



City of Madison Park and Open Space Plan, 2018-2022 Update

Report of Community Visioning Sessions and
Theme-Focused Events
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1.0 COMMUNITY VISIONING SESSIONS OVERVIEW

Urban Assets facilitated five community visioning sessions in each of the main geographic regions of Madison (north, south, east, west and downtown), from January-March 2017. The meetings were held at community centers, libraries, and schools in order create a welcoming environment and to maximize opportunities for diverse engagement by age and background. The same format was maintained for each community visioning session to ensure that community members had multiple date and locations options from which to choose.



1.1 Goals

1. Orient participants to the City of Madison park and open space system and current planning framework.
2. Generate understanding of and excitement about the opportunities involved in the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan update and engagement process.
3. Gather community input regarding values, issues, opportunities and emerging trends related to facility and programming needs.
4. Identify themes of great interest to the community, around which to organize future theme-focused workshops.

1.2 Intended Outcomes of Community Engagement

1. Participants articulate their core values related to the Madison park and open space system.
2. Participants develop an understanding of the issues, opportunities and trends impacting the Madison park and open space system, and articulate those they believe are most critical to address.
3. Participants contribute to the development of a community vision for the future planning and management of the Madison park and open space system.

1.3 Dates and Locations

North Side Community Visioning Session

January 31, 2017 – Warner Park Community Recreation Center

East Side Community Visioning Session

February 6, 2017 – Whitehorse Middle School

South Side Community Visioning Session

February 13, 2017 – The Village on Park

West Side Community Visioning Session

March 1, 2017 – Alicia Ashman Library

Downtown Community Visioning Session

March 23, 2017 – Madison Central Library

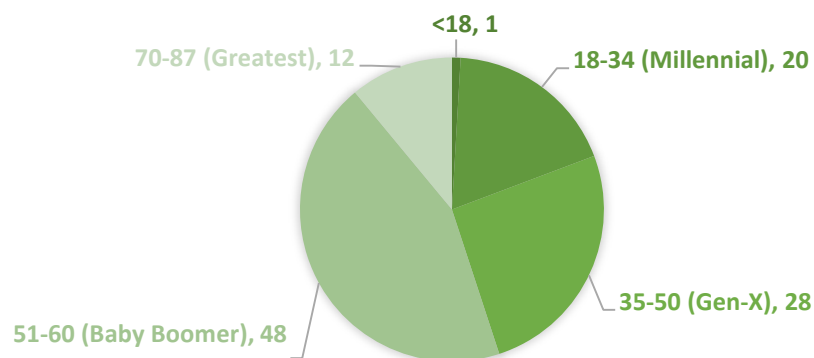
1.4 Participant Demographics + Characteristics

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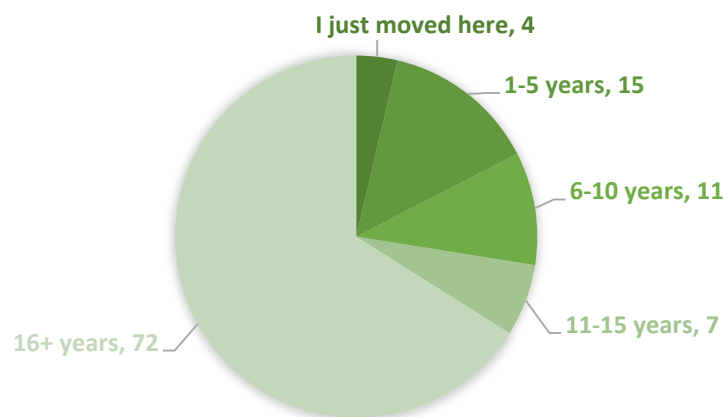
1. Age
2. Race/ethnicity
3. Length of residency in Madison
4. Frequency of park system use

The results below represent 109 community members who responded using iClickers during the five community visioning sessions.

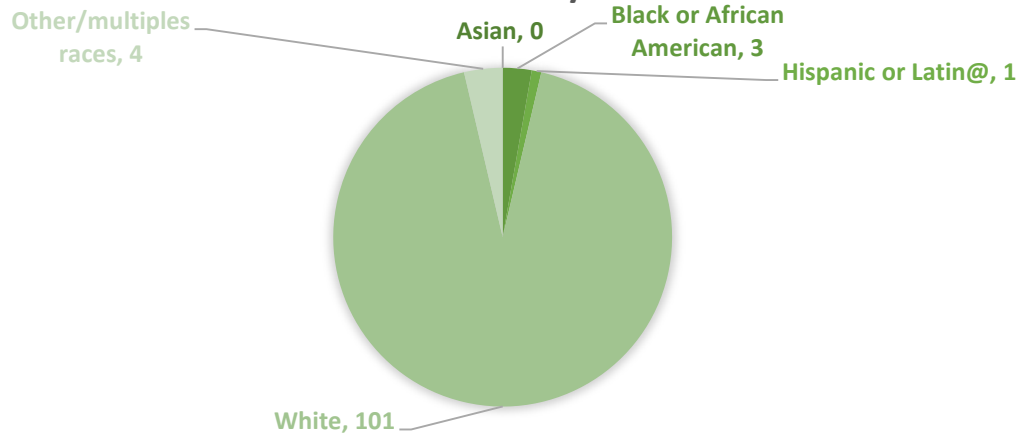
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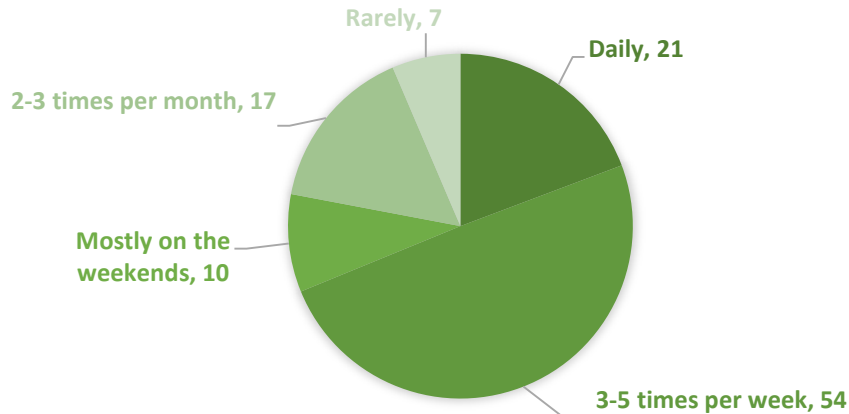
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN MADISON?



WHAT IS YOUR RACE/ETHNICITY?



HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE CITY OF MADISON PARK SYSTEM?



1.5 Participant Input Summary

The four overarching themes below are distilled from the written and discussion feedback gathered during the five community visioning sessions held from January-March 2017. Listed underneath each theme are specific categories used to organize the individual comments and activity-based results in the following sections of this report.

The “strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats” represent common statements associated with each theme that were made by participants during the community visioning sessions.

Theme 1: Operation

Theme 1 encompasses comments organized under the following categories:

- + Maintenance and facility operations
- + Rules, safety and crime
- + Programming and events
- + Park-specific (e.g., a comment about James Madison Park)
- + Winter activities
- + Funding/revenues and resources

Strengths: Park rangers, well-maintained parks, sports fields, playgrounds, and an overall sense of safety in the parks.

Weaknesses: Limited staffing and maintenance to support services such as extended lifeguarding hours, better care of the beach houses and bathrooms, mowing, litter removal, trash collection, and management of natural areas and invasive species. Concerns in some areas about personal safety, vandalism, and the enforcement of rules regarding dogs and rules in conservation parks.

Opportunities: Improve maintenance, particularly services such as ski trail grooming and beach house upkeep. Improve park rule signage regarding bikes, dogs, and the protection of Native American sites. Increase lifeguard hours and the number of open restrooms.

Threats and Concerns: Potential future cuts to funding, staff and other resources that could threaten park facility upkeep and safety. Lack of rule signage and enforcement to ensure parks are used safely and as intended.

Theme 2: Planning

Theme 2 encompasses comments organized under the following categories:

- + Parkland development and planning
- + Facilities
- + Trails and connectivity
- + Unique park facilities (Olbrich Gardens, Goodman Pool, WPCRC)
- + Viewshed
- + Community gardens/edible landscapes
- + Dogs in parks

+ Park Access and Quantity

Strengths: Large number of parks in Madison and opportunities to become fully immersed in nature at conservation parks and natural areas. Large variety of year-round activities available through the mix of conservation parks, playgrounds with high-quality equipment, sports fields and lake-based activities. Mix of programmed and non-programmed open spaces creates opportunities for people of all ages.

Weaknesses: Some areas of Madison, such as downtown, lack sufficient parkland. Limited activities for people of all ages and abilities. Overuse and inefficient use of fields for the growing number of league sports teams and other organized activities.

Opportunities: Strategically unify large, contiguous parcels of greenspace by creating green pathways and other connections between parkland for habitat and recreation, especially around waterways. Improve the process for reserving park amenities. Expand infrastructure to diversify the type and amount of activities that parks can host, such as infrastructure for mountain biking, cyclocross and pickleball.

Threats and Concerns: Reductions in parkland or parkland per capita due to rapid urban development. Reduced opportunities to add high-quality parks and natural areas to the parks system in the future due to urban development. Ability of parks to handle growing demand from new residents and league sports/organized activities. Impact of changing climate on winter sports.

Theme 3: Environment

Theme 3 encompasses comments organized under the following categories:

- + Trees
- + Environmental pressures (non-aquatic) and degradation
- + Conservation, the environment and natural areas
- + Lakes, beaches, water access and quality
- + Environmental education and connecting to nature

Strengths: Public access to lakes, rivers, streams, and the associated views, beaches and paddle craft recreation opportunities. Parks as places for children to play and connect with nature. Existing nature-based educational activities in the parks, such as nature walks. Conservation parks as places to escape the urban landscape and to view wildlife and living habitats.

Weaknesses: Maintenance of the beaches and beach houses. Water quality in the lakes. Limited nature-based educational programming and outreach in the parks. Missed opportunities to improve sustainable management of the parks,

Opportunities: Protect contiguous parcels of parkland around waterways such as Starkweather Creek. Increase initiatives and programs that promote sustainability and help kids connect with nature to inspire the next generation of park advocates. Build more community gardens. Emphasize the preservation of natural areas. Improve sustainable management practices, such as less mowing and pesticide use.

Threats and Concerns: Impacts of eutrophication and pollution on the quality of Madison's lakes and waterways. Impact of technology on younger generations' appreciation for and ability to connect with nature. Loss of wild areas within and near parks to urban development, ecosystem degradation and the effects of climate change.

Theme 4: Community

Theme 4 encompasses comments organized under the following categories:

- + Activities and use
- + Population and demographic shifts
- + Equity and inclusion
- + Privatization and partnerships
- + Community and volunteers

Strengths: Events and amenities such as festivals and boat rentals, which public-private partnerships bring to the parks. Overall number and variety of parks, including highly "natural" areas that are free and easy to access from homes. Active volunteer and "Friends of" groups, and winter ice care volunteer crews.

Weaknesses: Insufficient public involvement in decisions about private enterprises in the parks. Inequitable distribution of resources throughout the city and neighborhoods for park facilities and easy access to high-quality parks. The current volunteer program and networks between existing groups could be stronger. Limited outreach to neighborhoods prior to major events and large-scale maintenance activities in the parks.

Opportunities: Add public art and bike share facilities in more parks. Improve park access through bike paths, public transit and adequate parking. Reach out to minority populations to understand access challenges and park use preferences. Improve connections with community organizations willing to volunteer in parks. Make the Parks Division the first stop for those looking to volunteer in the parks and natural areas.

Threats and Concerns: The commercialization of public parks and the loss of green space to private vending. Changing demographics, greater urban density, and the increasing percentage of renters will affect how people access and use parks in the future. Dependence of many parks and programs on "Friends of" groups, and potential future need to rely more heavily on volunteer labor.

1.6 Activity 1: Most Important Existing Park and Open Space Plan Goals

During the open house portion of each Community Visioning Session, attendees were give three stickers to vote for the three current Park and Open Space Plan goals that are most important to them, among seven total goals.



2012-2017 Park and Open Space Plan Goals	Votes
Goal 1: “Madison will provide sufficient land for current and future active and passive recreational uses.”	66
Goal 3: “Significant natural and cultural resources are preserved and enhanced.”	63
Goal 7: “Management and staffing will be sufficient to ensure the maintenance of park and open space lands.”	60
Goal 6: “All available resources are used to further enhance the quality of the City’s park system and to fund parkland maintenance, acquisition and development in accordance with plan objectives.”	46
Goal 4: “A plan for a continuous and unified system of park and open space incorporating all units of government and cooperation from education systems is create and implemented. The plan incorporates interagency and intergovernmental plans for parkland, open space, greenway and trail development and connectivity.”	33
Goal 2: “Parklands and facilities are accessible to users with varying physical abilities.”	32
Goal 5: “A wide range of facilities is available to address needs of existing and changing demographics.”	31
Total	331

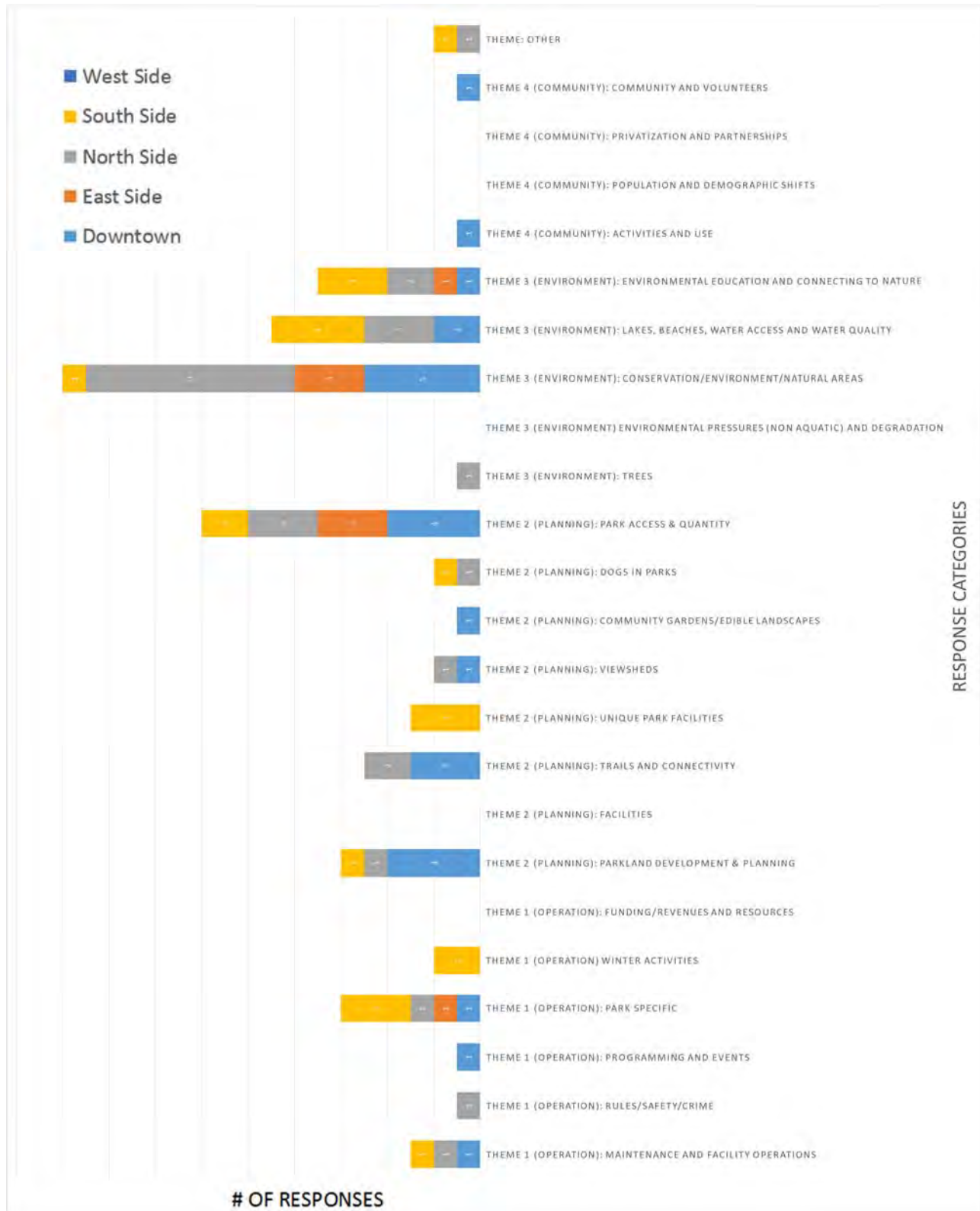
1.7 Activity 2: Most / Least Favorite Aspects of the Park & Open Space System

During the open house portion of each community visioning session, attendees were asked to post responses to the following statements. The charts below represent the total comments received among all five community visioning sessions, organized by theme and category.

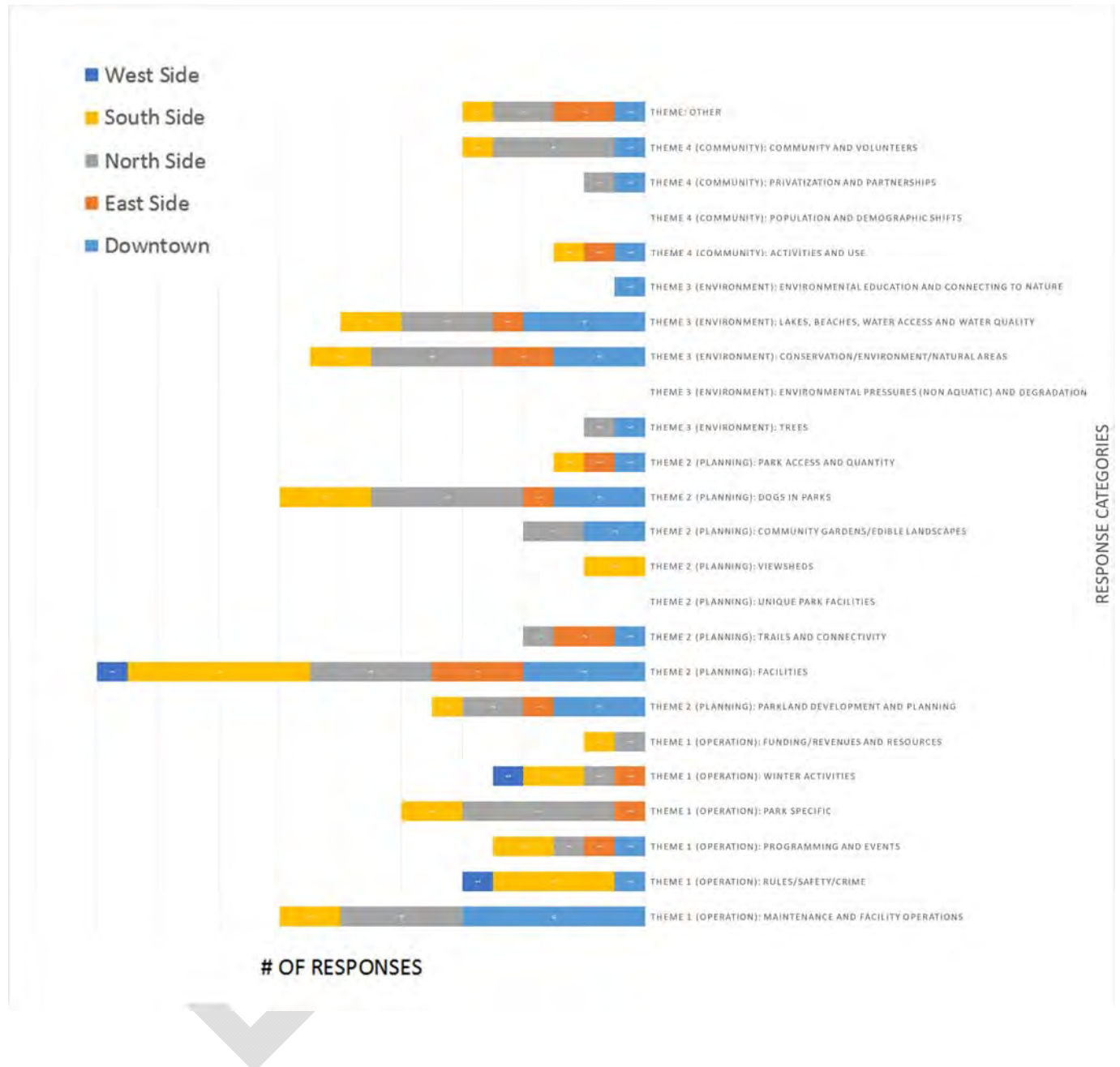
See Appendix B for the full list of comments.

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What I like most about Madison's Parks and Open Spaces:



What I would like to see improved in Madison's Parks and Open Spaces:



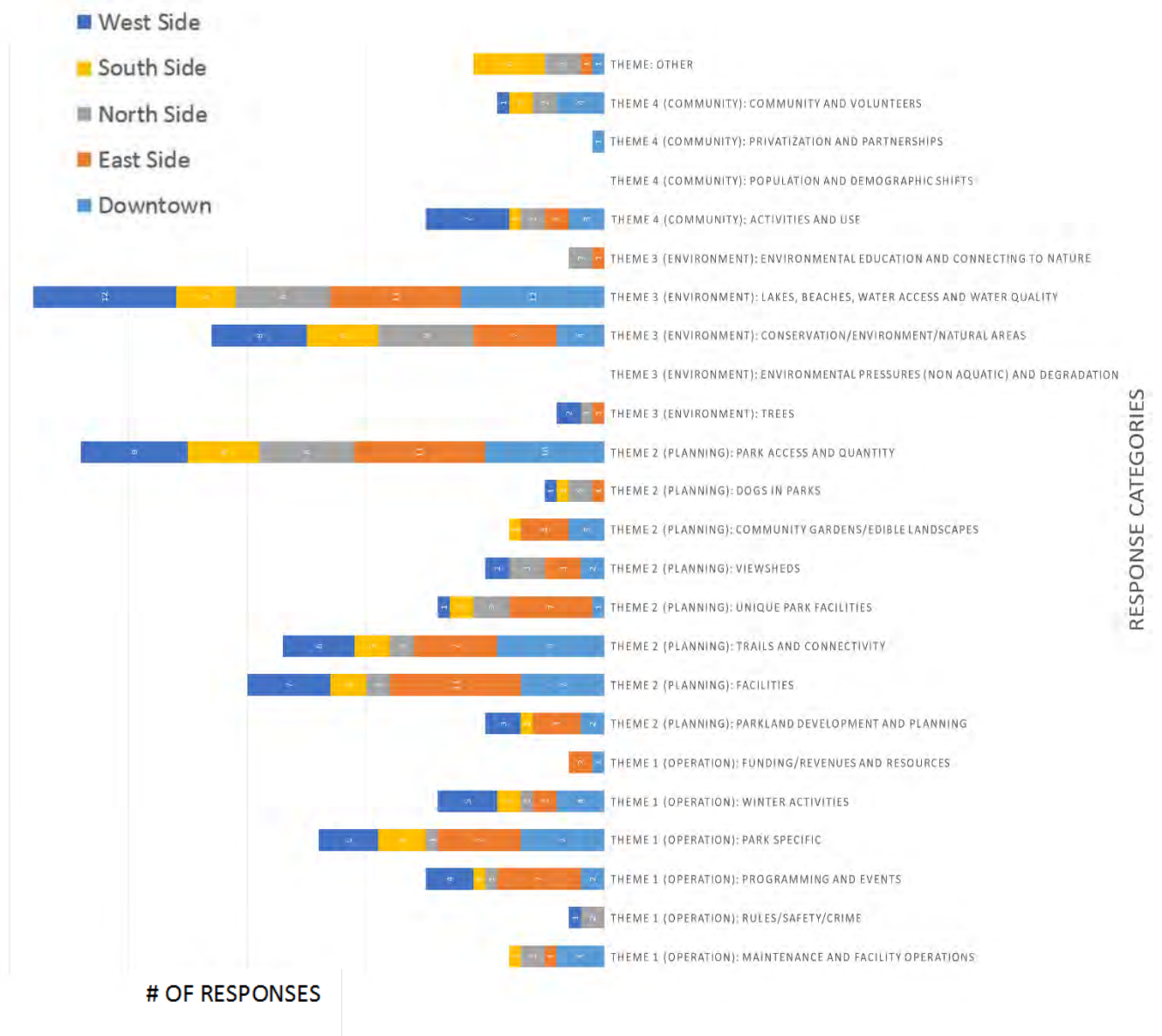
1.8 Activity 3: Brag, Worry, Wonder, Bet

Participants worked alone and in small groups to respond to the following questions:

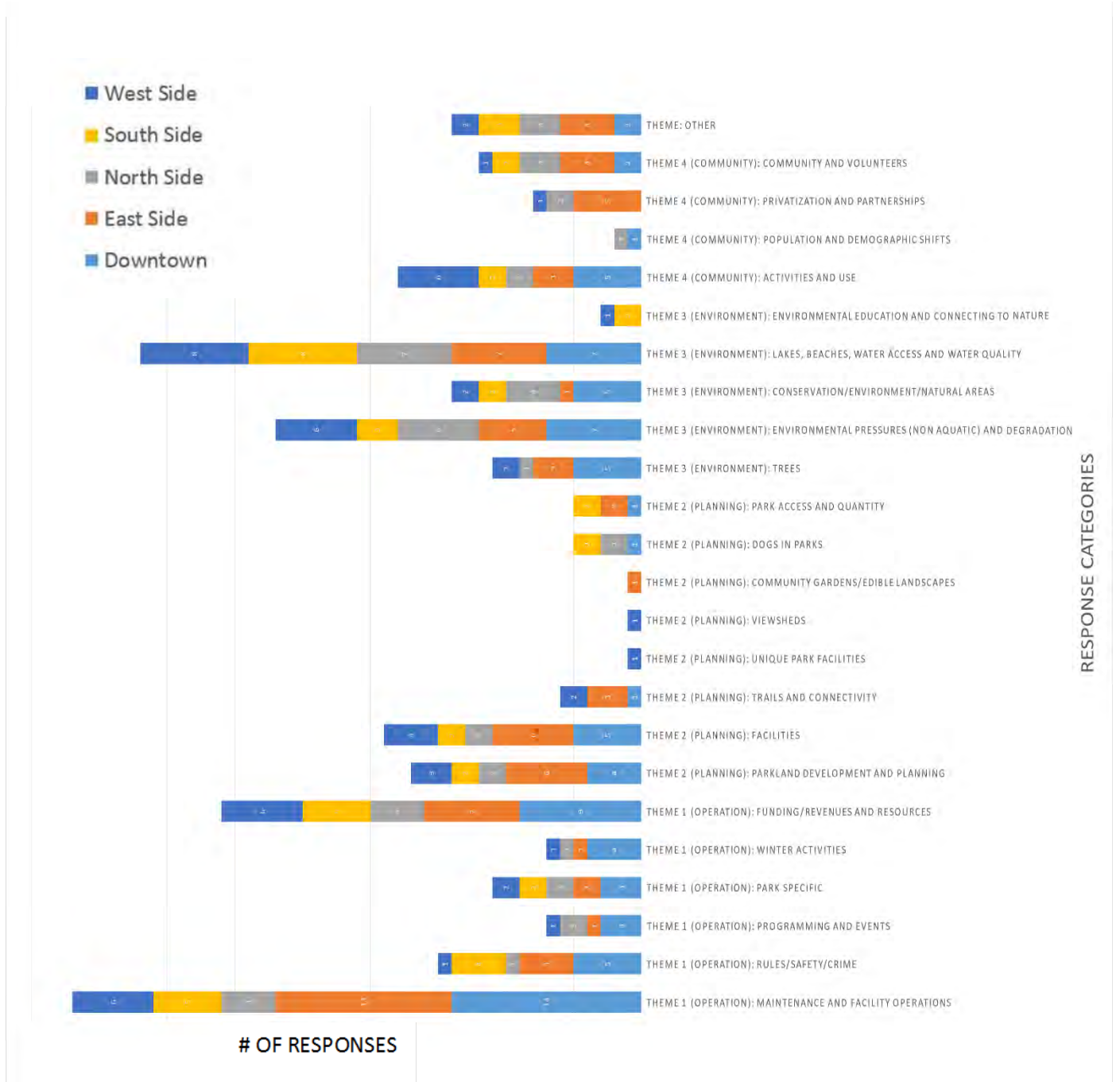
- + **Brag:** What positive things are you most likely to tell others about Madison's parks and open spaces? (What are our greatest assets? What is coolest? What do you appreciate most about Madison's parks and open space system?)
- + **Worry:** What is most worrisome or troubling to you right now regarding our parks and open spaces?
- + **Wonder:** What are you wondering about right now? (It can be anything!)
- + **Bet:** What changes do you predict will impact our park system in the future?

The charts below depicts the total number of "brag", "worry", "wonder" and "bet" comments organized by data category from community visioning sessions 1-5.

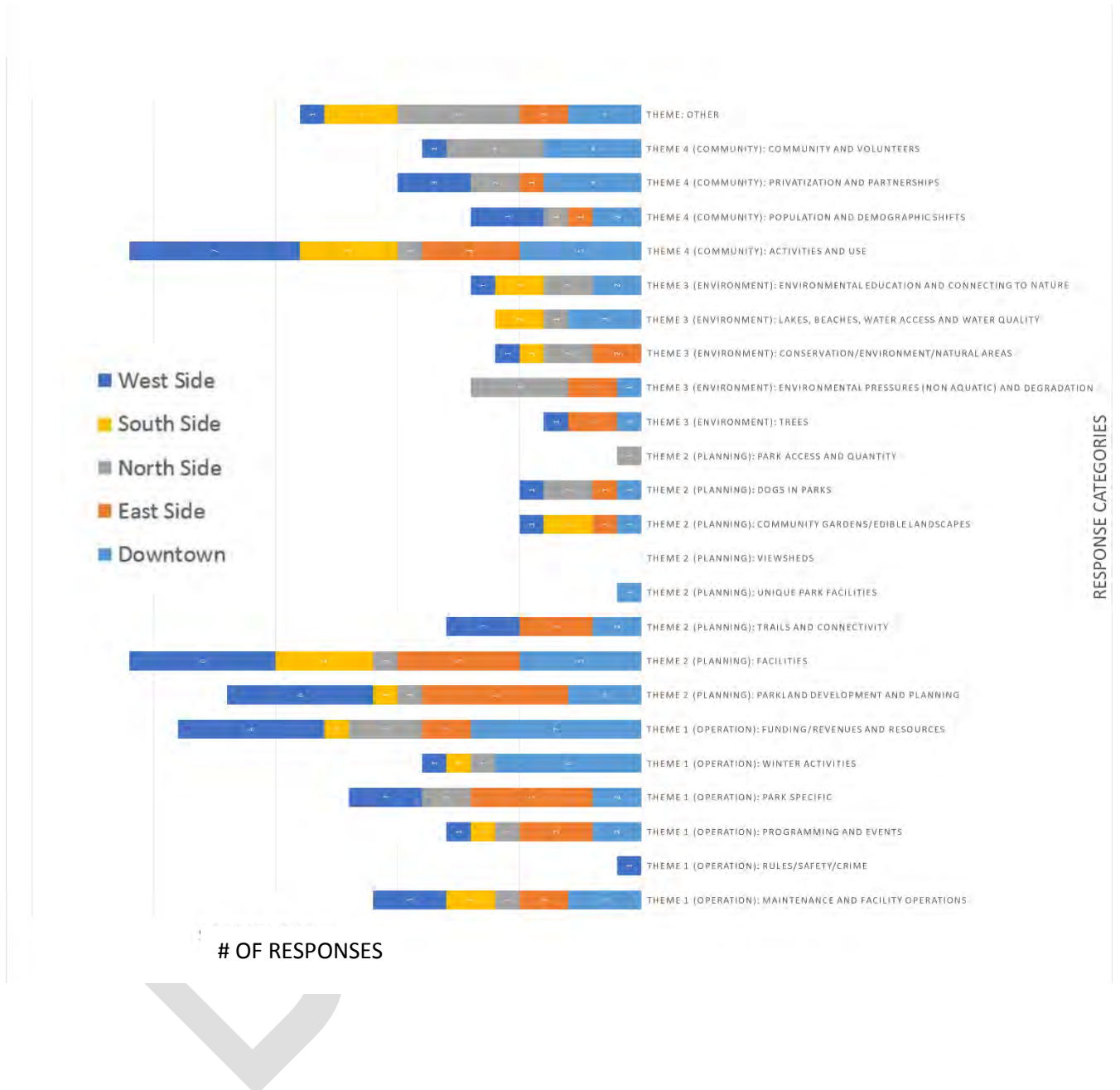
See Appendix B for the full list of comments from community visioning sessions 1-5.



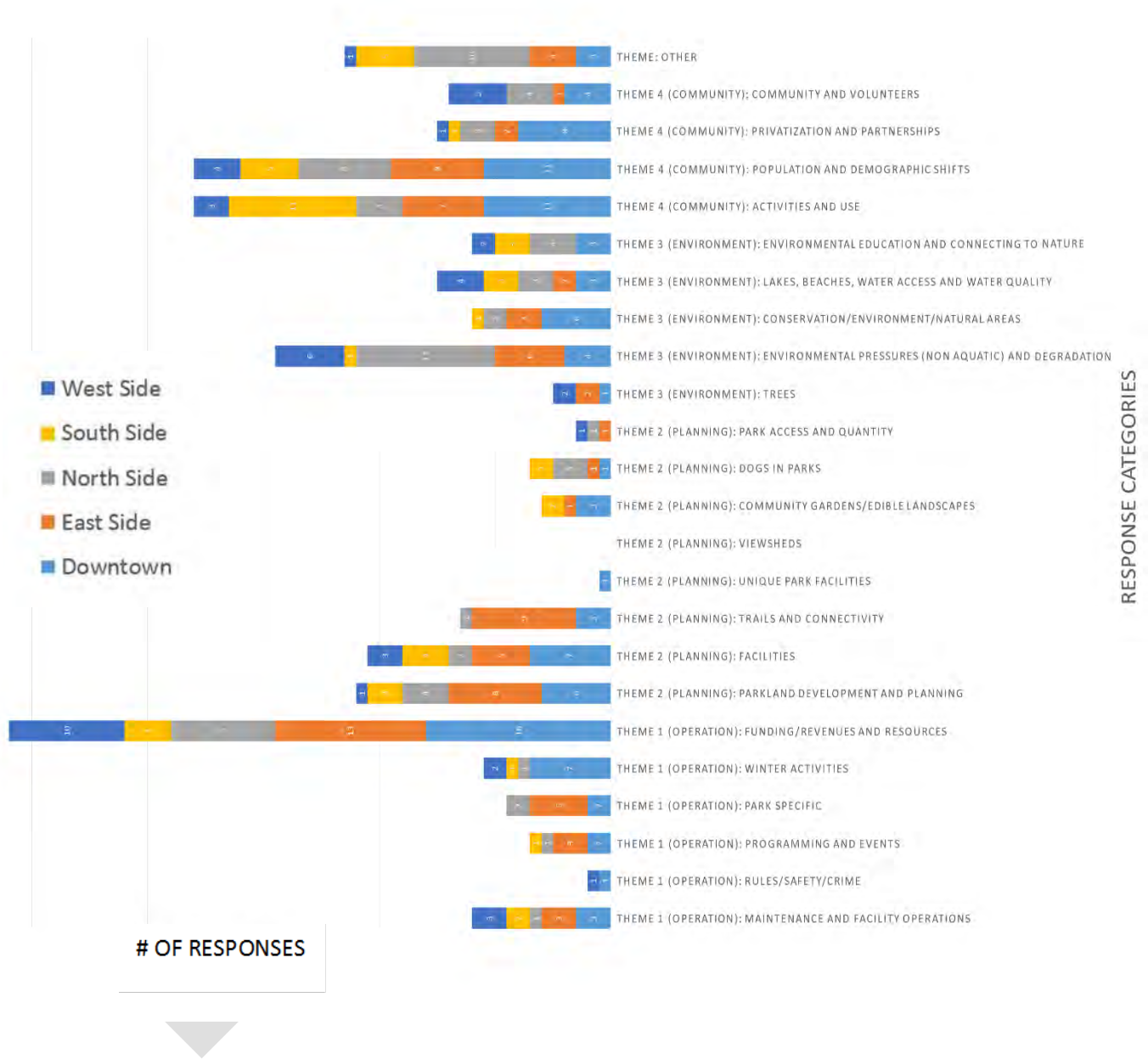
Worry



Wonder



Bet



1.9 Activity 4: Values + Vision

Participants worked as individuals and in small groups to develop fictional newspaper headlines describing what they would most hope to see written in the future about Madison's park and open space system. Participants were asked to think big and be creative.

The headlines below offer examples from the five community visioning sessions, organized by theme. See Appendix B for all headlines generated during community visioning sessions 1-5.

"What newspaper headline describing Madison's park system would you most like to see printed ten years from now?"

Operation

"Madison Parks win best Landscape award. Make Madison parks a thing of beauty, well cut lawn, flower gardens, neat and clean wooded areas, no weeds"

"Madison parks cater to all. They are safe, well maintained and still free"

Planning

"Innovative 'parks prescription' program spurs growth of interconnectivity between Madison city parks"

"Cities throughout Wisconsin are following Madison's lead for senior friendly parks: senior citizen friendly, good and level paths, many benches, fitness equipment, elder playgrounds"

Environment

"Madison, the urban nature recreation capitol, is #1 in natural health and connecting kids with nature"

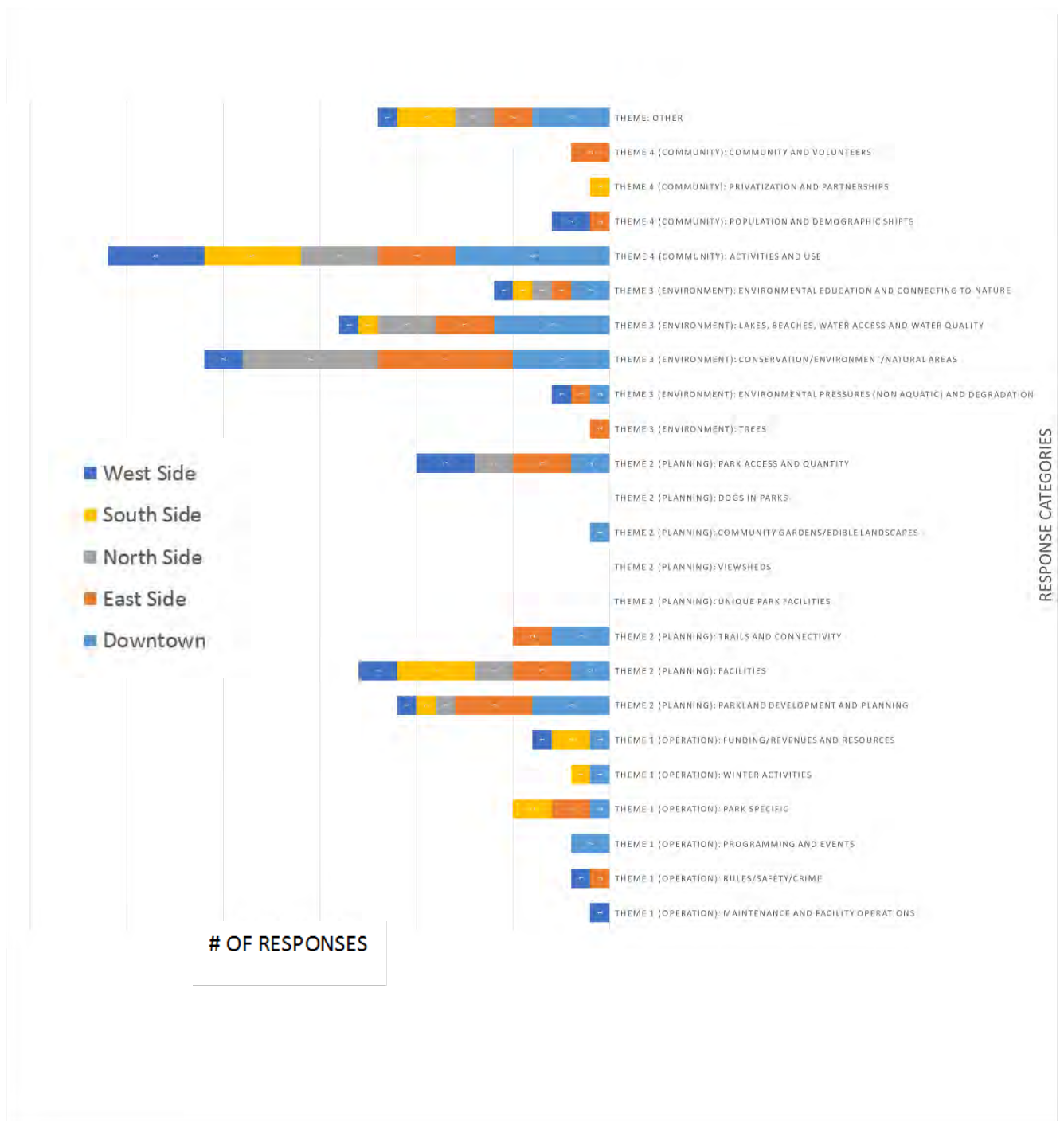
"Madison conservation parks ranked #1 in nation third year in a row!"

Community

"City of Madison parks remain a jewel: Despite budget challenges and demands, citizens continue to support and value city parks"

"Madison tops the nation for parks within walking, biking, and bus access for green space users of all ages and abilities"

Values + Vision Headlines



1.10 Activity 5: Issues and Opportunities Mapping

Participants used city-wide park system maps and area-specific maps (north, south, east, west, downtown) to identify issues and opportunities by location and throughout the park system. See link below for a map depicting location-specific comments from all community visioning sessions.

Issues

Identified as existing or emerging facility gaps, programming gaps, underperforming resources and threats.

- + What is missing from Madison's park system? Where are there gaps in facilities that need to be filled? What are the gaps in available activities?
- + What park areas do you not enjoy or not know much about?
- + What unintended uses are causing problems in our parks, and where are these uses occurring? What is encouraging these behaviors? How might we discourage them?

Opportunities

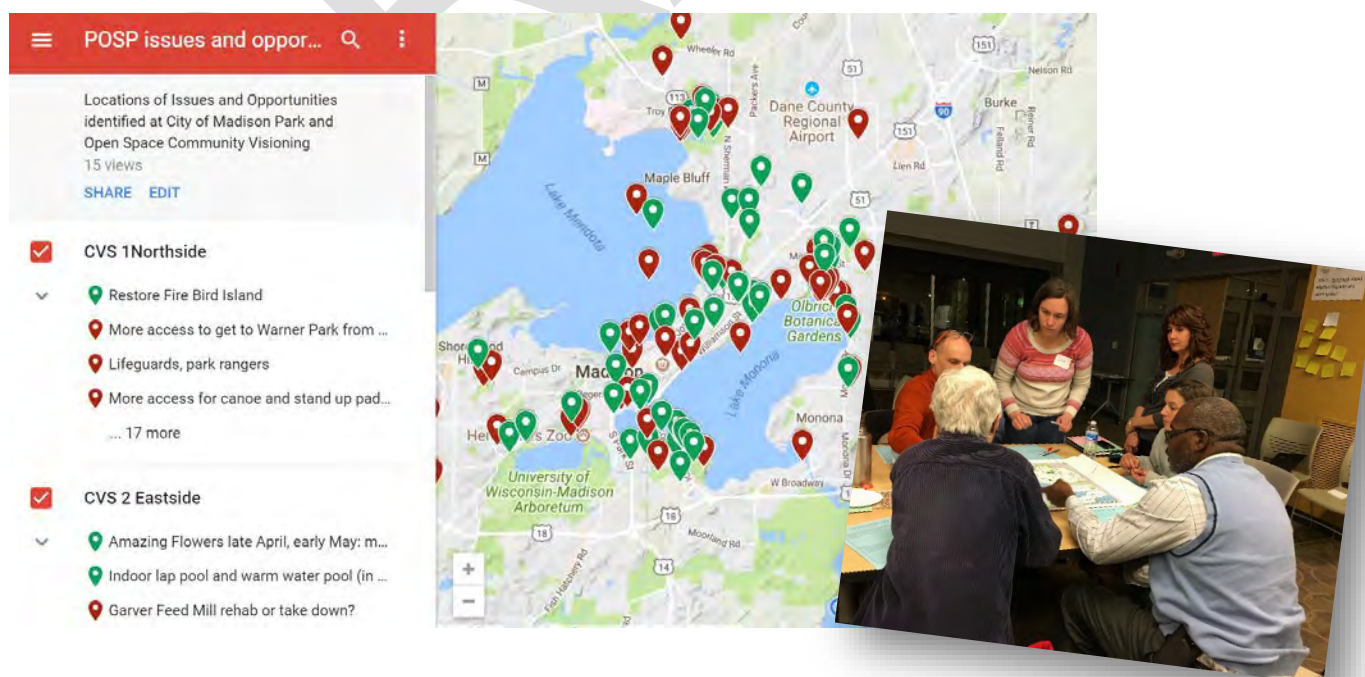
Identified as existing or emerging opportunities and resources, which could be location- or partnership-based.

- + What are the greatest strengths of our parks system?
- + What "gems" should we continue to invest in?
- + What and/or where are opportunities for our park system to contribute to: equity, sustainability, health & wellness, and adaptability?

Access Google Map with location-specific issue and opportunity comments here:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1giMHIVAzf_vx680jaagwDtvxajM&usp=sharing

See Appendix B for additional issues and opportunities that could not be tied to a specific location.



2.0 THEME-FOCUSED EVENTS OVERVIEW

Urban Assets facilitated three theme-focused events with topics that emerged as top themes of interest and concern during the five community visioning sessions. In addition to two events focused on connecting kids to nature and discussing the impact of climate change on Madison's parks and waterways, Urban Assets collaborated with Hip Hop Architect Michael Ford on a Hip Hop PARKitecture Workshop that engaged more youth and minority voices by leveraging the concepts and connections developed during Mr. Ford's Hip Hop Architecture Camp held earlier in the year.

2.1 Theme-Focused Event Goals

- + **Provide** a "deep dive" issue exploration that builds community knowledge and gathers additional input on specific themes of community interest pertaining to the future of the park and open space system.
- + **Promote** relationship building and mutual understanding among community members through thought-provoking activities and discussion.
- + **Identify** opportunities for citizens to engage with the City of Madison Park Division to support and advance issues that matter to them.
- + **Gather** community input regarding values, issues, opportunities and emerging trends related to facility and programming needs around a particular theme.

2.2 Dates and Locations

Hip Hop PARKitecture Workshop: Urban Parks of the Future

Saturday, April 22, Badger Rock Neighborhood Center

Total participants: 37+

Panel Discussion: Madison Parks and Resiliency in the Era of Climate Change

Thursday May 18, UW-Madison Union South

Total participants: 15 + panelists

Discover Madison Parks! Workshop: Connecting Kids to Nature

Sunday June 4, Warner Park Community Recreation Center

Total participants: 8 + panelists

3.0 RESULTS // HIP HOP PARKITECTURE WORKSHOP: URBAN PARKS OF THE FUTURE

3.1 Overview and Goals

Urban Assets collaborated with Hip Hop Architect Michael Ford on a workshop that leveraged Mr. Ford's unique approach to engaging youth in planning issues through music and culturally-relevant dialogue. Over 37 youth, parents, guardians and community members spent a dynamic afternoon discussing and designing urban parks for Madison's future.

At the end of the workshop, youth participants received a certificate of completion signed by Mayor Soglin, Madison Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp, and Hip Hop Architect Michael Ford.



Visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_7jclilXV6cTVnZHk4aW1LZVE/view for a video recap of the event.

See Appendix C for scans of participants' park designs.



3.2 Key Takeaways

- + There are many traditional amenities that kids enjoy in Madison's parks. They like the variety of facilities available, including fields, courts, and simple play equipment such as swings that allow them to play with their friends and be active.

Out of 25 participants, 13 mentioned these traditional amenities as part of what they like best about Madison parks, and 17 included these types of amenities in their plans for a park of the future.

- + In addition to traditional park amenities, participants generated many new and exciting ideas for their future park, including everything from zip lines and tree houses to movie theaters and moonwalk machines.
- + Out of 25 responses to "What is the worst thing about parks in Madison?," 10 responses mentioned trash, cleanliness and graffiti ("[When] used in bad ways instead of showing the art of it.").
- + Youth participants tended to create future park names that were either fun and aspirational, such as "Park Awesome" and "Dream Park," or names that elevated cultural icons or references meaningful to them, such as "The Honorary Park of Prince and Michael Jackson" and "Juju on that Beat."

3.3 Activity Results

The following tables share participant responses to the questions and design challenges posed throughout the day.

The best thing about parks in the City of Madison is:	Because:
Disc golf	It's a great, inexpensive way to have fun and connect with nature
Go to the slide, swinging, play with Barbies outside, roller skate	I can play with my friends. I can ride my bike there.
Spring tree, swings, soccer	I can play with my friends.
Monkey bars	Brynne loves them! She's a gymnast
Pools	Love swimming
Soccer fields	I like to play soccer
They have soccer fields	Soccer fields make soccer and soccer is awesome
They have a lot of fun equipment	They have things like tire swings and twisty things
The view	They are surrounded by water and centered around the Capitol
The trees and the swings	I love the greenery and the breeze. I love feeling like I'm flying.

Scenic and clean and lots of bike trails	They are pretty
Tree, swings, open space	Flipping
They have a lot of playing equipment	It's fun to play with the equipment
There are a lot of people there most of the time	It doesn't look like a ghost town
The number of parks available	
Green grass and ponds with benches	You can hang out in fresh air with a lot of people
I don't know	I don't live in Madison
A lot of space for Frisbee and walk paths	Always room to expand
Boat rentals, flowers, trees, lakes	
Flowers, birds	
Basketball courts	I can practice my skills
They're family friendly	
They are big	I don't know
Basketball, water	I love to be active
That all of them are unique in their own way.	Because I don't want to get bored of parks and when I go somewhere else I want to see something new.
The worst thing about parks in the City of Madison is:	Because:
Having a limited number of parks to disc golf in	there are so few with practice baskets
When people don't take care of it	no one will want to come
Soccer fields	dry grass
Dirty	dirty
Sometimes they don't have soccer	soccer is awesome
They don't have things like twisty slides	they also don't have very high swings
There is never enough garbages	Trash gets all over
The hours	They close it
Leaving early	
Graffiti (using it in bad ways instead of showing the art of it)	It kinda makes it look ugly and ruined
Soccer	Soccer sucks
They're crowded	everybody is using all the equipment
Bugs, trash, mosquitos	
I don't know	I don't live in Madison
Not always clean	No one cleans
Bugs, trash, rules	
Trash	
All of the graffiti	it takes away the fun
There are no beaches	I need to swim

Not good for all ages. Graffiti. There is not enough parks in every area. Restrooms are not cleans so they are dirty and written on.	Graffiti can be a bad influence and is rude, but to new parks especially
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I designed a new park for the City of Madison and named it:	The park features include:
Park Awesome	Basketball, slides and swings, music activities, garden, music listening area, soccer, names of kids that keep the park clean
The Lion's Park	Soccer field, water, swings, playground, ropes, rockwall
Ju Ju on That Beat	Pool, movie theater, monkey bars, playground, diving board, stereo, soccer
Festival of Fun	Swings, controlled lights, inflatable obstacle courses, archery, overhead sound system, skating rink, trampoline area, rock climbing wall, dodge ball, specialty concessions, water fall
Revival Gym	Swings, pump track, balance beam, hot tub, monkey bars, interactive dance floor, music, dance, badminton court, graffiti wall, clean bathrooms, snack shop, healthy vending, cold water, spinning cups, slides
Happy Place	Relaxation/meditation area, community garden, fruit forest with labyrinth/maze, playground, skate park, picnic area, basketball courts, baseball/softball/kickball fields, football/soccer fields, climbing wall, disc golf, stage/band shell
The H and H Park	Music activities, basketball, swimming pool, morals, slides, swings, a basketball court, rock climbing, rapper quotes
The Honorary Park of Prince and MJ	Moon walk machine, Prince karaoke, zipline, photo booth and climbing trees, forest for scavenger hunts, Jacuzzi, movie treetop, fenced in dogs only part, minigolf
Revival Gym	Soccer fields, skateboarding, fishing, cooking/barbeques, swinging, free library
Lake Side Park	Tire swing, twisty slides, zipline, tree house, music station, trampolines, food part, garden, musical merry-go-round, sit-and-spin, water slide

Lake Side Park	Tire swing, zip line, tree house, music station, trampolines, food part, garden, musical merry go round, water slide
H and H Park	Picnic benches, playset, community garden, bathrooms, water fountains
Teach me how to Dougie	Tennis, education, basketball, tire swing, tire chips
Madison Area Diversity Park	Playground equipment for all ages, basketball courts, soccer fields, pool, skate park, nature walk, baseball field, dog area, fishing pond with benches
Dream Park/Super Cool	DJ's 24/7, hip hop performances, swings, food shack, playgrounds, basketball, baseball, football/soccer fields, gardens at least, water fountain, free grills
H & H	Way to make music, hip hop performances, rock climbing walls, pond with dock, music structures, karaoke, graffiti wall, quotes
Dream Park Elver 2.0	Tree houses, edible gardens, ninja warrior training course, river (whitewater), disc golf, pickleball, sound system, rope tow, rope swings, tennis courts, baseball, observation tower, pizza oven
Teach me how to Dougie	Basketball, free entry, tennis, playground, education center, baseball, tire swings
H & H Park	A climbing wall, basketball, amphitheater, long wall for graffiti, special basketball hoop
The H and H Park	Buddy bench, swings, rappers quotes, rain garden with pond, building/restroom shed, donation builder, music activities, murals, basketball, musical rock climbing wall, pond, music, wall dedicated to art/graffiti, notes play on basketball court when people play

4.0 RESULTS // PANEL DISCUSSION: MADISON PARKS AND RESILIENCY IN THE ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE

4.1 Overview and Goals

This panel discussion was designed as a way to both educate community members and gather deeper input on the relationship between parks and climate change, which emerged as a major theme of interest and concern during the community visioning sessions.

Four panelists joined fifteen participants to share and discuss data and trends related to regional changes in temperature, rainfall, waterway health, biodiversity, stormwater, groundwater, and the resulting impacts on Madison's park and open space system and policymaking process.



Panelists

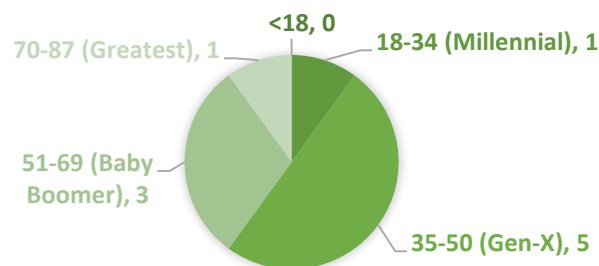
- + Paul Dearlove, Watershed Program Director, Clean Lakes Alliance
- + Sarah Lerner, LEED AP, RLA, Landscape Architect, City of Madison Parks Division
- + David S. Liebl, Co-Director, Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI)
- + Madelyn Leopold, City of Madison Board of Park Commissioners

See Appendix D for agenda, notes, and worksheet results.

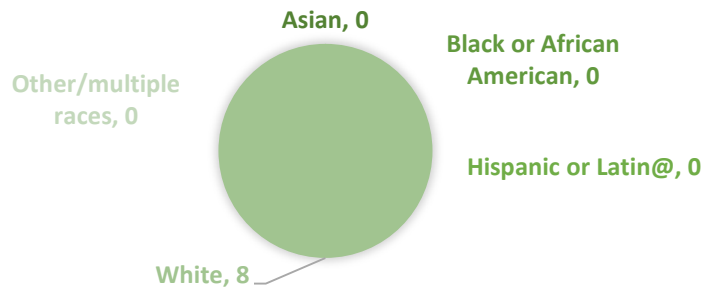
4.2 Participant Demographics and Characteristics

The results below represent the 15 community members who responded using iClickers during the panel discussion.

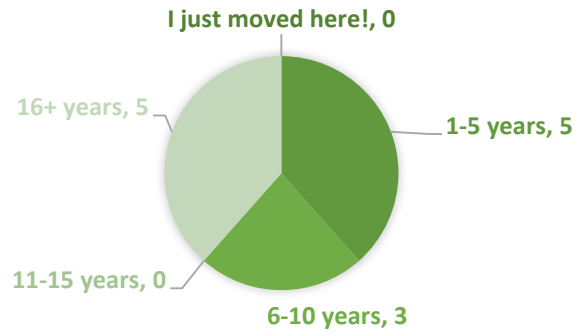
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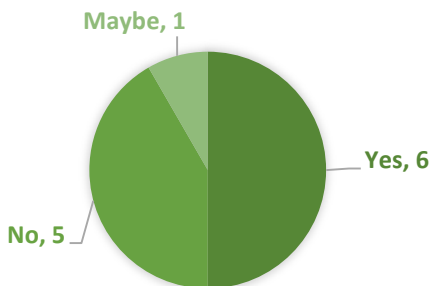
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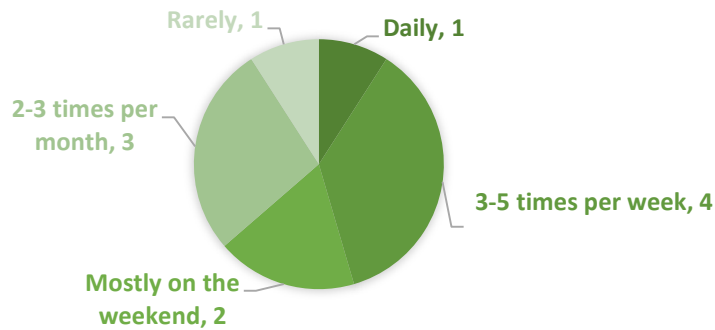
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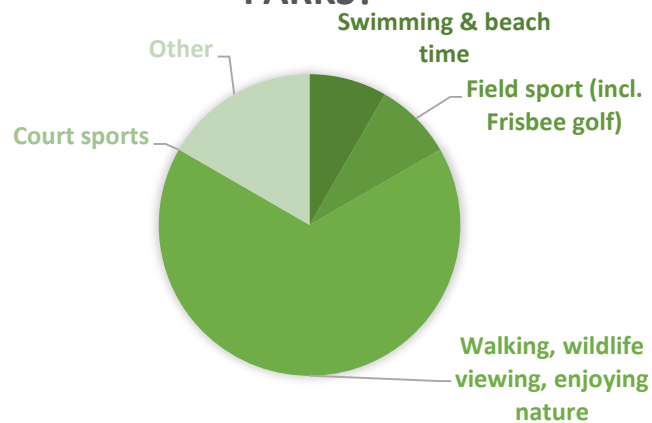
I CURRENTLY WORK OR VOLUNTEER ON ISSUES RELATED TO IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.



HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE CITY OF MADISON PARK SYSTEM?

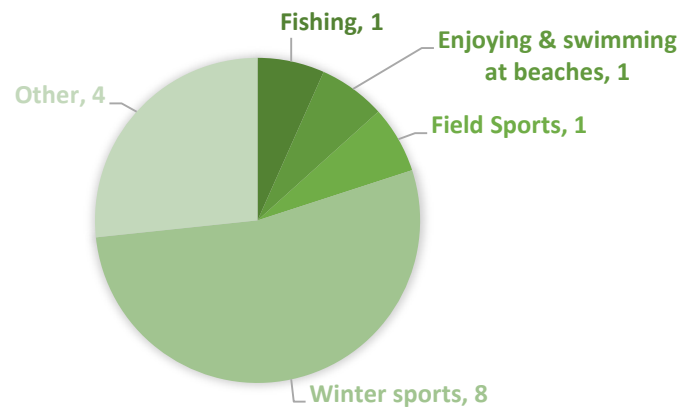


WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF RECREATION IN THE PARKS?

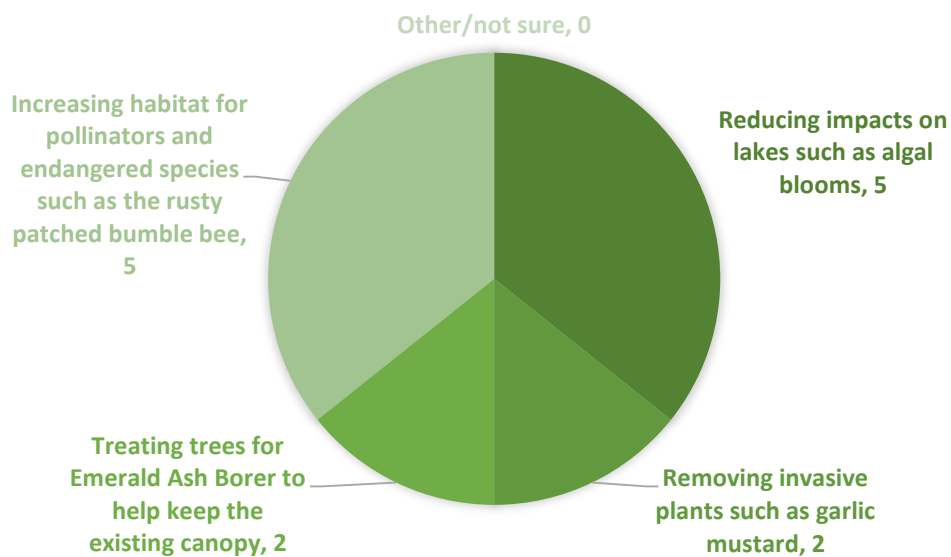


4.3 Audience Questions iClicker Results

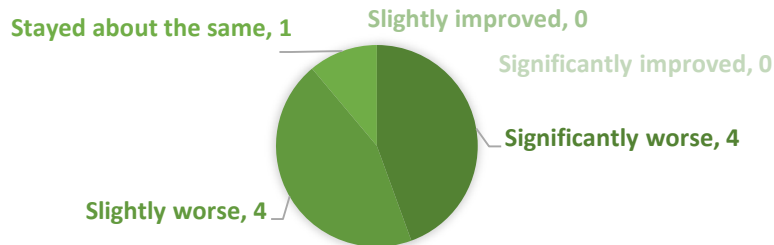
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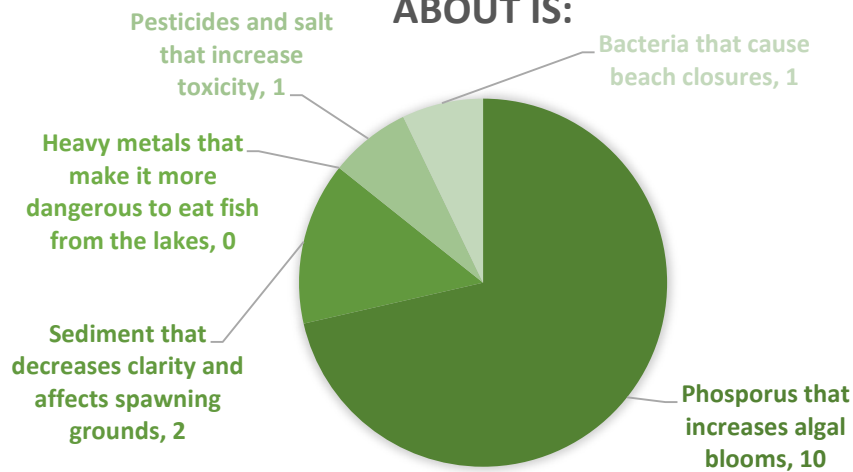
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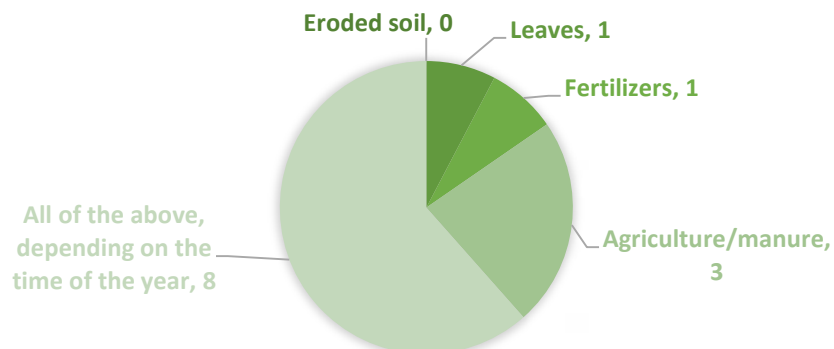
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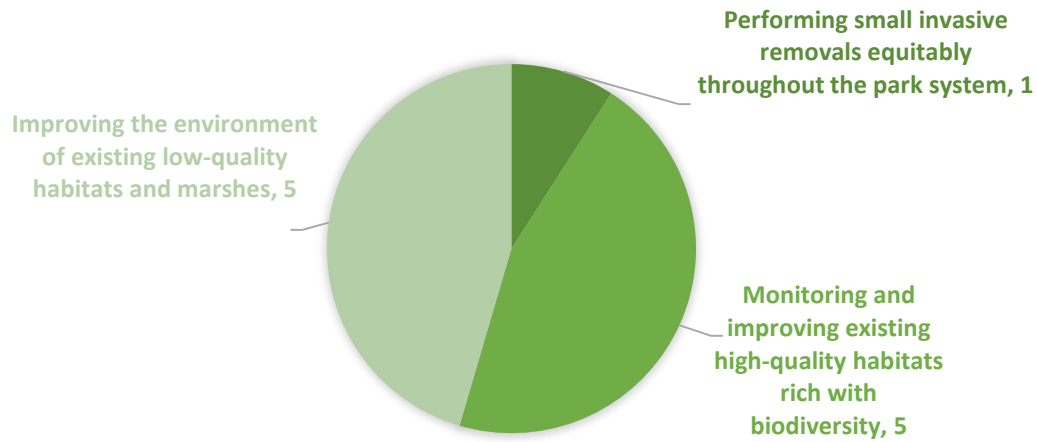
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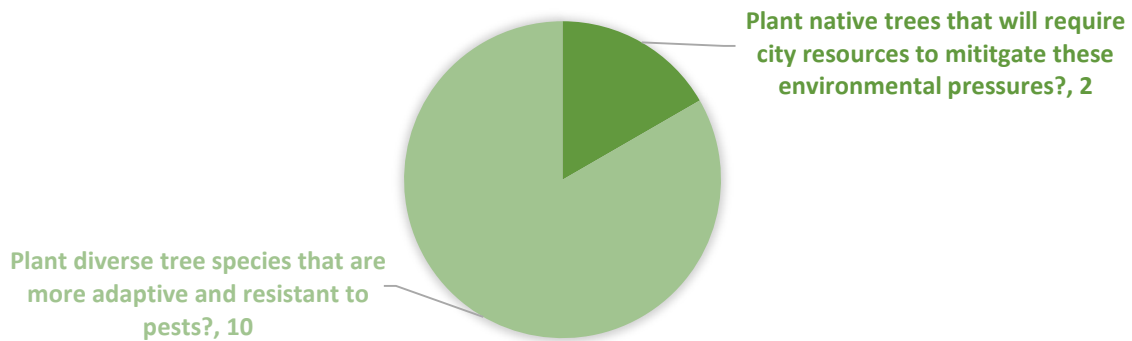
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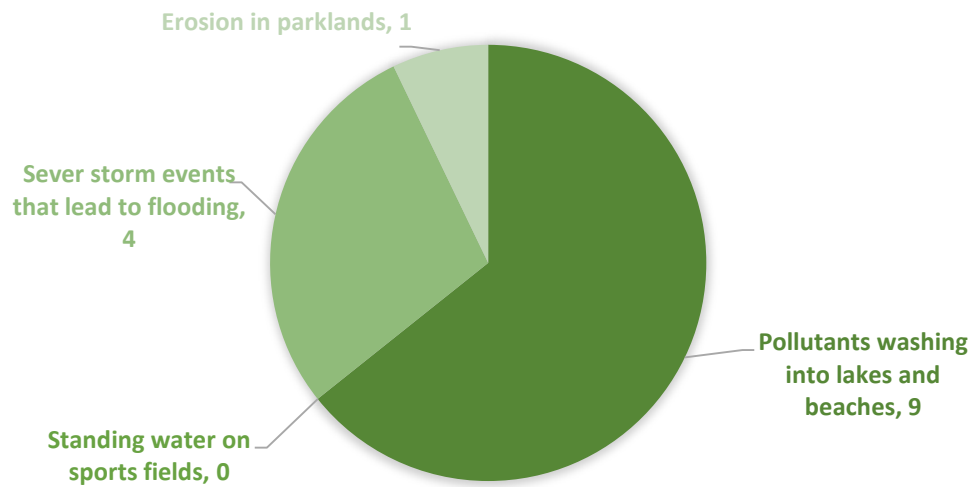
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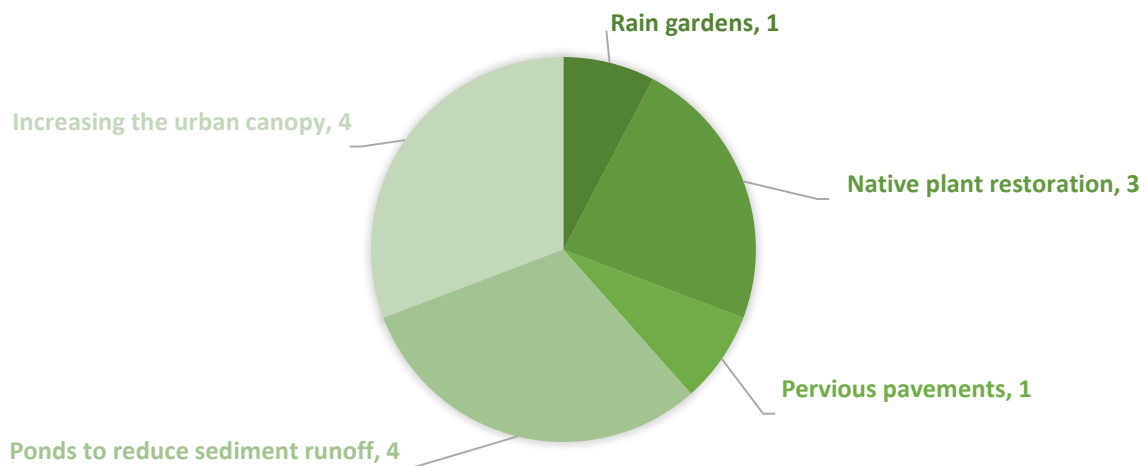
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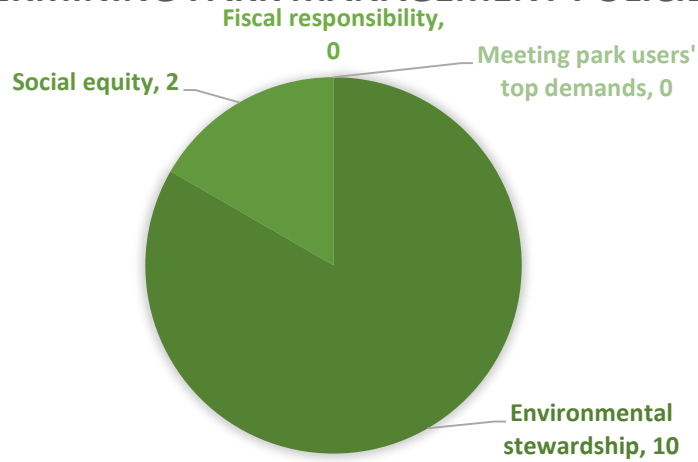
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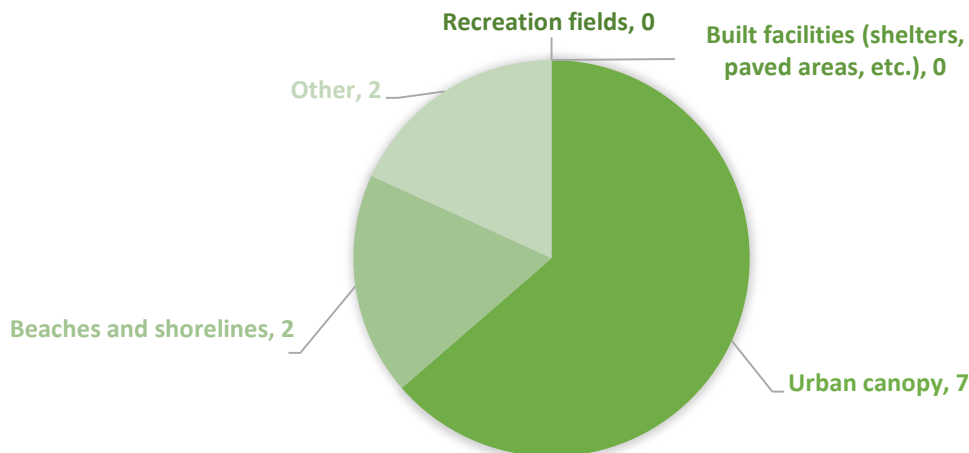
WHAT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY DO YOU BELIEVE IS MOST BENEFICIAL IN PARKS?



WHAT VALUE SHOULD BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY WHEN DETERMINING PARK MANAGEMENT POLICIES?



WHICH RESOURCES SHOULD RECEIVE THE MOST INVESTMENT TO DEVELOP A RESILIENT PARK SYSTEM?



5.0 RESULTS // DISCOVER MADISON PARKS! WORKSHOP: CONNECTING KIDS TO NATURE



5.1 Overview and Goals

The purpose of this workshop was to delve deeper into the issues and opportunities surrounding efforts to connect kids to nature at home, school, and throughout the community. The event sought to give families an opportunity to learn and explore together, while generating feedback and insights for the Park and Open Space Plan update.

The workshop included an interactive series of outdoor, nature-based discovery stations for kids and adults to explore, followed by an expert panel discussion of emerging trends, opportunities, barriers and local resources related to nature-based play and education. During the panel discussion, a separate kids table allowed kids to play and talk with a staff person from Public Health Madison and Dane County.

See Appendix E for agenda and packet worksheets.

5.2 Key Takeaways

- Participants and panelists thought that the greatest barriers preventing kids from connecting with nature are often logistical and physiological barriers. Parents would like to see one source for all of the available events for kids and are concerned with ensuring their kids are supervised.
- Participants and panelists agreed that one of the best strategies to connect kids with nature is not necessarily programmed events, but often simply providing free and unstructured time in natural places.
- The kid's discussion revealed that they enjoy spending time in parks and exploring natural areas such as forests, and that their time spent in parks is often limited by when their parents are available to take them.

5.3 Notes from Panel Discussion and Q&A

Panelists

- + Sarah Lerner, ASLA, Landscape Architect, City of Madison Parks Division
- + Sonya Sankaran, Project Coordinator, Connecting Children to Nature Initiative
- + Nola Walker (with daughter Willow, 11): Consultant, Eco-Cultural Connections, LLC and Wisconsin Master Naturalist

- + Anke Keuser, PhD candidate, UW-Madison Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies; Sherman Middle School Nature Explorers Club
- + Tim Nelson, Board Chair, Wild Warner
- + Emily Pepper, Recreation Specialist, Experiential Learning and Environmental Programs at Madison School & Community Recreation

Participants

- + Mike and Noi Bauman (with son John, 6): Residents of Middleton but users of many Madison parks. They recently moved back from living in many locations overseas, including Japan and Thailand. Their son likes to play outside and get dirty.
- + Karen Ottelien: Teacher at Head Start and resident of Stoughton. Looking for information and ideas for an outdoor classroom. Head Start receives federal and state funds for low income families. She teaches 18 three and four year olds, including many with disabilities, sensory issues, and experiences of trauma.
- + Sean McElmeel (with Jasper, 10): Big Brother to Jasper. Does his best to find outdoor events for them to do together.
- + Alder Rebecca Kemble, District 18: Involved with the connecting kids to nature project with 4th and 5th graders at Mendota School, which aims to start conversations about community needs and activism. She noted that this school has some of the highest poverty rates in the district, where one might not expect concern about the environment, but environmental protection is a major interest there. Creating a deep, soulful connection to nature is great for the kids and can help to pull the parents outside with them as well.

What are the challenges and barriers to connecting kids to nature in Madison?

- It's a challenge for parents and guardians to know where to look for outdoor events in and around Madison.
- There is no one comprehensive source of events, and not all parents have time to research the various sites.
- Hula Frog (<http://hulafrog.com/madison-wi>) is a good site.
- MOST (Madison-area Out of School Time, <https://mostmadison.org/>), is another good source for events.
- Many families, especially struggling families, feel a lack of time for outdoor activities.
- Crime is a barrier for some, disproportionately so in certain neighborhoods, but keeping kids inside isn't getting the community closer to the answer.
- Different people have different relationships with their neighbors and with the police. Many have a greater fear of being charged with neglect if their children are left unsupervised.

- Certain communities, for example people of color, often do not feel welcome in certain parks or natural spaces.

What strategies and programs are successfully breaking down, or would help to break down, these barriers?

- Students like seeing their teachers and community members getting excited about nature. It motivates them to get involved.
- It would be great to have a volunteer in each neighborhood, well-known to community members, who could host walks, events, and activities for local kids – who could tell neighbors, “I’m doing a nature walk at 5pm tomorrow – send your kids if they’re interested!” This would help combat the barrier of parents not wanting to leave kids unsupervised.
- The Sherman Middle School Nature Explorers Club allows students to discover nature through unstructured play and exploration, which is very important.
- There is a need to manage the perception of kids with and without supervision.
- Continue to communicate to families the benefits (physical, emotional, financial) of time spent in nature with your children.

Final words of wisdom and useful resources?

- July is parks and rec month on the MSCR page (<http://www.mscr.org/>).
- Madison’s combined school district and recreation department is something that uniquely benefits our city.
- Monthly family events program and guided nature walks at the Arboretum.
- Check out the Children and Nature Network (<http://www.childrenandnature.org/initiatives/cities/>) for resources on becoming a grassroots leader for getting kids outside.
- Through the environmental education programs at MSCR, teachers in Madison can schedule time with one of 25 master naturalists who can connect the field study topic to what they’re currently learning in school. Students spend time at recreation enrichment centers and at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center.
- MSCR also hosts summer canoe, kayaking, and camping skills courses with a progressive program throughout the summer.
- The Friends of Urban Nature (contact Paul Noeldner), puts on great nature-based events for families and kids.
- Wild Warner works with at-risk kids to do tree planting and trash collection, and promotes monthly nature walks and the master naturalist program.
- Look into citizen science programs to get kids interested in a specific topic connected to their community through technology and science.

- Kids don't need a special event to connect with nature. Give kids unplanned, unstructured time to come up with their own ideas and activities in natural spaces.
- Content is often less important than simply ensuring a positive experience in order to create a love of nature.

Kids' Discussion Notes

1. **What are your favorite things to do outside? What is your favorite thing about being outside?**
 - Playground swings
 - Sports!
 - Video games...?
 - Playing with friends
2. **How does being outside and spending time in natural areas make you feel?**
 - Awesome
 - I love the weather, the cool breeze
 - I love seeing butterflies and the nature
3. **What kinds of outdoor places do you like to spend the most time in? What makes these places so fun?**
 - Batting cage/football field
 - Looking for crystals/exploring
 - Playgrounds
4. **What kinds of places do you like to explore? What makes these places feel "wild" and exciting?**
 - Forests. We followed a path and then changed direction and found some crystals.
 - Cherokee marsh
 - Forest
5. **What kinds of outdoor things do you like to learn about?**
 - Sports, cats
 - Flowers, trees
 - I like to fish sometimes
 - Drinking fountains. Now the water comes out
6. **Are you allowed to go to the park and/or play outside by yourself?**
 - I can't go to the park alone
 - I'm allowed to go 15 minutes away to the park alone. Because I'm 10 and I know my school really well.
 - I don't live near a park. There's a dog park but I don't go there.
 - If you go to the park alone, you might get kidnapped.

7. What do you wish you could do outside or in a park that you can't do now?

- A Ferris wheel! A training facility for ninjas
- A football field
- A slide or swings. A playground

8. Close your eyes and imagine that you get to spend a whole day outside in the best place you can imagine. What does this place look like? Who else is there? What are you doing?

- My friends would be there. It has two swing sets and two slides and one jungle gym.
- Nature walks in the forest. My dad would come because he likes to go there too.
- Baseball field with all of my friends who are good at baseball

Appendix A: Community Visioning Session Materials



City of Madison Park & Open Space Plan: 2018-2022 Update
Community Visioning Session #1
January 31, 2017, 5:30-8:30PM
Warner Park Community Recreation Center

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| 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. | Open House |
| 6:00 – 6:20 p.m. | Introduction to the Park & Open Space Plan and Update Process
<i>Presentation to discuss the purpose and timeline of the City of Madison Park and Open Space Plan and five-year update process.</i> |
| 6:20 – 6:50 p.m. | Planning Context
<i>Presentation to review highlights of Madison's planning context and the 2012-2017 Park and Open Space Plan.</i>

Exercise: Brag, Worry, Wonder, Bet
<i>Working as individuals and in small groups, respond to questions on the pink worksheet.</i> |
| 6:50 – 7:20 p.m. | Values + Vision Activity
<i>Working as individuals and in small groups, develop and refine fictional newspaper headlines describing the desired future state of Madison's park and open space system. We will end with a large group report-out and discussion.</i> |
| 7:20 – 7:50 p.m. | Issues + Opportunities Mapping
<i>Working in small groups, identify issues and opportunities related to parks infrastructure and programming, using the city-wide and area-specific maps and blue worksheet. We will end with a large group report-out and discussion.</i> |
| 7:50 – 8:00 p.m. | Wrap-Up |





How do you
#ImagineMadison?



EQUITY

The inherent worth of each individual in Madison should be esteemed and fostered, enabling them to reach their full potential. This plan will address current structural and institutional inequities for our communities of color and other disadvantaged groups.



HEALTH

This plan will impact the choices people have concerning where to live and how to get around, access to healthful foods, opportunities for physical activity, air and water quality, traffic safety, mental health, social interactions, and exposure to pollution.



SUSTAINABILITY

This plan will help Madison manage resources to promote welfare and equity for current and future generations by encouraging interconnected green space, a multi-modal transportation system, efficient mixed-use development, and protected environmental resources.



ADAPTABILITY

This plan will help Madison prepare for, respond to, and recover from hazards and threats with minimum damage to safety, health, security, and the economy. This includes the city's ability to function during times of stress and to adapt to a "new normal" if necessary.



Imagine Madison
People Powered Planning

Brag

What positive things are you most likely to tell others about Madison's parks and open spaces? What are our greatest assets? What is coolest? What do you appreciate most?

Worry

What is most worrisome or troubling to you regarding Madison's parks and open spaces?

Wonder

What are you wondering about right now?

Bet

What changes do you predict will impact Madison's park system in the future?

Values and Vision Activity

What newspaper headline pertaining to Madison's parks system would you most like to see printed ten years from now? Consider what a successful park system means to you, and how you might want Madison's park system to be viewed by future visitors or residents.

Madison, Wisconsin

February 2027

Your headline here:

Notes:

Issues and Opportunities Mapping

If there's something you can't map, write it down here.

Issues

Issues may include existing or emerging gaps in facilities, programming gaps, underperforming resources, or threats to resources. Issues may be location-specific, policy-related, or other. As you work, consider:

- What is missing from Madison's park system? Where are there gaps in facilities? Where are there gaps in available activities?
- What park areas do you not enjoy or not know much about?
- What unintended uses are causing problems? What is encouraging these behaviors? How might we discourage them?

Opportunities

Opportunities may include existing or emerging resources. They may be location-based, policy-based, or community partnership-based. As you work, consider:

- What are the greatest strengths of our parks system?
- What "gems" should we start or continue to invest in?
- What and/or where are opportunities for our park system to contribute to: equity, sustainability, health & wellness, and adaptability?
- What opportunities do we have to discourage unintended uses?

Park and Open Space Plan 2018-2022 Update

Share Your Ideas

COMMUNITY VISIONING SESSIONS

Community meetings to share your ideas and vision for the future of the Madison Park system.

Community Visioning Session #1

Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

[Warner Park Community Recreation Center](#)

Community Visioning Session #2

Monday, February 6, 2017, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

[Whitehorse Middle School](#) - Library Media Center

Community Visioning Session #3

Monday, February 13, 2017, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

[The Village on Park](#)

Community Visioning Session #4

Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

[Alicia Ashman Library](#)

Community Visioning Session #5

Thursday, March 23, 2017, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

[Central Library](#)

COMMUNITY THEMED EVENTS – COMING SOON!

Engaging workshops at key Madison locations focusing on specific themes pertaining to the future of the park system.

COMMENT CARDS

Comment cards provide a quick and simple way to gain insight into how people use parks in our community. Comment cards are distributed at various park events, and will be available online until the release of the Community Wide Survey.

COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY – COMING SOON!

SYSTEM FOR OBSERVING PLAY AND RECREATION IN COMMUNITIES (SOPARC)

SOPARC is a validated real-time direct observation tool for assessing park and recreation areas. Madison Parks is currently running a pilot assessment with community volunteers, neighborhood associations and Friends of groups, to gather observation data for Vilas, Elver, Warner, and James Madison Park. For more information contact Claire Oleksiak at coleksiak@cityofmadison.com

RECREATION LEAGUE SURVEY

The City of Madison is asking for feedback from the over 130 recreation organizations that reserve or heavily use Madison Parks Facilities. Email parkandopenspaceplan@cityofmadison.com if your organization is interested in completing this survey.

IMAGINE MADISON

[Imagine Madison](#) is a unique public listening campaign, design by the City of Madison alongside members of the community as part of the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Update.

EMAIL SUBSCRIBE

Subscribe to email updates to the Park and Open Space Plan by visiting <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/2018-2022-park-open-space-plan>.

THE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

A collaborative project with the University of Wisconsin to identify park needs and concerns in specific communities.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE TEAMS

[Neighborhood resource teams](#) comprised of city staff and community members serving specific neighborhoods.



Stay connected with the [Madison Parks Website](#) and follow us on Facebook, and Twitter

Or contact us at (608) 261-4711 or parks@cityofmadison.com

Appendix B: Community Visioning Session Full Activities Results

	Maintenance and Facility Operations	Parkland Development and Planning	Rules/Safety/Crime	Programming and Events	Facilities	Conservation/Environment/Natural Areas	Lakes, Beaches, Water Access and Water Quality	Park Specific	Funding/Revenues and Quantity	Park Access and Quantity	Other	Dogs in Parks	Environmental Education and Encouraging Kids to Use Parks	Equity and Demographic Inclusion	Environmental Pressures (Non Aquatic) and Degradation	Winter Activities	Community Gardens/Landscapes	Viewsheds	Trails and Connectivity	Olbriach Gardens	Warner Park Recreation Pool, Activities and Use	Community and Volunteers	Privatization and Partnerships	Trees	Population and Demographic Shifts	Location	Question
Uses that bring diverse communities together- races, ages e.g. community gardens, boats													1				1				1	1				Downtown	What I like most...
View and physical access to water. I love that there are two + within walking distance of my apartment						1			1									1								Downtown	What I like most...
Continued use for festivals; live, great taste			1																							Downtown	What I like most...
Good maintenance of turf and ball diamonds and soccer fields. Much attention goes to keeping grass mowed in parks. Well done.	1																									Downtown	What I like most...
The combination of playground equipment and nature/open space		1				1																				Downtown	What I like most...
Preservation of unique land; Hoyt Park, Picnic Point shoreline		1				1		1																		Downtown	What I like most...
They are open and nature is allowed to grow						1																				Downtown	What I like most...
Bike access. Number of parks.									1			1							1							Downtown	What I like most...
You are incorporating pollinator protection and that is good.						1																				Downtown	What I like most...
Madison lakes, place for all, to gather and enjoy nature and outside activities							1																			Downtown	What I like most...
I love the number and amount of space/parks. It offers a natural connection throughout the city.						1			1										1							Downtown	What I like most...
The number of parks and the quality of trails in them		1							1										1							Downtown	What I like most...
The unique quality of each park. Great vibes!		1																								Downtown	What I like most...
That there are several parks that I can easily walk/bike to in my neighborhood										1																East	What I like most...
The connection to open space and activities for all age groups.						1			1																	East	What I like most...
The opportunity to "be with nature" and that open green space is available to everyone						1							1													East	What I like most...
There are places for kids to see a forest (Hiestand or Olin)						1		1				1														East	What I like most...
There are a lot in my neighborhood within walking distance.									1																	East	What I like most...
Love most: City parks provide green space that is available to all people.									1																	North	What I like most...
The access to the water. And that I can go to a park and find both recreational use and wildlife coexisting. I'm partial to the natural places.						1	1		1																	North	What I like most...
Water access						1																				North	What I like most...
Nature Recreation, natural areas, birds, wildlife, living habitats not just vistas						1				1																North	What I like most...
Nature plant and animal communities in conservation parks						1																				North	What I like most...
That there are lots of them!		1							1																	North	What I like most...
I can go into the woods and find so much life: frogs, birds, dozens of trees and fungi species in the woods and prairie, bugs and plants in the meadows. Also frog song. Continual frog song means happy nature to me.						1																	1			North	What I like most...
Ability to walk to or bike to areas around Madison set aside as open spaces.						1													1							North	What I like most...
The hiking trails and ability to find quiet spaces.						1													1							North	What I like most...
1. I love all the dog parks. I also hike, bird and butterfly watch in those dog parks and look at wild flowers. 2. Sandhill cranes in Cherokee marsh.						1		1			1															North	What I like most...
Park rangers!			1																							North	What I like most...

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Equal investment in infrastructure								1			1												Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Careful about public/private partnerships. There can be extra costs to the City. I'd like to see even more trees planted because they don't all survive. More money spent on trees.																			1	1			Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Dog owners are only one part of the population. Unless in fenced areas, dogs need to be on leashes. I would like to see more attention to monitoring for dogs off leash, especially in the autumn when beaches close. I'm not in favor of increase in dog parks.									1														Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Keep our green space. Do not develop or commercialize it. Parks are for health, exercise, sports, and nature experience- not for Parks Department or anyone else to make money off the space		1				1																	Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Keep the more natural spaces undeveloped. And do more with nature education especially for children.						1					1												Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Please: more attention to beaches. Provide lifeguards consistently. We need lifeguards, weed clean up, and bathrooms open. If parents go to beach with kids and bathrooms closed, it doesn't work for them.		1				1																	Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Limiting the mowing to playing fields.	1																						Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Easier/more plentiful access to boating equipment				1		1																	Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
No more beer gardens				1					1														Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Additional park space in the central isthmus/downtown area. Infill has increased population and more recreational space/opportunities are needed.		1																					Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
I would like parks to do a better job of focusing/enhancing uses (i.e. Vilas focus on children/kids not keg kickball and tailgating)		1		1													1						Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
I would like to see parks do better at highlighting connecting residents to the lakes						1									1								Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Better management of existing natural areas	1					1																	Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Dog waste collection	1									1													Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Open space and structure for gardens and neighborhood composting						1								1				1					Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
More community gardens				1										1									Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Allow dogs (on-leash) in more parks. Provide More trash cans and recycling cans. More disc-golf courses.	1		1		1					1													Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
Better maintenance of biological and human made resources in existing parks.	1																						Downtown	What I would like to see improved...
I would like to see a traffic park, like in Denmark.		1																					East Side	What I would like to see improved...
I would like all parks accessible by bike path.						1			1	1					1								East Side	What I would like to see improved...
Ban rubber mulch						1			1	1													East Side	What I would like to see improved...
Would like to see: -More access to shoreline from the lakes/from the parks in large parks i.e. steps down to the lake along shoreline in Olbrich park -More picnic areas right along lakeshore in large parks like Olbrich (get rid of soccer fields, add more parking near shore)					1		1	1															East Side	What I would like to see improved...

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That a number of streams have been buried or put in channel That the parks are not very open to volunteers That the parks have not been good about neighborhood communication (ex. Owen Conservancy Commercial mowing) Reference to the UW Arboretum as a park- it is not! Lack of maintenance with invasives, including buckthorn Lack of coordination between different city agencies that manage open space and UW arboretum	1									1									1					Downtown	Worry
Staffing Resources Volunteering								1											1					Downtown	Worry
As a park festival organizer, sustainability of the festival with growing costs of doing business with the city.				1				1																Downtown	Worry
Not enough upkeep Concerned about drug dealing	1		1																					Downtown	Worry
Budget cuts threaten park and facility upkeep and safety. With climate change, need to do a better job grooming and managing our snow for skiing	1							1					1	1										Downtown	Worry
Lack of trash and recycling cans Ensuring adequate staffing and maintenance Safety along certain trails (especially around Monona Bay) Exclusion of some populations (homeless, lower-income, etc.)	1		1					1					1											Downtown	Worry
Oversight of conservation parks sad as Owen [...] people walking over the prairie as spring, summer, fall [...] continued irregular groomers of ski trails, why do we pay for ski use and have to put up with poor maintenance? Take dogs out of conservation parks! Continued weed overgrowth of weeds in lakes. Lack of funds	1					1	1	1			1			1										Downtown	Worry
Equitable investment for upkeep (lighting, trash, recycling, boathouses) Exclusion toward some populations (Hmong gardens, homeless population) Who are parks intended to be used by? Equitable distribution Cultural designs Water quality Bathrooms/water needed in far more parks year round	1	1		1	1		1						1						1					Downtown	Worry

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Olbrich Arboretum will take over the ice complex land and skating will be no more Worry about lakes Winter won't be supported					1	1						1								Downtown	Worry	
Not many natural areas. We could be more proactive about pollinators like butterflies and bees whose populations depend on wildflowers. Too many open fields. I love ultimate as much as the next millennial, but many of our parks are seemingly just open fields.																						
Algal blooms				1	1															Downtown	Worry	
The tendency to develop open spaces. We should keep them green and improve on natural areas Invasive species will kill off more trees. Not sure if replacement plan is adequate. I'd put more money into trees. Invasive species affecting water quality of lake (zebra mussel)					1							1							1	Downtown	Worry	
The underdevelopment of certain parks, Burr Jones comes to mind. Open space is good but could it be used better to engage all ages and/or more festival use. Toilet and water (drinking) access in parks, especially in winter.		1		1		1										1				Downtown	Worry	
Culturally appropriate activities Cleanliness of water ways Are we creating parks for an aging population? How to engage a younger population that is tech dependent						1					1						1			Downtown	Worry	
Maintenance of fields and sustainability Inventory (enough fields to meet needs)	1			1					1								1			East Side	Worry	
The idea that we have enough parks and the threat of development. An example would be the farm located on Fair Oaks and Milwaukee. Would love to see a working farm in the spirit of Old World Wisconsin rather than more buildings. Our current houses need renovations, and we'll always benefit from more parks.		1							1											East Side	Worry	
Connection Facilities management Safety in evening Privatization/developments Lake shore Underserved community access															1			1	1		East Side	Worry
Deterioration of lakes (eutrophication) Lack of maintenance of these facilities Lack of control of deer, coyotes etc. Lack of welcomeness or feeling of danger in same parks	1		1			1			1								1			East Side	Worry	

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What does the park system see happening with its budget in the next 5 years?																											
Volunteer network/comment/response section																											
Neighborhood association network/board system, president board meeting to facilitate communication								1		1											1					Downtown	Wonder
Will the city continue to support Olbrich ice and the adopt the ice program							1									1				1						Downtown	Wonder
How parks can connect with neighborhoods/users																					1					Downtown	Wonder
Why many parks don't allow dogs (on-leash)?																										Downtown	Wonder
What is the funding outlook for the parks department? Is the city adequately funding it?																											
Why don't we have more pools? Is it because we have so many natural water features?																											
Why do restrooms close in the winter?				1	1			1			1					1										Downtown	Wonder
How much of city budget goes to parks? Prop taxes?																											
Trends with garden plots																											
How much programming involves school and community centers? Where?				1				1								1							1			Downtown	Wonder
All the playgrounds going to be maintained? Will they be broken or run down in 10, 15, 20 years	1																				1					Downtown	Wonder
Older children's activities?				1																						Downtown	Wonder
Climate change impact																											
Long term maintenance budget																											
What will people want to do in the parks in the future?	1								1					1							1					Downtown	Wonder
If minorities are being served enough...																											
If ice rinks will become obsolete?														1		1										Downtown	Wonder
I'm wondering about education tie-ins to parks: are field trips encouraged? Are there "learning parks" or walks? "Learning gardens" etc.?																											
Are there youth stewardship programs?													1										1			Downtown	Wonder
How can we capture snow from malls and clean areas to save for skiing on our trails?																1										Downtown	Wonder
Will the points I raise here (in worry) be addressed and action taken?											1															Downtown	Wonder
How can parks be made more appealing to kids in Madison neighborhoods?													1													Downtown	Wonder
Overall sustainability and development of parks with budget constraints																											
Winter sports, especially ice hockey boards and lake maintenance	1								1							1										Downtown	Wonder
If access to the lakes (Wingra) could be done from UW Arboretum?																											
If outdoor showers could be at more parks to encourage swimming?																											
If outhouses/bathrooms available during the winter so off season use can be encouraged				1			1	1							1											Downtown	Wonder

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Wondering about: 1. How to see and affect master plans for specific parks 2. Who are the best people to contact when you have concerns about design in specific parks 3. What kind of influence I can have on park programming 4. How to use public space that is not set aside as a park					1						1										1					North Side	Wonder		
Could there be more boats for people who don't own them?																													
Why only two persons of color at this meeting? And so few in parks?											1				1												North Side	Wonder	
How can we better partner with nonprofits to work on park grounds, improve or build shelters, and run concessions (i.e. Operation Fresh Start, school trades classes, Goodman Center, school groups, Boys & Girls Club)?	1																					1	1				North Side	Wonder	
Who does fund maintain trails for skiing?											1						1										North Side	Wonder	
Why is there not more celebration of mound/effigy culture? Why is there no cultural explanation of Blackhawk War (1832) and trail through isthmus?												1				1											North Side	Wonder	
Will the plan meet the needs of all residents?			1												1												North Side	Wonder	
How global warming will effect my local park more than it already has...																1											North Side	Wonder	
Competitive level pool for Warner Park, how to fund?																												North Side	Wonder
How to increase resources beyond city taxes									1	1																		North Side	Wonder
Spaces or Needs that I use the most are not addressed.																													
What's for dinner?																													
Docks for lake access					1			1				1																North Side	Wonder
Plans for dog parks down?													1														North Side	Wonder	
Improvements																													
Wonder if smaller parks will be overcrowded with constant population growth																					1					1	North Side	Wonder	
Are "non-managed surface" (native habitat) recreation needs and opportunities reorganized and valued as year round resources and use counted?							1				1																	North Side	Wonder
How flooding will affect my woods, what I can do to keep them protected, how to get my fungi project to help show people yet one more reason to protect the natural space. Wonder how to engage black community?														1	1		1					1						North Side	Wonder
Protection and long range planning for Northside parks.																													
Create stewardship/environmental awareness							1								1			1										North Side	Wonder
Global warming being taken off DNR website																	1											North Side	Wonder
How do I get a copy of the master plan for Cherokee Park?									1																			North Side	Wonder
How to increase resources										1																		North Side	Wonder
I wonder if events at parks will increase at a rate that starts to create tensions with neighbors. They are popular (I love them myself) but I wonder where the line will be drawn.						1																						South Side	Wonder
Why don't more people and kids get out and explore the parks? How do we get teenagers engaged?																													
Sustainable care of parks, are we where we need to be?	1										1			1								1						South Side	Wonder
Best practices for care of parks - sustainable																													
Can we have more food/gardens?																													
Why are shelters so uninspiring?	1					1					1																	South Side	Wonder

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Wonder about future recreational opportunities - both indoor and outdoor (winter) for active seniors (besides golf)														1																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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Monona Bay, no wake lake																										
Pickleball courts will become more prevalent			1		1																				Downtown	Bet
Funding cuts																										
Population density								1					1											1	Downtown	Bet
I bet that changes in demographics (i.e. more younger residents) will impact desired park amenities; different courts etc.																										
I bet climate changes will impact the park system, as it impacts the entire regional ecosystem																								1	Downtown	Bet
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	Maintenance and Facility Operations	Parkland Development and Planning	Rules/Safety/Crime	Programming and Events	Facilities	Conservation/Environment/Natural Areas	Lakes, Beaches, Water Access and Water Quality	Park Specific	Funding/Revenues and Quantity	Park Access and Other	Dogs in Parks	Environmental Education and Encouraging Kids to Use Parks	Equity and Demographic Inclusion and Degradation	Winter Activities	Community Gardens/Edible Landscapes	Viewsheds	Trails and Connectivity	Olbrich Gardens, Goodman Pool, Warner Park Recreation Center	Activities and Use	Community and Volunteers	Privatization and Partnerships	Trees	Population and Demographic Shifts	Location	Question
1. Madison lakes are 50% cleaner 2. Parks are Interconnected 3. San Damiano is developed to maintain most of its natural beauty		1					1			1						1								Downtown	Headlines
Innovative "parks prescription" program spurs growth of interconnectivity between Madison city parks									1							1								Downtown	Headlines
Madison's amazing lake turnaround: how Madison invested in its lakes and clear water returned							1																	Downtown	Headlines
Madison Parks Most Visited in the World									1									1						Downtown	Headlines
Record amount and diversity in trees, plants and animals in Madison Parks.						1							1											Downtown	Headlines
Jewel of the Midwest: Madison lakes/parks dying to rebirth							1			1														Downtown	Headlines
City of Madison connects municipal buildings into park land through green infrastructure, rooftop community gardens		1			1	1										1								Downtown	Headlines
Madison, WI parks system are true destinations for concerts/festivals/outdoor activities				1					1									1						Downtown	Headlines
The city celebrates use of the parks by all residents												1						1						Downtown	Headlines
1. More time spent in Madison's parks and beaches! 2. Madison's lakeside parks voted favorite regional destination 3. Madison #1 city in nation for investing in its parks 4. Beaches are "in" again!							1	1										1						Downtown	Headlines
Hospice patients and families spend time together on Lake Wingra									1			1												Downtown	Headlines
Madison parks convert neighborhood compost into fresh food for farmers markets						1									1									Downtown	Headlines
Madison achieves most complete and diverse park system in the world		1										1												Downtown	Headlines
Madison Parks are a success story for connecting people to nature and each other Madison Parks now the gold standard in nation												1												Downtown	Headlines
City brags about connectivity with park planning and acquisition		1																						Downtown	Headlines
City wins national award for park innovation: multi-use, inventive greenspaces, are highlighted																		1						Downtown	Headlines
Take over your parks! Celebrates diverse infrastructure/programming/music/art/food: "takeovers" voted by youth in Madison						1						1						1						Downtown	Headlines

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Activity 5: General issues and opportunities (or without a specific map-able location)

North Side Community Visioning Session:
More signs: educational, cautionary
We need nature education facilities! In rec centers, in open spaces by paths
Several adult senior playgrounds
No Madison dog park has an agility course
More labeling of Native American assets/sites
Improved signage in conservation parks
Improved preservation of Native American mounds
Better signage all over to make it more welcoming, interpretive and educational
Fitness trail like Middleton's near seniors (North side?)
More skate-style xc trails (tracked?)
Wisconsin Public Trust Doctrine requires that we protect lake surface users' experiences from hi rise buildings, visual/sound intrusions
Facilities upkeep (i.e. Olbrich Gardens)
More work on beach water quality
Make more "user welcoming" to diverse groups (survey diverse populations, youth, seniors)
Do not use public space for private beer sales (use beach house for concession sales of non-alcohol products and staff with nonprofit groups)
Work with schools to bring in groups for structured naturalist presentations
Adult/senior playground, fitness trails
Cirriculum/youth ear certificate, "parkie" program (get a badge)
System wide transit access for those unable to walk/bike
Climate disruption and "rain bombs", potentially major damage to many areas of city including parks and habitats
Urban sprawl is a threat
Noise from UW Memorial Union stage "pollutes" Lake Mendota
A lower Lake Mendota will reduce "McBoats" and thus noise, while allowing restoration of habitat
Madison has no velodrome
Schools should have a curriculum for kids so they can get after school "credit" that they can put on their college applications (for example "Master Naturalist" for youth instead of "captain of hockey team")
Put the parks to use, Central Park needs more
Hiestand Parks as cyclecross parks
Central Parks with dog access, leash or open
Bike access or B-cycle stations at parks
Societal problems: homelessness is an issue, women/girls not feeling safe by themselves in parks
Dogs off leash outside dog parks disrupt native birds and wildlife
Parkies! Help neighborhoods and kids enjoy their nearby parks and natural areas
Northside Nature center in WPCRC if building is updated for pool
Piers at all beaches, if you get past the shore, lakes are beautiful most of the time!
Dogs in parks off-leash cause more damage than people realize, and their waste impact is tremendous
We need MUCH more support for nature centers, nature education
Ticket dogs off-leash
Provide "things" library, woodshop, tools, kitchen stuff, kids toy packets etc.

Label Native American sites and revive Native American names
Agility courses in dog parks
City needs Spanish language events/signage
Access to lakes is good. We have much wildlife, much beauty
East Side Community Visioning Session:
Connecting parks will increase awareness and use of parks, bike paths/routes
In our parks maps, are connection roads/paths between parks highlighted?
Nice spread of Eastside ultimate Frisbee fields
[Olbrich Park to Yahara Place Park] could be a large wildlife trail, gardens, connected green space. Farm converted to Aldo Leopold or Old World Wisconsin-type use.
Process for getting public orchards planted is too difficult
Help people in developing areas on how to manage/use the parks
Managing prairies is not well done or consistent so invasives invade, plan for each place
Use goats to manage invasive
Natural areas becoming stormwater ponds. Parks and engineering working together.
More park rangers needed
Golf is not that important to us. Concern about pesticides.
Traffic “islands” used for “natural” purposes instead of concrete
Massive advertising for public meetings because people don’t know about meetings. Door to door canvassing to get email contacts for people who want to be informed about meetings.
Concern: cutting trees and vegetables in Cherokee Park and Tenney Park
Concern: private areas in park only for businesses- boat rentals
Fix water quality for swimming
Need a park shelter for family picnics at Olbrich
Need to do citizen input planning BEFORE Parks Department does projects
Indoor warm water exercise and lap pools, community pool
Restrooms facilities in high-use athletic fields parks
Continued development of further fields in newer areas
Extreme shortage of lit athletic fields city-wide
There are a nice spread of 4-6 athletic field sites that can be cultivated into true league settings
Better system of shelters, more shelters
Is an unused park safe? Or is it an unsafe park isn’t used?
Park safety
Does the parks Department have a responsibility for watershed health?
Non-profit festivals (e.g. MHT “Great Taste of the Midwest” Beer Festival, Fete de Marquette
Privatizing public park areas (boat rentals) excludes all who can’t pay for purchase of service
Save areas near lakes, creeks and expand green spaces without developing into residential areas
Increase number of community gardens
Continued increase of prairie development in places like Sycamore Park
Missing a greater vision for more eco-systems thinking in terms of e-ways, sustainability, being proactive, identifying, acquiring new parcels for preservation before development
Missing: indoor facility for “mall walkers”, for kids on bikes, public meeting spaces etc.
South Side Community Visioning Session:
Parkland for denser downtown residential areas, esp. “canyon” on West Gorham/West Johnson
Opportunity: Link Olin-Turville to Alliant Energy Center for more pedestrian access
The “canyon” of high rises doesn’t have adequate park spaces for huge influx of tenants

West Side Community Visioning Session:

More disk golf parks
A skateboard park in West/Southwest
More groomed x-county ski trails @ Odana and any golf courses
More pickleball courts
Kudos on the playgrounds, but how about some multi-age, accessible or adventure types
Some regional community centers and sports centers
Spraygrounds
Check out Minneapolis and the restaurants in parks and on lakes
Add more community garden areas
Please consider making Madison Parks and beaches smoke free.
Community volunteers, reach out to community for assistance in shoveling, landscaping, cleaning etc.
In future master planning, the City of Madison should acknowledge and plan for additional pickleball facilities. Demand will continue to grow as baby boomers retire. The new courts at Garner Park are great and are receiving heavy use. Bear in mind that pickleball is not tennis and that pairs of courts in various locations is not what is needed. Pickleballers prefer groups of 6, 8 or more courts at a location.
New activities are putting pressure on existing large organizations, i.e. soccer
More cross country ski groomed trails
Greatest strengths are diverse uses, conservation park areas
Need more west side sports fields (ultimate Frisbee is huge, you can't fight it)
Real downtown park, diocese property
Continue creating greenspace connections between parks
Missing mountain bike trails, fat-biking in winter in existing parks

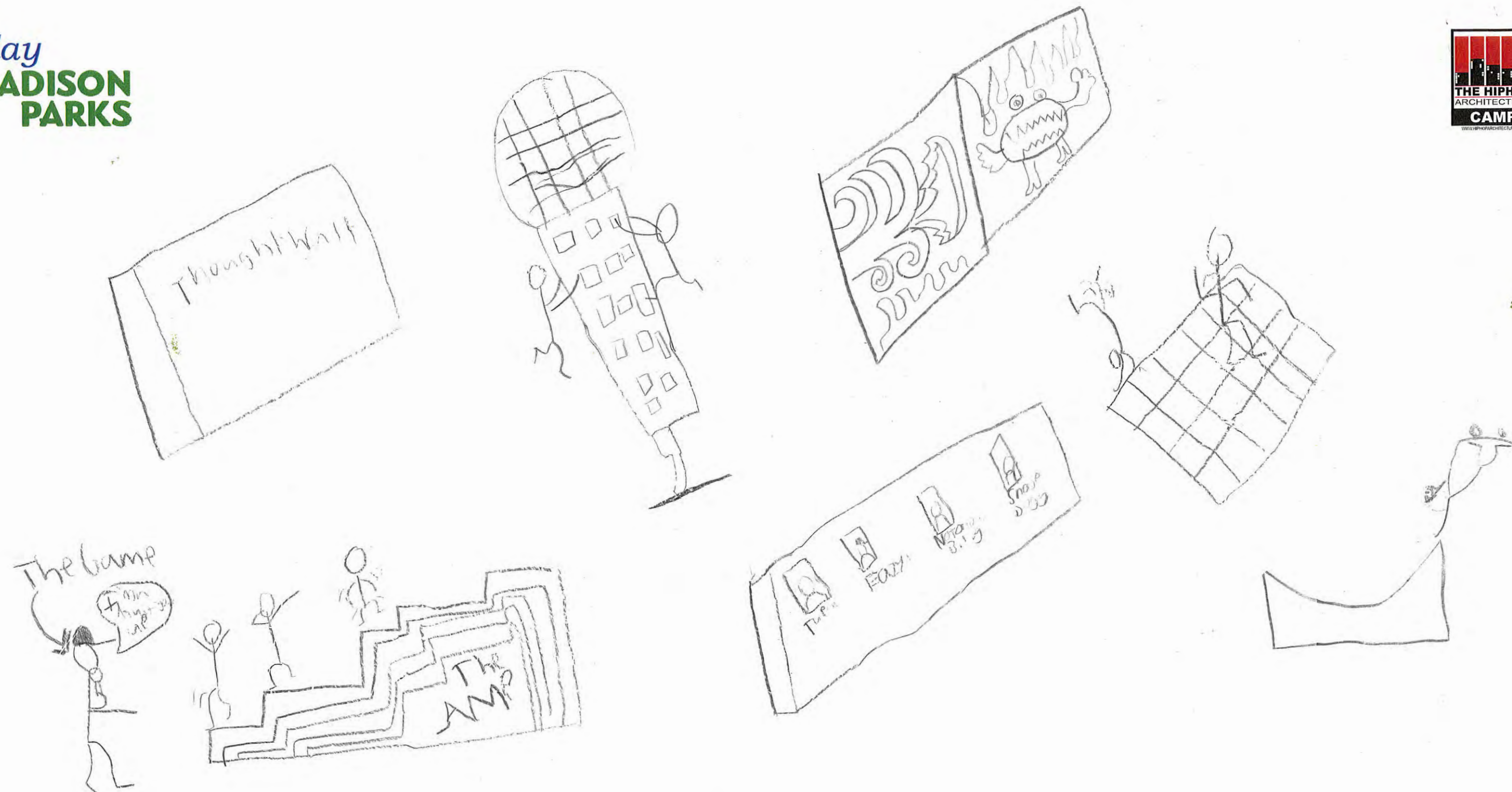
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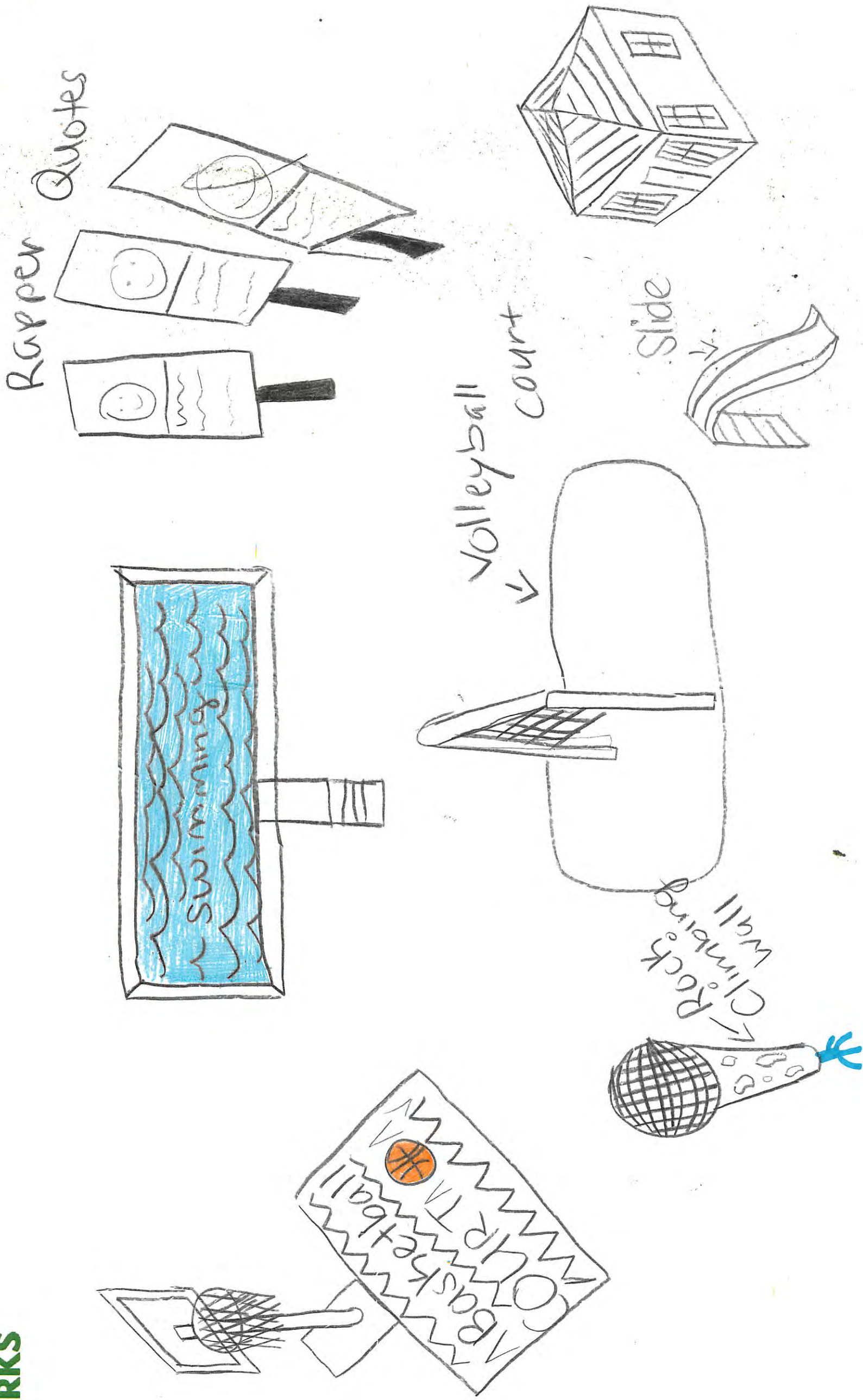
Many parks do not allow on-leash dogs
Natural grass is great environmentally but depending on the area it can make pedestrians feel unsafe
For parks that do not allow dogs it would be nice to make dog waste bags available and provide trash/waste containers to dispose of the waste
Incorporating sustainable materials and practices in our parks
Need more ski grooming and snow-making/saving
Elver snow making, expand that and snow-saving at other parks
One goal should be to maintain what we have and keep the conservation parks for the uses that they were designated for. To do the latter, maintain signage at entrances to the parks...rangers should issue tickets or fines as described on current signs
Defining recreation, does it have to include alcohol?
Empowering the community to be the eyes on the park, neighborhood watch
Utilizing the parks as points of education, community empowerment
Create opportunities for the parks to create a revenue stream
Drug and alcohol use at Wingra Park and Vilas Park
Community control and use, neighborhood watch, it's your park, tell us if you see something you don't like
Dog control consistent
Improve waste receptacles in parks, recycling
Alcohol in parks necessary for recreation?
Lots of land, lots of lakes
Revenue for parks by users

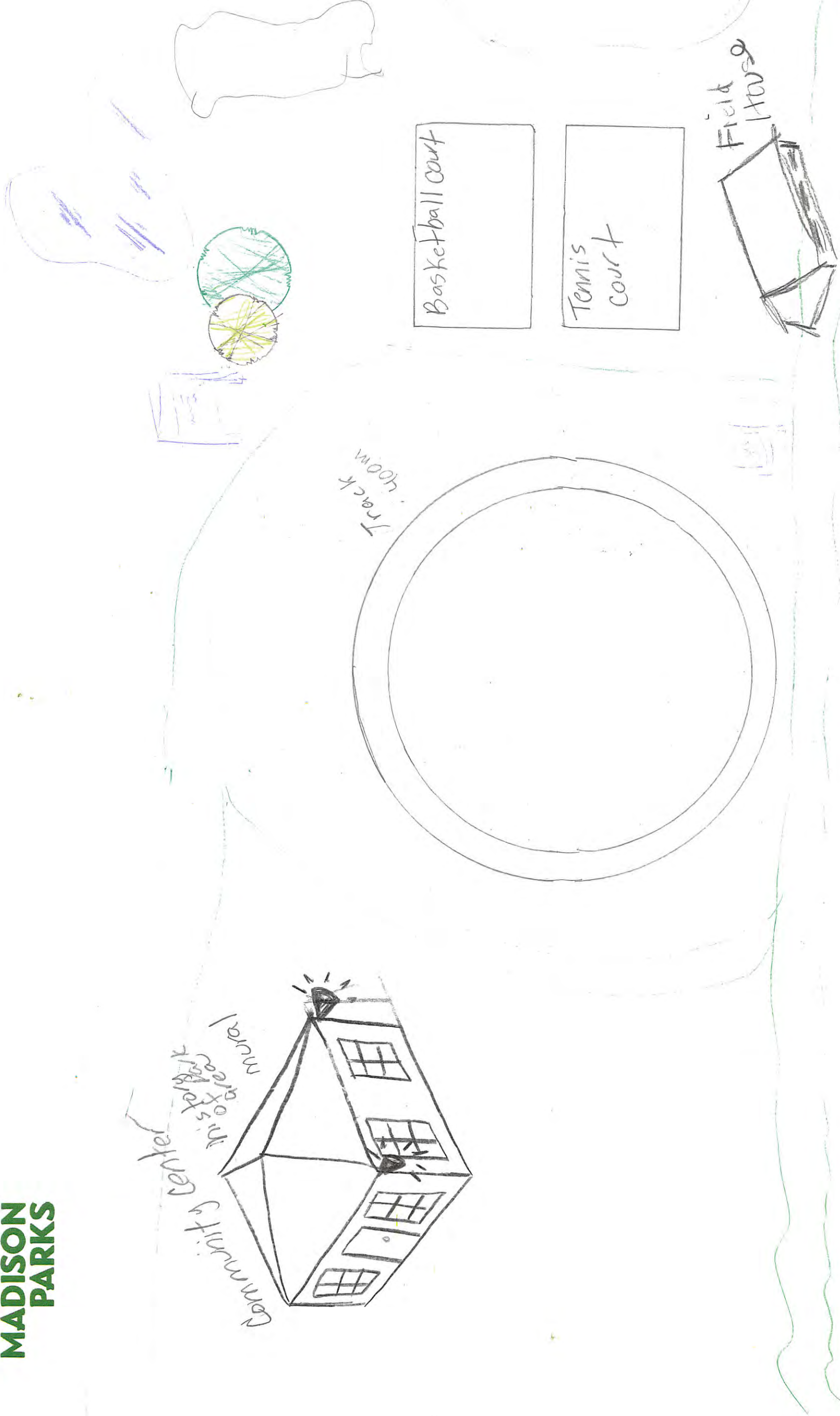
Connecting school to parks. I am a teacher at Glenn Stephens school and we are next to Olin Park. Teachers hardly know this park exists even though there are free MMSD naturalists that are available to take classes on nature walks.
Looking at surrounding communities and their services/facilities, mix and shared resources
Given recent development of downtown area, high rise rentals and condos, park space is definitely in short supply, one of the most park deficient areas in the city
I like the meadow at Warner Park, across from sledding hill. It's an improvement from before when it was cut to stubble during the summer
Need more consistent lifeguards at Warner beach
Dog friendly parks (on-leash)
Partnerships with Goodman Community Centers
Too much mowed grass, decreases water quality, increased algae
Connecting parks to bike paths
Garbage and dog waste pick up is poor in many mini parks and on leash dog parks
Increase the number of mountain bike trails

Appendix C: Hip Hip PARKitecture Park Design Scans

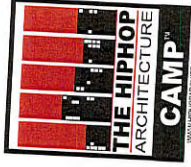








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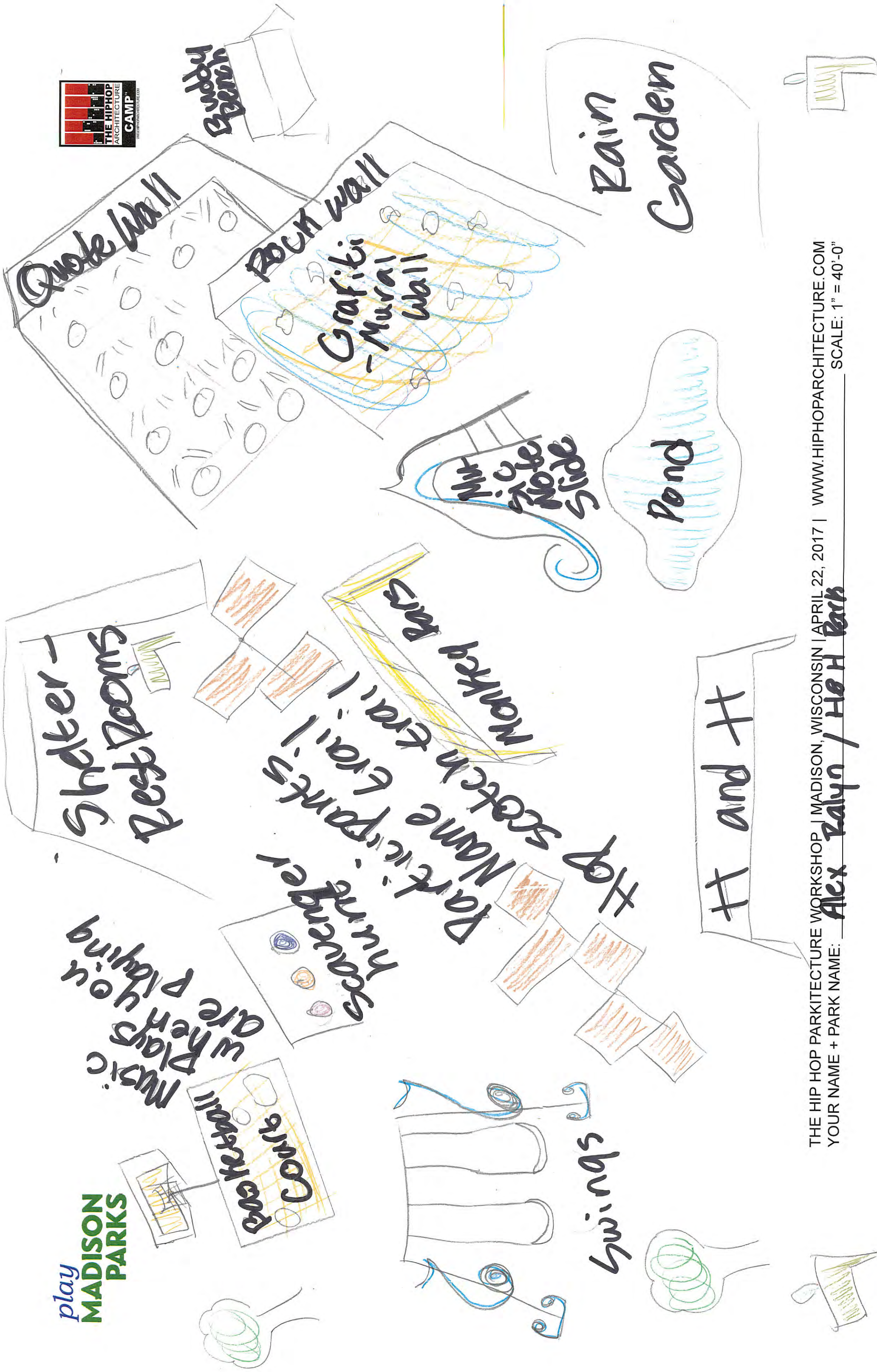
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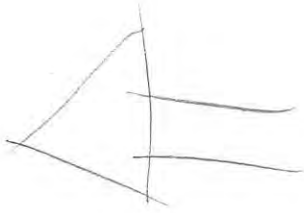
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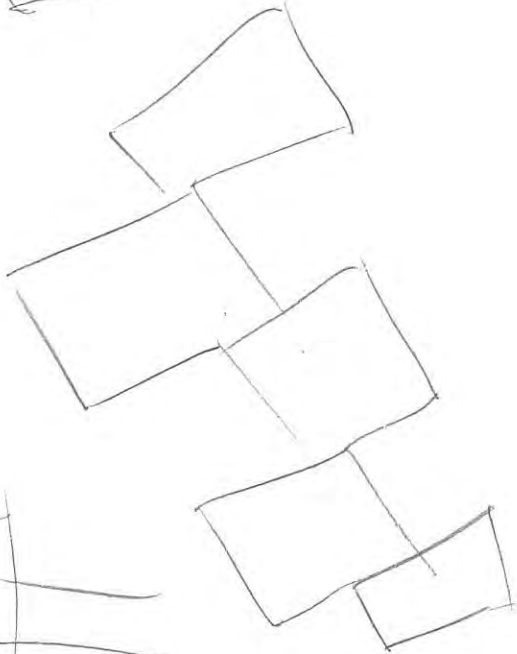


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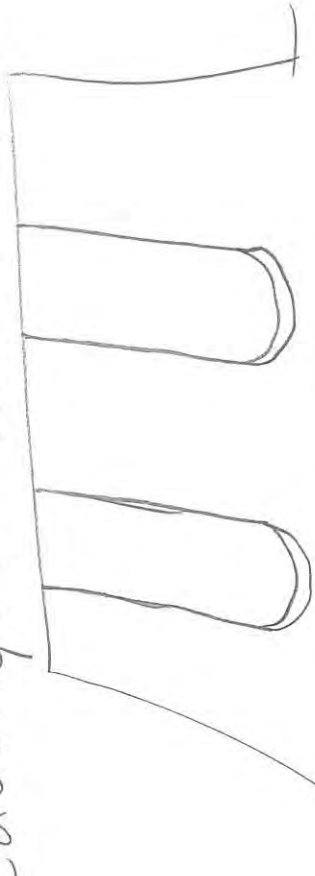
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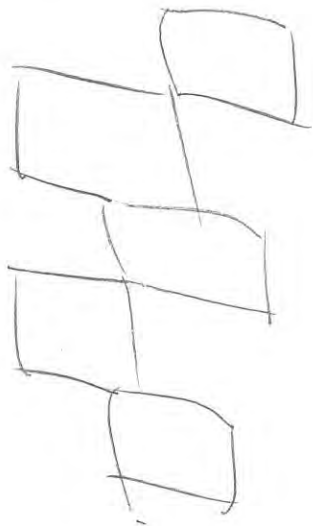
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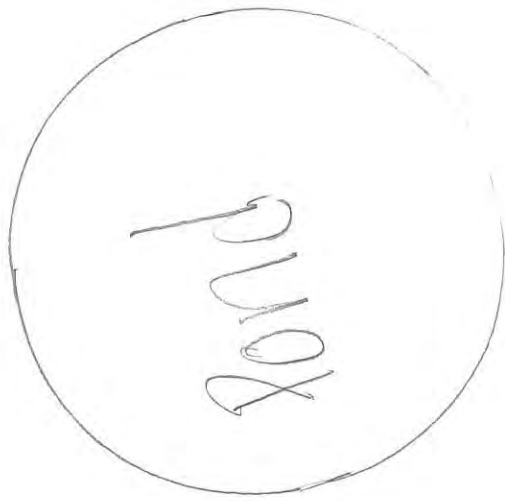
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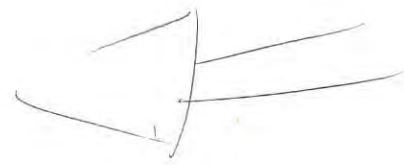
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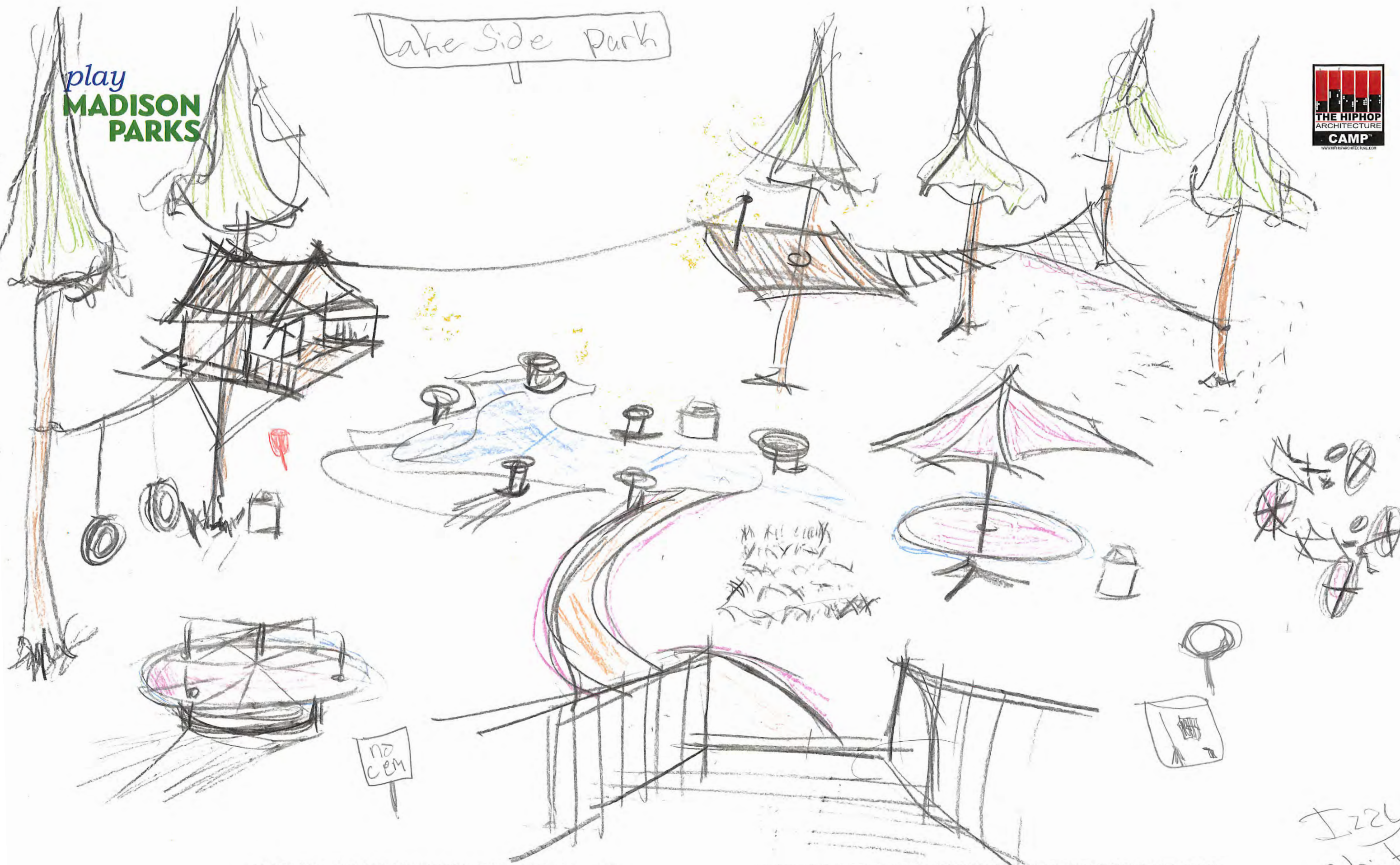




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Appendix D: Madison Parks and Resiliency in the Era of Climate Change Materials + Results



Panel Discussion: Madison Parks and Resiliency in the Era of Climate Change

A Madison Parks Division Public Engagement Event for the 2018-2022 Park & Open Space Plan Update

May 18, 2017, 5:30-7:30PM

UW-Madison Union South, 1308 West Dayton Street, Northwoods Room

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|------------------|---|
| 5:30 - 5:40 p.m. | Welcome and Introductions
<i>Zia Brucaya, AICP, Urban Assets</i> |
| 5:40 – 5:50 p.m. | Climate Change Impacts in Madison Parks
<i>Sarah Lerner, LEED AP, RLA, Landscape Architect, City of Madison Parks Division</i> |
| 5:50 – 6:00 p.m. | Madison’s Changing Climate
<i>David S. Liebl, Co-Director, Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts</i> |
| 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. | Facilitated Panel Discussion + Audience Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Paul Dearlove, Watershed Program Director, Clean Lakes Alliance+ Sarah Lerner, LEED AP, RLA, Landscape Architect, City of Madison Parks Division+ David S. Liebl, Co-Director, Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI)+ Madelyn Leopold, City of Madison Board of Park Commissioners |





Panel Discussion: Madison Parks and Resiliency in the Era of Climate Change

1. What 1-2 ecological impacts are you most concerned about related to climate change?
2. What 1-2 recreational impacts are you most concerned about related to climate change?
3. What 2-3 park management strategies would you most like the City to prioritize to help our local ecosystems and communities adapt to climate change?
4. What are the greatest assets of Madison's parks for combatting the effects of climate change? What resources are most important to protect and enhance?

Additional Comments:



4.3 Notes from Panel Discussion and Q&A

Are there any projection about population movement away from areas susceptible to climate change, coastlines for example?
David S. Liebl: There are already climate refugees, especially in many places in the global south. Many people in Florida will need to move out of the tidal zones in the near future. Does this mean that Madison or the Midwest might become a magnet for people forced to move for reasons related to climate change? Maybe!
From your presentation I heard that more precipitation, but also higher temperatures are expected. What is the net effect of these in terms of watershed retention?
David S. Liebl: We can likely expect more water infiltration during winter and more runoff during the summer. Will more precipitation in spring, more droughts in later summer can also be expected. This could worsen the problem of groundwater recharge.
I've heard that rising temperatures and other effects of climate change will affect the arctic faster than the rest of the world. Will they affect Wisconsin faster than much of the rest of the continental United States?
David S. Liebl: Climatologically, Wisconsin is on the border between the continental United States and the arctic. Could be a combination of the models for both of these areas.
What are your opinions on the role of trees in reducing the effects of climate change in communities?
Trees are good! In areas where we have the chance to increase the urban canopy, create green roofs etc. it should be promoted. Leaves and pollen, however, are one of the biggest contributors of phosphorus to the lakes. If leaves are properly disposed of, they are a good idea.
Are the high quality habitats (in conservation parks) more likely to be found in the more affluent areas of Madison?
Paul (from Madison Conservation Parks): Not particularly. The conservation parks are quite scattered throughout the city and each have higher and lower quality habitats within them.
Sarah Lerner: Historically though, what are now the conservation parks were high quality habitats/ecosystems.
What value should be the highest priority when determining park management policies?
Attendee (1): The Parks Division should leverage resources from other governmental and non-governmental organizations. Depending on where you live in the city, you receive a different amount of communication about environmental policies (i.e. leaf removal) from the City. Communication with residents and the emphasis on how to manage similar policies with environmental consequences is uneven. There is a need for coordination among like-minded groups...
Attendee (2): The Parks Division should work to promote not only equity but equality. Everyone might theoretically be able to get to a park, but there is an issue with how welcome they might be. Dealing with social/cultural welcoming to parks could to help relieve inequalities in this city.
Should our parks be serving as a buffer to climate change, or focused on user demands? Where do those two things intersect? Where would they be most at odds?

Paul Dearlove: Hopefully these two things are not mutually exclusive. I hope that park users will demand more sustainable management practices and use of funds as well as choices that create better habitats and water quality.

David S. Liebl: Does the Parks Division have an energy budget? Calculating the energy/carbon footprint of the Park land, activities, and maintenance might be a good place to start.

Attendee: Parks serving as a buffer to climate change as well as the needs of users intersects in the conservation parks. More money could be put into fixing degraded wetlands, improving biodiversity and water quality as well as improving natural experiences and activities such as bird watching. The demand for these areas/activities are growing, which should be important to those making management decisions about these areas. The increase in nature-based activities, Friends of Urban Nature, etc. is a good sign but there needs to be more outreach to get people engaged.

I'm glad to hear that the City of Madison is expanding the types of trees that will be planted to increase diversity. It seems to me like we waste a lot of time and energy dealing with invasive species, pulling out garlic mustard for example. Are all species that are not native to Wisconsin automatically bad? Could we expect local ecosystems to reach a new balance or do we need to keep working to preserve things the way they have been?

Sarah Lerner: We generally focus on those species that come in and decimate everything around them. It's not necessarily about being native to the area, but about their invasiveness. Not all that is exotic is invasive. Parks plants lots of exotic species. If we were to let nature take its course, we would probably see a completely new ecosystem. Whether or not that is bad depends on who you're asking. We would, however, likely lose many endangered species that can't compete with an invasive one and would eventually feel the impacts in the greater food chain.

Paul (from Madison conservation parks): If you do not work to deal with invasive species you run the risk of losing a lot of environmental/cultural history and the aesthetic of native species. Additionally, invasive species reduce biodiversity, which is crucial for resiliency. The less biodiversity you have, the more you may be susceptible to waves of disease or to changes in temperature, precipitation, or pests.

At this year's Nelson Institute Earth Day Symposium, a speaker discussed a scenario where the cultivation of native plants in a park resulted in a decrease in the use of the park by various ethnic groups. When asked why, some noted that un-mowed, grassy areas are thought of as dangerous because of risk of snakes etc. My cultural bias is more un-mowed areas, but as our cultural makeup changes, we should change the cultural lens that we use when planning parks.

Sarah Lerner: That is a poignant remark! We can't simply apply one principal or practice across the city. A choice that might be the best practice ecologically might not be the best for the immediate users.

What action is most needed to help parks and park users prepare for and adapt to climate change?

Paul Dearlove: Involvement. These types of events are important to engage the public and build support. There are so many citizen-focused groups, neighborhood associations, and Friends of groups that take care of our parks. The more people are in these groups, the more the community can help the Parks Division and fight for what they want to see happen.

Madelyn Leopold: This is a political process. Talk to your alder, show up to committee meetings. Organize. Groups such as Friends of Starkweather Creek and Wild Warner have big impacts in this city. Patience. These things take time, but know that there are hard-working and committed staff working on many of these issues. Persistence. Citizens should connect with staff that are working on what you are passionate about.

David S. Liebl: I would suggest that you think about your recent experiences in parks and how that might change with the expected changes in climate discussed tonight. Find other people with similar interests so that you can start planning ahead. There is always something to be done in the face of climate change.

Sarah Lerner: I think that strategic planning is important so that the Parks Division doesn't have to always be so reactionary and so that we are creating sound policy that we can defend. I'm learning that there are always two sides to each issue that can be equally argued for. Pickleball courts may be a big piece of cement, but they create community and benefit public health. I came to this career from my position as an environmentalist, but when providing services that can't always be the sole focus.

4.5 Worksheet Results

Question 1: What 1-2 ecological impacts are you most concerned about related to climate change?
Food and water quality
The circularity of our problem: the more we use air conditioning, for example, the more we add to climate change, and the more we are able to ignore the discomforts of rainy winters and hotter summers etc. Indoor ice skating rinks add to the carbon footprint etc.
Development (working with zoning and developers) impact on drainage and erosion of wetlands/marshes and other filters
Leaf management
Less plant diversity
Reduced species diversity and habitat (e.g. allowing disk golf in forests-trampled!)
Question 2: What 1-2 recreational impacts are you most concerned about related to climate change?
Access to good clean lakes and water
Canoeing/paddle sports may soon become obsolete in the Madison area! Less ice skating outdoors, more time spend indoors overall makes for a population indifferent to nature
Winter: skiing, ice skating
Summer: paddling (canoe), swimming
Too hot to be outdoors during the day
Too much heat to enjoy most activities in the parks.
Reduced swimming and beach use.
Question 3: What 2-3 park management strategies would you most like the City to prioritize to help our local ecosystems and communities adapt to climate change?
Control lake erosion and water quality
Water runoff into lakes and education to youth, next generation
Broader education to all residents about the contents of this talk. I only know about this session by chance. Broadcast to the not-so-usual residents? Increase citizen engagement
Stormwater infiltration into groundwater
Preserve natural areas. Plan more, diverse trees. Restore wetlands. Less sports emphasis. Recognize and support citizen groups. (Need bigger budget allocations!)
Question 4: What are the greatest assets of Madison's parks for combatting the effects of climate change? What resources are most important to protect and enhance?
Land, control of land, set a good example. Stop driving huge trucks through the parks to collect trash. Create a recycling system that works.
To me it seems the lakes and wetlands need the most attention/care. Once they are ruined, that's it.
Open access for all (equity). [Greatest resources] Lakes and tree canopy
Trees and wetlands
Our conservation parks. Our resident's awareness and education and participation.

Appendix E: Connecting Kids to Nature Materials



Discover Madison Parks! Workshop: Connecting Kids to Nature

*Part of the Madison Parks Division Public Engagement Event Series for the
2018-2022 Park & Open Space Plan Update*

Sunday, June 4, 2017, 1:00-3:00PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Drive

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| 1:00 - 1:15 p.m. | Welcome + Orientation |
| 1:15 – 2:00 p.m. | Outdoor Activity: Warner Park Passport to Discovery!
<i>Outdoor discovery activity with interactive stations to explore the exciting world of nature at Warner Park. We will reconvene with snacks to hear what kids learned.</i> |
| 2:00-2:45 p.m. | Interactive Panel Discussion: Emerging Trends in Nature-Based Play and Education
<i>Facilitated panel discussion of opportunities, barriers to access, and emerging trends in nature-based play and education. Audience input will be used to inform the ongoing City of Madison Park and Open Space Plan update.</i>

<i>Kids' activities will be available and children's input will be solicited.</i>

Panelists include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Sarah Lerner, ASLA, Landscape Architect, City of Madison Parks Division+ Sonya Sankaran, Project Coordinator, Connecting Children to Nature Initiative+ Nola Walker, Consultant, Eco-Cultural Connections, LLC, and Wisconsin Master Naturalist+ Anke Keuser, PhD candidate, UW-Madison Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies; Sherman Middle School Nature Explorers Club+ Tim Nelson, Board Chair, Wild Warner+ Emily Pepper, Recreation Specialist, Experiential Learning and Environmental Programs at Madison School & Community Recreation |
| 2:45-3:00 | Continuing the Conversation
<i>Wrap-up discussion of next steps and ways to stay involved.</i> |



Warner Park Passport to Discovery!

OBSERVATION STATION		Get a stamp for each station you complete!
OPERATION STATION		
TRACKING STATION		

FIELD NOTES:

What did you observe?

What did you learn?

What are you still curious about?

Tracking Station

Match the animal to its tracks!

Beaver



Wood duck



Coyote



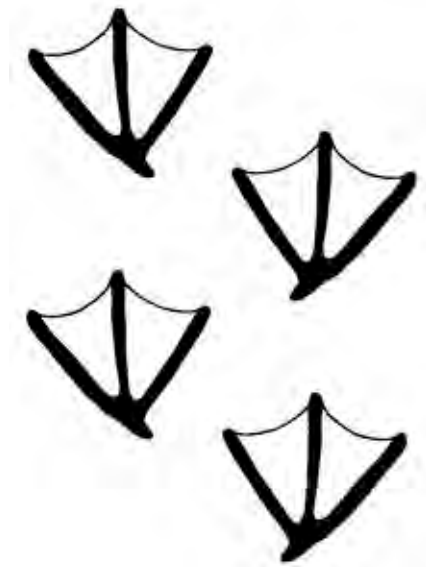
Opossum



Muskrat



Fox



Great Gray Owl



Northern Saw Owl



Barred Owl



Great Horned Owl



Long-eared Owl



Snowy Owl



Short-eared Owl



Barn Owl



Bone Sorting Guide

MOLE *Scapanus orarius*



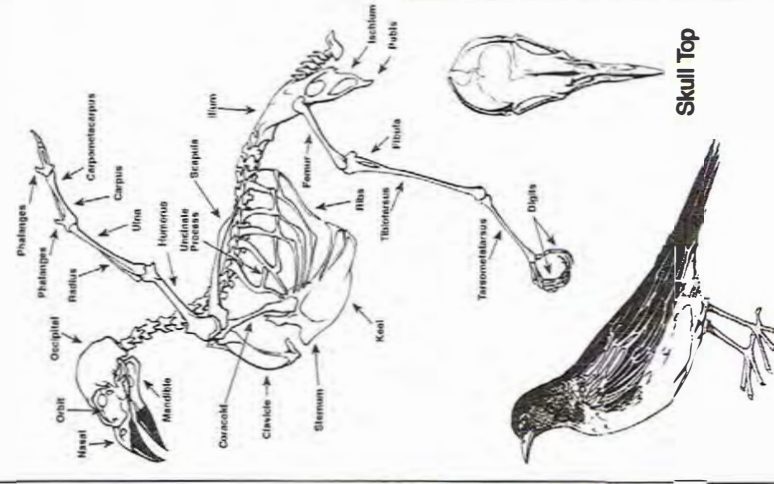
SHREW *Sorex vagrans*



RODENTS *Microtus*



BIRD



Other Prey

- **Insects:** Grasshoppers, Beetles, Moths
- **Crayfish**

Design your ideal park!

Draw a picture or tell us about what a perfect park would be for you!

What does it look like? What can you do there?

