# Park & Open Space Plan Update





#### **UW Survey - Big Picture Results**

- 5,000 randomly selected mailings (18.5% response rate)
- 17% of respondents visited a neighborhood park daily within the last 12 months; 37% visited weekly and 25% visited monthly.
- 83% of respondents walked to the park they visit most often
- 84% of respondents found City parks to be "very or extremely" accessible
- 91% of respondents "never or rarely" avoided a City park because they felt unwelcome
- 76% of respondents "never or rarely" avoided a City park because they felt unsafe; 14% "sometimes" avoided a City park because they felt unsafe

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#### **Open Houses**

- 2-hr, drop-in format with presentation(s) at the top of the hour
- Four activity stations: budgeting, issue papers, park mapping and activities
- Attendees completing activity earned a stamp on a passport & chance at a price
- Parks, Long Range Planning and consultant staff available for discussion and question/answers
- Snacks!



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#### **Open House Overview:**

- Total Attendees: ~74
  - Ranged from 12 to 27 per event
  - Average age was 41-55
- Top Park Uses in the Past 12 months :
  - Leisure activities (picnicking, celebrations, nature viewing)
  - o Water-based
  - Walking, hiking, exercise equipment
  - Biking
  - Attending festivals
- Top "funding" categories:
  - Ecological maintenance
  - Existing maintenance





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#### Focused Outreach to BIPOC communities

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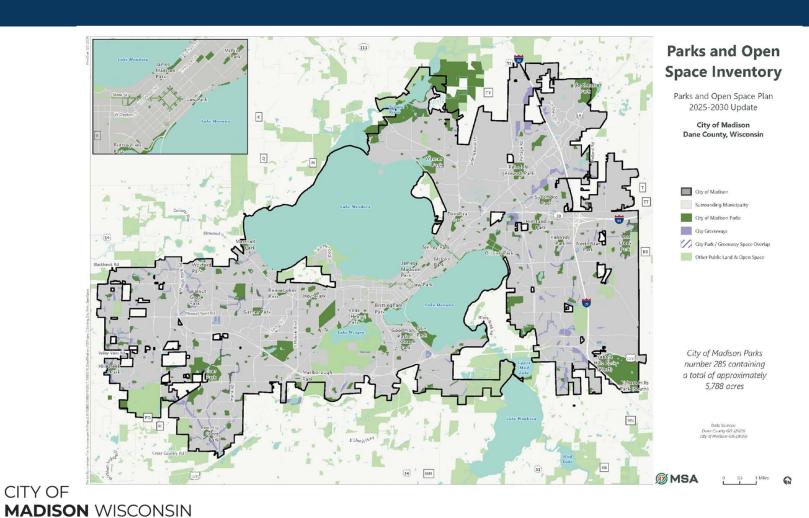
- Focus groups (4); held virtually during daytime & evening hours (to be held in late June 2024)
- Pop-up events at Parks Alive on June 24th and July 16th
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- Surveys to complement questions asked by earlier UW survey (summer 2024 duration)

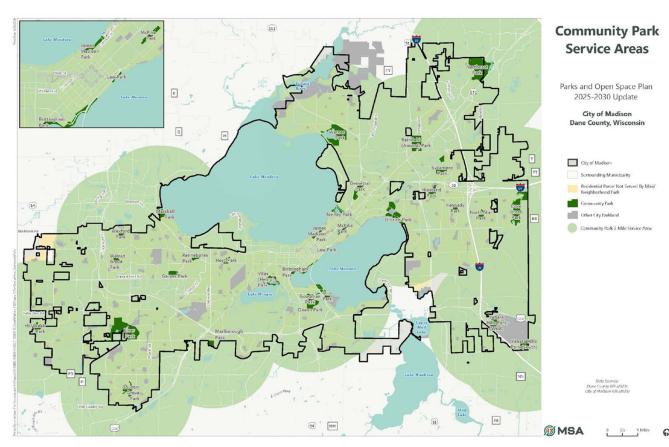
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### Content Development

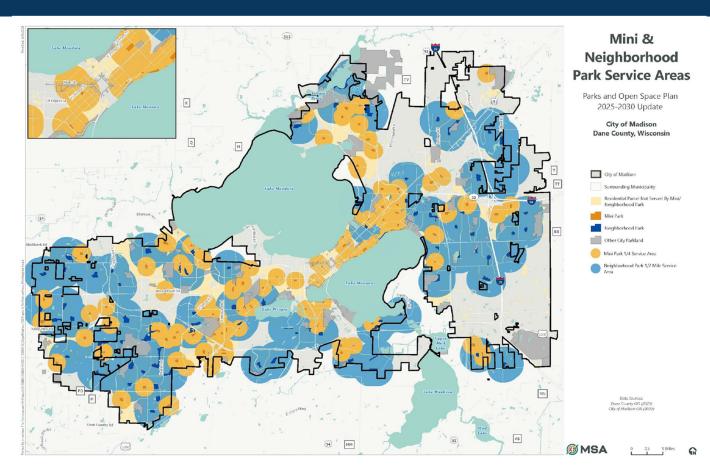
- Chapters 1-5 have been reviewed by Long Range Planning
  - Includes Parks and MSA-developed maps and table updates
- Issue Papers (content of Ch.6)
  - 1-3 will be reviewed by LRP at it's 6/26 meeting
    - (Climate Resilience, Volunteers in Parks and Future of Golf)
  - 4-6 will be reviewed by LRP at its 7/17 meeting
    - (Activating Parks, Rec Biking, Lake Monona Waterfront)
- Side-by-side comparison of Table of Contents last POSP and update (7/17 LRP meeting date)



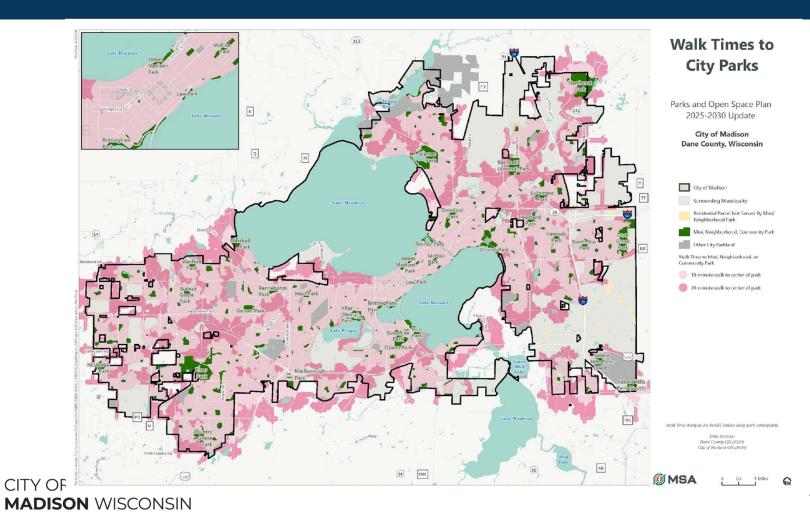


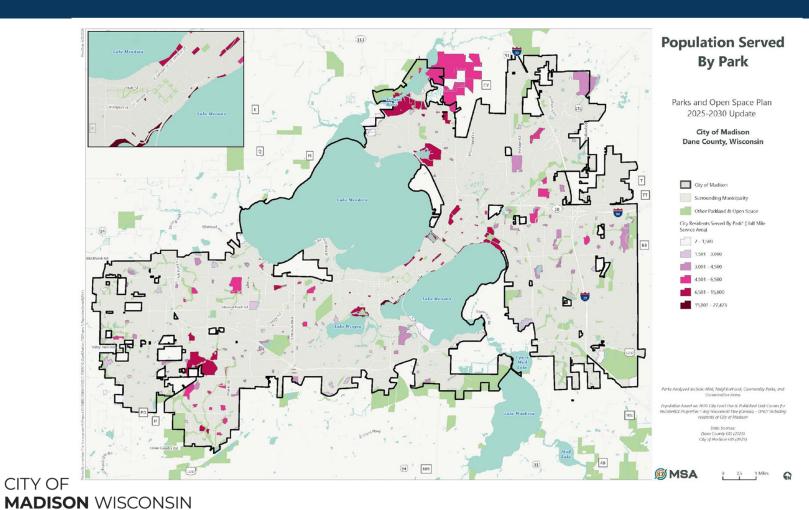


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### **Looking Ahead**

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#### Long Range Planning Subcommittee

- Continue to develop content for report
- Review and edits maps as needed

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