

# MARATHON COUNTY

## Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

2020-2024

### Executive Summary



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# PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY MISSION:

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Adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, and play.

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# SUMMARY

## CORP & GRANT FUNDING

The Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program (Stewardship) in 1989. Named for two of Wisconsin's most revered conservation leaders, Warren Knowles (Governor 1965-1971) and Gaylord Nelson (Governor 1959-1963, U.S. Senator 1964-1981), the purpose of the program is to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. The conservation and recreation goals of the Stewardship Program are achieved through the acquisition of land and easements, development of recreational facilities, and restoration of wildlife habitat.

The Stewardship grant program is the most widely used recreational grant program in the state. Eligibility for the program requires that a community maintain a local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (CORP), updated every five years, and that the project for which grant funding is sought is described in the CORP. Many other similar state and federal recreational grant programs have similar requirements or have shown a tendency to favor those grant applications which are supported through previous community planning efforts.

## PLAN PURPOSE

Parks, recreation, trails, and forests are important elements in the quality of life for residents of Marathon County. More than ever, access to quality recreational opportunities and natural resource amenities play a key role in where families and households choose to live and work. Not only do parks, forests, and trails provide a safe and healthy place to recreate, they also serve to beautify and protect the environment and influence development in and around the community.

Knowing the impact of accessible and quality outdoor recreation, the Marathon County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is intended to serve as a guide to continually improve the County's recreation amenities and park and trail system. These amenities have significant effect on image, ecological health, economic prosperity, and physical and social connections. Ultimately, this plan aims to cohesively address needs and identify opportunities and improvements that will continue to position Marathon County in successfully attracting and retaining residents and tourists alike. The full plan is divided into the following sections:

- Introduction - *an introduction to the planning process*
- About Marathon County - *the County and its natural resource amenities*
- Mission, Goals, Policies & Strategies - *actions to advance County objectives*
- Analysis of Needs and Demands - *service levels and gaps by geography, with insight from data and user perspectives*
- Recommendations - *identified park, trail, and other improvements*
- Implementation - *funding requirements, staffing levels, and concrete actions*

This Executive Summary focuses primarily on the tools to move toward the County's vision for the park, forest, and trail system - notably implementation and action steps. For additional data and analysis, please refer to the full plan for a more complete assessment.

# PROJECT MILESTONES

## WHY PLAN?

### In General

Planning for recreation, bicycle, and pedestrian activities and access are essential components of long-range community planning in Marathon County. Planning allows the County to continue to meet the recreational needs of current and future residents, to increase its presence as a tourist destination, and to continue to preserve valuable natural areas.

### Aligning Strategies

This plan aligns the Department with a larger, guiding vision: that Marathon County is a desirable place to live, work, raise a family, or expand a business precisely because of the quality of and access to recreational opportunities offered. Many recent planning efforts have offered this same conclusion, including the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan, Marathon County Strategic Plan, and the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan, among others.

These plans align with the overall State strategy of promoting outdoor recreation amenities and access, and plan acknowledgment positions Marathon County to be a leader as the State expands marketing campaigns through the Department of Tourism and the newly-established Office of Outdoor Recreation.

### Local Tools

While local plans and State organizations recognize natural resources as a unique County asset, the County must continue to guide improvement of the park, forest, and trail system to meet the needs and demands of all types of users. So while this plan is in alignment with larger initiatives and strategies, focus is generally placed on smaller cohesive improvements and recommendations that can collectively work to increase access, improve conditions, and better connect all residents and areas of the County to recreational resources.

Due to the unique structure of the Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department there is ample opportunity to coordinate future planning efforts with the City of Wausau, and to continue to cooperatively develop and improve recreation access to the County's major metropolitan center. What follows are tools and strategies that can be combined with the Wausau CORP update to provide a cohesive tool toward cooperative planning and implementation.

### MARCH 2019

- Park Commission Meeting - Project Kickoff and Survey Development
- Community Survey

### APRIL 2019

- Community Survey
- Park Commission - Park Tours
- Public Involvement Meeting (PIM)

### JUNE-JULY 2019

- Plan Development

### AUGUST 2019

- Park Commission Meeting - Review Draft Plan

### SEPTEMBER 2019

- Plan Finalized

### OCTOBER 2019

- Park Commission Meeting - Plan Review
- Public Review/Comment Period

### NOVEMBER 2019

- Park Commission Meeting - Discussion

### DECEMBER 2019

- Park Commission Meeting - Plan Recommendation
- Environmental Resources Committee Recommendation
- County Board - Plan Adoption

# SUMMARY

## STAFFING & GROWTH

As the park and trail system continually expands and improves under guidance of the Department, and the population of the County continues to increase, maintaining the current quality of the system will require additional resources. Beyond financial resources for acquisition and improvement, resources will be needed in additional dedicated and knowledgeable staff and staff capacity.

Users have identified needs for increased programming, and the County has identified a need to maintain a high level of service. To accomplish this goal, the Department must strive to be fully staffed at all times, and ready to expand to meet needs of residents in the greater County as well as the Wausau metro.

With facility and park expansion identified by the County under this and other plans, the Department will likely need an additional three (3) staff members over the life of the plan (5-years) to coordinate improvements and maintain levels of service. If additional programming becomes identified as a priority need, the Department will also need one (1) additional staff member to implement community programs.

## FUNDING

### Land Acquisition

As noted on prior pages, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is the largest source of resources for local recreation development and land acquisition. This program has been historically extended, but the future of the program is not set in stone. Stewardship Grants essentially fund 50% of acquisition costs - but for land acquisition without grant assistance, the County would need to budget approximately:

- \$544,000 - \$800,000 for land acquisition in 2020
- \$557,056 - \$819,200 for land acquisition in 2021
- \$570,425 - \$838,861 for land acquisition in 2022
- \$584,116 - \$858,993 for land acquisition in 2023
- \$598,134 - \$879,609 for land acquisition in 2024

These costs represent funding without grant assistance, instead offering the full annual cost of County acquisition commitments in adopted plans.

### Park Planning

Once a site is acquired, a planning process would generally follow. This process looks at unique, localized user preferences and needs to ensure proper access, development, and programming. Planning costs are not included in acquisition cost estimates.

### Improvement Priorities

The following pages detail improvements for every park in the County system, categorized by implementation timeframe. Additional needs will be identified over time, and should be updated on an annual basis. Budgeting for current identified improvements in the CORP represent an investment of:

*High-priority Recommendations:*

- Budget of \$419,875 - \$573,250 annually to 2023

*Medium-priority Recommendations (not including road repairs, parking upgrades, or dam repair):*

- Budget of \$355,290 - \$752,290 annually 2023-2025

*Low-priority Recommendations (not including parking or bridge construction)*

- Budget of \$36,000 to \$105,000

## TRAIL SYSTEMS

### In General

As important as the park and forest system itself are the methods available to access the system. Residents should have access to multimodal trails and on-road facilities that allow direct routes to major County population centers, County amenities, and recreational loops between and connecting all major components.

### A Unified Plan

The City of Wausau, the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission have provided input in their own documents for multimodal connections. However, to best serve the County's needs, one plan should be created and prioritized to implement recommendations best for the County's residents.

Especially considering the County's positioning as a mountain biking destination for users across the State, purpose-built and signed connections will serve as a unique asset. To accomplish this goal, this CORP recommends creation of a Countywide Multimodal Transportation Subcommittee, which would direct and oversee the creation of a dedicated Countywide Bicycle Plan.

## ONGOING RECOMMENDATIONS

Beyond practical park, planning, and infrastructure needs, there are many recommendations in areas which the Department must continually analyze performance and strive to expand outreach. These recommendations (pp. 108-110 of full plan) detail commitments across the following areas:

- *Water Based Recreation*
- *Recreation Programming*
- *Intergovernmental Initiatives*
- *Park Development*
- *County Programming & Operations*

These additional recommendations ensure that as user needs and expectations change, the County is able to adapt and change with them. Notably, these recommendations also contain a baseline guide for marketing, outreach, and continual promotion of the County's recreation assets both within and outside of existing markets.

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

As part of the planning process, a survey was distributed to gauge resident preferences, opinions, and feedback on the County's park facilities, forest units, and recreational programs. In total, the survey received 1,194 responses.

This is a key component of analyzing recreational needs and demands in the County, and there was generally large support for increases to park access and programming.

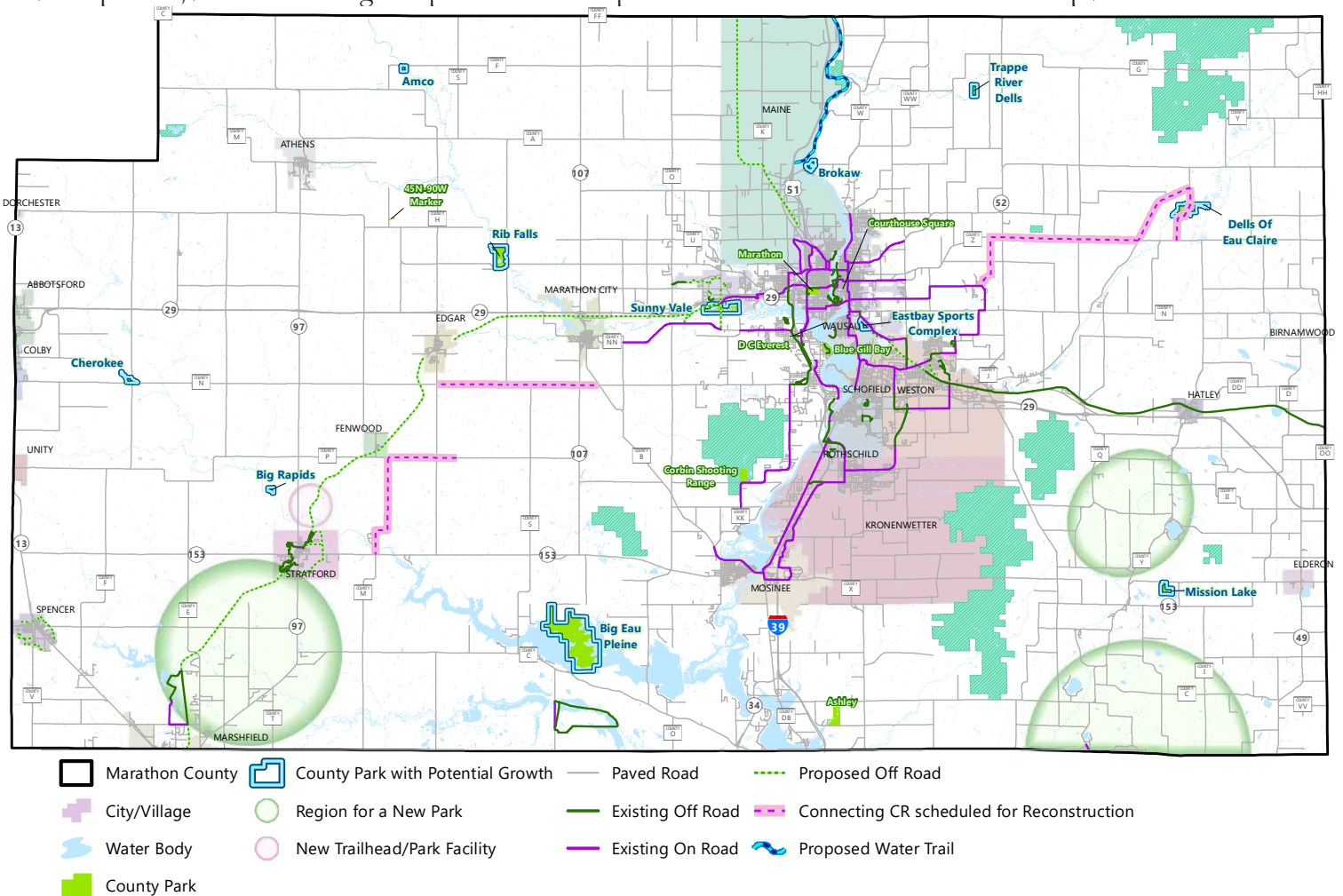
Residents of the County strongly believe that parks, trails, and forest units are important to overall recreation and quality of life – ranking the average importance of the parks, trails, and forest system at 90 out of 100. In total, more than 97% of residents taking the survey had visited a County Park or Forest in the past year, illustrating the importance of the system to residents of the County.

County residents also identified that if given opportunity to direct funding from tax dollars, 57% of respondents would increase spending on improving the conditions of existing parks or facilities, 51% on protecting lakes and stream corridors, and 50% on adding new facilities to the existing forests and parks.

# SUMMARY

## EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES

Identifying areas of need through qualitative and quantitative analysis have highlighted areas where access can be improved, both in existing and potential future parks. These areas are shown on the map below.



## INDIVIDUAL PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

The following pages contain 2+ page spreads of each park within the County system. These identify implementation and action steps aimed at maintaining, renovating, and improving offerings at each unique site. The spreads are presented in full for easy integration with the upcoming City of Wausau CORP update, as well as to provide ease of access to recommended improvements. Each improvement has a corresponding timeline for implementation: High Priority recommendations (1-3 Years), Medium Priority recommendations (3-5 Years), and Low Priority recommendations (5+ Years). As years progress through the life of this CORP, recommendations will move up in priority due to wear, age, and needs. Additionally, while Low Priority recommendations may not be completed over the timeframe this plan covers, preliminary planning activities may occur to prepare for implementation.



# INDIVIDUAL PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

# AMCO PARK

**Park Address:** 125773 County Road L (Athens)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R/RN

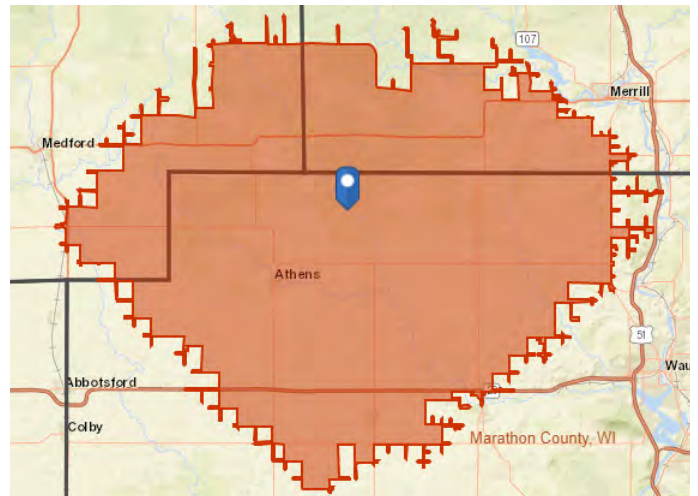
**Park Size (gross):** 38.5 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 6 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 14,401

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 5,347

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$61,109



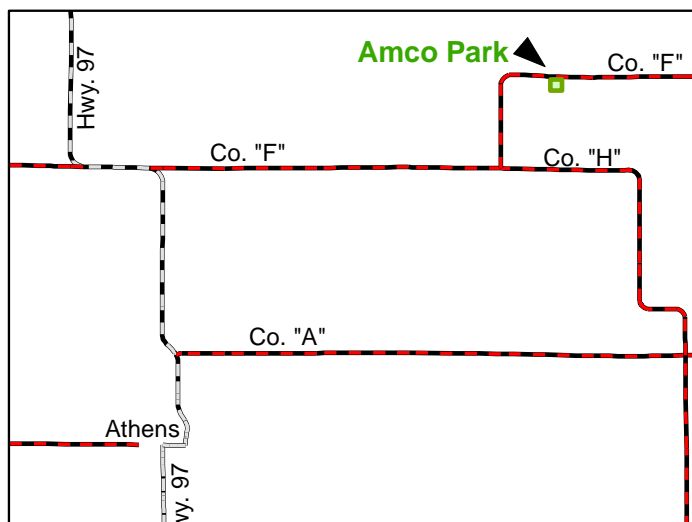
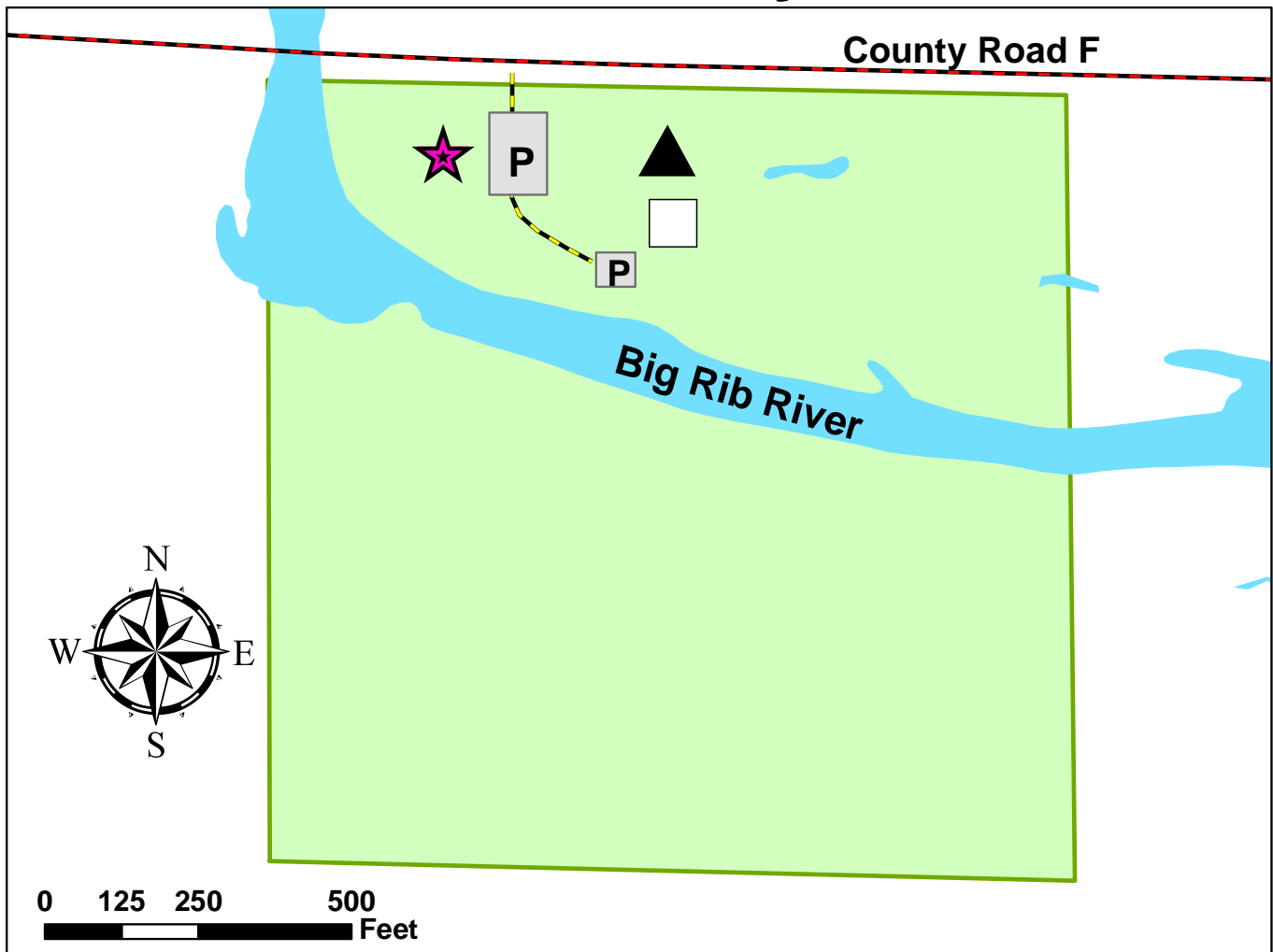
## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Restroom	1976	182	east end of park
Open shelter	1970	468	east end of parking lot
Well shelter	1966	140	south of parking lot
Playground	n/a	2,881	west of parking lot
Granite parking lot (20 spaces)	n/a	n/a	park entrance on CTH F
Granite parking lot (6 spaces)	n/a	1,500	southwest of first parking lot



## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Replace restrooms	High (1-3 Years)
Playground replacement	High (1-3 Years)

# Amco County Park



**Legend**

-  Park Roads
- P** - Parking
- ▲** - Open Shelter
-  Restroom
- ★** - Playground Area

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# ASHLEY PARK

**Park Address:** 153738 Sandy Creek Road (Mosinee)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** RN

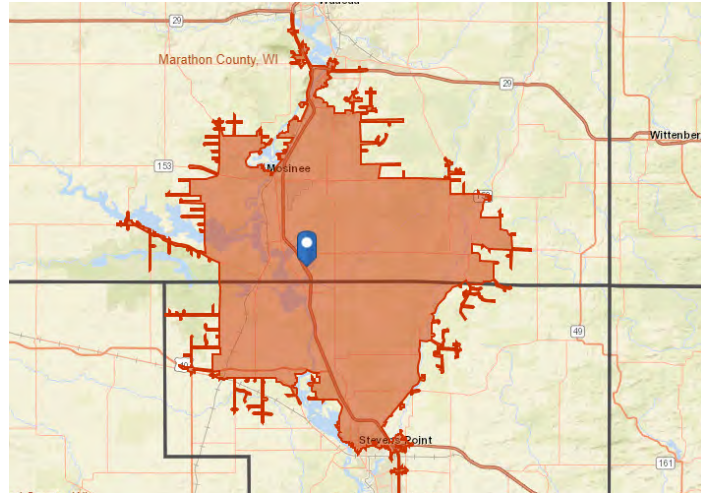
**Park Size (gross):** 155.1 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 0 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 42,093

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 16,281

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$56,289



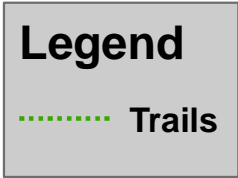
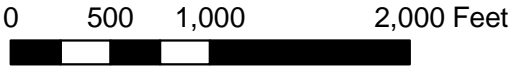
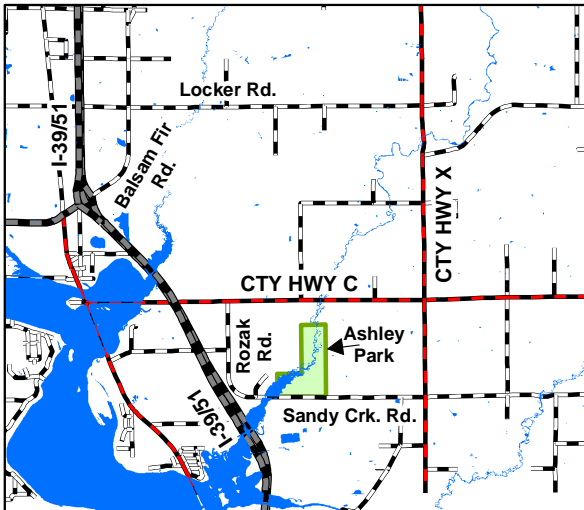
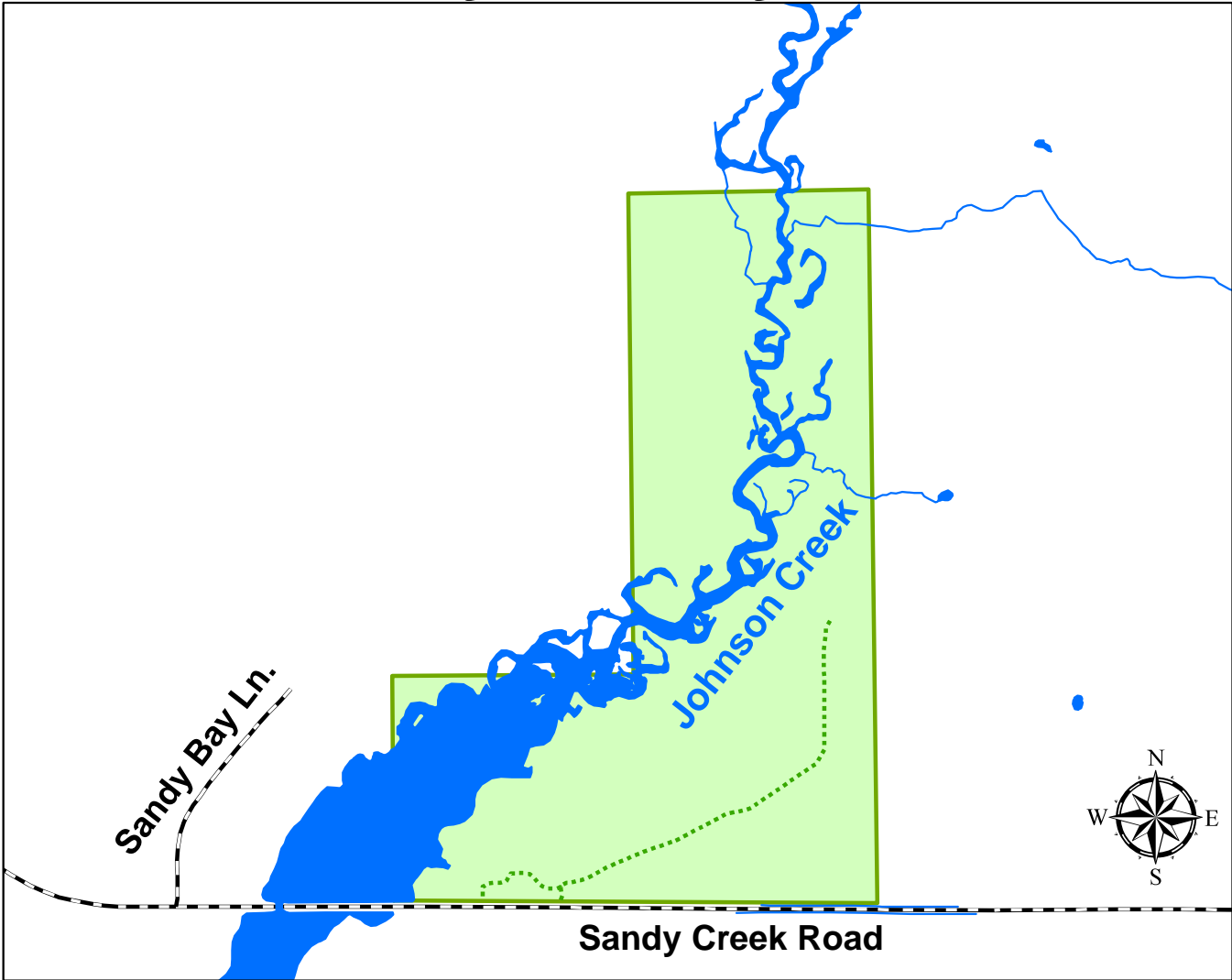
## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
none			

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Develop plan for access to Lake DuBay	Medium (3-5 Years)

# Ashley County Park



# BIG EAU PLEINE PARK

**Park Address:** 135695 Eau Pleine Park Road  
(Mosinee)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** RM

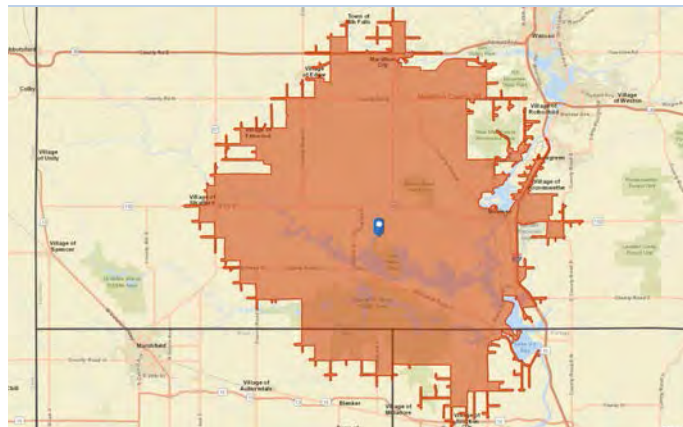
**Park Size (gross):** 2,050.6 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 265 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 18,166

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 7,246

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$66,239



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Open shelter	1950	77	Pickerel Bay
Well pump shelter #6	1970	180	Pickerel Bay
Open shelter	1950	180	Fishing Point Picnic Area
Dump station/septic	n/a	n/a	Ranger Station
Well	1985	n/a	Ranger Station
Ranger station	1985	704	across from horse parking
Utility building (well) #1	1972	110	n/a
Open shelter	n/a	77	north of horse parking
Open shelter	n/a	77	north of horse parking
Restroom	n/a	56	north of horse parking
Firewood shelter	1966	280	West Unit Campground
Open shelter	n/a	96	west of Ranger Station
Well	n/a	n/a	West Unit Campground
Electric service	n/a	n/a	West Unit Campground
Restroom	2018	180	West Unit Campground (W7)
Open shelter	n/a	280	West Unit Campground (W39)
Restroom	n/a	180	West Unit Campground (W39)

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Asphalt parking lot (24 spaces)	n/a	7,800	West Unit Campground (north)
Asphalt parking lot (22 spaces, 2 ADA)	n/a	8,949	West Unit Campground (center)
Asphalt parking lot (12 spaces, 13 boat)	n/a	17,385	West Unit Campground (south)
Restroom	n/a	420	West Unit Campground (beach)
Playground	n/a	n/a	West Unit Campground (beach)
Restroom	1996	180	West Unit Campground (beach)
Grill shelter #17	1965	240	West Unit Campground (beach)
Well pump shelter	1961	180	West Unit Campground (beach)
Enclosed shelter #19	1950	2,432	West Unit Campground (beach)
Open shelter #18	n/a	576	West Unit Campground (beach)
West Unit boat launch pier	n/a	175	West Unit Campground
Asphalt boat parking (12 boat)	n/a	8,000	n/a
Well pump shelter #5	1970	143	Group Campground
Open shelter #21	n/a	768	Group Campground
Restroom	2006	180	Group Campground
Horse barn #23	1972	1,792	South Unit (south of disc golf)
Firewood shelter	1972	280	South Unit Campground
Restrooms (2)	n/a	180	South Unit (north of firewood shelter)
Asphalt boat parking (4 boat)	n/a	3,200	South Unit Campground
Well	1972	180	South Unit (by firewood shelter)
Restroom	2010	180	South Unit (#99)
Restroom	1974	600	South Unit (#63)
Firewood shelter	1966	560	South Unit Campground
Perimeter fence 2-12' double gates	n/a	n/a	South Unit (firewood sales)
Asphalt parking lot (50 spaces, 2 ADA)	n/a	1,100	South Unit (firewood sales)
Open shelter	1979	660	South Unit (picnic area)

## BIG EAU PLEINE PARK (CONTINUED)

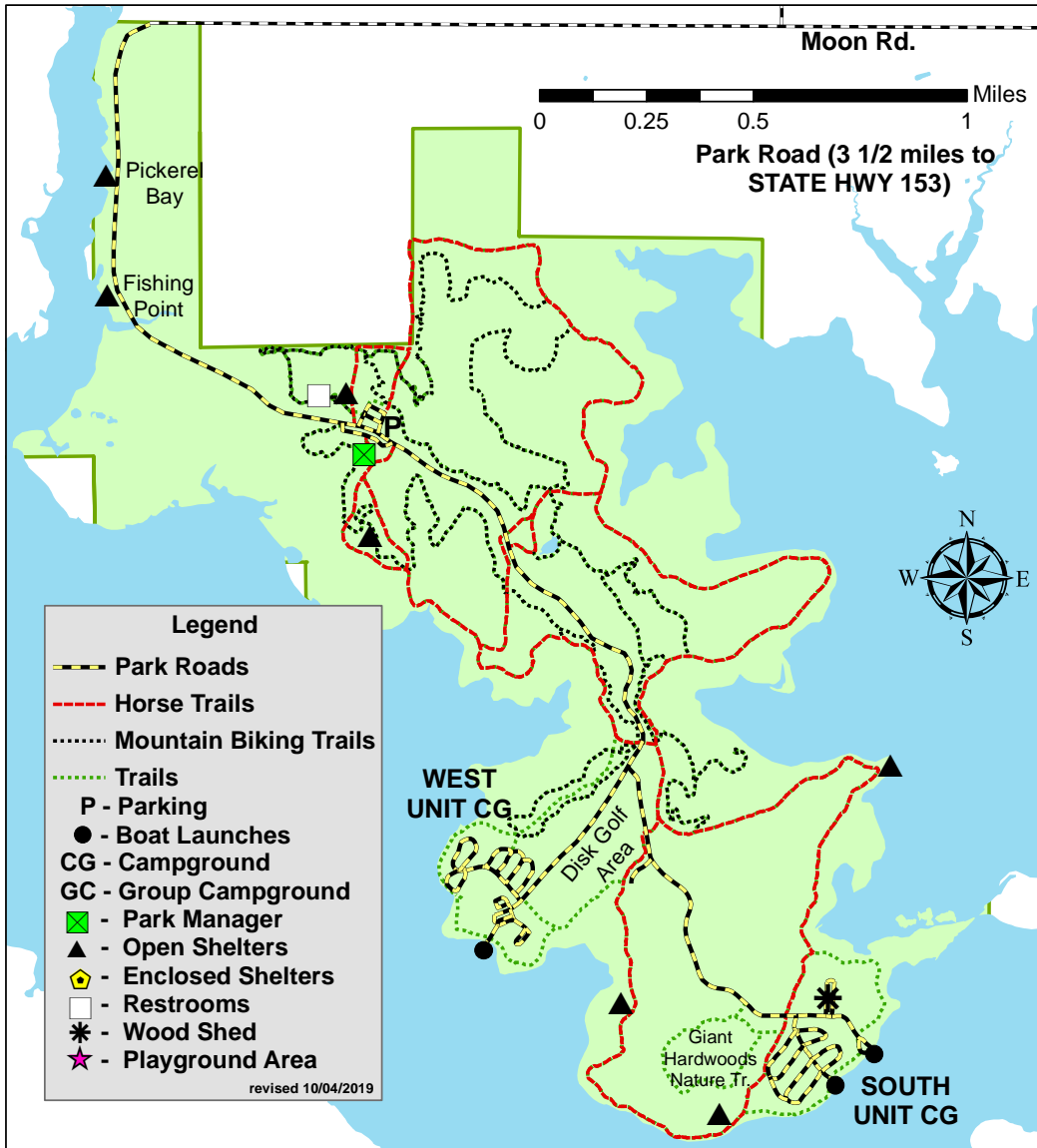
TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Open shelter #27	n/a	143	South Unit (picnic area)
Well pump #7	n/a	n/a	South Unit (boat launch area)
Restroom	n/a	180	South Unit (boat launch area)
Asphalt boat parking (8 boat, 1 ADA)	n/a	13,020	South Unit (boat launch area)
Boat Launch	n/a	175	South Unit Campground

## RECOMMENDATIONS

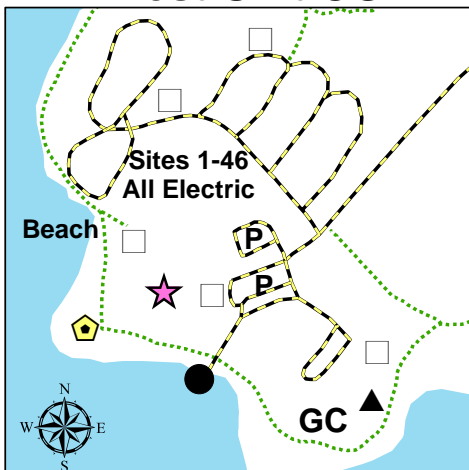
IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Install shower building	Medium (3-5 Years)
Electrical upgrades to current campgrounds	High (1-3 Years)
Designated equestrian camping	Medium (3-5 Years)
Road repairs - main park road	High (1-3 Years)
Disc golf - addition of 9 holes	Low (5+ Years)
Playground replacement	High (1-3 Years)
South unit group campground	Medium (3-5 Years)



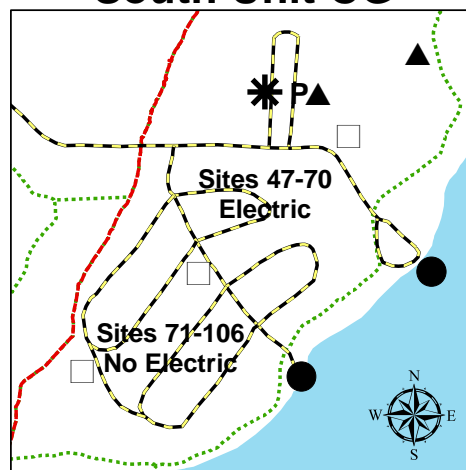
# BIG EAU PLEINE COUNTY PARK



## West Unit CG



## South Unit CG



# BIG RAPIDS PARK

**Park Address:** 217116 Cruze Lane (Stratford)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R

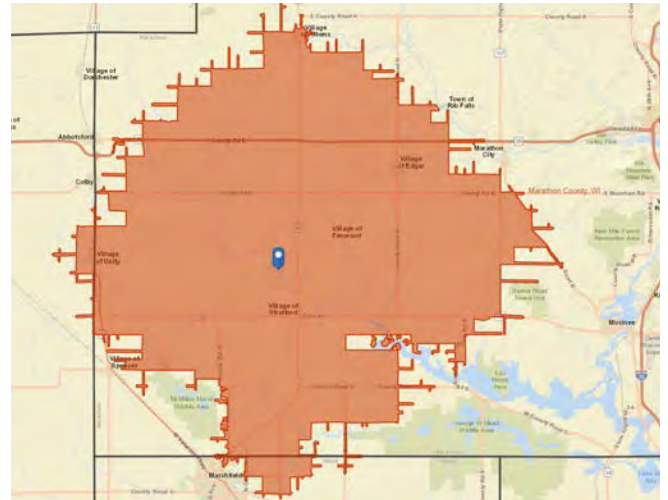
**Park Size (gross):** 28.9 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 8 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 17,251

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 6,652

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$60,910



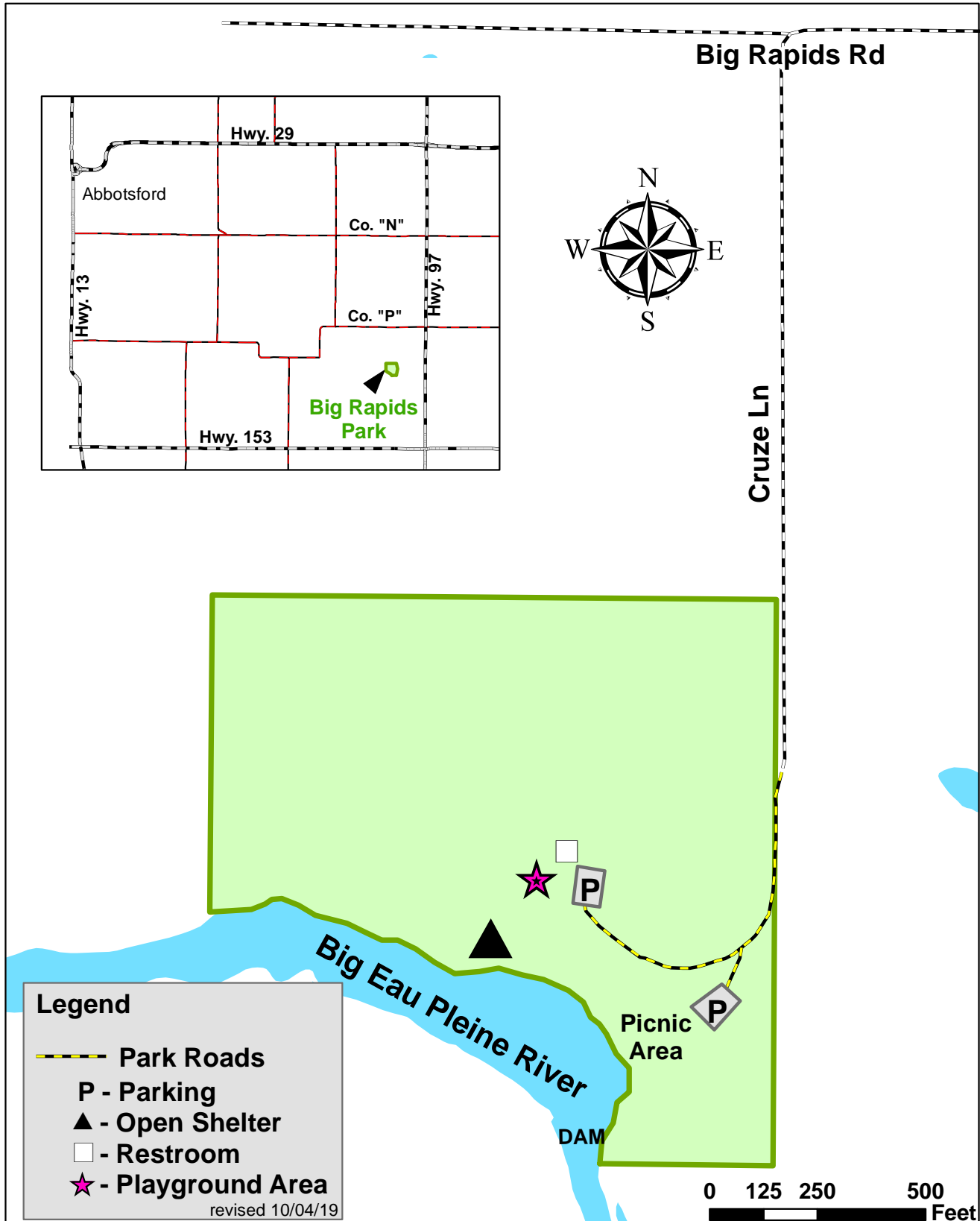
## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Restroom - vault type	1980	174	upper unit NW parking lot
Open shelter	1971	600	upper unit adjacent to river
Playground structures	n/a	3,024	upper unit center
Dam	1965	n/a	river

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Consider dam repair/removal	High (1-3 Years)
Playground replacement	Medium (3-5 Years)

# Big Rapids County Park



# BLUEGILL BAY PARK

**Park Address:** 226300 Bluegill Avenue (Wausau)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** U/R

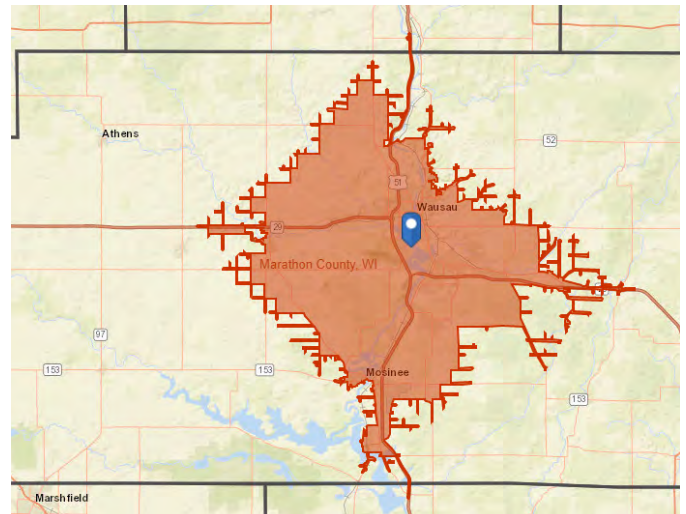
**Park Size (gross):** 75.1 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 33 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 91,914

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 37,681

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$55,288



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Boat launch piers (4)	n/a	468	north end of park
Shelter #3	1979	n/a	south of boat launch
Asphalt boat parking (30 boat)	n/a	n/a	north end of park
Asphalt parking (32 spaces, 3 ADA)	2002	7,452	north restroom
Restroom	1988	648	north park entrance
Fishing pier	n/a	127	lagoon, east of south parking
Shelter #6	1969	648	north of south parking
Restroom	1982	200	north of south parking
Playground	n/a	1,408	south parking lot
Asphalt parking (80 spaces, 3 ADA)	n/a	4,032	south lot
Shelter #4	1969	1,440	south of south parking lot

# Bluegill Bay County Park



## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Prepare park master plan - to include installing park boundary fence, developing enclosed rentable shelter with amenities, redeveloping for day use recreation, trails, MTB skills course, green space, etc.	Medium (3-5 Years)
Replace playground	Medium (3-5 Years)
Restroom repairs/improvements	High (1-3 Years)

# BROKAW PARK

**Park Address:** 26 County Road WW (Maine)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** P

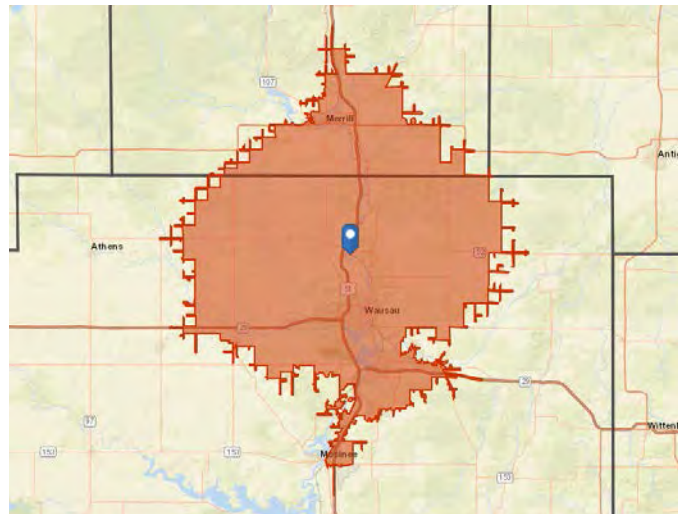
**Park Size (gross):** 74.2 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 0 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 100,567

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 41,603

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$54,700



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
none			

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Prepare park master plan	Medium (3-5 Years)
Monitor adjacent land for park expansion	Medium (3-5 Years)



# CHEROKEE PARK

**Park Address:** 108042 County Road N (Colby)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R/RM

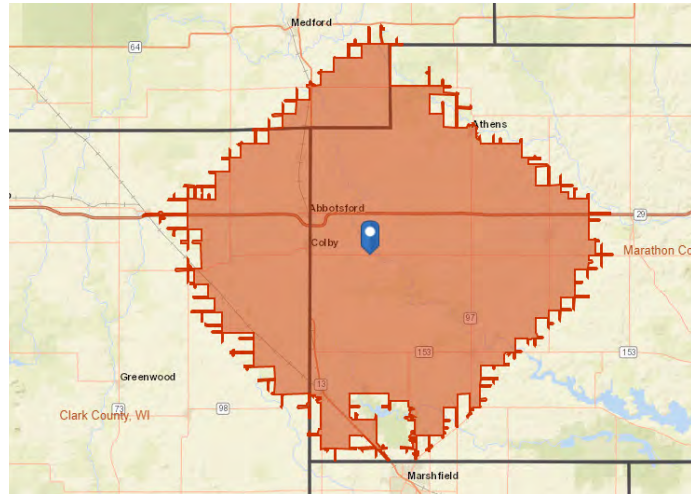
**Park Size (gross):** 65.5 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 20 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 26,401

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 9,917

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$55,582



## EXISTING FACILITIES

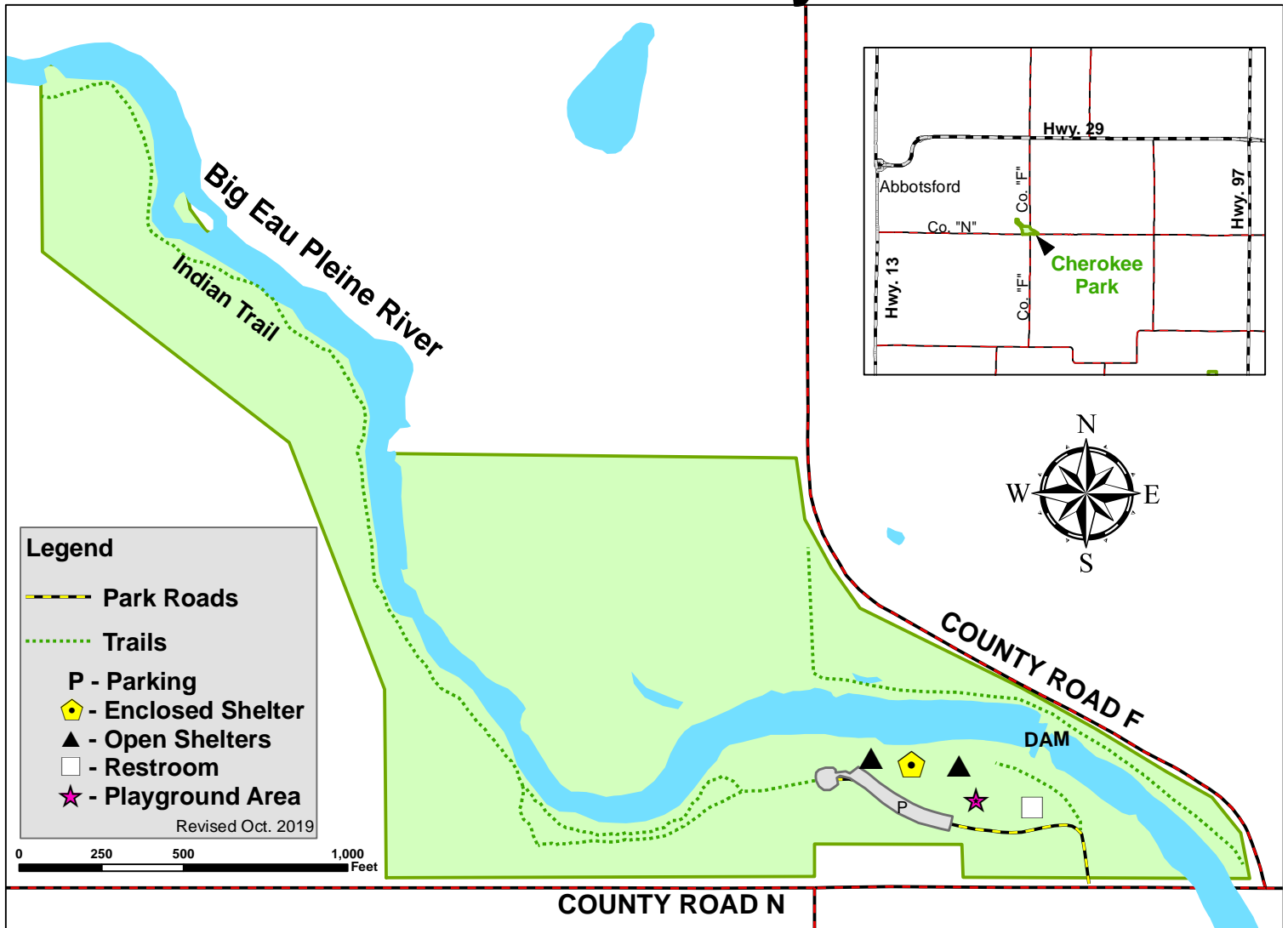
TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Playground	n/a	2,516	east of main shelter
Restroom #5	1970	225	east of playground
Octagon shelter	1955	n/a	east of main shelter
Enclosed shelter #1	1930	3,128	west of playground
Well pump shelter #3	1968	195	adj. to enclosed shelter
Open shelter	1968	336	west of enclosed shelter
Asphalt parking lot (33 spaces)	n/a	7,100	adj. to main park road

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Playground replacement	High (1-3 Years)
Restroom replacement/improvements	Medium (3-5 Years)
Add pedestrian access to north side of river	Low (5+ Years)

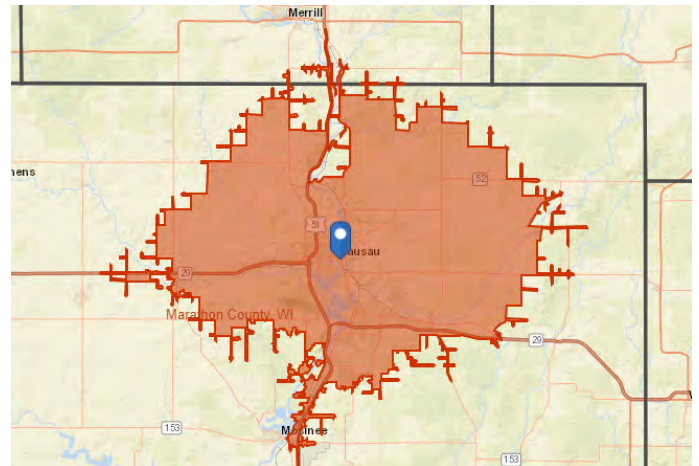


# Cherokee County Park



# COURTHOUSE SQUARE

**Park Address:** 500 Forest Street (Wausau)  
**Park Type:** County Park  
**ROS Class:** U  
**Park Size (gross):** 0.4 acres  
**Park Size (active use):** 0.4 acres  
**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 38,667  
**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 15,277  
**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
 \$66,349



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
<i>none</i>			

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)

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# D.C. EVEREST PARK

**Park Address:** 1800 S 3rd Avenue (Wausau)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** U

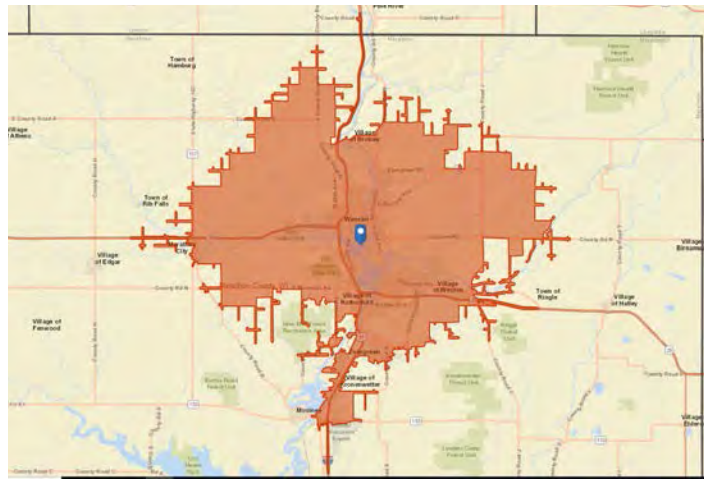
**Park Size (gross):** 6.2 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 6.2 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 85,836

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 35,274

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$54,596



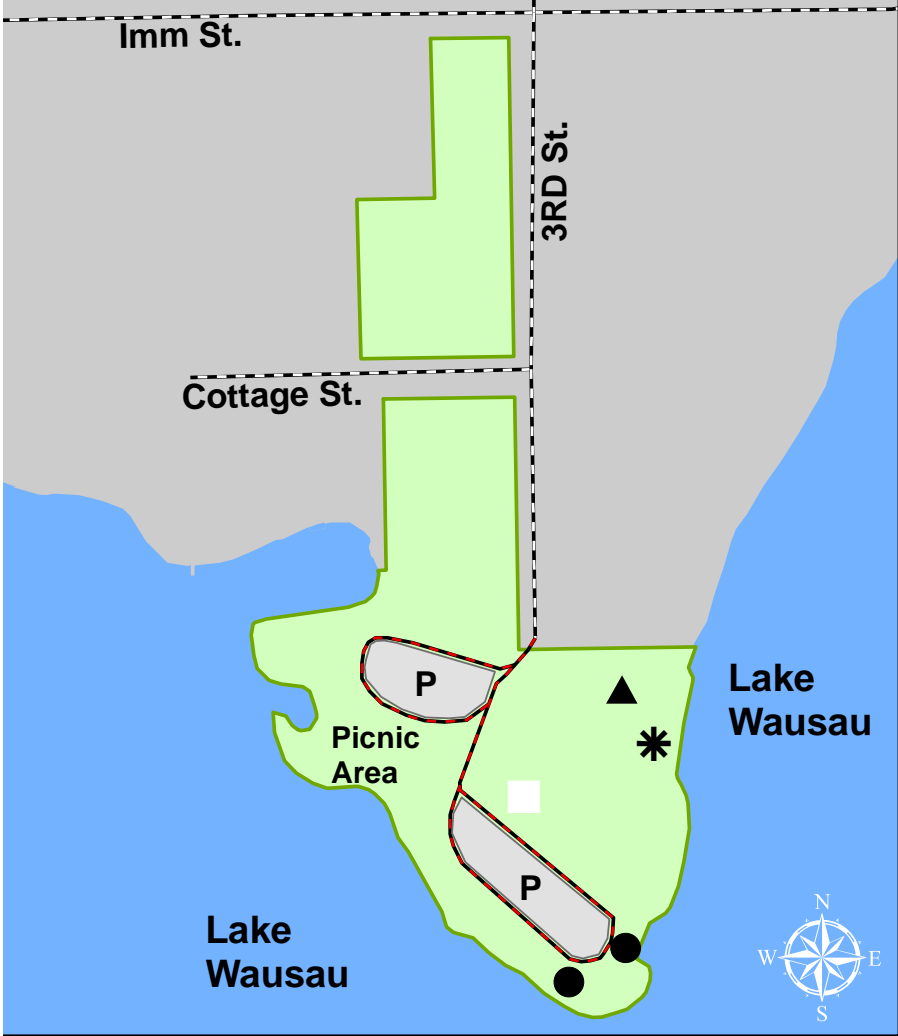
## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Restroom	1986	200	center of park
Concession shelter	1989	468	NE corner of park near river
Bleachers	n/a	n/a	adj. to river for ski show
Parking lighting - entryway & parking	n/a	n/a	n/a
Boat ramps with piers (2)	n/a	n/a	water/river east & south
Fishing pier	n/a	560	south edge of river

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Restroom replacement/improvements	High (1-3 Years)

# D.C. Everest County Park

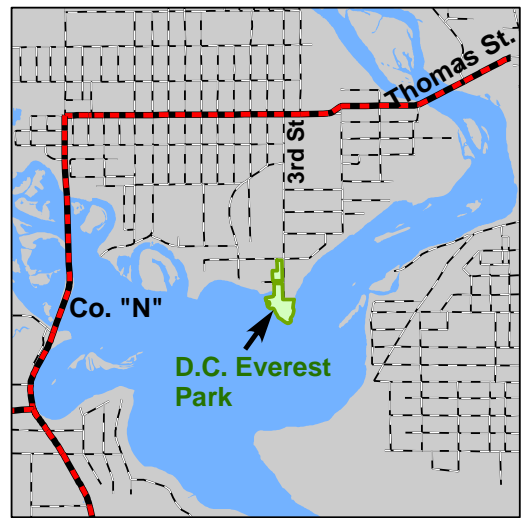


### Legend

- Park Roads
- P** - Parking
- Boat Launch
- Open Shelters
- Restroom
- Grand Stands

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# DELLS OF THE EAU CLAIRE PARK

**Park Address:** 235890 County Road Y (Aniwa)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R/RN

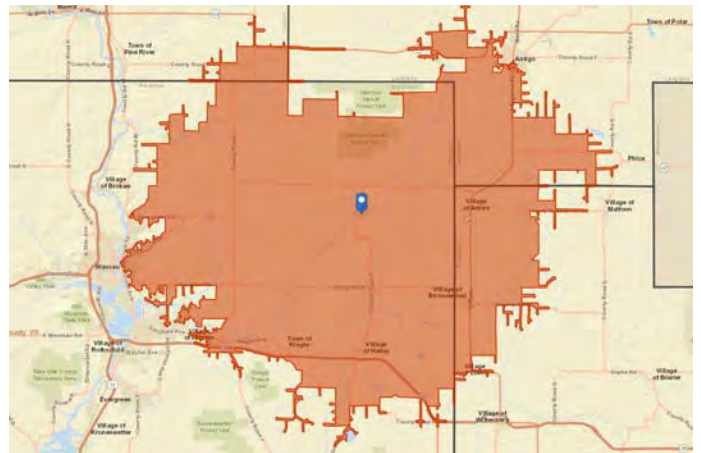
**Park Size (gross):** 266.5 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 70 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 41,792

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 16,269

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$53,565



## EXISTING FACILITIES

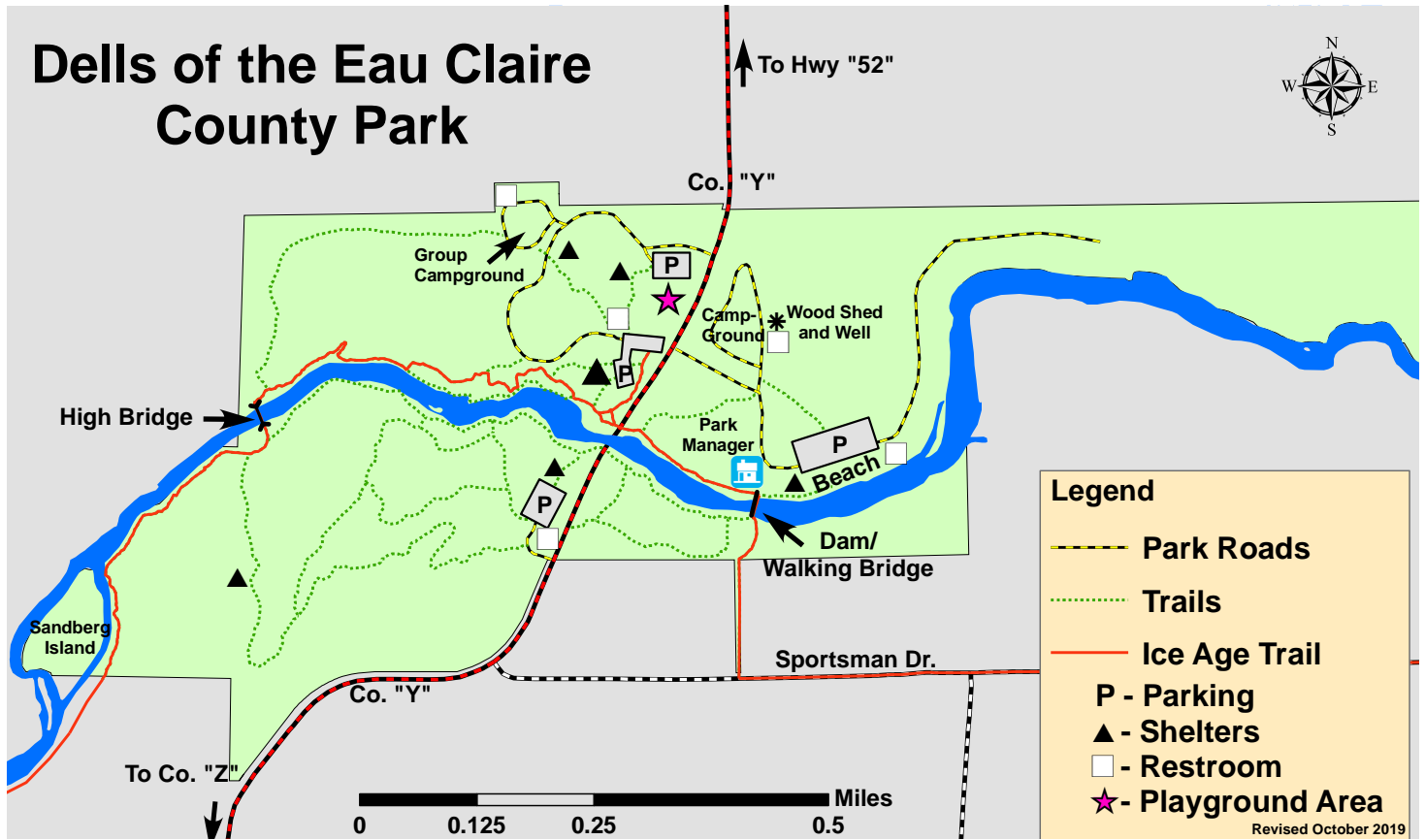
TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Enclosed shelter (Hess House)	n/a	1,914	east of Y, north end of park
Restroom	n/a	250	adj. to beach
Open shelter #13	n/a	630	adj. to beach
Asphalt parking lot (40 spaces, 4 ADA)	n/a	12,650	adj. to beach
Asphalt parking lot (42 spaces)	n/a	12,650	adj. to beach
Enclosed shelter #1	1938	4,675	west of hwy, north of water
Open well pump shelter	1938	165	east of enclosed shelter
Open firewood shelter	n/a	384	north of enclosed shelter
Asphalt parking lot (22 spaces, 1 ADA)	n/a	7,920	east of enclosed shelter
Asphalt parking lot (29 spaces, 2 ADA)	n/a	10,400	south of playground
Restroom	n/a	180	west of playground
Playground	n/a	8,400	NW of enclosed shelter
Asphalt parking lot (5 spaces)	n/a	1,250	west of enclosed shelter
Granite parking lot (25 spaces)	n/a	7,500	NE of group campground
Open shelter	n/a	468	NE of group campground
Open shelter	n/a	468	north of playground, west of Y

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Asphalt parking lot (20 spaces, 2 ADA)	n/a	6,500	north of playground, west of Y
Amphitheater	1955	777	north of group campground
Restroom	1996	200	SW area of group campground
High bridge	1930	1,170	west of Y near west park boundary
Restroom	n/a	105	south of river, west of Y
Granite parking lot (10 spaces)	n/a	3,500	south of river, west of Y
Open shelter	n/a	468	south of river, west of Y
Restroom	1971	180	east of Y, campground
Firewood shed	1938	546	north of campground
Well	1969	n/a	north of campground
Manager's cabin	n/a	957	east of Y, east of campground
Shed	1950	187	adj. to manager's cabin
Dam	1967	n/a	adj. to manager's cabin

## RECOMMENDATIONS

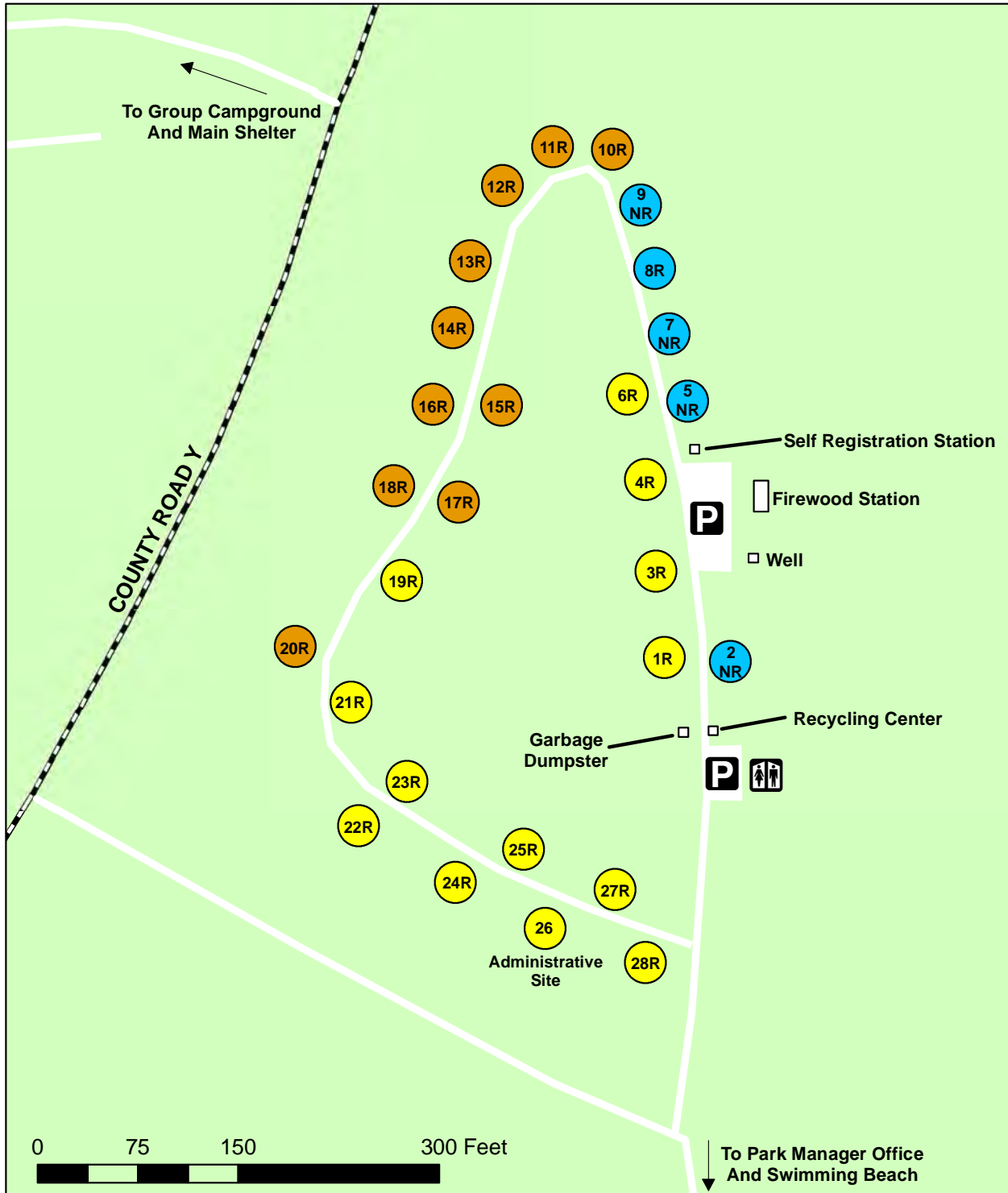
IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Upgrade trail directional signage	Low (5+ Years)
Prepare park master plan - including specific planning for Hess prop. and undeveloped areas	Medium (3-5 Years)
Restroom replacement/improvements	High (1-3 Years)
Playground replacement	High (1-3 Years)
Replace group campground shelter	Medium (3-5 Years)
High bridge repairs	High (1-3 Years)
Campground road renovation	Medium (3-5 Years)

# DELLS OF THE EAU CLAIRE PARK (CONTINUED)





# Dells of Eau Claire Campground



## LEGEND

<b>24</b> Campsite Number	50 AMP Electric Sites	Parking
<b>R</b> Reservable Campsite	30 AMP Electric Sites	Restrooms
<b>NR</b> Non-Reservable Campsite	Non-Electric Sites	



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# DUANE L. CORBIN SHOOTING RANGE PARK

**Park Address:** 217980 Rifle Road (Mosinee)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R

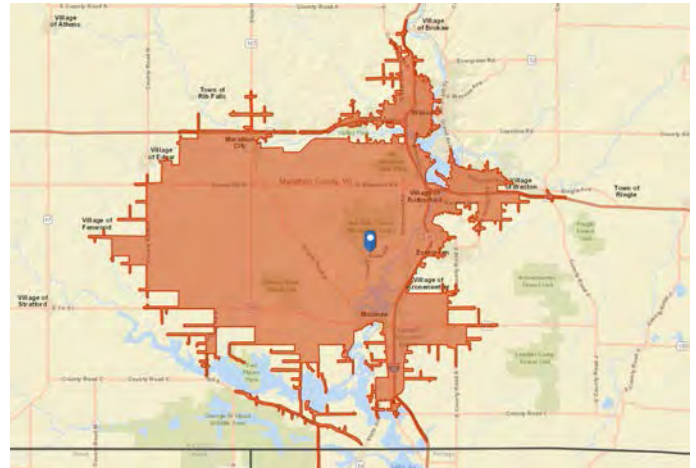
**Park Size (gross):** 100.4 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 60 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 50,540

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 21,137

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$52,730

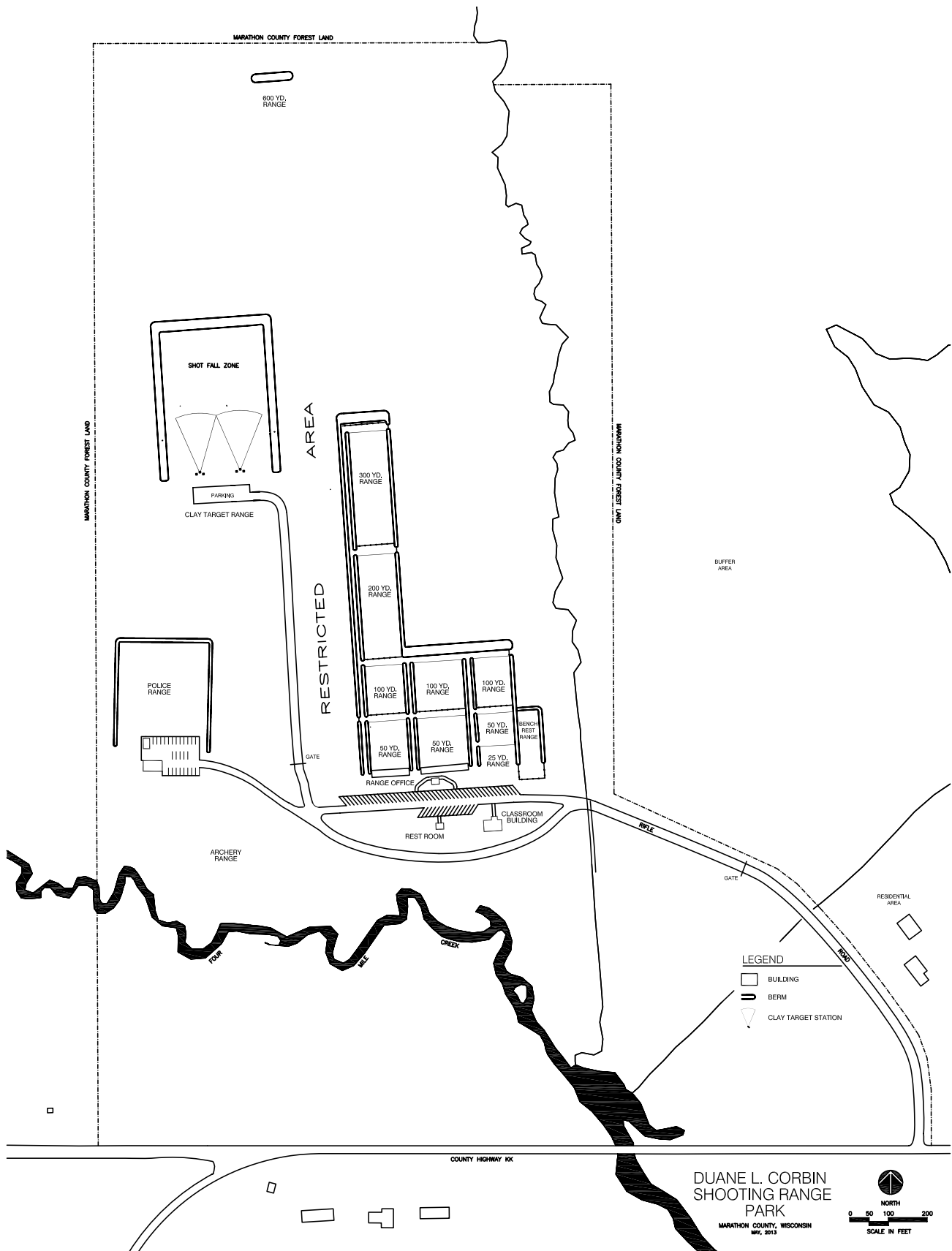


## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Lodge (classroom)	n/a	1,500	n/a
Asphalt parking lot (9 spaces, 1 ADA)	n/a	2,540	n/a
Toilet	1968	672	n/a
Septic with mound	n/a	n/a	n/a
22 shooting benches, 14 covered	n/a	<b>1-6:</b> 1,302 , <b>7:</b> 141,652	benches 1-22
3 retaining walls	n/a	n/a	benches 15-20
Office	n/a	320	n/a
2 retaining walls	n/a	n/a	benches 7-14
3 retaining walls	n/a	n/a	benches 1-6
600 yard range, 13 benches, 13 covered	n/a	1,785	benches 1-13
Asphalt parking lot (48 spaces, 2 ADA)	n/a	10,720	n/a
600 yard bunker	1967	960	benches 1-13

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Retaining wall replacement/repairs	Medium (3-5 Years)



# Eastbay Sports Complex

**Park Address:** 602 E Kent St (Wausau)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** U

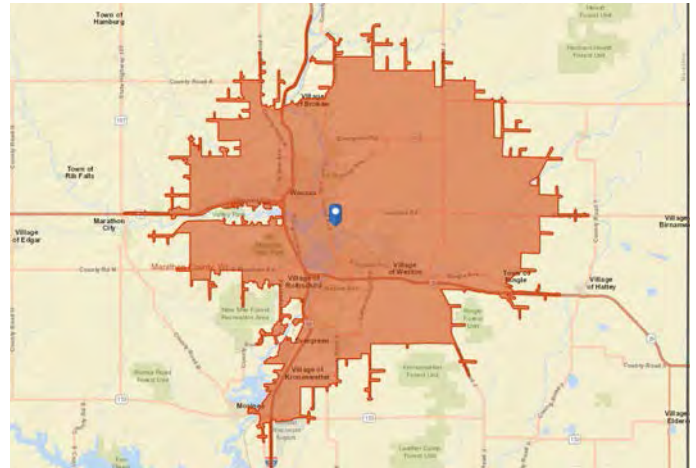
**Park Size (gross):** 66.6 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 66.6 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 85,603

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 34,931

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$55,154



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Concessions & restroom	n/a	1,120	north of main lot
Play structure	n/a	4,800	east of concessions
Field lighting	n/a	n/a	championship field
Score board	n/a	152	championship field
Soccer goals	n/a	n/a	all fields
Maintenance & equipment storage	n/a	1,200	north end
Fuel system	n/a	120	north of maint. bldg.
Perimeter fence	n/a	10,680	gates

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Open shelter	High (1-3 Years)
Path connecting South and North parking lots	Medium (3-5 Years)
Blacktop around building	High (1-3 Years)
Lighting (if possible)	Medium (3-5 Years)
Actively pursue additional land acquisition around the complex for expansion of fields and parking	High (1-3 Years)

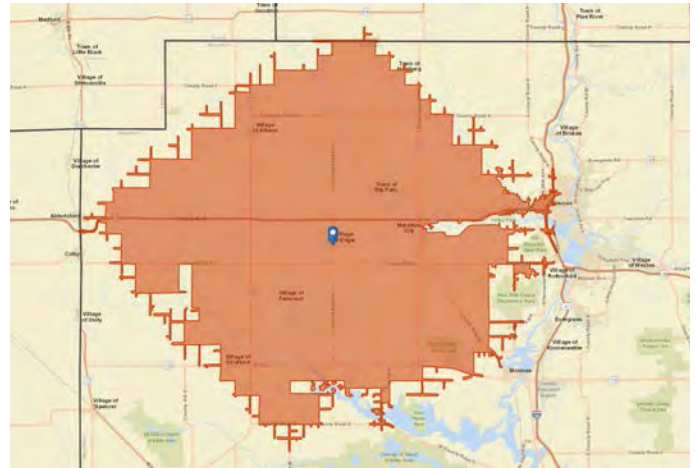
# Eastbay

# SPORTS COMPLEX



# EDGAR-FENWOOD ATV/UTV TRAIL

**Park Address:** 403 S. 3rd Avenue (Edgar)  
**Park Type:** County Trail  
**ROS Class:** N/A  
**Park Size (gross):** N/A  
**Park Size (active use):** N/A  
**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 23,050  
**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 9,131  
**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
 \$62,099

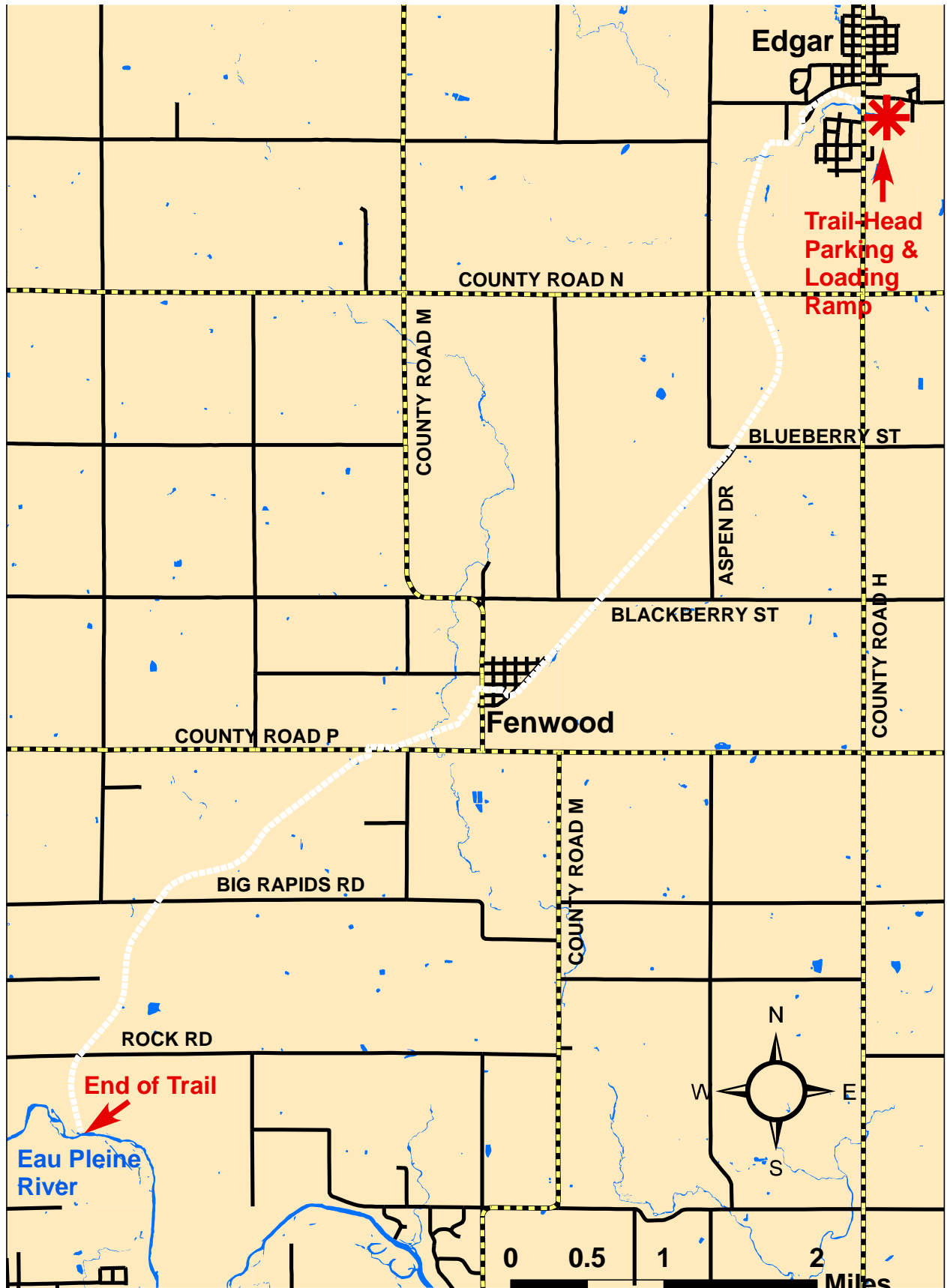


## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Scotch Creek Bridge	n/a	1,500	n/a

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Eau Pleine Bridge addition	Medium (3-5 Years)
ROW acquisition to connect to Stratford	Medium (3-5 Years)
Develop southern trailhead	Low (5+ Years)



# MARATHON PARK

**Park Address:** 1201 Stewart Avenue (Wausau)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** U

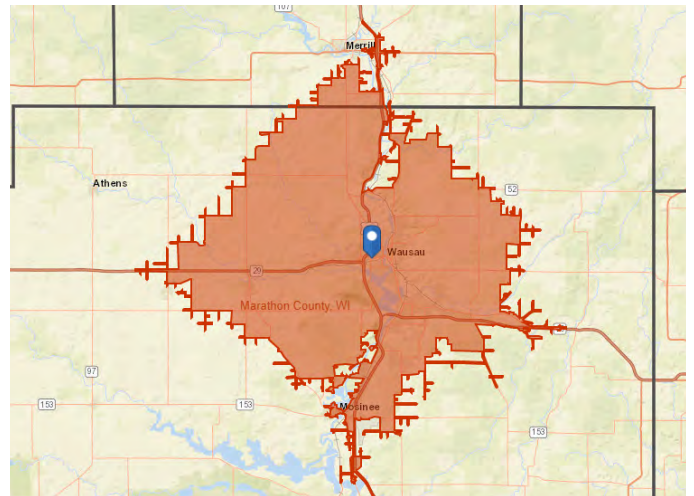
**Park Size (gross):** 79.3 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 70 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 95,081

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 38,843

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$55,786



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Junction bathroom	1935	990	north of junction
Junction playground	n/a	1,410	north of junction
Junction	1987	3,200	north of exhibition building
Electrical vault 1	1979	81	east of junction
Electrical vault 2	1987	3,200	east of junction
Big kitchen	1935	3,960	east of junction
Campground electrical	1979	n/a	n/a
Tourist cabin	n/a	2,176	east of campground
Campground shower	n/a	960	east of campground
Picnic shelter	1975	468	west of grandstand
Playground	n/a	2,800	west of grandstand
Midway lights	n/a	n/a	n/a
Roadway lights	n/a	n/a	n/a
West substation	n/a	726	west entrance
Pole barn	1974	3,120	SW of grandstand
Electric substation	2018	100	west of grandstand



TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Water boxes (2) 1 RPZ	2018	n/a	west of grandstand
Perimeter fence (2 roller gates, 2 swing gates)	n/a	1,495	grandstand
Grandstand	1920	n/a	center of park
Grandstand restroom (shelter #5)	n/a	3,025	SE of grandstand
Grandstand lighting (7 poles) (9 flood) (16 drop lights)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tennis courts/basketball (1 panel) (8 light poles)	n/a	25,920	west of MPB #1
Food court electric (2 poles) (5 panels)	n/a	n/a	west of tennis courts
Horse arena announcer's booth	n/a	96	west of horse arena
Ticket booth	n/a	121	n/a
Ticket booth	n/a	121	n/a
Stone walls	n/a	n/a	east entrance N
Stone walls	n/a	n/a	east entrance S
Red School House	n/a	864	east end N of EGH
Meeting hall	1968	1,500	north of School House
NE ticketbooth	n/a	100	n/a
Stone walls	n/a	n/a	NE entrance
Iron exterior fence	n/a	n/a	west & north perimeter
Shelter #1	1982	468	north of open shelter
Marquee	n/a	n/a	north entrance
Ticket booth	n/a	100	n/a
Shelter #3 w/ fireplace	n/a	n/a	east of campground
Electric substation	1980	81	north of grandstand
Restrooms	1979	756	midway
Playground	n/a	n/a	north of midway restroom
Shelter #2	n/a	468	north entrance
Playground	n/a	1,764	north entrance

## MARATHON PARK (CONTINUED)

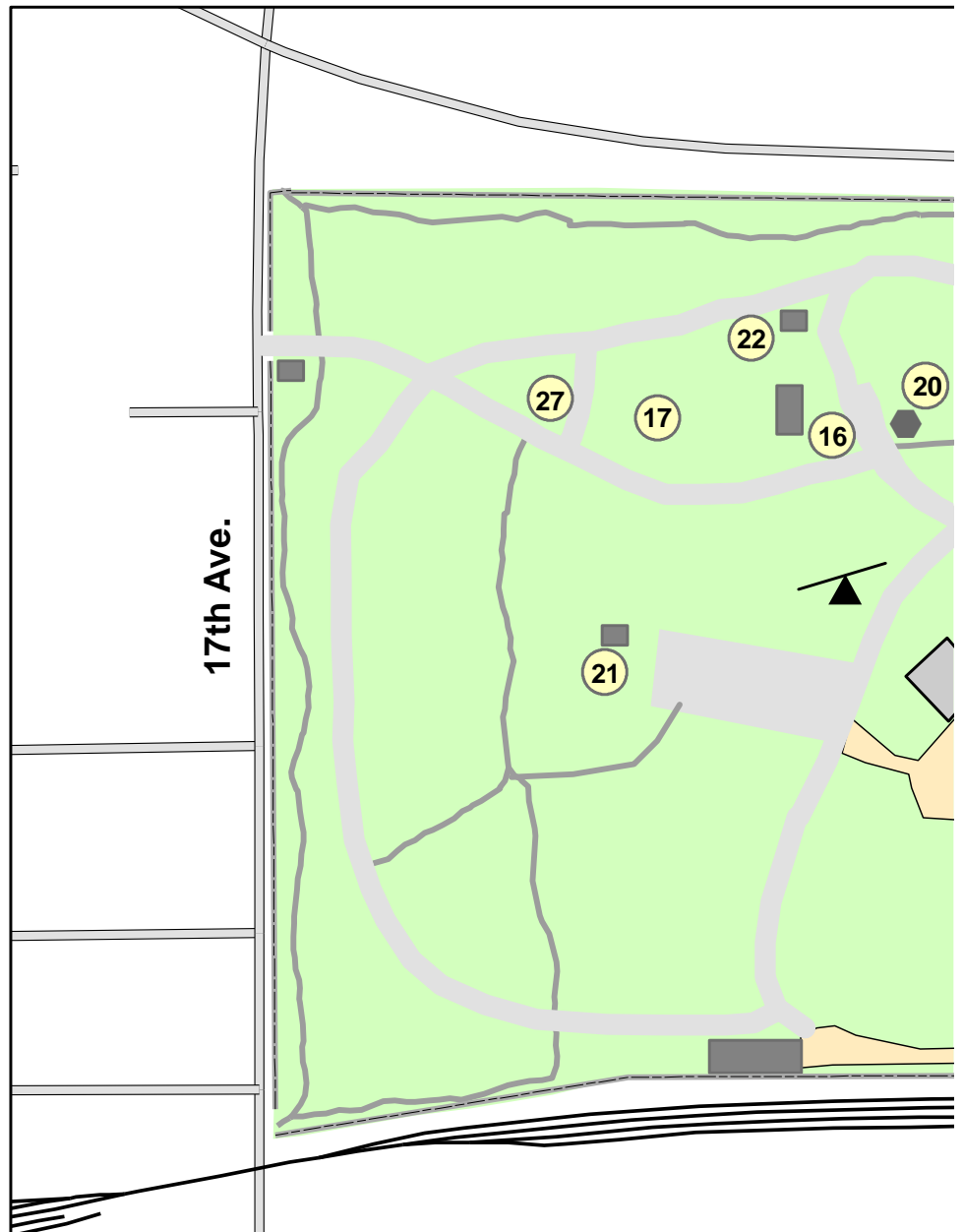
TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Octagon shelter	1932	n/a	west of pool cabin
Vendor camp pads	n/a	250	west of spray pad
Spray pad w/ 8 play features	n/a	n/a	n/a
Train	n/a	n/a	n/a
Train shelter	n/a	672	west of junction
Pool cabin	1935	1,350	north of spray pad
Spray pad mechanical bldg	1989	432	west of spray pad
South perimeter fence	n/a	n/a	south property line
Ice rink shelter	n/a	216	south of horse arena
South entrance ticket booth	n/a	64	south entrances
Horse stables	1965	9,500	southwest corner of park
MPB #1	1973	39,560	south of exhibition building
MPB #2, compressor room	1986	25,800	south of exhibition building
MPB concession, locker rooms, office	n/a	2,835	n/a
Fire suppression room	n/a	176	north of MPB #2
Propane storage	n/a	48	South of MPB #2
Poultry barn	1948	5,850	east of MPB #2
Rabbit barn #3	1948	12,250	east of poultry barn
Judging pavilion	1920	n/a	north of poultry barn
Cattle barn 1	1962	10,000	north of judging pavilion
Cattle barn 2	1920	10,000	north of cattle barn 1
East Gate Hall	1940	14,059	north of cattle barn 2
Exhibition Building	1924	27,600	west of East Gate Hall
Farm Museum	1970	n/a	east side of Exhibition Bldg.
Garage	n/a	700	west side of Exhibition Bldg.
Log shelter	1967	160	east entrance

## RECOMMENDATIONS

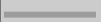


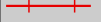

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Continue rehabilitation of historic structures	High (1-3 Years)
Prepare park master plan	High (1-3 Years)
Replace Campground Playground	High (1-3 Years)
Playground replacement	High (1-3 Years)
Park road repairs	Medium (3-5 Years)
MPB roof replacement/renovation	High (1-3 Years)
MPB sound system	High (1-3 Years)
Campground improvements (electrical)	Medium (3-5 Years)



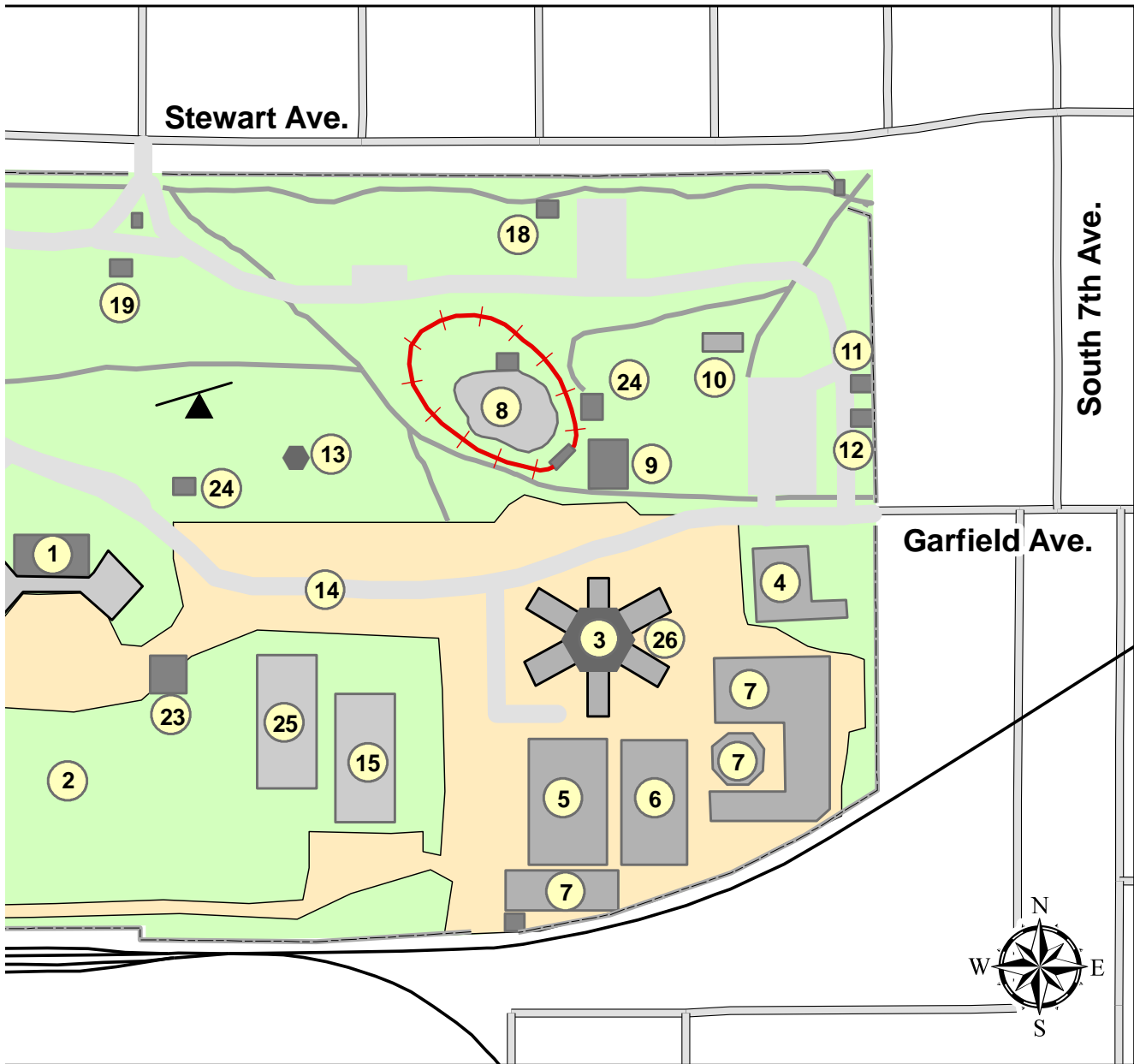
# MARATHON PARK (CONTINUED)



**Legend**

-  Walkways
-  Railroad
-  Fenceline
-  Miniature Train
-  Playground

1. Amphitheater Seating
2. Festival Grounds
3. Exhibition Building
4. East Gate Hall
5. Multipurpose Building 1
6. Multipurpose Building 2
7. Agricultural Buildings



- |                            |                   |                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8. Splash Pad              | 15. Horse Arena   | 22. Shower Facility              |
| 9. Marathon Junction       | 16. Tourist Cabin | 23. Restrooms/Shelter            |
| 10. The Big Kitchen        | 17. Campground    | 24. Restrooms                    |
| 11. Meeting Hall           | 18. Shelter #1    | 25. Basketball/Pickleball Courts |
| 12. Little Red Schoolhouse | 19. Shelter #2    | 26. Farm Museum                  |
| 13. Bandstand              | 20. Shelter #3    | 27. Trailer Dump Station         |
| 14. Fair Midway            | 21. Shelter #4    |                                  |

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# MISSION LAKE PARK

**Park Address:** 211017 County Park Road (Hatley)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R

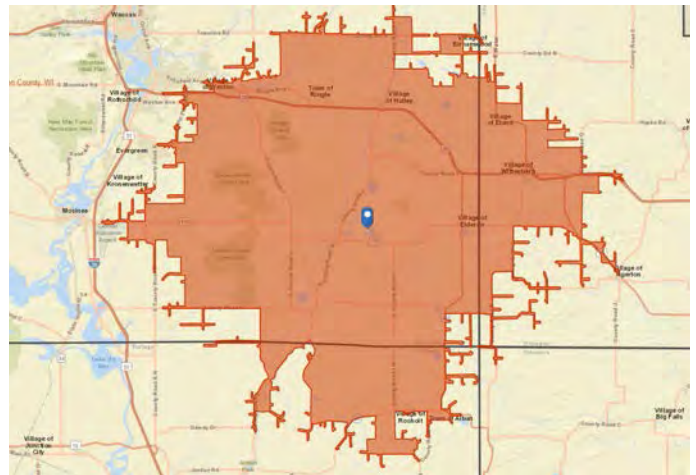
**Park Size (gross):** 114.3 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 13 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 12,786

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 5,004

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$61,422



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Asphalt parking lot (53 spaces)	n/a	15,296	west side of north lot
Asphalt parking lot (47 spaces, 3 ADA)	n/a	14,818	west side of south lot
Restroom	1969	180	adjacent to beach
Playground	n/a	2,660	SE of beach restroom
Open shelter	1982	1,998	east of boat launch
Well pump shelter	n/a	165	east of boat launch
Boat launch	n/a	158	SW area of park
Asphalt boat parking (9 boat)	n/a	n/a	boat launch
Restroom	n/a	180	north of boat launch
Asphalt parking lot (58 spaces, 3 ADA)	n/a	27,084	center of park, east of beach
Open shelter	n/a	638	north of boat launch restroom
Open shelter	n/a	638	north end of park

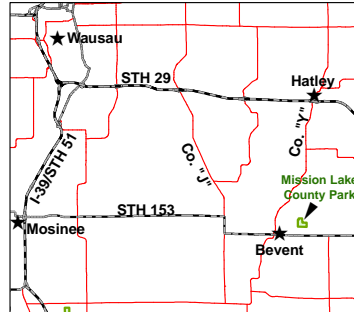
# Mission Lake County Park



**Legend**

- Park Roads
- P - Parking
- - Boat Launch
- ▲ - Open Shelters
- - Restroom
- ★ - Playground Area

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Prepare park master plan	Medium (3-5 Years)
Playground replacement	High (1-3 Years)
Road and parking upgrades	Medium (3-5 Years)

# MOUNTAIN-BAY STATE TRAIL

**Park Address:** Trailhead - Municipal Street (Weston)

**Park Type:** County-Maintained Trail

**ROS Class:** N/A

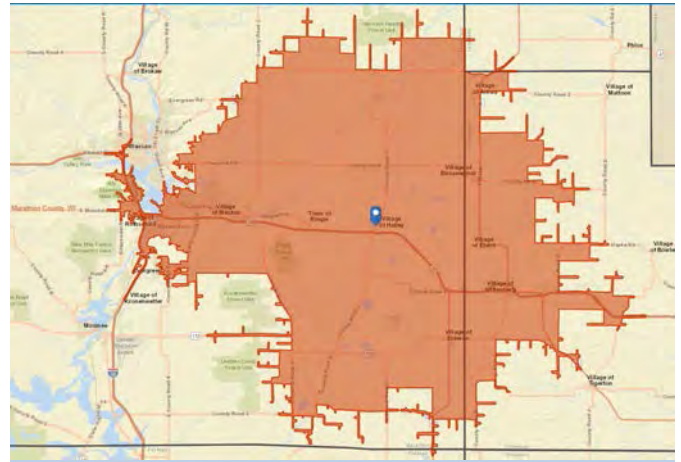
**Park Size (gross):** N/A

**Park Size (active use):** N/A

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 41,149

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 16,437

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$60,404



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Information building/restrooms	n/a	512	trailhead
Open picnic shelter	n/a	270	trailhead east of parking
Bridge	n/a	756	0.4 mi east of CTY J
Open picnic shelter	n/a	168	landfill lot
Bridge	n/a	1,575	1.2 mi east of Duncan at Hatley
Bridge	n/a	168	0.6 mi east of Emonsville Rd
Bridge	n/a	182	1.2 mi east of Emonsville Rd
Bridge	n/a	16,200	1.4 mi east of Emonsville Rd
Restroom	n/a	64	Norrie west of lot
Well shelter	n/a	112	Norrie east of lot

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Provide multimodal link to urban areas	Low (5+ Years)



# Mountain-Bay Trail Marathon County Section

- Key**
- ..... Mountain-Bay Trail
  - ..... Ice Age Trail
  - Paved Road
  - E Trailhead



2.3 MI	4.2 MI	1.6 MI	3.0 MI	3.5 MI	2.6 MI
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# REITBROCK GEOGRAPHICAL MARKER

**Park Address:** 234801 Meridian Road (Athens)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R

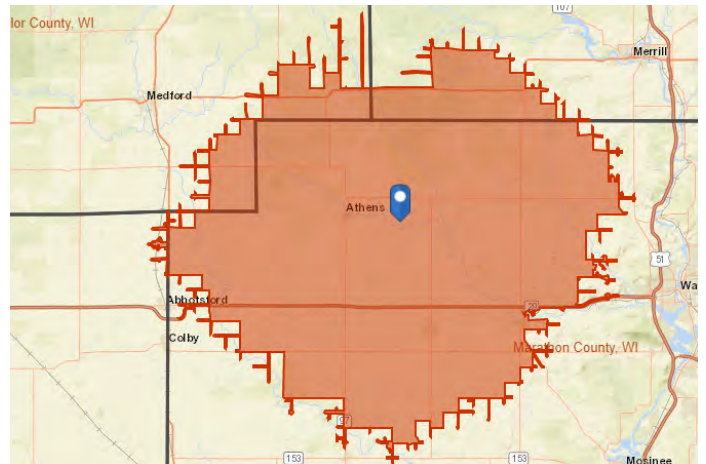
**Park Size (gross):** 0.9 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 0.9 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 17,090

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 6,316

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$62,378



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
45x90 monument	2018	113	n/a

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Restrooms	Low (5+ Years)



# RIB FALLS PARK

**Park Address:** 232232 County Road S (Edgar)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** N/A

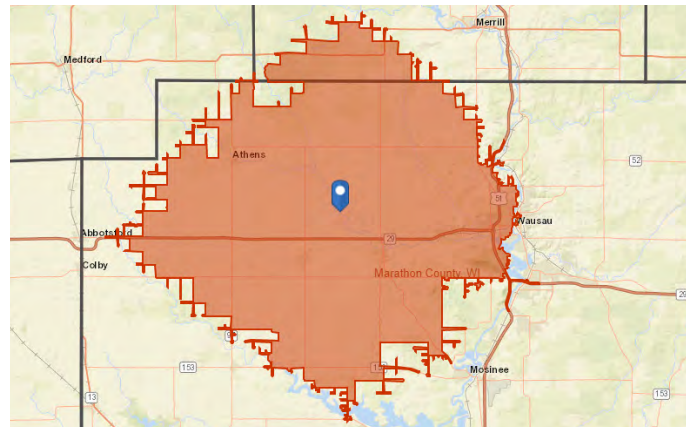
**Park Size (gross):** 308.4 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 10 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 42,688

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 17,349

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$53,904



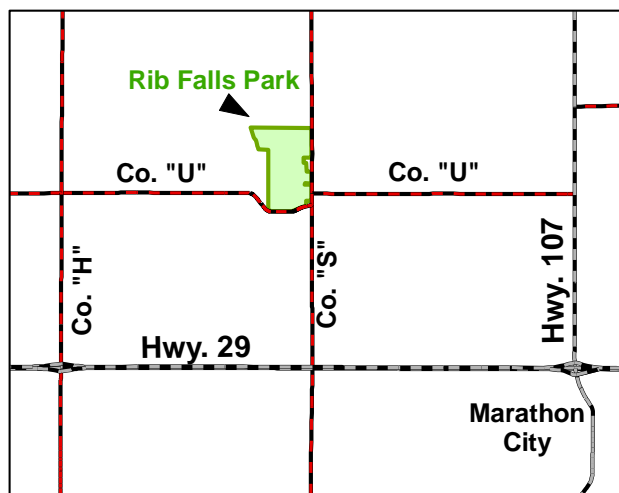
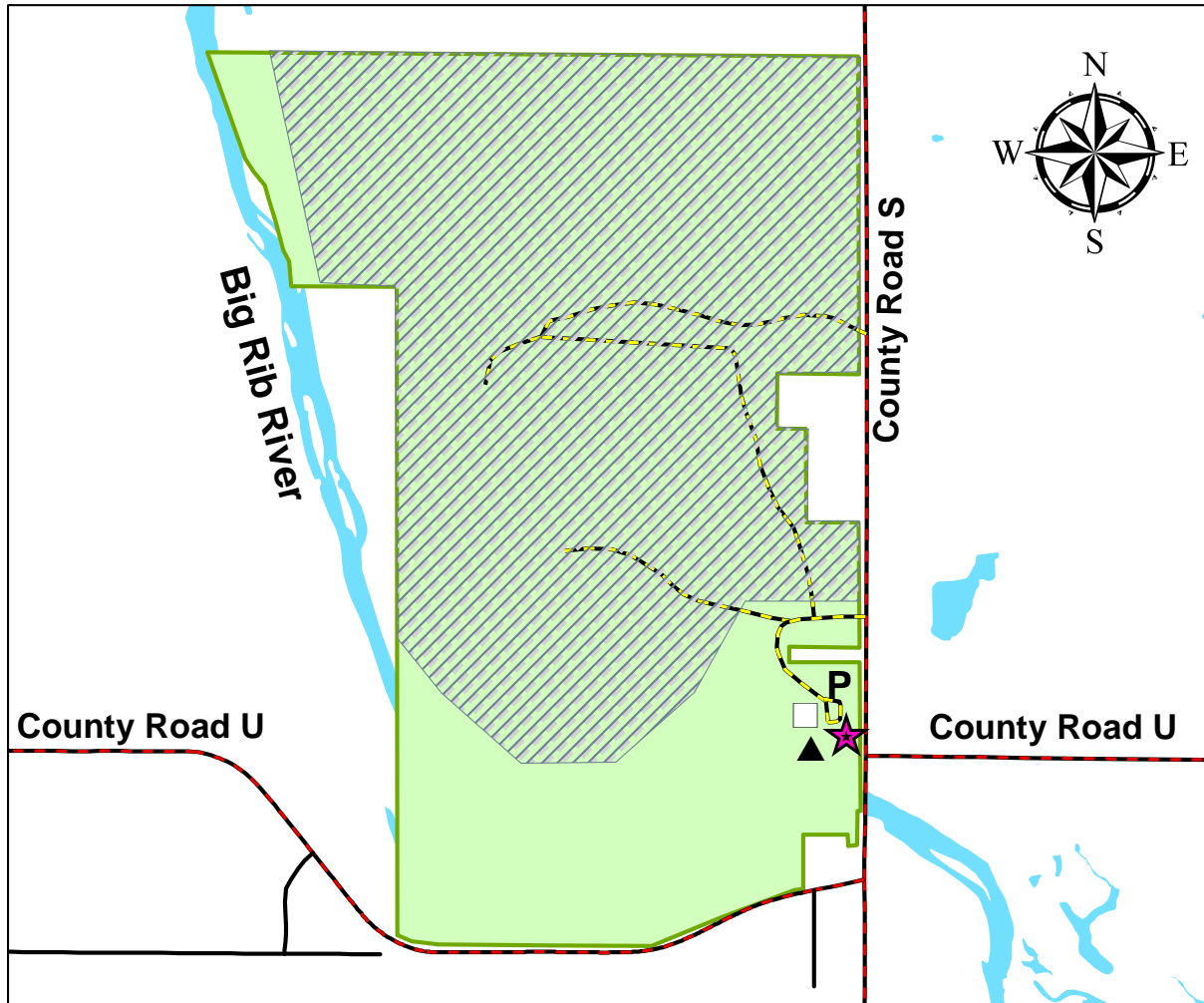
## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Restroom	1991	292	center of park
Open shelter	1990	468	south end of park
Playground	n/a	2,700	south end of park
Dam	n/a	n/a	river

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Develop park master plan	High (1-3 Years)
Playground replacement	High (1-3 Years)
Restroom replacement/improvements	High (1-3 Years)
Dam repair	Medium (3-5 Years)

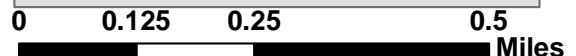
# Rib Falls County Park



**Legend**

- Park Roads
- P** - Parking
- Restroom
- Playground Area
- Shelter
- Area Restricted-Open Gravel Pit

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# SUNNY VALE PARK

**Park Address:** 1000 S 72nd Avenue (Wausau)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R

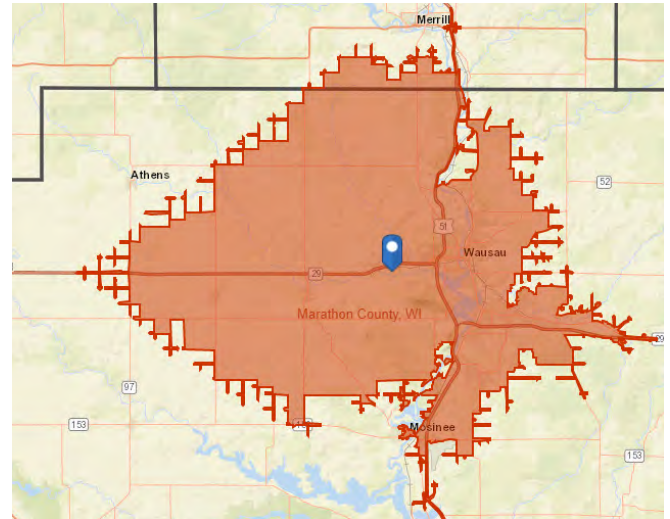
**Park Size (gross):** 363.2 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 40 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 96,013

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 39,164

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$55,746

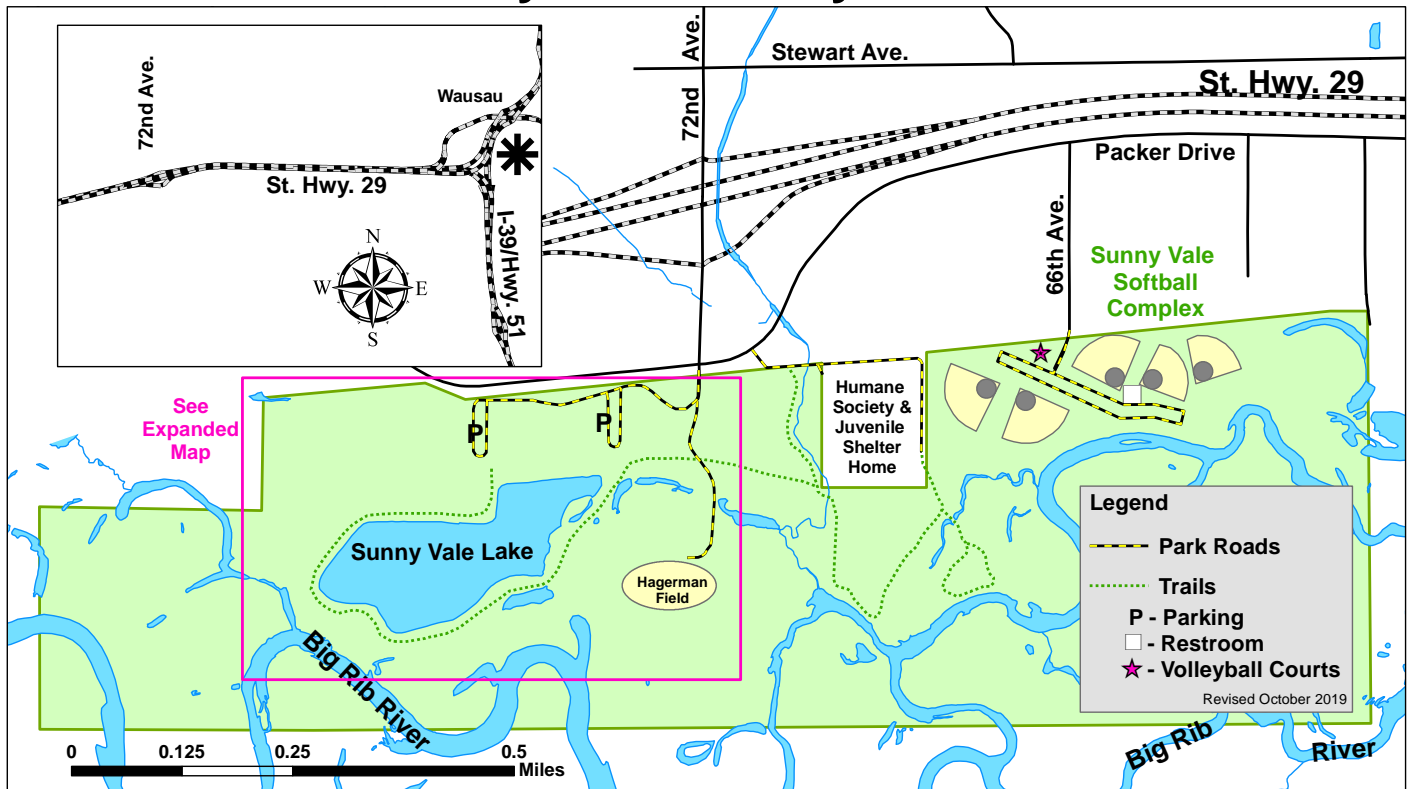


## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Electrical vault	n/a	64	west end of park
Retaining wall	n/a	n/a	north end of lake
Restroom 1	n/a	192	west restroom, north of lake
Restroom 2	n/a	192	east restroom, north of lake
Picnic shelter 1	1975	468	west parking area
Picnic shelter 2	1976	468	east parking lot
Fishing pier	1987; 2012	n/a	east end of lake
RC shelter	n/a	468	RC park
Chain link fence	n/a	n/a	RC park
Bridge	n/a	n/a	n/a



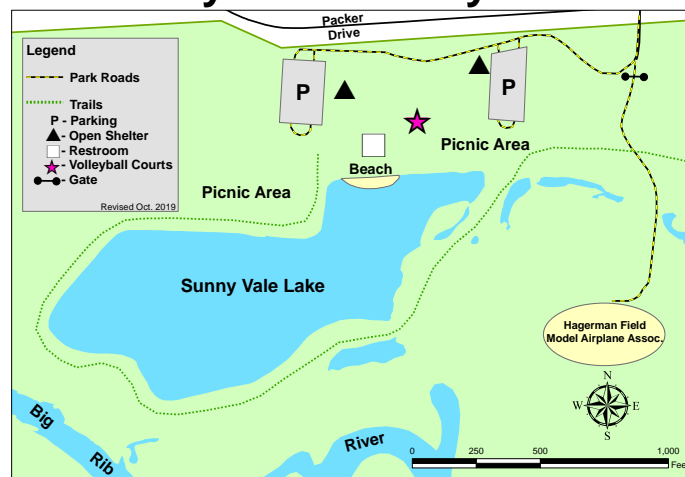
# Sunny Vale County Park



## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Trail connection improvements	Medium (3-5 Years)
Wayfinding signage	Medium (3-5 Years)

# Sunny Vale County Park



# SUNNY VALE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

**Park Address:** 1000 S 66th Avenue (Wausau)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** R

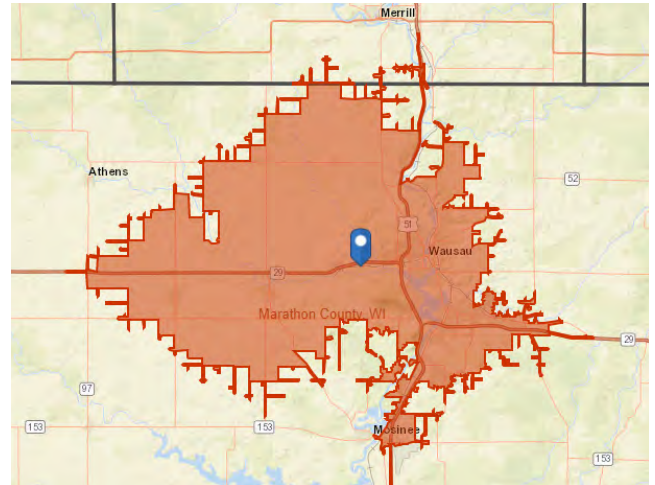
**Park Size (gross):** 35 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 35 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 88,005

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 36,145

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$54,586



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
Concessions, restroom, open shelter	1980	2,400	center of park
Open shelter	1981	468	volleyball courts
Maintenance garage	1980	480	east of entrance
Electrical shed	1983	63	between diamonds 1 & 2
Open shelter	1986	468	between diamonds 1 & 2
5 diamonds	n/a	n/a	n/a
10 dugouts (1 w/ press box)	1979	100	n/a
Press box	1983	n/a	n/a
10 bleachers	n/a	n/a	n/a
5 scoreboards	n/a	100	n/a
Fencing	n/a	28,470	n/a
Electrical/storage shed	n/a	280	diamond 5
Electrical shed	n/a	63	between diamond 3 & 4
Open shelter	1986	468	between diamond 3 & 4
Field lighting	n/a	n/a	n/a





## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Total field renovation - including turf infields, underground irrigation, replace backstop and scorer's box, etc.	High (1-3 Years)
Pave parking lots	Low (5+ Years)
Dugout and press box upgrades	Medium (3-5 Years)



# TRAPPE RIVER DELLS PARK

**Park Address:** Town of Texas (no road access)

**Park Type:** County Park

**ROS Class:** P

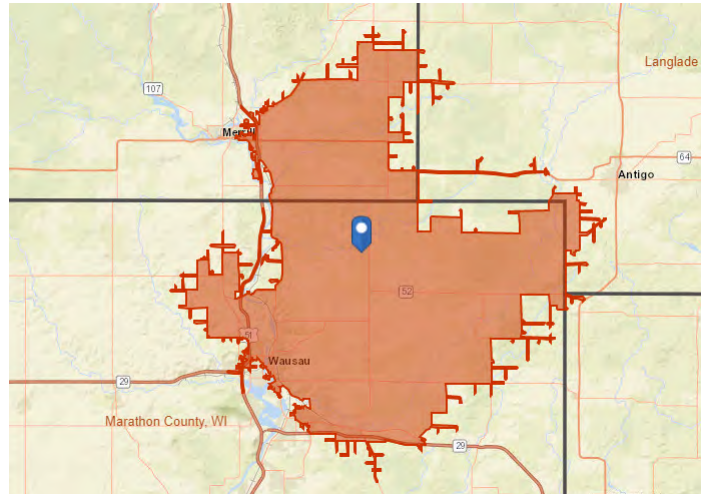
**Park Size (gross):** 79.3 acres

**Park Size (active use):** 0 acres

**Population (w/in 20 minutes):** 48,295

**# of Households (w/in 20 minutes):** 19,481

**Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):**  
\$52,763



## EXISTING FACILITIES

TYPE	INSTALL YEAR	SQUARE FEET	LOCATION
<i>none</i>			

## RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPROVEMENT	PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH)
Obtain access	Medium (3-5 Years)

