



Madison Parks Division

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To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Eric Knepp, Parks Superintendent

At the February 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting, the Board requested more information about spaces that the Parks Division is charged with maintaining that may or may not be defined as parks.

As part of its mission, the Parks Division strives to provide an exceptional system of safe, accessible, well-planned and maintained parks, facilities, public cemeteries, natural areas and public shorelines. The Parks Division is one of four subdivisions of the Department of Public Works, and as such is responsible per Madison General Ordinance to execute all public works improvements in parks or other areas as assigned. The Parks Division currently has responsibilities to care for public spaces beyond what is classified as a "park." Parks are defined as land that were acquired or dedicated for park purposes, or deemed a park by Common Council action, and are listed in Attachment A.

Park land and the Forest Hill Cemetery are under the purview of the Parks Division and the Board of Park Commissioners, as outlined in Madison General Ordinance 8.11. In contrast, the Parks Division manages and maintains several areas of the City that are not considered parks, and are not under the purview of the Board of Park Commissioners. There are many spaces that have the "look and feel" of a park and have been dedicated as park land, however are owned by a different City Agency (Appendix B). These spaces are often parcels adjacent to a park, or, like Demetral Park, have park amenities and vegetation that are managed by the Parks Division while the land itself is owned by a different City Agency.

Beyond areas that are considered parks or are adjacent to parks, the Parks Division cares for many public spaces. The Mall Special Charges District funds the maintenance and care for the spaces that the Parks Division is responsible for on and around State Street, including snow removal, sidewalk care, planter maintenance, and seasonal decor. There is a significant amount of vegetation management on areas that would not be considered a park, such as along bike trails, in planted medians, and street ends. In addition, the Parks Division is responsible for the maintenance and care of shoreline and beaches that abut park land, including dredging of waters to ensure ease of access to the lakes. The Parks Division is also responsible for snow removal along bike paths, sidewalks, crosswalks, bridges, access roads, parking lots, and 637 bus stops in coordination with other Public Works Agencies.

The work that the Parks Division does inside and outside of parks, contributes to creating spaces that provide significant physical and mental health benefits to the residents and visitors that we serve. They provide a place where people can improve their wellbeing by engaging in exercise, such as jogging, walking, cycling, boating, and playing sports. Residents can enjoy the benefits of fresh air and sunshine in all of these spaces. They improve the quality of life of the residents by providing natural, safe areas to recreate in and to connect with nature, which has been shown to reduce blood pressure and improve mood. And, regardless of the land owner or technical definition of park or non-park, they provide inviting spaces for people to connect with each other, building a stronger community.

Attachment A: Parks Owned by Parks Division

Park Name	Acres		
ACACIA RIDGE PARK	10.2	COUNTRY GROVE PARK	21.7
ACEWOOD CONSERVANCY	18.9	CYPRESS SPRAY PARK	0.7
ACEWOOD PARK	4.3	DE VOLIS PKY BOULEVARD	1.2
ALDO LEOPOLD PARK	11.1	DIXON PARK	2.5
ALLIED PARK	1.1	DOMINION PARK	6.0
AMUND REINDAHL PARK	87.1	DONCASTER PARK	0.3
APPLE RIDGE PARK	12.0	DOOR CREEK PARK	119.9
ARBOR HILLS PARK	7.8	DROSTER PARK	10.0
BADGER PARK	1.8	DUDGEON SCHOOL PARK	1.6
BAXTER PARK	9.8	EAGLE TRACE PARK	9.4
BB CLARK BEACH	1.5	EASTMORLAND PARK	13.8
BEAR MOUND PARK	1.6	EDNA TAYLOR PARK	58.2
BELD PARK STATUE	0.1	EDWARD KLIEF PARK	1.7
BERKLEY PARK	3.1	EKEN PARK	2.1
BERNIES BEACH	1.2	ELMSIDE CIRCLE PARK	1.1
BLACKHAWK PARK	16.0	ELVEHJEM PARK	17.0
BORDNER PARK	6.5	ELVER PARK	247.9
BOWMAN FIELD	23.4	EMERSON EAST PARK	0.8
BREESE STEVENS FIELD	4.5	ESTHER BEACH	1.3
BRENTWOOD PARK	2.0	EVERGLADE PARK	3.7
BRIGHAM PARK	3.2	FELLAND PARK	7.5
BRITTA PKY/DR BOULEVARD	0.8	FILENE PARK	1.8
BRITTINGHAM BEACH	3.9	FISHER STREET PLAYGROUND	0.3
BRITTINGHAM BOAT HOUSE	2.6	FLAD PARK	2.8
BRITTINGHAM PARK	22.0	FLAGSTONE PARK	10.9
BRITTINGHAM PARK REMNANT	0.0	FOREST HILL CEMETERY	94.3
BUILDING ON LEASED LAND	1.4	FOREST HILL MAUSOLEUM	0.3
BURR JONES PARK	4.9	GALAXY PARK	3.5
BURROWS PARK	10.7	GARNER PARK	41.8
CAMELOT OPEN SPACE	0.5	GEORGE REGER PARK	1.0
CANTER PARK	4.8	GIDDINGS OPEN SPACE	1.5
CARDINAL GLENN PARK	5.2	GLACIER CROSSING PARK	11.0
CHEROKEE MARSH MENDOTA	19.8	GLACIER HILL PARK	15.5
CHEROKEE MARSH NORTH	166.1	GLEN OAK HILLS PARK	7.7
CHEROKEE MARSH SCHOOL RD	260.9	GLENWAY GOLF COURSE	42.0
CHEROKEE PARK	18.0	GLENWAY PARK TRIANGLE	0.3
CHURCHILL HEIGHTS PARK	3.0	GLENWOOD PARK	2.6
COLLINS HOUSE	0.3	GOODMAN PARK ICE RINK	4.6

GREENSIDE PARK	2.5	KESTREL PARK	2.2
HAEN FAMILY PARK	4.3	KETTLE POND	8.1
HAMMERSLEY PARK	3.1	KINGSTON - ONYX PARK	4.7
HAMPTON COURT	0.1	KINGSWOOD PARK	4.7
HARVEY E SCHMIDT PARK	4.9	KNOLLWOOD PARK	14.6
HAWTHORNE PARK	1.0	LAKE EDGE PARK	5.0
HEIFETZ PARK	1.9	LAKE VIEW HEIGHTS PARK	2.8
HENRY VILAS BEACH & ZOO	63.8	LAKELAND SCHILLER TRIANGL	0.1
HERITAGE HEIGHTS PARK	6.3	LAW PARK	2.1
HERITAGE PRAIRIE	4.3	LAW PARK & MONONA TERRACE	8.4
HERITAGE SANCTUARY	9.3	LEDERBERG PARK	1.1
HIAWATHA CIRCLE BOULEVARD	0.8	LERDAHL PARK	2.3
HIEFETZ PARK	1.1	LINCOLN SCHOOL LANDMARK	0.5
HIESTAND PARK	58.1	LINDEN GROVE PARK	2.4
HIGH CROSSING PARK	5.7	LOST CREEK PARK	1.3
HIGH POINT PARK	19.5	LUCIA CREST PARK	4.3
HIGHLAND MANOR PARK	4.6	LUCY LINCOLN HIESTAND	12.5
HIGHLANDS EAST	4.1	MANCHESTER PARK	14.4
HIGHLANDS WEST	3.0	MANDAN CIRCLE BOULEVARD	0.2
HILL CREEK PARK	28.0	MAPLE PRAIRIE PARK	12.6
HILLINGTON GREEN PARK	0.7	MARLBOROUGH PARK	20.5
HILLPOINT PARK	2.2	MARSHALL PARK	35.7
HOLLISTER AVENUE TRIANGLE	0.2	MAYFAIR PARK	2.5
HONEYSUCKLE PARK	3.8	MCCLELLAN PARK	4.5
HOPE EVANGELICAL CEMETERY	1.5	MCFARLAND PARK	0.2
HOYT PARK	22.6	MCGINNIS PARK	4.1
HUDSON BEACH	2.5	MCPIKE PARK	8.8
HUDSON PARK	2.1	MEADOW RIDGE PARK	28.0
HUEGEL PARK	13.0	MEADOWOOD PARK	3.1
ICE AGE RIDGE PARK	3.7	MERRILL SPRINGS PARK	0.7
INDIAN HILLS PARK	2.1	MIDLAND PARK	0.4
INDIAN SPRINGS PARK	7.2	MIDTOWN COMMONS PARK	18.1
IRWIN & ROBERT GOODMAN	28.5	MOHICAN PASS	0.8
J MSN & BERNARD BOATHOUSE	3.7	MONONA GOLF COURSE	93.9
JAMES MADISON PARK	3.1	MORAINÉ WOODS PARK	38.4
JAMES MSN GATES OF HEAVEN	4.6	MORRISON PARK	0.7
JEFFY TRAIL PARK	1.3	NAKOMA PARK	5.1
JUNCTION RIDGE PARK	14.3	NAUTILUS POINT PARK	5.0
KENNEDY PARK	22.7	NESBITT OPEN SPACE	4.2
KENNETH NEWVILLE PARK	0.3	NEWBERY PARK	2.1
KERR - MCGEE TRIANGLE	0.1	NORMAN CLAYTON PARK	3.4

NORTH STAR PARK	23.6	QUAKER PARK	0.8
NORTHEAST PARK	165.7	QUARRY COVE PARK	7.7
NORTHLAND MANOR PARK	10.3	QUARRY PARK	16.9
O B SHERRY PARK	6.5	RAEMISCH HOMESTEAD PARK	4.1
OAK PARK HEIGHTS	1.1	RAYMOND RIDGE PARK	17.3
OB SHERRY PARK	0.7	REINDAHL PARK TRIANGLE	3.7
OCEAN ROAD PARK	1.0	RENNEBOHM PARK	20.1
ODANA GOLF COURSE	171.3	RESTON HEIGHTS PARK	4.5
ODANA HILLS EAST PARK	2.3	REYNOLDS FIELD	2.1
ODANA HILLS PARK	12.7	RICHMOND HILL PARK	10.3
ODANA SCHOOL PARK	6.0	RIMROCK PARK	2.3
OLBRICH BEACH HOUSE	28.1	RUSTIC PARKWAY	8.8
OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS	14.5	S BREESE TER TRIANGLE	0.1
OLBRICH GARVER MILL	5.5	SANDBURG PARK & WOODS	49.1
OLBRICH MICRO HOUSING	5.0	SANDSTONE PARK	6.5
OLBRICH PARK	19.3	SAUK CREEK PARK	4.2
OLBRICH PARK & COTTAGE	12.6	SAUK HEIGHTS PARK	4.6
OLBRICH SOFTBALL DIAMONDS	21.4	SECRET PLACES PARK	6.7
OLD MIDDLETON RD OPEN SPC	0.2	SEGOE PLAYGROUND	1.9
OLD TIMBER PARK	5.5	SHERIDAN TRIANGLE PARK	0.2
OLIN PARK FACILITY	3.0	SHERMAN VILLAGE PARK	3.8
OLIN TURVILLE PARK	48.1	SHERWOOD FOREST PARK	1.4
OLIVE JONES FIELD	1.3	SHUNSHINE RIDGE PARK	8.0
ONTARIO PARK	2.1	SKYVIEW PARK	5.0
ORCHARD RIDGE PARK	2.7	SPRING HARBOR BEACH	0.3
ORCHARD RIDGE VALLEY PARK	9.5	SPRING HARBOR PARK	8.2
ORLANDO BELL PARK	13.1	SPRING HARBOR PARKING	1.1
ORTON PARK	3.6	STARKWEATHER UPLANDS	13.9
OWEN PARK	95.3	STEVENS STREET PLAYGROUND	0.4
OWEN PARKWAY	9.3	STRICKERS POND	13.5
OWL CREEK PARK	3.9	SUGAR MAPLE PARK	2.3
PATRIOT PARK	5.4	SUMMIT-WEST MAINTENANCE	1.4
PAUNACK PARK	10.7	SUNRIDGE PARK	2.4
PEACE PARK	0.3	SUNSET PARK	1.5
PENN PARK	7.3	SWALLOWTAIL PARK	3.5
PERIOD GARDENS	0.3	SYCAMORE PARK	26.4
PILGRIM PARK	18.9	TENNEY BEACH	4.4
PORTLAND PARK	3.4	TENNEY PARK	1.1
PRAIRIE RIDGE CONS PARK	48.8	TENNEY PARK & LAGOON	28.0
PROUDFIT ST OPEN SPACE	0.6	TENNEY PARK PARKING	3.3
PUMPING STATION 8 ESMT	0.6	THOUSAND OAKS PARK	15.0

THUT PARK	7.2
TILLOTSON PARK	1.3
TOWN CENTER PARK	2.5
TURVILLE POINT	64.3
VALLEY RIDGE PARK	6.9
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK	5.3
VILLAGE PARK	3.2
WAITE CIRCLE OPEN SPACE	0.2
WALDORF PARK	1.8
WALNUT GROVE PARK	17.4
WALTHAM PARK	5.8
WARNER PARK	9.7
WARNER PARK BEACH	8.5
WARNER PLAYFIELD STADIUM	195.3
WASHINGTON MANOR PARK	2.5
WAUNONA PARK	5.1
WESTCHESTER GARDENS PARK	7.1
WESTERN HILLS PARK	0.5
WESTHAVEN TRAILS PARK	5.6
WESTMORLAND PARK	11.6
WESTPORT MEADOWS PARK	20.7
WEXFORD PARK	20.6
WHEELER HEIGHTS PARK	1.6
WHITETAIL RIDGE PARK	31.4
WILLIAM SLATER PARK	1.0
WINDOM WAY PARK	2.8
WINGRA PARK & BOAT LIVERY	11.2
WIRTH COURT PARK	2.0
WOODLAND HILLS PARK	15.1
WOODS FARM PARK	4.8
WORDEN HOUSE	0.3
WORTHINGTON PARK	5.1
YAHARA BOAT STORAGE &RAMP	0.8
YAHARA HILLS GOLF COURSE	284.2
YAHARA HILLS PARK SOUTH	44.1
YAHARA HILLS PARK WEST	246.6
YAHARA PLACE PARK	6.1
YAHARA RIVER PARKWAY	6.5
ZIEGELMAN HOUSE	0.3
ZOOK PARK	1.6
Grand Total	4459.9

Attachment B: Areas Not Owned by Parks Division

Park Name	Land Owner
Fraust Park	Economic Development Division
Acewood Conservation Park	Engineering Division
Blackhawk Park	Engineering Division
Cardinal Glenn Park	Engineering Division
Country Grove Park	Engineering Division
Demetral Park	Engineering Division
Door Creek Park	Engineering Division
Flagstone Park	Engineering Division
Greentree-Chapel Hills Park	Engineering Division
Heritage Heights Park	Engineering Division
Indian Springs Park	Engineering Division
McPike Park	Engineering Division
Mineral Point	Engineering Division
Quann Park	Engineering Division
Sycamore Park	Engineering Division
Reservoir Park	Madison Water Utility
Reynolds Park	Madison Water Utility
Carpenter Ridgeway Park	Dane County Airport
Olbrich Park	Garver Feed Mill
Emerson School	Madison Metro School District
Felland Park	Sun Prairie Area School