Park & Open Space Plan Status Update

Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee

CITY OF
MADISON WISCONSIN

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Purpose of POSP

- The City of Madison Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) informs public policy and system-wide park facility decisions. This Park and Open Space Plan supports City Boards, Commissions, City agencies and staff, other government agencies, and interested residents and volunteers.
- It helps guide decision-making related to park policies; acquisition and development of parkland and facilities; and City financing and operations.

Current Status

- Executive Summary
  - MSA drafting will share with first draft of published document

- Chapter 1 Introduction & Background
  1.1. Purpose of Park & Open Space Plan
  1.2 Accomplishments since 2018
  1.3 History of Madison Parks
  - Content is complete, has been reviewed by LRP, Staff are making final edits.

- Chapter 2: Planning Process, Benefits of Parks & Equity
  - 2.1 Planning Process
  - 2.2 Economic & Health Benefits of Parks
  - 2.3 Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility
  - 2.4 Sustainability & Adaptability

  - Content is complete, has been reviewed by LRP, Staff are making final edits.

- Chapter 3: Parkland Inventory
  - 3.1 City of Madison Park Classifications
  - 3.2 Park Facilities
  - 3.3 Other Park & Open Space Facilities
  - 3.4 Private Recreational Facilities
  - Content is complete, has been reviewed by LRP
  - Staff have made a number of edits to this section (3.2 & 3.3):
    - Update to Olbrich Botanical Gardens Description
    - Paring down descriptions of other Park Facilities
    - Does LRP want to see this section again?

  - 3.5. Recreation Needs Analysis (Recreation Usage Snapshot)
    - Moving from Chapter 4 (4.3)
    - Staff are drafting content
    - Will be ready for LRP Review in December

Chapter 4: Planning Considerations

4.1 Demographic Overview

- Has been reviewed by LRP, final editing by staff

4.2 Related Planning Efforts

- LRP has reviewed, MSA & staff are updating to provide more comprehensive information related to relevant plans.
- Looking to include Neighborhood, Special Area and Special Plans, also provide summary of their relevance to park planning efforts.
- Include language about overarching City plans (ie. Sustainability Plan, Urban Forestry Task Force, Land Management
- Does LRP want to see this again?

4.3 Engagement Strategies & Outcomes

- Reviewed by LRP, final editing by staff

4.4 Parkland Access

- LRP has reviewed, final editing by staff

4.6 Land Management Considerations

- Summary of Land Management Plan is being drafted
- Does this belong here?
- Is the Parks Land Management Plan better placed under “related Planning Efforts”

Ch 5: Issues & Opportunities

5.1 Introduction to Issue Papers
- Review by LRP at 11/20 meeting

5.2 Activating Parks
5.3 Madison Park Golf Program
5.4 Madison Park Sustainable Land Practices & Reduction of Carbon Footprint
5.5 Recreational Biking Program
5.6 The Madison LakeWay
5.6 Volunteers in Madison Parks

- Papers have been reviewed by LRP, Final Editing by staff

Ch 5: Issues & Opportunities

- Topics of discussion:
  - Purpose of the papers
    - Review Introduction
  - What is a more informative title?
  - Overall discussion of papers
  - Where do the papers belong?
  - How do we make them most impactful

Ch. 6 Plan Recommendations

6.1 Recommended strategies

- Staff are drafting Recommended Strategies, not reviewed by LRP

6.2 Acquisitions

6.3 System Recommendations

6.4 Lake Access

6.5 Park Facilities

- For discussion with LRP
- Are the Recommendations within 6.2 through 6.5 necessary?

Ch. 7 Implementation

7.1 Funding Mechanisms

7.2 Plan Adoption & Amendment Process (to become new 7.3)

- Not included in current POSP Table of Content reviewed by LRP, but necessary per DNR guidance:

  (New 7.2) Parks Development resources

  - Parks Division Capital Budget
  - Funding the Capital Budget
  - Volunteers

Overall Update

- Connecting the chapters to each other and the work of the Parks Division
- Ensuring we are incorporating Public Engagement feedback
- Begin draft publication after all content is reviewed

Discussion of Preferred Review Approach

- Chapter by Chapter Review
  - Outstanding Chapters: 3.5, all of 6 and 7
- Significant Redrafts of the following Chapters:
  - Chapters 3.4, 4.2, Issue Papers
  - Consideration of Recommendations from Chapter 6
- Final Review of Text
  - Staff, Chair, Others?
- In-Design Documents

Revised Timeline

- Original Target for Published Draft: January 2025, with acceptance in 1st Quarter.

- Revised Timeline:
  - January: Full content Review and approval
  - February LRP: Review Draft Published Document and provide feedback
  - March LRP: Final Draft
  - Acceptance in 2nd Quarter

- Legislative Process:
  - 1. Council: Introduction of Resolution
  - 2. Board of Public Works
  - 3. Plan Commission
  - 4. Board of Park Commissioners
  - 5. Council Adoption