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PARK SYSTEM PLAN



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HOW TO USE THE PLAN

The contents of this plan are divided into five main chapters, as shown below. Each chapter plays an important role in uncovering the values, goals, and needs of the Shorewood community in relation to their parks, trails, and open spaces.

1. Introduction

The Introduction provides an overview of the **planning process and purpose**. A detailed **project schedule** is also included.

2. Planning Context

This chapter of the plan dives into the elements of Shorewood that make it special. **Community background and demographic information**, as well as **past planning projects** that have influenced the development of Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces over the years, are included.

3. Existing Conditions + Needs

The Existing Conditions + Needs chapter outlines how Shorewood's parks and trails are **currently operating** and summarizes findings from community engagement efforts and discussions with city staff and others to **identify what the community needs**.

4. The Action Plan

The Action Plan serves as the heart of the report—it provides an overview of the **recommendations for park and trail improvements** formed throughout the planning process, based on feedback from community members, city staff, the Parks Commission, and other key stakeholders.

This chapter of the plan discusses how to manage and fully realize the proposed CIP recommendations, ongoing recommendations, and connectivity recommendations, and even includes a **10-year CIP and potential funding resources** for the city's future reference and use.

5. Appendix

The Appendix includes the **complete results from the community survey**, as well as other supporting documents like **meeting notes, engagement summaries**, and concept plan iterations for South Shore Park used throughout the planning process.

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INTRODUCTION

In order to update the 2009 Parks Master Plan and better reflect the recreational needs of its residents, the City of Shorewood initiated the development of this document in May of 2025. **This updated plan is meant to provide guidance for the future development and operation of Shorewood's park, trail, and recreation system, and serve as an informational tool for the public and as a guide for city staff and other decision-makers in the community.** Rooted in community input and strategic planning, this plan aims to ensure Shorewood's parks and trails continue to evolve in ways that meet the changing needs of its residents over the next ten years while still maintaining the city's unique character and charm.

Aerial view of Minnewashta Elementary School, the Shorewood water tower, and surrounding lakes

THE PROCESS + PURPOSE

The Process

The Shorewood Park System Plan took about 8 months to complete. With help from city staff, the planning team inventoried and assessed the existing condition of the city's parks, trails, and open spaces, as well as their associated amenities and facilities. All information gathered was added to a customized Field Map app that allowed collected inventory information to be easily integrated with existing GIS software and shared with the city. The planning team held several meetings with city staff, the Parks Commission, and key stakeholders to discuss the project's goals, approach, scope, timeline and more. These groups provided valuable insight into how community members and visitors currently use the park and trail system, as well as useful information about changes affecting the city's resources over time.

With a community-centered planning process in mind, it was important to ensure the final plan was representative of the diverse needs and interests of Shorewood's residents. To gain crucial input from community members, an online community survey was created which garnered nearly 200 responses from

residents and over 500 written comments to survey questions. Additionally, the planning team facilitated listening sessions that allowed several key clubs, associations, and social groups to discuss how they use the park system, what they need in the future, and how this plan might accommodate those needs. Finally, two pop-up engagement events, as well as an open house event, were facilitated to garner specific feedback from residents.

The Purpose

The primary purpose of this plan is to provide a comprehensive and future-focused resource that will assist the city in evaluating park improvements, developing realistic budgets, and identifying and aligning resources effectively to make improvements to their parks, trails, and open spaces over the next 10 years.

Public parks and the recreational opportunities they provide are vital to maintaining a high quality of life in healthy communities. This plan seeks to promote this ideology in Shorewood for years to come.

1

Inventory

Inventory of existing park and trail amenities + assessment of current conditions and site features

2

Engage

In-person engagement events, listening sessions, and an online community survey

3

Analyze

Thorough review of existing conditions, past planning efforts, NRPA benchmarks + public input to identify improvement strategies

4

Improve

Development of recommendations for the park and trail system, as well as budgetary cost estimates for capital improvement planning and implementation

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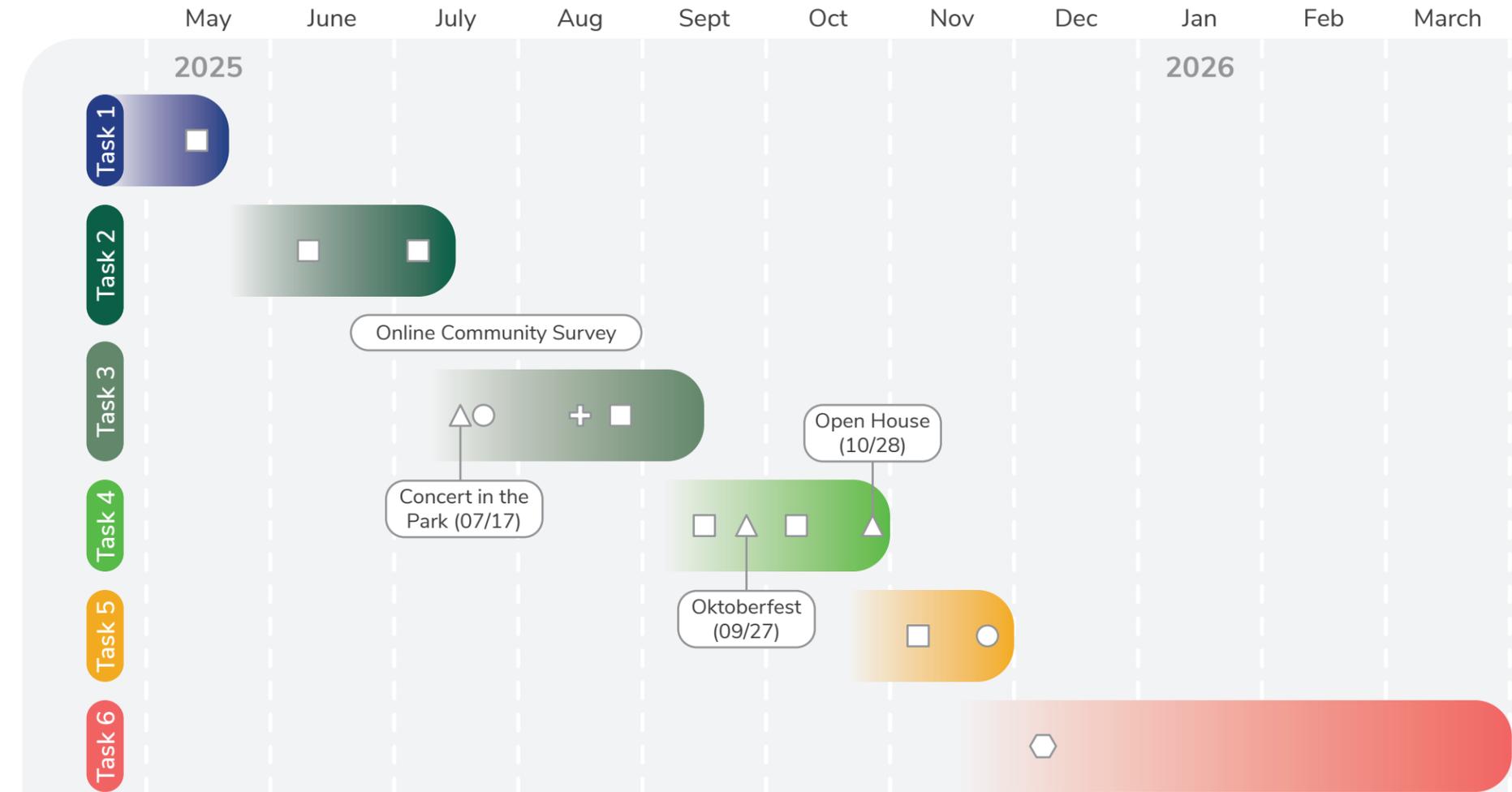
Adopt

Thorough review of the plan by the city, refinement, and presentation to city council for adoption

THE SCHEDULE

Over the course of an eight-month planning period, six primary tasks guided the development of this plan. These tasks provided organization to the planning process and ensured the plan is reflective of the community's wants and needs.

- Project Initiation
- Inventory + Analysis
- Community Needs Assessment
- Recommendations
- Implementation
- Final Plan + Approvals
- City Staff Meetings (7)
- Park Commission Meetings (2)
- + Listening Sessions
- Pop-Up Engagement Events + Open House (2)
- City Council Meetings (1)





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PLANNING CONTEXT

This plan is a direct response to the value Shorewood places on its expansive and beautiful outdoor environment. **The City understands that its parks, trails, and natural spaces play a vital role in improving the overall health and wellbeing of their community and will do what it takes to ensure their recreational facilities and amenities keep up with the city's shifting demographics and diverse needs.** Fortunately, Shorewood's proactive approach to long-range planning and community engagement position it to meet the evolving needs of its residents while still preserving all the qualities that make Shorewood unique.

This chapter of the plan discusses just that: what makes Shorewood so special. To establish an understanding of the community's roots, a brief overview of Shorewood's history, demographics, and past planning efforts is included in this chapter of the report.

Wetland area in Silverwood Park

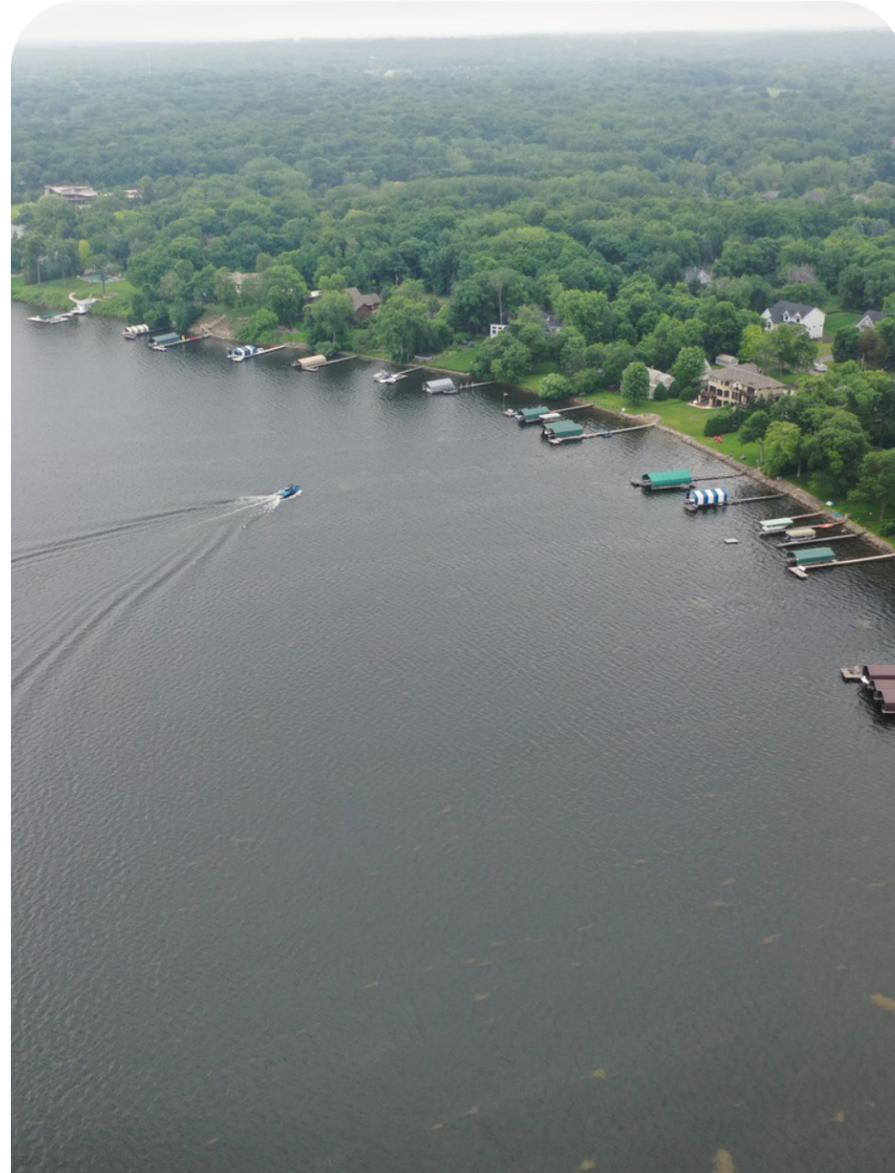
COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Located along the border of Carver and Hennepin Counties in the southwest portion of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area (about 30 minutes away from downtown Minneapolis), Shorewood is defined by its lush landscapes and abundant recreational opportunities. State Highway 7 serves as the main (east-west) transportation route through the city, weaving its way between the community's residential areas and nearby lakes. Shorewood is nestled along the southern shores of Lake Minnetonka, which has long shaped its identity and the community's love for the outdoors.

Shorewood's history stretches all the way back to the early 19th century, when Lake Minnetonka and its surrounding woods were considered sacred hunting and camping grounds to the Dakota people. The township of Excelsior, which originally included land in what is now Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, Tonka Bay, and parts of Deephaven and Orono, was incorporated in 1877, and the area quickly became a tourist destination with many luxurious hotels, inns, and destinations for visitors to explore. In order to avoid the threat of annexation by neighboring municipalities, the City of Shorewood was officially established in 1956.

Today, Shorewood represents a vibrant and scenic community that balances suburban living with its expansive natural features. The city maintains and operates 7 parks, ranging from small neighborhood parks to large community parks and natural areas. The total land area of city-owned parks and open space (i.e., land not suitable for development, including ponds, conservation easements, etc.) in Shorewood is about 305 acres, comprising about 9% of the city's total land area.

View of Shorewood's shoreline along Lake Minnetonka



DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

Shorewood is a modestly-sized suburban community with a population of approximately 7,768 people. According to the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Shorewood's population is projected to stay relatively stable, with a growth rate of only 1.3% from 2020 to 2040. This minimal increase in population contrasts that of Hennepin County, whose projected population growth rate is 12.1% over the same time period. Because the city has no large tracts of available vacant land for development and few clustered properties that may be suitable for redevelopment with higher residential densities, Shorewood's population will remain stable for many years to come.

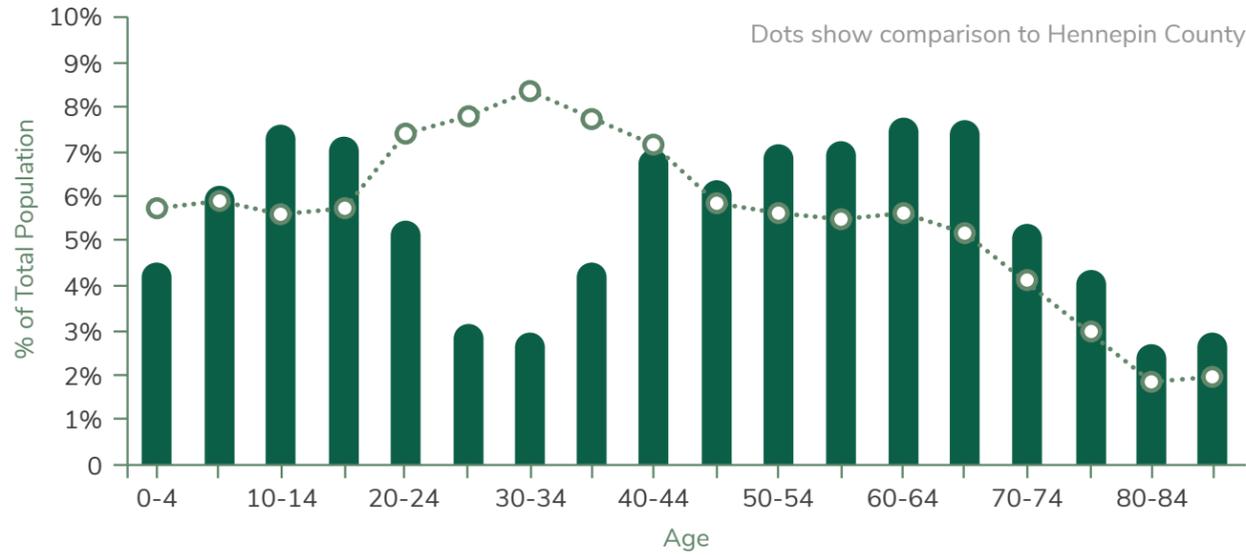
Shorewood has a predominantly white population (90.7%), with smaller percentages of the community identifying as two or more races (7.3%), Asian (1%), or another race (1%). The community has a median age of 45.3 years—it is expected that the retired age group (considered 65 to 90+) will become the fastest growing segment of the population as this decade comes to an end.

Shorewood has a median home value of \$657,895 and median household income of \$170,262, both of which far exceed that of Hennepin County (\$410,000 and \$96,300, respectively) and the United States (\$403,800 and \$83,700, respectively). Renting is also more expensive in Shorewood than in the county as a whole, with a median rent cost of about \$1,828 compared to the county's median rent cost of about \$1,735. This suggests that Shorewood is an established and affluent community, which is reinforced by the city's low poverty and unemployment rates. Currently, the population of residents in Shorewood living below the poverty line is much lower than the county and state averages of 10.1% and 10.6%.

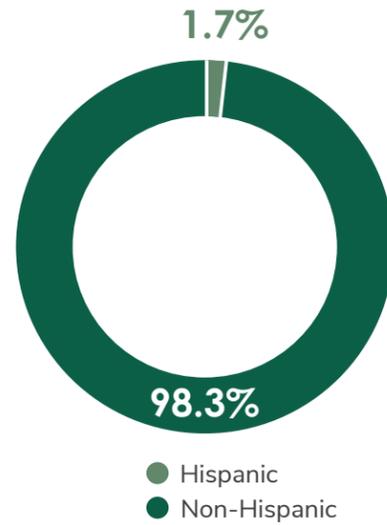
Key Findings

- 1** Shorewood has an aging population and is experiencing an outmigration of young adults who are looking for more affordable housing options elsewhere.
- 2** There is a lack of affordable starter homes in Shorewood, which disrupts the ability for residents to “age in place.”
- 3** Shorewood has a higher median household income (\$170,262) than Hennepin County (\$96,300), as well as the country as a whole (\$83,700).
- 4** Shorewood has a high level of educational attainment, with 72% of residents having obtained a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree.

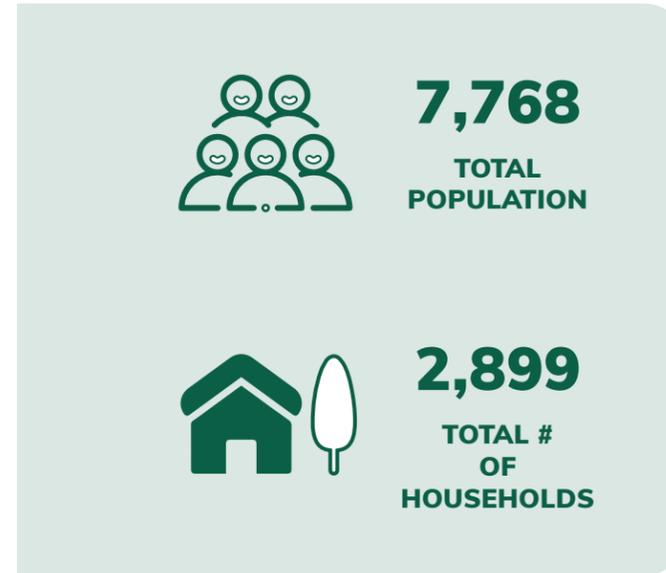
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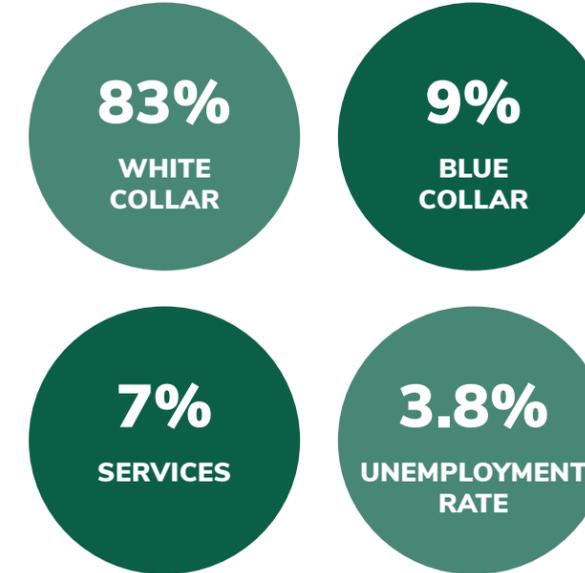
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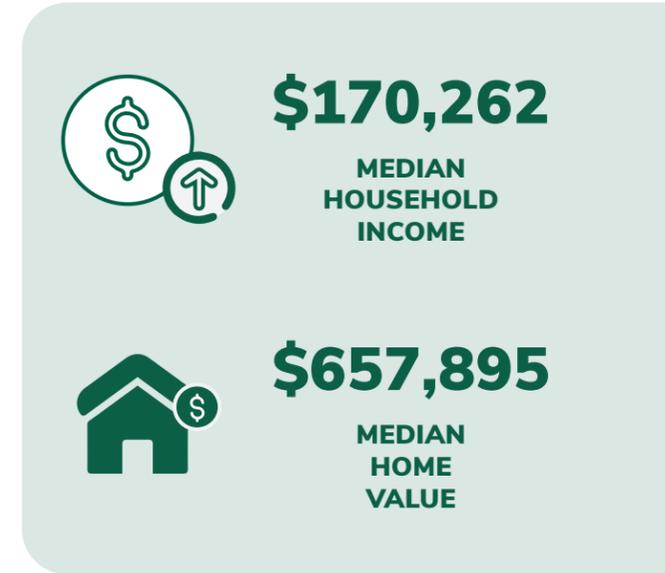
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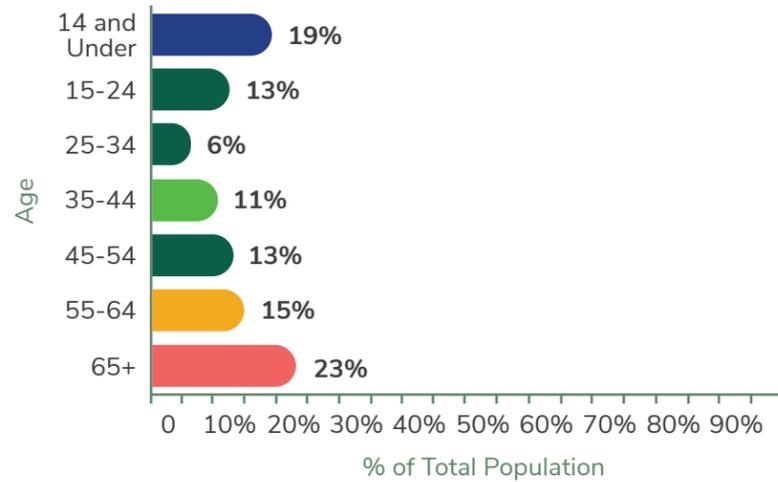
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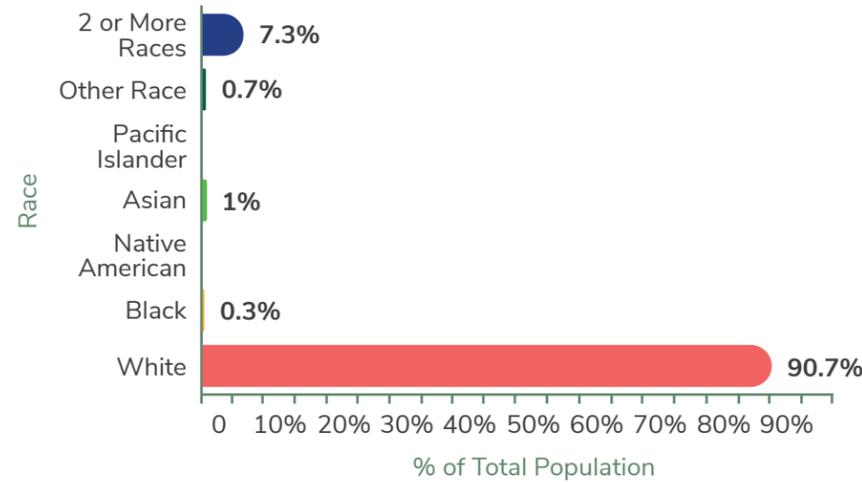
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Population Age Breakdown



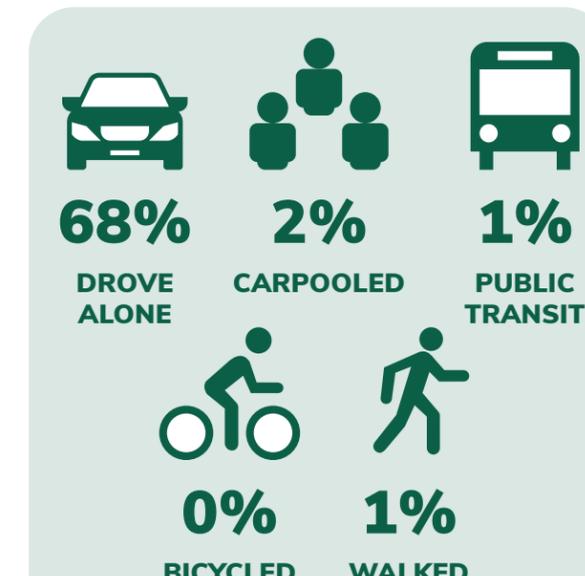
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Education



Transportation to Work



Other

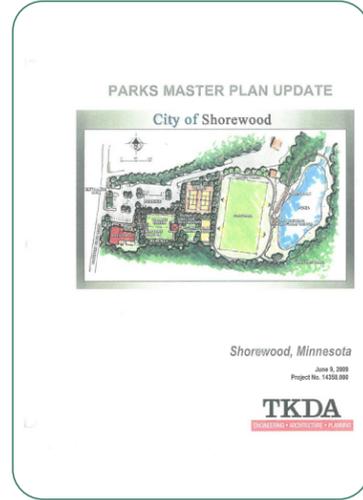


PAST PLANNING EFFORTS

A crucial step in the planning process is to review relevant studies, policies, and plans to gain insight into the city’s previously-identified goals, desires, and implementation strategies related to parks, trails, and open spaces. During the development of this plan, three past planning documents were reviewed, including:

- 2009 Shorewood Parks Master Plan Update
- 2040 Comprehensive Plan
- 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan

Brief summaries of key findings from each document are included to the right and on the following page.



Title: 2009 Shorewood Parks Master Plan Update

Date: June 2009

Prepared By: TKDA

Summary: Prior to the development of this plan, the 2009 Shorewood Parks Master Plan Update was the most recently developed park plan for the city. Given that the community is nearly developed and is not planning to add new park sites, this document focused on the development of master plans for five of the city’s existing parks (including Badger Park, Cathcart Park, Freeman Park, Manor Park, and Silverwood Park), as well as the identification of unifying elements for the park system.

To develop visual continuity and create an identifiable image for the park system, the following unifying elements were identified:

- Central gathering spaces
- Park structures
- Entrance signs
- Community gardens
- Trails/Walks to define and connect spaces
- Trees and plantings to define and reinforce park spaces
- Emphasis on native plantings and green design



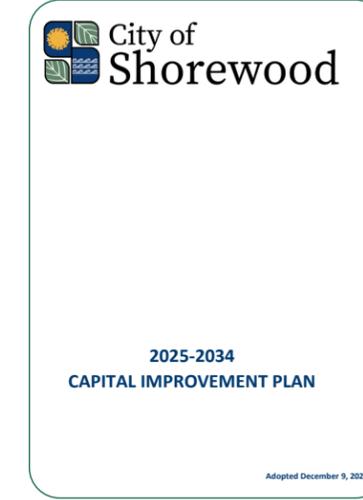
Title: Shorewood 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Date: April 2021 (amended in January 2023)

Prepared By: The City of Shorewood’s Planning + Protective Inspections Department

Summary: In response to Metropolitan Council’s mandate to update its comprehensive plan, as well as to identify any community issues or concerns, Shorewood updated its comprehensive plan in 2021. The document covers many topics, including land use, housing, community facilities, transportation, and more. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes a “Parks and Recreation” chapter that provides a brief analysis of the existing park system. A few findings from that chapter include:

- The city is not expected to see significant additional residential growth as there are very few vacant land parcels remaining in the community
- Residents are generally well-served by the existing park system
- Focus on future park planning will be on developing existing parks, as opposed to acquiring more land
- The city remains open to considering organization-supported expansion of Freeman Park (as well as other existing sites)



Title: City of Shorewood 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan

Date: December 2024

Prepared By: City Staff, including Marc Nevinski (City Administrator), Jeanne Schmuck (Finance Director), Matt Morreim (Public Works Director), and Andrew Budde (City Engineer)

Summary: To alert City Council and residents of any major upcoming capital needs related to infrastructure and equipment—as well as address its ability to pay for those identified improvements—the city developed an updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2025 to 2034. Although the document is not set in stone and is subject to change depending on the city’s physical conditions, financial conditions, and changes in priorities, it does provide high-level cost estimates and funding considerations for future improvements to parks and community facilities.

In total, \$1,643,000 in capital needs have been identified for “Park Improvements” over the next 10 years. These improvements include the installation of new playgrounds, the resurfacing or replacement of athletic courts, the renovation of South Shore Park, and more. Also identified in the CIP are \$243,500 worth of improvements to the Community + Event Center, which is an important community facility for Shorewood residents.



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EXISTING CONDITIONS + NEEDS

Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces provide residents with many opportunities to explore the great outdoors, socialize with friends and family, and both passively and actively recreate. With over 100 acres of parkland and a close proximity to many lakes, beaches, and regional parks, **Shorewood's identity is deeply rooted in its natural surroundings.** The city's indoor and outdoor recreational spaces not only enhance the quality of life for its residents but also serve as a cornerstone of the community's character.

This chapter of the plan provides an overview of the inventory and analysis process, as well as a look into the community engagement and needs assessment findings.

Freeman Park

THE STATE OF THE SYSTEM

To understand how Shorewood's park and trail system is currently managed and used, an in-depth inventory of the condition of the system's recreational amenities, facilities, infrastructure, and natural features was documented and integrated into a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. The connectivity, accessibility, and condition of portions of the city's trail system was also reviewed and documented. The information gathered in the database was then translated into an Excel spreadsheet and shared with the city for future use and reference. Taking stock of the existing system provided an accurate and up-to-date understanding of what recreational offerings Shorewood already has, as well as what amenities and facilities it might be lacking or in need of.

Table 1: Existing Trail Mileage

Trail Type	Trail Mileage
Existing Trails	
City Trails	11.78
Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail	2.6
Total:	14.38

The Park System

Shorewood's public parks (not including open space) make up about 102 acres, or about 2%, of the city's entire land area. Each of the city's seven parks range in size and function, from Cathcart Park, the smallest park in the system at about 4.5 acres, to Freeman Park, which takes up the largest amount of space at 61.4 acres.

As shown in Table 2 on page 21, the majority of the city's parks, including Cathcart Park, Badger Park, Manor Park, and Silverwood Park, are considered neighborhood parks, while the city's remaining parks are either community parks (Freeman Park) or special use parks (South Shore Park and Gideon Glen Park). A variety of amenities and facilities can be found throughout the system, including ballfields, community gardens, hockey rinks, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and much more (see pages 24 and 25 for a more detailed look at each park's assets). Based on initial findings from the inventory of the park system, as well as conversations with city staff and the community, many park amenities are in "fair" or "good" condition, meaning they are not in need of immediate replacement



* Also striped for pickleball

or repair. Although Shorewood has a variety of park facilities and amenities in working condition, there are some park features that are not currently meeting the needs of the community, not functioning properly, or not safe for continued use by the public. Due to heavy usage by community members and exposure to the elements, this is normal; however, the slow degradation of park features and equipment must be addressed to preserve the longevity of the city's parks and trails.

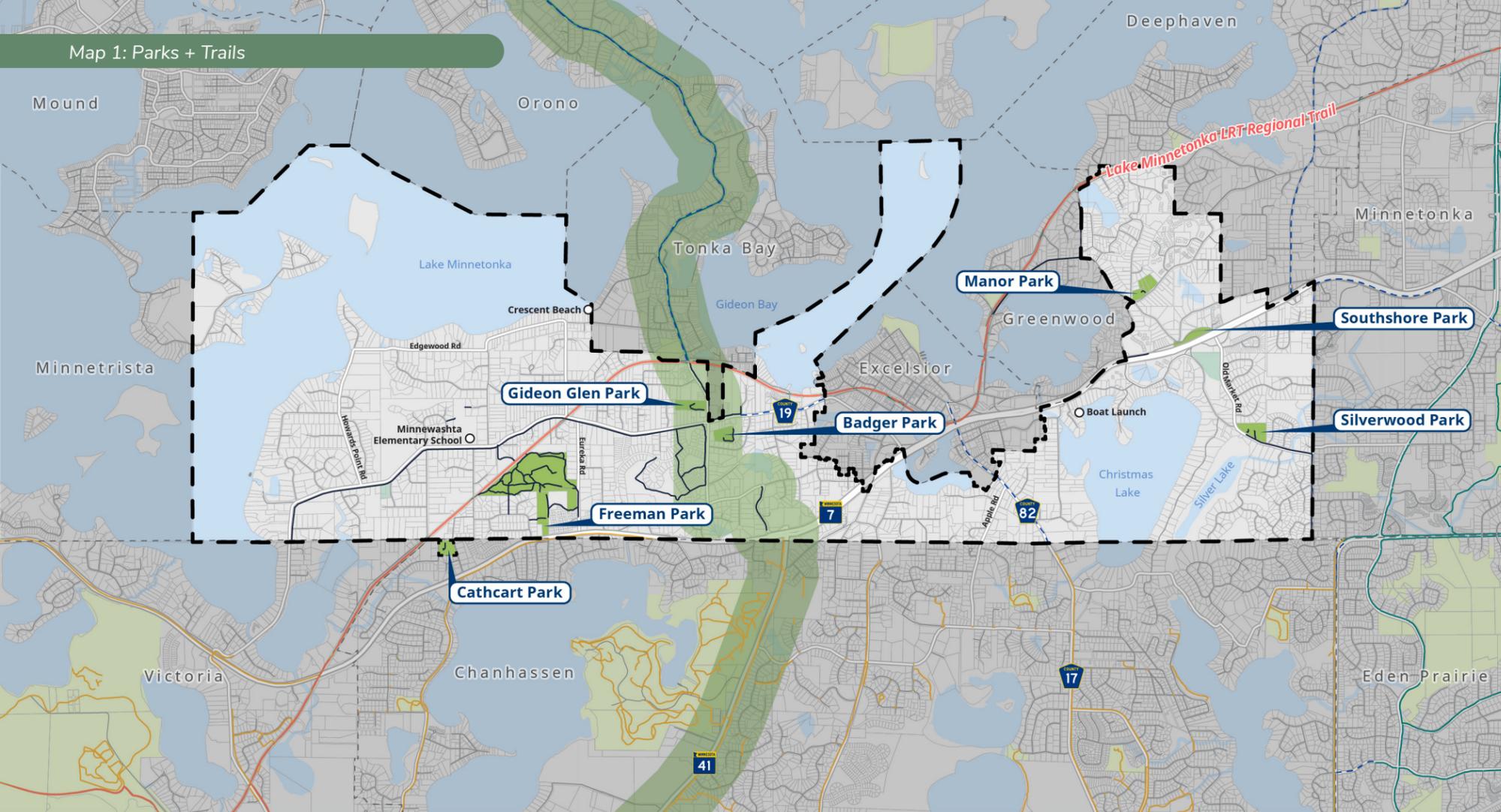
The Trail Network

Shorewood also maintains 11.78 miles of city trails and sidewalks, which provide accessible surfaces for wheelchairs, bikes, strollers, and pedestrians to navigate the city's park and trail system. An additional 2.6 miles of the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail also winds its way through Shorewood. Unfortunately, a sharp reduction in land development, limited financial resources, and older road layouts that lack the shoulder space or easements needed for trail integration have resulted in little additional trail construction over the last handful of years. Regardless, most of the city's existing trails and sidewalks are in good or working condition. Back in 2023, the city even rehabilitated existing trails in Freeman Park and constructed a new trail head connection to the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail.

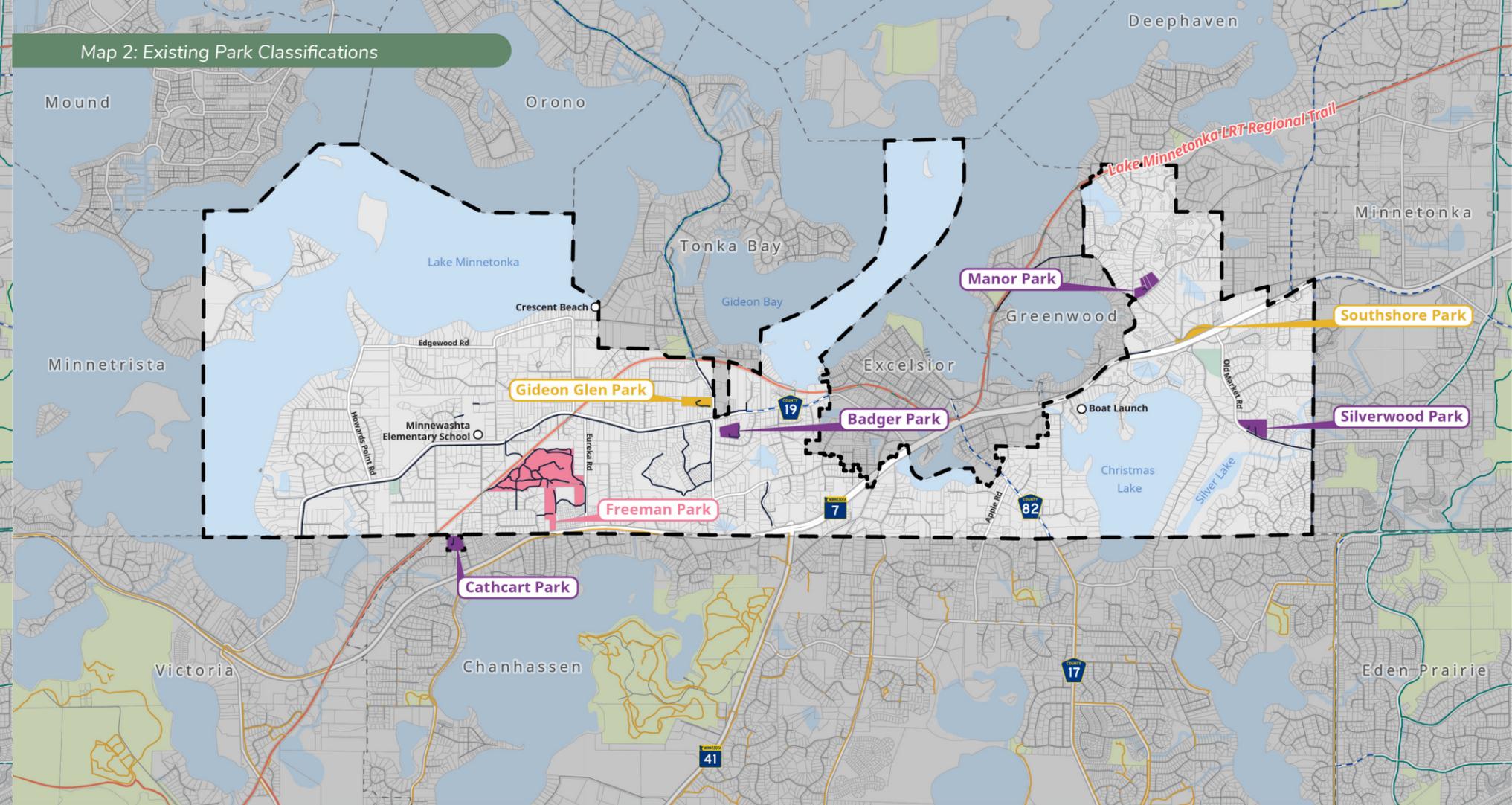
Table 2: NRPA Park Classifications

Classification	Size	Service Area	Access	Purpose/Function	Shorewood
Park Types					
Mini Park	2,500 sq ft to 1 acre	1/4 mile radius	Easily accessible to neighborhood residents; can be found in urban settings, usually in or near downtown areas	Provides opportunities for recreation close to home, especially where access to larger parks is not possible; often comprised of large areas of hard surfaces	• None
Neighborhood Park	>1 to 15 acres	1/4 to 1/2 mile radius; within a walkable distance to surrounding residents w/o any major barriers	Easily accessible to neighborhood populations with safe walking and bicycle access	Provides both active and passive recreation and information gathering spaces; responds to the need for basic recreational amenities	• Badger Park • Cathcart Park • Manor Park • Silverwood Park
Community Park	>15 acres	1 to 2 miles; community-wide	Accessible by foot, bike, car, and public transit; often located near natural amenities and regional trails	Provides a strategic location for community-wide activities that serve a broad purpose; balances active and passive recreational needs	• Freeman Park
Community Athletic Park	10 to 25+ acres	Community-wide	Generally connected to trails and sidewalks; ample parking	Provides a strategic location for organized athletic recreation with regulation-sized fields and their associated facilities	• None
Regional Park	Up to several hundred acres	Community-wide, regional, and tourist use	Can vary; often placed or centered around natural environments	Uses vary but are focused primarily on outdoor and natural resource-based recreation and learning	• There are no regional parks in Shorewood
Special Use Park	Varies	Community-wide	Site-specific	Serves a specific community need (e.g., golf, fitness, nature education, etc.)	• Gideon Glen Park • South Shore Park
Natural Area	Varies	Community-wide	Situated near/ around natural resources and amenities	Typically used for passive recreation; designed to protect environmentally-sensitive features	• None

Map 1: Parks + Trails



Map 2: Existing Park Classifications



Parks + Trails

- City Trails
- Carver County Trails
- Hennepin County Trails
- Regional Trails
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- Mid-Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor
- City Parks
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- Cemeteries
- Rivers + Streams
- Parcels
- Lakes
- Other Destinations
- Shorewood City Limits
- Roadways



Existing Park Classifications

- City Trails
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- Community Parks
- Special Use Parks
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- Other Destinations
- Parcels
- Shorewood City Limits



Existing Park Assets

Upon conclusion of the inventory process, the planning team consolidated the quantitative information about each park's assets into an "Existing Amenities and Facilities" table. Table 3 is not entirely comprehensive, but it does provide a thorough overview of the system's park and trail features and can be used alongside the standards and guidelines later in this chapter to identify what the city may consider removing or adding to its parks in the future. Although they are not accounted for in system-wide distribution maps (because they are not city-owned), the recreational facilities at Minnewashta Elementary School—which include large playground areas, ballfields, hard courts, flexible fields, and a gaga ball pit—are available for community members to use during non-school hours and after securing a facility-use permit from the Minnewashta Area School District.

Table 3, as well as the information throughout the rest of this chapter, is meant to assist the community and city in better understanding the condition and distribution of their park features so they can more easily implement plans and develop timelines for continued maintenance and replacement of those amenities down the road.



Badger Park fields

City Parks	Address	Proposed Classification	Park Acreage
Existing Neighborhood Parks			
Badger Park	5745 Country Club Rd	Community Park	9.8 acres
Cathcart Park	26655 W 62nd St	Neighborhood Park	4.5 acres
Manor Park	20630 Manor Rd	Neighborhood Park	6.4 acres
Silverwood Park	5755 Covington Rd	Neighborhood Park	7.5 acres
Existing Community Parks			
Freeman Park	6000 Eureka Rd	Community Park	61.4 acres
Existing Special Use Parks			
Gideon Glen Park	5620 County Rd 19	Natural Area	5.8 acres
South Shore Park	5335 St. Alban's Bay Rd	Neighborhood Park	5.8 acres
Totals:			101.2 acres

Table 3: Existing Amenities and Facilities

Active/Recreational Facilities														Passive/Supporting Facilities																
Ballfields	Basketball Courts (Full)	Basketball Courts (Half)	Dog Parks (Off-Leash)	Exercise Stations	Football/Soccer/Lacrosse Fields	Gaga Ball Pit	Ice/Hockey Rinks	Pickleball Courts (Striped for)	Playground Areas	Pool/Aquatic Facility	Skate Park	Splash Pad	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Walking/Biking Trails	Bike Racks	Bleachers/Stands	Community Gardens	Drinking Fountains	Message Boards/Signs	Off-Street Parking	On-Street Parking	Open Space/Field	Park Entry Signage	Perm. Restroom Facilities	Picnic Shelters	Picnic Tables	Private/Shared Parking	Portable Restrooms	Warming House
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Table 3: Existing Amenities and Facilities (Continued)

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS + EVENTS

Recreational Programming

Recreational programming is an integral component of any cities' park and trail system. By offering structured programming in well-maintained indoor or outdoor spaces, cities can improve the physical and mental health of their residents, as well as strengthen community connections and support local economic growth. Park programming not only generates revenue directly from fees and charges, it also provides indirect revenues to the local economy through sports tournaments, special events, and more. Successful programming can even offset operating costs from revenue generated from fees and charges.

Shorewood offers some recreational programming opportunities for its residents to participate in; however, limited space at existing facilities, a limited number of facilities, scheduling conflicts, and the extensive amount of programming opportunities offered in adjacent communities (such as Minnetonka and Eden Prairie) all contribute to low participation rates from Shorewood residents. For example, the city has hosted the South Lake Safety

Camp—an educational summer day camp for children in third, fourth, and fifth grade that focuses on fire and life safety—for several years but was forced to cancel the event in 2025 due to low enrollment and community interest. Although the city sends out bi-monthly Shore Report newsletters, posts often on their website, and keeps the community updated through social media (e.g., Facebook and Instagram), perhaps outreach and communication could be improved to reach residents of a wider variety of ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

With limited financial flexibility and no dedicated staff for recreational programming (aside from the city's Park and Recreation Director and Park and Recreation Specialist), the city will need to continue establishing partnerships with nearby cities, as well as Minnewashta Elementary School, to provide adequate programming opportunities at little to no cost to its residents. As space allows, residents should consider taking advantage of program opportunities offered through Minnetonka Community Education and other organizations in adjacent cities.

Community Events

On the other hand, Shorewood partners with local organizations, businesses, and clubs to host a variety of engaging community events throughout each year. These community events include (but are not limited to):

- **Arctic Fever in January**
 - » Provides free winter family fun for all ages and includes a variety of activities
- **Lucky's Pots O' Gold in March**
 - » Allows residents to explore neighborhood parks to find green pots of gold/treasure
- **Spring Cleanup and Paper Shred in May**
 - » Helps residents recycle appliances, electronics, and other items that cannot be recycled curbside
- **Concert in the Park in July**
 - » Offers residents great music, local food trucks, and a variety of activities to participate in at Freeman Park
- **Night to Unite in August**
 - » Provides an opportunity for residents to get to know one another

- **Movie in the Park in August**
 - » Allows residents to watch a family-friendly movie, participate in themed activities, and enjoy some tasty treats in Freeman Park
- **South Lake Safety Camp in August**
 - » Provides kids entering grades 3-5 a fun opportunity to learn about fire and life safety
- **Oktoberfest in September**
 - » Gives residents a chance to participate in family activities, listen to live music, eat German food, and more at Badger Park/ the Community + Event Center
- **Winter Clothing Drive in October**
 - » Provides an opportunity for residents to donate gently used or new winter clothing as temperatures drop
- **Food and Toy Drive in November**
 - » Allows residents to drop off non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys at City Hall for those in need

Each year, the events Shorewood facilitates for its residents are highly attended and well-loved by the community, providing plenty of opportunities for residents to interact with nature, the outdoors, and one another. More information about each event can be found at shorewoodmn.gov/335/community-events.



Arctic Fever event



South Lake Safety Camp event



Lucky's Pots O' Gold event



Oktoberfest event

NRPA BENCHMARKS + GUIDELINES

NRPA Agency Benchmarks

Each year, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) gathers nationwide data on park and recreation agencies across the United States to assist them in evaluating their offerings and supporting the diversity of needs and interests of their communities. The 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review document organizes that nationwide data—gathered from more than 900 park and recreation agencies across the country—in terms of park facilities, programming, staffing, budget, and agency funding.

Because each community’s park and recreation agency is unique, it is important to note that the NRPA standards and guidelines included in the following pages are not standards that agencies should strive to obtain—rather, they are just one set of metrics among many others that agencies can use to see how they compare to communities of a similar size (in Shorewood’s case, communities with populations of less than 20,000).

Table 4: NRPA Agency Benchmarks

NRPA Benchmark	All Agencies (Median)	Agencies <20,000 (Median)	Shorewood	Takeaways/Notes
Park Facilities				
Residents per Park	2,411 residents	1,001 residents	1,110 residents	Per capita, Shorewood has more than double the number of parks than the median agency in the United States, but for communities with less than 20,000 residents, Shorewood provides about the same number of parks per capita.
Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents	10.2 acres/1,000 residents	12.9 acres/1,000 residents	13 acres/1,000 residents	Shorewood residents have more acres of parkland per 1,000 residents than the median agency in the United States.
Acres of Parkland	28.7 acres	16.1 acres	101.2 acres	Shorewood has more total acres of parkland than the typical agency (due in part to the large size of Freeman Park).
Staffing				
Park and Recreation Full-Time Employees per 10,000 Residents	8.6 employees	13.7 employees	1.5 employees	The only full-time park and recreation employees in the city are the Parks and Recreation Director and the Parks and Recreation Specialist. Public Works oversees park maintenance but does not have specific dedicated park staff.
Budget				
Annual Operating Expenditures	\$7,225,000	\$1,452,000	\$859,470	Shorewood spends much less in operating expenditures than both the median agency in the United States and communities with less than 20,000 residents.

Table 4: NRPA Agency Benchmarks (Continued)

NRPA Benchmark	All Agencies (Median)	Agencies <20,000 (Median)	Shorewood	Takeaways/Notes
Budget (Continued)				
Annual Operating Expenditures per Resident	\$103.13	\$139.87	\$109	Annual Operating Expenditures = \$850,470 Residents = 7,768
Annual Operating Expenditures per Acre of Parkland	\$8,577	\$9,512	\$8,404	Annual Operating Expenditures = \$850,470 Acres of Parkland = 101.2
Annual Operating Expenditures per Full-Time Employee	\$118,150	\$107,982	\$566,980	Annual Operating Expenditures = \$850,470 Full-Time Employees = 1.5
Typical Revenue to Total Operating Expenditures	38%	N/A	13.68%	Typical Revenue from Community + Event Center and Recreation = \$117,650 Total Operating Expenditures = \$859,470
Agency Funding				
Annual Capital Budget Spending	\$2,530,000	\$442,400	\$188,650	The city has budgeted \$243,500 for Community + Event Center improvements and \$1,643,000 for park capital improvements over the next ten years.
Five-Year Capital Budget Spending	\$12,650,000	\$2,212,000	\$943,250	



Tree installation by Public Works staff

SERVICE AREA + FACILITY GUIDELINES

Recreation Facility Service Standards

The 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review document also offers guidelines and metrics related to indoor and outdoor recreation facility service standards. These facilities are integral to park and recreation systems for a variety of reasons—they promote health and well-being, offer a sense of belonging, and provide a reprieve from harsh weather conditions throughout the year. Because there is not a single set of standards that could reflect the individuality of every communities' park and recreation system, the facility service standards featured in the following pages are intended to give Shorewood a general idea of the minimum level of service needed for convenient access to indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.

The tables in the following pages of the report provide information pertaining to:

- The median number of facilities recommended for communities with a population of less than 20,000 residents
- The recommended service area of each of those facilities (e.g., minute-walk or entire city)

- The target range and suggested quantity of each facility type
- The current facility quantity present in Shorewood
- The excess or deficit of each amenity type based on the target range identified
- Any notes that provide additional information about nearby facilities that residents of Shorewood have reasonable access to
- Conclusions about the facilities in Shorewood and how they are currently serving residents' needs

In general, Shorewood lacks indoor recreation facilities—namely aquatic centers, indoor ice arenas, indoor playgrounds, nature centers, recreation centers, and senior centers—mostly due to its smaller size and close proximity to larger cities with many of those facilities. When it comes to outdoor facilities, Shorewood has plenty of opportunities for residents to engage in. However, there is a slight deficit for half- and full-sized basketball courts, disc golf courses, fitness zones/exercise stations, off-leash dog parks, and skate parks when compared to park and recreation agencies in communities of a similar size.

Shorewood Community + Event Center

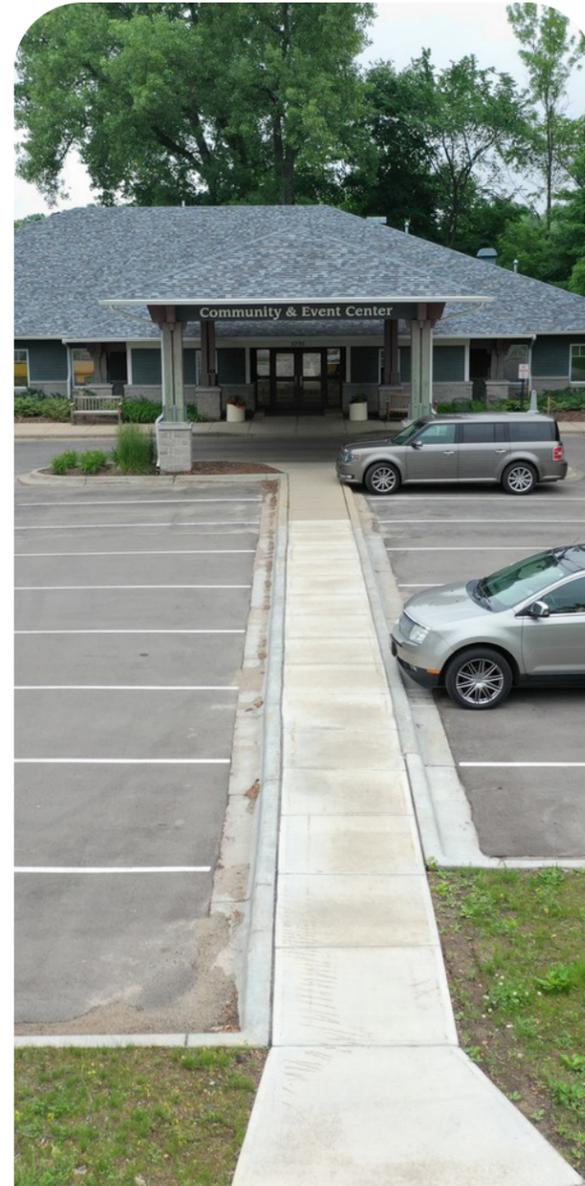


Table 5: NRPA Indoor + Outdoor Service Area and Facility Guidelines

Facility	Minimum Number per Population	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Indoor Recreation Facilities							
Aquatic Centers	1 per 14,000	Entire city	0-1	0	0	Eden Prairie Community Center (indoor pools), Minnetonka Aquatics Center (indoor pools), Williston Fitness Center in Minnetonka (indoor pool and splash pad), The Marsh in Minnetonka (indoor pool), Goldfish Swim School in Minnetonka (indoor swimming school)	Shorewood residents have several nearby resources for indoor pools/aquatics. There is not a current need for a facility in Shorewood.
Community Centers	1 per 10,000	Entire city	0-1	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorewood Community and Event Center • Minnetonka Community Center and Glen Lake Activity Center in Minnetonka (activity rooms) 	The Shorewood Community and Event Center is a high-value amenity for residents and is currently meeting the city's needs.
Indoor Ice Arenas	1 per 8,000	Entire city	0-1	0	0	Eden Prairie Community Center (indoor ice rinks), Orono Ice Arena, David M. Thaler Sports Center in Mound (indoor ice rinks), Minnetonka Ice Arena (public skating and open hockey), Pagel Activity Center in Minnetonka (indoor ice rink), Velocity Hockey Center in Eden Prairie (indoor ice rink)	Shorewood residents have several nearby resources for indoor ice arenas. There is not currently a need for a facility in Shorewood.
Indoor Playgrounds	1 per 25,000	Entire city	0-1	0	0	Prairie Play Zone at the Eden Prairie Community Center, Treehouse at the Williston Fitness Center, Jump Start Adventure Park in Chanhassen, Play Date LLC in Chaska, Peanuts Playhouse in Shakopee, Kids Empire in Bloomington	Indoor playgrounds are an emerging facility type in the Upper Midwest as residents with smaller children seek recreation opportunities during colder times of the year. Shorewood's current age distribution does indicate a high need for an indoor play area.
Nature Centers	1 per 9,000	Entire city	0-1	0	0	Lowry Nature Center in Carver Park Reserve (located in Victoria), Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (located in Chanhassen), Richardson Nature Center in Bloomington, Westwood Hills Nature Center in St. Louis Park	Shorewood residents have several nearby resources for nature centers and outdoor education facilities. There is not currently a demand or opportunity for a facility in Shorewood.

Table 5: NRPA Indoor + Outdoor Service Area and Facility Guidelines (Continued)

Facility	Minimum Number per Population	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Indoor Recreation Facilities (Continued)							
Permanent/ Semi-Permanent Restrooms	1 per 2,500	20-25 minutes	0-1	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Badger Park Freeman Park Manor Park 	Shorewood provides more permanent/semi-permanent restrooms for communities with less than 20,000 residents. Although there is not currently a need for another facility in Shorewood, the city may consider adding more depending on the need of residents.
Recreation Centers (including gyms)	1 per 10,000	Entire city	0-1	0	0	Eden Prairie Community Center (includes fitness center), Williston Fitness Center (in Minnetonka), The Marsh in Minnetonka (group and individual fitness)	Recreation centers serve a wide range of residents with varying ages, abilities, and interests. As the city grows, an indoor recreation area might be a consideration depending on the need of residents.
Senior Centers	1 per 14,000	Entire city	0-1	0	0	Minnetonka Senior Citizen Center (senior events and programming), Chanhassen/Council Chambers Senior Center (activities and programs for individuals aged 55 and older), Eden Prairie Senior Center (activities and programs for seniors)	The Shorewood Community and Event Center provides some support for area seniors. As the average age of Shorewood residents continues to increase, an expansion of programs and events for seniors should be considered.
Outdoor Recreation Facilities							
Ballfields (Competitive)	1 per city + 1 per 7,500	10-15 minutes	2	3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field 1 at Freeman Park Field 2 at Freeman Park Field 3 at Freeman Park 	Shorewood provides an adequate number of competitive fields for its residents.
Ballfields (Recreational)	1 per city + 1 per 3,750	10-15 minutes	3	5	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field 4 at Freeman Park Field 5 at Freeman Park Field 6 at Freeman Park Manor Park Cathcart Park 	Shorewood provides an adequate number of recreational fields for its residents.

Table 5: NRPA Indoor + Outdoor Service Area and Facility Guidelines (Continued)

Facility	Minimum Number per Population	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Outdoor Recreation Facilities (Continued)							
Basketball Courts (Half)	1 per 3,000	10-15 minutes	2	1	-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silverwood Park 	An additional full-court basketball facility should be considered.
Basketball Courts (Full)	1 per 4,500	10-15 minutes	2	1	-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathcart Park 	
Community Gardens	1 per 9,000	Entire city	1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Shore Park Freeman Park 	Shorewood provides an adequate number of community gardens; as long as demand holds, these gardens should remain.
Disc Golf Courses	1 per 9,500	Entire city	1	0	-1	Crown College Disc Golf Course in Waconia (public, 18-hole), Downs Farm Disc Golf Course (private but open to the public during certain events; 9-hole), Chaska Disc Golf Course (public, 9-hole), Staring Lake Park Disc Golf Course in Eden Prairie (public, 9-hole), Bryant Lake Disc Golf Course in Eden Prairie (pay-to-play, public, 9-hole)	Shorewood residents have a number of courses in neighboring communities and do not need to add one within city limits (depending on the needs of residents).
Fitness Zones/ Exercise Stations	1 per 8,000	Entire city	1	0	-1		A fitness zone/exercise stations should be considered based on resident feedback.
18-Hole Golf Courses	1 per 12,000	Entire city	0-1	0	0	Deer Run Golf Club in Victoria (public golf course), Chaska Town Course (public golf course), Glen Lake Golf & Practice Center in Minnetonka (public golf course), Orono Orchards Golf Course (public golf course), Braemar Golf Course in Edina (public golf course)	Shorewood residents have access to several public courses nearby.
Rectangular Fields (Multi-Purpose)	1 per 2,500	10-15 minutes	3	11	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 striped fields at Freeman Park 1 striped field at Badger Park 1 unstriped field at Manor Park 	Shorewood provides more than the median number of rectangular fields, but demand and use is increasing and should be considered in 5 to 7 years.

Table 5: NRPA Indoor + Outdoor Service Area and Facility Guidelines (Continued)

Facility	Minimum Number per Population	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Outdoor Recreation Facilities (Continued)							
Off-Leash Dog Parks	1 per 10,000	10-15 minutes	1	0	-1	Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Off-Leash Dog Area in Chanhassen, Carver Park Reserve Off-Leash Dog Park in Victoria, Chaska Dog Park, Staring Lake Park Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area in Eden Prairie, Flying Cloud Dog Park in Eden Prairie, Bryant Lake Dog Park in Eden Prairie	An off-leash dog park should be considered.
Outdoor Ice Rinks	1 per 8,500	10-15 minutes	1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathcart Park Manor Park (retention pond) 	Shorewood provides an adequate number of outdoor ice rinks.
Outdoor Swimming Pools	1 per 10,000	Entire city	1	0	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local beaches (e.g., Crescent Beach) Minnetonka Regional Park Swim Pond in Minnetrista (outdoor swimming pond), Edina Aquatic Center (outdoor waterpark), Soak City Waterpark at Valleyfair in Shakopee (outdoor waterpark) 	Outdoor swimming is available at local beaches. There is not a current need for an outdoor pool.
Pickleball Courts	1 per 3,500	10-15 minutes	2	4	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathcart Park (1 tennis court striped for pickleball) Manor Park (1 tennis court striped for pickleball) Badger Park (2 tennis courts striped for pickleball) 	Shorewood does not currently offer dedicated pickleball courts. The city should consider adding dedicated courts in an appropriate location relative to residential housing.
Playgrounds	1 per 2,000	10-15 minutes	4	5	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Badger Park (1 area) Cathcart Park (1 area) Freeman Park (2 areas) Manor Park (1 area) Silverwood Park (1 area) 	Shorewood currently provides one more playground area than the median agency. The addition of a nature play area could be considered. Continue to update playgrounds across the system as they reach the end of their useful life; see recommended CIP for more info.

Table 5: NRPA Indoor + Outdoor Service Area and Facility Guidelines (Continued)

Facility	Minimum Number per Population	Service Area	Target Range	Current Number	Excess/Deficit	Notes	Conclusions
Outdoor Recreation Facilities (Continued)							
Skate Park	1 per 11,000	Entire city	1	0	-1	Glen Lake Skate Park in Minnetonka, Chanhassen Skate Park, Chaska Skate Park, Zero Gravity Skate Park in Mound, Round Lake Skate Park in Eden Prairie	There is not currently a demand or need for a skate park.
Sledding Hills	N/A	Entire city	N/A	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silverwood Park 	The sledding hill at Silverwood Park is well-used and the city does not currently have a need for another.
Splash Pad/Water Plaza	1 per 13,500	Entire city	0-1	0	0	Edina Aquatic Center (splash pad); Miller Park, Nesbitt Preserve, and Round Lake Park splash pads (all in Eden Prairie)	The city should consider exploring the development of a water plaza somewhere in the park system based on feedback from residents.
Tennis Courts	1 per 3,500	10-15 minutes	2	4	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Badger Park (2 courts) Cathcart Park (1 court) Manor Park (1 court) 	Shorewood provides more tennis courts than the median agency but use and demand may warrant more.
Volleyball Courts	1 per 7,000	20-25 minutes	1	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freeman Park Manor Park 	Improve the court at Freeman Park and consider the removal of the court at Manor Park depending on use.

THE GAPS

Gap Analysis

Distance and access to parks are the greatest determinants of park use. People are far more likely to visit parks that are close to where they live or work, while those who live far away choose other alternatives or skip outdoor recreation altogether. To better understand the community's access to their park system, the planning team developed gap analysis maps that compare existing residential land use to areas within a 1/2-mile (or 10 minute) and 1/4-mile (or 5 minute) walk to a city park. Doing so helped to identify where the greatest need for recreational amenities, facilities, and other opportunities currently exist. However, it is important to note that even if a park is nearby, barriers—such as a lack of sidewalks, unsafe crossings, or poor trail connectivity—can still limit access.

In general, a large portion of residents lack access to parks or are outside of a 10-minute walkshed. This is especially true for those in the western portion of Shorewood (in the areas north of Smithtown Rd and west of Eureka Rd), as well as the area between Hwy 7 and Christmas Lake.

The same is true for playground access. Although five of the city's seven parks (as well as Minnewashta Elementary School) include playground facilities, there are still large pockets of the community outside of a 10-minute walkshed.

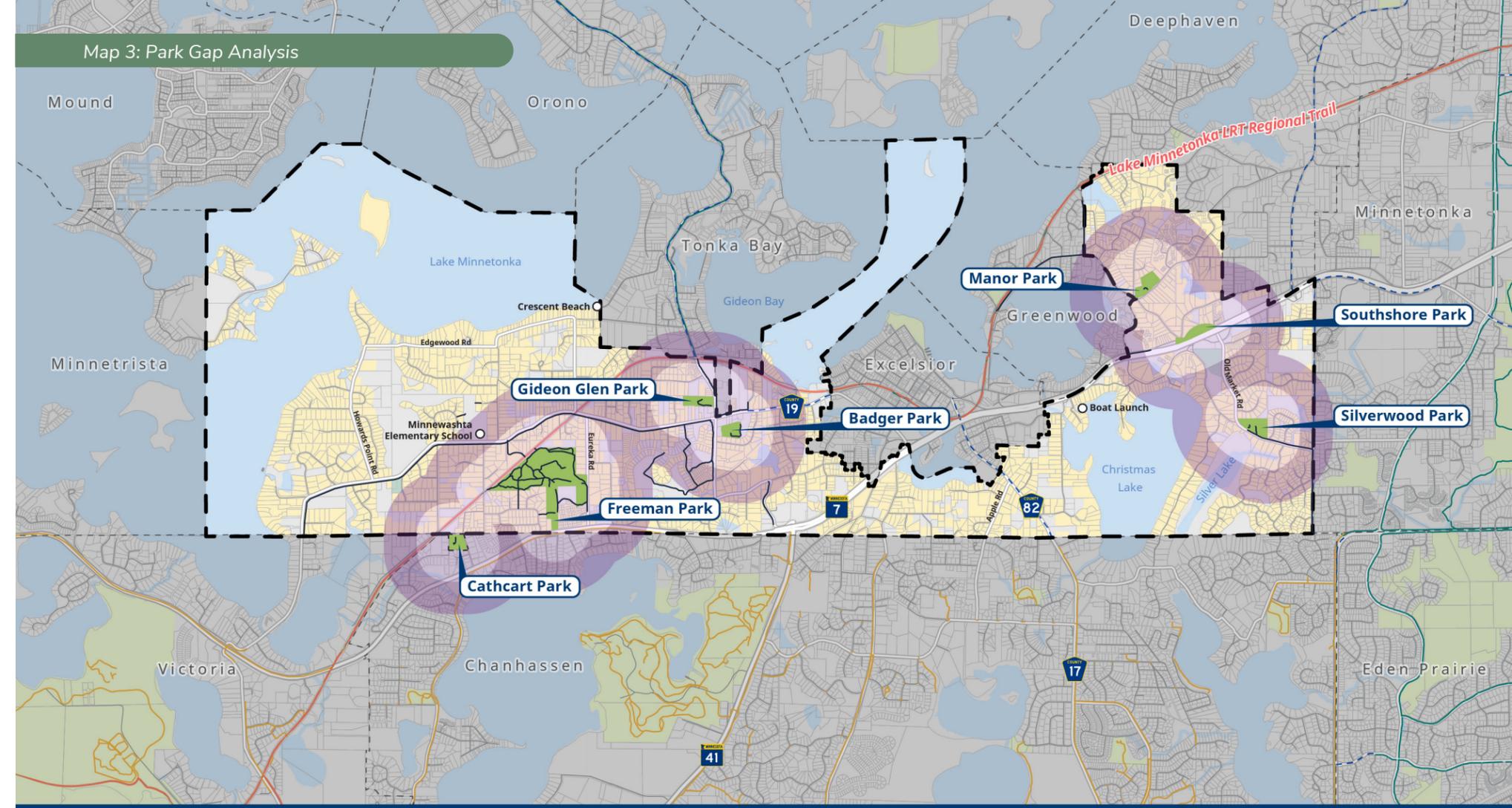
The maps on the following four pages visualize the existing park and playground access gaps in the community.

Potential Solutions

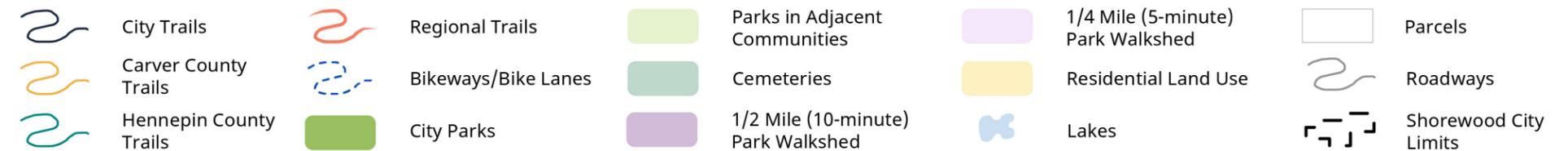
Because the city has limited opportunities in the future to acquire additional parkland (and therefore improve park and playground access for residents with limited to no access), they should consider prioritizing trail connectivity to make getting to those they do have easier. Unfortunately, Shorewood is bisected by Hwy 7 and lacks the ROW in many neighborhoods to incorporate sidewalks or trails, which means improving park and trail connectivity will require creative, multi-modal solutions. Some strategies to improve trail connectivity could include:

- The use of grade-separated crossings (like pedestrian bridges or underpasses)
- Leveraging existing infrastructure like utility corridors, drainage easements, or rail corridors as potential alternative trail routes
- Implementing on-street solutions like bike lanes or shared-use lanes on streets, especially where sidewalks aren't possible to construct
- Developing short connector paths through public land, easements, or cooperative agreements with private property owners
- Improving wayfinding and signage to make finding and navigating parks easier
- Strategic land acquisition to fill critical gaps
- Further developing partnerships with schools, businesses and other entities to allow partial public access where appropriate

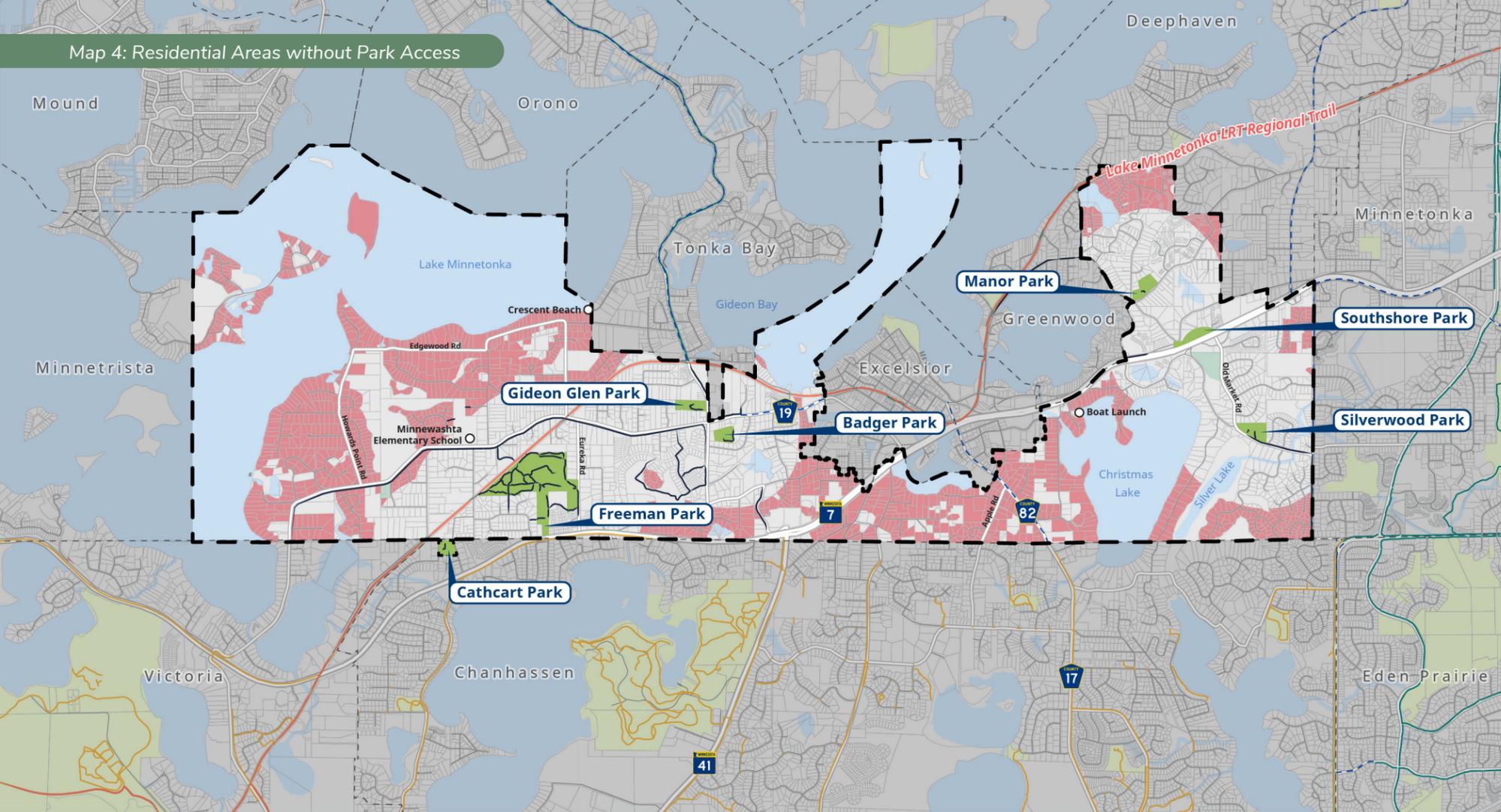
Shorewood residents always have the option to use park facilities and amenities in adjacent communities (like Chanhassen, Minnetonka, or Eden Prairie), but a car may be necessary to avoid a long walk.



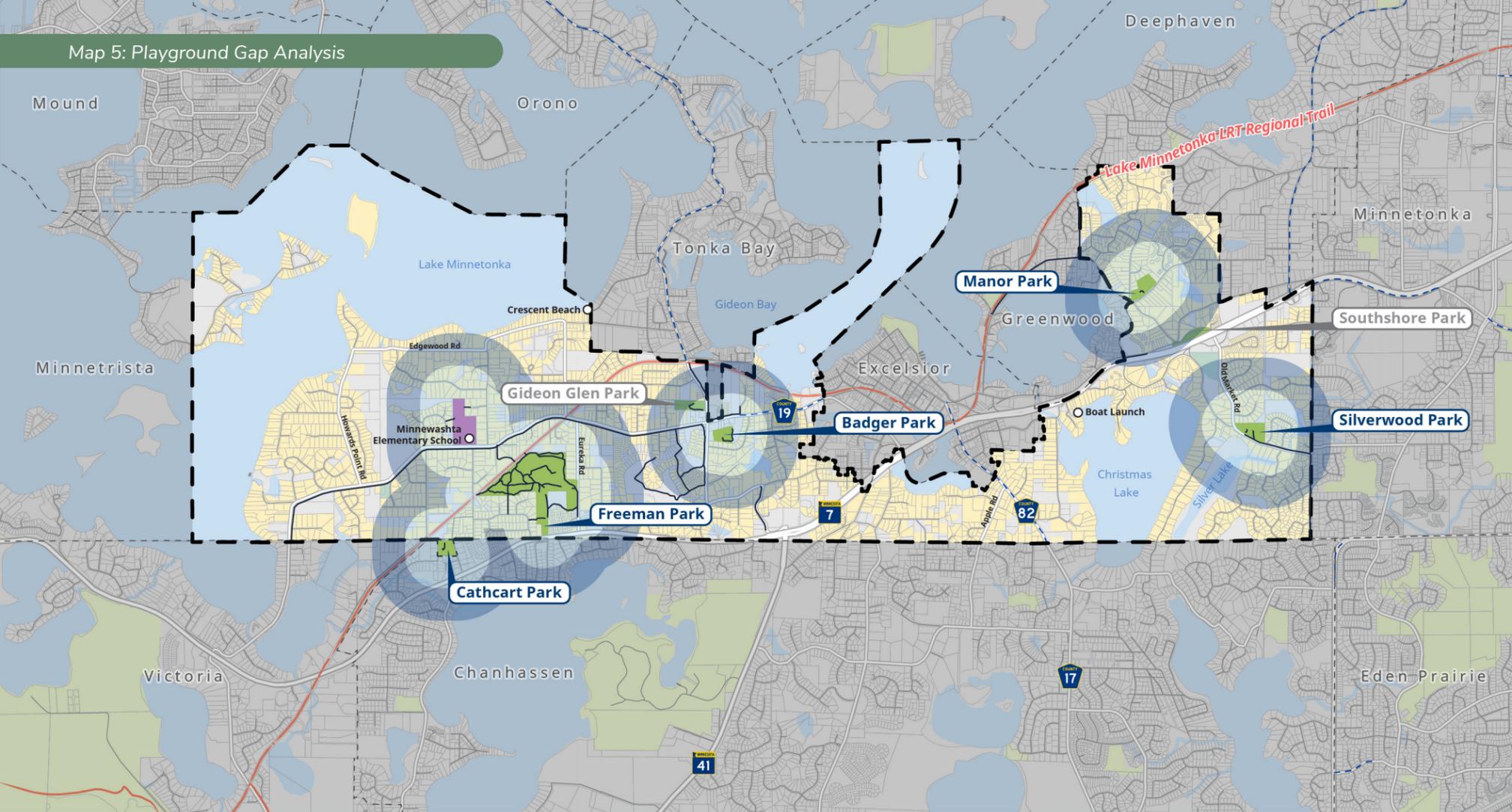
Park Gap Analysis



Map 4: Residential Areas without Park Access



Map 5: Playground Gap Analysis



Residential Areas without Park Access

- City Trails
- Regional Trails
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- Parcels
- Other Destinations
- Carver County Trails
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- Cemeteries
- Roadways
- Shorewood City Limits
- Hennepin County Trails
- City Parks
- Residential Areas not within 15 Minute Walkshed
- Lakes

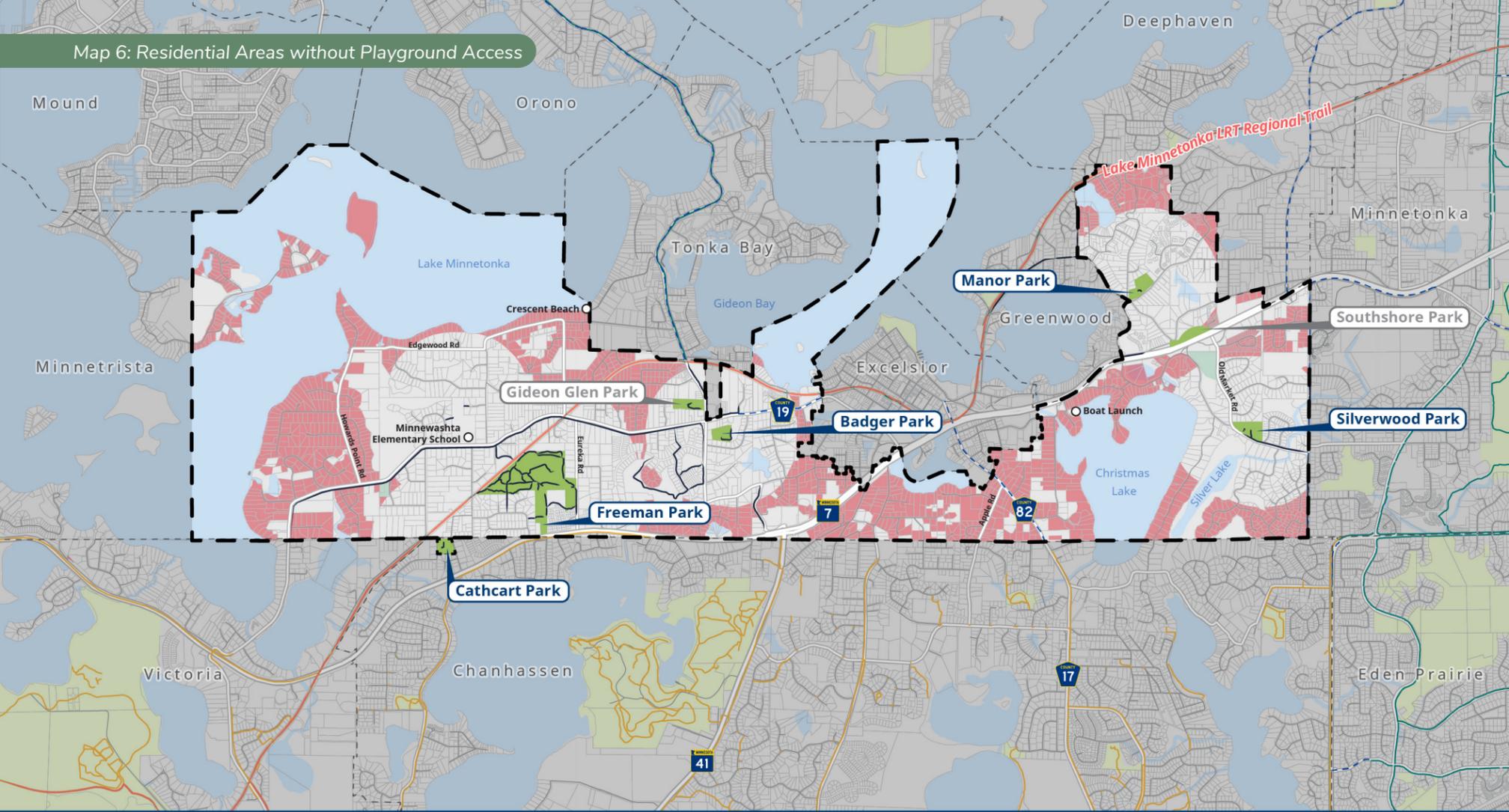


Playground Gap Analysis

- City Trails
- City Parks
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- 1/4 Mile (5-minute) Playground Walkshed
- Roadways
- Regional Trails
- Cemeteries
- Residential Land Use
- Lakes
- Shorewood City Limits
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- School Facilities
- 1/2 Mile (10-minute) Playground Walkshed
- Parcels



Map 6: Residential Areas without Playground Access



DISTRIBUTION OF AMENITIES

Although Shorewood's park system offers residents a variety of recreational opportunities to enjoy, the distribution of those amenities across the system is important to consider. If amenities are concentrated in only a few parks, residents in other neighborhoods might lack access to features they'd like to enjoy. If amenities are evenly spread, residents are more likely to find what they need close to home, therefore encouraging regular park use. A balanced distribution of amenities ensures that each park within a system offers unique experiences—some geared toward nature, others on athletics or community gathering—while avoiding redundancy.

Key takeaways about the distribution of courts and fields, playgrounds, park amenities, park structures, winter activities, and water access opportunities are included to the right.

Courts + Fields

- Distribution is concentrated mostly west of Hwy 7
- Lacking north of Smithtown Rd and between Christmas Lake and Hwy 7

Playgrounds

- Distributed fairly evenly throughout the community
- Lacking north of Smithtown Rd and between Christmas Lake and Hwy 7

Park Amenities

- Distributed well across the park system
- Especially plentiful at Freeman Park, Manor Park, and Silverwood Park

Park Structures

- Distributed across four of the city's seven parks
- Lacking in the western portion of the community (west of Grant Lorenz Rd) and between Christmas Lake and Hwy 7

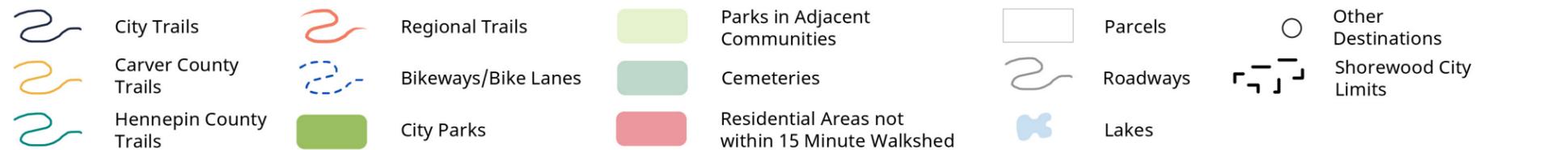
Winter Activities

- Distributed fairly even throughout the community; limited options available
- Sledding hills are lacking west of Christmas Lake

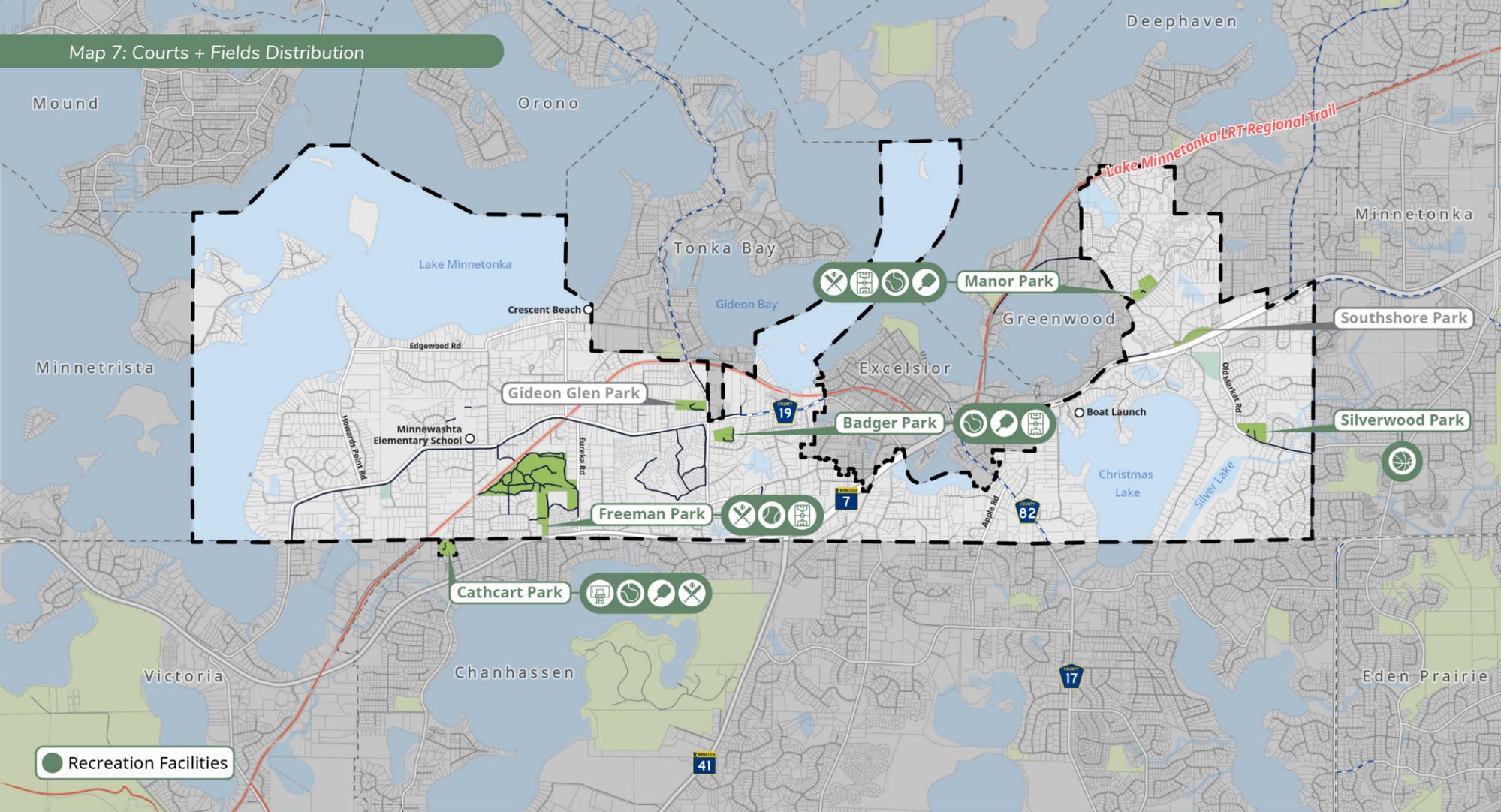
Water Access

- Crescent Beach and the Christmas Lake Boat Launch are the only way to access water in Shorewood
- Many boat launches, fishing locations, and public beaches in adjacent communities

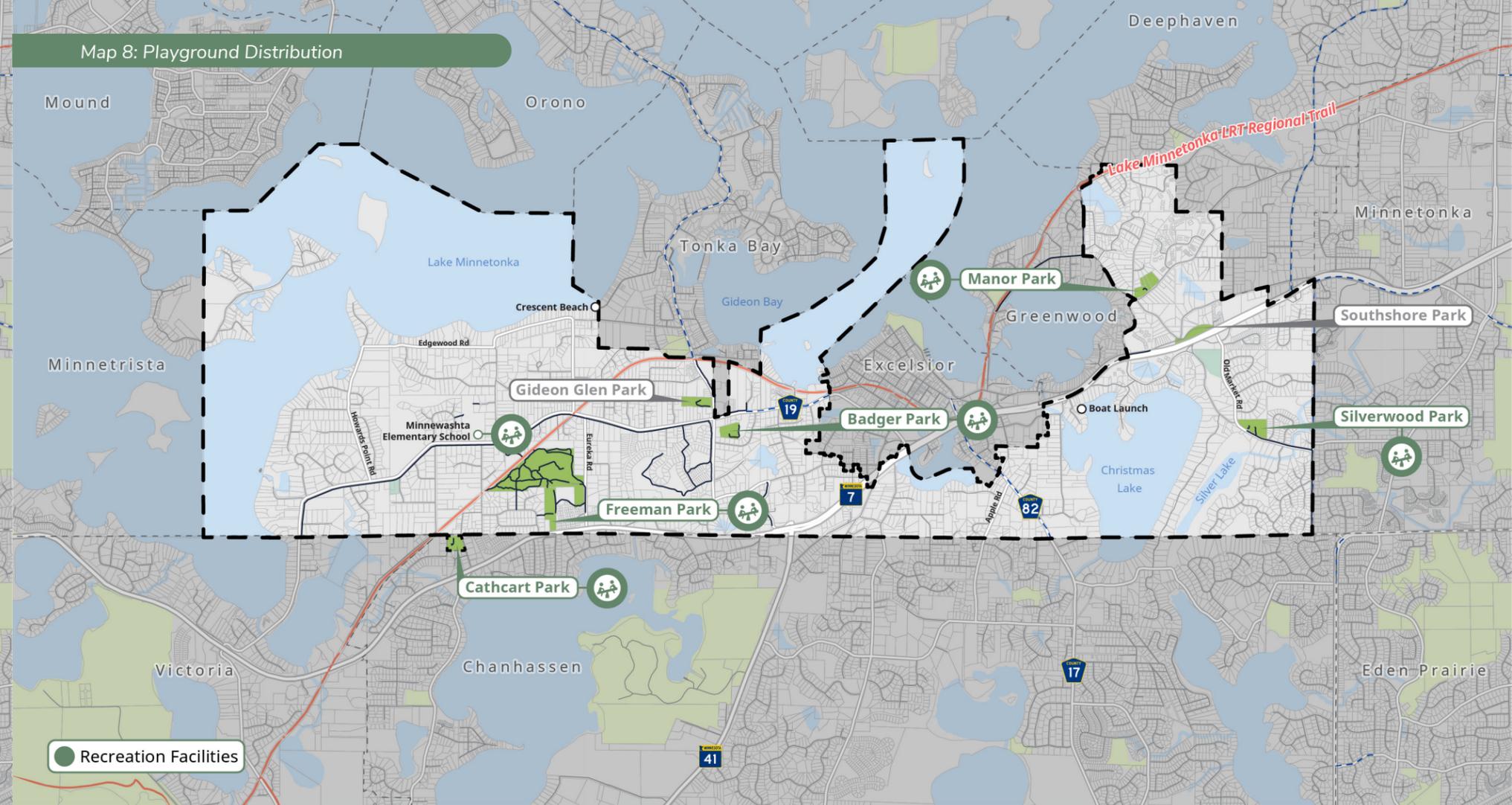
Residential Areas without Playground Access



Map 7: Courts + Fields Distribution



Map 8: Playground Distribution



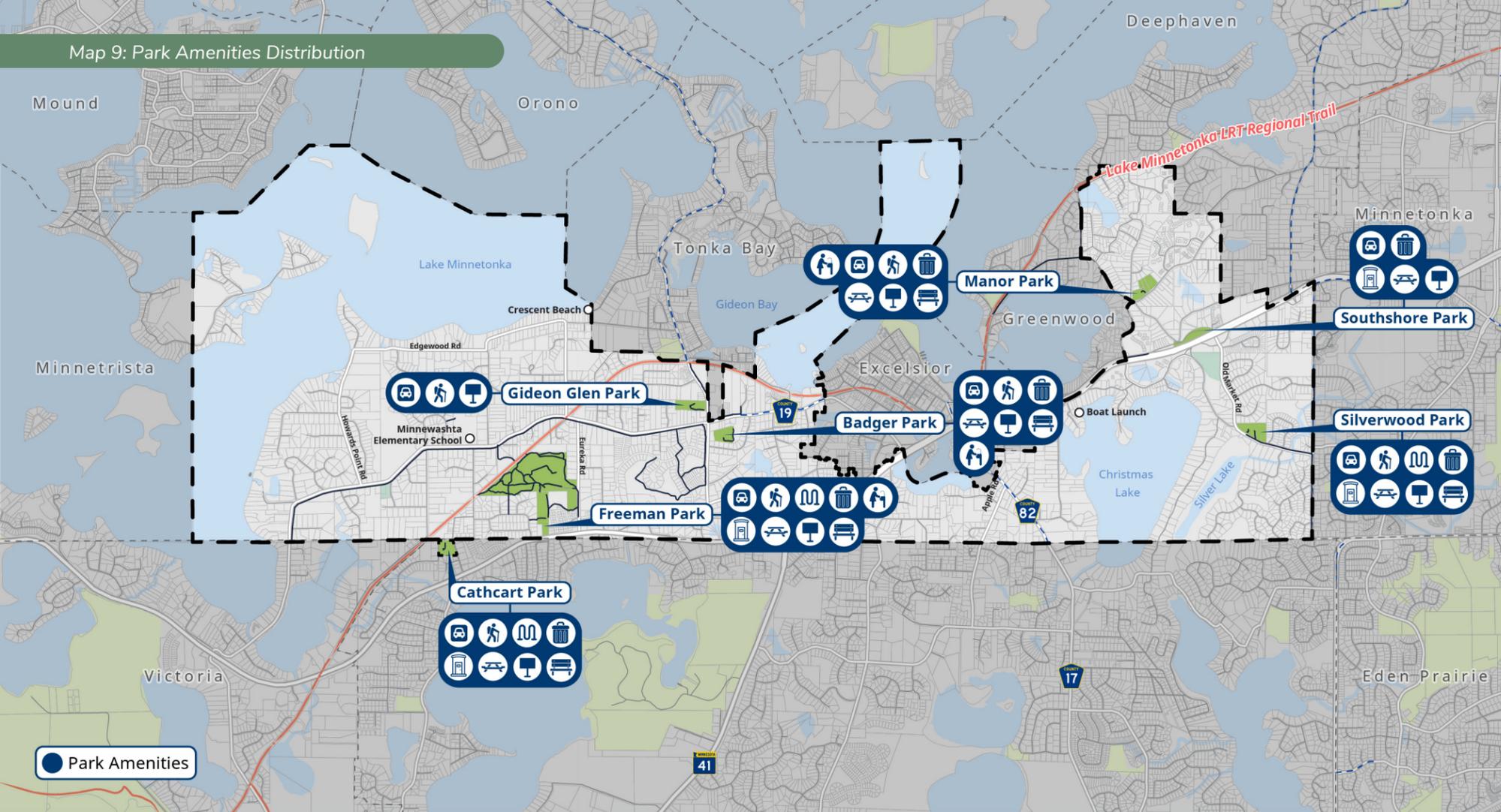
Courts + Fields Distribution

- Basketball Courts (Half)
- Basketball Courts (Full)
- Tennis Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Recreational Ballfields
- Competitive Ballfields
- Multi-Use Fields
- City Parks
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- Cemeteries
- Regional Trails
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- City Trails
- Rivers + Streams
- Roadways
- Shorewood City Limits
- Parcels
- Lakes

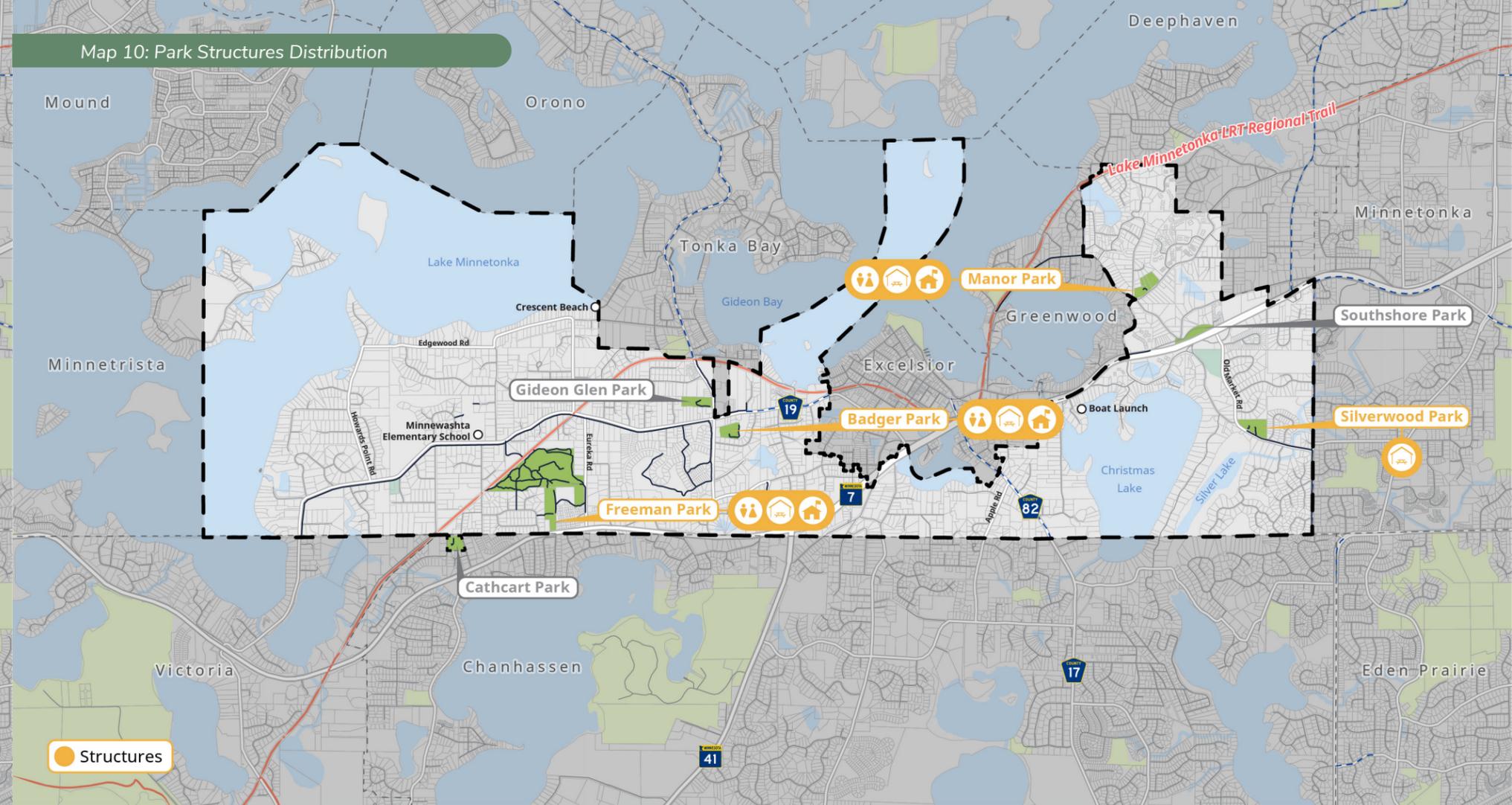
Playground Distribution

- Playgrounds
- Cemeteries
- City Parks
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- Regional Trails
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- City Trails
- Rivers + Streams
- Roadways
- Shorewood City Limits
- Parcels
- Lakes
- Other Destinations

Map 9: Park Amenities Distribution



Map 10: Park Structures Distribution



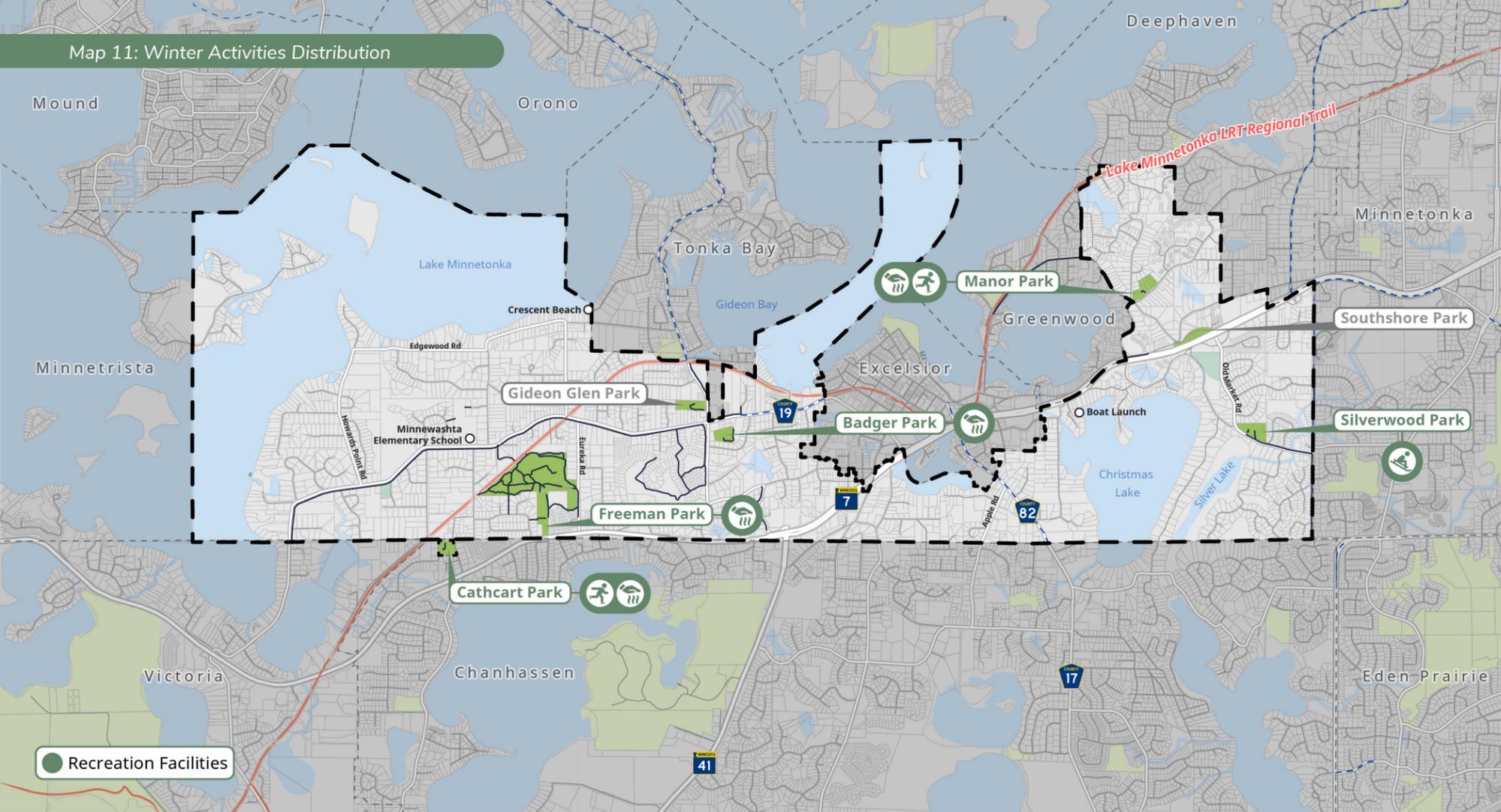
Park Amenities Distribution

- Benches
- Litter Receptacles
- Picnic Tables
- Portable Restrooms
- City Parks
- City Trails
- Rivers + Streams
- Other Destinations
- Bike Racks
- Off-Street Parking
- Park Entry Signage
- Trails
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- Regional Trails
- Parcels
- Shorewood City Limits
- Drinking Fountains
- Litter Receptacles
- Picnic Tables
- Portable Restrooms
- Cemeteries
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- Lakes
- Roadways

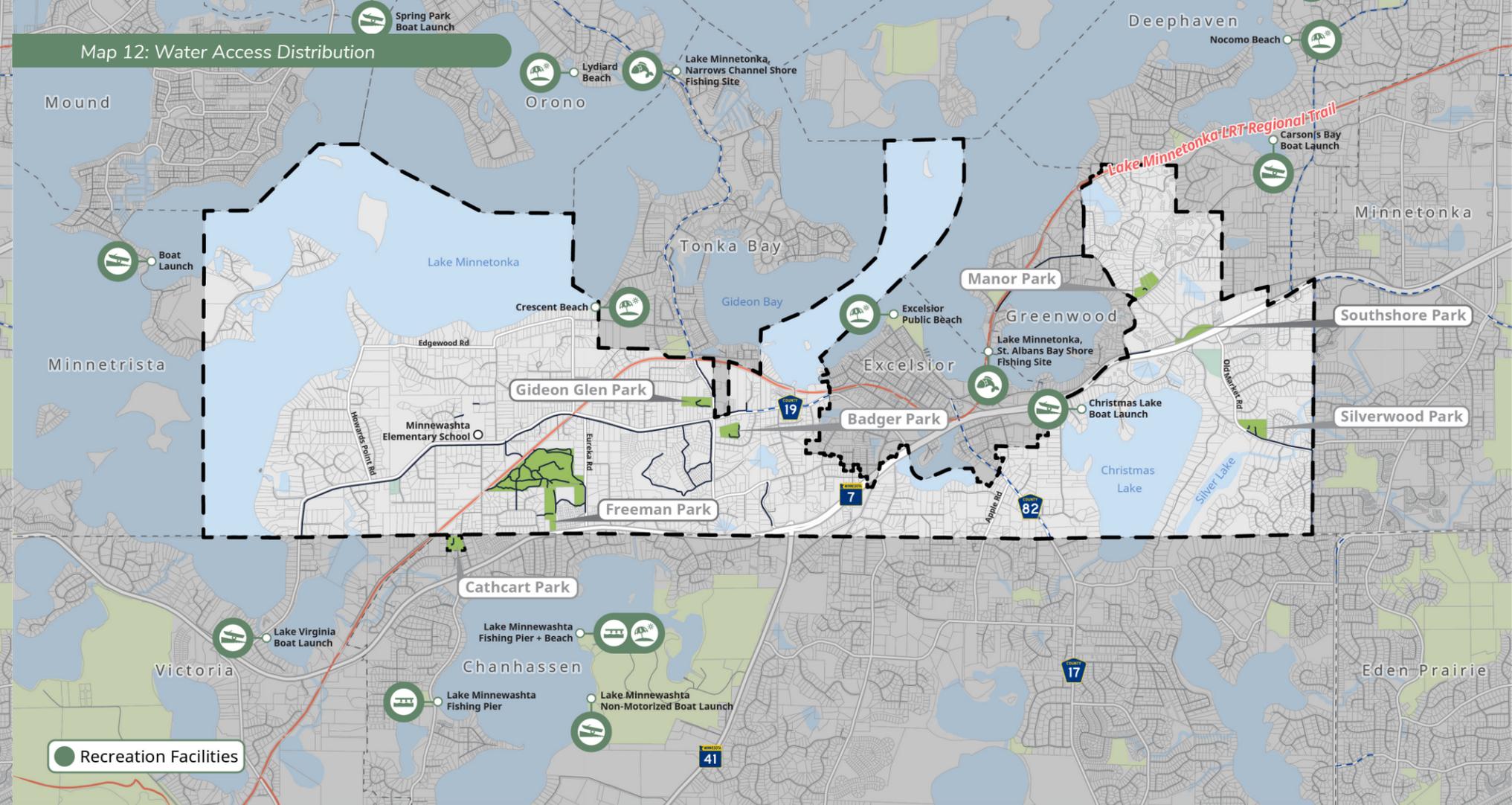
Park Structures Distribution

- Permanent Restroom Facilities
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- City Trails
- Rivers + Streams
- Other Destinations
- Open-Air Picnic Shelters
- Cemeteries
- Regional Trails
- Parcels
- Shorewood City Limits
- Permanent Park Building
- City Parks
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- Lakes
- Roadways

Map 11: Winter Activities Distribution



Map 12: Water Access Distribution



Winter Activities Distribution

- Park Building/Warming House
- Sledding Hills
- Outdoor Ice Rink
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- Cemeteries
- City Parks
- City Trails
- Regional Trails
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- Rivers + Streams
- Lakes
- Other Destinations
- Shorewood City Limits
- Roadways



Water Access Distribution

- Public Boat Launch
- Public Fishing Pier
- Public Beach
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- Cemeteries
- City Parks
- City Trails
- Regional Trails
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- Rivers + Streams
- Lakes
- Other Destinations
- Shorewood City Limits
- Roadways



COMMUNITY INPUT

Over the course of the 10-month planning period, three engagement events, including two summer pop-up events and a park system plan open house, were conducted to gather feedback from community members about Shorewood's park and trail system. These events provided residents with in-person opportunities to discuss issues and opportunities related to the park system with the planning team.

The city regularly posted about the park system plan on their website and spread the word on social media, at community events, and by word of mouth. Yard signs were also placed in all of the parks and the city created business cards with information about the plan (including a QR code to the survey) that were distributed at events and to park users. An online community survey was also created, which helped the planning team better understand the community's desires and needs. The findings from this survey are summarized on pages 50 to 53, and complete survey results are included in the appendix of this plan. Additionally, the planning team met with key park stakeholders, including the local lacrosse, soccer, baseball, and softball clubs, seniors, and park volunteers to hear their

input and thoughts on the current and future system. Key takeaways from these meetings include:

- **Natural Resource Preservation vs. Recreation**
 - » Volunteers and other park advocates stress balancing investments between sports facilities and natural areas
- **Senior-Friendly Enhancements**
 - » Accessible trails, benches, shade structures, and affordable programming are essential for inclusivity
- **South Shore Park Underutilization**
 - » Residents want more amenities like dog parks, pickleball courts, and fitness loops to activate South Shore Park
- **Parking + Accessibility Issues**
 - » Freeman and Badger Parks face parking shortages during events
 - » Seniors need improved accessibility and seating
- **Multi-Use Facilities**
 - » There is strong interest in multi-purpose fields, courts, and adaptable spaces to maximize use

- **Turf Fields are Critical**
 - » Both soccer and lacrosse need more turf fields to accommodate growth and reduce weather-related disruptions
- **High Demand for Indoor Facilities**
 - » Soccer, lacrosse, and baseball groups strongly advocate for an indoor dome to support year-round play

City Coordination

The planning team worked closely with city staff and members of the Park Commission throughout the planning process. They provided key information pertaining to the park system, including local expertise on each park, existing issues throughout the park system, and feedback about a vision for the master plan and outcomes of the project. Throughout the planning process, there were monthly progress meetings with city staff and two Park Commission meetings. During these meetings, the project team discussed topics ranging from existing conditions and pre-existing issues to potential future improvements to the park system. The city's input and feedback was vital to the successful development of this plan.

Pop-Up Meetings + The Open House

As mentioned, there were two summer pop-up events to promote the park system plan and gather feedback from community members. The first pop-up event, which drew in about 30 residents, was held at Freeman Park during the city's Concert in the Park event. The planning team displayed four project boards and engaged residents in exercises pertaining to existing and missing amenities and activities in the park system, the future of South Shore Park, and more. During this event, informational project handouts and business cards were distributed to event attendees. The second pop-up event was held at Badger Park during the city's Oktoberfest event. The city tabled this event and displayed five boards, which highlighted community survey results, two concepts for South Shore Park, and a preliminary list of recommendations. This event drew in a similar number of residents as the first pop-up event.

The Open House was held on October 28th and drew in about twelve attendees, who provided feedback on a final concept plan for South Shore Park, community survey results, and refined park system and connectivity recommendations.



Photos from the Concert in the Park event



ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY

Included in the following pages are a few highlights from the online community survey, which circulated for two months in Fall of 2025. The full survey results can be found in the appendix of this document.

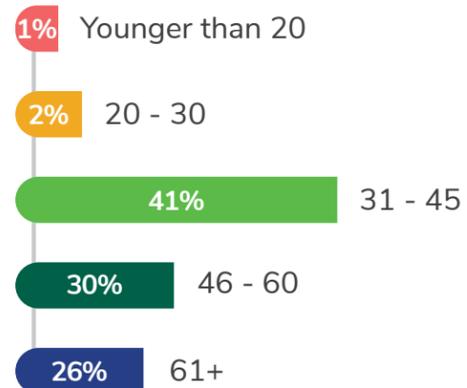


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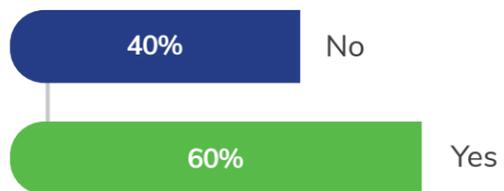


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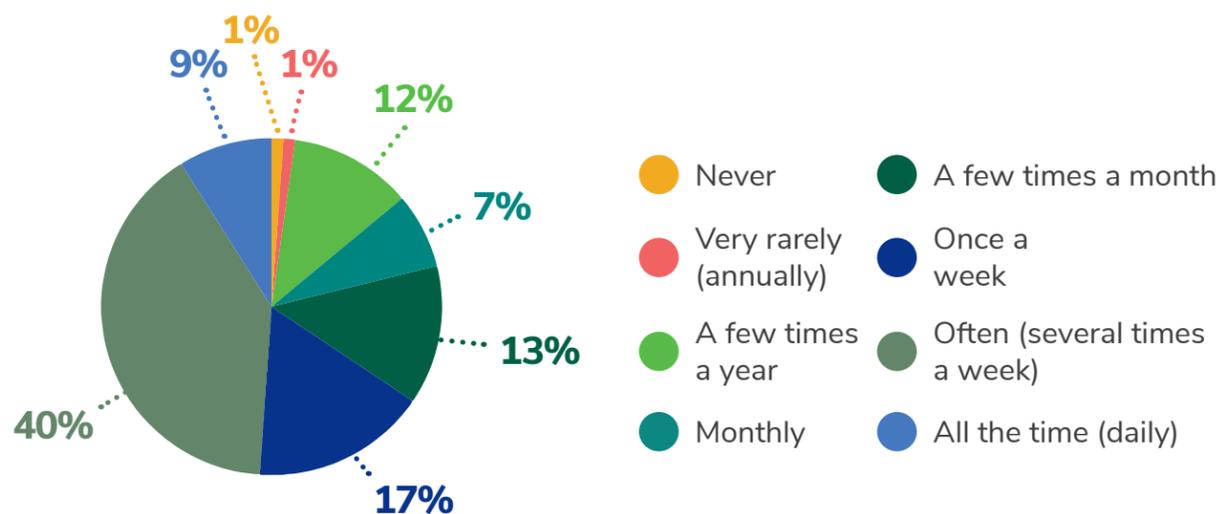
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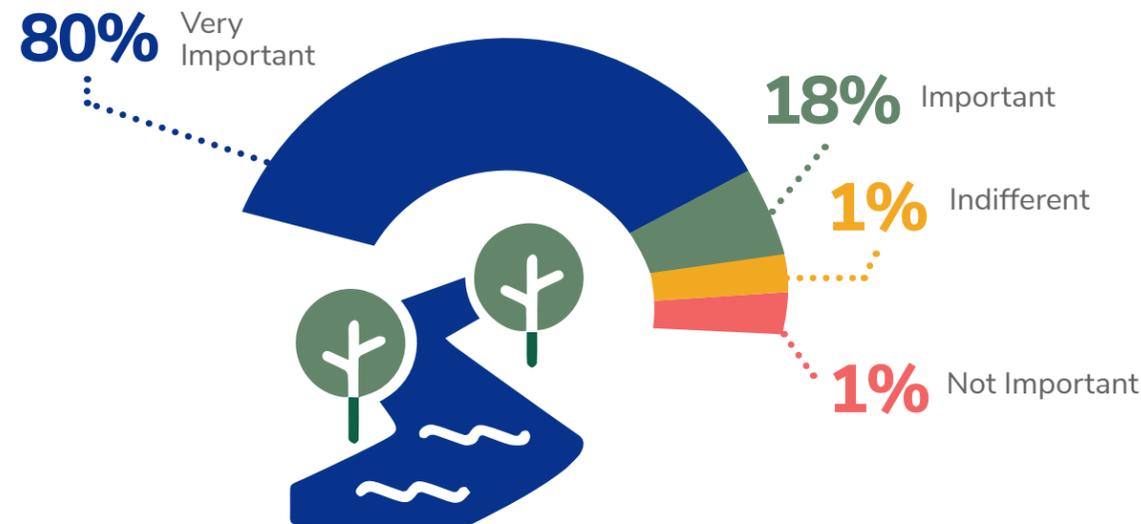
Do You Have Children Under the Age of 18 in Your Household?



How Often Do You Spend Time in Shorewood Parks?



How Important Are Shorewood's Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces to You and Your Family?



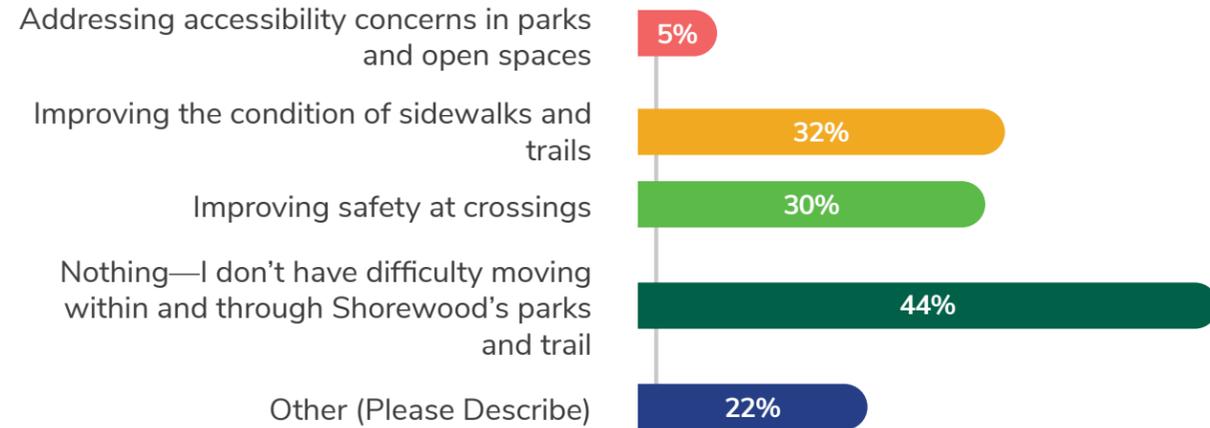
Top Winter Activities To Add, Improve, or Expand



Most Desired Amenities to Improve or Add



What Would Improve Your Experience Moving To and Through Shorewood's Park and Trail System?



Some comments included:

- "More sidewalks should be added to connect with existing sidewalks and trails."
- "Improving the accessibility of the short trail in Cathcart Park, especially in the winter when the trail is flooded over."
- "I would like more benches along the trails and in the parks."
- "A safe way to cross Hwy 7!"
- "I would like sidewalks or bigger shoulders on Eureka Rd."
- "Regulating motorized bikes (e-bikes)."

Which parks in Shorewood do you use most often?



What activity do you enjoy participating in most?



What 3 Words Do You Associate with Shorewood's Park and Trail System?



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THE ACTION PLAN

After collecting feedback from the community, city staff, the Parks Commission, and other key park stakeholders, the recommendations included in this chapter of the plan were developed. **These improvements are meant to offer a holistic approach to preserving, restoring, and enriching Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces for years to come.**

The proposed recommendations in the following pages include both specific and ongoing actions for the city to undertake over the next ten years. The implementation of these improvements will take place over time, perhaps in coordination with other public infrastructure projects, as funding resources and potential partnership opportunities become available.

It is important to note that all planning-level cost estimates included are representative of 2026 dollars, have not been adjusted for future inflation, and do not include design and engineering fees.



Smithtown Pond

CIP RECOMMENDATIONS

The Next Ten Years

Based on feedback and discussions with residents, the city, and the Parks Commission, it is clear that the city’s park and trail system is well-loved and well taken care of. Residents can find a variety of recreational offerings across the park system, but the condition of some of those park features needs to be improved. Over the next ten years, Shorewood needs to align its existing resources with projects that will have the best impact on its residents.

The park-specific improvements listed to the right reflect park and trail recommendations that are attainable, impactful, and reflective of the community’s desire for a more accessible, connected, and exciting park and trail system. Ranging from playground and court replacements to the complete renovation of South Shore Park, the following recommendations have been prioritized and built into a 10-Year CIP, which can be found on pages 62-65. It is important to note that the 10-Year CIP is not completely set in stone and can be adjusted as the city sees fit, and that the numbering to the right corresponds to the numbering in the 10-Year CIP.

CIP Improvements

Cathcart Park

- ★ **Off-Leash Dog Area—Rink Pilot**
 - ◇ Pilot a seasonal off-leash dog park in the hockey rink
- ★ **Playground Replacement**
 - ◇ Replace existing play structures
- ★ **Full Basketball Court Replacement**
 - ◇ Replace full basketball court west of the hockey rink
- ★ **Tennis Court Resurfacing + Sign Replacement**
 - ◇ Resurface existing tennis courts and replace signage
- ★ **Bituminous Trail Repair—250 Linear Feet**
 - ◇ Repair existing trail running north to south
- ★ **Hockey Rink Board Repairs**
 - ◇ Repair existing hockey rink boards

Freeman Park

- ★ **North Playground Renovation**
 - ◇ Replace existing playground equipment near the soccer/ baseball/softball fields
- ★ **Volleyball Court Renovation**
 - ◇ Renovate and repair existing sand volleyball court

- ★ **Picnic Shelter Replacement**
 - ◇ Replace picnic shelter near the volleyball courts

Gideon Glen Park

- ★ **Interpretive Signage Improvements (3)**
 - ◇ Replace existing interpretive signage panels

Manor Park

- ★ **Tennis Court Resurfacing + Fence and Retaining Wall Replacement**
 - ◇ Resurface existing tennis court and replace fence and retaining walls
- ★ **Playground + Sign Replacement**
 - ◇ Replace existing playground and associated signage
- ★ **Volleyball Court Renovation**
 - ◇ Renovate and repair existing sand volleyball court

Silverwood Park

- ★ **Half-Basketball Court Renovation**
 - ◇ Improve half-basketball court conditions
- ★ **Bituminous Trail Repair—310 Linear Feet**
 - ◇ Repair existing trail on east side of park

South Shore Park

- ★ **Park Renovation**
 - ◇ Renovate and re-envision South Shore Park

ONGOING + CONNECTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the CIP improvements—which have been accounted for in the 10-Year CIP table on the following pages—the planning team also developed a list of ongoing recommendations—or projects that were identified as important to the community through public engagement efforts that can be implemented in the future as the city has the time and resources. Also developed were a series of connectivity recommendations that are intended to improve the connectivity between Shorewood’s parks and trails. Included on the following two pages are a “Trails + Connectivity Recommendations” map that visualizes trail connectivity improvements (within Shorewood city limits) and depicts the Mid-Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor, as well as a “Proposed Regional Trails” map from Met Council’s 2050 Regional Parks and Trail System Plan that depicts all proposed regional trails in the metro area.

Ongoing and connectivity recommendations include (but are not limited to):

Ongoing

- » Support the development of a public arts initiative in the city
- » Establish native plantings and pollinator gardens (where appropriate) throughout the city
- » Groom cross-county ski trails in Freeman Park
- » Explore options to address safety concerns regarding electric bikes and scooters in parks
- » Improve communications about parks and trails by updating the city’s website and exploring additional channels of communication
- » Prioritize the removal of dead ash trees and buckthorn (where necessary)

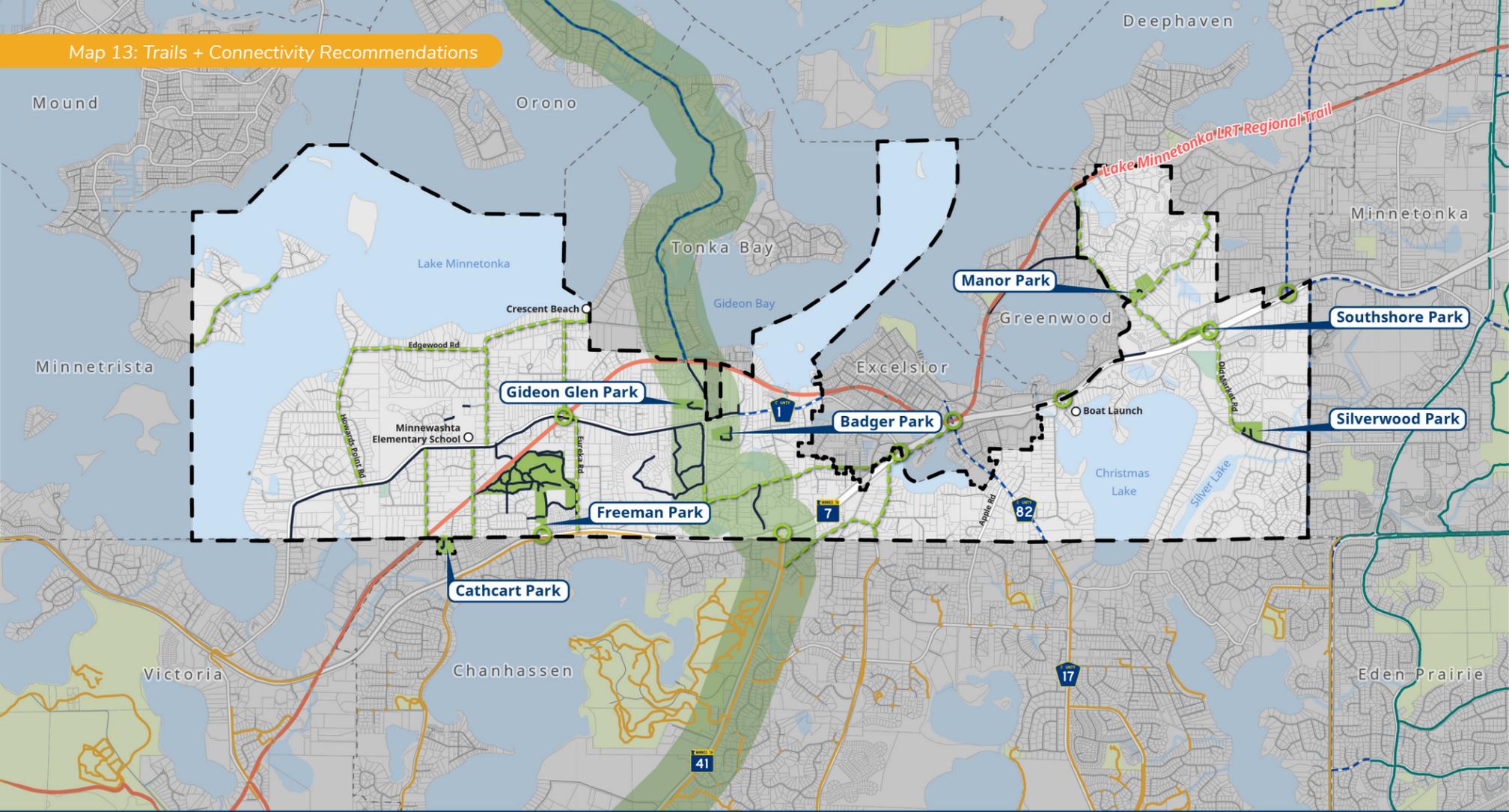
Connectivity

- » Improve key pedestrian crossings
- » Make connections across the city by implementing improvements including trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, and signage (depending on existing conditions)

Mid-Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor

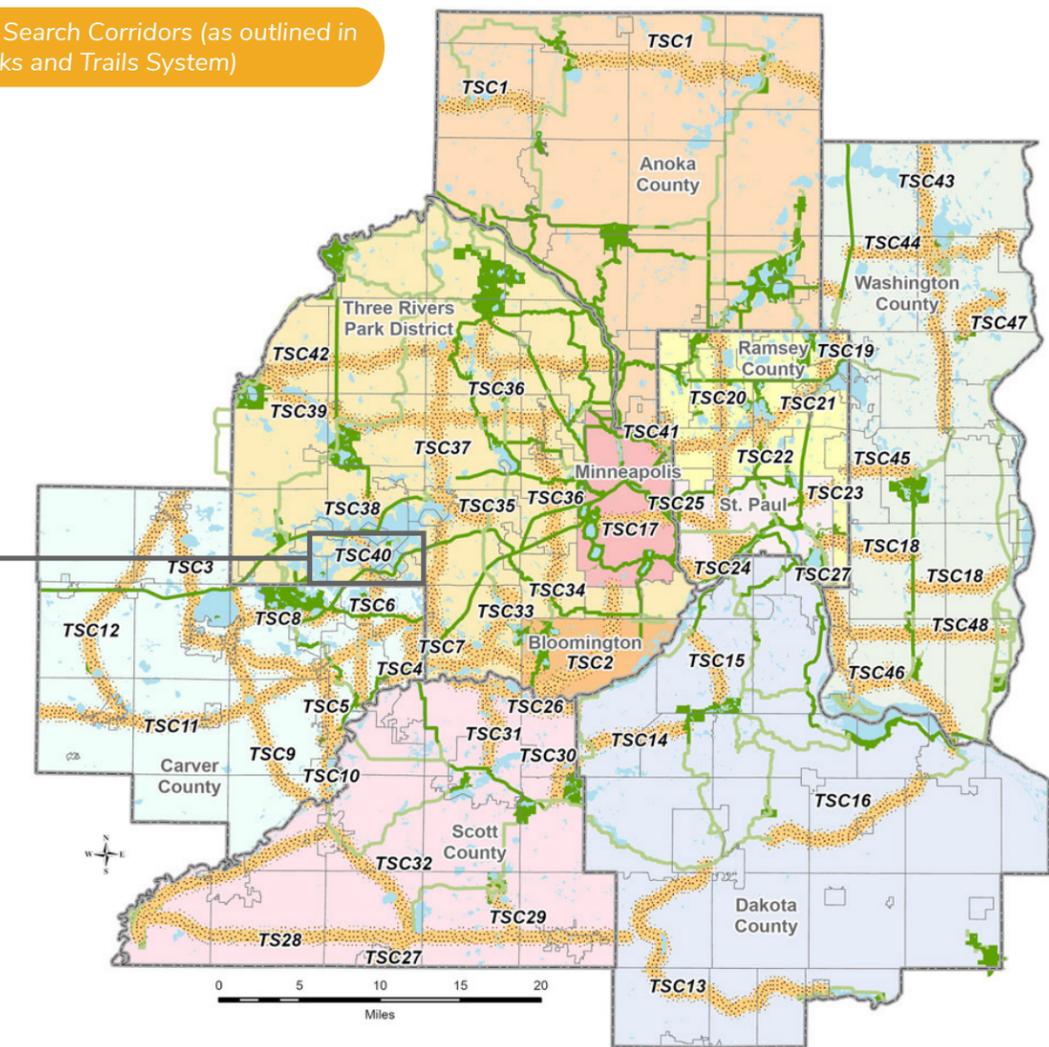
The Mid-Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor is a 4-mile proposed regional trail that will run north-south (along Manitou Rd.) through the city of Shorewood. This trail alignment has not yet been approved by Met Council as part of a long-range plan and is therefore not eligible for Regional Parks and Trails System funding for acquisition and development.

Map 13: Trails + Connectivity Recommendations



Map 14: Proposed Regional Trail Search Corridors (as outlined in Met Council's 2050 Regional Parks and Trails System)

Mid-Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor (TSC40)



- Numbers Correspond to List in Table 2.10
- Regional Trail Search Corridor
 - Regional Trail (Open to the Public)
 - Planned Regional Trail (Not Open to the Public)
 - Regional Park (Open to the Public)
 - Planned Regional Park (Not Open to the Public)
 - County Boundaries
 - City and Township Boundaries
 - Lakes and Rivers

Regional Trail search corridors are meant to denote general areas and do not specify exact alignments at this scale. Future long-range planning work by regional park implementing agencies will determine specific boundaries.

Trails + Connectivity Recommendations

- Proposed Connectivity Improvement
- Proposed Crossing Improvement
- Mid-Lake Regional Trail Search Corridor
- City Trails
- Carver County Trails
- Hennepin County Trails
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- Regional Trails
- City Parks
- Parks in Adjacent Communities
- Cemeteries
- Lakes
- Rivers and Streams
- Parcels
- Other Destinations
- Shorewood City Limits
- Roadways

SOUTH SHORE PARK RENOVATION

South Shore Park

As part of this planning effort, the city identified South Shore Park as an important part of the overall system and requested the planning team take a deeper look into the possibilities for its future. Located just north of Hwy 7 on the eastern half of the city, South Shore Park is currently home to one of Shorewood's community garden spaces. However, most of the rest of the park is underutilized due to the presence of many coniferous trees, steep topographical conditions, and its tricky location in the city.

The planning team began its investigation of South Shore Park with a site inventory, followed by the development of two concept plans (see appendix) based on feedback from residents of the neighborhood, residents from the rest of the community, and the city and Parks Commission.

After much engagement, a final concept plan to guide the renovation of the park was created, which is highlighted on the next page.

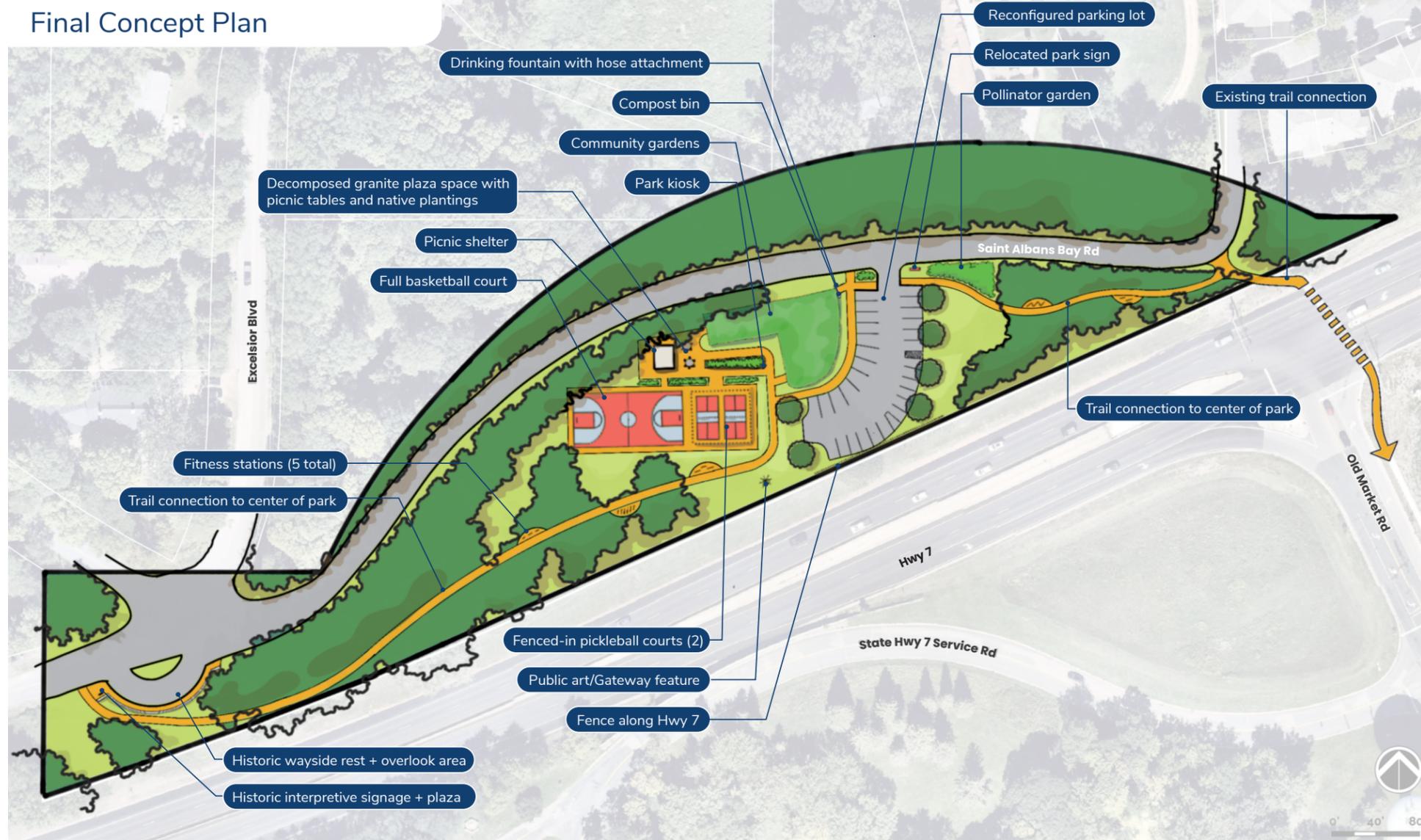
Recommended Improvements

The preferred plan balances South Shore Park's nature-focused identity with the introduction of new recreational amenities that the city is currently lacking, including a full basketball court, two fenced-in dedicated pickleball courts, and five fitness stations. To enhance trail connectivity, connections from the existing trail at the corner of Hwy 7 and Old Market Rd, as well as a trail connection from the existing historic wayside rest, were incorporated. The community garden space and parking lot were reconfigured to preserve existing trees and maximize room for other amenities. Additionally, several new park amenities, including interpretive signage, a picnic shelter, various plaza spaces, a park kiosk, public art/a gateway feature, and pollinator gardens were added to the park to improve user experience and bring life to South Shore Park.

Implementation for the renovation of South Shore Park has been broken up into two phases to distribute costs over time. Further planning and design for implementation of improvements in the park is needed. All costs in the CIP are budgetary estimates in 2026 dollars; design and engineering will be required.



South Shore Park Final Concept Plan



Map 15: Final Concept Plan for South Shore Park

10-YEAR CIP (2026-2035)

#	Park	Project Name	Project Type	Category		FY-26	FY-27	FY-28	FY-29	FY-30	FY-31	FY-32	FY-33	FY-34	FY-35
1	Cathcart Park	Off-Leash Dog Area — Rink Pilot	Park Facilities	New		\$4,500									
2	Cathcart Park	Playground Replacement	Play Area	Replacement					\$350,000						
3	Cathcart Park	Full Basketball Court Replacement	Park Facilities	Replacement				\$50,000							
4	Cathcart Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing + Sign Replacement	Park Facilities	Renovation		\$18,000									
5	Cathcart Park	Bituminous Trail Repair — 250 LF (Linear Feet)	Trails	Renovation				\$25,000							
6	Cathcart Park	Hockey Rink Board Repairs	Park Facilities	Renovation		\$20,000									
7	Freeman Park	North Playground Renovation	Playground	Renovation			\$350,000								
8	Freeman Park	Volleyball Court Renovation	Park Facilities	Renovation									\$18,000		
9	Freeman Park	Picnic Shelter Replacement	Park Amenity	Replacement										\$80,000	
10	Gideon Glen Park	Interpretive Signage Improvements (3)	Park Furnishing	Replacement					\$22,500						
11	Manor Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing + Fence and Retaining Wall Replacement	Park Facilities	Renovation				\$85,000							
12	Manor Park	Playground + Sign Replacement	Playground	Replacement											\$450,000
13	Manor Park	Volleyball Court Renovation	Park Facilities	Renovation									\$18,000		
14	Silverwood Park	Half Basketball Court Renovation	Park Facilities	Renovation									\$28,000		

Table 6: 10-Year CIP

10-YEAR CIP (2026-2035)

Total 10-Year CIP Cost	
	FY-26 to FY-35 \$2,290,000

#	Park	Project Name	Project Type	Category	FY-26	FY-27	FY-28	FY-29	FY-30	FY-31	FY-32	FY-33	FY-34	FY-35
15	Silverwood Park	Bituminous Trail Repair — 310 LF (Linear Feet)	Trails	Renovation						\$30,000				
16	South Shore Park	Park Renovation	Park Facilities + Amenities	New					\$635,000		\$131,000			
		Phase I							\$100,000					
		Trail Improvements												
		Pickleball Courts with Lighting (2)							\$140,000					
		Picnic Shelter							\$80,000					
		Full Basketball Court with Lighting							\$75,000					
		Ornamental Fencing							\$20,000					
		Parking Lot Renovation							\$130,000					
		Circulation + Plaza Spaces							\$60,000					
		Phase II							\$30,000					
		Plantings												
		Fitness Stations (5)									\$60,000			
		Park Lighting									\$18,000			
		Kiosk									\$6,000			
		Interpretive Signage									\$7,000			
		Gateway Element/Public Art									\$15,000			
		Water Line, Spigot, and Drinking Fountain									\$25,000			

Table 6: 10-Year CIP (Continued)

Total Cost/Year	FY-26	FY-27	FY-28	FY-29	FY-30	FY-31	FY-32	FY-33	FY-34	FY-35
	\$42,500	\$325,000	\$160,000	\$372,500	\$635,000	\$30,000	\$131,000	\$64,000	\$80,000	\$450,000

FUNDING RESOURCES

Securing the funds to invest in Shorewood’s park and trail system is crucial to properly implementing this plan. To assist the city in fully realizing the proposed recommendations included in this plan, a list of funding options and grants with a variety of eligibility criteria (e.g., for trails, natural resource preservation, sports, etc.) has been developed.

This plan anticipates recommendations for the park and trail system to be completed as funding is available and opportunities for public and private partnerships arise. As is the case with many communities, funding needs for parks and open space typically exceed the capabilities of the city’s budget and often take a back seat to other infrastructure improvements that residents rely on daily. Exploration and consideration of the following sources, mechanisms, and partners will be key for future implementation.

Table 7: Funding Options

Funding Options		
Option	Description	Source
General Funds	A city’s general fund is the main operating account that covers basic operating costs such as planning, police and fire services, and street and park maintenance	Money collected by the city in taxes, fines, fees, and revenues
Dedicated Tax Levy	Cities can hold a referendum to levy a dedicated tax for a specific purpose. In the case of parks and recreation, the tax can fund operations, maintenance, and capital improvement projects	Property taxes
Bonding	Borrowing obligations that incur interest and require repayment at a specific date. These are typically issued to pay for larger capital projects	Annual appropriation bonds, tax abatement bonds, and revenue bonds
Local Option Sales Tax	Minnesota Statue gives cities the authority to levy a local sales tax by an election process for specific capital improvements	Sales tax addition
State Aid	Funds available to pedestrian and bicycle improvements on state aid roadways (key county highways); most beneficial during construction or reconstruction projects	State of Minnesota
Park and Trail Dedication	Land or cash in-lieu of land from new subdivision developments that must be used for new equipment or park facilities	Developers
Partnerships	Partnerships with private and/or other public entities can be in many forms, including funding, design, operations and maintenance agreements, etc.	Public or private organizations, clubs, agencies, governments, etc.
Donations	Gifts of cash, equipment, labor, or others from private individuals or groups	Individuals, businesses, groups, etc.

Table 8: Funding Grants

Funding Grants		
Grants	Description	Source
AARP Community Challenge Grant	Small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages	AARP
America Walks Community Change Grants	Awards stipends to communities for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play	Foundation
American Trails Trail Fund	Assists the trails community with funding to support maintenance, research, and stewardship training needs	Foundation
Bridge Investment Program	Provides funding for communities to replace, rehabilitate, and preserve bridge infrastructure	U.S. Department of Transportation
Invasive Species Eradication Funding Opportunity	Provides funding for projects that seek to eradicate invasive species (part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)	U.S. Department of the Interior/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Clean Water Funding	Provides hands-on environmental stewardship and service-learning opportunities to youth and young adults while providing low-cost labor to eligible applicants	Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant	Provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program	Provides funding to restore, protect, or enhance prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game or wildlife in Minnesota	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund	Aims to protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota’s air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)
Federal Recreation Trail Program	Provides funding to encourage the maintenance and development of motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trails	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Fields for Kids	Provides financial support to improve baseball and/or softball facilities for youth in the Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida	Minnesota Twins Community Fund
Fishing Pier and Shore Fishing Area Program	Joint Power Agreement with the DNR for installation, operations and maintenance	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Local Trail Connections Program	Provides funding to promote short trail connections between where people live and significant public resources	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)

Table 8: Funding Grants (Continued)

Funding Grants		
Grants	Description	Source
Minnesota Festival Support Grant Program	Provides arts experiences through festivals celebrating arts, building community, and exposure to diverse art forms	Other - Minnesota
Natural and Scenic Area Grants	Provides funding to increase, protect, and enhance natural and scenic areas	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
No Child Left Inside	Aims to support and increase efforts to expand programming that connects youth to the outdoors	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Our Town Grant Program	Supports projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities by advancing local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes	National Endowment for the Arts
Outdoor Recreation Grant Program	Provides funding to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities in local and community parks throughout the state	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
Parks and Trail Legacy Grant Program	Provides funding for parks and trails of regional significance outside of the seven county metropolitan area	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR)
PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program	Provides funding that supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride	Other - Minnesota
The Rapid Response Fund	Provides financial resources to assess and support response actions for quick containment or eradication of newly detected species	National Park Service
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program	Supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation	National Park Service
Rural Initiative Grant Fund Program	Provides funding to encourage collective and involved endeavors among citizens in rural communities	Foundation
Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grants/Safe Routes to School Planning Assistance Grants	Provides funding for the development and implementation of infrastructure projects which enable students to walk and bicycle to and from schools	Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT)
State Park Road Account Program	Provides funding to assist local governments in improving access to public recreation facilities	Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT)





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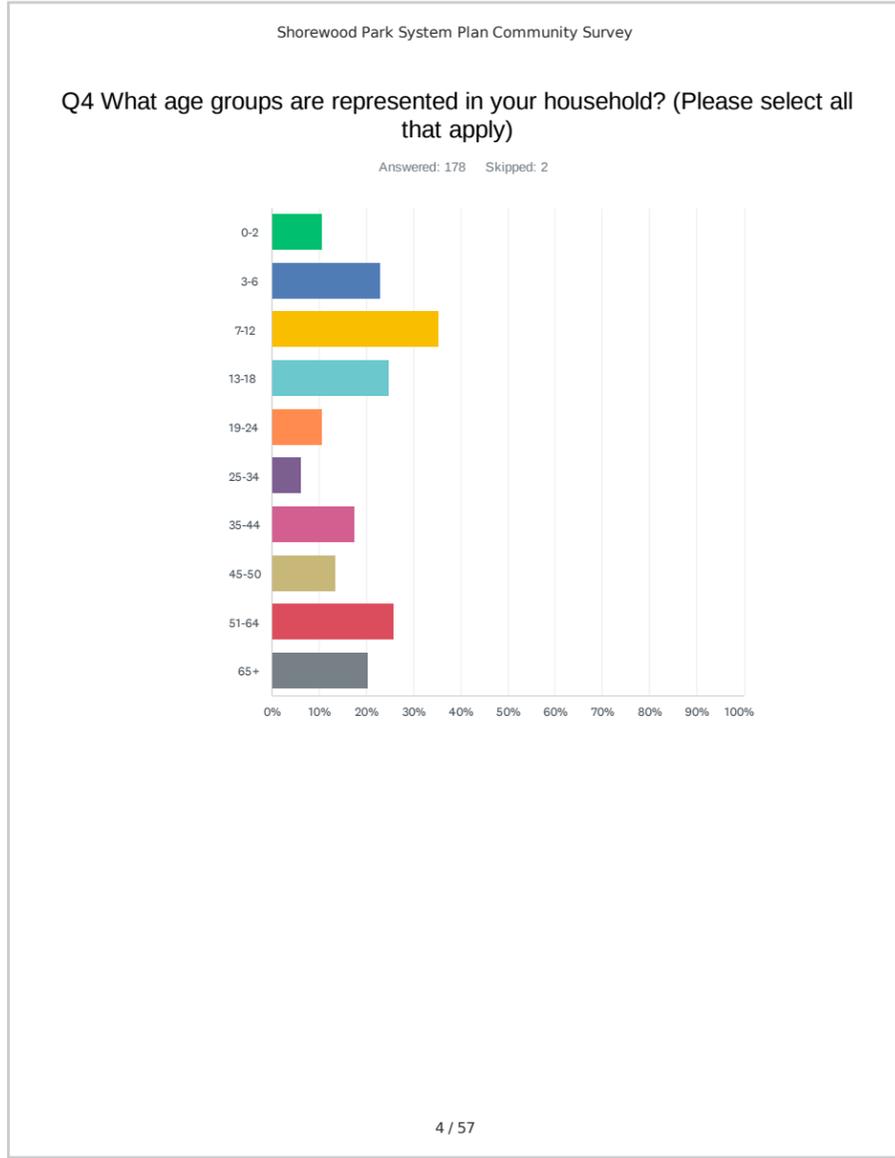
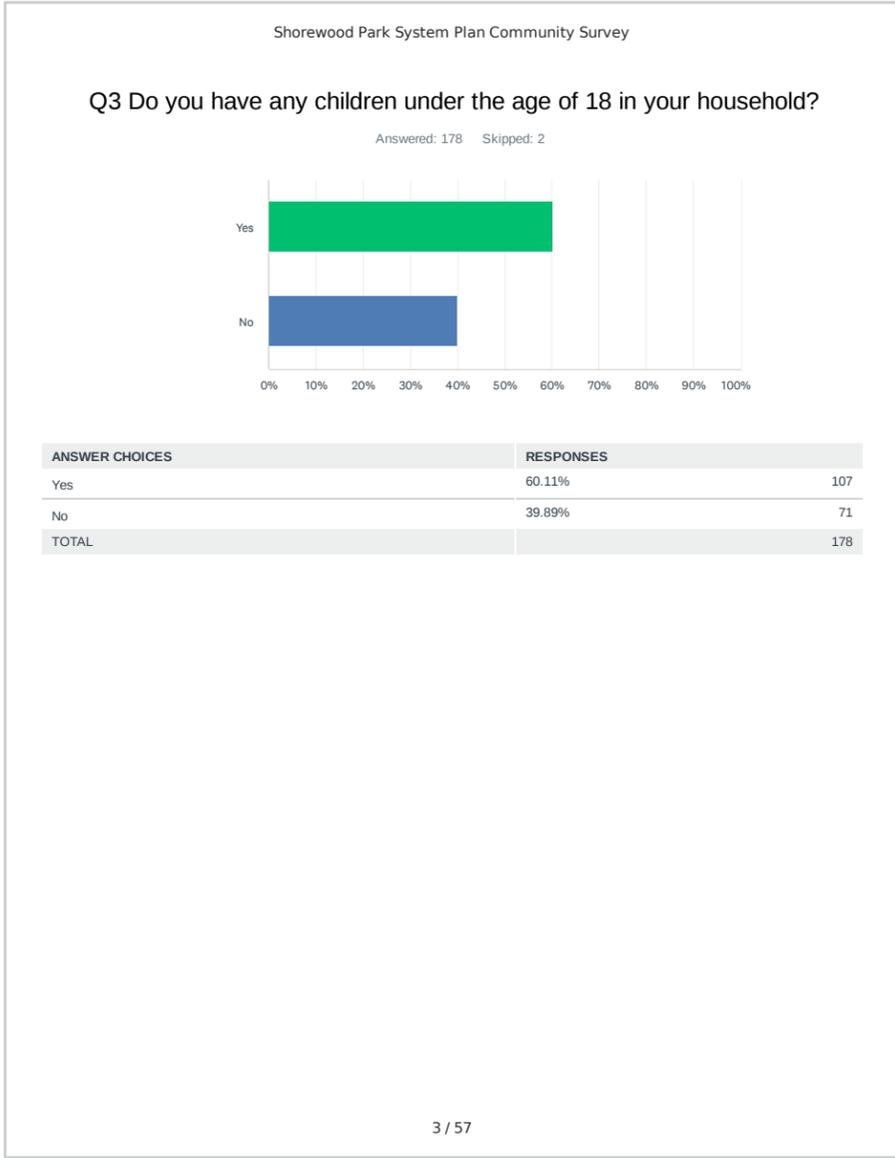
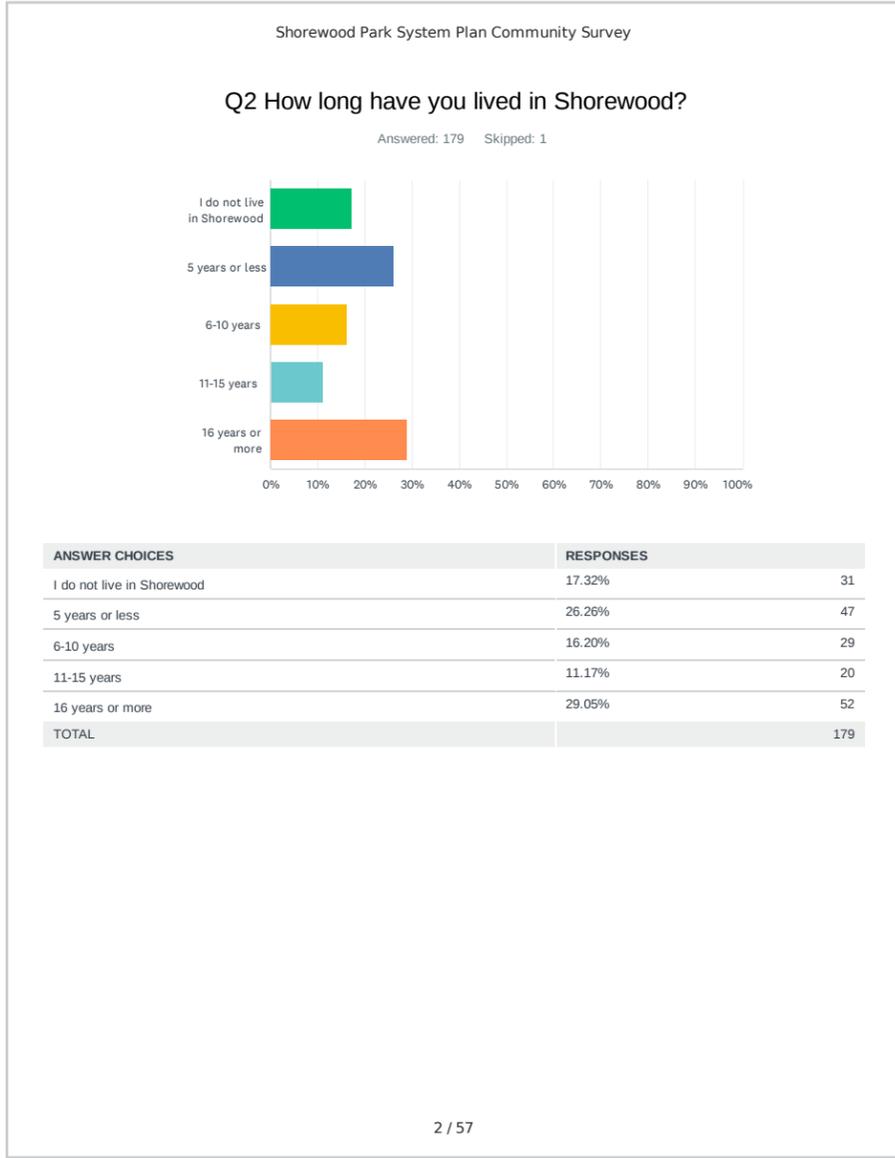
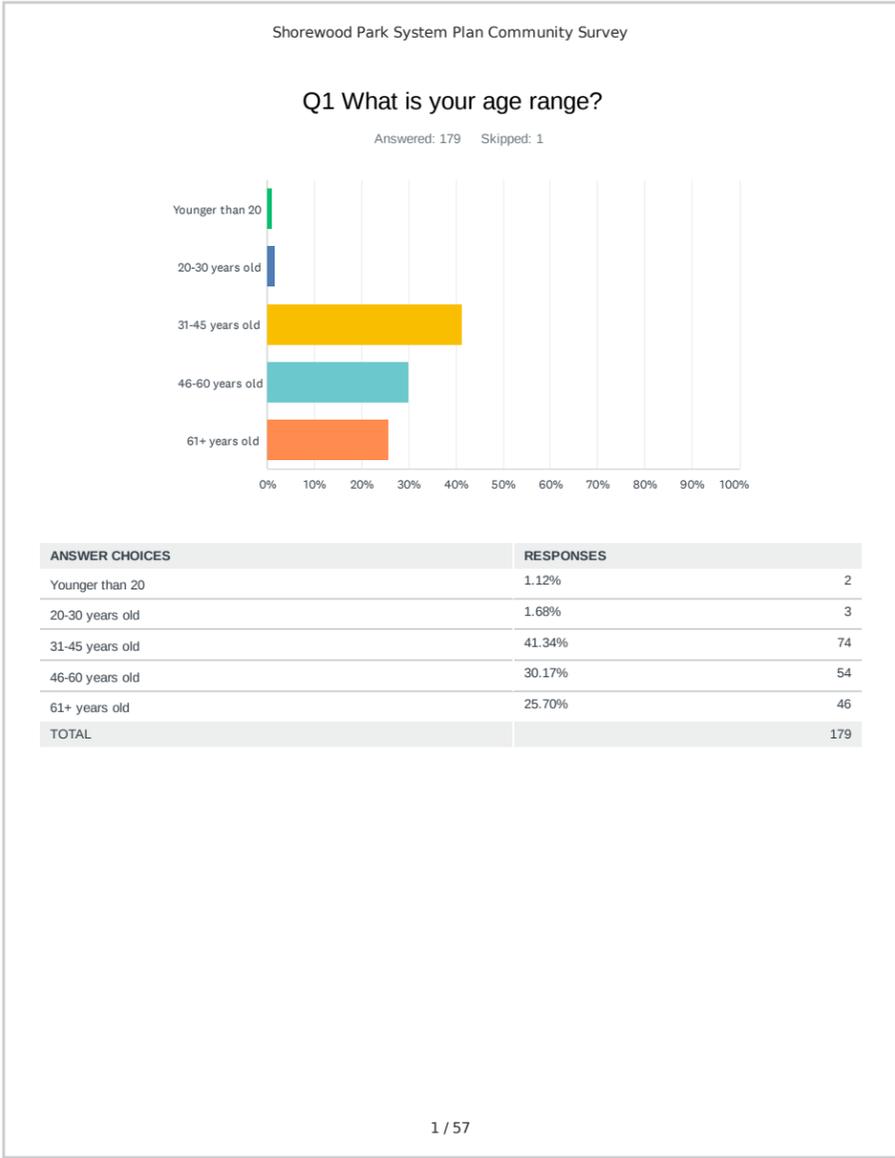
APPENDIX

The Appendix of this document includes:

- Full Community Survey Results
- Listening Session Meeting Notes
- Engagement Materials
- South Shore Park Concept Drafts
- Park Inventory Maps

Slides at Silverwood Park

FULL COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

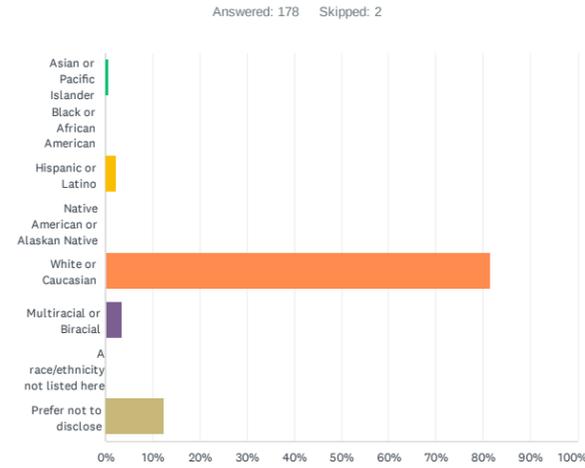


Shorewood Park System Plan Community Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-2	10.67%	19
3-6	23.03%	41
7-12	35.39%	63
13-18	24.72%	44
19-24	10.67%	19
25-34	6.18%	11
35-44	17.42%	31
45-50	13.48%	24
51-64	25.84%	46
65+	20.22%	36
Total Respondents: 178		

Shorewood Park System Plan Community Survey

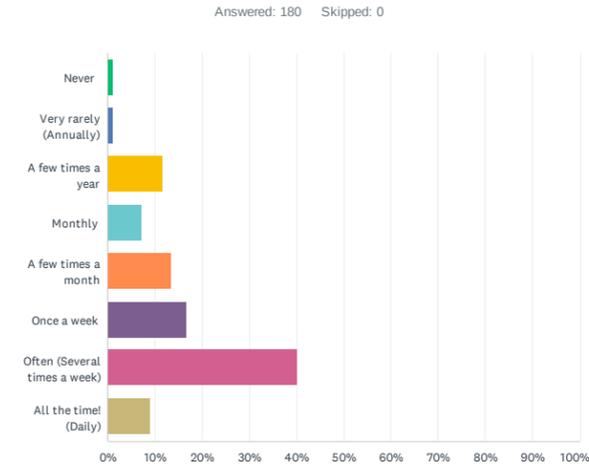
Q5 Which of the following best describes you? (Please select one answer)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.56%	1
Black or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	2.25%	4
Native American or Alaskan Native	0.00%	0
White or Caucasian	81.46%	145
Multiracial or Biracial	3.37%	6
A race/ethnicity not listed here	0.00%	0
Prefer not to disclose	12.36%	22
TOTAL		178

Shorewood Park System Plan Community Survey

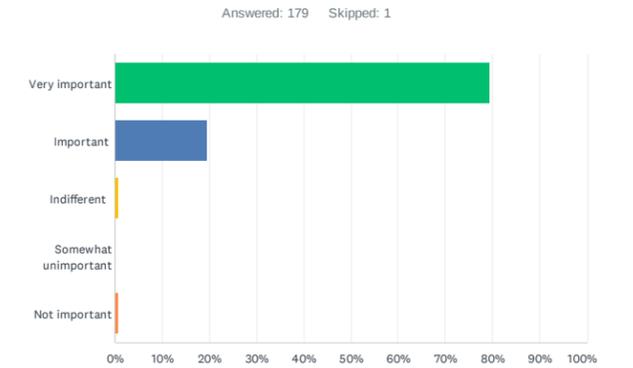
Q6 How often do you spend time in Shorewood's parks?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	1.11%	2
Very rarely (Annually)	1.11%	2
A few times a year	11.67%	21
Monthly	7.22%	13
A few times a month	13.33%	24
Once a week	16.67%	30
Often (Several times a week)	40.00%	72
All the time! (Daily)	8.89%	16
TOTAL		180

Shorewood Park System Plan Community Survey

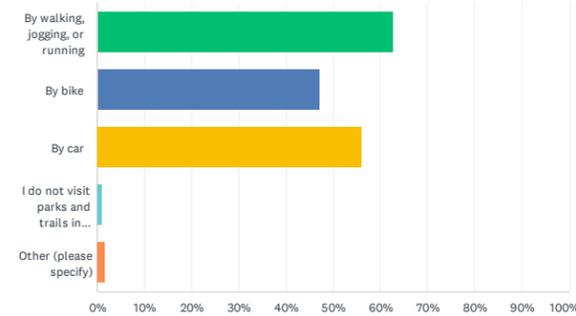
Q7 How important are Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces to you and your family?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	79.33%	142
Important	19.55%	35
Indifferent	0.56%	1
Somewhat unimportant	0.00%	0
Not important	0.56%	1
TOTAL		179

Q8 How do you typically travel to Shorewood's parks and trails? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 180 Skipped: 0

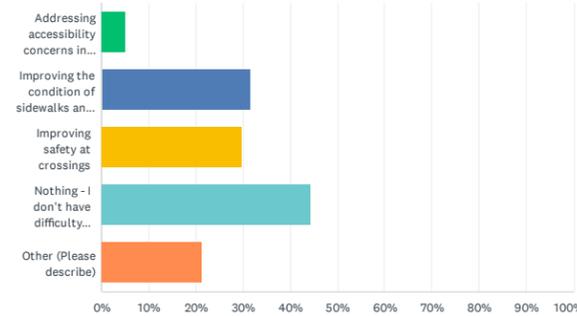


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
By walking, jogging, or running	62.78% 113
By bike	47.22% 85
By car	56.11% 101
I do not visit parks and trails in Shorewood	1.11% 2
Other (please specify)	1.67% 3
Total Respondents: 180	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Kid sport ball	8/18/2025 8:21 PM
2	gardening	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
3	By E-Scooter	7/9/2025 3:10 PM

Q9 What would improve your experience moving to and through Shorewood's park and trail system? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 174 Skipped: 6



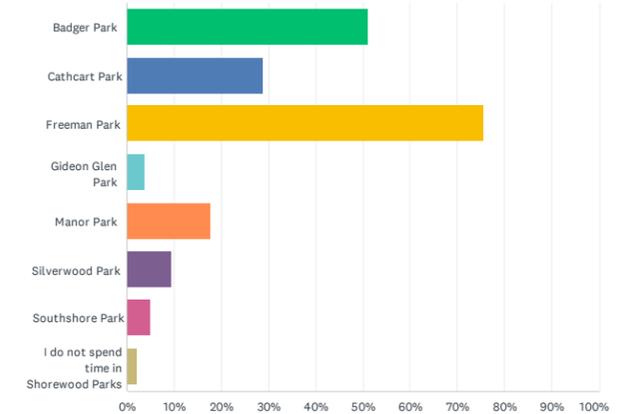
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Addressing accessibility concerns in parks and open spaces	5.17% 9
Improving the condition of sidewalks and trails	31.61% 55
Improving safety at crossings	29.89% 52
Nothing - I don't have difficulty moving within and through Shorewood's parks and trails	44.25% 77
Other (Please describe)	21.26% 37
Total Respondents: 174	

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	More sidewalks should be added to connect with existing sidewalks and trails.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
2	Add more parks, there are none within walking distance	8/24/2025 8:15 PM
3	Adding more sidewalks	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
4	Light up parking lots, security in evening, traffic flow during events	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
5	Restrooms at Badger are in terrible condition.	8/19/2025 2:49 PM
6	The sidewalks and trails have been improved and they look and feel great!	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
7	More sidewalks	8/14/2025 9:26 PM
8	IDK	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
9	There are almost none near our house.	8/11/2025 8:28 PM
10	ebikes on trails is a danger	8/11/2025 7:58 PM

11	E-bikes need to have a 'speed-limit', Other bikers are not concerned with the safety of the walkers on the trail	8/11/2025 7:00 PM
12	Mosquito control	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
13	Kill the thistles	8/11/2025 5:04 PM
14	Eliminate electric bikes on trails please	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
15	Kids on e-bikes drive too fast on trails and don't warn you they are coming up on your left. Some pass you very fast and very close.	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
16	Regulating motorized bikes (e-bikes)	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
17	Clearing brush, trees and burrs close to trails	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
18	Improving playground	8/6/2025 5:33 PM
19	Full tennis/pickle board court	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
20	Stop using cinders in the woods at Freeman Park. Impossible to keep them out of shoes or boots. Plus - noisy to walk on.	8/3/2025 9:45 AM
21	pave the freeman parking lot.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
22	The park is behind my house. The noise can be excessive. The lights shine directly in to my home at a time when no one is in the park	7/25/2025 11:44 AM
23	Having a community pool or water area for the kids	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
24	Improving the accessibility of the short trail in Cathcart Park, especially in the winter when the trail is flooded over for ice skating	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
25	I would like a sidewalk down eureka Ave	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
26	I would like more benches along the trails and in the parks. Some swinging and gliding benches would be especially nice.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
27	Edina does a great job of creating parks that are accessible to all, something to consider.	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
28	Trail standards, Safe Zones, Visibility issues, Vegetation Management standards	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
29	We have no connection to shorewood parks or trails directly. We are in the "dead zone" of shorewood that is south of hwy 7	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
30	having trails in Freeman not be so muddy	7/5/2025 4:32 PM
31	Adding pickle ball courts	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
32	Make dog friendly, add offleash areas	7/3/2025 6:35 AM
33	A safe way to cross Highway 7!	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
34	More trash cans throughout the Freeman system to accommodate doggy bag pick up. People complain that the reason they don't pick up after their dogs is because there's no trash cans around.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
35	dedicated sidewalk on Smithtown Rd. between Shorewood Ln and Timber Ln	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
36	Sidewalks or bigger shoulders on Eureka Rd	7/2/2025 1:13 PM
37	Dead trees should be removed near trails as they pose extreme danger	6/26/2025 9:58 PM

Q10 Which parks in Shorewood do you use most often? (Please choose your top 3)

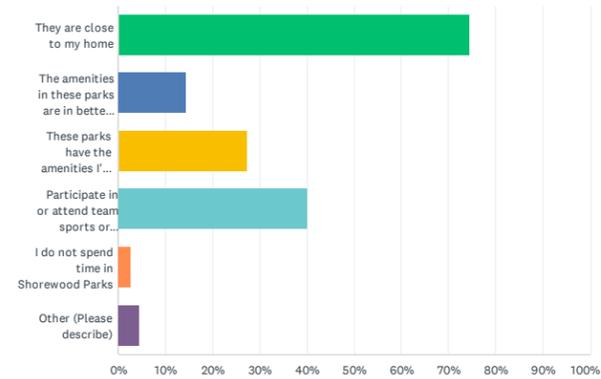
Answered: 180 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Badger Park	51.11% 92
Cathcart Park	28.89% 52
Freeman Park	75.56% 136
Gideon Glen Park	3.89% 7
Manor Park	17.78% 32
Silverwood Park	9.44% 17
Southshore Park	5.00% 9
I do not spend time in Shorewood Parks	2.22% 4
Total Respondents: 180	

Q11 As a follow up to the previous question, why do you visit these parks most often? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 180 Skipped: 0



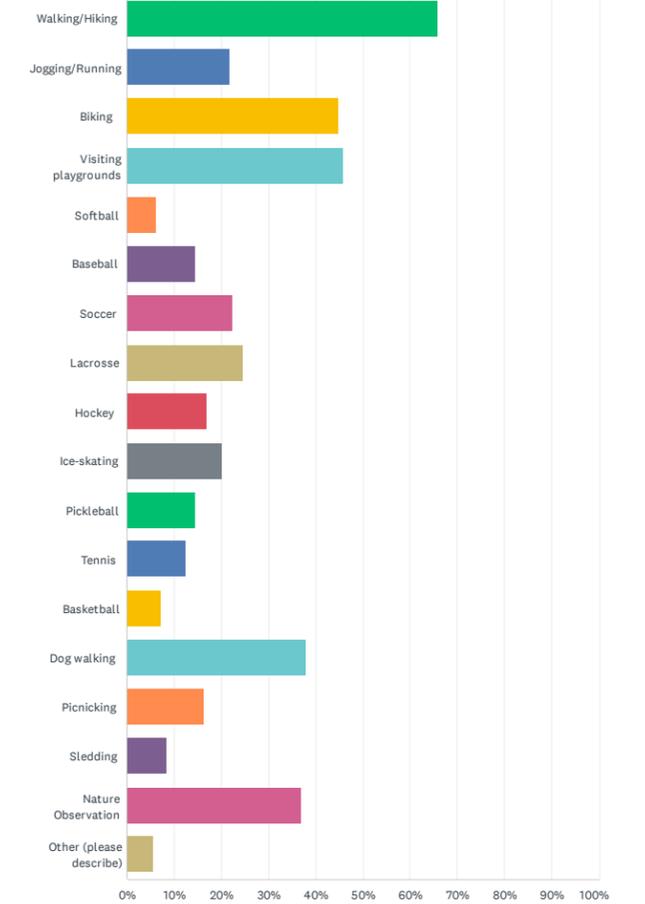
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
They are close to my home	74.44% 134
The amenities in these parks are in better condition than other parks	14.44% 26
These parks have the amenities I'm looking for	27.22% 49
Participate in or attend team sports or community events	40.00% 72
I do not spend time in Shorewood Parks	2.78% 5
Other (Please describe)	4.44% 8
Total Respondents: 180	

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Location	8/27/2025 12:31 AM
2	We enjoy using the open field in the summer for soccer or football at Manor (for fun! not through an association). We love to skate in the winter at Manor! We use the field at Badger for organized football and lacross - it's fantastic. The park at Badger has unique and fun equipment compared to Manor Park.	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
3	Observing nature in a peaceful setting	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
4	Dog Friendly	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
5	Garden	7/31/2025 11:28 AM

6	All except the last choice	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
7	Love the trails and open space in Freeman	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
8	Questions above are LAME	7/9/2025 3:10 PM

Q12 What activity do you enjoy participating in most when visiting a park or trail in Shorewood? Select all that apply.

Answered: 179 Skipped: 1



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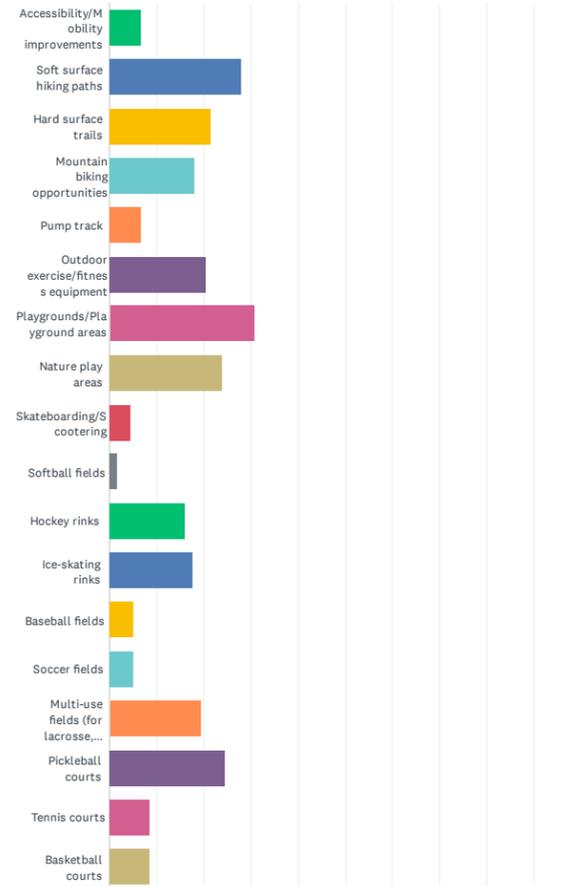
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walking/Hiking	65.92% 118
Jogging/Running	21.79% 39
Biking	44.69% 80
Visiting playgrounds	45.81% 82
Softball	6.15% 11
Baseball	14.53% 26
Soccer	22.35% 40
Lacrosse	24.58% 44
Hockey	16.76% 30
Ice-skating	20.11% 36
Pickleball	14.53% 26
Tennis	12.29% 22
Basketball	7.26% 13
Dog walking	37.99% 68
Picnicking	16.20% 29
Sledding	8.38% 15
Nature Observation	36.87% 66
Other (please describe)	5.59% 10
Total Respondents: 179	

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Kite Flying	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
2	Tonka Football Association practices & games	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
3	NA	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
4	Baseball	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
5	Grandchildren use playground equipment	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
6	Walking through the woods	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
7	Xxx	8/6/2025 12:45 PM
8	GArdening	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
9	To use the trails, Kite Flying	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
10	Running my dog inside one of the fenced areas.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM

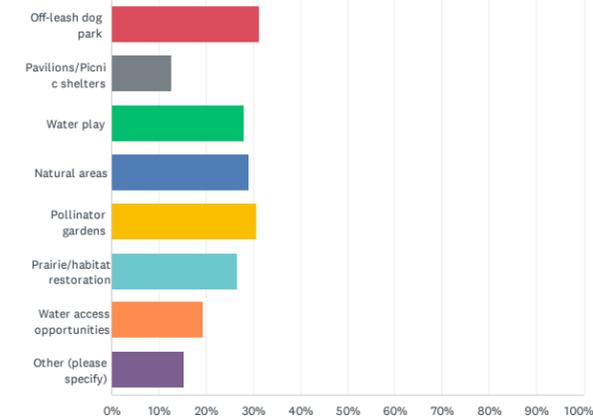
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Q13 Which of the following amenities and facilities would you like to see improved or added to the park and trail system? (Please select your top 5)

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Accessibility/Mobility improvements	6.82% 12
Soft surface hiking paths	27.84% 49
Hard surface trails	21.59% 38
Mountain biking opportunities	18.18% 32
Pump track	6.82% 12
Outdoor exercise/fitness equipment	20.45% 36
Playgrounds/Playground areas	30.68% 54
Nature play areas	23.86% 42
Skateboarding/Scotering	4.55% 8
Softball fields	1.70% 3
Hockey rinks	15.91% 28
Ice-skating rinks	17.61% 31
Baseball fields	5.11% 9
Soccer fields	5.11% 9
Multi-use fields (for lacrosse, football, etc.)	19.32% 34
Pickleball courts	24.43% 43
Tennis courts	8.52% 15
Basketball courts	8.52% 15
Off-leash dog park	31.25% 55
Pavilions/Picnic shelters	12.50% 22
Water play	27.84% 49
Natural areas	28.98% 51
Pollinator gardens	30.68% 54
Prairie/habitat restoration	26.70% 47
Water access opportunities	19.32% 34
Other (please specify)	15.34% 27
Total Respondents: 176	

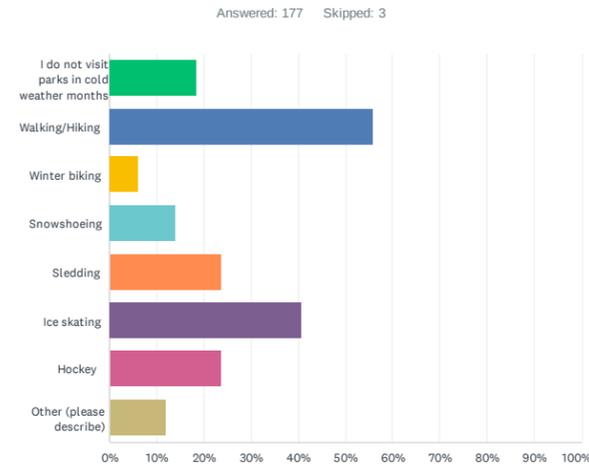
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Netting that prevents balls and trash from entering the pond	8/24/2025 8:56 AM
2	Disc Golf (Freeman?), Hedge Maze (Southshore?)	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
3	Pool	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
4	Keep recycling/trash bins!	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
5	Cross country ski trails	8/16/2025 6:25 PM

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6	Splash pad!	8/14/2025 9:26 PM
7	Reforest beyond the perimeter of the wooded area on the west side of Freeman Park - ash trees are the predominant specie in the woods and they are dying.	8/12/2025 2:36 PM
8	IDK	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
9	Gaga ball	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
10	please do NOT add pickle ball courts!	8/11/2025 7:58 PM
11	Forest restoration after we lose our Ash trees	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
12	Bocce ball courts - covered	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
13	Water Park/Rec pool (thinking something similar to the Edina Aquatic Center)	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
14	Used to be able to access Silver Lace to drop a kayak	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
15	Xxx	8/6/2025 12:45 PM
16	Bocce Ball courts	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
17	A working water fountain - filling station for filling water bowls for dogs would be nice 😊	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
18	d	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
19	If you put in horseshoes pits, we would use those	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
20	parking lot	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
21	Splash pad	7/29/2025 8:45 PM
22	Sand volleyball court	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
23	Please add some glider benches and some swinging benches along the trail by Eureka Road and Smithtown Road by the Kiosk there, and also inside Freeman Park entrance from the trail among other spots along trail and in park.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
24	Sports complex or large rec center (multi-field/court sports)	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
25	Fire Lanes, (linear Parkways) are not marked, nor signed to notify people of allowed usages	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
26	connecting the trails that we have to ALL of shorewood. Safe crossing of Hwy 7 near Excelsior. Connecting trails to neighboring towns (Chan, excelsior)	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
27	a running track would be an absolute dream, art features, water features	7/2/2025 3:39 PM

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Q14 During the cold weather months (i.e., October to April), what activities do you enjoy participating in most in Shorewood?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I do not visit parks in cold weather months	18.64% 33
Walking/Hiking	55.93% 99
Winter biking	6.21% 11
Snowshoeing	14.12% 25
Sledding	23.73% 42
Ice skating	40.68% 72
Hockey	23.73% 42
Other (please describe)	11.86% 21
Total Respondents: 177	

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	practice games, scrimmage	8/27/2025 2:52 PM
2	Dog walking	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
3	at Manor	8/23/2025 8:56 PM

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4	Dog walking - need fenced area for medium size dogs to run	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
5	Observing nature	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
6	Cross country skiing	8/16/2025 6:25 PM
7	None	8/11/2025 9:10 PM
8	Easy flat trail to try cross-country skiing	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
9	We try to play on the playgrounds as much as possible	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
10	Dog sledding	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
11	Playgrounds	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
12	Cross country skiing	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
13	Observing Nature.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
14	ice skating, we go to Minnetonka parks for this	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
15	The ice skating rings / warming house are a waste of city staff time and money.e ande and money. A cost evaluation	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
16	Pickle Ball	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
17	Indoor pickleball	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
18	Dog walking	7/3/2025 6:35 AM
19	Running- I haven't lived in Shorewood through the winter yet and really hope the trails will be plowed	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
20	Dog walking	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
21	Winter festival	6/26/2025 9:58 PM

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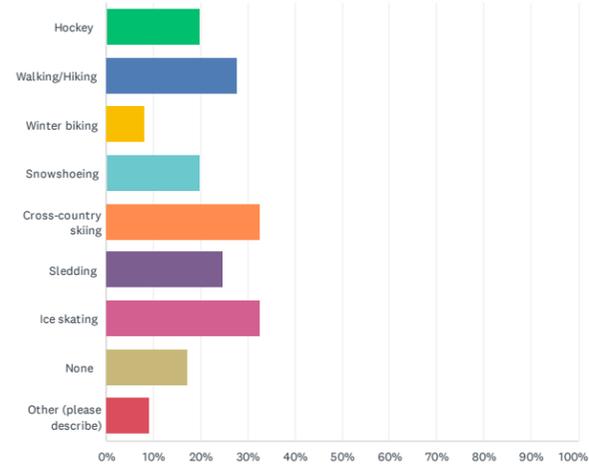
Q15 If you do not visit parks during cold weather months please describe why.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 152

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We need warming spaces!	8/27/2025 12:31 AM
2	Snow and cold.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
3	mostly spend time inside hockey rinks	8/24/2025 12:50 PM
4	We have 3 kids that play hockey, and time is very limited during the winter months for Park Activities..	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
5	Off season for sports	8/24/2025 10:01 AM
6	Hockey	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
7	We have closer parks to enjoy	8/24/2025 8:55 AM
8	Because it's cold.	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
9	Out of state for winter	8/22/2025 12:51 PM
10	I would need a warming house with a sledding hill or rink.	8/19/2025 7:14 AM
11	I participate in indoor activities	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
12	My kids go to badger if there's no snow on the turf, but not if there's snow	8/18/2025 7:39 PM
13	Can't play sports on fields	8/18/2025 7:22 PM
14	We watch our grandchildren play hockey indoors	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
15	Snowbirds in Florida	8/17/2025 10:45 AM
16	Ice & snow	8/12/2025 8:15 PM
17	I live on Enchanted Island. There are no parks on either Shady or Enchanted Island	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
18	Snow & ice	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
19	Nothing close to our house.	8/11/2025 8:28 PM
20	N/A	8/11/2025 4:31 PM
21	I dislike cold weather in general, it has nothing to do with the quality of the parks.	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
22	N/A	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
23	To keep moving and embrace Winter!	8/3/2025 9:45 AM
24	too cold	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
25	its too cold out.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
26	Young kids looking for playground usually.	7/29/2025 8:45 PM
27	Risk of slipping on untreated icy surfaces.	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
28	It is cold outside, then.	7/2/2025 7:03 PM

Q16 What winter activities would you like to see added, improved, or expanded within Shorewood?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 18



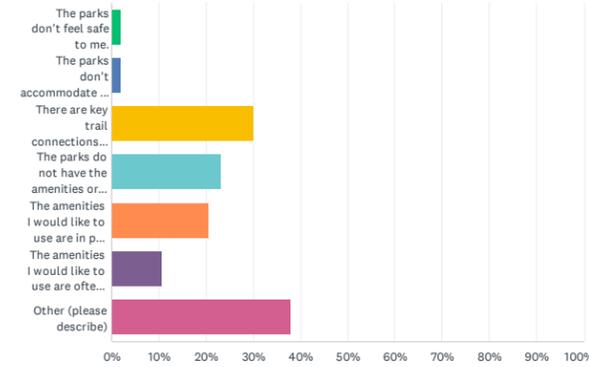
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hockey	19.75%	32
Walking/Hiking	27.78%	45
Winter biking	8.02%	13
Snowshoeing	19.75%	32
Cross-country skiing	32.72%	53
Sledding	24.69%	40
Ice skating	32.72%	53
None	17.28%	28
Other (please describe)	9.26%	15
Total Respondents: 162		

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
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1	Rinks are not always maintained (i.e. Cathcart) & equipment such as skate trainers (bars to hold) aren't always available/in good condition for little kids	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
2	We only access Manor Park in the winter, it has what we need!	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
3	Please repaint Cathcart Hockey Rink	8/23/2025 9:12 AM
4	Snow sculpture activities	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
5	IDK	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
6	Full moon walk in the snow.	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
7	Multi use trails open to dogs sports!	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
8	Kayak access	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
9	Love the idea of "ice skating trails"	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
10	Snow shoeing cross country skiing	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
11	A warming house near the entrance to Freeman Park off of the trail.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
12	Dome for Multi-use fields (soccer, futsal, field sports)	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
13	Dog park	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
14	Sell the ice house. Time and money wasted.	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
15	Indoor pickleball	7/7/2025 11:24 AM

Q17 When trying to enjoy Shorewood's park and trail system, what gets in the way?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 77



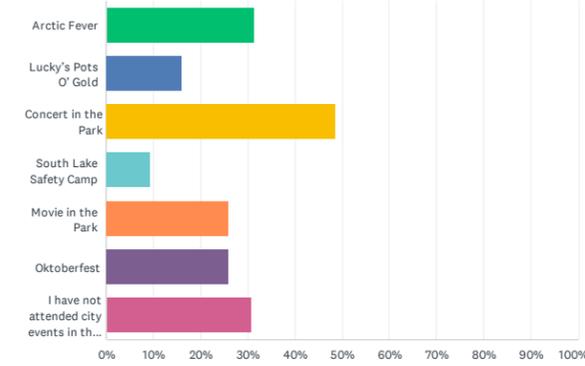
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The parks don't feel safe to me.	1.94%	2
The parks don't accommodate my disability or mobility challenges.	1.94%	2
There are key trail connections missing that make navigating the trail system difficult.	30.10%	31
The parks do not have the amenities or facilities that I enjoy using.	23.30%	24
The amenities I would like to use are in poor condition.	20.39%	21
The amenities I would like to use are often already in use by others	10.68%	11
Other (please describe)	37.86%	39
Total Respondents: 103		

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	None	9/4/2025 4:12 PM
2	All is good	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
3	People are not abiding by keeping their dogs on leashes and do not clean up after the dogs as well-my kids will play in the fields and step in dog poop	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
4	Grass fields, need more turf so sports are not cancelled due to field conditions	8/24/2025 10:33 AM
5	No reason	8/24/2025 10:32 AM

6	Young kids on motor bikes on trails and at parks being annoying	8/18/2025 10:02 PM
7	More turf fields please	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
8	None/No obstacles	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
9	Water feature at south shore park along with a pavilion and extra seating scattered around for people to sit and read/relax	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
10	Hard to get to trails, not clearly marked	8/14/2025 9:26 PM
11	None close by	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
12	None	8/11/2025 9:10 PM
13	More access to neighborhoods on the east side of the city.	8/11/2025 8:28 PM
14	access to more rest rooms would be good	8/11/2025 7:58 PM
15	the bathrooms are not kept in good shape...they are trashed...badger park in general	8/11/2025 7:53 PM
16	flooded areas, mosquitoes, icy paths, sketchy lighting at night	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
17	Sidewalks to get to trails safely is a problem	8/11/2025 4:35 PM
18	Just crazy kids on electric bikes going too fast	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
19	Motorized bicycles	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
20	None	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
21	Cathcart tennis court	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
22	Just the occasional unstaffed/closed warming house	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
23	.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
24	The trail/sidewalk system in the city should be interconnected	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
25	None of the above	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
26	No opinion.	7/26/2025 7:57 AM
27	Please add water area or pools to a park. Not every has a pool or lake accessible in the dummer	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
28	Need more shelters for shade and resting while at the park (as well as bathrooms (vs ports potties)	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
29	Time	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
30	No issues	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
31	Have more benches for us older folks who like to stay active but get winded and need to sit down from time to time on our walks and outings. Especially nice to have some swinging benches and glider benches to rest and listen to the birds and enjoy the nature.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
32	On very busy days, parking is just very tough.	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
33	We need a permanent structure for a warming house at Cathcart	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
34	Nothing	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
35	Getting to our parks, by foot / bike is TREACHEROUS.	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
36	Even though we're close, the lack of sidewalks or dedicated bike lanes means we typically drive for safety.	7/5/2025 3:10 PM
37	Nothing	7/2/2025 8:04 PM
38	please add a dedicated sidewalk on Smithtown Rd.	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
39	Restrooms please along the trail.	7/2/2025 12:45 PM

Q18 Which city events have you attended in the past? Please select all that apply

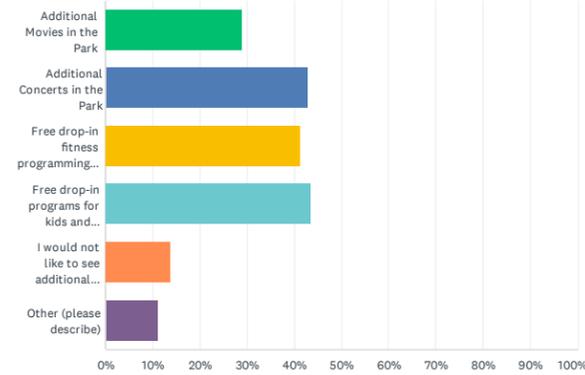
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Arctic Fever	31.36% 53
Lucky's Pots O' Gold	15.98% 27
Concert in the Park	48.52% 82
South Lake Safety Camp	9.47% 16
Movie in the Park	26.04% 44
Oktoberfest	26.04% 44
I have not attended city events in the past	30.77% 52
Total Respondents: 169	

Q19 What other kinds of events would you like to see provided by the City of Shorewood?

Answered: 145 Skipped: 35



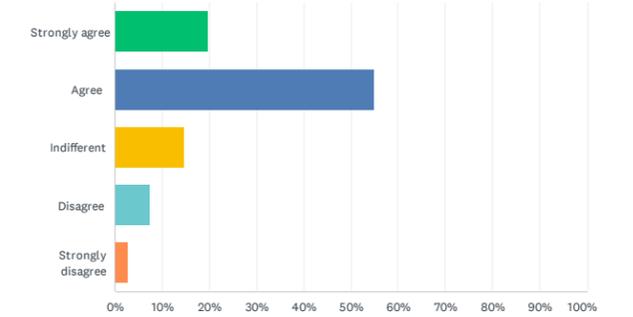
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Additional Movies in the Park	28.97% 42
Additional Concerts in the Park	42.76% 62
Free drop-in fitness programming such as yoga	41.38% 60
Free drop-in programs for kids and families such as mini-concerts, games and activities	43.45% 63
I would not like to see additional events provided	13.79% 20
Other (please describe)	11.03% 16
Total Respondents: 145	

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	We love anything kid-centered!! Lots of kiddos in the community around Freeman Park	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
2	Pickle ball tourney	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
3	Would attend if interested	8/24/2025 10:32 AM
4	We loved the storytime partnership with Hennepin County Library when the kids were little at Manor Park. It would be great to have other partnerships that host events for elementary and middle school aged students.	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
5	Holiday light display	8/22/2025 9:22 PM

6	Pickle Ball	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
7	Weekly arts and crafts activities	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
8	food trucks not just on event nights	8/14/2025 3:38 PM
9	IDK	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
10	Eden prairie has great kids magic shows	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
11	Group meditation for world peace	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
12	More prairie restoration quiet spaces	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
13	Not sure, open to ideas.	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
14	Dog friendly Event Bring your Dog to the Park Day.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
15	Movies in the park has been canceled how many times?	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
16	Goat yoga in Freeman (find out who The Marsh uses plus there's a family in prior lake that has goats that they bring around for stuff like this)	7/2/2025 6:26 PM

Q20 "I feel all the basic amenities I would expect to see in parks (like seating, play spaces, restrooms, bike facilities, sports fields, etc.) are present in Shorewood's park and trail system."

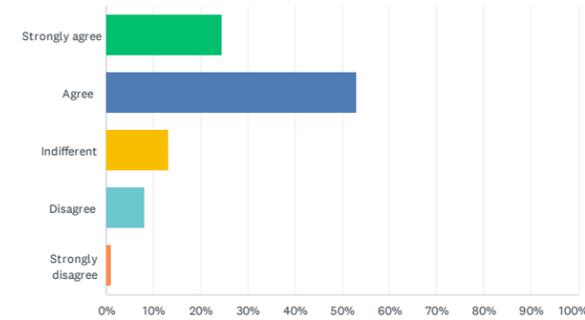
Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	19.89% 35
Agree	55.11% 97
Indifferent	14.77% 26
Disagree	7.39% 13
Strongly disagree	2.84% 5
TOTAL	176

Q21 "The parks and trails in Shorewood are well-maintained and easy to use."

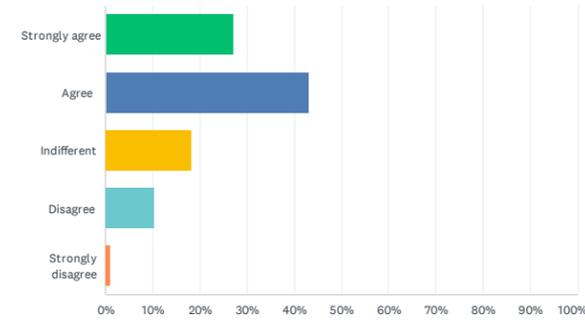
Answered: 175 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	24.57%	43
Agree	53.14%	93
Indifferent	13.14%	23
Disagree	8.00%	14
Strongly disagree	1.14%	2
TOTAL		175

Q22 "I can easily navigate Shorewood's park and trail system using existing wayfinding materials, such as physical or digital maps, wayfinding signage, and park kiosks."

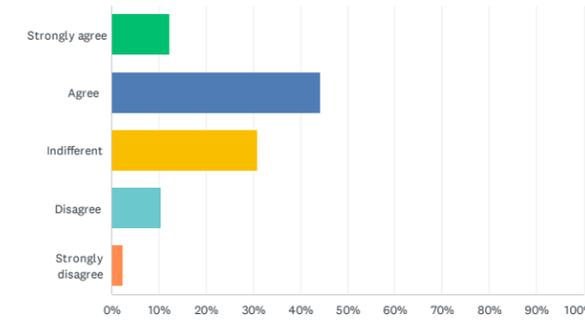
Answered: 174 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	27.01%	47
Agree	43.10%	75
Indifferent	18.39%	32
Disagree	10.34%	18
Strongly disagree	1.15%	2
TOTAL		174

Q23 "There are programs, activities, and recreational opportunities for everyone to participate in, regardless of age, mobility level, or socioeconomic background."

Answered: 172 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	12.21%	21
Agree	44.19%	76
Indifferent	30.81%	53
Disagree	10.47%	18
Strongly disagree	2.33%	4
TOTAL		172

Q24 What 3 words do you associate with Shorewood's park and trail system?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Word 1	100.00%	107
Word 2	98.13%	105
Word 3	92.52%	99

#	WORD 1	DATE
1	Nice	9/4/2025 4:12 PM
2	Old	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
3	Well-kept	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
4	Convenient	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
5	Well used	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
6	Wooded	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
7	Variety	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
8	Clean	8/25/2025 8:24 AM
9	Well maintained	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
10	Fun	8/24/2025 9:07 PM
11	Standard	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
12	Trees	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
13	Green	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
14	Close	8/24/2025 11:16 AM
15	Accessible	8/24/2025 10:32 AM
16	Fun	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
17	Clean	8/24/2025 10:17 AM
18	Clean	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
19	Lacrosse	8/24/2025 8:55 AM
20	community-building	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
21	Accessible	8/23/2025 1:23 PM
22	Fun	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
23	Near	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
24	Biking	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
25	Old	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
26	Overgrown	8/22/2025 12:51 PM
27	Ebikes	8/22/2025 10:36 AM

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28	Excellent	8/20/2025 9:46 PM
29	Clean	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
30	Open	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
31	convenient	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
32	Fun	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
33	Clean	8/19/2025 7:54 AM
34	Nice	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
35	New	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
36	Nice	8/18/2025 7:22 PM
37	Gift	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
38	Preserve	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
39	Beautiful	8/17/2025 2:44 PM
40	Run down	8/16/2025 6:25 PM
41	Adequate	8/15/2025 1:40 PM
42	beautiful	8/14/2025 3:38 PM
43	Fine	8/12/2025 8:17 PM
44	Variety	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
45	dated	8/12/2025 10:45 AM
46	Good condition	8/12/2025 10:22 AM
47	Amazing	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
48	friendly	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
49	Old	8/12/2025 12:10 AM
50	Fun	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
51	we appreciate it	8/11/2025 7:58 PM
52	nice variety	8/11/2025 7:29 PM
53	Accessible	8/11/2025 7:00 PM
54	Peaceful	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
55	Clean	8/11/2025 6:08 PM
56	biking	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
57	Excellent	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
58	Maintained	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
59	Nature	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
60	Accessible	8/11/2025 4:32 PM
61	biking	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
62	Highway	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
63	Family	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
64	Natural	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
65	Spacious	8/7/2025 9:17 AM

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66	Lots	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
67	Disconnected	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
68	Nice for those on the Nort and West parts of Town	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
69	Basic	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
70	Clean	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
71	Plentiful	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
72	Pleasant	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
73	safe	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
74	Convenient	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
75	Safe	7/30/2025 2:03 PM
76	park	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
77	Beautiful	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
78	Please	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
79	Fun	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
80	Adequate	7/21/2025 8:03 PM
81	Sports focused	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
82	Open	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
83	Safe	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
84	Clean	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
85	Nice	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
86	welcoming	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
87	Woods	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
88	Underwhelming	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
89	Convenient	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
90	Beautiful	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
91	Great dog walking trails	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
92	accessible	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
93	Weed Infested	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
94	Outdoor	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
95	Old	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
96	fragmented	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
97	Convenient	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
98	Old	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
99	Accessible	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
100	Urban-feeling	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
101	Nature	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
102	Convenient	7/2/2025 1:13 PM
103	Scenic	7/2/2025 12:45 PM

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104	Close	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
105	Athletics	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
106	Flowerless	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
107	trees	6/26/2025 8:15 PM
#	WORD 2	DATE
1	Available	9/4/2025 4:12 PM
2	Big	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
3	Natural	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
4	Fun	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
5	Well maintained	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
6	Nice	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
7	Open	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
8	Safe	8/25/2025 8:24 AM
9	Happy they are there	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
10	Community	8/24/2025 9:07 PM
11	Adequate	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
12	Paths	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
13	Clean	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
14	Maintained	8/24/2025 11:16 AM
15	Mostly maintained	8/24/2025 10:32 AM
16	Welcoming	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
17	Nice	8/24/2025 10:17 AM
18	Easy	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
19	Playground	8/24/2025 8:55 AM
20	neighborhood-fun	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
21	Maintained	8/23/2025 1:23 PM
22	Clean	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
23	Leisure	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
24	Playgrounds	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
25	outdated	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
26	poor	8/22/2025 12:51 PM
27	Traffic	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
28	Well maintained	8/20/2025 9:46 PM
29	We'll maintained	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
30	Spacious	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
31	family friendly	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
32	Athletic	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
33	Diverse	8/19/2025 7:54 AM

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34	Well-kept	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
35	Quality	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
36	Comfortable	8/18/2025 7:22 PM
37	Protect	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
38	Natural	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
39	Fun	8/17/2025 2:44 PM
40	Quiet	8/15/2025 1:40 PM
41	friendly	8/14/2025 3:38 PM
42	Ok	8/12/2025 8:17 PM
43	Open	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
44	small size	8/12/2025 10:45 AM
45	Close	8/12/2025 10:22 AM
46	Comprehensive	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
47	opened	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
48	Not maintained	8/12/2025 12:10 AM
49	Clean	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
50	convenient	8/11/2025 7:29 PM
51	convenient	8/11/2025 7:00 PM
52	Beautiful	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
53	Safe	8/11/2025 6:08 PM
54	hiking	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
55	Nature	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
56	Spacious	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
57	Peace	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
58	Plentiful	8/11/2025 4:32 PM
59	aged	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
60	Older	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
61	Accessible	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
62	Direct	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
63	Convenient	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
64	Of	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
65	Hilly	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
66	Trails are unsafe due to motorized/electric bikes	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
67	Minimal	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
68	Safe	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
69	Well-Maintained	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
70	Serene	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
71	fun	7/31/2025 11:28 AM

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72	Old	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
73	Accessible	7/30/2025 2:03 PM
74	trail	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
75	Well-maintained	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
76	Don't	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
77	Exciting	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
78	Comparable	7/21/2025 8:03 PM
79	Maintained	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
80	Clean	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
81	Convenient	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
82	Maintained	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
83	Well-maintained	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
84	community	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
85	Trails	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
86	Clean	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
87	Outdated	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
88	Easy	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
89	Good shade	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
90	simple	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
91	Poorly Planned	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
92	Nature	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
93	Dated	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
94	unsafe	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
95	Natural	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
96	Need updating	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
97	Convenient	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
98	Unsafe	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
99	Greenspace	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
100	Beautiful	7/2/2025 1:13 PM
101	Safe	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
102	Useful	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
103	Shore-less	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
104	Green	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
105	open space	6/26/2025 8:15 PM
#	WORD 3	DATE
1	Good	9/4/2025 4:12 PM
2	Some disrepair	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
3	Enjoyable	8/27/2025 2:45 PM

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4	Clean	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
5	Nature	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
6	Variety	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
7	Close	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
8	Fun	8/25/2025 8:24 AM
9	Love the water fountains.	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
10	Awesome	8/24/2025 9:07 PM
11	Convenient	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
12	Dogs	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
13	Fun	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
14	Basic	8/24/2025 11:16 AM
15	Could be enhanced	8/24/2025 10:32 AM
16	Clean	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
17	Fun	8/24/2025 10:17 AM
18	Abundant	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
19	Well maintained	8/24/2025 8:55 AM
20	recreational-sports	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
21	Plentiful	8/23/2025 1:23 PM
22	Nice	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
23	Sport	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
24	Summer	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
25	Need improvement	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
26	access	8/22/2025 12:51 PM
27	Fun	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
28	Good quality	8/20/2025 9:46 PM
29	Safe	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
30	Well Maintained	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
31	sports	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
32	Nature	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
33	Expansive	8/19/2025 7:54 AM
34	Accommodating	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
35	Clean	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
36	Big	8/18/2025 7:22 PM
37	Future	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
38	Spaces	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
39	Easy	8/17/2025 2:44 PM
40	Ordinary	8/15/2025 1:40 PM
41	well-maintained	8/14/2025 3:38 PM

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42	Updated.	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
43	sometimes dirty	8/12/2025 10:45 AM
44	Ok	8/12/2025 10:22 AM
45	Gift	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
46	Hot in the summer	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
47	Organized	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
48	Inspiring	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
49	Welcoming	8/11/2025 6:08 PM
50	walking	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
51	Maintained	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
52	Safe	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
53	Gratitude	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
54	lackluster	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
55	Awesome	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
56	Beautiful	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
57	Easy	8/9/2025 12:21 PM
58	Accessible	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
59	Parks	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
60	Unknown	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
61	No water access for residents unless rich or on the lake	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
62	Old	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
63	Vast	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
64	Well-Connected	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
65	Well-maintained	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
66	lengthy	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
67	Neighborhood	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
68	Well maintainef	7/30/2025 2:03 PM
69	system	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
70	Variety of playground equipment	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
71	Alter	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
72	Hard for young people to use	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
73	Average	7/21/2025 8:03 PM
74	Variety	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
75	Convenient	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
76	Enjoy	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
77	Variety	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
78	Pretty	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
79	accessible	7/15/2025 10:41 PM

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80	Quiet	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
81	Inaccessible	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
82	Fun	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
83	Relaxing	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
84	Close pickleball court	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
85	natural	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
86	No Enforcment Practices	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
87	Health	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
88	lacking	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
89	haphazard	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
90	Year round	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
91	Mire	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
92	Clean	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
93	Trails	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
94	Well maintained	7/2/2025 1:13 PM
95	Maintained	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
96	Nice	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
97	Anti-dog	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
98	Overgrown	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
99	family fun	6/26/2025 8:15 PM

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Q25 What sorts of improvements would make visiting Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces more attractive to you and your family?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 62

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Update equipment and add garbages or dog poop stations Paint hockey rinks etc Full bathroom facilities	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
2	We would love to see some of the playground equipment upgraded in Freeman Park. Although there are 2 playground areas, they are somewhat small and outdated. We would also love to see some amenities for adults (tennis/pickleball courts?) close to these playgrounds so perhaps parents could be active while kids enjoyed the playgrounds :) Anything water-related is also a lot of fun in the Summer! We often find ourselves driving long distances to other Splash Pads/pools, especially when the waters at the local beaches isn't safe to swim in at particular times.	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
3	Upgrading Freeman park playground, repairing tennis court surfaces. It would be nice to add pickleball and/or a space for dogs.	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
4	Restroom facilities at all parks (city park doesn't have a restroom.)	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
5	More turf fields that could be used longer.	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
6	Playground, restrooms, handicap accessible.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
7	More water fountains, place to blow up bike tires and bike parking, more mountain bike trails more kiking trails and signs to other bike paths, more ecology and signs about what nature is around you. More bird house and pollin ator fields.	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
8	I would really like to see enforcement of people who come to the parks and either vandalize or do not leash their dogs and let their dogs poop and don't clean up after them.	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
9	Dedicated Pickle ball courts	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
10	Connect trails to area south of highway 7 (Chaska/Galpin/41)	8/24/2025 5:45 PM
11	Improve bathroom facilities/locations	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
12	More turf fields so practices & games are not cancelled due to field conditions.	8/24/2025 10:33 AM
13	Bathrooms.. Badger gets very busy on game nights.. A public calendar of times and dates at Badger would be very nice.. My kids want to go and play lacrosse on the field and many times we get there and it's full.	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
14	More multi functional fields for kids sports	8/24/2025 9:04 AM
15	Badger is an incredible field and amenities for players and families to use. I think increased signage around field rules (no e-bikes, pick up trash, etc) and parking restrictions would go a long way. Additionally, adding a net to block the pond from stray balls would be an environmental win.	8/24/2025 8:56 AM
16	Improvements to Manor Park playground and more opportunities for events / classes for youth	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
17	New playground to accommodate older kids at Manor park	8/23/2025 3:50 PM
18	Some additional cleaning/maint at Cathcart park! Weeds and chipped paint on the park and ice rink.	8/23/2025 9:22 AM
19	Additional shade structures! Maintenance - weeding, paint.	8/23/2025 9:12 AM
20	Additions mentioned above - Mountain bike, pump track, outdoor exercise equipment, disc golf, hedge maze, cross-country skiing, goats to eat buckthorn. Things like off leash dog area, holiday lights, and more concerts and movies could bring more people to the parks.	8/22/2025 9:22 PM

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21	Adjustable basketball hoop for younger kids	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
22	Add pickle ball courts- it does not appear the tennis courts are being utilized and the courts are in bad shape anyway. Can we repurpose?	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
23	No ebikes speeding, splash pad or wading pond, traffic control for events, FLASHING SIGNAL CROSSING AT EUREKA RD/SMITHTOWN, waste bin on Smithtown Pond path for dog bags	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
24	More water access	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
25	suggestions mentioned above. ski trails, pump park, mtn biking	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
26	Mountain biking opportunities, pump track, pool	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
27	More turf fields.	8/19/2025 8:17 AM
28	Continued/expanded soft surface trails for walking/hiking	8/19/2025 7:54 AM
29	More turf lacrosse fields	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
30	Water features like splash pad... pump track, big and better playground and features, nature play space	8/18/2025 10:02 PM
31	More turf field options	8/18/2025 9:26 PM
32	More lacrosse and youth football fields!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/18/2025 8:52 PM
33	Hard surface trails for inline skating	8/18/2025 8:21 PM
34	Cleanliness - the bathrooms are awful! Rust stains on the toilet and sinks should be cleaned with Bar Keepers Friend. The fountains should also be cleaned daily and kept in working condition. More water pressure! Gum should be scraped off garbage cans when emptied. All the picnic shelters should be swept. Park buildings and sports dugouts and bleachers should be power washed once a year. Our city trucks are clean - why not our buildings? Cobwebs, graffiti, art paint, bird poop, dust, etc. etc.	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
35	Add/promote these spaces for community gatherings such as: arts and crafts activities, neighborhood meetups, family reunions, teen meetups, storytelling/poetry/song/impromptu/skills sharing demos, encourage neighborhood volunteers or stewards, post history of park origins	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
36	Most of the parks are fairly complete. Restrooms would be nice at all the parks. South shore park doesn't have anything to attract visitors other than the rental garden area which is great! It would be really nice to have some other amenities such as a covered pavilion, and an area to sit and relax, possibly with a fountain and chairs encircling it. A place for families to gather or visit alone and enjoy.	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
37	Would love to see some Pickleball courts	8/17/2025 2:44 PM
38	Black top trails. Pickle ball courts	8/17/2025 10:45 AM
39	We would love the trails behind Freeman Park to be groomed for cross country skiing since they are accessible from our neighborhood. Someone goes and plows them immediately after it snows so there isn't any chance for skiing.	8/16/2025 6:25 PM
40	It would be great if you could switch to a safer fertilizer. I hate walking my dog through Freeman after they've treated the grass.	8/14/2025 2:19 PM
41	Seal the courts . Make the rebounder nice.	8/12/2025 8:17 PM
42	Dog park	8/12/2025 8:15 PM
43	Flower or pollinators garden	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
44	Shorewood parks are probably well run and accessible for residents not on the Islands	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
45	More trails linking them	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
46	more natural vegetation, and walks through nature.	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
47	Nature stuff, community garden for kids etc	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
48	More playgrounds for toddlers	8/11/2025 9:10 PM

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49	More playgrounds. Water features like splash pads.	8/11/2025 9:06 PM
50	The ice rink at Cathcart is poorly maintained and has definitely gotten worse over the past 20 years. It seems like each year the city waits until longer and longer in the winter to start making ice and abandons it sooner in the spring. Often any snow isn't fully cleared and the water truck just sprays over the top leaving a crusty, unskate-able surface with frozen tired treads from the snow clearing equipment. The warming house hours are minimal and closes at 9pm before the lights go out at 10pm when people leave. We often go to other cities' rinks to play pick up games because they do a much better job of maintaining their rinks. I know some winters have been bad for temp swings etc. but it truly seems like the effort in keeping up ice for the rink has decreased compared to 10, 15, 20 years ago.	8/11/2025 7:29 PM
51	Please open up a south exit from Freeman Park to Highway 7, and add a stop light at Eureka Road & Highway 7. It would create a better experience for families getting in & out of the park for sporting events. It is very chaotic right now.	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
52	All these questions sounds like taxes to be paid to add more to the parks and I feel they are fine just the way they are	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
53	More playground equipment	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
54	Freeman is perfect as is. The multiple work crews do an excellent job maintaining the park. They should be commended.	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
55	Drinking fountains More sidewalks to get to trails	8/11/2025 4:35 PM
56	No motorized or electric vehicles	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
57	Speed limit on e-bikes and other rules of the road need to be emphasized.	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
58	I have a small child and updating the playground equipment or adding to it would be nice. Especially Cathcart park. I also think that a sledding hill is essential, we need to have one please!!!	8/11/2025 4:32 PM
59	Kill the weeds, too many of them in the grass. Soccer looks good and softball etc but everywhere else	8/11/2025 4:18 PM
60	cities in surrounding areas have much nicer-feeling parks and rest facilities	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
61	Improve hockey at Cathcart. Keep warming house open without an attendant. Can someone just open and close it? Keep a camera there? Cottagewood doesn't have a rink attendant at all times.	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
62	Shade.	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
63	Making sure bathrooms are open year-round	8/7/2025 7:04 PM
64	Improving trail mapping/awareness	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
65	The Cathcart hockey rink and tennis court need attention.	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
66	Cathcart obviously needs a little help on the baseball field to make it a bit more of a desirable field to play on. Freeman is great though so I get it.	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
67	Better coonected to larger trails safely	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
68	.	8/6/2025 5:33 PM
69	Places to store and access lakes for small boats ad kayaks	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
70	Bocce Ball Courts	8/6/2025 8:12 AM
71	Splash pads	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
72	Maybe more interpretive stations, both for explaining natural elements, and, perhaps, to tell the history of this land (beyond white settlers).	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
73	I live right on Badger Park and there are a few improvements I would like to see. 1. The lights on the field are often on late at night which inhibits my sleep and ability to use my backyard. I have also noticed the lights are on when there is nothing happening on the field. Restricting the lights to only be on when there is a planned activity on the field and turning them off earlier in	8/2/2025 10:38 AM

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74	Operable water fountains	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
75	Continue efforts to control buckthorn	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
76	Splash pad for kids	7/31/2025 8:09 PM
77	we would love to see Horseshoe pits put in at the Southshore park (by the garden)	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
78	The noise and light pollution from Badger Park is difficult for those who live nearby. Badger Park lights should only be accessible for scheduled events and not the general public. When the field is in use for lacrosse and football games and practices, it is very loud and homes are very close. Sometimes games are all day long, and even all weekend long, making outdoor spaces and some indoor spaces unusable for those who live nearby. Establishing a max number of hours per day and week for field usage would help and would also allow general park users to access the fields. The nets are also very loud and are used consistently; finding another net option so kids can use them without the frequent loud pop of the chains would be a big help.	7/31/2025 9:54 AM
79	Updated picnic facilities, tables etc. Updated trails, wood repaired, cleaner.	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
80	lights on the ball fields at freeman park. perhaps even a full overhaul of the softball fields. adding a 4th field, and put them in a proper pinwheel with the restrooms/concessions in the center of them all.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
81	The bathrooms at Badger Park are the dirtiest I've ever seen, ever. The red playground at Freeman park is about to fall apart, it's a liability. Please keep all ages in mind when updating a playground. There is hardly anything for a toddler to do at Freeman and Badger playgrounds.	7/29/2025 8:45 PM
82	Better interconnection of trails and sidewalks for miles of walking right outside your door	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
83	The parks are nice. No need to raise taxes or begin construction	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
84	There should be a timer on the spot lights. Kids are driving vehicles on the grass at night. Post signs that say "People live nearby, keep your voices down". I don't want to hear coaches swearing!	7/25/2025 11:44 AM
85	Pools and water areas	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
86	Better conditions on trails and parks.	7/21/2025 8:03 PM
87	Need some senior focused areas, activities and programs, need to have at least one shelter area in each of the parks, more seating, in general we need better seating in all the parks	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
88	It would be great to have some sort of skating amenities at Freeman Park. It would also be good if the city dealt with some trees that seem like they fall routinely.	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
89	I would like to see sidewalk along Eureka road—more green space and parks are always needed	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
90	Make it easier to get to the trails from neighborhoods all over Shorewood	7/19/2025 5:57 PM
91	Nothing, already attractive	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
92	The addition of the benches that I previously described. - Get the good ones; the ones that glide real smooth back and forth; and also the ones that swing back and forth.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
93	State of the art Sports facility	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
94	Updates and improvements to hockey and skating facilities at Cathcart.	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
95	Would love for the playground equipment to be accessible for people with disabilities. There are lots of young children (under5) at the park, it would be great if the playground equipment was designed with that in mind. A hockey rink would be great!	7/12/2025 7:37 AM

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96	No more lawn care chemicals. Gross. We need safe places to enjoy the natural world. I know it's expensive but it would be awesome to consider a way to cool the ice rink at Cathcart since it is one of the only ones in the area and attracts people from outside Shorewood	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
97	Better enforcement on e-bikes that you don't pedal. Scary how fast these kids come up behind me	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
98	Improve pickleball court at Cathcart Add dog off leash area	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
99	Having trash, recycling and organic recycling bins available and clearly marked to guide use (and inform).	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
100	Manage the trees and weeds. Permanently mark park boundaries abutting private properties, Adopt urban forestry policy practices. Horseshoe Pits. Primitive Camp Sites, adjacent to the Lake Minnetonka regional trail.	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
101	To make Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces more attractive for my family and me, we would need better cycling and walking access to them.	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
102	Pickleball- like Victoria/ Chaska	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
103	Actually having them connected by trails with safe ways to cross roads (eg HWY 7). Trails that lead somewhere, especially neighboring towns, and can be used as an alternative to driving.	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
104	More winter trails	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
105	Easier/safer car-free access (neighborhoods/streets around lack sidewalks or dedicated bike lanes).	7/5/2025 3:10 PM
106	Senior activities	7/4/2025 2:52 PM
107	More walking trails	7/3/2025 12:13 PM
108	Cathcart park in particular is in need of an upgrade. Would love to see a nice basketball court, pickleball courts, and a skate park within the Shorewood parks system, and maybe a splash pad or other water play area.	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
109	Trails not made of concrete	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
110	Ice-skating/hockey rinks and a sliding hill in the winter. Also, some seating areas throughout the Freeman trail system would be appreciated. Many many people with dogs utilize Freeman Park as do we. Most of us are good stewards, some are not. It would be nice to have some area specifically for the dogs. We see the same people almost every day, so there are regular users.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
111	a safe dedicated sidewalk on Smithtown Road from Shorewood Lane to Timber Lane for connection to the LRT trail, pretty please :) so many people, including those with young children, walk on the street to get to the trail with cars whizzing by and blind curves...it's not safe. also, there's nothing that comes to mind that really stands out about Shorewood Parks...it would be nice to have art features, water features, flower gardens	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
112	Legitimate pickleball courts would be great. Tons of space in Freeman Park that would not be noisy for neighbors. A sidewalk on Eureka Road between Smithtown and Freeman Park is really needed. Very unsafe to walk along Eureka. Only sidewalk is from The Ponds to the Park entrance.	7/2/2025 12:54 PM
113	I am grateful to have these trails so close to home! Outhouse along the trail would be great!	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
114	Continue to dump stone on muddy trail areas. Cut buckthorn. Remove large debris from site lines.	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
115	Better or more hockey facilities.	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
116	Lake access, swimming pool, more options for dogs, pollinator and/or native gardens with educational signage, volunteer opportunities, tree education to explain new plantings and why so many are dying.	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
117	Take care of noxious weeds and dead trees; add perennial flowers, keep buildings repaired	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
118	more trails and do a better job of replacing trees. Additionally, the quality of sidewalk replacement is poor, many have cracks and some within a year of paving.	6/26/2025 8:15 PM

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Q26 What do you enjoy most about visiting parks or trails in Shorewood?		
Answered: 104 Skipped: 76		
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Large Love the trails	8/28/2025 9:20 PM
2	Being in nature! We love the big trees surrounding the paths and trails	8/27/2025 2:45 PM
3	I primarily use the LRT trail, as it is all I need.	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
4	There are various activities to do each time we go to the park. These activities can be done by people of various ages and abilities.	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
5	Nice trails that are walkable.	8/25/2025 5:41 PM
6	Close by and open.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
7	That they exist and are in good shape.	8/24/2025 9:19 PM
8	Great locations to gather with friends and teams. Great facilities, pavilion and bathroom with water bottle filler at Badger are the best.	8/24/2025 9:07 PM
9	The convenience and accessibility	8/24/2025 8:14 PM
10	Trees	8/24/2025 7:20 PM
11	Badger's lacrosse field is really great. both for organized practices/games with MYLA as well as a place for personal activities/practice. There doesnt appear to be space for another one, but a larger complex would be great.	8/24/2025 12:50 PM
12	Variety of sport activities support	8/24/2025 11:33 AM
13	Badger facility is very nice..	8/24/2025 10:23 AM
14	Year-round play	8/23/2025 8:56 PM
15	A safe place for kids to play.	8/23/2025 3:50 PM
16	How close and walkable and friendly they are. Great places for community and families!	8/23/2025 9:22 AM
17	Grounding in nature, and physical activity.	8/23/2025 9:12 AM
18	My kids love the playgrounds, and I love taking them to events in the parks.	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
19	I like to walk my dogs through the parks and see folks using the amenities.	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
20	Bike trails are quite amazing	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
21	The trails for walking and biking	8/22/2025 1:48 PM
22	Trails for dog walking	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
23	Landscaping is always kept so nice	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
24	cleanliness	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
25	running into other families we know. community	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
26	Connecting with people	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
27	When their is a playground for the kids and walking paths.	8/19/2025 8:17 AM
28	Number of mature trees	8/19/2025 7:54 AM
29	Nice turf lacrosse field	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
30	Lots of nature around	8/18/2025 10:02 PM

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31	We love that Badger is home base for Tonka lacrosse. Lacrosse is thriving in Minnetonka and it's a great facility. Other communities tell me they are jealous that we have a dedicated lacrosse facility.	8/18/2025 7:37 PM
32	I love the mini-forest in Freeman and its winding "natural" paths. Grateful that the forest floor is being cleaned up and the buckthorn eradicated. It is rare to have a woods in a park so it should be protected with fire hydrants. The new handicap signs at the picnic shelter (Freeman). They are lined up like soldiers and obstruct the beauty of the building. They should be interspersed so handicap individuals can enjoy various views of the park, such as the woods or bikers and hikers on the trail. I find it discriminating.	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
33	Preservation of natural settings, pollinator-safe zones, recycling and trash bins available, well-maintained grounds/equipment/buildings/shelters, open and available to all people	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
34	Fun with grandkids at those parks with playgrounds	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
35	Able to get walks in on trails as lacking sidewalks so feel it's dangerous walking around neighborhoods.	8/17/2025 10:45 AM
36	Accessibility and trail connectivity	8/16/2025 6:25 PM
37	Variety	8/12/2025 1:15 PM
38	NA	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
39	Each is different	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
40	The sounds and feel of Nature.	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
41	Location	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
42	Freeman Park is a hidden gem, and being so close to the bike trails is a definite plus!	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
43	The opportunity to be amongst nature and meeting up with friends	8/11/2025 6:08 PM
44	Why change a good thing	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
45	Nature: Experiencing the changing of the seasons while walking through the woods, and fields in the park.	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
46	Playground ! Safe places to bike	8/11/2025 4:35 PM
47	Peace and quiet	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
48	Proximity to my house!	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
49	Watching my children play at the parks.	8/11/2025 4:32 PM
50	Open green spaces	8/11/2025 4:18 PM
51	the connection to the lake minnetonka regional trail is nice	8/11/2025 4:13 PM
52	Playground. Hockey rinks. Trails	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
53	There are always kids playing, families spending time together, or youth sports.	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
54	Walking my dog every day! Playing on the playground with my kids :)	8/7/2025 7:04 PM
55	Trails, easy biking with kids	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
56	The ability to enjoy the outdoors	8/7/2025 9:17 AM
57	Not sure	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
58	Clean and safe	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
59	.	8/6/2025 5:33 PM
60	Nature and prairie areas	8/6/2025 2:57 PM
61	Freeman park is wonderful with some paved trails and some dirt trails	8/6/2025 12:45 PM
62	Being outdoors	8/6/2025 8:12 AM

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63	Getting outside with the kids	8/5/2025 9:22 AM
64	Most parks feel like "parks," nicely surrounded by trees and nature, rather than a playground in a parking lot. They are refuges as well as play spaces.	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
65	Convenience	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
66	Natural environment, trails	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
67	Playground equipment	7/31/2025 8:09 PM
68	variety	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
69	The parks are well maintained and easily accessible. Freeman Park is a great balance between nature, trails and sports fields.	7/31/2025 9:54 AM
70	Convenience, community	7/30/2025 8:50 PM
71	.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
72	being in nature and outside	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
73	Being with family. Truly, the parks are great. The only advice for those who say otherwise is that as adults they should provide their own fun with in the already nice parks.	7/27/2025 1:47 PM
74	Play areas	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
75	Parks are very good for the size of the community, active sports communities in the parks	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
76	Walking my dog and having my kids play at the playground and watching them play soccer at Freeman	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
77	Trees, walking on the trails, watching baseball, feeling safe	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
78	The ease of being on the trail when you get there.	7/19/2025 5:57 PM
79	Open space and trails at Freeman for me and my dog to walk	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
80	Seeing the deer and wild turkeys and owls and listening to all the birds at sunrise as well as other times of day. Watching the flowers come and go and the leaves turn color in the Fall. Seeing the snow fall along the trail etc.	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
81	Something for everyone	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
82	Wooded trails to bike and walk / run on	7/13/2025 8:33 AM
83	Spending time with family and friends	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
84	Spending time with my kids. Getting outside to skate in the winter.	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
85	Walking	7/11/2025 6:23 AM
86	Dog walking	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
87	Keeping it simple. We do not prefer a lot of signage.	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
88	Using the wooded trails in Freeman, that is when they are not under water. Therefore, better drainage	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
89	What I enjoy most about visiting parks or trails in Shorewood is being outside and enjoying nature.	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
90	Events	7/7/2025 11:24 AM
91	The trail from Excelsior to Victoria is the only trail we use, and we risk our lives crossing hwy 7 on our bikes or walking to get to the trail.	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
92	Walking in them - with or without the dog	7/6/2025 2:44 AM
93	Opportunity to be outside in/with community.	7/5/2025 3:10 PM
94	Like the outdoors and nature	7/4/2025 2:52 PM
95	Biking	7/3/2025 12:13 PM

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96	Year-round accessibility and enjoyment, safe and clean.	7/2/2025 9:19 PM
97	Nature areas	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
98	As far as the trails are concerned, I like the fact that hardly anybody's using them. We bring our dog over early in the morning to Freeman Park and let her run in one of the fenced areas.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
99	being outdoors	7/2/2025 3:39 PM
100	Beauty so close to home!	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
101	Access to parks via biking trails.	7/2/2025 12:16 PM
102	Trees, trails, natural areas.	6/27/2025 12:33 PM
103	Not crowded	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
104	open natural spaces	6/26/2025 8:15 PM

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Q27 Are there any other comments you'd like to provide regarding Shorewood's parks, trails, and open spaces?		
Answered: 68 Skipped: 112		
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Overall I think the parks meet all of our needs and changes are simply opportunities for improvement but not a priority.	8/26/2025 6:22 PM
2	It would be great to have access to some sort of water feature. A spray park would be ideal. The closest one to Shorewood is located in Eden Prairie which is quite far. My boys are now 3 and we've been able to enjoy freeman park since they were born. Each age brings new adventures and the park is big enough to let us explore.	8/26/2025 1:39 PM
3	Guideposts added to point out educational items like names for plants and trees.	8/25/2025 3:30 PM
4	I would love to participate in a volunteer weed/paint your park type of event!	8/23/2025 9:22 AM
5	Thank you for all your hard work!	8/23/2025 8:15 AM
6	We love our Shorewood Parks!	8/22/2025 9:22 PM
7	Thank you for all you do	8/22/2025 8:07 PM
8	Signage Keep to Right, Leashes Required, Announce you're passing, no speeding, Don't cut across fields on motor or ebikes, offer concessions	8/22/2025 10:36 AM
9	Thank you for providing such amazing green spaces!	8/19/2025 8:36 PM
10	I wish there way more water access for kayaking, fishing etc.	8/19/2025 10:41 AM
11	allowing for organized sports like baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse is huge. Those are the primary reasons that get me to park and remind me to come back at other times. and wonderful to connect with other busy families when age of kids makes that harder to schedule separately.	8/19/2025 9:54 AM
12	No	8/19/2025 9:38 AM
13	We would like to see mare Lax turf available for practice and games.	8/19/2025 7:14 AM
14	We need more turf lacrosse fields	8/19/2025 5:17 AM
15	I totally disagree that all dogs should be on a leash. If they are under voice control they should be able to run and play and smell new smells, etc. etc. They stare at the four walls all day - every day and when they finally get to have some fun... a five foot leash!! I have been going to parks with and without dogs for 50 plus years and I have only experienced one bad apple. You and I have seen what people can do to a park! We need to have some empathy. They have feelings just like us. Anyone who fears dogs needs to deal with their personal phobia, just as I do with airplanes! Thank you for listening and conducting this survey!	8/18/2025 3:58 PM
16	Where can I find inventory charts with each park's amenities? Are all water sources (e.g., ponds, lakes) in parks safe for people and pets? Are they chemical and algae-free? If not, the city should post "Not Safe" signs where needed. Thank you to park maintenance staff, especially for the recent debris (tree and brush) cleanup at Manor Park in response to neighbor/volunteer requests. Thank you for this survey to help understand who/how many people use our parks (and how to better engage more people).	8/18/2025 3:49 PM
17	I would be very grateful if you would consider South shore park as one of your areas to improve. I know it would be appreciated by all for many different reasons. Thank you!	8/18/2025 11:56 AM
18	Mark Pickle Ball Courts at Badger more clearly as the blue is difficult to see.	8/17/2025 10:45 AM
19	Would love to see more natural play elements at playgrounds. Nature play areas and cross country ski trails would be my top priority.	8/16/2025 6:25 PM

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20	Q20-23 Other than Shorewood newsletters, etc. I don't know much about park programs Widening Enchanted Lane to accommodate a walking lane would be appreciated	8/12/2025 10:32 AM
21	They make it feel lucky to live here	8/12/2025 7:47 AM
22	add more trees to parks, which are wide open.	8/12/2025 2:56 AM
23	Badger park is great. Would like to see the rest updated and maintained better like badger. Updated equipment and facilities would be mine. Outdoor skating in the winter with warming house	8/12/2025 12:10 AM
24	Thank you	8/11/2025 9:26 PM
25	The eastern side of the city does not have the same opportunities available to the rest of the city.	8/11/2025 8:28 PM
26	Would love open/dedicated off leash areas for dogs at Freeman.	8/11/2025 7:29 PM
27	Thank you for all that you do!	8/11/2025 6:34 PM
28	Who feels we need all these upgrades?	8/11/2025 5:14 PM
29	I've lived in large cities, and small towns throughout the US. Our parks, and trails are second to none. Decades of planning, and hard work on a day by day basis go into the excellence that is seen throughout our park system. Out of town visitors are astonished at our quality of life here.	8/11/2025 5:02 PM
30	Shorewood should have a day a year where community helps clean and remove buckthorn which is really taking over trails. We can help .	8/11/2025 4:34 PM
31	Thank you for providing and maintaining them!	8/11/2025 4:33 PM
32	Freeman park, Cathcart, and Manor could all use a renovation.	8/11/2025 4:30 PM
33	Get rid of the buckthorn and weeds	8/11/2025 4:18 PM
34	Keep up the hockey rink. Last winter was awesome. I know the weather makes it hard but it's worth it! Wish we could put a nice warming house in.	8/9/2025 6:30 PM
35	Please continue to support even the smallest of Shorewood parks. They are all essential staples of our communities and bring much needed joy and natural space to our residents.	8/9/2025 5:32 PM
36	Improve bathroom availability at Freeman park	8/7/2025 6:22 PM
37	You've got a lot of parks. Close three down and open up a city dock! Supposed to be the city on the lake or whatever the slogan is, but we're the only ones without access to it. Thanks!	8/6/2025 8:04 PM
38	No	8/6/2025 7:26 PM
39	.	8/6/2025 5:33 PM
40	Keep up the great work! Having so many parks near and safely accessible from our home is a big part of why we moved here, and the maintenance of them is a big reason why we still call this place "home."	8/4/2025 3:04 PM
41	I sometimes see ill-maintained trees (downed trees which should probably be removed), however I think this is more an observation for around town... anyway, I think this is more of an observation of Minnesota in general... I moved here in 2016 from Rhode Island and find that fallen trees are often left as-is... is this intentional? Good forestry would dictate that felled trees should be removed to lower fire risk and promote healthier growth, etc. ANYWAY, this is probably not the place for this conversation... off my soapbox now! 😊	8/1/2025 2:03 PM
42	Would like to help in installing/maintaining bird houses in parks	8/1/2025 2:00 PM
43	nope	7/31/2025 11:28 AM
44	.	7/30/2025 8:13 AM
45	Please keep bathroom facilities clean and build playgrounds for all age groups.	7/29/2025 8:45 PM
46	A dog park would be a good addition to the community	7/28/2025 12:00 PM
47	Please maintain the spaces. We appreciate you.	7/27/2025 1:47 PM

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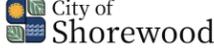
Shorewood Park System Plan Community Survey		
48	O	7/22/2025 11:39 AM
49	The trail system in Shorewood is disjointed, not well known and needs attention in general	7/21/2025 9:48 AM
50	We should turn the trail loop in Freeman Park into an ice-skating trail in the winter :)	7/20/2025 1:42 PM
51	Thank you for bringing in new trees	7/19/2025 8:57 PM
52	Again, would like to see ease of access from neighborhoods.	7/19/2025 5:57 PM
53	Thank you!	7/19/2025 5:03 PM
54	A small restroom is needed in Freeman Park close to the entrance to the trail. As for the benches I've described. I'm old and have a real need for them but most everybody likes them. Kids do, tired Moms do, young lovers in love do, nature watchers too.....	7/17/2025 7:22 PM
55	N/A	7/15/2025 10:41 PM
56	The picnic area could use an upgrade	7/12/2025 7:37 AM
57	More protected natural spaces. Progress is beginning to diminish what makes Shorewood special.	7/11/2025 10:28 PM
58	Would like to have dog off leash on gravel/ unimproved paths	7/10/2025 8:04 PM
59	Please keep them as natural as possible.	7/9/2025 4:51 PM
60	Weeds / Unmanaged Overgrowth / Dead Trees waiting to Fall! More attention to our trails. The ball fields get way too much attention! On our Dollar! They should be absorbing this expense! The park property on the east edge of badger is totally unutilized. Needed are two legal bridges and develop the trail / walkway / and control the encroachment issues now occurring. The need for an active Web-Page where comments and input can be given. Public Works should be reporting on what is happening, so we can see the improvements as they occur. Mark ALL city owned properties. to deter encroachment. Have Suggestion boxes placed in the parks for citizen input. The 8ft trail height standard. needs to be increased to 10ft. But pay no attention to the side branches that could take out an eye! We need clear and defined Trail Standards! Safety First. Sport Organizations, Step Down off the top of the ladder!	7/9/2025 3:10 PM
61	Improved Intersection Safety Beyond simply connecting to parks, overall safety for cyclists and pedestrians at all intersections needs significant improvement. This includes better signage, clearer markings, and traffic calming measures that prioritize vulnerable road users. Critical Need for a Tunnel at the Manitou Road LRT Intersection One specific intersection that poses a significant hazard is the LRT crossing on Manitou Road. Even when the cycling and pedestrian lights are blinking, an alarming 80% of vehicles fail to stop. This disregard for traffic signals puts cyclists and pedestrians at extreme risk. To address this critical safety issue, I strongly recommend the construction of a tunnel at the Manitou Road LRT intersection to allow for safe, uninterrupted passage for walkers and bikers. This would eliminate the dangerous conflict with vehicular traffic and greatly enhance the safety and usability of our active transportation network.	7/8/2025 7:22 AM
62	Please include ALL of Shorewood in the plan. Alternatively, have the part of Shorewood South of hwy 7 become Chanhassen. They have a great trail system!	7/6/2025 11:02 AM
63	Less development, more natural.	7/2/2025 7:03 PM
64	Our entire Park system is under utilized as far as community programming is concerned. Particularly for children during the summertime. Freeman would be a perfect location for a nature program especially if you cleaned up the woods. Our programming for the community in general is very stale. I would invite you to come over to the Arboretum and walk the 3 1/2 mile drive trail to see what can be done trailside as far as amenities and beautification for user enjoyment. I bet you can find an Arboretum volunteer that lives here in the community that would walk it with you.	7/2/2025 6:26 PM
65	Thank you!	7/2/2025 12:45 PM
66	It is sad that "Shore"wood has so little lake shore accessible for public use. It would be nice to have a beach or at least some quiet vantage point for sitting and reflecting. Also, with so many intersecting highways (7, and Oak St/Manitou segments of 19) and confusing roads and trails to connect city parks, Shorewood feels very disconnected. Coupled with no local paper (Sun	6/27/2025 12:33 PM

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LISTENING SESSION MEETING NOTES

Shorewood Park System Plan Community Survey		
	Sailor hardly covers us), and no real city/historic center, there is little sense of community here.	
67	Way too many new trees planted in Freeman. Soon the open spaces will be gone.	6/26/2025 9:58 PM
68	Do not put a dome in Freeman and destroy our biggest park! Domes are for public schools or private developments not public parks.	6/26/2025 8:15 PM

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Shorewood Park System Plan Listening Sessions | August 15, 2025 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Shorewood City Hall

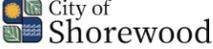
Listening Session #1: Lacrosse + Baseball
9:00 am – 10:00 am

Meeting Agenda

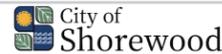
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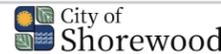
- Attendees:
 - Lindsey Reich (President of the Minnetonka Lacrosse Association)
 - Dan Reich (Lacrosse Coach)
 - Jake Borash (Director of Coaching at Tonka United Soccer)
 - Noel Quinn (Executive Director of Tonka United Soccer)
- Overview of Organizations:
 - Tonka United/Soccer
 - 1,000+ youth are involved, ranging from 3 years of age to high school aged students; 10 to 12-week program
 - Hosts an annual soccer tournament in June called Tonka Splash (the second largest soccer tournament in the cities)
 - Spends \$480,000 a year on field rentals in a variety of cities in the metro
 - Tonka United Soccer is seeing a lot of growth in Minnesota at this moment; however, limited fields and practice space will not meet future needs
 - Lacrosse
 - ~500 youth are involved, ranging from 6U (6 years old and younger) to 14U (14 years old and younger); there are 22 teams this season
- Facility Usage:
 - Tonka United/Soccer
 - Tonka United uses Freeman Park’s large open grass area with many fields for practice and games mostly during the spring and summer months
 - Tonka United paints the fields in Freeman Park themselves
 - Tonka United has full access to Freeman Park’s fields and doesn’t have to schedule too far ahead of time

- Freeman Park is more of a legacy rental program (submit one form per year for soccer)
 - Tonka United uses Eddy Station for its concessions space, storage space, and indoor restrooms
 - Champion’s Hall (in Eden Prairie) is also used for soccer when needed
- Lacrosse
 - Lacrosse uses Badger Park’s turf fields mostly in the spring months; other fields in Chanhassen and Hopkins are used in the summer (when Tonka United isn’t using them)
 - Badger Park = 1 field for 500 kids in the spring
 - Will put as many teams on a field as possible during practice because of limited turf field opportunities
 - Turf fields are critical to the game because they allow continuous play even after it rains and provide year-round opportunities for kids to play; lacrosse can easily tear up regular grass fields
 - If lacrosse couldn’t use Badger Park’s fields in the spring, they would have to increase fees to find another location which would inhibit some kids from being able to play
 - Lacrosse helped fund the fields at Badger Park, so they generally get first right of refusal
 - City asks for scheduling requests, Stephanie (with the city) works behind the scenes and provides leaders with schedules
 - Another private lacrosse club outside of Shorewood (SW Christian) was recently trying to use Badger Park’s fields; this caused issues for Minnetonka Lacrosse as Badger Park is the only space they can play in
 - Process may need reevaluated and streamlined to focus on/prioritize Shorewood kids
 - Lacrosse used to use the open green space in Manor Park for “Littles” but doesn’t anymore as they don’t see any room for growth there
- Current and Anticipated Future Needs:
 - Tonka United/Soccer
 - Tonka United would benefit immensely from an indoor dome structure that would allow continuous play during winter months
 - A facility like this in Shorewood would bring in a lot of extra money
 - Tonka United is looking to invest in a partnership with cities for streamlined schedules, field use, etc.
 - Parking is limited/difficult in Freeman Park, especially during tournaments
 - When Shorewood experiences heavy rain, the fields in Freeman Park flood and are unusable
 - Lacrosse
 - Wayzata, Fern Brook, and Maple Grove have great turf fields that lacrosse would love to see in Shorewood
 - Lacrosse would benefit immensely from an indoor dome structure that would allow continuous play during winter months
 - Lacrosse currently spends between \$400-\$450 an hour at Tonka Dome
 - Parking is limited/difficult in Badger Park when there are lacrosse tournaments and community events happening at the Community Center at the same time



- Improvements or Updates to Improve Experience:
 - Tonka United/Soccer
 - 4 turf fields in a dome would be what soccer needs to meet their future needs
 - Tonka United has noticed that some ballfields in Freeman Park are not used often (e.g., Field #5) and could be converted to a field in some way; they wonder what options are available for “multi-use athletic fields” (that could be used for soccer, lacrosse, baseball, etc.)
 - Edina High School and Community Center/Kuhlman Field turf fields are good examples of ideal multi-use athletic fields
 - Plenty of open space for random recreational play would be ideal
 - Bugs on regular grassy fields can be a nuisance, though
 - Field lights would be great but would affect nearby neighborhoods
 - Tonka United just bought a robot field lining machine for \$50,000
 - Although turf fields require different paint, lacrosse is interested in a partnership
 - Lacrosse
 - Lacrosse is interested in keeping fees low to grow the sport and introduce new kids to it; they would be interested in raising funds for new fields spaces to be a partner with the city
 - \$500 lacrosse dues vs \$3,000 hockey dues
 - Lacrosse has a new board, meaning more funding capacity and better marketing/communication
 - Additional walls for “wall ball” and practice would be great; players love to use them, and other cities are envious of Badger Park’s facilities
 - Currently, there is not enough storage space in Badger Park; there are no concessions stands or permanent park buildings (besides the restroom building) either
 - Lacrosse would like to generate revenue in the same way as Tonka United does at Freeman Park but is unable to
 - Field lights would be great but would affect nearby neighborhoods
 - Lacrosse would be interested in sponsoring fields if there were fields to sponsor (they have the money)



Listening Session #2: Park Volunteers + Advocates

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Topics to Cover:
 - Please describe your role as park advocate/volunteer
 - Please describe how the parks and trails in Shorewood meet or do not meet your current and future needs
 - What improvements or updates would you like to see in parks and trails in Shorewood?

Meeting Notes

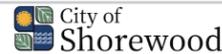
- Attendees:
 - Michael Jacobson (young father)
 - Barry Brown (lives near Freeman Park, organizes clean-up efforts)
 - Mary and Chuck Babcock (both live at the end of Manor Park, take care of floral gardens, clean drinking fountains, paint community posts and garbage cans, fix other park amenities, etc.)
 - Bridgette Borgerson (long-time resident, master gardener with an interest in parks)
 - Lyn Toleman (40-year resident, big advocate of Manor Park)
 - Patt Arnst (park commissioner for 8 years, chair for 5 years)
 - Steve Clemowics (long-time resident, park user, and dog walker; loves Freeman Park)
- Parks and Trails that Meet Current and Future Needs:
 - Freeman Park
 - The wooded area and trail system in Freeman Park is top tier; many would like to see continued resources being dedicated to this park
 - Fields and open spaces are always being used by the community (provides a little “slice of Americana”)
- Parks and Trails that do not Meet Current and Future Needs:
 - Freeman Park
 - Some entrances (such as near Shorewood Oakes) are inundated with water, making them inaccessible
 - The large puddle at Shorewood Oakes trail entrance comes in from the middle part of the neighborhood (a soft surface area that the city knows about but hasn’t had an opportunity to fix)
 - Some trails in Freeman Park become muddy in the spring and require additional maintenance; elevating some trails, adding boardwalks where necessary, or improving drainage would all improve existing conditions
 - Park advocates would like to keep these trails natural rather than paved
 - There needs to be more benches throughout Freeman Park
 - The volleyball court at Freeman Park should either be fixed or removed; the hornet nests nearby should also be removed
 - Trails



- There is a trail gap at Walnut Grove/Walnut Ridge that has not yet been constructed
- Vinewood trails are not getting addressed until reconstruction of the roadway happens in 2029
- A lot of money has been put into recreation facilities across the system; however, not enough money has been put into natural preservation/conservation/resources
 - There needs to be a balance between efforts and money put into recreation vs. efforts and money put into resources for seniors, plants, trails, etc.
- Improvements or Updates to Improve Experience:
 - Outreach/Communication
 - Newsletters from the city have a section on parks, recreation, and summer programs; however, there seems to be a gap in park updates (news is lagging)
 - Flyers could be delivered to neighborhoods when updates are happening in parks near them
 - Park amenity descriptions should be included on the city’s website; the website needs to have more information and maps regarding the city’s parks and trails
 - More input needs to be received from the 25 to 35-year age group, whose children are or will be using the city’s parks and trails the most in the future
 - 34% of Shorewood’s population is currently over 50 years old
 - Some residents feel that the low response rate to the survey may mean the information gathered is inaccurate/invalid
 - Door-to-door engagement, text communication, and additional posts on social media about the community survey may have encouraged more community members to take the survey
 - Perhaps the city needs a volunteer coordinator to help spread the word about events, surveys, etc.
 - Maintenance
 - Soccer, baseball, and other sports can be hard on fields
 - It would be helpful to see a breakdown of maintenance schedules in each park to better understand how often fields/courts are being taken care of
 - City may need to be more careful when it comes to work near natural areas as some vegetation in parks has been needlessly destroyed
 - General maintenance in parks is very good
 - Manor Park
 - Opportunities for arts and crafts for people of all ages
 - Freeman Park
 - Eddy Station needs a name plate
 - Minnewashta Elementary School brings kids to Freeman Park twice a year
 - Could add an outdoor education space in the park
 - More benches and seating opportunities are needed
 - Trails
 - Connectivity and accessibility for people of all mobilities is and has been an important goal for many years
 - City needs better wayfinding signage throughout the system; adding interpretive and informational signage to help people navigate the system as well as learn more about the natural spaces they’re in would be ideal
 - Other
 - Many were curious as to how Shorewood’s park and trail system compares to the



- Some residents were interested in understanding how often parks are used but staffing someone in each park for an extended period could be rather labor intensive (could use a summer intern, AI integration, volunteers, etc.)
- Look into how shifting city demographics might influence future park improvements
- Barry started a booklet inventory of plants with help from Amy Wenner; he gave it to Mitch, but it seems nothing came of it
 - Barry is interested in creating sample tags for vegetation in parks, and there are volunteers he knows who would be interested in helping set them up
- The city should consider developing a natural resource plan so there is a process in place for the handling/preservation/removal/etc. of its natural resources
- A cost benefit analysis should be conducted to see if certain amenities (like ice rinks) are worth keeping in the system; climate change will pose a significant risk in the future
- All future lighting for sports fields should be down-focused, light sensitive, and dark-sky compliant
- Residents would like to see more public art in parks
- There are not enough benches in parks
- Many amenities could be adapted to be multi-purpose
 - Hockey rink with pickleball court striping
 - Multi-purpose game tables
- More rubberized play surfaces for playground areas would be great
- The community is full of volunteers and advocates who care deeply about their park and trail system
 - How can the city better involved volunteers in their pursuits?



Listening Session #3: South Shore Park Area Residents

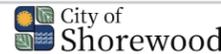
11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Topics to Cover:
 - How do you currently use South Shore Park?
 - How would you like to use South Shore Park?
 - What works well at South Shore Park today?
 - What improvements or updates would you like to see at South Shore Park?
 - Do you have any other comments to share about parks and trails in general in Shorewood?

Meeting Notes

- Attendees:
 - Bonnie (dog owner, lives near the park)
 - Lynn Murray (lives near the park)
 - Beth Grover (lives near the park)
 - Laura King (lives near the park)
- Current Use of South Shore Park:
 - Gardening
 - Walking dogs on-leash
- Amenities that Work Well:
 - Community gardens
 - Recently expanded and completely full this year; however, some plots have remained untouched (how does the plot renting process work?)
 - Compost bin
 - To use the compost bin, you must have the code (1234)
 - Lots of residents utilize the compost bin, including community garden users (they have a separate compost pile, as well)
 - Portable restroom
 - Used often; could be replaced with a more permanent restroom structure
- Improvements or Updates to Improve Experience:
 - Trail Connections through the Park
 - There are some steep topographical challenges on the north and west ends of the park
 - Off-Leash Dog Park
 - An off-leash dog park would be great for residents because off-leash opportunities are limited in the community; lots of community members use Freeman Park as an “off-leash dog park” even though they’re not supposed to
 - Potential safety issue with Hwy 7 and dogs
 - There are not enough pet waste stations throughout the park system
 - Pickleball Courts
 - Because the park is located near a noisy highway and the park has great tree



- Gateway Feature
 - South Shore Park’s position along Hwy 7 is ideal for a gateway feature that welcomes visitors into Shorewood
- Picnic Areas and Pavilions
 - The nearest pavilion is at Manor Park
 - A rentable pavilion in South Shore Park could help the city raise some money and provide community members with another location to host events
- Multi-Use Sports Court
 - A multi-use sports court for basketball, pickleball, etc. would be great in South Shore Park
- Fitness Loop
 - A walking trail throughout the park with 4-6 fitness stations (pull-ups, bench press, step up, etc.) would get used often by local residents
- Benches and Other Seating Options
 - There are currently very few seating options available in the park (nowhere to rest)
- Interpretive Signage
 - Interpretive signage could be integrated into the wayside rest area to tell the story of Shorewood
- Water Feature
 - A water feature or fountain could help mitigate noise from Hwy 7
- Disc Golf Opportunities
- Other Comments:
 - The old skate park in South Shore Park was not used very often in the past, which is why it was removed
 - The parking lot is often used by people who do not use the park (e.g., by people on lunch break eating in their car, etc.)
 - Children do not visit South Shore Park often
 - The eastern portion of the park (east of the parking lot) is underutilized
 - St. Albans Road is in poor condition and needs to be reconstructed



Listening Session #4: Baseball + Softball

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

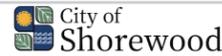
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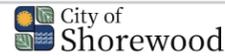
- Attendees:
 - Eric Igl (Tonka Softball Practice Scheduler for slow pitch, fast pitch, and Miracle League)
 - Kelly Wischmeier (President of Tonka Softball)
 - Jake Saba (Minnetonka Baseball Community Liaison and Field Director)
 - Andrew Brodbeck (President of Minnetonka Baseball)
 - Keith Nelson (South Shore Softball League Director)
- Overview of Organizations:
 - Tonka Softball
 - Largest softball organization in the state of Minnesota (both slow pitch and fast pitch offerings)
 - Just adopted Miracle League (both boys and girls)
 - Sisters with Glen Lake Athletic Club (Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Minnetonka)
 - ~72 teams (including fast pitch and slow pitch); 11-13 girls per team
 - Only Wayzata has a larger program
 - Minnetonka Baseball
 - Largest youth program in the state with about 1,400 players (500 travel kids) and 130 teams
 - Spring season = April to July
 - Fall season = September to October
 - Coordinates with 6 cities and 3 schools
 - South Shore Softball League
 - South Shore Softball League allows both men and women to compete
 - South Shore Softball partners with Minnetonka Community Ed to provide three distinct leagues
 - Season runs through August
 - Doesn’t always have the budget to do maintenance
- Facility Usage:
 - Tonka Softball
 - Mission Fast Pitch uses Freeman Park (mostly) and Manor Park (rarely) for games
 - Manor Park’s field is only used for practices; the field is always underwater, parking is limited, and conflicts arise because of scheduling issues



- Tonka Softball does not usually have games on Fields #4 and #6 because the dugouts aren’t protected, the dugouts at Field #4 are too close to the parking lot, players can’t warm up outside the fields, grass encroaches on the infield, bases are always missing, inserts are always getting pulled, etc.
 - Can’t play 12U fast pitch because players can never hit it out
 - Uses them instead for practice
- Tonka Softball (sometimes) uses Badger Parks field space when it’s not in use
- Also uses four fields at Legacy Fields and fields at Big Willow Park in Minnetonka during the spring
- Tonka Bay does not allow clubs outside of the city to use their fields
- Minnetonka Baseball
 - Freeman Park, Manor Park, and Cathcart Park are used most often
 - Minnetonka Baseball maintains backstops, fixes broken fences, etc.
 - Freeman Park and another park are used during their 1 large tournament each year (4 different age groups, 8 teams)
 - Fields #1, #2, and #3 are used for baseball (Field #5 is sometimes used for practice)
 - South Shore Softball League
 - If the fields at Excelsior Commons went away, the adult softball women’s league would have nowhere to play
 - Uses Freeman Park’s fields occasionally
 - Everyone seems to be fighting for the same fields
 - Excelsior Commons is one of the only fields in the area with lights, fencing (280’), and base posts at various lengths
- Current and Anticipated Future Needs:
 - Tonka Softball
 - Tonka Softball is currently feeling maxed out on the number of available fields they must work with; the organization is still growing and is at the point where they may need to turn kids away (too many kids, too few fields)
 - Because softball hosts doubleheaders that are sanctioned by a state athletic body, games are always at certain times and don’t go into the night, which means field lighting is not necessarily needed/not a money maker
 - Minnetonka Baseball
 - Minnetonka Baseball is currently at full capacity
 - Can only get one game in a night at certain facilities because of unavailable field lights
 - Wants best in class facilities to keep players and families happy
 - There’s one dome (Tonka Dome) nearby but ~14 programs fighting for time in there
 - Tries to self-fund when possible (for example, \$15,000 was recently spent on a new fence at Field #1 in Freeman Park)
 - Minnetonka Baseball works with the Diamond Club, whose mission is to partner with organizations on the most efficient way to use the land and steer capital and long-term planning considerations, to help figure out capital projects
- Improvements or Updates to Improve Experience:
 - Tonka Softball
 - According to Tonka Softball, turf fields are *not* worth it because they can pose risks to players (players can get hurt, they’re better in indoor environments, etc.)



- Tonka Softball would like to see batting cages added between Field #4 and Field #5
- Tonka Softball would also like to see a temporary 45' softball field with backstops for 4 to 5-year-olds added to Badger Park's existing fields
- Minnetonka Baseball
 - There are three levels/buckets of improvements that Minnetonka Baseball considers, with each rising in costs/representing a larger financial commitment:
 - Bucket 1 (\$): Ongoing maintenance of existing fields (grounds crew, backstops, etc.)
 - Bucket 2 (\$\$): Enhancements (to batting cages, pitching mounds, etc.)
 - Bucket 3 (\$\$\$): Long-term planning for transformational items (like field lights, parking expansion, etc.)
 - Minnetonka Baseball sometimes feels constrained by other community events occurring in parks (e.g., availability of portable restrooms and other amenities is limited)
 - Field lighting would increase the amount of time players can spend practicing/playing games (more lights = fewer fields needed)
 - Minnetonka Youth Baseball would love additional batting cages
 - Although access to natural gas heat was the limiting factor in the past, Minnetonka Baseball would like to see if a winterized dome could be installed at Badger Park
- Scheduling
 - Every municipality has a different scheduling process, which makes it difficult for organization leaders to play ahead/organize/etc.
 - Variability is not built into forms that organizations have to fill out; the interface does not allow for nuance
 - Shorewood recently started scheduling online but the system is still somewhat clunky
- Summary of Improvement Ideas
 - Better overall field maintenance and care in the spring and fall, the regrading and aeration of fields, and the addition of multi-purpose fields, fields lights, and a winterized dome structure would greatly improve baseball and softball in Shorewood



Listening Session #5: Seniors

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Topics to Cover:
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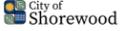
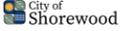
Meeting Notes

- Attendees:
 - Jeanna Raap (lives near Badger Park, South Shore Senior Partners Board Member)
 - Sally Bergman (lives in Chanhassen, Treasurer of the South Senior Partners Board)
 - Tena Brandhorst (South Shore Senior Partners President)
- Current and Anticipated Future Needs:
 - The South Shore Senior Partners (SSSP) put together a senior newsletter; it does not contain a lot of information about parks but does highlight unique recreational opportunities for seniors (like pickleball)
 - Enrollment for their quarterly newsletter has dropped
 - The group loves pickleball and prefers to see outdoor courts dedicated specifically to the sport; Shorewood does not currently have any actual pickleball courts (just striping for pickleball on existing tennis courts)
 - Opportunities for pickleball lessons
 - With senior housing near South Shore Park, there could be some concern about noise from pickleball
 - “Seniors like cheap and free”
 - More inexpensive programming and activities for seniors would go a long way
 - Placing the right amenities in the right locations is important for seniors
 - The city does not do any senior programming or organized senior activities that are connected to the park system; senior programming is not represented in the local newspaper or newsletter
 - People who are newly retired and looking for things to do don't know what's available to them
 - Parks are mainly geared toward children (playgrounds) and other youth activities (fields, courts, etc.)
 - The senior group rents space at the Community Center for certain but not very often
- Improvements or Updates to Improve Experience:
 - Restrooms
 - Permanent restrooms that are at ground level and accessible are beneficial for seniors in parks



- The safety, availability, and accessibility of walking trails throughout Shorewood need to be improved; the distance and quality of a walk is a concern, especially for people with walkers or canes
 - Seniors need accessible and flat surfaces to walk on; even decorative sidewalks (with bricks or pavers) can be tricky for them to use
 - E-bike and electric scooters can be very dangerous for seniors to deal with
- Separated trails for bikers and walkers could help mitigate some issues
- Benches and Other Seating Options
 - Seating should be located closer to parking lots and entrances; some seniors can't make it very far without needing to rest
- Picnic Shelters and Shade Structures
 - Shorewood's park system needs additional covered picnic shelters that are connected to sidewalks so seniors can easily access them
- Bike Racks
 - More bike racks are needed throughout the system
- Drinking Fountains
 - More drinking fountains (with spigots for dogs) are needed throughout the system
 - Existing drinking fountains are slow to turn on in the summer
- Multi-Generational Play
 - Grandparents often take care of grandchildren when parents are busy; there needs to be more opportunities for seniors to play alongside their grandchildren
- Lighting
 - The city should only add field lighting that shuts off when they're not in use
- Other Comments:
 - Shorewood Ponds (a large senior living area in Shorewood) has a nice park alongside it; however, the park space is somewhat inaccessible to seniors with mobility issues
 - The wooded area in Badger Park (where the Eagle Scouts bridge and natural trails are located) is not utilized often and can feel unsafe (people loitering, smoking, etc.)

ENGAGEMENT MATERIALS

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Pop-Up Event Comment Cards

City of Shorewood  

PARK SYSTEM PLAN

The City of Shorewood is developing a park system plan to assist in determining future improvements to its parks, trails, and open space facilities and amenities. The plan will help guide park investments and programming over the next 10+ years. **Use the QR code or the web link to the right to stay up to date on the status of the project and take the community survey!**

Please consider joining us at future pop-up events for opportunities to provide more input and to learn more about the project. **Your feedback is essential to the successful development of the plan!**



shorewoodmn.gov/parksplan

Pop-Up Event Informational Handout



Parks Plan
Business Cards



Yard signs
(18x24")

City of Shorewood
PARK SYSTEM PLAN



WELCOME!

Welcome to Shorewood's Concert in the Park event!

Thank you for stopping by to discuss the future Shorewood's park and trail system. The City understands the need for an updated parks system plan

to help guide the future of their parks, trails, and outdoor amenities, **but they need your help to make it happen!**

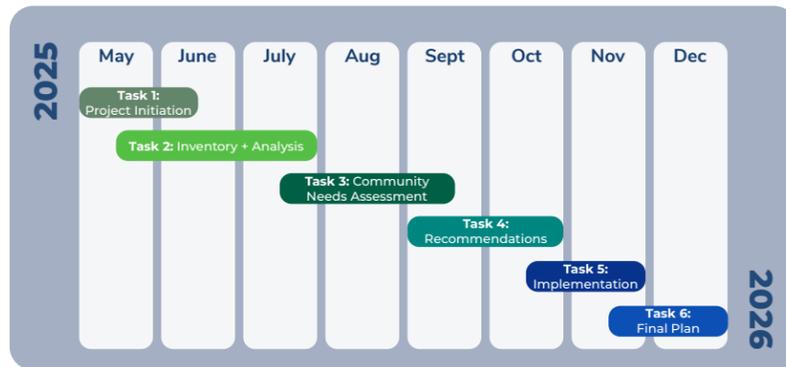


COMPLETE OUR ONLINE SURVEY!



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THE TIMELINE



THE PROCESS

What is a park system plan? And how do I get involved in the planning process?



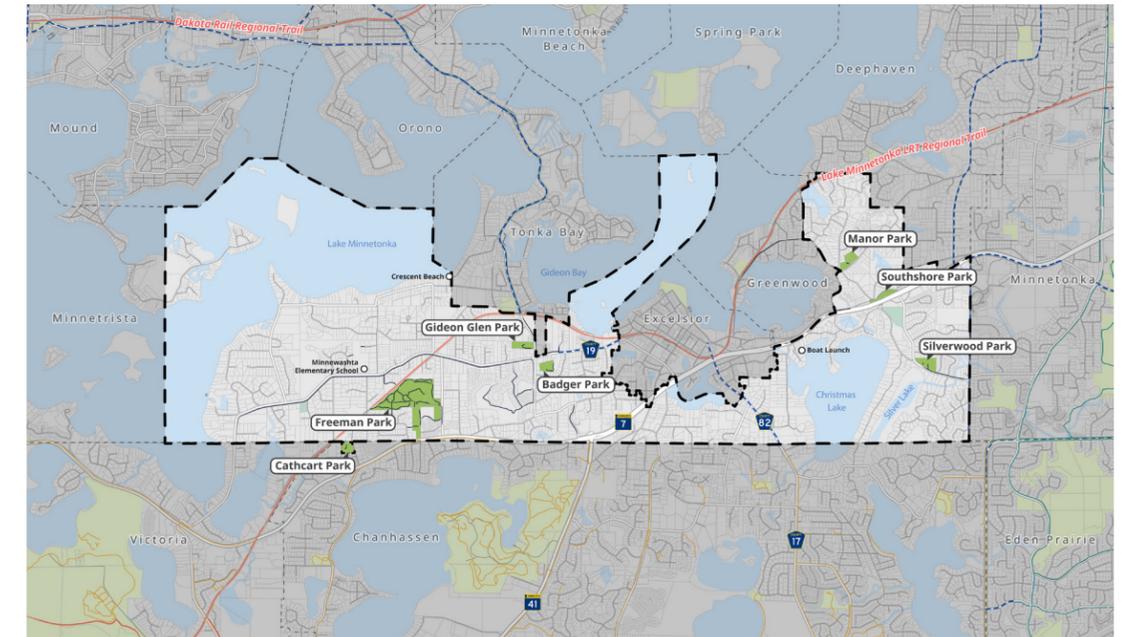
A park system plan is a policy document that helps guide future decision-making for a community's network of parks, trails, and open spaces. You can get involved by providing feedback at engagement events and by taking the community survey using the QR code above!

Concert in the Park Pop-Up Event Boards (1 of 4)

Shorewood's
PARK AND TRAIL SYSTEM

Help us understand the way you currently use your park and trail system!

What do you enjoy or dislike about your parks and trails? What would you like to see added or removed from the system? **Please place sticky notes with your comments directly on the map or in the space below!**



Parks + Trails

- City Trails
- Carver County Trails
- Hennepin County Trails
- Regional Trails
- Bikeways/Bike Lanes
- City Parks
- Other Parks
- Cemeteries
- Lakes
- Rivers + Streams
- Parcels
- Shorewood City Limits
- Other Destinations

Concert in the Park Pop-Up Event Boards (2 of 4)

WHAT ACTIVITIES + AMENITIES ARE EXCITING TO YOU?

Show us by placing up to three sticky dots on your favorite elements! If there's anything we missed, let us know by leaving a comment below!

Recreation + Play



Gathering + Socialization



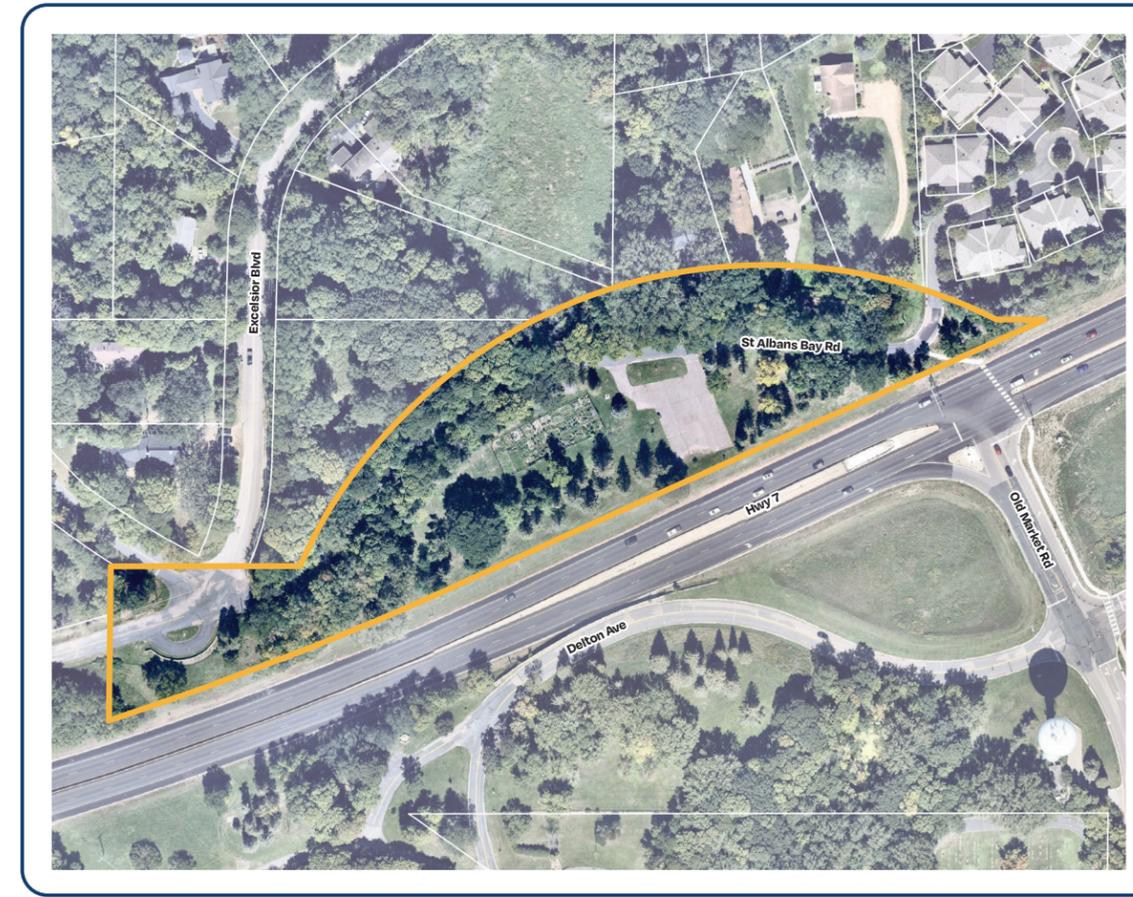
Safety, Access + Comfort



Concert in the Park Pop-Up Event Boards (3 of 4)

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN SOUTHSHORE PARK?

What would you like to see for the future of Southshore Park? What amenities or park features might best serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods? Please place sticky notes with your comments directly on the map or in the space below!



Existing Amenities:

- Community garden plots
- Portable restroom
- Picnic table
- Compost bin
- Litter receptacle
- Drinking fountain with hose attachment
- Overlook area

Concert in the Park Pop-Up Event Boards (4 of 4)

PARK SYSTEM PLAN



WELCOME!

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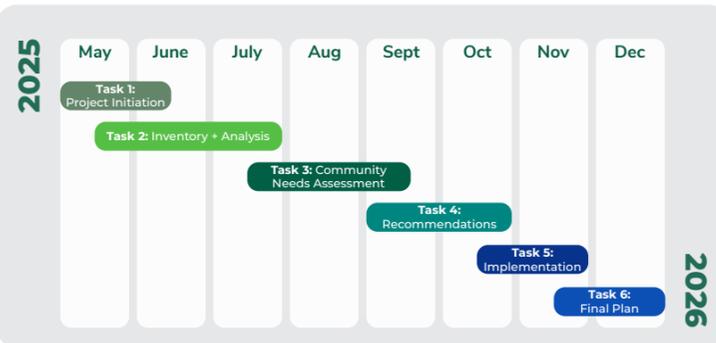
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THE TIMELINE



PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

Please review the project information shared here today and provide your feedback and comments!

Oktoberfest Pop-Up Event Boards (1 of 5)

SOUTH SHORE PARK CONCEPTS

What would you like to see for the future of South Shore Park? Please place sticky notes with your comments directly on the maps below!



Oktoberfest Pop-Up Event Boards (2 of 5)

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Priority Levels
● High Priority ● Medium Priority ● Low Priority

How do you think these recommendations should be prioritized?
 Help us out by placing a green, orange, or red dot in the grey boxes next to each recommendation below!

PARK FACILITIES

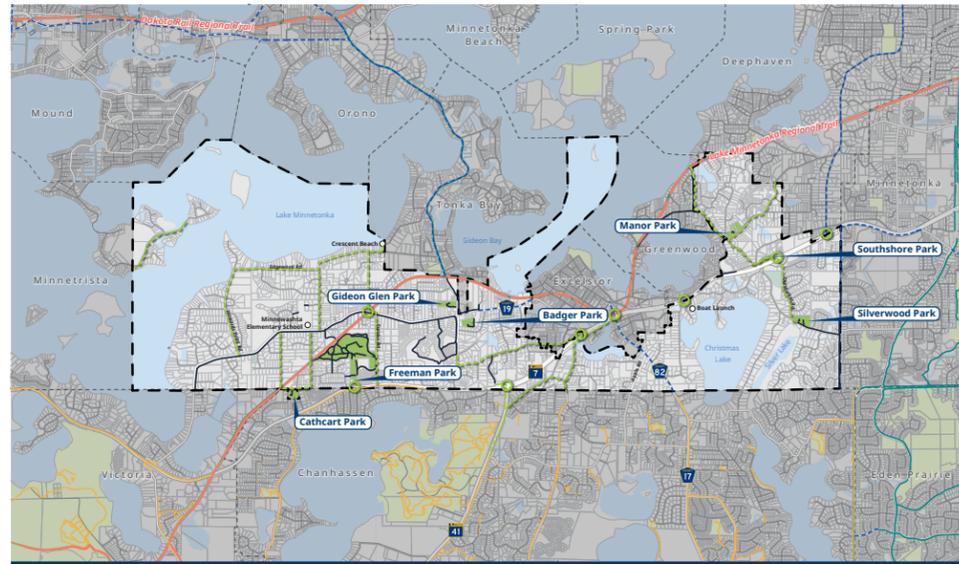
- ADD A FULL OR HALF COURT BASKETBALL COURT
- ADD AN OFF-LEASH DOG AREA
- ADD TWO DEDICATED PICKLEBALL COURTS
- GROOM CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS IN FREEMAN PARK

OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE

- EXPLORE OPTIONS TO ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS REGARDING E-BIKES AND SCOOTERS IN PARKS
- INCORPORATE HISTORIC INTERPRETATION AND PUBLIC ART INTO THE PARK AND TRAIL SYSTEM
- IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT PARKS AND TRAILS BY UPDATING THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND EXPLORING ADDITIONAL CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION
- PRIORITIZE THE REMOVALS OF DEAD ASH TREES

CONNECTIVITY

- IMPROVE KEY CROSSINGS AND MAKE CONNECTIONS ACROSS THE CITY, IMPLEMENTING IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING TRAILS, SIDEWALKS, BIKE LANES, AND SIGNAGE DEPENDING ON EXISTING CONDITIONS



Oktoberfest Pop-Up Event Boards (5 of 5)

City of Shorewood PARK SYSTEM PLAN

Welcome!

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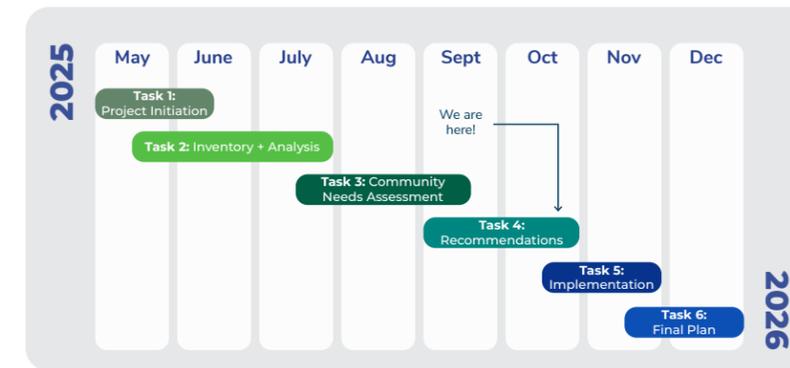
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The Timeline



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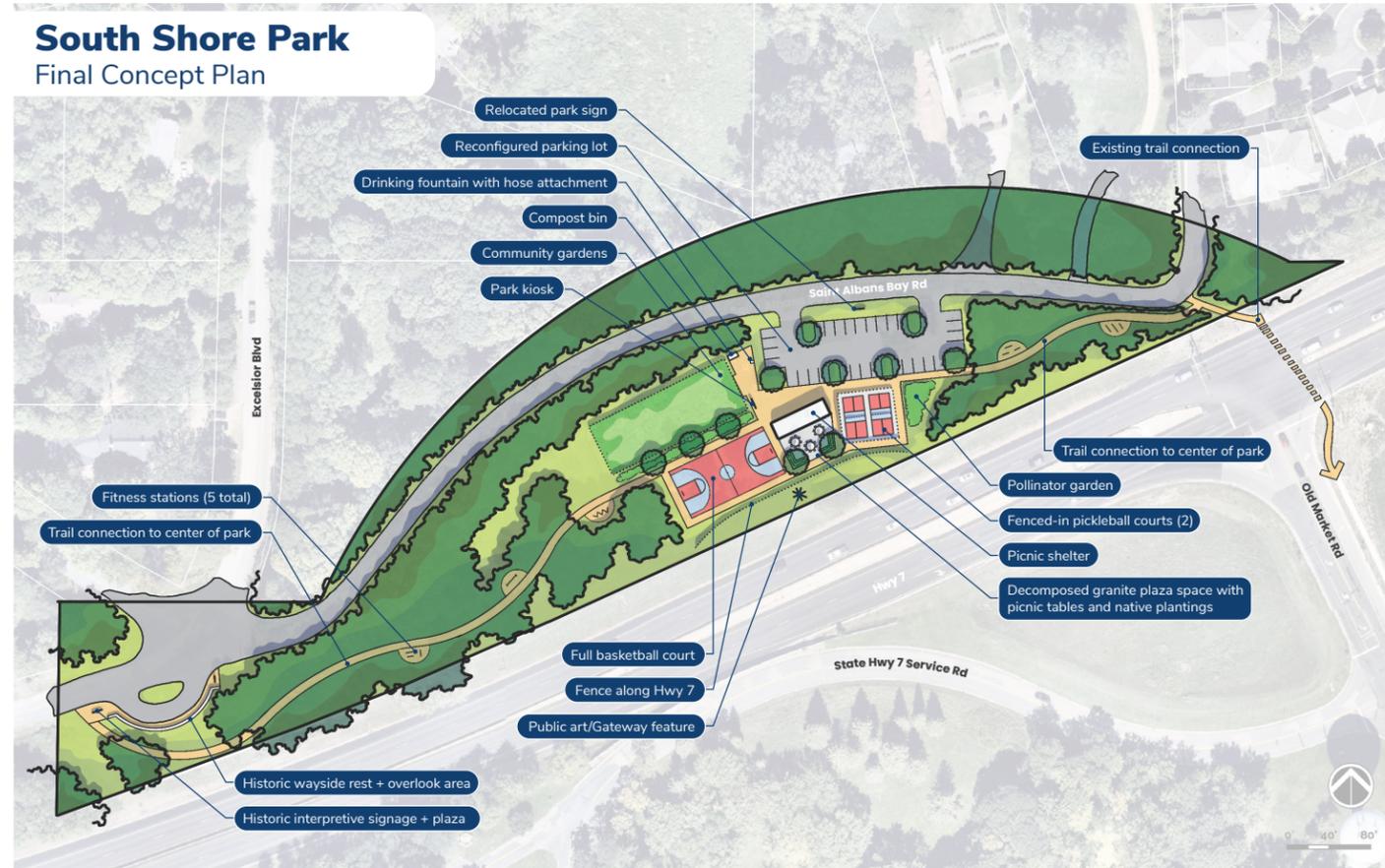
Open House Event Boards (1 of 5)

REIMAGINING SOUTH SHORE PARK

How do you feel about the future of South Shore Park?

Leave your thoughts and comments on a sticky note below!

South Shore Park Final Concept Plan



Open House Event Boards (2 of 5)

WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR...

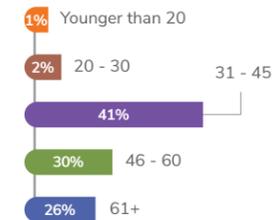
SURVEY RESPONDENTS



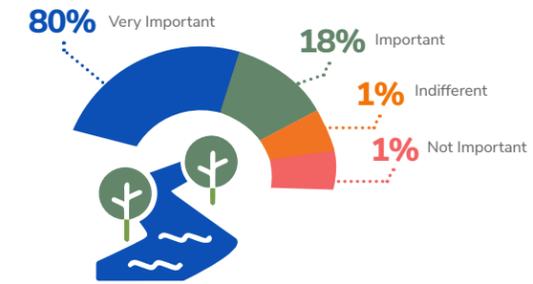
HOW OFTEN DO YOU SPEND TIME IN SHOREWOOD PARKS?



AGE RANGE OF RESPONDENTS



HOW IMPORTANT ARE SHOREWOOD'S PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?



MOST DESIRED AMENITIES TO IMPROVE OR ADD



TOP 5 MOST USED AMENITIES



TOP WINTER ACTIVITIES TO ADD, IMPROVE, OR EXPAND



WHAT 3 WORDS DO YOU ASSOCIATE WITH SHOREWOOD'S PARK AND TRAIL SYSTEM?



Open House Event Boards (3 of 5)

KEY PARK SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

How do you think these recommendations should be prioritized?

Help us out by placing a green, orange, or red dot in the boxes next to each recommendation below!

Priority Levels ● High Priority ● Medium Priority ● Low Priority

- ADD AN AMPHITHEATER TO MANOR PARK TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY GATHERING
- INSTALL A PUBLIC ART PIECE IN THE NATURAL AREA EAST OF THE COMMUNITY + EVENT CENTER IN BADGER PARK
- CREATE AN ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE/RAMP TO THE NATURAL AREA EAST OF THE COMMUNITY + EVENT CENTER IN BADGER PARK
- PILOT A SEASONAL OFF-LEASH DOG PARK IN THE HOCKEY RINK AT CATHCART PARK AND—DEPENDING ON SUCCESS—EXPAND TO A PERMANENT OFF-LEASH DOG PARK IN CATHCART PARK

- REPLACE THE EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT AT CATHCART PARK WITH A NATURE PLAY AREA
- REPLACE THE EXISTING BASKETBALL COURT AT CATHCART PARK WITH A NEW + UPDATED COURT
- RESURFACE THE EXISTING TENNIS COURT AT CATHCART PARK
- RENOVATE AND REPAIR THE EXISTING SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT AT FREEMAN PARK
- UPDATE THE INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE AT GIDEON GLEN PARK
- ESTABLISH NATIVE PLANTINGS AND POLLINATOR GARDENS (WHERE APPROPRIATE) THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Open House Event Boards (4 of 5)

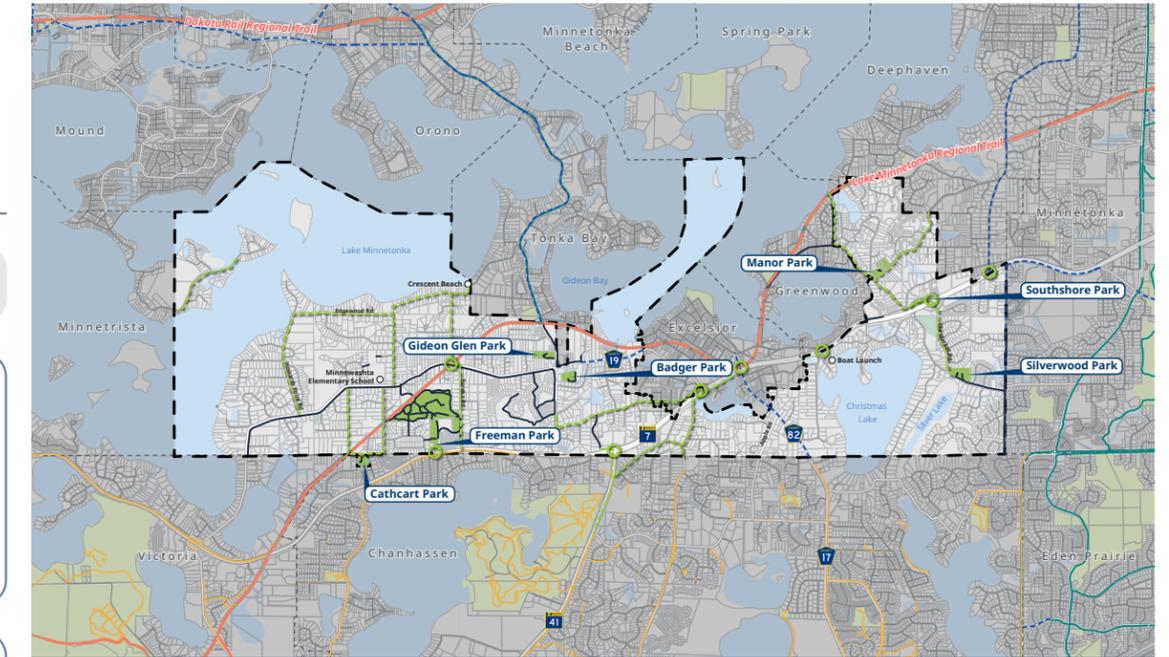
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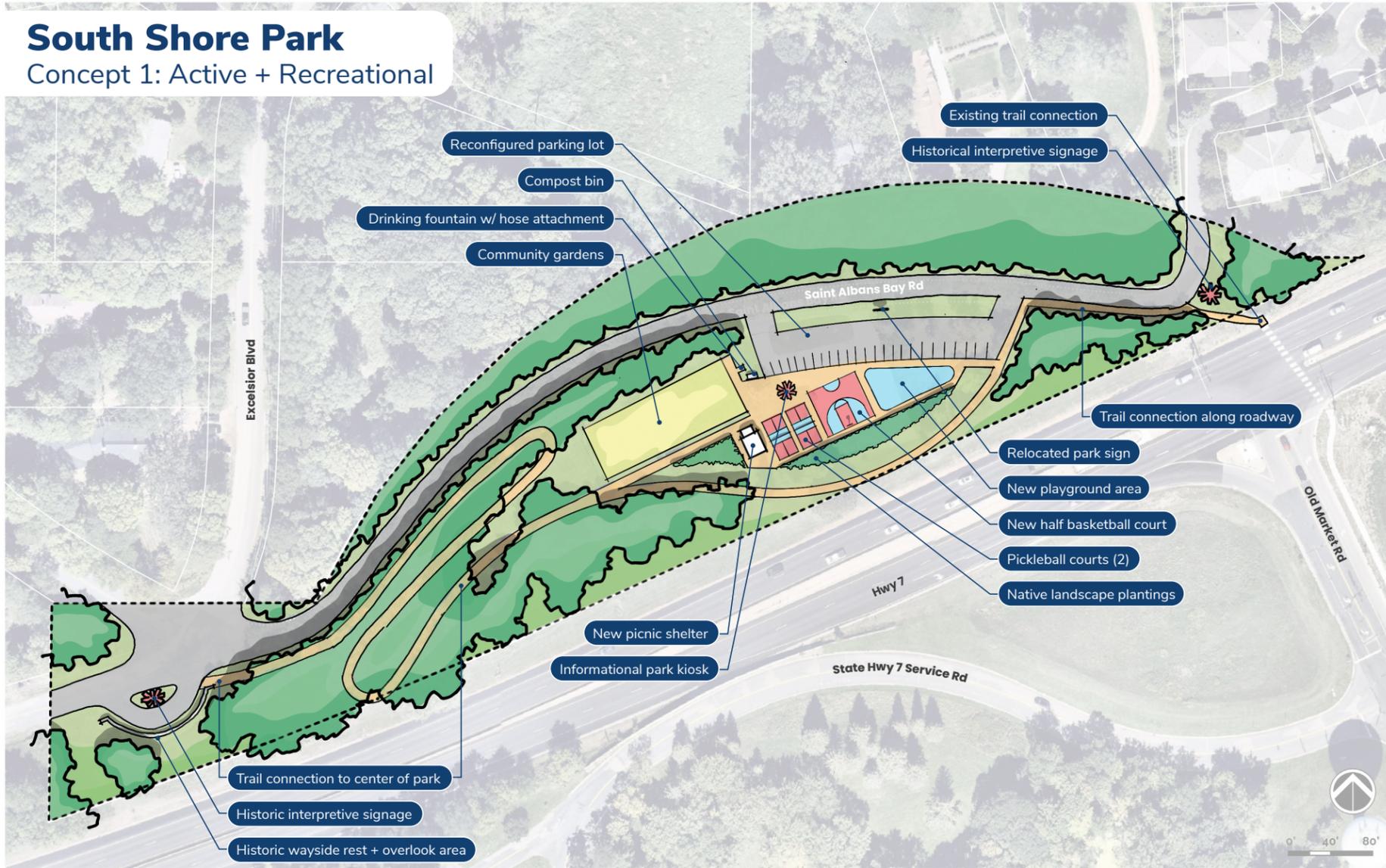
- IMPROVE KEY PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
- MAKE CONNECTIONS ACROSS THE CITY BY IMPLEMENTING IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING TRAILS, SIDEWALKS, BIKE LANES, AND SIGNAGE (DEPENDING ON EXISTING CONDITIONS)



Open House Event Boards (5 of 5)

SOUTH SHORE PARK CONCEPT DRAFTS

South Shore Park
Concept 1: Active + Recreational

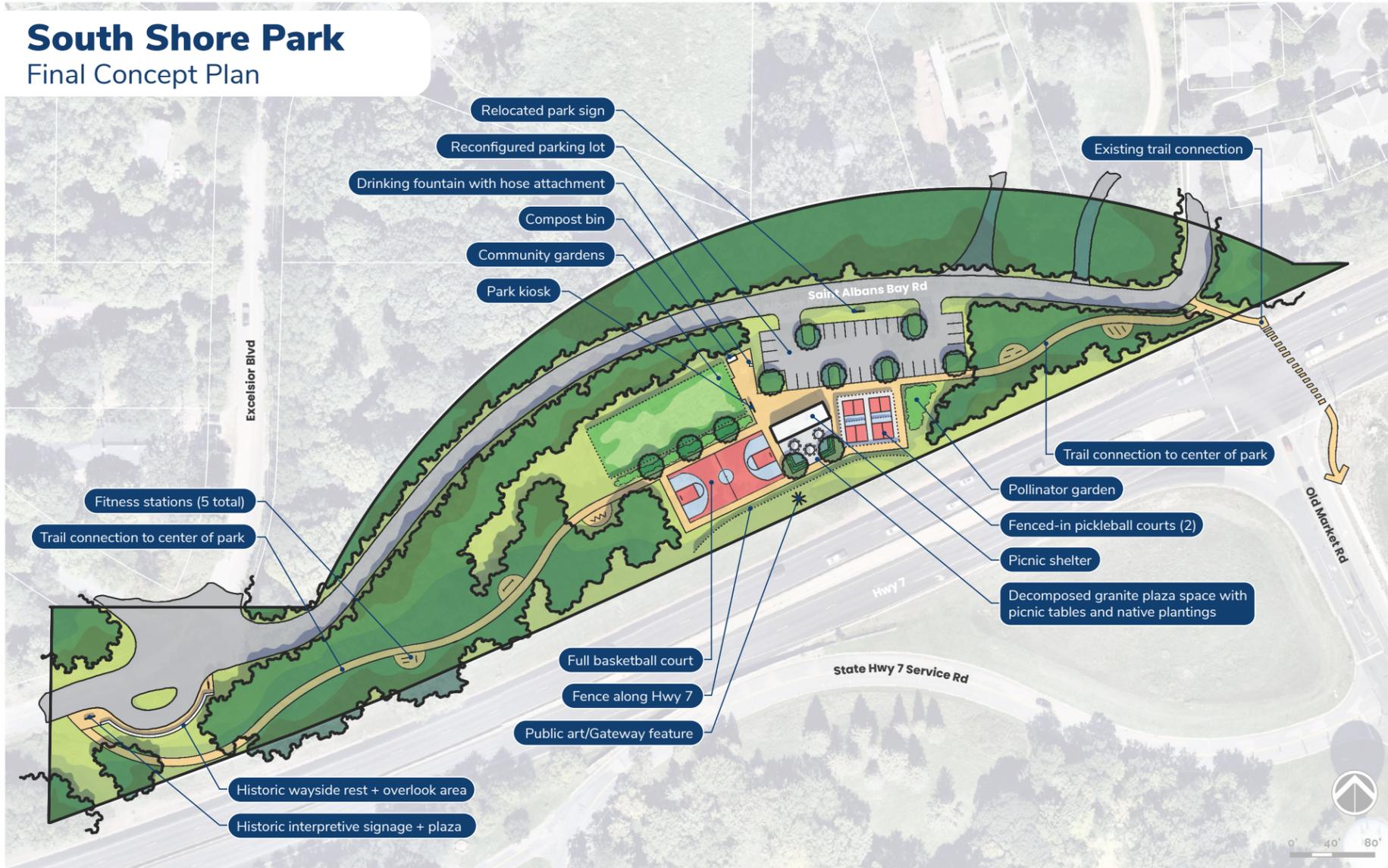


South Shore Park
Concept 2: Passive + Peaceful



PARK INVENTORY MAPS

South Shore Park Final Concept Plan



Badger Park

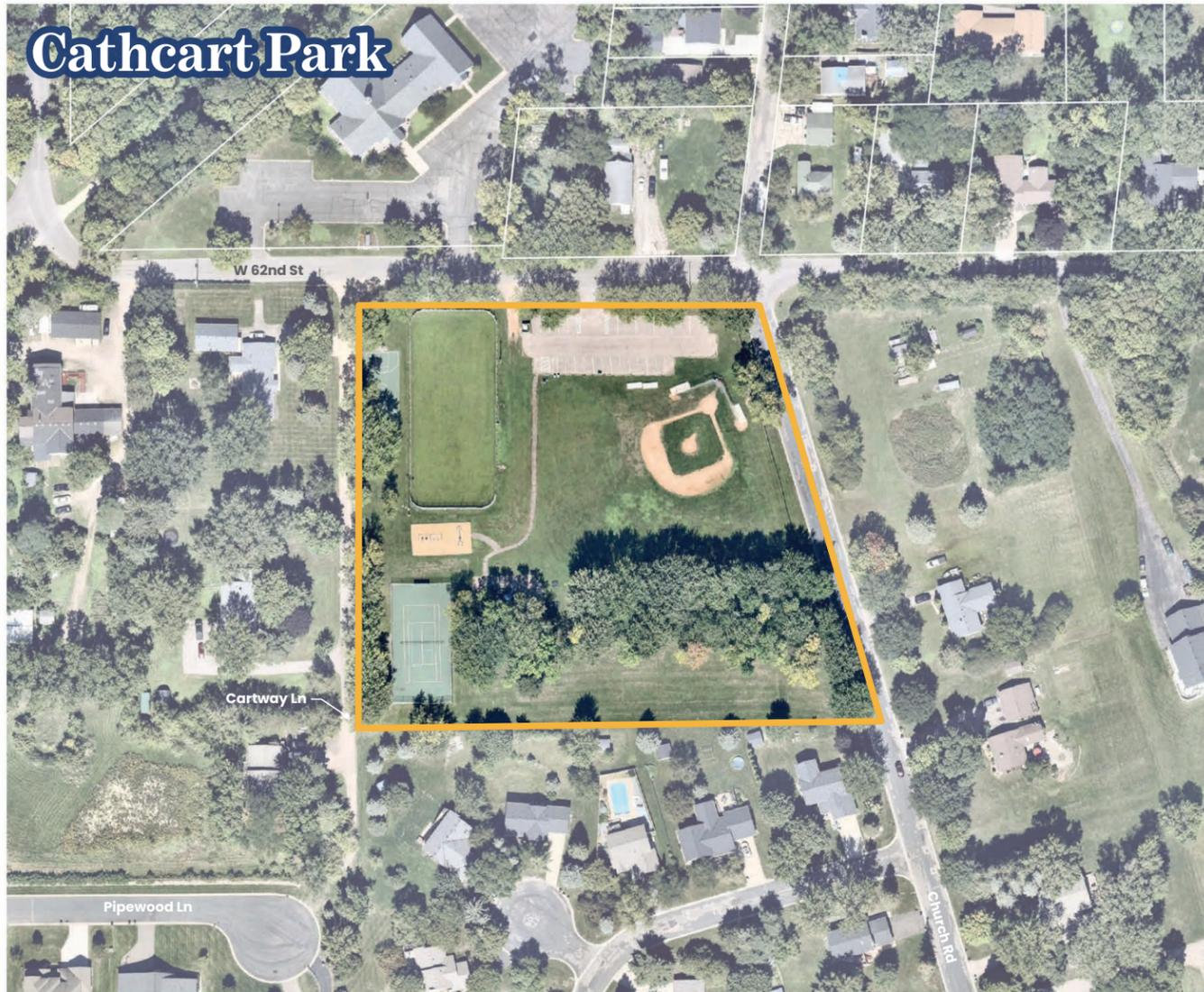


Address: 5745 Country Club Rd
Acreage: 9.75 acres

- | Amenities/Features | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| • Turf football/lacrosse field | • Restrooms |
| • ADA-compliant playground | • Drinking fountain |
| • Picnic shelter | • Tennis courts (2) - lined for pickleball |
| | • Trail |

Notes



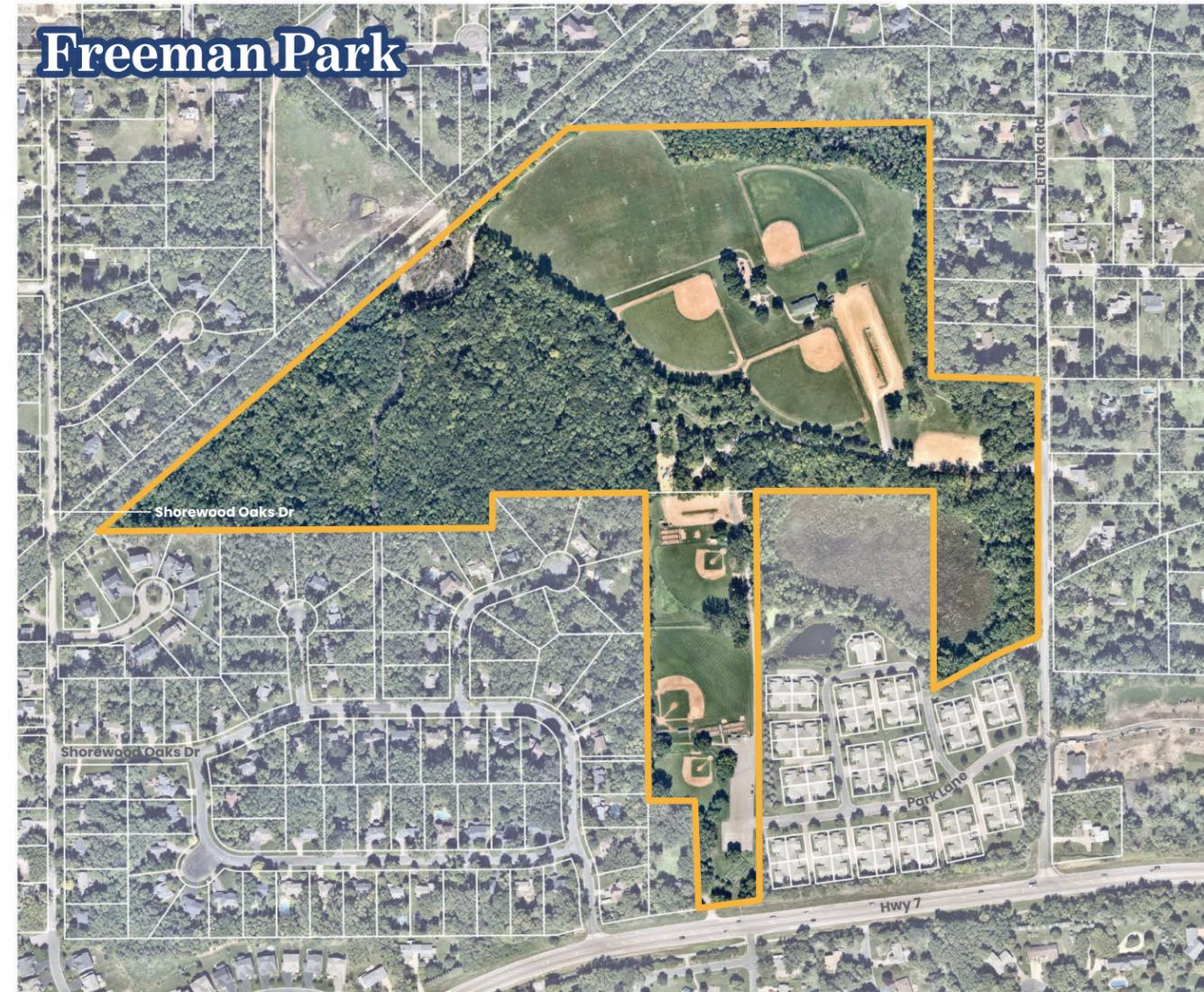


Cathcart Park

Address: 26655 W 62nd St
Acreage: 4.5 acres

- Amenities/Features**
- Little League ballfield
 - Playground
 - Hockey/Skating rink
 - Warming house
 - Tennis court (1) - lined for pickleball
 - Basketball court

Notes



Freeman Park

Address: 6000 Eureka Rd
Acreage: 61.4 acres

- Amenities/Features**
- Playgrounds (2)
 - Picnic shelters (2)
 - Concessions (2)
 - Babe Ruth field
 - Little League field
 - Softball field (3)
 - Soccer field (6+)
 - Wooded trails
 - Grills
 - Sand volleyball court

Notes





Gideon Glen Park

Address: 5620 County Rd 19
Acreage: 5.8 acres

- Amenities/Features**
- Walking trail

Notes



Manor Park

Address: 20630 Manor Rd
Acreage: 6.4 acres

- Amenities/Features**
- ADA-compliant playground
 - Picnic shelter
 - Grill
 - Tennis court
 - Sand volleyball court
 - Soccer field
 - Softball field
 - Skating pond + warming house

Notes





Address: 5755 Covington Rd
Acreage: 7.5 acres

- Amenities/Features**
- ADA-compliant playground
 - Picnic shelter
 - Practice tennis court
 - Basketball court
 - Sledding hill (seasonal)
 - Trail

Notes



Address: 5355 Saint Albans Bay Rd
Acreage: 5.8 acres

- Amenities/Features**
- Community gardens

Notes

