Amund Reindahl Park Master Plan

1818 Portage Road

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INTRODUCTION

Reindahl Park is a 90.74 acre park located on the east side of Madison at 1818 Portage Road. Classified as a community park, the park focuses on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. The nearest developed parks to this location are Sandburg Park and Sandburg Woods to the northeast and Westchester Gardens Park to the north. Mayfair Park is also nearby and to the south, but separated from the neighborhood by Highway 151/East Washington Avenue. (see Exhibit 1). The Dane County Regional Airport is located to the northwest of the park.

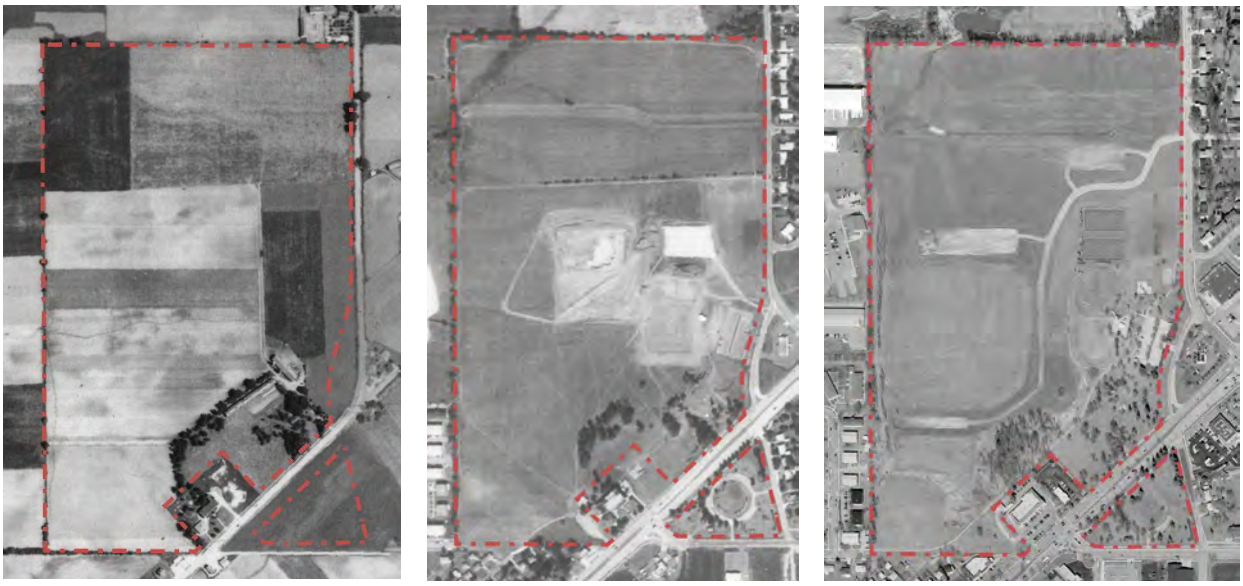
The current master plan for Reindahl Park was approved by the Board of Park Commissioners on March 3, 2013. The reasoning for a revised master plan at that time was the development of the splash park to the north of the existing shelter. Since that time, as is the case with most community parks, the park has evolved without an official update to the master plan. As an outcome of a two year long planning process conducted by Madison Public Library that resulted in the report named Communities Inspiring Libraries: A Strategic Plan for Eastside Growth, the Library identified northeast Madison as an area in need of a library and expanded library service in addition to other civic and social services. To accomplish that, the Library identified Reindahl Park as a potential location for those services, otherwise known as the Imagination Center. Preliminary conversations with Parks staff identified that the existing public shelter and restrooms at Reindahl Park are in need of replacement and a new vision. The shelter facility has had a history of negative behaviors and does not function well for a civic gathering space that is warranted in this area of the City. In March of 2020, a scoping study was completed by the Madison Public Library for the location of a planned Imagination Center at Reindahl Park.

Photo: Location of Reindahl Park

Given the current planned uses of the park, there are limited options for where such a facility could be located without major changes to the existing uses or significant impacts to the tree canopy. The Imagination Center consultant has prepared pre-design documents with the facility located in place of the existing shelter. Parks has commenced a master plan update process that not only evaluated the Imagination Center, but engaged diverse park users regarding their vision for the future of the park.

HISTORY

The land which Reindahl Park occupies has a long history as a crop production field on agricultural property. In 1946, after his passing, land was donated by Amund K. Reindahl to the Town of Burke for a park. Amund K. Reindahl was a farmer, University of Wisconsin graduate and Dane County Register of Deeds who bought the farm in 1901. Along with parkland, he also donated the land which would be Sunnyside School located adjacent to the park along East Washington Ave. The school has since been demolished and is currently the site of a commercial shopping center and fast food restaurant. In 1956, the land was annexed by the City of Madison from the Town of Burke. Finally, in 1967, the park was dedicated by the city.



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Photos: Historical Aerial Photography from Dane County DCi Map

EXISTING PLANNING DOCUMENTS

The 2013 Master Plan Update was almost exclusively related to the splash park construction and did not adequately address other significant issues such as the planned elimination of softball from the park to incorporate a cricket field. The Parks Division has worked with cricket players to invest in the pitch and staff fully support a long term home for cricket at this location. The 2013 update also did not anticipate the need to remove the old restroom building from the triangle parcel on the south end of the park, which has since been removed due to its condition. Recently, the Board of Park Commissioners directed a paved path installation in conjunction with the MMSD sewer interceptor project. Finally, significant stabilization work has been completed on the barn building/cold storage located on the property to ensure its longevity.

CURRENT USES AND MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Soccer/Open Play Field

The northern fields are heavily used by the SC Wave Soccer Club, previously known as Madison FC, for the purposes of youth soccer practice and games. The large field area allows for a variety of field alignments and sizes for different age groups. This flexibility also allows fields to be shifted periodically to avoid excessive wear in high-use areas. Since 2003, various use agreements have been in place with Madison FC until the organization dissolved in 2021 and SC Wave took over the agreement in 2022. The agreement allows for the teams to maintain the fields at a higher standard than would be achievable with the city's available resources and gives the team access to schedule practices, games and tournaments.

The southern fields and field closest to Portage Road, east of the tennis courts, are heavily used by the Capital East Soccer Club for purposes of youth soccer practice and games. The oversize fields provide room for flexibility, allowing fields to be shifted periodically to avoid excessive wear in high-use areas. A use agreement is in place with Capital East Soccer Club for preferred use of the fields. Parks mows and maintains the fields, while the club stripes the fields for practice and games.

Tennis/Pickleball Courts

The existing tennis courts are well used and often reserved for use by MSCR. The courts were resurfaced in 2020. The four northern courts were dual striped for pickleball and tennis in 2022.

Cricket

The cricket field and practice pitch are reserved regularly as a primary east-side cricket location by the Madison Cricket Club, which supports cricket opportunities for about 300 league members and players under a Fee Modification since 2019. Both the field pitch and the practice pitch have synthetic turf installed on portions of them and the practice pitch is enclosed by cloth netting to restrict ball flight. These improvements were done in partnership with Madison Cricket Club within the last five years. The overall size of the field is smaller than a typical full size field. However, indications from users are that the size is adequate to meet recreational needs. This is the only appropriately sized cricket pitch in the Madison Parks system and is critical to meeting our goals of inclusion.

Community Gardens

The Parks Division partners with Rooted to manage the community gardens. Rooted manages the operation of the gardens, while the Parks Division supports by picking up organic material periodically throughout the growing season. The community gardens are well used and offer some of the larger garden plots in the system. This is critically important to gardeners who rely on community gardens to address food insecurity.

Splash Park

The existing splash park was constructed in 2014. The splash park includes a building originally intended to serve as concessions. The building currently does not receive use for concessions. Due to this, the Parks Division solicited bids in the summer of 2022 to renovate the building to include restrooms instead of concessions space. The provision of toilets will provide a significant improvement for families using the splash park.

Basketball

One full basketball court is located near Portage Road. Reservation data is not available, but, it appears to be well used and is an important amenity for a community park in the system.

Volleyball

While there is no permanent volleyball court located at the park, we are aware of a group of people who set up a temporary net in mowed turf to play volleyball on a regular basis. They typically set up their court just north of the soccer field next to the tennis courts.

Play Area

An existing play structure is located to the north of the existing shelter. This play area is planned for removal and replacement with an inclusive playground. The construction of the inclusive playground is anticipated in 2024 or 2025. This will be the fifth such playground in the system and is important for the East side.

The Barn

The Barn building is used as storage for the Parks Division. Structural improvements were made to the building in 2020. The second floor of the building is not accessible from the interior and there is currently no at-grade access from the exterior. Its future use is uncertain, but investment in stabilization will allow this piece of the park's history to be present and secure moving forward.

Shelter

The existing shelter is located to the west of the parking lot off Parkside Drive. The shelter is of the brutalist architectural style. The shelter is in poor condition, does not function well in relation to other park elements, and is not well used. The design is not engaging and is at or near the top of shelters generating customer service concerns.

Triangle Parcel

This parcel of the park, located northeast of the East Washington and Lien Road intersection, previously featured a restroom building, parking, and a flag pole. The parking and flag pole were removed in 2019 as part of the MMSD sewer project and the areas were restored to grass. The restroom building was subsequently demolished in 2021 due to its extremely poor condition. Currently, the only feature on this parcel is a small monument and adjacent bench. The monument includes a plaque commemorating the

contribution of Amund Reindahl, who donated the land which is now the park. However, parks staff discovered recently that the plaque is missing from the monument and will be working to address this.

Maintenance Practices

Current maintenance practices include turf mowing, tree trimming/removals as necessary, and regularly scheduled play equipment inspections and upkeep. This property will be maintained in accordance with the City of Madison Adopted Land Management Plan.

MASTER PLAN PROCESS AND PUBLIC INPUT

Master Plan Process

This process consisted of review by the Board of Park Commissioners, a public survey and public input meetings (PIM). The timeline for this process was as follows:

- July 13, 2022 - Board of Park Commissioners review of planning process and existing conditions
- August 18-25, 2022 – Online Community Survey
- August 30, 2022 – Public Input Meeting #1
- September 15, 2022 – Sandburg Elementary Feedback Sessions
- September 19-21, 2022 – Individual Stakeholder Meetings
- October 6, 2022 – Public Input Meeting #2
- October 27, 2022 – Public Input Meeting #3
- November 9, 2022 – Board of Park Commissioners informational review
- January 11, 2023 – Board of Park Commissioners potential adoption of the updated master plan

Public Input

Online Community Survey

Prior to the first public input meeting, Parks created an open ended online survey to receive initial input. The link to the survey was included on postcard notifications for the PIM, and on signs placed in the park. In total, the survey had 158 responses. Some strong themes were support for the existing amount of soccer fields, requests for more nature in the park, and concerns about safety in the park. All responses can be viewed in Exhibit 3.

Public Input Meeting #1

Public Input Meeting #1 was held at the East Madison Community Center. Parks estimates about 20-25 residents were in attendance. Parks presented background information about the park and shared the results of the community survey. The presentation was followed by a brief public comment period and interactive dot exercise. The presentation slides can be seen in Exhibit 4 and a summary of the dot exercise in Exhibit 5.

Sandburg Elementary Feedback Sessions

Parks staff went to Sandburg Elementary School and visited with just less than 100 4th and 5th grade students. Students were given iClickers to respond with their answers to a series of questions presented by staff. The results can be seen in Exhibit 7.

Stakeholder Meetings

Parks staff met individually with prominent park stakeholder groups. Those groups consisted of Friends of Reindahl Environs (FORE), Cricket Players, SC Wave, Capital East Soccer Club, Community Gardeners, and Volleyball Players. Meeting notes can be viewed in Exhibit 8.

Public Input Meeting #2

Public Input Meeting #2 was held at the East Madison Community Center. Parks estimates about 10-15 residents were in attendance. Parks presented background information about the park and shared the results of the dot exercise from PIM #1, the visit with Sandburg Elementary students, and the stakeholder meetings. Staff also presented a draft of the park vision, goals, and master plan. A public discussion period followed the presentation. A summary of public comments can be found in Exhibit 6.

Public Input Meeting #3

Public Input Meeting #3 was held at the East Madison Community Center. Parks estimates about 8-10 residents were in attendance. In addition to a review of the master planning process, Parks presented a revised master plan. A public discussion period followed the presentation. A summary of public comments can be found in Exhibit 6.

MASTER PLAN VISION AND GOALS

A park vision statement and goals were developed based on public input to guide the master plan for Reindahl Park.

Vision Statement

Reindahl Park will be a resilient park for active recreation, cultural enrichment and opportunities to enjoy the natural environment.

Goals

- Protect and enhance the natural and cultural resources of Reindahl Park
- Foster intentional and diverse outdoor recreation opportunities at Reindahl Park
- Develop community partnerships and promote equitable access

MASTER PLAN PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The master plan was developed by incorporating feedback received during the public engagement process with the expertise of parks staff to balance resident wants and needs with the present and future resources of the Parks Division. Through this process, parks staff determined the appropriate approach was to create a short-term and long-term master plan. This was done to ensure the expectations of the plan are clear to residents and future parks staff and Board of Park Commissioners. The short-term plan includes park improvements which staff feel can be reasonably completed within the next 10 years and the long-term plan within the next 10-25 years. Explanations of the proposed improvements are below. The item number corresponds to the number on the master plan.

SHORT TERM (0-10 YEARS)

#1 – Expand Community Gardens

The community gardens located in the southwest corner of the park are well used. Typically all available plots are reserved for the season. The gardeners would like the ability to expand and create new plots. The plan calls for the gardens to expand to the southwest and add a small number of raised plots for disabled or aging residents.

#2 – Gardens Parking Lot

The existing gravel parking lot serving the community gardens is oversized. Over the years, portions of it have been used as temporary storage for Parks and Forestry due to its size and location out of view of major arterials. However, these uses were out of convenience, not necessity. We are proposing to reduce the size of the parking lot and naturalize the area of removed parking.

#3 – Naturalize Area

The area south of the community gardens is currently partially mowed and partially non-mowed area. At one time there was a backstop located in this area of the park, but it was removed due to deteriorating condition and non-use. We are proposing to naturalize the existing mowed area with native grasses and forbs as well as create new mowed paths through the area to connect the existing paved path to the community gardens.

#4 – Establish Native Understory

In 2020 a homeless encampment was located at Reindahl Park and mainly used this wooded area of the park. The encampment damaged numerous trees and reduced the understory area to bare earth in most areas. We are proposing to establish a native understory to beautify the woodland area and keep out invasive species.

#5 – Triangle Parcel

Historically the triangle shaped parcel of land between East Washington Avenue and Lien Road included a restroom building, parking, a flagpole, and monument. As the condition of those facilities began to require re-investment, Parks determined these facilities were no longer necessary. As the city has grown over the years, the traffic on adjacent streets has also grown, making this parcel less ideal for intense uses. With that being said, all of the facilities have been removed except for the monument. This area is currently consistently mowed by Parks. However, the area sees very minimal use. We are proposing to naturalize the area with native grasses, forbs, and trees. It would include mowed paths as a tree walk element. Mowed areas would be maintained surrounding the monument and adjacent to Lien Road to maintain a small picnic area on the south side of East Washington Ave.

#6 – Barn Building

The existing barn building has recently received structural repairs, including a new roof. It is currently being used as Parks cold storage. This building is unique as it is the only structure left from the historical farm at the site. There is currently no access to the second story, so we are proposing to construct access to it, likely from the exterior.

This master plan does not call for the use of the building to change. However, as improvements to the park are made over time, the building may present an opportunity to provide additional programmed space, potentially in partnership with other city agencies or private organizations.

#7 – Picnic Area

With the inclusion of the Imagination Center (#9) to replace the existing shelter, a picnic area including a sun shelter would provide a location for informal gatherings while the pavilion is reserved by others. In addition to a sun shelter, the area would include two or three permanent outdoor yard games (corn hole, ladder toss, ping pong, chess table, etc.) and Tuj Lub. Tuj Lub (pronuounced too-loo) is a game which incorporates the throwing of a spinning top to knock down other spinning tops. It is a traditional Hmong sport that was played for generations in Laos and then in Thailand refugee camps, which Hmong immigrants brought with them when they resettled in the United States. Parks does not currently have Tuj Lub in the system, but would like to add it as a park offering.

#8 – Imagination Center

The Imagination Center is a project being led by the Madison Public Library and would replace the existing shelter building. The project will include a library, all-season reservable parks pavilliion, public restrooms, BCycle station, bike parking, and stormwater management. Please refer to the introduction section for background information on this project. In the event the project does not move forward or an alternative site is chosen, the existing shelter building should be considered for replacement. The existing building is in poor condition and the design is not welcoming to park users.

#9 – All-Inclusive Playground

The existing play area is planned for removal and replacement with an all - inclusive playground. The construction of the inclusive playground is anticipated in 2024 or 2025. This will be the fifth such playground in the system and is important for the East side.

#10 – Cricket Field

The cricket field should be re-graded to smooth out the uneven terrain to improve player safety. The game of cricket is played with the ball often rolling on the ground and the uneven turf surface creates irregular hops that could lead to injury as a player attempts to field the ball. The cricket players that staff spoke with identified this problem and staff verified that the terrain of the field is quite varied. Secondly, the northern access to the field from the parking lot requires users to walk down and up a considerable slope and through a drainage ditch. This path should be improved to become more accessible, likely by installing a culvert with a walking path crossing the culvert/ditch. Lastly, a second path should be constructed from the field to the future Imagination Center for access to restroom facilities.

In addition to the specific improvements mentioned above, Parks should maintain a relationship with local cricket organizations and provide support for field improvements as other needs arise. This field is the only 360 degree field in the system, although others are currently in the planning stage.

#11 – Nature Trail

There are currently signs of informal trails through the natural areas along the east and north edges of the park. This plan calls for those trails to become more formalized mowed trails for connecting users to nature and wildlife viewing.

#12 – Stormwater Area

Improve the stormwater area with native plantings. In addition to improving the functionality of the stormwater feature, it will also help to keep invasive species out of the area and attract wildlife.

#13 – Multi-Use Path

A multi-use path should be constructed on the north side of the existing driveway into the park from Portage Road. This path would connect the existing paved path to the sidewalk along Portage Road.

LONG-TERM

#14 – Shelter Building

Input received from groups which use the soccer fields on the north side of the park indicated a strong desire for restrooms, shade, and storage nearby. The soccer fields are heavily used and in a location not particularly close to the proposed Imagination Center, which would include restrooms. Currently, the soccer groups pay for and maintain portable toilets near the fields. The plan calls for the construction of a prototype shelter building to the west of the northernmost parking lot. The building would include restrooms, a covered picnic area, and some storage. The proposed location is somewhat central to the soccer fields and would provide for both organizations currently using the fields.

#15 – Establish Native Understory / Naturalize Area

This area of the park between the paved path and East Washington Avenue is a historically typical parkland setting with mowed lawn area beneath large canopy trees spread around the area. While this type of setting is useful for relaxing and picnicking with some access to shade, this area in the park is quite large and is not heavily used. We are proposing to naturalize a portion of that area with native grasses and forbs to provide for insects and wildlife while creating a peaceful setting for park users to walk through and observe nature.

#16 – Remove Existing Gravel Driveway and Parking Lot

The existing gravel driveway is long and cuts through the middle of the park. Parks prefers to not have gravel driveways or parking areas in our community parks. As an alternative to paving the long driveway, this plan proposes to remove the driveway and parking lot. The parking lot would then be re-located to the south of the community gardens, as noted in #18.

#17 – Community Gardens Parking Lot

Parks proposes a new paved parking lot to the south of the Community Gardens. The parking lot would include stalls for 10-15 cars. This would allow for the elimination of the existing gravel parking lot and driveway which cuts through the middle of the park.

There are numerous options for vehicle access to this area that will need to be studied as this improvement is further investigated. The option shown on the plan is access from the existing water utility driveway which currently serves as access to Well 15. The driveway is located on park property (with no known recorded easement) and accessed from the private commercial property to the northeast. It is unknown what legal parameters exist for access to the driveway from the private parcel.

A second option is accessing the area from the dead end of either Lien Road or Ridgeway Avenue. Access from Lien Road would require modification of the existing paved path. Both of these alternatives would require coordination with Traffic Engineering and Streets to determine if vehicular access is feasible.

Finally, the third option is for access to come through the currently private parcels adjacent to East Washington Avenue if Parks is able to acquire the property at a future date. More information on potential acquisition is included in #19.

#18 – Potential Acquisition of Adjacent Parcels

This plan identifies the two commercial parcels adjacent to the park located on East Washington Avenue for potential future acquisition for expansion of the park. Acquisition of these parcels would need to be evaluated based on a number of factors in the future if the parcels become available at any point.

EXHIBITS

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LEGEND (and see map notes)
- General - Existing
- General - Planned
- Ski Trail - Existing
- Ski Trail - Planned
- Hiking Trail - Existing
- Hiking Trail - Planned
- Stream/Ditch - Existing
- Stream/Ditch - Planned
- Trees - Existing
- Trees - Planned
- Prairie/Low Mow - Existing
- Prairie/Low Mow - Planned
- Contours - Existing
- Contours - Planned
- Property Line - Existing
- Property Line - Planned
- Greenway - Existing

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EXISTING CONDITIONS for REINDAHL PARK

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SHORT-TERM

Stormwater Area 12
Soccer / Open Play Field (SC Wave)
Drainage Area
Soccer / Open Play Field (Capitol East Soccer Club)
Parking Lot
Portage Rd
Non-mowed / Natural Area
Rain Garden
Parking Lot
Tennis / Pickleball
Soccer / Open Play Field (Capitol East Soccer Club)
Play Area (Splash Park, Playground, Basketball)
Stormwater Area 8
Stormwater Area 8
Imagination Center 8
Cricket 10
Picnic Area (Tuj Lub, Sun Shelter, Yard Games) 7
Parkside Dr
Non-mowed / Natural Area
Parking Lot 2
Non-mowed / Natural Area 4
Enhance safety at connection accross East Washington Ave
Community Gardens 1
Non-mowed / Natural Area 3
East Washington Ave
Monument
Non-mowed / Natural Area 5
Picnic Area
Lien Rd
Lien Rd
Ridgeway Ave

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LEGEND

- Ex. Vehicle Circulation
- Ex. Multi-use Path
- New Multi-use Path
- Ex. Mowed Path
- New Mowed Path

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LONG-TERM

Stormwater Area

Soccer / Open Play Field (SC Wave)

Drainage Area

Shelter Building

Parking Lot

Portage Rd

14

Soccer / Open Play Field (Capitol East Soccer Club)

Non-mowed / Natural Area

Tennis / Pickleball

Soccer / Open Play Field (Capitol East Soccer Club)

Rain Garden

Parking Lot

Play Area (Splash Park, Playground, Basketball)

Stormwater Area

Stormwater Area

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Cricket

Imagination Center

Parkside Dr

Picnic Area (Tuj Lub, Sun Shelter, Yard Games)

Non-mowed / Natural Area

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Enhance safety at connection accross East Washington Ave

15

Community Gardens

Non-mowed / Natural Area

East Washington Ave

Monument

Non-mowed / Natural Area

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Parking Lot

18

Non-mowed / Natural Area

Driveway Connection

Picnic Area

Lien Rd

Lien Rd

Ridgeway Ave

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Reindahl Park Master Plan

List of Short-term Improvements (0-10 years)

1. Expand community gardens and add raised accessible plots.
2. Remove portion of existing gravel parking lot and naturalize area with native grasses and wildflowers.
3. Naturalize existing mowed area with native grasses and forbs.
4. Establish native understory in existing woodlands. Naturalize non-wooded area with native grasses and forbs.
5. Natualize triangle parcel with native grasses, forbs and trees. Include mowed paths as tree walk element within naturalized area and around existing monument. Maintain mowed area along Lien Rd for picnicing.
6. Construct access to second story of Barn Building and minor improvements to aesthetics of building.
7. Construct Picnic Area. Potential ameities include sun shelter, tuj lub, and yard games.
8. Construct Imagination Center. Imagination Center to include library, all-season reservable parks pavillion, public restrooms, BCycle station, bike parking, and stormwater management (Madison Public Library led project). In the event the project does not move forward or an alternative site is chosen, the existing shelter building should be considered for replacement.
9. Construct all-inclusive playground.
10. Re-grade field to enhance safety for cricket players. Construct accessible path to field from parking lot and Imagination Center
11. Construct nature trail around stormwater area and north of soccer fields.
12. Improve stormwater area with native planting and enhanced functionality.
13. Construct multi-use path on north side of driveway.

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List of Long-term Improvements (11+ years)

14. Construct prototype reservable shelter including bathrooms, outdoor covered area, and some storage.
15. Naturalize area with native grasses and forbs.
16. Remove existing gravel driveway and parking lot for community gardens.
17. Construct new paved parking lot for community gardens.
18. Potential future expansion area. Aquisition to be evaluated in the future if parcels become available.

Community Survey Responses

Question #1
Finish the sentence. I visit Reindahl Park to...

- To enjoy the trees
- do my walk arounds our neighborhood and to experience the change of seasons. also enjoy watching people enjoy the park amenities such as a splash part and the soccer fields.
- Attend soccer practice and games for my son.
- enjoy the trees and listen to the kids playing.
- take my kids to the Splashpad
- soccer practice & games
- Play
- From FORE : We advocate for those who prize the park's potential for experience of the natural world, and for habitat and biodiversity.
- See nature
- Watch my kids play soccer
- Calm down, run, play tennis
- get some fresh air and exercis.
- Feel alive.
- coach and watch my kids play soccer
- do nothing currently.
- Play with kids.
- Relax, touch nature, and calm down. I have been an active member of the community garden for 6 years. I get a lot of fresh vegetables from my garden space, and it helps keep me healthy!
- I don't visit it. It's disgusting.
- Manage operations for a K-12 youth soccer club.
- Play basketball, go for walks, and take kids to splash pad
- Play in the park with my son.
- take walks, enjoy sitting in green space. I no longer go to reindahl park after the ocupation by the people who fought, killed people, used drugs and left needle, wouldn't follow rules while the city had their thumbs up their asses and did nothing while neighborhood resident were pushed out
- rest take it easy and also to of my mind
- I currently am hesitant to use it. In the last I loved to run or bike on the bike path through the park, and use the splash pad.
- Have my children play soccer with their soccer club. They also frequent the soccers there to practice their soccer skills.
- walk and exercise.
- Relax
- Garden in the community garden
- Splash pad
- Walk the dogs

- I don’t. It’s been a bad place to go and I won’t let my family go there.
- Play and pokeystops
- Go to the playground or splash pad
- attend my son’s Cap East Soccer Club practices and games.
- walk, bike. I live in the neighborhood and might visit more if I felt safe visiting
- Coach soccer to youth
- go to the playground and splashpad
- Walk / bike.
- play grass volleyball with many of my friends!
- Play in Youth Soccer Leagues
- Watch cap east games and for my kids practice
- Walk
- I don't visit Reindahl park. There isn't anything attractive there for adults who don't play tennis or soccer.
- Have my son play soccer.
- meet my neighbors
- Enjoy the greenery.
- Enjoy some peace under the trees. Walk by the gardens, tennis sometimes. Put books in the Little Library. Ride through on bike.

- Walk dogs
- Run
- I no longer visit this park. My oldest Brother went to school at the original building decades ago and for years our parents would take us there to play. This park has become so dangerous, I no longer visit. Even pulling into a parking stall, brings people to your vehicle.
- Enjoy nature and play tennis.
- Play, walk, birdwatch, relax
- Play tennis.
- Play soccer
- Sit under the trees and cool down.
- Watch cricket. Hopefully to join a team as a player soon, but so far to spectate.
- See the joy in my kids faces.
- bike and play tennis.
- Ride bicycle through and watch Cricket
- Play tennis and use the bike path.
- I don't visit because of the drug dealing and prostitution.
- watch my kids play soccer.
- quickly bike through the park as it is riddled with drug deals and unscrupulous people for the most part. I have lived in the area for 26 years and don't like spending time at the park due to feeling unsafe there.
- use the community garden
- Attend soccer practice and games for my children
- walk, jog, bike, play tennis, play soccer, view the sunset, fly a kite.

- attend events, for the playground.
- play group sports.
- my kids play soccer and I use the bike path for running or biking.
- Play Cricket
- Watch my kids play soccer
- See the drug deals occurring daily and nothing gets done about it
- Work in my garden, bike the path
- Garden at Reindahl Community Garden.
- Gardening
- enjoy the outdoors, and spend time with family, go for a walk or a bike ride
- Enjoy the programs there with my children, to play, bike/walk the path
- bike
- Use the bike path
- Used to be for the splash pad...but now I would never take my kids there. The park is to sketchy anymore
- I don’t
- Play tennis and at the splash pad
- Watch youth soccer and sit in the shade.
- I haven't visited since it was the homeless encampment.
- -play pickle ball-walk my dog
- Take walks in, enjoy the splash pad
- I have never visited the park
- Relax, unwind, play tennis
- I don’t currently visit the park. Ever since the mayor allowed it to be taken over by the homeless and the increased crime and violence I stopped visiting the park despite living less than 2 blocks from it.
- Play soccer and coach soccer
- play soccer.
- walk, ride my bike on the paths and relax under a tree.
- when the fireworks were at Warner, we'd go up on the shelter there to watch
- walk.
- watch my son play soccer, coach soccer or referee soccer.
- watch or play soccer games/practice
- Garden at Reindahl Community Garden
- Play soccer
- Attend Cap East soccer practices and games
- Play soccer, use the playground, go to the splash pad, bike through, go to Trucks and Treasures, and participate in MSCR programs.
- Play sports with my children.
- watch soccer
- Watch kids play soccer
- watch my children play soccer for capital east soccer club
- Attend soccer practice and games.
- Play

- Attend soccer games, practice soccer, enjoy the splash pad, and walk the grounds.
- Watch soccer and enjoy nature in an urban environment
- watch my children play soccer and walk my dogs
- Take my child to soccer on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.
- Play soccer … cap east
- Take my kid to soccer practice and games.
- Practice sports.
- use the splash pad and playground.
- Use the bike trail.When we walk in the neighborhood we walk on the gravel road or along the trees if we want to walk in some shade.
- Play soccer and go to the splash pad.
- I use the park for the mostly for the bike path and tennis courts.
- Play tennis and enjoy the community space
- Play with my kids
- Watch/play soccer, go to the splash pad, play tennis, walk my dogs and rollerblade.
- Watch my kids' soccer practice and games.
- Coach soccer and watch my kids play soccer
- Play at the splash park and play soccer.
- Watch my kids play soccer
- Play soccer
- Play soccer.
- Watch my son play Capital East Soccer.
- Have my kids soccer practices and games.
- Watch my kids play soccer.
- Watch soccer
- Attend kid's soccer practice and matches. Also enjoyed the splash pad and seeing cricket being played.
- Bike on the trail and watch my kids play soccer
- Go to soccer practice and games through capital east
- Play soccer
- Watch my kids play soccer
- Watch my kid play soccer
- Enjoy youth soccer.
- Use the playground and splash pad, play soccer
- watch youth soccer
- Practice soccer on weekdays and play soccer league games on weekends.
- Conduct soccer practices on weekdays and soccer games on weekends.
- Take my son to soccer practice and watch his soccer games.
- Watch my kids play soccer with Capitol East Soccer. We also use the Cricket pitch sometimes, and enjoy the open space.
- Practice and play soccer.
- Have my kids play soccer and to garden in the community garden
- Play soccer

- Practice soccer and ride my bike with my whole family
- watch my kids play soccer.
- Play soccer
- Play soccer
- Watch my son play soccer
- Watch my sons play soccer.
- daily take in the view (my wife and I walk the parking lots daily), admire the trees, note any changes (blackbirds and others were harassing a hawk today), see what people have trashed ((2days ago an 'outhouse' overturned.
- Enjoy Father’s Day
- Play games and host tournaments for teams from across the country.

Question #2

What are some general themes you would like to see represented in the future vision for Reindahl Park?

- Playground for kids, picnicking area, horseshoes
- The top theme always is that Reindahl Park remains ground zero for diversity and accessibility on the far east side. Reindahl Park must always remain adaptable to new park activities such as pickle ball and slack lining. Above all, individuals and families must feel safe in accessing Reindahl Park as a destination.
- Family friendly. Inviting to all.
- bike trail, mindfulness areas to sit and enjoy the space - maybe a labyrinth, public art like an interactive sculpture...
- Safety
- safety, comfort, public restroom
- Preservation of green space for everyone’s enjoyment
- From FORE: Balance of nature with cultural/recreational uses. 50% for nature.
- Green space and natural cover
- More soccer. We need great soccer fields on the east side of Madison like there are in surrounding areas
- Body workout section
- Clean.
- Fun. Family/Friends. Physical and mental health.
- keep as many soccer fields as possible to maintain the hundreds of kids that currently use it for this activity
- I like the idea of a library.
- More trees. Fishing, gardening opportunities, better kids play structures
- Community building.

  I'm part of an active community through the garden, but I also witness lots of other healthy communities when I visit the park. Besides the popular soccer fields, I also see a very strong cricket group every weekend all weekend, I see a group who sets up a volleyball net in an empty space and plays until dark every week, and I see lots of groups large and small celebrating various birthdays and family reunions at the shelter.

  Nature.

  In this part of town there are not very many green spaces. Access to nature has been proven again and again to be healthy for humans. Besides my own involvement with the garden, I see a lot of people of all ages enjoying this space. Walking dogs, riding bikes, sunbathing, and even collecting hickory nuts from the few trees that remain after that big sewer project. I have been glad to see the city making the effort to choose some spaces to mow less. (I would like to see that followed up by some efforts to control the worst of the invasive species)

  Education.

If putting a library here is still on the table, I support the idea.

- Non homeless camp
- More security, permanent bathroom facilities in close proximity to soccer fields #2-4 (lower, SW parking lot).
- Cleanliness, an escape from the surrounding city, and more to do.
- A place where the community can meeting and bring their to play.
- safety! not having to walk past people panhandling for alcohol money, or watching where to walk so i don't step on a needle, not having to deal with people fighting
- for not to allowaed homless people or any others that ask for money
- Environment, community
- Expansion of recreational fields like soccer and other sports so our children can be more active.
- I'd like to see as much of the unmowed area as possible restored to a natural prairie state to support urban wildlife.
- Water splash
- Come and enjoy the outdoors via walking, cross country skiing, jogging, etc. The park could host music events, mini-festivals or a pop-up night like on State St. Opera in the Park works on the west side, what would work at this park for an enjoyable evening? Turn some of the mowed grass into butterfly and bee friendly plantings. At the community garden it was mentioned that many of us got flowers on our vegetable plants but no fruit because no bees. I don’t know if that’s true.
- Native Wild flowers
- hiking trails; natural areas not just manicured lawn
- Safety, crime free, drug free
- Adult playground along with children's such as more and larger swings. The merry-go-round type playground toys. The infinite single seat spinner for adults and children. Area for flying small drones. Area for frying kites. Area for disc golf. Large putting green with 2 or 3 holes in it.
- Cleaner park
- green space, a community place to gather safely

- Inclusiveness, active lifestyle choices, soccer, library
- more intentional space, not just big open fields
- Have a feasible humane solution for the homeless population.
- Water fountain refill station similar to Dream Park in Monona.
- Preserve the trees and nature - this is habitat for other creatures. Preserving trees and green space is one way to cope with our climate that is heating up. Humans and animals need some cool space.
- Control of "Tent Cities" and Homeless
- Safety, cleanliness
- Bike paths. More than what is already there.
- Nature exploration and play.
- More housing around it
- A pleasant, peaceful place where people can enjoy nature, kids can play and learn. Community gardens.
- Fenced dog park

- Safe, clean space for athletic activities.
- More welcoming with adaptable playground equipment.
- Inclusivity and serving the needs of the multiple communities that use the park.
- Keeping the park an open, natural space. Keeping the park free from more vehicles, parking, buildings, and urban noise.
- Community, togetherness, education.
- Playground, splash pad, gathering space, soccer fields, prairie, connection to bike paths
- More rewilding of areas that are currently nothing but monoculture fields. Who needs all those fields? There's so much grass that needs mowing, why can't some of it be used to make ponds or prairies?
- Better fixed/permanent facilities to support Madison's cricket ground: Spectator/participant seating, possibly storage, water/restroom.
- Kid and family friendly. Enjoyable activities. Community development.
- A library and public meeting space!
- Youth activities and a more developed soccer presence.
- inclusion, everyone welcome
- A safe and inclusive gathering space that respects the natural habitat and offers fun and educational activities for all ages.
- How about some lighting in the parking lots
- It's an important outlet for youth soccer in the community - I would like this to be sustained.
- I wish they would make it safe for families to bring their young children to the Splash Park. I think instead of a library they should put a police station in the park.
- Continue multiple use set up
- Ongoing ability for sports team to have access for practices and games
- It should be a place for families and the community to go to have fun
- Family-friendly.
- Nature, sports, creative outdoor play for kids
- The Imagination Center should be located in the green space directly facing East Washington Ave. This will provide easiest access and provide visibility from a major road. Ensure the vast majority of soccer fields and cricket fields in the back side of the park are preserved.
- Bathroom and shelter pavilion for the cricket ground. Under the sun it gets really hot to sit outside and watch the game.
- Safety, comfort
- Leave it as is but more lights and restrooms n shelter areas. More law enforcement
- Accessibility for visitors not using cars, continued availability of bike paths and especially the garden!!
- Better restroom facilities, closer to playing fields. Expansion of community garden so more people can take advantage of the garden.
- Mosuito free
- Improved natural areas
- Would love some central park vibes, Madison focused, it is the first park you see driving in on east wash, it should be a statement of entering Madison, statues, fountains, maybe a mini capitol building with history of the area

- Inclusivity, movement, nature representation/natural elements, outside space
- A natural theme more wildflowers and bushes but definitely think wildflowers would add a lot of color and life to the park
- Community building
- Cleaned up drug use and homeless that hang out there
- Safety, welcoming, place for gatherings, aquatic
- Safety- that shelter invites too much negative activities and people
- Pickleball courts
- Safety for families
- Safety, outdoor play
- Safety for those enjoying Reindahl Park. Disability & inclusion focused for children with special needs. Special needs play equipment!!!
- Family friendly, safe
- Safety, security, family togetherness
- A stage for music and outdoor festivals. An area conducive to farmers markets. More BMX and skateboard opportunities for the kids that are too old for splash park.
- Soccer field space
- Soccer fields. Old trees.
- New shelter, a library, and better use of the land/space available.
- no imagine center. Dumb idea, what with all the libraries already on a bus line
- recreation, education
- I would like to see the park maintained for use for soccer.
- Nice open space for soccer fields and clean facilities for players and fans to use
- Expansion of community garden space. Better restroom facilities near playing fields. Better shelter.
- Community, accessibility,
- Mixed use, including sports fields; designated volleyball courts instead of current makeshift
- Mscr, Capital East Soccer, City Machines Events, playground, splash pad
- Cleanliness, safety, inclusive, sports
- more trees and perennial gardens - something more than grass.
- Improve general conditions of all soccer fields.
- open fields for soccer play, updated play equipment with more secure fenced areas
- Soccer fields, dog parks
- The best soccer fields in the city.
- Safe access to outdoor recreation and play
- More kid friendly space
- Safety, Cleanliness, Access to shelter/restroom facilities
- New park
- Multi use, multi cultural, diverse
- Better park equipment.
- Kindness, community, art, friendship.

- A community center like Warner's shelter. Exercise classes, some exercise machines, weights. Summer concerts for families, like Warner Park Monday concerts. See alot of residents in this area.
- Gathering space with updated bathrooms. Family friendly.
- Continued use of the park for recreation (soccer, tennis, basketball, volleyball, playground, splash pad, etc.). The imagination center/library would be an exciting addition. I would like to see it continue to welcome kids and families.
- A resource center/library/community center
- Play ground for kids, the water park area is great for them. Keep it a park for people to relax at.
- Soccer fields, volleyball, tennis, cricket and basketball. Maybe pickleball.
- Maintain or expand soccer fields.
- Soccer, bike access, playground
- Collaboration, a celebration of the arts, fun.
- soccer park
- Soccer fields and complex!
- Library/community center. Skate park. Bathroom by soccer fields. Place for live music/ festivals. Walking trails. Farmers market
- Many different uses but well kept fields and maybe bleachers etc etc would be great as the east side really needs this.
- Continued soccer play. High school type playground. (Ninja course. More older kids activities.) Baskeball courts.
- Host soccer games/small tournaments, safe, fun, creative space for families with small children
- Soccer and cricket
- Keep the gardens. Keep the splash pad. Keep some soccer fields. I really like the idea of having a library.

- Cleaner, more welcome environment, space for sports events that is more comfortable
- Maintain soccer fields
- Soccer fields bathrooms near the fields
- Covered/heated areas for winter soccer/futsal
- Continuation of space to use for local soccer clubs that serve many youth and families.
- Space for youth sports, sidewalks to walk to local businesses. Keep it vibrant multiuse - gardening, cricket, flag football, soccer. Focus on immediate residents.
- Cleanliness and upgrade water splash and playground.
- I would like to see improvements to the soccer fields area such as a lighted field .
- Continued soccer field access.
- Soccer and cricket, pollinator/wildflower spaces, and an edible plants area where a community member could teach kids about foraging native plants would be awesome.
- Bathrooms near all the soccer fields and a place to wash their hands. Perhaps even a space where snacks and drinks could be sold.
- More community sense
- More walkways and pathways, and possibly food
- Bigger playgrounds, a garden space would be nice

- Community. Inclusiveness, family.
- Picnic areas, walking paths,
- Improvement of soccer fields, improvement of pavilion area, and add Pickleball markings to tennis courts, and convert sime tennis courts to Futsal courts.
- Open space. I'd also like to see it as the premier place for soccer on Madison's east side (the east side's answer to Verona's Reddan park). For Cricket, it should be /the/ destination in the state.
- Trump nation!
- A multi use sports park that can serve the needs of the local community and attract regional and national sporting events to drive economic impact for Dane county.

Question #3
What are the current strengths of Reindahl Park?

- Lots of green
- Prime, visible location on Madisons east side. Located on city bus and the future BRT line. Ample parking and open areas to expand parking. Contains Madison's only east side splash park along with extensive community gardens and soccer fields.
- The amount of green-space.
- The splash pad, picnic area, soccer fields
- Large size
- size & a lot to do
- Trees, size of green space, play structure, open access
- The naturalization of land, especially along the west and south sides of the park. Low impact human uses such as community gardens, cricket, shelter, and splash pad.
- Accessibility, green space, shade areas
- Large space, close to highway, large green area
- Used to be family friendly
- In general this is good for students playing different games.
- Size. Uses. Management
- size, location, parking, soccer amenities
- size and location
- Location, largest patch of green in walking distance for a lot of people, active communities.
- None
- Large open spaces and good parking.
- Large, good location.
- The size of the park. There is a lot of potential.
- large green beautiful space
- it is very nice and also clean
- Accessible by car, bus, biking, running. Varied activities; big. Access to water features (splash pad) that's free!
- The fields are beautifully maintained.
- Walking paths - new and old. Splash zone for kids.
- None
- Location, size, a variety of field sports, tennis courts, community garden, plenty of parking
- Large size
- large
- Location, otherwise it's been crime ridden. No value to us.

- Beautiful space. Hoops. Tennis courts. Fields. Water park. Parking.
- Splash pad
- it is large. community gardens
- Offers sports such as tennis and multi sport fields. It's centrally located. Large shelter

- splash pad!
- Convenience, well kept (i.e. snow plowed, grass mowed etc.).
- Open field for public rec use, splashpad, the playground, and the basketball court
- The green space and trees.
- Huge!
- Space, location
- Space, accessibility, close for many neighborhoods to access.
- Partial bike path, I guess.
- The location and size
- Lots of green space!
- It's a nice park
- Trees. Splash pad. Community gardens. Tennis courts.
- Close to home
- Nice athletic facilities and playground/splashpark.
- The history.
- It’s a big community hub since lots of people and families gather there for games.
- Mature trees and wide open spaces
- Able to serve a large portion of the community, good location. Plenty of room.
- Large space
- Beautiful trees with great shade!
- County’s best cricket grounds.
- The splash pad is a huge hit. My kids love it. I also think all the soccer fields and tennis courts are also a strength.
- Beautiful park with many mature trees.
- Ability to accomadate a variety of sports that is sorely lacking on the far east side.
- large size, location, community gardens
- Location, splash pad, community garden space and well maintained sports facilities (tennis courts & soccer fields).
- Zero, too many thugs and criminal elements.
- space and adequate parking
- Lots of land, tennis courts, Splash Park for young kids, and soccer games for the youth in the area. Also, having the Community Gardens there is a big draw for many people in the area.
- It multi-purpose set up and the small sections of older tree/woods
- Ample space for multiple practices and games at a time
- It's huge and has a lot to offer for connecting people for many reasons.

  We live nearby and have a big yard, so we don't do family get togethers there, but one of my favorite things to see in the summer while walking or biking through with the family is all the other families enjoying a BBQ and the playground and shelter area.
- Spacious fields, splash pad, tennis courts.
- so many ball fields! and a unique field with the cricket pitch
- The splash pad is the only one in our area of the city and was a great addition. The large soccer fields are great and space is also frequently used for cricket, volleyball

and tennis. Bike path provides convenient access from Portage road to cross Stoughton road. The vegetable garden plots are great!

- Very inclusive space
- Open, close
- Cleaning out the homeless
- Good location for this neighborhood, peaceful even though its right near east wash, the garden really brings the community together as well. The prairie spaces are beautiful as well.
- Accomodates a lot of athletic teams, great cricket field. No light pollution at night.
- Location and service
- Green space, soccer fields, parking
- It's size, the splash pad
- shade
- Space & beautiful mature trees
- Nothing other then the location
- Size, location
- The size and location
- splash park, large, shade trees
- splash pad, soccer fields
- - large space

  - frequently visited
- Very large space, lots of parking
- It’s a beautiful place for families to be at. The trees and landscape feels fun to be in, while in the middle of the city.
- Space, and variety of activities
- The upcoming library and imagination center
- Like the fields and splash pad. Appreciate the portopotty by soccer
- The size.
- beautiful park
- tennis courts, space for soccer and cricket, picnic area and the splash pad for kids
- The soccer and cricket fields, as well as the playground equipment.
- space and parking
- Lots of different type of sports fields, including the criket field. Lot of open areas. Not a lot of light pollution at night.
- Size, is a nice large park
- Easy to get in and out by bike, walking, and car

  Spray park is accessible and fun for multiple ages

  Lots of green grass space
- Size, location
- Open fields
- soccer, tennis and splash pad
- Number of soccer fields.

- open fields
- Location
- Great level soccer field's
- Space for soccer fields. Walking/bike path around/through the park.
- Great location
- Large open spaces
- It is beautiful and so expansive. Diverse in the folks that access the park.
- Place for family
- Location, space
- The Waterpark, and the soccer fields
- Splash pad, green space, playground is so/so
- Many acres, the potential future of the library. The homeless are gone. The splash pad and playground.
- Lots of space. Many different types of activities. Great for soccer.
- It's a large park and I often use it to access the bike path! It's also wonderful to see kids using it for the splash pad, soccer tournaments, basketball and volleyball.
- Splash pad, parking, bike path, bathrooms
- An easy walk to play with our kids, especially the playground & water sprinkler area.
- All of the sport activities. Location. Large, beautiful space
- It's a great place for soccer. We also enjoy the splash pad.
- Soccer fields
- Splash park, the diversity, the open space.
- Large field space and parking available. Close to main roads.
- a place for everyone to play soccer
- Soccer fields and splash park.
- Size of park. Community garden. Soccer fields, cricket field, sports areas. Parking
- Space.
- Soccer fields. The splashpad.
- Great variety of activities, parking is pretty good
- Soccer fields, cricket fields, splash pad. Large area.
- Soccer fields splash pad and gardens
- Large area - easily accessible
- Large
- Soccer field splash pad
- Beautiful
- Diverse recreational options at one location.
- Lots of diverse users, big space, enough parking, well used
- Parking and location
- Having Capital East Soccer Club there for kids to play soccer on the field.
- This would include location and easy accessibility.
- I only know its soccer fields.
- It's location and size make it a terrific community asset.
- All the soccer fields, splash pad.

- Splash pad, and future library
- Good parking and feels like a community
- There is a lot of space for walking or practice sports. The splash pad is a great feature but needs to be bigger
- Easy to get to. Ample parking. Splash pad is a plus, but my kids are too big for it, so I have never been.
- Splash pad and soccer fields
- Soccer fields with lots of good parking.
- Lots of fields
- Space & location.
- The strength is that we still have trees, the Park is well used by soccer, cricket, gardeners, tennis players, ...people picknicking , etc.
- It’s open spaces, basketball court, and covered shelter.
- The park has good size field space that can accommodate multiple different sports for practices, games and tournaments.

Question #4
What are the current weaknesses of Reindahl Park?

- Access to different areas. Could use more bikes trails
- Contains an antiquated, inadequate park shelter. The only park restrooms are located inside the shelter and public safety is a concern. lack of updated park playground equipment and more picnic tables and free-standing grills needed.
- The homeless encampment was a necessary stay for a while but it made the park less accessible. Even now that they have been relocated (another issue for discussion sometime) I haven't been back to the park.
- It is too scary to go there. It does not feel safe to bring little kids there.
- seems to be a place for loitering
- Commercial intrusion.
- Woods fragmented by pipe trenching and an unnecessary paved path not on 2013 master plan. Too much mowed turf grass. Too much land used for sports that require high-maintenance turf grass (pesticides), specifically soccer. Too many parking lots, with inefficient parking space configuration. Main road too wide.
- Plans to develop it and cut down shade trees. Parks are cooling green spaces and should not be targets for development
- Homelessness, criminal activity, lack of security
- Shelter is absolutely third world countries condition. Smelling heavy urine and trash everywhere all day around it.
- Dated infrastructure
- lack of bathroom for soccer fields, under utilized areas not fully developed
- some of the folks who utilize it at night do some sketchy things
- Safety.

  Obviously the encampment from the pandemic was just plain dangerous. I'm very glad that's over and I hope the city does not allow such a situation to reoccur.

  With that said, I personally have no problem with the usual number (I would estimate 6 to 10) of unhomed individuals who normally use the park on an ever rotating basis. However, I do know that there are people in our community who do not feel safe going to Reindahl because of the tendency for the to be someone from the homeless community present. I myself would certainly never visit the park at night, not because I fear those few without other homes, but because the large dark space is a natural attractant for mischief. I wish I had a suggestion for a solution.

  Invasive species.

  I know the budget is unlikely to support much in the way of control, and many battles have already been lost. I would like to see targeted use of resources. For example while we can't do much about garlic mustard anymore, the battle against Dipsacus(teasel) could still be won. I have seen the city use herbicide on the Cirsium(thistle) at the wrong time of year so that the top turns yellow but the plant is still vigorous and just flowers from lower down.

  Restrooms.

I know there are a lot of considerations that need to go into public restrooms, not least budget and safety. However, without them, (or without access to them) people still go, you just know about it less.

- Letting Satan Rhodes Conway turn it into a homeless camp
- Due to its isolation in and around soccer fields #2-4 (lower, SW parking lot), there are sometimes security concerns when hosting children's soccer activities.
- Not much there, associated with homelessness, and mostly run down.
- Proximity to busy streets.
- the city of madison government who won't enforce rules that if i broke them my ass would be in jail. starting fires, fighting, setting up my personal campground. shitting where i want
- if you get homless or any body that want money
- It feels unsafe after the tent/camper community settled there, even though it’s gone now. I am much more hesitant to go there.
- The section where the play ground is does not seem safe for my younger children. Too many loitering occurring in the parking lot and in the pavilion location.
- Restroom access - more city parks should have restrooms.
- Not safe
- The shelter is a gathering place for people who are doing other things besides having a picnic. They just hang out and make it unpleasant to use the shelter. There’s very little shade throughout the park. More trees are needed. The large expanse of the park has no appeal. It’s not a park that has a welcoming appearance. It’s just a big open space.
- East Wash
- not well maintained, few amenities
- The people who use it for nefarious activities.
- Safety. It sometimes feels unsafe and as a result we don't go as often as we did even 5 yrs ago
- Lots of trash on playground
- current shelter is awful. drug dealing in the parking lot
- Run down facilities such as shelter, homeless encampment made public feel it was unsafe
- Not a great shelter option, but I think the imagination center will fix this. Not a lot of benches or tables for picnics
- After dark I feel insecure to be in it.
- The picnic shelter area is NOT a safe place, even when reserved! A friend of mine ran into a lady in the bathroom who was prepping to use a needle, not sure if it was for rec or medication purposes. Smoking in the bathrooms is also awful and NOT regulated. Street parking on Portage Rd next to the soccer field. There has been a couple of accidents during previous summers when cars are parked on the street and cars would run into them!
- Signage
- Homeless camp, safety
- The lower parking lot attracts a rowdy crowd.
- History of intimidating people taking over the shelter and parking lot; known for drug dealing.

- There is not enough housing around it. And it's surrounded by horrible roads
- People want to wreck it by cutting down trees and building more buildings.
- It needs more trees, especially along the bike path and perimeters.
- Homeless people
- Trash. Not enough paved paths/trails for running/walking/biking.
- It's just not safe.
- It’s pretty run down in terms of the buildings and doesn’t always feel safe.
- Close to the noise of E. Washington
- Doesn't feel safe always. Not enough community interaction.
- Too much monoculture grass that makes you parks guys have to mow endlessly through the summer.
- Not a central location; maintenance/upkeep feels more like a neighborhood youth soccer field than the higher-level fields the county/city maintain for other sports.
- The shelter is old and run down. It is also has a lot of spots that are not visible which makes it tricker to feel comfortable sending kids to the bathroom on their own.
- Its underused.
- The current mayors lack of vision or concern for the neighborhoods.
- needs more trees or shade/shelters
- Underhoused and homeless crisis has made Reindahl Park a gathering place for those with nowhere else to go and this makes the park feel less safe. For example; when you have drinking and drug use happening right near the playground and splash pad.
- Criminals Drug dealers, Prostitution.
- Drugs, alcohol, homeless sleeping in the park, trash, a general feeling that the park is not safe.
- A lack of restroom facilities
- None now that the encampment has been taken care of
- Nothing jumps out, maybe more picnic tables / space for families?
- Bathrooms and parking with suspicious people. The playground needs update.
- a safe way to bike to it. It's pretty close to where the Starkweather creek path hits Anderson St but there's no bike path connection and Anderson is scary to bike on
- The front area by the park shelter and playground is not fully utilized by many local neighborhood residents. There often appears to be drinking and/or drug activity in that area, which doesn't feel safe.
- Does not have community space / public library
- Restrooms
- Allowing open drug use and drug deals
- Unsure.
- Shelter and playground areas need updating/replacing. Should be some degistated picnic areas with more tables and BBQ pits.
- Road has dirts
- Crime, outdated facilities, loitering, crowded playground, just don't feel safe
- The shelter is not great at all. Does not feel safe for children to use the shelter. Old play equipment
- no tables, lacks water fountains
- Crime

- Everything...there are drug addicts that hang out there all the time. Drug Paraphernalia left all over and just very dirty. Homeless hang put there also all the time. Not family oriented at all anymore
- Dark scary shelter, crime, no updates or improvements, not enough amenities for more than one group.
- The homeless encampment was a huge safety issue for the neighboring community. I also won't use the restrooms in the shelter when at the splash pad because I'm too concerned for my and my children's safety & (drinking, secluded, drugs, etc).
- 8 tennis courts that are rarely used
- Questionable people hanging around the park.
- -homelessness-unsafe (needles on ground, tourniquets)
- Unfortunately with the city allowing the encampments for so long, it still doesn't feel safe! Needles are being found on the bike paths, this is not a safe park for children if the city isn't picking them up.
- Does not feel safe for families
- Safety and cleanliness
- The overuse of grass and mowing to maintain fields that are rarely used.
- Red wing blackbirds attack. Not enough shade
- At times it doesn't feel safe.
- that there will be that imagine center. Yuk.
- not enough basketball space, could use a softball diamond
- Outside of soccer I don't see it as a destination park. There is not enough other activities to draw me there.
- clean facilities
- Not many amenities, such as restrooms, very few picnic tables in areas away from shelter.
- Lack of restroom facilities
- Needs more bathrooms (does it have any?)

  Driveway coming in from Portage is narrow when people park on that road instead of in a parking lot. Makes it dangerous for bikers coming and going that way.
- Based on its location and size, it could be more like a Central Park to our part of Madison. More diverse activities like skate park? Gaga ball? More tennis? Kids biking "highway" like they have in Windsor?
- Danger, dirty, aging equipment
- playground
- Some fields not in good condition as other fields.
- security
- Dirty
- No bathrooms.
- Lack of restroom facilities for the soccer fields. Lack of shade near the soccer fields. No playground near soccer field for siblings.
- Homeless encampment. Makes me feel unsafe. There should be land areas made for these folks near the homes and neighborhoods of Madison's mayor and Dane County's chief executive.
- Under utilized space, doesn't feel safe at all times

- Sometimes it feels a little unsafe. Very glad we don't have to be there after dark.
- People smoking -
- Lots of space, yet seems like groups are competing for the same small corners of the park. Lots of park is underutilized.
- Everything seems worn out
- There is still a large homeless and drug presence
- The shelter isn't used by the general public. Over 20 years ago, a neighbor organized a Bombay Bike Club bike ride starting going up north on Portage Ave with 3 different routes, shorter to Token Creek and Egre Rd to see the Starkweather watershed and longer to Morrisonville.Then a picnic at Reindahl after. Now, there are just people hanging around in their cars, drugs, guns and police cars at times. I'd be happy to organize a bike ride and picnic. So while riding, the bikers' cars will be parked there and hope they would be safe.
- Bathrooms are old and creepy. Playground equipment is old and outdated.
- General safety concerns, mostly during night time hours
- Limited activities
- Homeless people. Safety concerns. Drugs. Weapons. Could use more trees for shade in certain areas.
- Drug use in park, general dirtiness.
- More restrooms.
- Difficulty crossing Portage Rd to go to and from the park
- Litter, loitering, dirty amenities
- Safety and no lights at night.
- not enough space for all of the kids to play soccer. Not enough parking.
- Not well maintained.
- Access for walking and biking. Crossing East Washington Ave is dangerous for people.
- Bathrooms more available and other amenities.
- Lack of playground structure by fields.
- Soccer fields get a lot of use and could use updating
- Adjacent homelessness. Feels dangerous. Bathrooms aren’t clean
- The playground equipment is outdated. There are needles found in the park. The noise from East Wash and traffic takes away from the park atmosphere.
- Seems dirty at times - broken bottles, disposed of food on fields
- Not much to do there in the winter
- Homeless population
- How the city has allowed for significant transient campsites and squatting.
- Drug use, the bathrooms in the shelter, the shelter design. The layout seem awkward. Not enough seating in the right places.
- drainage, lighting
- It is very outdated, very seem dirty and lots of disturbing things happening in the parking lot.
- This would include lack of fencing to prevent damage to the grounds by cars and motorcycles driving in the soccer field areas. Another weakness is lack of police or park ranger surveillance to control drug activity and other illicit activity that has been witnessed in the park.

- A permanent public bathroom would be awesome.
- No bathrooms or sinks near soccer fields. When kids have games the bathroom situation isn’t good.
- The homeless being in the area and close to it.
- Not very walkable
- The playground sometimes gets overcrowded. The splash pad too. The bike path should be made wider to give room for people that want to just walk
- No lights. With soccer being played in the fall and spring, practices have to end when it gets dark. Signage (field numbers 1-4 this way etc.) The fields themselves could be in better condition. I don't love the shelter either. It is very scary looking. I cannot describe it other than that.
- Poor entrances, shelter/bathroom facilities
- Homeless loitering in pavilion and parking lot, park has fair amount of garbage laying around, and shady characters doing questionable activities in parking lot as evening sets in.
- Run down areas, old and rusty soccer goals
- No permanent bathrooms (though port-a-potties are a welcome recent addition).
- Hangout for drinking and drug use but I t hink much of that would move from the Parking lot by t he Shelter IF either there were a regular police driveby OR all the openings to the Shelter were sealed off (concrete blocks?) In other words, no place to hide. Maybe there should be a regular visit by a Social Worker in the a.m....people sleep in the Shelternights. The problem is that the people who lead o thers t o avoid tne Parking lot area by the Shelter may just move back to the sports parking lots and the Community Garden.

- It’s not named after President Donald J. Trump.
- Doesn't have a concession stand, or permanent bathrooms near the soccer fields.

Question #5
What opportunities exist to improve Reindahl Park?

- don't know
- The siting of the Imagination Center (IC) in Reindahl Park is a golden opportunity to improve the park and eliminate the library desert on Madison's far east side. The 2020 Scoping Study done by the Madison Public Library, outlines the many tangible & intangible benefits resulting from placing a branch library in Reindahl Park.

  Hand in hand with the branch library will be the opportunity for the Parks Department to create a new, safe and accessible parks shelter adjacent to the Imagination Center.

  In addition, the Madison Parks Foundation (MPF) is planning to install a fully accessible playground in the immediate area. This will be the 5th accessible playground engineered by the MPF and the 1st on the far east side.
- this plan for one! Love what I'm hearing about the new library and Imagination Center being more of a community center than just a book building.
- Increase safety, increase activities for families and small children
- Ideally all tennis courts would be double striped for pickle ball. Personal preference.
- From FORE : See our proposal from late 2019.
- Additional of native plants and bush garden
- Implement more options for sports
- Encourage volunteers and serve them good food and water, instead giving food to illegals and lazy people.
- More soccer
- there are a couple areas that could be better utilized and maybe developed.
- Adding a library would be nice
- I think that the fact that you're collecting this survey is very encouraging to me. Listening to the people who use the park is very important.
- Kick out the homeless.
- Permanent bathroom facilities in close proximity to the lower parking lot (near soccer field #2)
- There is a lot of space, it connects residential areas to East Towne Mall, will be heavily utilized with the right improvements
- Again lost of space that could be utilizied.
- don't know, are you going to enforce rules everyone else has to follow?
- to make the bathrooms nice clean and have big budling for parties
- Bakken park is amazing with its large splash pad and adjacent playground equipment. Something like this would be great at Reindahl.

  Install safe injection boxes for used syringes—I once heard that tons of used injection supplies are found there. Have a naloxone vending machine.

  Are there bathrooms? If not, bathrooms would be great.

  More little shelter spots with picnic tables like Bakken park.
- The playground could be bigger and better - overall city parks on the west side of Madison seem to have better accommodations for children.

- Safety for all
- Why are there so few kids at the park? I hardly ever see kids at the water area. If there aren't young families in the area, then the park should focus on adult activities. A shaded gravel walking path would be popular. I frequently see adults walking on the new bike path. Grooming this path for cross country skiing would be great.
- Room for prairie trails
- close to residential areas
- I don't believe Madison is capable of making it better. It may be nice at first but will succumb to the ills that plague it already.
- More CC cameras with signs so everyone knows.

  More family style events in the park would be awesome. Egg hunts. Picnic style lunches. Community cookouts with all welcome at little or no cost or donation style. But cookouts kinda like you once had at camp

  Setting up telescopes when there are solar lunar or other events
- It is wide open for many opportunities if the City chooses to invest in this far east side park. Keep the gardens, soccer fields, tennis courts, etc. Give us a library and a community space.
- Improved shelters, playgrounds, community center/library
- More shade trees would be great; it'd be nice if there were some kind of barrier (nice bushes?) by the road. East Wash is so busy it freaks me out.
- Basic security / lighting etc.
- Bigger bathroom in the picnic shelter! Perhaps renovate the basketball courts and hoop (painted lines on the ground and backboard)
- Mindful planned use of space .
- The homeless encampment next to children was a dangerous environment. The alcohol and drug use for kids to witness, alongside the proximity, was offsetting.
- More bike paths and seating areas.
- Attract people to use the park as a safe place. Library for people in this area; closest one is Old East Side Shopping Center.
- We need more housing around the park and remove space for cars
- Leave it natural
- Save the areas with beautiful trees. Expand the community gardens. Plant a prarie area with paths to teplace one of the ball fields.
- Relocate the homeless and turn the entire field north of Bartillon dr into a dog park.
- It is a large space with plenty of green space and surrounded by trees/vegetation. Would be a great place to have a running/walking trail around the perimeter of the park.
- The excess taxes from the City of Madison vehicle registration.
- I would love to see a library at the park. For a community with so many families we are lacking access to a library close by.
- Allow trees to grow between E. Washington and the rest of the park.
- I think building a library would greatly improve Reindahl park and serve as a positive influence and resource for the community.
- Start looking at ways to expand nature in the park. Protect the trees, especially the older oaks.

- Lean into hosting cricket in partnership with Madison/Dane’s growing South Asian communities.
- This would allow for a more open community place where people can feel safe and excited to to get together.
- LIBRARY. This area of the city (where I live) really needs access to a library.
- Bringing a library and community center to the park is a good idea, so long as it is allowed to exist for ALL the surrounding community and not just become a hang out.
- Affordable housing and more services for homeless population are indirect improvement opportunities. The Imagination Center should benefit the park by bringing more families to the area. Intentional care for the wetland areas would also improve habitat and assist with water quality.
- Make it Dog friendly. Remove whores and drug dealers.
- It would be fantastic to have restroom facilities closer to the soccer fields for the kids.
- More police presence, make it more family friendly.
- Tying the space together and improving the facilities
- Multiple exits leaving the park would be helpful. Increased shade tree coverage if possible
- It's great that the unused space is now prairie style, but maybe there are other uses for some of it?
- More cleanness.
- add pickleball courts! and a super cool imaginative playground
- I think bringing the Imagination Center and library presence to the park, particularly in the front area, will provide a great resource for the community and increase the number of people who use it.
- Invest in programing and library
- Room
- Leave it as is, more soccer n sporting events
- I did like the possibility of a library although would want to make sure the construction of a new building was low impact
- Should build the new Imagination Center and remove the current shelter.
- Plz improve road access
- Would love this to be a place for safe family gathering, upgrade the park facilities. Food cart nights, improve the basketball courts. Also need things for adults to do without kids, maybe a cool tie in with the airport runways
- Space for the imagination center - a gathering place for this neighborhood that's in a resource desert.
- ????
- Excited to see a possible library in the plans! Bcycle station would be a great addition.
- Clean it up and have some kind of monitoring the park
- Large size and great location for a city pool that could serve the east side. Space for large family, group gatherings, city organized events.
- The neighborhood out here is fairly cut off with Hwy 51 and 151 creating a Bermuda Triangle of sorts. We really can't get many places (bike rides, etc) without hitting unsafe and major roadways.
- Convert at least 4 of the tennis courts to a minimum of 6 pickleball exclusive courts. They will easily fit into the space of 4 courts.
- Needs to have more safety.

- Cleanliness, less homeless
- This could be a redemption for the city if the city takes action to ensure this is a safer area for the community to enjoy the park for what it's intended for. The opportunities could be, if included, children with special needs could be included to enjoy a park. If the city has someone daily picking up needles & trash, this could be a huge improvement to the "east" side.
- Many- it would be a beautiful space if it were cleaned up and infrastracture was updated
- Lots of area to add new activities
- Better and more diverse options. BMX, skateboards, other and better playground structures.
- I don't know what you mean by opportunities. To me, it depends on funding and the willingness of the mayor to improve the park.
- leave the park and all the trees as is. But if replacement of the shelter is needed, that works for me
- a public library would be great
- Better shelter house and bathroom facilities.
- Clean facilities and better lighting
- Have a desginated picnic area, with adequate seating, my be BBQ pits, nearby restroom.
- Add bathrooms, add trees (for wind break and shade)
- See above
- Lots of users/ density in the area who have a stake in improving it.
- Create a dirt bike course
- Potentially adding a pavilion/shelter.
- improve play areas for children
- Add dog park, better marked soccer fields, add safe walking trails
- Plant more trees, and seating.
- Add restroom facilities for sports fields. Consider shelter with concession area by sports fields. Add trees near sports fields. Install a playground nearer sports fields. Providing facilities would allow for hosting soccer tournaments to bring funds into the local clubs.
- Making the park more inviting for kids/families. The playground could be so much bigger and better. Possibly having multiple basketball courts. More bike/walking paths throughout.
- More opportunities for play structures closer to soccer field and a bathroom.
- More lights, more cleaning, secure place
- Get better park equipment
- It is a great space! The shelter is clearly still occupied with homeless. I had to take my 3 year old to the bathroom and there are beer cans, cigs, clearly someone living there too. Personal items - hygiene items.
- Activitiies at the Imagination Centerfor the neighborhood and a partnership with Sanburg school.
- Would be nice to see some improvements to the soccer fields, as well as an updated shelter/playground area with bathrooms.

- More organized events, neighborhood gatherings. When it was used for a polling place during COVID- that seemed to work out well. It would also be cool to see it used for a local festival (like fete de Marquette, waterfront, etc.).
- Overall updates and addition. New basketball courts plus additional courts
- Plant more trees. Add better, more fun playground options.
- More community events and more winter activities. An ice rink would be amazing!
- Keep the soccer fields.
- More community events held here
- Restrooms and water fountains would be helpful
- Better soccer fields, nets, etc
- Create an improved visitor experience. So many open fields and parking could highlight great soccer culture.
- Pedestrian bridge from Reindahl to other park across the street for safe crossing. Need to have more community connectors. A space for east side festivals / live music.
- Bathrooms and play strucutres by soccer fields
- Homelessness. CleanerBathrooms. Need permanent bathrooms and shelter by the soccer fields.
- There is a lot of land. I think it would be interesting to put a library on the East Washington side. Then put the playground behind the splash pad. Keep some of the soccer fields but sacrifice a few for the space of having a park
- Covered/heated area for soccer/futsal
- I am sure many but hearing from current users and retaining the good of what already exists should be a priority.
- New shelter, better bathrooms, more soccer fields, having a library improve layout of facilities
- More soccer specific infrastructure, more covered group areas
- Building a new library would bring life to the eastside community and that would bring out more families.
- Improvement of the athletic fields,ie soccer and cricket fields with fencing. Lighting of parking lots by soccer fields for safety and cameras.
- Adding a bathroom facility.
- The splash pad could do with a renovation including the shelter and parking areas.

  Add restrooms near the soccer fields. A single porta potty is not enough for the number of visitors on the weekends. A bubbler would also be awesome.
- Asking those that use it is helpful. Perhaps the soccer clubs could sell snacks at their games and tournaments could be held their if they amenities were up to par.
- Food, a prominent basketball area, soccer area not claimed by a soccer club
- Not sure
- Nicer shelter, better lighting, Signage.
- Better landscaping
- Clean up park, more police and park ranger random patrols for better safety, improve quality of soccer fields, add pickleball courts, add Futsal courts.
- Improve conditions of existing soccer fields. Partner with both Cap east & SC Wave to do so. Same story with users of the cricket field.
- Retain the Shelter and t he trees around it. I originally thought that the open space withint he Shelter should just be filled with fill dirt and the outer walls mounded with

dirt. I now realize that cannot be done because some of the trees would be damaged. Instead the open spaces should be sealed shut (concrete blocks?). The outer walls of the Shelter would be a great place for murals. Perhaps t he Art Depts. in Eastside schools could dothis....involving the very Children the Imagination Center is supposed to reach.

Baseball diamond..just a 'sandlot' setup. No place to play ball nearby. I lived near a park (South Bend IN) we unorganized youth went and shagged fly balls. No reservations (actual games were late afternoon and evening). Madison College has fine teams to inspire yout h. Kids would come if there were a place to play...no need for uniforms, organized ball. Usage could be similar t o my yout h...organized teamplay lat e afternoon and evening.

Lastly, good use by Hmong youth of the north end of the soccer field north of the basketball court...they set up net(s) and play volleyball often. That field does not see much use otherwise ; perhaps ball diamond there.

My wife is Korean. From Korean videos and friends she hears about the exercise 'pat hs', 'walks', 'stations' for old people. We aren't comparable because populat ion is less dense, but it is worth studying, not even necessarily at Reindahl. I have seen something similar ar Morton Grove,IL

- Re-name it Trump Park.
- Expand number of playing fields, improve playing surface of existing fields.

Question #6
What concerns do you have regarding the future planning for Reindahl Park?

- that it will be more cement when there is so many options to use water penetrating parking areas. Stop paving everything.
- Any updating of the Reindahl Park master plan update should be a consensus of park staff, residents and neighborhoods surrounding the park. Past, present and future alders for the area should be brought into any discussions. The D12 alder especially should be included in any decisions made. The Parks Information Officer should ensure that any article published by the media accurately represent all sides of any issue. The recent article in the WSJ on July 30th was one of the most inaccurate and distorted reports ever written on Reindahl Park issues. One individual does not have the right to advocate themselves as the spokesperson for neighborhood park issues. I and most of my neighbors have all lived next to Reindahl Park for over 30 years and have never heard of this FORE group!
- Crime that continues.
- Needs to be accessible to all and a safe environment. The main parking lot down by E. Wash is definitely not safe in the evenings.
- that it will still be known as a location for drug use and nefarious activities
- Cutting down trees for the project is not ideal, to me.
- From FORE : Notification of this survey and the AUG 30 meeting was received just yesterday, AUG 23, via the alder's blog, even though the survey ends today. Post cards arrived only recently as well. We agree with others who are calling for extension of the survey response period into late September. The AUG 30 meeting should be postponed until after Labor Day. We will communicate our other concerns via a letter to the alder.
- Not a good place for a library!!
- ?
- It should remain a park
- Standard of living condition around Reindahl park may get poor.
- Birders. They're evangelical and persistent.
- I am concerned soccer access could be limited in the future. hundreds of kids ages 4-14 use these fields on a weekly basis currently
- none at this point
- I don't know if that library project is still on the table, but back when they were talking about that, I heard several people who were against it for two main reasons. One, they were afraid it would attract (fill the blank here with racist comment of your choice). I do not share this fear, I'm just sharing it with you. Two, it was said that putting a library in the park would actually be illegal because of how the park space was originally given to the city. I asked about this in a community meeting about the library and was not given an answer that made me feel secure that this was untrue. I would hope that the city is absolutely certain that it is on solid footing before spending any more time and money on such a project.

  With that said, I was a huge fan of the talk I was hearing about a library that would also have outdoor education components and community building aspects.
- That it won’t go far enough and get the support it needs
- Any loss of open space for youth soccer.

- None
- None.
- it'll be back to taken over by people who think laws and rules don't apply to them and our ball-less city staff (jim okeefe) won't enforce
- more building
- That it feels safe to take my family there. Is it safe?
- Safety, policing, making it user friendly for all
- There is always a fear among gardeners that our vegetables will be stolen because they regularly are. Will any park changes increase this likelihood?
- People trashing the park
- it staying as it is
- It would be a waste of tax money to try to make it nice only to see the same things happen to it.
- That there will be few comments or inputs from people and therefore a few people whos ideas do not represent mine or my neighbors will make long term decisions affecting the park
- It is taking way too long to get anything done.
- I want to see the multi sport fields remain and be improved. A walking path or running track would be welcome addition.
- That any improvements won't be maintained
- Probably my input will be ignored :)
- Will there still be open grass field for public use? Every summer, part of the soccer field is used by a community of players playing grass volleyball! We would love to continue to play here for future summers as it is a very convenient location for folks all over Madison and in Sun Prairie! Also, how can the shelter area be improved where people will feel safe to use the bathroom and not have to hesitate to go with a friend, or host an event without random folks trying to intervene?
- Losing trees and more green space - something Madison needs to preserve.
- Residents voices not actually being heard. A small group making all of the decisions.
- A few vocal people harping on trees lost; they can be replaced.
- Not enough housing near the park
- Keep the beautiful trees.
- That even more trees will be removed.
- Future plans could negatively affect traffic in my neighborhood.
- Reducing green space. Increasing safety measures. It's location along a major city street may be a draw for crime (drug exchanges, etc.).
- It's current use not welcoming families.
- That it will become political and not based on what people who live there actually want.
- I don't want to see more of it paved. I do not want to see more buildings in the park.
- That a library won't be considered.
- I'm afraid that you'll start building things on top of green space. Every time you put a building on top of a place that's currently growing even that useless lawn, you add to the heat in our neighborhoods.
- Concerned with maintaining/increasing quality of cricket ground in order to expand sporting opportunities for youth and adults.

- The length of time and how drastic of a change it will be. The safety of being able to use the park while it undergoes any changes.
- Just that people will try to sabotage the project. We need a library!
- That the current mayor would have any input.
- I am concerned that people will be excluded - like the City making homeless people leave
- Diversion of the city's attention to wealthier and more politically powerful neighborhoods.
- Is any of the lighting goiong to be improved in the parking lots. All the parking lots need lighting including in back.
- My biggest concern is that it will never be a safe place. I avoid the park and didn't have a good feel about it when we moved here 26 years ago and still don't feel safe at the park.
- that it will not take in to consideration all the community members that use the community garden
- The homeless camp there pretty much ruined the park while it was there. The playground was empty, we had numerous run ins including a few incidents with my then 10 year old son.

  Please keep this as a community park.
- None
- none
- Don't lose the important aspects that currently exist which I listed above.
- Removal of trees
- Safety
- Libraries attract homelessness and drug use
- The garden is the most impprtant part of the park for me, but i think the sports fields are really important to the community as well.
- New homeless shelter on Bartillon Drive will present challenges. How will Park/City deal with possible issues of camping is tree areas on W side of park.
- None
- That the people who hate people struggling with homelessness will have the loudest voices.
- I don't want it to be a gathering place for crime
- That input is being sought by all in the community. (Ive only been seeing info in English and this area has many Spanish speaking families). I'm concerned about finding being taken away and/or delays.
- That it will become an anti homeless park. I think everyone should be welcome to sit on nice bench or table.
- Traffic
- That is will not change and will stay an eyesore
- I feel like the library/community center plan does not represent what the majority want.
- Traffic- I've already seen lots of close calls with people trying to turn into Popeyes and getting hit.
- None
- No long term parking of travel trailers, camping
- Safety, ability to keep safe

- Please don’t turn a little plot of country feel into a “city”.

  I also find myself concerned that more illegal activity may happen if it’s not thought of wisely.
- Safety
- Lack of community use and engagement due to lack of security/safety in later hours. So it needs BETTER lighting and paths and security measures.
- The mayor will provide sound bites to the park, but nothing will really happen. We are asked to provide input, but it will go nowhere.
- not a fan of the planned imagine center. Hope that isn't done but I know in my heart it will be. Trees will be gone too. Oh well; what do I care anyway..oh yeah; for my grandkids/great grandkids

- losing too many trees
- I want to make sure it can still be used for soccer.
- how do you keep the park clean and safe
- Should not install lighting for sports fields. New homeless shelter on Bartillon Dr. is relatively close, how will park be monitored to be sure there is no spill over camping or people living in the woods along W side of park.
- That it will focus on the negatives such as making the space unwelcoming to those experiencing homelessness instead focusing on positive vision for a community gathering space. Concerns for growth (such as more parking lots) that increases impervious surfaces).
- See above
- That we not develop any part of it for uses other than recreation accessible to all or most.
- limiting access for underserved children to play soccer
- Safety
- None
- Do not eliminate sports fields. Make the park feel safer.
- I think keeping the sports fields is important
- There's a group that constantly sets up volleyball nets on or right next to soccer fields where practices are happening. I think there's enough space in the park for them to be elsewhere, but if there's not good, unprogrammed, flat space available, then some should be provided.
- Release more park equipment
- Wondering if our Greater Sandburg Neighborhood Association and Alder Halverson could have meetings. Had frequently before the pandemic.
- That nothing will happen.
- I don’t want future planning to take away from the space being used for recreation for the neighborhoods and kids events (sports).
- Community involvement
- Money. Absurd amount to spend & maintain.
- I would like to see the park improved without losing the many good things it has now.
- The soccer fields being taken away.
- Making sure it serves our diverse community needs.
- Safety

- We would like to continue to see the space used for sports for kids.
- The park is left to deteriorate or built up with buildings.
- That the vision will be too limited. The east side needs to have access to same /similar events that the near Eastside has to promote more community.
- Continuing to be a popular, well utilized park for the broader Madison and neighborhood
- This is our only soccer park on the east side of Madison. So it is important to maintain the soccer fields. I would love to see the space become more family-friendly and I think you could do that by giving the park further away from East Washington. Put a library on the East Wash side and create a new updated playground behind it. I think it will become more family focused too if it's not as easily accessible by those just walking on East Washington. We really need to keep the drugs out of the park.
- Concern about homeless population
- That bigs outside ideas might negatively impact positive current uses.
- Maintaining enough parking with new library. Improving walkability nearby, better lighting for the evening practices. Balancing the needs of the families that live close with the move towards magnet park.
- I'm concerned they won't be much space left for Capital East Soccer Club to play soccer for hundreds of kids.
- How much space will be used for the library.
- I hope the soccer fields remain.
- I just really hope it isn’t sold or developed, and I hope you let Capitol East Soccer keep using the fields.
- I’m hopeful that it will stay sport and play friendly. A great playground near the soccer fields would be great as well. Multi-functional for people.
- Less field for kids to play, more homeless encampment
- That my kids group would not have a space to practice soccer
- I hope the community center doesn't take land away from the soccer fields. I am very excited for the community center, but not at the expense of the fields.
- None
- The city will most likely not listen to residents input and end up spending a bunch of money on improvements no one ends up using....
- That it'll get lost in the shuffle and fall into neglect again.
- That it be open and everyone be encouraged to voice their opinions.
- That you build non-recreational structures on the grounds.
- That it will be too narrow scope and that lights will be installed making it usable for soccer only.

Question #7

What are important considerations for Madison Parks to keep in mind as part of this planning process?

- Use of native plants, rain gardens, less pavement. Think of what we need to do to combat climate change.
- Do keep in mind that the Madison Public Library staff and the Madison Public Library Foundation have spent hundreds of hours already working on siting the Imagination Center in Reindahl Park. Hundreds of residents, myself included were interviewed in creating the 2020 Scoping Study for the imagination Center. In addition, the Foundation has produced a Project Summary and a Feasibility study for this project.

  In closing, ignore complaining and exaggerations about the number of trees being removed for any project. If the parks staff determines it necessary to remove trees, then new ones can be planted.
- See #6.
- How are you going to make this park a safe space for families and children and discourage the continued stigma of the park as a place for drug use?
- Loss of green space is permanent. I think Madison has a lot of areas that can be redeveloped to their highest and best use, which are not green spaces. Would prefer to see an overall emphasis on preserving green spaces that are open to everyone.
- From FORE : The city needs to provide other siting/design options for the library, outside the park, where housing is possible. This master plan revision must not assume a location inside the park, where co-location with mixed used (housing, retail, etc.) is not possible. Millions of public dollars are at stake.
- Residents needing nearby green space
- Easy accessibility, range of ages that find park appealing (equipment for tots-teens)
- Keep it clean and keep it safe
- Clean and grow more variety of trees for better environment.
- You're not going to make everyone happy.
- what is the biggest draw for certain parts of the park and how to maintain that while developing the others parts to better serve more people
- none come to mind
- I would encourage you guys to make extra special effort to reach out to the Hmong communities in the area. That group is often particularly invisible for a variety of reasons, but they have a large presence in the park. For cultural reasons it is difficult to access their opinions, but I think you'll find it worth that effort.
- Help to end crime and homelessness in Madison Parks
- Our youth soccer club, that has approximately 400 K-12 players on annual basis, is entirely dependent on Parks facilities for our programming. Loss of readily accessible and affordable space would jeopardize our ability to carry out the club mission.
- Nature and walking paths are a big part of what makes Madison great, keep that theme going
- Please keep the people who live in the area in mind. We are mainly families that want safe and fun place to raise our kids.
- follow the fucking laws
- to make it safe

- I like the park/splash pad combinations around the city—having them be consistent in hours and features could be nice
- Expand the splash pad.
- Making sure that the park remains accessible to as many people as possible.
- When you create spaces where incendiary activities can take place, they will. Don't tuck away shelters or gathering spaces. Consider enforcement of laws when planning. Don't build structures that increase the likelihood of crimes being committed and keep in mind the ability to enforce laws if you do.
- Racial equality and inclusion of all cultures
- oasis in the city
- Parks are mainly used for the wrong reasons today. It may be nice in the day but again, people misuse and mistreat it. They are generally unsafe.
- Keeping costs low. Finding ways to bring communities together with thins such as local community cookouts or softball games and more.

  There really isn't much that needs to be done to most parks they are beautiful.

  Spen the money on creative ways to bring people together instead ALONG WITH IDEA'S TO GET THE WORD OUT about events.

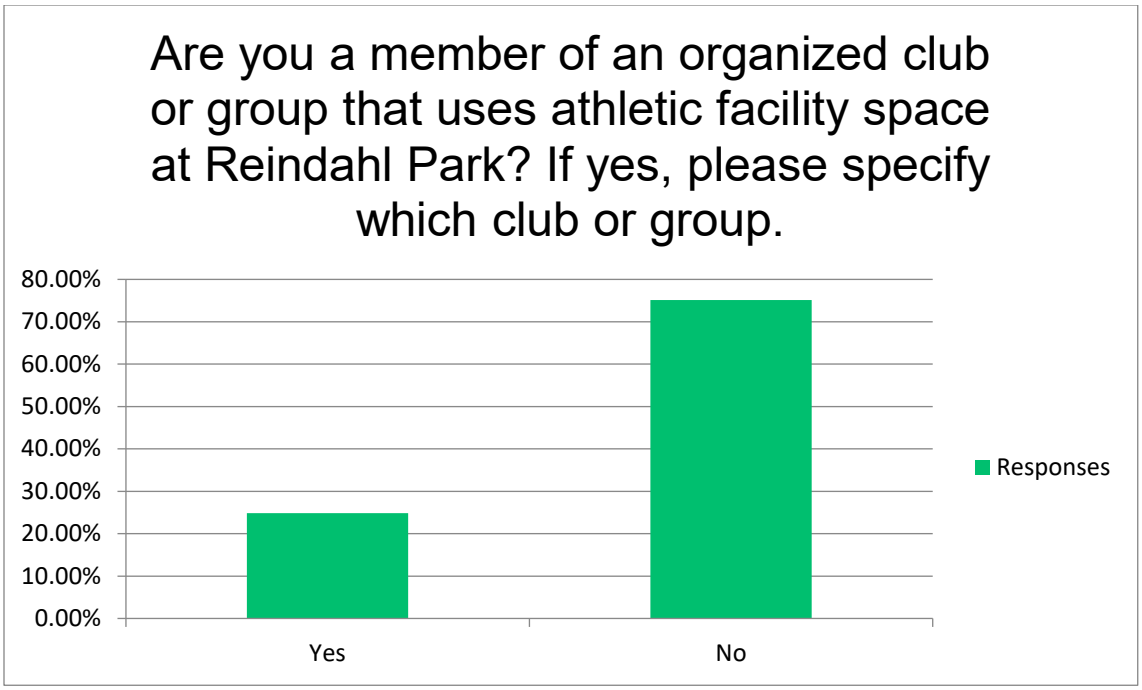
  It's surprising how few actually know what's going on.

  Get clever individuals to find ways of getting the word out spend your resources there vs fancy upgrades
- The continued existence and maintenance of the soccer fields.
- be open to listening to the neighborhood. worry less about the trees and more about the people
- Sustainable and eco-friendly solutions please.
- Accessibility to use park in various ways and for all ages! Weather it is through a gathering/event under the shelter, use of the field, and overall safety.
- Provide a safe haven for humans, trees, plants and animals. Trees provide cooling in an ever increasing temperatures.
- Safety.
- We need more housing near the park
- Always preserve natural areas for animals and people.
- PLEASE keep the trees! We already lost over half when the sewer lines were put in. Move the library to another accessible location and build housing over it, like Pinney Library, which gives both more housing and a much.lower cost!
- Plant more trees, and native flowers.
- Safety. A perimeter trail would be great, but it needs to be safe. Consider adding emergency call stations throughout the park.
- To not allow this park to be used for our homeless again as a means of housing.
- As I'm sure you are aware, there is a large homeless population living in the park and I'm sure most people would like for them to be helped in some way instead of just kicked out.
- We can't readily create park space and natural areas. We must fight to preserve the spaces we have.

- This park has the opportunity to serve a large swath of the community. There are many families that live in the area and a library would greatly benefit them.
- Ann Friedwald keeps acting like she gets to decide what should happen and then the public has to be convinced to go along. She needs to get some OTHER job, one where she can tell everyone what to do without IGNORING years worth of public input.
- More than most Madison Parks, Reindahl draws users from across the city, the county, and the south-central Wisconsin region. It serves a wider community than most Madison parks.
- To take the community's feedback and actually listen to us. We are the people who use the park and value it. We want to be a part of the planning process all the way through. We need a seat at the table to make this a successful endeavor.
- This is a great opportunity for Parks to help build a much needed library/community gathering area. Do all you can to make it as beautiful as can be!
- Just that this area is fast becoming a point of delivery for all manner of drugs and illegal activities due to the way the city is using the surrounding motels and the park itself). Any projects should be an extension of a larger program for rehabbing the area. This would entail making possibly painful adult decisions about the community, something that I don't see in the mental make-up of the current leadership. Perhaps it would be better to wait until we have a more talented city leader.
- work with Hmong residents - Tuj Lub (traditional Hmong game) court is needed in Madison
- Habitat preservation.
- Kids and Dog Friendly. no more drug dealers and whores. Need improved lighting.
- Keep the people who live in the area involved and don't rush the planning process. The park needs to be made safe.
- Trying to keep as much of the current space as possible while still improving the facilities
- Family-friendly, cleanness.
- The items I've already put in the earlier questions.
- Please try to minimize the environmental impact while construct new facility
- Keeping kids safe
- Wasteful spending!!
- Facilities should be planned to accomodate a large range of uses, such as the new building with community rooms. Option to expand Community Garden should be included, even if there is no immediate plan to add new plots.
- None
- Look at Winnequah Park in Monona. Defiantly needs lighting and security cameras at night.
- To take in input, to try to make it as sustainable building as possible. To have safe crossing of E Wash and Hyw 51 to increase safe access.
- Keep it accessible to everyone.
- Keep mature trees
- Welcoming to family's. There are a lot of people that would never take their families to that park ever and we are one of them
- The north east side has nothing for kids to do, bring back skating rinks, add pools near populated neighborhoods.
- I think I've mentioned everything above

- It is a park first. The adding of things like a library should be secondary.
- It's got a foothold as a homeless encampment. That needs to change
- Keep kids and family in consideration
- Inclusion for those with disabilities. Ramps, play equipment, benches, wheelchair accessible areas.
- Family friendly for all families of all backgrounds
- Keeping areas for cookouts and open areas for volleyball
- That they need to bring in new people. STOP only listening to the small vocal people that already use the park and don't want and change or more people in "their" park.
- Safety, funding, and best utilization of the space.
- keep ALL trees
- please listen to and hear the neighborhood families who use the park
- Facilities like bathrooms available for youth sports activities on the weekends.
- need to create a clean and safe environment for families
- Parks needs to keep in mind the diverse ethic and socio-economic population in the neighborhoods around the park.
- Healthy, green spaces, not just monoculture grass.
- See above
- Potential pavilion/shelter
- Safety, soccer fields for games,
- Shaded stands and bathrooms.
- Improve sight lines for parents between soccer fields and playground. Other soccer parks have playground equipment near soccer fields, which allows siblings to be entertained during games.
- We have to get the younger generation out from under their screens and have more access to diverse outdoor recreation and physical activities
- In order to access a lot of the park by foot one needs to walk on the grass or on the road. Opening up access by having paths throughout seems crucial. Despite spending a lot of time in this park, I have never been to the large area nearest East Wash. It is beautiful up there but has never felt safe even when walking 2 dogs.
- Family should be able to visit with out discomfort
- Prioritize the needs of bipoc people, people with lower incomes, and people experiencing homelessness. You'll likely hear from a lot more people like me (white, wealthy, part of a club) than the diverse populations that live closer to and rely more on this space. Weight the bipoc/low income input so that it counts more.
- Make sure kids are safe while playing sports or the waterpark
- If Madison Parks will be as of what works out at Warner Park. I was an Educational Assistant and a parent at Sandburg and volunteered and was the treasurer of the PTA for 6 years and we had very parents helping ss needed. In the pandemic, there was a weekly food pantry at a neighborhood's garage and yard. Many volunteered, so we could help to the Madison Parks.b
- My main concern is making sure the park is safe and accessible to everyone.
- Equity in planning
- Keep trees. Keep it a park for families & kids.
- Reindahl is a neighborhood park that is also utilized by Sandburg school. Meeting the needs of the neighborhood is more important than outside interests.

- Keep the soccer fields.
- Making sure it serves our diverse community needs.
- Safety especially I'm the evening when kids are still practicing as it is dark.
- Include all populations that use it, from cricket, volleyball, soccer, families at splash pad. Be inclusive.
- Leave or plant as many trees as able.
- Needle receptacles and a few food/book little libraries.
- Should meet many needs
- Location location location.... Move the family-friendly pieces off of East Wash.
- Trying to balance the needs of all community members -
- To be redundant, continue serving the current users including youth soccer clubs - be proactive to enhance this even if any thing. It brings diverse segments of the community together around an international sport.
- The library
- The park space has been use by many families who play soccer there, tennis, cricket and volleyball.
- To keep the soccer fields that exist currently.
- Not sure.
- Keeping the areas well lighted and safely designed.
- How many people use it on the daily.
- what may appear as flat land ideal for building, maybe a soccer field that is resting.
- ADA compliance
- Continue to be transparent with and communicate with city residents about proposed changes to park.
- The amount of families in the community using this space is incredible. It's an asset a lot of people may not know is there, but for 100s of kids, it's everything.
- That the process be open and everyone be encouraged to give their opinions
- Keep the open areas and the sports facilities and don’t build a library there.
- The more diverse and multi purpose the space and amenities are the greater number and variety of events you will be able to attract. Don't limit the opportunities to one specific sport.



- From FORE: We advocate for re-balancing of the park, via re-naturalization of some of the fields, parking, and pavement for soccer)
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- Community garden
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- yes the taxpayers of madison who pay for our park system
- Capital East Soccer Club
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- Ultimate frisbee
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- Community garden
- SC Wave
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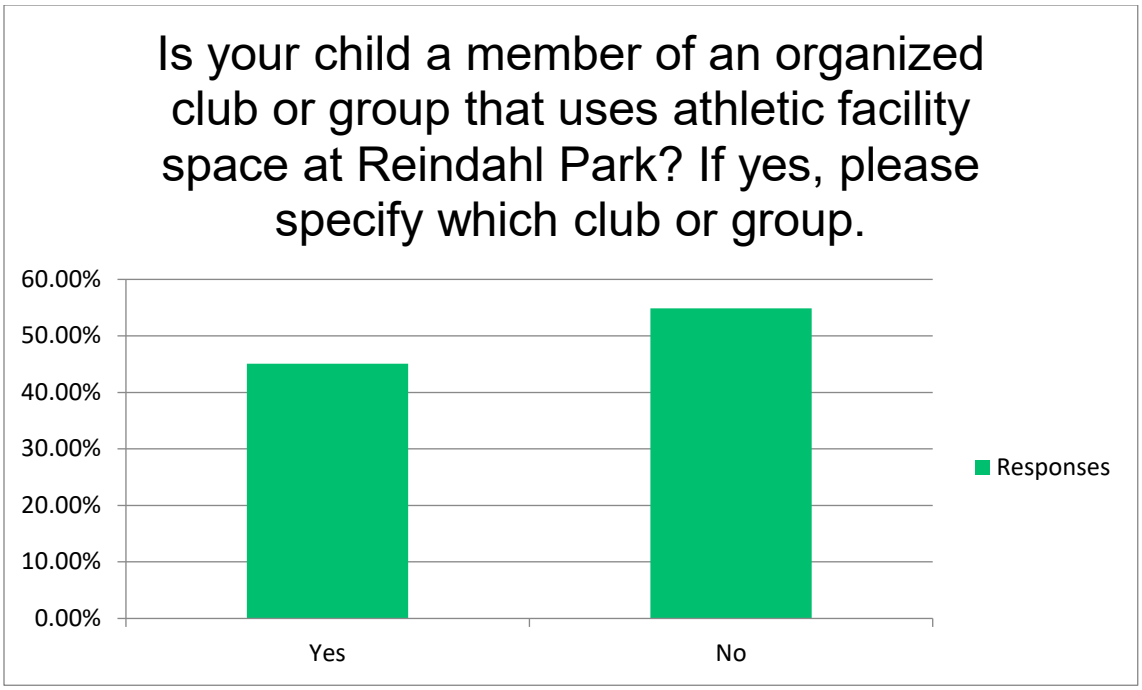
- Soccer clubs
- US Australian Football League, Wisconsin Wombats



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- Soccer clubs
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- My sons both play at Capital East Soccer Club

REINDAHL PARK MASTER PLANNING UPDATE EFFORT

Please sign-in using the sign-in sheet by the door and take an iClicker with you to your seat.

If you wish to speak, please write your name on the small pieces of paper located next to the sign-in sheet.

Public Meeting #1
East Madison Community Center
8/30/2022

INTRODUCTION

Adam Kaniewski, City of Madison Parks Division

Ann Freiwald, City of Madison Parks Division

CJ Ryan, City of Madison Parks Division

play MADISON PARKS

WELCOME

Thanks for coming, we're looking forward to working with you to update the Master Plan for Reindahl Park! We want to hear your thoughts and ideas, so to make sure everyone has an equal chance to speak…

- We address all comments/questions during discussion periods and at the end of the presentation.

- No disparaging remarks about others' comments.

- If you are not comfortable speaking tonight, please call or email

TONIGHT'S GOALS

What is there now?
Review of existing park uses and history

What are we talking about?
Introduction to master planning process
Summary of survey results and public input

Public Input
1. Public Comment Period
2. Features Selections/Opinions
3. Strategies and Vision Themes

Now what?
Gathering public input/comments, preparing draft plan(s), follow-up public information meeting

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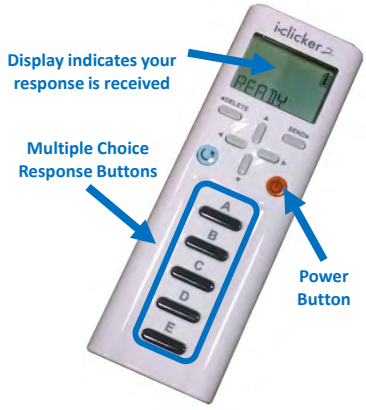

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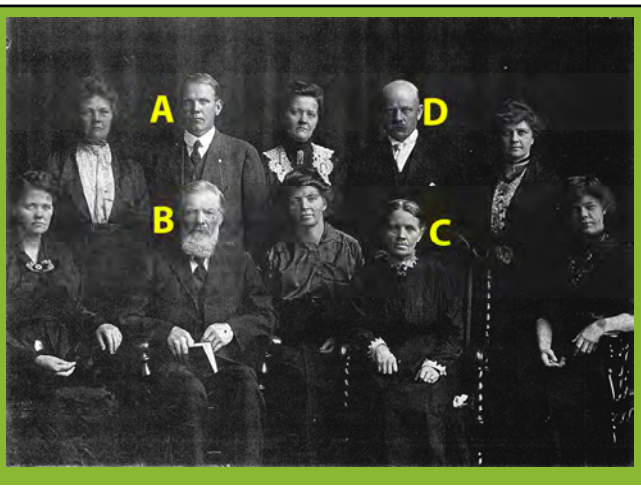

WHICH PERSON IS AMUND K. REINDAHL?

A.
B.
C.
D.

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL LOCATED HERE?

(DEMOLISHED IN 1994)

A. East Madison
B. Sunnyside
C. Truax
D. Parkside
E. Sunnyside Up

HISTORY

1946
Land donated to the Town of Burke from Amund K. Reindahl's Will

1956
Land annexed from the Town of Burke to City of Madison

1967
Park dedication

1967-Present
Park development

from the Madison Isaac Sept 29, 1967

Dedication Held September 13 for Reindahl Park

TAKING PART in the program were Madison Parks Superintendent James Marshall, Alderman Don Pridemore, and Reverends J. L. Byrnes and Hector Gunderson.

SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL pupils at the dedication.

The Amund Reindahl Park dedication was held Wednesday, September 13, with several hundred persons in attendance, including all of the children from the adjacent Sunnyside School.

In a welcoming address, Mrs. T. W. Dawes named the members of the first park board from the Town of Burke who worked with the Town and County Garden Club in developing the five acre retreat.

Albert Neighbor, Wayne Tolland, Earl Reimer, and Wilbur Kuehner were members from Lyons Grove with William Peterson, Everett McCoy, Howard Kammer, and Leslie Vanh. The most got underway at once.

"In the spring of 1965, just 20 years after we started our first project, we were looking for another. Full of enthusiasm we continued to spread on the project for our children's legacy," said Mrs. Dawes.

A committee was chosen to work with the Madison Parks Department in developing the remainder of the 90 acres left by Amund Reindahl in 1946. Paul Ryan, Madison Parks director, Mrs. Kenneth Jones, 8215 Watson Ave., chairman; Mrs. Leo Bellman, 3706 Ridgeway Ave.; Mrs. Roy Jensen, 3543 Atwood Ave.; Mrs. Herbert Hanna, Route 1, Garden Club president Mrs.

Presenting the dedication and benediction was Rev. J. L. Byrnes, Parkside Presbyterian Church. The invocation was given by Rev. Hector Gunderson, Bethel Lutheran Church. Also appearing on the program were Aldrich Kelley, Sunnyside School principal, and Mrs. Don Pridemore and Janice Marshall, city parks superintendent.

The speakers were introduced by Mrs. Dawes. The two charter

Amund Reindahl: The Farmer Who Saved His Land for the Children

BY JEN

"The land for this park, with the triangular retreat across Highway 151 and Sunnyside School number, was given by Amund K. Reindahl (1869-1946), farmer-orator. A University of Wisconsin graduate and Dane County Register of Deeds, Reindahl bought the farm in 1901.

"Dedicated by him for children and interred in nature and people, put in a fireplace ($225) and planted flowers and bushes.

The club paid for both the park and historical markers out of their treasury, and the city installed them. The farmhouse in the peop

(sand)bridging, perhaps as a warming house for a skating rink and a place for meetings. The second-story level high concrete platform at the rear could be used as a stage for an outdoor amphitheater. A

Two charter members are still active. They are Mrs. Cryt Farwell, Route 1, Cottage Grove and Mrs. T. H. Davies, 1320 MacArthur Rd.

Mrs. Dawes and Mrs. Roy Stuessi

THROUGH THE YEARS…

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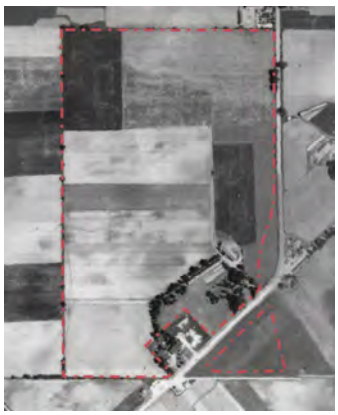


1955

1968

THROUGH THE YEARS…

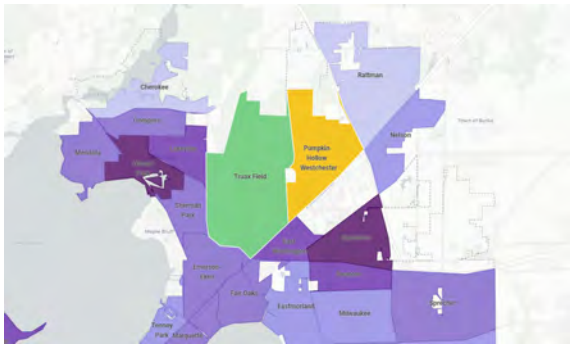
1976

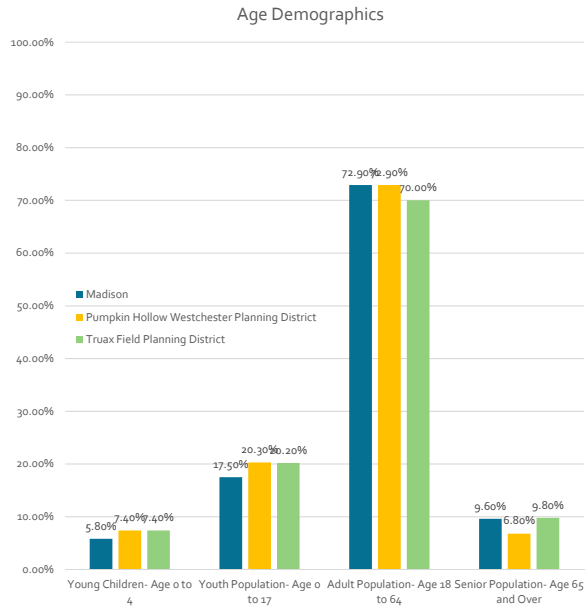
2000

2014

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

A. Two years or less
B. Three to five years
C. Five to 10 years
D. Ten years or more
E. I was born in this neighborhood

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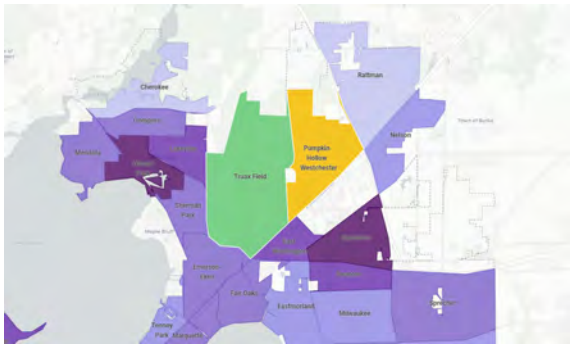

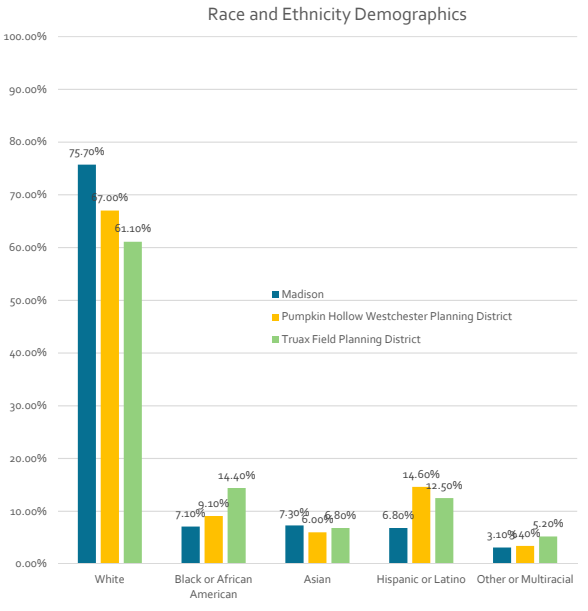
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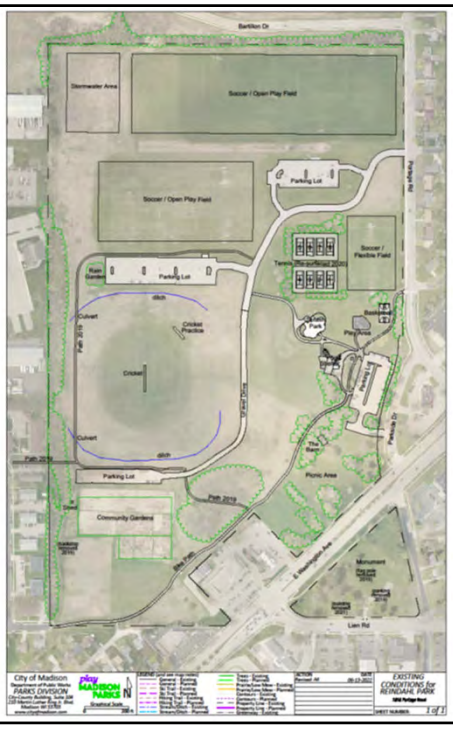
Other or Multiracial

EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Aerial
- Existing Uses
- Topography
- Soils
- Surrounding Area Park Amenities

EXISTING USES



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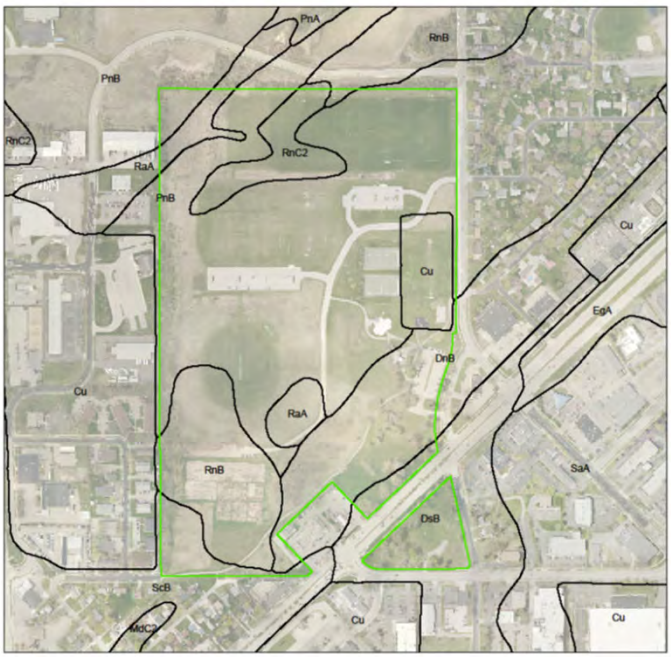
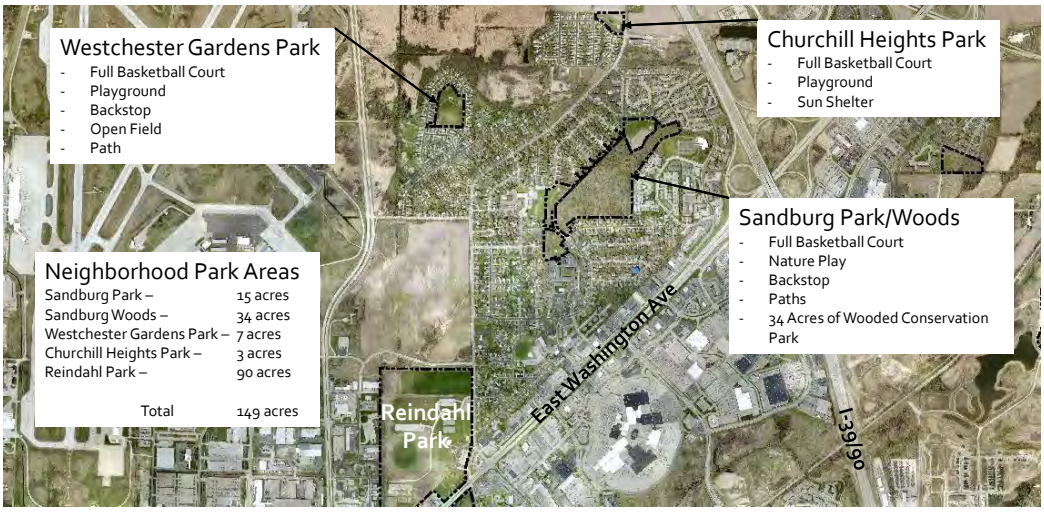


SURROUNDING AREA PARK AMENITIES



MASTER PLANNING

What is it?

A master plan:

- Is a forum for public input
- Provides a common vision for future management/development of a property through a public consensus building process
- Analyzes site inventory and suitability (What is there now and what can we do with it?)
- Provides programming (aka activities), development, and resource protection *recommendations*

Questions answered by a master plan: What is going to happen, where-ish, when-ish, and about how much will it cost?

A 10,000 foot view!

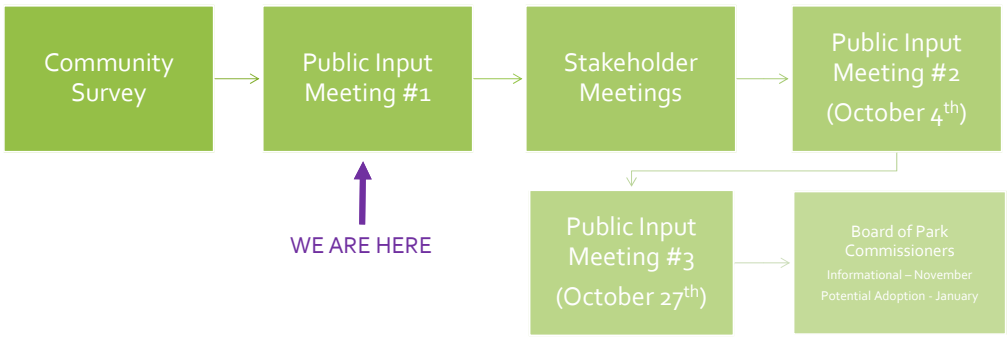
MASTER PLANNING

A master plan does NOT:

- Specify specific materials or finishes
- Designate exact locations
- Include a planting plan or tree management plan
- Contain construction drawings (which include information like dimensions, colors, products, quality requirements, etc.)

Questions NOT answered by a master plan: Who is going to build it, when (exact date), and how much will it really cost?

MASTER PLAN PROCESS



COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY
(158 RESPONSES)

Question 1 – Finish the sentence. I visit Reindahl Park to…

Top Responses

- Play or watch soccer – 70
- Walk/Run/Bike – 33
- Be in nature – 20
- Play – 16
- Use the splashpad – 16
- Play Pickleball/Tennis – 13
- Nothing (Safety Concerns) – 13
- Garden – 8
- Play Cricket – 4
- Play Basketball – 1
- Play Volleyball - 1

COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

Q2 What are some general themes you would like to see represented in the future vision for Reindahl Park?

COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

Q3 What are the current strengths of Reindahl Park?

COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

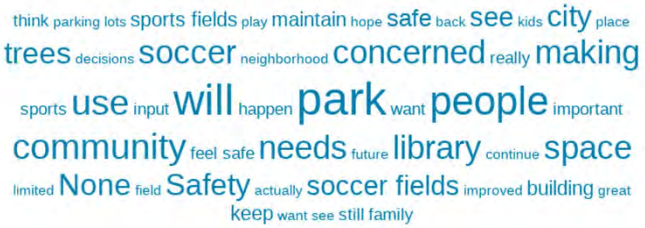
Q4 What are the current weaknesses of Reindahl Park?

COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

Q5 What opportunities exist to improve Reindahl Park?

COMMUNITY SURVEY SUMMARY

Q6 What concerns do you have regarding the future planning for Reindahl Park?



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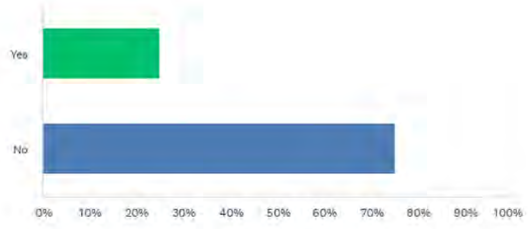

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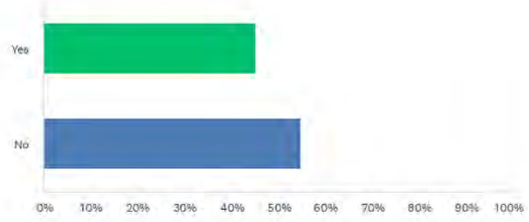

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REINDAHL PARK & ENVIRONS:
IDEAS FOR THE 2020 MASTER PLAN REVISION

By Friends of Reindahl Environs (FORE)

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PARK

1. Dedicate at least 50% for Nature
2. Increase native critters and trees (including edible fruit and nut trees)
3. Use plantings, berms, arbors, etc. to protect natural areas and walking paths from intrusions (views, noise, lighting, etc.) on users' experience, by traffic, community gardens, playing fields, other recreation facilities, etc.
4. Maximize reduction of impervious surface reduction: no new roads; consider reducing roads/parking
5. Natural hydrology, with 100% stormwater stay-on
6. Maximize dark sky (e.g., end Wendy's night security light pollution near Woods)
7. Expand prairie/meadows: Pollinators (beehives / honey); Monarch corridor
8. Paths west and north of Woods (NOT in Woods); reroute path east of Woods between Woods and community gardens; plant trees to restore eastern section of Woods and screen trail/park from retail and water pumping station east of the Woods.
9. Redesign/construct all trails/paths: more organic, non-linear; non-fossil fuel surfaces
10. End pesticide usage and mowing by field sports teams/sponsors
11. End neighboring residents' encroachments in park and public ROWs
12. Eliminate sources of litter from adjoining areas

ENVIRONS

13. Connect to re-wilded county land north of Bartillon Rd and south of Rieder Rd: prairie/meadows, trails/paths (no group/congregation facilities), stormwater infiltration (no large bird attractant/congregation). Option: Solar PV w/pollinator habitat beneath.
14. Eco-connections to Reindahl Triangle, Sandburg Woods, Starkweather Creek Parkway, and wetlands complex east of HWY 51 and north of Rieder Rd., Cherokee Marsh, Sycamore Park (and East Branch of Starkweather Creek)
15. Eco-community landbridges or underpasses across HWY 51 and HWY 151.

REINDAHL/PORTAGE RD LIBRARY/FACILITIES (shelter, playground etc)

16. Whether stand-alone or condo, adjacent to park rather than in it (with visibility on HWY 151)
17. No site prep until 2020 park Master Plan public process has been completed
18. Meet *Living Building* standard (energy-positive/carbon-negative, etc.)
19. No mature trees destroyed; net increase in trees.
20. Repurpose Parkside Drive, ending Portage/East Washington through-road use.
21. Build over the existing parking lot for the park shelter.
22. Consider replacing or encasing the current Brutalist concrete park shelter with a more community-friendly and locally-grounded design (e.g., like the Tenney Park shelter

PARK AMENITIES

23. Relocate/reduce soccer playing fields if necessary, to allow more nature
24. Add X-C ski loop/trail
25. Treetop canopy viewing/education platform or elevated walkway
26. eBikes rack
27. Public art/sculpture
28. Commemorate former Sunnyside Elementary School (where Wendy's and strip mall are now located)
29. In developed areas of the park, consider signature colorful native plantings that can be extended across the neighborhood, building community and enhancing aesthetics (example: http://www.nv4p.org/the-daffodil-project)

NOTE: If library is built in park, it can't be built with housing above using the the condo approach (as part of a mixed-use development, e.g. like Pinney and Sequoya PLs). Consider these several sites: Arby's, Wendy's, Einstein Bagels/FedEx/Men's Wearhouse strip mall, or Office Depot sites, with donation, land swap, or acquisition.

PUBLIC INPUT LISTENING PERIOD

We will randomly draw 10 speakers to speak during this period

Speakers are limited to 2 minutes

If you name is not drawn but you wish to share your comments, staff will be available to listen to your comments after the meeting.

Chapter Two: Guiding Lenses

In alignment with the *Imagine Madison Comprehensive Plan* update, the Park and Open Space Plan investigates how to improve Madison Parks through the lenses of equity, public health, adaptability and sustainability. The definition of each lens was defined as part of the process of developing the Comprehensive Plan.

The four icons below are used throughout this plan to identify recommendations that may be associated with one or more of the plan's guiding lenses. The purpose of this chapter is to review these lenses and discuss their relevance to park planning. Lenses provide an opportunity to think in-depth of the ideals that Madison Parks strives to achieve and to inform the dialogue of these large goals in context of limited resources, balancing objectives, and occasionally competing priorities. The following discussion describes these goals and reviews why and how they relate to the Park and Open Space Plan.

Equity: The inherent worth of each individual in Madison should be esteemed and fostered, enabling them to reach full potential.

Public Health: The access and contribution to mental and physical health of a community.

Sustainability: Management of resources to promote welfare and equity for current and future generations.

Adaptability: Preparedness and ability to respond to and recover from hazards and threats with minimal damage to safety, health, security, and the economy.

In this Chapter

Equity

Public Health

Sustainability & Adaptability

Conclusion

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NEXT STEPS

- Gathering public input
  - Be sure to contact us with comments
  - Madison Parks will analyze public input and site conditions
  - What do residents want and what can the site provide?
- Public Input Meeting #2
  - October 4th
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Don’t forget to return your clicker to us!

COMMENTS?

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REINDAHL PARK MASTER PLANNING UPDATE EFFORT

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Public Meeting #2
East Madison Community Center
10/06/2022

INTRODUCTION

Adam Kaniewski, City of Madison Parks Division
Ann Freiwald, City of Madison Parks Division
CJ Ryan, City of Madison Parks Division

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Review of existing park uses and history
Review of master planning process

Summary of public input
Presentation of park vision and goals
Presentation of draft master plan

Public comment period
Split into small groups for comments

Now what?
Revising draft master plan, follow-up public information meeting

HISTORY

1946
Land donated to the Town of Burke from Amund K. Reindahl's Will

1956
Land annexed from the Town of Burke to City of Madison

1967
Park dedication

1967-Present
Park development

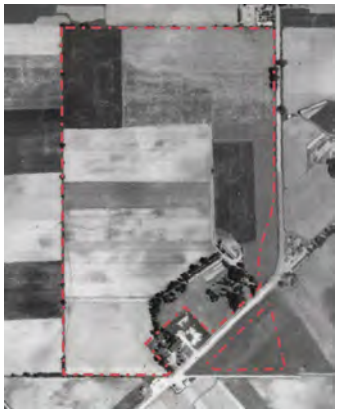
from: the Madison Sun Sept 29, 1967

Dedication Held September 13 for Reindahl Park

Amund Reindahl: The Farmer Who Saved His Land for the Children

THROUGH THE YEARS…

1937



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THROUGH THE YEARS…

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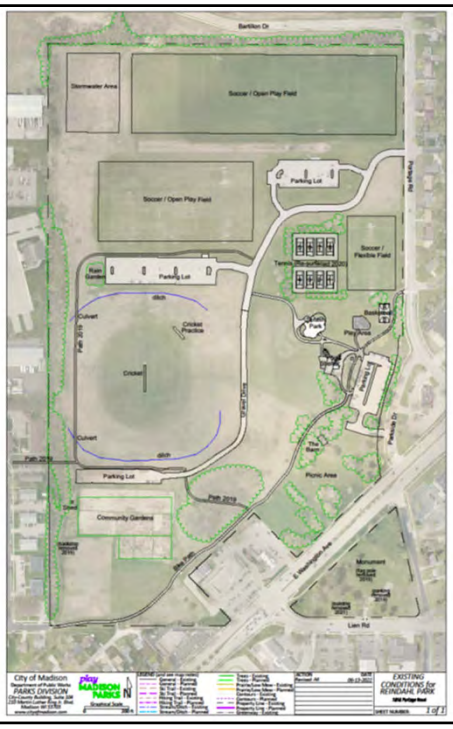
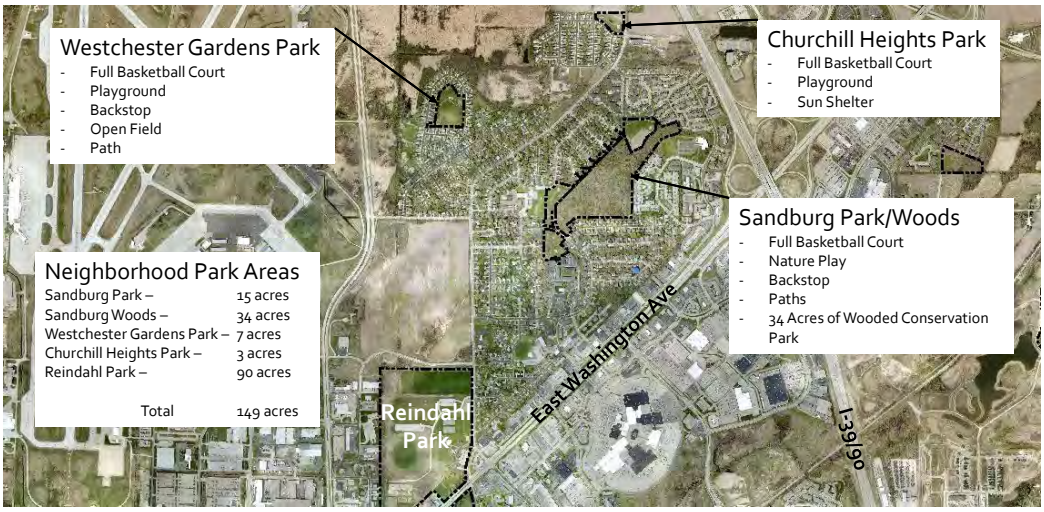
2000

2014

EXISTING USES



SURROUNDING AREA PARK AMENITIES



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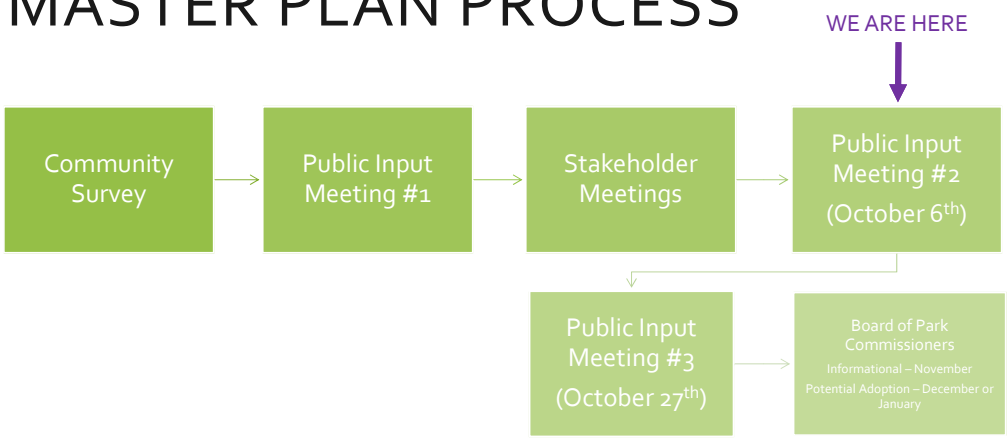

PUBLIC INPUT REVIEW

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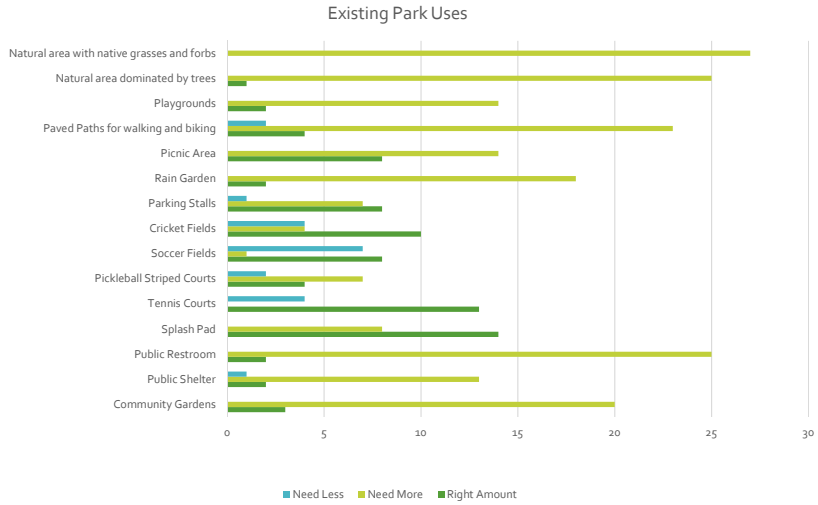

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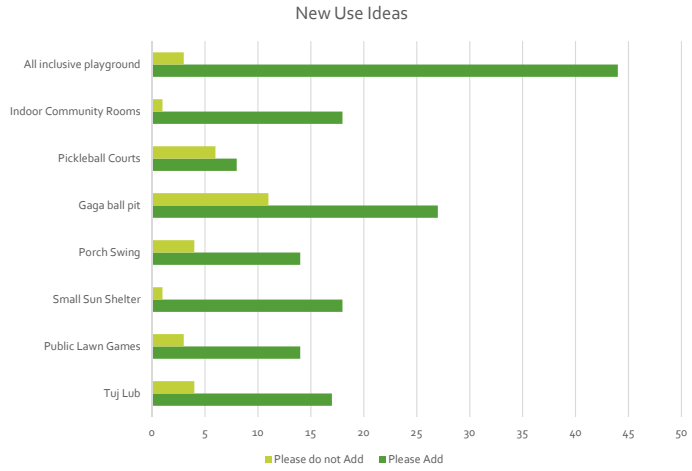

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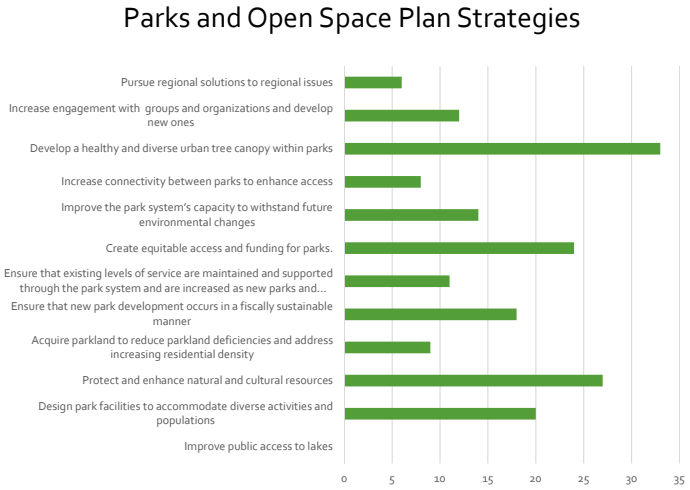

SANDBURG ELEMENTARY

Visited with just less than 100 4th and 5th graders to ask questions about the park

Notable Answers..

How do you get to Reindahl Park? Car (67%)

What is your favorite thing to do at Reindahl Park? Use the Splashpad (33%)

Should we add or keep a…?

- Library – Yes (62%)
- Gaga Ball Pit – Yes (64%)
- Playground – Yes (96%)
- Tennis and Pickleball Courts – Yes (51%)
- Splashpad – Yes (84%)
- Tuj Lub – No (58%)
- Picnic Area with Lawn Games – Yes (91%)

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Met with representatives from:
  - FORE
  - Cricket Players
  - SC Wave
  - Capitol East Soccer Club
  - Community Gardeners
  - Volleyball Players
- Brief Summary
  - Sports fields are well used. Use is forecasted to sustain or increase.
  - Parking is sufficient for current needs.
  - Desire for public restrooms and shade close to soccer and cricket fields.
  - Safety concerns about existing shelter and bathrooms.
  - Desire to expand community gardens.
  - Would like more nature in the park.
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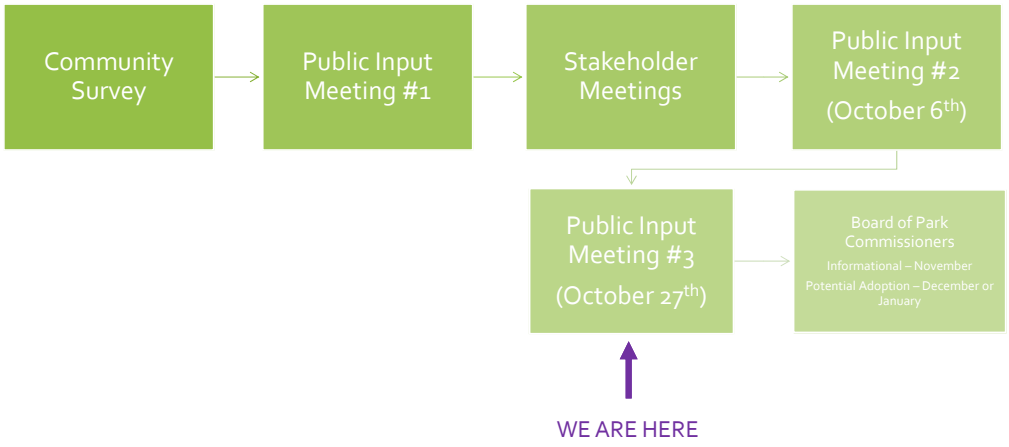

IMAGINATION CENTER

March 11, 2020

Joint Madison Public Library Board/Board of Park Commissioners Meeting

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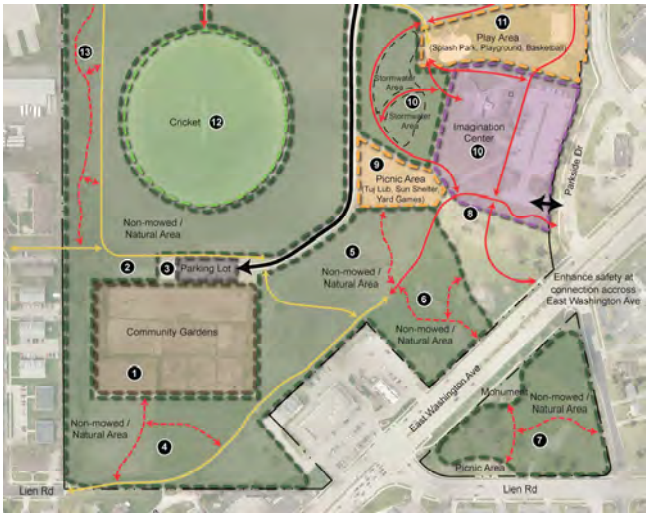

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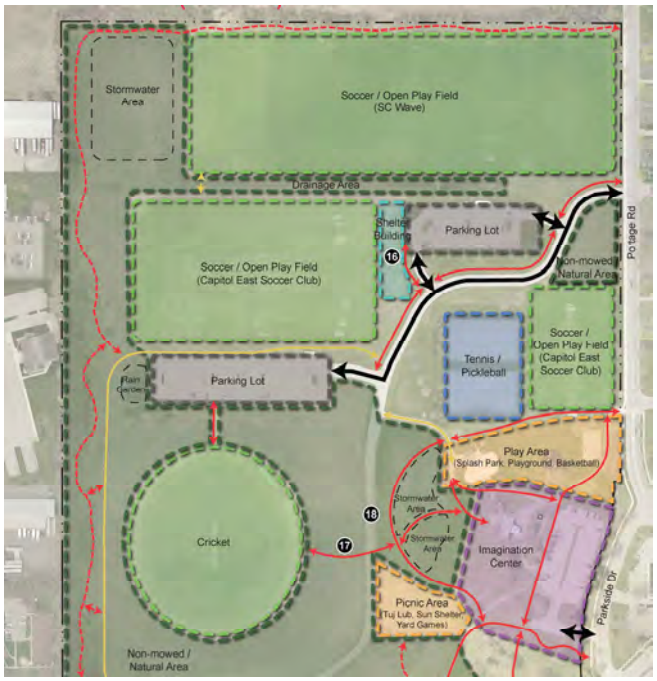

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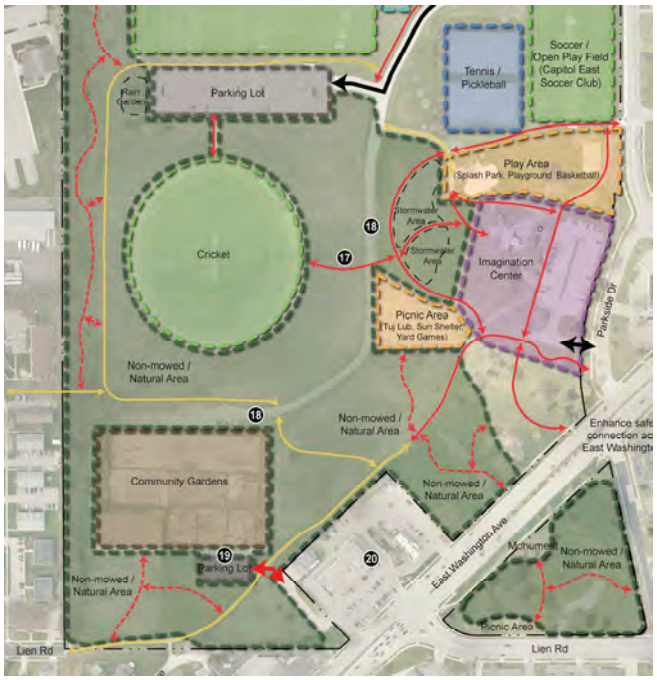

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NEXT STEPS

- Board of Park Commissioners – Information Meeting
  - November 9th, 2022 – 6:30pm
  - Goodman Maintenance Facility
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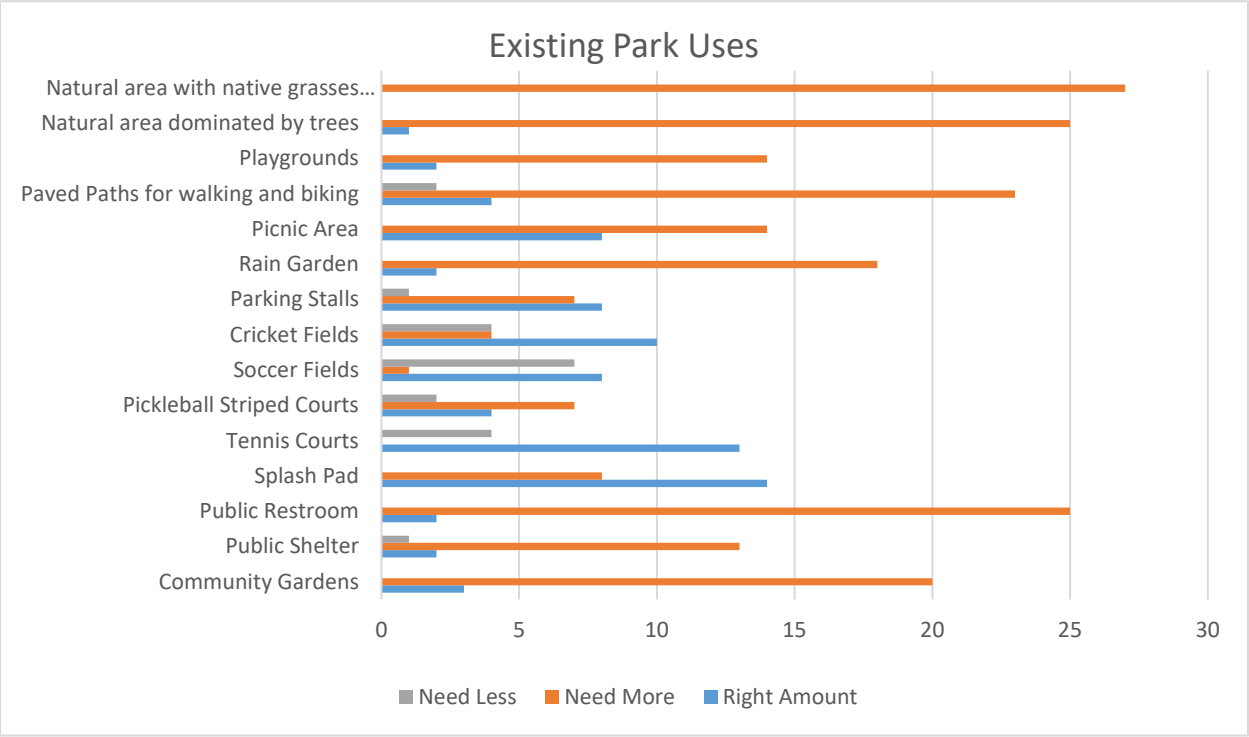

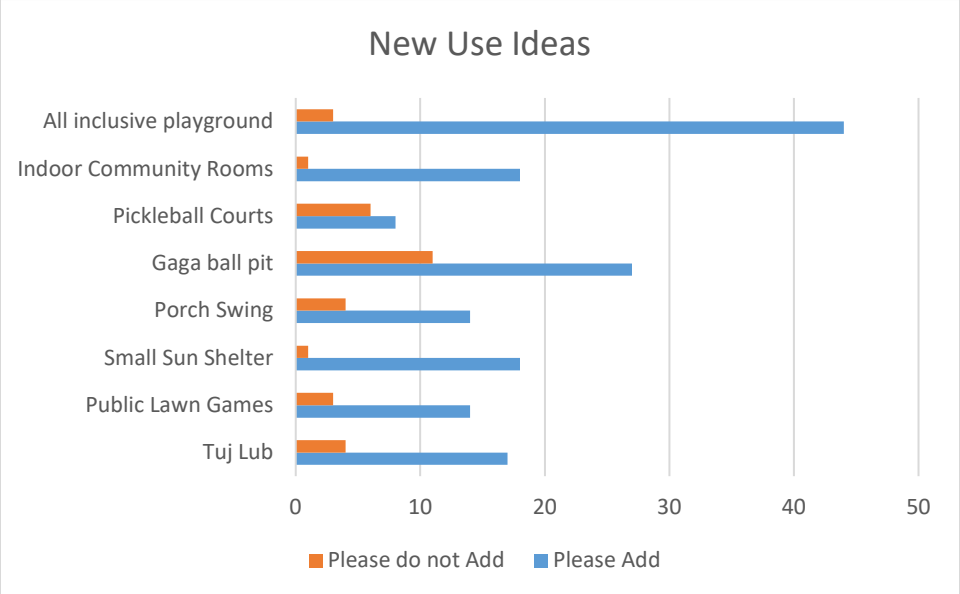

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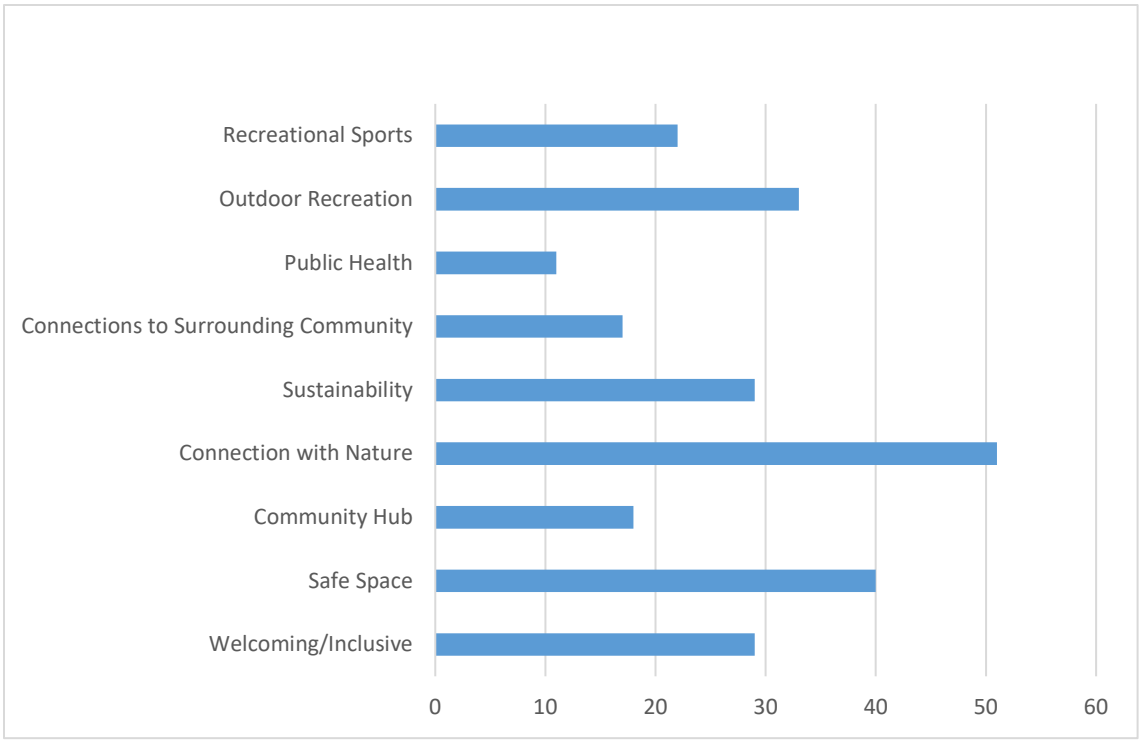
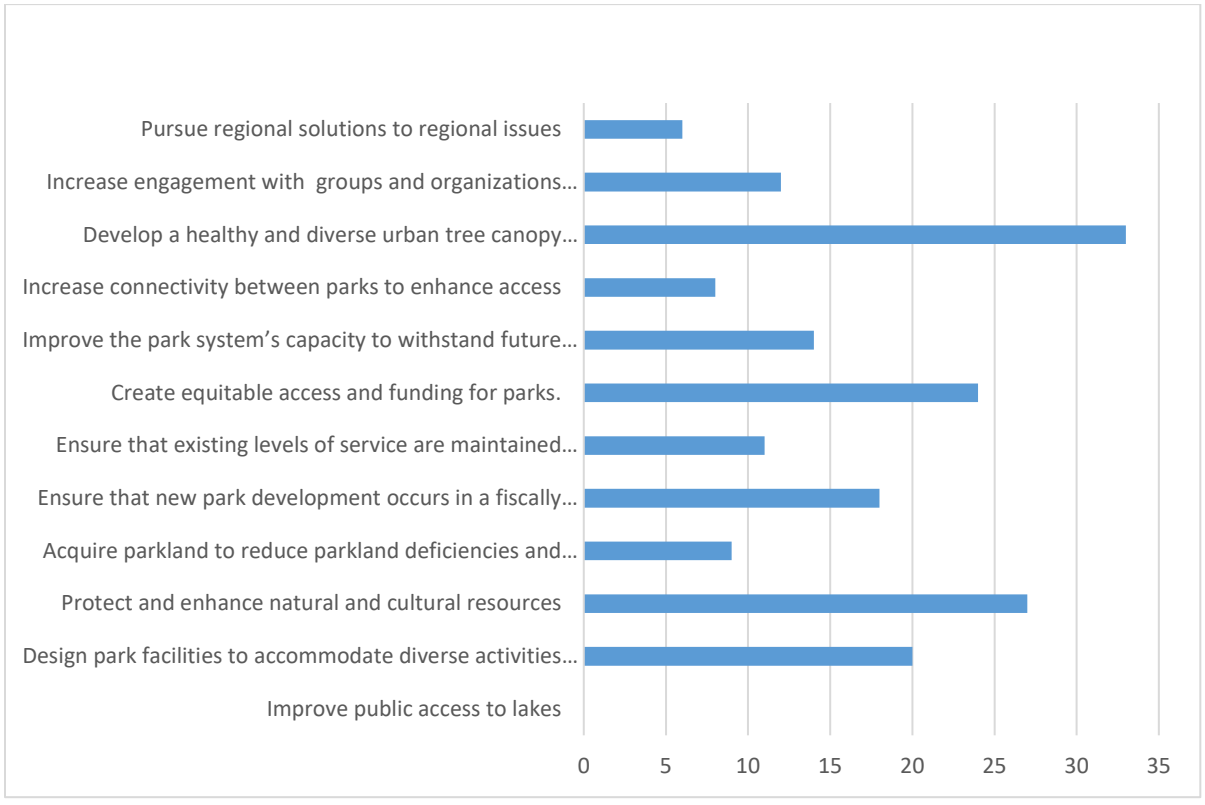


Parks and Open Space Plan Strategies



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- Concerns were expressed regarding pedestrian and bicycle access to the park, from the East Washington and Portage Road sides.
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- Parks was asked to ensure that accessibility was considered as the master plan is implemented.
    - The Parks Division shares this value. Parks staff works closely with the Disability Rights Commission as well as the Federal Access Board to develop our parks in a way that is inviting and accessible to all.
- Concerns were raised as to the transparency of this planning process, communication with surrounding neighborhoods and the Alders.
    - The Parks Division strives to be transparent in our decision making and planning processes. For the Reindahl Master Plan, we have followed our standard procedure of post cards and alder notifications, a public survey, outreach to user groups, and connections with local schools, as well as a project portal and social media posting.
- Additional park land is desired at this location.
    - The Parks Division looks to expand a park when it is determined it is to the benefit of the system to expand. The process includes stating our goals in a planning document, working with the City Real Estate office and waiting for a willing seller. We do not condemn lands for parks as a standard practice.
- A concern regarding dogs on leashes was mentioned.
    - The Parks Division strives for balance in our system, in the case of dogs, this means allowing them (on leash) in many but not all parks. Reindahl, as a community park, is a park where dogs are allowed on-leash. Up to the recent past, dogs were not allowed (even on leash) in most Madison Parks. After much discussion with the public during 2019, in early 2020, the City of Madison amended the Madison General Ordinances to allow for leashed dogs to be present at the majority of parks in its system (MGO 8.195).[1] As a part of this ordinance update, leashed dogs are allowed to be at parks categorized as mini, neighborhood, and community parks. Dogs are not allowed at conservation parks, at playgrounds, at beaches, in park shelters, or several other specific locations.[2] Unleashed dogs are only allowed at designated off-leash dog recreation areas.
- Concern for the existing trees in Reindahl Park has been expressed numerous times during the planning process.
    - We recognize the high value that mature trees bring to our park system, and are therefore very judicious in the removal of trees. The City of Madison Parks Division manages a large system of over 6,000 acres of land in over 270 parks. Each year we plant hundreds of trees and each year we must remove trees as part of our management of the park system. The reason for the tree removals vary from health and

[1] https://library.municode.com/wi/madison/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COORMAWIVOICH1--10_CH8PUPR_8.195DOREARhttps://library.municode.com/wi/madison/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COORMAWIVOICH1--10_CH8PUPR_8.195DOREAR

[2] https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/dogfree

safety issues to the need for a new park feature. Again, in our effort to provide balance, we thoughtfully manage our tree inventory, but we cannot save every tree. In this case, as park features are added or changed, we will take into consideration this concern that we share, and in the design and implementation of new features, we will strive to remove as few trees as possible.

- Meeting attendees have mentioned the need for restrooms at the park.
    - Parks recognizes that restrooms are necessary for a park that receives as much use as Reindahl Park does. And given the geographically spread out nature of the use, more than one set of restrooms will likely be needed. The installation of restrooms at the spray park (underway currently), will only serve the spray park for the most part, as they will be behind locked gates when the spray park is closed for the day or for the season. The master plan calls for restrooms at the current large shelter location, within the new Imagination Center. If the Imagination Center is placed at a location outside of the park, then Parks will strive to build a new shelter/restroom building in the general location of the current shelter. In addition, the master plan calls for a small shelter/restroom building centrally located to the north of the tennis courts to serve the soccer fields, the tennis courts, the cricket field and general park users.
- Concerns have been stated regarding PFAS and stormwater regulations and park development in the future.
    - Parks works closely with various regulatory agencies as we develop construction plans for our park facilities. We are held accountable for all of the regulations and permitting requirements that any development effort must face. In addition, Parks puts forth the extra effort to build sustainable and environmentally responsible parks to the extent allowed by resources we are provided.

Summary of comments received at the Oct 27, 2022 public information meeting regarding the Reindahl Park Master Plan Update:

- Pleased to see the west and north trails. Concern about the narrow space for trail on the north side.
- Would like to see the barn building repurposed to another use (coffee shop, etc). Example of a mini-Garver was used.
- Happy to see triangle parcel designated as a more natural area.
- Soccer
    - Some commented that they would like to see less soccer fields. Noted the potential for adding lighting to allow for reduction of amount of fields.
    - Some commented that removing any soccer fields would not be well received. If anything, feel there should be more.
- Community Gardeners would prefer for shed to remain in existing location.
- Would like parks to explore a food forest demonstration site.
- Concerns about potential access to park from water utility driveway and if it would be allowed.
    - Parks would work with the water utility when it is determined to pursue this access. Parks noted there are other options for access from Lein Road and Ridgeway Ave. Access could also be considered through adjacent parcels if parks pursues acquisition in the future.
- Concerns regarding the amount of paved paths included in the plan.
- Received both positive and negative feedback regarding the Imagination Center. Concerns regarding the amount of trees that will be removed.

Visit to Sandburg Elementary School Results

What Grade are you in?	
3rd	9
4th	18
5th	25
6th	0

Have you visited Reindahl Park	
Yes	35
No	27
Unsure	20

What is you favorite thing to do outside?	
Ride my bike	19
Play on a playground	22
Play sports with my friends	28
Take a walk	9
Other	26

How do you get to Reindahl Park?	
Walk	10
Bike	16
Car	62
Other	4

What is your favorite thing to do at Reindahl Park?	
Play a Sport	20
Play on the playground	28
Use the splashpad	32
Have a picnic	11
Ride your bike	6

Do you want a library added to Reindahl Park?	
yes	53
no	23
unsure	10

Should we add a GaGa ball pit to Reindahl Park?	
Yes	60
No	23
Unsure	11

Should we build a bigger and better playground at Reindahl Park?	
Yes	90
No	2
Not Sure	2
Should we keep the tennis and pickleball courts?	
Yes	50
No	42
Not Sure	7
Should we keep the splash pad?	
Yes	82
No	14
Not Sure	2
Should we add Tuj Lub?	
Yes	25
No	55
Not Sure	14
Should we add a picnic area with lawn games?	
Yes	86
No	6
Not Sure	3

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Meeting with Friends of Reindahl Environs (FORE) – September 19, 2022 (ed. J Becker for FORE 26 SEP 2022)

Attendees: Ann Freiwald (Parks), Adam Kaniewski (Parks), Jon Becker (FORE)

Meeting Summary

- FORE presently includes Jon B. and Deloris R. A 2019 co-founder had moved away. Expansion of group was paused when Supv. Knepp failed to respond to late 2019-early 2020 requests for master plan meeting. Then the pandemic arrived.
- Imagination Center
  - Some feel the city agencies (Parks, Library) and MMSD do whatever they want, no matter what the community inputs. Jon reminded staff that >270 people signed a petition asking for protection of Reindahl Woods, by relocating sewer reliever pipe route slightly to the north, which was possible at same/less cost and on the same construction schedule (per Strand Associates, MMSD's contractor for the project).
  - Master plan revision is deficient. Jon pointed out that Lake Monona Waterfront project's budget is large enough to garner interest of nationally renowned planning firms; much time is being provided for research and community input. Ditto for Lake View Hill County Park cultural/master plan (2008-10), a local exemplar. Yet both the Monona Waterfront and Lakeview Hill park are much smaller than Reindahl Park.
  - Library will add 16,000-22,000 SF impervious surface to park.
  - Alternative location ideas:
    - Adjacent to Park: Build on Popeye's parcel and vacate Parkside Dr.
    - Adjacent to Park: Wendy's/mall site; cantilever into park for outdoor education
    - Near park: Office Depot site 3600-3700 Portage Rd; East Towne Mall area (where library was offered free site in 2015)
    - Only if absolutely necessary to build <u>inside</u> park: Construct library over existing parking lot (moving small trees), connect to renovated shelter with skywalk.
  - Consider meeting Living Building (LB) standard for facility. There are currently ~5 LB developments in WI, none in Dane County. Collaborate with Madison College to familiarize developer/construction/trades sector with LB standard. [Centro Hispano is considering LB standard.]
- Master Plan Survey
  - Community park = community survey? Would like to know scope of survey mailings, who was notified of start of survey and when; that information should be posted to the project page.
  - Indicated trees don't have a voice when it comes to surveys. It is the responsibility of parks and its BOC to be advocates for trees and the park's ecosystem values.
  - Parks indicated there is potential for a second survey to be done regarding the draft master plan. [Jon later pointed out that first survey's questions were biased, and that survey questions should always be created with input from stakeholders.]
- Future Input
  - Jon has asked Alder Abbas to bring together leaders of existing and potential future user entities to share information with each other face-to-face about their concerns and needs. Alder can facilitate meeting if necessary. Parks and other city staff can observe.
- Greater Sandburg Neighborhood Association
  - GSNA has not been active since 2018.
  - Jon is interim GSNA liaison to the city, exploring recombobulation of GSNA
  - Jon relayed that Sue Pastor, a former GSNA leader, had indicated that a letter sent by her to Parks BOC on July 12th regarding the Imagination Center is sufficient for GSNA input to master plan revision. Jon delivered draft version of Sue's letter, which will be placed in the file.
- FORE General Comments and Concerns
  - 50% of the park devoted to nature.
  - Open to Ultimate Frisbee or other new turfgrass sports, while reducing turfgrass overall.
  - End pesticide/fertilizer applications.
  - Topography and online soil maps indicate that hydric soils may be found at two locations in park: NW corner (where sewer pipe was trenched, south of Bartillon) and just northwest of Reindahl Woods

(northeast of community gardens). Potential sites for creation of wetlands/ponds similar to those along Wheeler Rd near School Rd (Cherokee Marsh), attracting/supporting wildlife. Any new ponds/wetlands may need clay liners for wellhead protection, including protection from presticides being washed into ponds by farmer leasing county land north of park and from northern tier of soccer fields currently administered by SC Wave).
    - Concerns about spread of PFAS contamination by future soil disturbance inside park. Soil testing must be done now, with US EPA's forthcoming PFAS 0% standard in mind.
    - Need imaginative use of barn building. Mini-Garver? Lease to coffeehouse/bakery vendor, as Milwaukee and Chicago have done with old pumphouses?
    - Re-naturalize from Bartillon Dr. along Portage Rd down to Wendy's.
        - Include trail through area (chip trail or other non-paved surface0
        - Renaturalize soccer field on Portage Rd.
        - Proposed site for Library+Pavilion (Imagination Center) or using existing parking lot precludes re-establishment of a natural corridor along east side of park. The Popeye's/Park Side, Wendy's/strip mall, and Office Depot site options do not preclude this natural corridor.
    - Would like parks to lead on litter polluting the park by recruiting partners that adopt sections of the perimeter (e.g., WisDMV, bread factory, Wendy's, etc.) and by sending postcards to neighbors about clean-ups.
    - Parks should reach out to Ho-Chunk nation for master plan revision. Jon identified the Teejop Community Historical Project (based at UW-Madison) and provided name of contact Omar P. [Jon later provided name of Ho-Chunk nation's Cultural Preservation Officer, Bill Q.]
    - Remove paved path built over sewer pipe trench, replacing with Teejop style path for educational purposes (2 ft wide max.; oak leaf cover, to avoid invasive earthworms that are often attracted by wood chips)
    - Restore woods west of Wendy's as an example of indigenous "food forest"?
- Athletic Fields
    - Would like the soccer groups to stop/reduce use of pesticides on all soccer fields. Northern tier of soccer fields at Reindahl Park is currently administered by city's vendor SC Wave, which contracts with TruGreen for feed/weed applications four times per year. (Jon mentioned that he and Delores discussed this with SC Wave director, then emailed links to organic management information). City IPM policy allows ending contracts with vendors that use pesticides.
    - Reconfiguring soccer and cricket fields and look at making parking more efficient.
    - To create more room for unpaved path around park, especially on north end (near Bartillon), consider re-orienting N/S soccer fields to E/W, reduce as necessary
    - Could addition of dark-sky certified lighting allow more soccer games to be played on fewer fields? Or should any increase in soccer be accommodated elsewhere?
- Paths
    - FORE does not think the path paved through Reindahl Woods after the sewer trenching is needed for access by MMSD. The two sewer access openings (metal covers) are located on the new paved path along the west side of the park, and probably are for robotic inspection/service equipment.
    - Would like a curvilinear path around the park, but not all paved; dpouble as cross-country ski trail in winter?
    - Avoid/reduce impervious surfaces that generate GHGs (asphalt, concrete).
- Connections to the Park
    - Would like parks to establish ecological connections (aerial/tunnel) with adjacent areas, including the county's 90acre avigation safety zone north of Bartillon (currently being leased to a farmer who applies pesticides).
    - Safe passage across HWYs 51 and 151 to park must be provided for residents of East Side Community Center, Truax NA, Hawthorne NA, and East Towne Mall redevelopment area and neighborhoods.
    - Residents of proposed homeless facility on Bartillon Rd need to be able to get safely to existing paved path to park at east end of Orin Rd.

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Meeting with Cricket Users – September 19, 2022

Attendees: Ann Freiwald (Parks), Adam Kaniewski (Parks), Aslam Rakhangi (Cricket)

Meeting Summary

- Current Field Condition Comments
  - The pitch is great and is the only 360 degree field in Madison.
  - Practice area is great for users while not needed to play a game
  - Bumpy terrain creates bad hops which leads to injury
- Pitch Users
  - Teams come from Milwaukee and Chicago to play here
  - Pitch is used consistently by different groups in the area
  - Have started a kids group playing on Monday's and have hosted a U14 tournament.
- Parking and Access
  - Estimates about 25 cars per game.
  - Have never had issues with parking.
  - Do not mind walking through swale to pitch area.
- Future Improvements
  - Would love lights to lengthen playing time.
  - A secure facility to store larger equipment.
    - Much of the equipment used is shared, so they store it in a bin by the pitch. However, it is not very secure and things get stolen.
  - Shaded seating for players and 25-30 spectators would be appreciated.
  - A toilet facility close to the field.
    - Some players go in the bushes since shelter is so far away.
  - White rope through eye hole loops is the preferred boundary set up.
  - Ok with field being used for other sports as long as pitch is not within the boundary of those fields.
- Cricket throughout the system
  - Most of the playing population is on the west side, however this is the only 360 degree field in Madison.

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Meeting with SC Wave – September 20, 2022

Attendees: Ann Freiwald (Parks), Adam Kaniewski (Parks), Robert Kehoe (SC Wave)

Meeting Summary

- History of Club at Reindahl Park
  - Started as Madison FC, a primarily east side club. Now have more west side players.
  - Then merged with SC Wave which has other clubs in WI.
  - Robert has been the leader of the Madison club for about a year.
- Fields
  - Previous leaders put a lot of work into fields and fields are now at a very high quality.
  - SC Wave does all maintenance of fields
  - Robert noted he had talked with Jon Becker and is open to changing pesticide practices. They are currently just continuing previous practices.
  - Have enough space to move around and rest fields.
  - Not exclusive use. They understand they cannot stop other users from using fields. Previous leaders may have been very protective of fields, leading to some animosity.
  - Sometimes has to use Madison College fields, which cost $240/hour with lights.
- Potential Improvements
  - Would be nice to have a building with bathrooms, storage, shade/shelter, concessions.
    - Storage for mowers, flags, tools, etc.
  - Would love lighted fields to have more training hours available
  - Would like to have some seasonal signage on the fence along Portage Rd.
- Parking
  - Parking lots full when Cap East is also active.
    - Cars line the driveway and Portage Rd at times.
- User Agreement
  - Current agreement is expired. Had been working with Lisa L. on new agreement.
  - Currently operating under previous agreement
  - Occasionally use Warner Park field when hosting high-level teams. May want that included in use agreement.

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Meeting with SC Wave – September 20, 2022

Attendees: Ann Freiwald (Parks), Adam Kaniewski (Parks), Nou Thao (Rooted WI - Dane County Gardens Network Manager), Barb (Gardener), Casey (Gardener), Monceri (Gardener)

Meeting Summary

- Plots
  - 20' x 20' Plots
  - About half of the plots are no-till to allow for perennial plantings
  - Mark Wetter creates map of all plots and assignments
  - All plots are assigned and majority are used. Some plots end up assigned, but then abandoned.
  - Would like to see areas for plots expanded.
  - Would like to see accessible raised plots available. There are some in other gardens in Dane County.
- Storage
  - Existing shed gets broken into and things stolen.
  - Group has worked to make shed more secure.
  - Back window of shed is broken.
  - Two picnic tables by shed are in bad condition.
- Compost
  - Attempted to use a plot for group compost. However, this did not work out as planned.
  - Currently do not compost. Have to bring in their own if they want some.
  - Currently, yard waste gets piled up at the end of the parking lot and Parks picks it up.
- Parking and location
  - Like to park as close as possible to plots due to often needing to haul materials to plot.
  - Current parking lot is oversized and never full.
  - Tucked away location tends to make users intimidated when someone else comes into the area.
  - Like idea to potentially move parking lot to south side of gardens.
- Misc.
  - Garden sign is run down

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Meeting with Capital East Soccer Club – September 21, 2022

Attendees: Ann Freiwald (Parks), Adam Kaniewski (Parks), Eric Bertun (Cap east), Matthew Fleming (Cap east)

Meeting Summary

- Club Background
  - MAYSA (Madison Area Youth Soccer Association) is governing body of the club
  - The club is defined as a "community" club, mainly serving the Madison East and LaFollete attendance areas. However, they do occasionally have players from Cottage Grove and Sun Prairie.
  - Goal of the club is to provide a competitive environment while being affordable
- Fields
  - Fields work well for the level of play they receive
  - Parks mows and maintains field. Cap East stripes them.
  - Have to maximize use of fields to accommodate everyone
    - Sometimes use Kennedy and Olbrich if they need more space. However, they prefer to use Reindahl as a main base to build sense of community within the club.
- Potential Improvements
  - Bathroom building with storage closer to fields.
  - Trees or structure for shade. Currently there is no place to get out of the sun.
  - Club would appreciate is Parks painted the fields. Parks is exploring a robot field striper.
- Parking
  - Sufficient for current needs.
  - Do not use gravel lot by community gardens.
- Misc.
  - Volleyball group sets up net and uses area just north of Field by Portage Rd. Cap East indicated they have talked with them about staying out of the striped field area, as the grass beneath the net gets very worn from play.

Reindahl Park Master Plan Update Stakeholder Meetings

Meeting with Volleyball Players – September 20, 2022
Attendees: Ann Freiwald (Parks), Volleyball Players

From the results of the initial survey and discussions with other stakeholders, parks staff was aware of a group regularly playing volleyball at the park using portable nets. While at the park, staff observed the group was present and had an informal discussion with them.

Meeting Summary

- Location and conditions
  - The group sets up a portable volleyball net behind the soccer goal on the field east of the tennis courts.
  - When asked if they would prefer a permanent grass or sand volleyball court, they said they are happy with their current set up and do not want/need any changes to it.
  - The group indicated a desire for restrooms to be located closer to their location.