

Mendota County Park

Master Plan Public Information Meeting

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Meeting Overview

- Introductions, Sign In & Overview
- Input Breakout Session-15 Minutes
- Existing Park Use and Conditions
- Planning Considerations
- Draft Park Master Plan Concepts & Recommendations
- Master Plan Timeline
- Next Steps
- Public Input Session

Mendota County Park Public Information Meeting Notice

- Sent Meeting Notice to All Landowners Adjacent to Project Area Boundary, August 4th
- Posted August 4th Middleton Library, Copps, Magic Wash
- Posted August 5th Surrounding Apts./Middleton BCC
- Press Release August 5th
- Sent Notice to Stakeholders August 5th
- Posted on Dane County Web/Facebook Page August 5th
- Posted Press Release in Park, August 8th.
- Town of Westport sent notice August 8th.
- Posted Legal Notice to Madison Newspapers, August 8th

Why do a Park Master Plan?

- To follow a process to determine the suitability of the land for future restoration of the park and recreation facilities (soils, vegetation, shoreline currents, views, accessibility connectivity, views, etc.)
- To determine what types of recreation & park program areas could occur within the park.
- To provide a forum that allows public/stakeholders to give input throughout the planning process.
- To aid in the preparation of preliminary cost estimates & budgeting for capital improvements.
- To enable eligibility to participate in certain grant programs.

But most importantly.....

- To provide **a common vision** for phased park facility development & park land management **that balances public use with resource protection.**

Purpose of the Meeting

- Update and Review Park Master Planning Process with Neighbors and Stakeholders
- Review Draft Recommendations of the Master Plan
- Listen to Neighbor, Park User & Other Stakeholder Ideas, Hopes & Concerns Related to Draft Recommendations of the Master Plan

Breakout Sessions

- Hoping to find out some of your thoughts before the presentation.
- Report to your assigned table number. (1-5)
- Follow instructions of table facilitators.
- 3 Questions-15-20 minutes total.
- Please respect others time/ideas/opinions.
- General feedback will still be heard at the end of the presentation.
- Results will be posted to master plan website.
- Participation is voluntary!

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Breakout Session Table Facilitators

- Justin Svingen-Dane County Public Health
- Chris James-Dane County Parks
- Sara Rigelman-Dane County Parks
- Sarah Close-Dane County Parks
- John Reimer-Dane County Water Resource Engineering



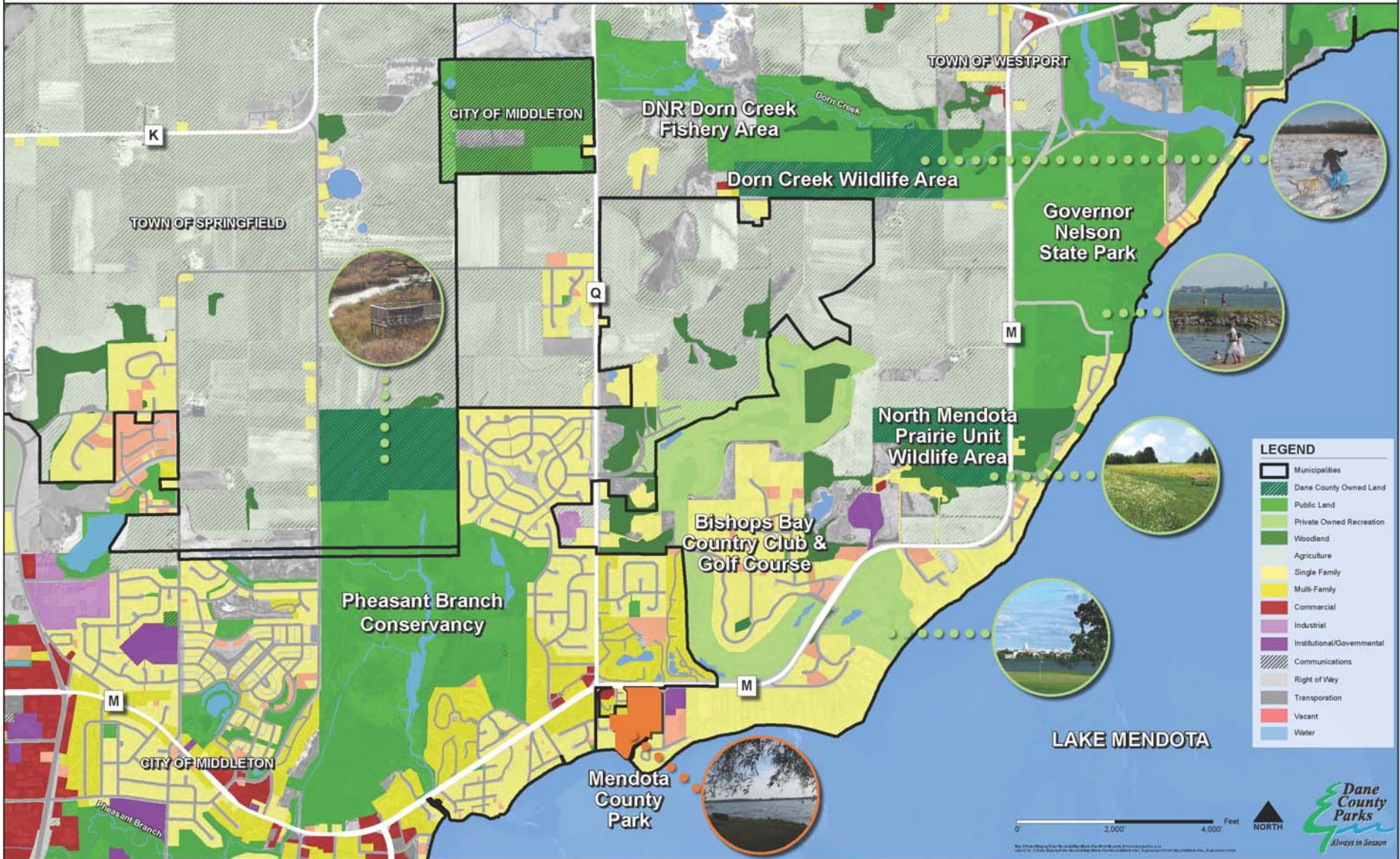


Existing Recreation Use

- Camping and Boat Camping
- Shore Fishing
- Picnicking
- Small Watercraft Access
- Ice Fishing Access
- Playground
- **Walking**
- Lake Viewing/Lunch
- Minimal Basketball & Volleyball
- Beach

Surrounding Land Use

MENDOTA COUNTY PARK Surrounding Land Use & Existing Public Lands



Key Planning Considerations

- ❑ Improving accessibility to and within the park.
- ❑ Improving non-motorized connectivity to other parks and trails
- ❑ Emerald Ash Borer/Future Treescape
- ❑ Storm Water Runoff/Hydric Soils
- ❑ Potential barriers to use of the park. (CTH M)
- ❑ User demographics. (Older & Young Families)
- ❑ Middleton CORP (Underserved/more playgrounds)
- ❑ Parking and internal circulation.
- ❑ Campground upgrades needed. (water, electrical, restrooms, improved sites, tent sites)

Neighborhood, staff, stakeholder, public input themes.

- Second most popular Dane County campground
- Remove existing 2 smaller shelters
- Beach/breakwater/pier ideas
- Parking/circulation is dysfunctional
- More playground areas/nature based
- Consider mental health, lake provides urban relief
- Concerns of visibility of channel/proximity playground
- More trails so don't have to walk on roads/parking lot
- Very diverse population using parks
- Drainage issues/stormwater concerns
- Improve CTH M pedestrian crossings
- Add Canoe/Kayak storage racks
- Support Fireplace/Labyrinth
- Concern shoreline floating weeds
- Consider art in the park
- Minimum to no additional staff maintenance required

Site Analysis + Planning
Considerations + Public Input =
PARK MASTER PLAN



Draft Master Plan Recommendations



Proposed Beach and Boat Landing Improvements

- Add mock spring play area
- Add canoe/kayak rack
- Add pier
- Add breakwall/benches (future)
- Add bicycle/pedestrian ferry location (future)

Lower Photos

"Public Health & Parks: Shared Goals , Focus on Families"

Mary Michaud/Justin Svingen

Fred Klancnik

Lake Wingra Boathouse



Proposed shelter area improvements

- Replace shelter with timber frame shelter
- Leave existing willow for separation of spaces
- Add firepit/benches at point

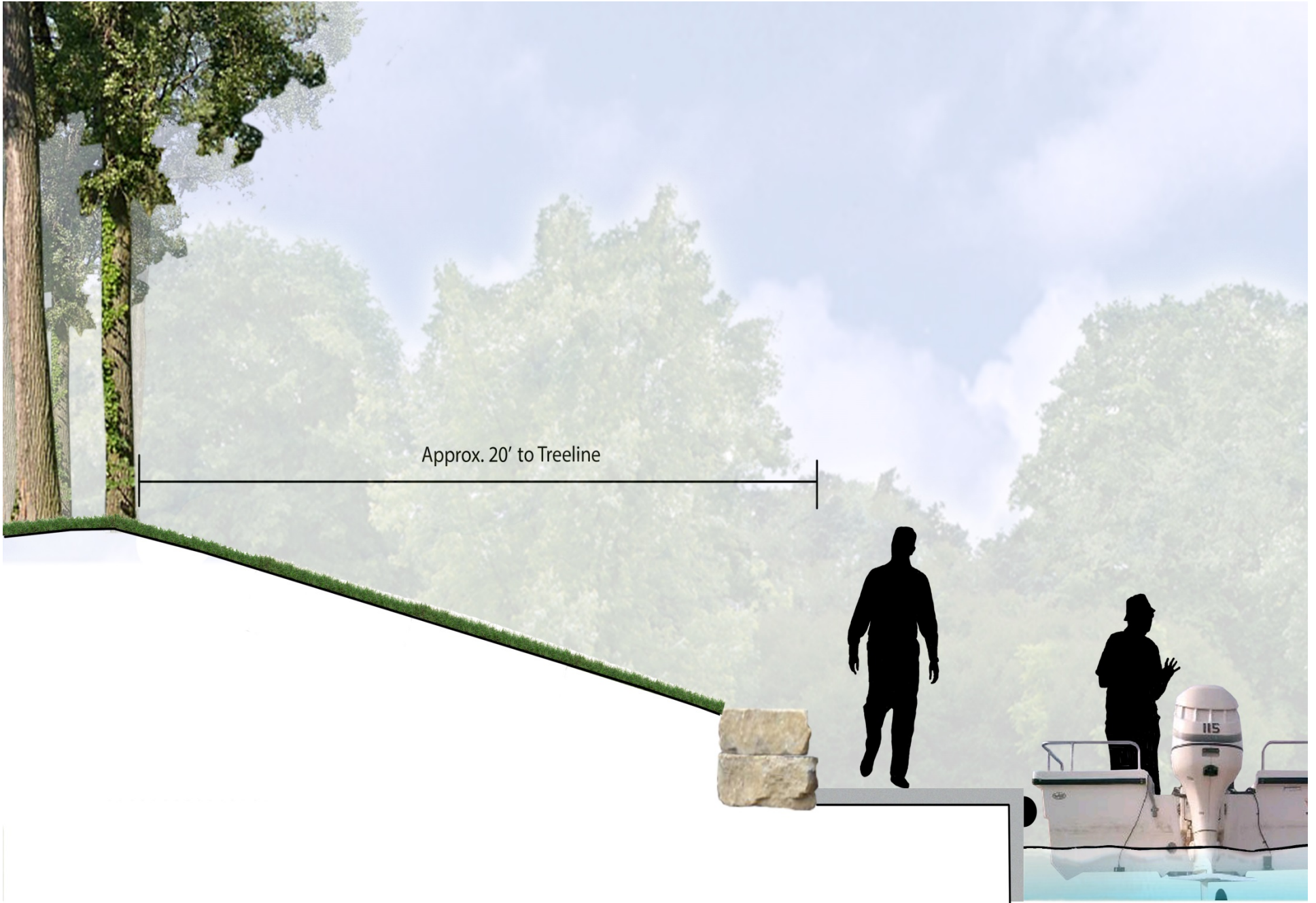
UW Madison, Picnic Point



Proposed channel area improvements

- Repair sea wall/boat rub rail board
- Replace limestone walk with concrete
- Remove or replace existing timber wall.





Approx. 20' to Treeline



Approx. 90' to Road

Proposed Community Garden

- Ran by non-profit organization
- Similar to Badger Prairie County Park
- Walk in access only?



MENDOTA COUNTY PARK

DRAFT Master Plan - Alternative 1



LEGEND

- Mendota Park Boundary
- Buildings
- Lake Loop Paved Trail
- Access Points
- Fitness Nodes

Date: August 18, 2016

0 60 120 Feet

NORTH

Dane County Parks
Always in Season

Proposed Playground Improvements

- Additional play areas.
- Nature based play.
- Wider variety, wider age groups.

Maggie Daly Park, Chicago, IL

Lower Tier Photos

*"Public Health & Parks: Shared Goals , Focus on Families"
Mary Michaud/Justin Svingen*



Health, Wellness, Art in the Park

- Labyrinth
- Sculpture/public art
- Yoga/Tai Chi
- Fitness Stations

Etcetera Coffee House, Paducah, KY

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Proposed Lowland Discovery Area

- Improve Stormwater Treatment
- Possible Fish Spawning Area?
- Informal Skating
- Youth Education Opportunities

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Regional Connections/Improved Access

- Water Walk Between Pheasant Branch Conservancy Springs and Beach
- Investigate Ped Crossing Improvements at CTH M
- Bicycle Pedestrian Ferry
- Multi Use Path Connections to Governor Nelson State Park/North Mendota Trail



Insert Regional Connections Map

Proposed Campground Improvements

- Add flush toilet building (2 unisex)
- Add 3 drinking water stations
- Improve visual screening
- Convert 4 RV sites to pull through sites
- Add 5 rustic sites (tent)
- Relocate host site

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Proposed Parking Lot/Circulation Improvements

- Existing : 89 car, 7 boat trailer
- Proposed:94 car, 8 boat trailer
- Decrease Pavement Area Existing Parking Lot
- Add Parking Closer to Lake/Beach/Shelter
- Move Trailer Parking Closer to Ramp
- Improve Camper/RV Dump Station Circulation
- Add Stormwater Management Improvements

Master Plan Timeline

Mendota County Park Master Planning Process	2015			2016								
	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Kick Off Meeting	█											
Project Area Inventory & Analysis	█	█										
Ongoing Public, Staff and Stakeholder Input	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█			
Solicit Shoreline and Aquatic Engineering Input		█	█	█								
Solicit Health, Wellness, and Diversity Input		█	█	█								
Inventory Surrounding Park and Recreation Facilities		█	█	█								
Prepare Draft Alternative Master Plan				█	█	█						
PIM #2 to Review Draft Master Plan Alternative						█						
Consensus Building Review of Draft Master Plan by Stakeholders and Park Commission						█	█	█				
Draft Plan Revisions as Needed							█	█				
PIM #3 to Review Preferred Alternative Master Plan									█			
Stakeholder and Park Commission Review/Revisions of Preferred Alternative									█	█		
Park Commission Approval of Master Plan										█		
County Board/Committee Approval of Master Plan											█	█

Next Steps

- 30 Day Public Comment Period
 - Submit Comments by September 16th, 2016*
- Prepare Preferred Alternative Master Plan and Report
- Plan Approval & Adoption (Park Commission/County Board)

Mendota County Park Public Input

Please...

- Respect your Allotted Time Limit (3 Minutes)
- Do Not Interrupt or Interject Comments on Other Comments
- Do Not Laugh at Someone's Idea
- Refrain from Talking while Others are Speaking

We'll be here as long as we can afterward to answer additional questions.

THANK YOU!

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