



MARATHON COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AGENDA

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 2:00pm

Meeting Location: Conference Room #3, 212 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

Park Commission Members - Gary Gisselman (President), Jacob Langenhahn (Vice-President)
Commissioners: Connie Conrad, John Durham, Pat Peckham, Rick Seefeldt, Dennis Smith

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Mission Statement: *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.*

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order – Park Commission
2. Public Comment Period – Not to Exceed 15 Minutes
3. Approval of the Minutes – None - July 30, 2019 Minutes will be Approved in September
4. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
 1. 2020-2025 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan – Discussion on the 2020-2025 County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update with Consultant
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration
 1. None
5. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee
 - A. None
6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports
 - A. Project Update
7. Announcements
 - A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – Sept. 3, 2019, 2:00pm at 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403
 - B. Future Agenda Items
8. Adjourn

Signed /s/ Jamie Polley
Presiding Officer or Her Designee

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

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(Email/Fax City Pages, Marshfield News, Midwest Radio Group)

Date August 2, 2019 Time 9:45 am

By Jodi Luebke

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AGENDA SUMMARY

4A1. Discussion and Possible Action on 2020-2025 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

MSA will be in attendance for the second meeting with the commission regarding the update of the 2020-2025 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. MSA will be reviewing the items they have near completion to date. Input will be sought on goals, policies and strategies, needs and demands, and recommendations for existing parks.

6A. Project Update

Three substantial storms /weather events have impacted several park properties in the last couple weeks. Most notable are Big Eau Pleine Park and Marathon Park. Park staff will be involved in cleanup and removal activities in the next few weeks.

Marathon Park:

Tree damage cleanup and removal to continue after Wisconsin Valley Fair

County Forest Units (Leather camp, Kronenwetter and Nine Mile):

Culvert installation/replacement in progress along with trail restoration

Shooting Range:

Granite removal and turf restoration on 600 yard range (near target stations)

BEP:

Disc golf course trail maintenance and concrete tee pads.

Routine Operations/Programs:

Urban forestry program; tree trimming, removals, stump grinding

Building and structure maintenance.

Shelter reservations and Special Events

Equipment maintenance and repair

Mowing Operations

Sports Facilities (Eastbay Sunnyvale Softball Complex)

Campground Operations

Chapter 3

MISSION, GOALS, POLICIES & STRATEGIES

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3.1 PRF DEPT. MISSION STATEMENT

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.

3.2 GOALS, POLICIES & STRATEGIES

Goals are a general statement about a desired future outcome. Goals provide the big idea and direction but do not indicate how they will be achieved.

Policies are rules of conduct to be used to achieve the goals of the plan. They are intended to be used regularly to guide County decisions.

Strategies are specific activities or actions that the County should pursue, sometimes in coordination with other local or state government agencies, private landowners, or non-governmental agencies to achieve the stated goals.

Goal 1 - Provide an adequate and suitable park and forest land base for the outdoor recreational needs of our citizens.

Policies

1. Maintain a level of service of at least 250 gross acres of park and forest land per 1,000 residents and 26 gross acres of parkland (excluding County Forest Units) per 1,000 residents.
2. Ensure that all residents of the County are within at least a 20 minute drive time or less from a County park or forest.
3. Ensure that all land acquisitions have public access or will have public access in the future.

Strategies

- A. Identify and acquire by deed, lease or easement lands needed to meet current demands and future needs based on population projections, recreational trends, demographics, local and county land use plans:
 - General County outdoor space needs for active recreation including campgrounds, boat and canoe launches, trails for bicycling, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ATV riding, horseback riding, beaches, play areas, play equipment, hunting, fishing, and other possibilities as identified in the County park and County forest definition.
 - Special use needs suitable for County parks and/or County forests including dog trails, target shooting, archery, open sports facilities, model airplane field, golf, alpine skiing, water parks, arenas, fairgrounds, expo center, exhibition buildings, ice rinks, curling rinks, and company picnics.
- B. Identify and acquire by deed, lease, or easement lands needed to create a county-wide, multi-use, multi-seasonal trail system.
- C. Propose land acquisition to consolidate ownership within established county forest boundaries and provide for public recreation. Acquisition of other unique or special areas will be pursued within the guidelines of the County



Forest 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Each County forest unit has acreage to be acquired.

- D. Target acquisition of an average of 320 combined acres of park, forest, or trail lands per year by December 31, 2022.
- E. Except in the cases of special use parks, County parks shall provide opportunities for both active and passive recreational use for all users

Goal 2 - Protect the County's natural, historic, and cultural resources.

Policies

- 1. The County will maintain and utilize land use regulations to protect natural, historic and cultural resources.

Strategies

- A. Maintain a shoreline stabilization program in areas subject to erosion from waves, current or recreational use.
- B. Protect parks and forest units from encroachment or degradation by conflicting land use or activities on adjacent lands.
- C. Facility design, construction and operations should protect the natural resources. Potentially adverse impacts will be mitigated to the extent possible while providing recreational opportunities in natural appearing settings.
- D. Protect environmentally sensitive and historically significant areas from "active" recreation development.
- E. Protect lands that are scientifically, historically, or environmentally significant by purchase, lease or easement.

Goal 3 - Maintain all park and forest facilities according to recognized and acceptable community standards.

Policies

- 1. Whenever possible, all park sites and experiences will be made accessible to all potential users, in conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

COMPLYING WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The ADA, enacted in 1990, clearly states the right of equal access for persons to local government services, including parks. On September 15, 2010 the Department of Justice published revised final regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 2010 Standards included new provisions for accessible design for recreational facilities such as playgrounds, swimming pools, fishing and golf facilities. Similar to when the original 1991 ADA Standards were adopted for public buildings, a community is required to complete a self-evaluation of their recreational facilities for ADA compliance by March 15, 2012. Those communities with 50 or more full or part-time employees are also required to develop a Transition Plan, which identifies what corrective work will be completed, when it will be completed, and the individual responsible for the corrective work. Any new recreational facilities designed, constructed, or shaped after March 15, 2012 are subject to the 2010 Standards. Any alteration (not simple maintenance, but something that changes the way the site is used) must make the element altered accessible and must create an accessible path of travel through the site or facility to that element.

There are some fundamental differences in how accessibility in the outdoors is accommodated compared to indoors or the built environment. While restrooms, shelters, interpretive centers, and parking lots, for example, need to follow detailed ADA guidelines, other improvements such as trails or swimming beach areas, for example, do not necessarily need to follow indoor or built environment ramp grades or surfacing requirements. A good rule of thumb for the County to follow is that anything constructed must not make the outdoor experience anymore difficult than what occurs naturally. Mother Nature does not have to comply with ADA, but the County does.

The New England ADA Center is a good resource to use and offers checklists to evaluate accessibility at existing park facilities. The fillable checklist forms can be found here: <http://www.adachecklist.org/checklist.html#rec>

Strategies

- A. Each County park should have high quality base facilities that include:
 - a. Paved or graded access roads
 - b. Paved or graded parking lots
 - c. Flushing toilet restrooms
 - d. Open play areas
 - e. Trail systems
 - f. Picnic facilities
 - g. Safe drinking water
 - h. Safe access to rivers and lakes for fishing and boating (where applicable)
 - i. Wayfinding and on-site signage
 - j. Accessibility for all users
- B. Fund the replacement of old and deteriorating facilities in all parks and forests and provide for non-recurring maintenance needs, repairs, and replacements. Consult the recommendations within this plan on an annual basis when updating the County's Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Budget.
- C. Maintain a park and forest system that is sustainable with respect to annual maintenance and operation costs and servicing capabilities of the community.
- D. Provide the support facilities and personnel necessary to carry out suitable maintenance and cleaning for all park and forest facilities.
- E. Annually inspect all facilities for safety and maintenance needs.

Goal 4 - Recognize and utilize selected County park and forest facilities to generate revenues from users.

Policies

- 1. Charge reasonable fees for providing special facilities, a special service, and/or for which registration or reservations are required. Examples include camping, skiing, highly developed trails, reserveable shelters, firewood, boat launching, target shooting, building rentals, and storage.

Strategies

- A. Use park and forest facilities to promote the tourism industry.
- B. Utilize special park and forest facilities as profit centers to offset the costs of other park operations.
- C. Use parks and forests to encourage business and industry development by providing for their employee's recreational needs.
- D. Integrate parks and forest information with other tourism promotion groups, e.g., Chambers of Commerce, etc.
- E. Consider for expansion those recreation services which are principally in demand by tourists (campgrounds, water sports, downhill and cross-country skiing, tournament shooting, mountain biking, traveling athletics, etc.).

Goal 5 - Provide information, education and interpretive services to the public concerning natural resources, park and forest recreation facilities and programs in Marathon County.

Policies

- 1. The County Park Department will emphasize their role in providing information to the public about County recreational amenities and to ensure compliance with County parkland rules, regulations and fees.

Strategies

- A. Provide wayfinding signage for county parks and forest units along major county highways to guide the public to park and forest recreation facilities.
- B. Provide entrance signs, trail signs, compliance, educational and interpretive signs within County parks and forest units as needed.
- C. Provide educational, interpretive, and interactive information regarding parks and forests via brochures, websites, location based mobile applications, etc.
- D. Provide educational and interpretive programs at parks and forests with outstanding natural or historic features or campgrounds.

- E. Support and/or provide environmental education study areas.
 - F. Continually update maps, brochures, websites and apps that describe park and forest recreation facilities, fees, policies, and barrier free access.
 - G. Make park and forest recreation data available to other distribution services such as map and travel-guide publishers, Chambers of Commerce, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, etc.
 - H. Make information available at heavily trafficked government offices, parks, recreation sites and other public information distribution points.
 - I. Provide public information services at public recreation and leisure events such as fairs and trade shows.
 - J. Provide public notification of County park and forest recreation facility and program operational information including rules, regulations, hours and seasons of operation, event schedules, fees, public meetings, etc.
- C. Recognize and promote opportunities for joint land acquisition and/or facility development on a cost-sharing basis.
 - D. Transfer ownership or management of lands and facilities that do not meet the objectives of County parks and forests to appropriate jurisdictions.
 - E. Assist with county-wide land use and conservancy planning including providing technical assistance to citizens, municipalities, and other providers of public recreation.

Goal 6 - Cooperate with all units of government, service organizations, and special interest groups to meet recreational needs.

Policies

- 1. The County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department will participate in the development or review of state and local CORPs to ensure the policies and recommendations in those plans are consistent, compatible and complementary to the policies and recommendations within the County CORP.

Strategies

- A. Encourage municipalities to require developers to dedicate parkland or pay fees-in-lieu of.
- B. Encourage municipalities to prepare and update local CORPs every 5 years to assess how current demand and future park and recreation needs are being met.



Chapter 4

ANALYSIS OF NEEDS AND DEMANDS

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This chapter presents an analysis of how well the County's existing park and forest facilities satisfy current needs. The adequacy of the County's existing park and forest systems are evaluated using the following methods:

- **Quantitative Analysis** - a comparison of existing parkland acreage and population projections versus the County's park service policy.
- **Geographic Analysis** - an analysis of the geographic distribution of park and forest facilities in the County.
- **Qualitative Analysis** - a summary of public input regarding County parks and recreational facilities gathered through the community survey and public involvement meeting.
- **Regional & State Insights** - a summary of the demand trends in recreational amenities at the regional and state level.

4.1 QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

An analysis of existing park and forest land area is provided to determine if the recreational needs of residents are being met. This analysis is limited to an evaluation of park and forest land, and does not include off-road trails not located in parks or forests. Per Chapter 3, the County's policy is to provide a service level of at least 250 acres per 1,000 residents, which was the level of service provided in 2007. This standard is used to calculate anticipated parkland demand for Marathon County.

Currently the County is providing approximately 33,970 acres of parks and county forests land. Table 4.1 summarizes the current and projected supply and demand for total park and county forest acreage based on County population and a service level of 250 acres per 1,000 residents in combined Parks and Forest Units. Currently the County has a deficit of 11 acres of Park and Forest land. If no new land is added, by 2030 there will be a 4,060 acre deficit. Per Chapter 3, and the County Strategic Plan, the County has a stated strategy to add 320 acres of park and forest land per year. Adding this amount of acreage would offset the projected deficit by year 2030.

Table 4.1 Total Parks and Forest Acreage Surplus/Deficit

| Total Acreage Surplus/Deficit (in acres) | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Year | 2018 | 2020 | 2025 | 2030 |
| Population | 135,922 | 142,200 | 146,595 | 150,130 |
| Parks and County Forest Units | | | | |
| Total Supply (acres) | 33,970 | 33,970 | 33,970 | 33,970 |
| Demand (250 acres/1,000) | 33,981 | 35,550 | 36,649 | 37,533 |
| Surplus (250 acres/1,000) | -11 | -1,580 | -2,679 | -3,563 |
| Surplus (adding 320 acre/year) | -11 | -940 | -439 | 277 |
| All Parkland (excluding County Forest Units) | | | | |
| Total Supply (acres) | 3,800 | 3,734 | 3,734 | 3,734 |
| Demand (26 acres/1,000) | 3,534 | 3,697 | 3,811 | 3,903 |
| Surplus (26 acres/1,000) | 266 | 36 | -78 | -170 |

Since approximately 89% of County's park and recreation land is forest, which is used less actively than parks, Table 4.1 also summarizes current and projected supply and demand for parkland only. In 2007 the County had roughly 26 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Assuming this level of service is maintained, the County currently has a surplus of 266 acres of parkland; however, by year 2030 there will be a deficit of 170 acres if no new parkland is added.

Table 4.2 provides a comparison of parkland acreage for Marathon County and six peer county's. Peer county's were chosen based on their similar population to Marathon County and other similar characteristics, including access to federal highways.

In conclusion, if the County desires to maintain at least the level of service it was providing in 2007 (~250 acres of park and forest land per 1,000 residents)

Table 4.2 Comparison of Park Statistics to Peer Counties

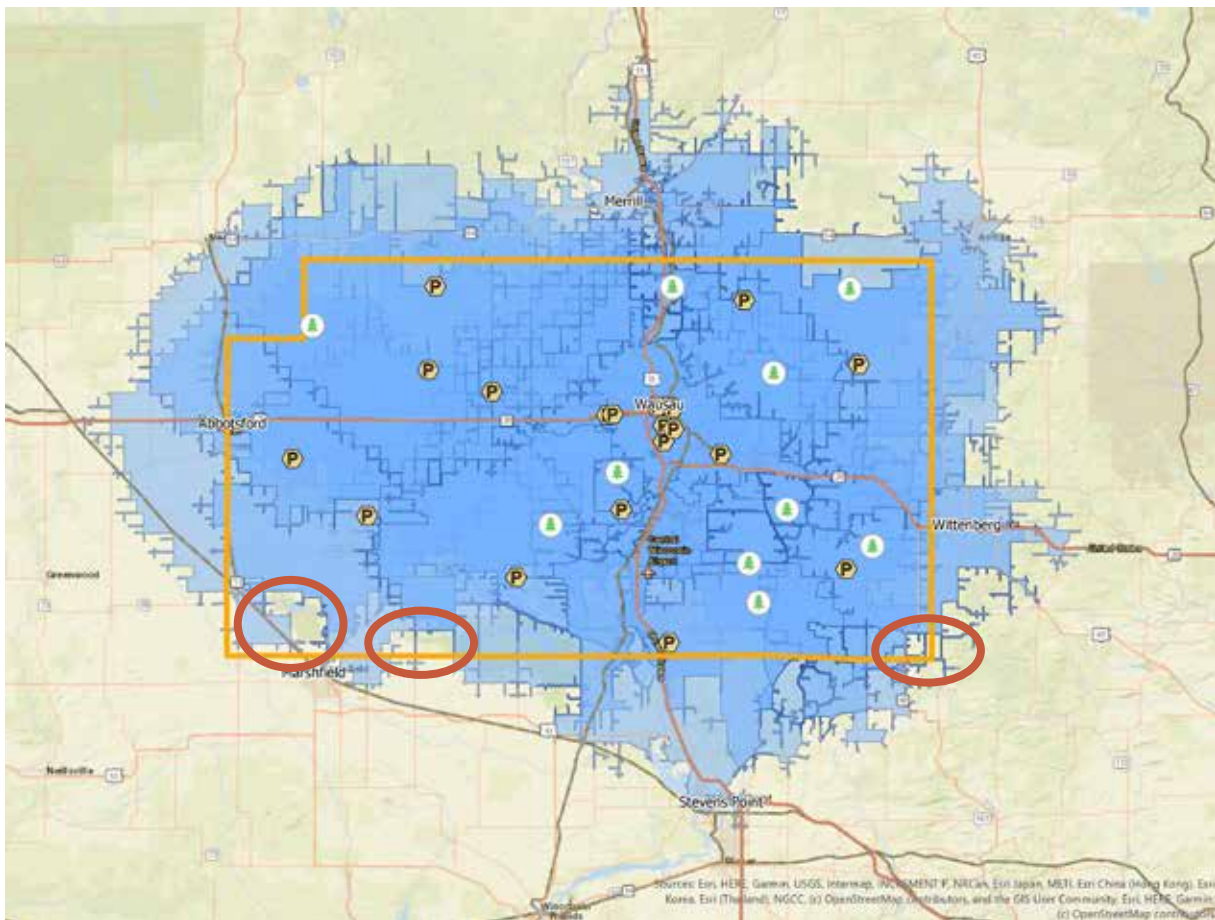
| Park Comparison to Comparable Counties (excludes forests) | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| | Number of Parks | Total Park Acres | 2018 Population | Acres Per 1,000 Residents |
| Marathon County | 19 | 3,800 | 135,922 | 28 |
| Eau Claire County | 7 | 931 | 102,816 | 9 |
| Fond du Lac County | 15 | 1,213 | 104,035 | 12 |
| Rock County | 19 | 935 | 160,349 | 6 |
| Sheboygan County | 7 | 6,852 | 115,924 | 59 |
| Washington County | 15 | 1,511 | 135,970 | 11 |
| Winnebago County | 15 | 788 | 170,025 | 5 |

then additional land acquisition will be necessary to keep pace with projected population increases. The County's strategy of adding 320 additional acres per year will be sufficient to erase the existing 2018 estimated deficit and account for the projected population by 2030. While the analysis in Table 4.1 may illustrate a larger 2018 surplus in parkland only, it should be kept in mind that County parks offer a wider amount of recreational amenities, and therefore, are more highly used than County Forests (as supported by results for the survey, see section 4.3). It is not the County's stated policy to provide at least 26 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, this is merely the level of service that was provided in 2007. Given County parks are used more frequently, and for more diverse uses, the County may want to consider allocating a greater share of the desired additional 320 acres of park and forest land acquisition per year to active uses.

4.2 GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

The location of parks and forest units in relation to the County's residents is an important indicator of how well existing facilities are dispersed. Most County parks are located in areas with distinctive natural features and provide nature oriented passive outdoor recreation. County parks are generally larger than municipal parks and often provide for recreational amenities that require greater acreage (e.g. camping, hunting, etc.). County parks are generally not intended to meet daily resident needs; therefore, providing a service level that places all residents within a 1/4 to 1-mile service radius, as is typical in a municipality, is not appropriate. Per Chapter 3, the County has a general policy to have all residents within a 20-minute drive time of either a County park or forest unit. The Park and Forest Unit Service Areas map (Figure 4.1) illustrates that all but

Figure 4.1 Park and Forest Unit Service Area Map (20 Minute Drive Time)



a few areas of the County are currently served by a County park or forest within a 20-minute drive time.

When looking at service areas for **forest units** only (Figure 4.3), a portion of the southwest corner of the County is outside the service area. However, this area of the County is where McMillan Marsh Wildlife Area is located. McMillan Marsh is 6,500 acres and managed by the Wisconsin DNR (see Chapter 2 for more details).

When looking at the service areas for **parks** only, almost all areas of the County are currently within a 20 minute drive time of at least one County park. However, the size of the park and type of amenities offered at each location should also be considered when analyzing service areas. For example, the north central portion of the County is served by Trappe River Dells Park; however, this is an undeveloped park, which means that many residents in this portion of the County have to travel further than 20 minutes to have access to a County park. Table 4.3 provides a summary of some of the major recreational amenities found at each County park.

Table 4.4 (page 38) shows the profile of the population within a 20 minute drive time of each park and forest unit. The parks with the largest group of prospective users within a 20 minute drive time are Ashley Park (152,193) and Sunny Vale Park (139,245). Ashley Park is located near the edge of Marathon and Portage Counties, just to the east of I-39. The 20 minute service area for this park includes the City of Stevens Point (Portage County); Villages of Mosinee, Kronenwetter and Rothschild; and a majority of the City in Wausau. Wausau is the largest municipality in Marathon County (2018 population estimate of 39,024).

Based on WIDOA population projections, there are only four County park and forest service areas that have a projected increase of less than 1,000 residents between 2023: Amco Park, Cherokee Park, Reitbrock Geographical Marker and Bern Wetland. These parks are all located east of Wausau with service areas

Figure 4.3 Forest Unit Service Area Map (20 Minute Drive Time)

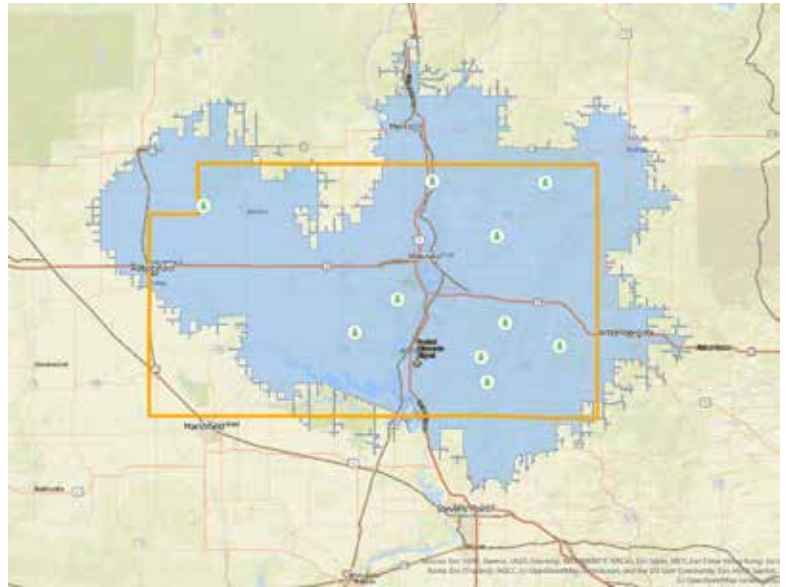


Figure 4.4 Park Service Area Map (20 Minute Drive Time)

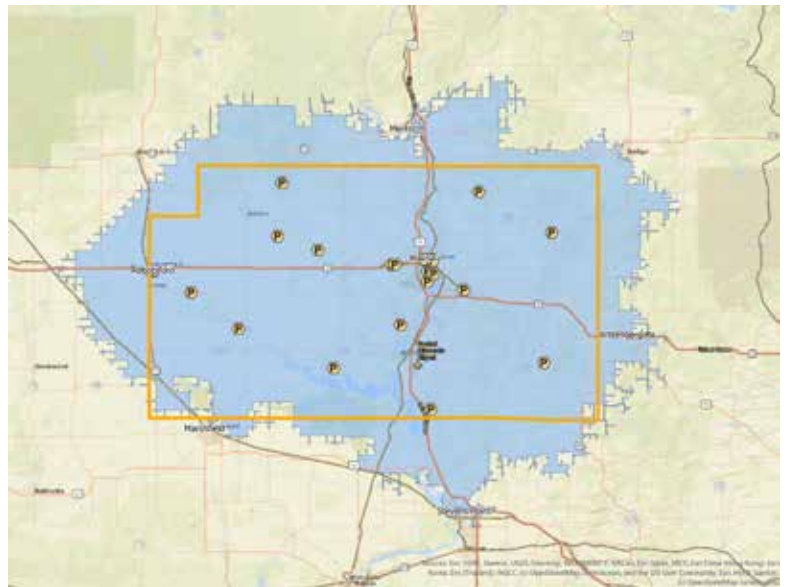


Table 4.3 County Park Amenities

| Park/Facility | Acres | Baseball/Softball | Basketball Court | Beach | Boat Landings | Camping | Fishing | Lake/Pond/River | Nature Center | Open Area | Picnic Area | Pier | Play Equipment | Restrooms | Shelter/Pavilion | Sports Field/Area | Swimming | Tennis Court | Trail | Volleyball Court | Cross Country Ski Trail | Disc Golf | Mountain Bike Trail | Other - Splash Pad |
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| County Parks | 3,800.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amco Park | 38.5 | | | | | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashley Park | 155.1 | | | | | | X | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Big Eau Pleine Park | 2,050.6 | | | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | | X | X | |
| Big Rapids Park | 28.9 | | | | | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Bluegill Bay Park | 75.1 | | | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | | | | |
| Cherokee Park | 65.5 | | | | | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | X | | | | | |
| Courthouse Square | 0.4 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D.C. Everest Park | 6.2 | | | | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dells of the Eau Claire Park | 266.5 | | | X | | X | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | |
| Duane L. Corbin Shooting Range Park | 100.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastbay Sports Complex | 66.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Library Park | 1.0 | | | | | | | X | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marathon Park | 79.3 | X | X | | | X | | | | X | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | X |
| Mission Lake Park | 114.3 | | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | | | | |
| Mountain-Bay Trail | - | | | | | | | X | | X | X | | | X | X | | | | X | | | X | | |
| Reitbrock Geographical Marker | 0.9 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rib Falls Park | 308.4 | | | | | | X | X | | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | X | | | | | |
| Sunny Vale Park | 363.2 | | | X | | | X | X | | X | X | | | X | X | | X | | X | X | | | | |
| Sunny Vale Softball Complex | - | X | | | | | | | | X | X | | | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Trappe River Dells Park | 79.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

that span from Wausau to Thorp and are bisected by WIS 29.

Within all County park and forest unit drive times, the percentage of those under 18 is between 20-24% and the median age falls between 38.4 and 41.6. Median incomes within the park and forest service areas are between \$51,000 and \$58,000.

In conclusion, almost all County residents are within a 20-minute drivetime of a County park or forest unit. There are more 20-minute service gaps for forest units than parks as more forest units are located on the east side of the County. There is pretty adequate service coverage for County parks; however, the number and quality of amenities is not equally dispersed amongst all County parks and can therefore result in some residents having a longer service area.

4.3 QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

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 the following is a summary of responses and findings.

Importance and Satisfaction

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.

Table 4.4 Profile of Perspective Park Users (within 20 minute drive time)

| Profile of Perspective Park Users (within 30 minute drive time) | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| | 2018 Population | 2023 Projected Population | 2023 Projected Population Increase (2018-2023) | 2018 Percentage Youth (under age 18) | 2018 Median Age | 2018 Median Household Income |
| County Parks and Forest Units | | | | | | |
| Ashley Park (155.1 acres) | 152,193 | 154,574 | 2,381 | 21% | 38.4 | \$ 54,676 |
| Sunny Vale Park (363.2 acres) | 139,245 | 141,270 | 2,025 | 22% | 41.1 | \$ 57,319 |
| Marathon Park (79.3 acres) | 135,783 | 137,690 | 1,907 | 22% | 41.3 | \$ 57,450 |
| Rib Falls Park (308.4 acres) | 134,142 | 136,147 | 2,005 | 23% | 40.3 | \$ 55,780 |
| Sunny Vale Softball Complex (included above) | 132,377 | 134,279 | 1,902 | 22% | 41.1 | \$ 57,321 |
| Library Park (1.0 acres) | 129,822 | 131,643 | 1,821 | 22% | 41.2 | \$ 57,242 |
| Bluegill Bay Park (75.1 acres) | 129,802 | 131,708 | 1,906 | 22% | 41.2 | \$ 57,309 |
| Courthouse Square (0.4 acres) | 127,726 | 129,522 | 1,796 | 22% | 41.2 | \$ 57,116 |
| Kronenwetter Forest Unit (5,164.7 acres) | 125,633 | 127,554 | 1,921 | 21% | 38.9 | \$ 54,720 |
| D.C. Everest Park (6.2 acres) | 124,074 | 125,871 | 1,797 | 22% | 41.1 | \$ 57,124 |
| Nine-Mile Forest Unit (4,897.6 acres) | 122,414 | 124,363 | 1,949 | 22% | 41.0 | \$ 57,855 |
| Trappe River Dells Park (79.3 acres) | 121,441 | 122,678 | 1,237 | 22% | 41.2 | \$ 54,770 |
| Burma Road Forest Unit (1,469.0 acres) | 120,262 | 122,330 | 2,068 | 22% | 40.5 | \$ 57,078 |
| Mountain-Bay Trail | 119,715 | 121,597 | 1,882 | 22% | 41.2 | \$ 57,493 |
| Miller Forest Unit (79.2 acres) | 118,283 | 119,644 | 1,361 | 22% | 41.1 | \$ 55,218 |
| Duane L. Corbin Shooting Range Park (100.4 acres) | 117,152 | 119,215 | 2,063 | 22% | 40.7 | \$ 58,205 |
| Wisconsin River Forest Unit (305.4 acres) | 116,214 | 117,614 | 1,400 | 22% | 41.1 | \$ 56,195 |
| Eastbay Sports Complex (66.6 acres) | 115,389 | 117,307 | 1,918 | 22% | 41.3 | \$ 57,308 |
| Ringle Marsh Forest Unit (3,079.9 acres) | 108,457 | 110,199 | 1,742 | 22% | 40.8 | \$ 56,443 |
| Leather Camp Forest Unit (5,231.8 acres) | 107,619 | 109,334 | 1,715 | 20% | 38.4 | \$ 57,114 |
| Dells of the Eau Claire Park (266.5 acres) | 104,091 | 105,241 | 1,150 | 22% | 40.8 | \$ 52,932 |
| Hewitt-Harrison Forest Unit (9,399.7 acres) | 93,286 | 94,357 | 1,071 | 22% | 40.9 | \$ 51,045 |
| Reitbrock Geographical Marker (0.9 acres) | 92,548 | 93,511 | 963 | 23% | 40.2 | \$ 53,006 |
| Mission Lake Park (114.3 acres) | 86,964 | 88,361 | 1,397 | 22% | 41.0 | \$ 56,872 |
| Big Eau Pleine Park (2,050.6 acres) | 83,734 | 85,216 | 1,482 | 22% | 41.0 | \$ 58,202 |
| Cherokee Park (65.5 acres) | 80,545 | 81,492 | 947 | 24% | 40.6 | \$ 54,236 |
| Amco Park (38.5 acres) | 72,796 | 73,017 | 221 | 22% | 41.1 | \$ 52,227 |
| Big Rapids Park (28.9 acres) | 72,530 | 73,700 | 1,170 | 23% | 41.1 | \$ 56,563 |
| Elderon Forest Unit (277.3 acres) | 67,270 | 68,454 | 1,184 | 22% | 41.6 | \$ 58,723 |
| Bern Wetland Forest Unit (264.9 acres) | 46,851 | 47,235 | 384 | 24% | 40.5 | \$ 54,127 |

Average satisfaction remains high, rated greater than 75 out of 100 for both quality and variety of facilities offered in the County, with respondents indicating high levels of satisfaction in Appearance (93% satisfied or very satisfied), Maintenance (87%), Cleanliness (86%), Safety (94%), and Accessibility (92%). Common reasons for dissatisfaction included availability/state of restrooms (6% of all respondents), improvements for hockey facilities (3% of all respondents), and overall cleanliness (1%).

Safety and Accessibility

94% of respondents indicated that they feel safe when using the County's parks, trails, and forests. Of the approximately 6% of respondents with safety concerns, one-quarter cited perception or presence of intoxicated users within parks and forests. Other users shared safety concerns of trail maintenance, as well as perceptions of outdated boards and glass at Marathon Ice Arena.

Other respondents shared a desire for increased accessibility – wheelchair and paved access to playgrounds, more paved trails throughout the system, increased lighting along trails, and accessible kayak and boat launches for disabled users.

General Use - Parks

In order of reported visits, 85% of respondents visited Marathon Park (excluding the Ice Arena) within the past year, 80% visited Dells of Eau Claire, 75% Big Eau Pleine, 68% Bluegill Bay, 42% the Marathon Ice Arena, and 40% the Eastbay Sports Complex. Marathon Park, Eastbay Sports Complex, and Marathon Ice Arena had the most repeat visits of 15 or more times per year.

The least-visited parks among respondents were Ashley Park (< 3% of respondents had visited) and Trap River Dells (< 6%). The next reported least-visited parks included (in order) Cherokee (10%), Amco (11%), Big Rapids (14%), the Reitbrock Geographic Marker (17%), and Duane L. Corbin Shooting Range (20%).

General Use – Forests

Forest units with the largest number of reported visits in the past year included Nine-Mile (69% of respondents visited at least once) and Wisconsin River (58% of respondents). These two forest units also had, by a significant margin, the largest number of repeat visitors. Respectively, 30% and 23% of respondents visited 6 or more times annually.

The least-visited forest units were Miller (3% visited), Bern Wetland (7%), and Elderon (7%), all with less than 10% of respondents having visited in the prior year.

Activities and Programming

More than 68% of respondents indicated that they participate in hiking within the system, and more than 60% utilize the system for walking. The next most popular activities include biking (48% of

respondents), camping (46%), swimming (41%), canoeing (38%), fishing (36%), picnicking (29%), playground use (27%), and snowshoeing (26%). There are a large variety of activities that users participate in on County parks, trails, and forests, with 25 distinct recreational activities having more than 10% of respondents engaged. Accounting for reported uses and number of respondents, each individual or family utilizes parks, trails, or forests for an average of 7 different recreational activities.

Community preferences for programming differ by age (youth vs adult). For youth, the most needed forms of programming are swim lessons (55%), sports instruction/introduction (40%), and organized sports (28%). For adults, the most needed programmed activities are water fitness (64%), healthy cooking (59%), and pickleball lessons (58%). The largest need for both groups combined are family camping events (75%), community events (69%), and adaptive (special population) programs (61%).

Funding

If given opportunity to direct funding, 57% of survey respondents would spend more 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. Only 28% and 30% would spend more on acquiring new forest land and park land, respectively. 44% of respondents, however, would approve of spending more to acquire and develop new trails. The vast majority of respondents would continue the same amount of spending or increase spending in most areas.

Nearly 70% of respondents felt that fees were appropriate for value received within the system, 3% felt that fees were underpriced, and an additional 16% were unsure. There were several comments related to camping fees, and the possibility to collect fees at one time for boating, camping, and dumping, or rolling them all into a single appropriate fee charged to all campers.

Other Comments

In addition to survey responses, we received 289 additional comments on Marathon County parks, trails, and forest units at a PIM held on April 30, 2019. Many of these comments reflected potential for improvements identified earlier in the process – running water/flush toilets/showers, hockey facility improvements, and the desire for additional pickleball courts represented nearly 25% of the “other” comments received on 88 specific themes. Other areas reflected in these comments include desire for new/expanded indoor space for sports, namely baseball, lacrosse, soccer, baseball, and/or pickleball, more restrooms within the park system, and pursuing opportunities for snowmaking at Nine-Mile county forest during the winter recreation season.

Additional feedback received at the PIM consisted of a “Spending Activity, where attendees were given \$1,000 “dollars” and the opportunity to spend it across any of 12 improvement categories. 52% of all “dollars” spent went to expanding/improving non-motorized trails, nearly triple the next-highest category, athletic facilities (19%). Trail emphasis was placed at Nine Mile, mountain biking trails throughout the system of parks and forests, and connecting/expanding trails so the entire system can be better accessed through active modes of transportation. Within the athletic facilities category, 46% of respondents identified the need for increased pickleball facilities, while the rest were evenly split between improvements/expansion of both Eastbay and Marathon Ice Arena.

Finally, the PIM also identified, through a mapping exercise, areas desired for future trail connections within the County. Many of these areas focused on connecting the City of Wausau to County parks and forest units through active transportation modes, as well as desire for a rails-to-trails conversion that could connect the current system and Wausau to Marshfield.

Full lists of survey and PIM comments are available in Appendix A.

4.5 REGIONAL & STATE INSIGHTS

Insights from the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), 2019-2023

The recently updated Wisconsin SCORP features a Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA). The ROA examines existing outdoor-recreation opportunities compared to future opportunities in eight regions throughout Wisconsin. Marathon County is located in the Western Sands region.

The Western Sands Region has an abundance of public lands that draw visitors from Milwaukee, Chicago and the Twin Cities. From camping to ATV riding and hunting to bird watching, the county and state forests and the expansive wildlife areas here support a wide diversity of recreation. Although largely rural, easy highway access and relatively inexpensive land prices within the region have increasingly made it a popular location for seasonal home development.

The ROA found that residents of the Western Sands Region participate in the following activities at lower rates than the State average:

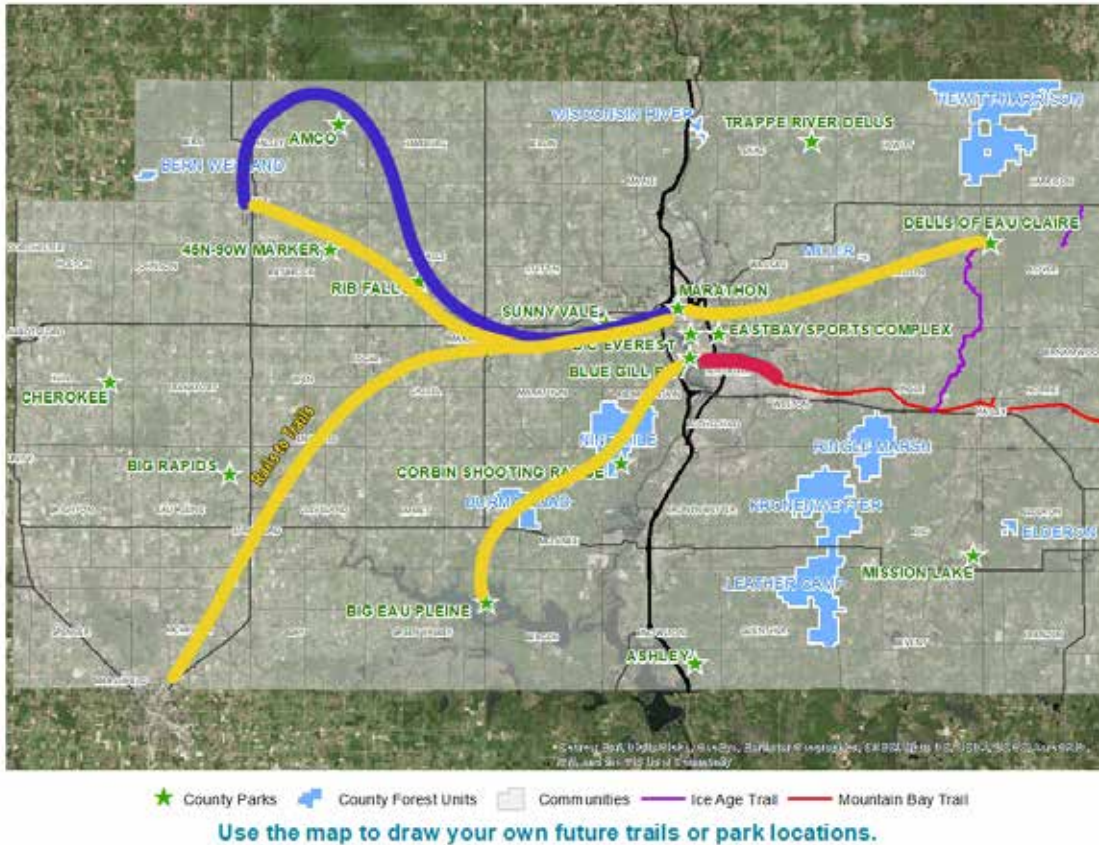
- Sailing/stand-up paddle boarding
- Downhill skiing/snowboarding
- Visiting a dog park
- Personal water craft - jet ski

Residents in the region participate at higher rates than the state average in big game hunting.

The most popular places to go in the region are the Ice Age Trail, Black River State Forest, Rib Mountain State Park, Hartman Creek State Park, and the Elroy Sparta State Trail.

Of the people who participated in the ROA, the majority (71%) selected the quality of trails as the most important factor in determining their favorite property to visit. The three next most important factors are the desire to be in a quiet place, good maps, signage or information about properties and quality of habitat.

DESIRED TRAIL CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE SYSTEM



The following recreation activities are identified in the SCORP as high priority needs in the Western Sands Region:

- Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
- Bird or wildlife watching
- Camping - developed and primitive
- Canoeing or kayaking
- Cross country skiing
- Dog walking
- Fishing
- Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting - big game
- Picnicking
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming in lakes and rivers

Figure 4.6 Statewide Outdoor Comprehensive Recreation Plan Planning Areas



Chapter 5

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

The quantitative, qualitative, and geographic analysis discussed in Chapter 4 reveals the need for improvements to existing facilities, as well as the acquisition and development of new sites for future recreational use. It should be noted that some of the recommendations may require considerable cooperation with others, including the citizens of Marathon County, local civic and business associations, and State agencies. In nearly every case, more detailed planning, engineering, study, budgeting, and/or discussion will be necessary before decisions are made to actually acquire land or construct recreational facilities.

The recommendations of this plan are divided into five major sections: (1) existing park facilities (2) new or expanded park facilities; (3) trail improvements; (4) miscellaneous improvements. **For recommendations related to forest units consult the latest copy of the Marathon County Forest Unit Management Plan.**

The timeline for completion of the recommendations is noted within each table of recommendations. High priority items should occur in the next 1-3 years (2022), Medium priority items should occur over the next three to five years (2024) and low priority items may not be completed within the next five years; however, initial planning activities may occur to bring these items closer to completion. Due to budgetary constraints it is unlikely that all of the recommendations within this chapter will be implemented in the next five years. Maintenance and improvement projects will be prioritized on an annual basis by County staff in conjunction with the county's Parks Commission and Forestry and Recreation Committee as part of the County's annual budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

Many of the recommendations regarding locating new park or trail facilities will be coordinated with the sale or donation of land by other parties; therefore, the timing is much more variable. Acquisition projects will be implemented through donation, dedication, purchase, or a combination thereof.

5.1 EXISTING PARK FACILITIES

The following pages contain one- to two-page spreads dedicated to each existing park in Marathon County. Each spread includes general information, facilities (and approximate install dates), and recommendations for improvements to existing parks and forests. Some of the recommendations identified within this section are remnants from the 2007 Marathon County CORP. These recommendations have been highlighted (*) where they occur. Other recommendations are drawn from the County's 2021-2024 Capital Improvement Plan which was already approved during this project. The remaining recommendations reflect staff, commission, public and consultant feedback obtained during the planning process.

AMCO PARK

Park Address: 379 CTH F (Athens)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: R/RN

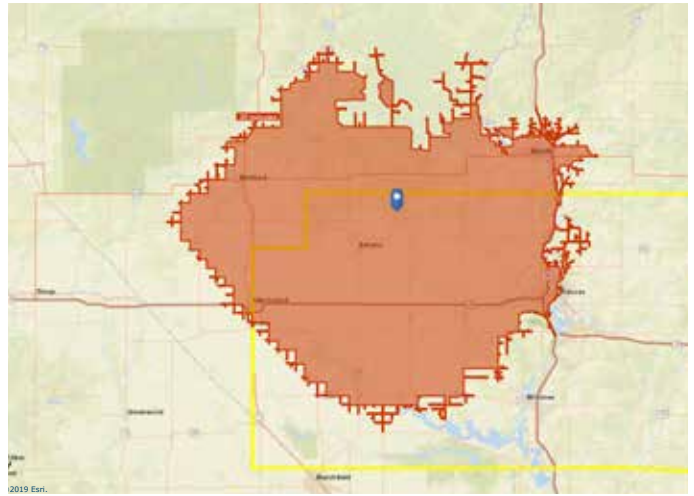
Park Size (gross): 38.5 acres

Park Size (active use): 6 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 72,796

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 29,580

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$52,227



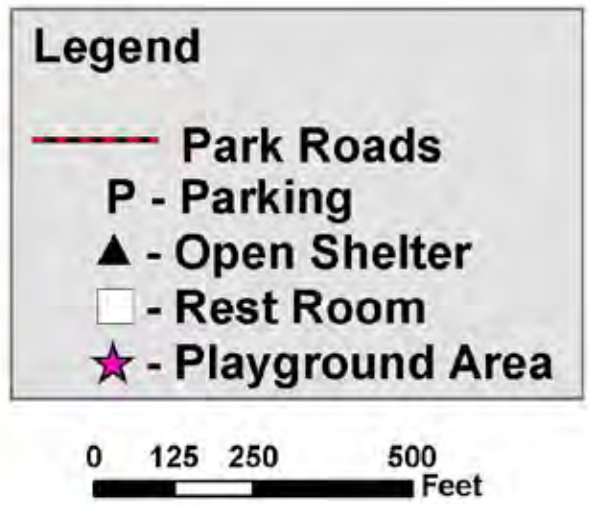
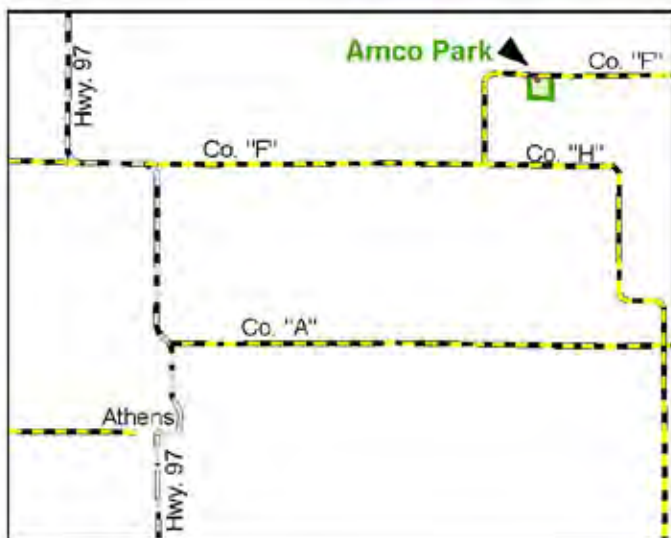
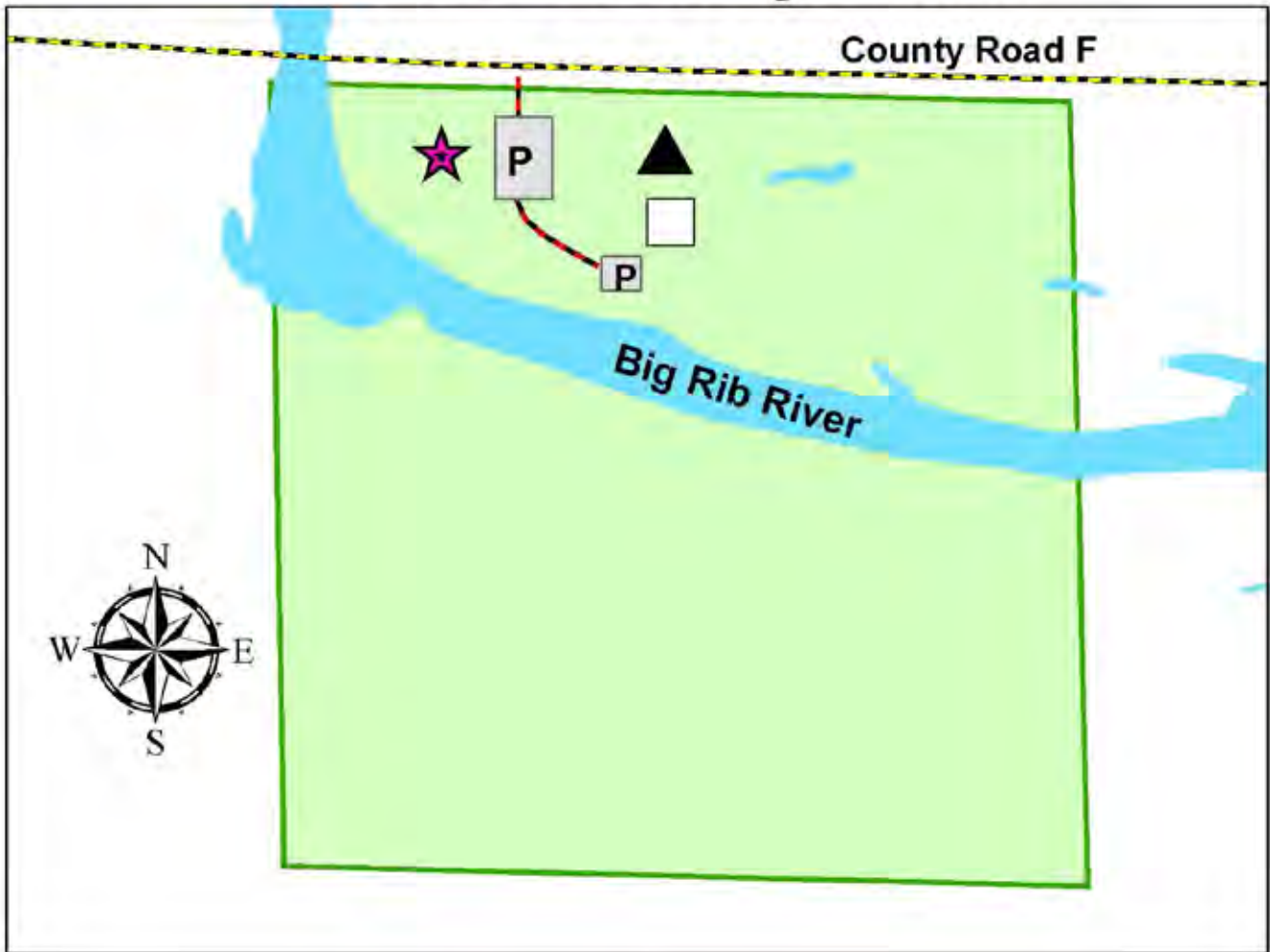
EXISTING FACILITIES

| 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) |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Add restrooms | |
| | |
| | |

Amco County Park



ASHLEY PARK

Park Address: 1600 Sandy Credd Road (Mosinee)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: RN

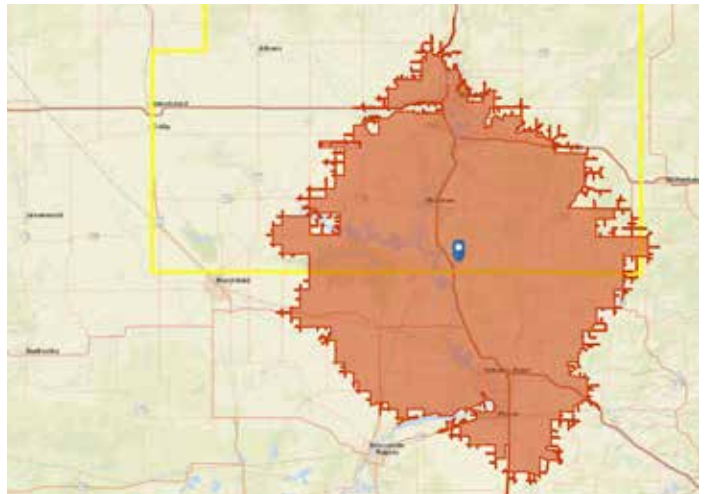
Park Size (gross): 155.1 acres

Park Size (active use): 0 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 152,193

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 61,665

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$54,676

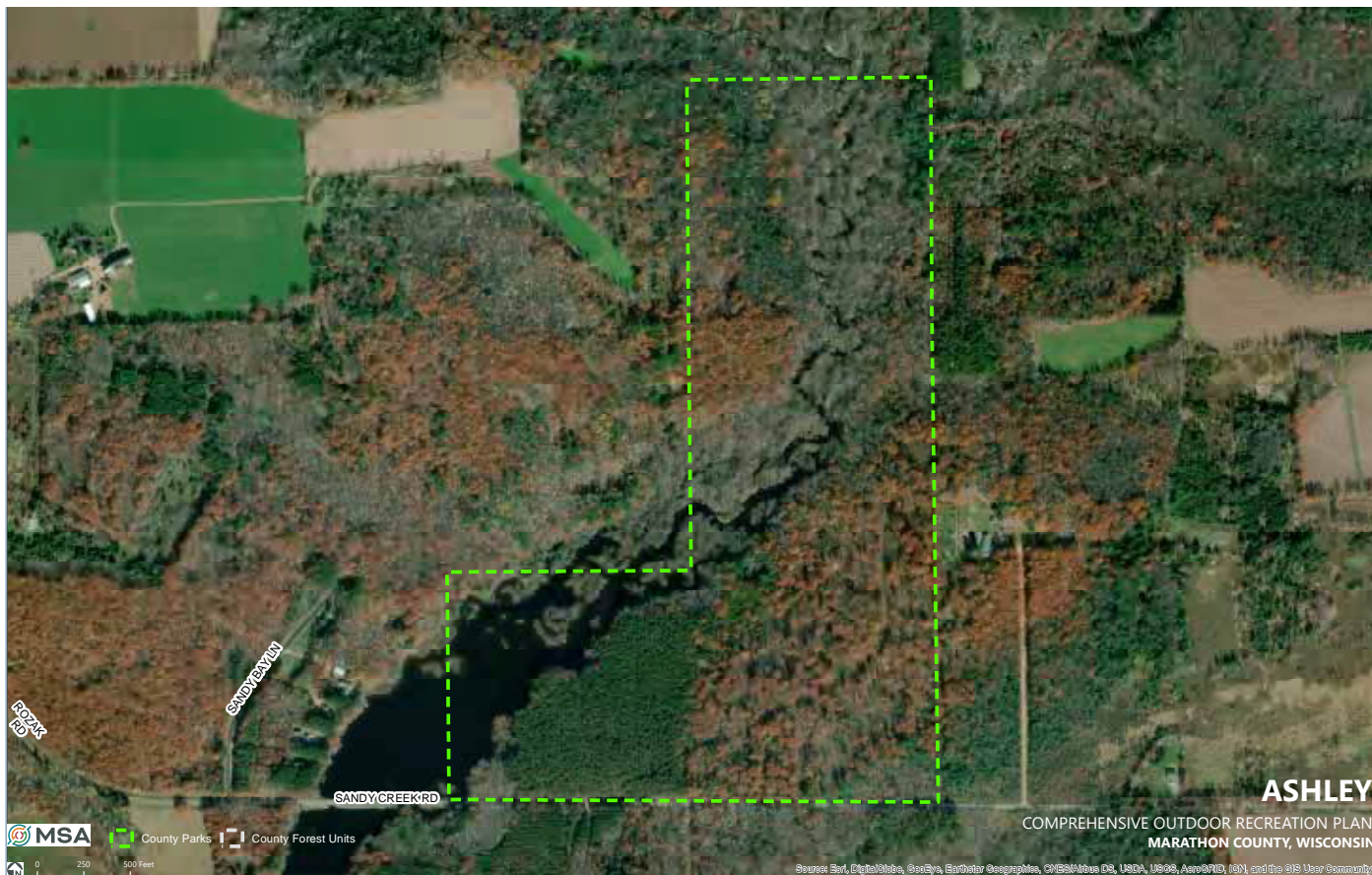


EXISTING FACILITIES

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

| IMPROVEMENT | PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH) |
|--|----------------------------|
| Consider transferring to County forest for special use | |
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BIG EAU PLEINE PARK

Park Address: 3301 Eau Pleine Park Road (Mosinee)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: RM

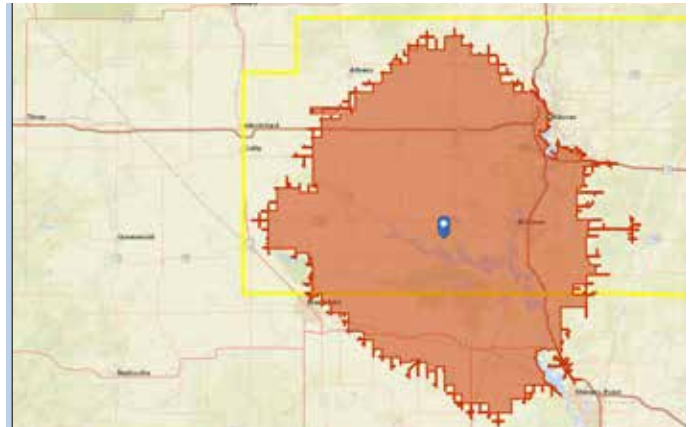
Park Size (gross): 2,050.6 acres

Park Size (active use): 265 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 83,734

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 33,986

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$58,202



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) |

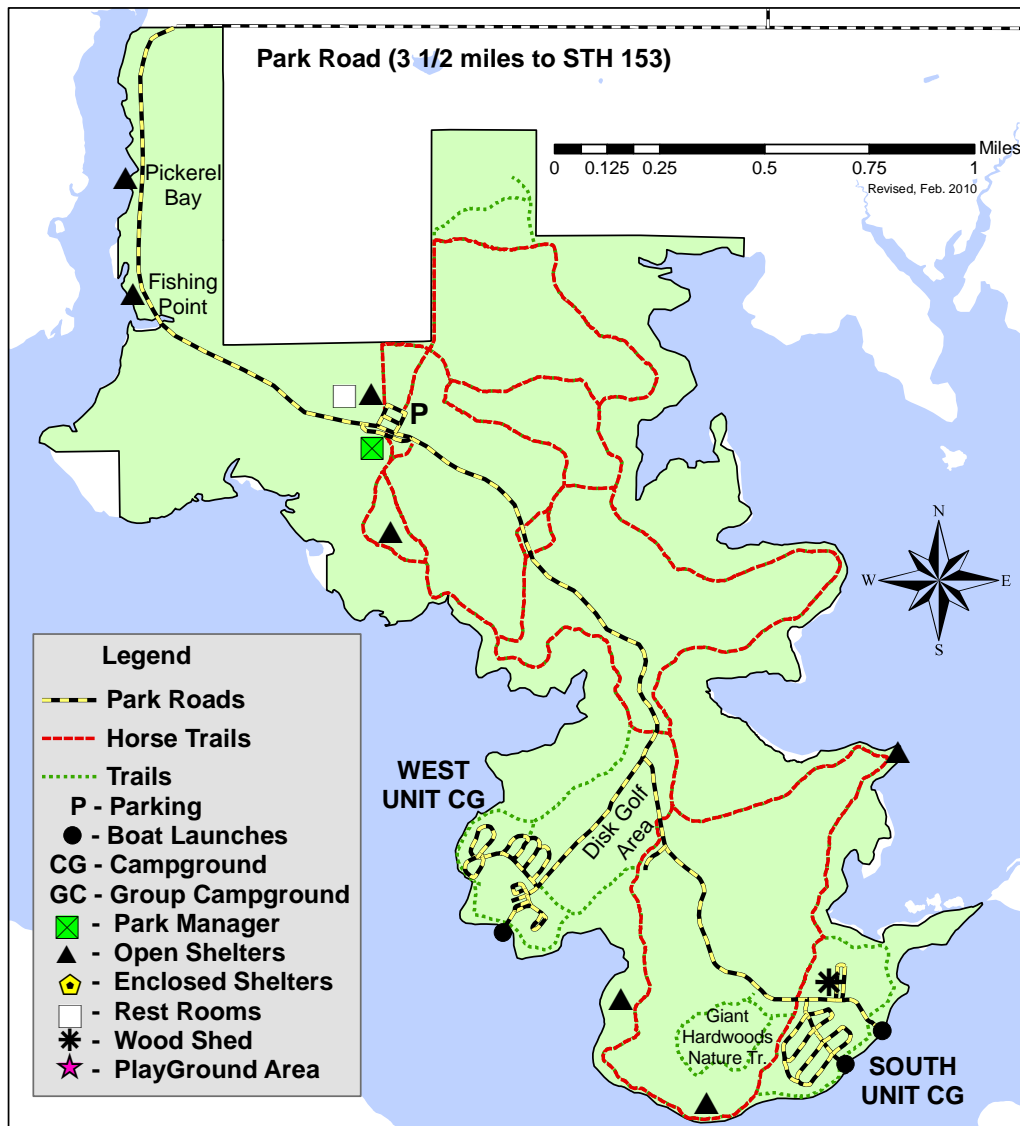
BIG EAU PLEINE PARK (CONTINUED)

| 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 |

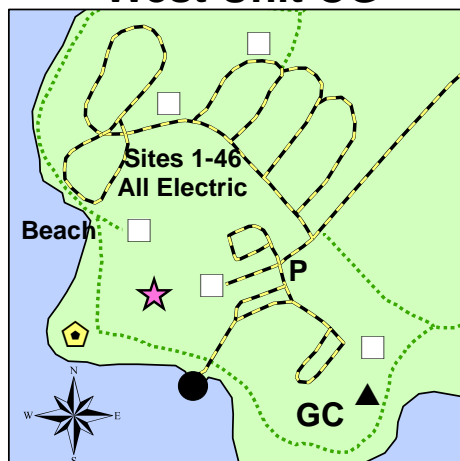
RECOMMENDATIONS

| IMPROVEMENT | PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH) |
|---|----------------------------|
| Install shower building* | |
| Reconstruct campgrounds to meet current needs (add electric)* | |
| Prepare park master plan* | |
| Road Repairs | High (2021 & 2022) |
| | |

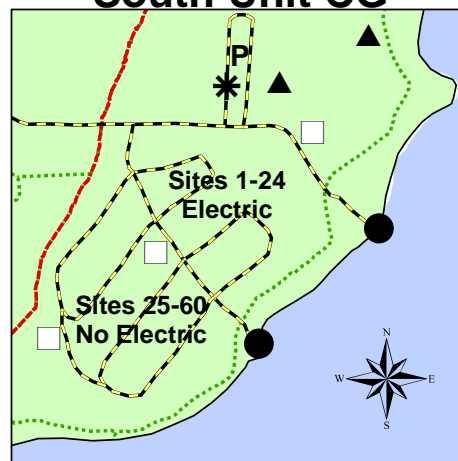
BIG EAU PLEINE COUNTY PARK



West Unit CG



South Unit CG



BIG RAPIDS PARK

Park Address: EP1806 Big Rapids Street (Stratford)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: R

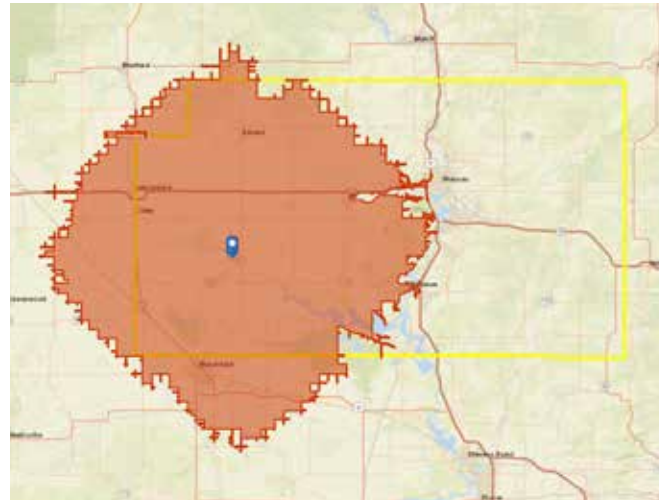
Park Size (gross): 28.9 acres

Park Size (active use): 8 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 72,530

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 29,145

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$56,563



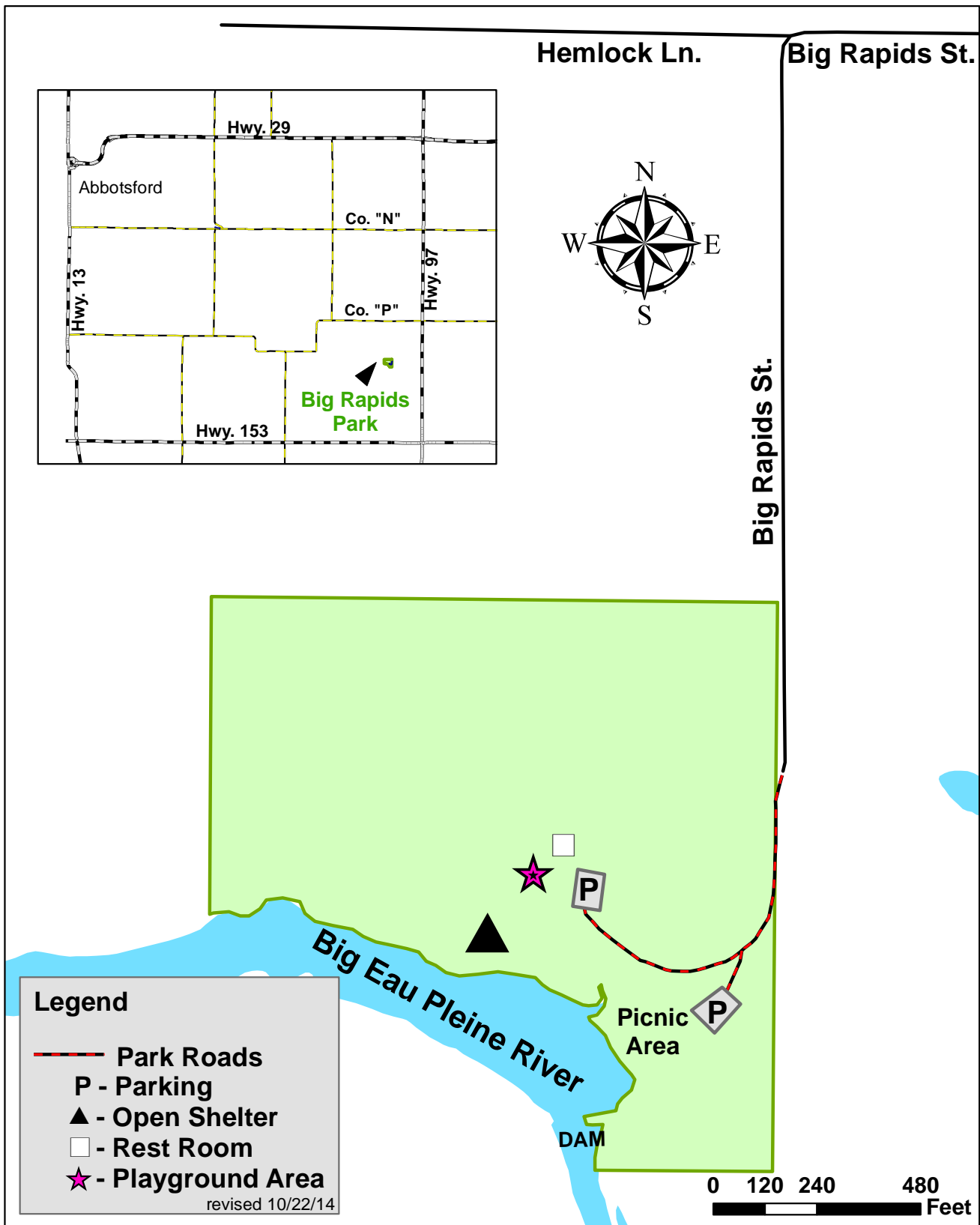
EXISTING FACILITIES

| 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 | |
| Replace Playgrounds | Medium (2024) |
| | |

Big Rapids County Park



BLUEGILL BAY PARK

Park Address: 3800 Bluegill Avenue (Wausau)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: U/R

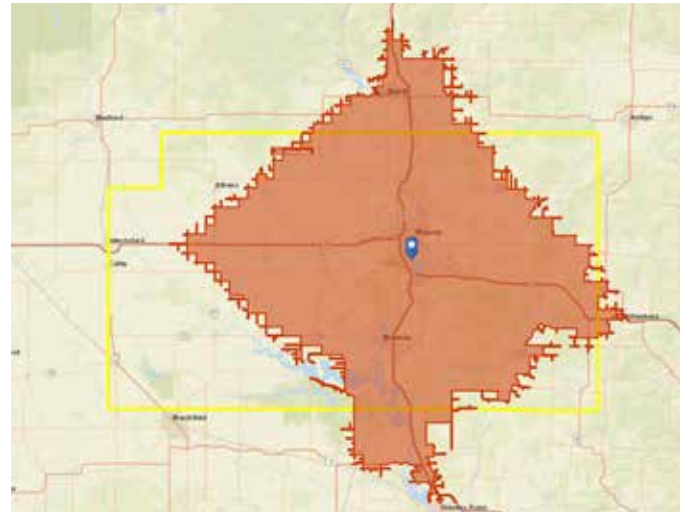
Park Size (gross): 75.1 acres

Park Size (active use): 33 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 129,802

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 52,654

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$57,309



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, moving park nursery and redeveloping for day use recreation* | |
| Replace Playground | Medium (2023) |
| | |

CHEROKEE PARK

Park Address: H2700 CTH N (Colby)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: R/RM

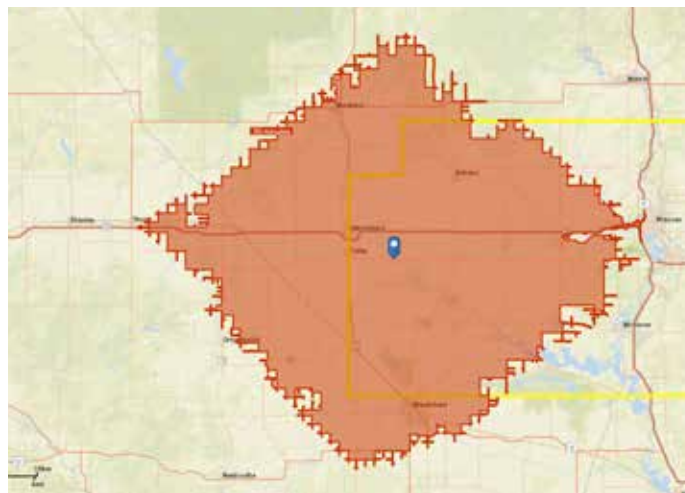
Park Size (gross): 65.5 acres

Park Size (active use): 20 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 77,116

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 30,761

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$54,040



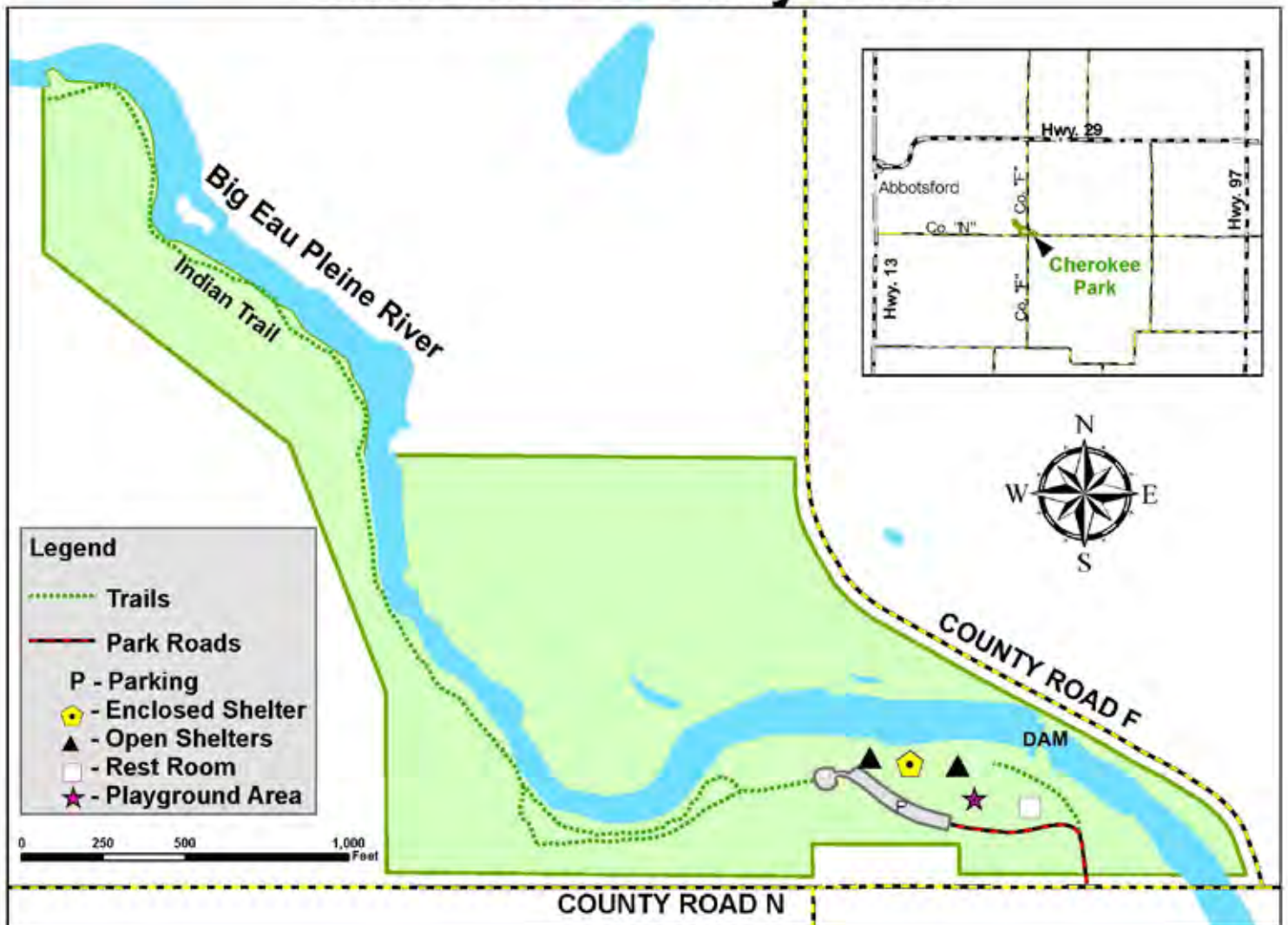
EXISTING FACILITIES

| 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

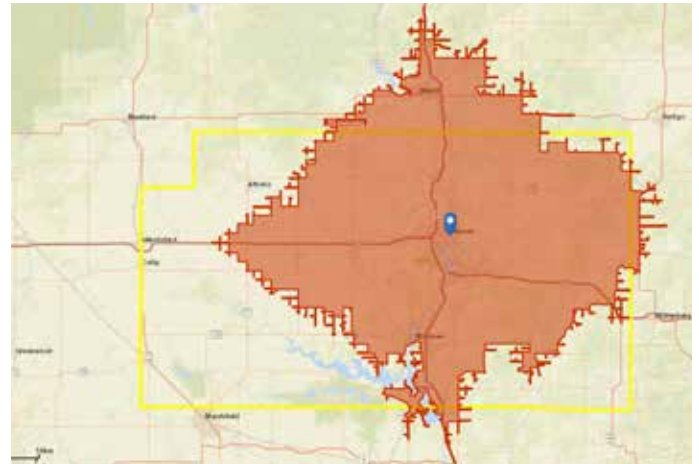
| IMPROVEMENT | PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH) |
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| Replace Playground | Medium (2023) |
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Cherokee County Park



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): ? acres
Population (w/in 20 minutes): 127,726
of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 51,860
Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
 \$57,116



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

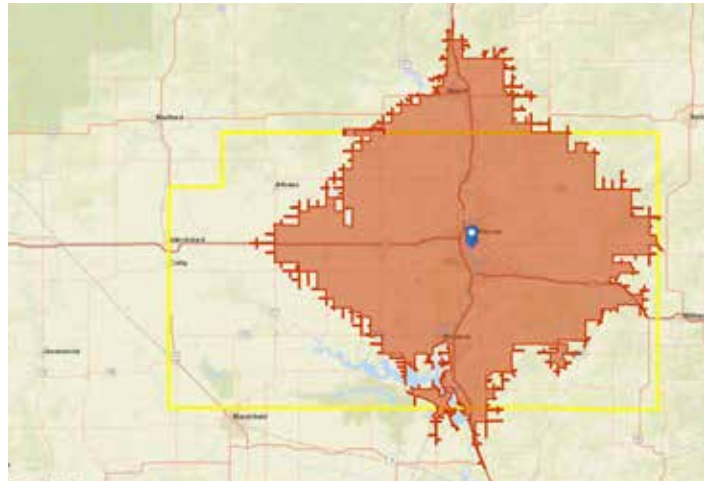
Park Size (gross): 6.2 acres

Park Size (active use): 6.2 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 124,074

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 50,380

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$57,124

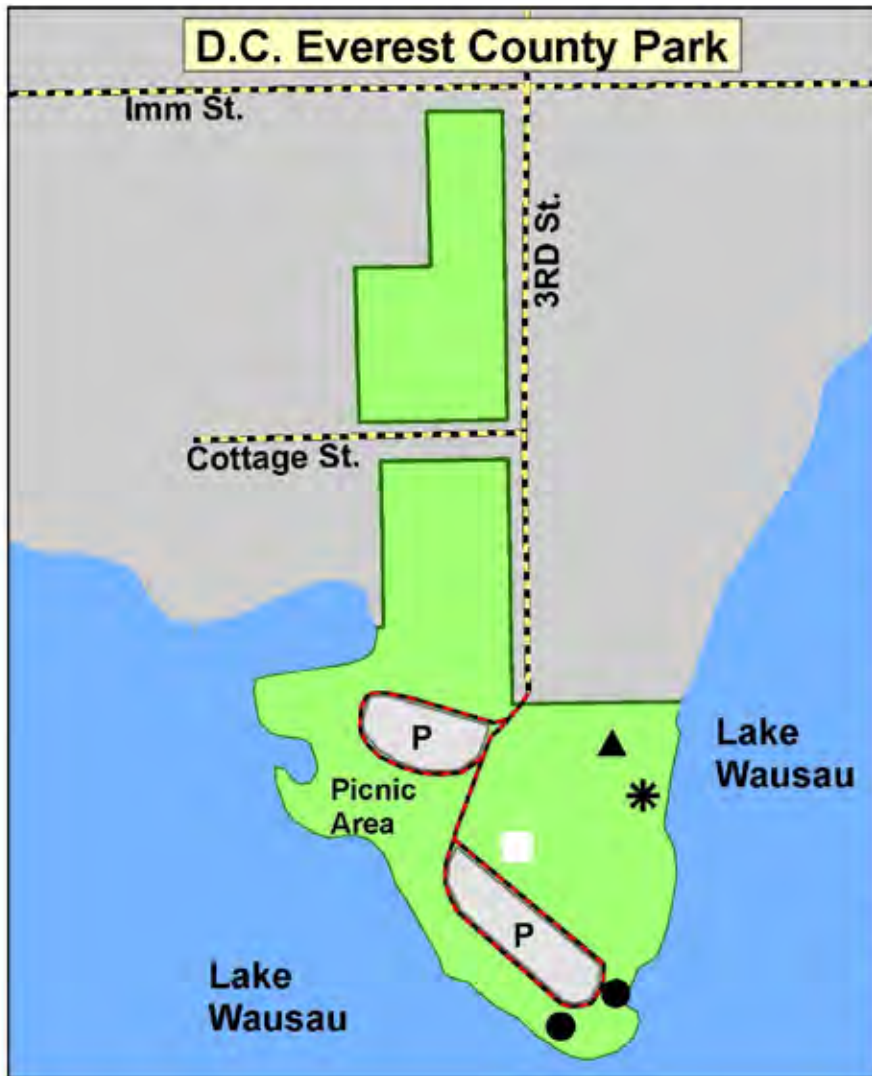


EXISTING FACILITIES

| 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) |
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DELLS OF THE EAU CLAIRE PARK

Park Address: P2150 CTH Y (Aniwa)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: R/RN

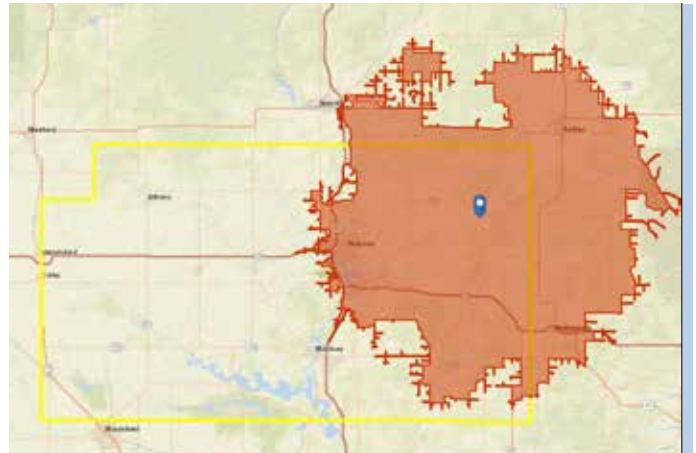
Park Size (gross): 266.5 acres

Park Size (active use): 70 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 104,091

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 42,609

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$52,932



EXISTING FACILITIES

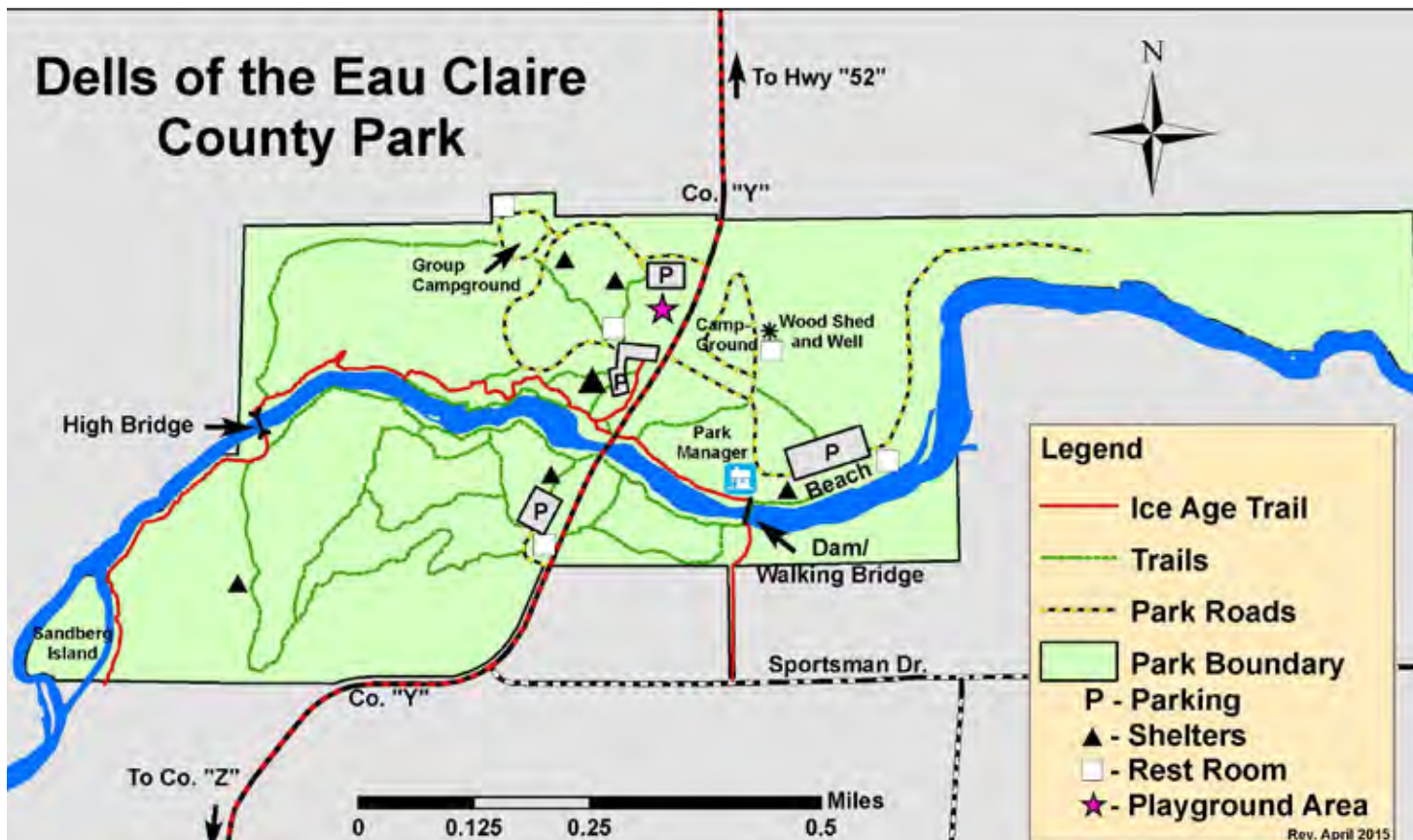
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|--|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Enclosed shelter (Hess House) | n/a | 1,914 | east of Y, north end of park |
| Restroom | n/a | 250 | adj. to beach |
| Open shelter #13 | n/a | 630 | adj. to beach |
| Asphalt parking 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 |

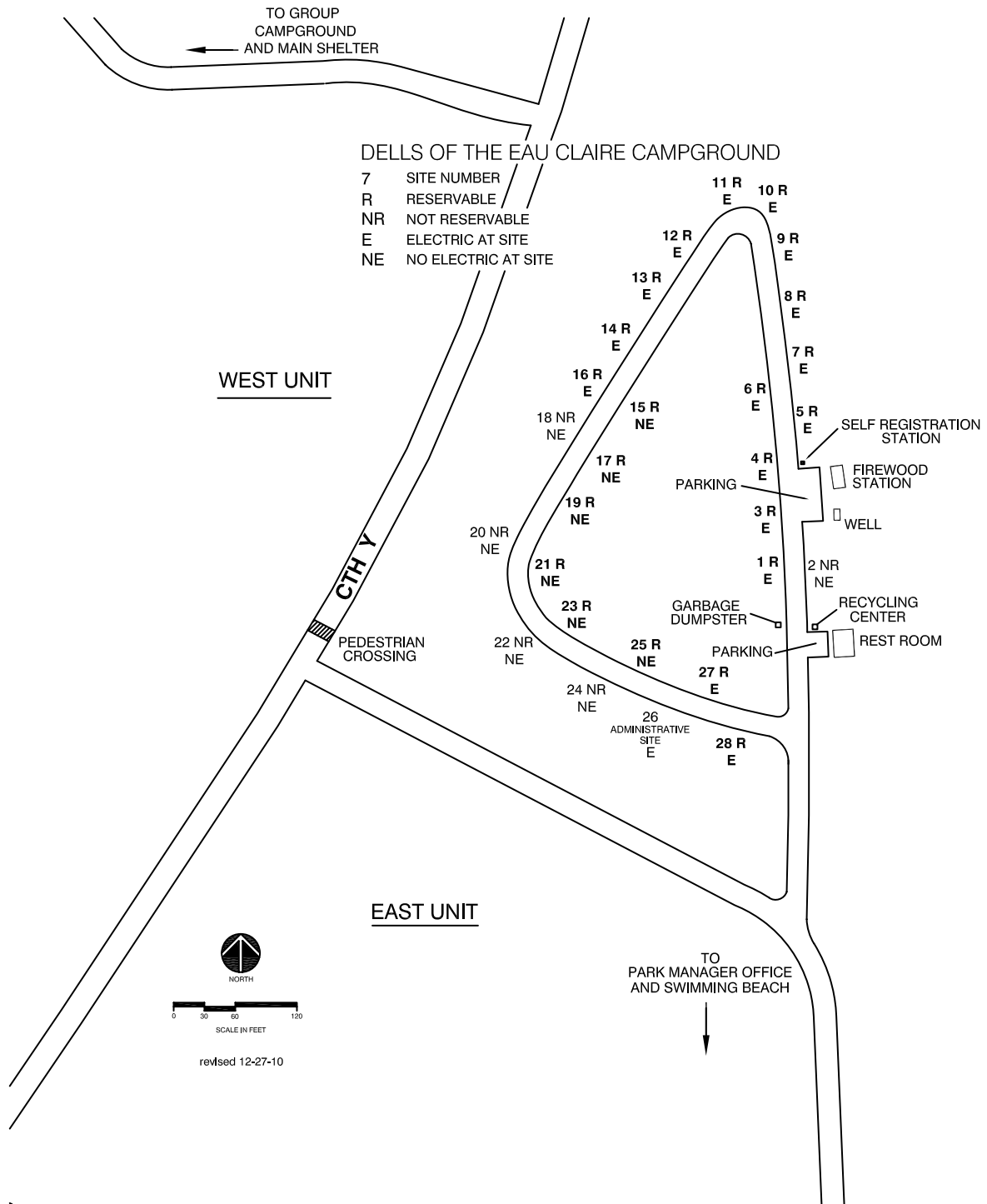
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| Asphalt parking lot (20 spaces, 2 ADA) | n/a | 6,500 | north of playground, west of Y |
| Ampitheater | 1955 | 777 | north of group campground |
| Restroom | 1996 | 200 | SW area of group campground |
| High bridge | 1930 | 1,170 | west of Y near 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) |
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| Upgrade trails* | |
| Prepare park master plan | |

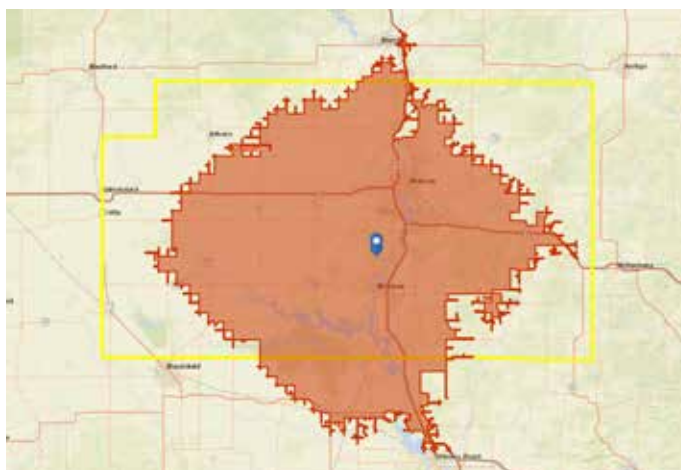
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DUANE L. CORBIN SHOOTING RANGE PARK

Park Address: 2173 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): 117,152
of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 47,327
Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
 \$58,205

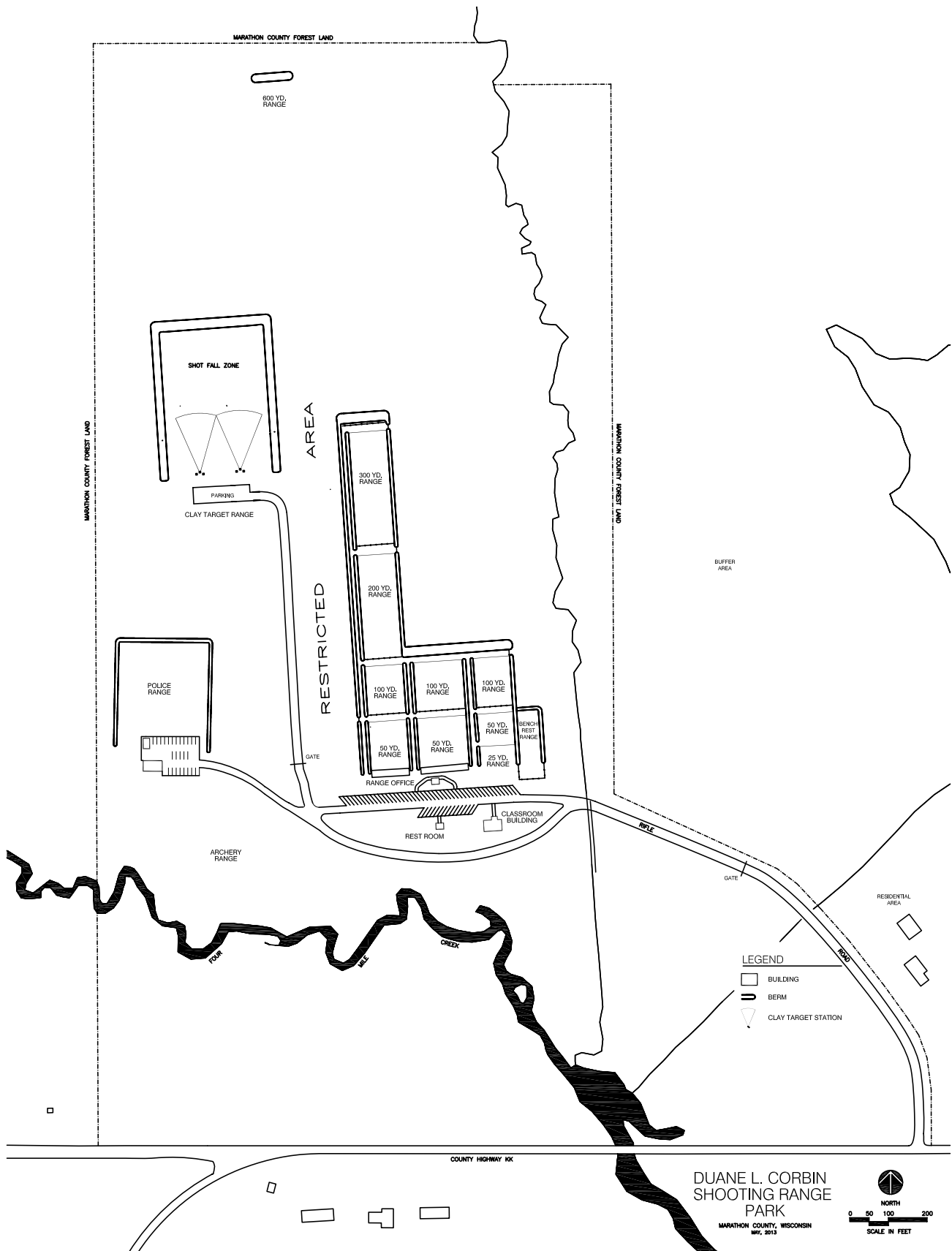


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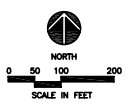
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| Lodge (classroom) | n/a | 1,500 | n/a |
| Asphalt parking lot (9 spaces, 1 ADA) | n/a | 2,540 | n/a |
| Toilet | 1968 | 672 | n/a |
| Septic with mound | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 22 shooting benches, 14 covered | n/a | 1-6: 1,302 , 7: 141,652 | benches 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) |
|-------------|----------------------------|
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DUANE L. CORBIN
SHOOTING RANGE
PARK
MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
MAY, 2013



Eastbay Sports Complex

Park Address: 602 E Kent St (Wausau)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: U

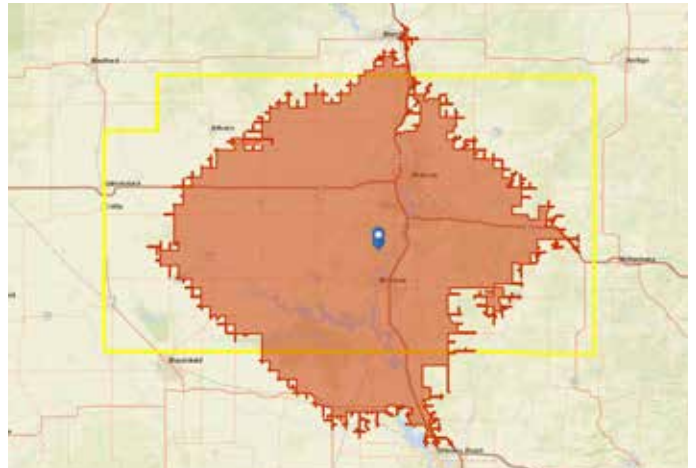
Park Size (gross): 66.6 acres

Park Size (active use): 66.6 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 115,389

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 46,953

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$57,308



EXISTING FACILITIES

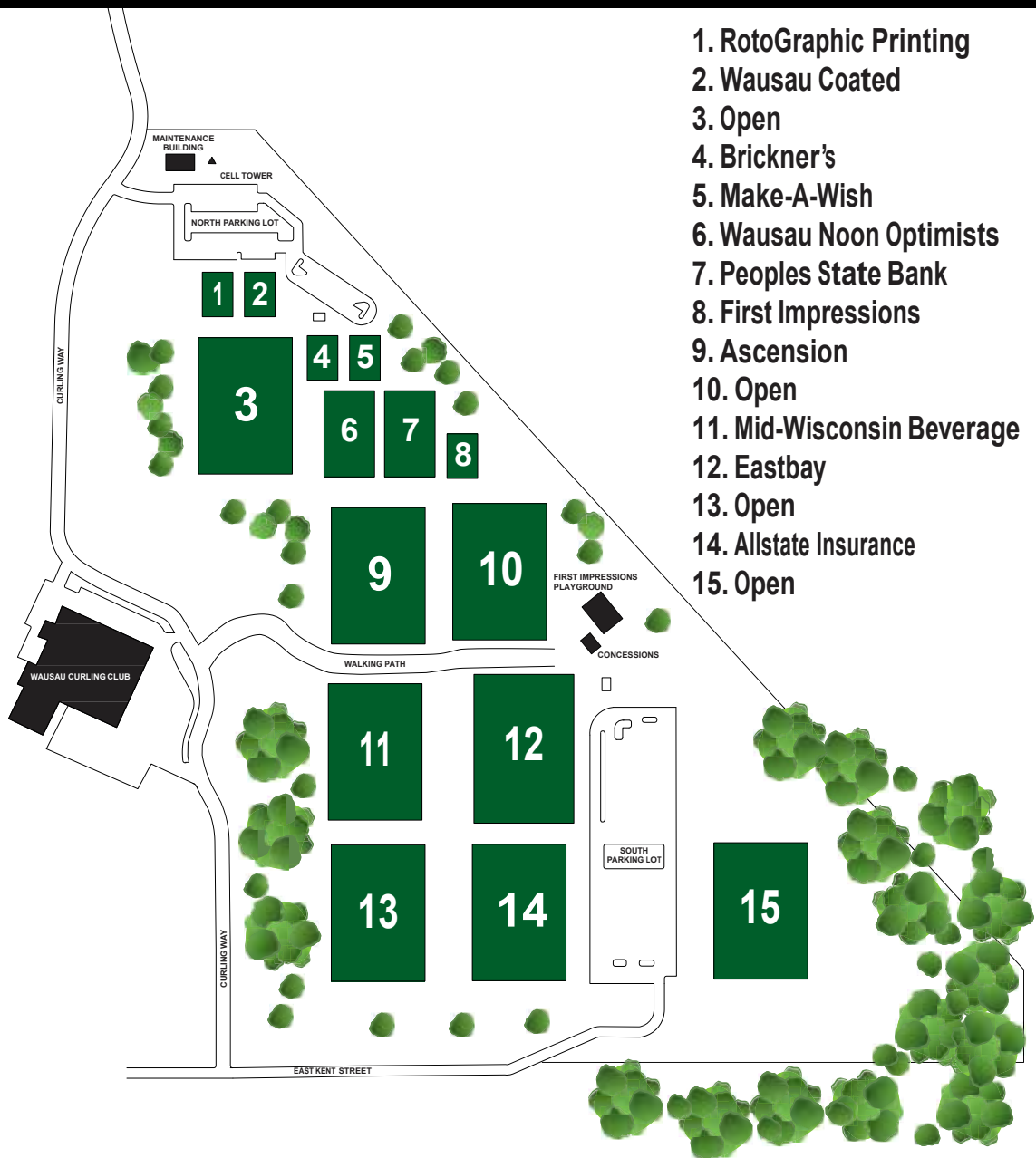
| TYPE | INSTALL YEAR | SQUARE FEET | LOCATION |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Concessions & restroom | n/a | 1,120 | north of main lot |
| Play structure | n/a | 4,800 | east of concessions |
| Field lighting | n/a | n/a | championship field |
| Score board | n/a | 152 | champtionship 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) |
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SPORTS COMPLEX



LIBRARY PARK

Park Address: 106 W Washington Street (Wausau)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: U

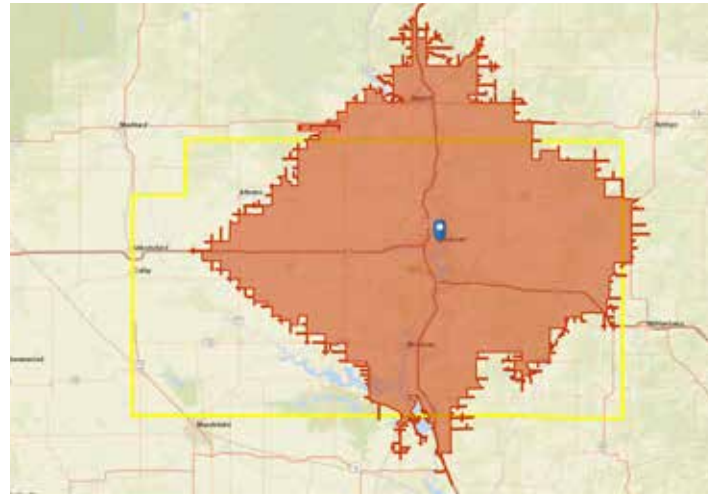
Park Size (gross): 1.0 acres

Park Size (active use): 1.0 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 129,822

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 52,615

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$57,242

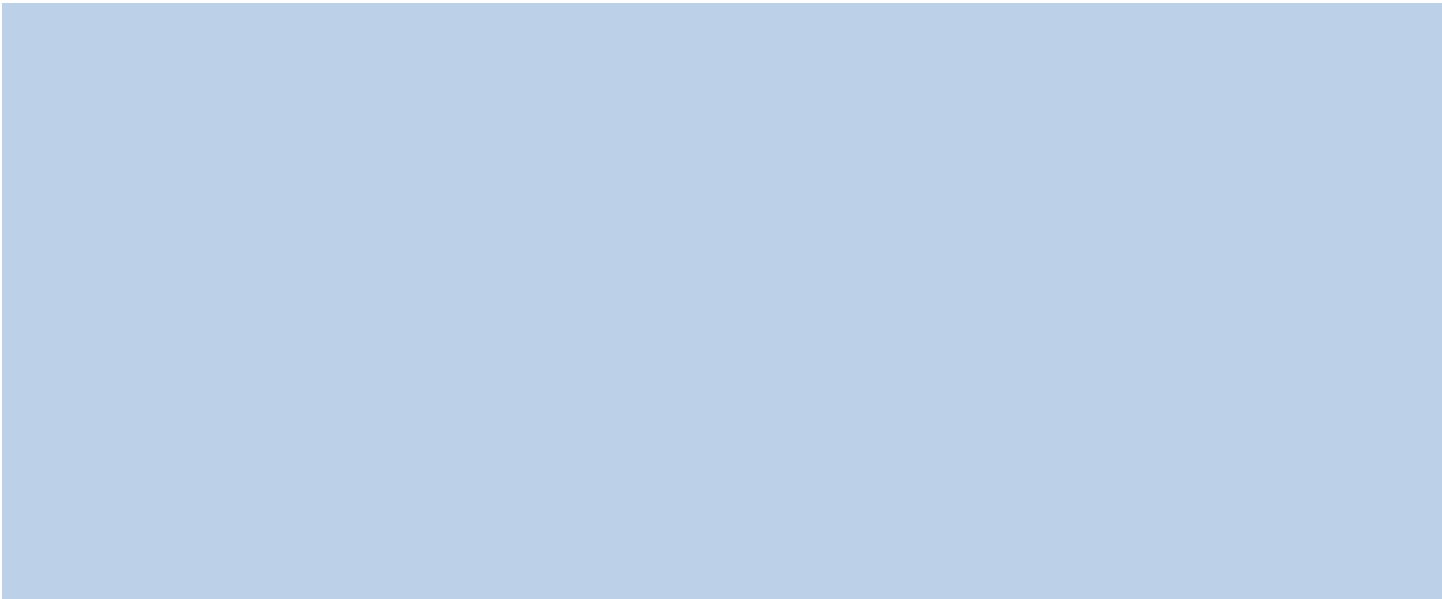


EXISTING FACILITIES

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

| IMPROVEMENT | PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH) |
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MARATHON PARK

Park Address: 1201 Stewart Avenue (Wausau)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: U

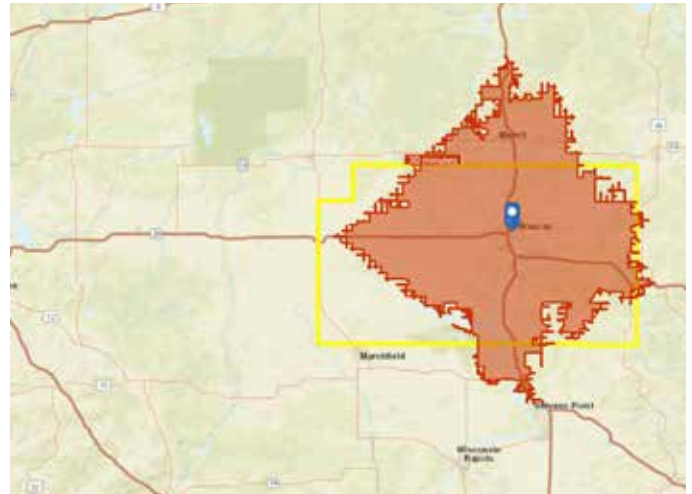
Park Size (gross): 79.3 acres

Park Size (active use): 70 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 135,783

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 54,942

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$57,450



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 hall |
| 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 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 |

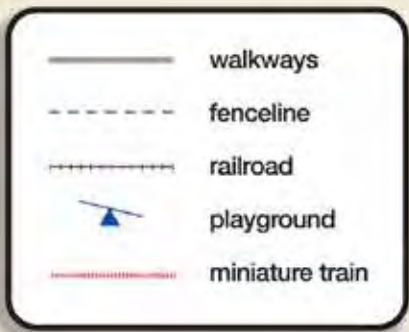
MARATHON PARK (CONTINUED)

| TYPE | INSTALL YEAR | SQUARE FEET | LOCATION |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Octagon shelter | 1932 | n/a | west pool cabin |
| Vendor camp pads | n/a | 250 | west of splashpad |
| 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 | |
| MPB #1 | 1973 | 39,560 | south of exhibition |
| MPB #2, compressor room | 1986 | 25,800 | south of exhibition |
| MPB concession, locker rooms, office | n/a | 2,835 | n/a |
| Fire supression 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* | |
| Prepare park master plan | |
| Replace Campground Playground | High (2021) |
| Park improvements | High (2021) |

MARATHON PARK (CONTINUED)



1. Amphitheater seating
2. Main stage
3. Festival Grounds
4. Exhibition Building
5. East Gate Hall
6. Multipurpose Building
7. Multipurpose Building
8. Agricultural buildings
9. Curling Center
10. Splash Pad water fu



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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11. Marathon Jct. Restaurant | 21. Shelter #2 |
| 12. The Big Kitchen | 22. Shelter #3 |
| 13. Meeting Hall | 23. Shelter #4 |
| 14. Little Red Schoolhouse | 24. Shower facility |
| 15. Bandstand | 25. Restrooms/shelter |
| 16. Fair Midway | 26. Restrooms |
| 17. Horse Arena | 27. Baseball/softball diamond |
| 18. Tourist Cabin | 28. Basketball/tennis courts |
| 19. Campground | 29. Miniature golf |
| 20. Shelter #1 | 30. Farm Museum |
| | 31. Trailer dump station |

MISSION LAKE PARK

Park Address: 400 County Park Road (Hatley)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: R

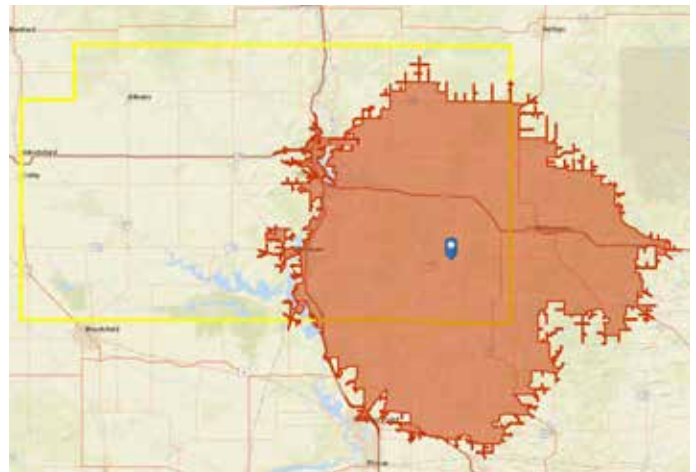
Park Size (gross): 114.3 acres

Park Size (active use): 13 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 86,964

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 34,954

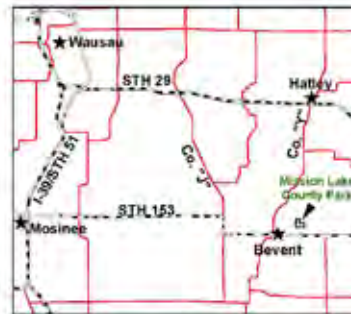
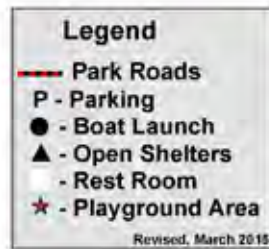
Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$56,872



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



RECOMMENDATIONS

| IMPROVEMENT | PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH) |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Prepare park master plan* | |
| Replace Playground | Medium (2022) |
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MOUNTAIN-BAY TRAIL

Park Address: Trailhead - Municipal Street (Weston)

Park Type: County-Maintained Trail

ROS Class: N/A

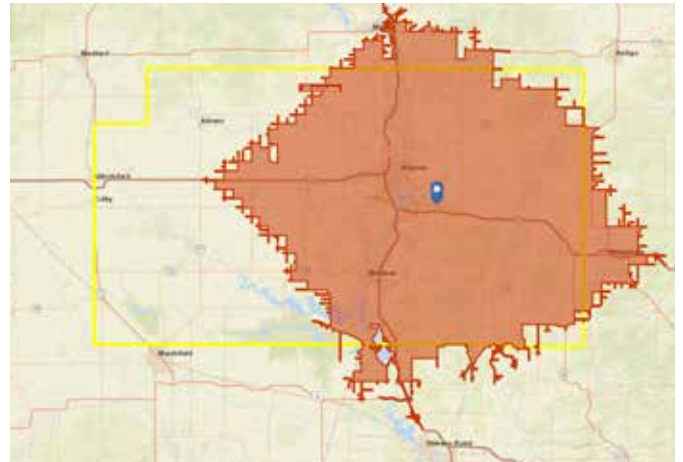
Park Size (gross): N/A

Park Size (active use): N/A

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 119,715

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 48,486

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$57,493



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 CWY 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 |

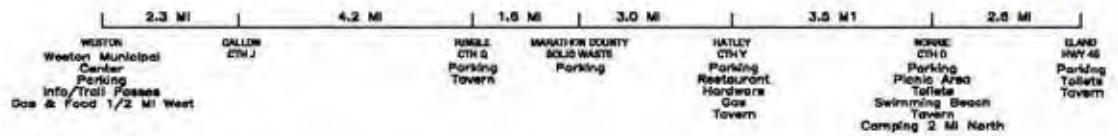
RECOMMENDATIONS

| IMPROVEMENT | PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH) |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Provide link to urban area* | |

Mountain-Bay Trail Marathon County Section

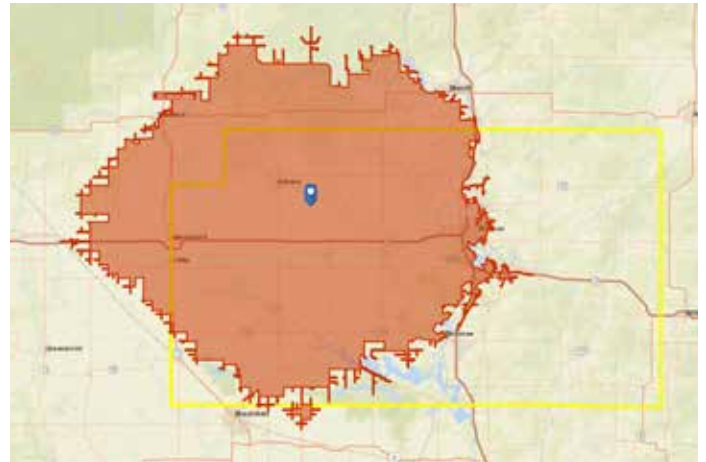
Key

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- Ice Age Trail
- Paved Road
- Trailhead



REITBROCK GEOGRAPHICAL MARKER

Park Address: 5651 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): 92,548
of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 37,165
Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
 \$53,006



EXISTING FACILITIES

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

| IMPROVEMENT | PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH) |
|-------------|----------------------------|
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RIB FALLS PARK

Park Address: 1725 CTH S (Edgar)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: N/A

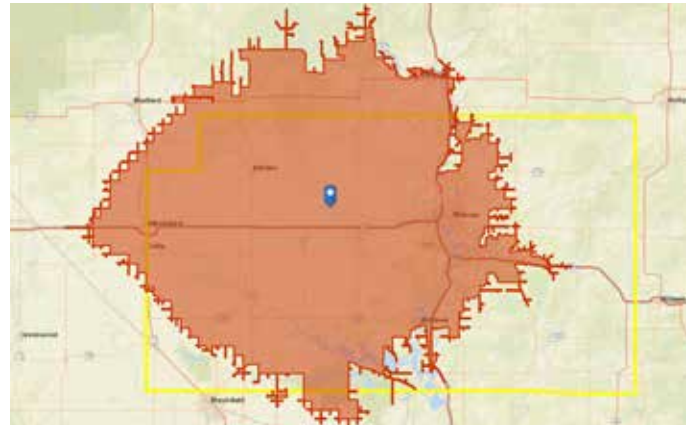
Park Size (gross): 308.4 acres

Park Size (active use): 10 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 135,309

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 54,338

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$55,843



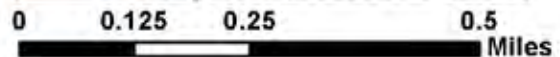
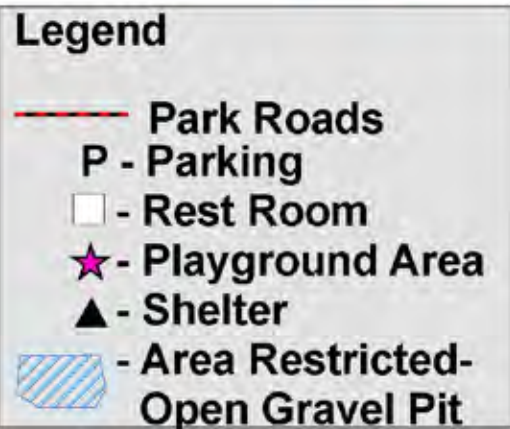
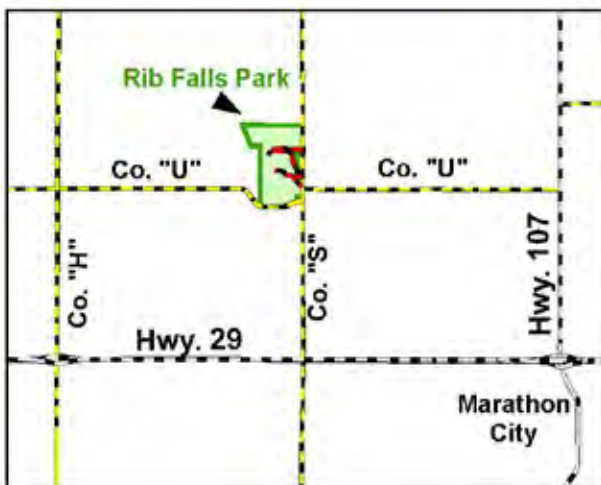
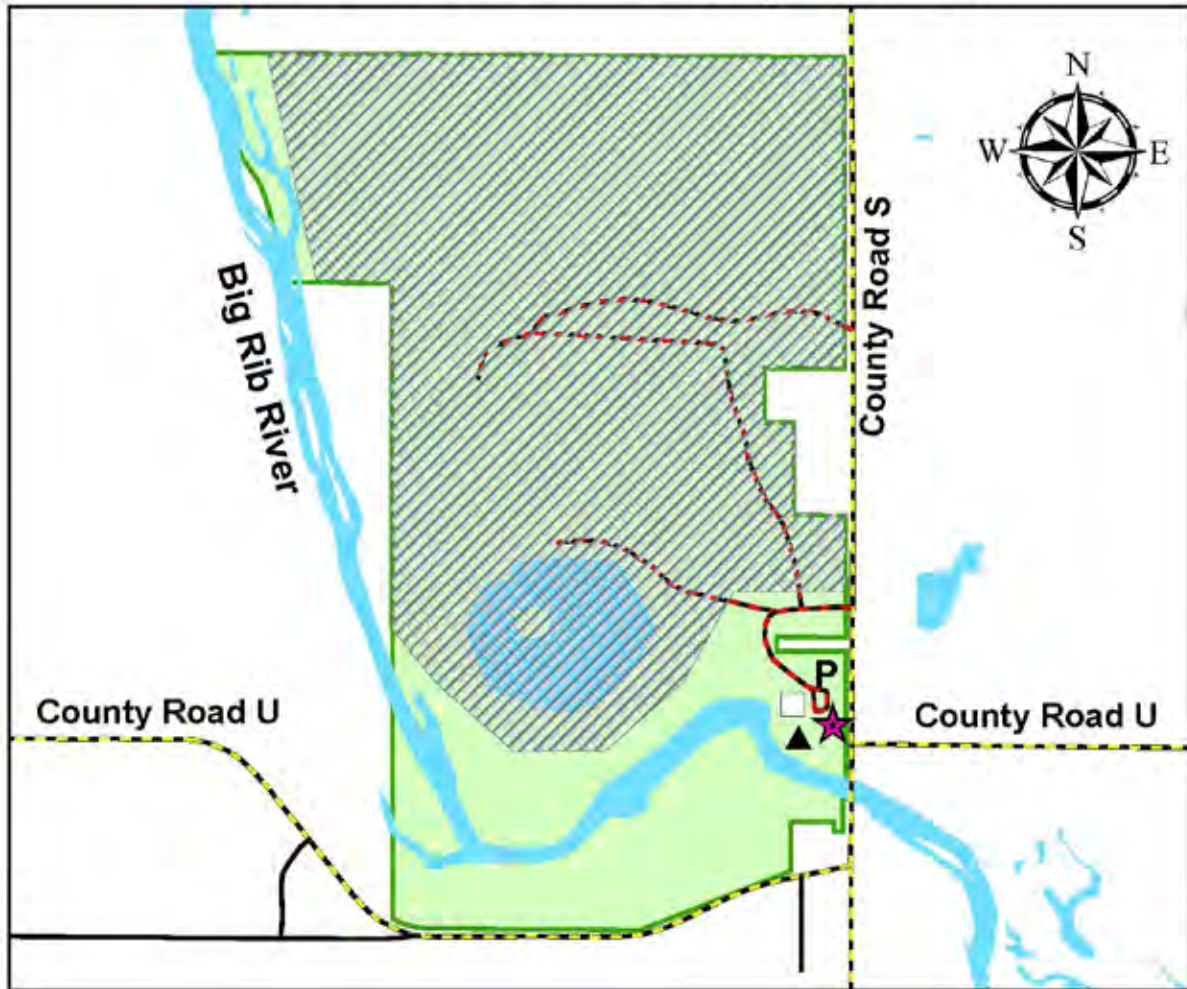
EXISTING FACILITIES

| 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) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Finalize development plan for park* | |
| Replace Playground | Medium (2024) |
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Rib Falls County Park



SUNNY VALE PARK

Park Address: 1000 S 72nd Avenue (Wausau)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: R

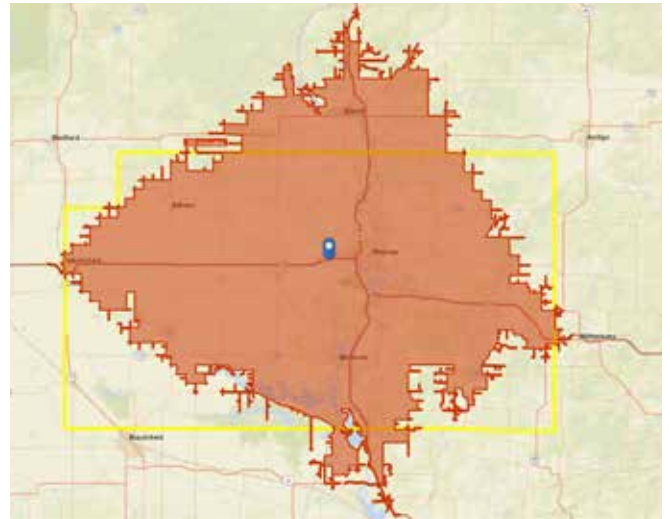
Park Size (gross): 363.2 acres

Park Size (active use): 40 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 139,245

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 56,115

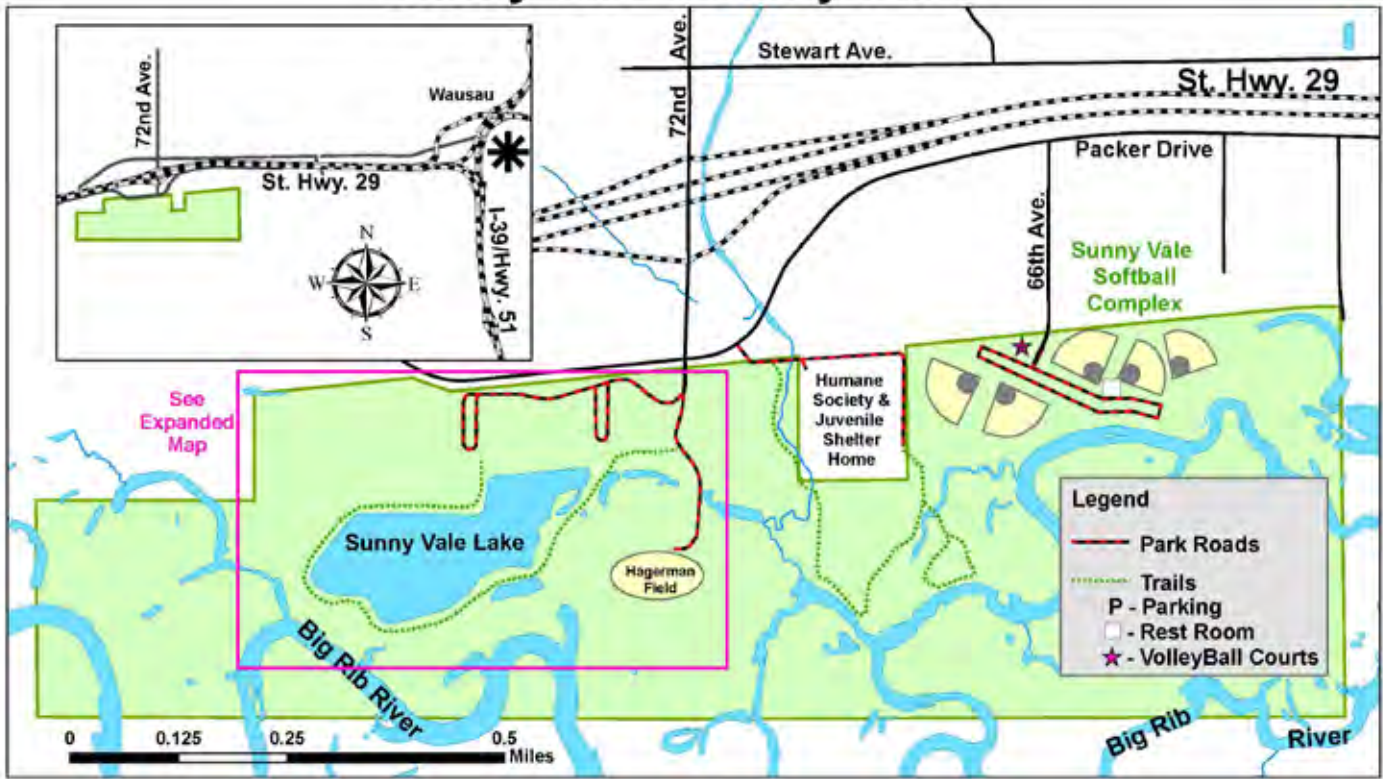
Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$57,319



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) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Update park master plan* | |
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SUNNY VALE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Park Address: 1000 S 66th Avenue (Wausau)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: R

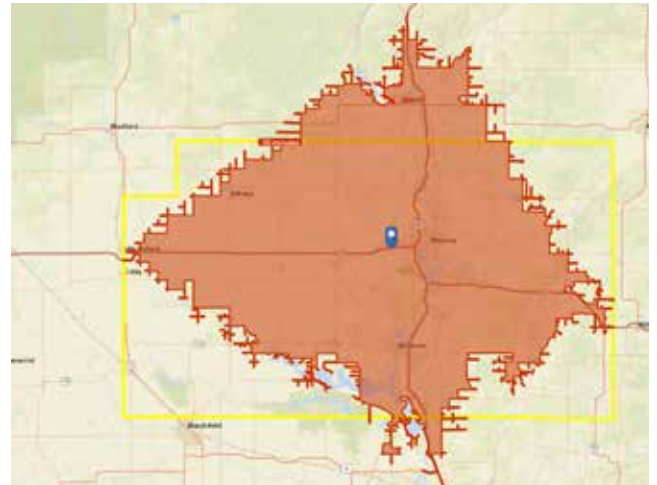
Park Size (gross): 35 acres

Park Size (active use): 35 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 132,377

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 53,451

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$57,321



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) |
|---|----------------------------|
| Update park master plan* | |
| Install underground irrigation in ballfields* | |
| Pave parking lots* | |
| Replace backstop and scorer's box | High (2021) |
| Infield repairs | High (2021) |

TRAPPE RIVER DELLS PARK

Park Address: Town of Texas (no road access)

Park Type: County Park

ROS Class: P

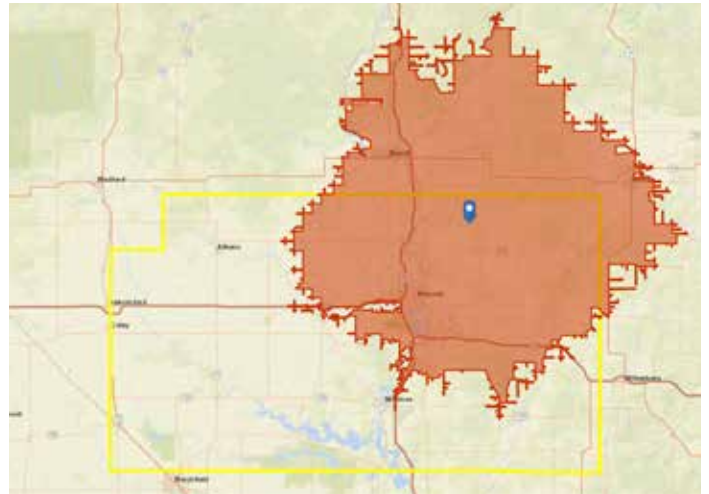
Park Size (gross): 79.3 acres

Park Size (active use): 0 acres

Population (w/in 20 minutes): 121,441

of Households (w/in 20 minutes): 49,708

Household Median Income (w/in 20 minutes):
\$54,770



EXISTING FACILITIES

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

| IMPROVEMENT | PRIORITY (LOW-MED-HIGH) |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Prepare master plan* | |
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Appendix A

SURVEY & APRIL 30, 2019

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING SUMMARY



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

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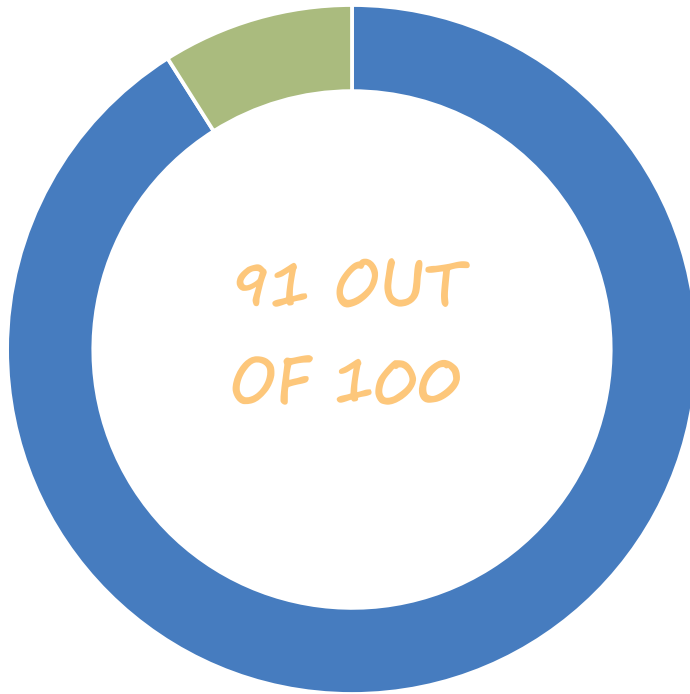
To encourage public involvement in the Marathon County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the County created an online public opinion survey. The survey was available April 16 through May 11, 2018 and hosted on Survey Monkey. Hard copies were also available at the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department.

In total, 1,194 individuals took the survey. Approximately 88% of those who took the survey live in Marathon County, while the additional 12% vacation or recreate within Marathon County. 25% of all respondents live in the City of Wausau, which is slightly less than the City's percentage of the County population (29%). 11% live in the Village of Weston, which equals the Village's percentage of the County population. 11% live in the Town of Rib Mountain, which is greater than the Town's percentage of the County's population (5%). 5% live in the Village of Kronenwetter, which equals the Village's percentage of the County population. The remaining in-County respondents were distributed between other cities, villages, and towns of Marathon County, refer to Q17 on page A-16.

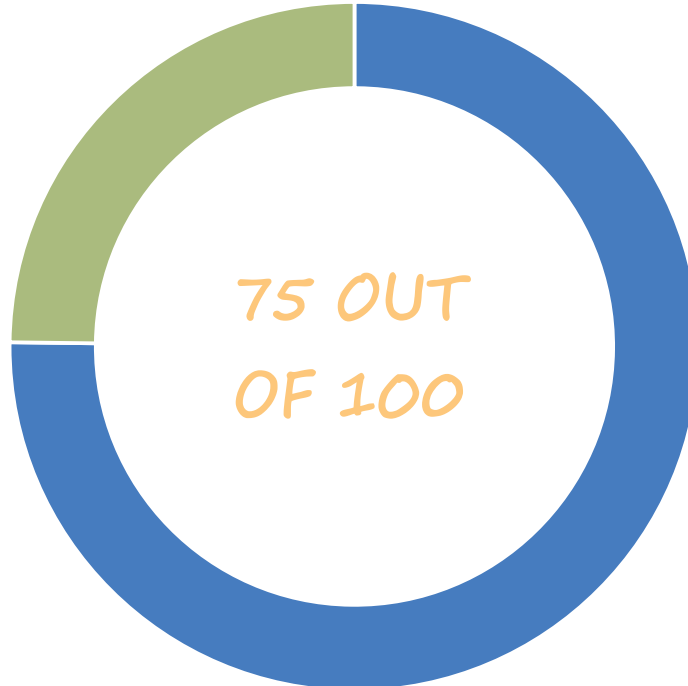
The survey represents a diverse group demographically, though certain groups were under- and over-represented. Generally younger members of the community were under-represented and those categorized as middle-age were over-represented. For instance, those under 19 and under represented 0.2% of survey respondents but make up 27.1% of Marathon County residents. Those age 35-54 represented 45.2% of survey respondents but only make up 28.8% of the population of the County. The figure depicting respondents' answers to their corresponding age group compared to 2013-2017 American Community Survey Estimates is shown under question 1 on page A-3.

Responses in this summary include responses for all survey respondents no matter their place of residence, and include comments.

Q1 ON A SCALE OF 0-100, HOW IMPORTANT DO YOU THINK THE COUNTY'S PARKS, FOREST UNITS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE COUNTY? (1,168)



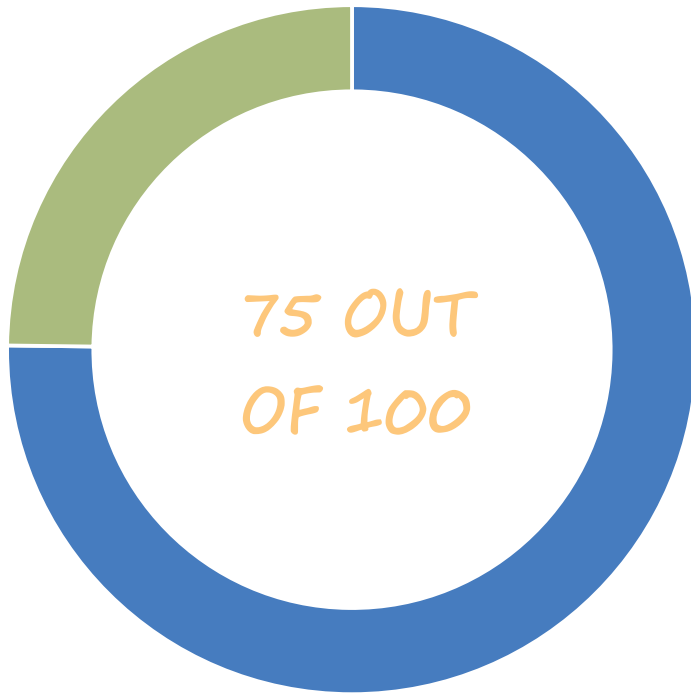
Q2 ON A SCALE OF 0-100, HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE COUNTY'S CURRENT VARIETY OF PARKS, FOREST UNITS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES? (1,184)



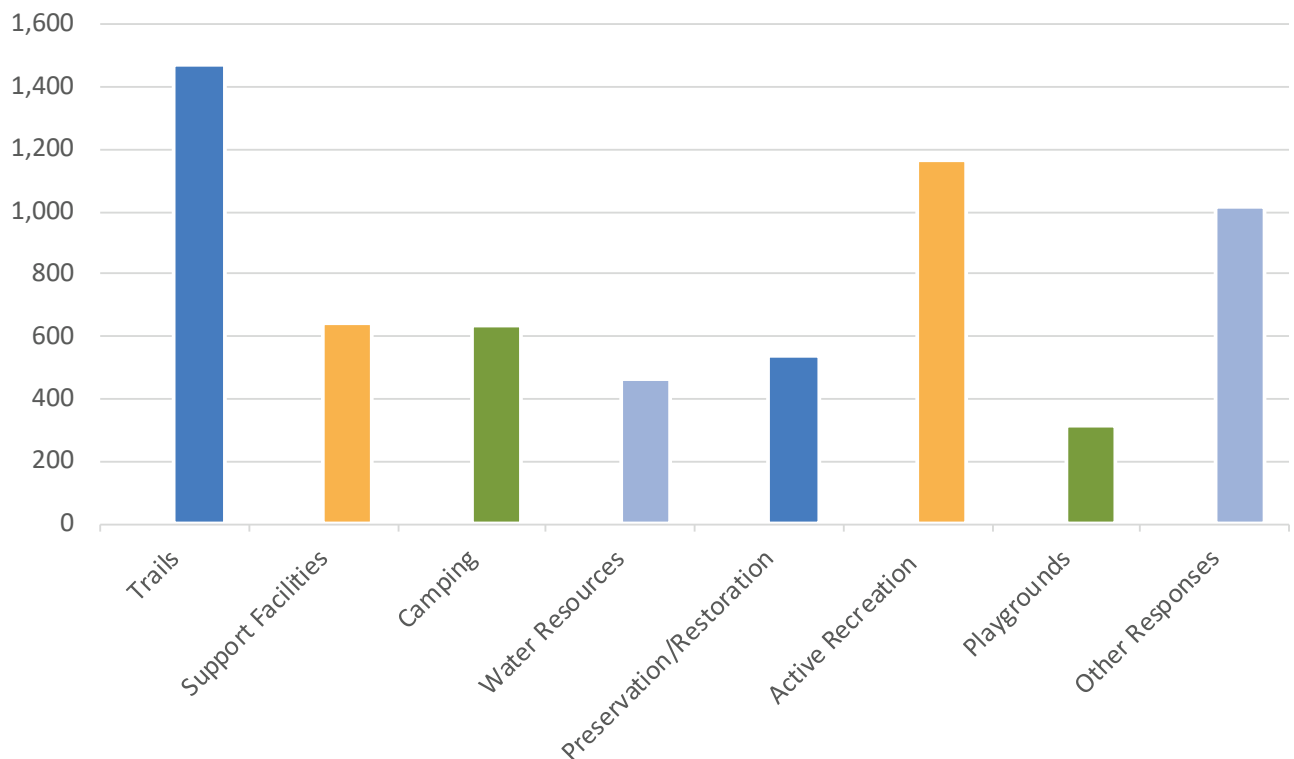
Overall, County parks, forest units, trails, and recreational facilities are valued by residents and visitors, and users believe they are important to quality of life in the County.

There is also overall satisfaction of the variety and quality of offerings that allow for a range of uses and choices in recreational activity.

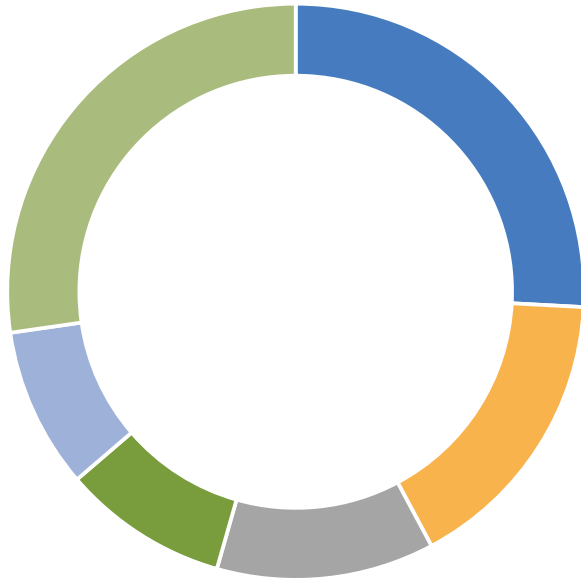
Q3 ON A SCALE OF 1-100, HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE QUALITY OF THE COUNTY'S PARKS, FOREST UNITS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES? (1,186)



Q4 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED, IMPROVED, OR EXPANDED BY EITHER PUBLIC, NON-PROFIT, OR PRIVATE ENTITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY? MARK UP TO 7 PREFERENCES (1,122)



Q4* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN TRAILS CATEGORY (1,474)

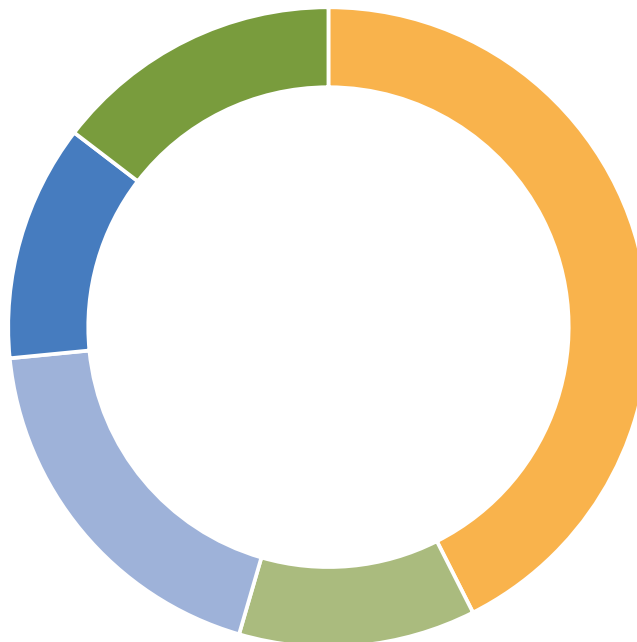


26% of respondents selected hiking trails, 16% paved trails, and 12% mountain bike trails. Cross country skiing and ATV/UTV trails each represented 9% of the total for the category.

“Other” responses in this category included responses for Trail Lighting (8%), Snowshoeing (7%), Trail Signage (6%), Directional Signage to Parks/Facilities (3%), Snowmobile Trails (2%), and Equestrian Trails (1%).

- Hiking Trails
- Paved Trails
- MTB Trails
- CC Skiing Trails
- ATV/UTV Trails
- Other (6 Categories)

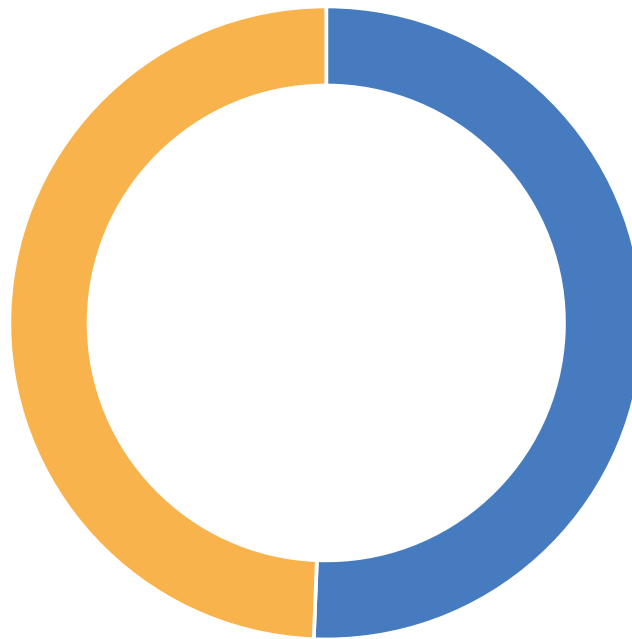
Q4* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN SUPPORT FACILITIES CATEGORY (644)



- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Trail Lighting
- Benches, Tables, Grills
- Park Signage/Historical Markers

The most common Facilities response was for added/improved restroom facilities (43%), followed by trail lighting (19%), signage/historical markers (15%), with shelters and benches/tables/grills each receiving 12% of the responses.

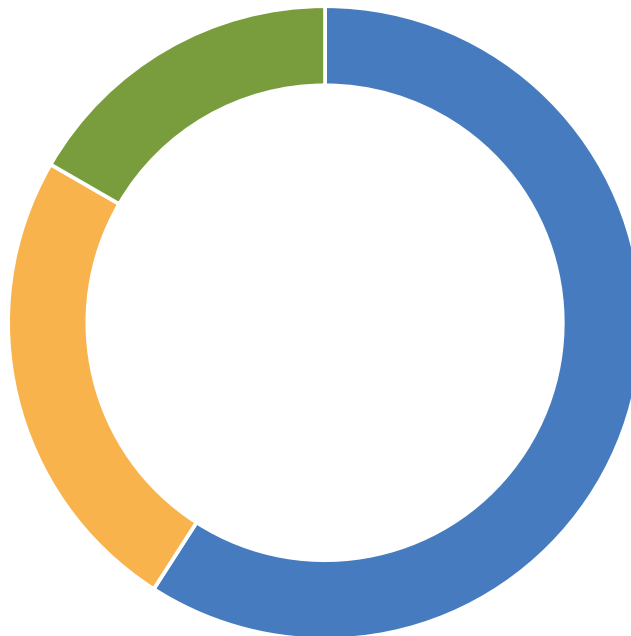
Q4* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN CAMPING CATEGORY (636)



■ Camping Areas ■ Camping Support Facilities

Responses were evenly split within the camping category, with 51% indicating camping areas (more camping, improvements to campsites), and 49% indicating camping support facilities (restrooms, showers, etc.)

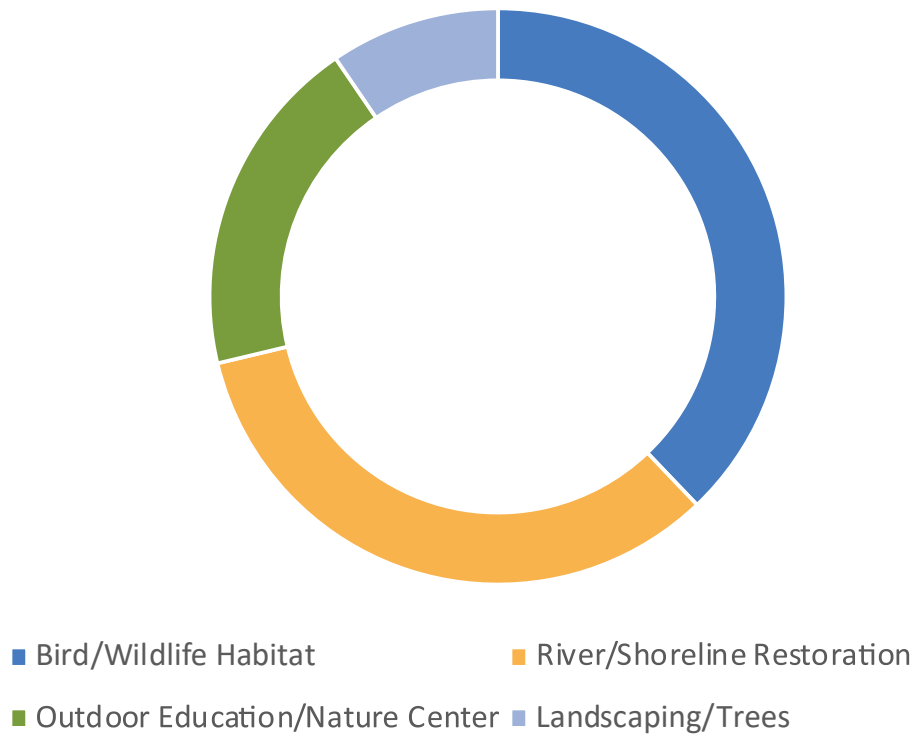
Q4* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN WATER RESOURCES CATEGORY (462)



■ Canoe/Kayak Facilities ■ Boating Facilities ■ Water Trails

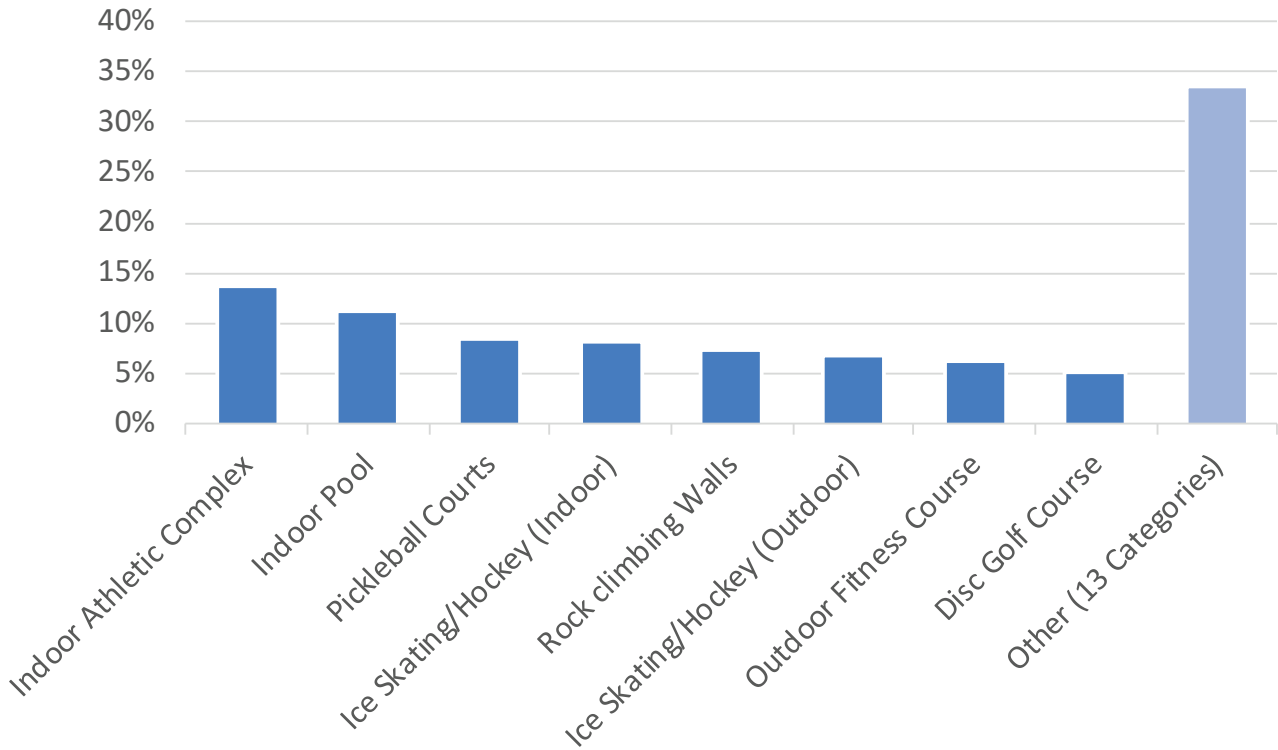
53% of all responses in this category indicated demand for new/improved canoe and kayak facilities, particularly increased number of and access to launches.

Q4* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN PRESERVATION/RESTORATION CATEGORY (536)



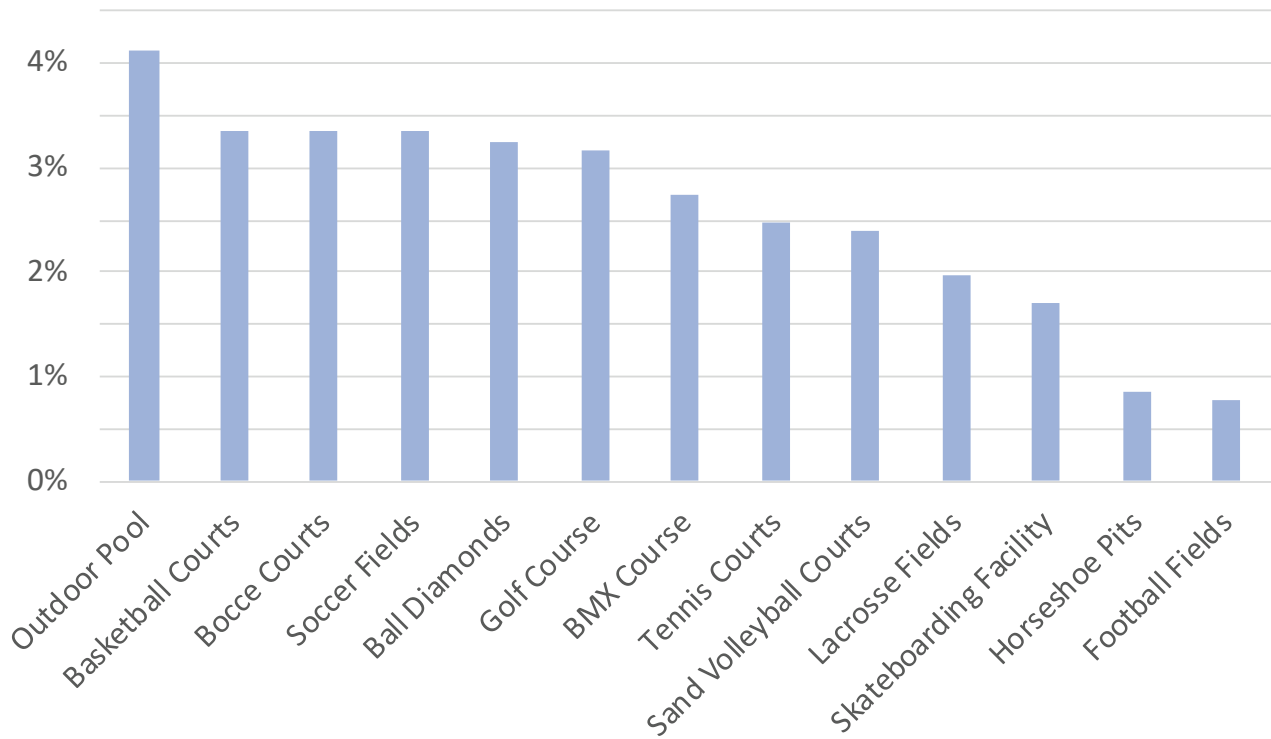
The majority of respondents prioritized bird/wildlife habitat within this category (38%) and river/shoreline restoration (33%).

Q4* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN ACTIVE RECREATION/FACILITIES CATEGORY (1,167)

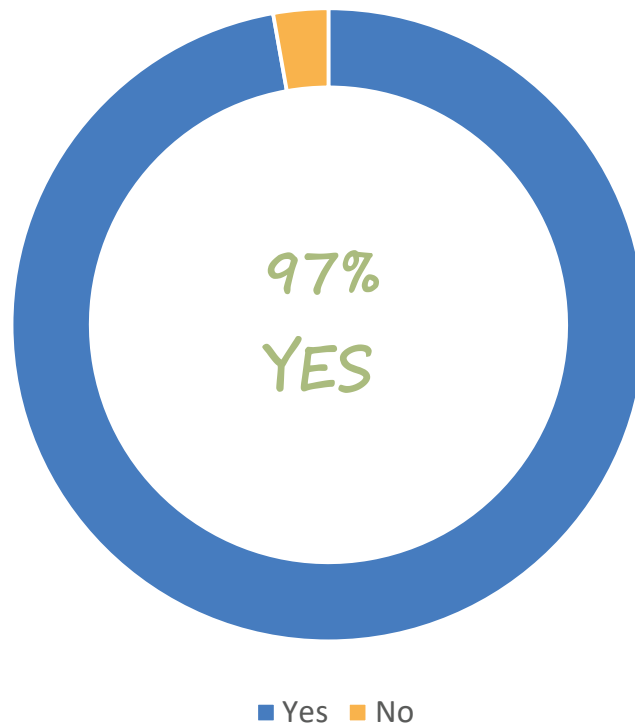


The variety of responses within Active Recreation/Facilities was distributed from 14% for Indoor Multisport Athletic Complex to 1% for football fields, and in all accounted for 22 distinct sub-categories.

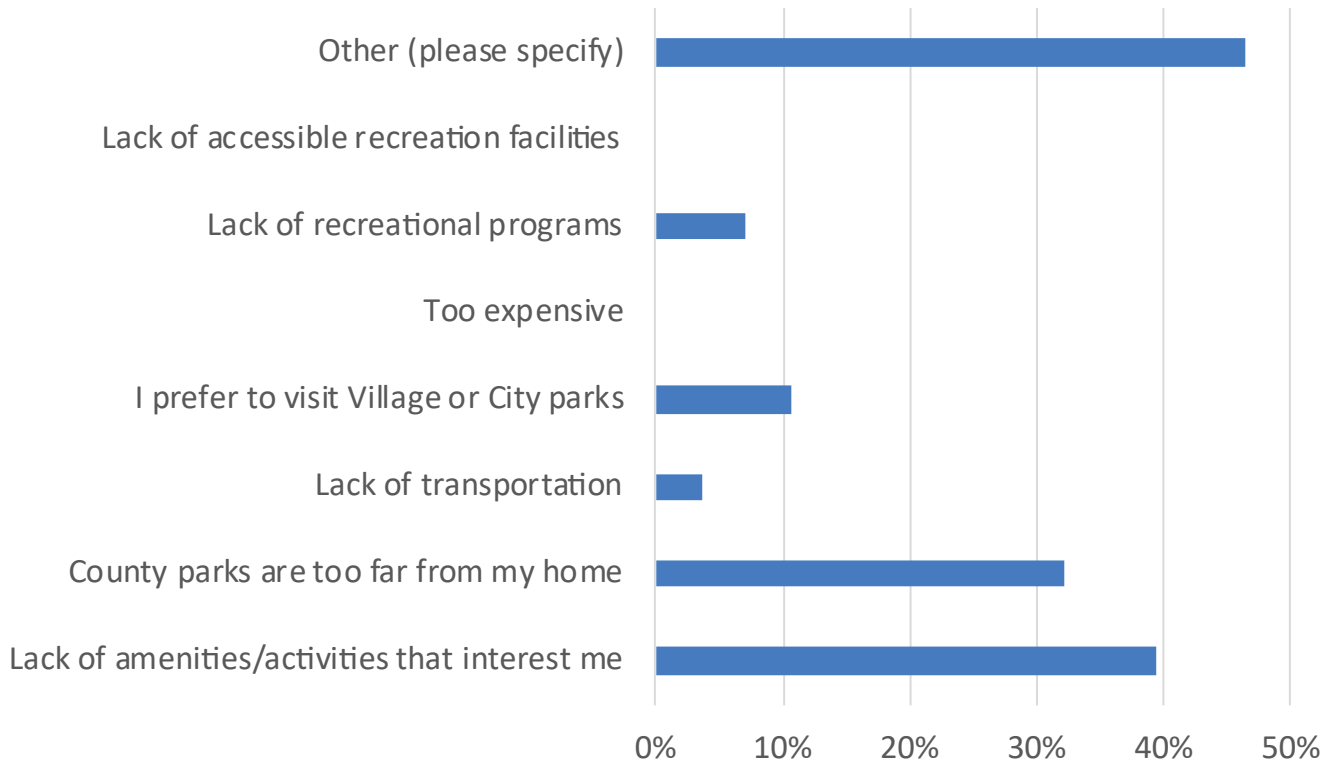
Q4* "OTHER" RESPONSES WITHIN ACTIVE RECREATION/FACILITIES CATEGORY (391)



Q5 OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS DID YOU VISIT OR USE A COUNTY PARK OR FOREST UNIT? (1,108)



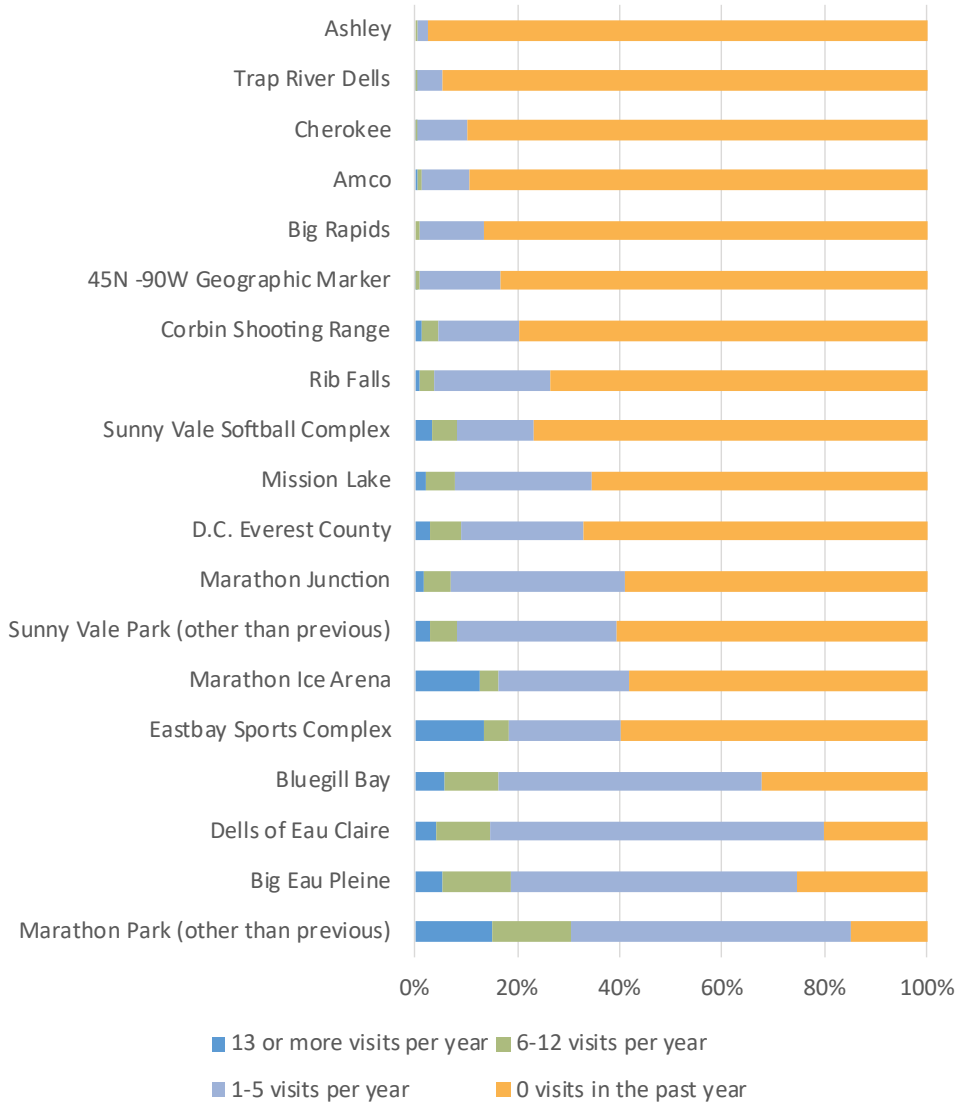
Q6 IF YOU INDICATED YOU DID NOT VISIT OR USE COUNTY PARKS, FOREST UNITS, OR TRAILS, PLEASE TELL US WHY. CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. (28)



Answers from the category of Other include:

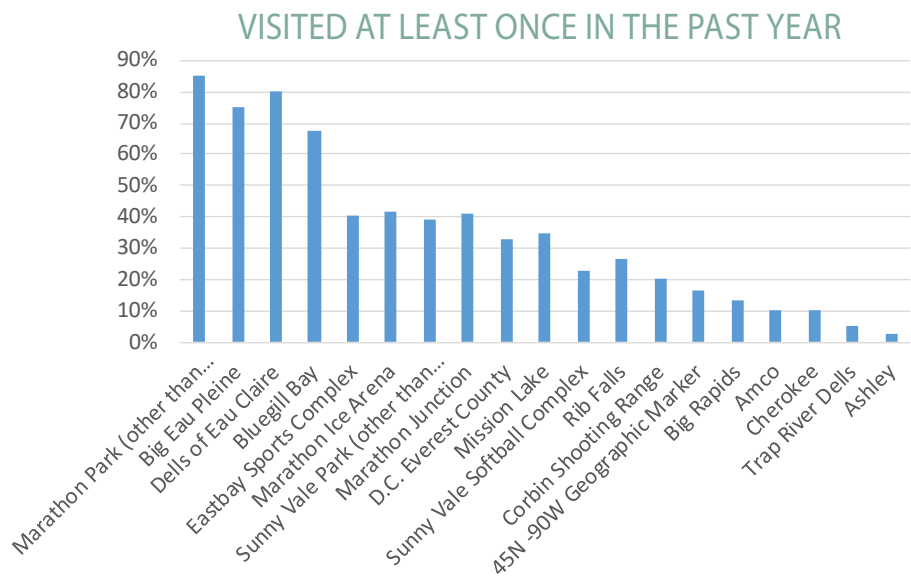
- ◇ No time
- ◇ Road Bicycling is preferred sport - no options at County facilities
- ◇ Need more areas and activities for older adults
- ◇ Lack of good campgrounds
- ◇ Personal Schedule too busy
- ◇ I prefer to stay home and enjoy my yard
- ◇ No time
- ◇ Ice Age Trail Hiker
- ◇ No camping sites
- ◇ Unsure exactly what's available / new to town
- ◇ No time
- ◇ New to area
- ◇ Never thought about visiting them, usually go to local park

Q7 HOW OFTEN OVER THE PAST YEAR DID YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT OR USE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE FOLLOWING COUNTY PARKS? (867)

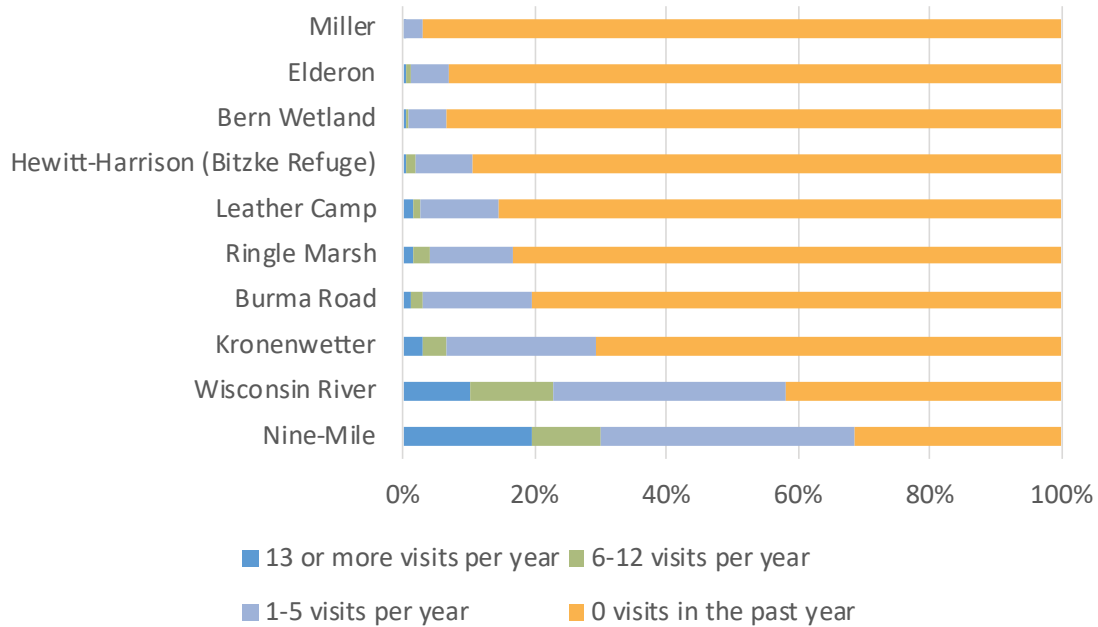


Marathon Park, Dells of Eau Claire, and Big Eau Pleine are the most visited parks within the County system, with each being visited by at least once annually by 75% of survey respondents.

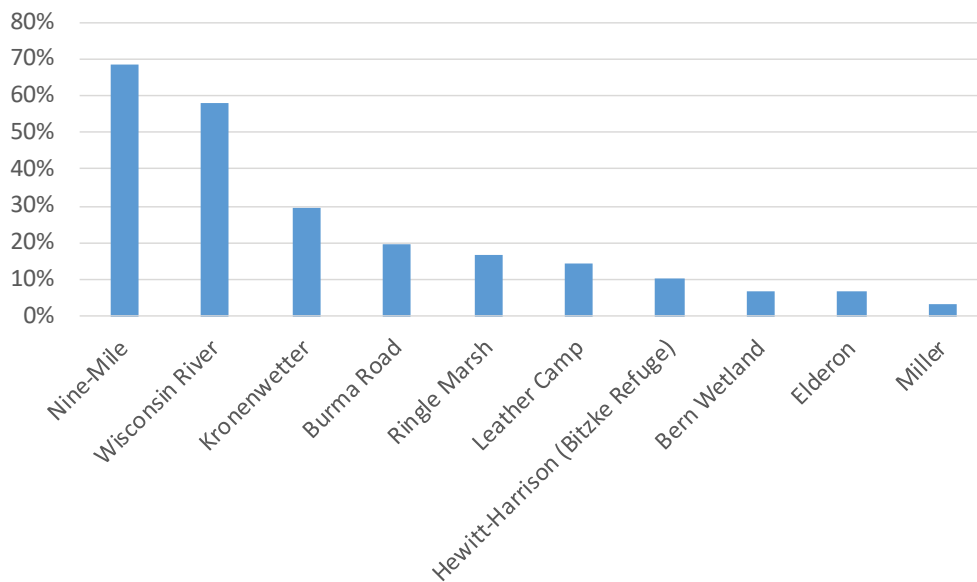
Ashley and Trap River Dells are the only parks in the system which less than 10% of respondents indicated they had visited within the past year.



Q8 HOW OFTEN OVER THE PAST YEAR DID YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT OR USE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE FOLLOWING COUNTY FOREST UNITS? (862)



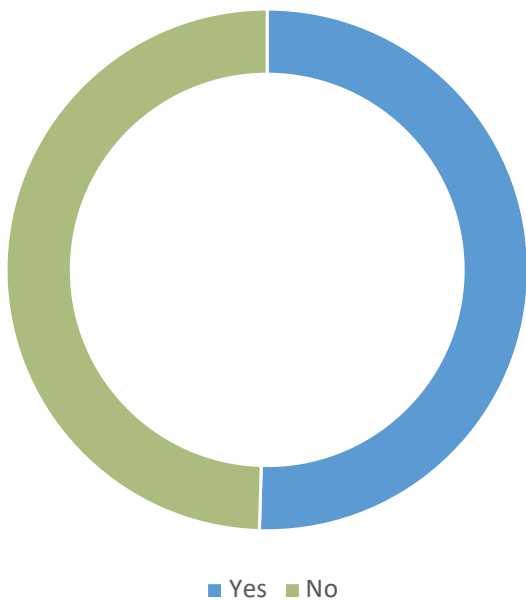
VISITED AT LEAST ONCE IN THE PAST YEAR



Survey Respondents indicated less overall visits to County Forest Units as opposed to County Parks, however there are forest units within the system that receive large visitor shares.

Nearly 70% of respondents had visited Nine-Mile in the past year (69%), and 58% had visited the Wisconsin River Forest unit.

Q9 DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD COMMONLY (AN AVERAGE OF 4 TIMES PER YEAR OR MORE) DRIVE SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF MARATHON COUNTY TO USE THE SAME SPECIFIC PARK, RECREATIONAL FACILITY, OR PROGRAM? (1,040)

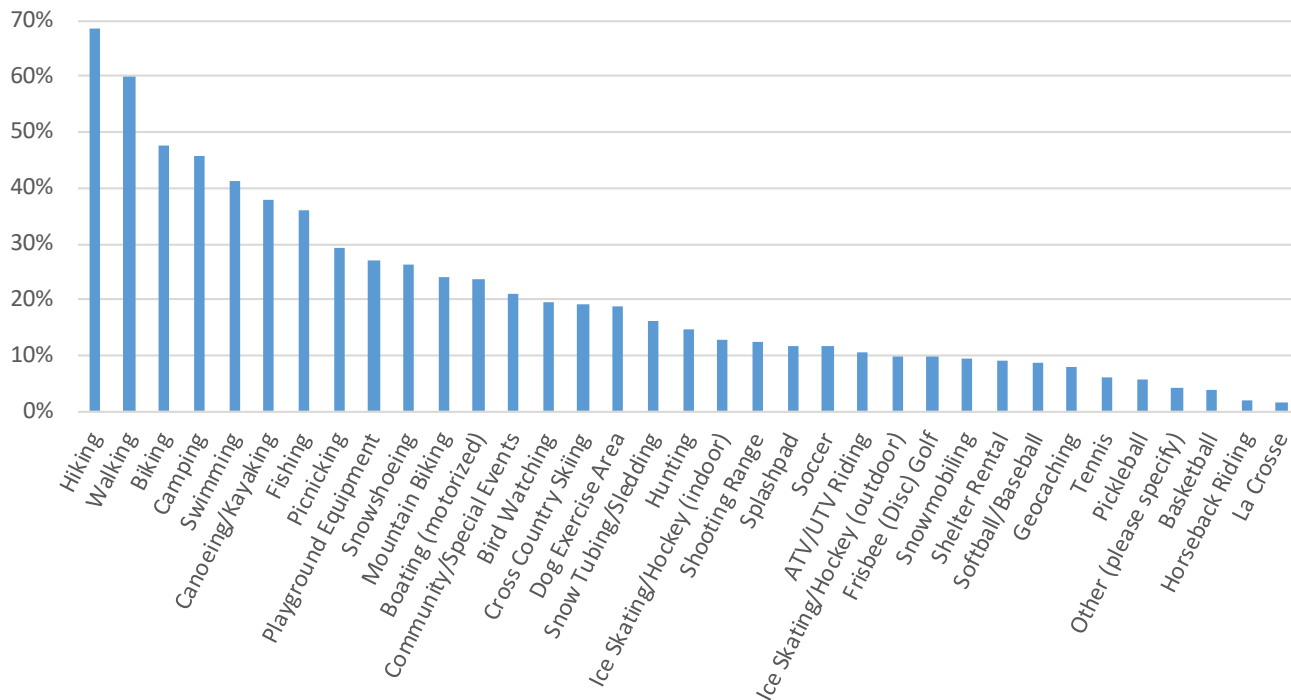


49.5% of respondents indicated they do not commonly drive to a specific location to recreate outside of Marathon County, while 50.5% indicated they do commonly travel to the same location outside of the County.

Common Responses of other parks and facilities:

- ◇ Camping (locations across the State)
- ◇ Hockey Rinks around the State
- ◇ Council Grounds State Park
- ◇ Door County
- ◇ Ice Age Trail
- ◇ Kettle Moraine
- ◇ Minocqua
- ◇ Mountain Biking (across the State)
- ◇ Northern Highlands
- ◇ Portage County Parks
- ◇ Shawano County

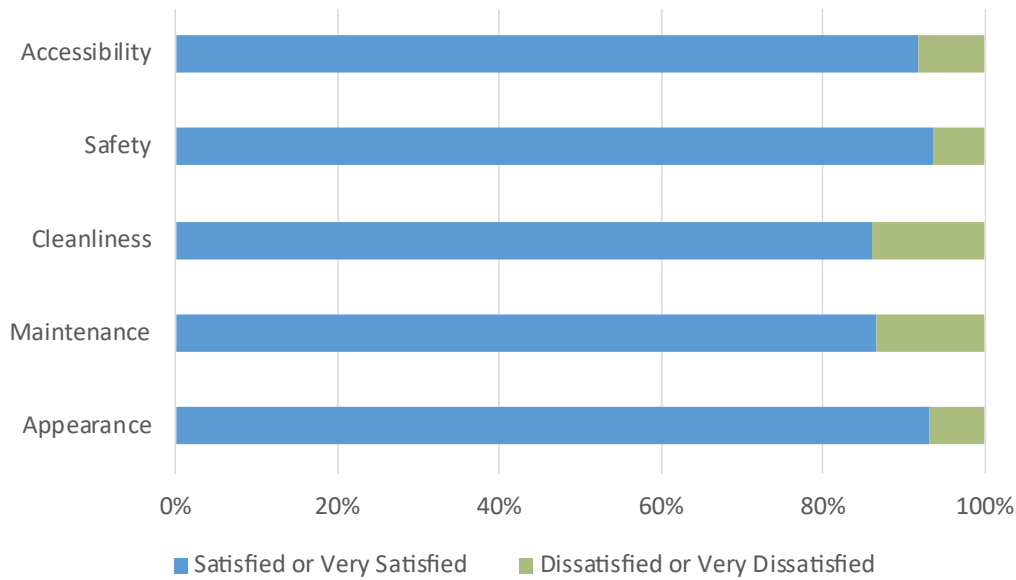
Q10 IN WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PARTICIPATE AT COUNTY PARKS, FOREST UNITS, AND TRAILS? (1,041)



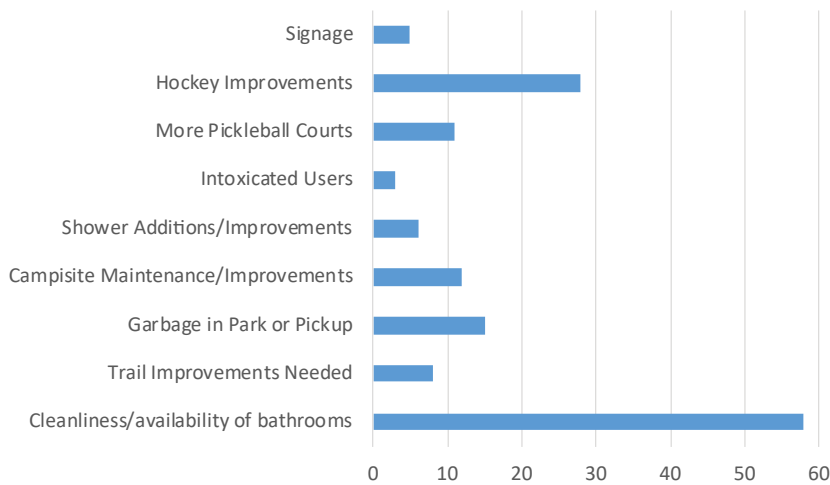
Common Responses for Other:

- ◇ Pickleball
- ◇ Skateboarding
- ◇ Hunting
- ◇ Snow Fat Biking
- ◇ Road Biking (Paved Paths)

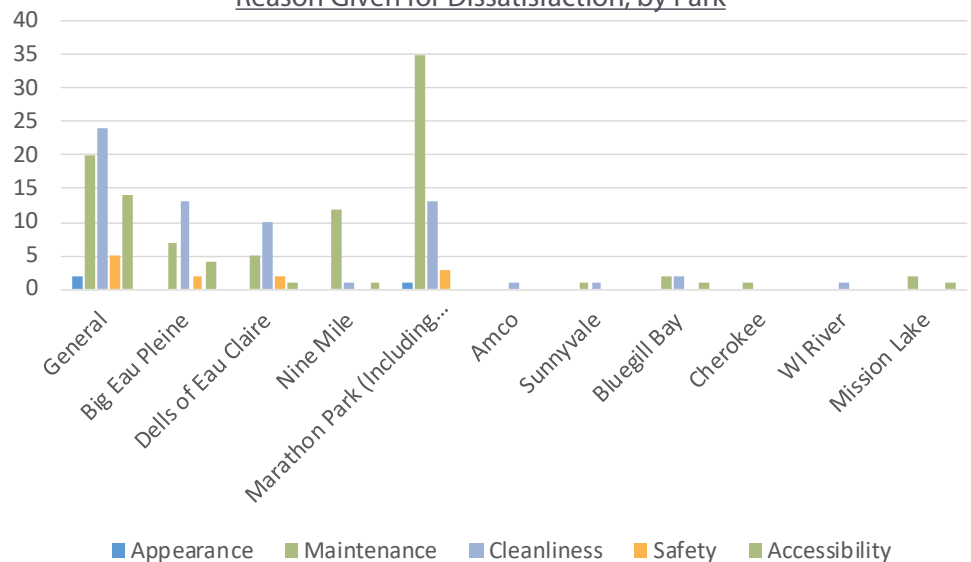
Q11 HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE APPEARANCE, MAINTENANCE, CLEANLINESS, SAFETY, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF MARATHON COUNTY'S PARKS, FOREST UNITS, AND TRAILS? (1,043)



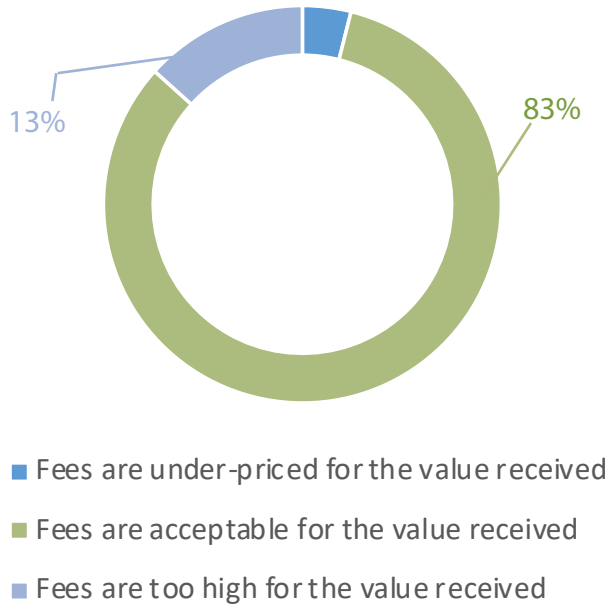
Reason Given for Dissatisfaction



Reason Given for Dissatisfaction, by Park

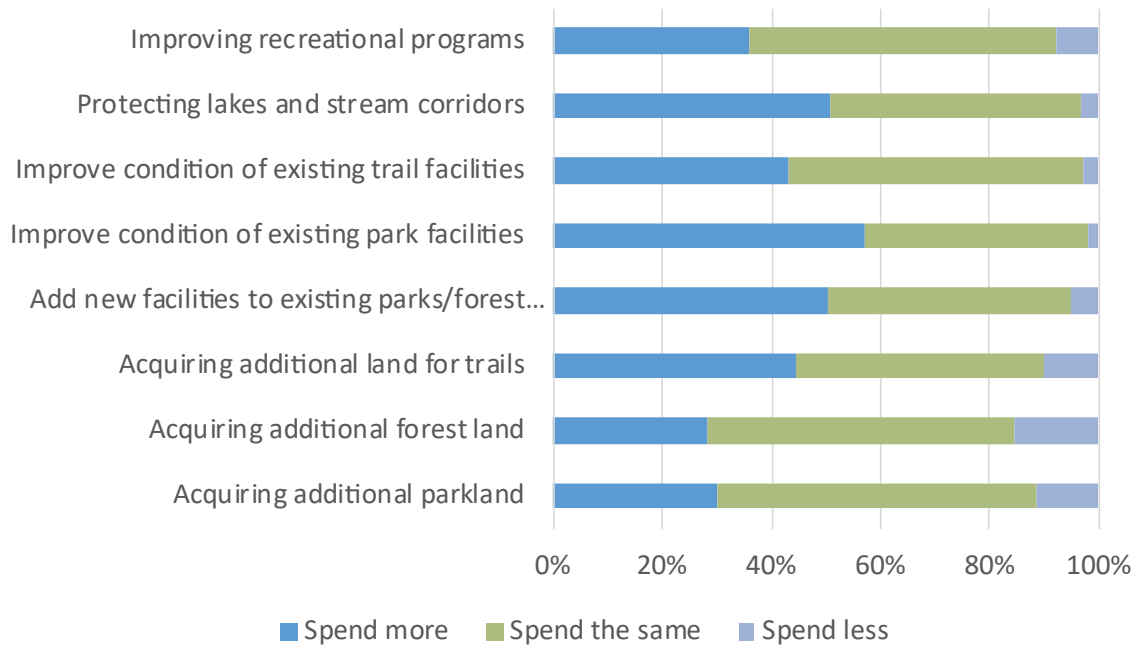


Q12 HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CURRENT PROGRAM AND FACILITY FEES CHARGED DIRECTLY TO YOU BY THE MARATHON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT? (1,022)



Excluding those who responded as “unsure” (16% of total), a large majority of users believe that fees within the Marathon County park, forest, and trail system are appropriate for the value received from use and activities.

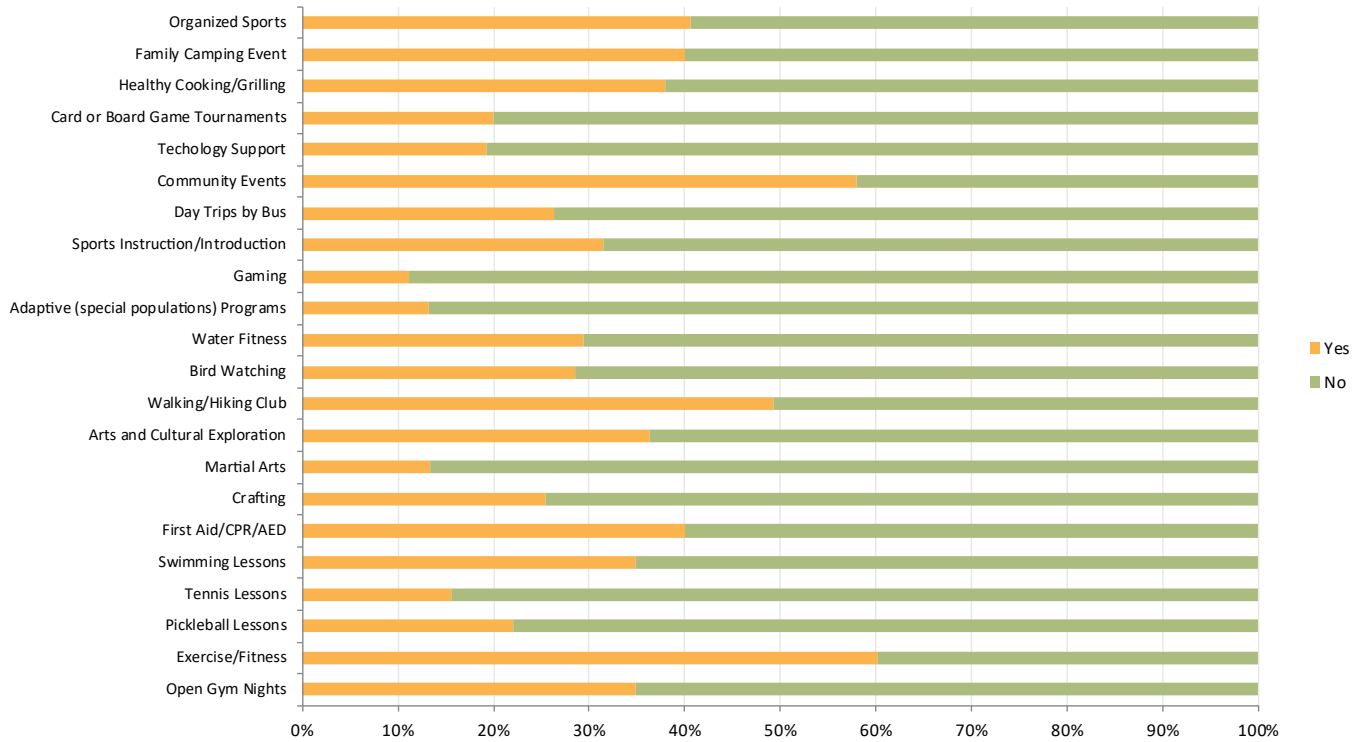
Q13 HOW WOULD YOU DIRECT FUTURE FUNDING FOR COUNTY PARK, FOREST UNIT, TRAIL, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS? (1,010)



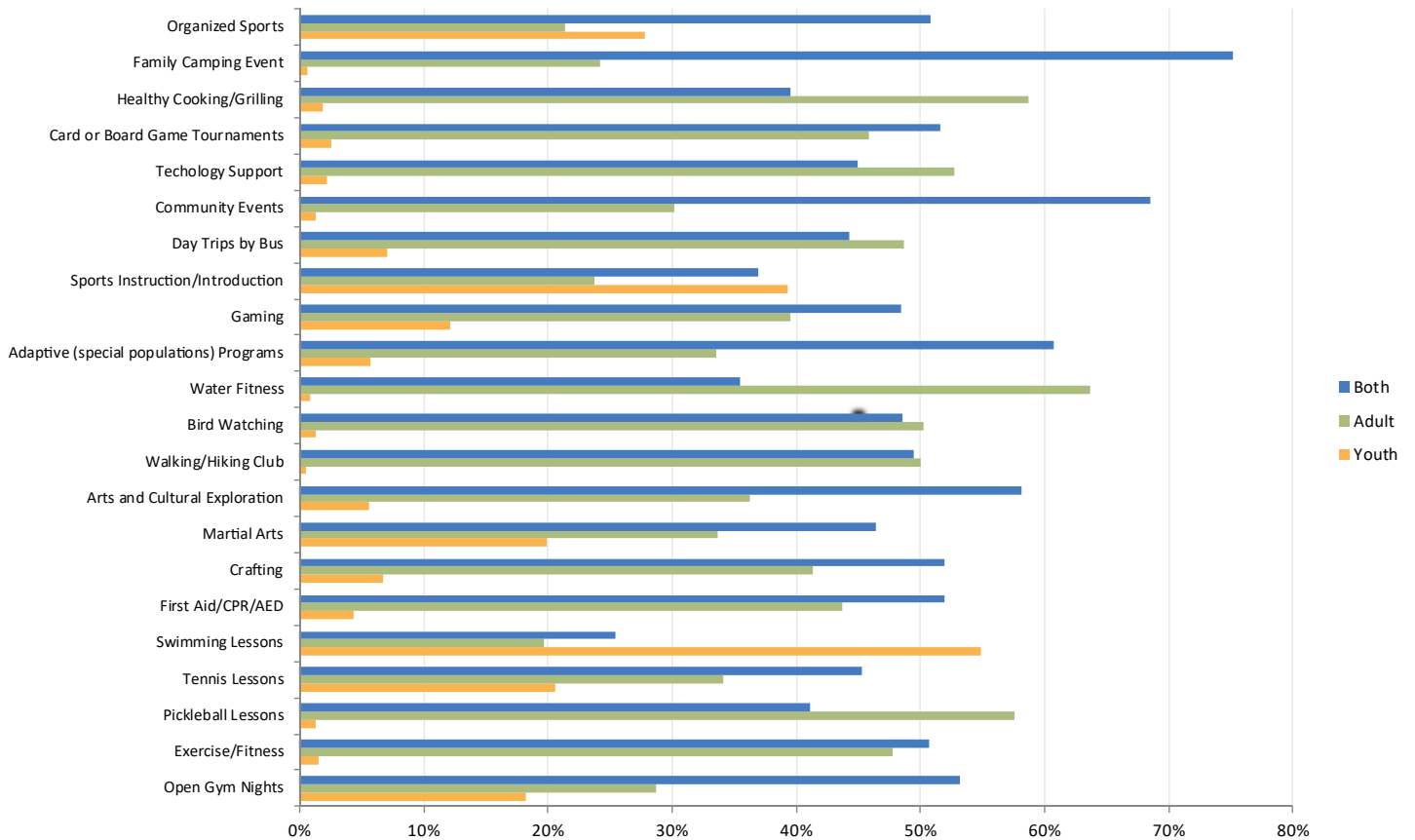
Overall, respondents would prioritize their own spending toward improvements of the existing park, forest, and trail system as their top priority from the list, followed by protecting lakes and stream corridors, and adding new facilities to existing parks and forests. Less than 2% of respondents (1.97%) would spend less on improving the current existing park facilities.

Only 7.2% of the votes cast within all categories were for less spending, indicating support for maintaining and improving the County outdoor recreation system. Within the spend more responses, acquiring additional land for forest units or parks received the least priority among the eight categories.

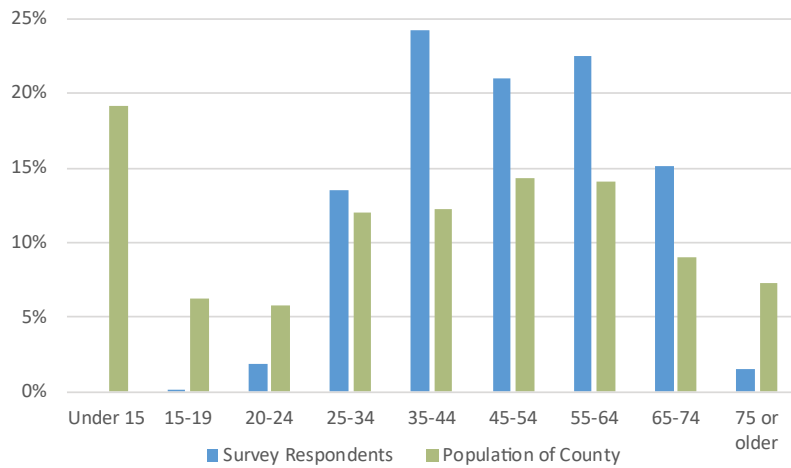
Q14 PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS THE NEED FOR EACH OF THE RECREATION PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW (843)



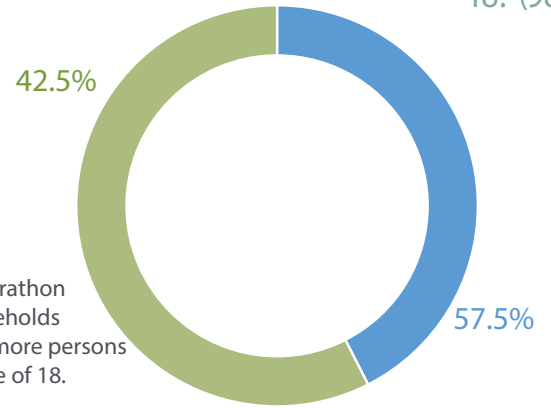
Q14 PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS THE NEED FOR EACH OF THE RECREATION PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW, INDICATING YOUTH ADULT OR BOTH (843)



Q16 WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (989)

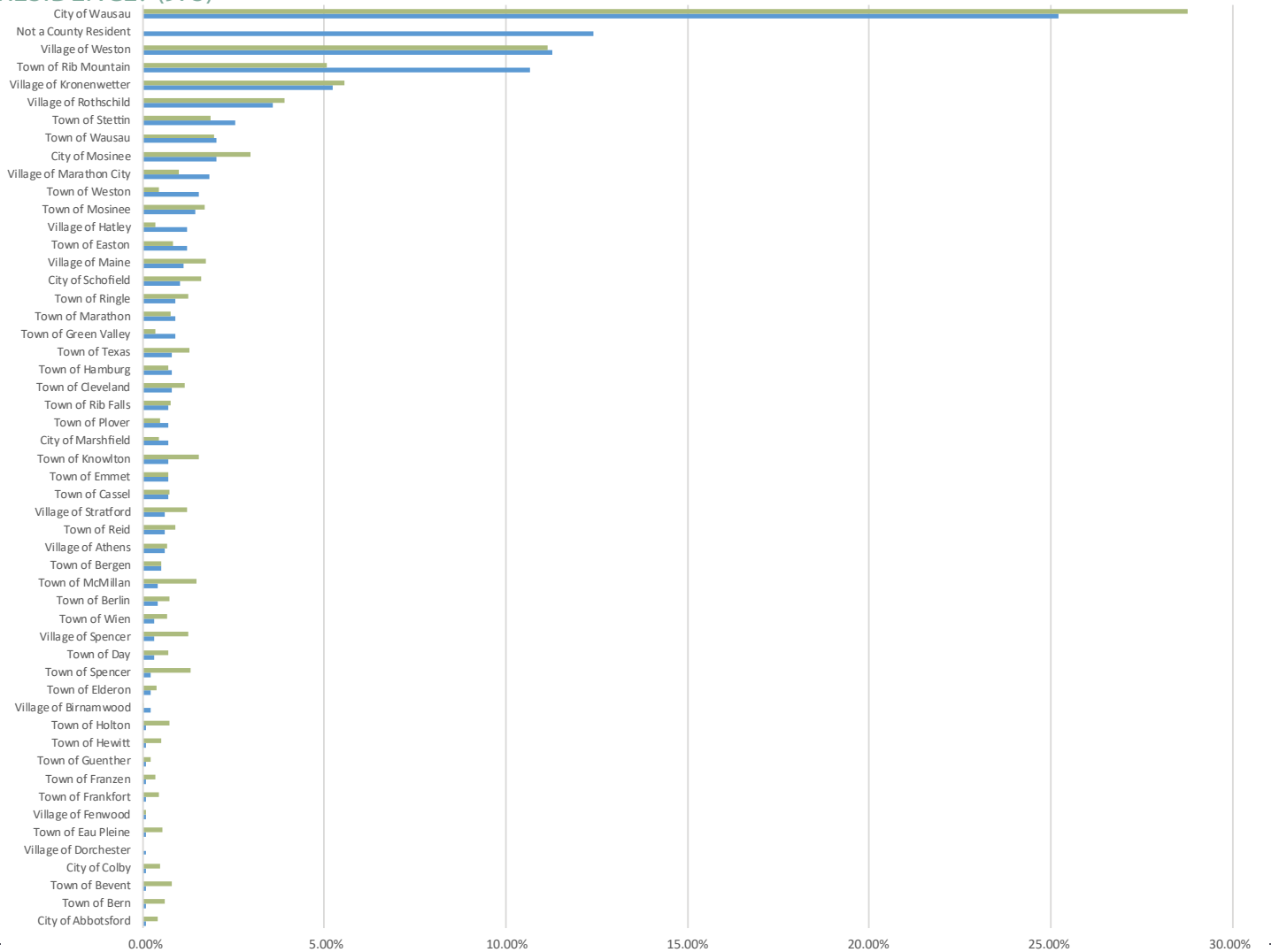


Q17 ARE THERE ANY PERSONS LIVING IN YOUR HOME THAT ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18? (981)

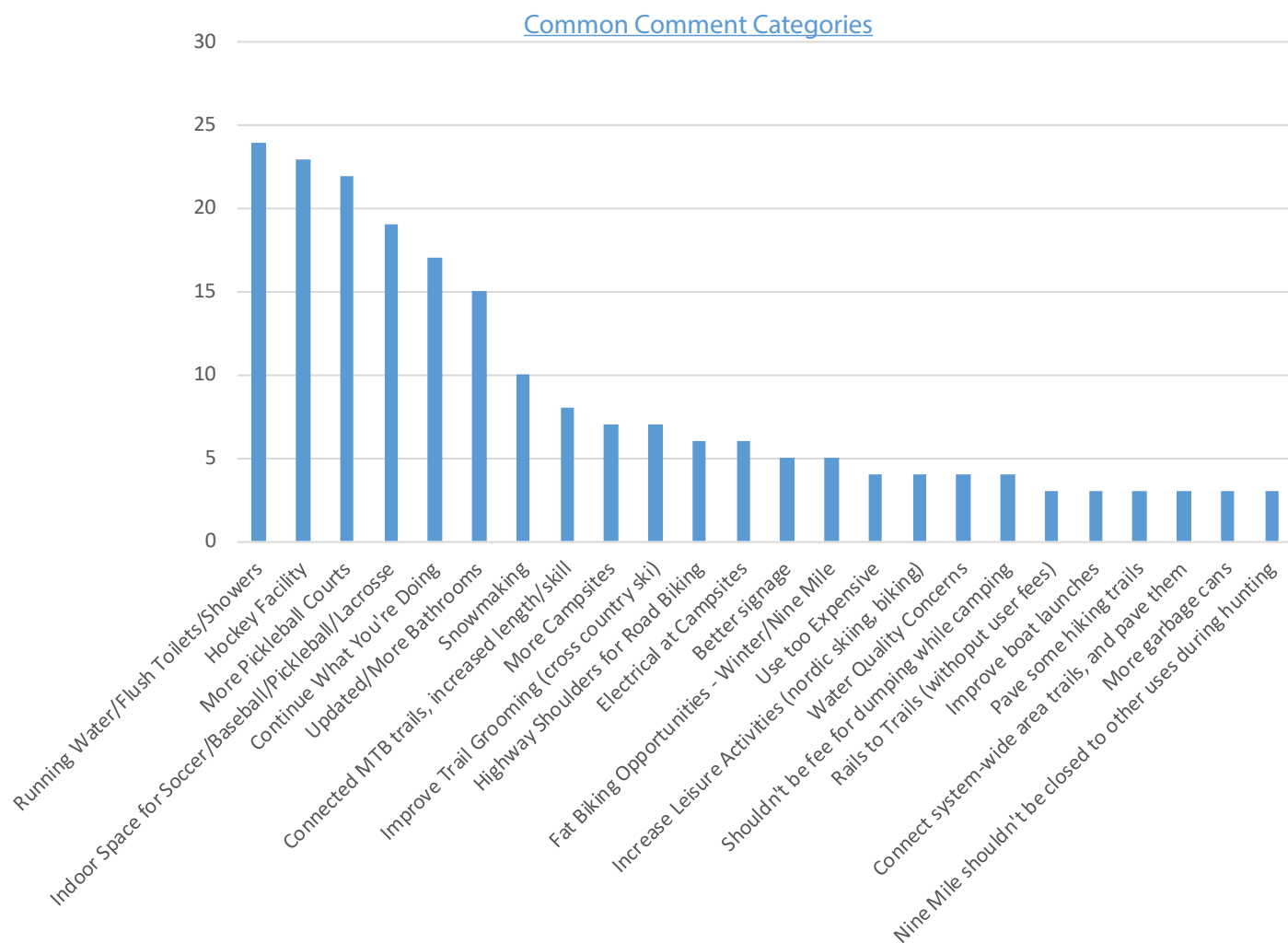


27% of all Marathon County households contain 1 or more persons under the age of 18.

Q18 IN WHAT COMMUNITY IS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE? (975)



Q15 PLEASE PROVIDE ANY OTHER COMMENTS (OPEN-ENDED) (289)



Q17* FULL COMMENTS (289)

- ◇ Snow making at 9 mile
- ◇ Limit motorized vehicles - such as ATVs
- ◇ We need shoulders on county highways that have lots of traffic and that are good bike routes and connections.
- ◇ more camping sites at all county parks are needed -
- ◇ The pricing for the park facilities has rose significantly. We used to book these park facilities for activities like a birthday party to get our families to utilize the parks and to be outside. However, we can no longer afford the current pricing structures of these facilities, which is unfortunate.
- ◇ New bathrooms bluegill park, more equipment at parks that target older kids 8-12 year old range!
- ◇ Make Seating available for families inside marathon park hockey rink spent far to many night and weekends there and no where to

- sit for eating or to sit between games. Updated concessions stand definitely need more room in this one. Same as above 3rd rink at marathon park
- ◇ We would benefit from off road bike trails connecting communities along rivers or rail trails. Marathon City, Athens, Edgar etc.
- ◇ With the growing Pickleball players, we need more courts. With only 3 courts,we sometimes have as many as 30 to 40 players
- ◇ more sites available with water and electric.
- ◇ Indoor sports facility would allow typically outdoor sports (ie, soccer and baseball) to practice indoors when the weather/outside field conditions are not conducive to practicing outside. There is limited indoor space right now, and the athletes are negatively impacted by this shortage
- ◇ Love the parks for walking the

- dog, exercise, etc. They're some of the best features of Marathon Co. quality of life!!
- ◇ Keep up the good work.
- ◇ There is a need for additional park personnel and oversite
- ◇ Some non- technical (not mountain bike) free county bike trails might be nice. Any old rail beds around?
- ◇ I should get a free pass for mountain bay trail for the amount of time I spend cleaning it up.
- ◇ 1. Increase miles for mountain biking. Need at least 1 trail system with 20+ miles in length to attract people to come and move/travel here.
- ◇ 2. Reduced fees for X-C skiing and snowshoeing
- ◇ 3. Allow fat biking on snow shoe trails at 9 mile
- ◇ 4. Better signage for cross country skiing
- ◇ Blue Gill park needs more

- restrooms - preferably modernized.
- ◇ We are avid XC skiers. The quality of the grooming at Nine Mile could be improved. The desk staff is great, but the overall appearance of atmosphere of the Chalet could be improved as well. Winter Park in Minocqua could be a model for what we could/ should have here in a much more populated area with a much bigger draw. Food concessions should certainly be considered and an equipment outlet could do very well here, especially considering the lack of local quality access to XC ski equipment. Thanks
- ◇ I feel the county parks are very good. I think the charge for cross country skiing at 9 mile is too much. The sled hill is marvelous.
- ◇ See comments on Question 13. Maybe more groups, young and old have trail or park clean ups.
- ◇ We're lucky in this County

- ◇ Please consider improvements to “life-long” sporting activities like Nordic Skiing and Biking. These typically are participants that continue to invest in these activities for much of their able lives. These are also activities that people from outside the area will travel here for if you provide the value and experience.
- ◇ The camping area at Dells of the Eau Claire should have a dump station, where are the campers disposing of their waste water?
- ◇ Some parks would be greatly improved with the addition of running water and flush toilets, but I am aware it may attract more unwanted use and adds additional maintenance and up keep costs
- ◇ Add more mileage to 9-Mile mountain bike trails, and don't cut as much time off for hunting. Very few hunters use the area, there is so much other better hunting land available for them. Another thought is when there is logging at 9-Mile, mark some trees right next to the trails for the loggers to leave behind rather than a complete clear-cut.
- ◇ flush toilets restrooms and showers
- ◇ Running water to sites and showers at the DEC n the Big Eau Pleine campgrounds. Spend some money Marathon County n get it done. Thanks
- ◇ Stop being a catch all to everyone. Stay with maintaining outdoor nature sites and create more public access. Stop trying to be social activities catch all. You are not good at it and you waste money trying to do it.
- ◇ Man-made snow under the lights at 9 Mile would provide more days/hours for people to get off the couch and into the great outdoors burning calories and being rejuvenated so they are ready for whatever life brings next.
- ◇ I do not live in the county so I only use camping in Marathon Park which influences my answers or lack of answers.
- ◇ Upgrade your camping electrical!!!!!!!!!!!!!! AMPS NEED TO BE UPGRADED TO 50..... you barely have 30 amps on five sites combined FIX IT !!!!!!!
- ◇ Charging separate fees for camping, boat launch, and dump station is ridiculous - when camping, one fee should cover it all. Also, the firewood policy is nonsense - since there is no known way to actually stop the emerald ash borer, and firewood can be transported all over for private land use, not allowing firewood to be brought into the campground does nothing but punish the campers.
- ◇ Better bathrooms
- ◇ Please continue to have staff drive and observe campsite areas for safety concerns and for observing rules are respected by campers. thanks
- ◇ Full hook up sites in eau claire dells
- ◇ See previous comments regarding lake water quality
- ◇ more camping sites that accept reservations, able to cancel reservations on line.
- ◇ Keep clean, policed, and managed.
- ◇ Showers at campgrounds
- ◇ Add shower facilities to the Big Eau Pleine Campground.
- ◇ Campground should be first come first serve and be able to get them out at camp parks not just going through computers because not all of us have computers to able to do that for campgrounds and campers
- ◇ Shower facilities at campgrounds, even if pay to use.
- ◇ More opportunities for volunteers.
- ◇ More activities and spaces for people to spend time outside-
- Marathon County has a beautiful system of parks that we are lucky to have. People are eager to be outside enjoying our beautiful state.
- ◇ With Pickleball growing more popular daily, more courts are needed and would draw visitors to our area for tournaments, etc.
- ◇ Overall, quite please with the quantity and quality of Parks and forest lands available in the county. We are lucky to have such treasures. It is important to keep multiple use forest units for timber production, recreation, hunting and the general public's use. Less people can afford their own land and it is important for people to recreate and be in the outdoors so they appreciate and support natural resource conservation.
- ◇ Continue to offer the diversity of facilities and programs and adapt facilities and programs to keep current with trends...and the needs of the upcoming generations.
- ◇ Take care of and improve what we already have!
- ◇ Trail signage at Dells of the Eau Claire is sadly lacking. At least add some Ice-Age-Trail-style slashes or markers on trees.
- ◇ Indoor facility.
- ◇ Keep publishing in the information you do because it's great. Will be buried in more online to get information for the summer programs for adults and grandchildren under five. Thank you for making out the survey hope you get some great answers
- ◇ Limit new trail and building/facilities to absolute necessity! Leave the forests to be forests, not trails, buildings and concrete slabs with 'trees between' like Rib Mountain!
- ◇ Would like to see additional Pickleball courts
- ◇ extend the pave trail from Ryan street to camp Phillips road in the village of Weston.
- ◇ Add additional 6 Pickleball court in Marathon park.
- ◇ Establishing greenway corridors to connect park and forest areas would be awesome.
- ◇ The amazing outdoor access to places like Nine Mile are the reason we live in Marathon County.
- ◇ Appreciate the renewed efforts to improve the premier hiking experience on the Ice Age Trail along the Ringle segment. I hope the future will provide opportunities to reduce the amount of road walk miles.
- ◇ Snow making for cross country skiing
- ◇ Continue to build and connect road bike trails across the county. The improvements made over recent years have been fantastic and people from other areas are taking notice!
- ◇ I would like to see more bike trails for both mountain bike and leisure. I would like to see more county forest campgrounds with electric facilities.
- ◇ The recreational activities listed in question 13 are currently available throughout our community whether through the YMCA or other various organizations. I would prefer to see funding used to enhance/improve the parks in Marsthon County rather than support programs.
- ◇ Please extend the mountain bike season at 9 mile into November.
- ◇ Indoor pickleball facility for winter/bad weather days. Improve tennis courts at Marathon Park and tennis/pickleball courts at other tennis court locations. Unsure what conditions are like at the Oak Island tennis courts.
- ◇ Additional facilities for hosting trail based events outside of Nine Mile
- ◇ How about a permanent orienteering course?
- ◇ We could use another sheet of ice for hockey, total of 3. We could use one sheet to be an all year round facility. The other builds could become a field for indoor soccer on inline skating when the ice is out. The location could be moved in the park so not interfere with fair.
- ◇ Marathon County has the potential to be a cycling destination on par with the CAMBA system and Marquette, MI. More mountain bike trails, bicycle friendly routes to trailheads, and more cycling paths are needed to achieve this and the ROI would be significant.
- ◇ A permanent space to hold practices and play the sport of roller derby would be so beneficial to the county and could expand the sport to youths if there was dedicated space for it. Please consider it.
- ◇ See previous, please improve the Rink 1 & 2 “barns”
- ◇ Marathon park needs a new or updated indoor hockey venue.
- ◇ Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation. We need a indoor facility to support this growing sport with up to at least 8 courts.
- ◇ Eliminate or drastically reduce the launch fees for boaters. The fees for the landings in Marathon County are as high or higher than landings in Brown, Oconto, Marinette and other counties with landings and facilities that are substantially bigger and have significantly more amenities (large public bathrooms, 6-8 lane boat launches with docks, fish cleaning houses, etc.). The Marathon County boat landings have had no major improvements for many years yet the boaters are the only ones that have to pay a daily fee to use the majority of the parks. Other activities (frisbee golf in particular) have had significant improvements over the years and can use their portion of the parks for free everyday.
- ◇ Another inconvenience for the

paying boaters is the trailer-only parking. Several times a week or more, non-trailer vehicles are parked in these areas with no consequence. Even after contacting the Parks Dept and Wausau PD numerous times, few if any, parking citations are written. On summer nights during baseball season it is common to have no available trailer parking stalls at a couple landings due to the additional vehicles attending the games. These vehicles are not paying a daily use fee and the boaters have to sometimes park a long distance away and still are charged a launch fee.

- ◇ Also, please put a street light up near the boat launch at Memorial Park. Trying to launch or land a boat there after dark is difficult with no lighting or painted lines for guidance. This again only affects the paying boaters.
- ◇ Feel Marathon Park would be an excellent park for Christmas lights
- ◇ Survey covers the important suggestions.
- ◇ Really, really need more pickle ball courts.
- ◇ Return ice rink to review, it's a disgrace that it left, there were people there ALL the time in weekends, kids, moms, families, teenagers, hockey, figure, pleasure skating, it was "Norman Rockwellian" unlike what the was buildings an grounds guy said, just a shame low down n dirty, how long will the bike polo fad last? And they have hockey boards????!!!! Wtf, a lso lacrosse is one word it's not like the Wisconsin city.
- ◇ More Pickleball Courts. 3 courts for 50 players doesn't
- ◇ work very well, standing and waiting isn't much fun.
- ◇ Thanks to the Park's Department offering a lot of 'invisible' support which contributes so much to quality of life in wider Wausau area.
- ◇ I am a pickball player, so I use the Marathon Park courts pretty much every day when weather permits.
- ◇ Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US. We are missing out on drawing commerce to Wausau due to lack of facility development. We are woefully behind other communities of similar size.
- ◇ We desperately need indoor soccer space. Right now, soccer families travel outside of our region to play soccer during winter. Lots

of tournaments are in green bay, private coaching and practices in green bay. Lots of money is leaving the area. We have no place in Wausau for indoor soccer besides gyms which isn't the same.

- ◇ Hockey and Lacrosse-two of the fastest growing sports are under emphasized and need new facilities!
- ◇ We need more pickle ball courts -- it is the fastest growing sport in the country. Great exercise for all ages. Way too much obesity in the country.
- ◇ I think the marathon skating facilities could use some major updating
- ◇ Year round ice arena is needed in Wausau
- ◇ Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry has always done a great job.
- ◇ Please add more outdoor skating. Our family was super disappointed that the Thom field rink wasn't put in this year!
- ◇ Find away to get some more money to come into the state, to improve on the parks and the facilities we have already. Getting them up to date so the all people and families can enjoy them. So that families know that their children are safe when using the equipment. Get bathrooms up to date so they are not so gross
- ◇ We do not want to pay more in taxes for any expansions
- ◇ Snow-making at Nine Mile would be beneficial for reliable snow throughout the winter.
- ◇ Continue to improve signage and gateways to facilities
- ◇ We need access to ice year round. The fact that our hockey players in wausau have to travel to other rinks to play spring and summer hockey is embarrassing and puts our players at a disadvantage.
- ◇ Wausau really needs indoor fields for soccer and lacrosse. We are at a competitive disadvantage from a youth sports perspective. Teams will pay for rental and there is significant revenue opportunities with winter tournaments and leagues.
- ◇ One area of safety concern for the sport of ice hockey is the current status of the hockey board and glass at Marathon Park. It is my understanding that these are 40+ years old and it is time for an upgrade. The current technology in

the new/newer board will provide a better more safe environment for the users of the facility.

- ◇ Geese are becoming a bigger problem every year and more needs to be done to keep them from taking over.
- ◇ It would be nice to see if the area could support a facility like the new community center in Marinette, WI to replace the ice facilities at Marathon Park.
- ◇ I think users fees should be charged for the horseback riders for maintenance of the trails. Electricity at the BEP should be updated as well as trail signage.
- ◇ Indoor soccer facility would help preserve fields and give the teams a place to practice.
- ◇ Please plan/approve an indoor soccer facility
- ◇ love marathon county parks system. would like to volunteer to help with maintenance
- ◇ An indoor facility with a turf surface would be an excellent addition to the Wausau area, and likely a space that would be utilized often.
- ◇ Please help to continue to grow and encourage the MC Sports - Baseball, Basketball, Football and especially Soccer. The Eastbay Fields are well known and respected around the state for the playing surfaces and overall facilities.
- ◇ Thank you for keeping lands accessible for the public to enjoy shorelands and landscape views. We like to keep land natural for wildlife and native plants also.
- ◇ Could use an indoor sports facility for soccer as the weather often does not cooperate in the early spring and later fall. Hard to scramble and hold practices last minute- hard to find gym space/time. East bay closes early and opens late with regards to soccer season. But it is a beautiful complex!
- ◇ • Maintain Mountain Bay Trail
- ◇ • Get a big dog park in the Wausau area with plenty of space and trails, tree covered. The one in Rib Mountain is too tiny and the one in Weston is just ugly, but big enough.
- ◇ • The biggest need for the Wausau area at this time is a large indoor athletic facility with turf that could be used for multiple sports. I know our soccer club

would use it multiple times weekly over the winter months for practices, skills sessions and I could foresee hosting a weekend tournament or two, bringing families from other areas to the Wausau area to eat, shop and stay.

- ◇
- ◇ The second area that could use improvement is outdoor activities for the pre-teen/teenage age group, such as rock climbing opportunities, or a ropes course, a larger waterpark, mini-golf, etc. It would be nice for the kids who don't need direct supervision anymore to have a safe and fun spot to meet up with friends and enjoy outdoor activities.
- ◇ Lastly, I would love to see additional bathrooms (at the north end of the park) and parking at the Eastbay Sports Complex. Another play area or obstacle course, even if it's small, at the north end of the complex would be nice as well. As a parent with small children, it would be nice to be able to watch my older child's soccer game while keeping an eye on the younger kids at the playground, which isn't realistic from the north side of the complex based on where the current play area is!
- ◇ Indoor soccer facility
- ◇ winter is long in Wausau. we need a large indoor clear span facility for sports like soccer, tennis, la crosse, football, climbing wall, golf driving range. the building should include a second story bar and restaurant for the parents to view the sports while the children play below.
- ◇ Due to Wisconsin weather, it would be very beneficial to have an indoor sports complex for spring soccer and baseball games/practices. A larger venue for festivals and concerts would be nice. (400 Block is great too)
- ◇ We really need an indoor complex for a growing soccer population. My son had to skip from gym to gym all winter and playing on gym floors is not ideal. If we want to complete at the highest level with team say from Iowa that are outside 5 weeks before us we really need to invest in a winter indoor venue.
- ◇ I think the park/rec/forestry department is doing a great job by involving the community in decision making. The budget

needs to be increased so more can be done for maintenance, upgrades and acquiring more land for people to enjoy.

◇ I would think that more improvements to the ice rink would be in the future. The rink is old, needs more space. We have a great program here but or facility does not show. You have done great with the soccer fields and more improvements and add on's are great.

◇ Fat biking at 9mile would certainly be a plus!

◇ remove geese from all parks

◇ Excellent work on mountain biking trails in past 3 years. Would like to continue to move towards IMBA ride center. Ski trail grooming improved at 9 Mile the past few years.

◇ My main concern is the water quality

◇ The community has a significant need for an indoor sports facility. And more fields at Eastbay. We are very lucky to have such a great parks system.

◇ We need to take advantage of all the waterways we have in the county. More trails along the water, similar to the Dells of the Eau Claire. Also, more readily available lists of safe, family friendly kayaking stretches on those rivers along with more access to those spots would help.

◇ 1. I don't hunt, but many people do, and I want to continue supporting them. We need more public hunting land, and I'd suggest expanding mainly the Kronenwetter Forest Unit, along with all other forest units that the County Board Committee that oversees parks and forests would agree with.

◇ 2. We need a large park within the Wausau urban area. I came from Milwaukee County, and Dretzka Park is a large park that also has a golf course in it. I'm not saying we need another golf course that the County creates, but this amount of land could be used for golfing, baseball, soccer, or whatever fields come into high demand. This Dretzka Park sized parcel exists in the Village of Kronenwetter to the northeast of the CTH X and CTH XX intersection. WRIG owns the land directly to the east of the parcels I'm thinking of. We could call this Bender Park, because the people who own most of this land have the last name of

Bender. It could also be called Cedar Creek Park.

◇ 3. Consider cooperating with Everest School District to have their Kronenwetter school forest building open to the public on at least Saturdays from April through August. And I mean open like the Mead Wildlife Visitor's Center is open, with an interpreter staffing the building, and maybe regularly scheduled walks or talks during that day.

◇ 4. We need to buy all the former railroad right-of-way for a shared use trail between Wausau and Marshfield, and traveling through Marathon City, Edgar, and Stratford. The shared uses should include walking, bicycling, and snowmobiling, but could also probably accommodate ATVs (UTVs may be too wide.). Once we have this as a trail, then it should become a state trail.

◇ expand the Corbin range to 1000 yds, and extending 300 yd range to 400

◇ I've hosted law Enforcement training w attendees from around the State of WI. Everyone loves shooting here. The Trap Range has to be closed to conduct shoots or training on the 600 yd range. I feel the trap range should be relocated to avoid conflicts w the 600 yd range. It would be a win win for Trap shooters & 600 yd range use

◇ water levels and alge in Big Eau Pleine

◇ Snow making at 9-Mile would lengthen the cross country ski season and bring in users and revenue from outside Marathon county.

◇ Handicap water access

◇ Need a better skills park area for mountain biking, and improve the skatepark at oak island

◇ See previous comments

◇ Pickleball is the most popular sport to impact the public in 20 years. It keeps all populations healthy, active, and HAPPY. We would love to have a Highway 29 Challenge pitting clubs from Eau Claire, Wausau, and Green Bay. Alas, our outdoor facilities are currently inadequate.

◇ I believe that building and maintaining great parks will do more for attracting people to them than spending money on programs to try and bring them there.

◇ More MTB trails on rib mountain.

◇ Indoor swimming and recreation is required.

◇ More changing rooms and cleaner restrooms please.

◇ Love our parks and enjoy them all year round. Well maintained and safety all around.

◇ Would like there to be more bathrooms.

◇ clean showers at campgrounds big eau plaine

◇ Improve boat launch esp BEP

◇ Paved hiking trails

◇ Perhaps give equestrian's options to circle around in a park by connecting trails instead on riding up and back on the same trail. Like at Eau Plene. Do the same at Leathercamp and Kronnenwetter.

◇ Marathon park needs to be policed more as it seems to be a hang out for drug users.

◇ The county needs to take a more active role in promoting, expanding, and maintaining what the systems it does have. As a mountain biker Nine Mile, and Sylvan are prime examples of sites that get to maintenance and very little (to none) active promotion. Granite Peak is also largely a wasted resource in the warm months.

Very much in stark contrast to how other counties and states manage their resources.

◇ Possibly keep adding to and connecting blacktop, non-motorized trail systems in and around the Wausau area. It's wonderful when you can access many areas with these trails without using streets and roads.

◇ Thank you for take the public opinion into consideration while moving forward with the choices.

◇ Showers and or hand sanitizer

◇ We are big snowmobile and atv/sxs riders. Would like to see more roads and areas opened to ride ATVs and sxs' in the summer. Green valley needs to open don't more so we can connect to eau Pleine township and west toward auburndale.

◇ Mountain bike trails other than nine mile. Too much time and effort is put into those trails and they're still pretty piss poor boring trails. Places like sylvan draw more excitement and willingness to travel to from all over the state

◇ The creation of more bike trails has been nice. I would like to see more camping facilities especially near the bike trails

◇ The mountain bikes trails are awesome, should make more. More hiking trails as well

◇ More pickleball courts needed

◇ The more we invest in outdoor space where families and individuals can get out and enjoy themselves the stronger and more attractive the community becomes.

◇ I think there are plenty of opportunities for Parks & Forestry recreation in Marathon County. Opportunities have come a long way over the past 10 years and not many new programs are needed to accommodate our community. Just promote the programs currently in place not all of the community may be aware of the programs that currently exist

◇ Re-iterating the need for an updated space for skateboarding. Merrill is making a big push to build quality park that will be attracting many people to their town. I feel like Wausau is being left behind. All the additions to mountain biking in the area have been amazing, please continue on that path. Roads are in need of safety updates for bikes.

◇ Fat bike trails at Nine Mile need to happen. It can and will work with XC skiers and snowshoers. Look at other organizations that allow both to work together such as the Noquemenon Trail networks Marquette,MI.

◇ Furthermore, there was no skiable snow at Nine Mile until late January. Plenty of great biking to be had if it weren't for the risk of a huge fine.

◇ More gravity mountain bike trails!

◇ Most of the parks I visit could use a bit of updating, recycle bins, fresh paint. But in general I think the parks are awesome, and diverse. Our parks dept does a good job keeping them from looking shabby.

◇ There seemed to be a need for groomer maintenance/repair at Nine Mile County forest in the later part of the ski season. Artificial snow making may also help Wausau to become a cross-country ski destination for people from out of town.

◇ we think these programs are outdated and are not relevant or needed in in todays environment.

◇ Consider flush toilets/showers at campgrounds. Build additional

- campground/sites leaving foliage between site. Great parks already!
- ◇ I live in the far SW part of the County. Their is not much very close to us. I would like to see more with McMillan Marsh, maybe easier Kayak access. Bike trail is nice but not open after Sept. 1. I know that would have to be worked out with the DNR. Thanks!
 - ◇ Allow more access for bow and rifle hunting to forest units.
 - ◇ mile markers and signs.
 - ◇ ATV Trails
 - ◇ Western side of Marathon county gets little attention.
 - ◇ NEW bike and walking trails must be kept separate! even the new trail by WOW is too narrow to accommodate more than one family at a time. WOW must be held to the same standards as other businesses and move their nasty dumpsters (WASTE on the WALTER?) to behind enclosures. Also the new parking spaces at WOW along the new park equipment are way too narrow to park and allow access to the car seats when trying to get the children out
 - ◇ Please do a better job during winter and post winter snow melting phase in Marathon Park.
 - ◇ Strongly encourage the addition of Pickleball courts. It's the fastest growing sport in the country. Several areas around us (eagle river, three lakes, sayner) have provided very nice facilities.
 - ◇ Having better parking would make areas more accessible, especially plowing parking areas in winter. It's so hard to get out for winter activities with no where to park.
 - ◇ The county really needs to spend more on our facilities. We are falling behind.
 - ◇ Would be really great if there was camping at those of the Eau Claire away from the county road that is a major detractor And I probably would not camp there again although we love that park
 - ◇ We should have areas for people to do low impact sports and recreation. There is too much money spent on maintaining specific sport facilities and most people cannot afford to do those sports. (Hockey, figure skating, cross country skiing). We should support life long sports with low impact to the environment
 - ◇ Fee for dumping waste at is not acceptable at the Big Eau Pleine park since there are no flush toilets available & it is normally included with reg. at other parks.
 - ◇ Sunnyvale softball complex rental fee is craziness.
 - ◇ Big Eau Pleine needs showers and flush toilets
 - ◇ Snow making for XC ski
 - ◇ Paved trail for dryland training
 - ◇ Do it
 - ◇ Garbage cans to collect the trash.
 - ◇ Better, and more bathrooms.
 - ◇ Add more Pickleball courts
 - ◇ Add shuffleboard courts
 - ◇ Seriously need additional pickleball courts for all age groups expanding interest in the game
 - ◇ some attention to deer population control
 - ◇ A pickleball complex would be an excellent draw for the Wausau area.
 - ◇ Our county is lacking in outdoor pickleball facilities. In comparison to other counties we are lagging way behind. We need about 9 outdoor courts at least to hold tournaments that will draw others to come here. It is an amazing sport for all ages. We have only three at Marathon Park that are in good shape. Lots of waiting to play on them.
 - ◇ Concerts on the 400 block are nice but could be rotated to other parks
 - ◇ Ice Rink and facility is quite frankly embarrassing. I have a photo of a home tournament of over 45 people sitting on the floor of the "lobby" with lunch purchased elsewhere. No tables, no chairs and the floor is dirty always. Not to mention the leaking roof. I realize the rink is indeed a ice rink but rink one is ridiculously cold. Rink two heats nicely but the cage or fencing doesn't allow fans to see the whole game. What wouldn't I change about this facility would be the question to assure a much shorter answer.
 - ◇ At some point we need to have a pickleball facility to provide for the growing number of players and to host tournaments and social play, other cities in Wisconsin have done great things in this area and though the Wausau pickleball association was one of the leaders in the state five years ago, we have taken a back seat due to lack of facilities. Marathon Park facilities are very nice but lack the court space for growth as they are at present.
 - ◇ Add more Pickleball courts
 - ◇ Please add more opportunities to play hockey and lacrosse to make it more accessible to more people! Thank you!
 - ◇ We need to update the local hockey facility. Adding the Riverwolves has placed a strain on the arena. And, with empowerment of girls to hockey, there needs to be a place to skate.
 - ◇ In addition, Pickleball has taken off, and is much more relevant than tennis. Let's get money and space allocated for it.
 - ◇ Hockey is such a big part of our community, I feel that this area needs to be addressed as we don't have enough room and ice time for our youth.
 - ◇ Marathon Park should be allowed to have camp fires while camping!
 - ◇ Pave Marathon Park parking lot
 - ◇ Baseball complex
 - ◇ I would love to see Wausau have a new multi-field baseball complex, a BMX track, and especially a new or improved Ice hockey arena.
 - ◇ Keep up the good work
 - ◇ Integrate Fat Tire biking at 9 mile. Too much area to not take advantage. County is losing out on \$\$.
 - ◇ Lack of swimming area on river. Lake Wausau needs nicer beach or swim areas. Bluegill Park perfect for this.
 - ◇ Walking and bike trail systems rather than county highways.
 - ◇ Acquire land and green space. Expand 9 mile
 - ◇ Id like to see the county accept the old railroad bridge west of Sunnyvale and make a connection from Sunnyvale to County NN as a paved bike and hiking trail. This would provide a good route to bike to the village of marathon
 - ◇ I think there should be running water at facilities that have campgrounds.
 - ◇ garbage cans
 - ◇ ranger at big eau plaine has made our experience (7 camper units) so bad we not be returning for our annual week long camping trip that we have done for the last 10 years, we are done with him, you wont replace him so we replaced you, really a campsite in this day and age with no running water and no shower facility how sanitary is that.
 - ◇ My biggest gripe is with the bathrooms at Mission Lake park that I stated earlier.
 - ◇ The landings at Eau Pleine Park are nice, but the park attendants I've encountered in the past have not been so friendly. Even when I've already paid and have a lading sticker or pass, they've given me the third degree. Had one guy practically chase me into the lake to ask if I had a pass, instead of looking at the sticker on my trailer.
 - ◇ Also, if you're paying to camp at Eau Pleine. Why doesn't that include a pass to use the boat landing? Just seems like an extra cash grab to me. I know a number of people who have stopped camping there for this reason.
 - ◇ Disappointed in grooming at Nine Mile
 - ◇ Need more parks & camping options
 - ◇ Year round ice at marathon park
 - ◇ Don't care just don't take the rights of people away...meaning don't ban smoking from them don't ban dogs don't ban alcohol
 - ◇ Year round indoor ice arena is a must! If marathon park does not improve you will continue to loose out on money and people.
 - ◇ Year round ice arena!
 - ◇ Great spaces, well cared for, good staff. Keep up the good work!
 - ◇ I left spending recommendations blank, as I do not know what is currently allocated where, but we LOVE the trails through wooded areas and along rivers. Our favorite spots are ones where regulations regarding usage are relaxed and we can fish/walk/let the dog run/swim, etc.
 - ◇ Power and lights in the restrooms
 - ◇ There is a very rude male worker at the Big Eau Pleine on weekends. I believe he said he was a manager. Not a people person at all.
 - ◇ Thanks for ALL you do to provide Marathon County residents and visitors with FREE and low-cost recreation opportunities to get out and get active. It's our own fault if we don't make time to take advantage of all you offer us.
 - ◇ Firewood more accessible.
 - ◇ It would be greatly appreciate if shower and flush toilets were installed. I bet they would pay for

themselves very quickly.

◇ Many of the above mentioned programs sound fun and entertaining, and I may attend one if offered, but they are not “needed.”

◇ Pave our bike trails. We would use them more instead of going elsewhere. AND, hook them up to other trails

◇ Snow making equipment at Nine Mile.

◇ Make Wausau a mountain bike destination location by connecting more recreational areas the county has unique geology to attract users. Make Wausau a paddling destination with water trails on the Wisconsin, Rib River Eau Pleine and Eau Claire rivers. Connect municipalities with trails and create longer connected routes. Add facilities to underutilized forest units. Add more Nordic skiing locations.

◇ I don't understand why Mountain bikers need to pay a trail fee. Local Mountain bike club maintains all of the trails and the building isn't open/staffed at all in summer. If mountain bikers pay a trail fee, shouldn't hikers, hunters, horse riders, etc pay a trail fee as well? Also I don't see the need to close the trails during hunting season. No other surrounding counties close trails during Hunting season. I love to hunt, but isn't it supposed to be multi-use? I also think fat biking should be allowed on the singletrack at 9 mile during winter (Multi-use). Works great at other locations example-WinMan trails up in Winchester, WI. Thanks!

◇ It would be meaningful for myself and my family if more time were put into grooming Nine Mile Ski Trails. The current groomer is ok but not attentive more grooming all of the trails regularly when the snow conditions allow. If possible we would appreciate a groomer who would take their time and groom all of the trails (including the alps section of Nine Mile) when conditions allow. I appreciate what the county does for the community and all of the work that is put into making everything run. Our family is very happy to have the bike path on county road R and appreciate the continued push in the community

to make the roads more bike and pedestrian friendly. It is important for my family to be active and these resources afford us a better chance to attune to that. Thank you for allowing a space to add suggestions!

◇ Dump station fees should be included in the campsite rental. This is how all other county campgrounds are setup.

◇ I've always wished for an expansion to the Nine Mile chalet and for that it to be open year-round. An opportunity for an indoor break during MTB would be appreciated, especially for the youth MTB group and race team practices. There are still needs for meeting as a group, normal bathroom, changing clothes, refilling water, cooling down and an escape from the heat. Lack of chalet personally shortens our visit to Nine Mile during the “off” months.

◇ Would love to see more of a paved trail for XC ski training during “off” months. My child's ski team practices on streets in Rib Mountain in the dark, and it's a HUGE safety issue.

◇ Grooming nine mile for xc skiing

◇ Clean cob webs from shelter flush toilets

◇ Lighting in camp ground toilets.

◇ As I said previously showers would be nice at Big Eau Pleine county park

◇ Add showers to Big Eau Pleine

◇ NA

◇ Would be great to have (1) paved trails for roller skiing and (2) snow making at Nine Mile

◇ Water & dumping at Dells of Eau Claire

◇ Some of these facilities I was not aware of until this survey.

◇ Add sewer hook ups to RV and trailer camping sites

◇ Big Eau bathrooms could be a bit more welcoming-come mid-season they are pretty gross.

◇ We need multiple dog parks!

◇ We usually get a lake site, when we camp at Eau Pleine. The rate per night has raised from \$17 to \$20, & this year our site will be \$22 per night. I hope the rates don't raise again. Thank you.

◇ Forgot to mention we also

frequent Veterans Memorial Park - Jack Lake. Great county park.

Wish there was something similar in Marathon county

◇ Add 30amp electric to all camping sites.

◇ showers at the Eau Pleine campground would be wonderful

◇ Big eau pleine is beautiful.

Would like to see group camping for large campers like 5th wheels. Showers facilities would be nice too. Holding tanks could be installed to accommodate the showers.

◇ More modern

◇ Cleaner restrooms

◇ Nine Mile Forest needs to be marketed more. It could become a larger drawing card for our community. The new signage on South Mountain Road is helpful, and having a specific person overseeing the cross country skiing aspects is also very important.

◇ Have workers who groom xc trails to learn how to ski so they can groom educated, or hire skiers to groom.

◇ Increased opportunities for more use of Nine Mile

◇ less hunting

◇ Would be nice if the bathrooms could be updated, in the middle of a hot summer the pit toilets get really nasty stinky

◇ We like using the county parks for camping - cause they are wooded and you are not on top of each other...Some upgrades would make it great.

◇ I would appreciate having more lighted trails at 9 mile.

◇ Clean up what you have.

◇ Thank you to all the park employees who work so hard!!!

◇ Would like to see improvements at County Camp grounds in regards to electricity and amenities. Wood sales should be all day with an honor system like other surrounding counties.

◇ Would love to see more single track MTB areas, like maybe in Brokaw.

◇ Facilities are, overall, quite nice, however pit toilets seem to be emptied with less frequency than they had in the past.

◇ Aside from that, more trails would be a great asset to the county and to the region.

◇ improve their reservation policy

◇ With the climate changing, adding snow making to 9-mile makes sense. This could be a destination for skiers for early season

◇ As a previous resident of Marathon County, we now visit for approximately 3 weeks per year & camp at Marathon County Park. We love the accessibility to all that we want to do & people to see.

That being said, the restrooms in the campground are atrocious.

I think Marathon County has a gold mine in that particular campground, & if updated, could only approve its quality.

◇ Pools are awesome...staff could use better supervision.

◇ I feel that the cost of camping should also include the cost of the dump sites. Most campgrounds if you camp at their facility for \$21 a night you don't pay extra for dumping. I feel that Marathon county parks are a little unfair in that aspect

◇ I would like to see the development of linear trails to take advantage of our scenic river and biking systems already in place. Pickleball courts are also at a premium

◇ None at this point.

◇ Help the Ice Age Trail Alliance to acquire land to complete the trail.

◇ Would be nice to have more trails in Forestry units.

◇ We love the parks around town especially the Airport Park. We would love to see a splash pad in the Weston area so we don't have to go all the way to Marathon Park.

◇ I truly believe that a city and county are only as desirable as their amenities. The city of Wausau has done a good job dedicating money to the improvement or parks and creation of new ones. I believe the county and other municipalities should follow suit and make their amenities desirable.

◇ Our neighborhood park Pleasantview park desperately needs updated equipment!

◇ I would like to see indoor plumbing/showers at Dells of the EC. Some shelters need a new roof.

◇ Paved road biking trails would be awesome. They can be used all year round whether it is biking/running/walking as well as winter sports for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. We have the old railroad tracks that township's just gave back to landowners for pennies. Buy them back and make a safe place for people to enjoy the outdoors and bring business to the

area.

- ◇ Live eau pleine park. Gem!
- ◇ Atv trails would be great
- ◇ Spend more money cleaning up the lakes and rivers around the area. Also restock some of them as they are too heavily fished
- ◇ Improve your boat landings
- ◇ There is a tremoundous need for some sort of County facility in the southwestern part of the County.



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Other Open-Ended Comments

Q4 Which of the following amenities would you like to be added, improved, or expanded either by public, non-profit or private entities within the County?

- ◇ Paved shoulders for biking and walking on busy county roads
- ◇ Bike trails/shoulders on busy roads
- ◇ Paved shoulders for biking
- ◇ Paved shoulders on county roads for bike routes
- ◇ beach/swimming areas
- ◇ Marathon park could really use a 3rd rink would be nice to have ice available year round!!
- ◇ water and electric on sites.
- ◇ Restrooms open during all season; bike trails suitable for senior riders and families, not technical single track but in wooded areas; especially at base of Rib Mountain; a trail to Merrill and Marathon along the Wisconsin and Rib Rivers; I make many trips to the Boulder Junction area trails. Update signage along the paved trail at Cedar Creek; need culverts under flooded areas on Eau Pleine trail and separate horse trails since bike hike trails suffer much damage from horses on wet trails. Keep some restrooms open in winter. Thank you!!!
- ◇ Safer commuter routes
- ◇ Kayak/canoe launches
- ◇ Outdoor tai chi for seniors, 3 times/week
- ◇ vending at more sites so seniors can rest and watch pickleball, tennis, etc. easier.
- ◇ Would love a place at dells of Eau Claire to either tube or kayak to the beach
- ◇ Snow for ski trails
- ◇ Snowmaking is needed on 9 Mile Cross Country Ski Trails
- ◇ no other
- ◇ Need motion sensor lights that go on when entering the bathrooms. Scary at night using a flashlight. It's very dark in the restroom at night and personal safety is stressful for me. I worry that someone could be hiding in the bathroom upon entering the dark restrooms.
- ◇ water hookup for camping
- ◇ Big eau pleine beach water quality
- ◇ Mountain bike trails to utilize granite peak
- ◇ work with the State on allowing snowmobiles the use of walking paths during winter months
- ◇ Shower facility at Big Eau Pleine Park
- ◇ Paved bicycle trails and a trail system like the Green Circle trail in Stevens Point
- ◇ Off-highway Motorcycle trails or motorcycle access to ATV trailers
- ◇ SAFE bike paths - HWY U is not safe for drivers nor bikers - too busy and too many hills (blindspots).
- ◇ dog sledding trail, Large multipurpose building for indoor sports such a dog shows, horse show, etc., trails set up for visually impaired hiking/snowshoeing , smaaler size multi purpose building for dog training,etc.
- ◇ Native vegetation with signage, pollinator gardens, rain gardens, shoreland restorations, signage for common invasive species like buckthorn and garlic mustard. Educational signage for not only plants, but for animals as well or geographical features to give people to ability to better appreciate our natural resources.
- ◇ Off road motorcycle trails,
- ◇ I would really like to see Handicap Hunting season in the Big Eau Pleine Park
- ◇ In general, make retro-fit the community to make it more walk, bike & running friendly. Connect sidewalks, make sure traffic lights have walk signals, and open public bathrooms in a timely manner.
- ◇ more lighted ski trails
- ◇ Bike parks (urban)
- ◇ Roller skating (inline & quad) facilities (indoor and year round)
- ◇ Indoor pickleball courts
- ◇ Additional indoor complex could provide for MANY needs, all year round
- ◇ Indoor soccer complex is badly needed
- ◇ Bicycle paths
- ◇ handicap playground
- ◇ Ice arena parking lot- blacktop
- ◇ Indoor and outdoor Lacross complexes
- ◇ Swimming Beach
- ◇ indoor play structures for children ages 1-10
- ◇ Indoor Soccer facility
- ◇ Eliminate geese. They have taken over a large number of our beautiful parks. Aggressive behavior & grounds unwalkable due to mess. This is an awful problem.
- ◇ More ATV trails.
- ◇ turf futsal courts
- ◇ Indoor complex, Indoor complex, Indoor complex :-)
- ◇ New Hockey Arena
- ◇ Water quality of the Big Eau Pleine
- ◇ rollerskating/rollerblading
- ◇ Duane Corbin Range
- ◇ Duane Corbin Shooting Range Park. Extend the 600 yd range to 1000 yd. Move the trap shooting area so as not to conflict with the current 600 yd range & future 1000 yd range. Lengthen the 300 yard range to 400 yds. I've hosted WDNR officials interested in expanding State ranges. I suggested they follow the Marathon Co range w wits concept due to is efficiency & safety
- ◇ Public beach/swimming area
- ◇ Maintenance needs 50% improvement
- ◇ Fishing area/spots
- ◇ swimming beaches
- ◇ Better access to public hunting land perhaps limited at use. As we get older many places we used to hunt are not accessible. Also consider we are losing paper land.
- ◇ skateboard facilities
- ◇ Extra emphasis on the skatepark, Oak Island is in need of an update.
- ◇ E-bike accessible trails
- ◇ More and Better Grouse/Woodcock Hunting Areas
- ◇ Improved boat docks and parking esp at Big Eau Pleine Park. And showers. That is all time favorite county park
- ◇ Oak Island has a great skate park. but it could use a clean up! Also a sign that stated if you aren't skating keep off
- ◇ Outdoor beer garden (with food) like the Milwaukee Park system runs during the summer
- ◇ Ice Age Trail improvements
- ◇ Wster quality
- ◇ Better bike trails in city
- ◇ Playgrounds/green space in neighborhoods that aren't within walking distance of one
- ◇ Over all park maintenance; snow removal, water control on sidewalks/overall park, better quality sidewalks and dog feces removal.
- ◇ picnic areas
- ◇ Horse camping areas
- ◇ Meditation/Yoga classes offered over the lunch hour
- ◇ Replacing the sand on the playground with something like soft tiles or flooring that's usually made out of recycled rubber.
- ◇ Skatepark
- ◇ snowmaking for xc ski
- ◇ paved parking lot at marathon park ice arena
- ◇ replace the unused tennis courts with pickleball courts
- ◇ Paved parking lots and roads
- ◇ Snow bike trails at 9mile
- ◇ Fix eau pleine park road
- ◇ Blacktop around Marathon park hockey rinks
- ◇ Additional boat launch and parking Bluegill Park
- ◇ Chirstmas lights
- ◇ Less ATV usage in Forest Units
- ◇ More geocaches
- ◇ Year round ice at marathon park ice rink
- ◇ Have Park access all year around
- ◇ offer group fitness classes, add more garbage cans & ashtrays so people can dispose of their dog waste and garbage rather than leave it on the ground
- ◇ Allow skjoring at 9 Mile. The oval set in the snowmobile parking lot this season is ample and quick to groom. Perfect!
- ◇ Year round ice arena, we are failing youth hockey in our area big time.
- ◇ Running trails
- ◇ Shovelboard
- ◇ Snowmaking capabilities at Nine Mile County Park
- ◇ We would really like a dump station and a place to get water. The sites are beautiful and

spacious.

- ◊ Flush toilets showers
- ◊ snow making at Nine Mile
- ◊ RV type camping sites with sewer hook ups
- ◊ wifi access in campgrounds
- ◊ Snow making capability at 9 mile ski trails
- ◊ 30amp electric at all campsites
- ◊ Showers at big eau pleine
- ◊ Beach
- ◊ More on road biking lanes, man made snow for cross country skiing
- ◊ Clean bathrooms
- ◊ I would like the reservations standard to be assessed. Many weekends I'm told there isn't any available sites, but, when I drive through there are several unoccupied sites.
- ◊ Showers are very important to our family.
- ◊ Clean what you have now
- ◊ Snow making at 9-mile
- ◊ Flush toilets
- ◊ Eau Plaine county park needs updated electric on West side
- ◊ benches
- ◊ More handicap accessible areas
- ◊ Beer Garden
- ◊ Road biking trails
- ◊ Road biking paved trails
- ◊ Outdoor Pool for Adults (21+ with a bar)
- ◊ Jeep trails
- ◊ Indoor winter playground

Q6 If you indicated you did NOT visit or use County parks, forest units or trails in Q5 please tell us why?

- ◊ No time unfortunately
- ◊ Road bicycling is my sport and go and return to my house.
- ◊ Need more areas and activities for older adults
- ◊ Total lack of good camp grounds
- ◊ Personal schedule to busy
- ◊ I prefer to stay home and enjoy my yard
- ◊ No time
- ◊ Ice Age Trail Hiker
- ◊ No camping sites
- ◊ Unsure on what's exactly available in the town and I moved here a year ago
- ◊ No time
- ◊ new to area
- ◊ I never thought about visiting them. We usually go to our local park.

Q9 Do you or members of your household commonly (average of 4 times per year) drive somewhere outside of Marathon County to use the same specific park, recreational facility or program?

- ◊ Nose lake trail. Birkie trail, abr, bikr trails in point, iola country ski washburne sk trail
- ◊ Veterans Memorial Park (Jack Lake)
- ◊ Green Circle Trail, Bearskin Trail. Hiking and biking.
- ◊ Hickory ridge trails to mountain bike
- ◊ Winter Park-skate skiing
- ◊ Boulder junction paved bike trails.
- ◊ I meet a friend half way between here and Madison to hike, run, and snowshoe. We meet near Wautoma - WI Dells. Example: Roche Cri, Red Granite, etc.
- ◊ State and County Parks in Door County for hiking
- ◊ county campgrounds
- ◊ "Boulder Junction area, camping, swimming and fishing.
- ◊ Wolf River area Nicolet National forest, camping, swimming and fishing.
- ◊ Three Lakes area camping, swimming and fishing."
- ◊ Standing Rocks, Portage Co. Parks. Washburn Lake, Oneida Co. Parks
- ◊ "All over for hockey, outdoor water parks,
- ◊ "
- ◊ When children were younger -10 years ago, we did soccer out of the county and went to fields in other counties.
- ◊ other counties camping and atv facilities.
- ◊ Green Circle biking, Bouler Junction biking, Levi's Mound hiking, IAT segments everywhere hiking snowshoeing, BWCAW, Porkies hiking/snow shoeing ski, WinMan trails, SHT hiking, canoeing out of the county, Sylvania Wilderness hiking canoeing, Gartzke snowhoeing.
- ◊ "Schmeekle -- Stevens Point (Portage Co)
- ◊ Council Grounds -- Merrill (Lincoln)"
- ◊ Mead wildlife center

- ◊ Marinette County, Green Bay, Upper Peninsula for trails, wildlife, etc.
- ◊ Underdown, Levis mounds, standing rocks, Winman, Copper Harbor/Marquette MI
- ◊ Egan, MN parks and trails
- ◊ Paved bike trails in Vilas County, WDNR boat and kayak launches in Vilas County.
- ◊ Council grounds Merrill as well as too many to list in Oneida county.
- ◊ Solberg county park, camping and picnics .Lake Emily county park for camping and walks.
- ◊ Council Grounds SP & other state parks
- ◊ Cycling, hiking and XX skiing trails, various locations
- ◊ "State and County parks, camping.
- ◊ camping or fishing
- ◊ A lot of parks in the statewe like Geocaching and many, many geocaches are in local, county, state and Federal Parks and also on state and county trails . West Bend has a weekend Mega Event in August in their town park and surrounding parks and recreational areas in the area.
- ◊ Lake Emily, or Jordan
- ◊ Vilas county for biking kayaking and camping. Prairie Dells mountain biking.
- ◊ Camping fishing
- ◊ "Marion Lake National Park, Watersmeet Mich.
- ◊ Lake of the Falls. Mercer, WI
- ◊ Lake Wisota, Hartman Creek, Lake Emily."
- ◊ Crystal Lake & bike trails- Vilas County
- ◊ Camba mountain bike trails; Birkie ski trail; WinMan; Levis.
- ◊ Waupaca county
- ◊ Mountain biking, cross country skiing, hiking, kayaking
- ◊ state parks for camping
- ◊ Wood County
- ◊ Langlade county camping atving Clark county camping atving Wood county camping Oneida County camping atving Lincoln county camping atving
- ◊ State camp grounds
- ◊ Cross-Country Ski Trails with man-made snow on them - Lapham Peak Unit Kettle Moraine State Forest
- ◊ Door county peninsula state

- park and the crystal lake/trout lake paved bike trail
- ◊ Langlade County- Veterans Memorial Park
- ◊ We don't live in Marathon County, so we go to many State Parks.
- ◊ Merrick State Park - Camping
- ◊ Dubay county campground
- ◊ Peninsula state park, camping
- ◊ Lake Dexter
- ◊ Door county
- ◊ In the U.P. with my daughter's family.
- ◊ Portage County Parks
- ◊ Camping, kayaking, swimming, hiking, biking
- ◊ Kettle Moraine skiing and swimming
- ◊ "Camping
- ◊ Lake Dubay county park- camping and boating
- ◊ Camping in other counties
- ◊ Several campgrounds along Oconto county ATV trail system.
- ◊ Lynn anns camground, big st. germain WI, biking boating, paddle boarding, camping. Big arbor vitae camground, Arbor vitae, wi boating, biking, paddle boarding, camping 50 miles of paved bike trails
- ◊ Wood County camp grounds.
- ◊ All over the state for camping
- ◊ camping
- ◊ "Veterans Memorial Park. They raised the prices so much a family can no longer afford to go there more than a couple of days. They have a lot of good things in the park. dump station , water , showers and flush toilets but then the price goes way up. After all you are camping and don't need all this.
- ◊ We like to try all campgrounds door County Shawano mountain all over
- ◊ Camping at DuBay or Northern Highland American State Forest
- ◊ Camping Lake DuBay
- ◊ Camping in surrounding counties
- ◊ Minocqua to camp hike and visit the wild life park
- ◊ Bond Falls in the UP. Devil's Lake State, Pewit's Nest, Willow River, etc
- ◊ Mayflower lake rv park. Birnamwood
- ◊ Camping all over the midwest
- ◊ "WI River, camping, fishing,

boating, tubing.

◊ Other County Parks for the above reasons”

◊ We are avid pickleball players and have travelled to communities both north and south of Wausau to use their courts. Also, when grandchildren visit we go to play areas at parks that offer things for them.

◊ I cross country ski outside of the county frequently. It would be nice to have some more trails at county units, they don't need to be the level of nine-mile, just have the trail groomed for both types of skiing a few times each year so we don't have to break trail every time.

◊ Bicycle trails in the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, Portage County, and other counties. Cross country ski areas in other counties with snow. Kayaking on lakes in Northern WI.

◊ Nicolet National Forest, hiking, camping

◊ Off Highway motorcycle trails (for a dual sport street legal/emissions compliant motorcycle.Marathon County should at least allow those types of motorcycles on ATV trails...they don't cause any more noise or erosion than ATVs

◊ Underdown - mountain biking

◊ LaCrosse field

◊ Lake DuBay

◊ Rapids-Point

◊ “Cultural activities the Hmong holiday.

◊ To see grandchildren play soccer or hockey inside.”

◊ Mead Wildlife Area - Hunting and Meeting Facility.

◊ Florida, pickle ball

◊ As the Oak Island skate park is in horrible condition, we drive to literally any other one in the state and it's guaranteed to be a ton better than our Wausau one. What you're doing for mountain biking trails is amazing (we love Sylvan Hill!), but you're completely disregarding the skate park. We are lucky to have Central Board Shop right on the 400 block, but it's a bit embarrassing to then have Oak Island as the only local skate

park. Skateboarding is such an amazing, positive sport for people to get in, kids especially, it's disappointing that Marathon County completely disregards this. I know so many kids, now adults, who would not have had a safe, encouraging group of friends without the community and comradery skateboarding offers. Please fix Oak Island up or build a new, safe skatepark! Oak Island is in such bad shape it's dangerous!

◊ Bay Beach in Green Bay.

Amusement Rides

◊ Horse trails outside Marathon County

◊ Between the spring and summer months my family and I travel to outside counties as far as Eagle River, WI to use indoor hockey arenas. We spend a ton of money to do this and what love to stay in our own community and have other counties visit us and make us money.

◊ Hartman Creek State Park for camping, hiking, and kayaking on the chain-of-lakes. Devils

Lake State Park for hiking.

◊ Hiking, cc skiing, trails

◊ We are a hockey family, and routinely go to other communities to play hockey at their rink.

◊ Stevens Point Green Circle and Skatepark

◊ Rhinelander

◊ Merrill-council grounds for swimming and hiking

◊ Hike the Ice Age Trail

◊ Otter Lake, Stanley, WI.

Camping, boating, swimming, fishing, canoe, kayak & paddle boarding.

◊ cross country skiing Minocqua Michigan

◊ I drive out to Levis Mounds near Neillsville for the mountain-biking trails as often as I get a day off in the Summer. Nine Mile and Sylvan Hill in Wausau are good biking but they can't hold a candle to Levis Mounds.

◊ Hurley, Mercer, boulder junction. Camping bike riding kayaking utv trails

◊ Hiking

◊ Go to various locations North for X-country ski trail options

especially the classic only trails in the Rhinelander area

◊ The paved bike trails in the Boulder Junction area.

◊ Several state parks, Levi's mounds, mountain bike trails and camping

◊ Shawano county park -- swimming

◊ “Just A Game Fieldhouse (Wisconsin Dells) - basketball

◊ Lighted Baseball Fields (Plover, Marshfield, Pulaski) - baseball”

◊ Prairie Dell's/ Underdown

◊ Ice Age Trail hiking & snowshoeing, kayaking

◊ Various mountain bike trails or bike parks: Levis Mounds, WinMan Trails, CAMBA Trails,

◊ Clark, Chippewa and Eau Claire counties mostly for mountain bikes and UTVs

◊ Bay Beach amusement park

◊ “Winn-Man Mtn bike trails and Copper Harbor Mtn bike trails

◊ tomahawk- pickleball

◊ All over Wisconsin to visit parks with biking and hiking trails; especially those with developed facilities (chalets with bathrooms, water, bike wash, etc)

◊ Levis Mounds Trail, CAMBA trail system in Hayward/Cable

◊ I go to Portage and Wood Counties to roller skate (practice and play roller derby) and disc golf.

◊ when traveling

◊ North highland american legion State park

◊ We camp at state parks, in particular Northern-Highland American Legion State Park at Crystal Lake area. We like to bike, hike, and swim in this area.

◊ “Boating in Minocqua. I am not a resident of Marathon County.

◊ We never went to a park until we took up pickleball; we travel elsewhere to play

◊ Piss off that's my business

◊ Eau Claire, Green Bay, Oshkosh and West Bend/ All Pickleball.

◊ “Waupaca Mountain Bike Trails

◊ Boulder Junction Area paved trails

◊ Lake Nokomis, Lake Dubay,

Lake Minocqua for watersports

◊ Gleason, Long Lake area, Ice Age Trail

◊ Pickleball- Eau Claire, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Rhinelander

◊ Grouse hunting north

◊ We travel out of Marathon County frequently for disc golf. We go to Standing Rocks and Yulga near Stevens Point, Wilderness near Montello, and several other courses in the Madison area.

◊ Harrison Hills ATV trail.

◊ County parks in Marinette, Shawano, and many other counties. also, several State parks all over the state monthly sometimes weekly

◊ Hockey Program...area rinks

◊ Na

◊ “Hockey rinks and soccer complexes. Our hockey rink is one of the most dated in the state. Marathon county needs an indoor soccer facility with turf.

◊ I have had 5 kids in soccer and hockey from youth to college. The east bay complex is awesome. Greenheck has an excellent rink. Marathon county is poor compared to almost all I have been to over the past 25 years.”

◊ Up north

◊ Indoor Ice Hockey

◊ Hockey rinks

◊ “Underdown- ski -hike pick berries -bike- hunt

◊ Newwood -hike - hunt - pick berries -bike

◊ 3 Eagle - ski hike -bike

◊ Big Lake state forest, camp, swim, bike on paved trails

◊ Washburn Lake ski trails

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◊ Rib Lake area ski trails”

◊ Tomahawk area - camping

◊ Peninsula state park- biking and hiking

◊ Wisconsin River Road, HWY 35, along the Mississippi. Great scenery, possible sighting of barges, Lake Pepin, etc.

◊ Ice arenas in other counties

◊ Northern Highlands

◊ Soccer complexes for children's soccer games

◊ We travel to go to other ice arenas after the MP ice arenas are out

◊ Devil's lake

- ◊ Memorial Park, Tomahawk summer concerts and ski shows
- ◊ "Several hockey arenas around the state
- ◊ Several soccer fields around the state
- ◊ Several LAX fields around the state"
- ◊ Traveled Route 66 and Florida
- ◊ Green Circle, Portage County
- ◊ Portage and Langlade Counties - Campgrounds since they have reservable sites and with showers, better set-up than Marathon County campgrounds
- ◊ Camp Bike Hike State Parks
- ◊ "Wittenberg indoor pool
- ◊ "
- ◊ Wildwood (zoo) and Griese (soccer and trails) parks in Marshfield. Also, Hamus and Weber parks for trails in Marshfield. McMillan Marsh trails. Boat launches in Stevens Point and at Lake DuBay, also Minocqua and Lake Winnebago.
- ◊ Scheels Park in Appleton for Soccer Tournaments. The two indoor soccer facilities in Milwaukee/Waukesha.
- ◊ Camping to Porcupine Mountain area in the UP of Michigan, Bayfield and Madiline Island.
- ◊ Soccer
- ◊ Marshfield wild wood zoo
- ◊ Bird watching in Merrill Council Grounds, Tech School in Rhinelander for talks on canoeing, birding, hiking.
- ◊ Door county
- ◊ Appleton and Milwaukee for indoor turf soccer games.
- ◊ Other county parks, soccer complex, indoor facilities, fishing areas
- ◊ Indoor soccer complexes
- ◊ Milwaukee, Madison, Oshkosh, Appleton areas several times per month to indoor soccer facilities. Both hard and turf facilities.
- ◊ Soccer tournament/games
- ◊ bird watching areas
- ◊ Council Grounds. Camping
- ◊ Milwaukee for indoor soccer complex
- ◊ Soccer tournaments throughout the state
- ◊ Turtle-Flambeau Flowage, Willow Flowage, Chippewa Flowage-camping, fishing, boating
- ◊ Taylor and Lincoln county forests: Hunting, kayaking, biking
- ◊ Go to Shawano to go to their beach
- ◊ Door County, Waupaca
- ◊ Copper Falls
- ◊ Hockey Rinks
- ◊ To camp in facilities that have electrical hooks available. Many time this is not on option in Marathon County Campgrounds
- ◊ Yes - due to the limited number of outdoor pickleball courts in Marathon County, on a weekly basis I have to travel to Rhinelander, Eagle River, Three Lakes, Green Bay, Madison or Eau Claire to play. It is unfortunately that I can't call the Wausau area my home "club", but is a reality when you simply three courts or a 40' X 50' area to service such huge demand.
- ◊ Portage County
- ◊ "WINMAN mountain bike and ski trails are awesome
- ◊ several other mountain bike and ski trails due to lack of snow"
- ◊ Various soccer facilities
- ◊ Kayaking.
- ◊ Stevens Point and Minocqua for their kayak launch points.
- ◊ "Shore fishing off of a municipal pier in Minocqua on the island.
- ◊ Biking in Vilas County on the paved bicycle trails out of Boulder Junction."
- ◊ Door county Washington Island school house beach Bailey harbor ridges
- ◊ "Wolf River at Langlade WI for kayaking.
- ◊ Keweenaw for camping, mtn biking & kayaking.
- ◊ Nicolet Forest for mtn biking."
- ◊ glacier woods golf course
- ◊ Clear lake, copper falls
- ◊ Camping on lake chippewa in hayward to go fishing and mountain biking
- ◊ LAKE DUBAY ON THE PORTAGE COUNTY SIDE
- ◊ Copper falls, clear lake, Norrie lake,
- ◊ I travel to Green Bay, Oshkosh, Eau Claire, and Chippewa Falls to compete in pickleball tournaments at outdoor courts.
- ◊ Black river falls state forest - group camp site
- ◊ Portage County campgrounds. Northern WI bike trails.
- ◊ "Horse riding
- ◊ Hiking
- ◊ Camping "
- ◊ For skateparks or hiking. Stevens point skatepark and the long walking trails there are great. Our river are could expand into a great path throughout the rest of the city and if it had a beautiful skatepark on it like stevens point it would be a great addition.
- ◊ upland bird hunting
- ◊ Standing rocks county park, portage county
- ◊ Children's museums
- ◊ "mountain biking
- ◊ hiking"
- ◊ Lakewood Cross Country Ski Trails, Lakewood WI
- ◊ Camping recreation
- ◊ Levis Mound, by Neillsville, WI for hiking and mountain biking.
- ◊ Merrill under downs, Marquette MI, Rhinelander trails. Mountain biking trails.
- ◊ We take kayaks down the Plover river in Portage County
- ◊ clean showers at campgrounds
- ◊ Green circle trail for hiking and biking. Iverson Park for kayaking.
- ◊ Have gone to the Underdown and Wiouwash State Trail/ Mountain Bay Trail for horseback riding.
- ◊ "Standing Rocks, Plover, mountain biking
- ◊ Underdown, Merrill, Mountain biking
- ◊ Levis Mound, Neilsville, mountain biking"
- ◊ Yes, bike, ski and hiking trails.
- ◊ I dont live in Marathon County, so going there is for vacation. Your parks are great and worth the drive up from Adams County.
- ◊ Birkie Trail for Nordic walking/ Nordic skiing; ABR in Ironwood MI for Nordic skiing
- ◊ Underdown. Washburn. Levis Mounds
- ◊ WinMann, Manitowish Waters. Bike trails in Boulder Junction and Manitowish areas.
- ◊ Willow Flowage, Wood Lake and Camp 8 in Taylor County to camp and fish. The cost to use these facilities is less expensive and allows for family bonding time in which camping should be about. God has given us natural resources and humans have the strong responsibility to maintain a healthy environment. More campsites with REASONABLE fees should be available in Marathon County.
- ◊ Portage County Parks standing rocks, disc golf, cross country ski.
- ◊ Mountain bike trails
- ◊ Mountain biking
- ◊ Many state park campgrounds, Levi's mounds, Madison area single track trails and paved bike paths, jack lake
- ◊ "Winman trails for Trail running, mountain biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing
- ◊ Copper harbor, mountain biking
- ◊ Neilsville - mountain biking
- ◊ Cable- cross country skiing"
- ◊ "Underdown Rec Area, Lincoln County for MTB, hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and camping.
- ◊ Veterans Memorial Park, Langlade County for MTB and cross country skiing.
- ◊ Rausch Preserve, Taylor County for cross county skiing .
- ◊ Many others..."
- ◊ stevens point skateboard park, sturgeon bay skateboard park
- ◊ Winman bike trail, Paved Vilas County bike trail. Green circle trail in Stevens Point
- ◊ Usually biking trails such as the Boulder Junction area trails or other state trails. Cross-country ski trails in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.
- ◊ Sawyer county forest and Oneida county forest for mountain biking and Xc skiing
- ◊ Copper Falls
- ◊ Standing Rocks, Jack Lake, Hartmann Creek
- ◊ Stevens Point Skatepark, They have a great skatepark right along their river and walking path.
- ◊ Gravity mountain biking
- ◊ Wolf River, Waupaca Chain of Lakes

- ◊ Mountain bike
- ◊ We frequently drive to Minocqua Winter Park for better snow conditions for cross country skiing. We also frequent the outdoor skating rinks in other counties since the outdoor rink closer to our house stopped receiving funding 2 to 3 years ago.
- ◊ camping north wisconsin
- ◊ "Mountain bike trails all over state.
- ◊ Wi Dells Devils Lake State Park
- ◊ state camping in northern highland forest/utv in iron cty and Lincoln cty/camping and fishing out of state
- ◊ Dane County Parks and State Parks and Forests throughout the state
- ◊ Lincoln County Forest for Grouse/Woodcock Hunting
- ◊ Camping, fishing, kayaking
- ◊ Council Grounds State Park
- ◊ Bear skin bike trail, Minoqua. I walk and run on the trail. I do not bike. We also kayak and or paddle board on E. Horsehead lake.
- ◊ Merrill and Tomahawk: sports facilities
- ◊ State and county parks in numerous counties. Hiking, biking, snowshoeing, kayaking, boating, camping
- ◊ copper falls for hiking, devils lake for hiking
- ◊ Lincoln, portage and Wood Counties for bow and rifle hunting.
- ◊ ATV trails
- ◊ Boating
- ◊ Pettenwell, Castle Rock
- ◊ There is only one place in Marathon County to go 4-Wheeling. We go almost every week into Clark county. We would use a trail in Marathon county if there were one. We don't like going to Clark county but we have no other choice.
- ◊ Council Grounds in Lincoln County. Peninsula State Park in Door County and Koehler
- ◊ Devils Lake - Swimming, hiking, camping
- ◊ Green Circle - Stevens Point
- ◊ Kenosha county lakeshore
- ◊ MONDEAUX DAM: MY FAMILY RESIDES IN THE AREA, AND WE HAVE A CABIN THERE.

SWIMMING, FISHING, HIKING, HUNTING, BOATING, ETC

- ◊ lake Emily county park portage county
- ◊ We travel all winter to warmer destinations and are passionate about Pickleball. We always seek out communities where pickleball is available and have played at spectacular facilities that are provided by city or county parks. Wausau/ Marathon County could benefit by providing additional Pickleball facilities for health and wellness as well as revenue from the possibility of providing tournaments.
- ◊ Waupaca for kayaking
- ◊ Shawano co, use small parks for getting together with friends/family for a couple of hours - just sitting at picnic tables
- ◊ We travel north for UTV trails
- ◊ Ice Age Trail in Lincoln County - Grandfather Falls Segment and Turtle Rock Segment
- ◊ Horseback riding and camping. Hiking.
- ◊ Door county: camping, orchards, restaurants, shopping, etc (Potowatomi SP and Peninsula SP)
- ◊ Tomahawk parks
- ◊ Active Backyard Retreat (ABR) at Ironwood, Michigan, for cross country skiing & snowshoeing. Green Circle in Stevens Point for biking.
- ◊ Door county parks both county and state. Harrison Beach state park. Trails, beaches, overlooks, and picnic facilities.
- ◊ Lake Dubay county park, camping
- ◊ Council Grounds State Park - camping, fishing in a better part of the river, hiking
- ◊ Camping and softball areas.
- ◊ Clark and Wood County for camping
- ◊ Porcupine Mountains, hiking, camping, yurts, rustic cabins, sight seeing, music festival, etc.
- ◊ Portage and Langlade county parks for camping
- ◊ "Bay Beach-Brown County
- ◊ Pamperin Park-Brown County"
- ◊ Oshkosh YMCA ice arena & pool

- ◊ ECDells and Rib Mtn
- ◊ Lakewood Cross Country Ski Trails in Lakewood WI
- ◊ Shawano County for snowshoeing and camping. Postage county parks for camping.
- ◊ Door county, fishing and seeing parks.
- ◊ Pickleball in Oneida county
- ◊ Stevens point tennis courts
- ◊ "Minocqua Winter Park
- ◊ ABR
- ◊ Birkiebeiner trails"
- ◊ ice Age National Scenic Trail - especially in Marathon & Lincoln counties.
- ◊ Boating and camping portage, vilas, Oneida, Lincoln counties. Atv Lincoln, Langlade, and Oneida mainly.
- ◊ Pelican lake
- ◊ Rhinelander or tomahawk to play pickleball
- ◊ Hockey
- ◊ Clear lake
- ◊ Grandad's Bluff-hiking, sightseeing
- ◊ For hockey we visit many other facilities, there are not many in worse condition inside and outside (parking lot) or lack of general things like tables and chairs then Marathon a park Ice Arena.
- ◊ Merrill ice rink for open skate
- ◊ "Pickleball in Allenton, Westbend and Germantown
- ◊ "Indoor rock climbing
- ◊ Ice skating
- ◊ Beach
- ◊ Kayaking
- ◊ Ultimate frisbee"
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ We travel to DC Everest ice area to play hockey and ice skate year round.
- ◊ Dexterville Park for camping. Minocqua for camping.
- ◊ "Multiple Ice arena's- hockey
- ◊ Wisconsin Rapids- CW BMX
- ◊ Rhinlander- Hodag BMX"
- ◊ Campgrounds and hockey rink
- ◊ "Greenheck Field house for ice skating.
- ◊ Crystal lake and plum lake"
- ◊ cycling paved Trail system between boulder junction, manitowish, sayner. Kayaking at lakes up north
- ◊ Northern Highland State Park. Paved biking trail connector

systems. ATV usage. Mountain Biking and hiking. Camping

- ◊ Lincoln country rifle range
- ◊ All the way to mashfield to see the lights, why not have that ere La crosse as lights also.
- ◊ camping
- ◊ I frequently fish both up north in Vilas / Onieda County areas and use their boating and camping facilities. I have also used quite a few Portage County boat landings as well. Specifically the Lake DuBay landing. Since it is very near my home.
- ◊ "ABR, Winman, Winterpark, Razorback Ridges, Washburn Lakes, Three Lakes, Birkebeiner trails, Rhinelander trails, Northwoods golf course, Greenwood Hills golf course, Seeley Hills, Timm's Hill.
- ◊ All for cross country skiing when Nine Mile is closed or has bad conditions."
- ◊ Mountain Bike/Hike trails in Lincoln County (Underdown)
- ◊ "CW BMX in Wisconsin Rapids
- ◊ Multiple ice hockey rinks all over Wisconsin/Minnesota
- ◊ State parks geocaching
- ◊ Green circle.
- ◊ Buffalo lake campground for camping/fishing/swimming/ hiking/kayaking
- ◊ Birkebeiner Ski Trail
- ◊ Sawyer, Bayfield and Onieda counties have cross country ski trails that allow dogs for skijoring
- ◊ Four wheeling
- ◊ Year round ice arena
- ◊ Mosinee, Weston, Stevens point, every other hockey arena open year round.
- ◊ Sorry, we just moved here a year ago and I can't remember all the names, but we love all the parks and biking trails in Stevens Point in particular.
- ◊ County parks in Portage County, state parks throughout state
- ◊ Portage county parks and Shawano county campground
- ◊ Underdown Trails
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Pickleball
- ◊ Camping at South Wood County Park, Dexter Park, Lake Emily, Hartman Creek
- ◊ Minocqua WInterpark, xc ski,

- Raven Trails, Minocqua, hike/xc ski
- ◊ We have camped at Lake Dubay County park and at Crystal Lake State Park and Merrill Consel Grounds.
- ◊ Wildcat mountain, camping
- ◊ UP or Winter Park
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Wood County Parks, Dexter, North Wood County. State Parks, Wissota, Willow River, Council Grounds, and Federal park, High Ridge Campground
- ◊ Lake DuBay Park and Landing for boating.
- ◊ Snowshoeing at multiple parks in and around St Germain/Sayner/ Star lake. Gartzke flowage. Harrison hills. Biking all over the state where there are paved trails.
- ◊ Wood Lake - fishing
- ◊ Shawano county private camping
- ◊ Various other Mountain bike and Cross country trail systems.
- ◊ Up north, I don't know all of the names, but a LOT of stuff up there.
- ◊ paved bike trails in Vilas and Onieda counties. Ski center and trails in Portage,Vilas,Onieda, Oconto,Iron counties
- ◊ camping
- ◊ "Use paved trails in Manitowish, Bolder Junction Area for biking
- ◊ Use Ski Trails at Minocqua Winter Park and WinMan near Winchester/Manitowish for skiing"
- ◊ Hiking, Devils Lake, Door County
- ◊ Iola Winter Sports winter trails
- ◊ Fishing in the Bittersweet Wild Lakes Area
- ◊ Rib Mountain Area
- ◊ "Veterans Memorial Park
- ◊ campgrounds
- ◊ Council grounds and other county camp grounds
- ◊ North wood county
- ◊ "Dells
- ◊ Councils grounds"
- ◊ We camp in several different state parks, county parks and private camp grounds
- ◊ Mountain biking
- ◊ We drive to Stevens Point to use the green circle bike loop/trail
- ◊ Camping Oneida Co
- ◊ Yes - outside the county for early season cross-country skiing due to lack of snow here
- ◊ Camping-Woodruff, Marshfield
- ◊ Northwood County and Dexter Campgrounds. Camping trips and bike riding.
- ◊ all over WI.
- ◊ Deer Trail park campground
- ◊ Nordic skiing on man mad snow or good early/late snow conitions
- ◊ RV camping with sewer, electric and water hook ups
- ◊ Lincoln/Oneida UTV/ATV Trails
- ◊ "ATV trails langlade county
- ◊ Camping"
- ◊ campgrounds
- ◊ "When family members visit we try to attend some of these parks
- ◊ "Portage Count parks and Door County Parks
- ◊ Wood Lake Campground
- ◊ Lincoln, oneida , portage counties
- ◊ Northern Highlands camping, biking, boating, swimming, fishing
- ◊ Northern Highland American Legion State Forest. We go to campgrounds in this state forest, in Minocqua, Boulder Junction, Sayner, & near Eagle River,
- ◊ Castle rock county park, Maidstones for camping
- ◊ Chippewa county park (pine point) for camping
- ◊ Camping, at different places in wisc.
- ◊ wood county,Dexterville county park for camping. Clark county,Snyder county park camping n ATVing. Langlade county Veterans Memmorial Park,camping n hiking
- ◊ "North wood county to camp where there are showers. Water is not good there.
- ◊ Snider by neillsville for the 4 wheeler trails."
- ◊ Camping, hiking and biking.
- ◊ Nicolet National Forest, hiking
- ◊ Conover WI camping
- ◊ Peninsula State Park-biking. Boulder Junction bike trails. Birkebeiner cross country ski trails. Pishtigo River - canoeing. Muscoda, WI River - canoeing.
- ◊ Camping at Lake Emily in portage county
- ◊ Lake DuBay County Park to camp, kayak, bicycle
- ◊ cross country skiing trail Minoqua, ABR, Rhinlelander, Houghton, MI, door county for biking and skiing
- ◊ South wood Co. Park Camping
- ◊ "Winter Park, Minocqua xc skiing
- ◊ ABR Hurley Ironwood"
- ◊ Camping and atv
- ◊ Shawano County
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Underdowns, Watersmeet,mi for fishing
- ◊ "North of Wausau for cross country skiing
- ◊ Allover Wisconsin for paddling and bicycling"
- ◊ Goose island for fishing and camping,
- ◊ Wood County camping
- ◊ We go to to Lake Farm County Park
- ◊ "Biking, hiking, boating, golfing
- ◊ We use the biking and hiking trails up north, Bear Skin Trail, Boulder Junction and St. Germain area
- ◊ Boating on Lake Nokomis
- ◊ Golfing in Tomahawk area"
- ◊ Wood county
- ◊ State parks and other county parks for camping and hockey
- ◊ "Hartman Creek, Underdown/Prairie Dells, Standing Rocks, Win Man, and various other mountain biking facilities.
- ◊ Underdown for xc skiing."
- ◊ Dexterville - County Campground, Dane County - Mendota Campground, Clark County - Schnider Campground
- ◊ Many. Levis Trow Mound. CAMBA Trails. Underdown/Prairie Dells trails. State parks/county parks in Door County.
- ◊ mostly cross country skiing in early season when ours is closed due to hunting or lack of snow.
- ◊ Dubay county campground
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Ski areas in Wisconsin and UP. Hayward area ski trails, winter Park, rib falls, Washburn ski area
- ◊ Hartman Creek
- ◊ Portage county camping
- ◊ "Mostly camping
- ◊ Waupaca
- ◊ Postage
- ◊ Vilas
- ◊ Iowa"
- ◊ Up by boulder junction, paved bicycle trails
- ◊ North Wood County Park
- ◊ Camping at Portage County Park
- ◊ Camping in Wood county
- ◊ Summer months for camping
- ◊ "Bike trails
- ◊ sugar camp disc course, standing rock disc course, others disc courses in Rhinlelander area
- ◊ veterans campgrounds Langlade co. camping, swimming, fishing, and hiking.
- ◊ Milwaukee, Green Bay for skate parks and bike trails.
- ◊ Crystal Lake in the Northern Highland forest area and we use the extensive biking trails in that area as well. We snowshoe and ski in the Minocqua area.
- ◊ Peninsula Park in Door County, Devil's Lake both for camping, hiking, swimming, kayaking, biking.
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Timms Hill, Boulder Junction area parks, Door county parks
- ◊ Mostly or birdwatching, but that is because of certain habitats, not what the parks offer.
- ◊ "North Shore municipal public Camp Grounds, Two Harbors, Mn.
- ◊ . . . Houghton, Mi. municipal Camp Grounds also"
- ◊ Camp Luther, Three Lakes WI - summer camps
- ◊ Mead
- ◊ We often visit Council Grounds State Park in Merrill. It is well kept and offers great boat landings.
- ◊ Oneida/Tomahawk snowmobile and atv/utv trail system
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Waupaca for boating, trails and biking
- ◊ Landmarks and Hiking trails
- ◊ Parks in Stevens Point area
- ◊ Wood County
- ◊ Iverson park, bucholt park, Stevens point
- ◊ Snowmobile trails
- ◊ Paved bike trails from Chippewa Falls to Cornell. Also paved bike trails in Boulder Junction area.

- ◇ Dells area, Minocqua area
- ◇ “Stevens point, horseback riding
- ◇ Waushara County, horse camping”
- ◇ Devils lake state park for hiking and the ability to do more than hike at the park.
- ◇ Chippewa River State Park Trail, we go there for the paved road biking trails. It is a wonderful thing with people running/walking and mountain/road biking on these trails. The best part is everyone feels safe because you are separated from the vehicle traffic on streets. I currently live in marathon and have almost been ran over by semi trucks and other vehicles due to the lack of room on the shoulder of roads. My wife actually refuses to bike on the county highways due to the lack of safety. I road bike with many other people and all of them say the same thing. We constantly take trips elsewhere with nice paved trails to exercise and enjoy each others company. We have old train track areas that could be used for this sole purpose. For 1 is almost perfectly flat and is a perfect area away from normal vehicle traffic for safety. Many other counties have areas like this, this year we will be going down to the Madison area to try out their paved trails and enjoy an extended weekend road biking. We have old train tracks that run between marathon and edgar we should repurpose this space for good use. The only park I use is the Eau Plaine for the disc golf course.
- ◇ Clear lake woodruff
- ◇ Council grounds merrill
- ◇ Kettle Moraine for hiking and up by Saynor for the great paved biking trails
- ◇ Harrison ATV trails
- ◇ Pamperin Park, Green Bay Wi
- ◇ Wyalusing State Park - camping, hiking, etc.
- ◇ “Stevens Point, K.A.S.H. Park,
- ◇ Stevens Point, Iverson Park
- ◇ Stevens Point, Sculpture Park”
- ◇ Minoqua area parks
- ◇ Devils Lake
- ◇ other counties to camp
- ◇ Clark county for camping

- ◇ Manitowish Waters/Boulder junction bike path
- ◇ Will travel every other weekend. To mountain bike trails within 5 hrs
- ◇ We go camping usually at Rivers Edge Campground because of the pond and nice camping area.

Q10 In which of the following recreational activities do you and your family participate at County parks, forest units, and trails?

- ◇ Enjoying scenery and nature.
- ◇ pickleball
- ◇ Letterboxing
- ◇ no other
- ◇ Just started camping last year after camping years ago. Now taking grandchildren.
- ◇ stand up paddle boards
- ◇ Camping
- ◇ It’s nice weather I like to be outside
- ◇ Skateboarding. Please fix Oak Island or build a new skate park!!
- ◇ None
- ◇ Roller derby
- ◇ Pickleball
- ◇ Berry Picking - some county forest lands could be maintained to promote better picking
- ◇ Trail running
- ◇ Soccer
- ◇ Volleyball
- ◇ skateboarding/rollerblading
- ◇ I’d love to see jojos jungle take off and start construction ASAP
- ◇ pickleball
- ◇ Skateboarding wasn’t an option. Any time of safe activity areas for our youth and safe trails are great.
- ◇ Skateboarding
- ◇ Hiking
- ◇ Grouse/Woodcock Hunting
- ◇ use of the grill
- ◇ Will do more when toddlers get older
- ◇ Pokémon GO events
- ◇ Relaxing - enjoying the view
- ◇ Rock hunting
- ◇ Snowshoeing
- ◇ scuba diving
- ◇ Hockey
- ◇ Pokemon Go
- ◇ feel unsafe hiking at sunnyside with the male stalkers

- watching all the time
- ◇ Wisconsin Valley Fair at Marathon Park
- ◇ We are from Texas so we don’t get to Wisconsin too often
- ◇ Snow fat biking
- ◇ 7
- ◇ Roller skiing on highway “R” paved trail.
- ◇ Rock climbing
- ◇ Hiding painted rocks
- ◇ Road biking (paved paths)
- ◇ Nature photography
- ◇ Skatepark

Q11 How satisfied are you with the appearance, maintenance, cleanliness, safety, and accessibility of Marathon County’s parks, forest units, and trails?

- ◇ It seems the parks have been overgrown and unkept this past year or two.
- ◇ The bathrooms often need cleaning.
- ◇ At BEP: downed trees, horse damage and manure, with pooled water on trails much of the year so travel goes around the mud and damages more of the sides of the trail. Some small drainage culverts would help a lot.
- ◇ Not too impressed w/ maintenance of Mountain Bay trail, too many ruts & could use more grooming & trimming. I pick up more branches etc. than county employees do in the area of trail where I live near Hatley.
- ◇ Accessibility is an issue at most of the parks.
- ◇ “Often, maps and posters at trailheads are often faded even torn. Sometimes garbage cans are not emptied or they’re are not enough of them.
- ◇ The Dells of the Eau Claire is a beautiful park and also has a wonderful campground and swim area . We love to go hiking there and have shared it with many of our friends and family. Have also used the campground and enjoyed that too. Bathrooms at campground and swimming beach were very clean . But the restrooms at the park were awful ! You could smell them before you even got

- close , the garbage cans were full and the bathroom wasn’t clean .I realize this is a very busy part but I don’t think it was cleaned for a few weeks last summer .”
- ◇ “Maintenance: 9-mile ski grooming can improve/extend season
- ◇ Cleanliness: BEP pit toilets, wind-blown garbage in woods
- ◇ Safety: BEP, intoxicated visitors/foul language does not support family-friendly atmosphere.
- ◇ Accessibility: 9-mile land-use season/dates don’t align with best-use activities. No need to hunt there with other better-suited areas available. This would allow this unit to have silent-sport focus/enhancements that would provide great income opportunities. “
- ◇ It would be helpful to have a form or number to call if problems are found-ie. if when biking a tree is over a trail, so issues can be addressed earlier.
- ◇ Generally satisfied, however Marathon Park has issues with maintenance, cleanliness at times (ice arena, park bathrooms). We don’t have special accessibility issues but I could see where some parks wouldn’t be very user friendly to young and old needing mobility assistance (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.). e.g. no paved paths for them to even just be nearer to play areas if they are going with a group or family, even if they can’t, or wouldn’t need, to participate in the playground (because it’s not an all-inclusive play area, or if they are a grandparent just wanting to sit and watch).
- ◇ I feel fatbiking should be allowed at Nine-Mile Forest, on the singletrack/snowshoe trails. Fatbikers and snowshoers coexist very well at other facilities throughout the state (WinMan and Washburn, for example), and cause no noticeable damage to XC ski trails when they cross.
- ◇ I just don’t feel that the areas are kept up nicely.. they seem messy and things aren’t fixed or

cleaned up

- ◊ big eau pleine - would like to see flush toilet restrooms and showers
- ◊ Just need more camping availability
- ◊ The bathroom at Eau Claire Dells is disgusting the one by playground. A dump station n running water would be nice in camping area this park has had so little improvement in so many years. Come on Marathon County dooo something with it . The trails n waterfalls are beautiful so many visitors come to see it .
- ◊ Not enough daily clean up. To many county employees just driving and or sitting around Instead of active work efforts
- ◊ Would enjoy better bathrooms
- ◊ Showers at Marathon Park need to be cleaner at the floor/lower levels where mold acquires
- ◊ The grooming at nine mile was variable at times, even when their was plenty of snow late in the winter. I think more collaboration between the ski club and groomers would be helpful.
- ◊ The bathrooms at the dells and Eau Pleine are terrible. We often go to Dubay because of the bathrooms and on site dump station.
- ◊ Would like available bottled water stations or possible areas to purchase additional ice for coolers.
- ◊ Bathrooms very yucky. Mold in showers (men's & womens
- ◊ The water at the beach at big eau Plains was very nasty, smelly, chunky. I did not even want to kayak there, much less let my kids swim in it. This is a shame because we absolutely love everything else about that park. For this reason alone, we will not have our large group camp there this year...first time in 7 years we are going elsewhere.
- ◊ At the Dells of Eau Claire park last year there was a huge ground wasp nest next to the play area, making it really unsafe for the children to play especially children that

are younger and lower to the ground.

- ◊ Big eau pleine, camping the electricity goes out. Boat landing needs some work done.
- ◊ BigEau Pleine bathrooms camping sites need repair
- ◊ I have stayed at Dells of Eau Claire park numerous times where the electricity has failed due to inadequate power supply for the number of sites. The bathroom/shower facilities also had some repair issues.
- ◊ "Eau Claire dells I would like water access and dumping but not if the price goes way up. We are a family with a limited budget and love to camp. It is the cheapest vacation for a family with children that you could have and so good for families. If price goes to high they can no longer do that.
- ◊ The park rangers could be more friendlier not just come in and ride around and leave
- ◊ More areas that provide a decent shower house and electricity. WIFI options are things we've noticed in the other places we camp.
- ◊ Restroom cleanliness is extremely poor
- ◊ We had an experience of nearby campers at the site of Dells of Eau Claire getting drunk, belligerent and threatening towards other nearby campers. There was no site person there and we had no cell reception. It was a scary experience especially since we were there with our 5 year old daughter.
- ◊ "Marathon Park needs:
- ◊ -New, better and more restroom facilities (it's an inconvient walk way over to current ONE SET available)
- ◊ -Blacktopped parking lots and pathways to pickleball courts"
- ◊ Pickleball is not always available and gets closed far earlier than park events take place. Due to park usage and when the event is over, there can be garbage that needs to be cleaned up.
- ◊ They are to the level I hope for, not overly maintained but not in poor shape either.
- ◊ There will always be places

that are not accessible to wheelchairs and the county should continue to be INCLUSIVE for all disabilities and adapt facilities to accommodate all. Thank you for making the county facilities as accessible as possible!

- ◊ Marathon Park Multi Purpose building (hockey rink) Lobby is often dirty in appearance (the floors) and there is very few places for people to sit and wait for their kids to finish practice. Things have improved some since the RiverWolves came in but there is still very limited seating for people to wait. I strongly encourage the county to consider purchasing multiple tables/chairs for families to sit at while waiting. Thank you!
- ◊ marathon park courts.
- ◊ As stated above, Oak Island is embarrassing and actually dangerous because it's in such disrepair. Fix it or build a new one! Wausau is big enough that a new skate park would absolutely be utilized. We're lucky to have Central Board Shop, but there's then no where safe to go anymore in Marathon County to actually skateboard.
- ◊ The hockey arena boards are completely unsafe- during games I have seen classmates almost fall onto the ice. The leaking water is also a safety hazard in lobby area of the ice arena. I also feel the parking lot could use some more road base to avoid the many pot holes.
- ◊ The hockey rink at Marathon Park has been neglected for years, and even with the recent improvements, remains well behind our neighboring communities. We need new boards and some more investment into the facility. We also could use a longer ice season, as our program is growing very rapidly and ice time is becoming very scarce to spread around among our various teams.
- ◊ It is frustrating when the bathrooms aren't open. People are active in all types of weather—not just mid-June through August. Our family often has to stop what we are

doing and leave early for a bathroom need.

- ◊ Not a complaint, but I want it to be noted: Mission Lake facilities are maintained incredibly well. Thank you!
- ◊ Tennis/pickleball courts are in poor condition.
- ◊ too little experience to rate.
- ◊ I would say necessarily dissatisfied but I think there is an opportunity to spruce things up.
- ◊ The facilities at Big Eau Pleine are run down
- ◊ Specifically, Marathon Park. Buildings are in disrepair, roof leaks, parking lot is a swampy hole all winter and is only better when it is covered in ice and snow to level the parking lot out. The rink itself all winter has little cleaning, inc floors, bathrooms. Hockey boards are old, heaters rarely turn on and mostly blow cold and dusty air.
- ◊ No nearly enough pickleball courts in Marathon Park. If you drive to smaller cities such as Eagle River or Tomahawk; you will find six or more courts available during the summer.
- ◊ The hockey rink at Marathon Park needs an upgrade. We need more lobby area, tables set up for people to eat, and a general make-over. It is out-dated and unappealing. There is hardly room to move around especially when a tournament is being held.
- ◊ Primarily concerned with Marathon Park. Feel the park is underutilized and safety of the rink is below average. Overall space could be improved.
- ◊ "The Pickleball courts are in OK repair.
- ◊ I have never seen anyone play tennis anymore; need to convert tennis courts to Pickleball courts...
- ◊ Fastest growing sport in USA. For small investment Marathon park could be the Pickleball center of WI!"
- ◊ We have to pick up the trash from the basketball courts and empty the trash cans
- ◊ Maintenance on existing tennis and Pickleball courts is sub par. Investments not being protected.

- ◊ Only speaking for the Marathon Park Ice facility-needs updates!!! Even the simple things like a properly stocked First Aid kit.
- ◊ Marathon park ice rinks-Leaky roofs.
- ◊ Things are not very well maintained or taken care of
- ◊ "just would like to see a playground for disabled children - ie JoJo's Jungle
- ◊ I think Wausau is ready for a dedicated and expanded ice arena to support our youth hockey programs. We continue to travel outside of our area to find ice time and pay for clinics that could be offered locally. A paved parking lot or better graded lot would also be a positive addition.
- ◊ Marathon park ice arena is very outdated. The gravel drive and parking area turns into a mud pit in the thaw and icy slushy mess in snow.
- ◊ Older facilities appear neglected and crumbling (specifically asphalted trails within Marathon Park)
- ◊ Na
- ◊ Rib mtn pit toilets are scary
- ◊ Up keep and maintain needs to be held to a higher standards. Depending on what parks people are working and if and when you can find them. Is when things sometimes get done or you get what you need. Plus the staff isn't always the friendliest when you need questions answers. Plus the update of bathroom at many parks is quite gross. We need to update for safety reasons the rink at Marathon Park for the safety of the players too. That is before someone really gets hurt. More lightning in some areas of the parks as a whole would be good too, for the safety of people using or in the park.
- ◊ No
- ◊ Marathon park specifically, then parking lot is horrible. Especially during the winter
- ◊ "All areas need to be evaluated for invasive species and a plan to control them. 9 Mile- locust trees.
- ◊ Need to make urban bike and walking paths more connected

and accessible.

- ◊ Some grooming money at 9 Mile needs to be re-allocated to High Use days (weekends) and to do more of the grooming in the late evening so that the trails have more time to freeze up before the skiers come in the morning. Skiers quickly degrade the trails when grooming is being done the same time as when skiers are using the trails."
- ◊ Many parks do not have accessible garbage canisters along walking paths or near shelters.
- ◊ A lot of parks in the area are overrun by geese and their poop is everywhere. Its hard to enjoy parks that are covered in poop. Plus some of the geese can be very aggressive and will often chase or try to attack you.
- ◊ I would love to see prettier parks with more flower gardens and lighted trails. I thank you for all your good work. I do love the parks!
- ◊ All of the parks other than Marathon Park would rank very high in the above categories. I would rank Marathon Park low based on our use of the facility during youth and high school hockey seasons. I think the staff and parks department as a whole has done all they can with the aging facility. I ranks towards the worst arenas and facilities in the state for skating and hockey. The parking lot is always a mess with ice, slush and potholes. The building itself is maintained ok, but it's not an attractive venue.
- ◊ Amco with no cell service is very dangerous if in a life threatening situation someone need assistance. I'd also like to see that park kept a bit cleaner.
- ◊ However, the BEP campground needs some updating in some areas especially with the intense summer usage.
- ◊ bluegill park, eliminate the geese.
- ◊ No buses near to the forest units and trails.
- ◊ Geese population is ruining Bluegill, Eagles Club and Rookery Park. Boat launch at

Bluegill, need another and more trailer parking. Do we have any sandy beaches anymore?

- ◊ "Sylvan Hill Park: trees are falling over the trails and aren't taken care off. Littering everywhere around the shelters.
- ◊ The grass gets so long at the parks in the summer. Often times my kids can't even play soccer because the ball doesn't roll in the grass.
- ◊ Bathrooms
- ◊ The Sunnyvale Softball complex has not been updated in many years.
- ◊ Airport park bathrooms dirty.
- ◊ The walking trail along the river - area near library/ underpass. Lots of homeless people, sometimes harassing.
- ◊ The hockey rink was dirty, leaking water, not well lighted.
- ◊ Marathon Park Facilities could use an update!
- ◊ need to control geese in all parks that they are currently present in
- ◊ Maintenance of the ball diamonds are some of the worst I have ever seen.
- ◊ As far as safety, lighting major trails would make them safer for all users.
- ◊ The Marathon Park Rink parking lot and rink are a black eye on our community
- ◊ Given the shortage of pickleball courts, we try to play on available tennis courts, but they are in such poor condition both at 3M and Marathon Park, that they are a safety hazard. For some odd reason, the trash is never emptied from the cans around the three pickleball courts at Marathon Park.
- ◊ There are few easily accessible kayak launch points and there are no readily available lists of kayak friendly places to launch a kayak. Kayaking is getting more and more popular and it serves as a draw for many people. At least a couple times a years I plan kayak day trips with out of town friends to locations outside Marathon County.
- ◊ The paved walking trails in Marathon Park need to be raised out of the water when the snow melts in spring. Maybe rain gardens need to be created to

drain the water.

- ◊ "I'm really excited to see Jojos jungle inclusive and accessible playground go in at brockmeyer
- ◊ I hope the city and county will get behind that to start the project ASAP. It is a significant need in our area.
- ◊ I'd love to see something even more expansive modeled after the Hammil Family Play Zoo in Chicago come to the area. We could be a local destination "
- ◊ dog droppings often found at these facilities.
- ◊ Handicap accessible kayak launches at lake Wausau behind the old Drott, hwy J, Ross Ave so that my parent can go with us
- ◊ MOST CLEANLINESS ISSUES INVOLVE THE RESTROOMS AND LIKELY NOT DUE TO STAFF BUT RATHER IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE MISUSING THE FACILITIES AND PARKS.
- ◊ Handicap kayak landings, Ross Ave, hwy j, lake Wausau behind old Drott building, off hwy n and eau claire river road
- ◊ Our pickleball club members regularly empty the garbage near the courts because of the smell and the hornets and the overflow.
- ◊ Most of the forest trails are clean, but the closer you get to urban areas I feel like not much effort is made to keep it clean.
- ◊ The park's buildings at Marathon Park are simply dingy. There are so many great assets, but they have not been maintained well.
- ◊ Maintenance and upkeep of park buildings(roofs, rockwork and etc.) and restrooms leave a lot to be desired. Also beach grooming and park grass mowing areas need be started in some cases or more attention to grass areas in other areas. Fees in campground could be increased slightly, and offer boat launch fee(additional charge) along with campground fee at time of registration. Launch fee would have to be as long as camp fee. Could reduce charge one day(Some way a reduction of cost) if paid with camp registration. At least 2/3,s of park fees should stay with

the park generated from for its continued improvement. General revenue funds may be needed to bring the parks back to where they were ten years ago, and bring them up to standards expect this year and into the future.

◇ "Year after year the quality of the XC ski trail grooming at Nine Mile gets worse.

◇ County should look into snow making at Nine Mile or partner with the Wausau Nordic Ski Club to put in snow making on part of the lighted trails."

◇ clean showers at campgrounds big eau plaine
◇ Marathon park, found drug needles. This park needs to be patrolled by police more.

◇ Nine Mile; county does no trail maintenance.

◇ I am greatly dissatisfied that Nine Mile is closed to mountain biking for half of the year. All of the users should be able to use it year round peacefully with each other.

◇ Low cost camping is not available. I grew up camping every weekend throughout the state. Fees have deterred me from utilizing the parks and my 3 children are not as excited about the outdoors as it is not routine. Frankly, after paying for the campsite and firewood, you are paying half, if not more than half of a hotel stay. What person would choose to sleep outdoors with mosquitoes, chance the weather, and then wake up to make your own breakfast when they could sleep in a climate controlled environment and have a breakfast buffet waiting for them when they wake up? ME! But it has gotten more expensive and have not given my children the opportunities and have instilled the passion for the outdoors as my parents have due to the cost.

◇ I think bathrooms, conditions and smell are typically not the best at the park facilities. Not just Marathon co, but everywhere in this country.

◇ Park by sturgeon eddy - found syringes

◇ Pit toilets are often smelly and fail to have fly control. The

pit toilets at Dells of the Eau Claire campground have been overflowing.

◇ Bathrooms

◇ The bathrooms at the DC Everest Park are too dark and unclean. The ones at sunnyvale park are also dark and unclean.

◇ I walk in a lot of the parks and I am always amazed at the amount of garbage that is left on the ground, whether its plastic bottles, papers or the people who do not pick up after their dogs especially when its on the main path you are walking on. There are signs posted in most parks that you are suppose to pick up after your pet. Don't see it happening much.

◇ I wish there is an easier way to find the parks. Maybe advertising.

◇ Marathon park ice arena outdated.

◇ "The city of Wausau has a beautiful river through it, most places the river can not be seen since the trees and brush are not trimmed. IF parks can trim every tree along the roads every year then branches can be trimmed up along the river. I know there is an issue with shoreland protection, but the brush can be thinned and trimmed up 8 feet. the bike path along Wausau chemical, barker island and oak and fern island are overgrown. Barker island is dangerous with the crowd that hangs out in there.

◇ some urinals at Cherokee or Dells of Eau Claire have not been scrubbed for years!... appears just rinsed with chemicals..

◇ Bike trail on the fern or oak island has a bridge on the south side with steps still. also the trails on the island are so narrow, can not ride when anyone is walking on them"

◇ "Mainly Marathon Park is the problem.

◇ Please do a better job in snow removal next winter in Marathon Park! Please take care of the icy side walks in Marathon Park during the winter, at least add dirt or salt (if I fall again this winter in your park, I will sue the

city for thousands \$\$\$). Please do a better job in clearing the sidewalks of HUGE puddles or water during winter-melt, it prevents access to certain areas of the park. Please clean dog poop from the side walks and side grass areas or at least discourage pet owners from letting their dogs poop anywhere. That is all many of us ask.

◇ PLEASE keep the prostitution out of the park.

◇ Thank you but at same time; whoever is reading this won't give a shit anyways because they aren't being paid enough to care,

◇ Concern citizen of Wausau, WI
◇ Trash, cigarette butts and broken glass at Marathon park and Blue Gill Bay.

◇ The road into the Big Eau Plane park needs serious work to get it back in shape. Major potholes & broken pavement.

◇ Most are good accept for the Camping areas. Very dirty, no flushing toilets or showers.

◇ Looking at the map, I realize that our usage of Marathon County Park systems is primarily limited to Nine Mile, Dells of Eau Claire and Marathon Park. We have some exploring to do!

◇ More lighting for evening hours

◇ Would LOVE snowmaking at Nine Mile to allow for accessibility for training and fun as early as December!

◇ It would be nice to have paved parking area for ice arena. This is the only place we have gone recently that does not have a paved parking area.

◇ We have had to clean our rented space at Marathon, Machmueller, and Sandy Meadow parks.

◇ "Cracks on tennis courts. Some courts have torn or non-regulation height nets.

◇ There is a lack of tennis & Pickleball courts in the area."

◇ Bluegill Park is heavily used but often needs lawn care, trail maintainence, garbage clean-up bathroom maintainence, upgrade to play equipment. The new fishing platform is a great addition but most of the

remainder of the park looks forgotten

◇ Restrooms at Cherokee need upgrading, also perhaps, at the Dells.

◇ Hockey rink is beginning to fall apart. Its brings a TON of people to the community. People would rather go to dc Everest

◇ Some parks like bluegill boat launch has no bathrooms. Paying to use a launch and can't even put a portable John out is annoying.

◇ Marathon Park Ice Arena parking lot is terrible!!! pot holes, more ice than the rink itself. needs to be paved

◇ Marathons parks Ice Arena is dirty, leaking roof and broken bleachers and benches. No tables and chairs for visiting teams or home teams to sit and eat or relax in between games. Restroom always smells horrible. Facility is small and could be so much better and clean.

◇ "Not enough pickleball courts. Long waits to play

◇ Marathon park- Pickleball courts are too few- we have 30 or more people showing up and can only have 12 playing at a time. The tennis courts could be used for Pickleball, but they are in such bad shape that they are unsafe. The pickleball players are often cleaning the garbage from the basketball courts and have had to take the garbage out for the entire season. So much more could be done with that area.

◇ "hiking trails not marked at all, very difficult to follow.

◇ downed trees on trails, have been there for years

◇ send staff to trail building seminars so they know what they are doing

◇ Marathon Park Ice Arena has roof that leaks and nothing and I mean nothing gets done about it.

◇ FIX IT ALREADY!!"

◇ Issues at Big Eau Pliene Park camping. Highly monitored during the day for every silly thing. After 10pm it is no place to take a family...Loud music, yelling, domestic fights.

◇ The parks are not up to date.

We have 3 hockey players in our home and the marathon ice rink is very poor compared to others around us. Could use more seating. HEAT. Be open all year round. Paved parking lots. The park equipment is getting out dated and is very dirty most the time.

◇ Marathon parks parking lots are horrific for pot holes and lighting of the parking lots in the parking lot by the horse showing area is very limited. A lot of old buildings could be taken down and replaced with modern facilities that don't leak water through the roofs, would generate year round income due to ice year round. Same with an indoor pool like what The Grand Lodge Cedar Creek has.

◇ Potholes in marathon park are horrible

◇ "Marathon Park Ice arena: Would like to see an updated facility. The lobby area has very poor set up for families/skaters to hang out between games etc. Our family has been to a ton of rinks and ours by far has the poorest lobby situation. It would also be nice to have a paved parking lot. And year round ice!"

◇ Marathon Park parking lot in the winter was horrible as far as plowing snow. Cars getting stuck everywhere

◇ Marathon park ice arena in the winter time always has pot holes everywhere is ice over throughout the parking lots. The guys who work there do the best they can but during peak hours they are running the rink and cannot take care of the lot. There has been multiple times when people have fallen with kids with the slipery conditions. I we got to other rinks and they don't have this problem cause there parking lot is paved. Paving the road will make it easier for the workers and safer for the families entering the rink.

◇ "Bluegill Park great but too congested with limited boat launching and parking.

◇ Geese are destroying the local parks. Bluegill, DC Everest

Eagles Club. Cannot walk or bike through due to excrement all over the place. Very unsafe. It's a problem all over not just Marathon County."

◇ Lots of garbage at WI River unit

◇ The bathrooms are dirty and old with holes in the ground marked with yellow tape that was falling down and missing my daughter cold have stepped in it when she was running in the grass at bluegill park . Very dangerous.

◇ "really in this day and age a drop pit toilet, no showers, why would I stay there when other clountry parks have free showers, you are fooling yourself if you think people are not showering, they are usign campers and letting it run on ground, think I want to camp in someone elses waste?"

◇ The Mission Lake park needs a bathroom closer to the landing. Trying to find it and even get to it after dusk or before dawn can be a bit unsafe with all the tree roots and uneven ground.

◇ Signage in some areas is out of date - little or no maintenance given to assist in trails. Volunteers given all responsibility in most cases.

◇ Marathon Park Ice Arena- we need a better facility for MCYH and year round Ice!

◇ Bathrooms 90% of time are unclean.

◇ Marathon Park Ice Rink could use some cleaning and updating

◇ Parking can be an issue at the big eau planne

◇ Marathon Park has alot of Pot Holes

◇ We found a lot of trash around the Dell's of the eau Clare park from teenagers hanging around the rapids in the late evening. Picked up ourselves.

◇ "Buckthorn is taking over at a number of areas, I'm particularly concerned about Bluegill.

◇ While all days aren't bad there are many instances when the trail grooming at nine-mile is not up to the level of other area trails."

◇ Stop clear cutting all the county forests!

◇ Need a year round ice arena. Loosing out on money and people

◇ Things seem to be becoming worn down.

◇ Trail signage at Eagle Claire Dells needs to be improved.

◇ Only listed dissatisfaction because of serious concerns about river pollution at Big Eau Pleins....afraid to let kids swim there now because of it. Also concerned about safety at Marathon Park for camping. Would like to camp there, but rarely see any safety patrols, so avoid going. I love both places, but feel their quality is less than previously. Also, I have never heard of most of the other locations....

◇ Eau Plaine water was terribly green.

◇ Many county forest area lack facilities to recreate and are underutilized for recreation. Parks have aged facilities and need upgrading. Snow making at 9 mile would enhance the park as a destination.

◇ Power outage at Eau Claire

◇ Cross Country trail grooming at 9 mile county forest this year seemed worse than years past. Sometimes no grooming would occur for days after snowstorm. Outer trails were groomed much less frequently than inner trails.

◇ Just a note. Rain damage from last year resulted in the response of satisfied only. Repairs were not yet done when we arrived.

◇ Safety - a lot of trails could use more lighting

◇ Too often ski grooming equipment breaks down and the quality of skiing is diminished more than at other outside of county sites

◇ Big Eau Plain campground. The ranger needs to relax and use a little common sense. People camp in groups and congregate at one campsite. Rules need to be a guidance as long everyone is safe. He is rude and not friendly.

◇ 9 Mile when compared with other Ski facilities like

lola Winter Sports Center, Minocqua Winter Park, ABR, and WinMan is not "consistently" groomed to the standards of the locations mentioned. Sometimes it's groomed well, sometimes it is groomed poorly, and sometimes not at all. This impacts our business. When there is not consistent standards met, people will go elsewhere where they know what to expect.

◇ Big Eau Pleine Park- Bathrooms are usually dirty, fire rings not cleaned out, Picnic tables not repaired

◇ Shelters could be cleaner and cob webs be removed

◇ Would love more electric camp sites

◇ We stay at the Big Eau Pleine county park. It is a great park but the only problem we run into with friends coming along is they need showers and pit toilets kind of scare them. So showers would be nice.

◇ Look at making single track trails one way and also not allowing runners or walkers on single track trails

◇ Marathon Park needs their Campground facilities cleaned a lot better. Spider webs in the bathroom and showers. Sites needed better cleaning after camper leaves.

◇ Wash outs on trails, not wheel chair friendly

◇ "Nine mile bathrooms should be cleaner and/or renovated.

◇ Trail conditions at nine mile we're poor this year due to inadequate grooming"

◇ Need wifi and cellular service is very limited.

◇ The grooming at the 9 mile cross country ski trails was not good a majority of the season. It improved in late February but before that it was not very good.

◇ Bad pavement (blacktop) at Big Eau Pleine, in and out!

◇ I have been camping at Eau Claire Dells, & the bathroom in the campground, wasn't very clean. The bathroom at the west campground of Eau Pleine, was excellent.

◇ Dells of the Eau Claire. Shouldn't charge for electric since the breaker continually

blows and campers spend more time resetting the breaker til it blows an hour later

- ◊ The bathroom at the Eau Claire Dells by playground area is horrible.
- ◊ The Nine Mile Forest shelter needs to be updated. Last summer's improvements helped, but a new paint job and some additional decorations would greatly improve the facilities. Also, it's time to have a vending machine there for hungry folks. Often the front desk people are busy and can't be asked to serve as food sellers as well as ticket sales people.
- ◊ The eau plaine west side. Bathrooms stunk no water in the tanks to cover feces or deoterizers in the water. Not well managed at all and maintained. Summer of 2018. Been there other years and it wasnt bad
- ◊ Mowing/ trimming/ grooming at Nine Mile
- ◊ We camp at Big Eau Pleine and the website to reserve sites at the beginning of year is a mess. This is the weekend we have a bunch of people camping and it was hard to get sites together cause the site keep crashing. The electric last year kept going out in the west unit. You need to upgrade and have at least a shower / fush toliet building at each campground - you can still have some pit potties - they are always clean.
- ◊ Trail maintenance in the winter is consistently poor
- ◊ "The restrooms we're filthy. The door locks were broken. Very little signage on where the R. V. Dump, or fresh water was, after the restroom locks were fixed no one was given the combination etc. etc
- ◊ Camping at Dells of the Eau Claire last summer - restrooms needed to be serviced.
- ◊ Bathrooms not always clean.
- ◊ 9 Mile needs more winter skiing and summer mountain biking signage. But thus is true no matter where the facility is, there is always a lack of signage.
- ◊ "Dells of Eau Claire - lack of updated electrical grid. Had

spotty electricity over the hot holiday weekend. Pit toilets were not clean. Wood fire sales were at bad times of day.

- ◊ Eau Pleine - lack of updated electrical grid. Had spotty electricity over the hot holiday weekend. Flush toilets and showers would be a huge improvement. Pit toilets were not clean. Wood fire sales were at bad times of day.
- ◊ Everything needs updating, picnic tables, grills, shelters, etc.
- ◊ Grooming at 9-mile is still below average compared to the rest of the state. Very disappointing
- ◊ Restrooms at Big Eau Pleine seem to always be in need of attention such as sweeping, knocking down webs, mopping the floor and maintenance addressing odor.
- ◊ Big explains - some of the restrooms are terrible
- ◊ I wish the forest units had more signs for the trails because I have to look at my Google Maps to know if I am still within the area and what trail I am on. Also, boardwalks would be great for Spring and Winter time when they aren't accessible because of the mud/snow.
- ◊ Electric needs to be updated at Big Eau Plaine West unit. Last year we were camping with friends and 3 out of the 4 sites we had lost power for over 16 hours
- ◊ Not enough benches or playground equipment in all areas.
- ◊ The toilet facilities at the eau plane Park Beach have been horrendous forever the smell is atrocious as you leave the parking lot and walk past.
- ◊ Bathrooms should be updated at all parks - running water and flush toilets, we'd stay longer if bathrooms were clean.
- ◊ The restrooms could use better ventilation.
- ◊ Garbage left at parks by user. Not necessarily fault of the park.
- ◊ Thee grass is unkept in parts of the park, making it un assessible to use those areas, parking lots are dirty and filled with trash.
- ◊ As always litter could be

better. Install cameras and fine those who are stupid enough to litter.

- ◊ Many places are hard for handicap with difficulties walking.
- ◊ "Bathrooms at eau pleune park
- ◊ Playground equipment in Marathon Park is old and beat-up. We love biking with the family from Weston and using MCP as a destination. The whole park/area could use a facelift to be much more than just the fair grounds and spot for community activities. With it's accessibility to all of the nearby employers and schools it could use new equipment, a better trail and a cleaner/ more modern appearance (like Doepke park in Rib Mtn)
- ◊ Would love more stroller friendly trails!
- ◊ Accessibility: it would be nice for all kids to have access to local parks including those in wheel chairs or those with special needs. Not all playgrounds in the area are equipped to meet everyone's needs.
- ◊ At mission lake there will be no pens or papers for filling out for payment sometimes and no toilet paper in the restroom
- ◊ "Big Eau Pleine should not allow horses on trails when wet. Even disc golf gets closed.
- ◊ Disc golf fees are too high... do not exist in other parks (?) this discourages new users to the sport.
- ◊ Events should pay fees.... senior rate?!"

Q14 Please indicate if you or anyone in your household has the need for each of the recreation programs listed below by indicating Yes or No and Youth, Adult, or Both for each program? (Other)

- ◊ Foraging hikes/instructors
- ◊ Geocaching events , like CITO Events...Cache In, Trash Out . People look for geocaches and pick all garbage
- ◊ +
- ◊ croquet or bocce tournaments/lessons
- ◊ I need/use both mountain bike and XC ski, but both are

well-served by existing clubs.

- ◊ Stick to providing public access to nature areas. Others in the cominities can provide social services
- ◊ More Days of Nordic skiing - Adult - Man-made snow would help to provide this.
- ◊ We are not in Marathon County.
- ◊ none
- ◊ Have gathering for kids to meet others and do games together. Have popcorn to hand out or icecream social.would like to see a few tables or benches that are permanently set up near Beach area to sit at.
- ◊ We would love to have more and well maintained pickleball courts. Other communities are offering many options but would love to have them right here. And great way to keep population active and invite tourism.
- ◊ Pickleball
- ◊ more cycling events
- ◊ Add more pickleball courts to Marathon Park and other recreation facilities (Rothschild, Weston). Too many people that have to wait for a court!
- ◊ All activities are needed in this area. We just need to find more qualified teachers and facilities.
- ◊ Skate boarding competitions. Central Board Shop is amazing for this but we need a new or improved skate park!
- ◊ cross country ski lessons
- ◊ Road biking
- ◊ Roller derby, both youth and adults
- ◊ Nice to add footsal and other such winter/indoor opportunities
- ◊ woodworking shop
- ◊ I don't understand...nobody NEEDS any of these, poorly worded question
- ◊ Indoor Soccer facility
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- ◊ Feel free to create a list of programs, and then have outside vendors provide the instructors, and then charge a fee for each participant to cover the instructor's time. Similar to Grebe's Chef Center cooking classes. Grebe's provides the space, finds local chefs, and

participants pay a fee for the materials and chef time.

- ◇ Handicap kayak facilities
- ◇ Horse back riding (Adult)
- ◇ LOL, wtf even is this!?!? this is the worst survey I've ever seen. "Adaptive (special populations) Programs", is anybody going to know what this is?? What kinda of value do you think you are gathering from a complete disorganized cluster of a survey like this? srrrssly. Also recreation is not a need.

- ◇ Didn't know that marathon has all of these programs available.
- ◇ Na
- ◇ Mountain biking lessons-adult
- ◇ Bike safety and repair
- ◇ n
- ◇ Allabove answered for adults only
- ◇ Tennis & Pickleball tournaments
- ◇ Pickleball Tournaments
- ◇ Horseback riding

- ◇ are these not programs run by the city and not the county
- ◇ I VERY much appreciate spaces I am allowed to let my dog off leash (obviously under the proviso that it is a safe and well trained dog).
- ◇ Family sand volleyball
- ◇ Classes for sports officiating
- ◇ Bad question, too difficult
- ◇ NA
- ◇ Add a fill all option for questions like these
- ◇ Adults only camping

- ◇ Dog Park
- ◇ I think Marathon County is ready for a Bike Festival. It should be family friendly as well as for hard-core folks. A parade, ice cream, designated dedicated bike route, and a family friendly concert at the end of the day.
- ◇ not a big fan of organized activities
- ◇ Paved road biking trails



Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING RESULTS

APRIL 30, 2019 PIM RESULTS

To encourage public involvement in the Marathon County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the County also hosted a public involvement meeting on April 30, 2019. The involvement meeting took place in three parts:

First, attendees were given the opportunity to review maps of parks, forest units, and trails adding comments coded to specific locations within the County park and forest system. These comments were classified by three different questions, allowing participants to categorize their type of comment by location. Categories included *General or Specific Improvements within Existing Parks and Forest Units*, *Areas where New Parks or Forest Units are Desired*, and *Areas where New Trails or Paved Shoulders are Desired*. Participants were also invited to share their *Big Ideas for Parks, Recreation, and Forestry* via the comment form.

The second section of the involvement meeting allowed for participants to mark on a trail map desired connections, additions, and/or extensions of trails within the County system.

Finally, attendees participated in a spending activity that allowed choice of where they would personally spend money within the park, forest, and trail system based on category of use or improvement. If desired, they also had the opportunity to further categorize investment by writing directly specific activities, locations, or uses the “money” would go towards within that category.

Responses and analysis in this summary include responses from all PIM attendees.

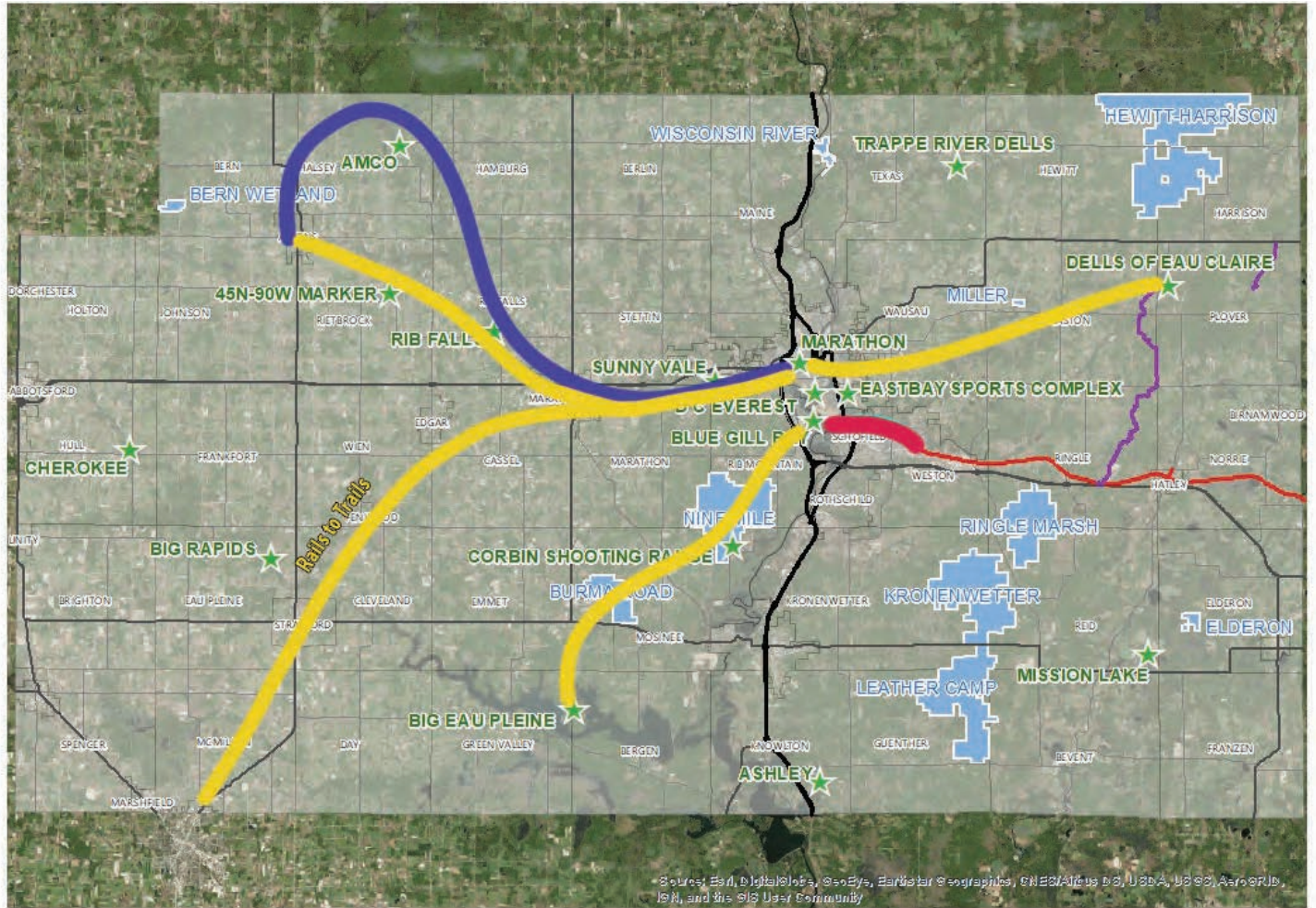
RESULTS OF COMMENTS, BY PARK, FOREST UNIT, OR TRAIL (72 COMMENTS)

| Comment | Park |
|---|------------------------|
| Kayak Launch | Amco |
| Ashley Park - how to find it? Some semblance of trails would be nice. | Ashley Park |
| Campsites need to be leveled, all slope to the bank-side. | |
| Big Eau Pleine is very populated with deer leading to forest & habitat degradation. Open it to hunting to decrease deer numbers | Big Eau Pleine |
| Eau Pleine is set up very nicely | |
| Blue Gill is overrun with deer and all native plants are degraded. Buckthorn has taken over the aspen. Herd reduction - please! | Blue Gill Bay |
| Develop Brokaw for Mtn biking | |
| Add a sign at the parking lot in Brokaw. Develop mountain biking trails in the Brokaw Hills (former cross-country ski area) | Brokaw |
| Mathey construction land north of Brokaw - new park / mountain biking? | |
| Bulma hiking/snowshoe trails/fat tire | Burma Road |
| More campsites and amenities | |
| Add large fire ring, water pump in grove campground | Dells of Eau Claire |
| Improve maps | |
| Athens to Marathon offroad bike trail for a "Marathon Route" | |
| More Trails | |
| Add Parking area | |
| Link via bike-ped path the conservancy area to an easement heading east. | |
| Just off the map is a brownfield - could this be redeveloped into fields or parking or artificial turf fields somehow connected to Eastbay? | Eastbay Sports Complex |
| Could redevelop this area into soccer/sports fields and/or parking to support Eastbay complex | |
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| Promote sections of ice age trail better | Ice Age Trail |
| Improve trails for Mtn biking | Kronenwetter |
| Improve trails for Mtn biking | Leather Camp |

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| Add 6 pickleball courts | |
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| Ice arena updates - and focus on booking more "family" events | |
| Special concert events - hire an agency to book concerts to maximize the investment made here | |
| Enlarge dog park space in Marathon County. | |
| More pickleball courts | Marathon Park |
| Pave parking lot | |
| Update road signage highlighting events | |
| Raise the pedestrian paths so they aren't underwater in spring. | |
| Trails connect, but still lack a complete loop. All the area under the tree canopy should be a loop, not just small western loop. | |
| Marathon Park needs more pickleball courts. Add 6 courts ASAP. | |
| Develop biking trails at Mission Lake if not there already | Mission Lake |
| Allow fat tire biking at Nine Mile in the winter. Extend fall mountain biking, add snowmaking to a limited portion of the trails. | |
| Need to allow fat tire biking in winter along with the skiers | |
| Connector from Nine Mile to Rib Mountain S.P. - on snowmobile easement? Matt Black may have concept | |
| Make Nine Mile an economic draw/destination. Andy is a good first step - notch up the chalet. | |
| Remove the chains and allow parking here!! (near foxglove) | |
| More mtb trails / allow mtb during winter | |
| Make Nine Mile a special use area - make it a park - take it out of enterprise zone so \$ can be put into it. | Nine Mile |
| Add 4-season event shelter at Nine Mile to better program events and serve users. | |
| Mosinee Hill easements for trails | |
| Easement connect Nine Mile to school forest to Trillium Trail to avoid Hwy KK | |
| Connect Laurel to HWY KK at Nine Mile | |
| Expand opportunities for use | |
| Incredible trails, but grooming needs to be improved | |
| Kayak Launch | Rib Falls Park |

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|---|--------------------|
| Canoe/kayak landing | |
| Old fat tire trails should be used as snowshoe trails | |
| Develop biking trails through the woods | |
| Sunny Vale - develop hiking/biking trails along Rib River utilizing the old railroad & bridge to Marathon City. | |
| Bike Link from Sunnyvale to Rib Mountain | Sunny Vale |
| Sunnyvale - RR bridge repaired/improved to tie in with north and south areas for biking and snowmobiling | |
| Continue trails at Sunny Vale along Rib River to Rib Mountain park trails | |
| Increase access to Rib River | |
| Extend Ryan Street to Hwy X | |
| Trails in Eau Claire River Conservancy should connect to Schofield & Weston | |
| Trail connecting to NN across Black Bridge | |
| Extend Municipal St to Hwy X in Weston | |
| Extend Mountain Bay trail to Kent Street | |
| Increase length of railroad grade from Fenwood to Edgar | Trail Connections |
| More trail connections | |
| Designated bike routes on trails from metro area to Dells, Nine Mile, Burma, Big Eau Pleine | |
| New multiuse trail on abandoned railway. Could be ATV, bike, and walk. | |
| Pave shoulders of County Roads | |
| Establish access to Trapper River Dells via fottpath, at least. | Trappe River Dells |
| Have never heard of Trappe River Dells. How do I access it? | |
| Canoe/boat landing? | Wisconsin River |

DESIRED TRAIL CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE SYSTEM



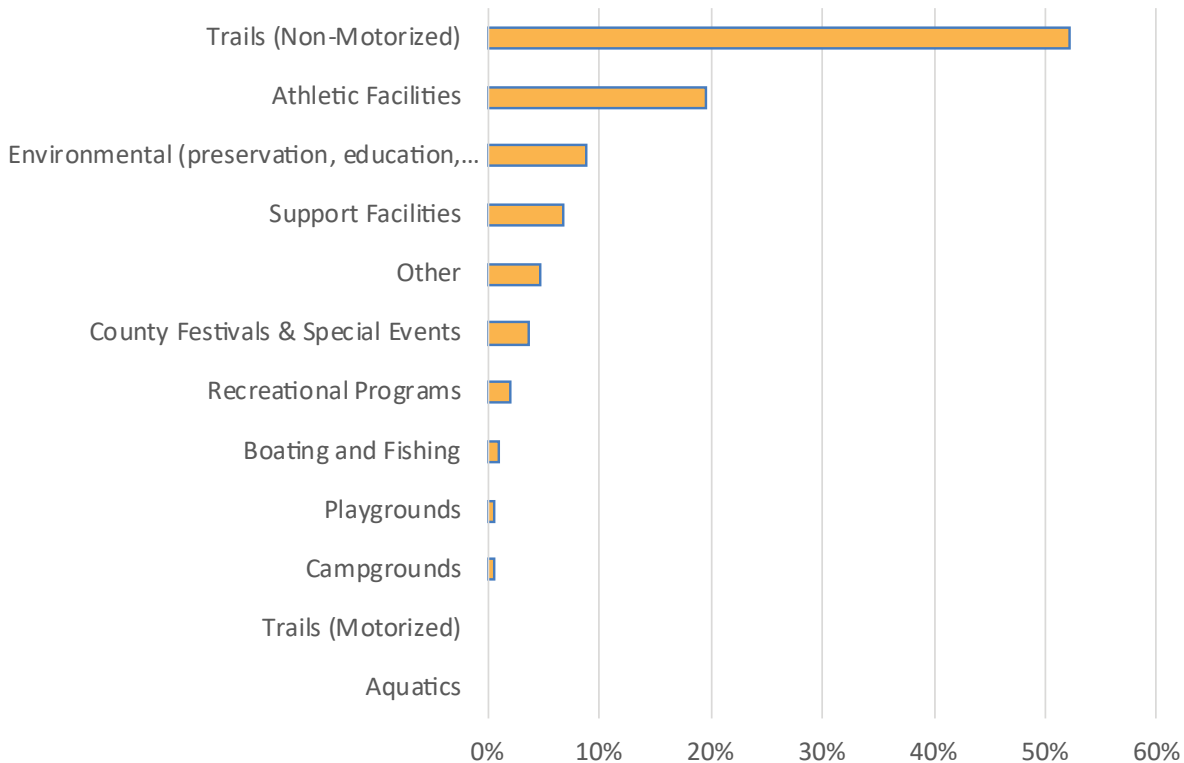
★ County Parks ■ County Forest Units □ Communities — Ice Age Trail — Mountain Bay Trail

Use the map to draw your own future trails or park locations.

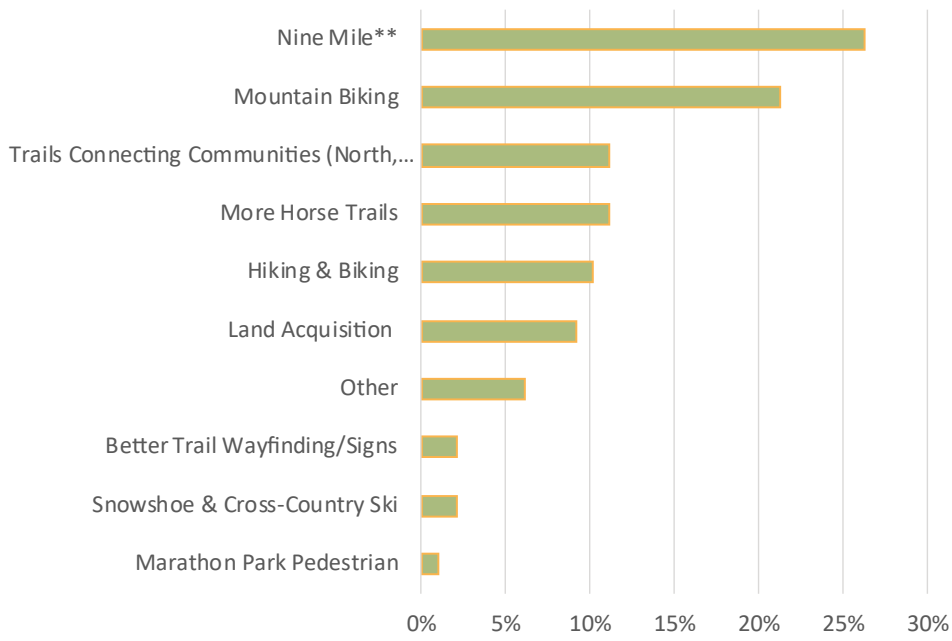
PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY

Meeting participants were provided 10 \$1,000 bills and were given the opportunity to place any combination of the \$10,000 into 12 categories. The majority of participants favored investments in non-motorized trails, followed by athletic facilities, environmental preservation, and support facilities.

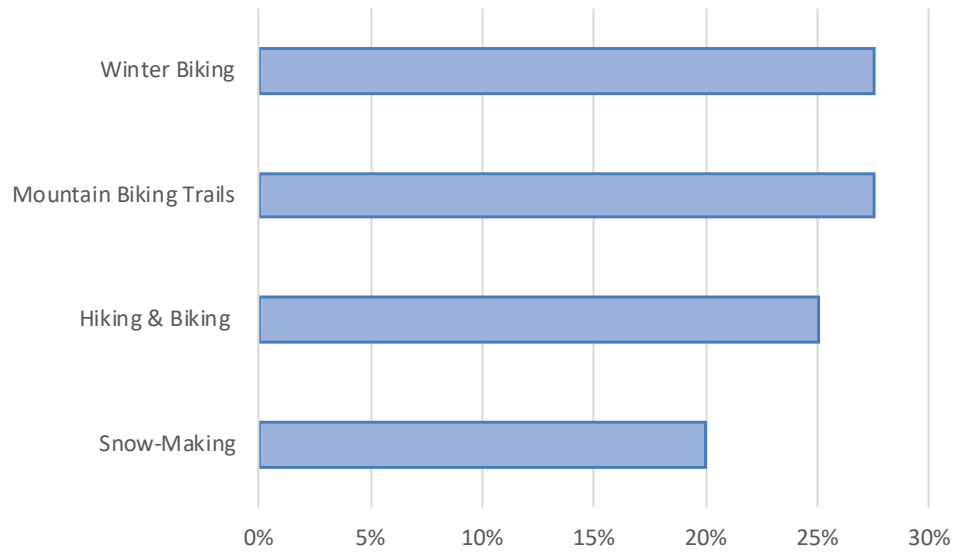
| PIM Poll Results | | |
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| Where would you spend your money? | | |
| Categories | Number | Percent of Total |
| Athletic Facilities | 37 | 19% |
| Aquatics | 0 | 0% |
| Boating and Fishing | 2 | 1% |
| Campgrounds | 1 | 1% |
| County Festivals & Special Events | 7 | 4% |
| Environmental (preservation, education, restoration, etc.) | 17 | 9% |
| Playgrounds | 1 | 1% |
| Recreational Programs | 4 | 2% |
| Support Facilities | 13 | 7% |
| Trails (Motorized) | 0 | 0% |
| Trails (Non-Motorized) | 99 | 52% |
| Other | 9 | 5% |
| Total | 190 | 100% |



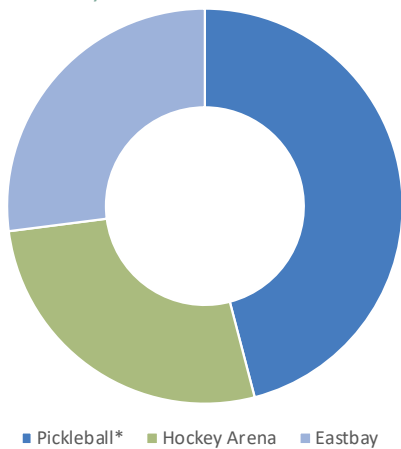
PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS



PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - ALL MENTIONS OF NINE MILE



PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - ATHLETIC FACILITIES



PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - FULL SUB-CATEGORY RESULTS

| PIM Poll Results | | |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| Categories within "Athletic Facilities" | | |
| Sub-Categories | Number | Percent of Total |
| Pickleball* | 17 | 46% |
| Hockey Arena | 10 | 27% |
| Eastbay | 10 | 27% |
| Total | 37 | 100% |

* Marathon Park named in 6 responses

| PIM Poll Results | | |
|---|----------|------------------|
| Categories within "County Festivals & Special Events" | | |
| Sub-Categories | Number | Percent of Total |
| Bike Festival | 3 | 43% |
| More Events | 1 | 14% |
| Other / General Festivals & Events | 3 | 43% |
| Total | 7 | 100% |

| PIM Poll Results | | |
|---|----------|------------------|
| Categories within "Recreational Programs" | | |
| Sub-Categories | Number | Percent of Total |
| Senior Programs | 2 | 50% |
| Youth Programs | 1 | 25% |
| Nature-Focused Programming | 1 | 25% |
| Total | 4 | 100% |

| PIM Poll Results | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Categories within "Support Facilities" | | |
| Sub-Categories | Number | Percent of Total |
| Nine Mile | 3 | 23% |
| Restrooms | 2 | 15% |
| Other / General Support Facilities | 8 | 62% |
| Total | 13 | 100% |

| PIM Poll Results | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Categories within "Non-Motorized Trails" | | |
| Sub-Categories | Number | Percent of Total |
| Nine Mile | 26 | 26% |
| Mountain Biking | 21 | 21% |
| More Horse Trails | 11 | 11% |
| Trails Connecting Communities (North, South, & West of Wausau) | 11 | 11% |
| Hiking & Biking | 10 | 10% |
| Snowshoe & Cross-Country Ski | 2 | 2% |
| Better Trail Wayfinding/Signs | 2 | 2% |
| Marathon Park Pedestrian | 1 | 1% |
| Land Acquisition | 9 | 9% |
| Other | 6 | 6% |
| Total | 99 | 100% |

| PIM Poll Results | | |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| Specific Activity Mentions at Nine Mile | | |
| Sub-Categories | Number | Percent of Total |
| Hiking & Biking | 10 | 25% |
| Mountain Biking Trails | 11 | 28% |
| Snow-Making | 8 | 20% |
| Winter Biking | 11 | 28% |
| Total | 40 | 100% |