

Village of Walworth, WI

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: 2018 - 2023

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**VILLAGE OF WALWORTH
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

PLAN COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2018-8

**RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WALWORTH
COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

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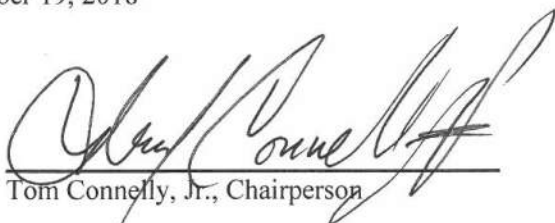
WHEREAS, the Village comprehensive plan recommends that the Village prepare and adopt a revised and updated park and open space plan (also known as a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan) to determine existing park, open space and recreation facility deficiencies, project future needs, and identify and prioritize specific park, open space and recreation facility land acquisitions and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of an updated local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan by the Village of Walworth is a prerequisite of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for participation in many state and federal outdoor recreation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission conducted a series of public meetings, a public survey and public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Walworth Plan Commission hereby recommends to the Village Board adoption of the Village of Walworth Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan attached hereto by reference.

Resolution Adopted by the Plan Commission on November 19, 2018



Tom Connelly, Jr., Chairperson

ATTEST:



Joyce Pagel, Plan Commission Secretary

**VILLAGE OF WALWORTH
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

RESOLUTION 2018-10

**ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF WALWORTH
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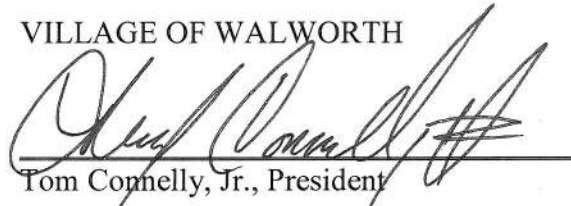
WHEREAS, the adoption of an updated local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan by the Village of Walworth is a prerequisite of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for participation in many state and federal outdoor recreation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission conducted a series of public meetings, a public survey and public hearing, and passed a resolution recommending adoption of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Walworth Board hereby adopts the Village of Walworth Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan attached hereto by reference.

Resolution Adopted by the Village Board on the 10th day of December, 2018.

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH



Tom Connelly, Jr., President

ATTEST:



Sabrina Waswo, Clerk Treasurer

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Introduction

Background

The Village of Walworth is located in Walworth County in southeastern Wisconsin. Situated two miles from the Illinois State line, the Village is located 50 miles southwest of Milwaukee, 65 miles southeast of Madison, and 65 miles northwest of Chicago. The Village is near the western shore of Geneva Lake—a major destination for residents and tourists. Walworth is well connected to the region via Highways 14, 67 and other county and local highways. Map 1 shows the location of Walworth in relation to surrounding jurisdictions in the region.

The Village of Walworth has experienced a significant amount of population growth since 1900; increasing from 1,614 to 2,832 persons or 75 percent from 1990 to 2017 and is projected to increase another 31 percent by 2040. In an effort to plan for this growth, the Village of Walworth adopted a comprehensive plan in 2001 (updated in 2017) intended to guide growth and development through the year 2040.

One of the elements in the Village’s Comprehensive Plan addresses “community facilities”; including parks and outdoor recreation facilities. One of the stated goals in the Comprehensive Plan is to “...provide quality, accessible parks, recreation and open space facilities and services...” with a recommendation that the Village update its Park and Open Space Plan to guide future park and outdoor recreation land acquisitions and facility improvements. A primary recommendation contained in the Comprehensive Plan concerns the development and construction of a bicycle and pedestrian system. The Transportation & Community Facilities Plan Map identifies the location and extent of the proposed bike and pedestrian routes through the Village, as well as a series of proposed parks. Although park and outdoor recreation facilities are generally addressed in the Comprehensive Plan, it was not intended that the comprehensive plan would replace the need for a more detailed park and open space plan.

Purpose

In February 2018, the Village of Walworth retained the services of the consulting firm of Foth Infrastructure & Environment to update the previous plan also prepared by Foth.

The primary objectives for this update of the Park and Open Space Plan are to:

- Provide guidance to the Village of Walworth for the funding, acquisition, development, improvement, and preservation of existing and future park, recreation facilities and open space lands in the Village based on current trends, standards, and desires of the community;
- Incorporate and implement various goals, objectives, and recommendations set forth in the Village of Walworth Comprehensive Plan (updated in 2017), including (but not limited to) the development of a bicycle and pedestrian trail system throughout the Village;
- Position the Village of Walworth to attain and maintain eligibility for the submittal of funding applications for various state and federal grant programs administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for a five-year period from 2018 to 2022; and
- Provide information pursuant to Section 66.0617 and 236.29, Wis. Stats., to form the basis for the required “public facilities needs assessment” for park acquisition and improvement impact fees.

This plan will serve as a supplement to the Village’s Comprehensive Plan and, along with the Village’s other development-related regulations and ordinances, be used to implement the Village’s overall park and open space program. The Village is in process of developing a detailed impact fee study that will also use this plan as the basis for park land dedication and park impact fee requirements.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requires communities to prepare and adopt a five-year park and outdoor recreation plan in order to maintain eligibility for certain state and federal grants and loans that can be used for acquisition and development of park land and recreation facilities. This plan was developed consistent with the “Guidelines for the Development of Local Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans” published by the WDNR and is intended to meet all WDNR park and outdoor recreation plan criteria necessary to attain and maintain grant eligibility.

Public Input and Participation

As with all community planning efforts, public input and participation is an important component of planning a community’s park and recreation system. Public input is important when assessing the level of service provided by existing park and recreation facilities, as well as determining future needs in terms of the type, amount, and location of parks and recreation facilities.

The following public participation activities were completed as part of updating the Park and Open Space Plan:

- Five (5) meetings of the Plan Commission were noticed, posted, and conducted as public meetings to discuss the Plan. All meetings of the Plan Commission include opportunities for public information, comment and input;
- A public hearing was held with the Plan Commission on November 19, 2018, prior to preparing a final draft of the plan in order to provide information to the general public and gather formal feedback on the various goals, objectives, recommendations and other plan components.
- An online opinion survey was administered to Village residents and stakeholders which was available through a link on the Village website with notice included in a standard village-wide mailing. Paper copies of the survey were also made available at the Village Hall. The survey included questions on opinions related to the park system as a whole and specific improvements for existing and future parks.

The Village Board adopted the Village of Walworth Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan by resolution on December 10, 2018.

Past Planning Efforts

Previous park and open space planning efforts for the Village of Walworth, and County and State Plans include the Village of Walworth are documented in the following:

- Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Walworth (adopted 1986)
- Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Walworth (adopted 2006)
- Park and Open Space Plan for Walworth County (adopted 2014)
- Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2011-2016)

Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Walworth (1986)

The “original” Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Walworth was prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and adopted by the Village in 1986. Like this plan update, the original 1986 plan was developed to provide overall guidance and specific recommendations to the Village Park Commission, Plan Commission, and Village Board concerning the acquisition, development, improvement, and preservation of existing and future park, recreation facilities and open

space lands in the Village.

The following primary recommendations were adopted in the 1986 plan adopted by the Village:

- Acquire and develop a new Village park in the southwestern portion of the Village (what is now 7.3-acre Toynton Park located on west Beloit Street);
- Acquire and develop a new Village park in the northern portion of the Village (what is now 1.5-acre Fox Lane Park; currently undeveloped);
- Develop additional facilities at Devils Lane Park;
- Maintain facilities in Heyer Park.

Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Walworth (2006)

This document was an update to Village's 1986 plan. The following primary recommendations were adopted in the 2006 plan adopted the Village:

- Toynton Park priority improvements: Acquire additional land to the west for additional expansion, improve/provide open space for picnicking, add a concert pavilion or large shelter, and add off-street parking into the area nearest to the existing park; *Additional land to the west has not been acquired to date. Land directly west is not within the current or proposed urban service area and is planned as "Long Range Urban Growth Area."*
- Devils Lane Park priority improvements: Replace existing shelter with new concession building and restrooms, and add and/or replace baseball field bleachers; *This has not been completed to date.*
- Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy priority improvements: Develop bicycle/pedestrian connection trails to Fox Lane and through the Badger Conservancy, install playground equipment, install a paved off-street parking facility, construct an open shelter w/ concrete slab, install a permanent bathroom facility, develop a 1-acre open space play field (grade and seed), install a landscape berm, evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, install bicycle rack, picnic tables, benches, and waste receptacles; *This has largely been completed to date, except the permanent bathroom facility. Portable toilets are provided during the warmer seasons.*
- Rotary Park priority improvements: Install timer for existing skating rink lights; *This has been completed.*
- Fox Lane Conservancy: Install benches and landscaping, and add bicycle/pedestrian trail connection; *The trail connection has been completed, but the benches and landscaping have not been installed to date.*
- Heyer Park priority improvements: Add game tables and additional benches, and install pavilion (to be privately funded); *This has not been completed to date.*
- Develop an outdoor skateboard facility at a park yet to be determined; *This has not been completed.*
- Identification of eight (8) future neighborhood parks intended to serve areas that are along the Village boundary or beyond but within the proposed urban service area. These parks should be approximately 3 to 5 acres in size and serve an area within a ¼ mile radius. Acquisition and development of these neighborhood parks should be made part of any proposed residential subdivision developments through land dedication, land acquisition fees-in-lieu-of-dedication, and/or park impact fees. *One of these parks is being designated as part of the Pines of Big Foot Subdivision south of School Road currently in the platting process. The space will be used for passive recreation and open space and will include a trail system.*

- Priority segments for the bicycle/pedestrian trail system: 5th Avenue Railroad Crossing Connector (1,500' segment to connect to the paved path from the end of Badger Street through the Whitetail Ridge residential subdivision to the north and down to 5th Ave to the south), High School-STH 14 Loop (2,400' segment to connect Big Foot High School to STH 14), and the Rotary Park-High School Connector (2,250' segment to connect Devils Lane south along Summer Drive to the existing Village boundary and then west to Brennan Drive and connecting into the High School-STH 14 Loop). *The 5th Avenue Railroad Crossing Connector was completed, but only a portion of the High School-STH 15 Loop and the Rotary Park-High School Connector was completed.*

Park and Open Space Plan for Walworth County (2014)

Similar to the Village's original 1986 plan, a Park and Open Space Plan was prepared for all of Walworth County by SEWRPC in 2000. That plan was updated in 2004 and most recently in 2014. Recommendation of the plan consist of two elements: open space preservation and outdoor recreation.

Open space preservation recommendations:

- 79,964 acres (about 22 percent of the County) of open land should be protected through a combination of public or nonprofit conservation organization ownership, or through the application of protective zoning. These 79,964 acres include planned primary and secondary environmental corridors, planned isolated natural resource areas, areas outside corridors but within Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources project boundaries, and existing and proposed County park and open space lands. Virtually all natural areas and critical species habitat sites recommended to be preserved are contained within the planned primary or secondary environmental corridors or the planned isolated natural resource areas; and
- County and local units of government should protect existing prime agricultural lands. Specifically, it is recommended that all prime agricultural lands identified in the updated farmland preservation plan for Walworth County preserved for agricultural use.

Outdoor recreation recommendations:

- Six major parks should be provided within the County. Of the six major parks, five are existing parks and one would be a new park to be acquired and developed by Walworth County. The five existing major parks are: Big Foot Beach State Park and Whitewater Lake Recreation Area, owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR); and Price Conservancy, White River County Park, and Natureland Park, owned by Walworth County. The WDNR would maintain Whitewater Lake Recreation Area and would continue to acquire lands at Big Foot Beach State Park. Walworth County would acquire additional lands and develop additional facilities at Price Conservancy and Natureland Park; develop facilities at the new White River County Park; and acquire and develop one new major County park in the western portion of the County along Turtle Creek;
- A 125-mile system of trails should be provided as a countywide trail system to enable participation in such activities as bicycling, hiking, nature study, and ski touring. A total of 95 miles would be provided by Walworth County—consisting of both on-street and off-street routes. This would be accomplished through a cooperative effort with other concerned units of government;
- A public boat access site should be acquired and developed by the Department of Natural Resources on Army Lake, Benedict Lake, Lake LaGrange, Lake Lorraine, Middle Lake, North Lake, Peters Lake, Silver Lake, Turtle Lake, and Lake Wandawega. Walworth County should pursue opportunities to provide access to inland lakes for beach swimming, shore fishing, and passive

recreational activities, as such opportunities arise. Walworth County should also consider the development of a water trail system that would be located on the White River, Honey Creek, Sugar Creek, and Turtle Creek; and

- The County and local units of government should support efforts relating to the preservation of historic sites and districts in Walworth County.

There are no specific recommendations for open space areas to be preserved nor existing or future park sites that affect the Village of Walworth.

Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2011-2016)

The Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is in the process of being updated and is scheduled to be completed in 2018. This current plan demonstrates how preserving and improving recreation opportunities in Wisconsin fits within a broader national initiative of conservation and recreation. It also describes and quantifies some of the most important benefits of recreation, and establishes goals to improve outdoor recreation across the state. The plan also targets assessments on key relationships that include public health and wellness, urban access to outdoor recreation, and public and private partnerships.

Primary actions for the upcoming 2018-2022 plan include:

- Collect data on Wisconsinites' participation in outdoor recreation;
- Conduct initial research on the efficacy and costs of different techniques to gather data on visitors (e.g., numbers, activities pursued, visitation patterns and satisfaction) to public lands.
- Update data on the supply of outdoor recreation opportunities, with a focus on properties open to the public for nature-based outdoor recreation; and
- Develop priorities for future recreation funding.

Village Profile

Physical Characteristics

An inventory of the natural resources and features within and adjacent to the Village of Walworth provides the framework for analyzing possible locations within the Village for certain land uses including parks and open spaces. The natural resource base, especially environmentally sensitive areas with respect to soils, environmental corridors, wetlands, and floodplains are critical factors in planning for open space preservation, park site acquisition and development, as well as future residential and commercial development. Maintenance of sensitive natural features is important for both the visual attractiveness of the community, and the prevention of severe developmental or environmental problems that may be difficult and costly for the Village to correct in the future.

Much of the Village is flat or gently rolling. Somewhat steeper slopes and wooded areas are located in the northern portions of the Village. No large rivers or streams pass through the area. The soils in the area are of glacial origin and have developed in a silt blanket underlain by stratified sands and gravels. Most of the Village is situated in a nearly level outwash plain. In general, the soils in this area are well drained and suitable for agriculture. Except for the poorly drained and hilly areas, the soils do not present serious problems for future development.

Map 2 shows location of environmental corridors in the Village. Specific environmental features in and around the Village include:

Groundwater

Groundwater resources are plentiful and of high quality throughout the Village at both shallow and deep levels. The Village is served by four wells with one located on Read Street in the southeast portion of the Village (80' depth), one on North Main Street on the north side of the Village (80' depth), and two located together on property located south of Big Foot High School (90' and 185' depth).

Wetlands

There are small pockets of wetlands scattered around the Village. These areas are important for aquifer recharge, groundwater and surface water quality improvement, flood storage, and wildlife habitat. They also provide areas for hunting, trapping, bird watching and other forms of recreation. Generally, development is restricted or prohibited in these areas by State-mandated zoning restrictions.

Steep Slopes

Generally, the Village and surrounding area is characterized by gently rolling hills or flat areas. Steep slopes, defined as exceeding a grade of 12 percent, occur infrequently and only for very short runs. There are some steep slopes in the northern portions of the area outside of the Village (along portions of Brick Church Road).

Surface Water

There are few areas of surface water within the Village. Geneva Lake is less than two miles northeast of the Village, and has a significant impact on the character of the community. Lake Petite, located less than one mile southeast of the Village, also has a significant impact on the community. The outfall from Lake Petite flows directly to and through the southern portions of the Village. It is extremely important that Lake Petite and its outfall drainage ways be considered for inclusion into the Village's system of parks and

open spaces in terms of potential park sites, bicycle/pedestrian trails, and environmental corridors.

Socio-Economic Characteristics

Population

The current population in the Village of Walworth is estimated to be 2,832 as of January 1, 2018 per Wisconsin WDOA preliminary estimates. The Village has experienced a significant increase in population growth over the last 25+ years (see table below). From 1990 to 2018, the Village's population increased by 1,128 persons, or 75 percent. This increase is significantly higher than the population increases over the same time period for the surrounding communities (4 to 32%), Walworth County (38%) and the State of Wisconsin (19%).

Population Trends

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2018	Change*
Village of Walworth	1,637	1,607	1,614	2,304	2,816	2,832	0.6%
Town of Walworth	1,370	1,443	1,314	1,676	1,702	1,679	-1.4%
Village of Fontana	1,464	1,764	1,635	1,754	1,672	1,695	1.4%
City of Lake Geneva	4,890	5,612	5,979	7,148	7,651	7,893	3.2%
Walworth County	63,444	71,507	75,000	93,759	102,228	103,535	1.3%
State of Wisconsin	4,417,933	4,705,642	4,891,769	5,363,715	5,686,986	5,816,000	2.3%

Source: U.S. Census (1990-2010); Wisconsin DOA (1/1/18 Preliminary Estimate)

*2010 to 2018

Population Forecast

	2018	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	Change*
Village of Walworth	2,832	3,090	3,340	3,560	3,660	3,720	31.4%
Town of Walworth	1,679	1,750	1,820	1,875	1,865	1,840	9.6%
Village of Fontana	1,695	1,680	1,715	1,730	1,690	1,630	-3.8%
City of Lake Geneva	7,893	8,080	8,505	8,860	8,915	8,870	12.4%
Walworth County	103,535	109,365	116,105	121,835	123,470	123,680	19.5%
State of Wisconsin	5,816,000	6,005,080	6,203,850	6,375,910	6,476,270	6,491,635	11.6%

Source: Wisconsin DOA

*2018 to 2040; These population forecasts are a guide and may be significantly higher or lower than actual conditions over the time period

The population of in the Village of Walworth is forecast to grow from 2,832 persons in 2018 to 3,720 in 2040 an increase of 888 persons or 31% over the next 20+ years. This forecast increase is significantly higher than the forecast population increases over the same time period for the surrounding communities (-4 to 12%), Walworth County (19%) and the State of Wisconsin (12%).

The rate of growth in the Village is forecast to be fastest from 2018 to 2020 (9% increase in three years), followed by population increases of 8%, 7%, 3% and 2% for each 5-year period after up to 2040.

Demographic Characteristics

The Village of Walworth had a median age of 37.1 years in 2000, 36.1 in 2010 and 35.1 in 2016, which is decreasing slightly over time. The Village of Walworth is also younger than the surrounding communities, the county and the state as a whole. In general the county state, and country will continue to age. The median age of the U.S. population is expected to grow from age 38 today to age 43 by 2060.

The table below highlights median age and percentage of the population within specific age groups for the Village of Walworth, surrounding communities, Walworth County and State of Wisconsin.

Age

	2010	Median Age 2016	Under 5 2016	5 to 19 2016	20 to 64 2016	65+ 2016
Village of Walworth	36.1	35.1	5.9%	25.3%	55.8%	13.0%
Town of Walworth	43.2	44.1	4.8%	22.6%	58.1%	14.6%
Village of Fontana	49.8	56.9	4.5%	14.5%	52.2%	28.7%
City of Lake Geneva	39.0	41.1	6.8%	16.7%	61.3%	15.2%
Walworth County	37.5	39.0	5.3%	20.2%	59.2%	15.4%
State of Wisconsin	38.1	39.1	5.9%	19.4%	59.5%	15.2%

Source: American Community Survey (2016)

Housing and Household Characteristics

In 2016, there were a total of 1,188 housing units in the Village of Walworth (see table below), with about 60.1% owner-occupied per the 2010 census. Approximately 60% of the housing units in the Village are detached single-family homes. Housing units have increased by an average of about 15 to 20 per year since the year 2000. The Village also has a lower proportion of seasonal or vacation housing units than both the County and State.

The average household size in the Village in 2010 was 2.58 persons per household, which was higher than Walworth County and the State of Wisconsin overall.

Housing

	Total Housing Units	Avg. Household Size (persons)	Occupied Housing Units	Owner-Occupied Housing Units
Village of Walworth	1,188	2.58	91.1%	60.1%
Town of Walworth	787	2.64	87.7%	69.9%
Village of Fontana	2,418	2.28	31.7%	86.3%
City of Lake Geneva	4,245	2.28	78.7%	50.3%
Walworth County	51,704	2.51	77.0%	68.8%
State of Wisconsin	2,649,597	2.43	86.9%	68.1%

Source: U.S. Census (2010); American Community Survey (2016)

Economy

Walworth County enjoys a healthy and diversifying economy. Walworth County's strong economy is attributable to its location near major markets, transportation access via Interstate 43 and state trunk

highways, an educated labor force, good schools, affordable housing, and a vibrant state and national economy. Prominent employment sectors in the county include services (e.g. tourism, health, and educational), manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade, and agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.

The Village's economy is driven by industrial and retail uses. These include an Industrial Park on the Village's north side and prominent industries like U.S.G. Interiors, Onvoy Division of Badger Plug and Kikkoman Foods (located just outside the Village). The Village's main commercial area, located on the east side, serves Walworth and the surrounding area. Other commercial areas include S Main Street on the Village's south, and the Village's historic downtown square, which surrounds Heyer Park, contains an assortment of specialty retail, office, and institutional uses.

In 2017, about 38.5% of the Village's population was employed in the service sector, 20.5% in manufacturing, 13.7% in retail trade, 7.9% in construction, 6.9% in finance, with the remainder employed in other sectors.

Goals and Policies

One of most important steps in the park planning process is to establish goals and policies that serve as the basis for all subsequent planning efforts. The following goals and policies are based on a review of existing plans, basic planning principals, and input from the Plan Commission.

- Goals are broad statements that express general public priorities. Goals are formulated based on the identification of key issues, opportunities and problems that affect the park system.
- Policies are more specific than goals and are usually attainable through specific courses of action and implementation activities. Implementation of a policy contributes to the fulfillment of a goal.

As a result of adopting this plan, the Village of Walworth has adopted the following park and open space goals and policies:

Goal 1 To provide permanent parks and other open space areas throughout the Village for active and passive outdoor recreation in an amount equal to a minimum of sixteen (16) acres of park land per 1,000 population (equivalent to about one (1) acre per 25 dwelling units).

- Policy 1 Provide a range of park types in an adequate number, size and location in order to provide both active and passive recreational facilities that are easily and safely accessible by children and adults within or near all developed residential neighborhoods.
- Policy 2 Require new development to dedicate land and/or pay park land acquisition and improvement impact fees sufficient to meet the anticipated needs generated by such development consistent with the type, amount and location of park land shown on this plan and based on the facility standards adopted in this plan for providing recreation facilities.
- Policy 3 Provide “special use” parks and open spaces within commercial and industrial areas that provide aesthetic enhancements in otherwise developed environments.
- Policy 4 Provide park, conservancy, path, and recreational facility opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities.
- Policy 5 Collaborate with user groups and youth organizations to define mutually compatible recreational facility needs and mechanisms for the maintenance, improvement, and development these recreational facilities.
- Policy 6 Explore opportunities for year-round recreational facilities and programs.
- Policy 7 Evaluate the need to develop new parks, conservancies, paths, and recreational facilities with the need to maintain and improve existing parks, conservancies, paths, and recreational facilities.
- Policy 8 Promote resident awareness of Walworth’s parks, conservancies, paths, and recreation facilities.
- Policy 9 Maintain a Capital Improvement Plan with respect to annual maintenance and operation costs and future improvement and development expenditures for Walworth’s parks, conservancies, paths, and recreational facilities.

Goal 2 To provide each neighborhood within the Village access to both neighborhood and community park facilities.

- Policy 1 Encourage shared use of recreational facilities with the Walworth School District.
- Policy 2 Coordinate Village park and open space planning and improvements with the Village of Fontana and the Town of Walworth, including the development and maintenance of a bicycle and pedestrian trail system that serves the Villages of Walworth and Fontana and the town.
- Policy 3 Ensure that parks and conservancies have multiple access points from surrounding neighborhoods and public rights-of-way by multi-purpose paths or sidewalks.
- Policy 4 Ensure that all parks and conservancies are designed with a public right-of-way along at least one side of the park or conservancy for adequate visual access.
- Policy 5 Design park facilities whenever practical to meet the requirements of the American’s With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Goal 3 To provide safe and efficient pedestrian and bicycle access between residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, and other recreational sites.

- Policy 1 Require new development to dedicate land and/or pay the cost of developing pedestrian and bicycle trails (new segments and/or connections to existing segments) consistent with the type and location of such trails as shown on this plan and based on the development standards adopted in this plan for trails.
- Policy 2 Encourage the construction of bicycle lanes or multi-purpose paths as part of roadway improvement projects.
- Policy 3 Establish path signage that enables way finding by users.

Goal 4 To preserve environmental corridors as permanent open space areas.

- Policy 1 Utilize drainage ways, greenways, and environmental corridors as part of a permanent open space system suitable for passive recreation use, including nature walking, wildlife habitat preservation, and trail development.
- Policy 2 Because the outfall from Lake Petite flows directly to and through the southern portion of the Village, Lake Petite and its associated drainage ways, wetlands, and other environmentally significant features should be incorporated into the Village’s open space areas through an integrated system of environmental corridors, storm water control features and facilities, and potential recreational facilities, e.g. bicycle/pedestrian trails, prior to or concurrent with future land divisions and/or development.
- Policy 3 Develop criteria and evaluate priorities for acquiring land for conservation. Include recommendations to guide the restoration, maintenance, and monitoring of the conservancy.

Definitions and Standards

Park design standards should be referenced to assure development of a coherent park system and to establish consistency in design and construction of facilities. This section presents suggested design standards for each type of park within Walworth's system. The design standards should be cited when park acreage is proposed for dedication to the Village in order to evaluate the suitability of its terrain, natural features, and location. They should also be referenced when designing the layout and facilities for new parks and when redeveloping existing parks.

In order to determine the adequacy of the Village's park system and compliance with the goals and policies established in this plan, it is recommended that the Village utilize "maximum service area" and "minimum acreage per 1,000 residents" level of service (LOS) standards for its parks as a means of measuring the adequacy of these park and recreation facilities. These LOS standards will be used to measure the adequacy of the system of parks owned and maintained by the Village of Walworth. Definitions for these parks differ between communities and general standards are provided by the National Recreation and Park Association and the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, but there is no "one-size fits all" approach. Similar urban communities with populations between 1,000 and 10,000 residents have an average of 21.78 acres of parks and 1.83 parks per 1,000 people (Wisconsin SCORP).

The following definitions and standards have been established for the Village of Walworth based on its specific geography and population distribution:

Mini Park

Sometime also called a "tot-lot" or "pocket park", a mini park is a play lot or playground that provides space for parental supervised recreation of toddlers and young children within a neighborhood, or as part of a larger neighborhood or community park. These parks are located in protected areas with separation from street traffic and high visibility. The Village of Walworth does not have any stand-alone mini parks at this time, but playground elements are contained within larger parks.

- Preferred park size: 1/4 to 2 acres
- Max service area: 0.25 mile radius (uninterrupted by major roads/physical barriers)
- Min acreage per 1,000 residents: 1 acre

Neighborhood Park

Neighborhood parks are intended to serve the immediate residential neighborhood. Typically, a neighborhood park includes active recreational facilities such as playground equipment, playfields and courts compatible with the immediate neighborhood, and restrooms, picnic areas, open multi-purpose areas and small parking lots. Rotary Park is an example of a neighborhood park.

- Preferred park size: 3 to 5 acres
- Maximum service area: 0.5 mile radius
- Min acreage per 1,000 residents: 5 acres

Community Park

Community parks are intended to serve a much larger population than neighborhood parks. Typically, they include all of the same or similar active and passive recreational facilities found in a neighborhood

park plus athletic fields designed for organized, competitive athletic events, and larger parking areas and facilities. Community parks also often include conservancy areas for use as passive recreations. These parks should be located adjacent to a collector street providing community-wide vehicular access, thereby reducing neighborhood traffic impacts. Toynton Park, Devils Lane Park, and Fox Lane Park and Badger Conservancy are examples of community parks.

- Preferred park size: 5 to 20+ acres
- Max service area: 1.0 mile radius
- Min acreage per 1,000 residents: 10 acres

Special Use Parks

Special Use parks are park or other Village-owned recreational facilities and open space areas that are designed to serve a specific active or passive recreational purpose, e.g. a public plaza or gazebo, memorial, public garden or gathering area, a community swimming pool or other specialized recreational use. Special use parks can also be open space areas located in otherwise fully developed commercial or industrial district or linear parks such as bicycle and pedestrian trails. There is no minimum size area for a special use park. Heyer Park is an example of a special use park.

- Preferred park size: No requirement
- Max service area: No requirement
- Min acreage per 1,000 residents: No requirement

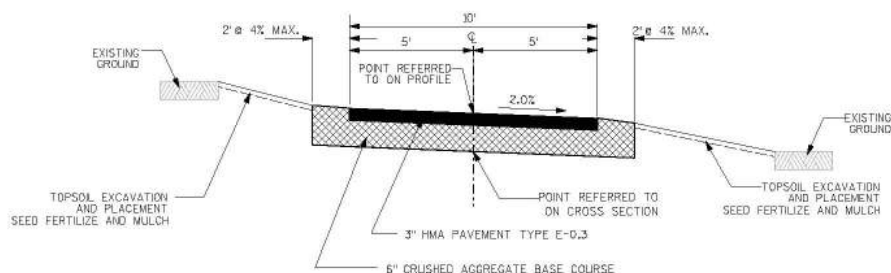
Conservancy

A conservancy is a publicly-owned area that is managed primarily for its natural resource qualities, such as wetlands, wildlife habitats, or unique vegetation. Generally, trails and other passive recreational facilities are located within and/or connect to conservancy parks. Conservancy parks are not suitable nor designed for active recreation facilities such as playfields or athletic facilities. Fox Lane Conservancy and Badger Conservancy (associated with Fox Lane Park), are examples of conservancies within the Village.

- Preferred park size: No requirement
- Max service area: No requirement
- Min acreage per 1,000 residents: No requirement

Design Standards

The table on the following page includes the Village’s minimum design standards for mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, and conservancies, while the image below illustrates the typical desired off-street multi-use path cross-section.



	Mini Parks	Neighborhood Parks	Community Parks	Conservancies
Min Acreage	0.25 to 2 acres	3 to 5 acres	5 to 20+ acres	
Max Service Area	0.25 mile radius (uninterrupted by major roads or physical barriers)	0.5 mile radius	1 mile radius	
Public Right-of-Way Access	At least one street	At least one street (recommended two or more streets)	At least one street (recommended two or more streets)	At least one street
Playfields		At least one ball diamond, soccer field, lacrosse field, or multi-purpose play area	Two or more ball diamonds, soccer field, lacrosse fields, or or multi-purpose play area (lighted preferred)	
Courts		Optional basketball, tennis, volleyball court, or similar	At least one basketball, tennis, volleyball court or similar (lighted preferred)	
Playground Equipment	Ages 0 to 5	Ages 0 to 5 and ages 5 to 12	Ages 0 to 5, ages 5 to 12, and ages 13+	
Structures		Minor pavilion preferred, Restrooms recommended	Pavilion(s) required with integrated restrooms	Shelters optional where they does not impact natural features and views
Site Furniture	Benches near playground, trash receptacle, one picnic table preferable	Benches, multiple picnic tables, trash receptacles, and drinking fountain	Benches, multiple picnic tables, trash receptacles, and drinking fountain	Limited benches along paths located to take advantage of views and vistas
Natural Features		Preferred including wetlands, ponds, streams, and mature trees where inclusion of features allow enough area for active uses	Preferred including wetlands, ponds, streams, and mature trees where inclusion of features allow enough area for active uses	Including wetlands, ponds, streams, mature trees, prairies, and other natural features to be protected
Trails	Connect to path system where practical	Connect to path system. Provide internal paths where possible	Connect to path system. Provide internal paths within park	Connect to path system. Provide extensive internal paths through conservancy
Signage	Minor park sign	Major park sign	Major park sign	Major park sign at access points and educational signage at appropriate locations
Additional Amenities/ Special Features	Shade trees near play equipment and landscaping near public right-of-way	Shade trees near play equipment and picnic areas. Landscaping near public rights-of-way and structures/picnic areas	Shade trees near play equipment and picnic areas. Landscaping near public rights-of-way and structures/picnic areas. Natural features should be prominent	Promote opportunities for wildlife viewing, education, and fishing where possible
Parking	On-street parking adjacent to park.	On-street parking adjacent to park. Off-street parking lots where possible to be located and/or screened to minimize impact on surrounding neighborhood	Combination of on-street parking and off-street lot(s). Lots should be located and/or screened to minimize impact on surrounding neighborhood	On-street parking and small off-street parking lots that do not impact natural features and views. Lots should be located to minimize impact to any surrounding residential

Existing Park and Recreation Facility Inventory

The Village’s existing park and open space system consists of a total of 88.3 acres of active, passive and undeveloped park land and special use areas. Of this total, 31.2 acres are owned and maintained by the Village of Walworth, 33.1 acres owned and maintained by the Walworth Joint School District and Big Foot Union High School, and the remaining 24.0 acres under private ownership. The existing park and open space system in the Village of Walworth includes a full range of developed park and recreation facilities including community parks, neighborhood parks, special use areas and conservancy areas located throughout the Village.

The following is a summary of the existing park and recreation facilities available in the Village of Walworth (see Map 2).

Existing Park and Recreation Facilities

	Existing Park/Recreational Facility	Acres	Play Equipment	Baseball Field(s)	Softball Field(s)	Soccer Field(s)	Volleyball Courts(s)	Basketball Court(s)	Tennis Court(s)	Ice Skating	Sledding Hill(s)	Driving Range	Shelter	Picnic Tables/Grills	Restrooms/Drinking Water	Hiking/Walking Trails	Large Open Play Areas	Conservation/Passive Areas
#	Community Parks																	
1	Toynton Park	6.49	X		X		X						X	X	X		X	
5	Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy	17.72	X										X	X		X	X	X
	Neighborhood Parks																	
3	Devils Lane Park	4.17	X	X									X	X	X			
4	Rotary Park	3.35								X	X		X		X		X	X
	Special Purpose Parks																	
2	Heyer Park	0.47												X				
	Conservancies*																	
6	Fox Lane Conservancy	3.41																X
	Village Park Total	35.61																
	School Facilities																	
7	Walworth Middle School	2.22	X					X										X
8	Big Foot High School**	40.60		X	X	X		X	X						X	X	X	
	Private Facilities																	
9	Immanuel Church	2.83	X			X	X											
10	South Pines Golf Range	18.14										X			X			
	Other Facilities Total	63.79																
	Village and Other Facilities Total	99.40																

Source: Foth Infrastructure & Environment & the Village of Walworth

*Badger Conservancy acreage is included as part of the Fox Lane Park/Badger Conservancy community park.

**Big Foot High School acreage includes school-owned land planned for recreational use.

Other (School and Private) Park and Recreation Facilities

- Walworth Middle School (Map Reference #7)

This 2.22-acre playground area is located south of the middle school in the central area of the Village and is accessible from Fremont Street. Facilities include playground equipment, basketball court, a paved play area and a grassy field suitable for baseball and soccer with goals.

- Big Foot High School (Map Reference #8)

This 40.60-acre site is located in the south-central area of the Village and is accessible to/from Devils Lane. Existing facilities include baseball and soccer fields, football field, track & field area, and tennis and basketball courts. Off-street parking is available on the school grounds.

There are currently two referendums planned for the November 6, 2018 ballot including an \$8.25M outdoor athletic facility expansion and \$350,000 (per year for three years) for operational support. Proposed major improvements/expansion include: lighted, turf baseball/softball quadplex with concessions and bathrooms; turf football/soccer field; irrigated football/soccer grass practice field; new “home” bleachers; football/soccer ticket and concession building; additional 2 courts and light all tennis courts; new track facilities; and auxiliary parking lot with ADA compliant stalls.

The softball diamond at Toynton Park and the Baseball diamond at Devil’s Lane Park are currently used for high school games, but are unsuitable and inadequate. The proposed quadplex at the high school will better serve the needs of the athletic program as two of each field to host games in the conference.

- Immanuel United Church of Christ (UCC) Church Playground (Map Reference #9)

This 2.83-acre playground is located in the central part of the Village and is accessible from Fremont Street. Existing facilities include a paved playground area with a basketball court and parking. A grassy soccer field with goals is also maintained on the property.

- South Pines Golf Driving Range (Map Reference #10)

This 18.14-acre private golf driving range is located in the northeast part of the Village and is accessible to/from STH 67. A clubhouse is located on the property with driving, chipping and putting practices areas.

Big Foot Recreation District

The Big Foot Recreation District, approved by the Big Foot High School Board of Education in 2002, provides recreation and enrichment opportunities for residents of the Big Foot School District including the Villages of Walworth, Fontana and Sharon, and portions of the Towns of Walworth, Sharon, Delavan and Linn. The Recreation District does not own any park land, but utilizes park land and facilities within the Villages as well as school facilities for its programs.

Village Pedestrian/Bicycle Path Facilities

Map 2 shows the location of existing bicycle and path segments in the Village. This includes an on-street paved area within the right-of-way for Kenosha Street (STH 67) from the downtown square to north STH 67; an off-street paved path along CTH B from just west of Ridge Road to the Country Club Estates residential subdivision in the Village of Fontana; and a paved path system within the Fox Lane Park/Badger Park conservancy extending through the Whitetail Ridge conservation subdivision to the northeast and

connecting south to 5th Avenue and Hill Street. There are also a few other path segment locations within the Village adjacent to Immanuel Church, through Big Foot High School property, adjacent to Rotary Park and within the Library Square North subdivision.

Village Park and Recreation Facilities

A profile of each Village park and recreation facility is contained on the following pages.

Toynton Park

Toynton Park is a 6.49-acre community park located on the west side of the Village along Beloit Street with access from Beloit Street on the north and Windmill Lane on the east.



Facility Summary

Softball Diamond

- Backstop
- Lighting
- Bleachers (wood)
- Batting cage
- Electronic scoreboard
- Outfield fence (275' to 325' distance from plate) with additional adjustable fence
- Scoring table
- Player benches (2) (metal)

Pavilion/Shelter (30' x 80')

- Drinking fountain
- Restrooms
- Kitchen
- Picnic tables (11) (wood)
- Trash receptacles (4)
- Lighted

Playground (mulch safe area)

- Playground structure (steel/molded plastic)
- Swing structure (3 youth seats/1 tot seat)
- Bench (coated steel)

Volleyball Courts (2)

- Steel posts with netting
- Sand/pea gravel

Other Amenities

- Grills (2)
- Memorial monuments (2)
- Flag pole
- Horseshoe pit
- Bench (wood)
- Large open space

Landscaping

- Mature trees
- Mulched shrub bed along Beloit Rd
- Stormwater pond

Parking

- On-street parking
- Off-street lot (gravel/adjacent to roadway/ approximately 17 spaces)



Issues and Opportunities

1. Off-street parking is limited.
2. East half of park is used as multi-purpose open space, but may be suitable for improved facilities.
3. Stormwater pond and drainage ditch along Windmill Lane diminishes usable space.
4. Batting cage facility, bleachers and volleyball courts are in need of maintenance.
5. No identifying signage.

Use and Maintenance

1. Shelter and kitchen facilities available for rental.
2. User groups and events: Big Foot Wolves Fundraiser 3rd Saturday in August), Grade school field day, youth outings, Walworth Fire Dept Softball Tournament/Dance, Big Foot Ball and Glove, High School Faculty Picnic and numerous picnics and gatherings throughout the season.
3. Softball diamond used primarily by girl's high school team and summer rec leagues.
4. Softball diamond infield maintained by high school and league organizations.
5. Village maintenance: Mowing grass and spraying weeds, refresh mulch as needed, clean restrooms, empty trash receptacles.

ADA Accessibility

1. The pavilion and restroom are accessible from the parking lot, however, the lot is gravel and has no designated accessible spaces.

Heyer Park

Heyer Park is a 0.47-acre special use park located at the heart of the downtown square and serves as the historic focal point for the Village. It is bordered by Madison Street on the north, Main Street on the east, Beloit Street on the south and Park Avenue on the west.



Facility Summary

Amenities

- Memorial monument
- Flag pole
- Picnic tables (4) (wood)
- Stone fountain/public art (lighted)
- Open space

Signage

- Park/Village information signs (2) (wood)

Landscaping

- Mature trees
- Shrubs
- Extensive planting bed landscaping (recently donated by Gerdes Wholesale Nursery, Inc.)

Parking

- On-street parking

Issues and Opportunities

1. Opportunity for permanent shelter/pavilion with seating for seasonal and annual events.

Use and Maintenance

1. User groups and events: Annual Rotary Club Corn and Bratwurst Festival (first Saturday in August), Music in the Park, the weekend Farmer's Market, Easter Egg Hunt, lighting of the Christmas tree after the Christmas Parade, Halloween Parade, and the Walworth Fire Department Chicken BBQ.
2. Village maintenance: Mowing grass and spraying weeds, refresh mulch as needed, empty trash receptacles.

ADA Accessibility

1. Perimeter of park (sidewalk) is ADA accessible, but there are no paved areas within the park.



Devils Lane Park

Devils Lane Park is a 4.17-acre neighborhood park located in the south-central area of the Village along Devils Lane with access from Devils Lane on the south, 5th Avenue on the west, 3rd Street on the north and Read Street on the east. In previous plans, the park was classified as a community park, but due to the size, residential location, access and potential future uses within the park warrant a reclassification.



Facility Summary

Baseball Diamond

- Backstop
- Lighting
- Bleachers (wood)
- Batting cage
- Pitch warm-up mounds (3)
- Electronic scoreboard
- Outfield fence and warning track (315' to 370' distance from plate)
- Scoring table (sheltered)
- Player dugouts (2)
- Field tarp
- Foul line posts
- Trash receptacle

Parking

- On-street parking with small off-street lot adjacent to Read Street.

Pavilion/Shelter (28' x 40')

- Drinking fountain
- Picnic tables (8) (wood)
- Trash receptacles (4)
- Lighted

Restrooms (Part of pump station building)

Playground (mulch safe area)

- Playground structures (2) (steel/molded plastic)
- Swing structure (4 youth seats/2 tot seats)
- Benches (4) (wood)

Landscaping

- Mature trees
- Shrubs behind outfield fence



Issues and Opportunities

1. Big Foot High School is currently considering an athletic facility improvement/expansion (referendum November 6, 2018) which includes a softball/baseball quadplex. This may diminish the need for the Devils Park baseball diamond as it is mostly used by the high school team.
2. The restroom facilities are in need of improvement/maintenance.
3. No identifying signage.

Use and Maintenance

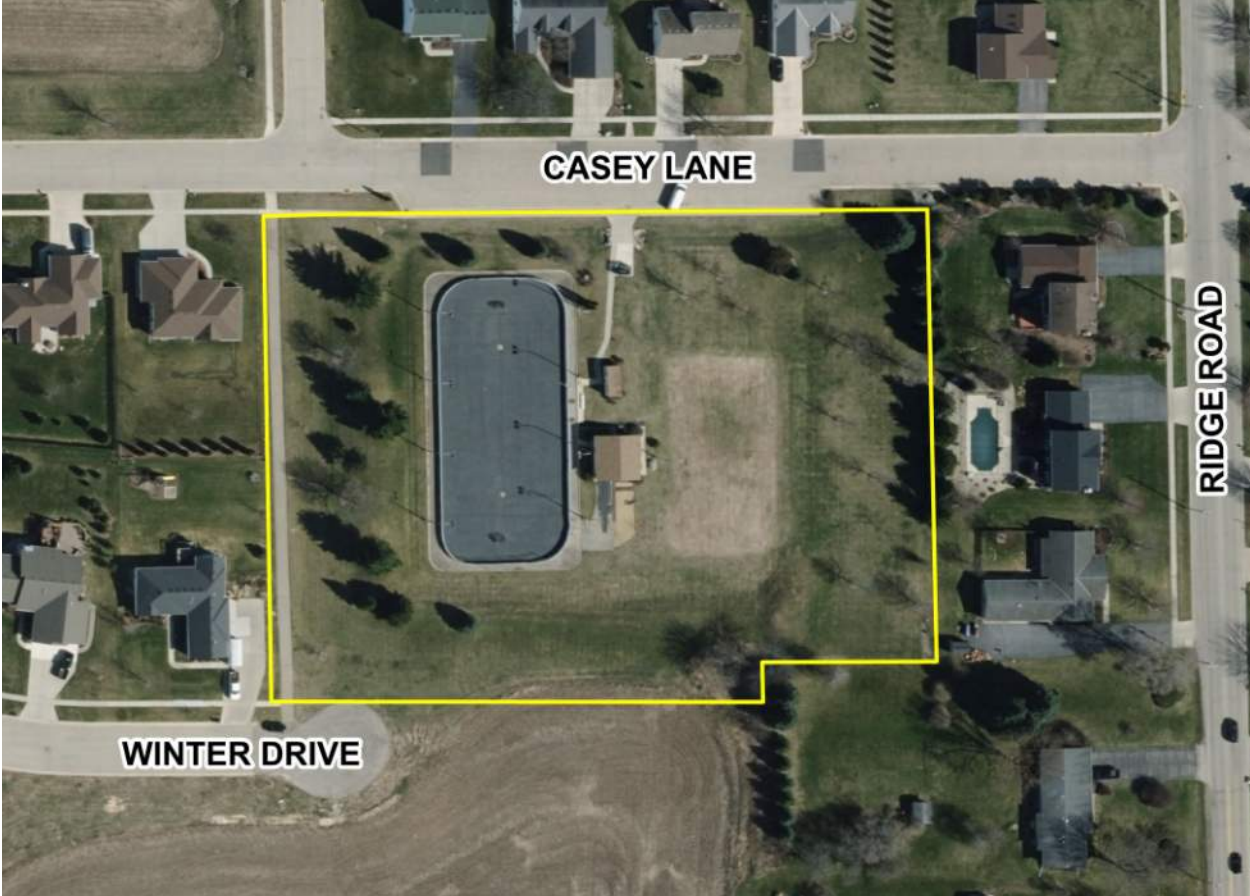
1. Shelter available for rental.
2. User groups and events: High School Booster Club Pig Roast, the annual Little League tournament, picnic and awards, Junior Legion and Legion Baseball, Big Foot Ball and Glove, class reunions and numerous picnics and gatherings throughout the season.
3. Baseball diamond used primarily by boy's high school team and summer rec leagues.
4. Baseball diamond infield maintained by high school and league organizations.
5. Village maintenance: Mowing grass and spraying weeds, fertilize grass diamond, refresh mulch as needed, clean restrooms, empty trash receptacles.

ADA Accessibility

1. Restroom adjacent to Read Street are accessible from off-street parking area (no marked accessible parking stalls), but pavement is uneven. No other areas within the park are accessible.

Rotary Park

Rotary Park is a 3.35-acre neighborhood park located in the southeast area of the Village with access along Casey Lane to the north. There is also access from Winter Drive to the southwest via a multi-use path/trail.



Facility Summary

Buildings

- Restrooms w/drinking fountain
- Warming shelter
- Garage

Outdoor Paved Ice Rink (85' x 190')

- Perimeter boards
- Goals/nets (2)
- Lighting
- Zamboni (ice resurfacer)
- Bench (wood)

Landscaping

- Mature trees
- Shrubs

Other Amenities

- Sunken grass area for secondary rink (75' x 135')
- Goal/net
- Open space
- Picnic table
- Small sledding hill
- Trash receptacles

Parking

- On-street parking
- Off-street parking (paved/adjacent to roadway/approximately 30 spaces)

Issues and Opportunities

1. Open multi-purpose area on the east side of the park is used as a second informal ice rink and small sledding hill, but may have additional use for programmed facilities.

Use and Maintenance

1. User groups and events: Used extensively for both summer and winter activities including: Walworth County Youth Hockey, children's programs for hockey, figure skating, and open skating, Big Foot Recreation Figure Skating, Local Men's League Hockey, Big Foot High School broomball, Roller Hockey in Summer, general ice skating and roller-blading, and picnicing.
2. Ice rink used primarily by the high school, local men's league hockey, and open skating.
3. Ice rink ice maintained by local volunteers and the Village.
4. Village maintenance: Mowing grass and spraying weeds, refresh mulch as needed, clean restrooms, empty trash receptacles.

ADA Accessibility

1. Restrooms and rink viewing area are accessible from the off-street parking area on Casey Lane (no marked accessible parking stalls).

Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy

Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy is a 17.72-acre community park located in the north-central area of the Village. The park and conservancy has vehicle access from Badger Street on the west as well as through multi-use path/trail connections from Fox Lane to the north, Red Hawk Drive/Highway 67 to the east, and N 5th Avenue/Oak Hill Drive to the south. A large portion of this park is intended for passive recreation and ongoing conservancy of natural features included the wooded area.



Facility Summary

Pavilion/Shelter (24' x 50')

- Drinking fountain
- Picnic tables (9) (wood)
- Trash receptacles (3)

Restrooms

- Portable (summer months)
- Playground (mulch safe area)
- Playground structures (2) (steel/molded plastic)
- Swing structure (5 youth seats/1 tot seat)
- Spring toys (4)
- Benches (3) (coated steel)
- Trash receptacle

Other Amenities

- Multi-use path/trail (asphalt)
- Large open space

Landscaping

- Mature trees/wooded
- Shrubs behind outfield fence

Parking

- On-street parking
- Off-street (paved/adjacent to roadway/14 spaces)

Issues and Opportunities

1. No identifying signage, and not visible from N Main Street.
2. No permanent restroom facilities.

Use and Maintenance

1. Shelter available for rental.
2. User groups and events: Picnics and gatherings throughout the season
3. Village maintenance: Mowing grass and spraying weeds, refresh mulch as needed, clean portable restrooms, empty trash receptacles.

ADA Accessibility

1. Pavilion and path system is accessible from off-street parking (no marked accessible stalls).



Fox Lane Conservancy

Fox Lane Park is a 3.41-acre neighborhood park with access from Fox Lane, Owl Lane and the multi-use path/trail to the southeast. The park is mostly wooded, undeveloped and used for passive recreation.



Facility Summary

Other Amenities

- Small open space

Landscaping

- Mature trees/wooded

Parking

- On-street parking

Issues and Opportunities

1. Opportunity to extend path from Fox Lane Park/Badger Conservancy through conservancy to Fox Lane.

Use and Maintenance

1. Village maintenance: Mowing grass and spraying weeds.

ADA Accessibility

1. Edge of park is accessible from sidewalk on Fox Lane. Potential for internal accessibility with extended path from Fox Lane Park/Badger Conservancy.

Park & Recreation Needs Assessment

The most common method used for measuring the adequacy of a community’s park and open space system is to:

- Determine whether or not the Village park system serves, or has the capacity to serve, the current and projected number of residents in the community based on reliable population projections and the “Minimum Acreage per 1,000 Residents” level of service (LOS) standard; and
- Determine whether or not the Village’s park and recreation facilities are located throughout the Village so that all current and future residents have the ability to easily access the park system within the “Maximum Service Area” level of service (LOS) standard.

Minimum Acreage per 1,000 Residents Level of Service (LOS) Standards

Existing Park Needs

As presented in the table below, the Village does not currently meet the overall recreational needs of its existing residents when compared to the adopted LOS standards for minimum park acreage per 1,000 residents.

Existing Village Park Level of Service (LOS)

Park Type	LOS Standard	2018 Pop	Minimum Acres Required	Existing Village Parks		Surplus/Deficit Acres
	Acres/1000 Pop			Total Acres	Acres/1000 Pop	
Mini Park	1	2,832	2.83	0	0	-2.83
Neighborhood	5		14.16	7.52	2.66	-6.64
Community	10		28.32	24.21	8.55	-4.11
Special Use	N/A		N/A	0.47	N/A	N/A
Conservancy*	N/A		N/A	3.41	N/A	N/A
Total	16		45.31	35.61	11.20**	-13.58**

Source: Foth Infrastructure & Environment; Wisconsin DOA (1/1/18 Preliminary Estimate)

*Badge Conservancy acreage is counted toward community park acreage as part of Fox Lane Park/Badger Conservancy.

**Total acres per 1,000 population and acreage deficit does not consider conservancy and special use park acreage.

The Village doesn’t currently provide any stand-alone mini park and this is a new park type introduced since the previous 2006 plan. When compared to the minimum acres required to achieve the 1 acre/1,000 population LOS of 2.83 acres, there is an existing deficiency of 2.83 acres of mini parks.

The existing (2018) acreage per 1,000 residents for neighborhood parks in the Village is 2.66 acres (7.72 total acres). The LOS standard for neighborhood parks is 5 acres per 1,000 residents (14.16 acres total), so there is an existing deficiency of 6.64 acres of neighborhood parks in the Village.

The existing (2018) acreage per 1,000 residents for community parks in the Village is 8.55 acres (24.21 total acres). The LOS standard for neighborhood parks is 10 acres per 1,000 residents (28.32 acres total), so there is an existing deficiency of 4.11 acres of community parks in the Village.

The Village has an overall deficiency of 13.58 acres of park land (a 2.83-acre deficiency for mini parks, a 6.64-acre deficiency for neighborhood parks and a 4.11-acre deficiency for community parks). If the Village’s special use and conservancy park lands are included in this assessment, the overall existing park land deficiency is only 9.70 acres.

When the other school and privately-owned recreational facilities are included in the analysis, the Village has a total of 99.40 acres of park area. This breaks down to 35.10 acres/1,000 population, well above the recommended standard of 16 acres/1,000 population. However, none of these other facilities, i.e. school or privately-owned, are under the jurisdiction of the Village in terms of ensuring the same level of accessibility to Village residents, maintenance and improvements. For these reasons, the other, non-Village park and recreation facilities are not included in the analysis of existing and future park deficiencies or in the list of maintenance-related or improvement recommendations.

Projected 2040 Park Needs

The overall future park and recreation facility needs of the Village are determined primarily by applying the Minimum Acreage per 1,000 Residents level of service (LOS) standards to projected population for the Village of Walworth in the year 2040. This type of future needs assessment is a critical component of this plan and is included in part to satisfy Wisconsin Statutes regarding the calculation and collection of park impact fees and also to assist the Village with planning and budgeting for the acquisition and development of the Village’s parks.

The table below is based on a projected population of 3,720 residents in the Year 2040 and the overall Minimum Acreage per 1,000 Residents LOS standard of 16 acres. The Village is projected to have a deficiency of 27.79 acres of park land in the year 2040 (a 3.72-acre deficiency for mini parks, an 11.08-acre deficiency for neighborhood parks and a 12.99-acre deficiency for community parks). If the Village’s special use and conservancy park lands are included in this assessment, the overall park land deficiency is projected to be 23.91 acres by the Year 2040.

Projected Village Park Level of Service (LOS)

Park Type	LOS Standard	2040 Pop	Minimum Acres Required	Existing Village Parks		Surplus/Deficit Acres
	Acres/1000 Pop			Total Acres	Acres/1000 Pop	
Mini Park	1	3,720	3.72	0	0	-3.72
Neighborhood	5		18.60	7.52	2.02	-11.08
Community	10		37.2	24.21	6.51	-12.99
Special Use	N/A		N/A	0.47	N/A	N/A
Conservancy*	N/A		N/A	3.41	N/A	N/A
Total	16		59.52	35.61	8.53**	-27.79**

Source: Foth Infrastructure & Environment; Wisconsin DOA (population forecast)

*Badge Conservancy acreage is counted toward community park acreage as part of Fox Lane Park/Badger Conservancy.

**Total acres per 1,000 population and acreage deficit does not consider conservancy and special use park acreage.

Maximum Service Area Level of Service (LOS) Standards

The location of the Village’s park and recreation facilities in relation to existing and future residents is also an important indicator of how well existing facilities meet the needs of Walworth residents. To illustrate how well the Village’s parks serve residents in terms of location so that all current and future residents have the ability to easily access the park system, the “Maximum Service Area” level of service (LOS) standard is used for existing neighborhood and community park types (see Map 3).

The Village does not currently provide any stand alone mini parks, so it does not meet the 0.25-mile LOS standard for that park type. Based on a 0.50-mile service area for neighborhood parks, the Village mostly meets the service area requirement with the locations of Rotary and Devils Lane Parks. The most obvious areas not served by any neighborhood park includes the area north of Beloit Street and west of North Main Street. Other areas not directly within a neighborhood park service area are within a short distance

of either of the larger community parks.

Based on a 1-mile service area for community parks, the Village has an adequate supply of easily-accessible community parks located throughout the Village. The installation of the bike/pedestrian path across the Wisconsin & Southern (WSOR) railroad tracks within the 5th Avenue right-of-way has eliminated a significant access barrier and has improved access to Fox Lane Park/Badger Conservancy.

Future park sites should be located to ensure existing and new residential development is served adequately by mini parks, neighborhood parks and community parks. The existing Village and immediate surroundings is largely within the 1-mile service area of its community parks: Toynton Park and Fox Lane Park/Badger Park Conservancy. Areas in the far southeast area of the Village and surroundings, not entirely within these community park service areas, are served by Big Foot High School which plans to dramatically improve/increase its athletic facilities.

Community Survey

As part of the planning process, the Village administered an online survey to residents which was available through a link on the Village website with notice included in a standard village-wide mailing. Paper copies of the survey were also made available at the Village Hall. The survey included questions on opinions related to the park system as a whole and specific improvements for existing and future parks. The survey was administered throughout the month of April 2018 and included a total of 214 respondents including 17 paper copies that were entered manually. The full survey results and open-ended comments can be found in Appendix B.

The survey conducted wasn't a scientific survey or a random sample of the population of the Village. Responses included only those that chose to respond, and it is not possible to make inferences from the results for the entire Village population. With that said, the survey is a form of community input, not unlike that solicited from public meeting based on who chooses to show up, and should similarly be used as a tool to help guide discussion of potential future park and recreation facility improvements and additions. The results are summarized as follows and percentages are rounded:

Q1: During the months of April through October, about how often does your household use the following Village park facilities?

Devils Lane Park was used at least once or twice per month in the warmer months by 47% of the respondents, followed by Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy (34), Fox Lane Conservancy (30% - note: although despite the map, there may have been confusion with Badger Conservancy), Toynton Park (31%), Rotary Park (10%) and Heyer Park (9%).

Rotary Park is never used by 74% of respondents in the warmer months, followed by Fox Lane Conservancy (55% - see note above), Heyer Park (52%), Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy (52%), Toynton Park (39%) and Devils Lane Park (34%).

Q2: During the months of November to March, about how often does your household use the following Village park facilities?

Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy was used at least once or twice per month in the colder months by 20% of the respondents, followed by Devils Lane Park (18%), Fox Lane Conservancy (18% - note: although despite the map, there may have been confusion with Badger Conservancy), Rotary Park (12%), Toynton Park (12%), Heyer Park (4%).

Heyer Park is never used by 85% of respondents in the colder months, followed by Rotary Park (81%),

Toynton Park (78%), Fox Lane Conservancy (73%- see note above), and Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy (71%).

Q3: The Village of Walworth currently provides the following recreational facilities. Please indicate how often your household uses each during the months of April through October:

During the warmer months, the Village's paths/trails were used at least once or twice per month by 57% of the respondents, followed by playground equipment (50%), open play areas (41%), picnic tables and benches (38%), baseball diamond (26%), batting cages (24%), pavilions/shelter (20%), softball diamond (18%), and volleyball courts (3%).

During the warmer months, the volleyball courts are never used by 84% of respondents, followed by batting cages (71%), softball diamond (71%), baseball diamond (63%), pavilions/shelters (41%), open play areas (37%), playground equipment (33%), picnic tables and benches (28%) and paths/trails (27%).

Q4: The Village of Walworth currently provides the following recreational facilities. Please indicate how often your household uses each during the months of November through March:

During the colder months, the Village's paths/trails were used at least once or twice per month by 39% of the respondents, followed by playground equipment (24%), open play areas (21%) and outdoor ice skating rink (15%).

During the colder months, the outdoor ice skating rink is never used by 69% of respondents, followed by playground equipment (66%), open play areas (63%) and paths/trails (47%).

Q5: Please rank the following potential improvements for Toynton Park.

The overall respondents weighted scores (from highest (12 points) to lowest priority (1 point)) for Toynton Park is as follows. The

- Additional playground equipment (8.29)
- Splash pad (7.98)
- Dog park (7.93)
- Open multi-purpose play areas (7.43)
- Circuit training equipment/exercise stations (7.28)
- Additional picnic tables and benches (6.95)
- Off-street parking lot improvements/expansion (6.67)
- Basketball court(s) (6.42)
- Additional softball diamond (6.38)
- Skate park (5.77)
- Youth soccer field(s) (5.63)
- Additional volleyball court(s) (5.44)

Respondents that use Toynton Park at least once or twice per month rated a splash pad as the highest priority (7.96), followed by additional playground equipment (7.82) and an additional softball diamond (7.62).

Respondents that use Toynton Park once or twice a year or less rated additional playground equipment as the highest priority (8.62), followed by a splash pad (8.22) and a dog park (8.62).

Q6: In light of the proposed Big Foot High School athletic facility expansion, if baseball at Devils Lane Park was replaced, please rank the following potential improvements for the park.

The overall respondents weighted scores (from highest (12 points) to lowest priority (1 point)) for Devils Lane Park is as follows. The

- Additional playground equipment (8.46)
- Splash pad (8.19)
- Open multi-purpose play areas (8.15)
- Dog park (8.04)
- Additional picnic tables and benches (7.15)
- Circuit training equipment/exercise stations (6.96)
- Basketball court(s) (6.58)
- Soccer field(s) (6.36)
- Softball diamond (6.08)
- Off-street parking lot (6.06)
- Skate park (5.52)
- Lacrosse field (4.73)

Respondents that use Devils Lane Park at least once or twice per month rated a additional playground equipment as the highest priority (8.64), followed by a splash pad (8.35) and open multi-purpose play areas (7.93).

Respondents that use Devils Lane Park once or twice a year or less rated additional open multi-purpose play areas as the highest priority (8.26), followed by a dog park (8.17) and additional playground equipment (8.09).

Q7: Please indicate what you view as a priority for future parks in the Village.

48% of respondents considered playground equipment a high/short-term priority for future parks, followed by a splash pad (42%), dog park (38%), open multi-purpose play areas (34%), pavilions/shelters (28%), dream parks (themed playgrounds) (24%) and circuit training equipment/exercise stations (23%).

44% of respondents felt circuit training equipment/exercise stations was not a priority for future parks, followed by dream parks (43%), a splash pad (35%), a dog park (30%), pavilions/shelters (25%), open multi-purpose play areas (20%) and playground equipment (16%).

See Appendix B for open-ended comments on this question.

Q8: If conveniently located near your home, how often would/does your household use the following types of trails/paths for recreation?

57% of respondents would use a paved multi-use trail/path once per week or more and 47% would use an unpaved/natural trail/path once per week or more.

Q9: How important do you consider Village efforts to obtain private property or the use of private property through easements in an effort to link existing paths/trails with parks, neighborhoods, etc?

36% of respondents consider these efforts very important, 44% somewhat important and 20% not

important.

Q10: How important do you consider Village efforts to maintain open space, restore native areas, protect wildlife, and preserve natural areas?

68% of respondents consider these efforts very important, 24% somewhat important and 8% not important.

Q11: Please indicate your overall satisfaction with the Village of Walworth Park System.

1% of respondents is very satisfied, 33% satisfied, 36% neutral, 21% dissatisfied and 10% very dissatisfied.

See Appendix B for open-ended comments for this question.

Q12: Please indicate your overall satisfaction with Paths/Trails within the Village of Walworth?

7% of respondents are very satisfied, 36% satisfied, 39% neutral, 15% dissatisfied and 4% very dissatisfied.

Q13: Please indicate how many children within each age group live in your household:

24% of respondents have at least one child age 0 to 5, 23% have at least one child age 6 to 12, and 23% have at least one child age 13+.

Q14: Does your family have any handicap accessibility needs?

8% of respondents answered yes.

Q15: Please provide any additional feedback for the Village of Walworth regarding existing or future park and recreational facilities:

See Appendix B for detailed comments.

Park & Open Space Plan Recommendations

The following recommendations to improve the Village of Walworth's park, recreation and open space system are based on the projected increases in population, minimum park area and service area levels of service, and goals and policies identified in the preceding sections of this plan.

Overall, it is recommended that the Village add a minimum of approximately 28 acres of park land by the year 2040 (just over 20 years) so that the Village can achieve the recommended overall level of service (LOS) of 16 acres of park land per 1,000 population.

These recommendations are based on the assumption that Walworth will continue to grow at a moderate to high rate and that park and recreation facilities planning should be oriented toward serving a growing population. The actual timing of park acquisitions and development should coincide with the actual demand for park and recreational facilities in the Village's developed and newly developed areas.

Neighborhood and Community Park Improvements

The Village is well served by the locations of existing community parks and Big Foot High School. No new community parks are recommended in the planning timeframe. The Village should focus on creating mini parks and neighborhood parks as residential development occurs in the future. Mini parks 0.25 to 2 acres in size should be located so that new residential dwellings, and to the greatest degree possible- existing dwellings, are within 0.25 miles of a park. Neighborhood parks 3 to 5 acres in size should be located so that new residential dwellings, and to the greatest degree possible existing dwellings, are within 0.50 miles of a park.

Map 4 identifies the general locations for future mini and neighborhood parks throughout the Village over the next 20+ years based on the planned urban service area, long range urban growth area and likely residential areas included in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The specific park facility boundaries in these general locations will be determined when the lands are actually platted or acquired. The maps shows three (3) new neighborhood parks and eight (8) mini parks. The Village is anticipated to be deficient 11.08 acres of neighborhood park and 3.71 acres of mini park by the year 2040. Three (3) neighborhood parks ranging from 3 to 5 acres in size will total 9 to 15 acres, while seven (7) mini parks ranging from 0.25 to 2 acres in size will total 3.75 to 14 acres. The park locations shown on Map 4 may be more than is required by the year 2040 as they include land that is within the Village's "Long Range Urban Growth Area" that plans growth outside of the planned urban service area and beyond the year 2040.

The following are specific Village park and recreation facility recommendations. Short term recommendations are generally planned within a five-year time frame, while long-term recommendations are planned beyond a five-year planning period unless funds become available through grant or donation.

Community Parks

Toynton Park

Toynton Park was expanded to the east (additional 2.82 acres) recently as part of surrounding residential development. The total park acreage is currently 6.49 acres. By the year 2040, the Village will have about a 13-acre deficit of community park space. In addition, the preferred size of community parks in the Village is 5 to 20+ acres. Toynton Park could be expanded in the future to meet the Village's need for additional community park area. The Village Plan Commission has identified the following priority improvements for Toynton Park:

Short-term

- Add identifying park signage along Beloit St.
- Add sidewalk/path from parking lot to pavilion and softball diamond to improve ADA accessibility.
- Improve kitchen facilities within pavilion (durable, easy to maintain surfaces for vending and serving).
- Fill the roadside swale along Windmill Lane to provide more usable park space.

Long-Term

- Acquire additional land to the west (in conjunction with future residential land development) for additional expansion of the park to meet community park space acreage goals.
- Determine and install appropriate improvements for expanded park area.
- Improve/add off-street parking area along Beloit St including ADA accessible stall(s).
- Improve/add amenities including picnic tables and benches.
- Refurbish bleachers and batting cage areas.
- Improve/add playground equipment.

Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy

The acquisition and development of this 17.72-acre park and conservancy including the path system was a result of previous Village Park and Open Space Plan recommendations. The Village Plan Commission has identified the following priority improvements for Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy:

Short-term

- Add identifying signage at the park and near the intersection of N Main St and Badger St.
- Provide marked ADA accessible stall(s) in parking area.

Long-Term

- Install a permanent bathroom facility.
- Construct a ball field or court.
- Consider installation of a dog park.

Neighborhood Parks

Devils Lane Park

Big Foot High School is currently considering an athletic facility improvement/expansion (referendum November 6, 2018) which includes a softball/baseball quadplex. This may diminish the need for the Devils Park baseball diamond as it is mostly used by the high school team. The Village Park Commission has identified the following as priority improvements:

Short-term

- Add identifying park signage along Devils Ln.
- Replace pavilion roof (asphalt shingles) with metal roof (2019).
- Add sidewalks/paths to pavilion to improve ADA accessibility.
- Determine future of baseball diamond in light of Big Foot High athletic facility referendum.

Long-Term

- Improve restrooms on Read Street.
- Add additional sidewalks/paths through and around park to improve ADA accessibility.
- If baseball diamond:
 - remains long-term for high school play, improve bleachers and lighting.
 - remains long-term for little league and recreational play only, improve bleachers and remove overhead lighting.
 - will not remain long-term, remove facilities and convert to open space. Consider splash pad in conjunction with open space.

Rotary Park

The Village Plan Commission has identified the following priority improvements for Rotary Park:

Short-term

- Provide marked ADA accessible stall(s) in parking area.
- Improve general maintenance of buildings and structures.

Long-Term

- Install playground equipment.
- Improve/add amenities including picnic tables and benches.

Fox Lane Conservancy

The Village Plan Commission has identified the following priority improvements for Fox Lane Park:

- Add bicycle/pedestrian trail to connect to Fox Ln Park and Badger Conservancy to the south.

New Neighborhood Parks

As presented in Map 4, there are a total of three (3) future neighborhood parks intended to serve areas that are along the Village boundary or beyond but within the proposed urban service area as established in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. These areas are anticipated to develop over the next 20+ years. These neighborhood parks should be easily accessible to the surrounding neighborhood with safe walking and bicycling access via the planned pedestrian/bicycle trail system also shown on Map 4.

These parks should be approximately 3 to 5 acres in size and serve an area within a 0.5-mile radius. Acquisition and development of these neighborhood parks should be made part of any proposed residential subdivision developments through land dedication, land acquisition fees-in-lieu-of-dedication, and/or park impact fees. Neighborhood parks should be developed according to park design standards established in this plan.

Mini Parks

New Mini Parks

The Village doesn't have an existing mini parks as defined within this plan, although community and neighborhood parks include facilities such as playgrounds that would be found in a mini park. As presented in Map 4, there are a total of eight (8) future mini parks intended to serve areas that are along

the Village boundary or beyond both within and beyond the proposed urban service area as established in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. These areas are anticipated to develop over the next 20 years and beyond. These mini parks should be easily accessible to the surrounding neighborhood with safe walking and bicycling access via the planned pedestrian/bicycle trail system also shown on Map 4.

These parks should be approximately 0.5 to 2 acres in size and serve an area within a 0.25-mile radius. Acquisition and development of these neighborhood parks should be made part of any proposed residential subdivision developments through land dedication, land acquisition fees-in-lieu-of-dedication, and/or park impact fees. Mini parks should be developed according to park design standards established in this plan.

Special Use Parks

Heyer Park

The Village Park Commission has identified the following priority improvements for Heyer Park:

Short-term

- Install lighting improvements to highlight landscape features.
- Add sidewalks/paths into the park from the perimeter to improve ADA accessibility.

Long-Term

- Improve/add amenities including tables and benches.
- Install pavilion for events

Undesignated Recreational Facilities

Other recreational facilities that are intended to be developed at future park sites or the expansion of Toyton Park should follow the Design Standards for each park type established in this Plan.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail System & Priority Segments

Bicycle and pedestrian travel are extremely important for the Village of Walworth where primary school, shopping, and recreation uses are generally within walking distance of one another. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are also important for commuting and recreational use. Portions of the Village are well served by sidewalks, although significant gaps in the network exist. Sidewalks are particularly important along routes to schools, parks, and businesses, and in areas with large populations of elderly persons or children.

This plan brings forward the bicycle and pedestrian trail system recommendations from the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Recommended bicycle and pedestrian routes are presented on Map 4. For both existing routes and as new areas of the Village are developed, the Village will need to determine whether on-street or off-street facilities are more appropriate, based on the neighborhood street layout, traffic volumes, and the availability, dedication and/or acquisition of right-of-way. Signage should be installed along path routes where they intersect roads to promote visibility and usage by Village residents.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Segment Types

- On-Street Bicycle Lane

A signed and striped bicycle lane is the preferred bicycle accommodation on busier streets (generally more than 2,000 vehicles per day). Striping bicycle lanes establishes designated traffic

channels that promote an orderly flow by both cyclists and motorists. According to AASHTO's Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, the recommended minimum width for a designated bike lane is 4 feet (not including the gutter pan). Where on-street parking is provided, the bike lane should be located between traffic and parked cars with a minimum 8-foot wide parking lane and 5-foot wide bike lane. Where a combined on-street parking and bike lane is provided, the minimum width of the lane should be 11 feet. Bike lanes should be maintained on a regular basis through street sweeping to remove any sand, gravel, and/or debris.

- Rural Roads with Bicycle Facilities

Rural roadways with high traffic volumes (generally more than 1,000 vehicles per day) can best accommodate bicycle use through the construction of widened, paved shoulders. Paved shoulders intended to benefit bicyclists should be at least 4 feet wide. On rural roadways with low traffic volumes (generally less than 1,000 vehicles per day), cyclists can "share" the roadway with motorists without widened shoulders.

- On-Street Bicycle Routes

On-street bike routes are generally recommended to provide a continuous bike route system. These types of routes provide good access to many origins and destinations throughout a community. Bicyclists typically find that sharing roadway space with automobiles is most feasible on local streets in residential areas with low automobile traffic volumes (< 2,000 vehicles per day) and slow speed limits (< 30 mph). Maintaining on-street bike routes is relatively inexpensive and can be accomplished primarily by eliminating basic hazards to bike travel, including parallel drainage grates, rough at-grade railroad crossings, rumble strips, pot holes, pavement seams, and gravel and debris along the curbside. Preferred routes, which provide direct access to major destinations, may be signed with a bicycle symbol and in some cases, directional arrows.

- Off-Street Paths (see typical design standard section)

Bicycle and walking facilities separated from the street and road system are referred to as off-street paths. In addition to providing recreational opportunities, off-street paths provide a safe environment desired by less skilled cyclists. These paths are most effective when they provide system continuity and adequate access points to on-street bike routes that encompass the remainder of the Village's bicycle system.

Off-street paths intended for intense bicycle and pedestrian use within an urban area should have a minimum paved surface 8 to 10-feet wide or more to accommodate two-way travel. Bicycle and walking paths intended for less intense use may be 6 to 8-feet wide and surfaced with crushed limestone or similar materials. Walking paths that require minimum impact, such as in a natural area, are generally 6 feet wide, with a soft surface such as grass or wood chips.

- Neighborhood Paths & Linkages

Neighborhood Paths and Linkages are connectors between neighborhood and community parks and the adjoining neighborhoods. There may also be neighborhood paths and linkages connected to schools and neighborhood commercial districts. These linkages and paths are generally designed as part of the site planning for newly developing neighborhoods or subdivision plats and are implemented at the time of plat development.

Like off-street paths, neighborhood paths and linkages generally consist of either sidewalks or off-street paved pathways. Pathways designed for combined pedestrian and bicycle use should be 8 to 10-feet in width.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail System Priority Segments

Both existing and planned future bicycle/pedestrian trail routes are presented in Map 4. Priority should be given to segments that connect to existing routes, major streets, and schools.

Implementation

The recommended improvements to the Village of Walworth's park and open space system described in this plan will be phased over time. The timing and extent of these improvements will be determined by private landowner decisions to develop their property for residential use and by the availability of funds by the Village to make the necessary acquisitions or improvements.

There are a number of potential funding sources available to help finance implementation. These funding sources are identified at the end of this plan. Funds from programs are subject to change due to uncertainties with current federal and state budgets.

In addition to the recommendations listed above regarding the improvement of existing parks, the acquisition of new park sites, and the construction of bicycle/pedestrian trails in the Village, the following actions and activities are necessary to adequately implement the goals, policies, and recommendations of this plan:

- The Village should reestablish a Park Commission to implement and regularly update this Plan. The Park Commission, working closely with the Village Board, should also establish a rolling 5-year maintenance and capital improvement program to provide a means of accomplishing goals and objectives.
- Utilize outside funding sources whenever possible, including matching grants and other financial assistance, available for the acquisition and/or development of parks, recreation facilities, and trails. Local expenditures and private contributions should be applied as the locally funded matching funds under these and other cost-sharing programs.
- The Village should approach civic groups, service organizations, and business and neighborhood associations about cost-sharing and other means of defraying maintenance costs for existing park facilities.
- The Village should update its land dedication and/or fee-in-lieu dedication requirements and park improvement impact fees to reflect the recommendations of this plan.
- In general accordance with Map 4, the Village should require future park land dedications and off-street bicycle/pedestrian paths and trail linkages within subdivisions and other development.
- Update the Village's official map to include future parks and trails identified in this plan to ensure that as lands in the community are developed, these facilities are incorporated into the design of subdivisions and site plans.

Park Land Acquisition, Development Costs and Alternative Funding Sources

To assist in budgeting and planning for future park and recreation facilities, the following section provides an analysis of park land dedication requirements and estimated park and recreation facility costs. This information is also provided to assist in updating the Village's park acquisition and park improvement impact fees imposed under Wisconsin Statutes §66.0617 and §236.29 on new land development.

Park Land Dedication & Fee-in-Lieu of Dedication

Map 4 indicates the general recommended locations of future mini parks and community neighborhood parks. These parks are intended to serve those areas where new residential development is expected to occur as the Village develops. It is anticipated that land for future parks will be acquired through the park land dedication requirement of the Village Land Division Ordinance.

Developers are currently required to dedicate sufficient land area to provide adequate park, playground, recreation and open space to meet the needs to be created by and to be provided for the land division, subdivision or comprehensive development equivalent to one (1) acre for every 75 potential dwelling units. Although the Land Division Ordinance allows the Village to accept fees-in-lieu-of-land dedication, it is recommended that the Village require land dedications where future parks are anticipated to be needed or expanded as outlined in this plan. The location and type of land accepted by the Village or the combination of land dedication and fees should be negotiated at the time a development is approved with the details of such land dedication and fees addressed in a Development Agreement.

Dedication Requirement & Fee-in-Lieu of Dedication Estimates

Based on a projected population increase of 888 persons by the year 2040 (from 2,832 in 2017 to 3,720) and an overall desired park LOS of 16 acres per 1,000 population, the Village will need to acquire an additional 27.79 acres of park land by 2040. The existing park area deficiency is 13.58 acres (the current level of service provided by existing parks is 11.20 acres/1,000 population vs. the recommended 16 acres/1,000 population LOS standard), so discounting the existing deficiency the park acreage needs attributable to future development is 14.21 acres.

Assuming the increase in population by 2040 results in an additional 344 housing units (2.58 persons per household on average), every new housing unit developed between now and 2040 would require a land dedication of 1,800 square feet of land (approximately .041 acres/unit) in order to meet the minimum park land needs attributable to new development by 2040. Land dedicated pursuant to this provision must be suitable for the development of a mini park, neighborhood park or expansion of the Toynton community park. The current land dedication requirements within the Village Land Division Ordinance requires about 580 square feet of land for each new housing unit (1 acre/75 housing units), which is considerably less than recommended by this Plan.

As an alternative to the dedication of actual land within a particular development, the village should allow for the payment of an equivalent "fee-in-lieu of land dedication" so that the Village could acquire the necessary land in the appropriate locations to meet this demand. The table on the following page provides an estimated park land cost to meet the needs of the total park land deficiency by the year 2040 as well as the deficiency attributable to only new housing units. The cost of park land attributable to each new housing unit within a 15-year timeframe (year 2033) is estimated at \$1,360 and is only slightly higher at \$1,363 if the total plan timeframe (year 2040) is considered.

Estimated Park Land Cost

Variable	Description	2018	2033 ¹	2040
A	All Housing Units ²	1,188	1,490	1,532
B	Additional (New) Housing Units	0	302	344
C	Park Acreage Needs Total	13.58	26.03	27.79
D	Park Acreage Needs Attributable to New Housing Units Only	0	12.45	14.21
E	Land Cost per Acre ³	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
E	Park Land Cost to Meet Total Park Acreage Deficiency [E*C]	\$448,140	\$858,990	\$917,070
F	Park Land Cost to Meet Park Acreage Deficiency Attributable to New Housing Units [D*E]	\$0	\$410,850	\$468,930
G	Park Land Cost per New Housing Unit to Meet Total Acreage Deficiency [E/B]	\$0	\$2,844	\$2,666
H	Park Land Cost per New Housing Unit to Meet Acreage Attributable to New Housing Units Only [F/B]	\$0	\$1,360	\$1,363

Source: Wisconsin DOA and Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC

¹ Year 2033 represents a 15-year time horizon for impact fee calculation purposes.

² Housing unit projections based on population forecasts using 2.58 persons per household.

³ Assumes a land cost per acre estimate of \$30,000 + 10% for engineering/legal costs

Park & Recreation Facility Costs & Fee-in-Lieu of Park Improvement Estimates

Estimated improvement costs for new park facilities are presented on the following page. These are intended to estimate the costs for a new or expanded park facility based on general standards for each of these park types set forth in this plan. The estimates were based on a number of sources including actual cost estimates or bids (when available), by reviewing park expenditures from other Wisconsin communities, and Foth estimates. These costs represent average expenditures and may vary depending upon a variety of factors including exact type of facility, size, and quality.

Based on a projected population increase of 888 persons by the year 2040 (from 2,832 in 2018 to 3,720) and estimated improvement costs for new and expanded parks, it is estimated that the Village will need to develop a total of \$997,619 (2018 dollars) worth of park improvements in new/expanded parks by the Year 2040 attributable to new housing units. This estimate does not include improvement costs associated with new/expanded parks to meet existing 2018 LOS deficiencies. The total estimate for park improvement costs in new/expanded parks to meet total village needs by 2040 is \$2,088,362 (\$1,090,743 of which is attributable to meet the needs of the existing population). None of these numbers include planned park improvements for existing park facilities.

Assuming the increase in population by 2040 results in an additional 344 housing units, unless appropriate improvements are installed by the developer, every new housing unit developed between now and 2040 should contribute the equivalent of \$2,900 in park improvement fees (\$265 for mini park improvements, \$1,073 for neighborhood parks, and \$1,562 for community parks (Toynton Park expansion)).

Estimated Improvement Costs for New Park Facilities

Improvement	Cost	Mini Park	Neighborhood Park	Community Park
Shelter/Pavilion (small)	\$60,000 ea	-	-	\$60,000
Restrooms (men/women)	\$80,000 ea	-	-	-
Playground Equipment	\$30,000 ea	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Athletic Fields	\$25,000 ea	-	\$25,000	\$50,000
Ball Courts (2 small or 1 large)	\$80,000 ea	-	\$80,000	\$160,000
Splash Pad	\$250,000 ea	-	-	-
Benches	\$500 ea	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
Picnic Tables	\$1,000 ea	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$8,000
Bike Rack	\$300 ea	\$300	\$300	\$300
Drinking Fountain	\$1,500 ea	-	\$1,500	-
Trash Receptacle	\$400 ea	\$400	\$1,200	\$1,200
Landscaping	\$1,000 ac	\$500	\$4,000	\$13,000
Signage	\$1,500 ea	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Parking Lot - Asphalt (5,000 SF)	\$25,000 ea	-	\$25,000	\$50,000
Multi-Use Path	\$10 LF	-	\$4,000	\$8,000
Site Grading	\$25,000 ac	\$12,500	\$100,000	\$325,000
Design and Engineering (10%)		\$3,520	\$21,150	\$41,950
Total Improvement Cost per Park		\$51,220	\$332,650	\$786,450
Cost per Acre ¹		\$102,440	\$83,163	\$60,496.15
Acres Required by Year 2040		3.72	11.08	12.99
Total Park Improvement Cost		\$381,077	\$921,441	\$785,845
Acres Required by Year 2040 Attributable to New Housing		0.89	4.44	8.88
Total Park Improvement Cost Attributable to New Housing		\$91,172	\$369,242	\$537,206
Improvement Cost per New Housing Unit - Yr 2040 ²		\$265	\$1,073	\$1,562

Source: Foth Infrastructure & Environment

¹ Assumes average park size of 0.5 acres for mini-parks, 4 acres for neighborhood parks, and a 13-acre expansion for Toynton (community) Park

State of Wisconsin and Federal Grant Funding Programs

Program	Purpose	Funding Details	Notes	Administrative Agency
Federal Programs				
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	To acquire or develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.	50% of eligible project costs. Land acquisition. Land preservation. Development of recreational facilities.	The project should be consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (adopted by WDNR).	Wisconsin DNR
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	To develop and maintain recreational trails and facilities for both motorized and nonmotorized recreational trail uses.	Grant awards not to exceed \$200,000; Two-thirds of the total funding will be used for projects at the \$200,000 cap and the remaining one-third will be used for projects at a \$45,000 cap. Project categories include: nonmotorized, motorized, and diversified. 50% match requirement.	For projects to advance a specific goal or are included in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).	Wisconsin DNR with Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act funds
Community Development Block Grant - Public Facilities (CDBG - PF)	To support infrastructure and facility projects for communities.	Award up to 50% of project cost up to \$500,000.	Typical projects involve streets, sidewalks, water and sewer systems, storm water drainage and retention, senior and community centers, accessibility modification and other similar types of activities.	Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) - Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR)
National Programs				
Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund	To support organizations and municipalities that are implementing projects to build and improve multi-use trails.	3-4 grants awarded in \$5,000 - \$10,000 range. 1-2 grants awarded in the \$15,000 - \$50,000 range.	Applications for projects on rail-trails and rails-with-trails are given preference, but is not a requirement.	Rails to Trails Conservancy

Wisconsin Stewardship Programs	Purpose	Funding Details	Notes	Administrative Agency
Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)	To acquire land for public nature-based outdoor recreation and improve community recreation areas.	50% local match per project. Funds allocated on a regional basis, proportional to populations. Projects compete against other projects from their region. \$1 million available in SE region.	The project should be consistent with a local adopted Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), support multiple uses, are of regional significance, result in a first-of-kind facility for the applicant, involve two or more governmental agencies, provide accessible recreation opportunities.	Wisconsin DNR
Urban Green Space Grants (UGS)	To acquire land for open natural areas and community gardens within or in close proximity to urban areas.	50% local match per project. \$1.2 million available statewide.	Priority is given to and acquisition that preserves land on the natural heritage inventory database, that implement a priority of the SCORP, that implement approved master plans of two or more units of government or regional planning agencies, has water frontage, provides a linear corridor connecting open natural areas, and provides area for community gardens.	Wisconsin DNR
Urban Rivers Grants (UR)	To acquire land adjacent to urban rivers and develop shoreline enhancements to preserve, enhance or restore the river's natural resource values and provide opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.	50% local match per project. No applicant can receive more than 20% of the UR funds allocated in any fiscal year. \$1.2 million available statewide. Project funding is capped at \$240,000.	Eligible projects include riparian buffer rehabilitation, shoreline stabilization, engineering and design costs for approved shoreline enhancement, multi-purpose shelter buildings, fences or lighting for public safety and projects that support nature-based outdoor recreation.	Wisconsin DNR
Acquisition of Development Rights (ADR)	To acquire development rights to protect nature-based outdoor recreation.	50% local match per project.	Priority is given to property with water frontage, property that provides a buffer between developed and natural areas, land that connects existing natural resource protection areas, and land within DNR project boundaries.	Wisconsin DNR

Local Programs	Purpose	Funding Details	Notes	Administrative Agency
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	To fund projects and activities of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation.	80% federal/20% local match.	Eligible projects must include an eligible sponsor, an activity connected to surface transportation or other eligible activity, and demonstrate an ability to timely commence.	WisDOT
Surface Transportation Program -Urban (STP-U)	To improve federal-aid eligible highways within urban areas (population 5,000+).	80% federal/20% local match.	Projects must meet federal and state requirements. Communities are eligible for funding on roads functionally classified as collector or higher. Funds can also be used for planning, transit, ridesharing and bicycle/pedestrian projects.	WisDOT
Surface Transportation Program -Rural (STP-R)	To improve roads and streets functionally classified as higher than rural minor collectors.	80% federal/20% local match.	Also non-highway projects including multi-modal facilities transit capital improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.	WisDOT
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	To improve air quality through highway efficiency improvements, carpooling, transit improvements, development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and alternative fuel facility and vehicle projects	Funds of \$10.7 million available annually. 80% federal /20%local sponsor funding. Construction projects must have a total projected expense of \$200,000 or more and non construction projects must have a total projected expense of \$50,000.	Only available in southeastern and northeastern Wisconsin non-attainment and maintenance counties, which includes Walworth County.	WisDOT

Section 402	Purpose	Funding Details	Notes	Administrative Agency
Highway Safety Funds				
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	To develop and implement safety projects designed to reduce the number and severity of crashes on all streets and highways (state and local)	90% federal/10% state or local funds.	Focused on infrastructure improvements identified through crash data. Includes high risk rural roads subprogram, which funds projects for construction and operational improvements on county rural major and minor collector roads.	WisDOT
Research Projects	Funds projects that focus on safety, financing, planning, economy, environment and other policy factors of transportation modes and agency operations.		The Policy Research Program continually accepts research project ideas from staff, partners and research institutions.	WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety
Other Programs				
Urban Forestry Grants	To improve a community's capacity to manage and maintain its trees and for public awareness.	Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and require a 50-50 match.	The project sponsor must initially fund 100 percent of project costs with cash, in-kind contributions and/or donations. Upon completion the project sponsor requests reimbursement for 50% of eligible costs.	WDNR

Appendix A - Maps

Map 1 - Regional Setting

Map 2 - Existing Park and Recreational Facilities

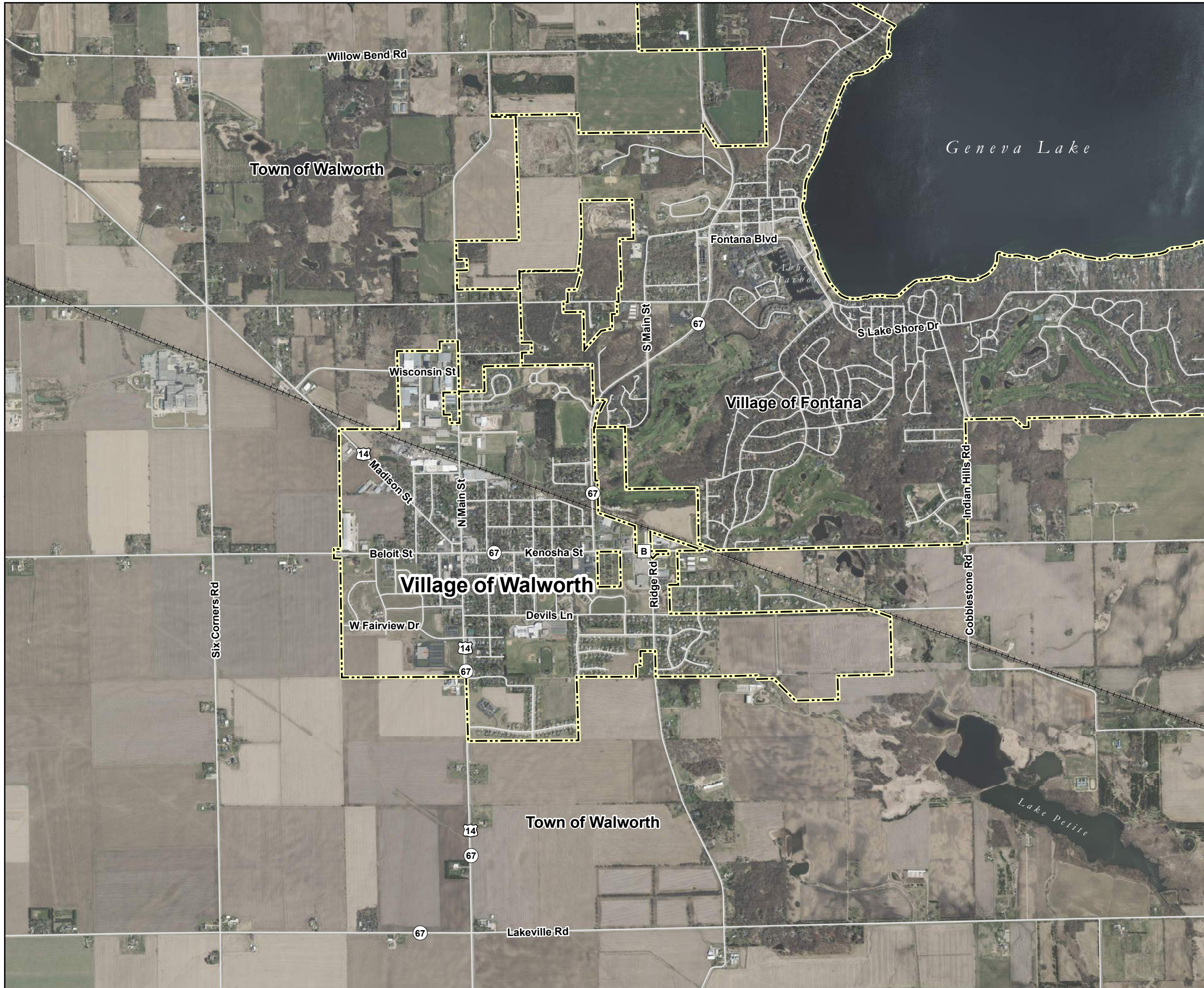
Map 3 - Existing Park Service Areas




Map 4 - Future Park and Recreational Facilities

MAP 1

REGIONAL SETTING

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH COMPREHENSIVE
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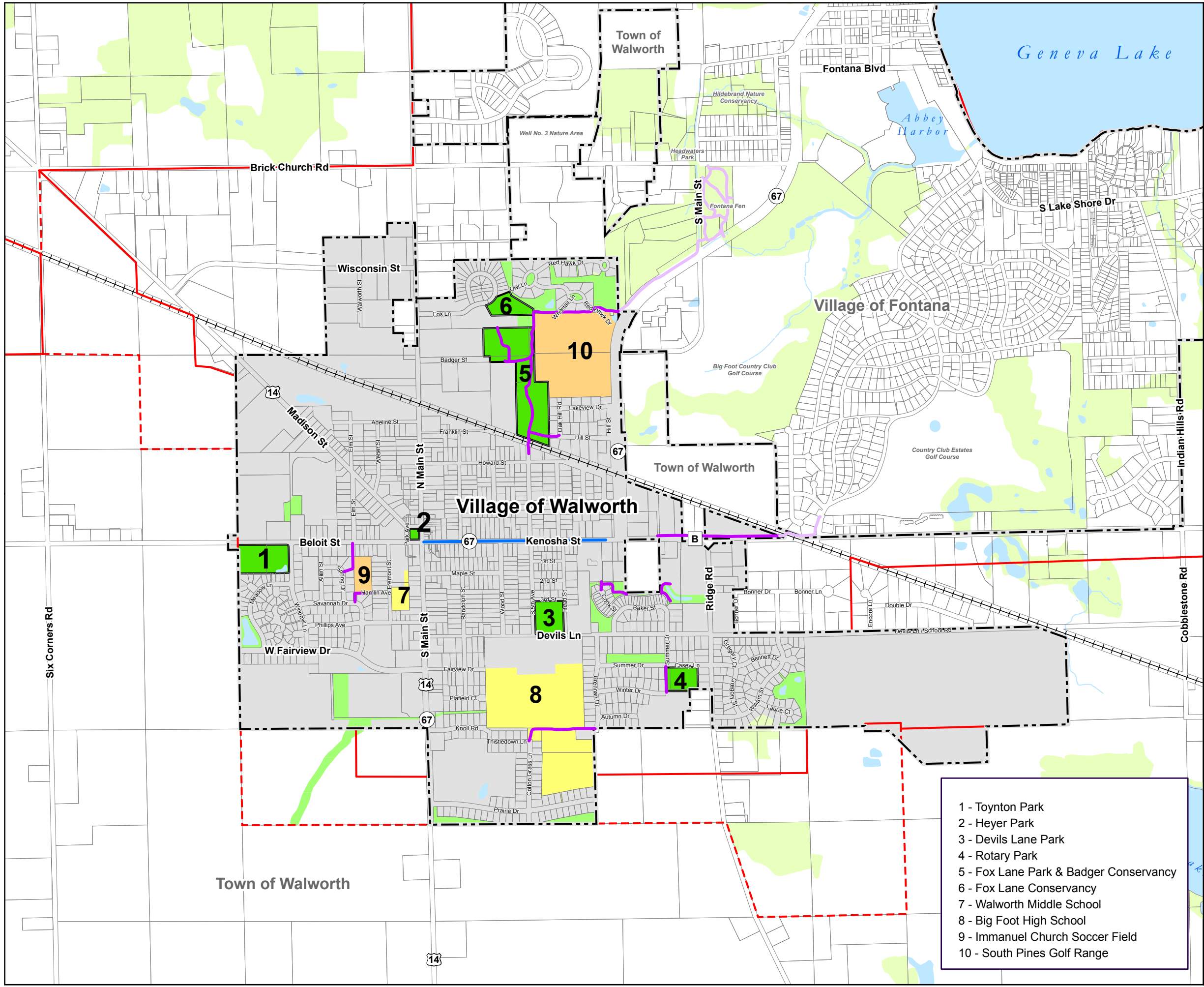


-  Municipal Boundaries
-  Roads
-  Railroad

MAP 2

EXISTING PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN



- Village Park
- School Recreation
- Private Recreation
- Open Space, Outlots and Stormwater Management

- Village Off-Street Multi-Use Trail/Path
- Other Off-Street Multi-Use Path
- On-Street Bike Lane/Area

- Municipal Boundaries
- Parcels
- Fontana-Walworth Sanitary Sewer Service Area (WDNR - April 2016)
- Proposed Walworth Urban Service Area
- Railroad
- Surface Water
- Environmental Corridors & Isolated Natural Resource Areas

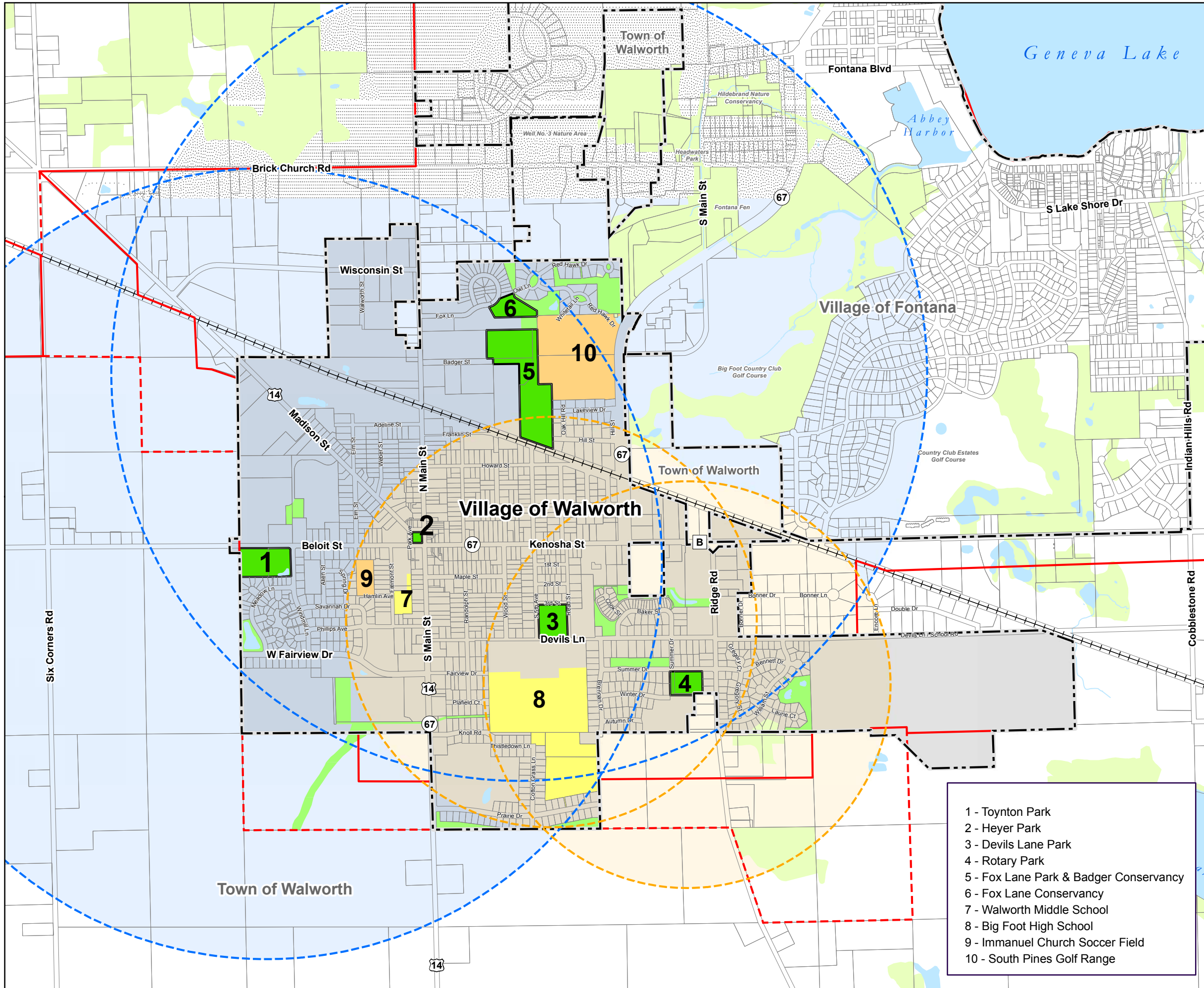
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- 2 - Heyer Park
- 3 - Devils Lane Park
- 4 - Rotary Park
- 5 - Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy
- 6 - Fox Lane Conservancy
- 7 - Walworth Middle School
- 8 - Big Foot High School
- 9 - Immanuel Church Soccer Field
- 10 - South Pines Golf Range

Map source: Walworth County, SEWRPC, and Village of Walworth. May 2018



MAP 3 EXISTING PARK SERVICE AREAS

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH COMPREHENSIVE
OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN



- Village Park
- School Recreation
- Private Recreation
- Open Space, Outlots and Stormwater Management

- Neighborhood Park Service Area
- Community Park Service Area

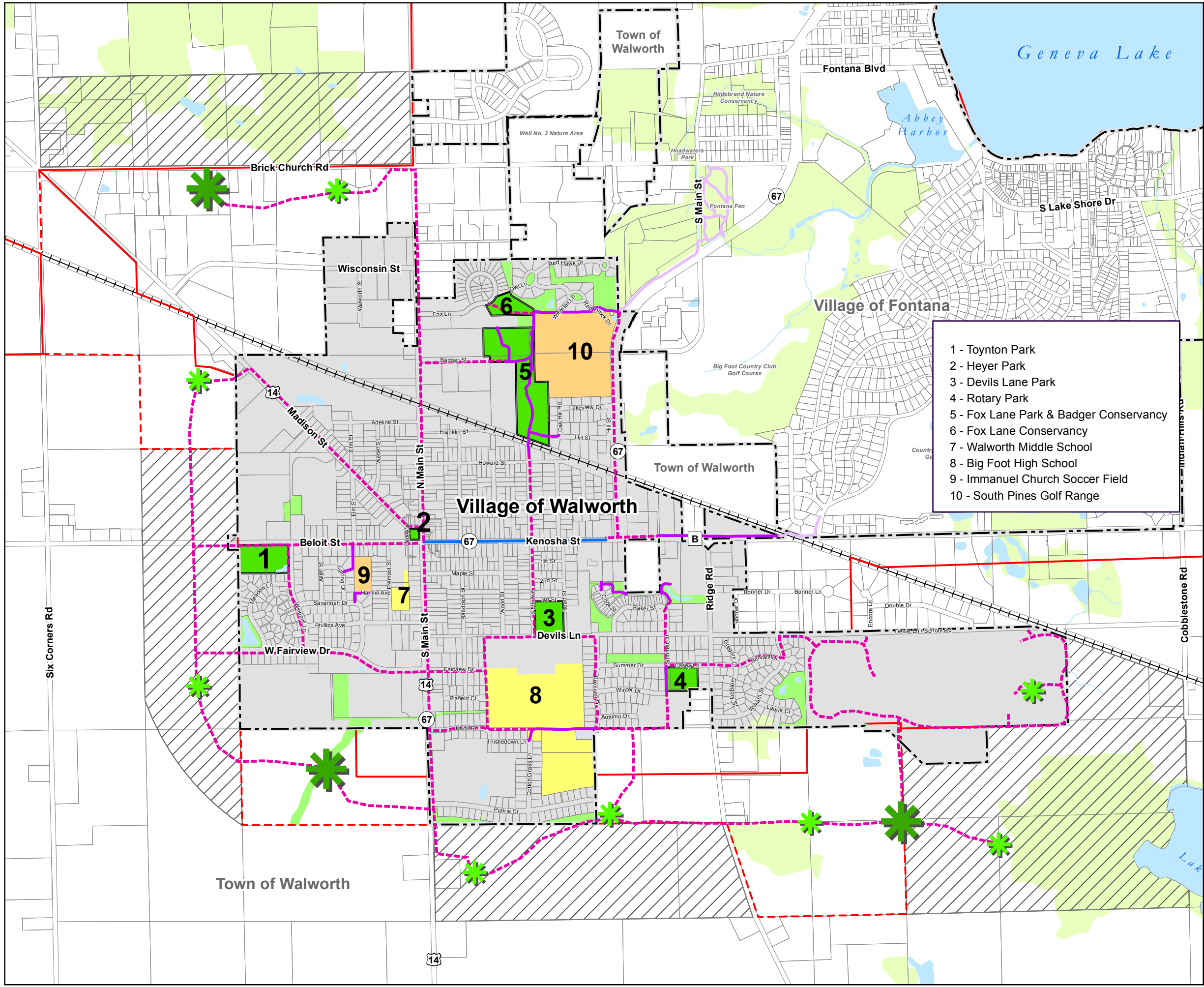
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MAP 4

FUTURE PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN



- 1 - Toynton Park
- 2 - Heyer Park
- 3 - Devils Lane Park
- 4 - Rotary Park
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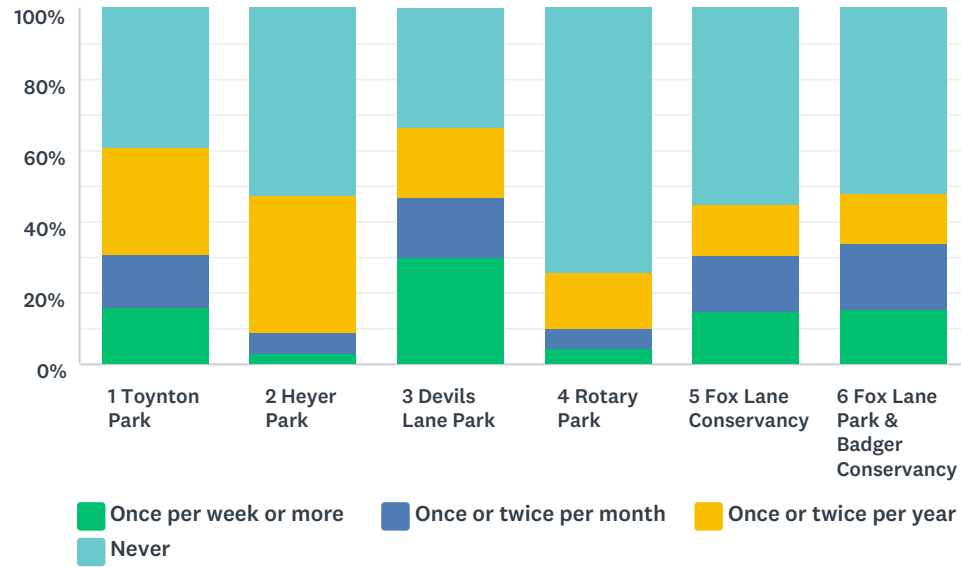
- Village Park
- School Recreation
- Private Recreation
- Open Space, Outlots and Stormwater Management
- Future Mini Park
- Future Neighborhood Park
- Village Off-Street Multi-Use Trail/Path
- Other Off-Street Multi-Use Path
- On-Street Bike Lane/Area
- Proposed Off-Street Multi-Use Trail/Path
- Municipal Boundaries
- Parcels
- Fontana-Walworth Sanitary Sewer Service Area (WDNR - April 2016)
- Proposed Walworth Urban Service Area
- Long Range Urban Growth Area
- Railroad
- Surface Water
- Environmental Corridors & Isolated Natural Resource Areas

Appendix B - Community Survey Results

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey

Q1 During the months of April through October, about how often does your household use the following Village park facilities? (Please refer to the below map)

Answered: 205 Skipped: 9

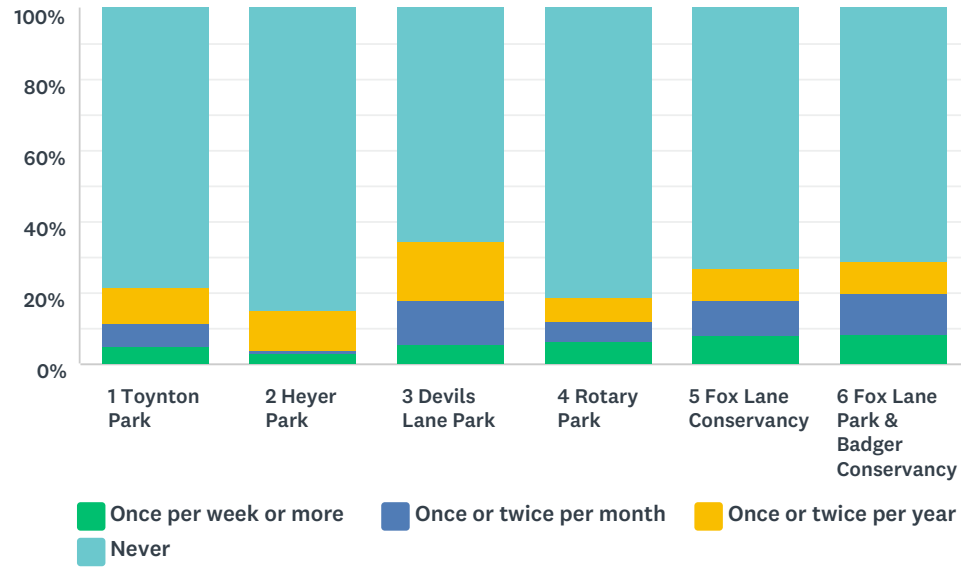


	ONCE PER WEEK OR MORE	ONCE OR TWICE PER MONTH	ONCE OR TWICE PER YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL
1 Toynton Park	15.84% 32	15.35% 31	29.70% 60	39.11% 79	202
2 Heyer Park	3.02% 6	6.03% 12	38.69% 77	52.26% 104	199
3 Devils Lane Park	30.00% 60	17.00% 34	19.50% 39	33.50% 67	200
4 Rotary Park	4.64% 9	5.15% 10	15.98% 31	74.23% 144	194
5 Fox Lane Conservancy	15.08% 30	15.58% 31	14.57% 29	54.77% 109	199
6 Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy	15.35% 31	18.81% 38	13.86% 28	51.98% 105	202

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey

Q2 During the months of November to March, about how often does your household use the following Village park facilities? (Please refer to the below map)

Answered: 204 Skipped: 10

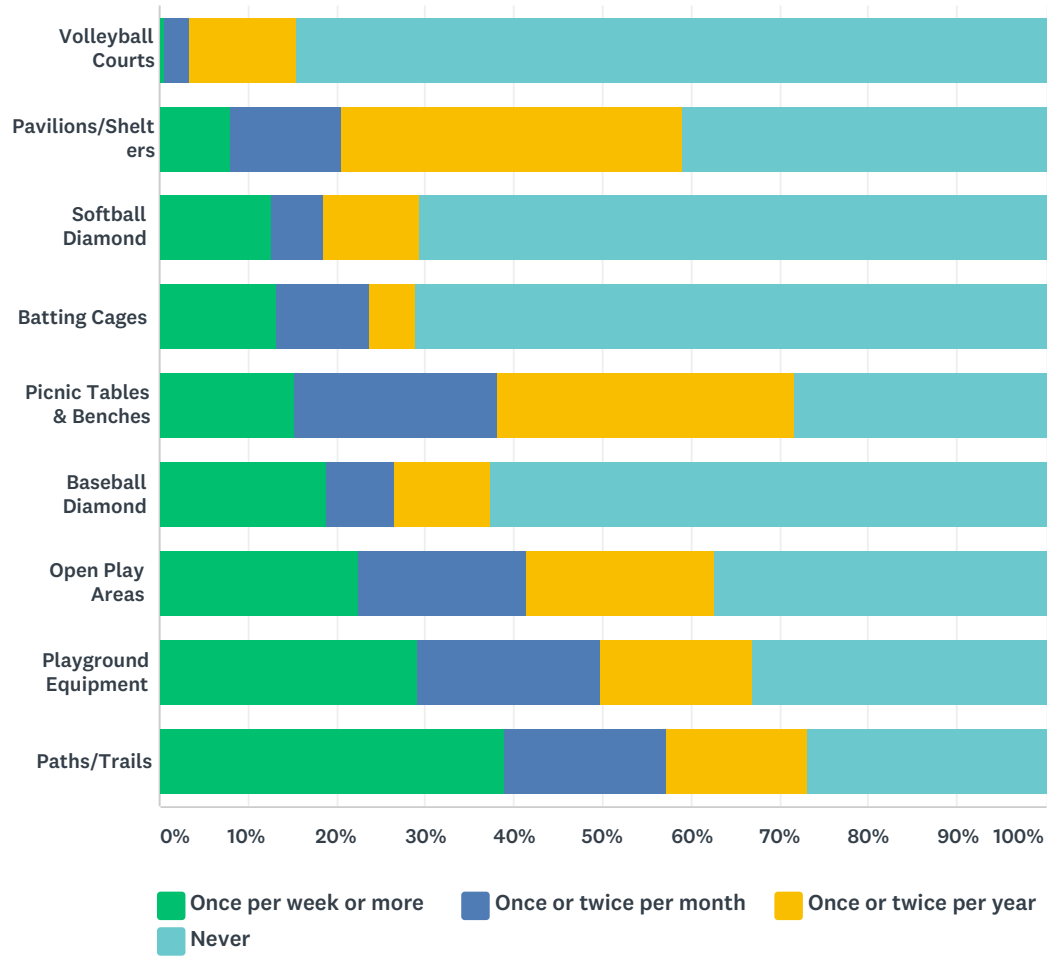


	ONCE PER WEEK OR MORE	ONCE OR TWICE PER MONTH	ONCE OR TWICE PER YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL
1 Toynton Park	5.03% 10	6.53% 13	10.05% 20	78.39% 156	199
2 Heyer Park	2.99% 6	1.00% 2	10.95% 22	85.07% 171	201
3 Devils Lane Park	5.56% 11	12.63% 25	16.16% 32	65.66% 130	198
4 Rotary Park	6.53% 13	5.53% 11	7.04% 14	80.90% 161	199
5 Fox Lane Conservancy	8.00% 16	10.00% 20	9.00% 18	73.00% 146	200
6 Fox Lane Park & Badger Conservancy	8.46% 17	11.44% 23	8.96% 18	71.14% 143	201

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey

Q3 The Village of Walworth currently provides the following recreational facilities. Please indicate how often your household uses each during the months of April through October:

Answered: 177 Skipped: 37



	ONCE PER WEEK OR MORE	ONCE OR TWICE PER MONTH	ONCE OR TWICE PER YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL
Volleyball Courts	0.57%	2.87%	12.07%	84.48%	174
	1	5	21	147	

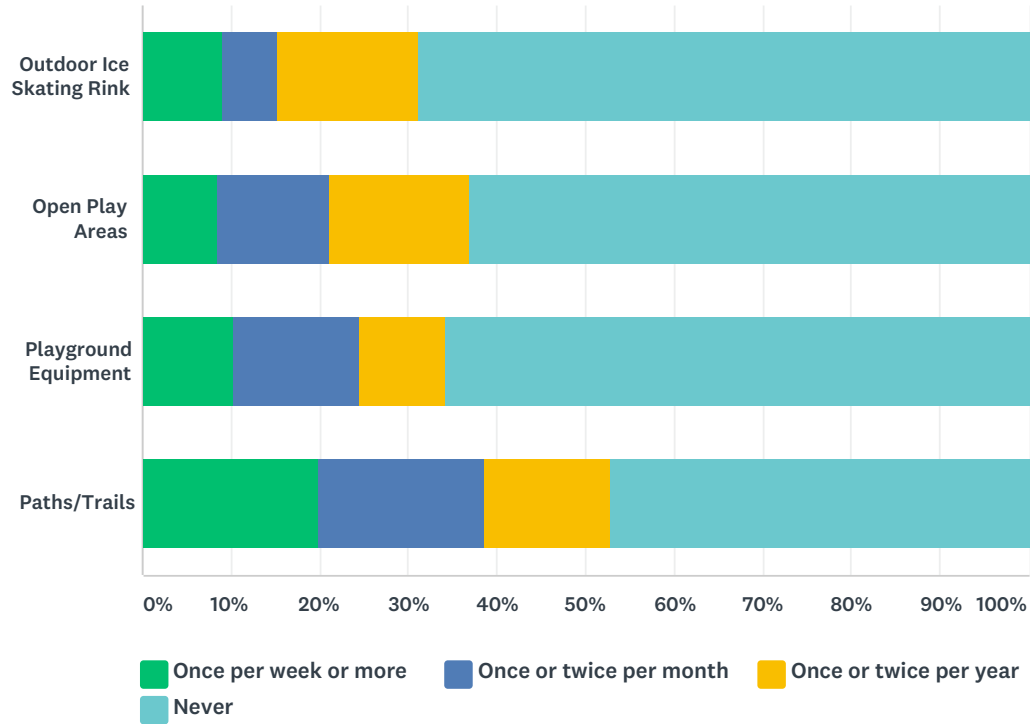
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Pavilions/Shelters	7.95% 14	12.50% 22	38.64% 68	40.91% 72	176
Softball Diamond	12.64% 22	5.75% 10	10.92% 19	70.69% 123	174
Batting Cages	13.29% 23	10.40% 18	5.20% 9	71.10% 123	173
Picnic Tables & Benches	15.34% 27	22.73% 40	33.52% 59	28.41% 50	176
Baseball Diamond	18.97% 33	7.47% 13	10.92% 19	62.64% 109	174
Open Play Areas	22.41% 39	18.97% 33	21.26% 37	37.36% 65	174
Playground Equipment	29.14% 51	20.57% 36	17.14% 30	33.14% 58	175
Paths/Trails	38.86% 68	18.29% 32	16.00% 28	26.86% 47	175

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey

Q4 The Village of Walworth currently provides the following recreational facilities. Please indicate how often your household uses each during the months of November through March:

Answered: 177 Skipped: 37

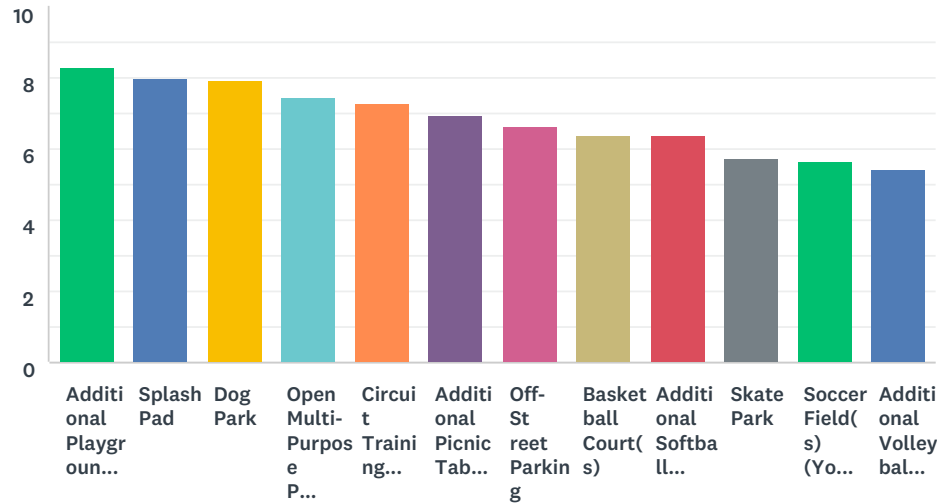


	ONCE PER WEEK OR MORE	ONCE OR TWICE PER MONTH	ONCE OR TWICE PER YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL
Outdoor Ice Skating Rink	9.04% 16	6.21% 11	15.82% 28	68.93% 122	177
Open Play Areas	8.52% 15	12.50% 22	15.91% 28	63.07% 111	176
Playground Equipment	10.23% 18	14.20% 25	9.66% 17	65.91% 116	176
Paths/Trails	19.89% 35	18.75% 33	14.20% 25	47.16% 83	176

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey

Q5 Please rank the following potential improvements for Toynton Park (1 being the highest).

Answered: 174 Skipped: 40



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Additional Playground Equipment	11.38% 19	13.77% 23	10.18% 17	12.57% 21	7.19% 12	5.99% 10	5.99% 10	2.99% 5	6.59% 11	1.80% 3	4.19% 7	1.20% 2	16.17% 27	167	8.29
Splash Pad	14.02% 23	10.98% 18	7.93% 13	7.93% 13	9.15% 15	5.49% 9	4.27% 7	3.05% 5	4.27% 7	5.49% 9	4.88% 8	2.44% 4	20.12% 33	164	7.98
Dog Park	19.51% 32	8.54% 14	9.76% 16	7.32% 12	4.88% 8	2.44% 4	6.71% 11	6.10% 10	4.88% 8	6.10% 10	3.66% 6	4.27% 7	15.85% 26	164	7.93
Open Multi-Purpose Play Areas	2.45% 4	8.59% 14	12.88% 21	9.82% 16	10.43% 17	11.04% 18	6.13% 10	6.13% 10	5.52% 9	3.68% 6	2.45% 4	3.07% 5	17.79% 29	163	7.43
Circuit Training Equipment/Exercise Stations	4.29% 7	12.27% 20	9.20% 15	4.91% 8	8.59% 14	9.82% 16	6.75% 11	4.91% 8	6.13% 10	4.29% 7	5.52% 9	2.45% 4	20.86% 34	163	7.28
Additional Picnic Tables & Benches	4.19% 7	9.58% 16	5.39% 9	10.18% 17	10.18% 17	6.59% 11	8.98% 15	9.58% 16	7.19% 12	4.79% 8	5.39% 9	2.40% 4	15.57% 26	167	6.95
Off-Street Parking Lot Improvements/Expansion	11.59% 19	4.27% 7	8.54% 14	4.88% 8	6.10% 10	7.93% 13	6.10% 10	6.10% 10	2.44% 4	6.10% 10	5.49% 9	10.98% 18	19.51% 32	164	6.67
Basketball Court(s)	4.91% 8	4.91% 8	4.29% 7	10.43% 17	9.82% 16	5.52% 9	3.07% 5	10.43% 17	6.75% 11	10.43% 17	7.36% 12	1.84% 3	20.25% 33	163	6.42

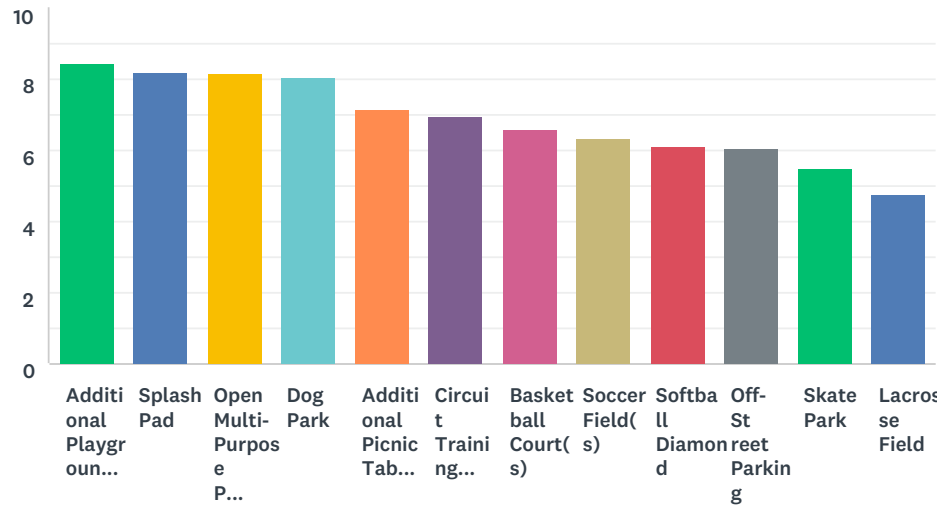
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Additional Softball Diamond	10.37% 17	6.10% 10	3.05% 5	2.44% 4	5.49% 9	6.71% 11	6.10% 10	9.76% 16	11.59% 19	6.10% 10	6.10% 10	4.88% 8	21.34% 35	164	6.38
Skate Park	4.82% 8	7.23% 12	7.23% 12	4.82% 8	6.02% 10	4.82% 8	6.02% 10	0.60% 1	6.02% 10	10.24% 17	8.43% 14	13.25% 22	20.48% 34	166	5.77
Soccer Field(s) (Youth)	4.29% 7	1.84% 3	6.13% 10	7.36% 12	4.29% 7	6.13% 10	8.59% 14	6.13% 10	8.59% 14	5.52% 9	7.36% 12	11.04% 18	22.70% 37	163	5.63
Additional Volleyball Courts	2.45% 4	1.84% 3	3.68% 6	3.68% 6	3.07% 5	9.20% 15	12.88% 21	10.43% 17	7.36% 12	9.20% 15	6.75% 11	5.52% 9	23.93% 39	163	5.44

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey

Q6 In light of the proposed Big Foot High School athletic facility expansion, if baseball at Devils Lane Park was replaced, please rank the following potential improvements for the park (1 being the highest).

Answered: 165 Skipped: 49



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Additional Playground Equipment	15.38% 24	14.74% 23	13.46% 21	9.62% 15	7.69% 12	4.49% 7	5.77% 9	3.85% 6	1.92% 3	4.49% 7	5.77% 9	1.28% 2	11.54% 18	156	8.46
Splash Pad	21.15% 33	10.90% 17	7.69% 12	6.41% 10	5.13% 8	5.77% 9	7.05% 11	7.69% 12	5.13% 8	5.13% 8	2.56% 4	2.56% 4	12.82% 20	156	8.19
Open Multi-Purpose Play Areas	8.61% 13	16.56% 25	13.91% 21	11.26% 17	7.95% 12	3.97% 6	5.96% 9	7.95% 12	3.31% 5	3.97% 6	4.64% 7	1.32% 2	10.60% 16	151	8.15
Dog Park	18.99% 30	10.13% 16	10.13% 16	6.96% 11	5.70% 9	4.43% 7	7.59% 12	5.70% 9	3.16% 5	4.43% 7	3.80% 6	5.06% 8	13.92% 22	158	8.04
Additional Picnic Tables & Benches	3.29% 5	9.87% 15	11.18% 17	13.16% 20	7.89% 12	7.89% 12	7.24% 11	6.58% 10	8.55% 13	4.61% 7	5.26% 8	3.29% 5	11.18% 17	152	7.15
Circuit Training Equipment/Exercise Stations	6.54% 10	8.50% 13	11.11% 17	5.23% 8	5.88% 9	7.19% 11	5.88% 9	7.19% 11	11.76% 18	4.58% 7	5.23% 8	3.27% 5	17.65% 27	153	6.96

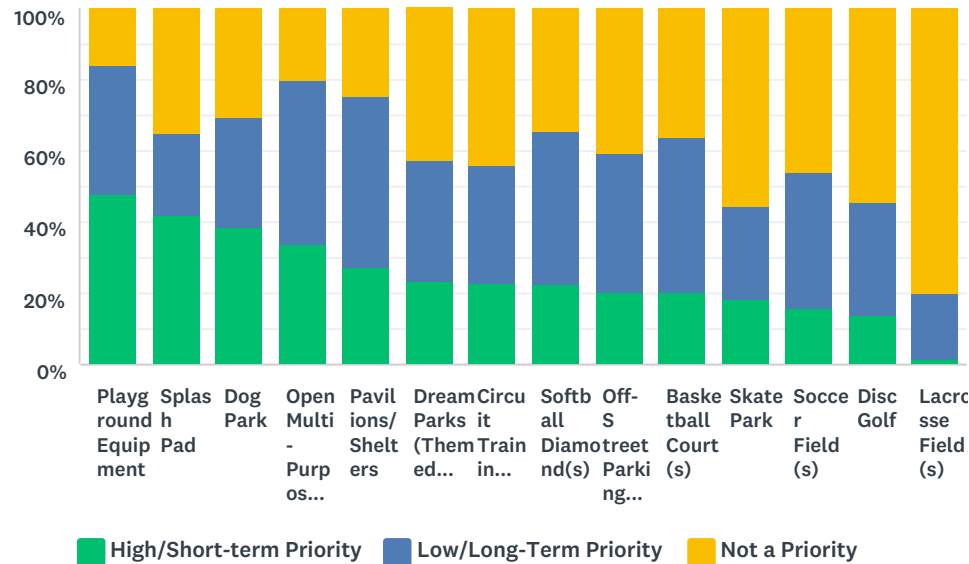
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Basketball Court(s)	4.58% 7	5.88% 9	6.54% 10	6.54% 10	6.54% 10	15.69% 24	9.15% 14	6.54% 10	4.58% 7	9.80% 15	5.23% 8	3.27% 5	15.69% 24	153	6.58
Soccer Field(s)	3.40% 5	1.36% 2	8.84% 13	7.48% 11	10.20% 15	6.80% 10	10.88% 16	7.48% 11	8.84% 13	5.44% 8	5.44% 8	4.08% 6	19.73% 29	147	6.36
Softball Diamond	7.48% 11	7.48% 11	2.72% 4	5.44% 8	6.12% 9	8.16% 12	6.12% 9	7.48% 11	8.16% 12	4.76% 7	10.20% 15	8.84% 13	17.01% 25	147	6.08
Off-Street Parking Lot	2.65% 4	3.97% 6	4.64% 7	11.92% 18	13.25% 20	7.28% 11	5.30% 8	3.31% 5	7.95% 12	7.95% 12	3.97% 6	11.92% 18	15.89% 24	151	6.06
Skate Park	5.92% 9	3.95% 6	3.29% 5	4.61% 7	8.55% 13	5.26% 8	3.29% 5	8.55% 13	5.26% 8	13.16% 20	10.53% 16	8.55% 13	19.08% 29	152	5.52
Lacrosse Field	0.68% 1	2.04% 3	1.36% 2	4.76% 7	6.12% 9	8.16% 12	6.80% 10	6.12% 9	9.52% 14	7.48% 11	9.52% 14	12.93% 19	24.49% 36	147	4.73

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Q7 Please indicate what you view as a priority for future parks in the Village.

Answered: 172 Skipped: 42



	HIGH/SHORT-TERM PRIORITY	LOW/LONG-TERM PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	TOTAL
Playground Equipment	47.88% 79	36.36% 60	15.76% 26	165
Splash Pad	41.88% 67	23.13% 37	35.00% 56	160
Dog Park	38.41% 63	31.10% 51	30.49% 50	164
Open Multi-Purpose Play Areas	33.95% 55	46.30% 75	19.75% 32	162
Pavilions/Shelters	27.61% 45	47.85% 78	24.54% 40	163
Dream Parks (Themed Playgrounds)	23.75% 38	33.75% 54	42.50% 68	160
Circuit Training Equipment/Exercise Stations	22.84% 37	33.33% 54	43.83% 71	162

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Softball Diamond(s)	22.50% 36	43.13% 69	34.38% 55	160
Off-Street Parking Lots	20.63% 33	38.75% 62	40.63% 65	160
Basketball Court(s)	20.25% 32	43.67% 69	36.08% 57	158
Skate Park	18.75% 30	25.62% 41	55.63% 89	160
Soccer Field(s)	15.92% 25	38.22% 60	45.86% 72	157
Disc Golf	14.10% 22	31.41% 49	54.49% 85	156
Lacrosse Field(s)	1.28% 2	18.59% 29	80.13% 125	156

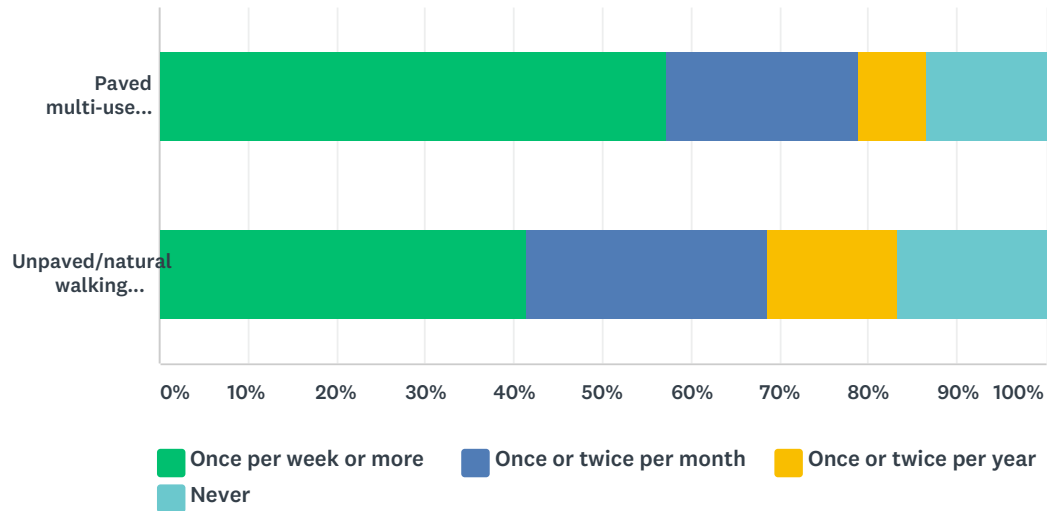
#	OTHER:	DATE
1	A park house for multi-indoor uses.	4/30/2018 3:29 PM
2	Why isnt the walworth elementary school playground on this survey...it is used the most in my opinion as a resource for kids to play.	4/26/2018 9:10 AM
3	We have a great baseball field only short minded people would waste tax payer money to build a new one. It was donated to be a ball field legally how can the village put anything else there. Not all residents want it gone there are solutions but the board does not want to hear them	4/22/2018 2:43 PM
4	M	4/5/2018 11:14 PM
5	Baseball fields for summer programs High Priority	3/29/2018 8:46 PM
6	Stop spending our money on stupid ----	3/28/2018 5:51 PM
7	Rotary park improvements/Hockey rink	3/28/2018 5:37 PM
8	I'd love if there were grills	3/28/2018 7:05 AM
9	Undeveloped space/conservation/walking trails	3/27/2018 2:47 PM
10	Dog park and skate park priority	3/27/2018 11:55 AM
11	As a teacher and mother of a young child, I think it is super important to fix/update/add-on to existing play equipment. Devil's Lane Park is the closest park to many neighborhoods. The equipment is very dirty and dangerous. There are broken pieces and sharp edges. The wood chips are decayed and the equipment needs to be pressure washed. The facilities are outdated and a bit scary. I would not take my young child in to use the restroom. Young families frequent Reid Park and Duck Pond because they offer high quality play and safer experiences for all. Updated play equipment, a skate park, and splash pad would bring the families back to the neighborhood. What about a community garden area? Volunteers from the community, as well as, high school/grade school students would be able to use the location for both learning opportunities and fun. This would encourage people to use the facility/shelter for parties and drive revenue for your program. Selling crops from the garden could do the same. A small farmer's market idea. Local businesses might be interested too in this idea.	3/27/2018 10:54 AM

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12	Pool at Rotary Park	3/27/2018 10:34 AM
13	The kitchen and bathrooms at Toyota are disgusting. It would be nice if the village took some interest in taking care of the nice facilities they currently have!	3/27/2018 8:35 AM
14	Baseball/wakingbbike paths	3/27/2018 8:27 AM
15	Wood chips not sticks	3/27/2018 8:01 AM

Q8 If conveniently located near your home, how often would/does your household use the following types of trails/paths for recreation?

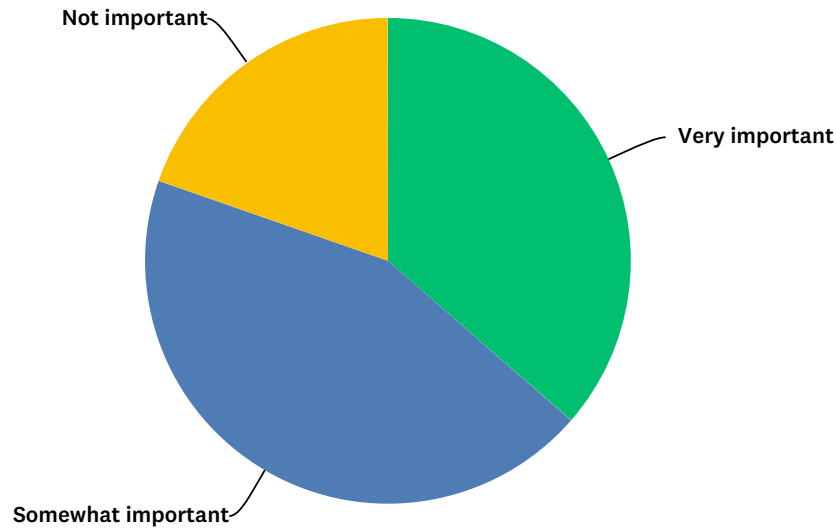
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	ONCE PER WEEK OR MORE	ONCE OR TWICE PER MONTH	ONCE OR TWICE PER YEAR	NEVER	TOTAL
Paved multi-use trail/path (walking/biking, etc)	57.31% 98	21.64% 37	7.60% 13	13.45% 23	171
Unpaved/natural walking trail/path	41.42% 70	27.22% 46	14.79% 25	16.57% 28	169

Q9 How important do you consider Village efforts to obtain private property or the use of private property through easements in an effort to link existing paths/trails with parks, neighborhoods, etc?

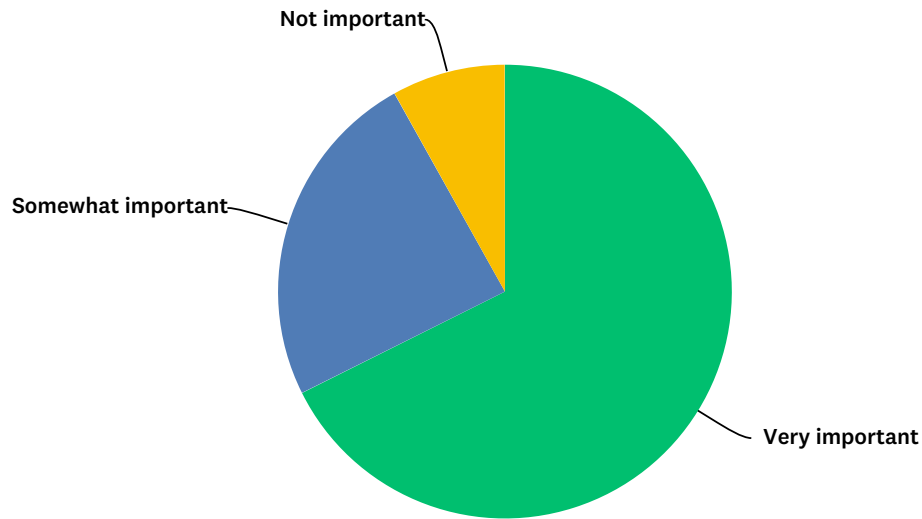
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	36.42%	63
Somewhat important	43.93%	76
Not important	19.65%	34
TOTAL		173

Q10 How important do you consider Village efforts to maintain open space, restore native areas, protect wildlife, and preserve natural areas?

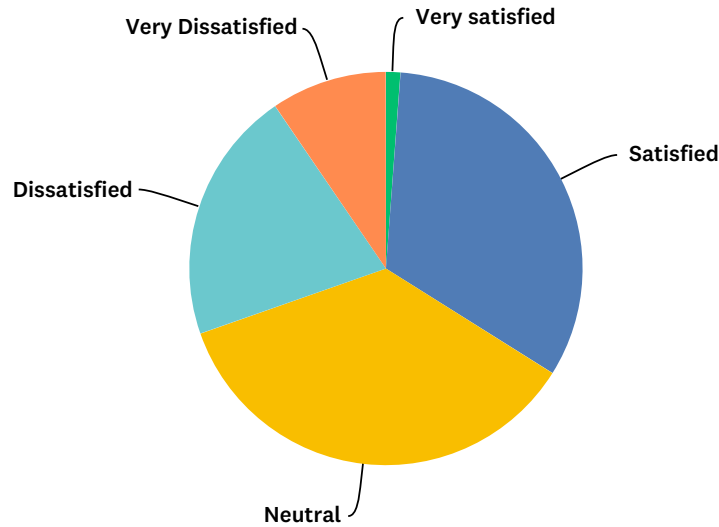
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	67.63%	117
Somewhat important	24.28%	42
Not important	8.09%	14
TOTAL		173

Q11 Please indicate your overall satisfaction with the Village of Walworth Park System.

Answered: 168 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	1.19%	2
Satisfied	32.74%	55
Neutral	35.71%	60
Dissatisfied	20.83%	35
Very Dissatisfied	9.52%	16
TOTAL		168

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENT:	DATE
1	Never use.	5/3/2018 9:45 AM
2	I'm sorry - I don't get out to the parks anymore.	5/3/2018 9:44 AM
3	I am a senior and do not participate myself regularly, but I like it for others.	5/3/2018 9:37 AM
4	Was not aware of all the parks in Walworth until we saw map.	5/3/2018 9:23 AM

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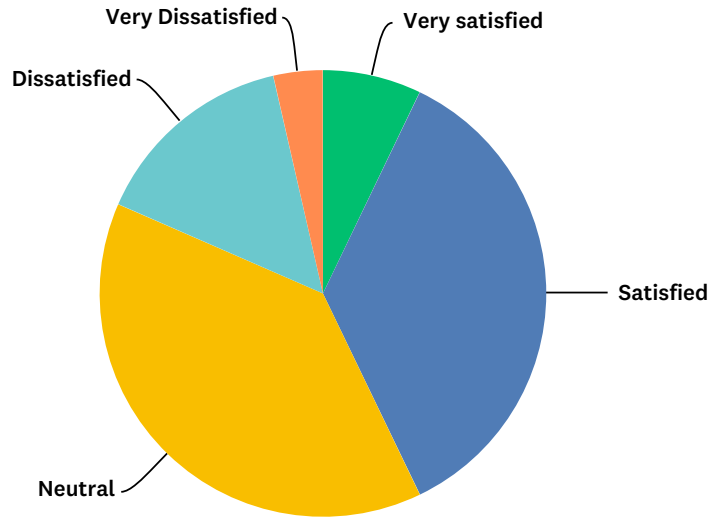
5	Would like the village consider the construction of a "park house" for multi-indoor uses.	4/30/2018 3:30 PM
6	Poor playground equipment. We use the elementary school grounds the most of all or fontana.	4/26/2018 9:12 AM
7	Because you have a few complainers you want to ruin the nicest park in the village all the home owners complaining bought or built their homes knowing there was a ball field there. Do you need to make it safer yes and they the ball club has been working on it let's work together as a community out in the open not in secret meetings	4/22/2018 2:47 PM
8	Love the bike trail and use this the most. When my kids were in baseball and soccer fields needed maintenance and were not in the best condition....the need for a youth gathering place for "hanging" out is needed for kids that are not involved in sports or off season. A youth center or skate park...something!	4/8/2018 7:17 PM
9	Retired. Rarely use existing parks	4/7/2018 7:56 AM
10	We need to keep our baseball field where it is	4/5/2018 11:32 PM
11	Love taking the kids but need to get a better playmat for the kids way too many sticks in the clippings at the parks. Also we don't need any more baseball fields anywhere in walworth or at the school	3/31/2018 3:38 PM
12	Some I don't use and others aren't on my radar due to location	3/30/2018 7:31 AM
13	We use the park located by Fox Lane often on our walks. We've come to use it and the equipment has been covered in pee (numerous times) or trash/broken toys scattered. Wish it was better maintained.	3/29/2018 8:18 PM
14	Only been around 2 years. We use the walking path for walks and running. Dog park would be great. Fenced in of course.	3/29/2018 7:10 PM
15	The parks are unkept and need updating	3/29/2018 12:49 PM
16	Some people don't even know about 1/2of these parks.	3/29/2018 4:08 AM
17	Really believe you need to work with the school for the baseball program. We are about a community and those students are doing something positive and rewarding. It has always been a place for our children to play their baseball games. It should not change	3/28/2018 10:33 PM
18	Not much effort/money is put forth by village for upkeep and maintenance of Toynton or Devils Lane parks. I realize they mow the grass, but don't seem to give much more attention to them. Many communities have very nice village owned baseball/ softball diamonds with top notch restrooms and shelters. Walworth is definitely not one of them. The field at Devils lane is very nice place to play thanks to a lot of community volunteers. I played on it when I was young and hope to have my kids play there as well. Many visiting teams comment as to how cool of venue it is. I can't believe people in this community are actually considering shutting down baseball there.	3/28/2018 9:20 PM
19	We have an awesome ball park at Devils Lane only an idiot would let that park go because of a few residents that built or bought their houses after the park was built. The village board should get a backbone and let the park stay.	3/27/2018 10:06 PM
20	Toynton bathrooms should be open during park hours	3/27/2018 8:56 PM
21	We should encourage more use of Devils and Toyton for softball and baseball	3/27/2018 8:49 PM
22	parks need updating and a dog park.	3/27/2018 8:09 PM
23	The parks are ok, but towns such as Burlington have creative learning parks that are AMAZING!	3/27/2018 6:08 PM
24	No basketball dog park or skate park	3/27/2018 5:45 PM

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25	Through the years, the village board has consistently ignored its parks and expressed little interest in improving them. Currently, its parks have been propped up by volunteers and private donors who have been able to bend the park plan to their own vision - without oversight from the Village. Consequently the Village park system is a discombobulated mess that does not best serve the interests of its residents. Not counting baseball/softball activities, I would argue Walworth are the least used parks in the area by its residents. I would further suggest that its residents are more apt to travel to other communities to use their parks rather than use its local parks. A working Parks Committee, with a budget and representation at the board level would be an appropriate first step to aid in improving its parks. By improving parks, it attracts residents, businesses, improves quality of life, raises property values, and can be a source of pride for its residents. Walworth does have a passionate core of residents that understand the value of parks in the community. It's now time to allow their enthusiasm to be directed in fixing the inattention that the parks have been receiving.	3/27/2018 4:05 PM
26	Love the efforts towards modernizing and improving public facilities for in town families while maintaining agricultural land farmable	3/27/2018 2:55 PM
27	It's ridiculous that the baseball field will not be used in the future because of 2 people. Why would you buy a house there if you didn't want a baseball field nearby? We're penalizing lots of kids because of 2 neighbors that are complaining. That doesn't make sense.	3/27/2018 1:18 PM
28	Not enough options	3/27/2018 1:10 PM
29	If the BFHS referendum fails, I feel it's VERY important to keep the Devils Lane park as a baseball diamond and let the HS use the field at no charge. Those who bought their homes next to the field knew it was a park when they bought it and cannot now expect the village to change it.	3/27/2018 11:44 AM
30	It would be nice to see some significant improvements	3/27/2018 10:56 AM
31	The conditions are poor and even dangerous at some locations. The nicest park we have for our children to play at is the Fox Lane trail/playgrounds. This playground always has liter and even this playground has a broken tunnel with sharp edges.	3/27/2018 10:56 AM
32	Not well maintained. Playground equipment and parks are filthy dirty and broken.	3/27/2018 10:36 AM
33	The parks and Pavilions are not maintained like they should be	3/27/2018 9:51 AM
34	I don't think the village takes very good care of their parks facilities! GROSS bathrooms at Toyota and at Devils Lane!	3/27/2018 8:37 AM
35	How can you expect to add more parks to our village when you are unable to maintain what you have. We need to upgrade our current Park(s)... that's where the effort needs to be place. Thank you.	3/27/2018 8:33 AM
36	Everything is outdated and not well maintained	3/27/2018 8:08 AM
37	There are not many options for a fun place to take the family. We love the ice rink at Rotary Park but Toynton is in the middle of nowhere next to the highway. Devils Ln Park location is not bad but all the playground equipment is at all of the parks is bad. Missing mulch under swings, rusty chains on the swings, etc. Used to play volleyball at Toynton, the sand is like playing on gravel and it is not maintained, by mid summer it is just weeds everywhere growing up through the sand. We now just go to Fontana, great parks that are maintained well and they just built two new sand volleyball courts at Duck Pond.	3/23/2018 10:13 AM

Q12 Please indicate your overall satisfaction with Paths/Trails within the Village of Walworth?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	7.14%	12
Satisfied	35.71%	60
Neutral	38.69%	65
Dissatisfied	14.88%	25
Very Dissatisfied	3.57%	6
TOTAL		168

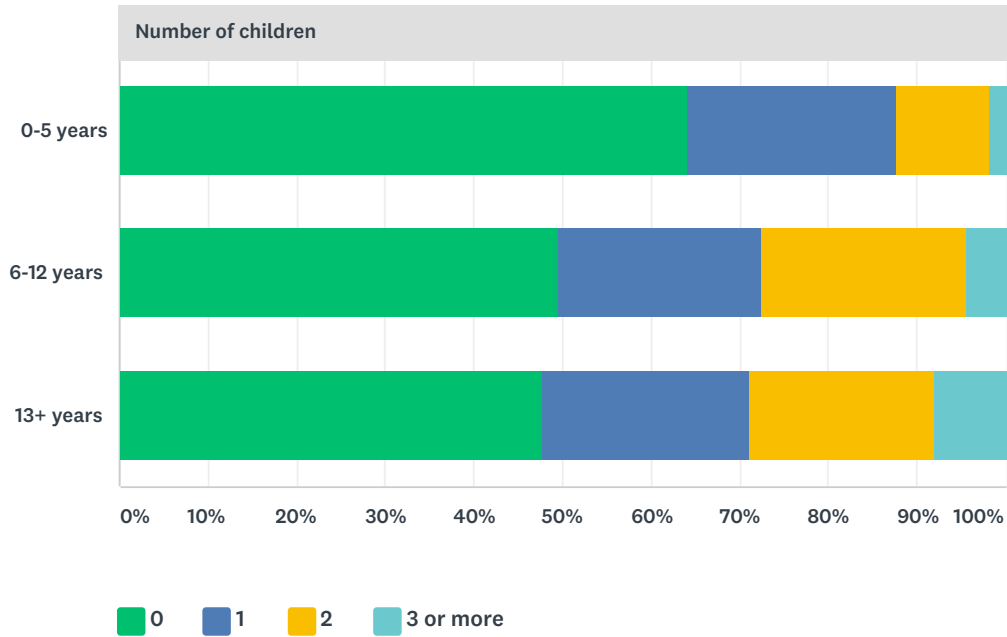
#	ADDITIONAL COMMENT:	DATE
1	Never use.	5/3/2018 9:45 AM
2	They are fine for younger people - I'm an old gal.	5/3/2018 9:44 AM
3	Don't know where these (paths/trails) are.	5/3/2018 9:37 AM
4	Have not been to any of the paths/trails.	5/3/2018 9:23 AM

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5	The walking path to the Village of Fontana is a start in the right direction; and, the path through Big Foot High School directed to Indian Prairie indicates steps in the right direction. Connections to the outlying subdivisions is a must.	4/30/2018 3:30 PM
6	The bike trail is lovely!!!	4/8/2018 7:17 PM
7	We have a very nice pathway in Walworth we are not a huge town that lacks green space. The paths are close to get to and does not hinder use where they are placed. Has anyone looked into the costs associated with splash park and skate parks. I am sure they people that live around our beautiful ball park would love to have kids on skateboards hanging around at night with no supervision at least with baseball there are adults monitoring their behaviors. Not only unsupervised teens but the cost of insuring and maintaining that type of park. The splash park has a lot of different issues, one being having to hire people to run it and constant upkeep of the water safety. Does anyone on this board every dealt with upkeep of pools. Be reasonable just because a few residents have complained about the park. Why now, the park has been there before any of the current home owners have lived there. I have lived in town for over 30 years and every complaint about the park has been dealt with reasonable outcome. You could put permanent no parking signs 1 hour before till 1hour after game ends. That way the residents will still be able to park outside their houses when no game is playing. Or a sign saying baseball parking is located at high school. You could add more angle parking on the east side of the park. All possibilities to keep the park has not been discussed. Sorry this belongs with previous questions	4/5/2018 11:32 PM
8	Would love more paths to walk/bike	3/30/2018 10:30 PM
9	Once again, not any extra attention given here. Again many other communities have a vast system of trails. Our trails don't even all connect.	3/28/2018 9:20 PM
10	Lacking paths for biking and walking. Need longer runs for nature areas.	3/27/2018 8:09 PM
11	Need more	3/27/2018 6:21 PM
12	There need to be more garbages and dog doodie receptacles. The trails are atrocious with dog poop on each side all over the place. People aren't picking up after their animals. It's disgusting and lazy.	3/27/2018 6:08 PM
13	Would like to see more	3/27/2018 5:45 PM
14	The current paths are obviously a patchwork of randomness that needs a lot of work. The positive point is that there is connectivity to it's sister village - Fontana.	3/27/2018 4:05 PM
15	Too few	3/27/2018 11:56 AM
16	Not enough. Sidewalk ordinance isnt enforced uniformly	3/27/2018 10:36 AM
17	I would like to see more	3/27/2018 9:51 AM
18	I don't even know where they are!	3/27/2018 8:37 AM
19	Limited options	3/27/2018 8:08 AM
20	Could be more added and have them connect.	3/27/2018 7:06 AM
21	We don't use them much because there is not one continuous trail. Theres just a bunch of little scattered sections around town. I like the idea, it's just not practical.	3/23/2018 10:13 AM

Q13 Please indicate how many children within each age group live in your household:

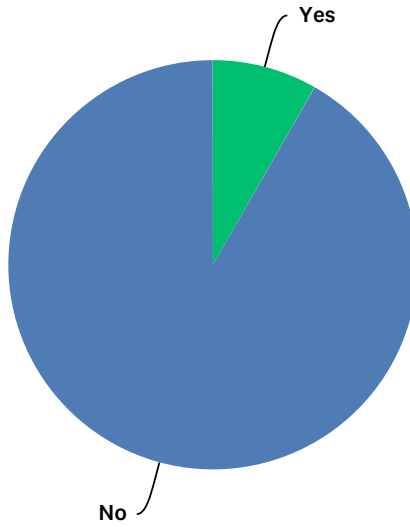
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Number of children					
	0	1	2	3 OR MORE	TOTAL
0-5 years	64.15%	23.58%	10.38%	1.89%	106
	68	25	11	2	
6-12 years	49.56%	23.01%	23.01%	4.42%	113
	56	26	26	5	
13+ years	47.75%	23.42%	20.72%	8.11%	111
	53	26	23	9	

Q14 Does your family have any handicap accessibility needs?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 45



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	8.28%	14
No	91.72%	155
TOTAL		169

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Q15 Please provide any additional feedback for the Village of Walworth regarding existing or future park and recreational facilities:

Answered: 57 Skipped: 157

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Do not use.	5/3/2018 9:45 AM
2	Devils Lane Park Devils Lane Park has always needed to be larger. It should be just a park. Relocate it and add other activities.	5/3/2018 9:42 AM
3	Parks are special places. They are places to take families for picnics, play, etc. Necessary areas!	5/3/2018 9:38 AM
4	Good luck w/providing services.	5/3/2018 9:23 AM
5	Rotary Park The park area surrounding skating rink is beautiful. the area could be enjoyed with benches or picnic table.	5/3/2018 9:18 AM
6	Devils Lane Park Baseball diamonds should not be permitted in neighborhood parks. Sports complexes should be at the BFHS and outer limits of the Village - 0 housing nearby. Parks are in the Village for all residents to use - for get togethers - or fund raisers - or special events: concerts, which Devil's Lane Park could provide. Many residents are denied park use in Walworth because of takeover of sports. Special interests in elective offices at both BFHS and Village of Walworth have taken over the rights of village taxpayers and residents. Village residents deserve better than this.	5/3/2018 9:10 AM
7	Devils Lane Park I would like to see Devil's Lane Park return to a green space park where families can fly kites, children run around without the fences or try to figure out when there is a baseball game.	5/3/2018 9:03 AM
8	Devils Lane Park Toynton Park Devils Lane Park - Remove the regulation baseball diamond. The present Walworth Park and Open Space Plan recommends a community park with a minimum of 10 acres in order to accommodate organized, competitive athletic and team-oriented activities. Toynton Park is a community park. With Big Foot High School now having a Community Recreation District and proposing 4 ball diamonds for use of the seven taking districts and since we do not have many, many, many acres of parks, Toynton Park could provide the ball diamond for the village. Sharing a comment from an out-of-towner when looking at the park as it is now - "That is not an asset to the village". That person was seeing a visually unappealing site with block dugouts, batting cage, old bleachers, and fencing covered in black covering 3/4 of the park. Wouldn't our village be proud to have an attractive park area that would serve all residents and visitors?	5/3/2018 8:59 AM
9	Fox Ln Park/Badger I strongly recommend that the Plan Commission require developers require the dedication of neighborhood parks in all newly developed areas. I am an avid cross country skier. Would like to see the walking trails and paths used for cross country skiing. Ski groups could be formed and may use a park house which could be built in the area of Badger Park near to the walking path. Local card and chess clubs, garden clubs, etc. would also utilize a park house year round. Open land could be cultivated for community gardens. Conservation of some of the prairie land could be a project for the Walworth Historical Society, thus blending the landscape with our heritage with native prairie plants. A sense of community rests within the care and development of it's parks, conservation areas, and open spaces.	4/30/2018 3:42 PM

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10	Fox Ln Park/Badger Toynton Park I think you should add a splash pad...no one has that in the area. But keep up the maintenance and keep it sanitary. Maybe if looking to upgrade playground equipment look at the walworth elementary school..that is where a lot of families and kids go and that wasnt on your survey. They do have the most equipment and are in need of help for upgrades. No one thinks of toyton park as a playground. The fox lane park really serves the apartments or people on the trail. We go there when we are on the trail or go with the school on a day trip. A dog park would be great I'm tired of picking up after other dogs in my yard. I drive to duck pond with my dog. Or twin lakes to their dog park...they charge fee.	4/26/2018 9:21 AM
11	You can plan on fixing all the parks but where is all the money coming from the village has nice parks what you need to worry about is re piping the village that is where the money needs to go	4/22/2018 2:50 PM
12	I would love to see a pool for swim-team and Rec department use.	4/8/2018 7:20 PM
13	Fox Ln Park/Badger Reappoint a citizens Park Committee. Replace trash containers on conservancy walking areas	4/7/2018 8:01 AM
14	Devils Lane Park Do not be bullied into action because of a few home owners, one of the biggest complainers bought his home there because of the ball park.	4/5/2018 11:35 PM
15	Rotary Park Better mulch for the parks, no more baseball diamonds and add playground next to the ice rink no matter what Rasmussen says	3/31/2018 3:40 PM
16	Don't spend the money	3/29/2018 9:44 PM
17	Make it required that people walk their dogs in a dog park or personal property, not in their neighborhood where they use others yards for a bathroom and don't clean up after them.	3/29/2018 9:27 PM
18	Think about making kids and adults active. Health is a huge factor and so is community. Build the community up by giving them opportunities for a healthier life style	3/29/2018 8:48 PM
19	I bring grandchildren who live in Walworth to the parks, two boys 6 & 5	3/29/2018 5:18 PM
20	I live here for 4yrs never heard about any of these park but one over bye Onvoy.	3/29/2018 4:09 AM
21	Devils Lane Park I think they should try to upgrade Devils Lane for baseball as it has been used for over 30 yrs	3/28/2018 10:30 PM
22	More benches would be nice.	3/28/2018 10:18 PM
23	the money that is being proposed to be spent on the baseball diamonds is a bit over the top for a dying sport .	3/28/2018 9:39 PM
24	This area has been ignored for many years. We have considered moving to a couple other communities because they have so much more to offer than Walworth!	3/28/2018 9:22 PM
25	Work with the schools not against them.	3/28/2018 8:31 PM
26	Stop spending our money on stupid ----	3/28/2018 5:52 PM
27	I love that even though village says it won't; it still plowsthe bike path behind the high school	3/28/2018 5:04 PM
28	We would like to have more trails for walking.	3/28/2018 4:04 PM
29	Rotary Park Consider the possibility of putting playground equipment in the open space next to the ice rink	3/28/2018 7:16 AM
30	Would love to see some sort of skate park or additional non sports related type of park - even a splash pad that can be geared toward little & older kids. A general safe place for older kids to have fun.	3/27/2018 10:56 PM
31	Devils Lane Park Keep Devils lane park save tax payers money we do not need to build a brand new facility	3/27/2018 10:08 PM

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32	Devils Lane Park Playground equipment at all the parks is aging and outdated. Bathroom facilities at most of the parks are atrocious. The bathroom facility at devil's lane park is the exact same as it was when I was 10. That's better than 20 years. Update the facilities.	3/27/2018 9:52 PM
33	More gardens & trees	3/27/2018 9:05 PM
34	No	3/27/2018 9:03 PM
35	What are you going to do to partner with our schools and community to support our youth if the high school's referendum doesn't pass?	3/27/2018 7:26 PM
36	Need a dog park and a skate park	3/27/2018 6:22 PM
37	Take a look at what Burlington has done. People drive to Burlington just to use their park system!!! It's truly outstanding. If you want to bring more young families to our area, we need better place areas and sport facilities. Thank you for putting this survey together. I hope it is helpful.	3/27/2018 6:10 PM
38	Its unfortunate that previous boards absolved themselves from park oversight and have floundered with any sort of park vision. In that vacuum, private volunteers and donors have been able to steer their park interests. While the intentions and efforts have been admirable, it has left the Village in a position where they are not in control of their own parks. The Village has the potential to have great developed & undeveloped park spaces which could be a source of pride in the community - spaces that would serve all its residents. It's time to reinstate the Parks Committee with meaningful board representation.	3/27/2018 4:06 PM
39	We need a pool	3/27/2018 3:44 PM
40	The parks are to be used by Walworth tax payers. This is very important as our sports have gotten out of line. Our fields are for walworth kids. Big Foot High School has a recreation dept with five hundred thousand dollar budget they need to be offering summer sports.	3/27/2018 3:16 PM
41	Doing a survey like this is a good idea.Hope it serves it purposes on feedback.	3/27/2018 1:34 PM
42	I feel goods Village and people of walworth.	3/27/2018 1:23 PM
43	Devils Lane Park Toynnton Park But locks on the bathroom doors at Devils Lane and fix the bathrooms up. Fix the kitchen area at Toynnton Park.	3/27/2018 1:18 PM
44	More playground equipment and areas of play for my grandchildren and all the other children in the area should be of the highest priority.	3/27/2018 1:11 PM
45	We are retired and don't use the parks as young families would. We do not support spending \$9,000,000 on athletics.	3/27/2018 12:52 PM
46	Thank you for providing the opportunity to give feedback!	3/27/2018 12:05 PM
47	Youth social interaction is a must- skate park, splash pad, biking and hiking. Continuity between communities would be nice. Dog park would be nice. I would love more music or Shakespeare in the parks offered in summer months.	3/27/2018 11:59 AM
48	Devils Lane Park See previous comment on devils lane park.	3/27/2018 11:44 AM
49	Devils Lane Park My family moved to Walworth in December and we live across the street from the Devils Lane baseball field. We love walking to parks. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and seeing people out and about makes it feel like such a welcoming community. I would love to see the focus put on better facilities, equipment and paths rather than off street parking. It's a small town, we can get out and walk! Thanks for all the work you do!	3/27/2018 11:34 AM
50	See above comments.	3/27/2018 10:57 AM

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51	Please dont waste taxpayer money on anything new if you can't afford to maintain what we already have. Remember that our population is aging as well. Less kids in the local schools and parks, but more older folks in the community.	3/27/2018 10:39 AM
52	We must get children and adults outside to play, and be at community events. Garbage and clean parks must be done every AM.	3/27/2018 10:26 AM
53	Families can use a splash pad for free fun and a way to cool off. Not all families can afford to go to the beaches because of money. This area does not seem kid friendly., that is for all ages.	3/27/2018 8:46 AM
54	Devils Lane Park Toynton Park Again, please place your energy on the current parks...Very disappointing how they look. Damaged fences, 6+ years without water fountain at Devils lane, a hole not covered or fixed near fans/ bleachers at Devils, Toynton volleyball net a mess, sand is rock hard, minimal maintenance at Toynton, minimal parking at Toynton, raccoons living in broken shed at Toynton, bathrooms never open, volunteers forced to clean up bathrooms, no Saturday Park crews, fields maintained by volunteers, etc. We don't need more...we need efforts/money placed in existing parks.	3/27/2018 8:41 AM
55	Please clean the facilities!	3/27/2018 8:38 AM
56	Devils Lane Park We think it is sad that the current village board president and certain board members are so anti youth sports. Walworth has had a rich tradition in baseball and softball and they are doing everything possible to erase these sports for future generations. It is sad to see what is going on with devils lane park.	3/27/2018 8:35 AM
57	Devils Lane Park Rotary Park Toynton Park As I mentioned in a previous comment the current state of the playgrounds and parks in general is really bad. The boards at rotary are falling apart. The playground at Devils Ln Park has rusty chains and insufficient mulch/padding. Toynton park has packed gravel mix instead of nice sand. There are weeds everywhere so you can't even play sand volleyball. Overall it is very disappointing. I really enjoy using other community parks (Fontana & Linn Town Prairie) and I wish I could use the ones right here in Walworth.	3/23/2018 10:16 AM