



# CITY OF NEW BERLIN

Park and Open Space Plan  
2023-2028

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# CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND PLANNING PROCESS

## PLAN PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this plan is to guide the preservation, acquisition and development of land for the use of park and recreational activities for the community. By developing short-term plans and long-term goals, the City can identify and accommodate necessary changes to the parks, open space and outdoor recreational needs for the residents of New Berlin. This plan is also used to protect and enhance the City's natural and historical resources. By preparing this plan, the City maintains eligibility to apply for and receive federal and state aids to be used for the acquisition and development of additional outdoor recreational and open space facilities.

This plan sets forth a comprehensive strategy for City Staff to use in establishing an effective park and recreation system that meets the needs of the community. It recommends parameters, goals and actions to accomplish New Berlin's changing needs, both short-term and long-term. These recommendations relate to the preservation of existing environmental, natural and historical resources, the acquisition of land to be used for new parks and open space, and the development of new parks, environmental corridors and pedestrian routes. Although the recommendations are advisory, they provide a framework for City officials, administrators and management to formulate policies. The City of New Berlin's Park and Open Space Plan is also intended for use by external stakeholders to develop an understanding of their role as partners in the implementation of the Plan.

By updating the Park and Open Space Plan, the City is able to identify areas where achievements have been made in previous plans and use these as guidelines for developing future plans. The Park and Open Space Plan examines the current status of outdoor recreation and open space in New Berlin, identifies anticipated future open space and outdoor recreation needs and prioritizes the actions for plan implementation. Adoption of this plan by the Plan Commission and Common Council of New Berlin and endorsement by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will maintain the City's eligibility to apply for and receive state and federal funds for parkland, open space and outdoor recreation purposes.

## SUMMARY OF PAST PLANS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Many of the recommendations from the 2017 Park and Open Space Plan have been implemented, as well as additional accomplishments that were not planned for at the time of the plans adoption.

### ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS

#### ***Biwer Park***

Basketball Court Replacement.

Playground Replacement.

Shelter Improvements.

Trail Improvements.

**Buena Park**

Ball diamond fencing improvements.  
Parking Lot Replacement.  
Structure Replacements.  
Trail Improvements.

**Calhoun Park**

Ball diamond fencing improvements.  
Electronic Scoreboard.  
Shelter Improvements.

**Hickory Grove Park**

Playground removal.

**High Grove Park**

Shelter Improvements.

**Historic Park**

Barn improvements.  
Garage addition and improvements.  
Log cabin improvements.  
Museum Renovations and Addition.  
New Gazebo.  
Old mailroom remodeled.  
Parking Lot Replacement.

**Lions Park**

Basketball Court Replacement.  
Parking Lot Replacements (east and north).  
Playground Replacement (includes a wheelchair accessible swing).  
Pond Shoreline Restoration.  
Shelter Improvements.  
Trail Improvements.

**Malone Park**

Lighting replacement for basketball, volleyball and tennis courts.

**Park Signage**

Park system signage replacement.

**Regal Park**

Basketball Court Replacement.

**Valley View Park**

Disc golf basket replacement.  
Shelter Improvements.

***Weatherstone Park***

Shelter Improvements.

**ACQUISITION, DEDICATION AND PRESERVATION**

***City Center Plaza***

Acquired 1.36 acres of land for a Special Use Park.

***New Berlin Activity and Recreation Center***

Acquired 25,000 square feet of the former Walmart Building for a Special Use Park.

***Quarry Park***

Sale of park to residential developer for use as a single-family subdivision.

***Section 35***

Acquired 39.14 acres of land for a Community Park.

**DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT PARKLAND**

***City Center Plaza***

Creation of an urban park within the City Center that includes a seating area with pergola, concessions and restroom facility, and an ice rink.

***New Berlin Activity and Recreation Center***

Renovations and Addition.

***Section 35***

Development of a gravel parking lot, six soccer fields and associated stormwater management.

**TRAILS**

***Section 35***

Constructed a portion of the multi-use trail from Sunny Slope Road.

Constructed sidepaths along Sunny Slope Road.

**PLANNING PROCESS**

This plan references many of the recommendations that were made in the 2017 Park and Open Space Plan. Focusing on some of the public feedback that was received from the Park Survey in 2008, some of the main issues that were brought up were preservation of natural features, enhancements of existing parks, and creating linear parkways to connect people to sought-after destinations. The City has continued to preserve natural features and considers this a top priority in our park and open space system, as well as for any new development site. Much of the previous

plan focused on acquiring new parkland in order to meet service area standards. This proves to not be as important to community members as enhancing the City's existing parks. Some of the areas the City would like to address in park enhancements include, but are not limited to: providing play equipment that is safe and accessible to all users, creating opportunities for more passive use within the parks, and improving signage and way finding. The City would like to encourage use of these parks and other public facilities by providing safe and accessible pathways for all users.

The duties of the Department of Community Development as they relate to park planning and design include:

- Maintain an inventory and analyze the needs of the community by updating the City's Park and Open Space Plan, at a minimum every five years, and incorporate into the City's overall Comprehensive Plan
- Guide in the acquisition, dedication, preservation, and development of lands for public parks, facilities, and grounds in conjunction with the Plan Commission
- Coordinate the planning, engineering, design, development and coordination of contracts, with consultation from the Plan Commission, CDA and/or other appropriate boards and commissions, for all existing and proposed public parks, facilities and grounds in accordance with Common Council approvals as part of a CIP budget and/or plan
- Provide linkages between parks, open spaces, and public destinations

An ADA study of City facilities was completed in 2018. The results of the study noted that there are many deficiencies within the City Parks and Buildings, which can be broken down into the following categories:

- Approach & entry
- Play areas
- Sports activities & miscellaneous site features
- Golf facility
- Fishing pier
- Restrooms and shelters

The CVMIC Playground Safety Inspection Report is prepared by the City's Insurance carrier to identify deficiencies at the City's playgrounds. These deficiencies can be broken down in the following categories:

- Designated play surface
- Entanglement
- Entrapment
- Hardware
- Maintenance
- Painted surfaces
- Pinch, crush and shear points
- Sharp points, corners or edges
- Signage and/or labeling
- Slides
- Walks and paths

A Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) is completed every other year to assess the quality of the road surfaces within the City. Roads and parking lots with a low PASER rating are given a higher priority in the replacement schedule. More information on the PASER system can be found in the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

Projects selected for reconstruction are based upon the number of outstanding issues noted in the ADA study and CVMIC Playground Report, along with timing of other planned park projects.

## **PLAN COMMISSION/PUBLIC MEETINGS**

On March 7, 2022 and November 14, 2022 the Park and Open Space Plan was presented to the Plan Commission. Questions and feedback were provided to direct the final revisions to the Plan. On November 14, 2022 a draft of the Plan was presented and approved to forward to the Common Council to set the public hearing date.

The general public and other stakeholders were provided with opportunities to become informed about the Park and Open Space Plan update and to understand the potential impacts and benefits of its findings and recommendations. City Staff held a series of staff open office hours to allow for interested residents and/or businesses to meet with DCD staff to review proposed updates, ask questions, provide comments or express concerns regarding the Park and Open Space Plan. These office hours were held at City Hall prior to the Common Council meetings on January 10, 2023 and January 24, 2023.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Park and Open Space Plan was presented at a public hearing before the Plan Commission meeting on February 6, 2023.

## **APPROVALS**

The Park and Open Space Plan was approved by the Plan Commission via Resolution # 23-4 on March 6, 2023 and approved by the Common Council via Ordinance # 2666 on March 14, 2023.

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-4

**A Resolution adopting the amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the 2023 Park and Open Space Plan.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 66.1001(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, establish the required procedure for a local government to adopt a comprehensive plan and Section 66.1001(2) identifies the required elements of a comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, The planning process was open to the public and numerous efforts were made to assure the broadest participation to establish the goals and elements considered for and contained within the comprehensive plan in compliance with Section 66.1001 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of New Berlin prepared and followed a Public Participation Plan that was adopted by the Plan Commission on September 10, 2007 and the Common Council on September 25, 2007 a copy of which is on file in the Department of Community Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Berlin Plan Commission has the authority to adopt the Comprehensive Plan and associated amendments as necessary by resolution and also to recommend that the Common Council adopt the comprehensive plan and associated amendments as necessary via Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Berlin prepared the "City of New Berlin Comprehensive Plan", which is on file with the Department of Community Development and available on the City's website [www.newberlin.org](http://www.newberlin.org), containing all maps and other descriptive materials, to be the comprehensive plan for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, that the Plan Commission of the City of New Berlin adopted the City of New Berlin 2020 Comprehensive Plan as the City's comprehensive plan via Resolution No. 09-02 on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, and the Common Council adopted the Comprehensive Plan via Ordinance # 2422 on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009; and has been amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, development within the City should be monitored on an ongoing basis, and compared to the City goals and objectives outlined throughout the Plan to ensure that current policies are achieving the intended results. Comprehensive Plan Chapter 22, Implementation states, "*This Plan is intended to be changed and revised over time. The City's values, goals, and capabilities may change as New Berlin grows, and the Plan must be amended to reflect those changes.*" This project includes an overall update to the City's Park and Open Space Plan.

**WHEREAS**, Department of Community Development Staff prepared amendments to the Park and Open Space Plan within the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan that are now completed and need to be incorporated into the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to incorporate the updated Park and Open Space Plan into the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the 2023 Park and Open Space Plan is attached as Exhibit A. Amendments to an adopted comprehensive plan pursuant to WI State Statute 66.1001 require a Class I notification along with a public hearing.

**WHEREAS**, the Plan Commission reviewed the proposed amendments on November 14, 2022, February 6, 2023 and March 6, 2023 and approved the amendments to the Park and Open Space Plan on March 6, 2023 following approximately one month of public comment from the date of the public notice, including two staff open office hours held on January 10, 2023 and January 24, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City duly noticed a public hearing dedicated to the discussion of the proposed changes on the aforementioned comprehensive plan amendments and the Plan Commission held the public hearing on February 6, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, the Plan Commission of the City of New Berlin by a 6-0 vote of the Commissioners present and voting recorded in its official minutes, adopted Resolution # 23-4 recommended approval of this comprehensive plan amendment on March 6, 2023.

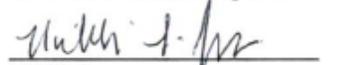
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Plan Commission of the City of New Berlin hereby accepts and adopts the attached City of New Berlin Comprehensive Plan amendments including the 2023 Park and Open Space Plan, recognizing that the Common Council must also adopt the comprehensive plan amendments via Ordinance for it to become effective; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plan Commission does hereby recommend that the Common Council adopt Ordinance # 2666, which will constitute its adoption of the comprehensive plan amendments.

Passed and adopted by the Plan Commission on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

APPROVED:  
  
David A. Ament, Mayor

Certified/Countersigned:

  
Nikki Jones  
Plan Commission Secretary

**ORDINANCE NO. 2666**

An ordinance adopting the amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the 2023 Park and Open Space Plan.

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The Common Council of the City of New Berlin do ordain as follows:

**SECTION I**

Pursuant to section 62.23(2) and (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the City of New Berlin, is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in section 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION II**

The Common Council of the City of New Berlin, Wisconsin, has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by Section 66.1001(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION III**

The Plan Commission of the City of New Berlin by a 7-0 vote of the Commission members present and voting as recorded in its official minutes, adopted Resolution # 23-4 on March 6, 2023 recommending to the Common Council the adoption of the document entitled "A Resolution adopting the amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the 2023 Park and Open Space Plan," a copy of the text amendments are attached as Exhibit A, which contain amendments to the elements specified in section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION IV**

The City held a public hearing on February 6, 2023 on these Comprehensive Plan amendments, in compliance with the requirements of Section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION V**

The Common Council of the City of New Berlin, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally accept the documents entitled, City of New Berlin Plan Commission Resolution 23-4 "A Resolution adopting the amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the 2023 Park and Open Space Plan" a copy of the text amendments are attached as Exhibit A pursuant to section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**SECTION VI**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the terms and conditions of this ordinance are hereby to that extent repealed.

**SECTION VII**

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as approved by law.

**SECTION VIII**

The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section shall be declared by decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of other portions of the ordinance.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Common Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

APPROVED:



David A. Ament, Mayor

Countersigned:



Rubina Medina, City Clerk



# CHAPTER 2: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

## PLANNING REGION

The City of New Berlin encompasses 36.9 square miles in the southeastern portion of Waukesha County. New Berlin is bounded by the City and Town of Brookfield to the north, the Cities of West Allis and Greenfield and the Village of Hales Corners to the east, the City of Muskego to the south, and the City of Waukesha and the Towns of Waukesha and Vernon to the west. New Berlin is roughly 15 miles southwest of Milwaukee and has convenient access to Interstate Highway 94, located to the north, and Interstate Highway 43, which passes through the City.

## LAND USE

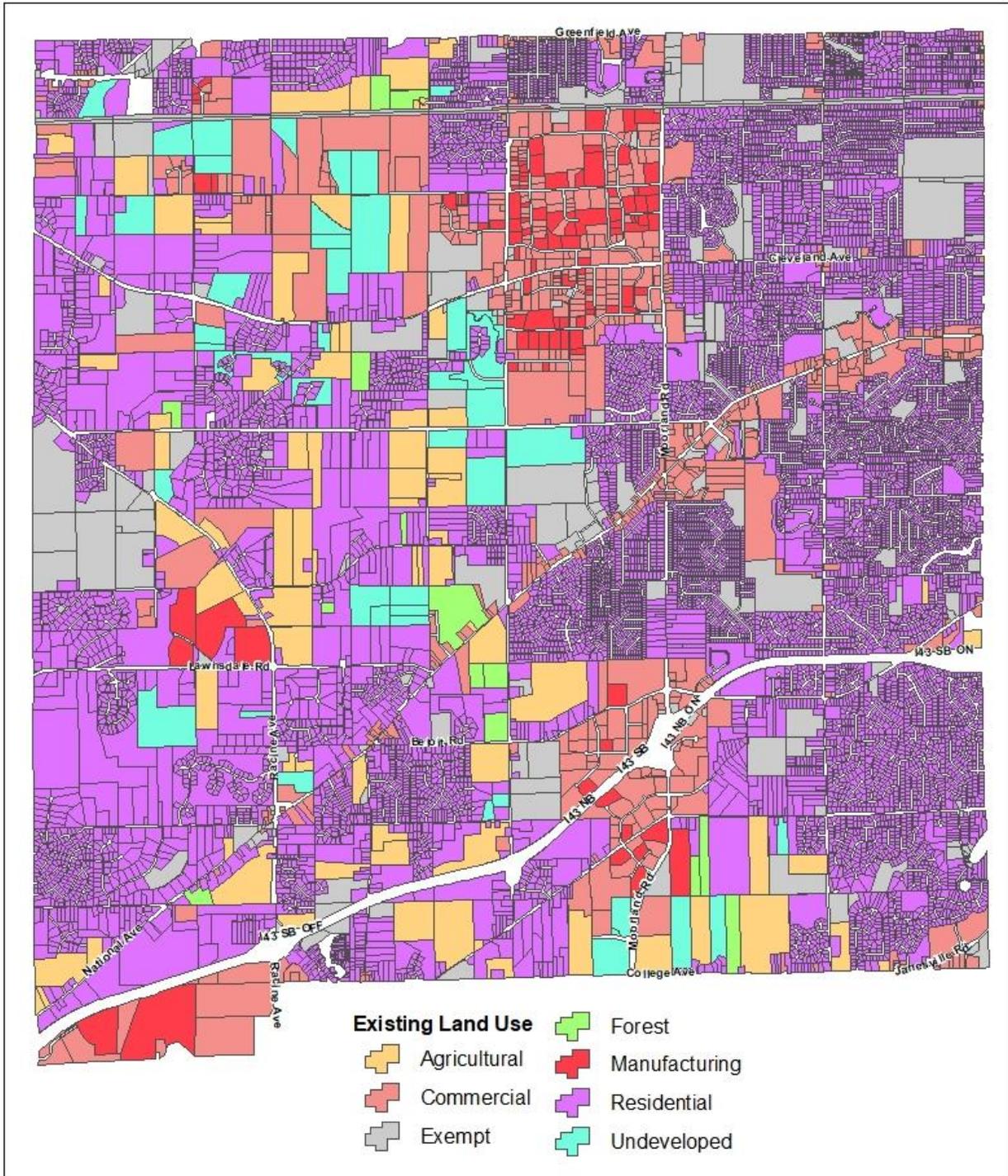
The City of New Berlin is characterized by a distinct land use pattern, whereby urban uses are concentrated in the eastern sector and rural uses are concentrated in the western sector. Generally speaking, Calhoun Road, a major north-south road that bisects the City, represents an informal division within the City of New Berlin of this historical development pattern. The distribution of the City's parkland, recreational facilities and natural areas correspond with urban land uses and the density of residential land uses. Therefore, the majority of established and developed municipal parks and open spaces are located within the City's eastern sector.

**TABLE 1: Primary Land Uses, City of New Berlin (2022)**

Land Use Category	Acres	% of total City Acreage
Agricultural	1,801	9 %
Commercial	3,219	15 %
Exempt land	2,353	11 %
Forest	244	1 %
Manufacturing	701	3 %
Residential	11,792	56 %
Undeveloped land	1,051	5 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,161</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: City of New Berlin

# MAP 1: Existing Land Use



Source: City of New Berlin

## POPULATION FORECASTS

Like many other communities in Waukesha County, New Berlin has experienced notable increases in population during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. In recent years, New Berlin's population has grown from 39,584 people in 2010 to 40,451 people in 2020 (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)—a 2.2% increase. Population projections anticipate modest gains through the duration of this plan (year 2040) for both New Berlin and other communities within Waukesha County.

**TABLE 2: Population Projections, City of New Berlin and Neighboring Communities**

Municipality	2010	2020	2030 Projection	2040 Projection	% Change 2010-2040
Brookfield	37,920	41,464	39,870	38,340	1.1%
Muskego	24,135	25,032	29,010	29,820	23.6%
New Berlin	39,584	40,451	45,140	45,120	14%
Waukesha	70,718	71,158	81,000	81,350	15%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Wisconsin DOA "MCD and Municipal Populations Projections, 2010-2040"

Recent population growth in Waukesha County is accompanied by a change in age composition. As the baby boomer population continues to age, it is anticipated that a greater percentage of total population will be represented by the 65 years and older age group. The percent of the population 65 and older will rise from 14.3% to 25.9% -- over the course of 30 years. This trend will be accompanied by an increase in median age of the population, which will likely impact current sentiment related to recreation, facilities, needs and interest.

**TABLE 3: Age Composition Projections, Waukesha County**

Age Group	2010, Waukesha County	2040 (Projection), Waukesha County	Percent Change, over 30 years
<20	26.2%	23.7%	-9.5%
20 to 44	28.3%	26.5%	-6.4%
45 to 64	31.2%	23.9%	-23.4%
65 +	14.3%	25.9%	81.1%

Sources: Wisconsin DOA "County Age-Sex Population Projections, 2010-2040"



# CHAPTER 3: CLASSIFICATION AND SERVICE STANDARDS

*A set of minimum standards are set for park and recreational facilities, as well as natural features, in order to quantitatively and qualitatively evaluate a park system. These standards allow for a quantitative examination of how well the existing facilities are meeting the needs of the residents in the community, in comparison with other communities. Future facilities are also planned using this information, along with projected population growth.*

## **NATURAL RESOURCE FEATURES**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS AND ISOLATED NATURAL AREAS**

Ecologically-significant acreage, both private and public, that represents a candidate for protection and preservation. Delineated by Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), these environmental corridors are characterized by their linear configuration and natural attributes, including:

- Lakes, rivers and streams and their associated shoreland and floodplains
- Wetlands
- Woodlands
- Prairies
- Areas of wet, poorly drained and organic soils
- Areas of rugged terrain and high-relief topography

#### ***Primary Environmental Corridors***

Primary environmental corridors include the highest quality and value woodlands, wetlands and wildlife habitat. These corridors have immeasurable ecological value and recreational potential. The preservation will maintain a high level of environmental quality, protect natural beauty, and provide valuable recreational opportunities.

#### ***Secondary Environmental Corridors***

Secondary environmental corridors facilitate surface drainage and provide corridors for the movement of wildlife and the dispersal of seeds for a variety of species. These corridors should be preserved in open, natural uses as development proceeds, particularly when incorporating the corridors into drainageways, neighborhood parks or trail corridors.

#### ***Isolated Natural Resource Areas***

Isolated natural resource areas are smaller concentrations natural features that are often isolated from an environmental corridor through urban development. Isolated natural resource areas may provide the only available wildlife habitat in the area, provide good locations for local parks and open space area, and lend aesthetic character and natural diversity to an area.

### **NATURAL AREAS AND CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT**

#### ***Natural Areas***

Natural areas are defined as tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant

and animal communities believed to be representative of the landscape before European settlement. Classification of an area is based on consideration of the diversity of plant and animal species and the community types present; the structure and integrity of the native plant or animal community; the extent of disturbance by human activity, such as logging, grazing, water level changes and pollution; the commonness of the plant and animal communities; any unique natural feature within the area; the size of the area; and the educational value.

***Critical Species Habitat***

Critical species habitats are herein defined as those tracts of land or water which support Federally or State-listed rare, threatened, and/or endangered plant or animal species as defined by State or Federal agencies. These habitats include the abiotic and biotic factors necessary for the long-term support of the critical species population.

**OPEN SPACE**

Legal regulatory measures and development review undertaken by the City ensure varied levels of protection for high-value natural features that currently remain in open, natural and undeveloped condition on privately owned land. This may include land which is preserved via subdivision platting and land divisions. Conservation easements are often used to preserve environmental features and sensitive lands.

**TABLE 4: Natural Feature and Level of Protection**

<b>Landscape Features and Land Controls</b>	<b>Level of Protection</b>	<b>Controlling Unit of Government</b>
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Wetlands	No development, setback requirements	City, WDNR, Army Corps
Floodplain	No development or limited development according to specific requirements in Flood Ordinance. Zoning Overlay.	City, WDNR, FEMA, Army Corps
Floodway	No development or limited development based on Flood Ordinance. Zoning Overlay.	City, WDNR, FEMA, Army Corps
Woodlands	Limited development if in C-1 District. Size of the woodland impacts the regulations.	City, SEWRPC
Critical species habitat (SEWRPC)	Limited development	City, SEWRPC
Primary environmental corridors (SEWRPC)	Limited development or no development (conservation easement)	City, SEWRPC
Secondary environmental corridors (SEWRPC)	Limited development or no development (conservation easement)	City, SEWRPC
Isolated natural resource areas (SEWRPC)	Limited development or no development (conservation easement)	City, SEWRPC
Shorelands	No development (shoreland wetland district). Setback is required.	City, WDNR, FEMA (if floodplain), Army Corps
Moderate slope 12-20%	Limited development (conservation subdivisions)	City
Steep Slope >20%	Limited development (conservation subdivisions)	City
Water bodies	No development (shoreland wetland district or floodplain)	City, WDNR, FEMA, Army Corps
Wildlife Habitat – Species of Concern	Limited development (conservation subdivisions) based on WDNR requirements.	City, WDNR
Prime Agricultural Lands	Development allowed	City
<b>City Zoning and Overlays</b>		
P-1 Park	Limited development	City
P-2 Park	Limited development	City
C-1 Conservancy	Limited development, Zoning permit required and disturbance up to 25,000sq. ft.	City
C-2 Conservancy	No development	City, WDNR
Conservation Easements	No development or limited development depending on easement documents.	City, WDNR (in some cases)
Transferred or Purchased Development Rights	N/A	N/A
<b>Land Use Categories and Referenced land Use Elements</b>		
Park	Limited development	City
Environmental Corridor	Limited development	City, SEWRPC
Shoreland-Wetland Conservancy	No development	City, WDNR
Upland-Woodland Conservancy	Limited development	City

Source: City of New Berlin

## RECREATIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

### PUBLICALLY OWNED

#### ***Neighborhood Park***

Neighborhood parks serve as the recreational and social focus for adjoining neighborhoods and typically service a ½ mile radius. There is typically an even distribution of natural and developed areas, catering to both passive and active recreation. Generally, there are areas intended for recreational activities, such as ball fields, courts, playgrounds and picnic areas. Off street parking and restrooms are often not provided. Because of this, neighborhood parks provide safe walking and biking access. Neighborhood Parks are owned and maintained by the City.

#### ***Community Park***

Community parks serve a larger population than neighborhood parks and typically service a 2 mile radius. Many features found in neighborhood parks are often found in community parks, with community parks featuring additional high quality athletic fields, restrooms, shelters and off street parking. Community Parks are owned and maintained by the City. This also includes Athletic Complexes.

#### ***Conservancy Area***

Conservancy areas, or natural areas, are areas set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics. Public access is generally permitted through pathways that traverse natural areas. Many times conservancy areas are used as a buffer between residential areas and more intensive land uses. Conservancy Areas are owned and maintained by the City.

#### ***Special Use Park***

Special Use parks cover a broad range of recreational facilities. Some of these activities may include golf courses, historic sites and community centers. There are no specific standards for special purpose parks, as they can vary greatly. Special Use Parks are owned and maintained by the City.

**County Park**

County or regional parks typically have natural resources and open spaces not found in neighborhood or community parks, and service multiple surrounding communities. Many times, these parks focus on nature oriented outdoor recreation, including camping, sledding, dog exercise areas, picnicking, fishing, swimming and hiking. County Parks are owned and maintained by the County.

**School Park**

School districts manage and maintain these facilities to accommodate the park and recreational needs of the school, neighborhood and community. In addition to serving physical education curriculum, recreational grounds and facilities affiliated with public school campuses accommodate recreation programs managed by private sports leagues and the City's Recreation Department. School Parks are owned and maintained by the School District.

**PRIVATELY OWNED*****Private Recreation Facility***

Private recreation facilities cover a broad range of recreational facilities often oriented towards single-purpose use. Some of these recreational activities include golf courses, driving ranges, bow hunting and sports complexes. There are no specific standards for private recreational facilities. Private Recreation Facilities are owned and maintained by the property owner. Commercial park/sport complex is further defined in Zoning Code Section 275-36D(5).

**TABLE 5: NRPA Park Classifications**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Acres/1,000 People</b>	<b>Site Location</b>
Neighborhood Park	Recreational activities, including: ball fields, courts, playgrounds, picnic areas	½ mile radius (truncated by physical barriers, such as arterial roadways, active rail lines, or natural drainage)	5-10 acres	1-2 acres	Neighborhood center, with walking and biking access
Community Park	Recreational activities included in neighborhood parks, parking, restrooms	2 mile radius (relies on automobile transport for access)	30-50 acres	5-8 acres	Near major roads and/ or public facilities
Conservancy Area	Limited activities, including: hiking, wildlife viewing	Varies	Varies	N/A	Dependent upon resource availability
Special Use Park	Recreational activities, including: golf courses, historic sites, community centers	Entire community	Varies	N/A	Varies
County Park	Nature oriented outdoor recreation, including: camping, sledding, dog exercise area, picnicking, fishing, swimming, hiking	Multiple communities	200-500 acres		Adjacent to natural resources
School Park	Serves the recreational and park needs of the school and the neighborhood/ community	Varies, depends upon park classification	Varies		Adjacent to school building
Private Recreation Facility	Recreational activities, including: golf courses, driving ranges, bow hunting, sports complex	Varies, possible membership or fees	Varies		Varies

Source: City of New Berlin, NRPA

## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

### ON ROAD FACILITIES

#### ***Bicycle lanes***

A paved shoulder with designated pavement marking and signage.

#### ***Shoulder paths***

Paved shoulders to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles.

### OFF ROAD FACILITIES

#### ***Sidepaths***

Pathways within highway right-of-way. Sidewalks are considered Sidepaths. Sidepaths may be used by pedestrians, skaters, wheelchair users, joggers, bicycles and non-motorized users.

#### ***Trails***

A pathway within public access easement, community park, environmental corridor or neighborhood link. These facilities tend to connect parks to other city facilities such as schools, residential subdivisions or other trail systems. Trails may be used by pedestrians, skaters, wheelchair users, joggers, bicycles and other non-motorized users. Trails are constructed of a variety of materials, including mowed grass, wood chips, wood, recycled wood products (i.e. boardwalks), stone or asphalt. Trails are also intended to connect residents to points of interest, such as schools, parks and open spaces, business districts, commercial districts, adjacent neighborhoods, and public transportation.



# CHAPTER 4: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

An essential element of the Park and Open Space Plan is a series of goals and objectives that provide a specific direction for plan implementation. Goals identify desired future conditions and broad public purposes. Objectives provide more immediate guidance, and are intended to aid the decision-making process with regard to projects being planned for near-term implementation through incorporation into budget planning processes. They are based on the existing conditions, park services, and input from the community and staff.

## **OVERALL SYSTEM**

Provide a City-wide park and open space system that accommodates a diversity of publicly accessible recreational opportunities.

1. Recognize and respond to both passive and active recreational needs in the design of the park and open space system.
2. Distribute park, recreation and open space resources on an equitable basis for use by all age groups.
3. Adhere to service standards in regards to developed parkland acreages.
4. Where appropriate, the trail system should provide connections to destinations such as schools, business districts, retail areas, libraries and community centers, as well as other pedestrian facilities.
5. Focus on enhancing existing park and open space facilities.
6. Evaluate the need for additional facilities to meet current demands.
7. Comply with standards outlined in the current ADA Study and CVMIC Playground Report.

## **ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS**

Allow for a diverse range of recreational opportunities that serve both the passive and active needs of the community, which are supported through facility design and recreational programming.

8. Incorporate a variety of recreational elements and spaces in order to provide equal opportunities for all abilities and age groups.
9. Keep up with local demands by constructing and maintaining high quality athletic facilities within existing park sites.
10. Provide recreational programs and facilities to promote year-round use of parks.
11. To the greatest extent possible, provide safe and accessible routes to parks from the surrounding neighborhoods.
12. Upgrade current facilities and add additional recreational opportunities within existing parks, as needed.
13. Develop unified park signage for the City.

## **ACQUISITION, DEDICATION AND PRESERVATION OF PARKLAND & OPEN SPACE**

Ensure that park and open space acreage is acquired and preserved using creative and collaborative methods. Protect environmental resources and natural areas to allow for passive recreation for residents.

1. Promote conservation easements and open space preservation with private subdivision development on the west side of the City.
2. Review and update the city parkland dedication and park impact fee ordinances to ensure adequate funding levels to meet future park and open space needs in the community. Focus parkland and open space acquisition to the planned park complex within Section 35/South Moorland Road Corridor.
3. Promote linear open spaces that remain largely interrupted. Encourage private development to dedicate open space and parkland that is located adjacent to existing public lands.
4. Prioritize the preservation of high quality landscapes, woodlands or wetlands, as well as unique landscape features.
5. Ensure that there is accessible open space and natural areas that are available for passive public use. Trails and signage should be planned for and developed in a sensitive manner as to not disturb wildlife habitat.
6. Where applicable, require developers to enhance ecological values for wildlife in dedicated open spaces.
7. Use regulatory means, such as subdivision ordinances, to preserve targeted open space areas within the City. New developments should be planned to preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, floodplains, environmental corridors, and isolated natural resource areas.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT PARKLAND**

Develop additional active and passive recreational opportunities for users within the community, as needed.

1. Continue to provide ample, diverse and accessible parks and facilities to meet the current and future recreational needs of the community.
2. Provide for parks that are within reasonable walking distance to residential neighborhoods within the urban sections of the City.
3. Incorporate natural resource areas into the park by allowing passive outdoor activities to utilize these areas.
4. Ensure parks are safe and visible by requiring street frontage along at least one side of the park.
5. Include an action plan related to the acquisition and development of a community youth sports complex within Section 35. Address the planning, acquisition, and development of a community park with athletic fields to meet the needs of the youth sports organization.

## TRAILS

Develop a multi-use trail system to provide linkages and recreational uses between park and open spaces, public destinations within the City and neighboring communities.

1. Prioritize the development of multi-use trails throughout the City, which provide for diverse non-motorized recreational activities, including biking, jogging, walking, rollerblading and horseback riding.
2. Construct a mix of trail types to allow for a variety of trail experiences.
3. Ensure trails accommodate the needs of citizens of different abilities and comply with ADA standards, to the greatest extent possible.
4. When planning and designing trails, consider external linkages that conjoin the City's boundaries.
5. Incorporate trails within easements and right-of-ways reserved for utilities and transportations facilities, where feasible.
6. Develop unified trail signage for the City that allows for better way-finding.
7. Work with the DCD to incorporate the planning, design and construction of trail/pathway segments as part of the development review process. Require developers to dedicate easements and construct recreational trails as development occurs.
8. Promote the construction of on-road shoulder bicycle lanes and separated paved pathways as a component of roadway and bridge improvement projects to make implementation more cost effective.
9. Plan trail and pedestrian facilities to provide linkages between sidepaths, bicycle lanes and other non-motorized transportation facilities.

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Ensure that the City's park, recreation and open space system is coordinated with adjacent municipalities, local school districts, and other government agencies to ensure that the recreation opportunities are maximized.

1. Collaborate with surrounding jurisdictions so that the City's park and open space system contributes to a regional system of environmental protection and public recreation.
2. Work with coalitions of sports and special interest recreation organizations to define mutually compatible facility needs and mechanisms for the development, construction, operation and maintenance of these facilities.
3. Continue to partner with the New Berlin School District and the Waukesha County Parks and Land Use Department in the provision of existing and new recreation uses, and to maximize the value of capital and operational expenses.
4. Continue partnerships with local park and recreation agencies in the provision of cost effective recreation programming for all users.

## PLANNING AND FUNDING

Promote economic sustainability and stability of parks through efficient use of financial resources and evaluation of Plan goals.

1. Update the Park and Open Space Plan every five years to ensure that goals and objectives remain relevant, implementation strategies are realized and that the Plan is compliant with extramural funding organizations.
2. Evaluate the actions and implementation strategies on an annual basis to ensure opportunities for cost-sharing, partnerships, facility enhancements and land acquisitions are examined.
3. Utilize a variety of funding sources to enhance and maintain public recreational resources.
4. Pursuit of financial support should consider available funding sources, such as:
  - a. The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
  - b. The New Berlin Capital Improvement Budget
  - c. Grants awarded by public and private foundations
  - d. Park Impact Fees collected from private developers
  - e. Cash-in-lieu of land dedication collected from private developers
  - f. Donations and gifts
  - g. City Operated Budget, including participation fees
  - h. Partnerships with private developers

## OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Ensure that operations and maintenance of the park, open space and trail system is supported through appropriate levels of staffing and funding.

1. Ensure that the park and open space system is realistic and affordable, and that the costs required for long term, quality management and maintenance are recognized.
2. Where feasible, the City should make use of management practices that minimize maintenance labor and operating costs, while providing for high-quality facilities.
3. Assure that parks, open space, and trails are managed and maintained in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner that preserves the underlying resources while being attentive to public enjoyment and safety concerns.
4. Utilize volunteers in managing and maintaining the open space and natural area system to supplement City resources.
5. Evaluate maintenance staffing levels and increase as required to ensure that proper care of park facilities is implemented. Development of new parks and recreation facilities should be implemented at a pace commensurate with the City's ability to provide proper maintenance and staffing.
6. Make use of water wise landscape principles, such as using low water demand plants, installing efficient irrigation systems, utilizing alternative / eco-friendly parking lot surfaces, and improving soil with adequate organic material.
7. Develop and implement the vehicle and equipment replacement schedule to provide for needed maintenance of parks facilities and grounds.



# CHAPTER 5: INVENTORY

## NATURAL RESOURCE FEATURES

### ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS AND ISOLATED NATURAL AREAS

#### ***Primary Environmental Corridors***

Primary environmental corridors within the City are generally located along perennial and intermittent streams and large wetland areas associated with Poplar Creek and Mill Creek.

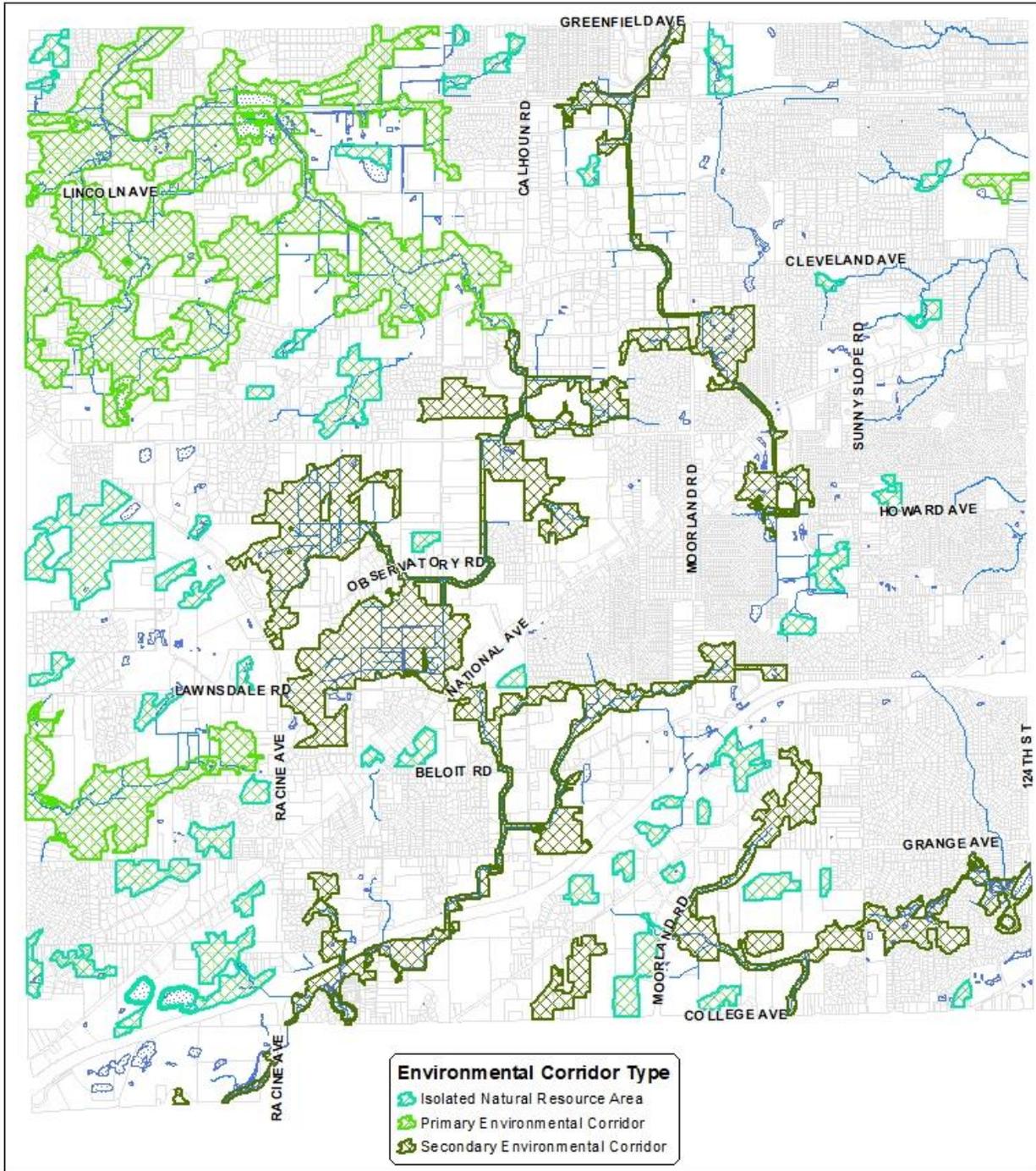
#### ***Secondary Environmental Corridors***

Secondary environmental corridors in the City are generally located along Deer Creek and intermittent streams tributary to Poplar Creek.

#### ***Isolated Natural Resource Areas***

Smaller concentrations of natural resources exist throughout the City and are generally isolated by urban development.

## MAP 2: Environmental Corridors and Isolated Natural Resources



Source: City of New Berlin

## **NATURAL AREAS AND CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT**

Please reference Chapter 5 of the City's Comprehensive Plan for more information on these Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitats.

### ***Natural Areas***

There are two known Natural Areas, classified as NA-3 sites, within the City limits. The New Berlin Woods, also known as Deer Creek Sanctuary, is the only Natural Area containing rare species habitat of local significance that is entirely under protective ownership. This area contains small dry-mesic hardwoods with shallow depressions that retain water in the spring. Dominant trees include white and red oaks and sugar maple. The flora species of concern is the American gromwell (*Lithospermum latifolium*).

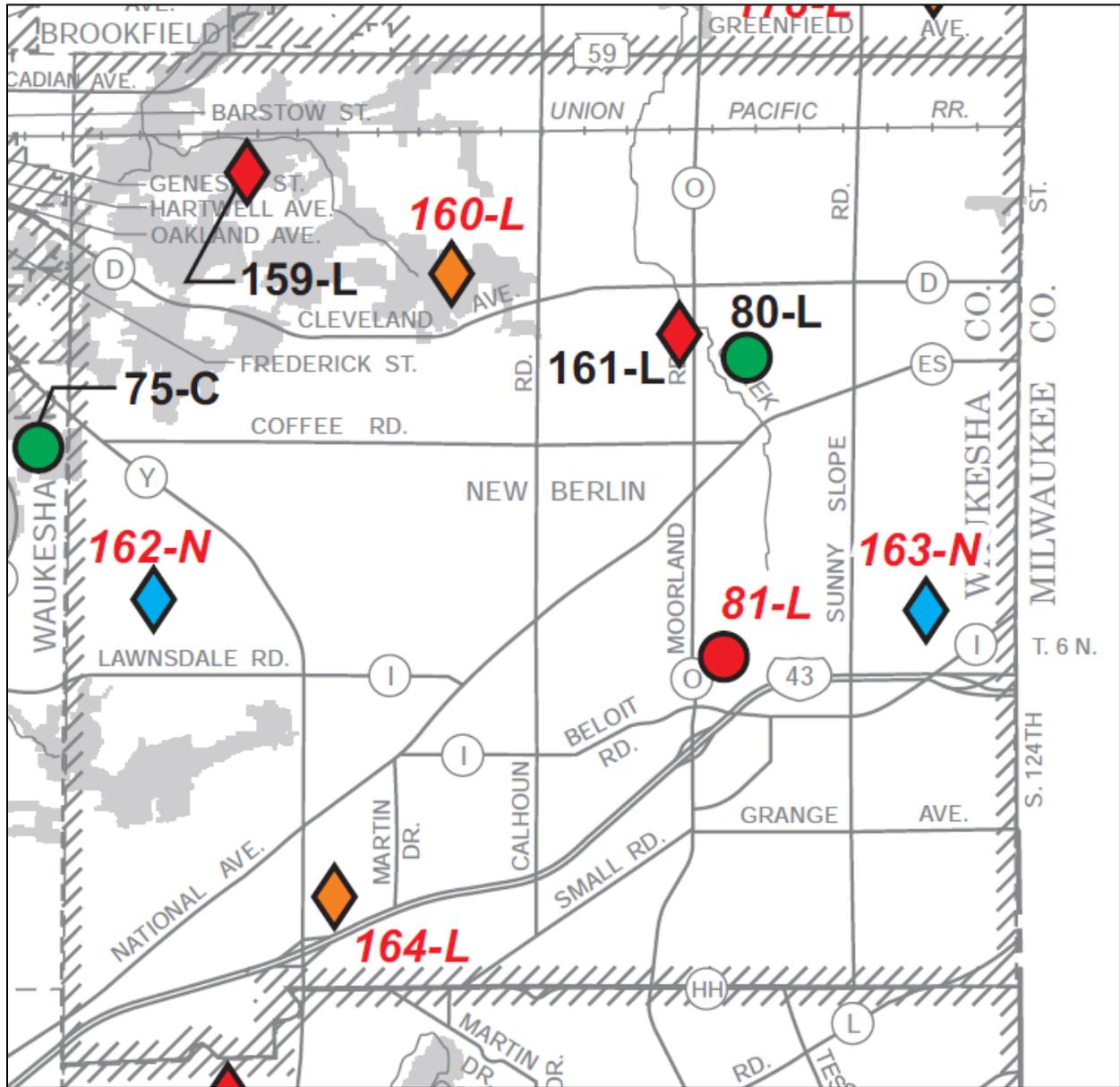
### ***Critical Species Habitat***

Prior to 2014, there were six known locations within the City that contained areas of Critical Species Habitat. Since SEWRPC's 2014 report, three of these sites no longer met site designation criteria and have been delisted. Stigler Woods is the only Critical Species Habitat site within the City of New Berlin that is partially under protective ownership. Stigler Woods supports a population of heartleaved skullcap (*Scutellaria ovata*), a State-designated special concern species.

## **OPEN SPACE**

The City's parks system is notable for natural areas and ecological characteristics that occur as independent sites and/or features within maintained areas of parks. However, the City does not formally manage an interconnected system of open space for the purpose of scenic or environmental protection, agricultural uses or recreation. While open space preservation is a planning objective of the City, the acquisition, management and maintenance of acreage for conservation purposes requires short and long-term planning.

**MAP 3: Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat**



CURRENT STATUS AND PLAN RECOMMENDATION	NA-1 SITE	NA-2 SITE	NA-3 SITE	CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT	RECOMMENDED OWNERSHIP KEY:
ENTIRELY UNDER PROTECTIVE OWNERSHIP/ PROTECTIVE OWNERSHIP TO BE RETAINED	▲	■	●	◆	S-STATE GOVERNMENT C- COUNTY GOVERNMENT L-LOCAL GOVERNMENT P-PRIVATE CONSERVANCY ORGANIZATION N-NO PROTECTIVE OWNERSHIP RECOMMENDED
PARTIALLY UNDER PROTECTIVE OWNERSHIP/ REMAINDER OF SITE TO BE ACQUIRED	▲	■	●	◆	27-SITE REFERENCE NUMBER (SEE TABLE 43)
NOT UNDER PROTECTIVE OWNERSHIP/ ENTIRE SITE TO BE ACQUIRED	(NONE)	■	●	◆	55-NEWLY IDENTIFIED SITE REFERENCE NUMBER (SEE TABLE 43)
NOT UNDER PROTECTIVE OWNERSHIP/ TO BE PRESERVED TO EXTENT PRACTICABLE WITHOUT PROTECTIVE OWNERSHIP	(NONE)	(NONE)	(NONE)	◆	PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC

# RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

The City of New Berlin maintains 29 park and recreation sites that provide a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities for community members. These parks are characterized by features associated with maintained facilities and natural components. A variance in these landscape qualities and management policies provides for a balance of active, passive and scenic recreational activities. The main purpose of this Park and Open Space Plan Update concerns municipal-owned park and recreation facilities. City owned facilities are supplemented by other public and private recreation sites.

In addition to City owned and maintained parkland, there are many other recreational facilities and protected natural areas in New Berlin that are publically owned. There is a total of 1,319 acres of public parkland in the City, including both City and non-City owned. Waukesha County provides recreational facilities through Minooka Park, as well as the New Berlin Recreational Trail. The School District of New Berlin and the West Allis – West Milwaukee School District manage seven public school grounds, which accommodate public recreational uses during non-school hours.

There are various private recreational facilities within the City limits. These facilities include private recreation, open space, cemeteries and private schools.

**TABLE 6: Public Recreation Sites**

Managing Organization	Number of sites	Total Acreage	Description
City Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry	29	817	Developed and undeveloped parkland, natural areas (conservancies), and special use parks; recreational trail.
Waukesha County	1	380	Nature-based parkland; regional recreational trail
School District of New Berlin	6	116*	Range of facilities that include playfields and sports fields for football, soccer, baseball, and softball
West Allis- West Milwaukee School District	1	6 *	Baseball sandlot, playfields and play equipment
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,319</b>	

\* Acreage includes total area of parcel; recreational school grounds would be a portion of this acreage  
 Sources: SEWRPC; City of New Berlin

# PUBLIC RECREATIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

Each Publically Owned Recreational Park and Facility is classified into one of two categories: City Owned and Non-City Owned. City Owned Parks and Facilities consist of Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, Conservancy Areas and Special Use Parks. Non-City Owned Parks and Facilities consist of County Parks and School Parks. An inventory of every publically owned park was completed. However, the Park and Open Space Plan will primarily focus on City Owned Parks and Facilities for the comprehensive site assessment to determine areas for improvement.

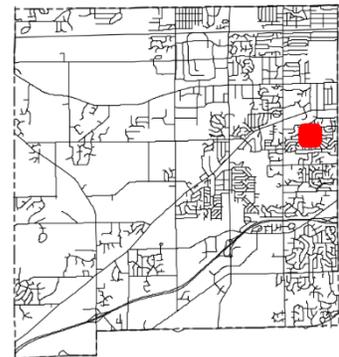
# BIWER PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamond
- Basketball Court
- Hiking Trail
- Playground (with poured-in-place surfacing)
- Small Shelter
- Swings
- Swing(s) – ADA accessible
- Volleyball Court



**3495 S Sandalwood Drive**

### Improvements:

**8.8 acres**

The site encompasses woodlands within an isolated natural resource area. The park is accessible from Kirkwood Drive to the northwest and from Sandalwood Drive to the east.

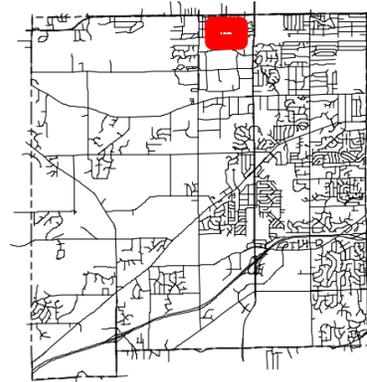
# BUENA PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamonds
- Basketball Court
- Bike Trail Access
- Parking Lot
- Pickleball Courts
- Picnic Area
- Playgrounds
- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Soccer Field
- Swings
- Tennis Courts



**16301 W Coachlight Drive**

### Improvements:

- Replace playground (west).

**24.7 acres**

An asphalt trail connects this park to the New Berlin Recreation Trail. Buena Park is accessible from 167th Street, 165th Street, and Coachlight Drive.

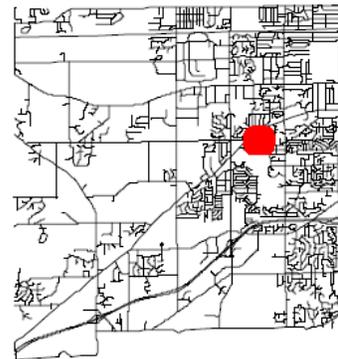
# DEER CREEK PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Undeveloped



**3575 S 147th Street**

### Improvements:

- Construct an off road recreational trail to link Deer Creek Park to City Center (west), Regal Park (south) and Deer Creek Sanctuary (north).

**3.1 acres**

The site encompasses secondary environmental corridor. Deer Creek Park is accessible from 147<sup>th</sup> Street.

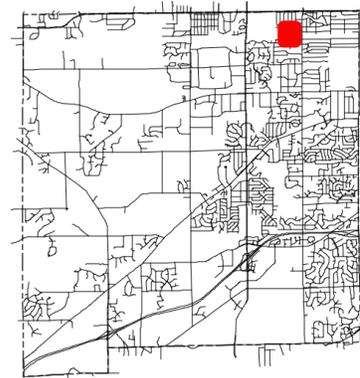
# GATEWOOD PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Basketball Court
- Bike Trail Access
- Fishing Pond
- Playground
- Sledding
- Small Shelter
- Soccer Fields
- Swings
- Trail



**14201 W Kostner Lane**

### Improvements:

- Accessible routes.
- Replace shelter.

**9.2 acres**

An access trail connects users to the New Berlin Recreation Trail. Gatewood Park is accessible from Kostner Lane.

# HIGH GROVE PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamond
- Basketball Court
- Hiking Trail
- Playground
- Small Shelter
- Swings



**13405 W Eagle Trace**

### Improvements:

- Replace playground.

**14.9 acres**

The site encompasses wetlands within a secondary environmental corridor. The park is mostly woodlands with a large open space containing a pavilion and playground. High Grove Park is accessible from Eagle Trace.

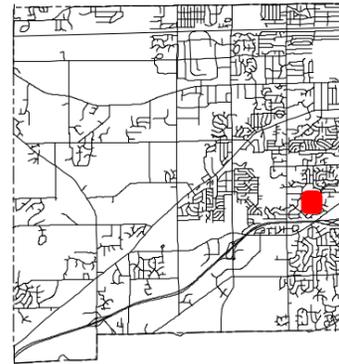
# MAPLE RIDGE PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamond
- Basketball Court
- Playground
- Shelter
- Soccer Field
- Swings
- Trail



**13200 W Maple Ridge Road**

### Improvements:

- Accessible routes.
- Replace playground.

**8 acres**

The site encompasses woodlands to the south. The park is accessible from Maple Ridge Road.

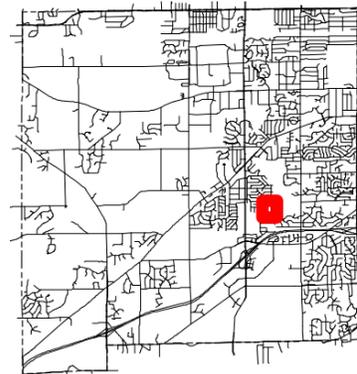
# REGAL PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamond
- Basketball Court
- Fishing Pond
- Playground
- Soccer Field
- Swings
- Trail
- Volleyball Court



**4395 S Regal Drive**

### Improvements:

- Accessible routes.
- Construct an off road recreational trail to link Deer Creek Park to City Center(west), Regal Park(south) and Deer Creek Sanctuary(north).
- New shelter.
- Replace playground.

**18.7 acres**

The site encompasses woodlands within a secondary environmental corridor. Regal Park is accessible from Regal Drive and Mayflower Drive.

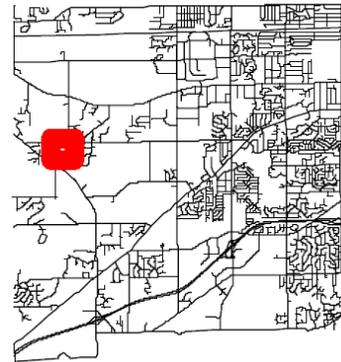
# RUSTIC RIDGE PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Undeveloped



**20425 W Coffee Road**

### Improvements:

**19.2 acres**

The site is fairly open with some wetlands. The park is accessible from Rustic Ridge Road.

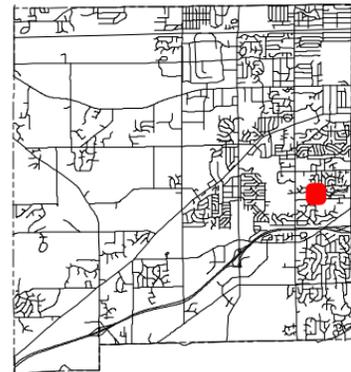
# WEATHERSTONE PARK

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamond
- Basketball Court
- Nature Trail
- Playground (with poured-in-place surfacing)
- Small Shelter
- Swings
- Swing(s) – ADA accessible



**13355 W Linfield Drive**

### Improvements:

- Accessible routes

**8.4 acres**

The park encompasses wetlands and woodlands within an isolated natural resources area.

Weatherstone Park is accessible from Linfield Drive.

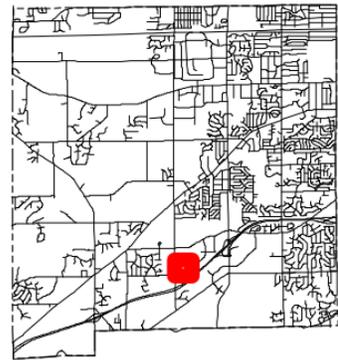
# CALHOUN PARK

## COMMUNITY PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamonds
- Basketball Court
- Fishing Pond
- Hiking Trails
- Parking Lots
- Playgrounds
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Sledding
- Soccer Fields
- Swings



**5500 S Calhoun Road**

### Improvements:

- Accessible routes.
- Bridge Maintenance.
- Parking lot replacement (south).
- Replace playground (south).
- Replace Shelter #3 and restroom with new park structure.

**55 acres**

The park encompasses woodlands within secondary environmental corridor. Both parking lots are accessible from Calhoun Road.

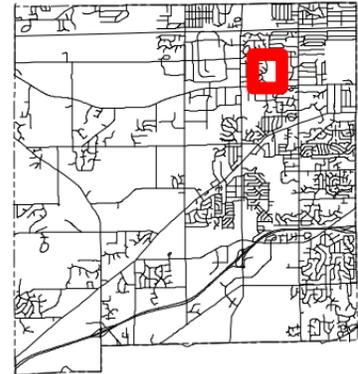
# LIONS PARK

## COMMUNITY PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamond
- Basketball Court
- Community Center
- Fishing Ponds
- Parking Lots
- Picnic Areas
- Playground (with poured-in-place surfacing)
- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Soccer Fields
- Swings
- Swing(s) – ADA accessible
- Tennis Courts
- Trail
- Volleyball Court



**14800 W Overland Trail**

### Improvements:

- New shelter near restrooms.

**39.9 acres**

The park includes the New Berlin Community Center, which is home to the Senior Center and Food Pantry. The parking lots are accessible from Overland Trail and Lincoln Avenue.

# MALONE PARK

## COMMUNITY PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamonds (lit)
- Basketball Courts
- Concessions
- Hiking Trails
- Parking Lots
- Picnic Area
- Playground (with poured-in-place surfacing)
- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Soccer Fields
- Swings
- Swing(s) – ADA accessible
- Tennis Courts (lit)
- Volleyball Courts (lit)



**16400 W Al Stigler Parkway**

### Improvements:

- Accessible routes.
- Add pickleball courts.
- Explore purchasing the 71 acre Posner Property.
- North parking lot replacement.
- Replace gazebo with new park structure.
- Replace Shelter #1 and concessions with new park structure.
- Replace Shelter #2 with new park structure.

**90 acres**

The park encompasses wetlands and woodlands within a secondary environmental corridor. The parking lots are accessible from Al Stigler Parkway and Observatory Road.

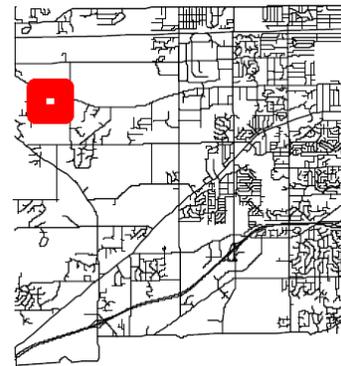
# MILHAM PARK

## COMMUNITY PARK



### Amenities:

- Undeveloped



**20855 W Cleveland Avenue**

### Improvements:

**39.2 acres**

The site encompasses primary environmental corridor and wetlands. Milham Park is accessible from Cleveland Avenue.

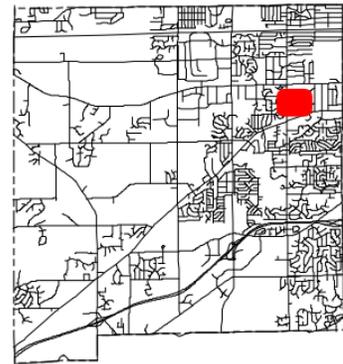
# PROHEALTH CARE PARK

## COMMUNITY PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamond
- Basketball Court
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Area
- Playground (with poured-in-place surfacing)
- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Soccer Fields
- Swings
- Walking Paths



**2950 S Sunny Slope Road**

### Improvements:

- Accessible routes.

**23.4 acres**

The park encompasses wetlands and woodlands. ProHealth Care Park is accessible from Sunny Slope Road.

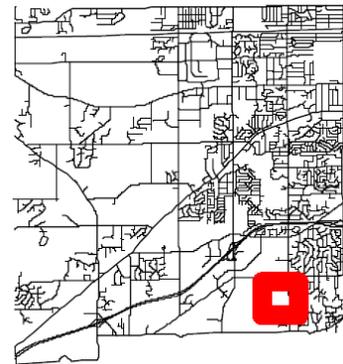
# SECTION 35 PARK

## COMMUNITY PARK



### Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Soccer Fields
- Walking Paths



**5851 S Sunny Slope Road**

### Improvements:

- Acquire approximately 56.7 acres of parkland.
- Construct an off road recreational trail to link Valley View Park to Section 35.
- Pave Phase 1 parking lot.
- Upon acquiring additional land to the west, construct athletic complex and continue construction of the multi-use trail.

**39.2 acres**

The park encompasses wetlands and secondary environmental corridor. Section 35 Park is accessible from Sunny Slope Road.

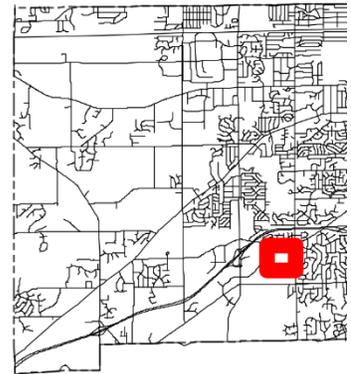
# VALLEY VIEW PARK

## COMMUNITY PARK



### Amenities:

- Archery Range
- Ball Diamonds
- Basketball Court
- Cross Country Ski
- Disc Golf Course
- Hiking Trails
- Parking Lots
- Pickleball Courts
- Picnic Area
- Playgrounds
- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Sledding
- Soap Box Derby
- Soccer Fields
- Tennis Courts



**5051 S Sunny Slope Road**

### Improvements:

- Accessible routes.
- Construct an off road recreational trail to link Valley View Park to Section 35.
- Parking lot replacement (north, south, and southwest).
- Replace Restroom #2.
- Replace playground (southwest).

**73.8 acres**

The site encompasses wetlands and woodlands within secondary environmental corridor. The park is accessible from both Sunny Slope Road and Small Road.

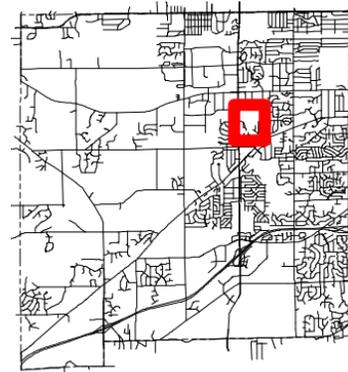
# DEER CREEK SANCTUARY

## CONSERVANCY AREA



### Amenities:

- Bike Trail
- Paul Gihring Nature Trail



**3250 S Acredale Road**

### Improvements:

- Construct an off road recreational trail to link Deer Creek Park to City Center(west), Regal Park(south) and Deer Creek Sanctuary(north).

**47 acres**

The site encompasses woodlands and wetlands within the secondary environmental corridor. Deer Creek Sanctuary is accessible from Acredale Road and Dakota Street.

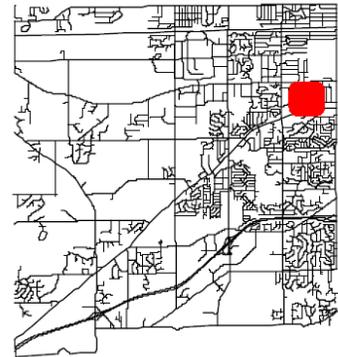
# FOUNTAIN SQUARE

## CONSERVANCY AREA



### Amenities:

- Undeveloped



**2955 S 132nd Street**

### Improvements:

**10 acres**

The site encompasses isolated natural resources. Fountain Square is accessible from 132<sup>nd</sup> Street.

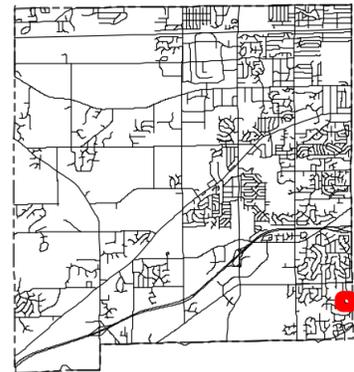
# KELLY LAKE PARK

## CONSERVANCY AREA



### Amenities:

- Picnic Area



**5780 S Frances Avenue**

### Improvements:

- Accessible route.

**1 acre**

The site encompasses wetlands within a secondary environmental corridor. Kelly Lake Park is accessible from Frances Avenue.

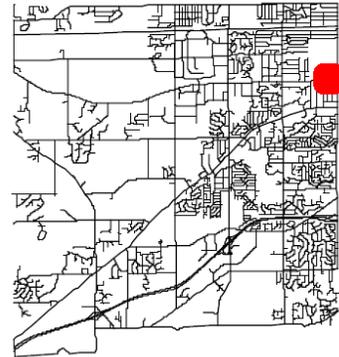
# LAGOON PARKWAY

## CONSERVANCY AREA



### Amenities:

- Undeveloped



**12601 W Lagoon Road**

### Improvements:

**1 acre**

The site encompasses wetlands and woodlands.

Lagoon Parkway is accessible from Lagoon Road.

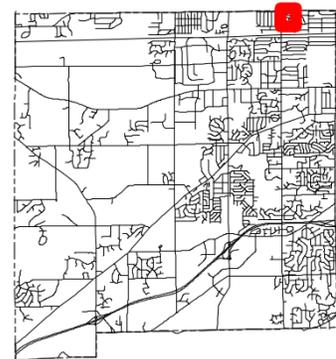
# PROSPECT PARKWAY

## CONSERVANCY AREA



### Amenities:

- Trail



### 13800 W Prospect Place

### Improvements:

- Replace bridge.

**7 acres**

The site encompasses native plantings. Prospect Parkway is accessible from Meadow Lane and Prospect Place, with a bridge connecting the two sides.

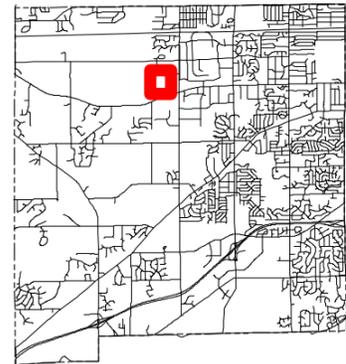
# STIGLER NATURE PRESERVE

## CONSERVANCY AREA



### Amenities:

- Cross Country Ski
- Nature/Hiking Trail



**17455 W Liberty Lane**

### Improvements:

- Accessible route.

**41 acres**

The site encompasses wetlands and woodlands within primary environmental corridor. Stigler Nature Preserve is accessible from Liberty Lane.

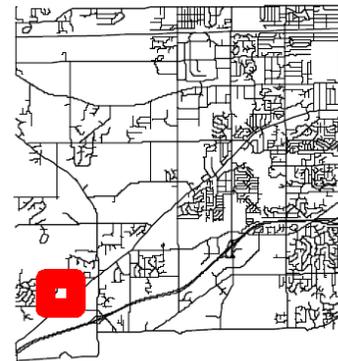
# STORMY ACRES PARK

CONSERVANCY AREA



## Amenities:

- Undeveloped



**21001 W Windsor Drive**

## Improvements:

**21 acres**

The site encompasses wetlands. Stormy Acres Park is accessible from Windsor Drive.

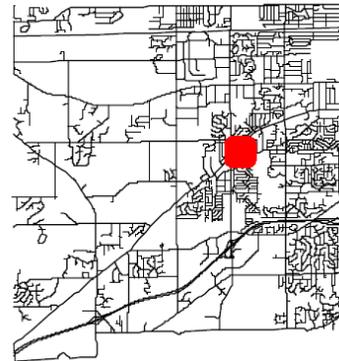
# ACTIVITY & RECREATION CENTER

## SPECIAL USE PARK



### Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Playground (with poured-in-place surfacing)
- Restrooms



**15321 W National Avenue**

### Improvements:

- Complete construction on addition.

**4 acres**

The Activity and Recreation Center is used for a variety of recreation programs. The ARC is accessible from National Avenue and Wall Street.

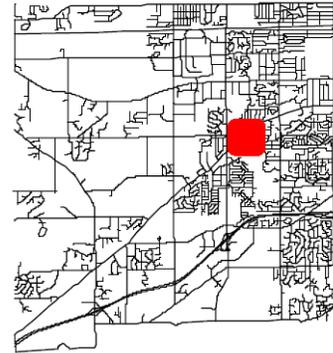
# CITY CENTER PLAZA

## SPECIAL USE PARK



### Amenities:

- Concessions
- Ice Rink (synthetic)
- Parking Lots
- Restrooms
- Shelter
- Trail



**15040 W Library Lane**

### Improvements:

- Construct an off road recreational trail to link Deer Creek Park to City Center(west), Regal Park(south) and Deer Creek Sanctuary(north).

**1.4 acres**

The Plaza is used for various events, including the Farmers Market, Winterfest and beer gardens. City Center Plaza is accessible from National Avenue, Library Lane and Michelle Witmer Drive.

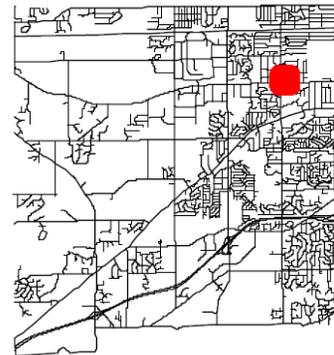
# HICKORY GROVE CENTER

## SPECIAL USE PARK



### Amenities:

- Ball Diamonds
- Basketball Court
- Parking Lot
- Soccer Field



**2600 S Sunny Slope Road**

### Improvements:

**5 acres**

The center houses classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, and a gymnasium. Hickory Grove Center is accessible from Sunny Slope Road and Cleveland Avenue.

# HISTORIC PARK

SPECIAL USE PARK



## Amenities:

- Apple Orchard
- Museum
- Parking Lot
- Shelters
- Walking Trails



**1985 W National Avenue**

## Improvements:

**15 acres**

This park is comprised of historic buildings, several of which are national landmarks. Historic Park is accessible from National Avenue.

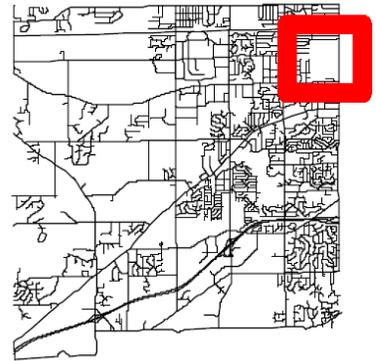
# NEW BERLIN HILLS GOLF COURSE

SPECIAL USE PARK



## Amenities:

- Club House
- Golf Course
- Parking Lot
- Restrooms



**13175 W Graham Street**

## Improvements:

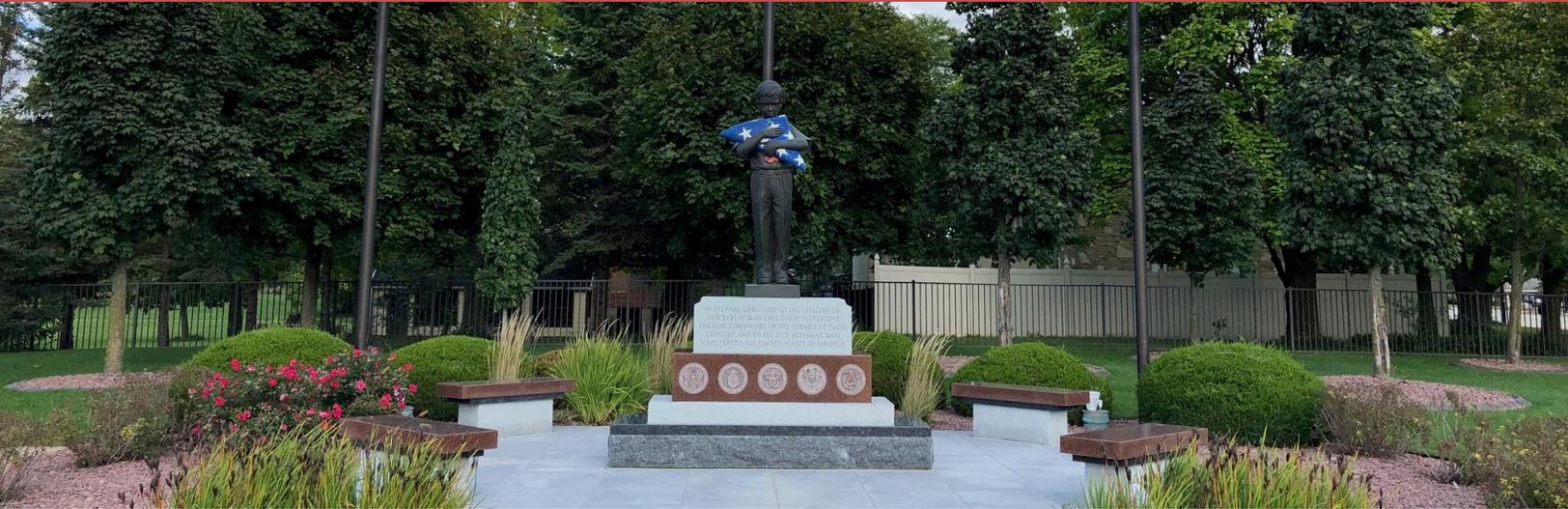
- Accessible route.

**187 acres**

This public golf course was established in 1907. New Berlin Hills Golf Course is accessible from Graham Street.

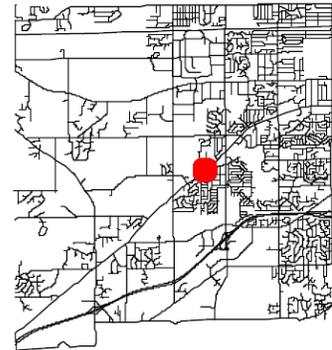
# VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

SPECIAL USE PARK



## Amenities:

- Parking Lot
- Trail



16248 W National Avenue

## Improvements:

0.4 acres

This memorial was dedicated in 2007 to honor New Berlin citizens who have served in the armed forces. Veteran's Memorial Park is accessible from Casper Drive.

# NON-CITY FACILITIES

## **MINOOKA PARK (COUNTY PARK)**

1927 Sunset Drive

Minooka Park is a 579-acre park located in the north-west portion of New Berlin, of which 380-acres are located within the western city boundary.

Amenities:

Archery Range  
Cross Country Ski  
Dog Park  
Fishing Pond  
Hiking Trails  
Mountain Biking

Picnic Areas  
Restrooms  
Sledding  
Swimming  
Volleyball Courts

## **EISENHOWER MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL (SCHOOL PARK)**

4333 Sunny Slope Road

Eisenhower Middle-High School is a 39-acre site located in the east-central portion of New Berlin.

Amenities:

Ball Diamonds  
Football

Soccer Field  
Track and Field

## **ELMWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SCHOOL PARK)**

5900 Sunny Slope Road

Elmwood Elementary School is a 2.4-acre site located in the southeast portion of New Berlin.

Amenities:

Ball Field  
Basketball Goals

Playgrounds  
Soccer Field

## **HERBERT HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SCHOOL PARK)**

12705 Euclid Avenue

Herbert Hoover Elementary School is a 5.5-acre site located in the east-central portion of New Berlin.

Amenities:

Ball Field  
Basketball Goals

Playground  
Soccer Field

## **NEW BERLIN WEST MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL (SCHOOL PARK)**

18695 Cleveland Avenue

New Berlin West Middle-High School is a 31.6-acre site located in the west-central portion of New Berlin.

Amenities:

Ball Diamonds  
Football  
Soccer Fields

Tennis Courts  
Track and Field

**ORCHARD LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SCHOOL PARK)**

2015 Sunny Slope Road

Orchard Lane Elementary School is a 6.5-acre site located in the northeast portion of New Berlin.

Amenities:

Ball Fields  
Basketball Goals

Playgrounds  
Soccer Field

**POPLAR CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SCHOOL PARK)**

17401 Cleveland Avenue

Poplar Creek Elementary School is a 6.6-acre site located in the west-central portion of New Berlin.

Amenities:

Ball Field  
Basketball Goals

Playgrounds  
Soccer Field

**RONALD REAGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SCHOOL PARK)**

4225 Calhoun Road

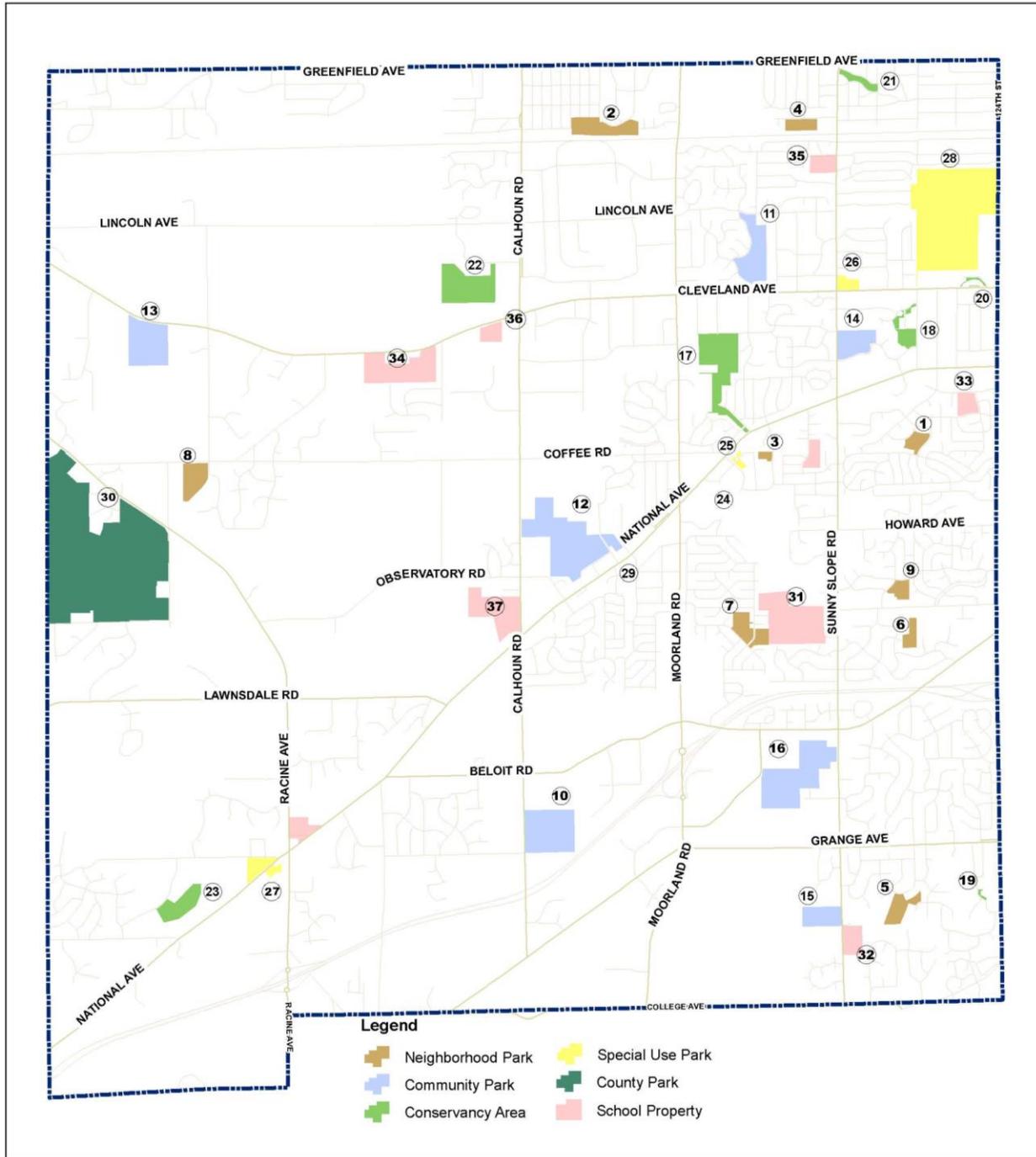
Ronald Reagan Elementary School is an 8.7-acre site located in the central portion of New Berlin.

Amenities:

Basketball Goals  
Playgrounds

Soccer Field

## MAP 4: Public Park and Recreation Facilities



Source: City of New Berlin

1 Biver Park	11 Lions Park	21 Prospect Parkway	31 Eisenhower Middle-High School
2 Buena Park	12 Malone Park	22 Stigler Nature Preserve	32 Elmwood Elementary
3 Deer Creek Park	13 Milham Park	23 Stormy Acres Park	33 Herbert Hoover Elementary
4 Gatewood Park	14 ProHealth Care Park	24 Activity & Recreation Center	34 New Berlin West Middle-High School
5 High Grove Park	15 Section 35 Park	25 City Center Plaza	35 Orchard Lane Elementary
6 Maple Ridge Park	16 Valley View Park	26 Hickory Grove Center	36 Poplar Creek Elementary
7 Regal Park	17 Deer Creek Sanctuary	27 Historic Park	37 Ronald Reagan Elementary
8 Rustic Ridge Park	18 Fountain Square	28 New Berlin Hills Golf Course	
9 Weatherstone Park	19 Kelly Lake Park	29 Veteran's Memorial Park	
10 Calhoun Park	20 Lagoon Parkway	30 Minooka Park	

## **PRIVATE RECREATIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES**

### **PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITY**

Private Recreation facilities in the City are primarily limited to golfing activities. In addition to the 18-hole public golf course (New Berlin Hills), there are two additional courses (9 and 18 holes) and three driving ranges. Private acreage is also used for organizations that promote bow hunting and casting (angling). A 3-field league complex maintained by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Ralph Sharping Memorial Field) affords baseball and softball uses, but is not available for City sponsored recreation use.

## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Each City owned Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility is classified into one of two categories: On Road and Off Road Facilities. On Road Facilities consist of Bicycle Lanes and Shoulder Paths; Off Road Facilities consist of Sidepaths and Trails. The Park and Open Space Plan will only focus on Off Road Trails. A complete inventory and analysis of Bicycle Lanes, Shoulder Paths and Sidepaths can be found in the Transportation Chapter of the City of New Berlin's Comprehensive Plan.

### TRAILS

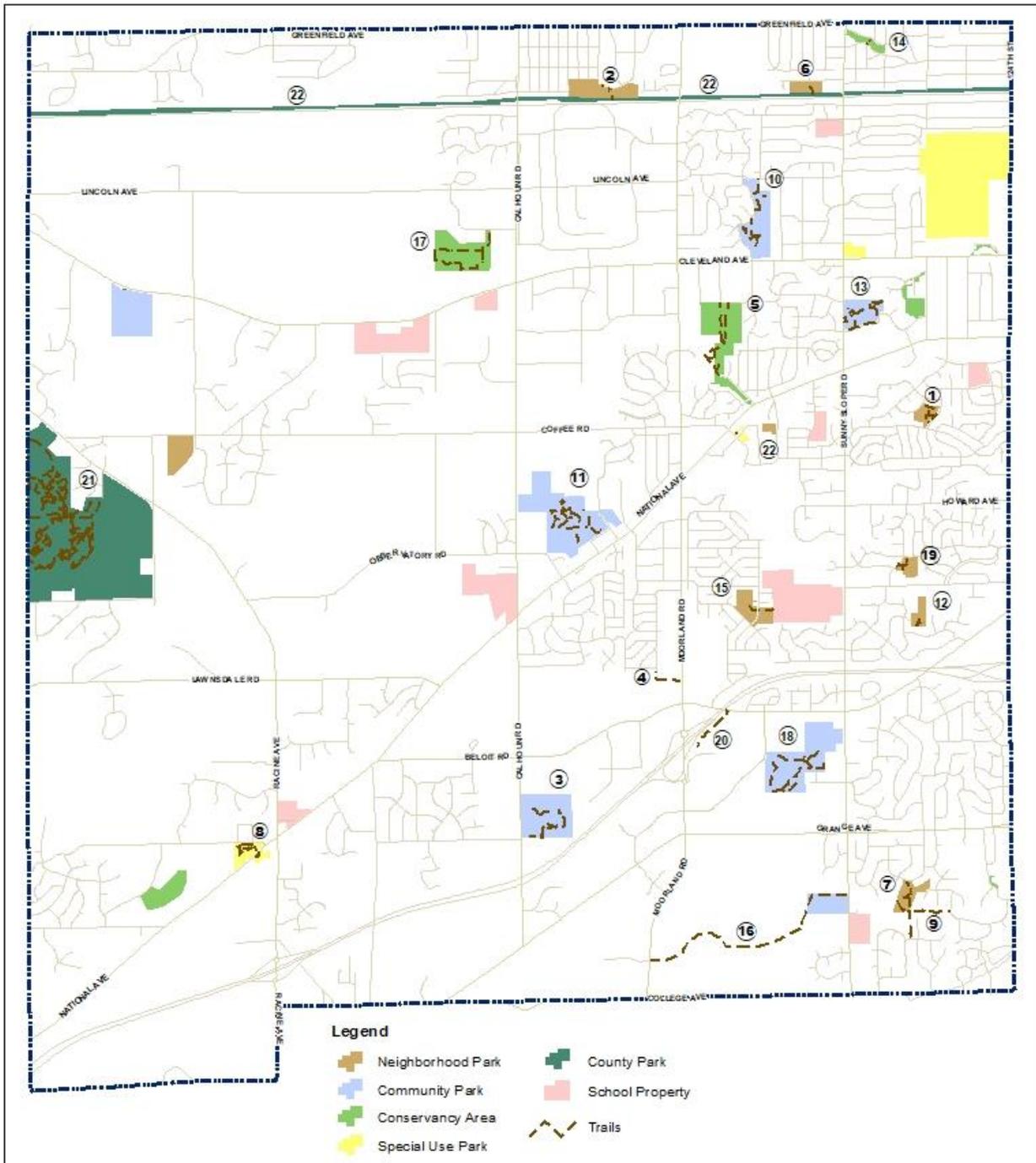
A variety of trail types can be found in New Berlin, including: Multi-Use, Bicycle, Regional, Nature and Hiking. An inventory of every public trail located within City property was completed. However, the Park and Open Space Plan will primarily focus on City Owned Trails for the comprehensive site assessment to determine areas for improvement.

**TABLE 7: Public Trails**

Trail Location/Municipal Park		Miles	Trail Type			Surface
			Connector	Internal	Notes	
<b>City Owned</b>						
1	Biwer Park	0.3		X	Hiking	Woodchip
2	Buena Park	0.12	X		Multi-Use	Asphalt
3	Calhoun Park	0.73		X	Hiking	Asphalt, grass
4	Children's Hospital Trail	0.2	X		Multi-Use	Asphalt
5	Deer Creek Sanctuary	1.06	X		Nature/Bicycle	Gravel, woodchip
6	Gatewood Park	0.09	X		Multi-Use	Gravel
7	High Grove Park	0.4	X	X	Hiking	Asphalt, gravel, woodchip
8	Historic Park	0.46		X	Walking	Concrete
9	Karrington / Woodfield Trail	0.45	X		Walking	Woodchip, boardwalk
10	Lions Park	0.77	X		Walking	Asphalt
11	Malone Park	1.3	X	X	Multi-Use/Hiking	Asphalt, woodchip
12	Maple Ridge Park	0.08		X	Hiking	Woodchip
13	Pro Health Care Park	0.94	X		Multi-Use	Asphalt, boardwalk
14	Prospect Parkway	0.04	X		Multi-Use	Asphalt
15	Regal Park	0.17	X		Walking	Gravel
16	Section 35 Trail	0.34	X		Multi-Use	Asphalt
17	Stigler Nature Preserve	0.95		X	Nature/Hiking	Woodchip
18	Valley View Park	1.36	X	X	Hiking	Gravel, woodchip
19	Weatherstone Park	0.19		X	Nature	Woodchip
20	Westridge Trail	0.33	X		Multi-Use	Asphalt, boardwalk
<b>Non-City Owned (Waukesha County)</b>						
21	Minooka Park	6		X	Nature	Grass, woodchip
22	New Berlin Recreational Trail	6	X		Regional	Asphalt

Source: City of New Berlin

# MAP 5: Public Trails



Source: City of New Berlin



# CHAPTER 6: ANALYSIS

There are several ways to analyze how the various recreational needs of a community are being met. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), along with other park and planning departments across the nation, are now placing more emphasis upon local standards and level of service. This change has occurred in recognition of the variability in the social, economic and physical aspects of our communities as such standards that work well for one community are often not appropriate for another. In recognition of this information, the following recommendations and standards were utilized in determining a baseline for parkland and recreational facility needs:

- The recommendations of the City's previous Park and Open Space Plans
- Per capita, jurisdictional, and accessibility standards outlined by the NRPA
- The recommendations of the Plan Commission and City staff

## SERVICE AREA AND PARK DISTRIBUTION

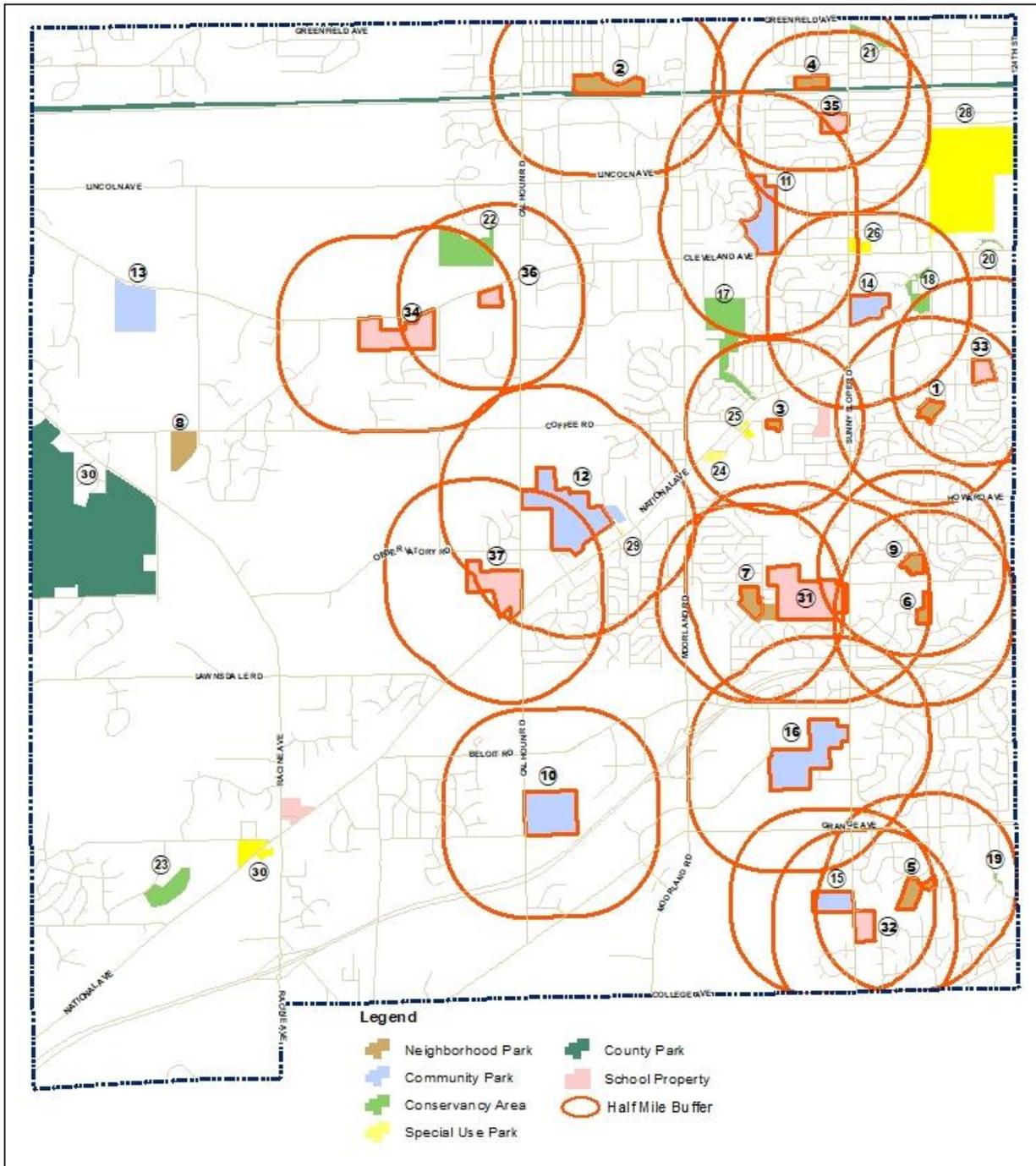
The distance that the population is from the park is a large determining factor for its ability to satisfy public needs. In order to maximize the public benefits and to provide safe access, parks should be located within a reasonable distance from the population they are intended to serve. It is also recommended that parks be distributed in a somewhat equitable fashion within a community to ensure that all residential areas are being served.

"Service Area Guidelines" prescribe the maximum distance that park users may reside, yet be considered served by a park. These guidelines are expressed in terms of straight-line distances (radii) from the park and do not take into consideration physical barriers, such as traffic arterials or natural features. Standard Service Areas recommended by the NRPA are outlined in Chapter 3 of this plan. These recommended service area guidelines serve as a general boundary for which to measure the parks ability to serve the population, and should be adjusted as necessary to suit local conditions. The following maps illustrate the extent of park service areas and distribution. In general, the greatest concentration of developed parks occur on the eastern half of the City where moderate-density residential uses are located, while the rural western sector has fewer park sites that remain largely undeveloped.

**MAP 6** shows that the majority of moderate-density residential areas in the eastern sector of the City are served appropriately by Neighborhood Parks, with a few districts that are not being served. However, the areas that are not being served by a Neighborhood Park in the eastern sector of the City are being served by a Community Park. The western sector of the City is not adequately served by Neighborhood Parks according to this type of analysis. Many of the residential uses in this sector are more rural than those located in the eastern sector.

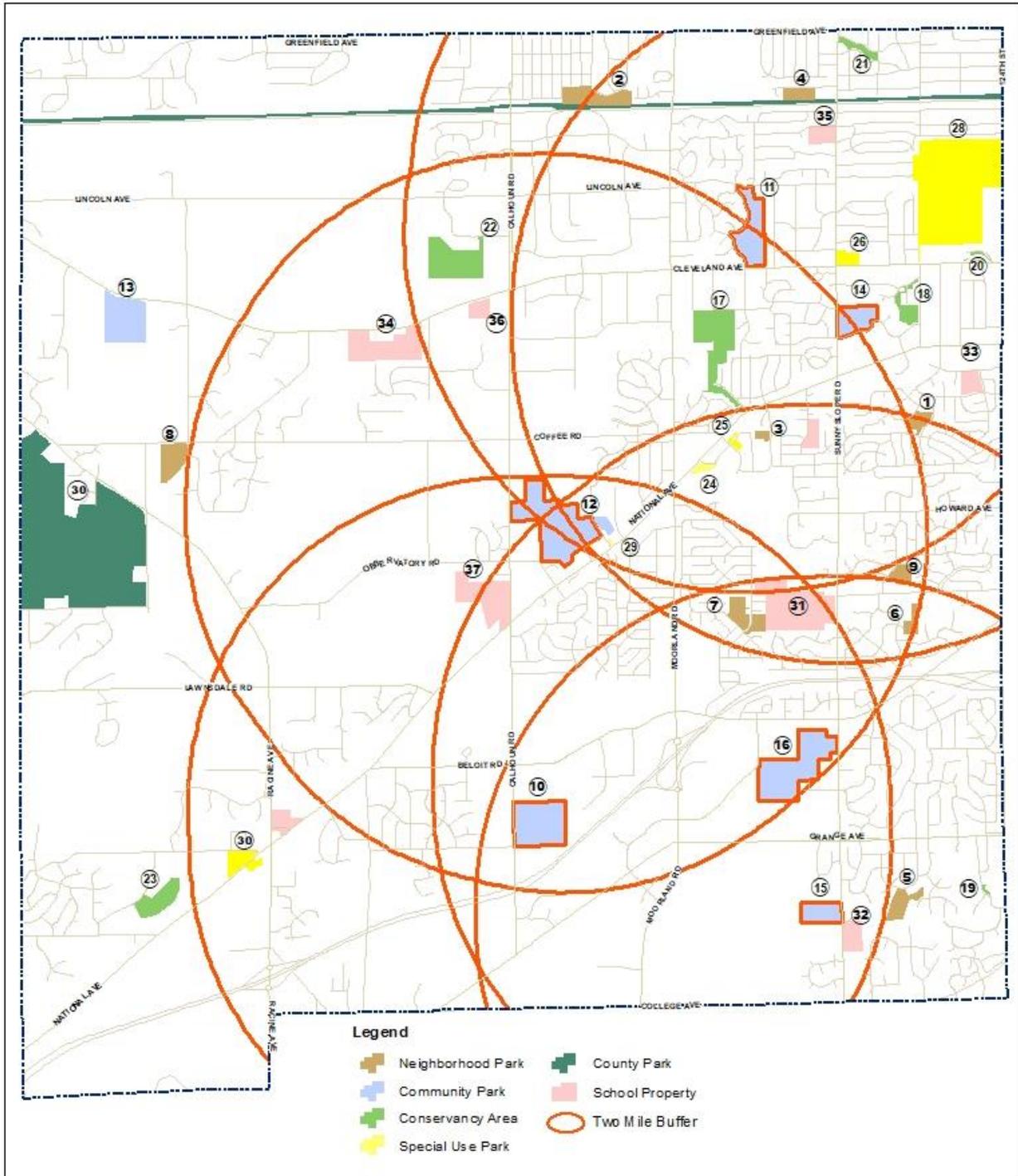
According to service area standards and park distribution shown in **MAP 7**, the eastern sector of the City is adequately served by Community Parks. The western sector of the City is not adequately served by Community Parks according to this type of analysis. Many of the residential uses in this sector are more rural than those located in the eastern sector.

**MAP 6: Existing Service Area of Neighborhood Parks**



Source: City of New Berlin

**MAP 7: Existing Service Area of Community Parks**



Source: City of New Berlin

## PARKLAND ACREAGE

The following standards are based upon information prepared by the NRPA. These standards are intended to be used as a guide and should not be applied to all locations in the same manner. Varying social, economic, geographic and cultural factors of communities should be looked at when determining how the standards should be applied.

According to NRPA standards, the average neighborhood park is between 5 and 10 acres and community parks are between 30 and 50 acres. In New Berlin, these averages exceed NRPA's recommendations at 12.8 acres and 51.5 acres, respectively, as shown in **TABLE 8**. However, while looking at the developable parkland in New Berlin, the average size of these parks decreases to 6.5 acres for a neighborhood park and 24 acres for a community park. New Berlin neighborhood parks currently fall within NRPA's recommended standards for average park size, but the community parks do not.

**TABLE 8: 2022 Park Size**

Component	# of Facilities	City of New Berlin Gross Acreage		City of New Berlin Developable Acreage		NRPA
		Total Park Acreage	Average Park Size	Total Park Acreage	Average Park Size	
Neighborhood Park	9	115	12.8	58.9	6.5	5-10
Community Park	7	360.5	51.5	167.7	24	30-50

Source: City of New Berlin, NRPA

According to NRPA standards, for every 1,000 people in a community, 1 to 2 acres of neighborhood parks and 5 to 8 acres of community parks are needed, as shown in **TABLE 9**. In New Berlin, these averages exceed NRPA's recommendations for park acreage per 1,000 people with 2.8 acres and 8.9 acres, respectively. However, while looking at the developable parkland in New Berlin, the park acreage per 1,000 people decreases to 1.5 acres for neighborhood parks and 4.1 acres for community parks. New Berlin neighborhood parks currently fall within NRPA's recommended standards for park acreage per 1,000 people, but the community parks do not.

**TABLE 9: Existing Park Acreage per 1,000 people - 2020 (population 40,451)**

Component	City of New Berlin Gross Acreage		City of New Berlin Developable Acreage		NRPA Acres/1,000 People
	Total Park Acreage	Acres/1,000 People	Total Park Acreage	Acres/1,000 People	
Neighborhood Park	115	2.8	58.9	1.5	1-2
Community Park	360.5	8.9	167.7	4.1	5-8

Source: City of New Berlin, NRPA

Population forecasts predict an additional 4,689 people to be living in New Berlin by the year 2030. In order to accommodate this population increase, there must be a minimum of 45.1 acres of neighborhood parks and 225.7 acres of community parks in New Berlin, as illustrated in **TABLE 10**. Neighborhood parks within New Berlin currently meet the minimum amount set by NRPA with 58.9

acres. However, community parks within New Berlin are currently below the minimum amount set by NRPA with 167.7 acres. An additional 58 acres of developable parkland is needed by the year 2030 to be used for community parks.

**TABLE 10: Additional Park Acreage needed by 2030 (projected population 45,140)**

Component	NRPA Acres/ 1,000 People	Total Developable Park Acreage		Additional Developable Park Acreage 2030
		2020 (population 40,451)	2030 Needed, per NRPA (projected population 45,140)	
Neighborhood Park	1-2	58.9	45.1 – 90.3	0
Community Park	5-8	167.7	225.7 – 361.1	58

Source: City of New Berlin, NRPA

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

According to population trends and projections, the City of New Berlin is expected to grow at a faster rate than it has in years past, as shown in **TABLE 11**. In addition to the projected population growth is the shift in the percentage of residents over the age of 65 living within the City. Accommodating the aging population should be looked into further when planning for parks and facilities within the City.

**TABLE 11: Population Trends**

Year	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
Population	38220	39,584	40,451	45,140	45,120
Net change	-	1,364	867	4,689	-20
% change	-	3.45%	2.19%	11.59%	-0.04%

Sources: Wisconsin DOA

Baseball, softball, and soccer participation remains a growing trend in New Berlin. In 2022, there were approximately 154 baseball and softball teams, which includes adult softball, NBAA and numerous select teams that play in New Berlin. There are 25 ball diamonds within public parks and an additional 13 on school properties. This leaves 154 teams sharing 38 diamonds, of which a third have limited availability and are only practice fields. In 2022, there were approximately 102 soccer teams, which includes NBAA and the New Berlin Soccer Club. There are 39 soccer fields within public parks and an additional 12 on school properties. This leaves 102 teams sharing 51 fields, of which many overlap with ball diamonds, have limited seasonal availability and are only practice fields.

It should be noted that these numbers do not include school district teams and their use. In recent years, the New Berlin School District itself has noted they do not have enough field space to host practices and games for their own teams and they too have sought to use City field space. Balancing the use of fields between the NBAA, the various select teams, the School District, and Recreation programs and leagues leaves little to no field space available for the general public to use, requires excess maintenance and supplies to try to keep the fields in playable conditions, and in some instances leaves the fields unrepairable. There is a greater need for fields than what is currently available in New Berlin.

Pickleball is a growing sport in recent years, with 47 different pickleball programs offered through the City's Recreation Department and a long waitlist for programs due to lack of court space. Currently, there are only three permanent pickleball courts in the City. Some of the City's tennis courts are striped for pickleball, but are only playable if people bring their own portable net or are participating in one of the scheduled programs offered by the Recreation Department.



# CHAPTER 7: RECOMMENDATION PLAN

The following section of the Park and Open Space Plan summarizes how the City plans to address the future needs of the community. These are broken into short-term and long-term actions, based upon public input, trends within the community and service standards. This major focus of this plan is to improve our existing facilities by making sure they comply with current standards and address the needs of the community.

## **SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENTS: 1 TO 5 YEARS**

### **ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS**

The primary focus of this plan shall be to maintain and preserve existing parkland. The parks are heavily used by sports teams, as well as other community members, as outlined in the Analysis section. According to the service area standards and park distribution, additional parks are not needed in New Berlin. However, frequent and heavy use of these sports fields decreases the longevity of them. Consider improvements, such as resurfacing, reconstructing and redesigning existing fields. Additional upgrades to accommodate ADA standards and sustainable practices are also highly encouraged. Incorporate a variety of outdoor spaces in order to provide equal opportunities for all abilities and ages, especially since there is a projected shift in the average age of the population in New Berlin. Use the ADA Study, CVMIC Playground Safety Inspection Report, and PASER as tools to plan park improvement projects.

#### ***Buena Park***

Replace playground (west).

#### ***Calhoun Park***

Accessible routes.

Bridge Maintenance.

Parking lot replacement (south).

Replace playground (south).

Replace Shelter #3 and restroom with new park structure.

#### ***Gatewood Park***

Accessible routes.

Replace shelter.

#### ***High Grove Park***

Replace playground.

#### ***Lions Park***

New shelter near restrooms.

**Malone Park**

Accessible routes.  
Add pickleball courts.  
Parking lot replacement (north).  
Replace gazebo with new park structure.  
Replace Shelter #1 and concessions with new park structure.  
Replace Shelter #2 with new park structure.  
Baseball diamond improvements (lighting, fencing, netting).

**Maple Ridge Park**

Accessible routes.  
Replace playground.

**New Berlin Activity and Recreation Center**

Buildout of Phase 2 (currently under construction).

**ProHealth Care Park**

Accessible routes.

**Regal Park**

Accessible routes.  
New shelter.  
Replace playground.

**Valley View Park**

Accessible routes.  
Add pickleball courts.  
Parking lot replacement (north, south, and southwest).  
Renovate Restroom #2.  
Replace playground (southwest).

**Various Parks**

Park Shelter Maintenance.

**ACQUISITION, DEDICATION AND PRESERVATION OF PARKLAND & OPEN SPACE**

Although the service area standards do not call for additional Community Parkland, the parkland acreage standards do. Consider areas of land that are within close proximity to moderate-density residential uses. These areas shall also contain high quality landscapes, woodlands or wetlands to be used for passive public uses.

**Section 35**

Acquire approximately 56.7 acres of parkland to serve as a Community Park.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT PARKLAND**

According to the parkland acreage standards, additional Community Parkland is needed. The focus is to keep developed parkland in the eastern sector of the City where moderate-density residential uses are located and to provide accessible connections to these highly populated areas.

### **Section 35**

Add pickleball courts.

Upon acquiring additional land to the west, construct athletic complex.

## **TRAILS**

Create a "People Movement" Plan by developing a network of trails that connects people to sought-after destinations or nodes. These destinations may include, but are not limited to: schools, parks and open spaces, business districts, commercial districts, and public transportation.

### **Section 35**

Upon acquiring additional land to the west, continue construction of a multi-use trail.

## **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

Maintain existing City facilities and provide best management practices to minimize operating and maintenance costs while providing high-quality facilities.

### **Community Center**

Evaluate current and future needs of this facility, including rentable space and storage.

### **DPW Facility**

Evaluate current and future needs of this facility, including rentable space and storage.

### **Hickory Grove Center**

Evaluate current and future needs of this facility, including rentable space and storage.

**TABLE 12: Parks CIP Budget**

Project		Estimated Cost				
		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
1	<b>Buena Park</b> Replace playground.	\$200,000				
2	<b>Calhoun Park</b> Accessible routes. Bridge Maintenance. Parking lot replacement. Replace playground. Replace Shelter #3 and restroom.		\$90,000	\$989,000		
3	<b>Gatewood Park</b> Accessible routes. Replace shelter.		\$15,000	\$150,000		
4	<b>High Grove Park</b> Replace playground.				\$20,000	\$200,000
5	<b>Lions Park</b> Build new shelter near restrooms.				\$20,000	\$200,000
6	<b>Malone Park</b> Accessible routes. Add pickleball courts. Parking lot replacement. Replace all shelters. Baseball diamond improvements.	\$2,800,000	\$1,250,000	\$625,000		
7	<b>Maple Ridge Park</b> Accessible routes. Replace playground.	\$200,000				
8	<b>ProHealth Care Park</b> Accessible routes.				\$10,000	\$100,000
9	<b>Regal Park</b> Accessible routes. New shelter. Replace playground.				\$30,000	\$300,000
10	<b>Section 35 Park</b> Add pickleball courts. Construct athletic complex and trail.		\$440,000	\$800,000	\$11,000,000	
11	<b>Valley View Park</b> Accessible routes. Add pickleball courts. Parking lot replacement. Renovate Restroom #2. Replace playground.		\$490,000	\$1,000,000		
12	<b>Various Parks</b> Park shelter maintenance.	\$125,000	\$50,000			

Source: City of New Berlin

## LONG TERM IMPROVEMENTS: 6 TO 20 YEARS

### ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS

Continue to maintain and preserve existing parkland. Consider improvements, such as resurfacing, reconstructing and redesigning existing fields. Additional upgrades to accommodate ADA standards and sustainable practices are also highly encouraged. Use the ADA Study, CVMIC Playground Safety Inspection Report, and PASER as tools to plan park improvement projects.

### ACQUISITION, DEDICATION AND PRESERVATION OF PARKLAND & OPEN SPACE

As additional facilities are needed within the parks, consider expansion of parkland. Focus on the development of parkland in the eastern sector of the City where moderate-density residential uses are located.

#### ***Malone Park***

Explore the opportunity for possible expansion of Malone Park by purchasing the 71 acre Posner Property (section 15), which is located northwest of Malone Park.

### DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT PARKLAND

Focus on the development of parkland in the eastern sector of the City where moderate-density residential uses are located.

#### ***Special Use Facilities within Neighborhood or Community Park***

Research, plan and explore public/private partnerships for special use facilities, such as a skate park. Consider other park and recreational facilities as needs and opportunities arise

### TRAILS

Create a "People Movement" Plan by developing a network of trails that connects people to sought-after destinations or nodes.

#### ***City Center Trail***

Construct an off road recreational trail to link Deer Creek Park to City Center(west), Regal Park(south) and Deer Creek Sanctuary(north).

#### ***Valley View Park Trail***

Construct an off road recreational trail to link Valley View Park to Section 35.