



# Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan 2018-2023

*“Connect People to the Land and Water Resources of Dane County”*

*2012-2017 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan Vision Statement*

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Public Information Meeting



## Meeting Overview

1. Introductions
2. History of the Dane County Park System-Bill Lunney
3. Dane County Park Classification System
4. 2012-2017 Accomplishments
5. Park, Recreation, Open Space & Trail Trends
6. Review Current POSP and Planning Process
7. Project Timeline
8. Open Discussion



# MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Promote Awareness of Dane County Park System
- Review Current Park and Recreation Trending Topics
- Provide Overview & Purpose of the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan
- Provide Information on How and When to Participate in the Planning Process



# Introductions, Please Sign In

Dane County Park Commission Members  
Advisory Committee Members  
County Board Members  
Dane County Staff  
Meeting Participants



# 2018-2023 Parks and Open Space Plan Planning Team

**Chris James**- Project Leader

**Laura Hicklin**- Project Coordination

**Sara Rigelman**- Survey Manager, Health & Wellness, Equity and Inclusion, Mapping

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**Erika Hotchkiss**- Public Contact



# 2018-2023 Parks and Open Space Plan ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bill Lunney, Dane County Park Commission, Chair

CB Supervisor Dave Ripp, Dane County Park Commission

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Dan Wisniewski, Dane County Park Commission

Topf Wells, Appointed POSP Advisory Member

Liz Wessel, Appointed POSP Advisory Member

CB Supervisor Patrick Miles, Appointed POSP Advisory Member

CB Supervisor Robin Schmidt, Appointed POSP Advisory Member

Mike Slavney, Appointed POSP Advisory Member



# History of Dane County Park System

Bill Lunney, Chair Dane County Park Commission

Judie Pfeifer, Friends of Capital Springs Recreation



# Dane County Parks Classification System Something For Everyone!

- Adopted by the Dane County Park Commission in 2000
- In Response to Rapidly Expanding & Diversifying Park System

“The classification system identified consistent management practices for each land type and also provided the public a clear expectation of how lands would be managed within each category.”





# Dane County Parks Classification System

1. Recreation Parks (25 Parks, 5,540 acres)
2. Natural Resource Areas (29 NRA's, 3,500 acres)
3. Historical/Cultural Sites (3 Sites, 158 acres)
4. Wildlife Areas (15 Wildlife Areas, 3,218 acres)
5. Forests (2 Forests ,188 acres)



# Park Classification System

## *Recreation Parks*

Examples: Donald, Indian Lake, Token Creek, CamRock

A recreation park consists of land that is specifically set aside for active and passive recreation uses. Active recreation generally refers to activities that can only occur on developed park lands or facilities such as soccer, disc golf, dog parks, and RV camping. Passive recreation refers to activities that occur in natural areas with little or no development of facilities required; ie: kayaking, hiking, wildlife observation, and snowshoeing. **Recreation park use is often extensive and intensive. A recreation park primarily serves users who are attracted to outdoor recreation with an expectation of using some type of developed access or facilities.** It may provide facilities that offer a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities, cater to only one predominant activity (special use), or consist of a trail corridor that offers continuous, protected, and safe routes of outdoor recreation. Recreation parks may be found within the boundaries of lands which are of a different category.





# Park Classification System

## *Natural Resource Areas*

Examples: Black Earth Creek, Sugar River, Capital Springs, Cherokee Marsh

A natural resource area consists of land that is specifically set aside for the protection of a valuable natural environment and/or greenbelt corridor that were identified through a public process. This can include habitat protection and open space preservation. **Recreation at natural resource areas is a secondary objective, and users are encouraged to enjoy the resource as is.** Passive recreation activities dominate the site use. If at all, active recreation only takes place on the fringes or in small pockets (areas) of a natural resource area. Natural resource areas may include off-road regional trails and surrounding lands belonging to another category, such as recreation parks or wildlife areas.







# Park Classification System

## *Historical/Cultural Sites*

Examples: Halfway Prairie Schoolhouse, Schumacher Farm

A historical/cultural site consists of land that is specifically set aside for the preservation, restoration, or reconstruction of features significant to the history or cultural heritage of an area. This can include historic buildings, reconstruction of historic buildings, and archaeological sites. Activities at a historic site may be limited to sightseeing and the study of the historic or cultural features. Recreation use at these properties should be extremely passive, such as trails, nature study and picnicking. Historic sites may be surrounded by lands belonging to another category, such as recreation parks or natural resource areas. Note: This category does not include several smaller historical sites on County owned property such as native American mound sites, cabin remnants, etc.







# Park Classification System

## *Wildlife Areas*

**Examples:** Walking Iron, Falk Wells Sugar River, Door Creek Wetlands

A wildlife area consists of land that is primarily undeveloped with the exception of limited parking opportunities along the outer fringes. The lands function similar to WDNR wildlife areas and are open to nature-based outdoor activities. [Management practices focus on providing wildlife habitat and undeveloped recreation uses such as hunting, trapping, hiking, foraging, snowshoeing, fishing and cross country skiing.](#) Land covers usually consist of forest, wetlands, grasslands and working farmlands. All Wisconsin DNR fishing, hunting and trapping regulations apply for County wildlife areas unless otherwise posted. Each site may have specific restrictions for use based on location to residential areas, endangered resources and other issues that have been identified in a public planning process. [Similar to a Natural Resource Area, users are encouraged to enjoy the area as is and trail access of any type is extremely limited.](#) Wildlife Areas may be found within the boundaries of lands that are of a different classification. Wisconsin DNR conservation wardens help enforce all WDNR hunting and fishing laws on County Wildlife Areas.







# Park Classification System

## *Forests*

Examples: Morton, Scheidegger

A forest in the Dane County Parks system consists of lands where timber is managed using sustainable methods and where some passive recreation such as hiking, cross-country skiing, berry picking, wildlife observation, hunting, snowshoeing and foraging may occur. [Dane County forests are different from other county forests, where more active and motorized uses may occur. Dane County Forests have the potential to become excellent outdoor classrooms for people of all ages to learn about forest ecology, vegetation management practices, and the wildlife that use these areas.](#) These lands also offer great demonstration areas for land management practices, such as prescribed burns, invasive species removal and selective cutting of trees, that contribute to the overall health and sustainability of forest ecosystems. Dane County Forests may be found within the boundaries of lands of a different category.



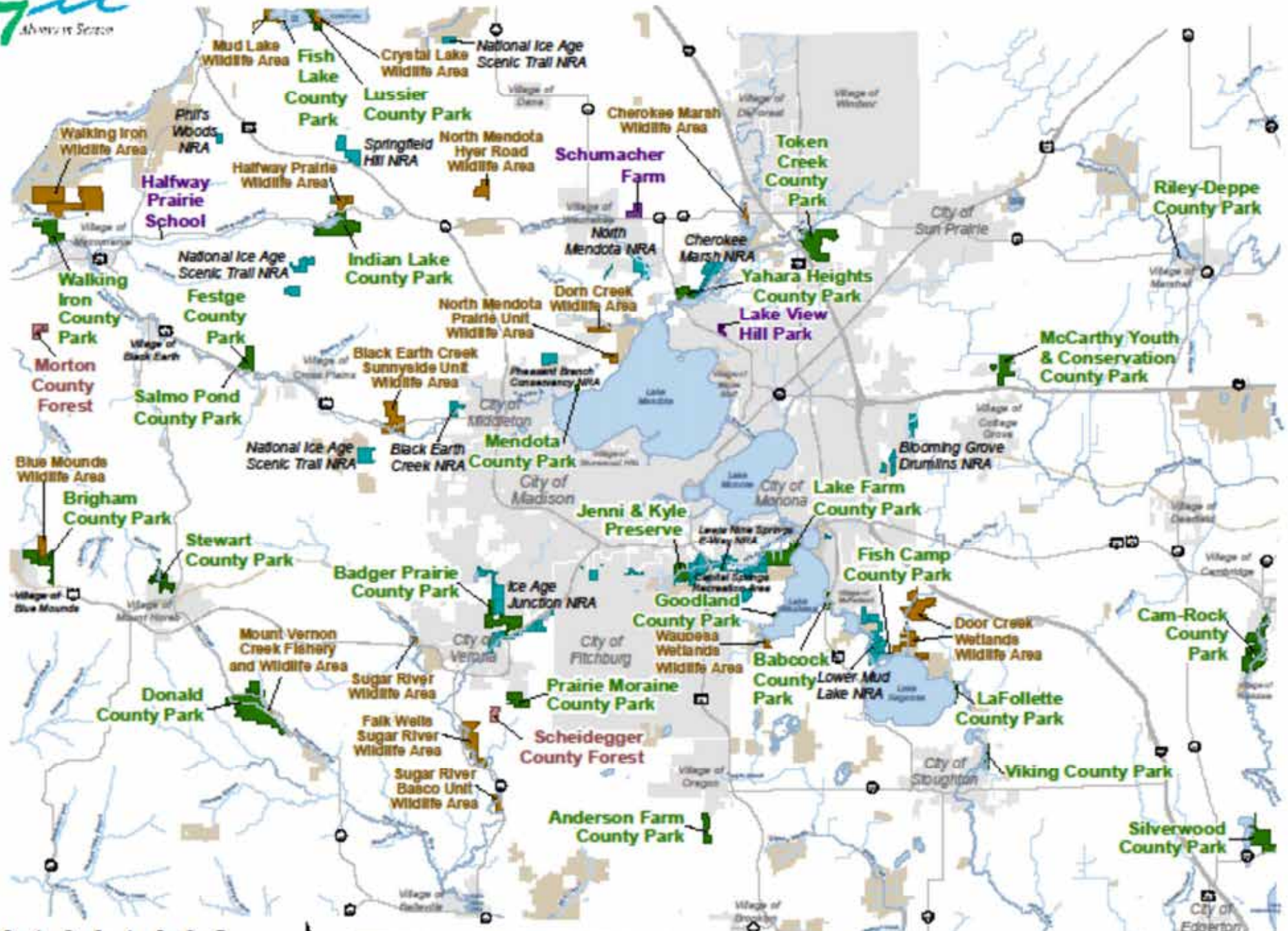






# Dane County Park Properties by Classification Categories

- County Recreation Park
- County Historical or Cultural Site
- County Forest
- County Wildlife Area
- County Natural Resource Area (NRA)



State and Federal Public Lands





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A lot happened in 5 years again...





## Recreation Park Additions

- 2 New Beaches (Stewart & Mendota)
- 5 New Timber Frame Shelters
- 27 Holes of Disc Golf
- 1 New Dog Exercise Area
- 10 New Bridges





# Bicycle Trails

- Bicycle Wayfinding Plan
- Phase 1 Lower Yahara River Trail
- Brigham to Military Ridge State Trail
- Seminole Mountain Bike Trails
- Capital City Trail Bike Repair Station





# Fishing

- Salmo Pond/Black Earth Creek Accessible Fishing Stations
- Stewart Lake Restoration & Accessible Fishing Pier
- Upper Mud Lake Access Site
- Indian Lake Restoration & Accessible Fishing Pier
- Added Nearly 8 Miles of StreamBank Easements







## Hunting/Wildlife Areas

- Added 10 Wildlife Areas, ~ 1400+Acres





## Land Acquisition

- Added 1300+ Acres of Recreation Park Land
- Added 200+ Acres of Natural Resource Area Land
- Added 1400+ Acres of Wildlife Area Land
- 8 miles Streambank Easements

Nearly 3000 acres of land added over past 5 years!



# Park Planning

- 5 PARK MASTER PLANS

Fish Lake Natural Resource Area

Silverwood County Park

McCarthy Youth and Conservation Park

Mendota County Park

Anderson County Park



## Volunteer Efforts

- 65,740 volunteer hours in 2016 and over 3,100 volunteers!
- Planted Over 5,000 Trees!





# Current National Recreation Trends

## OUTDOOR FOUNDATION

### 2016 Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report

- Overall approximately 50% of all Americans participate in at least 1 outdoor activity. (Same for past 10 years)
- Current Trending Sports:
  - Paddle Sports
  - Running



# OUTDOOR RECREATION PARTICIPATION TOPLINE REPORT 2016

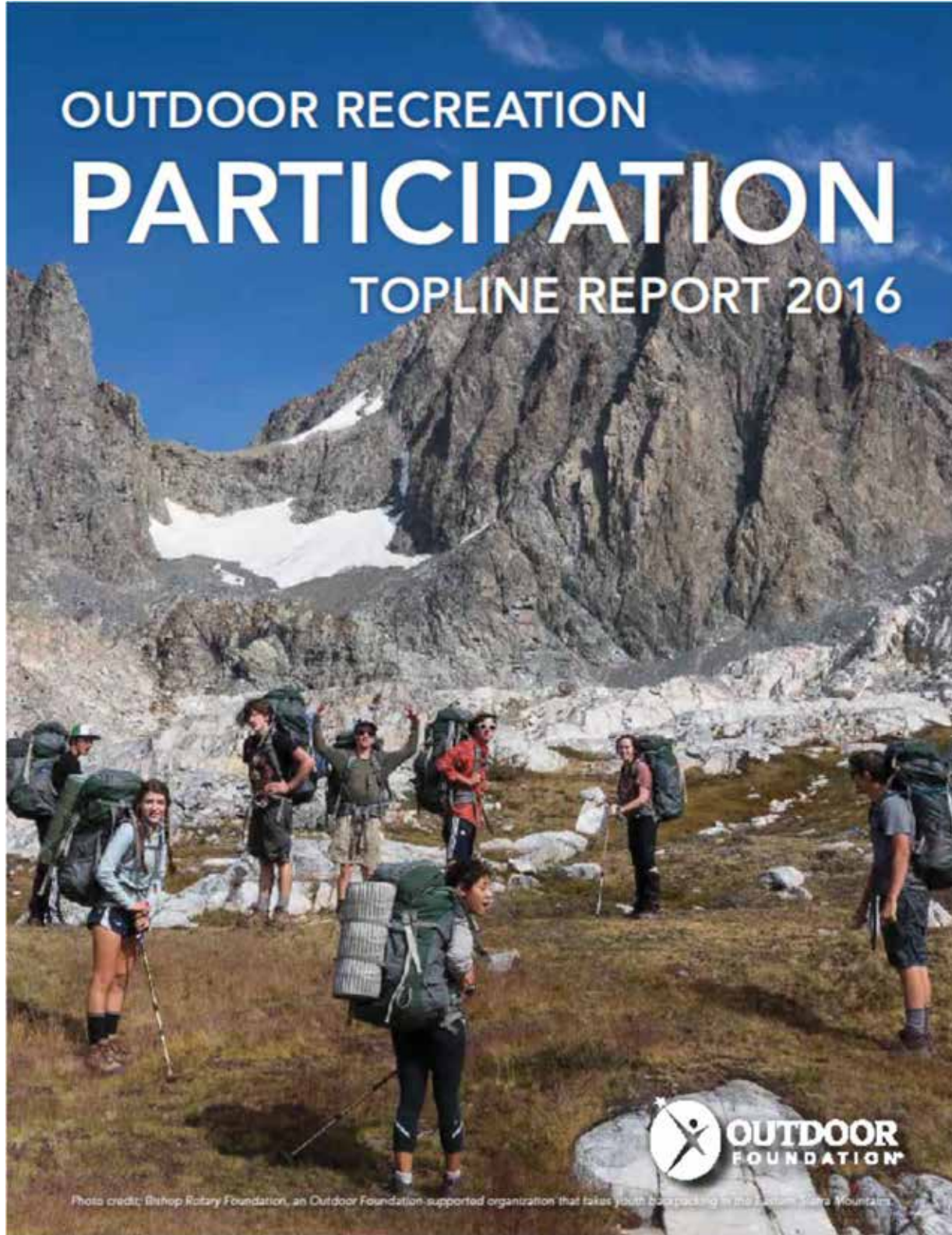


Photo credit: Bishop Rotary Foundation, an Outdoor Foundation-supported organization that takes youth backpacking in the Eastern Sierra Mountains.

Ages 6 to 24 **Youth & Young Adult Participation**

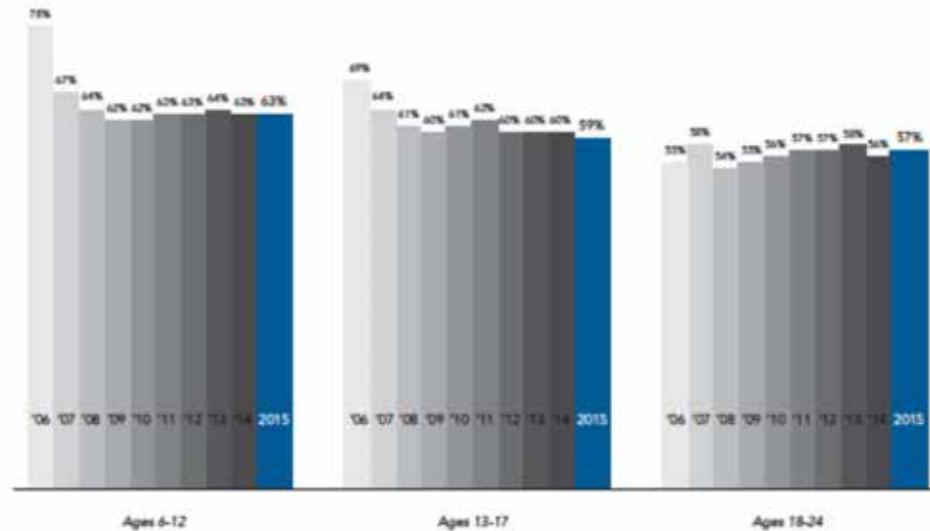
4.7 Billion Outdoor Outings  
96.5 Average Outings Per Participant

**Most Popular Youth Outdoor Activities**  
*By Participation Rate, Ages 6 to 24*

1. Running, Jogging and Trail Running  
24.2% of youth, 19.9 million participants
2. Bicycling (Road, Mountain and BMX)  
20.6% of youth, 16.9 million participants
3. Camping (Car, Backyard and RV)  
18.2% of youth, 15.0 million participants
4. Fishing (Fresh, Salt and Fly)  
18.0% of youth, 14.8 million participants
5. Hiking  
13.1% of youth, 10.8 million participants

**Favorite Youth Outdoor Activities**  
*By Frequency of Participation, Ages 6 to 24*

1. Running, Jogging and Trail Running  
97.4 average outings per runner,  
1.9 billion total outings
2. Bicycling (Road, Mountain and BMX)  
76.5 average outings per cyclist,  
1.3 billion total outings
3. Skateboarding  
62.4 average outings per skateboarder,  
285.9 million total outings
4. Fishing (Fresh, Salt and Fly)  
17.9 average outings per fishing participant,  
265.1 million total outings
5. Camping (Car, Backyard and RV)  
12.2 average outings per camper,  
182.0 million total outings



Ages  
25+

# Adult Participation

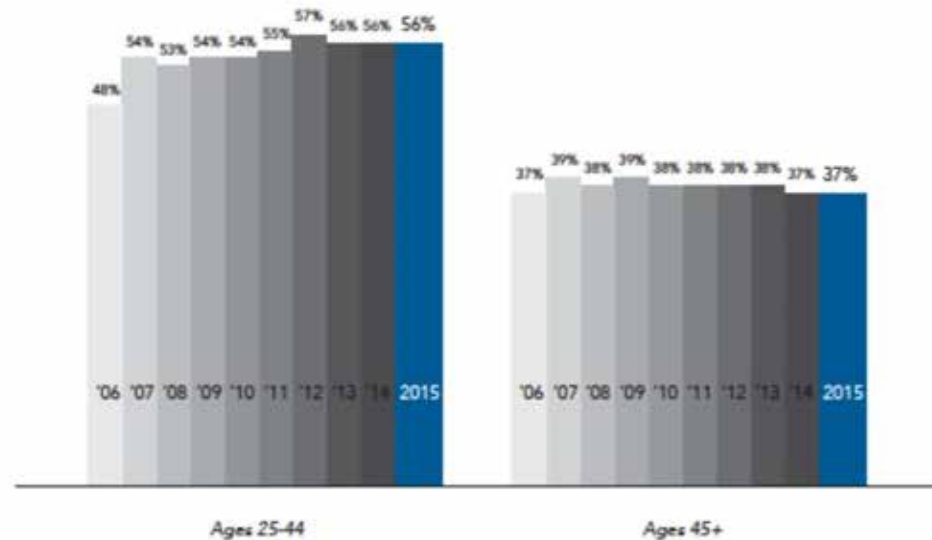
7.0 Billion Outdoor Outings  
74.9 Average Outings Per Participant

## Most Popular Adult Outdoor Activities By Participation Rate, Ages 25+

1. Running, Jogging and Trail Running  
14.9% of adults, 31.6 million participants
2. Fishing (Fresh, Salt and Fly)  
14.6% of adults, 30.9 million participants
3. Hiking  
12.5% of adults, 26.4 million participants
4. Bicycling (Road, Mountain and BMX)  
12.3% of adults, 26.1 million participants
5. Camping (Car, Backyard, Backpacking and RV)  
11.8% of adults, 25.0 million participants

## Favorite Adult Outdoor Activities By Frequency of Participation, Ages 25+

1. Running, Jogging and Trail Running  
87.1 average outings per runner,  
2.8 billion total outings
2. Bicycling (Road, Mountain and BMX)  
54.2 average outings per cyclist,  
1.4 billion total outings
3. Fishing  
20.1 average outings per fishing participant,  
621.5 million total outings
3. Birdwatching  
40.6 average outings per birdwatcher,  
422.3 million total outings
4. Wildlife Viewing  
26.4 average outings per wildlife viewer,  
413.4 million total outings

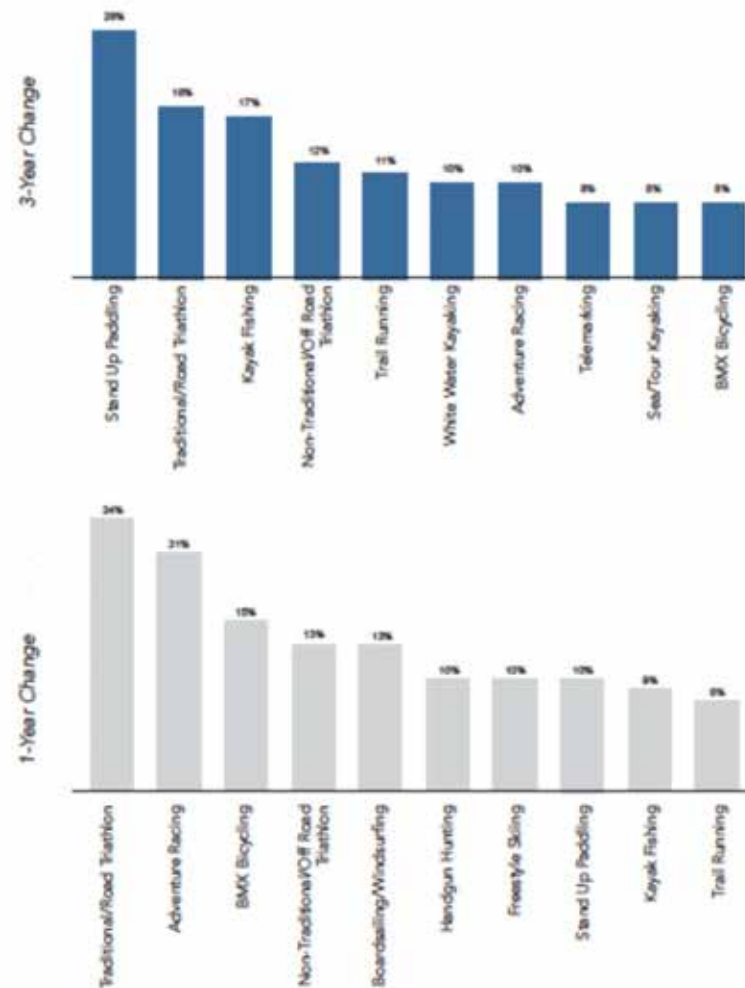




# 2015 Positive Outdoor Trends

Paddle sports continued to be a bright spot in outdoor participation. Over the past 3 years, stand up paddling was the top outdoor activity for growth, increasing participation an average of 26 percent from 2012 to 2015. Kayak fishing, white water kayaking and sea/tour kayaking also saw some of the biggest participation increases over the three-year period. While participation in running/jogging was down 5 percent from 2014 to 2015, running-related activities tended to gain in popularity. Participation in traditional triathlon grew the most over the year, increasing by 24 percent. Adventure racing, non-traditional triathlon and trail running were also among the year's top trending outdoor activities.

## Top Outdoor Activities for Growth





# OUTDOOR FOUNDATION 2016 Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report Recreation Trends

- Running
- Biking
- Hiking
- Camping
- Fishing
- Paddling



## Dane County Unofficial Recreation Trends

- Biking/Mt. Biking
- Hiking
- Dog Parks
- Disc Golf
- Fishing
- Camping
- Cross Country Skiing
- Picnicking
- Archery Hunting
- Lake Access
- Field Sports/Sports Complexes



# Dane County Parks

## Unofficial Topics & Trends

- Small Scale Ag
- Signage
- Natural Play
- Equity & Inclusion
- Streambank Easements
- Wetland Mitigation Banking
- Cultural Resource Preservation
- Engaging Youth





# Dane County Parks

## Unofficial Internal Topics & Trends

- Invasive Species
- Safety in Parks
- Maintaining Seamless Systems
- Improving Identity
- Sustaining the System
- Park Maintenance
- Recruiting the Next Generation of Volunteers



# HOW DO YOU MAKE SENSE OF IT ALL?!?

running? invasive species? park classawhat?!?  
recreation trends? volunteers? biking paddling  
we want trails! maintenance? trails  
how are you going to pay for that? fishing? the future? cultural resources  
youth wetlands safety fees demographics  
survey diversity



# Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan

- Provides County-wide Common Vision for Park, Recreation, and Resource Protection Initiatives
- Provides a Forum for the Entire County to Participate in the Planning Process

*“The journey is the destination...”*

- Stewardship Grant Eligibility
- Opportunity to Keep Communication Current With Our Stakeholders



# Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan

- Identifies Significant Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources to be Considered for Future Preservation
- Identifies Recreation Needs of the County
- Identifies Areas Considered for Future Land Acquisition from Willing Sellers
- Identifies Future Trail Concepts
- Program Area & Management Recommendations

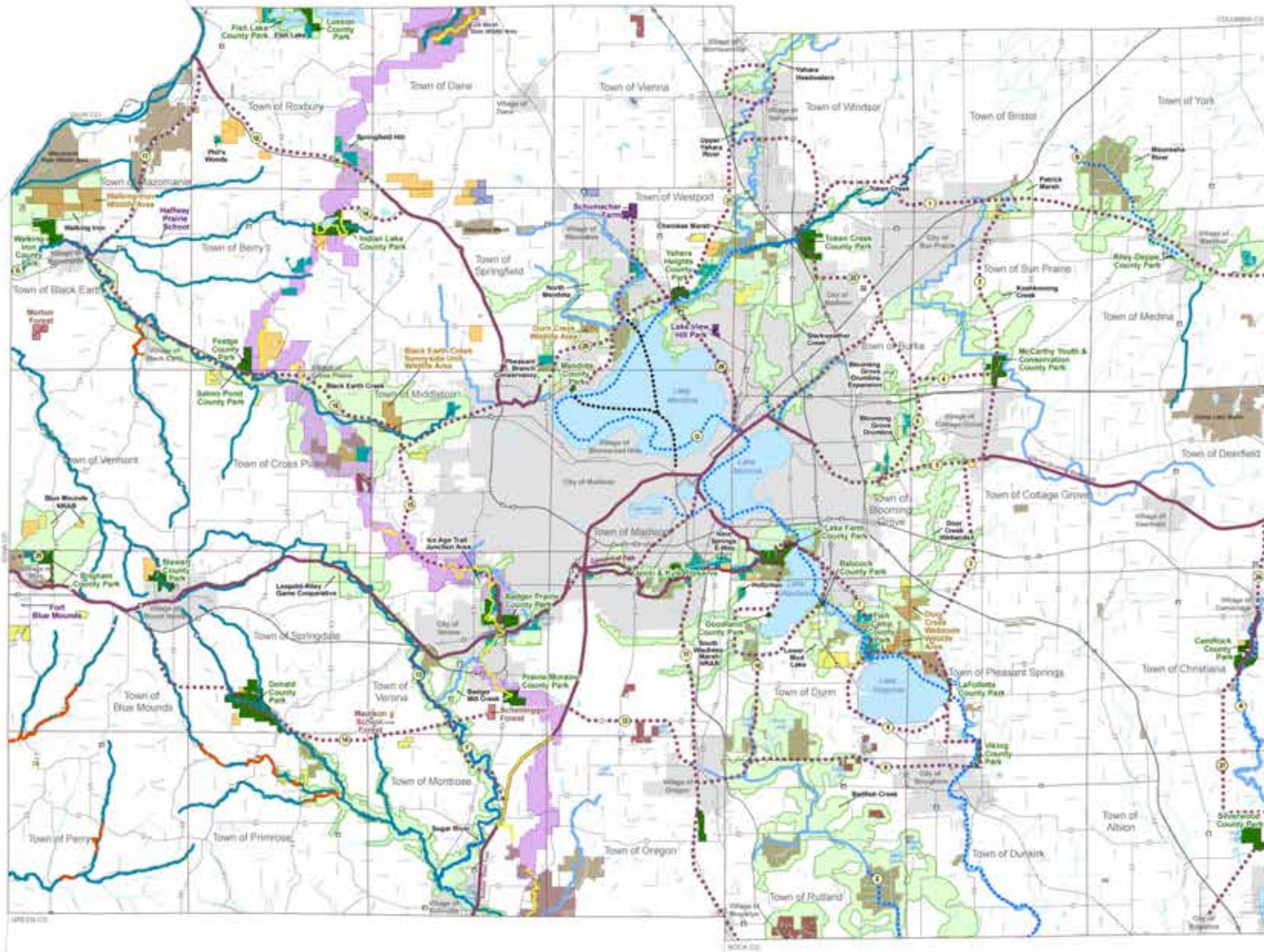




## What the plan is NOT...

- A Land Use Plan or Zoning Tool (unless a local unit of voluntarily government chooses to use)
- A Trail Development Plan
- A Park Development Plan
- Prioritized
- *Outdated...*

# Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan 2012 - 2017



## Legend

### Dane County Park Commission Lands

- Recreation Park
- Forest
- Historical/Cultural Site
- Natural Resource Area Property
- Wildlife Area
- Land & Water Legacy Wetland Sites
- Dane County Conservation Easements
- Dane County Streambank Easements
- Conservation Fund Grant Properties\*

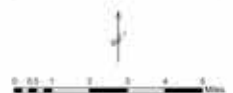
### Dane County Project Areas

- Natural Resource Area Boundary (NRAB)
- Ice Age National Scenic Trail Corridor
- Tier I Stream
- Tier II Stream

### Existing and Proposed Regional Trails

- Existing Off-road Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails
- Existing Ice Age National Scenic Trail
- - - Proposed Off-road Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails
- - - Proposed Bicycle Pedestrian Ferry
- - - Water Trails\*\*

Map of Counties Surrounding Dane County



### Reference Layers

- DNR Public Lands
- US Fish and Wildlife Lands
- National Park Service Lands
- Urban Service Area
- Resource Protection Corridor
- Lakes or Open Water
- Perennial Stream
- Railroad
- Township Boundary

\*Conservation Fund Grant Properties are lands in easement acquired by third party of ownership or leasehold with approval from the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program. \*\*Water Trails are defined as water bodies that are open to the public for recreational use.

## Land & Water Resources Department



### Proposed Off-Road Bicycle Pedestrian Trails

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Token Creek Co. Park to Riley Deppe Co. Park | 11. Fitchburg/Oregon Rail Trail                                    | 20. North Mendota Trail   |
| 2. Georgia O'Keefe Trail                        | 12. Oregon to Badger State Trail                                   | 21. Upper Yahara River Trail                                    |
| 3. McCarthy Co. Park to Lake Kegonsa State Park | 13. Sugar River Trail  | 22. DeForest to Sun Prairie Trail                               |
| 4. McCarthy Co. Park Connector Trail            | 14. Sugar River to Mount Horeb Trail                               | 23. Starkweather Creek Trail                                    |
| 5. Capital City Connector Trail                 | 15. Black Earth Creek to Pope Farm Park to Badger Prairie Co. Park | 24. Glacial Drumlin to Rockdale Trail                           |
| 6. Blooming Grove Drumlin/Door Creek Park Trail | 16. Black Earth Creek Trail  | 25. Blue Mounds Loop  |
| 7. Lower Yahara River Trail                     | 17. Mazomanie to Sauk City Rail Trail                              | 26. Sherman Flyer Trail   |
| 8. Kegonsa Loop (includes on-road segments)     | 18. Highway 12 Connector Trail                                     | 27. CamRock Co. Park to Silverwood Co. Park to City of Edgerton |
| 9. Stoughton to Oregon Trail                    | 19. Indian Lake Spur Trail   |   |
| 10. Oregon to Capital Springs Trail             |  |   |

### Water Trails\*\*

- A. Koshkonong Creek
- B. Maunasha River
- C. Starkweather Creek
- D. Yahara Chain
- E. Badfish Creek
- F. Sugar River
- G. Black Earth Creek

### Dane County Park Commission Lands

Lands identified as Dane County Park Commission Lands are owned or leased by the Dane County Park Commission. All lands purchased by the Park Commission are identified as a park, forest, natural/cultural site, wildlife area, or natural resource area in the Parks & Open Space Plan.

### Dane County Project Areas

Dane County project areas include lands within a Natural Resource Area Boundary or the Ice Age National Scenic Trail Corridor and lands along Tier I and Tier II streams. The Dane County Park Commission has the authority to purchase land rights within these designated areas from willing sellers. Lands within these areas are also eligible for Conservation Fund Grants.

### Existing and Proposed Regional Trails

Existing and proposed regional trails are trail corridors that provide connections to areas within the County of regional significance. The Dane County Park Commission has the authority to purchase land or land rights from willing sellers near or underlying existing or proposed trails. Lands for regional trails are also eligible for Conservation Fund Grants.

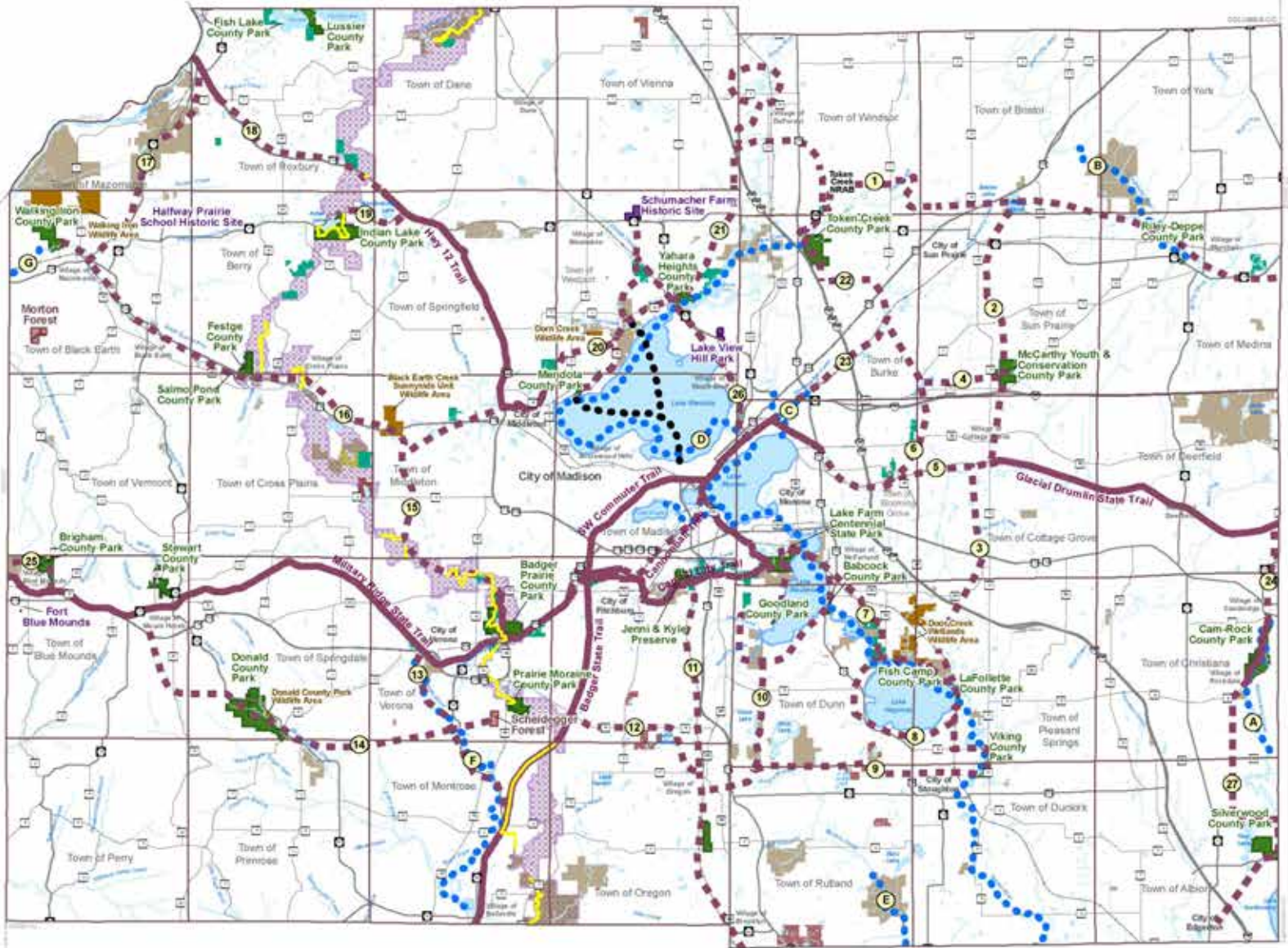
### Reference Layers

Reference layers include existing infrastructure, landuse, hydrology, and other data used to identify lands within the County. The Dane County Park Commission does not have the authority to purchase land rights in these areas, nor are lands within these areas eligible for Conservation Fund Grants.

Dane County, Recreation Parks, School & Community Parks, Historical/Cultural Sites, Wildlife Areas, Natural Resource Area Properties, and Natural Resource Area Boundaries. Dane County Parks Data (2011). Ice Age National Scenic Trail Corridor, Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation (2009). Tier I and Tier II Streams, Dane County Parks Data (2009). Existing Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails, Wetland Area Mapping/Planning Corporation (2011). Existing the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation (2011). Proposed Off-road Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail and Ferry, Dane County Parks Data (2011). Water Trails, Dane County Parks Data (2009). Water/Wetland Lands, Dane County Parks (2011). Protected Wetland Lands, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (2011). Urban Service Area, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (2011). Palmer, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (2011). Hydrography, Orthophoto derived (2010). Town Boundary, Dane County (2011). Approved by Land & Water Resources Department on 10/26/11. Approved 10/26/11.



# Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan Regional Trail Map 2012 - 2017



- Existing and Proposed Trails**
- Existing Trail Pieces
  - - - Proposed Off-road Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails
  - Proposed Bicycle Pedestrian Ferry
  - Existing Off-road Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails
  - Water Trails
  - Ice Age National Scenic Trail Corridor

- Dane County Park Commission Lands**
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\*Mark selected water trail information can be found at [www.septwaterfalls.org](http://www.septwaterfalls.org)

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## Parks and Open Space Plan Planning Process Milestones

- Kickoff Meetings **March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**
- Inventory/Analysis of Existing System **April-June 2017**
- Ongoing Public Input/Survey **March-July 2017**
- Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings **March-July 2017**
- Complete Recreation Needs Analysis **May-June 2017**
- Formulate Draft Plan Recommendations for Advisory Committee Review **July 2017**
- Public/Committee Review of Draft Plan **August 2017**
- Revisions/Finalize Plan **September-October 2017**
- Adoption of Plan **December 2017**
- Submit to WisDNR





# Parks and Open Space Plan SURVEY

Goal is to better understand:

- Recreation Use and
- Level of Satisfaction
- Barriers to Use
- How We Can Improve!

## 2018-23 DANE COUNTY POSP Planning Timeline

2017

Task	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<i>Appoint Advisory Committee</i>													
<i>LUG Contact</i>													
<i>Project Area Inventory/Analysis of Existing System</i>													
<i>Survey</i>													
<i>Website/Social Media Outreach</i>													
<i>Kick Off PIMs Central East-West</i>													
<i>Ongoing Stakeholder Input</i>													
<i>Major Employer Luncheon PI Sessions</i>													
<i>Compile Draft Recommendations for Update</i>													
<i>Consensus Building of Draft Recommendations through Public and Committee Review</i>													
<i>Prepare Draft Plan</i>													
<i>Draft Plan Review-PIM Central East_West</i>													
<i>Public and Committee Review of Draft Plan, Revisions as Necessary</i>													
<i>Additional PIM if Necessary to Present Revised Plan</i>													
<i>Park Commission Approval of Final Plan</i>													
<i>County Board_Committee Approval Process</i>													
<i>2018-23 POSP Plan Adoption</i>													



# 2018-2023 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan How to Participate & Provide Input

**BEST:** Visit Webpage, Click on “Feedback”, Send Email

<https://parks-lwr.d.countyofdane.com/Information/Planning-Development/Parks-Open-Space-Plan>

**WHEN:** Anytime

**OK:** Call Chris James 608-224-3763

**WHEN:** Anytime

**DON'T FORGET! TAKE THE SURVEY!**

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07edx78f4aj02u6mqc/a0191j0jnpzqh/greeting>



# 2018-2023 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan How to Stay Current & Review Progress

## 1. Visit Webpage

<https://parks-lwr.d.countyofdane.com/Information/Planning-Development/Parks-Open-Space-Plan>

## 2. Follow Us On Facebook

## 3. Be Sure to Provide Us Your Email Address

OR.....Call Chris James 608-224-3763





## MEETING TAKE AWAYS

- Dane County Park Land Is Divided Into Five Classifications
  - Recreation Parks
  - Natural Resource Areas
  - Wildlife Areas
  - Cultural/Historical Sites
  - Forests
- The Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan Provides a 5 Year Overall Vision for Preservation, Program Recommendations and Land Acquisition
- To Ask Any Questions, Provide Input or Ideas Visit Our Webpage
- **TAKE THE SURVEY!**



## What Happens to Comments Gathered?

- All comments/recommendations gathered are reviewed and sorted by staff for further consideration by the Park and Open Space Advisory Committee
- The order comments are received has no bearing on the priority or likelihood of inclusion in the plan (it's not like Black Friday...)
- ***Not all ideas end up being incorporated into the plan.***



# THANK YOU!

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## We Want To Hear From You!

Please...

- Respect your allotted time limit
- Do not interrupt or interject while others are commenting
- Do not laugh at somebody else's idea
- Refrain from talking while others are commenting

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