



2020 – 2024 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan



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Section 1: Introduction

The City of Milton recognizes the parks and recreation facilities in the City are key components to providing our residents with a high quality of life and attracting new residents and businesses to our community. Parks assist in promoting healthy lifestyles and improving the aesthetic appeal of a community. In addition, parks also contribute to increasing property values, attracting tourists, and protecting various natural elements in a community. Recreation offers an outlet for a person's physical, mental, and creative powers.

As such, the City of Milton has received several awards in recognition for its hard work regarding its parks. In 2013, the City of Milton was designated as a Playful City USA. In addition, the City was designated as a Tree City USA community beginning in 2016 and became an Ice Age Trail Community in 2017. The City continues to work to improve its parks and recreation facilities.

The City of Milton Parks & Recreation Commission began drafting the 2020 - 2024 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) in March 2020. Through the development of this plan, the City established recommendations to make the park system in Milton even better for users now and in the future. The CORP will guide the development of parks for the next five years, and the plan will enable the City to apply for grant funding from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and other sources that require an up-to-date and approved CORP.

The Plan, as designed:

- Evaluates the City's existing parks and provides recommendations for park improvements.
- Identifies appropriate level of service standards for park lands and recreation facilities.
- Identifies and recommends active and passive outdoor recreational opportunities to address the needs of all community members now and in the future.
- Provides the City with a period of eligibility for cost sharing and matching grant assistance through Federal and State grant programs administered by the WDNR.
- Provides a cost summary for all recommendations to assist the City with its Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) efforts.

The plan must be updated every five years to ensure that it reflects the current needs of the community and retains its WDNR certification.

Section 2: Mission, Goals, Objectives, & Policies

2.1 Mission

The mission of the CORP as developed by the Parks & Recreation Commission is as follows:

The mission of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is to guide the decisions on park improvement, development, and acquisition, and the collaboration with other entities on and creation of recreation opportunities for the City of Milton's community members. The plan also serves as the City of Milton's CORP for grant purposes.

2.2 Goals, Objectives, & Policies

The Goals, Objectives, and Policies listed below were taken from Chapter 5: Utilities and Community Facilities of the City of Milton Comprehensive Plan adopted on October 6, 2015.

Goals

Maintain the City's high quality of life through access to a wide range of sustainable public services and facilities, coordinating with future land development plans.

Objectives

1. Implement and update the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
2. Preserve attractive areas for eventual park or recreational purposes.
3. Provide parks within walking distance of all new residential areas.
4. Emphasize family-oriented and passive recreation facilities within City parks.
5. Coordinate with other area partners on the joint provision of recreational facilities and services to Milton residents, where feasible and appropriate.
6. Encourage expansion of Rock County parks and recreational facilities in the Milton area.

Policies

1. Follow the recommendations of the City of Milton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan when making park acquisition and development decisions. Update that plan as appropriate to reflect ideas put forth in the City of Milton's Comprehensive Plan.
2. Support the design and development of a regional bicycle and pedestrian trail system within Milton and connecting Milton to Janesville, Jefferson County, and the Ice Age Trail.
3. Use a combination of public park lands; private recreational space; site, neighborhood, and transportation corridor planning; and regulations to achieve permanent community separation between Milton and Janesville.

4. Encourage development of additional County park lands and facilities within the Milton area, particularly southwest of the City to support community separation objectives.
5. Design all parks with multiple access points from surrounding neighborhoods.
6. Coordinate acquisition of park and open space lands with urban growth and development to provide for reasonable acquisition costs and facilitate site planning.
7. Acquire neighborhood parks in developing areas through park land dedication requirements, or through use of fees-in-lieu of dedication.
8. Design park facilities to meet the needs of all residents of the City including special groups such as the elderly, the disabled, and pre-school age children.
9. Work with the School District of Milton, neighboring jurisdictions, YMCA, and Rock County to provide joint park and recreational services and facilities, where feasible and appropriate.
10. Emphasize the development of more family and passive recreational facilities within Milton parks, such as trails, gardens, natural areas, picnicking areas, shelters, wading pools, and sledding hills.

Section 3: Planning Process

The City of Milton previously had a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) that covered 2001 to 2005. An updated plan was drafted for 2006 to 2010, but the plan was never approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission, Plan Commission, or Common Council. While developing the 2020 - 2024 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission primarily referred to the 2001 to 2005 plan.

Amendments to the plan will be welcomed after the plan is officially approved. The process for amendments will be as follows:

1. The Parks & Recreation Commission or staff identifies an item that is not accounted for in the CORP. The information may be obtained from community members.
2. Staff develops an amendment to the plan that provides a discussion of the needs, an outline of the proposed uses, and potential cost estimates.
3. Consideration of the amendment by the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Parks & Recreation Commission will then recommend approval or denial to the Plan Commission.
4. The Plan Commission will review the amendment, and then recommend approval or denial to the Common Council.
5. Approval or denial of the amendment by the Common Council.

Approval of the plan underwent the same type of scrutiny:

1. The Parks & Recreation Commission was the primary driver in the development of the plan.
2. The Plan Commission reviewed the plan and recommended approval to the Common Council.
3. The Common Council reviewed and approved the plan.

Below is a list of the steps that the 2020 - 2024 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan went through before it was officially approved on October 20, 2020 by the Common Council.

Event	Date
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting <i>The Commission reviewed the project charter and work plan.</i>	March 9, 2020
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting <i>Discussed changes to the schedule to complete the CORP due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>	April 20, 2020
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting <i>The commission reviewed Sections 1 and 2 of the draft CORP.</i>	May 18, 2020

CVMIC Playground Inspection

Staff from Cities & Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC), the City's liability insurance company, completed playground inspections at all of the parks.

May 19, 2020

Inventory City of Milton

Staff went to each park to confirm the park inventory and check conditions of the facilities and equipment. Pictures were also taken of each park and facility.

August / September 2020

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

The commission reviewed additional sections of the draft CORP.

June 15, 2020

Public Input Meeting

The meeting was held to provide community members with an opportunity to speak about improvements they want to see at the parks in Milton.

September 10, 2020

Park Assessment Survey

The survey was an opportunity for community members to provide input and feedback on the park system.

Distribute:
August 19, 2020
Response Deadline:
September 14, 2020
Feedback Provided to Commission:
September 18, 2020

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

The commission discussed the feedback received from the community related to the park system. The Parks & Recreation Commission also provided additional input.

September 21, 2020

Distribution of draft CORP to Parks & Recreation Commission

The Commission received a draft 2020 – 2024 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan to review. The Commission submitted comments to staff for changes or additions.

September 24, 2020

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Reviewed the draft plan and made recommendations for changes to the CORP.

October 5, 2020

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Reviewed the final draft plan and made recommendations for changes to the CORP.

October 12, 2020

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Provided direction to staff on any changes to the draft CORP.

October 19, 2020

Final opportunity for the Parks & Recreation Commission to provide comments.

Recommended approval of the CORP to the Plan Commission and Common Council.

Plan Commission Meeting

The Plan Commission reviewed the plan and forwarded a positive recommendation to the Common Council.

October 20, 2020

Common Council Meeting

The Common Council reviewed and approved the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

October 20, 2020

During the planning process the following past and present plans for the City of Milton, Rock County, and the State of Wisconsin were reviewed:

City of Milton Plans

- City of Milton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update 2001 – 2005
- DRAFT City of Milton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update 2006 – 2010
- City of Milton Comprehensive Master Plan 2015 (hereinafter referred to as Comprehensive Plan)

Regional and Rock County Plans

- 2020-2025: Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation, & Open Space Plan

State Plans

- Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2019 – 2023 (SCORP)

Section 4: Community Profile

The City of Milton is located in Rock County, northeast of the City of Janesville. The City is bordered primarily by the Town of Milton, but the southernmost point is bordered by the Town of Harmony. The City of Milton covers approximately 4.28 square miles with a 2020 estimated population of 5,585, according to the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA).

4.1 Physical Environment

The physical environment of Milton is detailed below. Please refer to Map 4: Natural Features from the Comprehensive Plan (included in Section 9). It shows the Ecologically Significant Land in and around Milton, in addition to watershed boundary, wooded areas, wetlands, FEMA preliminary floodplain, state parks and wildlife areas, groundwater recharge protection areas, and slopes of 12-20 percent and greater than 20 percent.

Topography

The City's Comprehensive Plan states:

“The planning area is marked by “hill and kettle” topography. Upland areas of varying relief were formed by glacial sand and gravel deposits, while the depressional kettles were likely formed when chunks of ice broke off the retreating glacier. This unique topography presents both attractive landscapes and challenges for development, particularly in regard to drainage and stormwater management.

“The planning area includes a relatively flat band of land varying from 806 to 880 feet in elevation running east, west, and southwest through the central portion of the City. This area is flanked on the north and south by ridges, which reach elevations of 950 feet. Lower areas to the east and west of the City include glacial lakes.” (pg. 35)

Water Resources

The City's Comprehensive Plan states:

“Surface waters in the planning area include five shallow, freshwater lakes. Storrs Lake and Bowers Lake to the east are included in the State of Wisconsin Storrs Lake Wildlife Area. Mud Lake, Clear Lake, and Grass Lake are to the northwest of the City. Both sets of lakes, along with their associated wetland complexes and steep slopes, present definite natural barriers for urban development. These lakes provide wildlife habitat and opportunities for hunting, fishing, and passive recreation. There are no streams or rivers in the planning area.” (pg. 36)

Mud Lake is partially located in the City Limits, and the City maintains a parking lot there and provides picnic tables at the lake. There is also a walking trail at Mud Lake. Lake Koshkonong, the 7th largest inland lake in Wisconsin is also located near Milton. Refer to Section 9 for a map showing the major bodies of water in the Milton region.

Climate

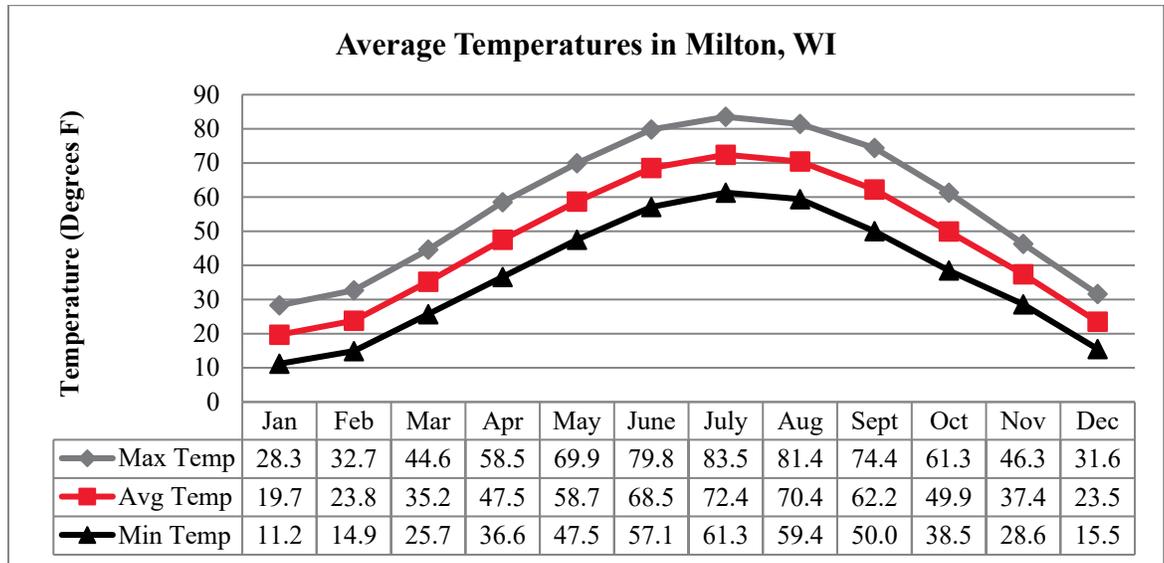
Wisconsin in general has four distinct seasons:

- Spring – March, April, and May
- Summer – June, July, and August
- Autumn or Fall – September, October, and November
- Winter – December, January, and February

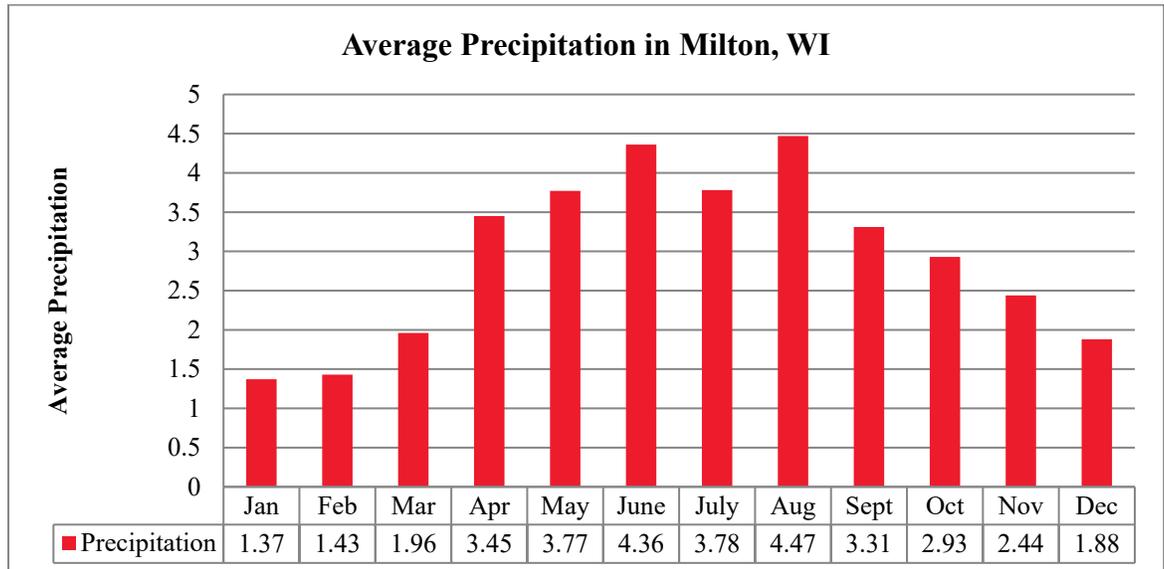
Each season presents different recreational opportunities for community members and visitors.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), typically July is the warmest month of the year and January is the coldest month. August, followed closely by June, is typically the month that has the most precipitation.

Below are graphs showing the average temperatures and precipitation in Milton.



Source: <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/datatools/normals> (Afton, WI)



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Soils

The Comprehensive Plan states:

“The soils in the planning area are of three major types:

- “The *Plano-Warsaw-Dresden* association covers much of the eastern portion of the planning area. This association is characterized by deep, generally well drained soils with a clay loam subsoil over sand and gravel. When undeveloped, these soils are very productive for agriculture. The substratum for these soils is very porous, resulting in the potential for groundwater contamination from standard septic systems.
- “The *Kidder-St. Charles* association covers areas both south and north of the Plano-Warsaw-Dresden association. This association is characterized by deep, generally well drained soils with a clay loam subsoil over sandy loam glacial till. Where level, these soils are very productive for agriculture and have few limitations for septic systems. Where on steep slopes, these soils are susceptible to erosion and are generally wooded.
- “The *Dresden-St. Charles-Warsaw* association covers the western and northwestern sections of the planning area. This association is characterized by generally deep, generally well drained soils with a clay loam subsoil over sand and gravel. Where level, these soils are good for agricultural production. Where steep, they are generally wooded. The substratum for these soils is very porous, resulting in the potential for groundwater contamination from standard septic systems.” (pages 37-38)

The Comprehensive Plan also indicates that “there are few soils in the City with severe engineering limitations” (pg. 38). Most of the areas that do present any limitations are zoned conservancy.

Flora and Fauna

In general, Milton has few wooded areas as much of it was cleared for farming and housing developments. The area when it was founded was primarily prairie. The City of Milton regularly uses prairie seed from Crossridge Park and other prairies in the area to seed locations for beautification and to reduce mowing costs. Residents can see prairie vegetation seeded along State Highway 59 where the overpass hills are steep and around the retention ponds in the same area. The Parks & Recreation Commission received permission from the state to plant prairie seed along the Glacial River Trail, which was completed with the State Highway 26 bypass in 2013. The regional wetlands provide habitat for unique plants and animals.

The Comprehensive Plan states the following:

“WDNR’s Natural Heritage Inventory program maintains data on the general location and status of threatened or endangered plant and animal species and natural communities of special concern. There are occurrences of aquatic endangered species in the northeast portion of the City. There are

also occurrences of terrestrial endangered species in the southwest portion of the City. More specific information on location and type of species is available from the State’s Bureau of Endangered Resources.” (pg. 38)

Transportation Systems

The City of Milton is served primarily by State Highway 26 and 59. The State Highway 26 Bypass was completed in 2013. Approximately 14,000 cars travelled on State Highway 26 on a daily basis when it went through Milton. The State of Wisconsin Traffic Count Map currently shows the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) at about 18,000 on the State Highway 26 bypass. State Highway 59 still runs through Milton, and has an AADT of about 5,000. The City is also serviced by the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. The rail line runs from west to east, and it essentially splits the city in half. The City is located approximately five minutes from Interstate 39/90 access in Janesville, WI.

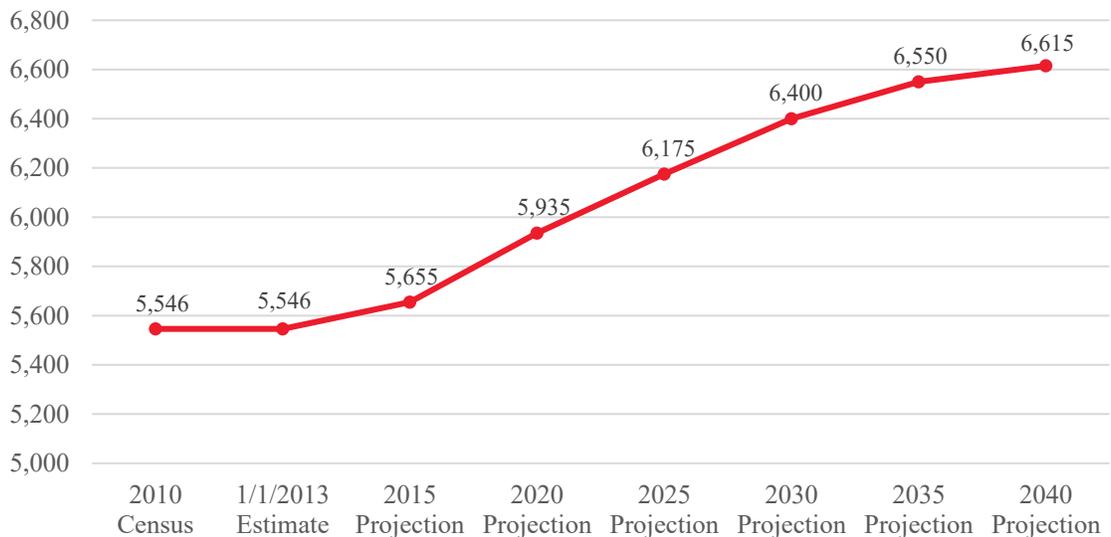
4.2 Social Characteristics

Population

In 1980, the City of Milton’s population was 4,092 according to the United States Census Bureau. The 2010 United States Census determined that the population of the City of Milton to be 5,546, a 35 percent increase in population over a 30 year period. The 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates from the United States Census Bureau showed the estimated population of the City of Milton was at 5,566.

In 2020, the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) estimated the City’s population to be 5,585. The DOA also shows the following chart for 2010 – 2040 population projections for the City of Milton on their website.

DOA 2010 - 2040 Population Projections
City of Milton, WI



The Comprehensive Plan outlines three population projection scenarios. The scenarios show by 2040, the City of Milton’s population will be between 5,834 and 7,517. Below are the results of those scenarios.

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
DOA Population Projection	5,655	5,935	6,175	6,400	6,550	6,615
30-Year Straight Line Projection	5,594	5,642	5,690	5,738	5,786	5,834
30-Year Compounded Projection	5,834	6,138	6,457	6,792	7,145	7,517

The Comprehensive Plan uses the third method, 30-Year Compounded Projection, for housing and land use demand projections to ensure enough land will be allocated.

The 2020 Census will be completed at the end of 2020, and will provide clarity on the current population of the City of Milton.

Demographic Trends

The following page show a variety of demographic data about the City of Milton. The data does not show any significant changes in the demographics of Milton between the 2010 Census and the 2013-2017 American Community Survey. The population of Milton is aging, which is the same nationally as the Baby Boomer generation ages. Approximately 14% of the population of the City of Milton has a disability with a majority in the 18-64 year old range. The Owner Occupied Unit Median Value has decreased; however, the City Assessor reports the current average assessed home value is \$151,960. The Median Gross Rent increased by \$62.

The following pages also shows the unemployment rate over the course of 2018, 2019, and just over half of 2020. The unemployment rates over the course of 2018 and 2019 are shown to have been fairly steady with an average rate of 3.36, a high of 4.1, and a low of 2.5. However, with the COVID-19 global pandemic, the unemployment rate peaked at 15.8 in April 2020. The unemployment rate has been falling since then in 2020, and we are hoping for continued stabilization in the job market.

	2010 Census	2013-2017 American Community Survey
Male	49%	53%
Female	51%	47%
Under 5 years	354	373
5 to 9 years	423	338
10 to 14 years	417	424
15 to 19 years	386	307
20 to 24 years	312	389
25 to 34 years	807	733
35 to 44 years	762	828
45 to 54 years	775	594
55 to 59 years	329	422
60 to 64 years	290	256
65 to 74 years	330	608
75 to 84 years	257	170
85 years and over	104	124
Median Age	35.8	37.4
White	96%	95.9%
Black or African American	0.5%	1.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%	0%
Asian	1%	0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	0%
Some Other Race	1.1%	0.5%
Two or More Races	1.1%	1.7%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2.4%	3.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	97.6%	96.4%
Housing Units	2,382	2,360
Occupied Units	2,231	2,322
% Owner Occupied	66%	65%
% Rental Occupied	34%	35%
Owner-Occupied Unit Median Value	\$143,700	\$136,000
Median Gross Rent	\$752	\$814
Households	2,231	2,322
Average Household Size	2.48	2.39
Family Households (Families)	1,499	1,423
Average Family Size	2.98	3.02
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Pop.	5,515	5,557
With a Disability	659*	801
Under 18 years old	1,430*	1,378
With a Disability	58*	69
18 to 64 years old	3,415*	3,286
With a Disability	410*	369
65 years and over	670*	893
With a Disability	191*	363

*2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Rock County Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Query Results

Year	Period	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
2020	July	84,265	77,341	6,924	8.2
2020	June	84,555	76,223	8,332	9.9
2020	May	84,030	72,397	11,633	13.8
2020	April	85,026	71,565	13,461	15.8
2020	March	84,583	81,348	3,235	3.8
2020	February	85,480	81,528	3,952	4.6
2020	January	85,466	81,042	4,424	5.2
2019	December	84,511	81,527	2,984	3.5
2019	November	85,334	82,325	3,009	3.5
2019	October	84,938	82,178	2,760	3.2
2019	September	85,040	82,162	2,878	3.4
2019	August	86,236	82,804	3,432	4
2019	July	87,131	83,646	3,485	4
2019	June	86,443	82,849	3,594	4.2
2019	May	84,832	81,881	2,951	3.5
2019	April	84,888	82,052	2,836	3.3
2019	March	85,227	81,703	3,524	4.1
2019	February	84,948	81,459	3,489	4.1
2019	January	84,426	81,176	3,250	3.8
2018	December	83,831	81,435	2,396	2.9
2018	November	84,796	81,988	2,808	3.3
2018	October	84,091	81,949	2,142	2.5
2018	September	84,372	82,183	2,189	2.6
2018	August	85,696	83,041	2,655	3.1
2018	July	87,148	84,289	2,859	3.3
2018	June	86,119	82,921	3,198	3.7
2018	May	84,595	82,117	2,478	2.9
2018	April	84,788	82,207	2,581	3
2018	March	85,069	81,794	3,275	3.8
2018	February	85,019	81,581	3,438	4
2018	January	84,079	81,059	3,020	3.6
2020	July	84,265	77,341	6,924	8.2

*Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
 Bureau of Workforce Training - Labor Market Information
 Query Results - Created on September 18, 2020
<http://WORKnet.Wisconsin.gov>*

4.3 Land Uses

Prior to determining the needs of the community, it is important to understand the current land uses and anticipated future land uses and growth as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. This allows for better analysis of the needs of the community now and in the future.

Existing Land Uses

The City's land uses as described in the Comprehensive Plan vary between residential, commercial, industrial, and other uses. Single family housing units is the primary housing type in the City of Milton. Roughly 70% of all housing units are single-family residential development. Below is a table from the comprehensive plan that shows the existing land uses in 2015.

Existing Land Use Summary: City of Milton, 2015

Land Use	Acres	Percent of Total
Agriculture / Rural	706	25.2
Residential - Exurban	2	0.1
Residential – Single Family Urban	666	23.8
Residential – Two Family / Townhouse	18	0.7
Residential – Multi-Family	53	1.9
Neighborhood Business / Office	7	0.2
General Business	61	2.2
Downtown	6	0.2
Industrial	302	10.8
Community Facilities / Institutional	221	7.9
Parks and Open Space	240	8.6
Public Natural Areas	13	0.5
Surface Water	11	0.4
Vacant / Undeveloped	85	3.0
Right-of-way	409	14.6
Total	2,801	100

Source: 2015 City of Milton Comprehensive Plan, page 65

Future Land Uses & Growth

In Chapter 3: Land Use of the Comprehensive Plan, Parks and Open Space is listed as a category for future land use and provides policies and programs related to the development of parks and open space in the community on page 89:

- “Review the subdivision ordinance to ensure that new residential development dedicates an adequate amount of land or pays appropriate fees for public park and recreation activities. The City may also adopt an impact fee ordinance for the collection of fees-in-lieu of such facilities so that development not requiring a land division still pays a fee.”
- “Ensure that all land use decisions take into consideration the recommendations included in the Utilities and Community Facilities chapter of this Plan.”
- “Design future planned neighborhoods around and with access to environmental corridors and Public Parks without negatively affecting the environmental health of these areas.”

Additional details on these bullet points above was provided in Chapter 5 of the Comprehensive Plan and in Section 2: Mission, Goals, Objectives, & Policies of this plan.

The City of Milton has been experiencing an increase in growth over the last few years in both industrial and residential development. The Red Hawk Farms Subdivision in the southern area of the City has produced 44 homes since 2018 with five left to finish at the writing of this plan. The approved Red Hawk Apartments on the City’s south side is expected to commence construction on 108 apartments in three buildings. There is also a planned smaller subdivision on N. Janesville Street on the City’s north east side.

On the industrial side, the City has seen the construction of new facilities for Diamond Assets and SSI Technologies in the Crossroads Business Park. A variety of existing industrial facilities also expanded, such as Handy Art and Charter NEX. In addition, Kwik Trip, Badger State Maintenance, and Gateway Properties were built as commercial properties in the Crossroads Business Park.

Depending on how the economy is effected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City expects continued residential, industrial, and commercial development in the areas described above.

Included in Section 9 of this plan are Maps 6a and 6b from the Comprehensive Plan showing future land use.

Section 5: Park Classification System, Park Standards, and Review of Regional and Statewide Plans

5.1 Park Classification System

The following park types and minimum standards represent the basic elements of a municipal park and outdoor recreation system. The standards help determine the ability of the existing facilities to quantitatively meet the demand of residents now and in the future. When evaluating the parks, it is important to take into consideration the local demand and the historic expectation for recreational resources. The following park types and minimum standards are adapted from the classifications outlined in the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2011 – 2016.

Mini-Parks

- **General Description** – A play lot or playground providing space for parental supervised recreation of toddlers and young children within a neighborhood or urban center, including retail shopping areas. In Milton, play lots are generally designed exclusively for pre-school age children.
- **Service Area** – Less than ¼ mile in residential districts
- **Size Objectives** – 1 acre or less
- **Location Objectives** – Locate in protected areas with separation from street traffic and high visibility.
- **Potential Amenities** –
 - Sand play areas
 - Play apparatus
 - Play equipment
 - Other special child-oriented features
 - Drinking fountain
 - Benches arranged for parents to supervise children

Neighborhood Park

- **General Description** – A neighborhood park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for the immediate neighborhood in which it is located. It is considered an extension of neighborhood residents’ “out-of-yard” and outdoor use area. Landscaping or fencing is often needed to lessen the impact on adjoining neighborhoods. All age groups are served, but the focus is on youth and families.
- **Service Area** – less than ½ mile radius

- **Size Objectives** – 5 to 15 acres
- **Location Objectives** – Centrally located for equitable pedestrian access within a definable neighborhood service area. Adjoining or adjacent to an elementary, middle, or high school, fire station, or library, if possible.
- **Potential Amenities** –
 - Parking for 10 to 20 vehicles (on-street is acceptable if no adverse impact to residents)
 - Bike racks
 - Restrooms
 - Tot lot / children’s play area
 - Family event / group picnic facility
 - Informal family picnic area with benches and tables
 - Unstructured turf grass play area / play or practice field for children, young adults, and families
 - Sport facilities – basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, baseball, etc.

Community Park

- **General Description** – A community park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for a defined service area, the entire city, or significant geographic segment of the city’s population. Generally focuses on the needs of older children and young adults for vigorous sports and athletic activities. If large enough, the park can also accommodate passive recreation needs. In small communities, one community park generally serves as the focal point of the entire park system and the location where most major events take place.
- **Service Area** – 1 to 3 miles
- **Size Objectives** – More than 15 acres
- **Location Objectives** – Located adjoining or immediately adjacent to a collector street providing community-wide vehicular access, thereby reducing neighborhood traffic impacts. Adjoining or adjacent to an elementary, middle, or high school if possible.
- **Potential Amenities**
 - Parking for at least 40 cars
 - Bike racks
 - Restrooms
 - Drinking Fountains
 - Park maintenance and equipment storage
 - Tot lot / children’s play area
 - Group / Family picnic shelters
 - Informal family picnic area with benches and tables
 - Sports facilities may include:
 - Soccer fields
 - Softball and baseball fields

- Football
- Tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- Volleyball
- Jogging trails
- Concessions
- Other facilities as desired and permitted

Special Use Park

- **General Description** – A special use park is often designed as a revenue-generating enterprise created to satisfy demand for a particular sport, recreational activity, or special event. A special use park may also be a sports park combined with enterprise activities and administered as a community recreation resource.
- **Service Area** – Community or area-wide and determined by the type of recreation program, special events, or use activities.
- **Size Objectives** – Determined by land availability and facility / market demand for special uses or recreation programs.
- **Location Objectives** – Determined by the property opportunity, service area, and size objectives.
- **Potential Amenities** – Requires facility programming that is user or market-driven and based on community needs or economic and service principles for public and private partnerships. The magnitude and type of special use facilities may include:
 - Splash Pad
 - Sledding Hill
 - Amphitheater
 - Festival / swap meet / farmers market
 - League / individual sports complex
 - Fitness / entertainment center
 - Skateboard / in-line hockey park
 - Recreation program and classes

School Park

- **General Description** – School park sites often complement other community recreation or open lands. Given the inherent variability of type, size, and location, determining how a school park site is integrated into a larger park system will depend on case-by-case circumstances. The important outcome in the joint-use relationship is that both the school district and park system benefit from shared use of facilities and land area. Establishing a clearly defined joint-use agreement between involved agencies is critical to making school park relationships workable. This is particularly important with respect to acquisition, development, maintenance, liability, use, and programming of facility issues.
- **Service Area** – Neighborhood park and community park classifications criteria should be used to determine school park functions and area served. For planning

purposes, the degree to which school lands, including buildings or facilities, meeting community needs depends on the specific inter-local agreements formed.

- **Size Objectives** – Depends on intended use. The size criteria for neighborhood park and community park classifications may apply.
- **Location Objectives** – The location of a school park site will be determined by the school district based on district policy. Coordinated city and school district planning allows for siting, acquisition, and facility development to be responsive to community needs. Service areas for school park sites will depend on the type of use and facilities provided.
- **Potential Amenities** – Criteria established for neighborhood parks and community parks should be used to determine how a school park site is developed and programmed. Athletic fields should be oriented toward youth where feasible. The functions of the school park may include sports, recreation classes, passive recreation activities, and other recreation programs suitable to an elementary or secondary education school.

Nature / Conservation Area

- **General Description** – Land considered ecologically significant by the City of Milton or other government entity that is preserved due to significant resources, landscapes, open space, or other purpose.
- **Service Area** – Community or area-wide and based on resource availability
- **Size Objectives** – Based on resource availability and opportunity
- **Location Objectives** – Based on resource availability and opportunity
- **Potential Amenities** –
 - Natural oriented outdoor recreation
 - Viewing and studying nature
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Conservation
 - Swimming
 - Picnicking
 - Recreational trails (hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, etc.)
 - Fishing
 - Boating
 - Camping
 - May include an area for active play

Underdeveloped Park

- **General Description** – Park within the system that is open space with only minimal amenities such as picnic tables and drinking fountains. These parks are considered underdeveloped because there is potential for them to include a playground, art pieces, or other amenity to draw additional people to the park.

- **Service Area** – Determined based on current use of park. Some underdeveloped parks have a larger service area because they are used for organized sports like youth soccer and youth football.
- **Size Objectives** – Varies.
- **Location Objectives** – Varies.
- **Potential Amenities** – The current state of the park includes only minimal amenities, but there is potential to include a number of new amenities such as playgrounds, art pieces, or walking trails.

Trails

- **General Description** – Public trails are for various recreational activities found in the local area.
- **Service Area** – Community or area-wide and determined by the types of recreation program, special events, or use activities.
- **Size Objectives** – Varies.
- **Location Objectives** – Varies.
- **Potential Amenities** – May include paved, gravel, and/or off-road trails with areas for nature viewing and studying with places of rest like picnic tables and benches.

5.2 Park Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) developed standards many years ago to assist in the evaluation of park systems, but they have not and will not be updated again according to their website because each park system is different based on the needs of the community and availability of resources. The previously established standards from NRPA, NRPA’s annual Agency Performance Review, other municipal CORP plans, and input from the Parks & Recreation Commission were all used to develop community specific standards.

There are a variety of standards that can be used to evaluate the adequacy of a park system. They normally apply to total area, location, size, site characteristics, and activities. Included are the gross space standards and activity / facility standards. The results of applying these technical standards must ultimately be balanced against local values and attitudes to identify the practical extent and composition of a community’s park system.

Gross Space Standard

The Gross Space Standard is stated as a ratio of acres per 1,000 in population depending on the degree of urbanization in a given area. In general, the national standard that many communities utilized based on the NRPA guidance is 10 acres per 1,000 community members. Currently, the average as shown in the 2020 Agency Performance Review from

NRPA is 9.9 acres per 1,000 community members; however, the average for agencies with a population of 20,000 or less is 12 acres.

In the 2001 – 2005 City of Milton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the City utilized the standard of 11 acres per 1,000, which was between the suggested 10-12 acres per 1,000 residents for rural communities by Rock County at the time. The Parks & Recreation Commission determined that 11 acres per 1,000 is still a sufficient number to use for the City of Milton today. The table below illustrates the Gross Space Standard as applied to the projected population of Milton based on the 30-Year Compounded Projection described in Section 4 and also used in the Comprehensive Plan.

City of Milton Gross Space Standard

Acres per 1,000 -	11	x	6,138	=	67.52 acres	-	2020 Gross Space Standard
	11	x	6,457	=	71.03 acres	-	2025 Gross Space Standard
	11	x	6,792	=	74.71 acres	-	2030 Gross Space Standard
	11	x	7,145	=	78.60 acres	-	2035 Gross Space Standard
	11	x	7,517	=	82.69 acres	-	2040 Gross Space Standard

Based on this standard the following table shows the projected population, current acreage of the park system, potential demand for park acreage as the population grows, and the deficient or surplus acreage.

Parks & Recreation Space Needs

	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	6,138	6,457	6,792	7,145	7,517
Existing Acreage of City Parks & Recreation Areas	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5
Demand for Neighborhood Parks (11 acres / 1,000 people)	67.52	71.03	74.71	78.60	82.69
Surplus / (Deficit)	49.98	46.47	42.79	38.90	34.81

**Population based on 30-Year Compounded Projection described in Section 4 and used in the 2015 Comprehensive Plan.*

Based on the standard of 11 acres for every 1,000 community members, there is currently a surplus of parkland, and there will be for at least the next 20 years. The population used for this exercise is also higher than the 2020 Wisconsin DOA population estimate of 5,585, which provides an even higher surplus of acreage of park land.

Activity / Facility Standards

The Activity / Facility Standards outline the recommendations for various activities and facilities. These were adapted from a variety of sources including NRPA resources, the 2001-2005 City of Milton CORP, and discussions with the Parks & Recreation Commission. When comparing these standards to the City of Milton park system, private and school facilities should also be considered to determine if these standards are met. Safe walking or bike access should be available for each facility.

Activity / Facility	Recommended Standards
Baseball / Softball	<p>One (1) baseball field and one (1) softball field for every 5,000 with a service radius of ¼ to ½ mile.</p> <p>May be part of neighborhood complex and lighted fields part of community complex.</p>
Basketball	<p>One (1) 50 foot by 84 foot court per 5,000 population and one (1) 30 foot by 25 foot minimum size court per 2,000 population with a service radius of ¼ to ½ mile.</p> <p>The recommended orientation is along a north-south axis.</p> <p>The court may be located in a school, recreation center, or church facility.</p>
Playground	<p>If there is enough physical space in a park, then there should be a minimum amount of playground equipment if there is a need in the neighborhood (e.g. there isn't another playground within close proximity).</p>
Pavilion with Bathrooms	<p>Located in large community and neighborhood parks where it will have a positive impact on the park and not cause an undue burden on the adjacent neighborhoods.</p>
Shelter without Bathrooms	<p>Located in smaller, neighborhood parks where it will have a positive impact on the park and not cause an undue burden on the adjacent neighborhoods.</p>
Soccer	<p>One (1) play area the same as a football field per 10,000 population.</p> <p>One (1) smaller, youth soccer field per 2,000 population, depending on popularity of the sport. These fields may also serve as youth football fields.</p> <p>The recommended orientation is along a north-south axis.</p>
Football	<p>One (1) full-size field per 20,000 population.</p> <p>One (1) smaller, youth soccer field per 2,000 population, depending on popularity of the sport. These fields may also serve as youth soccer fields.</p>
Picnic Tables and Benches	<p>Minimum of two (2) tables for parks ½ acre or less. A minimum of three (3) tables for parks greater than ½ acre.</p> <p>Consider adding permanent benches where appropriate in parks (e.g. near playground equipment, near a sidewalk, etc.).</p>
Tennis	<p>One (1) court per 2,000 population.</p> <p>The recommended orientation is along a north-south axis.</p>
Volleyball	<p>One (1) court per 2,000 population.</p>

	The recommended orientation is along a north-south axis.
Horseshoes	Two (2) sets of horseshoe pits per 5,000 population
Disc Golf	One, 9-basket course per 5,000 population Follow current recommendations of disc golf professionals and best practices for placement of the disc golf course.

5.3 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

In developing the CORP for the City of Milton, Wisconsin’s Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for 2019-2023 was reviewed. The plan shows that 95% of Wisconsin residents participate in some form of outdoor recreation. The five goals identified in the SCORP are the following:

- Boost participation
- Grow partnerships
- Provide high-quality experiences
- Improve data
- Enhance funding and financial stability

The SCORP identifies Statewide Recreation Needs on page 46, which includes:

- Places near population centers – Community members need to be close to recreational opportunities as more people move to urbanized areas and have less time due to work and family obligations to access these resources outside of their communities
- Water access, shoreline and boat launches – Additional areas for people to fish, bird watch, swim, boat, etc.
- Trails – All types of trails are in demand.
- Camping opportunities – Young and old are adventuring in RVs and tents to experience the wonders of nature and travel. Some will want hot showers and wifi, so recreation providers will need to examine how to potentially provide these amenities at camp sites.
- Dog parks and exercise areas – The SCORP notes 75% of people in their thirties own a dog, and community members are interested in additional places to walk, exercise, and socialize their canine companions.
- Target shooting ranges – As the population continues to urbanize, there is a need for additional places where community members can practice gun and archery marksmanship and safety.

The SCORP grouped future recreation needs of the Southern Gateways Region, where Rock County is located, into high, medium, and low priority lists based on public input, surveys, and additional data gathering methods.

High	Medium	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATV/UTV riding • Bicycling – bicycle touring/road riding • Bicycling – mountain biking/off-road biking • Bird or wildlife watching • Camping – developed • Camping – primitive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycling – fat tire/snow biking • Cross country skiing • Dog walking • Fishing – ice fishing • Fishing – lake fishing from a boat, canoe or kayak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog sledding/skijoring • Dog training • Dog trialing • Horse cart driving • Hunting – migratory birds • Hunting – small game

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoeing or kayaking • Fishing – lake fishing from shore or a pier • Gather mushrooms, berries, etc. • Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking • Motorboating (waterski/tubing, personal watercraft) • Picnicking • Snowshoeing • Swimming in lakes and rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing – river fishing from a boat, canoe or kayak • Fishing – stream/river fishing from shore or wading • Four-wheel vehicle driving • Geocaching • Horseback riding • Hunting – big game • Hunting – turkey • Nature photography • Off-highway motorcycle riding • Participating in nature-based education programs • Rock climbing • Snowmobiling • Target shooting – archery • Target shooting – firearms • Visiting a beach, beach walking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sailing, windsurfing, rowing, stand-up paddling • Scuba diving/snorkeling • Trapping • Whitewater rafting
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5.4 Rock County Parks, Outdoor Recreation, & Open Space Plan

Rock County’s Parks, Outdoor Recreation, & Open Space Plan for 2020-2025 focuses on a variety of park and recreation facilities and activities throughout Rock County. It would be advantageous for the Parks & Recreation Commission to connect with the Parks Department staff and/or committee to coordinate efforts related to connectivity of the Glacial River Bike Trail and the Ice Age Trail.

Section 6: Public Input

6.1 Public Input Assessment

Public input to assist in determining the park needs of the City of Milton was gathered through the Parks & Recreation Commissioners, a public hearing held at a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, and a Parks Assessment Survey. The following sections outline the information that was obtained from each of the sources and the information is reflected in the future improvement recommendations in Section 7.

Parks & Recreation Commission Input

The City of Milton gathered input from the Parks & Recreation Commission to determine future improvements in the park system.

Public Input Session

A Public Input Session was held virtually on September 10, 2020 to gather input from the community about the parks system. The group in attendance discussed the overall park system and suggestions for improvements to the park system.

The group discussed the following items:

- Prioritize planting of trees.
- Trail/Bike Trail from Schilberg Park to Crossridge Park.
- Trail/Sidewalk to Bowers Lake Road
- Additional holiday decorations in the City
- Railroad Park – Seating options and additional structure
- South Goodrich Park – improve softball field
- North Goodrich Park – add additional lighting
- Crossridge Park – Add a basketball court near the northern parking lot. Improve playground equipment in northeast corner.

Parks Assessment Survey

The Parks & Recreation Commission made available a Park Assessment Survey for the community to complete. The survey was made available on August 19, 2020 and closed on September 14, 2020.

Completed surveys were received from 65 individuals. Over half of the respondents (60.9%) were in the 35-44 year old category. Almost 75% of the respondents identified as female, and almost all identified as white or Caucasian. Almost half of all respondents (47.6%) were from the City of Milton. The remaining respondents were from the Town of Milton, Town of Harmony, Town of Janesville, City of Janesville, and Town of Fulton, and four were indicated “Other” as where they live.

The overwhelmingly preferred method to receive information about parks and recreation facilities is through Facebook, followed by the City’s website. The bi-monthly utility bill newsletter and the newspaper also had higher responses.

Based on the responses, the park used most often in a 30-day period during a typical summer is South Goodrich Park. There wasn't any park listed that was never used by all respondents. A majority of respondents rated the existing parks and recreational facilities in the City of Milton a 3 or better on a five-point scale with 5 being Excellent. The respondents were asked if they 1-Strongly Disagree or 5-Strongly Agree the parks and recreation facilities fulfill their personal needs and their community's needs. A majority responded with a response of 3-5. In addition, the respondents were asked if there are adequate parks and recreation facilities in their neighborhood with the same "agree" scale. A majority responded to this question with a 3 or better indicating there are adequate parks and recreation facilities in their neighborhoods.

The overall takeaway from open ended responses is improving maintenance of the parks and playground equipment and upgrading existing equipment. There were many respondents who appear to be associated with a club softball team that uses the South Goodrich Park softball field. There were a variety of comments related to improvements requested for the field. There was also discussion on additional or improved natural elements and adult play equipment or exercise equipment. Some respondents also commented on additional basketball hoops, a skate park, outdoor pool, bathrooms at more parks, benches, bike racks, shade and shaded seating at Crossridge Park, parkour course, art, and improvements to scoreboards and bleachers in some parks.

Section 7: Outdoor Recreation Supply Inventory and Recommendations

The City of Milton owns and operates 16 developed parks, plus Story Gardens which is in the process of being developed to create an outdoor extension of the Milton Public Library. There are a variety of open spaces that have the potential to be developed as parks in the future.

The School District of Milton is comprised of seven schools, five of which are located within the City limits, and each offer recreational opportunities. The school district also owns and operates Schilberg Park, Milton’s largest park.

A number of private recreation facilities are located in the City of Milton. The list includes gyms, golf courses, and a driving range.

The map on the following page shows the location of all established park facilities in Milton. The green areas are City Parks, blue areas are school parks, and the one red area is the school district’s park, Schilberg. A map showing the trails in and around Milton is included on the subsequent page.

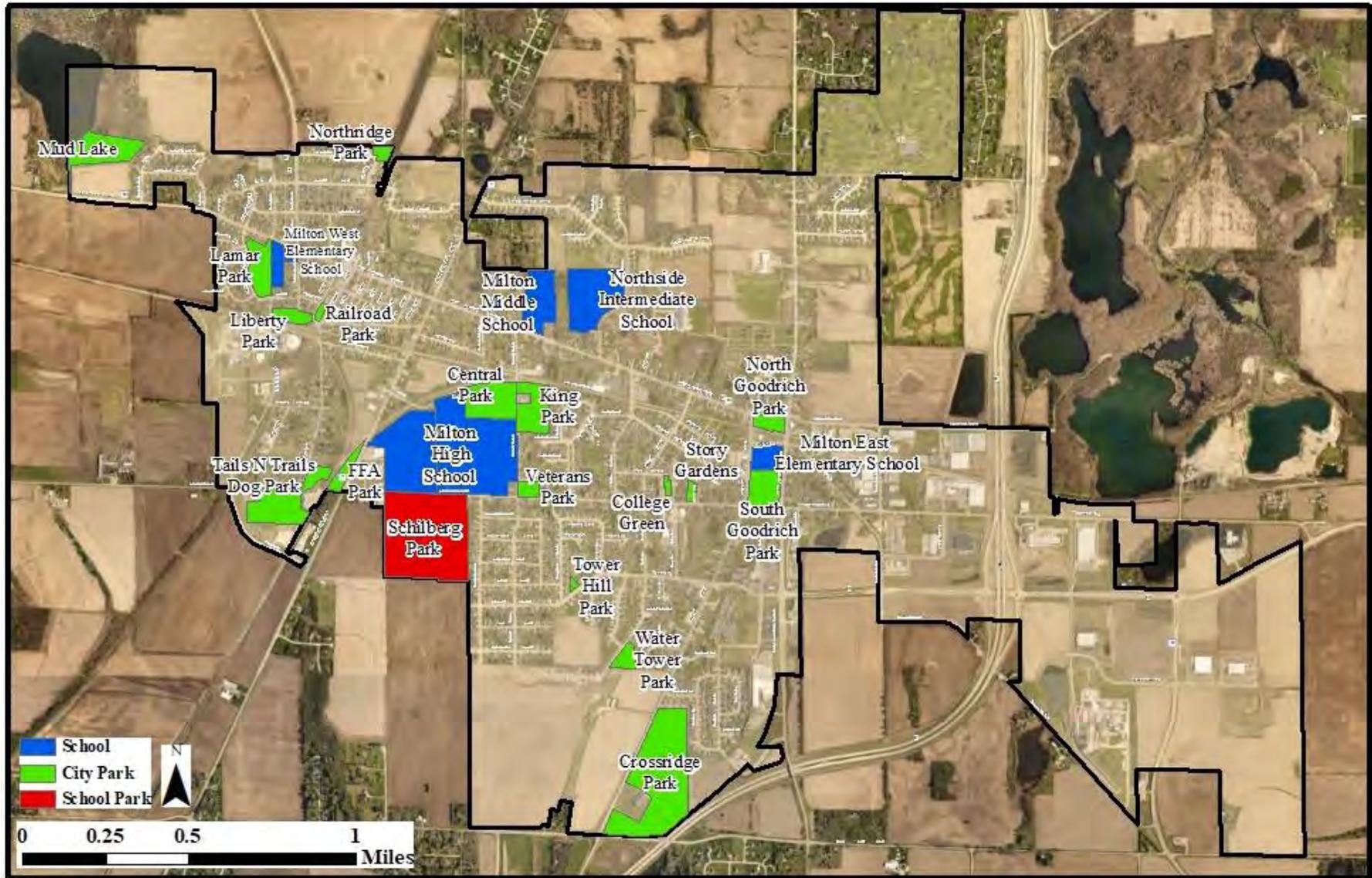
This section provides the location, size, classification, general description, listing of park amenities, and future improvement recommendations. The site observations are generally recommendations to enhance each park.

The Parks & Recreation Commission had general suggestions for all of the parks in Milton in addition to what is listed for each park:

- Use consistent sign format and colors for parks. Some parks say “City of Milton” under the park name, while others don’t. There also is not a standard color used for the signs. Some are red, while others are burgundy or green.
- Use a consistent color scheme for structures, like score sheds and dugouts, located at baseball and softball fields.
- Ensure there is at least one toddler swing on each of the swing sets City of Milton parks.
- Add swings when possible to accommodate individuals with varying abilities.
- Add bike racks to all parks.
- Prepare annual maintenance plan for park system

A representative from Cities & Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC), the City’s liability insurance company, completed an inspection of all of the City’s parks on May 19, 2020. Items they observed of long term significance are included in this plan while general maintenance items will be addressed by the Public Works Department. Their one overall suggestion for all of the parks, however, is to include signage at each playground indicating the age-appropriateness of the playground equipment. To the right is a sample included in their report.

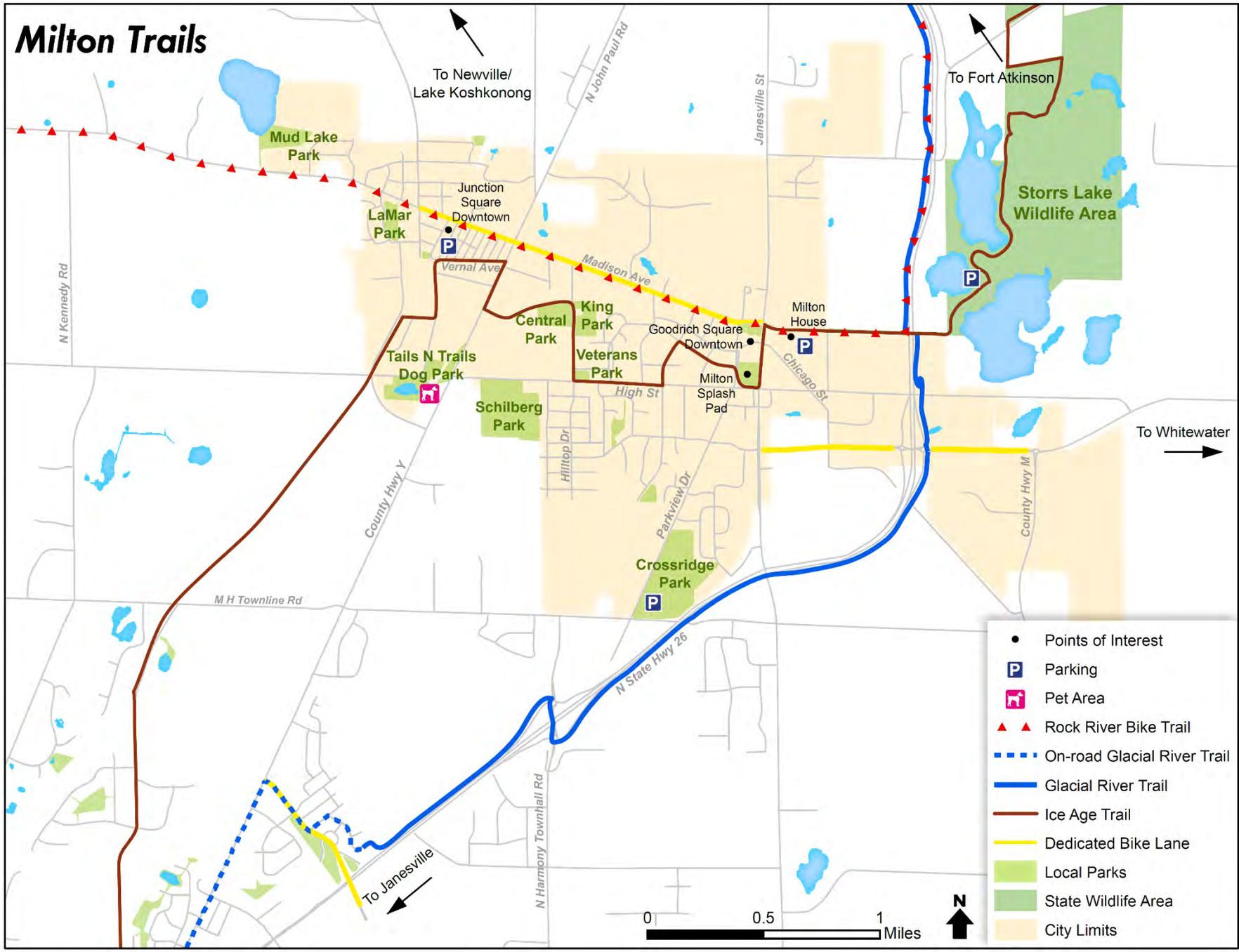




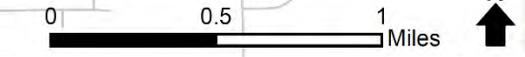
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Park System and Schools

Milton Trails



- Points of Interest
- P Parking
- 🐕 Pet Area
- ▲▲ Rock River Bike Trail
- ▬▬▬ On-road Glacial River Trail
- ▬▬▬ Glacial River Trail
- ▬▬▬ Ice Age Trail
- ▬▬▬ Dedicated Bike Lane
- Local Parks
- State Wildlife Area
- City Limits



7.1 City Parks Inventory

Park	Acreage	Park Category	Nature/Con. Areas	Dog Park	Fishing	Walking / Hiking Trail	Playground	Picnic Areas	Shelter	Baseball / Softball	Basketball / Gym	Disc Golf Course	Undesignated Sports Area	Tennis Courts	Other(S)
Central	10.5	NP SU													
College Green	1	UD													
Crossridge	43	NP NC													
FFA	1.5	UD NC													
King	8	SU													
Lamar	5.5	NP													
Liberty	2.5	NP													
Mud Lake	12	NC													
North Goodrich	2	NP													
Northridge	1.5	MP													
Railroad	1	UD													
South Goodrich	6	NP SU													
Story Gardens	1	UD													
Tails n Trails	14.5	NP SU NC													
Tower Hill	3	MP													
Veterans	2	NP SU													
Watertower	2.5	MP													

MP = Mini Park

NP = Neighborhood Park

CP = Community Park

SU = Special Use Park

NC = Nature / Conservation Area

UD = Underdeveloped Park

* - Undesignated sports area with lines for soccer practice.

Central Park

Location: 201 Hilltop Drive, near intersection of Hilltop Drive and Municipal Drive

Size: 10.5 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park and Special Use

General Description: The softball diamond is used primarily by the Adult Softball League. The tennis courts at this park are technically located on City of Milton property, but they are maintained by the School District of Milton. Before Schilberg Park was established, the 4th of July community festival was held at Central Park.

Park Amenities: Wood and metal bleachers, warming house with bathrooms, shelter with kitchen, scoreboard, and play structure for ages 2-5 (added in 2012). Sand is the surfacing under the play structure. Ice rink in the wintertime.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Benches and bleachers need to be painted.
- Blacktop needs to be added under the bleachers and create space for wheelchair seating.
- Add pathways for accessibility to bleachers and play structure.
- The lights will need to be replaced, which are over 40 years old.
- Bathroom and kitchen need to be updated in general and to meet accessibility standards.
- Improvements to netting above the play equipment to increase usability of the space.



College Green

Location: Columbus Street

Size: 1 acre

Classification: Underdeveloped

General Description: This park is a portion of the former Milton College campus that was acquired by the City in 1986 through donations from community members when the campus was subdivided and sold.

The park provides a quiet, passive recreation area that is mainly suited for adults. The park is sloped, which makes it difficult to add active recreation amenities to the park. Parking near the park is a challenge for the site.

Park Amenities: Sign for Milton College Historic District (replaced in 2015), park sign, and picnic tables.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Add additional benches and picnic tables.
- Repair rock wall around the park and the stairs on Columbus Street.
- The addition of artwork similar to the sunflower that was added in 2015 to South Goodrich Park would add to the appeal of College Green.
- Add a sign about park's history and significance.
- Consider adding a gazebo or other shade structure.



Crossridge Park

Location: 1122 Parkview Drive

Size: 43 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park and Nature / Conservation Area

General Description: Crossridge Park has been developed primarily through donations and volunteer hours. Over the last 20+ years, volunteers have worked to redevelop a prairie at the park. A walking trail goes around the northern end of the park, which was seal coated in 2020. The park has a small playground in the north east corner of the park and a large playground in the southern end of the park. The southern playground structure was built by approximately 50 volunteers in 2014. It's located near the parking lot that is shared with the Parker YMCA, a \$4 Million facility that opened in 2013. Flat, open area on the northeast side of the park is used by Milton Youth Football. The land in the middle of the walking path is rented to a local farmer.

Park Amenities: Small playground on north end, large playground on south end, two Crossridge Park Playground signs, walking trail, natural prairie, benches on trail (6), small gravel parking lot on north end, and large paved parking lot on south end shared with Parker YMCA. The small playground includes rock-and-ride toys (2), digger (1), swings, climbers (2), and picnic table. The large playground includes a large play structure geared toward 5-12 year olds, a playweb, a cruise line, pergola constructed by the Milton Lions Club, donor sign, and picnic tables. There is also a gaga ball pit near the southern playground equipment.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- A pavilion structure with bathrooms.
- Additional trees should be planted for shade, focus on southern playground equipment.
- Blacktop and/or add gravel to north parking lot.
- Continue to build and maintain the natural prairie.
- Sign for gaga ball pit.
- Path to northern playground equipment.
- Update Crossridge Park Plan (included in Section 9).
- Explore options for adding a drinking fountain near Brown Drive entrance.
- Additional playground equipment in northern section.



FFA Park

Location: S. John Paul Road

Size: 1.5 acres

Classification: Underdeveloped

General Description: FFA Park is used primarily by the public for youth football practice. The park is not very accessible since there is no designated parking area. Because of these factors, no major improvements are recommended at this time

Park Amenities: FFA Park sign, picnic tables, prairie area, and hitching post for horses.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Add additional picnic tables.
- Improve the entrances to the park.



King Park

Location: 214 Hilltop Drive

Size: 8 acres

Classification: Special Use

General Description: Located across from Central Park. Bathrooms are available across the street at Central Park. The park serves as the community sledding hill in the winter. The flat, open area below the hill is used for Milton Youth Soccer.

Park Amenities: King Park sign, Disc Golf Course (9 baskets), shed for soccer storage, bleachers, and gravel parking lot. A berm was added in 2015 along the east side of the parking lot.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Add “Disc Golf” to King Park sign.
- Add picnic tables and benches in strategic locations in the park.
- Pave the parking lot and improve the parking lot entrance.
- Add map of disc golf course.
- Add pathway to the drinking fountain and ensure drinking fountain meets accessibility standards.
- Consider pathways for accessibility to the bleachers.



Lamar Park

Location: 130 S. Crescent Drive

Size: 5.5 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

General Description: Lamar Park is located adjacent to Milton West Elementary School and is commonly used for classes. The outfield fencing for the baseball fields was added in 2013. This is a popular park in the community to rent for events. The park can be enhanced for rentals by updating the pavilion and restrooms and adding additional amenities like four-square or bag toss. Supplies for horseshoes and bag toss could be housed in the pavilion for rentals. If lighting is added to the large ball field, then the outfield could be used in the fall for youth football or soccer.

Park Amenities: Swings, teeter totter, tunnels, merry-go-round, picnic tables, rock-and-ride toys, two Lamar Park signs, large baseball diamond and small baseball diamond, two scoreboards in one location, bleachers, dugouts at both fields, outfield fencing, drinking fountains, lights on small ball diamond, and picnic shelter with bathrooms and kitchen. The site also includes sand volleyball court and horseshoe pits. There is a memorial plaque on the back of the slide and others on the dugouts at the ball fields. There is a dedication plaque for Lamar Park near the pavilion.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Paint tunnels and other playground equipment on a regular basis.
- Bathroom and kitchen need to be updated in general and to meet accessibility standards.
- Paint the pavilion.
- Add concrete bag toss game and four-square area.
- Upgrade the volleyball area.
- Add additional light to little baseball field (south end).
- Add lighting to large baseball field (north end).
- Change play structure surfacing to all engineered wood fiber instead of the sand and connect all play spaces through pathways.
- Improve blacktop under bleachers at the ball diamonds and add pathway to the bleachers and wheelchair seating area.



Liberty Park

Location: 230 S. Clear Lake Avenue

Size: 2.5 acre

Classification: Neighborhood Park

General Description: In 2012, Liberty Park benefitted from the Chevy Diamonds & Dreams grant program, which renovated the baseball diamond. New netting was also purchased through a donation from a local organization.

Generally, this field is used for 9-12 year old Little League. There are some parking and traffic concerns how the park is configured currently.

Park Amenities: Two Liberty Park signs, one digger, one teeter totter merry-go-round, two climbers, bathrooms, concession stand, Little League baseball field, formal dug out on one side, metal bleachers, scoreboard, and train engine.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Replace fence around baseball field.
- Place something, possibly artwork, on the back of the scoreboard.
- Improve parking and traffic flow.
 - One-way traffic from N. Clear Lake Avenue, parking lot/drop off, proceed to Vincent Street.
- Junction Square Plan (2015)
 - Add a driveway through the water tower area to connect S. Clear Lake Avenue driveway and parking lot to Vincent Street.
 - Add "Parking" under Liberty Park sign on Vincent Street.
 - Add pathway for easier access to the park from Front Street and Merchant Row.
- Replace outdated playground equipment and sand surfacing for engineered wood fiber.
- Update bathrooms and other structures to comply with current accessibility standards.
- Move equipment to gravel cul-de-sac area

Note: Work on water tower scheduled in 2023.



Mud Lake

Location: W. Madison Avenue

Size: 12 acres

Classification: Nature / Conservation Area

General Description: This land was acquired by the City of Milton through a sub-divider's parkland dedication procedure. The development was funded from aids for the acquisition and development of local parks and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The area is off limits to recreation vehicles. Hunting is also prohibited. Community members will use canoes and other light, non-motorized boats on Mud Lake.

The water could be made more accessible for users by constructing a fishing dock; however, there is a significantly steep hill at the entrance of the site. It would be a significant investment to make the park fully accessible.

Park Amenities: Walking trail, picnic tables, and parking lot.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Consider a land donation in lieu of park funds in order to expand the parking lot if the land near Mud Lake is developed
- Construct a fishing dock at Mud Lake if accessibility improvements can be made.
- Explore addition of a kayak launch.
- Install trail signage.
- Create designated picnic area.



North Goodrich Park

Location: 20 Parkview Drive

Size: 2 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

General Description: North Goodrich Park is located in the Village Square Historic District (Milton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Article V, Division 3) and is home to the Milton Community House, a former train depot constructed in 1914. The Milton Community House is rented out for various events throughout the year. The park is used for community events like MACC's Annual Chicken BBQ and often times school groups touring the Milton House Museum will picnic in the park. The parking lot was repaved in 2018 and the landscaping around the Community House was redone.

Park Amenities: Milton Community House, tunnels (2), merry-go-round, swings, climbers (3), digger (1), tourism kiosk, rock-and-ride toys (2), slide, teeter totter, grills (3), drinking fountain, parking lot, picnic tables, and North Goodrich Park signs (2). Shuffleboards are also at the park, but need to be rehabilitated.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Improve shuffleboards so they can be used.
- Add path to drinking fountain and play equipment.
- Add play additional larger play structure.
- Change sand to engineered wood fiber.
- Accessibility and general updates and improvements to the Milton Community House.
- Relocate tourism kiosk.
- Explore selfie station or other photo opportunities.



Northridge Park

Location: 420 Rivendell Drive

Size: 1.5 acres

Classification: Mini Park

General Description: Small park located in the north west residential area of the city serving a small neighborhood. In general, the park is in good condition. Some minor repairs and upgrades will enhance the usability of the park.

Park Amenities: Northridge Park sign, swings, climbers (3), rock-and-ride toys (2), digger (1), and slide.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Touch up paint on sign and picnic tables.
- Consider options to utilize the larger open area. Potentially market more for youth football, youth soccer, and other sports needing open space.
- Replace sand surfacing with engineered wood fiber.
- Add additional play structure with ground elements.
- Develop a path from the sidewalk to the play equipment for accessibility.
- Add bench
- Add additional trees



Railroad Park

Location: 202 Front Street, bordered by Merchant Row and Front Street

Size: 1 acre

Classification: Underdeveloped

General Description: Railroad Park is green space located in the center of the Junction Square downtown district on the west side of the City of Milton. Great open space with mature trees, drinking fountain, and trash receptacles. This is a great location in the downtown area for a picnic.

Park Amenities: Railroad Park sign and picnic tables.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Add picnic tables and benches.
- Add gazebo or other shade structure.
- Explore addition of an art piece.
- Explore addition of “selfie stations” or other fun photo opportunities for those visiting the downtown businesses.
- Add interpretive signage for the train engine and Merchant Row downtown.



South Goodrich Park

Location: 404 Parkview Drive

Size: 6 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park and Special Use

General Description: South Goodrich Park is Milton's oldest park and located in the Village Square Historic District (Milton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Article V, Division 3). It is located adjacent to the Milton East Elementary School and the small ball diamond is commonly used for classes. The larger ball diamond is commonly used for softball games. Bathrooms were updated in 2016 to meet accessibility standards. The splash pad was constructed in 2013 and repainted in the fall of 2019. The sculpture of the bee and the flower was created by local metal artisan John Dorn and donated by Lonnie Brown in memory of her husband, Wally. It was installed in 2014.

Park Amenities: Goodrich Square Splash Pad, pavilion with bathrooms and kitchen, lighted softball diamond with scoreboard, small ball diamond, South Goodrich Park sign, Welcome to Milton sign, and picnic tables.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Add pathways from the sidewalk to the bleachers at the ball diamond and add wheelchair seating areas near bleachers.
- Replace drinking fountain with one that meets accessibility standards.
- Add "Railroad Ends" sign at end of pretend railroad tracks.
- Add sign that explains the historic significance of the design of the splash pad.
- Explore improvements to the softball field.
- Add sidewalk along N. Janesville Street.



Story Gardens

Location: Next to Milton Public Library; 430 East High Street

Size: 1 acres

Classification: Underdeveloped

General Description: Story Gardens will be an outdoor extension of the Milton Public Library featuring gardens, an outdoor programming space, stage and seating area, interactive play and learn elements, and art pieces from local artists celebrating literature and art.

Park Amenities: The current space includes a pollinator garden (planted in 2020 through a grant from GROWMARK), two raised garden beds constructed by the Milton Lions Club (planted in 2020 through plant donations from David and Barbara Bendlin), two signs, one mosaic butterfly created by local artist Heather Hansen from Pottery by Five (installed 2020), and one mosaic butterfly created for the Janesville Rotary Gardens Buzzworthy Bees: 2020 Garden Art Project by local artist Connie Bier and subsequently donated to Story Gardens.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- The intent is to update the plan and continually add elements as funding is available. The first priority is constructing the outdoor programming space and perimeter walking trail.



Tails n Trails Dog Park

Location: 466 Elm Street

Size: 14.5 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park, Nature / Conservation Area, and Special Use Park

General Description: The grand opening for the Tails n Trails Dog Park was held in 2011. This park was funded through donations and a \$5,000 matching grant from the City of Milton. There is a Large Dog Park and a Small Dog Park. Both areas are fully fenced. The Large Dog Park has a retention pond that has water levels that fluctuate depending on the season and the rain.

Park Amenities: Playground structure, dog wash station, drinking fountain, small fenced in dog area, large fenced in dog area, retention pond, picnic tables, benches, donation bins (2), and walking trail.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Information kiosks need to be repaired.
- Place the port-a-john in a different location on a blacktop pad.
- Add dog play area in 2021 through an Eagle Scout project.
- Blacktop entrance to the small dog park near the drinking fountain.



Tower Hill Park

Location: E. St. Mary Street

Size: 3 acres

Classification: Mini Park

General Description: Small park located in the eastern portion of the City serving a small neighborhood. Additional play structure and swings added in 2018. There is also a natural prairie area behind the houses in the neighborhood with a mowed pathway around the area.

Park Amenities: Tower Hill Park sign, rock-and-ride toys (2), digger, climber, toddler teeter totter, bench, picnic table, swings, and play structure.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Add additional trees.
- Add signage related to the prairie (public land, plants to see, etc.).
- Designate prairie as “Bendlin Prairie.”



Veterans Park

Location: 430 Hilltop Drive

Size: 2 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park and Special Use

General Description: Veterans Park is commonly used for youth sports because there is the open green space in the middle between the playground equipment and the Milton Area Veterans Memorial. Expansion of the Milton Area Veterans Memorial occurred between 2013 and 2017. In 2020, the Veterans Park Pavilion was completed. The roof on the small shelter was replaced by a volunteer group in 2019. The play structure was installed in 2013, and a memorial bench was placed soon after.

Park Amenities: Playground structure (5-12 year olds), swings, digger, rock-and-ride toy, small shelter with one picnic table underneath, pavilion with restrooms, merry-go-round, undesignated sports area, and Milton Area Veterans Memorial.

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- Add pathway from the new parking lot on Orchard Row to the play equipment for accessibility.
- Add path to drinking fountain.
- Replace drinking fountain with one that meets accessibility standards.
- Replace merry-go-round with a more modern design.



Watertower Park

Location: 932 Rogers Street

Size: 2.5 acres

Classification: Mini Park

General Description: Small park in the eastern portion of the City serving a growing neighborhood with the addition of the Red Hawk Farms Subdivision.

Park Amenities: The water tower, Water Tower Park sign, rock-and-ride toys (2), digger, climber, swings, picnic table, and play structure (added 2020).

Future Improvement Recommendations:

- As the Red Hawk Farms Subdivision grows, additional equipment or an additional park may be needed.
- Trail connection between Watertower Park and the Red Hawk Subdivision and Crossridge Park and Schilberg Park.



7.2 School District Parks

Park	Acreeage	Park Category	Nature Areas	Dog Park	Fishing	Walking / Hiking Trail	Playground	Picnic Areas	Shelter	Baseball / Softball	Basketball / Gym	Disc Golf / Course	Football Field	Soccer Field	Tennis Courts	Other(S)
Milton East	2	SP														
Milton High	20	SP														
Milton Middle	6	SP														
Milton West	2	SP														
Northside	9	SP														
Schilberg	40.5	SP C														

SP = School Park C = Community Park

Milton East Elementary School

Location: 725 Greenman Street **Size:** 2 acres **Classification:** School Park

General Description: The school is located adjacent to South Goodrich Park, which is often used for classes. Milton East Elementary School is one of four elementary schools that serves grades Kindergarten – 3 in the School District of Milton, and one of two located within the City of Milton. The park has balancing boards, teeter-totters, jungle gym, bus and train play area equipment, play structures with slides, swings (14), monkey bars, basketball hoops (2), benches, picnic tables, and a bike rack.

Milton High School

Location: 114 W. High Street **Size:** 20 acres **Classification:** School Park

General Description: Milton High School serves grades 9 – 12 in the School District of Milton. There is a baseball diamond, football field with a track also used for soccer, an undesignated sports area with soccer lines drawn, and a few picnic tables. There is a nature area with woods and native prairie that have some unpaved paths throughout.

Milton Middle School

Location: 20 E. Madison Avenue **Size:** 6 acres **Classification:** School Park

General Description: Milton Middle School serves grades 7 – 8 in the School District of Milton. There are soccer goals, basketball hoops, benches, and picnic tables.

Milton West Elementary School

Location: 825 W. Madison Avenue **Size:** 2 acres **Classification:** School Park

General Description: The school is located adjacent to Lamar Park, which is often used for classes at Milton West Elementary School. The school is one of four elementary schools that serves grades Kindergarten – 3 in the School District of Milton, and one of two located within the City of Milton. There is a zip line, tire swing, swings, monkey bars, rock climber, tether ball pole, basketball hoops, play structure with slides, benches, and picnic tables.

Northside Intermediate School

Location: 159 Northside Drive **Size:** 9 acres **Classification:** School Park

General Description: Northside Intermediate School serves grades 4 – 6 in the School District of Milton. The play area includes basketball courts, soccer field, play structure, running trails, picnic tables, benches, and bike racks. There is a nature area with a small cove of trees and a walking trail.

Schilberg Park

Location: 301 W. High Street **Size:** 40.5 acres **Classification:** Community / School Park

General Description: The park is owned and operated by the School District of Milton. Milton's annual 4th of July celebration is held at Schilberg Park along with other large-scale community events. There are basketball courts, soccer fields, football fields, baseball diamonds, disc golf, sand volleyball, horseshoe pits, new playground equipment installed in 2020, shelter/pavilion, picnic tables, benches, trails, and a concession stand. Bathrooms are located in the pavilion and the concession stand.

7.3 Trails

Trail	Nature Areas	Pedestrian	Hiking	Backpacking	Biking	Rest Stops	Picnic Tables	Dogs Allowed	Horses Allowed	Cross Country Skiing	Snowshoe	Snowmobile	Wheelchair Accessible	Parking and Trail Access
Ice Age Trail					*									
Ice Age Connector Multi-Use Trail														
Glacial River Trail														
Rock River Biking Trail														
Snowmobiling Trails														

* - Allowed only when trail coincides with a biking trail.

Ice Age Trail – Milton Segment

Location: Storrs Lake Road to Manogue Road **Size:** 4.3 miles **Classification:** Trail

Description:

This segment highlights both the history of the community and the terminal moraine of the Green Bay Lobe where the Milton College Historic District is perched.

Ice Age Trail – Janesville to Milton Segment

Location: Between City of Milton and City of Janesville, Manogue Road in Milton to Kennedy Road in Janesville **Size:** 3.2 miles **Classification:** Trail

Description:

This segment links two suburban areas via a portion of pleasant, tree-lined converted railway path.

Ice Age Trail – Storrs Lake Segment

Location: Storrs Lake **Size:** 1.8 miles **Classification:** Trail

Description:

This segment passes through woods where Abraham Lincoln camped and features wetlands and mixed forest teeming with songbirds and waterfowl.

Glacial River Trail

Location: State Highway 26 **Size:** 55.8 miles **Classification:** Trail

Description:

The Glacial River Trail runs from Janesville to Juneau and passes through Milton along State Highway 26. About 1 mile of trail is within City limits. More information: <https://www.traillink.com/trail/glacial-river-trail/>.

Rock River Trail

Location: Along the Rock River, starting in Waupun, WI and ending in Rock Island, IL **Size:** 320 miles **Classification:** Trail

Description:

The Rock River Trail in the Milton area runs along State Highway 26 and turns onto Storrs Lake Road into Madison Avenue with a straight shot through Milton. About 3 miles of the trail is within City limits. More information: <https://rockrivertrail.com/>.

Snowmobile Trails

Location: In and around the City of Milton **Size:** Varies **Classification:** Trail

Description: There are various snowmobile trails throughout area that change yearly. However, the trail almost always runs near N HWY 59, by Manogue Road to Townline Road, and another near N. Vickerman Road. Depending on the snow and conditions, these trails are usually open in late December and close in late March – early April.

More information and trail maps can be found on the following websites:

- <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/parks-snowmobile-trails>
- <https://www.awsc.org/Clubs/Club-Listing.aspx?county=Rock>

7.4 Campgrounds

The campgrounds are not located in the City of Milton and are all privately owned and operated.

Blackhawk Camping Resort	3407 E. Blackhawk Drive, Milton, WI 53563
Milton KOA	872 East STH 59, Milton, WI 53563
Jellystone Park of Fort Atkinson	N551 Wishing Well Lane, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
Lakeland Camping Resort	2803 East STH 59, Milton, WI 53563
Lakeview Campground & Bar	1901 East STH 59, Milton, WI 53563

7.5 Undeveloped City Owned Parcels that Could Become Parks

Well #5	240 N. Janesville Street
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Section 8: Recommendations for Outdoor Recreation Provision

8.1 Action Program

Administrative Projects

The Parks & Recreation Commission will complete the following administrative projects during the 2020-2024 time period:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Strategic Bench Placement Plan		X			
Fundraising / Volunteer Guide	X				
Tree City USA Designation	X	X	X	X	X
Strategic Tree Placement Plan		X			
Trail Clean Up Day at Mud Lake		X	X	X	X
Crossridge Park Prairie Seed Pick	X	X	X	X	X
Tower Hill Park Prairie Seed Pick	X	X	X	X	X
Tails n Trails Dog Park Clean Up		X	X	X	X
Make a Difference Day		X	X	X	X
Arbor Day Celebration	X	X	X	X	X
Annual Maintenance Plan	X	X	X	X	X

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Based on the information that has been gathered regarding outdoor recreation in the City of Milton and the standards that have been previously discussed, the following is a list of capital improvement items the Parks & Recreation Commission believes they can reasonably accomplish in the next five years. The list also includes unprogrammed expenses for future years.

The costs provided are only estimates and more detailed work on the cost of the projects will need to be done closer to the start dates for each project.

The capital items listed don't include routine maintenance items, such as painting a dugout. The focus of this capital improvement plan is to correct health and safety hazards, upgrade deficient facilities, and modernize facilities to meet current accessibility standards. There are no major improvements taking place in the CIP that would significantly add to the maintenance responsibilities of the Public Works Department.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Unprogrammed
Revenue Sources						
Projected Park Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 57,649	\$ 57,355	\$ 12,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 12,000	
Projected General Fund Allocation	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Projected Dog Park Account Beginning Balance	\$ 11,672	\$ 11,422	\$ 4,422	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,000	
Sidewalk Fund		\$ 15,000				
Donations (annual target)	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
Capital Improvements						
Project Totals	\$ 10,544	\$ 93,200	\$ -	\$ 240,000	\$ -	\$ 840,500
Net (revenue less expenses)	\$ 57,355	\$ 1,155	\$ 27,000	\$ (186,000)	\$ 27,000	

Central						
Add age-appropriateness sign by play equipment	\$ 250					
College Green						
Add interpretive signs		\$ 500				
Add art piece					\$ 5,000	
Gazebo					\$ 20,000	
Repair rock wall and stairs						
Crossridge						
Add path from existing trail to northern play equipment.					\$ 9,000	
North play equipment upgrades and sign for age-appropriateness					\$ 20,000	
Add drinking fountain					\$ 6,000	
Educational signs about the prairie		\$ 500				
Sign for gaga ball pit	\$ 500					
Add sign for age-appropriateness near southern play equipment	\$ 250					
Pave north parking lot					\$ 35,000	
FFA						
No improvements						
Glacial River Trail						
Bike repair station	\$ 1,626					
King						
Add "Disc Golf" to King Park sign	\$ 300					
Add course map sign	\$ 450					
Pave parking lot and path to drinking fountain					\$ 65,000	
Lamar						

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Unprogrammed</u>
Pavilion updates (roof, kitchen, accessibility, floor, etc.)						\$ 60,000
Play equipment upgrades, play equipment connections, and sign for age-appropriateness						\$ 35,000
Path to bleachers						\$ 10,000
Bike Rack	\$ 451					
Baseball field lighting improvements						
Liberty						
Play equipment updates and sign for age-appropriateness				\$ 40,000		
Parking and traffic flow improvements				\$ 190,000		
Accessibility updates to restrooms				\$ 10,000		
Mud Lake						
Designate picnic area with signs and tables		\$ 1,500				
Add trail directional signs		\$ 500				
Parking lot improvements						
North Goodrich						
Play equipment upgrades, play equipment connections, and sign for age-appropriateness		\$ 35,000				
Community House exterior improvements and accessibility updates						\$ 374,000
Replace drinking fountain		\$ 3,000				
Path to drinking fountain		\$ 3,000				
Northridge						
Play equipment updates, change surfacing to EWF, and sign for age appropriateness						\$ 25,000
Add path from sidewalk to equipment						\$ 10,000
Railroad						
Bench/seating area and picnic tables		\$ 10,000				
Bike repair station and bike rack	\$ 2,077					
Add art piece						\$ 3,000
Add interpretive signs						\$ 500
South Goodrich						
Softball field improvements						\$ 50,000
Access path to softball field and bleachers		\$ 10,000				
Replace drinking fountain		\$ 3,000				

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Unprogrammed
Sidewalk along Janesville Street						\$ 54,000
Add donation bin by splash pad	\$ 350					
Story Gardens						
Outdoor Programming Space						\$ 35,000
Walking path						\$ 24,000
Bike repair station and bike rack	\$ 2,191					
Add donation bin by Story Gardens	\$ 350					
Tails n Trails						
Blacktop truck entrance at small dog park - Dog Park Fund		\$ 7,000				
Add sign for age-appropriateness near play equipment	\$ 250					
Dog playground - Eagle Scout project		X				
Tower Hill						
Plant additional trees		\$ 350				
Add sign for age appropriateness near play equipment	\$ 250					
Educational signs about the prairie		\$ 500				
Designate prairie "Bendlin Prairie"	\$ 500					
Veterans						
Replace drinking fountain		\$ 3,000				
Add sign for age appropriateness near play equipment	\$ 250					
Add path to drinking fountain	\$ 500					
Add path from Orchard Row parking lot to play equipment		\$ 15,000				
Watertower						
Plant additional trees		\$ 350				

8.2 Funding

Local Funds

Local funds available include the following sources:

- **Park Fund** – Funded through the credit card rebate program and recycling revenue. At times, the proceeds from the sale of surplus items will be added to the Park Fund. Within the Park Fund, there are segregated accounts for specific parks including

Veterans Park for the memorial and pavilion, Goodrich Square Splash Pad, Tails n Trails Dog Park, and Story Gardens.

- **Capital Budget** – The Common Council annually determines the capital budget, and, at times, will include funding for park related projects in the capital budget.
- **CVMIC Grant Program** – The cities liability insurance company, Cities & Villages Mutual Insurance (CVMIC), has an annual grant program available
- **Donations** – The Parks & Recreation Commission has set a target annual donation goal of \$5,000 to assist with funding planned projects.

Available Grant Funding Programs

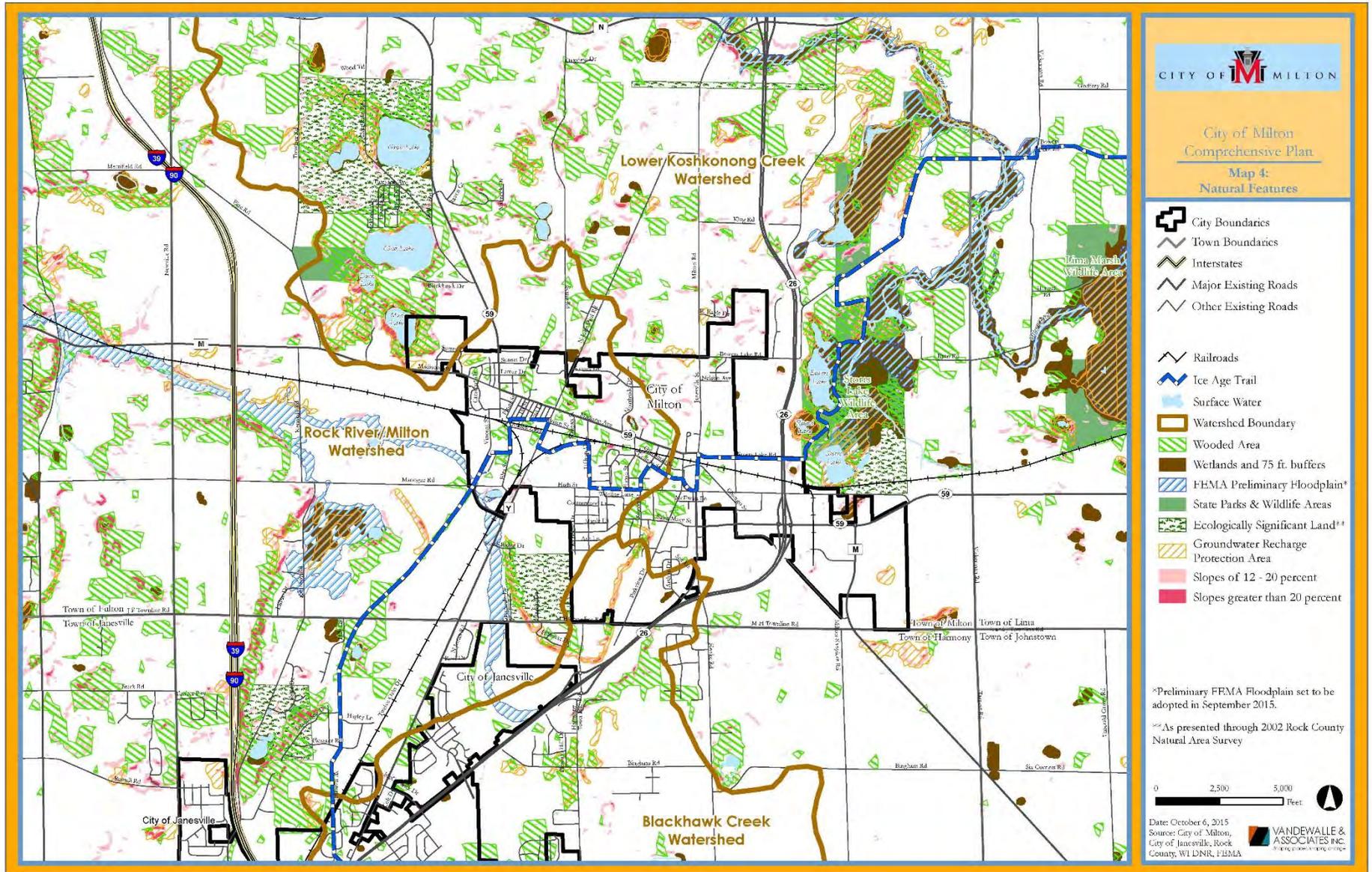
The following grants are available as options for park projects, but many are highly competitive.

- Milton Community Fund
- Alliant Energy Foundation
- Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant Subprograms
 - Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)
 - Acquisition of Development Rights (ADR)
 - Urban Green Space (UGS)
 - Urban Rivers (UR)
- Federal Recreation Grant Programs
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
 - Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

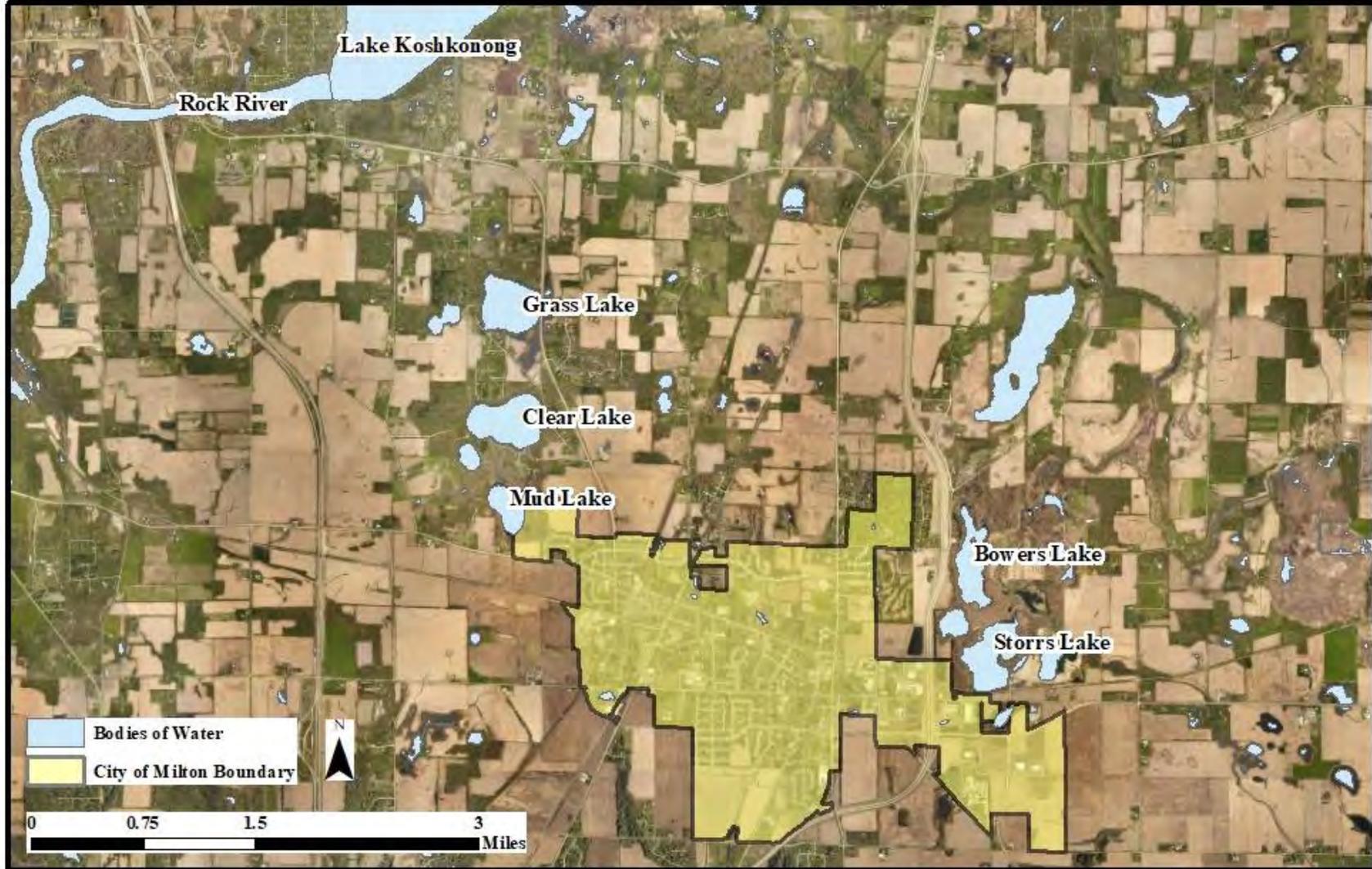
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9.1 Comprehensive Plan Map 4: Natural Features



9.2 Major Bodies of Water in Milton Region



City of Milton

Major Bodies of Water in Milton Region

9.3 Crossridge Park Site Plan

Cross Ridge Park Site

City of Milton
and
YMCA of North Rock
County

LEGEND

- ① Gravel Parking Lot
- ② Small Playground
- ③ Skateboard Park
- ④ Backstop
- ⑤ Soccer Field
- ⑥ Large Playground
- ⑦ Sand Volleyball
- ⑧ (2) Horseshoe Pits
- ⑨ Cross Ridge Park Sign
- ⑩ Parking Lot - 200 stalls
- ⑪ Shelter - 2,500 sf
- ⑫ Shelter - 4,500 sf
- ⑬ Disc Golf Course
- ⑭ City of Milton Sign
- ⑮ YMCA Facility
- ⑯ Extended Parking
- ⑰ Baseball Fields (2)
- ⑱ Soccer Fields (2)
- ⑲ Football Field
- ⑳ Extreme Playground
-  Prairie Grass

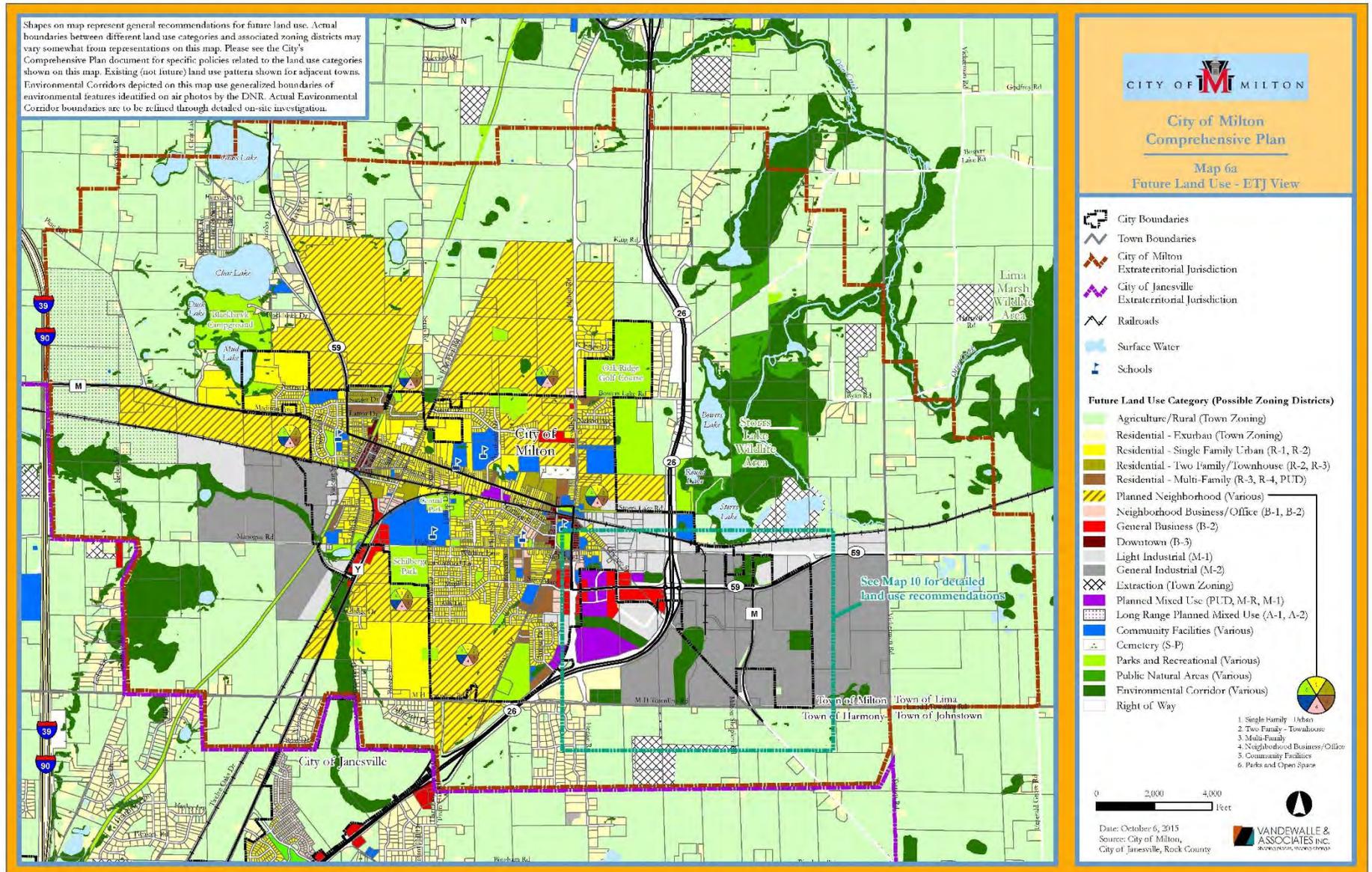


Angus Young
Balance in Creativity

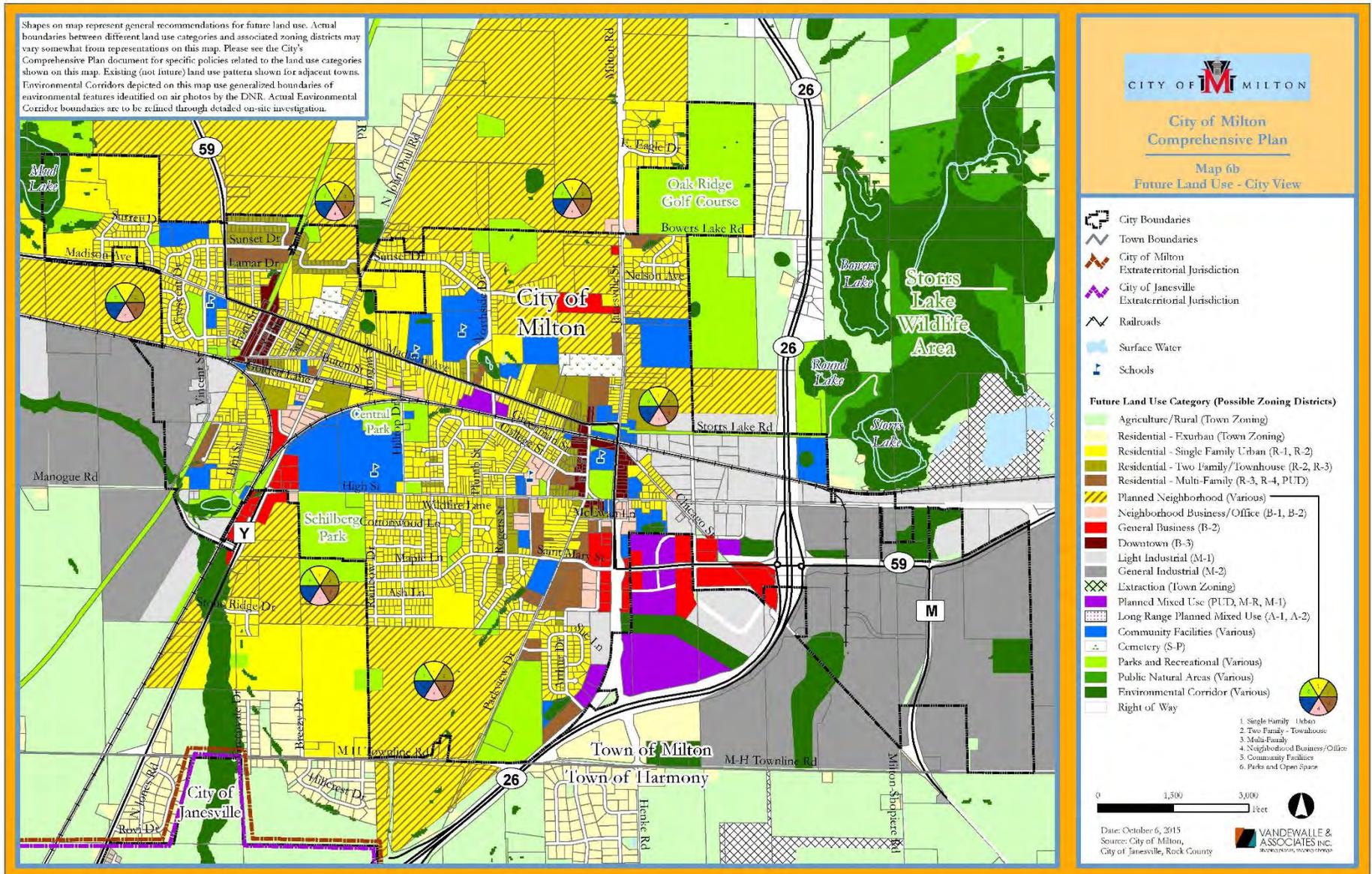
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Interior Design

CONCEPT SITE PLAN

9.4 Comprehensive Plan Map 6a: Future Land Use – ETJ View



9.5 Comprehensive Plan Map 6b: Future Land Use – City View



9.6 Liberty Park Project Description

**CITY OF MILTON
LIBERTY PARK LARGE PARKING AREA
OPINION OF PROBABLE COST**

Liberty Park Large Parking Lot

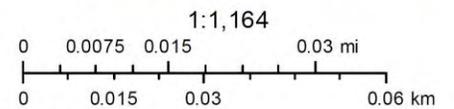
Install approximately 160 x 46 and 170 x 68 parking area to add approximately 50 parking stalls
 One way traffic only entrance S. Clear Lake exit Vincent Street
 Curb and Gutter around the entire perimeter
 4 inch thick HMA
 Remove cul-de-sac and seed, relocate play equipment

ITEM	OPINION OF PROBABLE COST
Excavation, Aggregate Base and Turf Restoration	\$ 68,300
HMA Pavement, Concrete Pavement	\$ 82,800
Relocate Play Equipment	\$ 5,000
Traffic Control and Protection	\$ 1,900
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$158,000
ENGINEERING AND CONTINGENCIES	\$32,000
PROJECT TOTAL	\$190,000



September 30, 2020

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Rock County Real Property Lister

9.7 Urban Forest Proposal, 240 N. Janesville Street

To: City Administrator Al Hulick
From: Ald. Larry Laehn
Date: August 7, 2020
Re: Revised Urban Forest Proposal

Introduction

A couple of years ago, I presented a proposal, as part of community development and strategic planning, to develop an Urban Forest in the City of Milton. At that time, I recommended the project would be located along N Janesville Street. The eventual de-commissioning of the existing Fire Station and the more central location of this property, makes this location much better suited for an Urban Forest in our community.

Objectives

- Establish an “Urban Forest” that improves the city’s air and water quality.
- Utilize a central-city property to increase the community’s recreational and educational opportunities for residents and visitors.
- Provide a bike station, benches and picnic tables for bicyclists/ hikers.

Concept

- The proposed project would begin after new Fire Station is constructed.
- Phase I would be removal of parking lot, DPW building on the property.
- Phase II would be removal or renovation of old Fire Station.
- Phase III would be planting one specimen of the following southern Wisconsin native trees:

Red Pine Few insect or disease problems, 100+ year lifespan

White Pine Responds to regular trimming, 200+ year lifespan

Quaking Aspen Wildlife habitat, 70 year lifespan

River Birch 70 year lifespan

Sugar Maple WI State Tree, 100+ year lifespan

Red Maple 80 year lifespan

Bur Oak Wildlife habitat, 100+ year lifespan

Red Oak Wildlife habitat, 100+ year lifespan

White Oak Wildlife habitat, 100+ year lifespan

- Phase IV would be installing a meandering pathway, picnic tables, benches and a bike station. Trees would be planted along a meandering pathway.

Implementation

Project could be carried out over 2-3 years. Overall coordination could be carried out by Parks and Recreation Commission or a citizen appointed committee. Funding would be a combination of Parks funds, grants, cash donations and in-kind material and labor donations. Donor bricks, benches and trees could be donated by community residents, businesses and not for profit organizations.