



## **PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM**

**Caledonia Village Hall – 5043 Chester Lane**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – October 8, 2024
- 3. Public Comment** – Provides a two-minute opportunity for citizens to voice opinions to the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee. The Committee cannot respond as this may conflict with open meeting requirements.
- 4. New Business**
  - a. Review and discuss the Park and Open Space Plan Chapters 3 and 4.
  - b. Review and Discuss Condition of Public Park at 5 Mile Road and Waters Edge Drive.
  - c. Review and Discuss Park Advertising – Crawford Park Outfield Signs.
  - d. Review and Discuss Park Signage
- 5. Old Business**
  - a. Crawford Park Mass Grading – Project Update
  - b. Discuss the naming of the newly acquired Public Park at 5 Mile Road and Waters Edge Drive.
- 6. Adjournment**

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 10, 2024**

**Order**

5:00 pm meeting called to order by Trustee McManus.

**PRESENT:** 4 – Trustee McManus, Trustee Lambrecht, Eugene Pagel, Larry Pedrazoli, Tom Dovorany

**ABSENT:** 2 - Carl Garnetzke, Christian De Jong (excused)

**STAFF/OTHER:** Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, Development Director Pete Wagner

**1 – Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2024**

Motion to approve the Minutes from September 10, 2024 made by Eugene Pagel. Seconded by Michael Lambrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Public comment –**

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

***Aldona Matalonis – 700 Waters Edge #10***

*Aldona expressed concerns about the “Park” at 5 Mile and Erie. She did not believe it to be adequate sized and that they used to have access along the ravine. She also had concerns about the dead trees and if the Village could remove them now that we own it.*

**3 – New Business**

**A. Review and discuss the Park and Open Space Plan comments from past meetings in preparation for November Meeting.**

Staff presented the copy of the current POSP chapter 4 tables with proposed amenities. Staff also described what was considered removed from the last year’s meetings regarding each park and what may or may not be a recommended feature for the park moving forward. Staff provided this as homework to the committee to bring back prior to the future November meeting so that SEWRPC and the Committee can have a good conversation. Minor discussion occurred. No motion required.

**4 – Continuing Business**

**A. Crawford Park Mass Grading – Project Update**

Staff presented a project update for the Committee. Staff showed drone photography of the park project. All ponds are installed, sledding hills nearly completed and storm sewer in progress. No motion required.

**B. Discussing the naming of the newly acquired Public Park at 5 Mile Road and Waters Edge Drive.**

Motion made by Pagel to take this item out of order ahead of 3a to address the public comment. Seconded by Lambrecht. All aye.

Staff briefly described the park and its limited ability to provide any other amenities due to the slopes and wetland delineation. Trees that have been dead in the ravine are not a result of the project and are naturally there as part of the natural resource. Staff then redirected back onto the Naming. After Committee of the Whole discussion, it was recommended that a name be selected by November's meeting via natural feature or potential individual. The committee is to return with their recommendation by November's meeting.

## **5 – Adjournment**

Trustee McManus adjourned the meeting at 5:27pm with no more items on the agenda and a Special Village Board meeting at 5:30pm.

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## Chapter 3

# STATUS OF PREVIOUS VILLAGE PARK PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

The 2018 edition of the Village's park and open space plan<sup>1</sup> includes comprehensive recommendations for the Village of Caledonia and other agencies regarding park and open space preservation and developing recreational facilities. This chapter summarizes and identifies the status of those recommendations as of the summer of 2024. Recommendations that had not been implemented were reevaluated as part of this plan update. Plan recommendations for the year 2050 are presented in Chapter 5.

### 3.2 STATUS OF PARK PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

Since the previous Village park and open space plan was completed, the Village has continued to make improvements to its existing park system, including significant investments to improve existing facilities and develop new amenities. Notably, the Village has begun implementing a master plan for Crawford Park, which will enhance existing facilities and create facilities to support a range of additional activities in the most densely populated area of the Village. The Village also recently acquired a new wooded park site near Lake Michigan, where it intends to develop trails. The following sections provide additional information on the status of the previous Village park plan recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> Documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 179, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, A Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, October 2018.

## **Outdoor Recreation**

### ***Parks Recommendations***

Through 2024, the Village has completed the following recommendations cited in the previous plan relating to developing and improving parks and trails:

- Adopted a multi-phased, \$10 million master plan for Crawford Park, which is anticipated to be fully implemented over the next fifteen years.
- Acquired ten acres of land adjacent to Crawford Park and the Village Campus and completed grading and seeding of the site.
- Began the development of a walking pathway at Crawford Park.
- Developed a playground near the lower shelter at Gorney Park.
- Added playground equipment at Linwood Park.
- Developed a picnic area with shelter, playground equipment, and pathways at Maple Park.
- Repaved the parking area<sup>2</sup> at Caledonia-Mt. Pleasant Memorial Park, which was renamed Franksville Memorial Park and transferred to Racine County ownership in 2022.
- Continued to maintain existing park facilities at Chapla Park, Crawford Park, Gorney Park, Linwood Park, Maple Park, and the Nicholson Wildlife Refuge.
- Acknowledged the designation of the Lake Michigan State Water Trail as a State water trail by the WDNR.

The Village has also pursued new developments and improvements at various park sites that were not specifically recommended in the previous park plan, which include developing a stormwater retention pond

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<sup>2</sup> *Repaving the parking area was recommended as a Village improvement in the previous plan but was completed by the County after the transfer of ownership.*

at Crawford Park, adding pathways at Maple Park, and adding pathways at Water's Edge Park (which had not yet been acquired as of the prior plan). Additional amenities at other parks, including a dog park and a kayak rental system, have also been explored, although these projects have not yet advanced further.

The following recommendations from the previous Village park plan have not been implemented as of 2024 and were reevaluated as part of this plan update:

- Acquiring and developing one new community park.
- Acquiring and developing fourteen new neighborhood parks.
- Developing hiking trails, a shelter with restrooms, a parking area, and a disc golf course at 5 ½ Mile Park.
- Developing playground equipment, a canoe/kayak access site, permanent benches and picnic tables, a shelter or gazebo, an outdoor fitness area, a boardwalk, and a beach volleyball court at Chapla Park.
- Developing a parking area, disc golf course, hiking trail, and shelter with restrooms at County Line Park.
- Developing an additional shelter with restrooms, dugouts, a dog park, a community center, additional picnic areas, a sledding hill, soccer fields, a skating area, an outdoor fitness area, an amphitheater, a full-court basketball or futsal court, a pickleball court, and a splash pad or water park at Crawford Park.
- Acquiring an additional 15 acres of land and developing soccer fields, additional parking areas, a maintenance garage, outdoor lighting, an additional shelter with restrooms, a concessions building, sand volleyball courts, a full-court basketball court, and fishing areas at Gorney Park.
- Developing basketball goals, sand volleyball courts, and pickleball courts at Maple Park.

- Acquiring an additional 49 acres of land and developing a boardwalk to the rear of the site, an observation area, an outdoor classroom area, a shelter with restrooms, a picnic area, and a play area with the playground at the Nicholson Wildlife Refuge.

### **Trails Recommendations**

The previous Village park plan recommended developing a trail along Hoods Creek, connecting with the Village of Mt. Pleasant at the southern boundary of the Village. Additional trails running north from Crawford Park along the Klema Ditch and from CTH K to Five Mile Road, between STH 38 and the Union Pacific Railroad, were also recommended. The plan also recommended developing trail connections between park and open space sites.

The prior plan also recommended developing 32 miles of on-street bikeways and an additional five miles of off-street trails within the Village; as of 2024, the Village has not developed any additional on-street bikeways. Just over 1/3 mile of recreational trail segments have been added within Crawford Park and Water's Edge Park, but no significant off-street trail projects have been undertaken. Existing trails and bikeways within the Village are shown on Map 2.5 in Chapter 2. In addition, the plan recommended that the Village work with the County to develop the Root River Water Trail and maintain and enhance the Lake Michigan Water Trail, which was designated as a state trail in 2017. Water trail recommendations have not been implemented as of 2024.

### **Open Space Preservation**

The previous edition of the plan recommended that all primary and secondary environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, 100-year recurrence interval floodplain areas, and stream and lakeshore buffers, together identified as open space preservation areas, currently in public ownership be preserved in essentially natural, open space uses. In 2018, the Village and County combined to own 1,099 acres of open space preservation areas. The Village has acquired an additional 3 acres of open space preservation lands in Water's Edge Park since 2018.

## **3.3 STATUS OF PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY OTHER UNITS OF GOVERNMENT**

### **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

To qualify for State and Federal grant programs for acquiring and developing land for outdoor recreation and resource protection purposes, the Village must adopt a park plan that complies with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requirements. The WDNR approved the previous Village park

plan, and it is anticipated that this plan will also meet the WDNR standards. WDNR approval will maintain Caledonia's eligibility to apply for available State and Federal grant funds to support plan implementation.

### **Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

Construction of bikeways within State trunk highways, under Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) jurisdiction, was recommended during any reconstruction or resurfacing. Several resurfacing projects have occurred along STH-38, which runs through the central portion of the Village, since the prior plan was adopted, including a resurfacing underway as this plan update was under development. WisDOT plans for the 2024 resurfacing project included striping wider shoulders, which may improve comfort and safety for some bicyclists.

### **Racine County**

#### ***County Parks Recommendations***

The previous Village park plan recommended that Racine County continue to provide and maintain facilities at the River Bend Nature Center, Tabor Sokol Memorial Park, Quarry Lake Park, and Horlick Park. Since the 2018 plan was adopted, the County has also taken ownership of the Franksville Memorial Park from the Villages of Caledonia and Mount Pleasant. In addition to maintaining existing facilities at the park, the Franksville Craft Beer Garden has been developed and is open seasonally.

The plan also recommended that the County acquire additional environmentally sensitive lands, especially along the Root River, and develop additional recreational facilities at Cliffside Park. These recommendations had not been implemented as of 2024; however, the County began a wetland restoration project at Cliffside Park, funded by a WDNR grant, in 2023.

#### ***County Trails Recommendations***

The previous Village park plan calls for Racine County to continue to maintain bicycle routes within the Village associated with the Racine County Route System. The County has continued to maintain existing facilities but has not developed additional on-street bicycle facilities or off-street trails. Notably, the previous plan recommended the County acquire additional lands along the Root River and develop recreational facilities, access sites, and other facilities for resource-oriented activities. These facilities would support the development of a Root River water trail and enhance the existing Lake Michigan Water Trail. Although the Root River water trail has also been identified as a recommendation in County plans, it has not been developed as of 2024.



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## Chapter 4

# FRAMEWORK FOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT

This chapter describes the objectives, principles, and standards that were used, in conjunction with the information presented in prior chapters, which were used to guide the updated park and open space plan for the Village of Caledonia. Specifically, this chapter describes relevant Village, County, and regional plans, projected 2050 population levels and land use in the Village; outlines regional park and open space objectives, principles, and standards; and summarizes the results of a public input survey.

### 4.1 VILLAGE PLANS AFFECTING THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

To promote sound and cohesive planning, the updated Village park plan aligns with and relates to adopted local, county, and regional plans. This section describes relevant plans which were considered during the planning process.

#### **Park and Open Space Plans and Related Plans**

The Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Caledonia: 2050 is the fourth park and open space plan prepared for the Village.<sup>1</sup> The Commission prepared the original 1989 plan, the 2018 third edition, and this plan update, and Village staff prepared the 2009 second edition. Chapter 3 provides background information and the implementation status of recommendations from the previous park and open space plan.

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<sup>1</sup> *The previous two editions of the SEWRPC-prepared park plans were adopted by the then-Town of Caledonia. In November 2005, the Town incorporated as the Village of Caledonia.*

### **Crawford Park Master Plan**

In 2022, the Village of Caledonia consulted with MSA Professional Services to prepare a master plan for Crawford Park, centrally located in the Village adjacent to the recently constructed Village Hall and Public Safety Building. The prior edition of the Village park plan recommended acquiring additional land to expand the existing park, upgrading facilities, and adding new recreational facilities to the park. The Crawford Park Master Plan is intended to guide future development of the park, incorporating the park plan's recommendations and community input.

Adopted by the Village Board in October of 2022, the completed Crawford Park Master Plan includes a phased \$10 million project to expand, develop, and enhance Crawford Park with a range of improvements prioritized into three tiers. The first phase of implementation focused on rough grading, improving stormwater management, restoring turf and native prairie on the site, and developing a sledding hill. The second phase, which was in progress as this park plan was under preparation, includes the addition of a trail loop, updating playground, sports court, and parking facilities, and continued work on phase one projects. Future phases will include a skatepark, splashpad, additional shelter with restrooms, and fine grading for sports fields and a winter skating rink. Tree plantings, landscaping enhancements, and installation of public art and benches are incorporated across all phases of plan implementation.

### **Village of Caledonia Land Use Plan and Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County**

The Caledonia Village Board adopted an updated land use plan and a series of detailed neighborhood plans<sup>2</sup> in 2006. In 2009, the Village Board adopted the multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan for Racine County<sup>3</sup> as the Village's comprehensive plan with a design year of 2035. The multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan includes population and household projections as well as recommendations for future land uses, parks, and natural resource preservation and goals, objectives, policies, and programs relevant to park and open space planning. Map 4.1 shows the Village of Caledonia land use plan, with amendments adopted by the Village Board through September 2024.

The "Environmental Linkage" Policy included in the 2006 Village land use plan encouraged the connection of environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, and other significant natural resource areas to form larger habitat systems or corridors. The Village's policy is intended to preserve large tracts of land with

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<sup>2</sup> Documented in a report entitled, *Village of Caledonia Final Land Use Plan, August 2006*.

<sup>3</sup> Documented in *SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 301, A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035, November 2009*.

the ability to support diverse wildlife habitats for conservation purposes and was incorporated into the multi-jurisdictional plan:

*Support carefully planned efforts to restore open space lands to more natural conditions that could result in the expansion of the environmental corridor network. This should include linkages between existing environmental corridors and isolated natural resources, especially those areas that are identified in local and neighborhood land use plans.*

The multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan anticipates that the Village will continue to maintain its existing park and open space sites, and the Village’s land use plan map identifies both existing active park sites and additional areas that may serve as future parks as a “Recreational” land use. Chapter 5 of this park and open space plan identifies these sites as well as some existing sites where future expansion and/or development of additional recreation facilities may serve Village residents.

**Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Programs**

The multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan identifies goals, objectives, policies, and programs that complement the Commission’s Regional Park and Open Space Objectives, Principles, and Standards<sup>4</sup> which relate to the development of the Village park and open space system:

Goals

- Preserve open space to enhance the total quality of the environment, maximize essential natural resource availability, give form and structure to urban development, and provide opportunities for a full range of outdoor recreation activities.
- Maintain the environmental assets of the community and develop methods to protect and preserve valuable natural features, including wetlands, wildlife habitats, lakes, woodlands, open spaces, groundwater resources, and floodplains.

Objectives

- Preserve the natural character and vistas in Racine County.
- Preserve open spaces and natural resources as part of future development proposals in the County.

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<sup>4</sup> Regional Park and Open Space Objectives, Principles, and Standards are included in Appendix A of this report.

- Provide a comprehensive system of parks and open spaces within Racine County to enhance the quality of the environment and life.
- Provide County residents adequate opportunities to participate in resource and non-resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities, including water-based outdoor recreation activities.
- Support recommendations in regional, county, and local plans related to land use, transportation, water quality management, water supply, lake districts, and parks and open spaces.
- Provide a comprehensive system of parks, and outdoor recreation sites and facilities to allow County residents adequate opportunities to participate in resource and non-resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities, including water-based outdoor recreation activities that are consistent with enjoyable surface water use and maintenance of adequate water quality.
- Provide an integrated and accessible system of trails that will provide County residents with a transportation alternative to motor vehicles.
- Foster social, educational, recreational, and leisure-time opportunities for residents.

#### Policies and Programs

- Implement strategies regarding the preservation and protection of environmental corridors, natural areas, and critical species habitat sites recommended in the County land and water resource management plan and the Racine County park and open space plan, including updates to the plans.
- Implement strategies regarding the protection and restoration of wetlands, stream corridors, floodplain areas, the Lake Michigan shoreline and bluff, and protection of natural systems, pollution reduction and control, and protection of public safety and public recreation and access recommended in the County land and water resource management plan.
- Implement the recommendations of the Racine County park and open space plan and any subsequent updates.
- Consider the preparation and implementation of local park and open space plans.

- Update County and local park and open space plans as necessary to maintain eligibility for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Stewardship funding.
- Continue to partner with appropriate Federal, State, and Nonprofit Conservation Organizations (NCOs) to promote natural resource enhancements and restorations in Racine County.
- Support carefully planned efforts to restore open space lands to more natural conditions that could result in the expansion of the environmental corridor network. This should include linkages between existing environmental corridors and isolated natural resources, especially those areas that are identified in local and neighborhood land use plans.
- Work with the Kenosha/Racine Land Trust and other NCOs to protect environmental corridors, natural areas, and critical species habitat sites through Purchase of Development Rights (PDR), easements, and/or land purchases.
- Work with local governments to provide a system of public neighborhood and community parks in urban areas that complement the County park and trail system.
- Continue to provide information to local governments about County park and open space sites and recreational facilities, and coordinate with local governments for the joint development and use of facilities, where appropriate.
- Identify and seek grant funds to study future needs and demands for recreational programs and facilities for school-age children and teenagers.
- Consider park and recreation standards developed by SEWRPC, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association when updating the County and local park and open space plans to ensure an appropriate number, size, and distribution of parks and recreational facilities.
- Coordinate county-wide on-street and off-street (multi-use) bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian, and waterway trail planning and development to provide connections to local trails and trails in adjacent counties.

- Racine County and its communities should continue to work with the WDNR and non-government organizations to acquire and develop parks, trails, and other recreation facilities, and to acquire and protect valuable natural resource areas as called for in County or local park and open space plans.

### **Population Projections**

The Village selected a 2035 projection of 30,342 residents and 11,731 households for inclusion in the multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan. Projections included in this plan follow the same model, as updated in the Commission's 2050 regional land use plan. In 2020, the Village's population was 25,361 residents, and there were 10,263 households. This plan projects that the Village's population and households will increase by approximately 34 and 39 percent, respectively, to 34,027 residents in 14,314 households between 2020 and 2050.

### **Root River Watershed Restoration Plan**

The Commission prepared the Root River watershed restoration plan<sup>5</sup> at the request of Racine County, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), the Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust, Inc. (Sweet Water), and the Root-Pike WIN. The plan addresses concerns about watershed degradation through a comprehensive approach to guide the management and restoration of water resources. The watershed plan builds upon the findings and recommendations of the 2007 regional water quality management plan update<sup>6</sup> and is designed to assist government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and private landowners by providing specific, targeted recommendations and identifying methods that will restore and improve the natural resources of the watershed. The watershed restoration plan is focused on four issues: water quality, recreational use and access, habitat conditions, and flooding.<sup>7</sup>

Approximately 12 miles of the Root River 18 percent of the total watershed are within the Village of Caledonia. 22,945 acres of the Village are within the watershed. Publicly-owned sites (Racine County-owned River Bend Nature Center, Milwaukee and Racine County-owned parkway lands, City of Racine-owned Johnson Park, and Village-owned Linwood Park) encompass 942 acres, and four privately-owned sites (three

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<sup>5</sup> Documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 316, *A Watershed Restoration Plan for the Root River Watershed*, July 2014.

<sup>6</sup> Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 50, *A Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update for the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds, Parts One and Two*, December 2007.

<sup>7</sup> Flood mitigation approaches were addressed in the Root River plan for the Racine County portion of the watershed. Flooding in the Milwaukee County portion of the watershed is being addressed through separate studies.

Caledonia Conservancy properties and the privately-owned S.C. Johnson Armstrong Park) encompass 177 acres located along the Root River within the planning area. Together, these sites protect 1,119 acres of watershed immediately adjacent to the River through public ownership, a conservation organization, or other private entity.

The Root River provides many recreational opportunities to Village residents, including fishing, hunting, boating, wading, canoeing, kayaking, wildlife watching, and scenic viewing. The portion of the Root River just south of the Village in the City of Racine supports a trout and salmon fishery stocked by the WDNR and linked to Lake Michigan.

The watershed plan recommends expanding and/or protecting riparian buffers along the River and its tributaries, which include Hoods Creek, Husher Creek, Crayfish Creek, and the Kilbournville tributary in the Village. The plan also recommends maintaining or establishing a minimum buffer of natural vegetation within 75 feet on both sides of the River and its tributaries to reduce pollution entering the stream and provide quality in-stream habitats. When development or redevelopment proposals are submitted to the Village for review, consideration should be given to establishing an optimal riparian buffer of up to 1,000 feet on both sides of the Root River to enhance the in-stream benefits while also providing links to essential wildlife habitats.

Table C.1 in Appendix C lists site-specific recommendations for improvements on portions of the Root River within the Village that are intended to promote water quality, improve habitat, and provide opportunities and access for recreational use. The watershed plan further recommends evaluating the use of various green infrastructure methods in the urban portions of the Village, including green roofs, rain barrels, rain gardens, cisterns, and porous pavement in areas not subject to the application of salt. In addition to the site-specific recommendations, the watershed plan recommends more detailed floodplain mitigation planning for the Village with a focus on non-structural flood mitigation such as elevating, floodproofing, or demolishing flood-prone buildings.

The watershed plan includes a recommendation from the regional water quality management plan that 10 percent of existing marginally productive farmland and pasture<sup>8</sup> be converted to either wetland or prairie conditions. Restoring these areas would reduce fecal coliform bacteria, total suspended solids, total

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<sup>8</sup> Marginally productive lands are defined as agricultural lands that have not been identified as having Class I or Class II soils by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

nitrogen, and total phosphorus loads delivered to streams, and to a limited degree, reduce peak stormwater runoff rates. Map 4.2 shows the candidate areas within the Village<sup>9</sup> to be given first consideration when identifying marginally productive lands to be converted to wetlands or prairies. The areas selected are within or adjacent to planned environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, or farmed wetlands larger than five acres, which would meet the criteria for designation as an isolated natural resource area if farming activities cease and the wetland reverts to natural conditions.

## **4.2 COUNTY AND REGIONAL PLANS AFFECTING THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN**

### **Regional and County Park and Open Space Plans**

The adopted regional park, outdoor recreation, and related open space plan<sup>10</sup> identifies existing and probable future park and open space needs within the Region and recommends a system of large regional resource-oriented parks, recreation corridors, smaller urban parks, and recreational facilities, to meet these needs. The Racine County park and open space plan, adopted in 1988 and updated in 2001 and 2012, further revised and refined the regional park plan. The third edition of the plan, adopted by the County Board in 2012, has the design year of 2035 and consists of both an open space preservation element and an areawide outdoor recreation element intended to, respectively, protect areas containing important natural resources and to provide resource-oriented recreational sites and facilities, including trails. Map 4.3 summarizes the outdoor recreation element of the County park plan.

Outdoor recreation sites recommended by the County park plan include one major park within the Village of Caledonia, the 223-acre Cliffside Park, located in the northeastern portion of the Village along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The plan recommends that the County provide additional picnic facilities and trails and develop a nature study center focused on lakeshore resources at the park. The plan also recommends that the County consider establishing a public-private partnership to fund the development of a disc golf course at the park. The plan recommends that the City of Racine continue to maintain and provide additional facilities for resource-oriented activities at Johnson Park and Golf Course, a 335-acre park located in and maintained by the City but surrounded by the Village in the south-central portion of the planning area.

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<sup>9</sup> Potential restoration areas shown on Map 4.2 have soils that indicate that they may be suitable for restoration as wetlands. An on-site evaluation of site and soil conditions would be necessary prior to any restoration efforts.

<sup>10</sup> Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 27, A Regional Park and Open Space Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2000, November 1977.



The County park plan recommends continued maintenance at other County-owned sites within the Village of Caledonia, including the River Bend Nature Center, Root River Parkway lands, and Tabor Sokol Memorial Park. The plan recommends that the County continue to maintain the nature center and accommodate resource-oriented activities through a public-private partnership with a nonprofit organization. The plan also recommends that the County continue to acquire lands along the Root River as part of the parkway system for resource protection, where feasible, and develop appropriate recreational facilities associated with the Root River and other resource-oriented activities in these areas. Recommendations for continued maintenance and additional facilities provision are also included for other County parks located near the Village, including the 39-acre Quarry Lake Park and the 15-acre Horlick Park, both located just south of the Village in the City of Racine and the Village of Mount Pleasant, respectively.

The Racine County plan recommends that the County develop trails within the Lake Michigan and Root River Recreation Corridors in the Village. Seven miles of the MRK Trail, within the Lake Michigan corridor, exists within the Village on a combination of off-street and on-street segments. The majority of the trail is located on WE Energies property or in a utility corridor. The City of Racine has developed the Lake Michigan Pathway within the City, which links the MRK Trail in the Village of Caledonia to the North Shore Trail in the Village of Mount Pleasant. The Racine County trail connects to the North Shore Trail in Kenosha County and is planned to, but does not currently, connect with the Oak Leaf in Milwaukee County. It is recommended that Racine County continue to maintain those portions of the trail located within the Villages of Caledonia and Mount Pleasant.

The plan also recommends that Racine County develop a Root River Trail within the Village. The proposed trail would connect to the existing four-mile Root River Pathway within the City of Racine and continue north along the Root River into Milwaukee County, eventually connecting to an existing segment of the trail in the City of Franklin. The County plan also recommends the County continue to maintain signage and other route amenities associated with the on-street Racine County Bicycle Route, which includes about a nine-mile portion within the Village.

The popularity of water-related activities is recognized in the County park plan, which also recommends the development of water trails on the Root River and along the Lake Michigan<sup>11</sup> shoreline within and adjacent to the Village, connecting with water trails in adjacent counties. The plan recommends providing public canoe/kayak access points with parking every 10 miles on major streams within Racine County. Existing

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<sup>11</sup> In July 2017, the Department of Natural Resources designated the Lake Michigan Water Trail as a State Trail.

public canoe access sites are currently located at River Bend Nature Center and Horlick Park, and specific locations for the development of additional access sites are recommended in the Root River watershed plan (see Appendix C). As lakeshore property within the Village becomes available, Racine County and the Village should jointly evaluate the recreational potential and consider acquiring the land for public access and recreational use, including beach swimming, shore fishing, and other lake-oriented activities.

### **Regional Natural Areas Plan**

The 1994 regional natural areas study identified natural areas and critical species habitat sites in Southeastern Wisconsin. The inventory of natural areas, critical species habitat sites, and geological sites was updated in 2010.<sup>12</sup> Recommendations for the protection of the 14 natural areas, 13 critical species habitat sites, and two geological areas identified in the Village<sup>13</sup> are included in Chapter 5.

### **4.3 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, AND STANDARDS**

In 1977, the Regional Planning Commission formulated a comprehensive set of preservation, acquisition, and development objectives that address neighborhood, community, and multi-community or regional park and open space sites and facilities as integral parts of an areawide system to provide the greatest opportunities for high-quality recreational experiences. The objectives, principles, and standards developed for the Regional Park and Open Space Plan, included in Appendix A, were used to prepare both the Racine County and Village of Caledonia park and open space plans. The regional standards have been updated over time to incorporate newer State regulations and standards for changing recreational activities.

The regional and county park and open space plans describe shared responsibility among various levels of government for providing the necessary parks, open space lands, and associated recreational facilities. State and county governments are largely responsible for acquiring and developing major resource-oriented

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<sup>12</sup> Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, *A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin*, September 1997. An update to the plan is documented in SEWRPC Amendment to Planning Report No. 42, *Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin*, December 2010.

<sup>13</sup> Natural areas, critical species habitat sites, and geological areas are shown on Map 2.9 and described in Table 2.8 in Chapter 2 of this report.

parks and recreational facilities,<sup>14</sup> although larger cities sometimes provide major parks. The continued maintenance and development of Cliffside Park by Racine County and Johnson Park and Golf Course by the City of Racine will meet the need for major parks within the Village of Caledonia. Additionally, Milwaukee County owns and maintains the 300-acre Bender Park in the City of Oak Creek just north of the Village, which includes a beach on the Lake Michigan shoreline, boat launches with trailer parking, hiking trails, fishing, and a recreation building with restrooms. The regional objectives, principles, and standards delegate the responsibility for providing smaller community and neighborhood parks and facilities to cities, villages, and towns.

#### **4.4 PARK AND OPEN SPACE NEEDS**

##### **Needs Analysis**

A needs analysis was conducted to help determine the need for additional outdoor recreation sites and facilities to serve the Village's anticipated future resident population. For this update, two different approaches were utilized to assess the need for additional parks and recreational facilities: applying the per capita and accessibility standards in Appendix A for the size, number, and spatial distribution of public and private parks and outdoor recreation facilities and utilizing the park metrics in Appendix B to benchmark Caledonia's current sites and facilities relative to peer communities.

Per capita standards determine the number of acres of parkland or the number of recreational facilities to be provided for every 1,000 Village residents. As noted in Chapter 2, the Village's 2020 population was 25,361, and the projected 2050 population upon which the needs analysis is based is about 34,027 persons. Recreational facilities include baseball and softball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball goals (hoops), and similar facilities. Accessibility standards apply a recommended service area to community and neighborhood parks and recreational facilities. They are intended to ensure that these sites are well-distributed throughout the Village and convenient to all residents.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) introduced NRPA Park Metrics<sup>15</sup> in 2009 as a methodology for evaluating the provision of park and recreation sites and facilities relative to other communities with similar characteristics. Performance benchmarking with these metrics in conjunction with

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<sup>14</sup> *Resource-oriented recreational facilities include camping, golfing, picnicking, skiing, and beach swimming. Such facilities are dependent on the natural resources, such as woodlands and rivers or lakes, of the site in which they are located. Facility requirements for these activities are set forth under Objective No. 3 in Appendix A.*

<sup>15</sup> *Annual updates to the NRPA Park Metrics are provided in a variety of formats on the NRPA website at [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org).*

public feedback allows for a baseline analysis of the current park system's adequacy while recognizing that standards alone cannot account for an individual community's unique characteristics, needs, and desires. Caledonia was benchmarked relative to other communities with populations ranging from 20,000 to 40,000, having 20 to 40 park sites, and located in the East North Central Division as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.<sup>16</sup> Median, upper quartile, and lower quartile performance metrics for 2023, the most recent year for which complete data were available, were considered in the analysis. The park metrics for this peer group of communities are included in Appendix B.

### **Community and Neighborhood Parks**

Objective 2 in Appendix A defines regional standards for the provision of adequate sites and facilities for non-resource-oriented recreation activities, which do not depend upon the presence of natural resources such as woodlands, slopes, lakes, rivers, or large expanses of land. Non-resource-oriented facilities, typically provided at community and neighborhood parks and public schools, include ball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, swimming pools, and basketball courts and hoops.

Community parks range in size from 25 to 99 acres, have a service radius of two miles, and generally provide community-oriented facilities such as baseball or softball diamonds, tennis courts, and swimming pools. Neighborhood parks range in size from five to 24 acres and have a service radius of 0.5 miles in high-density residential areas, 0.75 miles in medium-density residential areas, and 1.0 miles in low-density residential areas. The needs analysis applied a service radius of 0.75 miles to reflect the prevalence of medium-density residential areas in the Village of Caledonia. Neighborhood parks provide facilities for children's outdoor recreation activities, such as playground and playfield activities, basketball, and other court games.

Community parks generally include typical neighborhood park facilities (playfields and playgrounds) in addition to community park facilities (ball diamonds and tennis courts) and can, therefore, fill an area's need for neighborhood parks. Both community and neighborhood parks should also provide landscaped areas for passive recreation uses such as picnicking, walking, and general relaxation.

Although not generally perceived as parks, public school outdoor recreation sites often provide areas for the pursuit of non-resource-related activities and are therefore taken into account in the application of the per capita acreage and service area standards for urban outdoor recreation sites and facilities. Because

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<sup>16</sup> *The U.S. Census Bureau includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin in the East North Central Division of the larger Midwest Region.*

school sites generally do not provide areas for picnicking and other passive uses, they are not considered when applying the service area standards for community and neighborhood parks. It should be noted that Racine Unified School District events and policies may limit the availability and use of certain facilities to the general public.

Neighborhood park sites provide facilities for children’s outdoor recreation activities, which should be accessible through a convenient and safe pedestrian circulation pattern. In the service area analysis for neighborhood parks, features such as rivers and railroads were considered as barriers preventing pedestrian access from residential areas to neighborhood parks and recreation facilities unless a bridge or street provided convenient access. Arterial streets were also considered barriers to neighborhood parks, except in cases where stop signs or signals provided convenient pedestrian access from surrounding residential areas.

#### **Site Needs Based on Per Capita Standards**

Table 4.1 presents the per capita standards and benchmarks for the amount of land needed for community and neighborhood parks to serve Village residents in the year 2050. Applying the regional per capita standards indicates a need for additional public school site outdoor recreation lands; however, the total acreage of lands available for public outdoor recreation exceeds the regional standards due to the acreage of existing public park sites within the Village planning area. Park metrics benchmarking, which does not differentiate park and public school sites, indicates that the Village’s current per capita acreage exceeds the 2023 upper quartile of peer communities. Additional parks may still be needed to provide an appropriate spatial distribution throughout the Village.

#### **Site Needs Based on Service Area Standards**

The regional service area standards are intended to ensure that the spatial distribution of public park and open space sites is convenient and efficiently accessible to the population they serve. Areas developed or planned for nonresidential uses, including commercial, industrial, and institutional uses, need not be served with community or neighborhood parks and are not considered in determining the need for additional park sites.

Map 4.4 shows the application of the two-mile service area radius to existing parks providing community facilities, including Cliffside Park, Crawford Park, Franksville Memorial Park, and Gorney Park in the Village and Johnson Park and Golf Course in the City of Racine. Currently, developed areas in the Village are within the recommended service area of existing community parks, but planned residential areas west of CTH V are not adequately served by a community park.

Map 4.5 shows the application of the 0.75-mile service area radius to existing parks providing neighborhood facilities, including Chapla Park, Linwood Park, Maple Park, and the community parks noted above. Caledonia's neighborhood parks are concentrated in the eastern portion of the Village, and much of the Village west of STH 32 is not currently adequately served by a neighborhood park. The presence of railroads or arterial streets is also a barrier to access, and as a result, there are areas of the Village that are considered inadequately served despite being within the 0.75-mile service area radius.

### **Facility Needs Based on Per Capita Standards**

The regional facility standards described under Objective No. 2 in Appendix A are concerned with providing an adequate number and distribution of outdoor recreation facilities to afford Village residents opportunities to participate in intensive outdoor recreation activities such as baseball, softball, soccer, and tennis. Table 4.2 presents the regional per capita facility standards relative to the Village's projected 2050 population level, including existing facilities located in public and private sites within the Village. Facilities at public sites include those at community parks, neighborhood parks, and public schools. Facilities at private sites include those at private schools and commercial and organizational recreation sites.

Applying the regional per capita standards identifies a need for twenty additional public basketball hoops, five additional public playfields, four additional public playgrounds, eight additional public softball diamonds, and eight additional public tennis/pickleball courts. These needs should be fulfilled by investment in additional public facilities, as the provision of additional privately owned recreational facilities cannot be controlled.

Public recreational preferences are continually evolving, and the types of facilities needed to serve them also change over time. The six most prevalent types of outdoor recreation facilities identified by NRPA include all categories included in the regional standards as well as dog parks. Table 4.3 presents benchmarks of the Village's current public facilities provision along with the lower, median, and upper residents per facility in peer communities. Analysis of public outdoor recreation facilities using park metrics indicates that the Village's provision of ball fields, basketball hoops, dog parks, rectangular playfields, and tennis/pickleball courts meets or exceeds the benchmarks. However, this analysis indicates that the Village may not be providing adequate playground facilities to meet the current demand. Note that these benchmarks do not account for the condition, quality, or distribution of current facilities.

## **Facility Needs Based on Service Area Standards**

The spatial distribution of outdoor recreation facilities should provide ready access for Village residents. Applying Objective No. 2's service radius standards determined which portions of the Village may lack adequate access to selected non-resource-oriented outdoor recreation facilities, as identified below.

### Baseball Diamonds

Map 4.6 shows the four public outdoor recreation sites in the Village that provide baseball diamonds in 2024, including the league softball diamond at Franksville Memorial Park, which can also serve as a baseball diamond. Applying the two-mile service area radius standard of a baseball diamond indicates that areas in the south-central and western portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of baseball diamonds.

### Basketball Hoops

Map 4.7 shows the five public outdoor recreation sites in the Village that provide basketball hoops in 2024. Applying the 0.5-mile service area radius standard for a basketball hoop indicates that much of the Village west of STH 32, apart from the Franksville area, is not served by the existing distribution of basketball hoops. Railroads also create access barriers in some areas of the Village which are inadequately served, although they are within the 0.5-mile service area radius.

### Playfields and Playgrounds

Nine public outdoor recreation sites in the Village provided playfields, and eight public outdoor recreation sites in the Village provided playgrounds in 2024, as shown on Map 4.8. Applying the 0.5-mile service area radius standard of a playfield indicates that, aside from the Franksville and Johnson Park areas, much of the Village west of STH 32 is not served by the existing distribution of playfields and playgrounds. Natural and man-made barriers also restrict access in limited areas of the Village which, although within the 0.5-mile service area radius, are considered inadequately served.

### Soccer Fields

Five public outdoor recreation sites in the Village provided soccer fields in 2024, as shown on Map 4.9. The privately-owned Soccer Complex of Racine (SCORE), adjacent to the Franksville Memorial Park, also provides soccer fields within the Village. Applying the one-mile service area radius standard for soccer fields indicates that areas in the eastern, east-central,<sup>17</sup> and western portions of the Village are not served by the existing

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<sup>17</sup> The adopted master plan for Crawford Park includes a planned soccer field which, when completed, will improve service area coverage in the eastern and east-central portions of the Village.

distribution of soccer fields. Note that playfields and the outfields of ball diamonds may be able to serve as junior soccer fields and that the presence of these facilities may fulfill recreational soccer field needs.

#### Softball Diamonds

Map 4.10 shows the five public outdoor recreation sites that provided league or sandlot softball diamonds in the Village in 2024. Applying the one-mile service area radius standard for both types of softball diamonds indicates that areas in the south-central, and western portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of softball diamonds.

#### Tennis/Pickleball Courts

Two public outdoor recreation sites in the Village provided tennis or pickleball courts in 2024, as shown on Map 4.11. The maximum service radius for a tennis court is one mile. Application of the service area standard indicates that much of the Village is not served by the existing distribution of tennis or pickleball courts.

#### Swimming Pool or Beach

North Beach, north of the downtown area in the City of Racine, provides Village residents access to a public beach on Lake Michigan. Beaches along Lake Michigan have a 10-mile service radius, which encompasses the entire Village within the existing public beach's service area. The County-owned Quarry Lake Park, which is located just south of the Village in the Village of Mount Pleasant, also provides a public beach.

### **Community-Specific Site and Facility Needs**

It is important to recognize that recreational preferences vary from individual to individual and that varied demographic characteristics and development patterns within different areas of the Village may influence the demand and preference for specific outdoor recreation sites and facilities in different areas. Although the regional objectives, principles, and standards were formulated to support an integrated, areawide system of park and open space sites, community-specific conditions should be considered in the type and distribution of sites and facilities at the local level.

### ***Village of Caledonia Parks Survey***

The Village of Caledonia conducted an electronic survey about the usage and preferences for parks, trails, and recreational facilities from April through September 2024. Village staff prepared the survey, and Commission staff compiled and analyzed the responses, which are detailed in Appendix D of this report. The survey, which was promoted on the Village's website and accessible via QR codes posted at the Village Hall and all Village parks, received 534 unique responses. Figures 4.1 and 4.2 show the ages and locations of survey respondents.



Across all age groups and geographic areas, the majority of survey respondents expressed a desire for more features or amenities in existing parks and identified better maintenance of facilities as an important priority. Younger age groups, particularly, also identified a desire for additional neighborhood parks and felt that having a variety of activity offerings at a park was highly important. Walking or jogging and enjoying nature were the primary activities that respondents from all age groups and geographic areas participate in at parks in the Village. Coinciding with this, over 80% of respondents felt that preserving natural areas was somewhat or very important and there is broad support for improved bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and safer, more accessible routes. More than three quarters of all respondents rated the Village's current bicycle and pedestrian facilities as neutral or low quality. Residents east of STH 32 or west of STH 32 and south of 4 Mile Road expressed a strong desire for sidewalks, bike lanes, and intersection improvements, while those west of STH 32 and north of 4 Mile Road did not prioritize these improvements as strongly. Additional trails to support a variety of activities were desired throughout the community.

Similarly, there are age and geographic differences in preferred activities and amenities. Younger respondents tended to express a strong interest in amenities tailored to children and families, while older age groups shifted towards social or outdoor recreational amenities such as beer gardens, gathering spaces, pavilions, and trails. Respondents under the age of 44, especially those in the eastern portion of the Village, expressed a strong desire for additional playground amenities, inclusive play areas, and splash pads. Nearly half of respondents across all adult age groups expressed a desire for more beer gardens. Respondents who live outside of the Village enjoy similar activities to residents, but 41% also included playing baseball or softball as a preferred activity in Caledonia's parks. Additional sports facilities (ball diamonds, rectangular fields, etc.) were generally not ranked as a high priority by the majority of respondents with two notable exceptions. Tennis/pickleball courts were prioritized by approximately 30% of respondents, particularly those ages 45 and older. Respondents under the age of 24 expressed a desire for a variety of sports facilities including multi-use fields, basketball courts, and sand volleyball courts.

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## **Chapter 4**

# **FIGURES AND TABLES**

**Table 4.1**  
**Per Capita Acreage Needs Analysis for Community and**  
**Neighborhood Parks in the Village of Caledonia**

Park and School Sites	Minimum Net Acreage Standard (developable acres per 1,000 persons) <sup>b</sup>	Existing Net Acreage	Per Capita Acreage Requirements			
			Existing 2020 Population: 25,361 Residents		Planned 2050 Population: 34,027 Residents	
			Net Acreage Need Based on Standard <sup>c</sup>	Additional Net Acreage Need <sup>d</sup>	Net Acreage Need Based on Standard <sup>c</sup>	Additional Net Acreage Need <sup>d</sup>
Parks <sup>a</sup>	3.9	751 <sup>e</sup>	99	--	133	--
Schools	2.5	23 <sup>f</sup>	63	40	85	52
Total	6.4	774	162	--	218	--

<sup>a</sup> Includes eight Village-owned community and neighborhood park sites, including 5 ½ Mile Park, Chapla Park, County Line Park, Crawford Park, Gorney Park, Linwood Park, Maple Park, and Water's Edge Park. Also included are two sites owned by Racine County (Cliffside Park and Franksville Memorial Park) and one site owned by the City of Racine (Johnson Park and Golf Course), which provide community and neighborhood recreational facilities to Village residents.

<sup>b</sup> Per capita acreage standards are set forth under Objective No. 1 in Appendix A.

<sup>c</sup> The acreage need for park and school sites was determined by multiplying the acreage standard by the appropriate population in thousands of persons.

<sup>d</sup> Additional acreage need was determined by subtracting the existing acres from the need identified by applying the standard. Since the remainder was a negative number, no need for additional parks was identified based on per capita standards. See Maps 4.2 and 4.3 for areas located outside the recommended service area for community and neighborhood parks, respectively.

<sup>e</sup> Includes about 189 acres of existing developed (143 acres) and potential developable (46 acres) areas at 11 existing major, community, and neighborhood parks. Developable area excludes wetlands, lowland portions of primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, and floodplains within existing parks.

<sup>f</sup> This total includes acreage available for outdoor recreation purposes at two public school sites within the Village of Caledonia.

Source: Village of Caledonia and SEWRPC

**Table 4.2**  
**Per Capita Needs Analysis for Selected Outdoor Recreation Facilities in the Village of Caledonia**

Minimum Per Capita Facility Standards <sup>a</sup>			Facility per 1,000 Residents	Facility Need Based on Standard <sup>b</sup>	Existing Number of Facilities	Additional Facility Need <sup>c</sup>
Activity	Facility	Owner				
Baseball	Diamond	Public	0.09	4	11 <sup>d</sup>	--
		Nonpublic	<u>0.01</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	
		Total	0.10	5	11	
Basketball	Hoop	Public	0.91	31	11	20 Public
		Nonpublic	<u>0.22</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>17</u>	
		Total	1.13	39	28	
Playfield Activities	Playfield	Public	0.39	14	9	5 Public
		Nonpublic	<u>0.11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	
		Total	0.50	18	19	
Playground Activities	Playground	Public	0.35	12	8	4 Public
		Nonpublic	<u>0.07</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	
		Total	0.42	15	18	
Soccer	Field	Public	0.69	24	23 <sup>e</sup>	1 public
		Nonpublic	<u>0.17</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>39</u>	
		Total	0.86	30	64	
Softball	Diamond	Public	0.53	19	11 <sup>f</sup>	8 Public
		Nonpublic	<u>0.07</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
		Total	0.60	21	14	
Tennis/ Pickleball	Court	Public	0.41	14	6 <sup>g</sup>	8 Public
		Nonpublic	<u>0.09</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u> <sup>h</sup>	
		Total	0.50	15	18	

<sup>a</sup> Per capita facility standards are set forth under Objective No. 2 in Appendix A.

<sup>b</sup> The facility need was determined by multiplying the facility standard per 1,000 residents anticipated under the adopted Village of Caledonia comprehensive plan (34,027 residents).

<sup>c</sup> The need for additional facilities was determined by subtracting the existing number of facilities from the facility need based on application of the standard. In cases where the existing number of facilities exceeds the facility need based on the standard, no additional facility need was identified. In cases where either the number of existing public facilities or the total number of facilities was less than the number called for under the standards, a need for additional public facilities to fulfill the standard was identified.

<sup>d</sup> Includes six baseball diamonds at the County-owned Haban Park, located in the Village of Mount Pleasant, and a league softball diamond at Franksville Memorial Park, which may also be used for baseball.

<sup>e</sup> Includes seven soccer fields at Haban Park when the ball diamonds are not being used for baseball or softball.

<sup>f</sup> Includes six softball diamonds at Haban Park.

<sup>g</sup> Includes two tennis courts located at Village Green Park, located in the Village of Wind Point.

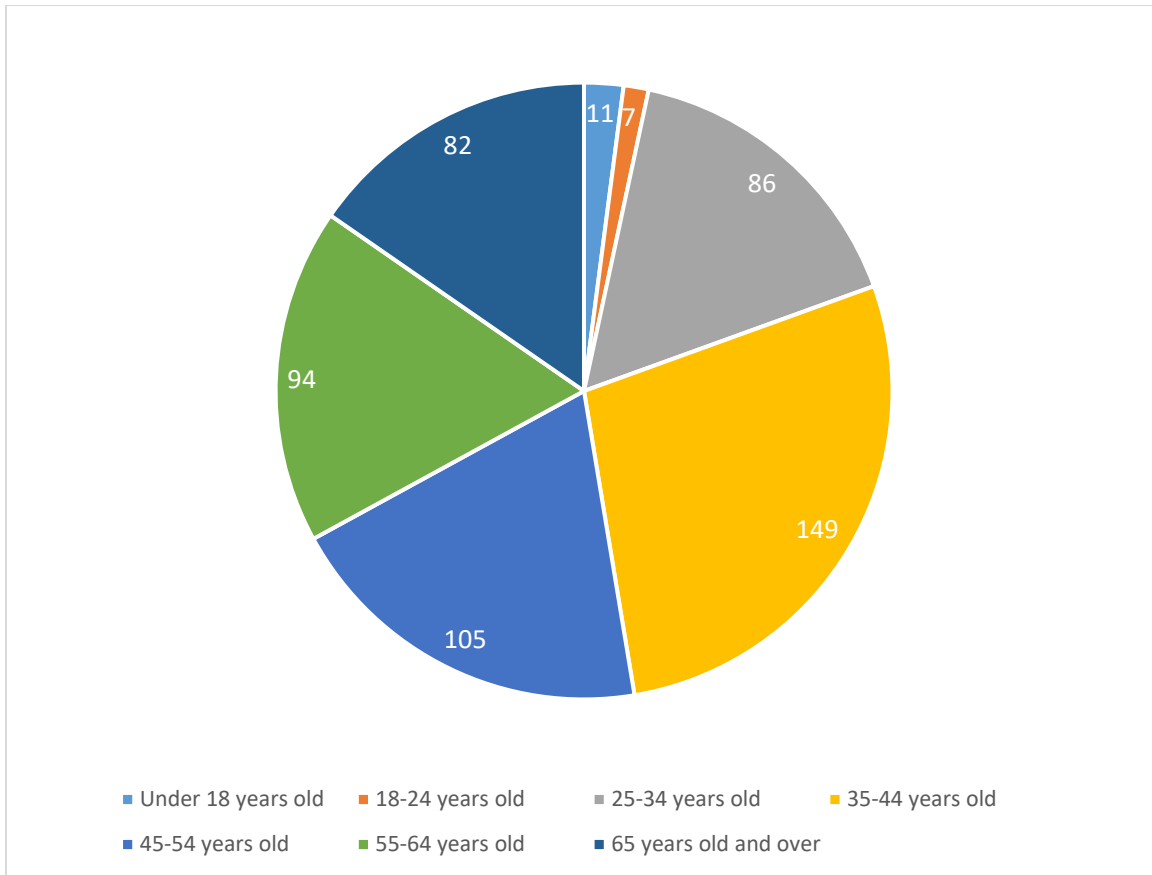
<sup>h</sup> Includes nine indoor tennis courts located at the LifeSport Tennis Club.

Source: Village of Caledonia and SEWRPC

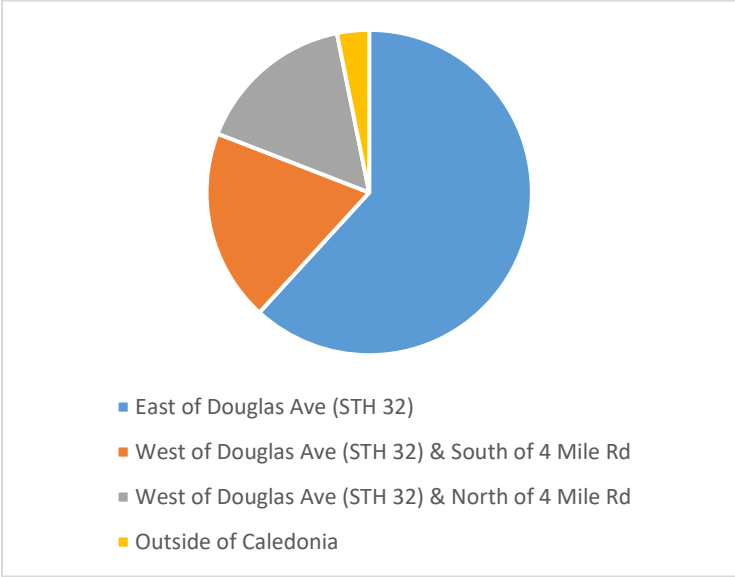
**Table 4.3**  
**Per Capita Performance Benchmarks for Selected Public Outdoor Recreation Facilities in the Village of Caledonia**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Number of Existing Facilities</b>	<b>Benchmark Residents Per Facility</b>		<b>Facility Need to Meet Benchmark</b>	<b>Additional Facility Need</b>
Baseball Softball	Diamond	22	Upper 25%	1927	18	-
			Median	2593	3	-
			Lower 25%	3685	9	-
Basketball	Hoop	11	Upper 25%	1925	18	7
			Median	3878	9	-
			Lower 25%	7443	5	-
Dog	Park	1	Upper 25%	35100	1	-
			Median	36141	1	-
			Lower 25%	37183	1	-
Playground Activities	Playground	8	Upper 25%	1323	26	18
			Median	1620	21	13
			Lower 25%	2375	14	6
Soccer	Rectangular Field	32	Upper 25%	1310	26	-
			Median	1310	26	-
			Lower 25%	1310	26	-
Tennis Pickleball	Court	6	Upper 25%	3764	9	3
			Median	5563	6	-
			Lower 25%	9834	3	-

**Figure 4.1**  
**Survey Respondents by Age Range**



**Figure 4.2**  
**Survey Respondents by Geographic Area**



**Table C.1**

**Site-Specific Management Measures for the Root River Watershed in the Village of Caledonia: 2014**

<b>Focus Areas Addressed</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Management Action</b>	<b>Priority<sup>P</sup></b>
Habitat	Nicholson Wildlife Refuge	Remove invasive plants species, restore site	High
Water Quality	Husher Creek south of 5 Mile Road	Add water quality monitoring station	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality, Recreational Use and Access	Husher Creek south of 7 Mile Road	Stream rehabilitation, naturalization, or bank stabilization project to address eroding streambanks. Remeandering of channelized reaches including addition of buffer and canopy cover	Low
Water Quality	Husher Creek at 5 Mile Road	Investigate to determine cause of low dissolved oxygen concentrations at this site during summer	Medium
Habitat	Tabor Woods	Removal and management of invasive plant species	High
Recreational Use and Access	Root River at STH 31	Install canoe landing on west side of the road and north side of the River	Medium
Recreational Use and Access	Green Bay Road and Kennedy Avenue	Access to public land could be provided for foot and snowmobile by a mowed path through an area between apartment buildings that is overrun with invasive species	Low
Recreational Use and Access	Linwood Park	Install canoe landing	Medium
Recreational Use and Access	Root River at upstream crossing of 4 Mile Road at Blue River Reserves	Install canoe landing	Medium
Habitat	Property west of Holy Cross Cemetery and west of STH 32 at 4 1/2 Mile Road (extended)	Currently under conservation easement, acquire for protective ownership when owner wants to sell or donate	Medium
Water Quality	Husher Creek at 7 Mile Road	Investigation to find and remedy source of human <i>Bacteroides</i> in water quality samples upstream from sampling station	Medium
Water Quality	Husher Creek at 7 Mile Road	Investigate agricultural drain tiles that may benefit from a filtration system	Low
Habitat, Water Quality	A 120 foot section of the south bank in tax parcel 104-04-22-26-025-030 and 150 foot section of the northeast bank of Hoods Creek in tax parcel 104-4-22-26-025-024	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 120 feet of Hoods Creek. Erosion height is estimated at an average of four feet	Low
Habitat, Water Quality	Four erosion sites of varying severity on both banks of tax parcel 104-04-22-26-029-000.	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along both banks of Hoods Creek of 30 feet, 120 feet, 100 feet, and 45 feet in length, respectively. Erosion height is estimated to be three feet, four feet, 3.5 feet, and five feet, respectively	Low
Habitat, Water Quality	A 50 foot section of erosion on the west bank of Hoods Creek in tax parcel 104-04-22-26-060-000	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along about 50 feet of Hoods Creek. Removal of old bridge footings should be considered to prevent continued scour. Erosion height is estimated at an average of five feet	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	A 120 foot section of severe erosion on the west bank of Hoods Creek in tax parcel 104-04-22-26-039-010	Bank stabilization to address severe bank erosion along about 120 feet of Hoods Creek. Erosion height is estimated at an average of nine feet	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	A 175 foot section of erosion on the east bank of Hoods Creek in tax parcel 104-04-22-350-540-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 175 feet of Hoods Creek in close proximity to the Hoods Creek Road crossing. Erosion height is estimated at an average of three feet	Low
Habitat, Water Quality	Two erosion sites on the west bank of Hoods Creek in tax parcel 104-04-22-350-620-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 40 feet of Hoods Creek in close proximity to the Hoods Creek Road crossing with an erosion height estimated at four feet; bank stabilization to address erosion along 80 feet of Hoods Creek, with an erosion height estimated at an average of 3.5 feet	Low

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<b>Focus Areas Addressed</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Management Action</b>	<b>Priority<sup>b</sup></b>
Habitat, Water Quality	A 200 foot section of erosion on the west bank of Hoods Creek in tax parcel 104-04-22-350-850-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 200 feet of Hoods Creek. Erosion height is estimated at an average of 3.5 feet	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	Five erosion sites of varying severity on both banks of Hoods Creek of tax parcels 104-04-22-350-190-00 and 104-04-22-350-200-00 (same owner)	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along both banks of Hoods Creek of 300 feet, 250 feet, 50 feet, 40 feet, and 200 feet in length, respectively. Erosion height is estimated at an average of seven feet, four feet, six feet, six feet, and six feet, respectively. Site HE26 has a high priority due to its proximity to a private driveway crossing; site HE30 has a high priority due to its proximity to a private dam	High
Habitat, Water Quality	Three erosion sites all on the southern bank of Hoods Creek on tax parcels 104-04-22-353-009-51	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along Hoods Creek of 40 feet, 125 feet, and 60 feet in length, respectively. Erosion height is estimated at an average of six feet, 5.5 feet, and 10 feet, respectively	High
Habitat, Water Quality	A 90 foot section of severe erosion on the south bank of Hoods Creek in tax parcel 104-04-22-350-360-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 90 feet of Hoods Creek. Erosion height is estimated at an average of nine feet. Erosion is in close proximity to stormwater detention basin outflow channel located on Jamestown Limited property	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	A 100 foot section of erosion on the west bank of Hoods Creek in tax parcels 104-04-22-351-700-00 and 151-03-22-020-52-000	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 100 feet of Hoods Creek. Erosion height is estimated at an average of six feet. Erosion is in close proximity to a residential garage	Low
Habitat, Water Quality	A 60 foot section of erosion on the southeast bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcel 104-04-22-250-950-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 60 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of six feet	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	A 50 foot section of erosion on the north bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcel 104-04-22-250-410-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 50 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of four feet	Low
Habitat, Water Quality, Recreational Use and Access	A 600 foot section of erosion on the west bank of the mainstem of the Root River in Linwood Park, tax parcel 104-04-22-140-650-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 600 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of four feet. Adjust mowing protocol to leave unmowed area along streambank. Add designated fishing area	Low
Habitat, Water Quality	A 500 foot section of erosion on the west bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcels 104-04-22-140-640-01 and 104-04-22-140-610-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 500 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of six feet	High
Habitat, Water Quality	A 50 foot section of erosion on the east bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcel 104-04-22-140-550-01	Bank stabilization and extension of existing rock toe downstream to address bank erosion along 50 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of 12 feet	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	A 245 foot section of erosion on the east bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcel 104-04-22-110-350-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 245 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of five feet	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	A 240 foot section of erosion on the south bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcel 104-04-22-110-240-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 240 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of five feet	Medium

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<b>Focus Areas Addressed</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Management Action</b>	<b>Priority<sup>b</sup></b>
Habitat, Water Quality	A 150 foot section of erosion on the west bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcel 104-04-22-100-220-00	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 150 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of five feet	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	A 590 foot section of erosion on the west bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcel 104-04-22-03-036-000	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 590 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of five feet	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	A 250 foot section of erosion on the northeast bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcels 104-04-22-03-011-000, 104-04-22-03-009-001, and 971-9992-001	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 250 feet of the mainstem of the Root River in close proximity to County Line Road. Erosion height is estimated at an average of four feet	Low
Habitat, Water Quality	Two erosion sites on both banks of the mainstem of the Root River within tax parcels 9729997000 and 104-04-22-04-002-000	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 20 feet and 160 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of eight feet and seven feet, respectively	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	Five erosion sites of varying severity on both banks of the mainstem of the Root River within tax parcels 9739994000 and 104-04-22-04-012-000	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 400 feet, 80 feet, 80 feet, 100 feet, and 120 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of five feet, six feet, four feet, six feet, and five feet, respectively	Low
Habitat, Water Quality	Two erosion sites on the south bank of the mainstem of the Root River in tax parcels 104-04-22-05-010-000 and 104-04-22-05-014-000	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 80 feet and 200 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of six feet for both sites	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	Four erosion sites of varying severity on both banks of the mainstem of the Root River within tax parcels 104-04-22-05-016-000 and 104-04-22-05-024-000	Bank stabilization to address bank erosion along 80 feet, 200 feet, 240 feet, and 160 feet of the mainstem of the Root River. Erosion height is estimated at an average of five feet, 10 feet, five feet, and five feet, respectively	High
Habitat, Water Quality	Farm field draining to Husher Creek in tax key 104-04-22-160-23-030	Installation of 650-foot long grassed waterway	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	Farm field draining into Husher Creek west of S. Howell Avenue and south of 5 Mile Road in tax key 104-04-22-20-00-10-00	Installation of agricultural BMPs including: Grassed waterways 1,050 feet long; subsurface drain 1,050 feet long	Medium
Habitat, Water Quality	Farm field along Husher Creek south of 5 Mile Road and east of S. Howell Avenue in tax keys 104-04-22-21-00-8000 and 104-04-22-21-00-7000	Conversion of 0.8 acre of agricultural land to grass buffer to increase riparian buffer along Husher Creek	High
Habitat, Water Quality	Dam located on Hoods Creek in tax key 104-04-22-35-02-0000	Explore dam abandonment and removal options	Low

<sup>a</sup> Recommendations are excerpted from Table 79 in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 316, A Watershed Restoration Plan for the Root River Watershed, July 2014.

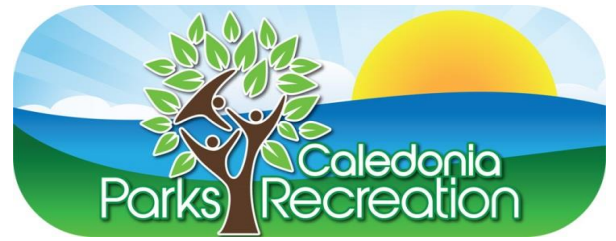
<sup>b</sup> It is anticipated that most high-priority projects will be implemented over the 10-year period from 2014 through 2023, most medium-priority projects will be implemented over the period from 2024 through 2038, and most low-priority projects will be implemented after 2038. It is recognized that some priority rankings may change during refinement and preliminary engineering of projects.

Source: 1000 Friends of Wisconsin; AECOM; City of Racine; City of Greenfield; Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture; Root River Watershed Restoration Plan Advisory Group; Root River Restoration Planning Group; Racine County Land Conservation Division; Racine Health Department; and SEWRPC

# **PARTNERSHIP**

## **ADVERTISING PROGRAM**

Supporting our Parks & Quality of Living in the Community



Last winter, The Park Commission offered local businesses and organizations the opportunity to promote their message or services to the community by purchasing a sign and having it displayed on our outfield fence at Crawford Park.

Your sign has the opportunity to engage with the community with an impactful message and create interest in what you offer. We all know that visual communication helps your business get noticed and that awareness is the key in the ongoing success of a business or organization.

By purchasing a sign in our Advertising Program you have joined a partnership with the parks and you will receive a Certificate of Appreciation that you can proudly display at your business or organization that you are a partner/sponsor of our parks and you support a better quality of living within our area. Your business will also be added to our website as a partner/sponsor.

In our first year we are very proud to have teamed up with 36 local businesses and organizations which allowed us to purchase the five missing spring toys and repair our remote for the scoreboards at Crawford Park. The remaining balance along with our sponsors renewing for another year will allow us to recondition our two tennis courts. All together this is a \$20,000 value in improvements to our various parks. Again, the Park Commission would like to thank everyone for their participation in our advertising program.

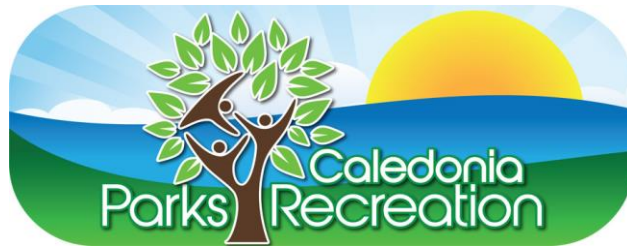
In the spring of 2019 we are planning on expanding the Crawford Park with 8 more acres of year round activities. Plus, The Racine Spartan Soccer Group will be scheduling their spring and fall season games at Crawford Park. This will allow the community more opportunity to see your sign proudly displayed in the park. Our new park development will be funded by our impact fees and grants but the ongoing maintenance is where your contributions make a difference in our overall appearance of our parks.

Please consider this opportunity as a way to give back to your parks and also to improve the quality of life within our community. Your partnership will help maintain all our village parks with continuous enhancements for all ages to enjoy.

You may contact the Village of Caledonia Parks and Recreation Department, Randall Solberg our Parks Supervisor by email: [rsolberg@caledonia-wi.gov](mailto:rsolberg@caledonia-wi.gov) with any comments or questions.

We look forward to your partnership😊  
Caledonia Parks Commission

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## LCpl Daniel R. Wyatt Ballpark Advertising Program

The LCpl Daniel R Wyatt Ballpark contains multi-use recreational opportunities for the 24,705 residents of Caledonia and many of visitors from the surrounding communities. The two ball diamonds, concession stand and playgrounds are located entirely within Crawford Park, the flagship park of the Caledonia Parks and Recreation Department. The diamonds serve as the home fields for Caledonia Youth Baseball organization with league play six days per week and multiple games on the weekends, during the months of May through August. Our "Friends of the Park" organization with over 450 kids participating ranging in ages from 5-15 years of age that play for the local teams on a daily basis, the ballpark also hosts visiting teams from around Racine County during leagues and tournament play.



The Caledonia Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to announce the opportunity to help support by advertise with permanent signage displayed on the outfield fences. **All funds will be placed in the Caledonia Parks Enterprise Fund and will be used to maintain/develop our local parks and recreational programs.**



Advertising signs will be 8' x 4' for a full size or 4' x 4' for a half size and will be placed horizontally on the outfield fence of the ball diamonds. Each individual or business must provide their own artwork and design. All signs will be managed and maintained by the Village of Caledonia Parks and Recreation Department. Plus, your sign image along with a brief description will be on our website under "Parks Sponsor Partnerships" and you will receive a certificate of appreciation to proudly display at your location.

**Your cost pending the size of your sign for the first year will have an additional one time charge added to cover the sign cost and the installation.**

You will receive an annual request for continue sponsorship in February with payment due on March 15.  
**We appreciate your community support as we continue to improve the quality of life with in our parks.**

If you have any questions, please contact: **Village of Caledonia Parks and Recreation Department**  
**Randall Solberg/ Advertising Sign** Email: rsolberg@caledonia-wi.gov  
**5043 Chester Lane** Phone: (262)939-1033  
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	Size	Annual cost	Additional 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Fee
<b>Please select options:</b> Full Sign	8' x 4'	\$300.	\$200.
Half Sign	4' x 4'	\$150.	\$100.

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