

## Chapter 6

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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The quantitative, qualitative, and geographic analysis discussed in Chapter 4 reveals the need for improvements to existing facilities, as well as the acquisition and development of new sites for future recreational use. It should be noted that some of the recommendations may require considerable cooperation with others, including the citizens of Waunakee and Westport, local civic and business associations, neighboring municipalities, Dane County, and State agencies. In nearly every case, more detailed planning, engineering, study, budgeting, and/or discussion will be necessary before decisions are made to actually acquire land or construct recreational facilities.

The recommendations of this plan are divided into four major sections: (1) existing park facilities; (2) new park facilities; (3) off-road trails; (4) on-road bicycle improvements; (5) intersections; and (6) miscellaneous recommendations. Many of the specific

recommendations discussed in each section are identified on the Proposed Parks and Open Space map or the Proposed Bike and Pedestrian Facilities map. Acquisition projects will be implemented through donation, dedication, purchase, or a combination thereof.

The timeline for completion of the recommendations is within the next five years, or the life of this plan. Due to budgetary constraints it is unlikely that all of the recommendations within this chapter will be implemented in the next five years. Maintenance and improvement projects will be prioritized on an annual basis by the Village staff team in Waunakee and the Town Administrator in conjunction with each community's Parks Committee as part of the Village's/Town's annual budget. Many of the recommendations regarding locating new park facilities will be coordinated with the annexation or approval of development proposals; therefore, the timing is much more variable.



## 6.1 EXISTING PARK FACILITIES

The following is a bulleted list of recommendations for improvements to existing parks. Some of the recommendations identified within this section are remnants from the 2009 Waunakee CORP and the 2009 Westport CORP. These recommendations have been highlighted (\*) where they occur.

### WAUNAKEE

The Village Parks and Recreation Committee has prioritized the recommendations listed under each park. Recommendations are listed in a descending order of importance. Each recommendation also has a score listed in parenthesis: **(1)** should be completed ASAP, **(2)** should be completed in three to five years and **(3)** should be completed in the long range. Table 6.1 shows recommendations for all Waunakee parks ranked by priority.

#### Mini Parks

##### Reeve Park

1. Re-do brick patio and landscape **(2)**

##### Settlers Park

(no projects identified)

#### Neighborhood Playgrounds

##### Augusta Park

1. Plant trees **(2)**

##### Water Tower Park

(no projects identified)

#### Neighborhood Parks

##### Blue Ridge Park

1. Improve site landscaping **(2)**
2. Install path lighting **(3)**

##### Kilkenny Farms Park

1. Add pickle ball court **(1)**
2. Add trail connecting to Bolz Conservancy **(1)**
3. Tree planting **(1)**

##### McWatty Park

*(Village would like to hold on all decisions until plans are finalized for the new library)*

1. \*Remove basketball court **(1)**
2. Add a swing for babies/toddlers **(2)**
3. Add access to Six Mile Creek **(2)**
4. \*Add a path/bridge to the west **(2)**
5. \*Plant trees and restore turf **(2)**
6. Develop a baseball field **(2)**
7. \*Make a regional trailhead **(3)**

##### Northridge Park

1. Plant trees **(2)**
2. \*Install a picnic shelter with picnic tables and restrooms **(2)**
3. Add soccer goals **(2)**
4. \*Add trail to park that connects facilities within the park **(2)**

##### Peaceful Valley Park

1. Plant trees **(2)**
2. Add soccer field equipment **(2)**

##### Prairie Park

1. Add picnic tables **(2)**
2. Plant trees **(2)**
3. Replace basketball hoops **(2)**
4. Add soccer field equipment **(2)**
5. Install a pavilion **(3)**

##### Savannah Park

1. \*Add off-street parking **(2)**
2. \*Upgrade and/or renovate sport court **(2)**
3. Add a water source for the ice rink **(2)**

##### Scenic Valley Park

1. Repair heave around manhole cover **(1)**
2. Upgrade basketball backboard and rim **(2)**
3. Add a drinking fountain **(2)**
4. Add a sand table **(2)**
5. \*Add landscaping and plant trees **(2)**
6. Resurface basketball court **(2)**

#### Community Parks

##### Centennial Park

1. Irrigate the ball diamonds **(2)**
2. Add sand volleyball court **(2)**
3. Repair the south parking lot **(2)**

### Hanover Park

1. Plant trees (2)
2. \*Install restrooms (2)
3. Repair/resurface basketball court (2)

### Meadow Brook Park

1. \*Construct park shelter with restrooms (1)
2. Add picnic tables (1)
3. Add a trail connection (2)
4. Repair parking lot asphalt (2)
5. Install lighting on path and throughout park (2)
6. Add another parking lot (2)

### Ripp Park

1. Plant trees (2)
2. Add a boardwalk to pet exercise area (2)
3. Install path and road\* lighting (2)
4. Add a trail connection (2)
5. Repairs to road surface (2)

### Ripp Park-Pet Exercise Area

1. Improve signage (1)
2. Improve entrance to area (1)
3. Repair fence (1)
4. Add benches (2)
5. Add a connection to Ripp Park (2)
6. Add pet waste station (2)
7. Plant trees (2)
8. Install structures for dogs to play on/around (3)

### Tierney Park

1. Add another parking lot (2)
2. Paint picnic shelter (2)
3. \*Plant trees (2)
4. \*Complete a master plan for the enlarged park (2)
5. \*Add a south picnic shelter (small) with restrooms and drinking fountain (2)
6. Develop a trail through the park and add connections to nearby trails (2)
7. Add a footbridge over the drainage swale (2)
8. Add more lacrosse fields (2)
9. \*Make a regional trailhead connection to Governor Nelson State Park and Middleton Parks (2)
10. Add more basketball courts (3)

### Village Park

1. Plant trees (2)
2. \*Basketball court resurfacing (2)

### Westbridge Park

1. Finish grading and seeding fields (1)
2. Add trail connections (2)
3. Add another parking lot (2)

## **Special Use Parks or Nature Preserve**

### Bolz Conservancy

1. \*Add trellis and/or informational kiosk (2)
2. Continue to focus on prairie plantings (2)
3. Add additional seating to hilltop (2)
4. \*Pave the parking area (2)
5. Add trail connections (2)
6. Add a connection to Kilkenny Farms neighborhood (2)

### Castle Creek Conservancy

1. \*Add directional and interpretive signage as well as an overall park map (1)
2. Resurface/reconstruct third bridge (2)
3. \*Add second entrance-at the end of Wimbleton (2)
4. \*Develop several trail loop options (1 mi., 2 mi., etc.) (2)
5. \*Develop a trailhead (2)
6. Add off-street parking (2)

### Lions Park

1. Paint and evaluate for repairs (1)
2. Add signage (2)
3. Plant trees (2)

### Montondon Park

1. \*Add directional and interpretive signage (2)
2. \*Trail improvements (2)
3. Add a trail connection and trailhead (2)

### Six Mile Creek Conservancy

1. \*Add directional and interpretive signage (2)
2. \*Add trail improvements (2)
3. \*Develop a "downtown trailhead" and parking area (2)
4. Install path lighting (2)

### Village Center Pond Conservancy

1. Improve maintenance of pond (1)
2. Add more, larger fishing piers (2)
3. \*Add directional and interpretive signage (2)
4. \*Add outdoor ice skating facility with warming shelter (2)
5. \*Develop a "downtown trailhead" (2)

### Kilkenny Fire Pit

1. Add signage (2)
2. Add trails (3)

## Undeveloped parks

### Woodland Wayside

1. Add landscaping (1)
2. Add trail connections (1)
3. Install path lighting (2)

### Bolz Property (Joint Owned)

1. Do a needs/use study in conjunction with Dane County for North Mendota Natural Resource Area (2)





Table 6.1 Waunakee's Park Recommendations Ranked by Priority

Rank	Park	Improvement
1	Woodland Wayside	Add landscaping
2	Village Center Pond	Improve maintenance of pond
3	Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area	Improve signage
4	Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area	Improve entrance to area
5	Meadow Brook Park	Construct park shelter with restrooms
6	Meadow Brook Park	Add picnic tables
7	Water Tower Park	Add picnic tables
8	Castle Creek Conservancy	Add directional/interpretive signage and an overall park map
9	Scenic Valley Park	Repair heave around manhole cover
10	Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area	Repair fence
11	Lions Park	Paint and evaluate for repairs
12	Woodland Wayside	Add trail connections
13	McWatty Park	Remove basketball court
14	Kilkenny Farms Park	Add pickle ball court
15	Kilkenny Farms Park	Add trail connecting to Bolz Conservancy
16	Kilkenny Farms Park	Tree planting
17	Bolz Conservancy	Add trellis and/or informational kiosk
18	Bolz Conservancy	Continue to focus on prairie plantings
19	Castle Creek Conservancy	Resurface/reconstruct third bridge
20	Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area	Add benches
21	Village Park	Plant trees
22	Prairie Park	Add picnic tables
23	Lions Park	Add signage
24	Centennial Park	Irrigate the ball diamonds
25	Centennial Park	Sand volleyball court
26	Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area	Add pet waste station
27	McWatty Park	Add a swing for babies/toddlers
28	Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area	Add a connection to Ripp Park
29	Tierney Park	Add another parking lot
30	Scenic Valley Park	Upgrade basketball backboard and rim
31	Scenic Valley Park	Add a drinking fountain
32	Peaceful Valley Park	Plant trees
33	Centennial Park	Repair the south parking lot
34	Bolz Conservancy	Add additional seating to hilltop
35	Augusta Park	Plant trees
36	Scenic Valley Park	Add a sand table
37	Kilkenny Fire Pit	Add signage
38	Lions Park	Plant trees
39	Ripp Park	Plant trees
40	Prairie Park	Plant trees
41	Castle Creek Conservancy	Add a second entrance-connect at the end of Wimbledon
42	Peaceful Valley Park	Add soccer field equipment
43	Tierney Park	Paint picnic shelter
44	Tierney Park	Add landscaping and plant trees
45	Blug Ridge Park	Improve site landscaping
46	North Ridge Park	Plant trees
47	Ripp Park	Add a boardwalk to the pet exercise area
48	Scenic Valley Park	Add landscaping and plant trees
49	Savannah Park	Add off-street parking
50	Savannah Park	Upgrade and/or renovate sport court
51	Ripp Park	Install path and road lighting
52	Tierney Park	Complete a master plan for the enlarged park
53	Bolz Conservancy	Pave the parking area

Rank	Park	Improvement
54	Bolz Conservancy	Add trail connections
55	Castle Creek Conservancy	Develop several trail loop options (1 mi., 2 mi., etc.)
56	Prairie Park	Replace basketball hoops
57	Scenic Valley Park	Resurface basketball court
58	Meadow Brook Park	Add a trail connection
59	Six Mile Creek Conservancy	Add directional and interpretive signage
60	Ripp Park	Add a trail connection
61	Montondon Conservancy	Add directional and interpretive signage
62	Westbridge Park	Add trail connections
63	McWatty Park	Add access to Six Mile Creek
64	Village Center Pond	Add more, larger fishing piers
65	Hanover Park	Improve site landscaping and add trees near parking
66	Savannah Park	Add a water source for the ice rink
67	Hanover Park	Add restrooms
68	Tierney Park	Add a south picnic shelter (small) with restrooms and drinking fountain
69	Castle Creek Conservancy	Develop trailhead
70	Montondon Conservancy	Trail improvements
71	Village Center Pond	Add directional and interpretive signage
72	Westbridge Park	Add another parking lot
73	Six Mile Creek Conservancy	Add trail improvements
74	McWatty Park	Add a path/bridge to the west
75	Village Park	Basketball court resurfacing
76	Prairie Park	Add soccer field equipment
77	Reeve Park	Re-do brick patio and landscape
78	Bolz Conservancy	Add a connection to Kilkenny Farms neighborhood
79	Tierney Park	Develop a trail through the park and connections to nearby trails
80	Ripp Park	Repairs to road surface
81	McWatty Park	Plant trees and restore turf
82	Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area	Plant trees
83	Montondon Conservancy	Add a trail connection and trail head
84	Castle Creek Conservancy	Add off-street parking
85	Meadow Brook Park	Repair parking lot asphalt
86	Hanover Park	Repair/resurface basketball court
87	Village Center Pond	Add an outdoor ice skating facility with a warming shelter
88	Tierney Park	Add a footbridge over the drainage swale
89	Village Center Pond	Develop a "downtown trailhead"
90	North Ridge Park	Install a picnic shelter with picnic tables and restrooms
91	Six Mile Creek Conservancy	Develop a "downtown trailhead" and parking area
92	North Ridge Park	Add soccer goals
93	North Ridge Park	Add trail to connect facilities within the park
94	Meadow Brook Park	Install lighting on path and throughout park
95	Meadow Brook Park	Add another parking lot
96	Six Mile Creek Conservancy	Install path lighting
97	Tierney Park	Add more lacrosse fields
98	McWatty Park	Develop a baseball field
99	Tierney Park	Make a regional trailhead connection to Gov. Nelson and Middleton Parks
100	Bolz Property	Create a joint park plan
101	Prairie Park	Install a pavilion
102	Ripp Park Pet Exercise Area	Install structures for dogs to play on/around
103	Blue Ridge Park	Install path lighting
104	Kilkenny Fire Pit	Add trails
105	McWatty Park	Made a regional trailhead
106	Tierney Park	Add more basketball courts

## WESTPORT

The Town Park Committee has given each recommendation an overall score listed in parenthesis: **(1)** should be completed ASAP, **(2)** should be completed in three to five years and **(3)** should be completed in the long range. Table 6.2 shows all top priority recommendations for Westport (those ranked as a “1”).

### Neighborhood Playgrounds

#### Christina Park

- Add sandbox (similar to Mary Lake) **(1)**
- Repair cracked park sign **(1)**
- Upgrade play equipment. Ensure it is suitable for children under 5 years old. **(3)**

#### Steeplechase Park

- Add an infant/toddler swing to existing swing set **(1)**
- Install a stand-alone piece of play equipment for younger children (< 5 years old) to fit in existing play area **(3)**
- Budget and schedule replacement of all park equipment by 2025 **(3)**

### Neighborhood Parks

#### Mary Lake Park

- Install new equipment in 2017 (play structure plus teeter-totter and spin stand-alone) **(1)**
- Resurface basketball court **(1)**
- Install new trash cans **(2)**
- \*Add a medium-sized shelter **(3)**

### Community Parks

#### Town Center Park/Daleo Soccer Fields

- Redo sand area **(1)**
- Install swing set **(2)**
- Add field signage **(3)**
- \*Expand park to the north **(3)**
- \*Add field shelters for players and referees **(3)**
- Budget/schedule replacement of main play structure no later than 2023 **(3)**
- \*Add trail connections throughout and to Woodland Dr. **(3)**

### Special Use Parks or Nature Preserve

#### Jackson Landing Conservancy Park

- Add signage to identify park and parking area with trail map **(1)**
- Remove buckthorn and other invasive species **(1)**
- Improve pedestrian/bike access along/across CTH M from Mary Lake Rd. **(2)**
- Improve gravel parking area **(2)**
- Improve access from Blue Bill Park Drive **(3)**
- Prairie reclamation on farmed land **(3)**

### Undeveloped parks

#### Bolz Property (Joint Owned)

- Do a needs/use study in conjunction with Dane County for North Mendota Natural Resource Area **(2)**

#### Carriage Ridge Area Park/Trails

- Add signage **(2)**
- Add prairie plantings in newly acquired area and along trails **(2)**
- Acquire easement rights on Reis land for Blue Ridge Trail **(2)**
- Add a small shelter on the newly dedicated property **(3)**

Table 6.2 Westport’s Park Priority Projects

Park	Improvement
Steeplechase Park	Purchase infant/toddler swing seat for existing swing set (switch out larger seat)
Christina Park	Replace sign
Christina Park	Add sandbox
Jackson's Landing	Invasive species clean up
Jackson's Landing	Install sign with trail map
Mary Lake Park	Play equipment installation
Mary Lake Park	Resurface basketball court
Town Center	Replace older play equipment in sand area



## 6.2 NEW PARK FACILITIES

The Village and Town should develop new park and recreational facilities in areas that are underserved by existing facilities, where future residential expansion is expected to occur, or where the acquisition of park and open space will advance the goals and policies of this plan or the Waunakee/Westport Comprehensive Plan.

The Potential Parks and Recreation Map in Appendix C identifies the general location for potential new or expanded park facilities, based in-part on the Waunakee-Westport Joint Comprehensive Plan that is being developed at the same time as this plan (see Future Land Use Map in Section 2.6). These are generalized locations used for planning purposes only.

### WAUNAKEE

**Site B** is in an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map and is approximately 53 acres. Based on Waunakee's land dedication requirement of 10% of the total area proposed to be subdivided, this area will need approximately 5.3 acres of parkland dedicated. The neighborhood is adjacent to Westbridge Park which currently offers amenities, some of which include a concession stand, playground equipment, tot lot, baseball-softball field, basketball court, tennis court and volleyball court. Due to the new park's proximity to Westbridge Park, it should be a basic neighborhood park that includes a playground, green space, some benches and does not duplicate the other facilities found at Westbridge Park.

**Site C** is in an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map. The site is approximately 60 acres. Based on Waunakee's land dedication requirement of 10% of the area proposed to be subdivided, there will need to be approximately six acres of parkland dedicated. The neighborhood is adjacent to Westbridge Park which currently offers amenities, some of which include a playground equipment, tot lot, baseball-softball field, basketball court, tennis court and volleyball court. The site is also adjacent to Meadow Brook Park which offers playground equipment, baseball-softball field, basketball court, tennis court and a scenic walk. Due to the new park's proximity to Westbridge and Meadow Brook Parks, it should be a neighborhood park that offers playground equipment and other uses that are not currently found at the adjacent parks.

**Site D** is in an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map and is approximately 220 acres. Based on Waunakee's land dedication requirement of 10% of the total area proposed to be subdivided, this area will need approximately 22 acres of parkland dedicated. The site has unprogrammed DNR land to its west and southwest sides. North Ridge Park is also located directly south of the neighborhood. Some of North Ridge Park's amenities include a playground, baseball/softball field, basketball court and tennis court. Due to the new park's massive size, it should be considered a community park or playfield, as Westport does not currently have one. Trees should be preserved within the park to provide the opportunity for a wooded park area. The park should offer activities not currently provided for in the existing park system such as pickleball, la crosse, or a frisbee golf field.

**Site E** is in an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map. This is an approximately 220 acre site, located in both Waunakee and Westport. Based on Waunakee's land dedication requirement of 10% of the area proposed to be subdivided, there will need to be approximately 22 acres of parkland dedicated. Using Waunakee's dedication requirement of 10% of the total area proposed to be subdivided, 22 acres of park land will be required. Between 11 and 22 acres is the typical size of a community playfield.

**Site F** is an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map and is located in both Waunakee and Westport. The site is approximately 180 acres. Using Waunakee's dedication requirement of 10% of the total area proposed to be subdivided, 18 acres of park land will be required to be dedicated. There are several existing parks around this area including the skate park and Savannah Park. Savannah Park offers basketball, tennis, ice skating, baseball/softball and a playground. Site U is a potential location for a larger sports facility with lighting as it is easily accessible to both residents and potential visiting participants.

**Site G** is approximately 25 acres and currently under private ownership. It is located south of the Savannah Village neighborhood and is largely wetland but could be preserved for passive recreation such as walking trails. The Village should seek to purchase this property. Due to the site's proximity to Six Mile Creek,

it could even become a trail from the neighborhood that connects to the Six Mile Creek Trail extension (Site H). The neighborhood is already served by Hanover Park which offers playground equipment, a baseball-softball field, basketball court and tennis court.

**Site T** is an approximately 78-acre area located southwest of the Southbridge neighborhood and is adjacent to Tierney Park. It is primarily wetland and floodplain, making this a good location for passive, nature-based outdoor recreation. Nearby Tierney Park offers many amenities, some of which include playground equipment, a tot lot, baseball-softball field, basketball court, soccer field and a tennis court. Waunakee owns half of these parcels and the remainder are under private ownership. Waunakee should seek to purchase the parcels that are under private ownership. The Site T park should contain disc golf, trails and parking on the north near Peaceful Valley Parkway to support Tierney Park and serve as parking for a trailhead. There should also be parking on the southwest side of this park.

**Site U** is an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map and is approximately 240 acres. Based on Waunakee's land dedication requirement of 10% of the total area proposed to be subdivided, this area will need approximately 24 acres of parkland dedicated. Waunakee Intermediate School is located adjacent to the site and there are several existing parks nearby including Ripp Park and Centennial Park which together offer baseball/softball, soccer fields, football field, tennis courts, scenic walk, playground, concession stand, basketball courts and tennis courts. Site U is a potential location for a larger sports facility with lighting as it is easily accessible to both residents and potential visiting participants.

**Site V** is an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map and is approximately 180 acres. Based on Waunakee's land dedication requirement of 10% of the total area proposed to be subdivided, this area will need approximately 18 acres of parkland dedicated. The neighborhood around Site V is adjacent to Ripp Park which offers a playground, sledding hill, baseball/softball field, soccer field, football field, tennis court and scenic walk. Thus, Site V should be a smaller, neighborhood park. The scenic overlook near the northern edge of the parcel (near water tower) should be preserved.

**Site W**, or 201 N. Madison Street, is approximately five acres, is adjacent to Six Mile Creek and contains floodplain. The site is the former location of the Waunakee Alloy Casting Corporation which ceased operations in 2009. The Village is currently considering this site as the location for its future library. The site is adjacent to Six Mile Creek Conservancy which is not actively managed and is being reserved for future park improvements when Six Mile Creek Trail is extended. Site W can serve as an additional extension of Six Mile Creek Trail. The site is currently under private ownership; the Village should seek to purchase this property or place it under a conservation easement. If the library is developed at this location, the master plan should incorporate an extension of Six Mile Creek Trail.

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**Site I** is in an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map and is approximately 105 acres. Based on Westport's land dedication requirement of 2,200 SF per dwelling unit, this area will need approximately eight acres of parkland dedicated. This residential area is north of open space owned by WDNR and adjacent to the neighborhood that contains Mary Lake Park, which offers playground equipment and a basketball court. The new park in this area should be a neighborhood park and have a trail link to the neighborhood. It should offer a larger playground and open play field.

**Site J** is located to the east of Town Center Park/ Daleo Soccer Fields and an unnamed property owned by the DNR. Site J is approximately 45 acres and is entirely floodplain and wetland, making it an ideal location for passive, nature-based recreation. The site is currently under private ownership; Westport should seek to purchase this property or place a conservation easement on it. The DNR property to the west is currently undeveloped.

**Site K** is approximately 18 acres, located south of Jackson Landing Conservancy Park. The site is largely floodplain. Jackson Landing Conservancy Park contains a shelter, parking, boat ramp and scenic walk/view. This parcel could allow additional space for trails to be extended to and is an ideal location for additional preservation land. It is currently under private ownership; Westport should seek to purchase this property or place a conservation easement on it.

**Sites L, M, N, O, R and S** (a total of approximately 230 acres) are south of the Carriage Ridge Neighborhood and located north (L,R,S), east (M) and south (N,O) of Governor Nelson State Park. Sites S, R, L and M are all adjacent to Six Mile Creek and thus contain wetland and floodplain. These sites have the potential to create an environmental corridor around Six Mile Creek and Governor Nelson State Park and preserved for the future extension of Six Mile Creek Trail. Site O has already been purchased by Holy Wisdom and will be conservancy land. Sites R and S are under private ownership, thus they should be purchased by the Town or the Town should strive to place conservations easements on them.

**Site P** is in an area designated as new community residential (Bishops Bay) in the future land use map and is approximately 250 acres. Based on Westport's land dedication requirement of 2,200 SF per dwelling unit, this area will need approximately 20 acres of parkland dedication. The new park will be jointly planned with the City of Middleton. This residential area is between Governor Nelson State Park, Walsh Acquisition, and several other parks. In keeping with the natural areas surrounding it, it is recommended that trees be planted in this new park and it contain active uses such as a playground and open space. No more than 25% of any one tree species can be planted in the park and only native species shall be planted (per Westport's policy - see Chapter 5).

**Site Q** is in an area designated as new community residential in the future land use map and is approximately 82 acres. Based on Westport's land dedication requirement of 2,200 SF per dwelling unit, this area will need approximately seven acres of parkland dedicated. This new park will be developed in conjunction with the City of Middleton. This area of the Town is lacking in programmed park space and this site would be a great opportunity to provide some new facilities in Westport. It is recommended this new park be a neighborhood park with shelter facilities, grills, basketball courts, ball diamonds, lighting, and restrooms.

**Site X** is just under one acre in size and is owned by Westport. This parcel is adjacent to Six Mile Creek in the Mary Lake subdivision and is currently being used as a canoe launch. The Town could consider installing a permanent boat launch in the future.

**Site Y** is approximately 80 acres and is Dane County conservancy land. The County's plans for this land include hunting grounds, a picnic shelter, paved paths and parking.

## **JOINT**

**Site A**, the O'Malley property, is a 112-acre site that Waunakee-Westport is interested in jointly purchasing. The site contains both wetlands and floodplains which are considered development limitations, making this a prime location for a park. The Town plans to own 102 acres and the Village plans to own 10 acres. The O'Malley property is situated north of Ripp Park which offers many amenities some of which include playground equipment, baseball-softball field, batting cage, soccer field, football field, tennis court, a scenic walk and a sledding hill. The O'Malley property will be used for passive, nature-based outdoor recreation. An application for Stewardship Grant funding was submitted this year for park acquisition.

**Site H** is located east of the Savannah Village neighborhood. The area proposed as future parkland is approximately 40 acres surrounding one of Six Mile Creek's tributaries and contains wetland, which is a limitation to development making this area another good location for an off-road trail. Three parcels are owned by the Village and the remaining two parcels are under private ownership. The Village/Town should seek to purchase or place conservation easements on the privately-owned parcels. This site is adjacent to the North Mendota Natural Resource Area, which is part of the Dane County Parks system. The County's future plans include continuing to offer the existing recreational uses, enhancing/restoring habitat and enhancing or expanding hiking trails.

As new park lands are dedicated to Waunakee-Westport, individual park master plans should be developed in order to guide the installation of park facilities. All individual park master plans for the Village and/or Town should be adopted as appendices to this plan in order to maintain eligibility for state and federal park and recreational grants.



# COMMUNITY INPUT

*For a full summary of the Community Survey Results, see Appendix A.*

## DESTINATIONS THAT CAN'T SAFELY BE REACHED BY BIKE OR FOOT

### Westport Residents:

- Governor Nelson State Park
- Locations on Highway M
- Mary Lake subdivision

### Waunakee Residents:

- Locations on Highway Q and Highway M
- Governor Nelson State Park
- Businesses and restaurants in downtown Waunakee

## SPECIFIC LOCATION THAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED FOR BICYCLE OR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

### Westport Residents:

- Highway M
- Mary Lake Road
- Governor Nelson State Park

### Waunakee Residents:

- Roundabout
- Areas without sidewalks
- Main Street

# COMMUNITY INPUT

*For a full summary of the Community Survey Results, see Appendix A.*

## WHERE TO PRIORITIZE THE LOCATION OF NEW BIKE FACILITIES, ROUTES, OR TRAILS

### Westport Residents:

- Along Woodland Drive
- Along Highway M
- Between Westport and surrounding communities

### Waunakee Residents:

- Between Waunakee and surrounding communities and trails
- To/from schools
- Along Main Street

## PARK AMENITIES TO BE ADDED, IMPROVED OR EXPANDED IN WAUNAKEE OR WESTPORT

### Westport Residents:

- Off-road walking/biking trails
- Outdoor pool
- Canoe/kayak facilities

### Waunakee Residents:

- Off-road walking/biking trails
- Outdoor pool
- Splash pad

## 6.3 OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Some of the off-road recreational trail improvement recommendations identified within this section are remnants from the 2005 Bike/Ped Plan. These recommendations have been highlighted (\*) where they occur. See Table 6.3. A map of the proposed routes can be found in Appendix C.

## 6.4 ON-ROAD BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS

Some of the on-road bicycle improvement recommendations identified within this section are remnants from the 2005 Bike/Ped Plan. These recommendations have been highlighted (\*) where they occur. See Table 6.4. A map of the proposed routes can be found in Appendix C.

## 6.5 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Some of the intersection safety improvement recommendations identified within this section are remnants from the 2005 Bike/Ped Plan. These recommendations have been highlighted (\*) where they occur. See Table 6.5. A map of the proposed routes can be found in Appendix C.

## 6.6 OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Some of the recommendations identified within this section are remnants from the 2009 Waunakee CORP and the 2009 Westport CORP. These recommendations have been highlighted (\*) where they occur. Other community-specific recommendations include the following:

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1. Install a spray park or pool; at this time the Village is undecided as to which one to install. Thus the Village will undertake a feasibility study to determine which facility to install, what additional amenities the site should include, where to install it and what the costs will be.
2. Tennis and basketball court resurfacing. The Village will create a community-wide plan that prioritizes the order in which tennis and basketball

courts are maintained and repaired. Criteria used to rank the courts should include foundation cracks, subsurface cracks, pooling, peeling, worn surfaces, fading and raveling.

3. Improvements to athletic fields
4. Add sculptures/public art to parks
5. Continue with aggressive tree planting
6. Light more ball diamonds and open play fields
7. Include more off-street parking in parks
8. Add bubblers/water bottle filling stations in more parks
9. Add pickleball courts
10. Add a frisbee golf course
11. Consider the addition of championship-style facilities (e.g. soccer, baseball)
12. Install creative play structures (e.g. castle or pirate themed play equipment) or nature-based play equipment (e.g. boulders to climb, multi-sensory garden to explore)
13. Add bocce ball court
14. Add outdoor ice skating facilities
15. Install restrooms in parks that currently don't have them
16. Install trail signage and map trails

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1. \*Accessible restrooms - retrofit all park and park facilities to be accessible.
2. \*Playground Safety Surfaces and Play Structure Inspection - cover surfaces directly under play equipment and a safe zone around play equipment.
3. \*Playground Safety Surfaces and Play Structure Inspection - conduct a safety audit/inspection of all existing play structures.
4. \*Improve existing playlots and playgrounds as neighborhood gathering places for all ages.
5. Develop prioritized park maintenance list.
6. Add a small shelter without restrooms at Tuscany Trail Park.

Table 6.3 Off-Road Recreational Trail Improvements

Off-Road Recreational Trail Improvements		Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	Priority
ID#	Streets/Amenity	Between	
A	Castle Creek	End of existing path in the Conservancy north of Dover Drive, east along the banks of the creek to Mill Road.	Third
B	Six Mile Creek	Division to Highway 113	First
B.2	Six Mile Creek	Division to Highway 113	First
C	Frank Street	Frank Street and Prairie View Court	First
D	Kopp Road	Pebblebrook to Countryside Crossing	First
E	Century Avenue	8th Street and Main Street	Second
F	Wolf Property loop	Kopp Road and Prairie Park	Second
G*	Waunakee Railroad connection	Madison Street to North Six Mile Creek Corridor path	Third
H*	North Six Mile Creek path	South side of creek, Hwy 113 to Madison St.	Third
I*	West Six Mile Creek path	Along creek, Hwy 113 to west	Third
<b>Waunakee</b>			
Off-Road Recreational Trail Improvements		Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	Priority
ID#	Streets/Amenity	Between	
J*	County M Corridor	Hwy 113 and Westport Road to Mendota County Park in Middleton	First
J1	County M Corridor	Between Holy Wisdom Monastery and Governor Dodge State Park	First
K	Town Center	Town Center and Kennedy Drive	First
L	Mary Lake Road	Westport Town Hall to Woodland Drive	First
M*	Oncken Road	County M and County Q	First
N	Woodland Drive	Enchanted View to Tierney Drive	First
O*	Balzer Road	County Q to the west	Second
P*	Six Mile Creek	County M to Blue Bill Park Drive	Second
Q	Blueridge Trail	Blueridge to Governor Nelson State Park	Second
R	Caton Lane	Dane County Dog Park off of Catfish Court to the Madison County Day School	Second
S*	Yahara River Trail	Hwy 113 to the east, along the Yahara River	Third
T*	River Road Trail	River Road Trail	Third
U*	Bong Road	Hwy 113 to Yahara River	Third
V*	Bluebill Drive	County M to Mary Lake Road	Third
W*	Westport Railroad connection	River Road to potential Montandon Trails	Third
X	Blueridge to Oncken	Blueridge to Oncken Road	Third
<b>Westport</b>			
Off-Road Recreational Trail Improvements		Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	Priority
ID#	Streets/Amenity	Between	
Y*	North Hwy 113 connection	Hwy 113 path, north of Verleen, to Easy Street	Third
Z*	Main Street (North)	Division to Schumacher Road	Second
AA*	Centennial connection	County Q at Centennial east to middle/high school property	Second
BB*	Century Avenue connection	Woodland Drive to Eighth St.	Second (school to construct)
CC*	Savannah Village east	Arboretum Drive south along Hogan's Run Creek to intersect with Six Mile Creek trail, then west along drainage to Woodland Drive	Third
DD*	Future North Mendota Parkway	Hwy 19 to Hwy 12, generally south of County K (detailed alignment not yet available)	Third
<b>Joint</b>			



Table 6.4 On-Road Bicycle Improvements

On-Road Bicycle Improvements						
ID#	Street	Between	Existing Bike Facilities	Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	Priority	
Waunakee	1*	Verleen Avenue	Madison Street to Division Street	None	Sign as a bike route, with route and cross-street signage.	Second
	2*	Main Street	Hwy 113 to Division Street	None	Stripe a shared bike/parking lane on both sides of road. Add signage to make drivers more aware.	Second
	3*	Fifth Street Bike Route	Ripp Park to South Street	Fifth and Sixth Streets are shown as a bike route on the Village's Comprehensive Plan trails map, but the route is not marked.	Fifth Street should be used as the route, as there is an improved crossing at Fifth and Century. Signs should be added on the route to make drivers aware that it is a route. Signs on cross streets should also be added to direct users to the route.	Second
	4*	Knightsbridge Road	South Street to Division Street	None	Sign as a bike route, with route and cross-street signage.	Second
	5*	Centennial Parkway	Ganser Drive to County Q	None	Sign as a bike route, with route and cross-street signage.	Second
	6*	Second Street	Village Mall to railroad track, crossing to new development to the east	None	This should be a designated bike route, with route and cross-street signage, to provide safe access for the new development east of the railroad tracks, including the senior housing, to shopping at the Village Mall and to the north.	Second
	7*	Ganser Drive/Dorn Drive	Woodland Drive to Fifth Street	None	Sign as a bike route, with route and cross-street signage. As these streets do not connect with one another, a small portion of off-street path will be needed to connect them across City Park.	Second
	8*	North Division Street	Main Street to Lexington	None	Division currently runs from Main Street to Verleen. Stripe shared bike/parking lane on both sides of this portion of road. Add signage to alert drivers. Do same when portion from Verleen to Lexington is completed.	Second
	9*	South Division Street	Main Street to Woodland	None	Stripe shared bike/parking lane on both sides of road. Add signage to make drivers aware.	Second
	10*	Blue Ridge Drive	Future Waunakee Parkway and Woodland Drive	None	Sign this as a route to connect to parks and residential areas.	Second
	11*	Wimbleton Way	Bolz Conservancy to Woodland Drive	None	Sign as a bike route, with route and cross-street signage.	Second
	12*	Main Street west	West side of Village to Hwy 113	None	Add paved shoulder for bike travel when road is reconstructed.	Third
	13*	Third Street	South Street and new development east of railroad tracks, ultimately connecting to Village Park trails	None	This designated bike route, with route and cross-street signage, would provide safe access between the school area and Village Park.	Third
	14*	North Century Avenue (Hwy 113)	Main Street to Kopp Road	None	Stripe bike lane on both sides of roadway. Add signage to alert drivers.	Third
Westport	On-Road Bicycle Improvements					
	ID#	Street	Between	Existing Bike Facilities	Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	Priority
	15*	Oncken Road	County M to County Q	None	Add bike lane when roadway is reconstructed.	Second
	16*	Balzer Road	County Q to west	None	Add bike lane when roadway is reconstructed.	Second
	17*	County Q	Woodland Drive to Middleton	3'-4' paved shoulder	Add bike lane when roadway is reconstructed.	Third
	18*	County K	County M to County Q and west	3'-4' paved shoulder between M and Q; narrow paved shoulder to west	Widen paved shoulder to when roadway is reconstructed.	Third
	19*	County I	Hwy 19 to the north	Narrow paved shoulder	Widen paved shoulder to when roadway is reconstructed.	Third
	20*	Hwy 19 west	West Village line to the west	Narrow paved shoulder	Widen paved shoulder to when roadway is reconstructed.	Third
	21*	Hwy 19 east	Hwy 113/19/I intersection to east	Narrow paved shoulder	Widen paved shoulder to when roadway is reconstructed.	Third
	22*	Schumacher Road	Main Street to Easy Street	None	Add paved shoulder when roadway is reconstructed.	Third
	23*	River Road	Hwy 113 to Hwy 19	None	Widen paved shoulder when roadway is reconstructed.	Third
	24*	Bong Road	Hwy 113 to River Road	None	Add bike lane when roadway is reconstructed.	Third
25*	Easy Street	Schumacher Road to River Road	None	Add bike lane on both sides of road when reconstructed.	Third	
26*	Meffert Road	County Q to the west	None	Add bike lane on both sides of road when reconstructed.	Third	
Joint	On-Road Bicycle Improvements					
	ID#	Street	Between	Existing Bike Facilities	Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	Priority
	27*	South Street and Extended Simon Crestway	Main Street to Woodland Drive	None	Stripe shared bike/parking lane on both sides of road. Add signage to make drivers aware that this is a designated route to school. Potential for "Safe Routes to School" funding, if it is made part of the TEA-21 reauthorization.	Third
	28*	South Century Avenue (County Q)	Main Street to Centennial Pkwy	None	Stripe shared bike/parking lane on both sides of road. Add signage to alert drivers.	Second
29*	Madison Street	Railroad Tracks/Third Street area to Easy Street	None	Stripe shared bike/parking lane on both sides of road to Prairie View Elementary. Add signage to make drivers aware that this is a designated route to school. Add bike lane on both sides of road from school to Easy Street.	Second	
30*	Hwy 113	Kopp Road and north	None	Add paved shoulder when roadway is reconstructed.	Third	

Table 6.5 Intersection Improvements

Waunakee	Intersection Improvements		
	ID#	Location	Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements
a*	Main Street and Century Ave.	Enhanced crosswalk (colored/textured surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage, refuge medians, timed pedestrian signals).	Second
b*	Main Street and South Street	Further enhancement to crosswalk (colored/textured surfaces, curb extension).	Second
c*	Division Street and Knightsbridge	Existing colored/textured surface crosswalk. As traffic increases, pedestrian-actuated traffic signal may be needed.	Third

Westport	Intersection Improvements			
	ID#	Location	Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	Priority
	d*	County M and Woodland Drive with trail	Enhanced crosswalk (colored surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage, refuge median)	First
	e*	Woodland Drive and Mary Lake Road	Enhanced crosswalk (colored/textured surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage)	First
	f	Woodland Drive to Tall Oaks Road	Enhanced crosswalk (rapid flash beacon, signage).	First
	g*	County K and County M	Bike turn lanes, driver warning lights and/or signs.	Second
	h*	County M and Mary Lake/Kupfer Road	Enhanced crosswalk (colored, driver warning lights and/or signage, refuge median).	Second
	i*	Woodland Drive and potential trail crossing below Cobblestone Lane	Enhanced crosswalk (colored/textured surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage, timed pedestrian signals).	Second
	j*	County Q and Oncken	Enhanced crosswalk (colored/textured surface, signage, driver warning lights).	Second
	k*	County Q and Balzer	Enhanced crosswalk (colored/textured surface, signage, driver warning lights).	Second
	l*	County K near County M	Underpass to provide link from north to south under County K.	Third
	m*	County K and County Q	Existing bike turn lanes; enhance with driver warning lights and/or signage.	Third
	n*	Hwy 113/19 and Hogan Road	Traffic signals, pedestrian signals, enhanced crosswalk (colored surfaces, flashing lights, timed pedestrian signals, signage).	Third
	o*	Dorn Creek Trail north	Bridge over Dorn Creek north branch.	Third
	p*	Six Mile Creek crossing	Bridge over creek, west of Woodland, south side of County M.	Third
q	Dorn Creek crossing	Bridge over creek, north of Oncken Road.	Third	
r	County K	Underpass to provide link from north to south under County K.	Third	

Joint	Intersection Improvements			
	ID#	Location	Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	Priority
	s*	Woodland Drive and County Q	Enhanced crosswalk (colored surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage, timed pedestrian signals, refuge median)	First
	t*	Kopp Road and N. Century Ave.	Enhanced crosswalk (colored/textured surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage, refuge median).	Second
	u*	Hwy 113 and Arboretum Drive/Bong Road	Enhanced crosswalk (colored surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage).	Second
	v*	Main Street and Division Street	Enhanced crosswalk (colored/textured surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage, timed pedestrian signals, refuge median).	Second
	w*	S. Century Avenue and Centennial Drive	Enhanced crosswalk (colored/textured surfaces, driver warning lights and/or signage). Traffic and pedestrian signals.	Second Third
x*	Six Mile Creek crossing	Bridge over creek, east of Woodland, south of Arboretum.	Third	