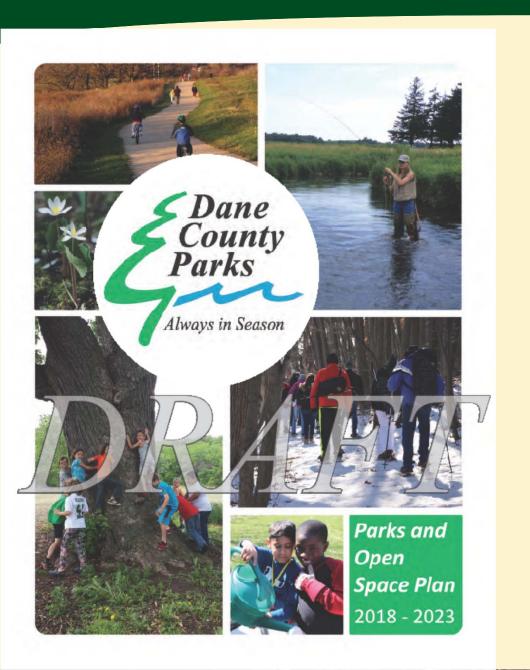
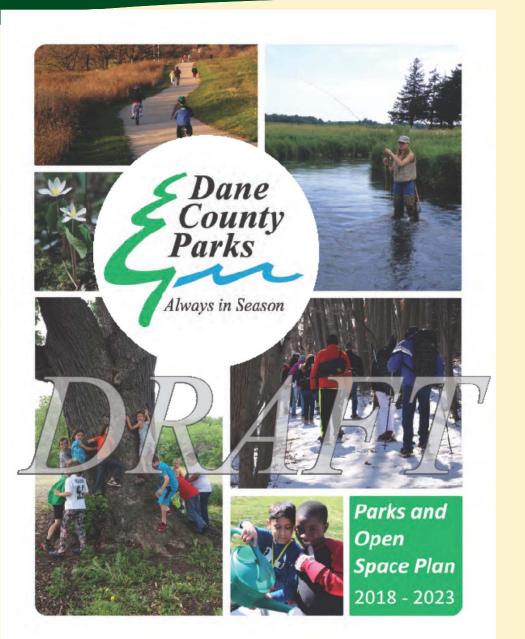
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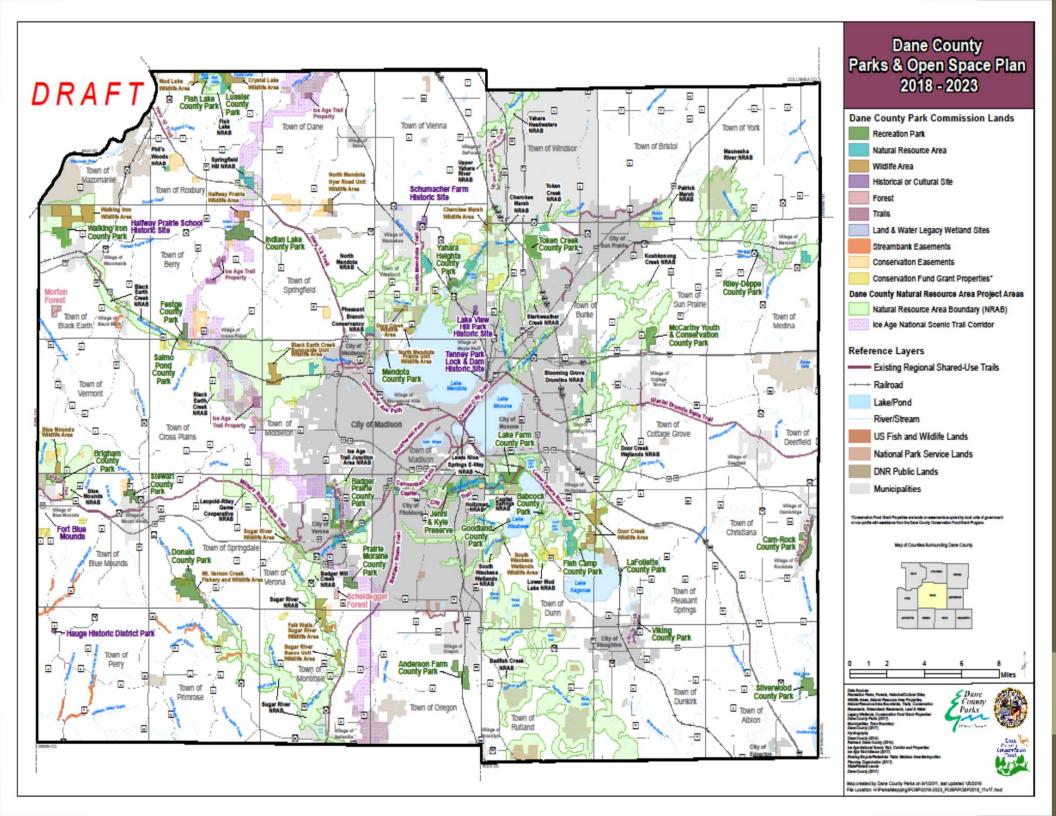
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MEETING OVERVIEW

- Welcome-Bill Lunney, Chair DCPC
- Introductions
- Planning Process Overview
- Parks and Open Space Plan Overview
- Draft 2018-23 Parks and Open Space
 Plan Recommendation Overview
- Remaining Project Timeline
- Public Input Session

2018-23 Draft Dane County POSP Dedicated to Phillip "Phil" Lewis Jr.





Purpose of the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan

- Provides Countywide Common Vision for Park, Trail,
 Recreation, Policy, Program and Resource Protection Initiatives
- Identifies Countywide Park, Trail, Recreation & Resource Protection Needs
- Identifies Where DCP May Acquire Land or Develop Park Facilities
- Provides a "Check In" Opportunity for Dane County Parks to Interact with Partners/Public/Stakeholders/Local Units Gov't
- Stewardship Grant Eligibility-Must Be Updated Every 5 Years



What the Plan Is NOT...

- A Land Use Plan or Zoning Tool (Unless a Local Unit of Government Chooses to Adopt)
- An Implementation Plan

Ex: Master Plan

- Annual Planning & Development Work Plan
- Operation & Management Plan
- Prioritized
- Management Plan



2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN PLANNING PROCESS OVERVIEW

- March 2017 Sent Notices to All Local Units of Government
- March 2017 Sent Notices to Stakeholders/NPCO/Constant Contact
- March/April 2017 Kick Off Meetings
- March 2017 Established POSP Facebook and Webpage
- May Distributed Dane County POSP Survey
- June Downtown Madison Kickoff Meeting
- Summer 2017 Land and Facility Inventory Updates
- Fall 2017 Updated Planning Considerations
- Fall/Winter 2017 Summarized Public Comments & Survey Results
- Fall 2017 Prepared Draft Plan Recommendations
- December 2017 Prepared Draft POSP Report
- January 2018 Draft POSP Report Review
- January 2018 Sent Notices to All Local Units of Government
- January 2018 Sent Notices to Stakeholders/NPCO/Constant Contact
- January 2018 (2) Public Information Meetings to Review Draft Plan Report
- February 2018 Revisions as Necessary
- March 2018 Adoption of Plan by Park Commission/EANR/County Board
- April 2018 Submit to DNR



2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN OVERVIEW Major Plan Components

- 1- Vision Statement & Goals
- 2-Accomplishments
- 3-Benefits of Parks/Large Scale 5 Year Planning Issues (Economic & Health Benefits of Parks, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility)
- 4-Park Classification System (Parks, Natural Resource Areas, Forests, Historical/Cultural, Wildlife Areas, Trails)
- 5-Existing Land and Facility Inventory
- 6-Planning Considerations (Survey, Recreation Needs Analysis, Demographics)
- 6-Plan Recommendations



2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN OVERVIEW VISION STATEMENT

Connect people to the land, water and cultural resources of Dane County.









2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN OVERVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Trails & Bridges

- Lower Yahara River Trail Completed 1.75 miles of paved trail and 1 mile of boardwalk
- Completed Dane County Bicycle Wayfinding Plan
- Lower Yahara River Trail Installed Wayfinding Signage
- Brigham Trail Completed 1.5 miles of paved
- Lewis Nine Springs Eway 3 Hiking/Cross Country Ski Trail Bridges
- Falk Wells 2 Hiking Bridges
- Donald County Park Hiking Bridge
- Wolf Conservancy Waunakee Hiking Bridge
- Walking Iron County Park Hiking/Snowmobile Bridge
- Halfway Prairie Creek Snowmobile Bridge
- Sugar River Paoli Snowmobile Bridge
- Roxbury Creek Snowmobile Bridge
- CamRock County Park Implemented Winter Fat Tire Bike Program

Parks & Recreation

- Goodland County Park Beach Restoration
- Mendota County Park Beach Restoration
- Stewart County Park New Playground
- Festge County Park New Playground
- Riley Deppe County Park New Playground
- Indian Lake County Park New Playground

Timber Frame Shelters & Restrooms

- Brigham County Park Timber Frame Shelter
- Stewart County Park Timber Frame Shelter
- Festge County Park 2 Timber Frame Shelters
- Indian Lake County Park Timber Frame Shelter and Restroom







2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN OVERVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Land Acquisition

• Acquired approximately 1,500 acres of recreation park and natural resource area lands since last plan update.

Water Access/Fishing

- CamRock County Park Canoe/Kayak Landing
- Silverwood County Park Sweet Lake Water Access
- Capital Springs Recreation Area Upper Mud Lake Walk-In Access
- Falk Wells Wildlife Area 2 Sugar River Canoe/Kayak Accesses
- Stewart Lake Accessible Fishing Pier and Fish/Lake Restoration
- Salmo Pond 2 Accessible Fishing Piers
- Black Earth Creek 2 Accessible Fishing Pads
- Lower Yahara River Trail Accessible Fishing Pier
- Indian Lake Accessible Fishing Pier and Fish/Lake Restoration
- Added 8 miles of public streambank easements
- Sugar River Wildlife Area Basco Unit Trout Habitat Improvement

Wildlife Areas/Hunting

- Added 10 new Wildlife Areas with over 1,400 acres lands open to public hunting.
- Added over one thousand acres to the Limited Archery Program for a total of 5,148 acres
- Crystal Lake Wildlife Area Added Parking Lot/Informational Kiosk
- Falk Wells Wildlife Area Added 3 Parking Lots/Informational Kiosks/Cleared Walking Trails
- Blue Mounds Wildlife Area Added Parking Lot/Informational Kiosk
- Cherokee Marsh Wildlife Area Added Parking Lot/Informational Kiosk
- Door Creek Wildlife Area Wetland Restoration Project
- Halfway Creek Wildlife Area Added Parking Lot/Informational Kiosk
- North Mendota Hyer Road Unit Wildlife Area Added Parking Lot/Wetland Restoration
- Walking Iron Wildlife Area Habitat Restoration Projects
- Waubesa Wetlands Wildlife Area Added Parking Lot/Informational Kiosk
- Cherokee Marsh Wildlife Area Added Parking Lot/Informational Kiosk

Volunteer Program

• Volunteers contributed over 65,000 hours per year of park work and planted over 5,000 trees.

Interpretive Signage

- Capital Springs Recreation Area Lewis Nine Springs Eway Interpretive Signage
- Capital Springs Recreation Area Gilman Mounds Native American Interpretive Signage
- Lakeview Hill Park Dormitory Historical Signage
- Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Matz Farmstead Historical Panel

Park Planning

- Silverwood County Park Completed Master Plan
- Fish Lake Natural Resource Area/Lussier County Park Completed Master Plan
- McCarthy County Park Completed Master Plan
- Mendota County Park Completed Master Plan



2018-23 Draft Parks and Open Space Plan ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF PARKS

PARKS & RECREATION provide significant positive economic benefits to Dane County through:

- -National Scale Sporting Events
 (Ironman, Cylcocross World Championship, CrossFit)
- -Sports Complex Events (Reddan Soccer Park)
- -Recreation User Group Service Industry Sales (Bicycling, Fishing, Disc Golf, Mountain Biking Events)

2018-23 Draft Parks and Open Space Plan HEALTH BENEFITS OF PARKS

- PARKS & RECREATION provide significant positive <u>health</u> benefits to Dane County:
- -Physical health benefits achieved through regular outdoor activities has been well documented.
- -Tangible mental health benefits realized by time spent in outdoor natural environments are increasingly being recognized by the medical profession.
- (Lowered blood pressure, stress, dementia benefits.)

2018-23 Draft Parks and Open Space Plan NEW EQUITY, INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY

Dane County Parks is dedicated to providing an inclusive parks system for all Dane County residents, regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, or ability.









EQUITY, INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS



ADDED GOAL:

Provide an inclusive parks system for all Dane County residents, regardless of age, race, gender or gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, political affiliation, place of residence, veteran status, physical ability, cognitive capacity, or family, marital or economic status.

EQUITY, INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- -The plan identifies some initial strategies for overcoming barriers.
- -A professionally done survey should be considered in the future to better understand how Dane County Parks facilities are being used by underserved or disadvantaged communities and what barriers may exist that prevent those communities from using them.
- -This effort should include establishing better relationships with different communities and getting their direct input on the subject.

PARK CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



Dane County Parks developed a Park Classification in 2000 to provide the public a better understanding of how lands were being managed.

- -Recreation Parks
- -Natural Resource Areas
- -Forests
- -Cultural/Historical Sites
- -Wildlife Areas
- -Trails (Includes Shared Use and Ice Age Trail)

EXISTING LAND AND FACILITY INVENTORY



The Dane County Park Commission currently owns 12,608 acres of land in the following categories:

- Recreation Parks-5,567
- Wildlife Areas-3,318
- Natural Resource Areas-2,976
- Trails-401
- Forests-187
- Historical/Cultural-159

In addition, the Park Commission owns 2,775 acres of conservation easements, 24 miles of streambank easements, and 22 miles of shared use trails.

1- POSP SURVEY

2-DEMOGRAPHICS

3-RECREATION NEEDS ANALYSIS

4-PUBLIC INPUT



TO BETTER UNDERSTAND

- User satisfaction
- Level and types of recreation use
- Barriers to use
- How we can improve!

AND:

 Serve as Additional Tool for Public Input Outreach



2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN OVERVIEW PRIMARY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS SUMMARY POSP SURVEY OVERVIEW

Big Takeaways....What Do People Want

- Land acquisition & natural resource management
- Hiking trails, bike/ped trails, mountain bike trails, disc golf, and dog parks
- Connectivity of land, trails, and facilities
- Winter disc golf and winter access for hiking/trail running
- Places to hike with dogs off-leash
- Restrooms and shelters
- Facilities for elderly or those using wheelchairs (i.e. benches, no trip hazards, easy/paved trails, etc.)
- Activities to attract youth and connect them to nature
- Walk-in or rustic campsites
- Better park maps, trail mileage, information, etc. at parks



2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN OVERVIEW PRIMARY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS SUMMARY POSP SURVEY OVERVIEW

Big Takeaways....How are we doing?

Good job!

- Offer diversity of park lands and recreation
- Well maintained
- Safe
- Valued by community

Keep working on...

- IDENTITY!!
- Promoting our parks, recreation opportunities, and programs
- Removing barriers to maintain and attract a diverse population
- Facilities for elderly or those using wheelchairs (i.e. benches, no trip hazards, easy/paved trails, etc.)
- Activities to attract youth and connect them to nature
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DEMOGRAPHICS

- The population of 65 and older residents is increasing the most of any age group and by 2040 will account for approximately 20% of the population in Dane County.
- The continued projected growth of the 65 and older County population supports the ongoing priority to develop more trail and passive recreation activities, and maintain active rural landowner relationships on priority acquisition projects.
- Retirement age population projections are of particular interest to Dane County Parks as they provide the majority of volunteer help and often time lead school and youth activities. Engaging youth to take an early interest in parks and conservation is critical to the long term success of the park system.
- Youth oriented facilities should continue to be a priority for Dane County Parks as projections show increases in youth age groups by 2040.
- Dane County has one of the highest and most diverse ethnic populations in south central Wisconsin. The Hispanic population is the fastest growing ethnic group in Dane County, bilingual signage and website information should be considered.
- Continued highest projected growth in the north central region of Dane County maintains the importance of acquiring lands within the Yahara Headwaters Natural Resource Area.

RECREATION NEEDS ANALYSIS

Analysis from Nation, State and Local Recreation Data

- -Walking, hiking and running continue to have highest recreation participation rates both locally and nationally.
- -Demand for mountain biking and disc golf continues to rise.
- -Biking, dog parks and disc golf, paddling, picnicking, fishing and driving for pleasure continue to show strong participation rates in Dane County.
- -Regional scale special and sporting events continue to add extra demands on *campgrounds* and open utility spaces.
- -Food, exercise, and education should be included outdoor recreation planning considerations for new facilities and programs over the next five years, especially for minority populations.



PUBLIC INPUT OVERVIEW

AWARENESS & INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

- Parks and Open Space Plan Survey
- 3 Public Information Meetings
- Channel 3 Interview
- Online Feedback Form
- Contacted Local Units of Government, Non-Profit Conservation Organizations
- Constant Contact
- POSP Website
- FaceBook Page



2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN OVERVIEW PRIMARY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS SUMMARY PUBLIC INPUT OVERVIEW

TRAIL RELATED COMMENTS

- Majority of all comments heard were trail related.
- -"Trail" park classification recommendation
- -More mountain bike trails, more trails..
- -More trail connectivity
- -Support specific trail initiatives



2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN OVERVIEW PRIMARY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS SUMMARY PUBLIC INPUT OVERVIEW EQUITY & INLCUSION COMMENTS

-Increase diversity of users.

-Increase accessibility. (Non-motorized)

-Improve opportunities for disabled



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CONSERVATION COMMENTS

-Think BIG!

- Concentrate on connecting landscapes
- Generous buffer zones
- Linear corridors to link lands
- Expand NRA's and WA's



PUBLIC INPUT OVERVIEW

Summary

- -Continued Support for Volunteer Program!
- TRAILS!
- Equity, Inclusion, Diversity & Accessibility
- Mountain Biking
- Disc Golf
- Dogs
- Keep Working Toward Filling Gaps/Connecting Land
- Diversity of Park System Programs is Important
- Park Patrons Feel Satisfied and Safe
- Continue to Think BIG
- Youth & Volunteers
- Parks Are Valued Refuges from Urban Areas



2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Draft Plan Recommendations are Based On:

- Public/Staff/Stakeholder Input
- POSP Survey(s)
- National, State and Local Park & Recreation Trends
- County Demographics (Population Trends)
- Dane County Parks Recreation Use
- Resource Protection Needs



2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS PARK SYSTEM New Recommendations TRAILS

-Added 5-YEAR SHARED USE TRAIL INITIATIVES

-Ice Age National Scenic Trail is now under "TRAILS".

-Added E-TRAIL Section.

2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS CONSERVATION FUND UPDATES

Add recommendation to expand eligibility for non-profit conservation organizations and local units of government to acquire regional resource protection lands that include public access and are identified within an approved regional planning document or are adjacent to existing public lands of the following types:

- -Waterfowl Production Areas
- -State Natural Areas
- -State Wildlife Areas
- -State Parks
- -Prairie Remnants, Waterways & Wetlands Identified for Preservation by the Wisconsin DNR, FWS or Non Profit Conservation Organization

2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS Partner Projects and Programs Bike Park



2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS Partner Projects and Programs Nolen Waterfront

- -Regionally significant park proposal named in honor of John Nolen who proposed as part of his 1909 "Madison: A Model City" plan.
- -Phil Lewis assisted planning professionals from 2008 to 2010 with design visions for the Nolen Waterfront.
- -The Nolen Waterfront project would be connected to the Capital Springs Recreation Area via the Capital City Trail.
- -The park is envisioned to be an inclusive place where all people can feel comfortable coming together for social interaction, recreation, entertainment and scenic enjoyment of the lake.
- -This project is still in the very early stages of planning; as the project progresses through a public planning process additional Dane County review will be needed to determine if future partnership opportunities exist.

2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS Regional Resource Protection Initiatives Wetland Mitigation Bank

- -Potentially a source of sustainable revenue for restoration.
- -Consistent approach to large scale wetland restoration.
- -Potential of creating large scale water quality buffers.
- -Improved groundwater infiltration.
- -Carbon sequestration.

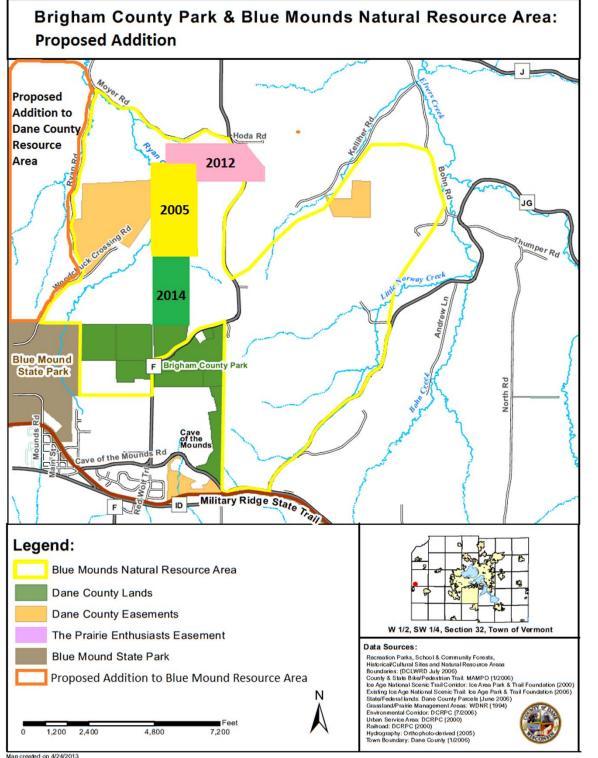


2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS

BLUE MOUNDS NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

 Expand Blue Mounds Natural Resource Area Boundary to Dane County Border

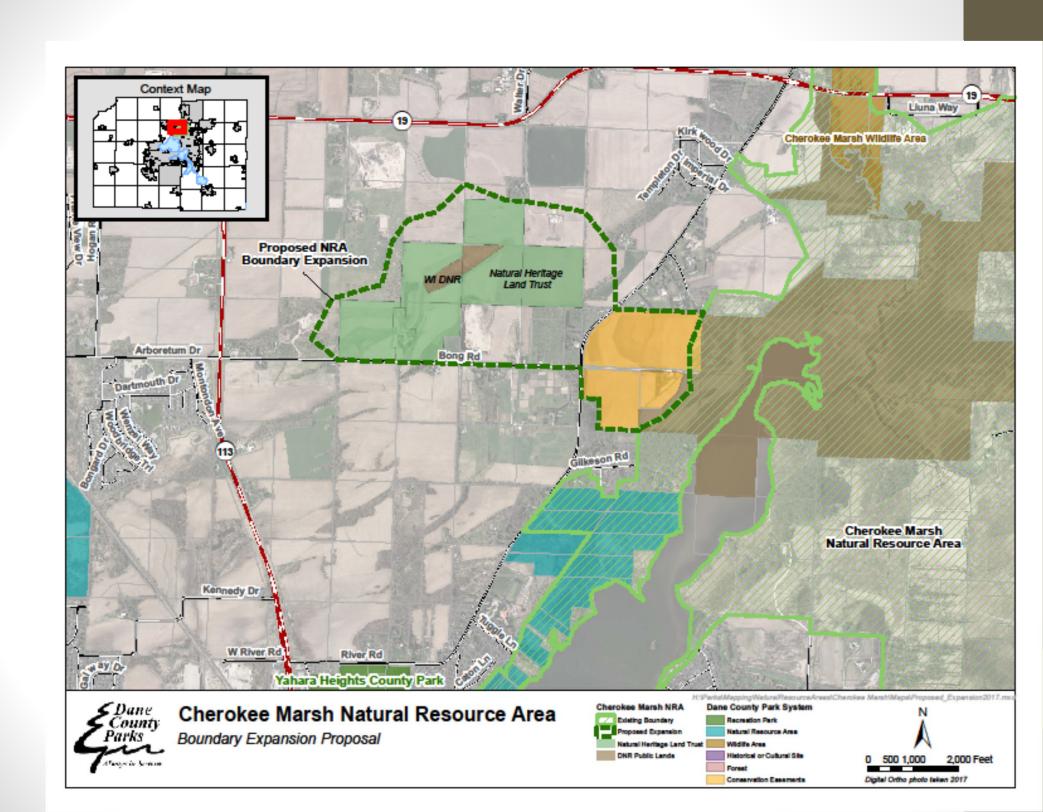




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CHEROKEE MARSH NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

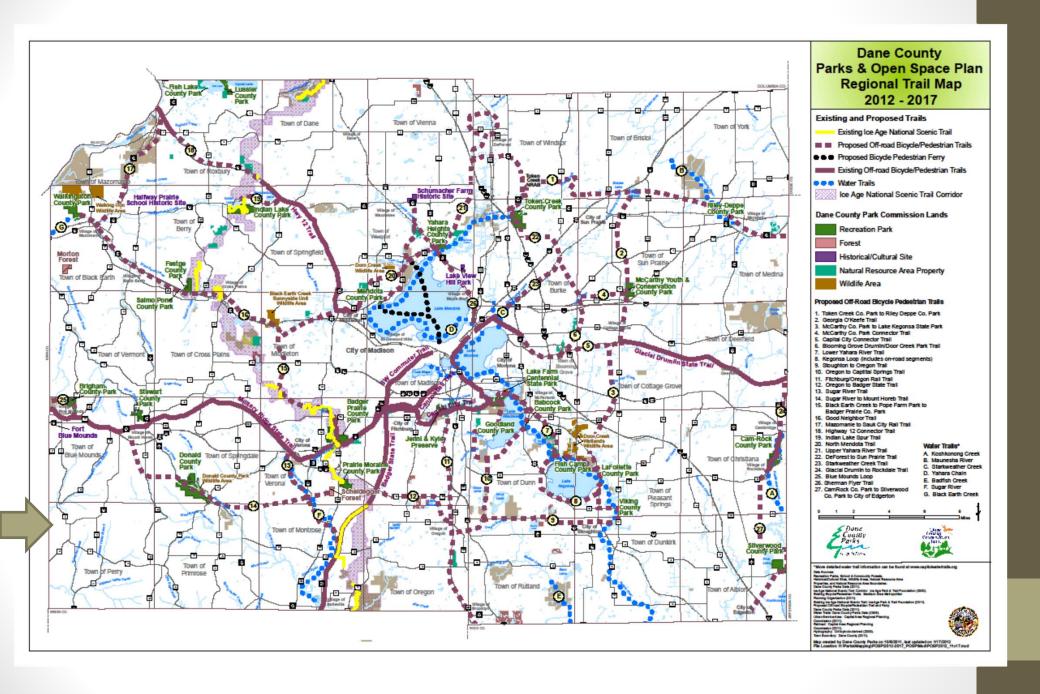
 Expand boundary to include Westport Drumlin NHLT property.



2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS HISTORICAL/CULTURAL SITES

HAUGE HISTORIC DISTRICT PARK

- Add to Historical/Cultural component of plan.
- Add to POSP graphic plan, similar to Fort Blue Mounds.
- Add recommendation to consider future transfer of operation/maintenance to Dane County Parks.



2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS NEW PARKS

- Maintain recommendation for a new Recreation Park in the NE Quadrant
- Maintain recommendations for new dog parks in western Dane County, Cottage Grove and Cambridge areas.
- Maintain recommendation for new disc golf course in western Dane County.

2018-23 POSP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS Climate Change

In 2017, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi created the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change, a new Council on Climate Change to coordinate the community's work to adapt to the impact of our changing climate, reduce carbon emissions, and accelerate the county's conversion of fossil fuel burning vehicles to cleaner burning renewable compressed natural gas. This office is charged with developing a Climate Change Action Plan for Dane County, which is expected to be complete in 2018.

Dane County Parks has been working with the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the past two years and should continue to coordinate with the Office of Energy and Climate Change to further investigate these items as part of the forthcoming Climate Change Action Plan.

2018-23 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN Remaining Project Timeline

- -January 23rd Public Information Meeting Central Madison Library 7-9pm
- -February 9th Draft Plan Report Public Comments Due
- February/March-Revisions as Necessary
- -March County Board Adoption?

2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN DISCUSSION

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!

2018-23 Draft PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN Thank You For Attending!

Comments can be provided by phone, mail, email or by visiting the online feedback form at:

https://parks-lwrd.countyofdane.com/Information/Planning-Development/Parks-Open-Space-Plan

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