

# Village of Pleasant Prairie Park and Open Space Plan 2006 - 2011

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### Country Corner-Tobin Creek Open Space Land

These 8 and one-half acres of open space are located just north of the western portion of Tobin Creek, east of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and north of 116<sup>th</sup> Street. The area lies within a secondary environmental corridor.

### Des Plaines River Open Space Land

This 150 acre open space area is located east of I-94 and south of State Highway 50. The land is located within a primary environmental corridor.

### Momper's Woods

This 26-acre site is located in the central portion of the Village, west of State Highway 31 and between 104<sup>th</sup> and 116<sup>th</sup> Streets. The area is mostly wooded and has been preserved for use as a future park. Archaeological surveys have confirmed that the site is historically significant, as it is home not only to preserved remnants of the Jambou Indian Trail, but also to several prehistoric Native American campsites that span 10,000 years or more of human history. Currently, this area is not open to the public. However, the Village has plans to transform the land into a nature center with recreation trails and outdoor classroom space (see concept plan located in Chapter IX).

### Prairie Trails West Open Space Land

These 8 acres of open space are located within a secondary environmental corridor east of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and north of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street. The lands are in proximity to the Kenosha County Bike Trail.

### Golf Course/Driving Range

There are two privately-owned golf-related facilities located in Pleasant Prairie. Big Oaks Golf Course is located along the Wisconsin/Illinois State line at 6117 123d Place, and Transcendental Golf Driving Range is located in the southeastern portion of the Village at 1621 116<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area

These 482 acres of preservation lands are home to one of the largest prairie complexes in the State and the largest coastal wetland in southeastern Wisconsin. The southern portion of the area is managed by The Nature Conservancy, and the northern parcels are managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, including the Kenosha Dunes, which contains open and stabilized sand dunes. More than 400 vascular plant species and 75 grassland and wetland birds inhabit the area. Chiwaukee Prairie is recognized as a National Natural Landmark and a State Natural Area.



most logical option for securing space for event parking, rather than acquiring additional lands for this purpose.

4. Update the Village's land dedication and fees-in-lieu of dedication regulations to more specifically define the quantity of parkland a developer must provide (or amount of fees to be paid in lieu of dedication). This will streamline future negotiations with developers and will ensure that dedication requirements are fair and equitable.
5. Complete necessary upgrades to bring all park and recreation facilities into compliance with ADA regulations.

## 2. Recommendations for Existing Parks

### Pleasant Prairie Park:

(intersection of 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bain Station Road)

- Acquire an additional 3 parcels of land: 2 parcels on the eastern perimeter of the park (104<sup>th</sup> Avenue), and one to the west, backing up to 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These acquisitions will add up to approximately 6.7 acres.
- Expand upon the existing active recreational facilities by improving the baseball and softball facilities, and by adding additional amenities, such as soccer fields and a basketball court.
- Explore opportunities to develop unique facilities within this park, such as a dog park, skate park, and disc golf course.
- Incorporate a system of boardwalks and interpretive exhibits into the park's adjacent wetland area to take advantage of this natural feature. Interpretive exhibits displays information about the surrounding environment: for example, details regarding the species of plants and wildlife that may be observed along a trail or within a park, or the history of the land.
- Implement park concept plan (see Map 9).
- Provide traffic calming devices such as speed bumps or a roundabout to limit the use of the park as a pass-through street.

### Woodlawn Park:

(at Harrison Road and 50th Avenue)

- Add signage consistent with the other parks in the Village.
- Upgrade playground equipment.

### Rolling Meadows Park:

(intersection of 100th Street and 32nd Avenue)

- Create trailhead for Kenosha County Bike Trail.

### Becker Park:

(intersection of 76th Street and 48th Avenue)

- Re-grade the land to improve stormwater management and to prevent the collection of water in the middle of the park.
- Improve the condition of the softball field.



**Carol Beach Park:**

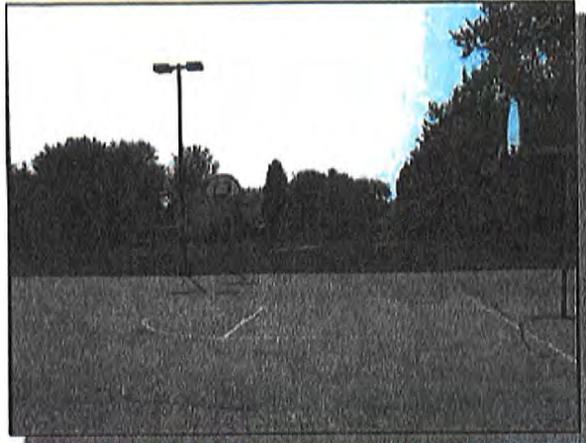
(intersection of 111th Street and 9th Avenue)

- Replace basketball goals.
- Upgrade playground equipment.
- Improve condition of softball field.
- Upgrade pavilion.

**Momper's Woods:**

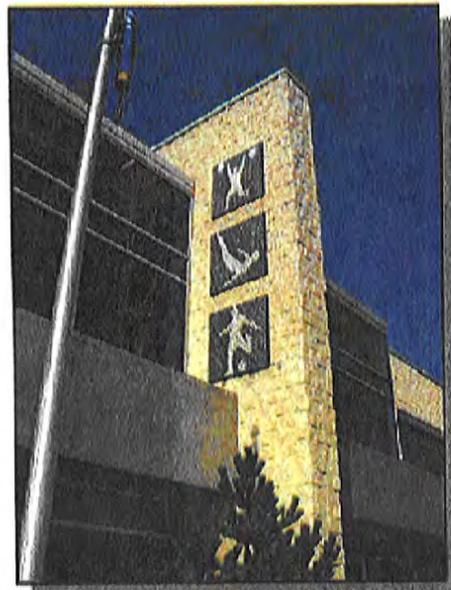
(west side of State Highway 31 and between 104th Street and 116th Street)

- Add park signage that establishes Momper's Woods as a park of the Village's park system.
- Preserve this park as a special open space area.
- Continue to solicit input from local area environmentalists on how to appropriately manage the site.
- As early investments, focus on developing a small parking area on the eastern side of the park and creating a trail system through the wooded portion of the site.
- Include interpretive exhibits to begin the process of transforming the property into a working outdoor classroom and nature study area, and showcase the site's historical significance in the Village.
- Explore opportunities to construct a nature center and/or indoor classroom/lecture hall on the portion of the property that has already been cleared of trees.
- Provide outdoor meeting and reception areas in the park.
- Implement park concept plan (see Map 10).

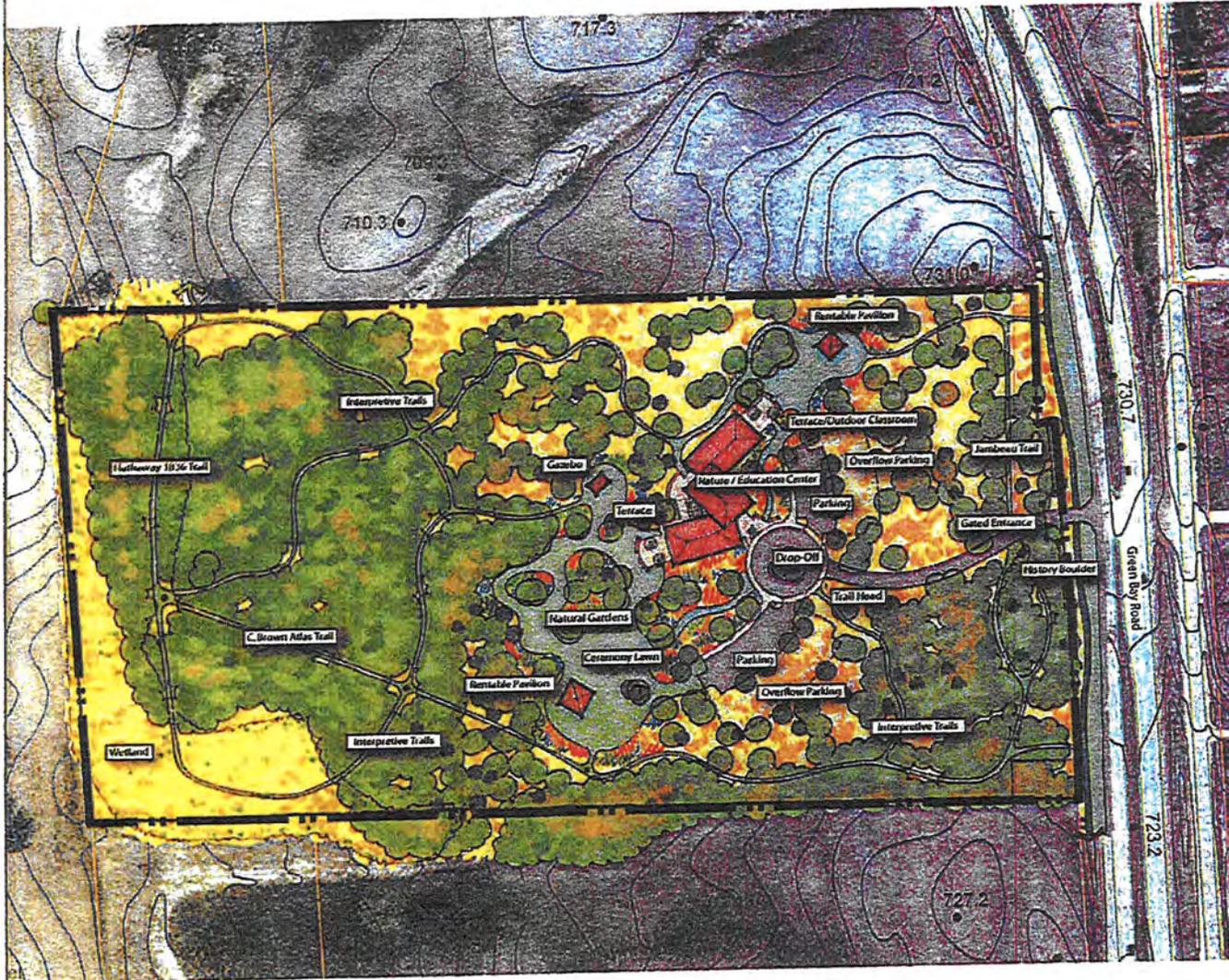
**Prairie Springs Park:**

(north of 104th Street and west of 88th Avenue)

- Build addition onto LakeView RecPlex that includes an Olympic-size 8-lane swimming pool.
- Use River Planning Grant monies to assess the condition of the natural resources within the park and develop a natural resource management plan for the area.
- Extend the trail system within the park and create interpretive exhibits that highlight the natural resources of the area.
- Design trails and firebreaks to accommodate 5K and 10K triathlons.
- Explore opportunities for partnerships with local Eagle Scouts and other community and grass-roots organizations to help develop trails and interpretive exhibits.
- Either acquire land on the northeast perimeter of the park for off-street parking, or obtain cross-access easements from the adjacent land use for parking and access.



January 10, 2006



26.9 Total Acres

### Momper's Woods Park Concept Plan



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Map 10

- Add more trails in Prairie Springs Park
- Development of Village Green Park area and connecting trail
- Des Plaines River trail
- Improve Beach facilities
- Improve Parking facilities
- Need restrooms along Carol Beach Area
- Develop connecting trails to all parks and schools
- Improve Pleasant Prairie Park and Carol Beach Parks
- Develop new parks near Fox Moore near trail
- Need safe swimming area
- Improve beach parks
- Picnic areas at carol beach parks

### C. DEVELOPMENT OF PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS: CONCEPT PLANS FOR SPECIFIC PARKS

#### Momper's Woods

- Outdoor Education
- Preservation area
- Museum
- Passive recreation
- Family/wedding area
- Provide trail connection up Green Bay Rd to 165
- Nature Center Building
- Trail to connect Momper's to other parks
- Preserve Trees Picnic Shelter
- Natural area
- Botanical Center
- Picnic area
- Nature Center/Senior Center
- Nature Center
- Trails

#### Unit W

- Trails
- Pavilions
- Education center
- Dog Park
- Open Air Pavilion for picnics
- Small playground equipment
- Open grassy area
- Tennis Courts
- Basketball
- Playground
- Linked by future trails
- Picnic pavilion
- Playfield

#### Pleasant Prairie Park

- Relocate playground for easier access by parking and centralized by ball diamonds
- Pavilion
- Dog Park in lands that are proposed to be acquired
- Skate Park
- Large Baseball field
- Soccer fields
- Quad Concession stand
- Restrooms

#### Creekside

- Ball diamonds
- Soccer fields
- Playground for small children
- Playground
- Picnic area

#### Village Green

- Pavilion
- Band Shell
- Trails
- Baseball field
- Tennis Courts
- Skate Park
- Band shell
- Family Park
- Picnic area
- Tots park
- "Community Center" Park
- Active recreational facilities
- Tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- Picnic pavilion

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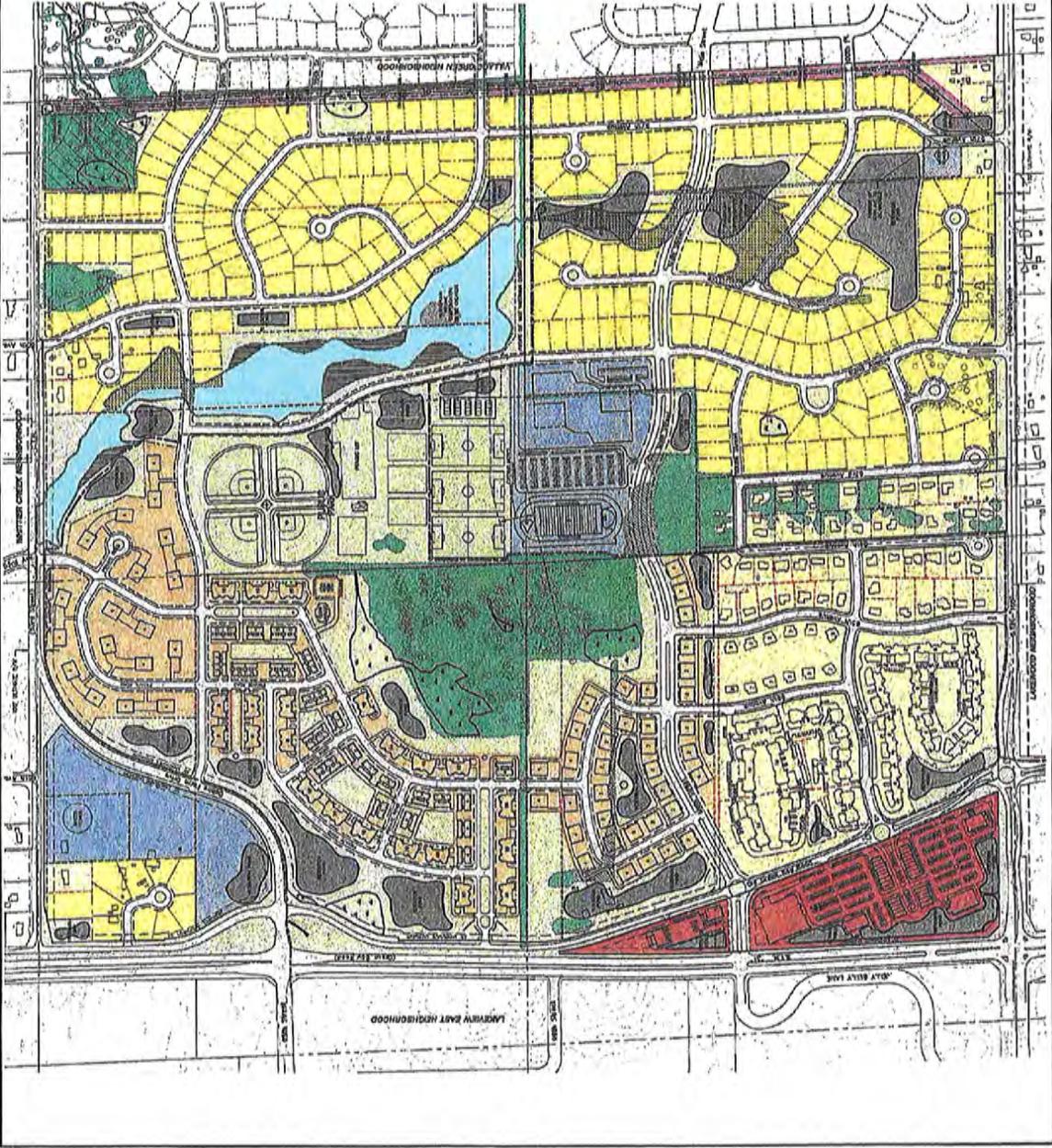
Item	Qty.	Units	Cost	Total
Site preparation, fine grading	175,000	sf	0.10	17,500
Utility connections, water, elec.	6	ea	5,000.00	30,000
Nature center building	16,000	sf	100.00	1,600,000
Pavilion	3	ea	25,000.00	75,000
Entry sign	1	ea	2,500.00	2,500
Entrance road, asphalt	10,000	sf	3.00	30,000
Asphalt parking area	25,000	sf	3.00	75,000
Concrete walkway	3,600	sf	6.00	21,600
Terrace paving	8,800	sf	12.00	105,600
Seatwall	600	ff	50.00	30,000
Pole light, parking area	12	ea	5,000.00	60,000
Interpretive sign exhibits	12	ea	1,200.00	14,400
Trail head exhibit sign	1	ea	2,500.00	2,500
Bench, metal, 6' L.	18	ea	1,100.00	19,800
Trash receptacle	8	ea	900.00	7,200
Picnic table	9	ea	1,200.00	10,800
Drinking fountain	1	ea	3,000.00	3,000
Path clearing & grading	1,200	cy	10.00	12,000
Mulch path	600	cy	40.00	24,000
Shade tree	30	ea	500.00	15,000
Ornamental tree	12	ea	250.00	3,000
Evergreen tree	12	ea	420.00	5,040
Shrub plantings	150	ea	40.00	6,000
Natural plantings	65,000	sf	1.00	65,000
Turf, seeded	75,000	sf	0.20	15,000
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,249,940</b>
			10% Contingency	224,994
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,474,934</b>

Exhibit 1  
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HIGHPOINT NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN  
(ALTERNATIVE 2)

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- 1. SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
  - 2. MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL
  - 3. COMMERCIAL
  - 4. INDUSTRIAL
  - 5. OFFICE
  - 6. PUBLIC USE
  - 7. OPEN SPACE
  - 8. PARKS AND RECREATION
  - 9. UTILITIES
  - 10. TRANSPORTATION
  - 11. WATERWAYS
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