Madison Parks Division's 2025-2030 Park & Open Space Plan Public Comment Received between June 13, 2025 and July 7, 2025			
Comment Date	**Comment**	**Recommended Action for POSP**	**Follow-up**
6/25/2025	Appendix maps showing dots for text when opened on Apple Device	Coordinate with City IT to Fix PDF	PDF updated and uploaded to website. IT confirmed text is visible on Apple devices
6/26/2025	Add mapping that shows park access based on income level to answer the question: What parks are serving low income individuals?	Address this by adding text and creating map for Appendix D.	Added the following text to page 98: Although Madison ranks high in terms of Access, according to the TPL ParkScore, it scores low in terms of Equity. Madison residents of lower income have access to fewer acres of park land in their neighborhood. See Appendix D for a map of Parks within a 10 minute Walk of a Low-Income Residential Area. Created Map and added to Appendix D: "Parks within a 10 Minute Walk of a Low-Income Residential Area" added just before the "WDNR Contaminated Sites Inventory"—
6/26/2025	Need for purpose-built centralized gathering spaces that are free and inclusive, but draw all members of the community together.	Concept is appropriately captured in POSP recommendations: *"Create welcoming and inclusive park spaces and programming"* and *"Protect and celebrate the community's cultural richness."*	None
6/26/2025	Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) is facing similar funding concerns, do we discuss the pros and cons of the relationship with MSCR?	MSCR partnership is referenced in Chapter 4 and Appendix E Ongoing Initatives: Park Activation. This is not an appropriate forum to discuss the specific areas of concern mentioned regarding MSCR funding.	None
6/26/2025	Golf: How do we know who is using our courses, is there any metric to examine the payoff of leaving the golf courses as such compared to developing for other purposes?	No Action. Refer to Task Force report in plan for recommendations for continued support of Golf program. Golf Program Support is appropriately captured in multiple POSP recommendations and further detail on the Golf Program is captured in Chapters 4 and 6 as well as Appendix E: Ongoing Initiatives: Madison Parks Golf Program.	None
6/26/2025	Individual agreed with need to support Golf Program, and also the need to install lighting in the system, especially on paths.	No Action. Golf Program Support is appropriately captured in multiple POSP recommendations and further detail on the Golf Program is captured in Chapters 4 and 6 as well as Appendix E: Ongoing Initiatives: Madison Parks Golf Program.	None
6/26/2025	Potential public private partnerships: Long Range Planning should look into case studies and examples of where others are innovating and doing public private partnerships well to help fund the work of the Parks Division.	Appropriately captured in POSP Recommendation to *Develop new parks and amenities in a fiscally sustainable manner*." Note as topic for future consideration by the Long Range Planning Subcommittee.	None
6/26/2025	Olbrich: lighting along bike path between Garver and Olbrich.	No Action. Park specific. POSP discusses need for additional lighting and recommends Increased connectivity between parks to enhance access.	None

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6/26/2025	Voit Property: question on timing of park development plan process, desire to protect natural areas along the creek, wetlands, and continue to encourage bird habitat.	No Action. Park specific. Request for protection of natural areas aligns with POSP recommendation to *"Improve the park system's capacity to adapt to environmental challenges."*	None
6/26/2025	West area Plan: Rennebohm: how do we protect park trees and other park goals when larger city plans are at play, such as the desire to widen Regent street, which would remove trees.	Policy makers must balance goals of the Parks Division with other overarching City goals. Request for preservation of urban forest aligns with recommendation to "Protect and enhance natural resources."	None
6/26/2025	North Star Field 4 needs work, grade is bumpy	No Action. Park specific. Request for maintenance of existing facility aligns with POSP recommendation to "Secure sufficient resources to sustain service levels across the growing and changing park system."	None
6/26/2025	MUFA: would really like restrooms and water access at North Star	No Action. Park specific. Recommendation to "Develop new parks and amenities in a fiscally sustainable manner" imcludes an action to "*Implement comprehensive data-based decision making in strategic planning and investment."* to address such requests.	None
6/26/2025	MUFA: need more lights, fall is becoming most popular season	No Action. POSP addresses need for additional lighting for recreation in recommendation to "Improve the park system's capacity to adapt to environmental challenges."	None
6/26/2025	MUFA: Burr Jones turf does not recover well, only use in fall for lights	No Action. Park specific. POSP addresses need for additional lighting for recreation in recommendation to *"Improve the park system's capacity to adapt to environmental challenges."*	None
6/26/2025	MUFA: Members are aging and many bring families to games	No Action. Need for multigenerational facilities addressed in recommendation to *"Create welcoming and inclusive park spaces and programming."*	None
6/26/2025	Place printed POSP copies in the libraries	No immediate action.	Once document is finalized and printed, staff will coordinate with Library contact to place reference copies in libraries.
7/2/2025	Every park should have some elements of accessibility, and consider if you can plan to make every park fully accessible!	No Action. Accessibility is discussed in Chapter 1 and Appendix A and addressed in recommendations to *"Increase connectivity between parks to enhance access*" and *"Promote the physical and social health of the diverse community."*	None

Major Staff Revisions to Publicly Available POSP Draft			
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Page 2	Acknowledgements	Remove Madelyn Leopold from acknowledgements under LRP Add: "Emma Krug, Park Planner"	Removed Madelyn per her request, Lisa added her in last draft but should have asked first.
Chapter 7	Recommended Strategies	Green & Resilient-Recommendation & Actions missing and needs to be added back to Draft POSP: "Protect and enhance natural resources" Revision requires reorganization of chapter.	Added strategy back: Strategy: Protect and enhance natural resources. •Improve biodiversity by managing invasive species and promoting areas of native plant habitats and ecosystems. •Acquire conservation parkland to preserve unique habitats. •Preserve iconic and special landscape views. •Preserve, promote and expand the urban tree canopy.
Additional Staff Remarks to be completed at later date:			
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Page 104	Exhibit 12 "Draft Dane County POSP"	Update map with FINAL Map once Dane County adopts plan on 7/17	needs follow-up after LRP, but before BPC
Page 105	Exhibit 13 "Draft Dane County POSP Regional Trails"	Update map with FINAL Map once Dane County adopts plan on 7/17	needs follow-up after LRP, but before BPC
Appendix B	Common Council Authorizing Resolution	We need to add Council Resolution after BPC adopts POSP in August or Sept.	needs follow-up after LRP & BPC.