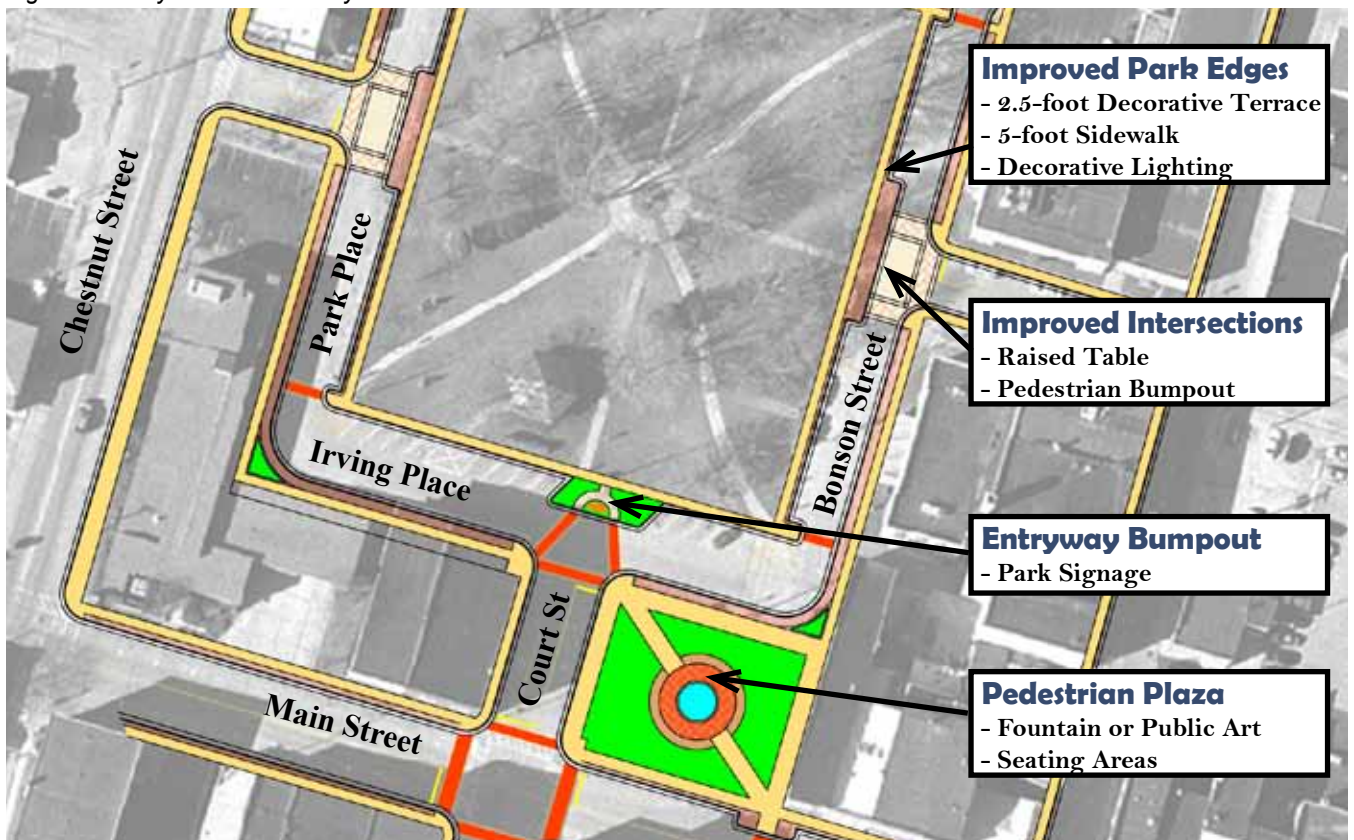
to enhance the Downtown experience with new green spaces.

### Redevelopment Site #12 - Garvey's Service and City Park



Long-term trends indicate that downtown service stations like Garvey's Service are difficult to sustain due to ever-increasing regulation of fuel tanks and competition from larger businesses offering a wider range of products and services. At present Garvey's is a viable and valued

Figure 4.8: City Park and Garvey's Service Site



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business that enables patrons to shop downtown while they wait for their vehicles. The City is not encouraging the closing or relocation of this business. However, if and when it does close, the City has an opportunity to establish a stronger link between Main Street and City Park.

As illustrated in Figure 4.8 on the previous page, this site and the adjacent segment of Bonson Street could be converted to open space (with closure of Bonson at this location linked to a closure at Pine Street for the proposed parking structure next to the Post Office). This space, which could be a combination of green landscaping and hardscape public plaza, could inject a bit of green into the Main Street corridor, open up views to and from the park, and become a pleasant outdoor gathering space that accomodates both official public events and casual daily use.

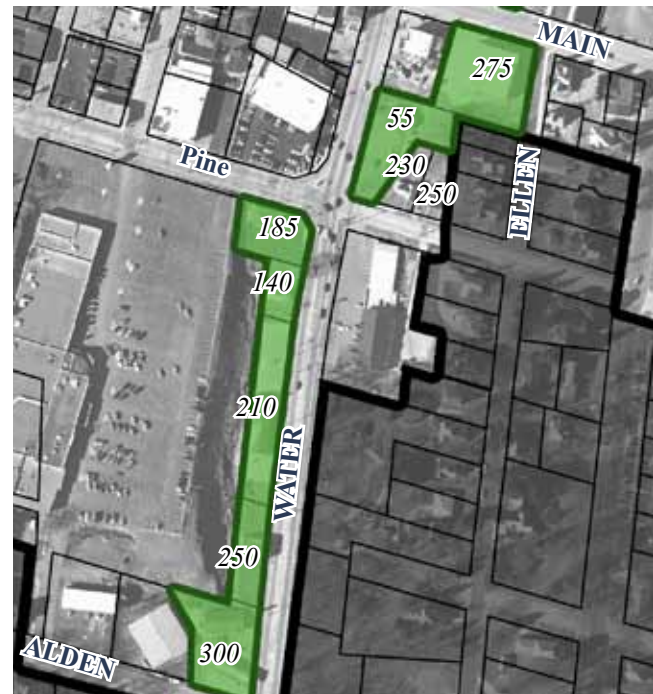
The City will consider all options if and when this site becomes available, including the possibility of a small visitor center or full private development on the site, but the green space option is preferred as a means to enhance the connection to the park and make this part of Main Street distinctive.

There is also the opportunity to improve the pedestrian experience all the way around City Park. including bump-outs near interesections with marked crosswalks (with either change of material or paint), entryway signage at the end of Court Street, and decorative lighting. These are illustrated in Figure 4.8.



*Example of a pocket green space with a central feature.*

### Redevelopment Site #13 - Water Street Greenway



Many visitors to Downtown Platteville probably have no idea that there is a creek running through the downtown. A tributary of the Rountree Branch, this creek flows from north to south under Mineral Street and Main Street and then parallel to Water Street down to Business 151. At present this waterway is mostly buried from just north of Main Street to Business 151. Where exposed for a block along Water Street south of Pine Street it is channelized and hidden from view behind a narrow strip of commercial buildings and parking lots.

The City has an opportunity to improve the ecological function of this waterway and create a more welcoming front door to the Downtown by restoring this waterway as part of a formal greenway. As illustrated in Figure 4.9 (on the previous page), this greenway would extend from Mineral Street to Alden Avenue and feature paths and landscaping along much of the route. This would require the acquisition and clearing of several parcels, including all those along Water between Pine and Alden. Though costly, this

project has potential to improve water quality in this watershed by incorporating best management practices such as biofiltration swales and basins that cleanse the water before depositing it into the creek. It is likely that the City will have more than 10,000 residents in the 2010 Census and will come under the jurisdiction of more stringent water quality standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency. This project could become part of the City-wide water quality master plan.

The bike path can be linked to the regional bike path system, helping to connect the downtown to that system via Water Street to the south and Main Street to the east.



Example of a green space with a bridge crossing a creek.

Figure 4.9: Water Street Greenway

