Parks Committee Agenda Jefferson County

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Date: Monday, July 6, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Committee Members: Greg David, Jeff Johns, Mike Kelly, Jeff Smith, Augie Tietz

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Roll call (establish a quorum)
- 3. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law
- 4. Approval of the agenda
- 5. Approval of Park Committee Minutes for June 1, 2020
- 6. Communications
- 7. Public Comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
- 8. Discussion and Possible Action on Banning Female Dogs in Heat from the Jefferson County Dog Park
- 9. Discussion and Possible Action on Animal Relocation to Jefferson County Owned Lands
- 10. Discussion and Possible Action on Mowing and Maintenance of Flood Mitigation Properties
- 11. Discussion and Possible Action on Park, Recreation, Open Space Plan
- 12. Discussion on operational changes re: COVID19
- 13. Discussion on Holzhueter Conservation Park
- 14. Discussion on HWY E Put In Take Out Joint Project with DNR Wildlife Staff
- 15. Discussion on Born Learning Trail Grant Watertown Community Health Foundation
- 16. Discussion on Glacial River Mountain Bike Trail Public Works Station Donation
- 17. Discussion on Memorial Bench Donations 2020
- 18. Discussion on Rock River Landing
- 19. Discussion on Interurban Trail Segment Phase II
- 20. Discussion on Historic Sites Preservation Council
- 21. Discussion on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Friends of GHA
- 22. Discussion on 2020 Parks Department Budget
- 23. Adjourn
- 24. Next scheduled meetings: August 3, 2020

A Quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Dog Park Rules Update

Research: Search of 6 local dog park rules pages found that all 6 prohibited dogs in season (heat) into the park.

• Dane County, Waukesha County, Waterloo, City of Monona, City of Middleton, Whitewater Recommendation to add new rule: "Female dogs in season (heat) are not allowed in a dog park".

Below is the list of other posted Rules at the park.

- 1. A current Jefferson County Dog Park Annual or Daily permit is required.
- 2. Dogs must wear a color or harness, and have a current municipal dog license and a current rabies vaccination.
- 3. Dog must remain leashed while entering and exiting the park.
- 4. Dogs must remain under the control of their owners at all times while on the park grounds.
- 5. Aggressive or unruly dogs must leave the park immediately. Owners are required to clean up after their dogs.
- 6. A maximum of three dogs per dog handler are allowed in the park at one time.
- 7. No Smoking in the park at any time.



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

General Guidelines and Definitions

Landowner

The owner or occupant of any land and members of his or her family may, without a license and subject to all other restrictions except seasons, hunt or trap on their own property for coyote, beaver, fox, raccoon, woodchuck, rabbit, and squirrel year-round.

Landowner Agent/Assistant

All persons assisting a landowner (i.e., acting as an agent of a landowner) in the removal of animals causing damage must possess the following in accordance with NR 12.10(3)(c):

- a) A valid hunting or trapping license if shooting or trapping the animal.
- b) Written approval from the landowner, which includes:
 - Name, address, and phone number of landowner and person removing wild animals
 - Property location and removal activities
 - Authorized time period of removal
 - Species of animals authorized for removal
 - Signature of the landowner or lessee and date.

Trap Tagging Requirement

Each trap used under a trapping license shall be tagged with a metal tag stamped with the name and address or DNR customer ID number of the owner of the trap.

Animal Relocation

Animals that have been live-captured may not be relocated to DNR controlled lands. When relocating animals to private property, the person must have permission from the owner of the land where the animal is being released [NR 12.10(1)(a)3., s. 169.04(2)(a)2.]

Animal Carcass Care and Disposition

Fur from furbearing animals killed under a written animal damage/removal permit may be retained by the trapper, landowner, or agent and sold only if the permit authorizes the person to retain the carcasses as a condition of the permit. Furs from furbearing animals which did not require a special permit for harvest, such as beaver, coyote, fox, raccoon, and unprotected species, can be retained by a landowner under the authority of s. 29.337 or by an assistant/agent trapping with written authorization; furs from these species may also be retained and sold during the closed season.

The fur from rabbits retained by a landowner under the authority of s. 29.337 or by an agent/assistant trapping with written authorization (as described above) may be retained and sold during the closed season. Landowners under the authority of s. 29.337 or agents/assistants trapping with written authorization who retain squirrels may sell the tails, skin, claws, and skulls during the closed season. All other animals which are not salvageable must be disposed of in a sanitary manner, or as required in any written permit.

Beavers

- A nuisance/damage removal permit is not needed for a landowner, lessee, or an agent of the landowner to hunt or trap beaver causing damage [NR 10.13(1)(a)1., s. 29.337(1)].
- Landowners, lessees, or agents of landowners may remove a beaver dam. Agents must have written authorization from the landowner to remove the dam [NR 12.10(1)(b)(3)].
- Only the landowner may set traps on a beaver dam. This privilege cannot be transferred to an agent or employee UNLESS the landowner is a corporation or municipality, in which case an employee or elected official may set traps on a beaver dam [NR 10.13(1)(b)(5)].
- A DNR permit is required to remove a beaver lodge/house, whether active or vacant [s. 29.885(2)(b), and 29.088(3)].
- For more information, see: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ waterways/factsheets/beaverdamage.pdf



- Must comply with shooting hours [NR 10.06(5)].
- No artificial lights or shining [s. 29.314].
- Must have a valid Small Game, Conservation Patron, or Sports License (landowners are exempt) [s. 29.024(1), 29.337(1)].

Trapping

- May not trap with steel-jawed traps that have a jaw spread larger than 8 inches (at any time) and smaller than 5½ inches, except during the open muskrat/mink season [NR 10.13(1)(b)9, 11]. Traps with teeth must be set underwater at all times [NR 10.13(1)(b)10].
- May not trap with body-gipping-type traps that have a jaw spread less than or equal to 60 square inches, except during the open muskrat/mink season [NR 10.13(1)(b) 11].
- Snares must be set so at least one-half of the set snare is located underwater at all times, must be non-spring-activated, must have a swivel, must not exceed 5 feet in length, and the diameter of the wire or cable may not exceed 1/8 inch [NR 10.13(1)(b) 13 and 14].
- Agents/assistants must have a Wisconsin trapping license.

Muskrats

- Landowners, occupants, and/or agents may, without a permit, trap or shoot muskrats that are causing damage to dikes, dams, shoreline, or roadways [NR 12.10(1)(b)1(d)].
- A landowner/occupant may solicit an agent to aid in the removal of musk-rats when causing damage [NR 12.10(3)(c)]. An agent of the landowner is required to have a valid hunting or trapping license when removing these animals [NR 12.10(3)c, 29.024].

Coyote, beaver, fox, raccoon, woodchuck, rabbit, and squirrel





- Landowners and occupants may trap or shoot these species at any time [s. 29.337(1)]. When causing damage or nuisance, agents may assist with removal [NR 12.10(1)(b)].
- Landowners/occupants are not required to have a hunting or trapping license to shoot or trap these species on their own property, year-round. However, an agent of the landowner/occupant is required to have a valid hunting and/or trapping license, and if the season is closed, the agent must also have written authorization from the landowner [s. 29.337, 29.024. NR 12.10(1)(b)1.c].
- A landowner/occupant may solicit an agent to aid in the removal of these animals when causing damage or nuisance [NR 12.10(3)(c)].

Crows, cowbirds, grackles, and red-winged blackbirds



- Neither a state nor federal permit is required of any person to shoot or trap these birds
 when they are committing or about to commit damage upon agricultural crops, livestock, or ornamental or shade trees, or when they constitute a health hazard [NR 12.05].
- Landowners/occupants may solicit an agent to aid in the removal of these animals when they are causing or about to cause damage [NR 12.10(3)(c)]. Landowners, occupants, and agents are not required to have a hunting or trapping license for the removal of these birds when they are causing or about to cause damage.



- If a firearm is used to kill listed birds, nontoxic shot or nontoxic bullets must be used. However, this prohibition does not apply if you use an air rifle, air pistol, or 22-caliber rimfire firearm for the control of listed birds.
- Persons killing the species listed must provide an annual report by January 31st of the
 following year to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 3 Migratory Bird Permit Office.
 The report must list the person's name, contact information, species killed, number of
 each species killed, the location and date(s) of kill, and a reason for control.
- NOTE: Any person shooting or trapping the above-mentioned depredating birds shall
 permit any federal or state agent/warden free and unrestricted access over the premises
 on which such operations are conducted, and shall promptly furnish whatever information he or she may require concerning said operations [NR 12.05(2)(b)].
- Normal migratory bird hunting hours apply [NR 10.06].

Snakes, other reptiles, and amphibians



- Several species of reptiles and amphibians are classified as being threatened or endangered. These species cannot be relocated or killed without a permit [s. 29.604, NR 27.03].
- For information and guidance on nuisance snakes, other reptiles, and amphibians, contact Rori Paloski at (608) 264-6040 or Rori.Paloski@Wisconsin.gov.

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- Unprotected species include: European starling, English (House) sparrow, coturnix quail, chukar partridge, opossum, porcupine, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping, and migratory game bird regulations [NR 10.04].
- Landowners/occupants are not required to have a hunting or trapping license to shoot or trap these species year -round on their own property if these species are causing damage or nuisance. Landowners/occupants may solicit an agent to aid in the removal of these animals. Agents of the landowner or occupant are required to have a valid hunting and/or trapping license when removing these animals [NR 10.04 Note, NR 12.10(1)(b) & (3)(c)].
- Unprotected species, coyote, fox, and raccoon may be hunted without hunting hour restrictions except when, if hunting with a bow or crossbow, all hunting hours apply to all bear and archery deer seasons [NR 10.06(8)(a)] or during the regular 9-day November gun deer season, when hunting hours apply to all bow and gun hunting.



- Eight species of bats are recorded in Wisconsin, four of which are cave-dwelling bats (Big Brown, Little Brown, Northern Long-eared, and Eastern Pipistrelle) and are state-listed as threatened and are protected [NR 27.03]. The four migratory species of bats recorded in Wisconsin (Evening Bat, Eastern Red Bat, Hoary Bat, and Silverhaired Bat) are on the "watch list."
- Do not attempt to exclude bats during the summer months when the colony is established and the young are unable to fly. Bat exclusions may not be conducted from June 1 through August 15.
- A landowner/occupant may solicit an agent to aid in the removal of these animals when causing damage [NR 12.10(3)(c)].
- There is a Broad Incidental Take Permit that allows for measures to help the public deal with bat removals in homes and offices; for more information about the permit please see https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/ Documents/BatConservationPlan.pdf and the form at http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/2300/2300-330.pdf.

Questions

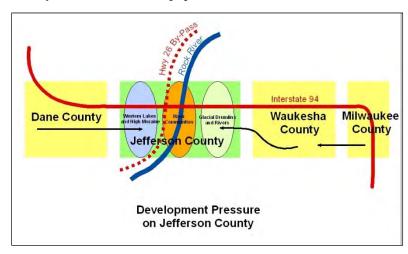
If you have questions or are experiencing problems with nuisance bears, wolves or birds, please contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services at one of the two district offices in Waupun (920-324-4514) or Rhinelander (715-369-5221).

If you have questions or are experiencing nuisance problems with wildlife species other than bears, wolves and birds, please contact your local DNR Service Center.

Revised: February 2019

Park Needs Assessment and Demographics – DRAFT Update 5/21/2020

Jefferson County is located in southeastern Wisconsin between the large metropolitan areas of Madison and Milwaukee/Waukesha. Interstate 94 crosses the northern part of the County from Milwaukee to Madison and Minneapolis/St Paul. Chicago residents with second homes and campers in Jefferson County add to the summer population.



	2018 Population	2040 Estimate	% Change 2018-40
Jefferson County	84,352	100,300	18.9%
Fort Atkinson	12,390	14,020	13.2%
Jefferson (City)	7,967	9,080	14.0%
Lake Mills	5,953	7,380	24.0%
Waterloo (City)	3,362	3,685	9.6%
Watertown (City)	23,945	27,960	16.8%
Whitewater	14,804	19,250	30.0%
Johnson Creek	2,997	4,455	48.6%

be stagnant or lose population.

Population Change and Level of Service Standards

The population of Jefferson County in 2018, the latest year available, was 84,352, the 20th largest in Wisconsin.

By 2040, the population is expected to grow to 100,300, an increase of 18.9%. In 2000 the population was 75,767. There were 32,866 households in 2018.

The Population Projection Chart, to the left, and Map on the next page, show that the greatest population change by 2040 is expected to be in the Village of Johnson Creek along I-94, the City of Whitewater in southern Jefferson County, and the Town of Ixonia in the northeastern corner of the County. When considering the acquisition of additional parkland, these areas may be a priority.

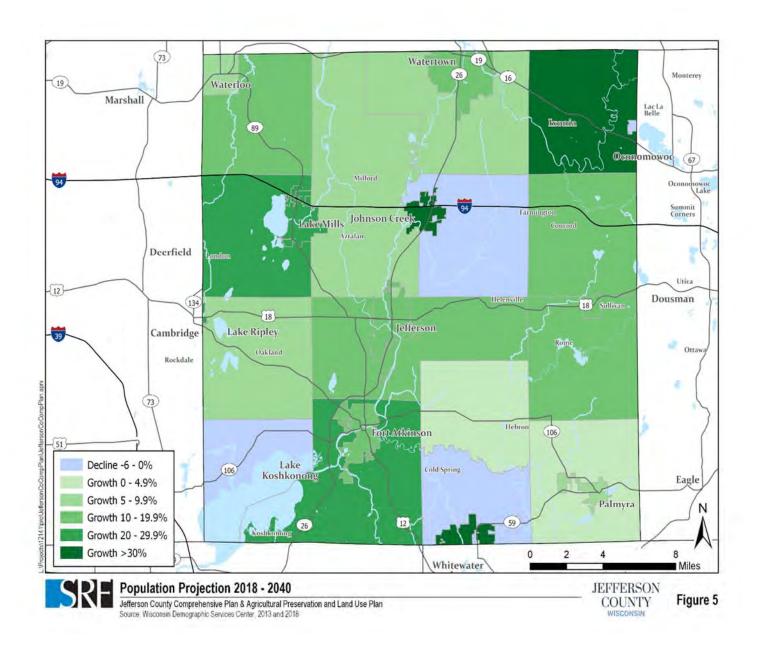
The Towns of Farmington, Cold Spring, and Sumner are expected to

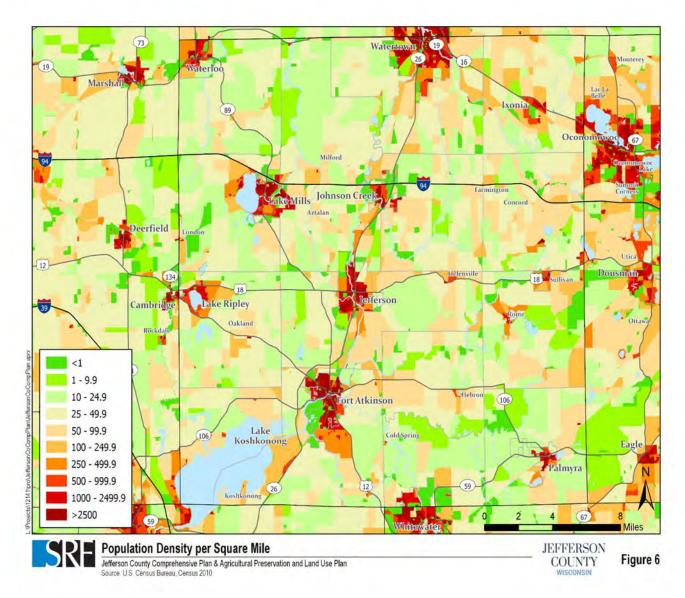
The Jefferson County Parks Department uses a "Level of Service" standard of 12 acres of parkland per 1000 in population. This standard was developed in the 1997 Jefferson County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan and is used to determine parkland needs in proportion to future population growth. Jefferson County Parks do not include acreage figures from city and village parks nor Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or US Fish and Wildlife Service properties.

Jefferson County Parks currently covers 1180 acres, over 19 miles of hiking trails, and 35 miles of off and on-road bicycle/pedestrian trails. The minimum acreage of parkland using 2018 population figures is 1,012 acres. If population growth occurs as forecast by 2040, the minimum will be 1,200 acres.

In 2017 approximately 66 percent of the population lived in urban areas and 34 percent in rural areas. Population density per square mile is concentrated in the cities and villages in Jefferson County with clusters along the Rock River and area lakes, see Population Density Per Square Mile Map. Public

questionaire responses indicate a desire for canoe and kayak rental, access to waterways, and off-leash dop parks near the larger cities.

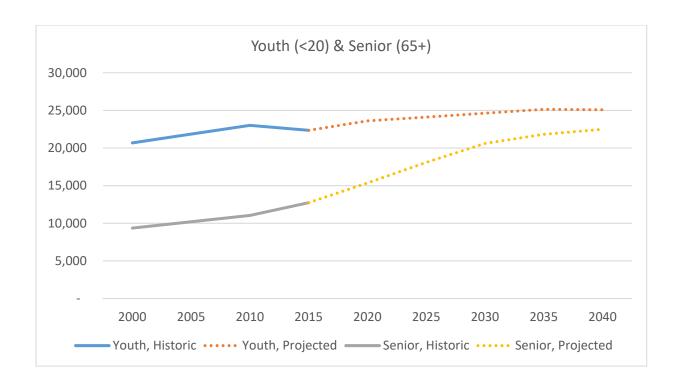




Aging Population

The chart on the next page looks at the projected population of youth under 20 years old and seniors over the age of 65 from 2000 to 2040. By 2040 nearly 25,000 residents will be under 20 years of age, about 25 percent of the population. Seniors in the population will rise from 17 percent of the population in 2018 to about 23,000, or 23 percent of the population.

Planning activities and facilities for both groups was mentioned in public comments. Seniors have more time to enjoy the parks system and friends groups, such as the Friends of Rose Lake; they could form a core of volunteers, and they may also need more universally accessible facilities. Survey responses asked for more youth engagement and activities outdoors with nature and in the parks.



Ethnicity

Jefferson County's population is becoming more diverse. Between the years 2000 and 2018, Hispanic and Latino citizens increased by 3.1 percent and Black or African American residents increased by 0.71%.

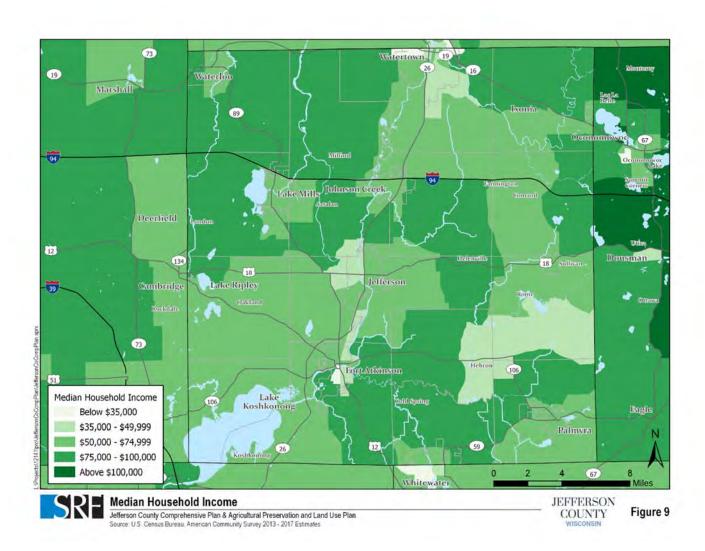
US Census Bureau Jefferson County, Wisconsin Quick Facts

Race and Ethnicity	2000 Percent Population	2018 Percent Population	Change
White Alone	96.20%	96.0%	(0.2%)
Hispanic or Latino	4.10%	7.2%	3.10%
Two or More Races	0.92%	1.3%	0.38%
Black or African American	0.39%	1.1%	0.71%
Asian	0.47%	1.0%	0.53%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.33%	0.5%	0.17%
White Alone, not Hispanic or Latino	(2011) 90.40%	89.5%	(0.9%)

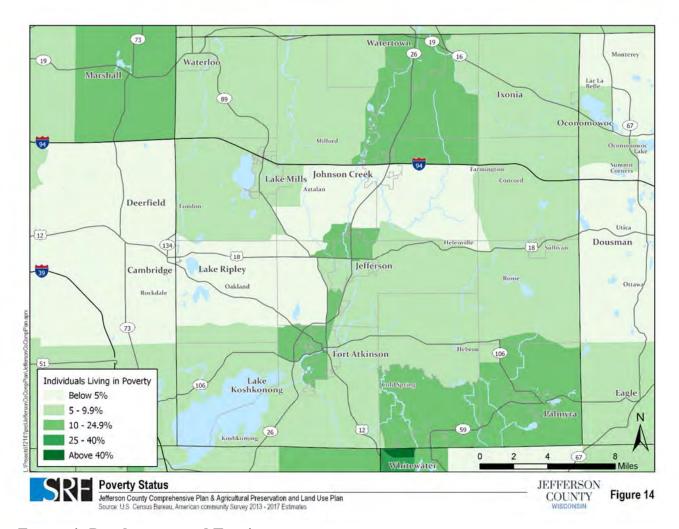
Household Income

Between 2000 and 2017, the median annual household income in Jefferson County dropped \$7,546.00 or 11.3%. While the median household income is greater in Jefferson County than the State of Wisconsin and the United States as a whole, the drop in Jefferson County was a greater percentage. The map on the next page shows the distribution of median household income throughout the County and also into neighboring Dane and Waukesha Counties.

	Median Household Income (2000, adjusted for inflation)	Median Household Income (2013- 2017)	Change	%
Jefferson County	\$66,761	\$59,215	\$(7,546.00)	-11.3%
Wisconsin	\$62,335	\$56,759	\$(5,576.00)	-8.9%
United States	\$59,777	\$57,652	\$(2,125.00)	-3.6%



The Poverty Status Map shows the distribution of individuals living below the poverty line in Jefferson County according the American Community Survey 2013-2017. Poverty thresholds vary by the size of the family and age of the members. The same thresholds are utilized throughout the United States, and so are not specific to Wisconsin (US Census Bureau).



Economic Development and Tourism

The Jefferson County Tourism Council is composed of representatives of chambers of commerce, businesses and the public. Jefferson County Parks are featured in the annual Enjoy Jefferson County Guide. Several public comments mentioned the need for more and wider marketing of the parks system.

Tourism has a major impact on the economy in Jefferson County. Annual and cultural events and abundant natural resources attract visitors, boaters, hunters, bicyclists, hikers, and bird watchers, among others. Direct visitor spending in 2018 was \$103.3 million and 1,741 people were employed in the tourism sector.

Wisconsin Department of Tourism

Total Tourism Impacts	In Mi	In Millions	
	2017	2018	% Change
Direct Visitor Spending	\$95.5	\$103.1	8.01%
Total Business Sales	\$169.4	\$180.4	6.46%
Employment	1,683	1,741	3.45%
Total Labor Income	\$41.5	\$42.9	3.37%
State and Local Taxes	\$11.2	\$11.9	5.54%

Parks and tourism are tied to economic development. Businesses are looking for a high quality of life for their work force and that often involves outdoor recreation, parks and trails.

In Jefferson County manufacturing tops all industries in percent of total employment, total payroll, and 26 percent of the County's jobs; followed by trade, transportation and utilities; education and health, professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and construction. Jefferson County added 564 jobs from 2017 to 2018, a growth rate of 1.7 percent. (2019 Workforce Profile, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development)

The largest manufacturing sector is food manufacturing and processing. Agriculture contributes \$1.5 billions to the economy in Jefferson County with 10,800 jobs linked to agriculture and 240,000 acres of agricultural land. (Jefferson County Tourism Council) Most of the Jefferson County Parks are located in rural areas and surrounded by farmland.

Existing Park Facilities and Proposed Improvements – Draft 6/26/20

The Jefferson County Parks system covers 24 parks and 1,180 acres throughout the County, over 19 miles of hiking trails, 35 miles of off and on-road bicycle/pedestrian trails on the Glacial River Trail and Interurban Trail, and 199 miles of snowmobile trails. Bicycle routes have been designated on lightly traveled road throughout the County.

Parks range in size from small waysides to 514 acre Dorothy Carnes County Park and Rose Lake State Natural Area. Historic elements such as Native American Indian Mounds, an original log cabin, and original barns have been preserved.

The system offers outdoor activities, many of which are nature-based. Most of the parks provide picnicking, hiking, playgrounds, nature emersion, relaxation, and natural areas restoration. Boating, fishing, disc golf, and a large dog park add to the variety of activities.

The Parks Department operates out of an office in the County Courthouse and the Parks Maintenance Shop on Industrial Avenue. The Department take pride in excellent upkeep of the parks and facilities and improvement of natural areas while keeping communication open with park visitors.

Over the years a park design vocabulary has been developed giving the system a unified look. Shelters are mostly wood with heavy timbers and green or brown roofs. Some shelters incorporate native fieldstone and barn boards. Restrooms



and sign boards complement the shelters. A split-rail fence design developed by the Parks Department defines and protects areas. Playgrounds are designed with safety as a primary goal and to blend in with the surrounding scenery.

Needs Assessment

As part of a needs assessment, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Park, Open Space, and Pathway Classifications provide a guide for facilities, size criteria, and level of service standards. Providing parks in several different classifications creates variety and flexibility in a park system.

However, the NPRA classifications apply primarily to city and municipal park departments with active recreation such as ball fields, team play, swimming pools and skateboard parks. Jefferson County Parks provide outdoor nature-based recreation, trails, activities, and sports in rural areas. The standards recommend that county parks should be a minimum of 40 acres.

Jefferson County Parks and Trails are listed in the following section with existing facilities, improvements since 2013, and proposed improvements. The parks and trails are categorized by the NPRA classifications from smallest to largest parks. A trail needs assessment follows the park section.

Very Small Parks

According to the NPRA, very small parks address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs and are between 2500 sq. ft. and 5 acres in size.

Blackhawk Island Fishing Pier

Blackhawk Island Road, Fort Atkinson, 2 acres

Blackhawk Island is a flood-prone area along the Rock River. Jefferson County has been acquired unlivable properties for several years. An ADA-complaint fishing pier and parking lot were built on land adjacent to the Island Grill. Picnic tables and a seasonal restroom are available.

Accomplishments since 2013

- ADA fishing pier
- Seasonal restroom
- Small parking lot
- Picnic area

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Repair shorelines that are crumbling
- Periodic flooding precludes most new improvements



Burnt Village County Park

W9158 County Rd N, Fort Atkinson, 2 acres

Historically a Native American village was located at this site and later a Federal encampment during the Blackhawk War of 1832. Burnt Village Park is on CTH N at the bridge over the Bark River. The park is used as a wayside and fishing area. A boat ramp serves boats, canoes and kayaks. A seasonal restroom, a few picnic tables and a grill are available. Period flooding limits development to fishing and boat launch improvement.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Improved fishing access
- Added seasonal restroom

- ADA fishing pier improvement, add suspended platform
- ADA kayak launch
- Periodic flooding prevents many improvements



Cold Spring Creamery County Park

N1501 County Rd N, Fort Atkinson, 0.787 acres

Cold Spring Creamery County Park is a small wayside adjacent to the hamlet of Cold Spring. The park is used for picnicking and has a flowing well. A historical marker commemorates the place where Abraham

Lincoln's horse was stolen in 1832 while camping for the night on his way back to Illinois from the Blackhawk War. A shelter, swing set, restroom, and a Little Free Library are provided.

Accomplishments since 2013

• Updated restroom

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Regrade around rest room to improve drainage
- New park sign



Highway 16 Wayside

W802 STH 16, Ixonia, 4.4 Acres

The STH 16 Wayside is along the Rock River between Oconomowoc and Ixonia. Periodic flooding

limits development. The wayside is used for picnics, family play, fishing, and canoe/kayak launching. A historic marker commemorates STH 16 as the first numbered highway in Wisconsin (Hwy 19 at that time).

Accomplishments since 2013

- Acquisition
- Planted new trees to replace failing trees

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Improved gate for closures
- Rehabilitate restrooms
- ADA kayak/canoe launch

Joy County Park

N6881 County Rd F, Oconomowoc, 1 acre

Joy Park, just north of the I-94 and CTH F exit, is a small wayside park on Spence Lake. Picnicking, fishing and bird watching are activities.

Accomplishments since 2013

Continued maintenance



Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Plant pine plantation on grassy area to reduce mowing
- Gravel access trail to Spence Lake

Rock River County Park

W5281 County Rd B, Johnson Creek, 4 acres

Rock River Park is on CTH B between Johnson Creek and Lake Mills in a rural setting on the Rock River. The park offers picnicking, boating, and fishing. There is a flowing well and the shoreline has recently been improved with native plants. Flooding can lead to periodic closures.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Pier added to boat launch
- Natural shoreline planting
- Kiosk with maps and park rules

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- ADA compliant boat launch and fishing pier
- Fire ring and seating
- Permanent seating near shoreline
- Periodic flooding closes the park and limits improvements



Smaller Parks

Smaller parks serve recreational and social needs of a smaller geographic service area. Five acres is considered the minimum size and between 7 and 10 acres is optimal. These parks provide typical neighborhood recreation or play activities. Jefferson County would like to transfer the ownership of the two parks, Altpeter and Welcome Travelers, in this classification to the surrounding jurisdictions because they serve as neighborhood parks.

Altpeter County Park

W7786 Lamp Road, Fort Atkinson, 4 acres

Altpeter County Park is in the North Shore area of Lake Koshkonong, a small neighborhood tucked along the lake, west of Fort Atkinson. The park is about a block away from the water and features a playground, 2 picnic tables and green space for play. The Parks Department plows adjacent land in the

winter for ice fishing parking. Transferring the park to the Town of Sumner is a possibility. Periodic flooding limits improvements to the park.

Accomplishments since 2013

- No changes other than routine maintenance.
- Periodic flooding prevents any improvements.
- Parks Department plows The Lamp property for ice fishing parking.



Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- No improvement plans because of periodic flooding
- Transfer ownership to the Town of Sumner

Welcome Travelers Park

N482 County Rd D, Whitewater, 8 acres

Welcome Travelers Park is at the intersection of CTH D and STH 59, just north of Whitewater. The park features a playground, shelter, tables, grills and water. It has greenspace for play and games.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Electrical outlets added to shelter
- Added a new playground

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Work with the City of Whitewater to transfer the park to their jurisdiction
- Repave parking lot
- Address runoff that floods the shelter
- Add corn hole, horseshoes or other games



Community Parks

This classification does not directly apply to Jefferson County Parks as most parks are located in rural areas, not in communities. The parks listed below may be thought of as community parks by the nearby residents and meet other criteria in this classification. Community Parks provide for broader recreational needs and preserve unique landscapes and open space. They usually serve a regional geographic service area. Community parks are usually between 20 and 50 acres in size.

Pohlmann County Park

N4809 Duck Creek Road, Helenville, 10 acres

Pohlmann County Park is on USH 18 between Helenville and Jefferson and just south of the Glacial Drumlin State Trail. The park has an old silo that has become a landmark in the area. A new playground, a shelter, picnic tables, grills, a water hydrant, and walking trails complete the park. The silo and old stone wall are remnants from the farm that once stood here. The park is a popular rest stop along the Glacial Drumlin State Trail.

Accomplishments since 2013

- New shelter
- New playground
- Graveled parking lot



- Kiosk with maps and park rules
- Pohlmann Family history sign moved to more prominent place

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Restructure and pave parking lot if possible, silo problematic to changing parking lot
- Improve pine tree trail and add wayfinding signs
- Install sign directing users to Glacial Drumlin Trail



Rock Lake County Park

Upper N6999 Rock Lake Road, Lake Mills Lower W8050 Park Lane Road, Lake Mills, 23 acres in total

Rock Lake Park is on CTH B west of Lake Mills on the north side of Rock Lake. The Park is adjacent to the City of Lake Mills and in a semi-urban area, appealing to local residents. The northern part of the park is on Rock Lake Rd on a steep hill overlooking the lake and features a shelter, water, picnic tables, grills and a nature trail.

The southern part of the park on CTH B features a busy boat ramp and seasonal pier, large boat trailer parking lot, a shelter, tables, grills, restrooms, and a playground. Fishing, boating, and picnicking are activities.

Accomplishments since 2013

- New sign on County Road B
- New boat launch sign
- New sign on Rock Lake Road for Upper Rock Lake Park
- New park sign

- ADA compliant trail from the parking lot to the existing sidewalk in Lower Rock Lake Park
- Tables and roofed seating along the park side of the road along Rock Lake
- Replace restrooms with new vault toilets
- Add corn hole, horseshoes, volleyball, gym equipment or other active sports to the lower park.
- Expand trails and add a mountain bike loop to Upper Rock Lake Park
- New kiosks with maps, park rules and educational materials
- Forestry plan to remove invasive species and encroachment at Upper Rock Lake Park
- Improve drainage of Upper Rock Lake Park
- Update automatic gate operators with new operator boards and arms





Rome Pond County Park

N1637 County Rd F, Sullivan, 12 acres

Rome Pond County Park is along the Bark River on CTH F between Sullivan and Rome, adjacent to the Rome Pond State Natural Area and the unincorporated hamlet of Rome. Jefferson County leases the park from the WDNR. A boat ramp is the main feature along with a shelter, tables, restrooms, grills and a

water pump. In 2019 the WDNR installed a gravel trail into the Wildlife Area 2019 that circles around to Rome-Oakhill Road south of Rome.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Kiosk with maps and park rules
- Maintained boat launch

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Work with WDNR to improve boat launch.
- Land is leased from WDNR and precludes other development



Special Use Parks and Facilities

Special use parks are oriented to a single purpose, unique use or a significant historic or cultural attribute.

Cappie's Landing

N8625 Jefferson Rd, Watertown, 6.31 acres

Cappie's Landing was previously a sportsman's club property along the Rock River south of Watertown. Jefferson County maintains a boat ramp, parking, and primitive walk or boat-in camp sites. A shelter, picnic tables, a grill and a restroom are available at the partially wooded, riverside park.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Acquisition of property
- Two primitive walk-in camp sites
- Restroom
- Motorized and non-motorized boat ramp
- Picnic tables
- Existing shelter maintained
- Parking
- Planted new trees

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

Work with WDNR on all of the following improvements:

- Replace shelter roof
- Remove retention walls along Rock River
- Install native plants in a shoreline restoration
- Install improved gates for closures



• Improve parking lot surface and research ways to raise the parking lot surface to increase accessibility during high water events

Glacial River Mountain Bike Trails County Road W, Jefferson, 20.2 acres

Local citizens and volunteers masterminded the Glacial River Mountain Bike Trails. Located on County-owned land west of Jefferson and along the Glacial River Trail, access is from the trail, Annex Rd, or a parking lot on CTH W. 2.4 miles of trails have been constructed along with obstacles. Future plans call for a water station, restrooms, and more obstacles.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Miles of mountain bike trails for a variety of skill levels
- Mountain bike obstacles
- Entrance kiosks
- Access to Glacial Drumlin Trail
- Access to parking across the road.
- Small parking lot on north end of trails

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Expand trail system by 1 mile
- Add trail obstacles
- Add restroom
- Add water station
- Add skills course and obstacles near parking area.
- Involve volunteers in trail maintenance

Indian Mounds County Park

W7561 Koshkonong Mounds Road, Fort Atkinson, 6.9 acres

Indian Mounds County Park protects eleven visible Native American effigy mounds. 1.9 acres across the road with mounds were recently added to the park. A trail takes visitors around the mounds and through a wooded area with the remnants of a Native American trail. A plan to protect the integrity and sensitive nature of the mounds was developed in 2004 by Jay Toth, tribal archaeologist with the Ho Chunk Nation and Leslie Eisenburg, Burial Sites Program coordinator at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Accomplishments since 2013

- 1.9 acres of land with Native American mounds added across the road
- Improved parking lot
- Improved woodland and Native American mound maintenance
- Interpretive plan for educational signs completed

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

• Forestry prescription plan for new land to maintain integrity of the mounds



- Limit trail access to new land
- Donation box
- Continue to add interpretive panels
- Continue vegetative management to maintain integrity of the mounds and woodlands
- Replace wooden trail signs and fences
- Install area of native forbs and grasses near entrance to the park

Jefferson County Dog Park and Terri Tinsley Dog Exercise Area

W5098 Canine Drive, Johnson Creek, 109 acres

The Dog Park is located along STH 26 between Jefferson and Johnson Creek with easy access from I-94. The park opened in 2003 and has 59 fenced acres for dog walking off-leash. The remainder of the park is wooded and wetland. Each of four separate dog areas has double gated entrances and restrooms. Two shelters and benches have been added and water hydrants for people and dogs are available. The Dog Park is the most popular park in the system with tag purchases increasing every year, 2800 were sold in 2019. Improvements, amenities, and events are added each year. A seasonal park attendant supervises usage, performs maintenance, and removes invasive species.

Accomplishments since 2013

- 2800 tags issued in 2019
- 300 ft boardwalk in wet area
- Statues and obstacle course added
- Park road paved
- Trails in wooded area

- Improve entrances in Areas 2 and 3
- Finish paving road and parking lots
- Add gravel to trails
- Add permanent, roofed seating along trails donation campaign
- On-going prairie planting and vegetative management
- Dog cooling station
- Credit card machine for park fees
- Add a second attendant or expand Ranger Position. Dog Park Ranger vital to management.
- Pave road to shed and add pad for dumpster
- Security cameras at entrances
- Explore LED and solar lighting along some trails and in the parking lots
- Ongoing fence replacement and upgrades where needed.





Jefferson County Parks Maintenance Building

Industrial Drive, Jefferson

The Jefferson County Parks Maintenance Building was built in 2001. The 24,000 sq. ft. heated building houses the maintenance shop, a wood shop, indoor storage, breakroom, and office space.

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Security fencing
- Additional spaces for materials storage including bunkers and possible covered storage of topsoil and landscape mulch
- Plan for additional responsibilities such as more snowplowing
- Landscaping around entrance and signs
- Update Parks Sign in front of building



Conservation Parks

Conservation parks are natural resource areas set aside for preservation, remnant native landscapes, open space, and visual buffering. These parks are located where exceptional natural areas are found and are planned in some cases for expansion up to 400-600 acres serving the whole county and possibly a regional geographic service area. They typically provide picnicking, passive recreation, and multiple trail opportunities. These are the signature parks of the Jefferson County Parks System.

Carlin-Weld County Park

N1841 County Rd Z, Palmyra, 78 Acres

Carlin-Weld County Park features the rolling topography of the Kettle Moraine, an upland prairie and oak planting, and a lowland pond with wooded wetlands. A large shelter, playground, restroom, 1.5 miles of trails a fishing pond, and a disk golf course make the park popular for family gatherings and dog walking. The park is adjacent to a small subdivision and is used for local school sports.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Paved road and parking
- Installed kiosks with maps and park rules
- 9-hole Frisbee golf course
- Woodland restoration below the shelter
- Electrical outlets added to shelter

- Boardwalk trail in marshy areas
- Paved sidewalk to shelter
- New restrooms
- Fishing pier or access
- Potential dog training or off leash area
- Add 9 holes of Frisbee golf for tournaments
- Replace gate operator system with new operator boards and drives arms



Crawfish River County Park

STH 18, Jefferson, 18 acres

Crawfish River County Park is located along the Crawfish River just west of Jefferson. The land was donated to Jefferson County by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WiDOT) after construction of the STH 26 Bypass created an orphan parcel. The Glacial River Trail passes on the west side of the property. Public parking and access from USH 18 have not been negotiated with the WiDOT. Volunteers maintain trails. Seasonal flooding is a concern

Accomplishments since 2013

- Master Plan completed
- Trails maintained by volunteers
- Connected to Glacial River Bicycle/Pedestrian
 Trail
- Park sign on bike trail
- Small picnic area

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Work with WiDOT to provide access to the park from USH 18.
- Prairie, woodland and wetland restoration
- Add recreational features such as benches, picnic tables, and picnic areas adjacent to trails
- Create Put In Take Out (PiTo) access to the Crawfish River.
- Lack of access from USH 18 and periodic flooding limit development

Dorothy Carnes County Park and Rose Lake State Natural Area

N3220 Radloff Lane, Fort Atkinson, 514 acres

Dorothy Carnes County Park is located just west of Fort Atkinson and has access from Radloff Lane, Hoard Road, Banker Road, and Kemmeter Road. The park surrounds pristine Rose Lake Marsh and 480 acres are within the Rose Lake State Natural Area designation. The landscape features rolling hills, woodlands, wetlands, prairie and savanna restorations, a wetland scrape, and premier waterfowl habitat. White pelicans visit to the marsh.

The park has about 9 miles of hiking and cross-country skiing trails, and opportunities for nature study, bird watching, picnicking, and rustic walk-in camping with a restroom and hand pump. Controlled hunting is available by permit on the Kemmeter Road portion of the park. All dogs must be on-leash.

A log cabin built by the Mason Family has been restored on the eastern portion of the park and a new parking lot added. Community gardens are available as well. The existing barn and some of the outbuildings have been stabilized and will be repurposed.



The western portion of the park features the popular and award-winning Carol Liddle pavilion for gatherings, a playground, restrooms, trails, a marsh overlook, and a wildlife viewing blind.



The Friends of Rose Lake is an active volunteer group that leads bird walks and providing nature study materials. The Mason Jar Jamboree is an annual fall festival at the farmstead area of the park.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Trail plan implemented
- Mason Log Cabin rebuilt
- Unnecessary buildings in poor repair removed
- Interpretive signs added at Mason Log Cabin
- Museum pieces added to Mason Log Cabin
- New parking lot added at Mason Farm
- Added marsh viewing blind on south side of park
- New ocular viewer at west side overlook
- Youth and ADA hunting provided at Kemmeter property
- Swing set added to west side of park.
- Ongoing prairie and woodland restoration and maintenance

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Pave walk from shelter to overlook on west side of park.
- Secure storage for trail maintenance equipment on both sides of park.
- Improve play area on west side of park.
- Add wayfinding signs on Mason Farm
- Park directional signs on Banker and/or USH 12 to the Mason Farm
- Revamp viewing blind to prevent squirrel damage
- Add permanent bathroom to Mason Farm
- Add automatic security gate to Mason Farm
- Update gate operator systems with new operator boards and drive arms
- Finish moving Hearty Gardens on Mason Farm
- Restoration and reutilization of Mason barn for classrooms (indoor and outdoor), interpretation, barn weddings, rentals, and storage.
- Rose Lake overlook deck on Mason Farm
- Emphasis on ADA hunting opportunities on Kemmeter, youth and ADA accessible hunting blind.
- Utilize funds from leasing Kemmeter crop land for improvements.
- Dig reed canarygrass out of ditch behind farm buildings on Mason farm to improve drainage.
- Continue prairie, wetland and woodland restoration activities.

Dr. J. S. Garman Nature Preserve

701 Fox Lane, Waterloo, 45 acres

The Garman Nature Preserve was donated to Jefferson County by Theo Garman in 2003. Five additional acres were recently acquired. Mrs. Garman would like the park to remain in its natural condition with minimal development. The park is a steep, wooded drumlin within the City of Waterloo. Twenty-two Native American mounds are found at the peak of the hill, far within the park. The yellow giant hyssop, a species that was on the Wisconsin threatened plants list, grows in the park.

Visitors use the park for hiking, picnicking and cross-country skiing. A plan to maintain the mounds was completed with the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Waterloo Regional Trailhead building was built adjacent to



the preserve to serve as a focal point of the Glacial Heritage Area and trail hub. The Garman Nature Preserve is located across the street from TREK Bicycle Corporation and is often used by its employees.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Interpretive plan for education signs completed
- Acquired 5 acres of adjacent steep and wooded land
- Access acquired to Waterloo Road
- Installation of some interpretive signs
- Native American mound maintenance
- Fox Lane entrance road paved
- Connections to Waterloo Regional Trailhead facility and bicycle/pedestrian trails
- Improvement of timber stand



Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Acquire adjacent property if it becomes available
- Install a more visible entrance sign at Fox Lane
- Improve and realign trails as needed
- Continue to improve timber stand
- Continue to monitor and maintain Native American mounds
- Continue to install interpretive signs

Holzhueter State Park

W7664 Island Road, Waterloo, 176.5 acres

This large, rural park between Waterloo and Watertown features uplands with beautiful views of the countryside, steep wooded hills, and wetlands. The park was purchased by the State of Wisconsin in 2009. Jefferson County will provide management through a Memorandum of Understanding. The park currently has mowed trails and a master plan was completed. Extensive mountain biking trails are a long-range goal.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Master plan completed
- Mowed trails

- Develop restoration and implementation plans for phased improvements to parking, prairies, woodlands and trail development.
- Develop a forestry plan for the woodlands
- Maintain trails
- Work with WDNR to begin improvements



Kanow County Park

N8248 Rock River Road, Ixonia, 45 acres

Kanow Park is located on a bend of the Rock River about 1.5 miles east of Ixonia. The park has a large shelter and playground. Activities include fishing and a canoe/kayak launch. A portion of the park is wooded with ash, which are dying from emerald ash borer damage. Periodic flooding limits development of the park.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Kiosk with maps and park rules
- New playground
- Trails in woodlands eliminated, flooding precludes activities in low areas

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Accessible kayak launch
- Shoreline restoration
- Permanent corn hole and horseshoe games
- Dead ash tree removal and replacement
- Update automatic gate operators with new operator boards and arms



W8390 Korth Lane, Lake Mills, 89.5 acres

Korth Park, on Rock Lake west of Lake Mills, protects the water quality and fish habitat of the lake. A bicycle trail connects the park to the Glacial Drumlin Trail, which runs from Waukesha to Cottage Grove. A popular large shelter, parking lot, playground and restrooms are located on top of a hill with expansive views of the lake. In the summer, popular monthly concerts are held during Brew With a View. Community gardens are located along Elm Point Rd along with another shelter and parking lot. Wooded and prairie trails are well used. A sledding hill is offered in the winter.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Additional parking added
- Prairie, shoreline and woodland restorations and maintenance
- New playground
- Brew With A View evenings with music and food trucks extremely popular

- Expand parking lots, parking is limited for large events.
- Permanent outdoor pit toilet or heated restroom during winter
- Pave Glacial Drumlin Connector Trail
- Improve playground with pour in place surface





- Add exercise equipment along shoreline trail
- Add portable stage or risers for Brew With A View
- Add on-site storage for maintenance equipment
- Make community gardens more aesthetic, new fence, provide water
- Acquire land between Korth Lane and Elm Point if it becomes available
- Continue prairie, shoreline and woodland restorations and maintenance
- Update automatic gate operators with new operator boards and arms

Trails and Pathways

The NPA provides pathway classification guideline, which are found at the end of this section for the Jefferson County Parks System.

Glacial River Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail

The 33.6 miles of the Glacial River Trail in Jefferson County originated on an abandoned railway

easement from the Rock County line to Fort Atkinson. Off-road expansion was carried out by the City of Fort Atkinson and during the STH 26 bypass construction around Fort Atkinson and Jefferson. Between Jefferson and Johnson Creek the trail is primarily on lightly travelled roads and then is both off and on-road from Johnson Creek to Watertown. Jefferson, Johnson Creek and Watertown have developed their own municipal bicycle routes. The total length of the trail from the Rock County Line to STH 60 in Dodge County is 52 miles. Future plans include water stations along the trail, tree planting for shade, information and map kiosks, and continued maintenance.



Trail access points are as follows:

Glacial River Trail Parking on Farmco Lane

Farmco Lane, Fort Atkinson, 1 acre

Parking, water, a shaded kiosk, and a bicycle sculpture are found at this trial access point on the south side of Fort Atkinson

Accomplishments since 2013

• Signs, kiosk, bicycling sculpture

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Add exercise stations along trail
- Maintain vegetation along trail
- Improve trail signage and maps to include "you are here" maps along the trail and mileage signs to destinations and features.

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Glacial River Trail Parking at County Line

County Line Road, Fort Atkinson, 1 acre

Trail access from the intersection of Old 26 and Koshkonong Mounds Rd. No parking.

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

- Improve trail signage and maps to include "you are here" maps along the trail and mileage signs to destinations and features.
- Add water station
- Possible budget and planning to replace Allen Creek Bridge

Glacial River Trail Parking on County Rd W

County Rd W, Jefferson, 1 acre

Parking is available near the intersection of CTH W and Annex Road on County-owned property.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Built on County-owned property to serve the Glacial River Trail and Mountain Bike Trails
- Entrance sign in parking area
- Improve trail signage and maps to include "you are here" maps along the trail and mileage signs to destinations and features.

Proposed Improvements 2020-2025

• Install Born Learning Trail on paved trail from CTH W parking lot back toward Jefferson

Interurban Trail

Watertown to Oconomowoc 10.96 miles proposed.

The Interurban Trail for bicycles and pedestrians will ultimately connect Watertown to Oconomowoc with 10.96 miles of off-road trail. From there connections will be made to the Lake Country Trail in Waukesha County and potentially Milwaukee and Lake Michigan. Phase 1 construction of 2 miles in Watertown is complete. The trail, on right-of-way of an old electric railway, has been an community effort of dedicated volunteers and foundations.

Accomplishments since 2013

- Phase 1 complete, 2 miles, from the east side of Watertown at Humbolt Street to River Road
- Parking lot and Interurban Trail sign
- Bridge over the Rock River
- Fencing along trail

- Pave Phase I of the Trail, about 2 miles
- Install Phase 2 from River Road east to County Road F, about 4 miles.



Snowmobile Trails

Jefferson County Parks has 199.2 miles of snowmobile trails and snowmobile clubs maintain 290 miles connecting all parts of the County and beyond. A bridge spanning the Crawfish River near Hubbleton was built to serve snowmobiles. The WDNR's Glacial Drumlin Trail also serves snowmobiles.



Pathway Classifications

The pathway classification is intended to encourage communities to plan for light transportation in a comprehensive manner. Planning in a system-wide manner, a path system could emerge that is tied to park, open space, and general land use/transportation system within the county, adjacent communities and regions.

Park Trails Park trails are multi-purpose trails within greenways, parks, and natural areas that focus on recreational value and harmony with nature. Trails can be Type 1 - separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and in-line skaters; Type II - Multi-purpose hard-surfaced trail for pedestrians, bicyclists, and in-line skaters; or Type III - Nature trails for pedestrians, hard or soft surface. Park trials are available at:

- Dorothy Carnes Type III
- Korth Type II and Type III
- Indian Mounds Type III
- Carlin-Weld Type III
- Rock Lake Park Type III
- Dr. J.S. Garman Nature Preserve Type III
- Jefferson County Dog Park (Bicentennial Park) Type III
- Pohlmann Type III

Connector Trails Connector trails are multi-purpose trails that provide safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the community.

Type I: Separate/single purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, bicyclists and in-line skaters located in an independent right-of-way.

- Glacial River Trail 33.6 miles in Jefferson County, 55.8 miles total Glacial River Trail
- Glacial Drumlin State Trail 52 miles

Type II Separate/single purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, bicyclists/in-line skaters within the road right-of-way.

Jefferson County Inter-municipal Bicycle System and on-road bicycle routes.

On-Street Bikeways The *Jefferson County Bicyclway/Pedestrianway* Plan maps on-street bikeways within communities. Bikeways provide transportation and safely separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic as a bike route or bike lane.

Other Pathway Classifications

All-Terrain Bike Trails: Off-road trails for all terrain bikes (mountain bikes)

- Glacial River Mountain Bike Trails
- Potential mountain bike trails at Holzhueter State Park

Cross-Country Ski Trails: Trails for traditional and skate-style skiing are available at Dorothy Carnes, Korth, Carlin-Weld, and Garman Nature Preserve.

Snowmobile Trails: Off-road County and local winter trails for snowmobiles are maintained by local snowmobile clubs and stretch for 199 miles.

Equestrian Trails are developed for horseback riding. The Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest provides equestrian trails.

ATV Trails: Some towns (townships) in Jefferson County have marked ATV on-road designations.

Jefferson County Parks Department

DRAFT Implementation Strategies

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Implementation strategies and recommendations bring the *Visions* for the Jefferson County Parks Department and System to life. This section is the basis for the Department's work plan for the next five years. Specific implementation recommendations for each park and trail follow.

Park System Planning Strategies

The Jefferson County Parks Department has been proactive in planning by developing comprehensive plans for the system and master plans for each park, both of which encourage public input. The Parks Department was extensively involved in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's *Glacial Heritage Area Plan* that laid out a system of pearls (parks) on a string (connecting trails) throughout Jefferson County and into adjacent counties. To continue the Department's commitment to good planning, the following strategies will be employed.

- Update the Jefferson County Comprehensive Parks and Outdoor Recreation Plan every five years to remain grant eligible and re-evaluate trends in recreation and community needs.
- Involve park users and the public when planning park facilities to both encourage their input on park activities and facilities and to educate the public about park natural resources.
- Consult with all parks staff, County Board members, and Administration during planning efforts.
- Continue to implement and update approved Park Master Plans and the *Glacial Heritage Area Plan* to provide recreation and conservation opportunities.
 - Implement the *Dorothy Carnes County Park East Master Plan* (Mason Farm)
 - Implement the recommendations of the *Mason Farm Site Plan* at Dorothy Carnes County Park East.
 - Continue to implement the *Korth Park Master Plan*.
 - The Holzheuter Farm Park has been purchased by the WDNR. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the WDNR for park management and approve the Holzhueter State Park Master Plan
 - Continue to implement the Interurban Line Trail project
 - Continue to implement the Glacial Heritage Area Water Trails; add access and paddle-in rustic camping.
 - Develop a management plan for flood mitigation properties throughout the County for public use.

Recreation and Conservation Strategies

Individual park and trail master plans provide the implementation details for recreation and conservation at each property. The strategies below generally apply to all the parks and trails though some may be specific priority recommendations for certain properties. Detailed recommendations are found in the following Existing Park Facilities and Proposed Improvements section beginning on page.......

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) recommendations are implemented in all parks.
 - All new park structures are built to be universally accessible.
 - Accessible decks, boardwalks, playgrounds, and interpretive displays immerse the less able in park and natural experiences.
 - Special "golf cart" days or other activities provide access to all parts of the parks.
- Cultivate formal friends groups that are contracted to complete specific tasks. Current groups are the Friends of Rose Lake, Friends of the Glacial Heritage Area, Friends of the Dog Park, and a Mountain Biking group. Form a friends group for Crawfish River Park.
- Preserve and improve natural areas through acquisition and landscape restoration by removing invasive species, periodic controlled burns, new seedings and plantings, wildlife management, shoreline restoration and cleanup, tree planting, and writing management plans for natural areas. Implement approved hunting and trapping policies where needed for management purposes.
- Inform and involve the public in stewardship activities. Educate users on natural seasonal changes that may require closing some trails at certain times of the year, such as bird and waterfowl nesting seasons
 - Interpretive signs, guided walks, group activities, and school field trips provide educational opportunities within the parks.
 - A volunteer coordinator helps guide educational and volunteer efforts.
 - Friends groups at specific parks offer and coordinate learning experiences.
 - Educational activities may be jointly planned with the Friends of the Glacial Heritage Area and other groups when appropriate.
 - Develop a periodic newsletter to interest the public in the parks and activities.
 - Educate dog owners on leash requirements to protect wildlife and other park users.
 - Explore how to communicate in the digital, social media age to promote and raise awareness of the parks with a marketing intern.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail and Route Improvement
 - Update the *Jefferson County Bicycle Plan*.
 - Continue development of the Glacial River Trail in Jefferson County and adjacent Counties.
 - Planning and updates position the Parks Department to apply for upcoming grant cycles to implement the Watertown-Oconomowoc (Interurban Line), Watertown to Waterloo, and Waterloo to Lake Mills linking trail projects.
 - Work with the Jefferson County Highway Department to improve on-road County Bicycle Routes when improving roadways.
 - Continue to work with the City of Waterloo to incorporate the Waterloo Regional Trailhead facility into the Garman Nature Preserve and trails linking Waterloo to Lake Mills and Watertown.
 - Connect the Glacial Drumlin State Trail to the Jefferson County Dog Park and Aztalan State Park where facilities and activities are available.
 - Work with the Village of Cambridge, Dane County, the Jefferson County Highway Department and others to coordinate bicycle route improvement and implementation of the Cambridge Connector Trail from the Village of Cambridge to the Glacial Drumlin Trail.
 - Create destination points, rest areas, and side trips to other activities.
 - Encourage cities and villages to incorporate bicycle routes to County Parks in municipal land use and bicycle/pedestrian plans.

- Develop a marketing plan with an intern to take advantage of social media.
- Continue to improve the Jefferson County Dog Park, the most used park in the system, with the assistance of a Dog Park Friends group and a volunteer coordinator.
- Appropriately placed and sized park pavilions accommodate outdoor, sheltered, or indoor gatherings.
 - Electricity, running water, and customer comfort features are provided at shelters.
 - Picnic areas include playgrounds. Where it is complementary to the park, playgrounds may be made of natural materials and/or feature nature themes.
 - Explore the addition of a four-season facility at Korth County Park.
 - Add active play features where appropriate, such as workout equipment along trails and games that complement family gatherings like horseshoes and corn hole.
 - Explore wireless technology for security cameras at select parks.
 - Add wireless access points in parks where appropriate.
 - Consider Park-sponsored public events such as Brew With A View at other parks.
- Restore and improve historic sites.
 - Continue to follow maintenance plans for the Native American Mounds at Indian Mounds, Garman Nature Preserve, and Dorothy Carnes County Parks.
 - Add interpretive signs at Indian Mounds, Garman Nature Preserve and Dorothy Carnes County Parks to educate the public about the significance and history of Native American Mounds.
 - Consider organizing field trips, summer camps, and cultural and historical educational experiences for all ages.
- Improve water access.
 - Enhance the Glacial Heritage Area Water Trail System (canoe and kayak trails) on suitable waterways with launches, rest stop areas, paddle-in camping, and informational kiosks.
 - Work with the Friends of the Glacial Heritage Area to improve paddling access on smaller rivers and tributaries.
 - Work with local paddling businesses to rent kayaks and canoes in convenient places.

Acquisition Strategies

Jefferson County has been acquiring park land from willing sellers that protects important natural and scenic areas and is appropriate for public use. Jefferson County's potential acquisition areas are wrapped into the *Glacial Heritage Area Plan*. Specific sites, acreage, and possible acquisition boundaries are detailed in that plan.

New Land Acquisition Priorities

The following seven properties are proposed as conservation parks, if the land becomes available for purchase from willing sellers and a price can be agreed upon. Since the last comprehensive plan, the Cold Spring Drumlin property has been sold for private development.

- **Holzheuter Farm Park**: This scenic property has been purchased by the WDNR as a State Park for mountain bike and trail use and will be managed in partnership with Jefferson County. Purchase of one inholding within the property may be pursued.
- Cushman Mills: Drumlins meet the Bark River on the Cushman Farm. This site has spectacular views, oak-hickory and maple-basswood forest, several historic pioneer sites, and canoe/kayak potential.

- Oakland Highlands: A large wooded area on a glacial moraine with spectacular views of Lake Koshkonong and the surrounding area, oak-hickory woods, remnant prairie, and a blue heron rookery.
- **Red Cedar Lake**: One of the most pristine lakes in southeastern Wisconsin and a State Natural Area with several rare plant communities.
- **North Shore Moraine**: An area of hilly topography, woods, agricultural land, and wetlands overlooking Rock Lake.
- **Hope Lake**: An undeveloped fishing lake with a high quality tamarack bog. The bog has been purchased by the Department of Natural Resources.
- **Scuppernong Valley**: Covering nearly a whole section, this property features remnant prairie, woodlands, high quality wetlands, and wildlife.

Park and Trail Expansion Priorities

If land comes up for sale, pursue acquisition of property adjacent or near to existing parks for possible expansion, as identified in park master plans and/or the *Glacial Heritage Area Plan*.

Expansion Priorities – expansion boundaries are identified in the Glacial Heritage Area Plan

- Dorothy Carnes County Park
- Korth County Park
- Dr. J. S. Garman Nature Preserve

Corridor Priorities

- Waterloo to Watertown.
- Waterloo to Lake Mills via McKay Nursery land and along County Rd O to Rock Lake Rd.
- Old Interurban Line (WE Energies Corridor) from Watertown to Ixonia and Oconomowoc. New parking areas may be pursued.

Water Access Acquisition Priorities

- A Glacial Heritage Area Watertrails River-Based Campground Assessment was performed. The Glacial Heritage Area Watertrails Committee scouted many potential paddle-in camping locations in the Glacial Heritage Area. The following three areas in Jefferson County were chosen as priority areas:
 - Hahn's Lake area on the Rock River near Grellton
 - Aztalan State Park on the Crawfish River
 - Cushman Mill on the Bark River
- River Corridors identified in the *Glacial Heritage Area Plan* are high quality habitat blocks in riparian zones. Acquisition and protection is recommended in the following three corridors:
 - Allen Creek Conservation Area/Allen Creek Wetland State Natural Area south of Fort Atkinson.
 - Lower Bark River Conservation Area just east of Fort Atkinson.
 - Lower Koshkonong Creek Conservation Area just north of Lake Koshkonong
- Acquisition for water access, riparian area protection, and wetland protection is also desirable along the following waterbodies if land becomes available:
 - Rose Lake
 - Rock Lake and Marsh Lake near Lake Mills
 - Hope Lake

- Red Cedar Lake
- Crawfish River
- Rock River
- Bark River
- Allen Creek
- Lower Koshkonong Creek

Conservation Easement Acquisition Strategies

Conservation easements can expand the footprint of County parks by permanently protecting farmland and natural areas adjacent to parks by either fee easements or donated easements. Easements can buffer parks from development in the long term and also stabilize the loss of farmland and natural areas. Easements can be more cost effective and also provide landowners with a way to realize capital without selling the land. Land owners may receive a tax deduction for a donated easement.

- Institute a purchase or donation of conservation easement program in the Parks Department and work with the Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Program of the Land and Water Conservation Department, WDNR, GHA, NRCS, non-profit conservation and trail organizations, and private entities to:
 - Buffer parks and protect environmental corridors.
 - Create multi-purpose trail corridors.
 - Retain and enhance rural character.
 - Separate urban service areas to retain their unique identity and distinctive community character.
 - Protect critical groundwater infiltration and aquifer replenishment areas.
 - Protect groundwater quality.
 - Explore the mutual benefits of conservation easements with farmers and landowners.
- Consider multiple funding sources for easement purchases such as County, state and federal funds, non-profit conservation organizations, zero-coupon bonding, conservation referendums, and others.
- Work with the WDNR and farmland owners to promote the WDNR voluntary access program for hunting.

Department Management Strategies

Department management and staffing are important for efficient day to day maintenance and reaching long term goals. Involving all staff in planning and decisions leads to good moral, problem-solving, buyin on long term visions and goals, and creativity.

- The Parks Committee and Operations Staff interact and work collaboratively to design, plan, and implement projects in response to an annual plan of work and capital program.
- Staff and community members are continually empowered to participate in park improvement projects.
- The Parks Department collaborates with other County Departments in sharing equipment and resources to accomplish maintenance and construction tasks in a timely manner.

- Regular education, seminars, and safety training are offered to the Parks Committee and all levels of Staff.
- Staff is included in park planning activities.
- Staff training sessions are held on vegetative management, removal of invasive species, and controlled burns.
- Return full-time parks staff positions and a volunteer coordinator position.
- Create a Naturalist position to assist with natural areas management and public education through park sponsored classes and nature walks.
- Follow a capital improvement plan that prioritizes new facilities development and seeks innovative funding sources. Periodically review the capital improvement plan.

Partnership and Fund-Raising Strategies

Throughout the years the Jefferson County Parks Department has pursued good relationships with donors, local foundations, and government agencies for funding, donations, and grants. The Department seeks to develop a fundraising plan with donor directed funds and general endowments that grow over time for acquisition, capital projects and maintenance. The Department seeks to partner with local hospitals and the medical community to advance community health. The Department also partners with local businesses to conduct activities in the parks.

- Jefferson County enters into cooperative agreements with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for mutual benefit.
- Jefferson County partners with non-profit conservation organizations, community organizations and agencies, the private sector, and Friends groups on park initiatives.
- Jefferson County coordinates park initiatives with other jurisdictions to limit unnecessary duplication.
- Jefferson County partners with the health and medical field to provide exercise and mental health opportunities to benefit our communities. The Department partners with health care providers in the media and through recreational events to communicate how an active outdoor lifestyle reduces health care costs for businesses and government.
- Jefferson County Parks maintains, strengthens, and develops relationships and partnerships with non-profit conservation organizations to obtain state, federal, and local funding.
- Strong partnerships are formed with businesses that believe in the link between parks and trails and their economic success. Current partnerships include TREK, Fort Health Care, Standard Process, 2 Rivers Bicycle & Outdoors, Tyranena Brewery, Crave Brothers Farm, and Sport and Spine.
- The Parks Department continues to engage the University of Wisconsin and other college and university students and professors in research projects and internships.

- Jefferson County Parks continues the successful approaches that have been used to obtain private, state, and federal grants.
- Donations are respectfully and sensitively solicited from the private sector for donor-advised funds to be used for parkland acquisition and development.
- A formal gift-giving program, called the Endowment Fund, collects and invests funds for park acquisition, maintenance, and park development.
- Jefferson County seeks corporate contributions to the Endowment Fund and corporate support for special projects and programs.
- Jefferson County investigates new park revenue sources such as impact fees and naming rights.

Marketing Strategies

The Jefferson County Parks Department seeks to advance their marketing reach and plan, within and outside of Jefferson County. Located between Milwaukee and Madison, the unique parks, trails, and experiences appeal to a wide range people seeking outdoor recreations whether that is hiking, boating, bicycling, dog walking, or visiting historic sights.

- Jefferson County Park initiatives, activities, and the benefits they provide are communicated through a County Board communications plan, a Department web site, educational articles, social media, Courthouse displays, the County's Speaker's Bureau, newspaper articles, radio and TV spots, advertising, and promotional articles such as tee shirts.
- A new "poster plan" summarizes the *Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan* in electronic and display copies to further motivate implementation and understanding.
- Develop a regular "This Is Your Parks" newsletter that informs about the parks and activities.
- Jefferson County Parks and the Glacial Heritage Area are promoted state-wide and nation-wide.
- Attractive and distinctive signage directs citizens to parks and within parks, along bike and walking trails and routes, and to water trails.
- Signage along city and village bicycle routes is coordinated with the Jefferson County Parks Department to help direct users to parks and points of interest along the routes and trails.
- Use mobile applications and maps to engage park users.
- Digitize the Jefferson County Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan with links to pages and interactive maps for ease of use.
- Update the Department website to be user friendly.
- Employ marketing interns to create social media park promotion campaigns.

Jefferson County Parks Department

Mission and Vision Statements

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The Jefferson County Parks Department mission and vision statements were originally developed during the planning process for the 2005-2010 *Jefferson County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan*. Input from the public, stakeholders, the Parks Committee, and Parks staff informed the statements.

The original plan was updated in 2013 and now in 2020. The mission and visions statements have been clarified and updated with each plan review, about every five years.

Implementation strategies for each of the five Vision Statements follow this section.

Values

The Jefferson County Parks Department strives to do its work and serve the public with these core beliefs:

- Respect for our park users and staff
- Reputation for excellence
- Pride in our accomplishments
- Teamwork to achieve goals

Mission Statement

The mission statement is the over all purpose of the Jefferson County Parks Department. It reflects how the Department serves the public and Jefferson County and informs decisions concerning the Parks System as a whole.

The mission of the Jefferson County Parks Department is to be a catalyst for building healthy communities that people want to live in and visit. The Parks System preserves natural resources for public use and conservation, operates and maintains a parks system with resource oriented recreation, trails, and special use parks; and expands the parks system for environmental and land use benefits, improved physical and mental health, outdoor education, and enjoyment.

Vision Statements

Vision statements lay the groundwork for where the Jefferson County Parks Department is going. The statements describe a future, not current, park system and aid in decision-making and short and long term planning. The Department's work plan for the next five years implements the vision statements.

A detailed explanation of the five vision statements follows each statement.

Vision I

Existing

Jefferson County's system of large parks, extensive trails, and natural areas gives form to our communities and the rural landscape and integrates important cultural features. As part of this landscape, the Parks System is fundamental in creating special places to live with natural and rural character, vital and distinctive communities, and working farms.

Proposed 6/19/20

Jefferson County's system of large natural resource-based parks, county-wide trails, and cultural features is an integral part of the County's landscape of vital and distinctive communities, natural areas, and working farms. The Parks create special places for citizens and visitors to interact with nature and history, exercise and play, and enjoy the outdoors.

Details

Jefferson County Parks reflect the essence of Jefferson County and provide the public with opportunities to see and interact with the landscape and natural features that include woodlands, prairies, wetlands, waterways, geological features, wildlife, scenic views, and cultural features such as historic farmsteads and Native American Mounds.

Bicycle and pedestrian trails connect parks with cities, villages, hamlets and other parks. Trail corridors encourage users to slow down and experience rural and natural character, undulating topography, and the invigorating seasons of Jefferson County.

The Parks Department works with the public, the Jefferson County Historic Site Preservation Commission, the State Historical Society, the Ho-Chunk Nation, universities and colleges, and other cultural groups to respect, protect and preserve historic icons in County Parks and along trails, including buildings with historical and cultural significance and Native American Mounds.

Vision II

Existing

Jefferson County Parks provide multiple recreational activities and facilities for all ages and abilities in a way that balances recreation and conservation values.

Proposed 6/19/20

Jefferson County Parks provide multiple recreational activities and facilities in an outdoor, natural setting for all ages and abilities in a way that balances recreation and conservation values.

Details

The Jefferson County Parks Department studies and monitors trends in outdoor recreation, exercise, and health care to consider existing and new activities in which participation is increasing.

Accessibility to park experiences is offered to the less able wherever possible.

Multiple activities are offered in large parks for family togetherness and public enjoyment such as picnicking, open areas for play, playgrounds, in-park bicycle and mountain bike paths, fishing, camping,

boat launches, scenic drives, community gardens, dog parks, sports like Frisbee golf, and cultural and historical sites to explore.

Jefferson County Parks protect unique and significant natural resource areas as preserves within the Parks System. Nature-based conservation parks offer primarily silent sport experiences such as hiking, nature study, nature photography, bird watching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and non-motorized water sports such as canoeing and kayaking.

Some Parks are places to experience and learn about the historical and cultural context of Jefferson County through restored and protected buildings, farmsteads and Native American Mounds.

Off-road and on-road bicycle and pedestrian trails are an important and desired component of the Parks System connecting parks with cities, villages, and hamlets throughout Jefferson County.

Vision III

Existing

Jefferson County continues to acquire unique recreational lands and natural resource areas for public use.

Proposed 6/19/20

Jefferson County continues to acquire unique recreational lands and natural resources areas for public use in a planned way that keeps pace with population growth in Jefferson County.

Details

Jefferson County has adopted the standard of 12 acres of park land per 1000 residents.

The Jefferson County Parks System complements and enhances the vision and details of the *Glacial Heritage Area Plan* for a major system of diverse parks, trails, and resource conservation areas serving local and regional needs. Potential park lands are identified, prioritized and acquired from willing sellers in a planned way. Land may be acquired in fee or as conservation easements for new undeveloped conservation parks, for the expansion of existing parks, and to preserve biological diversity. The following natural and cultural resources are priorities:

- Lakes
- Wetlands
- River corridors
- High points and drumlins
- Large woodlands
- High quality native plant communities
- Wildlife corridors
- Native American Mounds and historic sites
- Groundwater recharge areas

Trail and greenway corridors are identified and acquired in fee or as easements to link parks and urban areas in accordance with the *Jefferson County Bicycle Plan* and *Glacial Heritage Area Plan*

The public seeks more interaction with the rivers and lakes in Jefferson County and land may be acquired to provide access to water and canoe/kayak trails, to preserve habitat, and to improve water quality.

Conservation easements may be acquired or donated to buffer parks from development, preserve environmental corridors, create linkages and greenways, protect areas for future park expansion, and to preserve agricultural land adjacent to a park project area.

Jefferson County Parks have endowment and donor advised funds in place for acquisition purposes and development.

Vision IV

Existing

The Jefferson County Parks Department sustains a high standard in park design, construction, accessibility, management, safety and maintenance.

Proposed 6/19/20

The Jefferson County Parks Department takes pride in and sustains a high standard of park design, construction, accessibility, management, safety and maintenance. Collaboration and communication between staff, county departments, municipalities, and the public is a priority.

Jefferson County Parks perform several key functions that require a variety of skills and staff:

- Grounds and facilities maintenance
- Vegetation and wildlife management
- Visitor and staff safety
- Capital program and large-scale facilities implementation

The Jefferson County Parks Department has sufficient trained and engaged staff and the equipment to maintain and improve park properties now and in the future. It is a full-time department and has full-time staff that is sufficient to operate the parks seven days a week year-round. Operations equipment is available and in good condition to accomplish tasks efficiently. Staff is trained to maintain and restore native vegetation and manage wildlife. Visitor and staff safety is and will continue to be the highest priority.

Parks staff works cooperatively with other entities to accomplish County Park initiatives and pursues successful funding strategies.

Vision V

Existing

Promote the awareness and benefits of Jefferson County Parks and Trails.

Proposed 6/19/20

The Jefferson County Parks Department promotes public awareness of the Parks System and advocates for the community health and environmental benefits of outdoor recreation, exercise, and family activities while protecting important natural areas and water bodies.

Details

The Jefferson County Parks Department has in place a communications plan to inform the public and County Board of its initiatives, park locations, natural resources, recreational activities, and events. The Department engages with the Jefferson County Tourism Council, Chambers of Commerce, and Economic Development Agencies, and local and regional publications to promote awareness of the Parks System and its direct benefits to communities, residents, the environment, and economic prosperity. Working cooperatively with local health care providers conveys the benefits of exercise and experiencing nature for physical and mental health to the public.

Jefferson County becomes a Midwestern model for healthy communities, thriving ecosystems, and sustainable economic growth.

Public Participation Opportunities **DRAFT 5/26/2020**

Jefferson County Parks continually seek input from park users and the public. A public meeting to gather input on the Jefferson County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan was held on February 17, 2020. This chapter presents user and stakeholder thoughts and ideas.

The purpose of the public workshop was to present past Jefferson County Parks plans, dialogue around what users and stakeholders value most about their interaction with the Jefferson County Parks System, share what they are most proud of in the County Parks System, the hopes they have for the future parks system, partnership opportunities, and future actions and initiatives that are most important to them.

This process is part of a routine cycle of county plan reviews and updates going back to 1997. User and stakeholder perspectives and ideas make a difference and will help influence the future direction of the Jefferson County Parks.

A snowstorm the evening of the meeting resulted in few attending. The three questions asked at the public meeting were sent out electronically to stake holders and those requesting the questionnaire after newspaper and Facebook articles about the planning effort. About 45 questionnaires were returned electronically.

Three Questions

- 1. What do you most appreciate, are proud of and value most about the Jefferson County Parks System and implementation of past plans? (Celebration of Success and our Values)
- 2. What are new vision ideas that you think could lead to an improved or enhanced Parks System? (Future Hopes and Vision Ideas)
- 3. How should the parks system move forward and which initiatives and actions are most important to you? (Future Actions and Strategies.

The responses from those attending the public meeting are listed below. With a small number attending, the discussion was not limited to the three questions.

Public Meeting Comments

- Add camping along waterways in appropriate places.
- Create a monetary fund for land acquisition to be able to act quickly if opportunities present themselves.
- The Jefferson County Parks system has gone 0 to 80 in 20 years and is said to be unique in North America with paddling, bicycling, hiking and camping.
- The investment and hard work put into the parks is appreciated.
- Create a bicycle trail connection from Whitewater to the Glacial River Trail.
- The parks make Jefferson County a great place to live.
- More mountain biking trails would be welcome.
- A park and boat landing at the old highway shop in Jefferson are being developed in concert with the City of Jefferson.
- Interest in completion of the Interurban Trail to Waukesha and further east.

- The Trieloff Property on Rock Lake may be an addition, at least the part that will be used to straighten CTH N.
- Health groups could partner with activities in the parks to get people outside.
- Have outdoor activities for kids in the parks like Whitewater does, hide a squirrel doll in the park and give kids clues they can follow on their phone.
- Jefferson County has a diversity of parks that make it unique, something for everyone.
- A nice four-season shelter is needed for weddings and conferences, perhaps at Korth Park.
- Rest stops with water and restrooms are needed along the Glacial River Trail and Interurban Trail. There are no amenities between cities.
- Parks and trails are lacking in the northeastern part of Jefferson County. The Town of Ixonia has the most population growth.
- Better access to Crawfish River Park from Hwy 18.
- Cross-country skiing and groomed trails are available at Dorothy Carnes Park east and west, Korth, Carlin-Weld and sometime Garman but the trail is very steep.
- Would like to partner with McKay Nursery to expand Garman trails in the winter.
- Rental of canoes, kayaks, skies, and snowshoes would be welcome and an opportunity to partner with local businesses perhaps from a structure within a park. Renting canoes for a family from current vendors can be cost prohibitive.

Electronic Comments

Electronic comments received on the three questions were categorized and tabulated. This a non-scientific tabulation and open to interpretation.

Question 1

What do you most appreciate, are proud of and value most about the Jefferson County Parks System and implementation of past plans? (Celebration of Success and our Values)

Question 1 addresses past and present work by the Parks Department and the implementation of park and open space plans and planning for individual parks. This summary of responses lists the number of times a concept was mentioned within all the public comments in Question 1. One person's comments may cover several topics. Not all respondents commented on every question.

The most appreciated and valued elements in the parks system were:

- Exceptional park facilities
- The diversity of parks and a balance of active and passive activities
- Protection of natural resources
- The fine job done by parks staff.

The particular parks and activities that were appreciated the most were:

- Dorothy Carnes County Park
- Jefferson County Dog Park
- Bicycle trails
- Hiking paths
- Korth County Park

Respondents also mentioned the value of community partnerships and donors.

Responses were categorized under parks system, particular parks and activities, and partnerships and donors. The actual survey responses follow the summary charts.

Favorable responses about the Parks System.	
General Comments	Number of Mentions
Exceptional, well maintained park facilities	12
Diversity of parks and balance of active and passive activities	8
Protection and conservation of natural resources	7
Fine work by the Parks Staff and their passion for the parks	7
Mythological acquisition planning	4
Design of the parks and system	3
Number of parks and spaces to be outdoors	3
Communication and involvement with parks department	1

Responses mentioning particular parks, facilities and activities	
Facility	Number of Mentions
Carnes Park	8
Dog Park	6
Bicycle Trails	6
Hiking Paths	6
Korth Park	5
Mountain bike paths	2
Garman	2
Birding	2
Historic resources – Native American mounds, log cabin	2
Community Gardens	1
Rome Pond Park	1
Glacial Heritage Area	1
Pavilions	1
Playgrounds	1
Cross-country skiing	1
Paddling	1

Responses mentioning partnerships and donors	
Facility	Number of Mentions
Organization and business partnerships	1
Kindness of donors	1

Public Responses to Question 1

I love the number of parks available throughout the county. The facilities seem to fit the park-some are more rustic, some are more elaborate. Korth Park is particularly beautiful and the facilities are exceptional.

I coudn't be more thrilled that Garman Nature Preserve is finally getting some much needed improvements. Controlling invasive species and implementing new signage is vital for the preservation of the property.

I moved here not long before the east side of Dorothy Carnes started to get improvements. Maybe it wasn't actually owned, yet. I also got to see before and after of Korth Park. I love seeing how Jefferson County Parks has made visions realities. I love walking and birding in these parks which are the two I visit most. I don't have a dog, but have been to the park for bird and bat surveys. I was amazed the first time I saw it and appreciate the way its set up for different types of dogs.

I love that we have a mountain bike path!

I really appreciate the dog park near Johnson Creek. I also like the diversity of types of parks.

Jefferson county has a good balance of urban settings and quiet parks to support those areas.

Communication and involvement. You have been wonderful communicating what you are doing around the Waterloo area, especially Garman Nature Preserve, and trying to involve Waterloo Parks the most you can. I just wish I could, in my capacity, do more.

"Hi, This is Steve from the Daily Times writing to you. I have to say one of the great pleasures of covering county government over 30 years has been watching the parks of Jefferson County evolve in such beautiful ways.

Every person I've run across in the parks system here has been passionate about their work and the outdoor opportunities this area presents.

I think there is a nice balance at this time in the parks, where passive recreation is emphasized, and it's nice to see other types of activities that young people like to pursue being introduced over time (biking, disc golf, Brew With A View, etc.). Hopefully a nice balance is maintained.

The methodical acquisition of lands in the county, by the county, through good planning and negotiations, as well as the kindness of donors, has been nice to see. The emphasis on acquiring lands with Native American mounds on them has been a highlight of my getting to go to the parks. I love ancient history in this region. Finding the log cabin at Carnes was also incredible.

The parks system here, sandwiched between Madison and Milwaukee, borders on the miraculous and it is being put together by people who are not only visionaries five years out, but probably 100s of years out. The efforts of the parks department right now will be appreciated well into the future, and tourism and quality of life here can only benefit in the long run.

JC has done a great job making sure there is adequate and accessible green space for outdoor recreation, integrating the natural assets of each of the individual communities.

I appreciate the beautiful park spaces, the nice shelters, and the forward thinking of the parks department.

Dorothy Carnes Park is a jewel.

Have increased the parks we have (i.e. Carnes and Korth, dog park). They continue to be well serviced, clean, and safe.

Bike/hike trails (but many need shade). Dog park. Rose Lake/Carnes. Thank you for being nature's custodian in Jefferson County.

I appreciate all of the hard work the employees of Jefferson County Parks Department put in.

They are always clean and provide some of the best sites in the county. Overall the staff is great, parks are clean and the locations are great!

Bike trails, pavilions and dog park

I appreciate the natural resources being protected and prairie ecosystems that have been restored. The bike trails throughout the county and hiking trails in the parks are top notch. The parks management and staff are to be commended for the fine work they all do.

Parks are maintained, lots of variety for activities.

I am thankful for the beautiful parks we have available. We have the best Dog park, an amazing little MTB park, nice parks for kids to play in and beautiful hiking/skiiing parks. We are truly blessed! I am proud that Jefferson County offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

I just returned from a walk with my dog at Dorothy Carnes/Rose Lake. We love it there! In every season there is something to inspire and calm my spirit! I greatly appreciate how the County crew keep the trails groomed in all seasons. It keeps the park very accessible. I always thank them when I see them! I go out there pretty much every day. Keep up the good work!

Great bathroom at Korth Park. Nice for handicapped people with walkers and wheel chairs.

Provides livable habitat for wild fauna and flora.

I appreciate that natural areas get some protection.

That we have parks for our kids and families to go too

So appreciative of the commitment to conservation of green space and the Glacial Heritage Area/Trail initiative that includes land protection, trail development and signage. Many neighboring counties are envious of our county board's ability to work together towards these goals. The commitment to green space and the Glacial Heritage Area will become more and more important as Madison and Milwaukee development pushes towards Jefferson County. As an avid paddler, hiker, birdwatcher, and cyclist our family (and friends who come and visit us) are very appreciative of the well-maintained trails and parks that support these recreational activities and also the interesting historic & community amenities to these places that make them uniquely of Jefferson County (i.e. Mason Farm, Rose Lake, Korth Park, Community Gardens, etc).

I really like the remoteness and openness of Dorothy Carnes park on the community garden side. Please do not make it more accessible! Just perfect how it is!

Bike trails are amazing and well maintained.

Access to well maintained natural areas nearby. Carnes/Korth prairies are beautiful. Bike routes!

Our string of rural parks and our dedication to nature and the environment. Also the excellent staff that helps may the park system work so well.

The wide variety of parks and trails that are available to us

I like the amenities available and the high level of maintenance at the parks I frequent. I appreciate the quiet and being able to wander through different types of terrain at Dorothy Carnes park. I like the maintained hiking paths.

The beauty, and space to be outdoors and keep me moving!

I have always appreciated how the Parks Department has partnered with a variety of organizations and businesses to get input and include them in their decision making. I am extremely appreciative that they have had a priority property list of lands they would like to purchase. The prioritization is key for determining how to more forward with purchases.

Love the entire Rome park and adjoining wildlife areas. Wasn't aware of some of other others.

nice parks for a rural county - good people and well maintained

I'm always impressed by the well maintained parks in Jeff Co.

Question 2

What are new vision ideas that you think could lead to an improved or enhanced Parks System? (Future Hopes and Vision Ideas)

Question 2 asked the public to give new ideas that would enhance and improve the Parks System in their eyes. Ideas were categorized as park facilities ideas, acquisition and planning, staffing, education, marketing, activities and events, partnerships, and maintenance.

For future park development the respondents suggested the following enhancements the most times:

- Complete bicycle trails between communities
- More interpretive and educational signs along trails expanded mountain bike trials
- More water access points.

Marketing the parks within and outside of Jefferson County, expanding the Parks System, and increasing education about the parks and natural areas were mentioned several times.

New ideas for park facilities	
Facility	Number of Mentions
Complete bicycle trails between communities	6
More interpretive and educational signs along trails	5
Expand the mountain bike park and have trails for beginners	4
More water access points	4
Second dog park in southern Jefferson County or more off-leash parks	3
Quiet natural areas and wilderness desirable	3
More parking	2
Food forest theory	2
Organic only community gardens	2
More pavilions, larger pavilions and add electricity	2
Restore native habitat and add trees	2
More Rustic camping	1
A splash pad	1
Updated and clearer signage and Garman and Holzhueter	1
Increase accessibility of trails, wildlife viewing, fishing	1
Plant examples of native landscaping for homeowners	1
Add limestone trail at the Mason Farm	1
More camping	1
Grass to jog on along paved bicycle trails	1
Not a fan of bike trails in parks	1
More bicycle trail signage	1
More hiking	1
More motorized recreational activities	1
Keep up what you are doing	1
More ADA compliant fishing structures	1
Sweep paved bicycle trails in the spring	1

New ideas for acquisition and planning	
Facility	Number of Mentions
Expand the parks system	2
Protect agricultural land adjacent to the parks	2
Enhance the Glacial Heritage Area	1
More parks on water	1
Create habitat corridors with other counties	1
More connection/alignment with the Roc River National Waterway initiatives	1

New ideas for public education in the parks	
Vision Idea	Number of Mentions
Education and a brochure on the Native American Mounds	2
More watershed education and signs along roads	2
Work with schools and involve youth in parks projects	2
Utilize the Waterloo Trailhead for educational events	1
Potential for sustainable agriculture education	1

New ideas for activities and events	
Vision Idea	Number of Mentions
Add volunteer and events coordinator	2
Expand Brew with a View to other parks	1
Start an annual tourism event like Bike the Barns	1

New ideas for marketing	
Vision Idea	Number of Mentions
More marketing of parks within and outside of Jefferson County	4
Encourage younger people to use the parks	1

New ideas for marketing	
Vision Idea	Number of Mentions
Collaborate with other agencies and businesses 2	2
Partner with Fort Healthcare Community Health and Wellness 1	1

Public Responses to Question 2

I would like to see more parking at the sites to make sure that they are accessible to all.

I see a great need for updated/clearer signage in some of the parks, especially the ones closer to Waterloo. (Holzeuheter and Garman.) I am a huge advocate of hiking, X C0 Skiing, birdwatching and snowshoeing, so proper maps and trail signs are important. If a person doesn't know where they are going, they spend more time concerned with that than enjoying the journey!

Having a brother that is confined to a wheel chair, I'd like to see more handicapp accesable trails, wildlife viewing areas, fishing docks, if only in a limited amount in the beginning. I would like to see more interrperative signs, nature trails specifically dedicated to education, (which should include wheel chair accesability.) When I bring class rooms or give tours to groups at Garman Nature Preserve, interrperative signs would be a great benefit. As it is, I have to bring my own and know it could be better and more participants in the hike could benefit from a larger map or photo/drawing etc.

Does the park system already partner with Fort Healthcare's Community Health and Wellness Department for some co-programming? If not, it could be a good partnership.

We live in a beautiful area with beautiful parks - promote this outside our own geographic area.

Dane county frequently sends out notices about volunteering. I think you could get people to help clean parks, cut invasive species, etc. if you had more volunteer events.

More county-wide efforts to promote parks and all Jefferson county has to offer.

Trying to look into using the Waterloo Regional Trailhead as joint venture between Waterloo Parks and Jefferson County Parks. Putting possible kiosks and viewing areas in the Trailhead with artifacts from the area and Garman Nature Preserve. Really showcasing the facility along with the Nature Preserve.

I am a runner and would like to see more of an emphasis on having grass to run on adjacent to paved trails like the Interurban. Most runners hate pavement; it's hard on the legs.

I also worry that too much mountain biking can trash natural trail surfaces and the beauty of places like the park along Highway 19 near Waterloo. Mountain bikers tear things up too much.

Complete the bike trails in between communities so the pathways are more obvious and safer for cyclists. Create an annual tourism event to showcase what JC has to offer, similar to "Bike the Barns." Consider a second dog park in southern JC to serve the population on that end of the county.

Collaboration with other agencies and/or businesses could led to more advancements. I would love to see additional bike paths connecting to surrounding communities.

I have very little knowledge of other county parks. I think you need to educate the public more about what's out there and encourage usage.

We need more mountain bike parks for beginners. Not single track but big open spaces that people can ride. Also would like to see another dog park in the Fort Atkinson area. We also need to connect our bike trails better.

Bike/hike/dog walk nature trails connecting all the parks, which possibly lead to city & town parks inclusions. Encourage city developement of the same parkway connectedness. More examples of native plantings in parks (for homeowner & pollinator applications). Rustic camping. More beach/water access points. Be the rural county between two major metropolitan areas for outdoor/natural/quiet adventures. Don't allow zoning of urban sprawl...protect ag land...rebuild/make livable downtowns instead. Encourage "food forest" theory and adaptations in all park spaces. ORGANIC only community garden space needed near Watertown. Indoctrinate ecology/environmentalism to young.

I think some of the best "ideas" are the events that are co-sponsored with businesses such as at Korth Park. I would like to see more events like this as I see it important for the community.

Extend the trails, look at easier access points for canoes or small craft on our rivers

I would like to see better public access, including parking for non motorized watercraft along our river systems. This is a underused resource. Enhance the GHA system. The information on native American mounds in Jefferson County is fragmented as is jurisdictions. I would like to see the information on the remaining mounds centralized in one map/brochure.

Keep maintaining and adding recreation options in existing parks. A crush limestone trail for biking, running or walking would be a phenomenal addition to Mason Farm.

Expansion of course. Add more to the MTB park, keep up and improve kids play equipment, river area parks/walks.

More motorized recreational oppurtinities

I like the log structure and instructional story boards at Rose Lake. Perhaps more of those at different sites, or small signs identifying different types of trees or giving information on how different types of animals and plants form relationships... more educational opportunities.

More tables on some places and shelters with electricity at all.

I wish I had some good ideas on how to do this, but anything we do to encourage young people's comfort with and loyalty to a park and/or parks is bound to protect our wildlife.

Restoration of native plants/habitat on current properties. Acquisition of more lands. Aside from SKMSF there are few forests available for hiking in Jefferson Co.

Splash pad and a park similar to imagination station in oconomowoc

I think the Park System has some similarly aligned goals as the Ag Preservation group. I'm wondering if there is some untapped synergy there that might leverage new resources/grants for preserving lands (i.e. park land that is next to farm easement land) that might support sustainable ag education and/or create blocks of land to support habitat corridors. Northern IL and Southern WI (i.e. Walworth Co) are working together similarly. In fact, would it be possible to leverage/partner with Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge (http://hackmatacknwr.org) to see if there are grants that could be jointly applied for to support work? Or could Glacial Heritage Area be a partner/aligned goals? That might gain supporters/visibility? I believe they include Lake Geneva in their vision and Big Foot Beach state park as well as are looking at other large tracks of land. From Lake Geneva to the southern part of Jefferson County is not that far. Could connecting to this National recognized effort help our efforts. Similarly, I wish there was more connecting/alignment with the Rock River National Waterway initiatives. It seems like Jefferson County is not as active as other counties and the Rock River is a central artery for the Glacial Heritage paddling mission. What efforts are there to bring new resources to help ensure clean waterways, policies that support clean waterways. Friends of Mukwonago and their partnerships with Waukesha SEWR District; Lake Districts, Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, State Park Systems to coordinate watershed advocacy efforts. I would love to see the county do more educational activities around Glacial Heritage in areas like watershed awareness (Do people in Jefferson County - citizens, farmers, etc - even understand our watershed and how it works, etc...) Geneva Lakes Conservation has a cool project where they worked with the DOT to have signs saying ENTERING GENEVA LAKE WATERSHED from small to large roads. Even a project like that helps build awareness. Friends of Mukwonago River has great educational signs near waterways about the fish, mussel, etc habitat. So when fisherman are near a bridge they see that a specific fish is Endangered and lives in that area. This educational component is critical and could be done in partnership with cities/townships that have some of the parkland/waterways under their jurisdiction. I also think the Native American history should be incorporated even more so. Jeff Co has done an exceptional job but I think there is still opportunity to raise the visibility about the history of the Native Americans on this land and in these waters through educational signs.

Like I said above (*previous question*) I prefer to leave the parks in a state of near wilderness. Simple paths are nice. Maybe some small wooden signs with info on the plant life in the area would be nice. No gravel paths or woodchip paths. No decks are necessary. A few benches along the way are nice.

Connecting the bike trails with better signage.

Possible camping, bigger pavilions for larger events. Quiet natural areas.

Connecting the bike trails with better signage.

Marketing/promoting of what wonderful parks and natural resources we have.

Having a street sweeper clean off the trails in early spring- get gravel off and leaf/nut litter in the fall south of fort. Those nuts are dangerous on a bike!

Continuing to plant trees, and native wildflowers along the trails and in the parks for low maintainence and wildlife.

Work with the school districts with projects and engage youth to enjoy and use the parks. Use the plants the FFA kids grow, art projects, mechanical/architecture kids help in the design of structures, business kids help with marketing, etc.

Hopefully if they work in/for them they will learn to appreicate them more and would be less likely to graffidi or other destruct our precious parks.

Food parks - parks planted to fruit and nut trees, canes for berries, perennial herbs and other things that the public could glean from. And educational/apprentice program, perhaps run in conjunction with the master gardeners program could be set up to manage the new parks. Community garden space would be provided within the food parks.

Place that allows dogs to run off leash and a mountain bike trail

I love the Brew with a View events at Korth park. Perhaps hosting occasional beer-garden type event at other parks would increase awareness of the parks and maybe raise some funds.

Space for dogs to run/play off leash!

It would be great if there could be a coordinator of volunteers and programs. There are so many volunteer opportunities in the Parks and hard to implement these things without a coordinator. Programs could also be created and implemented that will bring more people into the parks, and educate them about the flora & fauna, the historical aspects, and the Indian mounds. It would be great if there could be more parks adjacent to water.

Would like to see a few more take-in/out spots along the bark river for canoes and kayaks south of Rome.

keep it up

I'd like to see more ADA accessible fishing structures on Rock Lake and throughout the watershed.

Question 3

How should the parks system move forward and which initiatives and actions are most important to you? (Future Actions and Strategies.

The public was asked which initiatives and actions are the most important to them. Responses were categorized as acquisition, expansion and planning; facilities, activities and events; marketing, programming and education, committees and staff, maintenance, and funding and partnerships.

As methods to move forward, respondents mentioned the following the most often:

- Acquiring more land for parks
- Protecting native species/natural areas through acquisition
- Bike and walking trail connections
- Canoe/kayak trails with rest stops

Several respondents felt that the Parks Department could benefit from marketing efforts. More education about the natural resources within the parks and programing for youth was mentioned by several. Many people praised the good job by Parks Staff and suggested creating an acquisition fund.

Moving forward through acquisition/expansion/planning	
Strategy	Number of Mentions
Acquire more land for parks	7
Protect native species through acquisition	3
Bike and walking trail connections	3
Canoeing/kayaking trails and rest stops with bathrooms	2
Better access to rivers	2
Create a park along Fort Atkinson Riverwalk using greenspaces	1
Turn Blackhawk Island lots into a park or natural area	1
Add to and maintain Carnes, Korth, and the Glacial River Trail	1
Designate the Bark River a water trail and clean up.	1
Dog park north of I-94	1
Plan for climate change	1

Moving forward with facilities/activities/events	
Strategy	Number of Mentions
Better and more marketing	5
More programming and education for users	4
Make parks more accessible	3
Fishing	2
More facilities/playgrounds	1
Environmentally friendly activities	1
Family activities	1
Not an advocate for bicycle trails in parks	1
Get kids more active	1
More active areas and less picnic areas	1
Diversity of activities that appeal to everyone	1
Food parks	1
Scheduled events like Mason Farm (Jamboree)	1
Canoeing event	1
Open bathrooms (submitted after Covid-19 restrictions)	1

Moving forward with maintenance	
Strategy	Number of Mentions
Keep up the good job	6
Cleanliness and safety	2
Discourage all use of pesticides and herbicides	1

Moving forward with funding/partnerships					
Strategy	Number of Mentions				
Create a fund for acquisition	3				
Create a marketing fund	1				
More state partnerships	1				

Moving forward with staff and committees					
Strategy	Number of Mentions				
Moving forward with funding/partnerships	1				
Strategy	1				

Question 3 Responses

I think there is always a need for more parks As properties become available, I would love to see the purchase of unique parks. Facilities/playgrounds that are accessible to all is important too.

I'm not a big advocate for bicycle trails in Parks. I feel it disrupts the ecology and is detrimental to the land. I have personally experienced/hiked the trails that TREK Bicycle has installed on land near the Maunaesha River, west of Waterloo. Their only purpose is the speed, thrill of the turns etc. I see no regard to enhancing the trail, land, or property for wildllife. I like the more environmentally friendly activities, as I mentioned above and also canoeing, kayaking, fishing etc. Promoting family activities is important to my family. We need to educate our park users so they have a personal interest in the parks and hopefully fund and advocate for programs to enhance and preserve these vital spaces. Joni Crave

It's hard to answer this since the bad weather and not feeling well kept me home from the open house. :(I appreciate our proximity to the Rock and Crawfish Rivers. My wish is that we had better community access - i.e. kayak rentals in each community. This is more likely a community issue than a parks issue.

Scheduled events like Mason Farm & Knickerbocker are great and popular. Maybe start a canoe or river event.

We need a something to draw people, and bring attention to our great parks.

I would say the momentum you have going is very good. Continued acquisition and preservation of areas with Native American mounds should be a huge priority!

So much of what we have seems to be under the radar. A marketing effort to educate people about all the amenities we already have would be great. The Jefferson County Tourism Council is trying to do this, but could use some assistance from the Parks Department.

Continued community use of current park spaces and additional connecting bike/walk paths. Somehow tie into an effort to get kids more active - incentives for visiting and doing activities at the parks.

More citizens on your park boards!

Further protect and set aside unique wetlands, important geographic & wildlife areas. Make parks & parkway accessibilty a way of daily life.

Discourage ALL use of pesticides & herbicides countywide. Another dogpark w/woodswalk north of i94. Le\$\$ picnic areas, more ""doing"" and trail areas. More educational opps.

I would like to see mitigation lots such as on Black Hawk Island become parks or eventually one big park. With FEMA regulations, the mitigations lots can't be used for much more and the area provides great wildlife viewing. I know this is a long term goal, but I think buying as many mitigations for a future park or public nature reserve would be great.

Focus on the rivers and access as well as piers for fishing etc.

Create and fund an account to provide for land acquisition to both protect natural resources and provide for expansion of existing parks when opportunities arise.

Mason Farm and Dorothy Carne's as well as the Glacial River Trail are some of our best assets. Add features and maintain those. Additionally our waterways are a gem. Investing in PTO with rest stops, bathrooms where possible would allow for longer journeys for visitors. More funding for Bark River clean up and maintenance. Can the Bark in our county be designated a watertrail park like was done federally with the Rock?

Keep up the good job!

I love the parks just the way they are, so maybe acquire more land... and keep grooming and making the existing parks so accessible to the residents of Jefferson Co. THANKS for all you have done and are doing!!

Just keep up the good work!

See above (*answer to previous question*). Protection, especially of native species. Planning for a future that can adapt to climate change. Pride of our people in what we have and how well we care for it.

Conserve land for native plants and wildlife.

Cleanliness and safety, and things for all to do

Ensuring that there is enough \$\$\$ in county budget to support staff level as is or expand so that we not only maintain our great parks and the Glacial Heritage system but take it to the next level by continuing to secure lands, leverage resources, gain visibility and educate the public. Thanks for all you have done thus far - again we are the envy of many counties!

I would love to see some park development along the riverwalk in Fort Atkinson. I realize that most of that land is private now but I think a lot could be done with the patches of grass on the river's edge next to the "pot lot." Why not make that into a hang out area for families? The riversides in Fort are hugely undervalued and could provide a lot of beautiful gathering spaces.

Promote/market the natural and gifts this county has. Bike trails are #1 for me.

We have a wonderful park staff and leadership-keep it going!

More partnerships with state

Complete and enhance the separated bicycle paths. Wider and safer sides on all county roads. More dedication to biker commuter routes.

The nature based programming in our county parks should be continued and enhanced. Start the food parks (see above). They need to be large, hole in the wall parks can serve quite well for this need.

Preserve parks and trails we have and continue to expand to facilitate new and different means of outdoor activities

Preserve as much green space as we can, even if we can't make improvements on it right away. Development pressures are only going to increase; we should try to acquire land now. Mostly I think the Parks System is a good path now and I encourage it to keep up the good work.

With the retirement of the Parks Director, I hope that the County will hire a new Parks Director to carry out the important mission of the Department. I think that the future of our Parks system will suffer if this is not done. The Director plays a crucial role in future acquisitions and parks planning.

Like that you've got future development spots ID'ed - wasn't aware of them

OPEN THE BATHROOMS - put a sign on the door to "bring your own disposable hand sanitizer or wipes and clean your hands after using the bathroom. Carry them in a plastic bag and make sure to pack them out with you when you leave" We are adults - I've seen people pee and poop outside which is not a good situation (submitted after Covid-19 restrictions were put in place that closed bathrooms)

Maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of parks and trails, making all public lands more accessible.









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12801 594810 Capital Equipment 12801 594821 Capital Improvement Land 12801 699999 Budgetary Fund Balance	10,000	23,800 -48,800	0 33,800 -48,800	75.00 6,980.00 .00	.00	-75.00 26,820.00 -48,800.00	.0% 20.7% .0%
TOTAL Parks Department	0	0	0	-115,753.71	14,026.00	101,727.71	.0%



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12802 Carol Liddle Fund							
12802 481099 Capital Interest & Dividends 12802 594960 Capital Reserve 12802 699800 Resv Applied Capital	0 84,230 -84,230	0 1,897 -1,897	0 86,128 -86,128	-361.82 .00 .00	.00	361.82 86,127.68 -86,127.68	.0% .0% .0%
TOTAL Carol Liddle Fund	0	0	0	-361.82	.00	361.82	.0%



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12803 Carlin Weld Park Trust							
12803 535245 Grounds Improvements 12803 594950 Operating Reserve 12803 699700 Resv Applied Operating	10,000 0 -10,000	0 -990 990	10,000 -990 -9,010	3,645.00 .00 .00	.00	6,355.00 -990.01 -9,009.99	36.5% .0% .0%
TOTAL Carlin Weld Park Trust	0	0	0	3,645.00	.00	-3,645.00	.0%



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12804 Korth Park Development							
12804 485200 Donations Restricted 12804 594808 Capital Land 12804 699999 Budgetary Fund Balance	0 0 0	-337,500 450,000 -112,500	-337,500 450,000 -112,500	.00 .00 .00	.00 .00 .00	-337,500.00 450,000.00 -112,500.00	.0% .0% .0%
TOTAL Korth Park Development	0	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%



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12805 Carnes Park Development							
12805 421001 State Aid 12805 482002 Rent Of County Property 12805 535232 Graveling 12805 594821 Capital Improvement Land 12805 594950 Operating Reserve 12805 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-23,560 0 0 213,064 -189,504	-7,380 0 0 14,760 16,328 -23,708	-7,380 -23,560 0 14,760 229,392 -213,212	.00 -11,780.00 44.40 1,100.00 .00	.00 .00 .00 11,726.00 .00	-7,380.00 -11,780.00 -44.40 1,934.00 229,391.91 -213,211.91	.0% 50.0% .0% 86.9% .0%
TOTAL Carnes Park Development	0	0	0	-10,635.60	11,726.00	-1,090.40	.0%



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12806 Parks Building	17.004	2.500	01.004			
12806 411100 General Property Taxes 12806 521219 Other Professional Serv 12806 531302 Building & Maint Equipment 12806 531351 Gas/Diesel 12806 533221 Water 12806 533222 Electric 12806 533223 Sewer 12806 533224 Natural Gas 12806 533225 Telephone & Fax 12806 533235 Storm Water Utility 12806 533236 Wireless Internet 12806 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip 12806 535246 Building Service & Maint 12806 535349 Other Supplies 12806 591519 Other Insurance	-17,884 150 1,000 3,000 1,200 5,000 1,200 1,000 600 775 400 1,500 0 100 1,959	-3,500 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	-21,384 150 1,000 3,000 1,200 5,000 1,200 1,000 600 775 400 5,000	-8,941.98 802.76 7,290.00 354.28 1,827.58 362.40 1,242.59 398.92 273.68 180.34 1,780.76 309.00 809.01 816.40	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	-12,442.02 41.8%
TOTAL Parks Building	0	0	0	7,505.74	.00	-7,505.74 .0%



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12807 Garman Nature Preserve							
12807 485200 Donations Restricted 12807 521219 Other Professional Serv 12807 535245 Grounds Improvements 12807 594821 Capital Improvement Land 12807 594950 Operating Reserve 12807 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-155,872 77,872 28,000 50,000	0 0 0 0 27,029 -27,029	-155,872 77,872 28,000 50,000 27,029 -27,029	.00 2,288.00 .00 30,000.00 .00	.00 .00 .00 15,000.00 .00	-155,872.00 75,584.00 28,000.00 5,000.00 27,028.77 -27,028.77	.0% 2.9% .0% 90.0% .0%
TOTAL Garman Nature Preserve	0	0	0	32,288.00	15,000.00	-47,288.00	.0%



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12808 Glacial Heritage Development						
12808 421099 Capital State Aid 12808 531313 Printing & Duplicating 12808 594821 Capital Improvement Land 12808 594950 Operating Reserve 12808 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-17,500 16,945 30,000 0 -16,945	0 0 0 18,445 -18,445	-17,500 16,945 30,000 18,445 -35,390	.00 .00 30,953.58 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00	-17,500.00 .0% 16,945.00 .0% -953.58 103.2% 18,445.00 .0% -35,390.00 .0%
TOTAL Glacial Heritage Development	12,500	0	12,500	30,953.58	.00	-18,453.58 247.6%



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12809 Snowmobile Trails							
12809 421001 State Aid 12809 535245 Grounds Improvements 12809 535349 Other Supplies	-57,210 57,210 0	0 0 0	-57,210 57,210 0	.00 .00 2,083.30	.00 .00 .00	-57,210.00 57,210.00 -2,083.30	.0% .0% .0%
TOTAL Snowmobile Trails	0	0	0	2,083.30	.00	-2,083.30	.0%



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12810 Bike Trails							
12810 421099 28101 Capital State Aid 12810 485200 Donations Restricted 12810 485200 28101 Donations Restricted 12810 535245 Grounds Improvements 12810 535349 Other Supplies 12810 594821 Capital Improvement Land 12810 594821 28101 Capital Improvement Land 12810 594850 Operating Reserve 12810 699700 Resv Applied Operating 12810 699800 Resv Applied Capital 12810 699999 Budgetary Fund Balance	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 94,408 -94,408	-620,347 0 0 0 0 4,168 1,170,347 0 0 -4,168 -550,000	-620,347 0 0 0 4,168 1,170,347 94,408 -94,408 -4,168 -550,000	.00 -10.57 -7,100.00 34.90 76.56 .00 49,352.26 .00 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 7,448.22 .00 .00	$\begin{array}{c} -620,347.48\\ 10.57\\ 7,100.00\\ -34.90\\ -76.56\\ 4,167.70\\ 1,113,547.00\\ 94,408.00\\ -94,408.00\\ -4,167.70\\ -550,000.00\end{array}$.0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0%
TOTAL Bike Trails	0	0	0	42,353.15	7,448.22	-49,801.37	.0%



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12811 Dog Park	F 000			1 206 21	00	2 (12 70	27. 70
12811 451038 Daily Permit Fees 12811 451039 Annual Permit Fees 12811 485200 Donations Restricted 12811 511210 Wages-Regular 12811 511210 22101 Wages-Regular 12811 512141 Social Security 12811 512142 22101 Social Security 12811 512142 Retirement (Employer) 12811 512142 22101 Retirement (Employer) 12811 512144 Health Insurance 12811 512145 Life Insurance 12811 512145 22101 Life Insurance 12811 512145 22101 Life Insurance 12811 512145 Dental Insurance 12811 512148 Unemployment Compensation 12811 512173 Dental Insurance 12811 531311 Postage & Box Rent 12811 531311 Postage & Box Rent 12811 531313 Printing & Duplicating 12811 531314 Small Items Of Equipment 12811 535245 Maintain Machinery & Equip 12811 535245 Grounds Improvements 12811 535247 Refuse Collection 12811 535349 Other Supplies 12811 535349 Other Supplies 12811 571005 Duplicating Allocation 12811 571009 MIS PC Group Allocation 12811 571010 MIS Systems Grp Alloc(ISIS) 12811 594821 Capital Improvement Land 12811 594950 Operating Reserve 12811 699992 Balance Forward Prior Year	498 412	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	-5,000 -32,000 24,034 0 1,826 0 1,622 0 3,857 22 0 3,120 500 276 1,000 500 480 0 1,500 4,000 819 1,057 498 412 20,000 79,009 -108,502	-1,386.21 -22,612.29 -2,096.58 9,257.97 3,381.39 683.93 258.69 624.93 228.24 707.08 9.20 2.96 2,360.00 53.75 315.42 175.74 .00 75.10 146.79 137.50 300.75 3,453.06 .50.27 750.75 968.88 456.50 171.75 20,860.00 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	-3,613.79 -9,387.71 2,387.71 -3,381.39 1,142.31 -258.69 997.31 -228.24 3,149.73 12.64 -2.96 760.00 500.00 222.25 684.58 324.26 250.00 404.90 -146.79 1,362.50 419.25 546.94 -50.27 68.25 88.12 41.50 240.44 -860.00 79,009.37 -108,502.37	27.7% 70.7% 8.05% 8.05% 8.05.060 18.160 19.55.1060 19.55.1060 10.7777 10.77777 10.7777 10.
TOTAL Dog Park	0	0	0	19,335.57	.00	-19,335.57	.0%



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12812 Grounds Keeping							
12812 474119 Courthouse Interdepart Billed 12812 474169 Fair Billed 12812 474170 Land Conservation Billed 12812 474175 Highway Billed 12812 474175 Highway Billed 12812 483004 Sale Salvage & Waste 12812 511110 Salary-Permanent Regular 12812 511210 Wages-Regular 12812 511220 Wages-Overtime 12812 511240 Wages-Temporary 12812 511230 Wages-Longevity Pay 12812 512141 Social Security 12812 512142 Retirement (Employer) 12812 512144 Health Insurance 12812 512145 Life Insurance 12812 512145 Life Insurance 12812 512148 Unemployment Compensation 12812 512148 Unemployment Compensation 12812 512150 FSA Contribution 12812 512151 HSA Contribution 12812 512173 Dental Insurance 12812 521219 Other Professional Serv 12812 531314 Small Items Of Equipment 12812 531315 Gas/Diesel 12812 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip 12812 535245 Grounds Improvements 12812 535245 Grounds Improvements 12812 535349 Other Supplies 12812 535349 Other Supplies 12812 53535245 Vehicle Parts & Repairs 12812 536533 Equipment Rent & Lease 12812 536533 Equipment Rent & Lease 12812 591519 Other Insurance 12812 594810 Capital Equipment 12812 594811 Capital Automobiles	-13,702 -18,162 -25,620 -425 -9,701 -13,500 3,828 32,367 0 40 2,758 1,807 4,320 8 2,023 750 400 6,850 1,000 5,000 3,500 1,200 3,500 1,200 3,500 1,356 80,370 52,000		-13,702 -18,162 -25,620 -425 -9,701 -13,500 3,828 32,367 0 0 40 2,758 1,807 4,320 4,320 400 2,758 1,807 4,320 400 600 4,850 1,000 5,000 3,500 1,200 3,500 1,356 80,370 52,000	-3,793.05 -3,929.00 -8,421.64 -350.50 -3,654.18 .00 1,716.42 11,887.32 7.15 44.00 1,035.75 696.83 1,775.86 3.15 2,160.60 470.91 118.98 .00 470.91 118.98 .00 793.14 2,347.10 244.05 158.40 170.87 135.94 .00 596.75 565.20 35,768.40	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	-9,908.95 -14,233.00 -17,198.36 -74.50 -6,046.82 -13,500.00 2,111.69 20,480.13 -7.15 -44.00 39.66 1,722.49 1,110.01 2,543.80 -137.79 750.00 -470.91 232.92 500.00 400.00 4,056.86 -1,347.10 4,755.95 -158.40 3,329.13 1,064.06 300.00 54.25 791.28 44,601.60 52,000.00	.0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0% 16.4% 234.7% 4.9% 4.9% 41.3% 91.7% 41.7% 44.5%
TOTAL Grounds Keeping	118,870	0	118,870	40,548.45	.00	78,321.55	34.1%



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12813 Flood Mitigation Prop Maint							
12813 411100 General Property Taxes 12813 521219 Other Professional Serv 12813 521220 Consultant 12813 535245 Grounds Improvements 12813 699999 Budgetary Fund Balance	-45,870 0 25,000 20,870 0	10,000 0 0 -10,000	-45,870 10,000 25,000 20,870 -10,000	-22,935.00 .00 .00 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00	-22,935.00 10,000.00 25,000.00 20,870.00 -10,000.00	50.0% .0% .0% .0%
TOTAL Flood Mitigation Prop Maint	0	0	0	-22,935.00	.00	22,935.00	.0%
GRAND TOTAL	131,370	0	131,370	29,026.66	48,200.22	54,143.12	58.8%



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