

City of Prairie du Chien Outdoor Recreation Plan 2012-2016



**City of Prairie du Chien
Comprehensive Outdoor
Recreation Plan**

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RESOURCES

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES & STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES IN WISCONSIN; State Historical Society of Wisconsin

COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN 1984 CRAWFORD COUNTY WISCONSIN; Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission & University of Wisconsin Extension, Crawford County Office

2005 CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Vierbicher Associates, Inc.

2004 CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN - Vandewalle & Associates

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WASHINGTON STREET PARK PLAN, Vierbicher & Associates

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**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE
OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Prairie du Chien has commissioned the preparation of a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan includes an analysis of recreation needs, and improvements to address the identified needs for future recreational use within the City of Prairie du Chien; and

WHEREAS, this plan is a guide for development of future recreation facilities in the City of Prairie du Chien, based on sound planning principles and extensive local involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien has studied, considered and publicly reviewed the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the plan is necessary to qualify the City of Prairie du Chien for eligibility for cost sharing grants through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Prairie du Chien officially adopts the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as an official policy statement for the development of recreational facilities in the City of Prairie du Chien.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2012, by the City Council of the City of Prairie du Chien.

Approved:

Dave Hemmer, Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator

COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN 2012-2016

CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WISCONSIN

I. INTRODUCTION

The *Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the City of Prairie du Chien* is a guide for future recreational development in the City. A Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan will serve to maximize available recreation resources in the City for existing and future use. The City of Prairie du Chien's major objective in preparation of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is to provide quality outdoor recreation for area residents, visitors, and to set priorities to improve these facilities in the future. The plan will also coordinate the diversity of recreation facilities, opportunities, and organizations in the City.

In order to provide improved recreational facilities the City intends to participate in Federal and State cost sharing programs. Information on funding programs available is found in Section IX.

The Prairie du Chien City Council was prompted to prepare a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation plan pursuant to discussion of the following issues:

1. Assess Recreation Facilities Needs
2. Future Recreation Uses, Trends, Needs, and Demands
3. Coordination of Recreation Resources, Activities, Developments

The City of Prairie du Chien's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation plan will provide a foundation for the community's recreation improvements, including an inventory of existing facilities and identification of needs for future growth. This information will then be used to guide decisions about future recreation facilities. Recommendations for implementation are included as part of the plan in Appendix B – Goals and Actions.

Any maps created during the preparation of this Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan are for general planning purposes only and site specific information should be obtained prior to development.

II. GOALS & OBJECTIVES

It is a goal of the city to preserve and to protect the natural resources of the community for the use and enjoyment of both present residents and visitors in addition to future generations. To do so, the plan is structured to enhance and to protect the historical, cultural, and scenic resources of Prairie du Chien. Through the implementation of this plan, the City envisions measured development and a balanced and healthful relationship between people and the environment.

The City has developed a mission statement and goals that provide guidance and direction in providing quality and affordable recreation and leisure opportunities. The city's mission statement and goals are outlined below.

The City of Prairie du Chien Parks and Recreation Department's mission statement serves as a means to work towards the community's needs that the city should be striving to provide quality facilities and offer affordable wholesome recreation and leisure opportunities that enhance the quality of their lives while living in this community.

With over 600 acres of parks and open spaces, a recreation center, indoor and outdoor pool, and an abundance of riverfront activities and events all brings people together and adds to a sense of civic pride and belonging. As a fully developed community, maintaining and updating park and recreational facilities will preserve the value and popularity of the city's park system.

The City's waterfront, farm park, arts, culture, and historical features adds to the meaning of community life and certainly sets this community apart and should be continued to be highlighted. Residents want places to gather, socialize, and meet. Residents also encourage activities that build a sense of community such as city-wide festivals and events that recognize the city's history, diversity, and just plain want to have fun!

Following is a set of goals established by the City of Prairie du Chien Parks and Recreation Department.

Goals

1. *Continue to maintain and enhance city parks, recreation facilities, open space, and leisure services to meet the community needs.*
2. *Continue to develop high quality and a wide variety of recreation and leisure programs to youth, adults, and special needs participants to meet the needs of the community.*
3. *Continue to provide programming with various partnerships*
4. *Continue to upgrade parks, trail systems, and playground equipment*
5. *Enhance the city's waterfront, farm park, arts, cultural, and historic assets.*
6. *Build support and promote a sense of community through recreation programming.*
7. *Preserve, maintain, and educate the community on the natural resources for ourselves and future generations.*

Other City planning documents were reviewed as part of this planning process. Outlined below are some of the goals, objectives and recommendations from those plans directed at improving recreation and leisure activities in the city.

2005 Prairie du Chien Comprehensive Plan (Community Vision Section) - - Vierbicher Associates, Inc.

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| Goal 9 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Travel | <p><i>Develop a complete network of pedestrian and bike ways throughout the entire community and with other areas in the region.</i></p> <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase opportunities for pedestrian and bike travel within the City. 2. Increase pedestrian and bicycle safety. 3. Increase the number of miles of sidewalks and bikeways in existing neighborhoods. |
| Goal 19 - St. Feriole Island Reuse | <p><i>Develop St. Feriole Island as a recreational and cultural asset, while recognizing constraints to development.</i></p> <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the number of special events held on St. Feriole Island. 2. Decrease the number of privately owned properties on the island. 3. Decrease the number of public roads bisecting the island. 4. Increase the economic benefit of the island to local businesses. 5. Increase the number of people who visit or otherwise use the island 6. Strengthen the working relationship among all those who have a vested interest on the island. |
| Goal 23 - Historic Preservation | <p><i>Protect, preserve, and capitalize on the City's historic and archaeological resources.</i></p> <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the number of historic buildings and districts in the City, which are nominated for the National Register of Historic Places and/or on the State Register of Historic Places. 2. Increase the awareness for and protection of historic and archaeological resources. |

2005 Prairie du Chien Comprehensive Plan (Community Vision Section) - – Vierbicher Associates, Inc.

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| Goal 24 - Parks and Recreation | <p><i>Develop a range of park facilities and programs to meet the current and anticipated needs of city residents.</i></p> <p><u>Objectives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase opportunities for passive recreational opportunities such as bike trails. 2. Maintain the City's high standards for park development and maintenance. 3. Increase use of existing facilities and new ones that may be developed in the future. 4. Increase the number of organized activities for children at City parks. 5. Upgrade the facilities at Hoffman Hall, including accessibility for disabled individuals. 6. Increase the recreational opportunities for teenagers and young adults who typically are not involved in organized sports. |
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2004 Downtown Development Master Plan for the City of Prairie du Chien - - Vandewalle & Associates:

This plan outlines a downtown development strategy that identifies key economic opportunities many of which focus on the outdoor recreation assets of the City. The plan stresses the importance of the downtown and riverfront to the city in attracting and visitors interested in outdoor recreation and history. Some key recommendations identified in the plan were to enhance tourism and recreation activities on St. Feriole Island by providing more activity space; and developing a riverfront bicycle and pedestrian path to provide greater access to the waterfront.

2009 City Of Prairie Du Chien Waterfront Plan - Vierbicher Associates, Inc.

In 2008 the City of Prairie du Chien received funding from the Wisconsin Department of commerce to prepare a waterfront plan. The following goals were defined in the Waterfront Plan.

1. Historical Context: Create an awareness of the historical context of the island and area; utilize this as an educational and aesthetic component to all improvements.
2. Economic Development: Utilize the waterfront as an opportunity for economic development and growth by creating a destination and promoting tourism within the region.
3. Waterfront Recreation & Accessibility: Create an accessible destination for residents and visitors of all ages that is user-friendly and safe, and that can be utilized for a multitude of purposes ranging from passive enjoyment of natural resources to active recreation and community events.
4. Natural Resources: Preserve and enhance natural resources and provide opportunities for public education and viewing of these resources.
5. Aesthetics: Improve the visual appeal and aesthetic of the waterfront and ensure that all improvements work to achieve this goal.

Prairie du Chien Area Bicycle/ Pedestrian Trail Plan – Community Development Projects

Through a grant from WISDOT the City of Prairie du Chien, Town of Prairie du Chien, and Town of Bridgeport prepared a plan to develop a Bike/ Pedestrian Trail System. The proposed trail system will improve the transportation system and quality of life of its citizens, and should provide a safe means for children to travel to and from school, and a healthy way for citizens and visitors alike to enjoy the area. The trails will link the City and adjacent townships with all significant destinations, including schools, parks, recreational venues, retail centers, industrial parks, and major residential areas. The plan proposes a series of bicycle loops and spokes to connect trail access locations with desired destinations through in a safe and efficient manner.

Urban Forestry Program

The City of Prairie du Chien recognizes that trees provide important economic, social and environmental benefits that significantly improve the quality of urban life. With the help of a DNR funded grant, Bluestern Forestry Consulting Inc. completed a public street and park tree inventory and prepared a management plan in the fall of 2011. This management plan and tree inventory makes a sincere commitment to Prairie du Chen's urban forestry program as the Common Council appropriated funding for a part-time City Forester who will oversee this program. This document reports the finding of the inventory and makes specific, prioritized recommendations for managing the urban forest resources for 2012-2016 based on

inventory findings, current staffing, budgets and tree circumstances. A companion document, the “City of Prairie du Chien Emerald Ash Borer Readiness Plan” was also prepared for the purpose of ash and emerald ash borer management.

Important points of the inventory and current tree management program include:

- A total of 2,994 trees, 53 stumps and 535 planting sites were inventoried.
- 393 trees (13.1%) are green, black or white ash and are susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer.
- 14.9% of all sites suitable for a tree are vacant
- There are 238 trees in need of immediate removal for safety reasons (5.8% of total inventoried population)
- 209 trees need to be immediately pruned for safety reasons
- 45.1% of the forest is represented by maple and an additional 13.1% by ash. Ideally the forest should be comprised on not more than 5% of any one species and 10% of on genus

The goals outlined above demonstrate the City’s commitment to preserving and improving its treasure trove of historical, cultural, and natural resources.

2012 Parks and Recreation Department Goals



III. STANDARDS & NEEDS

To assist in the interpretation and implementation of the City of Prairie du Chien Outdoor Recreation Plan, the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) recommendations for each park classification are outlined below. These recommendations came from the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2005-2010.

Mini Park

- **Definition Summary:** A play lot or playground provides space for parental supervised recreation of toddlers and young children within a neighborhood, or as part of a larger neighborhood or community park and urban center, including retail shopping areas.
- **Size Objectives:** 0.5 to 1.5 acres.
- **Service Area Objectives:** Generally within a neighborhood of a half mile radius or population of 2,000-3,000. Mini parks may be included in parks that serve a larger population or service area.
- **Location Objectives:** Located in protected areas with separation from street traffic and high visibility; serving local neighborhoods and adjoining schools, libraries, or police and fire facilities. (Population Ratio to Acreage: .25 to 0.5 acre per 1,000 population to achieve a park unit size that serves 2,000 to 3,000 people).
- **Space, Design, and Service Area:** The size of a play lot or playground may range from as small as 2,500 sq. ft. to 1.5 acres.* Amenities offered by these facilities generally include sand play areas, play apparatus, play equipment, and other special child-oriented features. The service radius for these parks in terms of distance from population served is limited to less than a quarter mile, or within a super block space, unless the playground is incorporated into a larger park.
- **Orientation:** Small geographic areas, sub-neighborhoods, or neighborhoods, when combined with a larger park unit. Serves youth ranging in age from toddler to 12 years, with adult supervision. Playgrounds also serve important needs in city business districts and inner city areas where a mix of commercial and recreation activity is desired.
- **Function:** Provides outdoor play experiences for youth under parental supervision. Generates neighborhood communication and provides diversion from work and domestic chores. Promotes neighborhood solidarity.

Neighborhood Park

- **Definition Summary:** A neighborhood park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for the immediate neighborhood in which it is located. It is considered an extension of neighborhood residents' "out-of yard" and outdoor use area.
- **Size Objectives:** 5 to 25 acres.
- **Service Area Objectives:** Generally a one mile radius, but actually defined by collector street patterns which form the limits of a neighborhood or recreation service area. Population served may range from 2,000 up to 5,000.
- **Location Objectives:** Centrally located for equitable pedestrian access within a definable neighborhood service area. Adjoining or adjacent to an elementary, middle school or high school, fire station, or library, if possible.
- **Program Objectives:** Compatible with the neighborhood setting and park site constraints.
- **Orientation:** Serves all age groups, with an emphasis on youth and families in neighborhood settings.
- **Function:** To provide a combination of active recreation and passive activities, both outdoor and indoor facilities, and special features as required or needed.
- **Space, Design, and Service Area:** A minimum size of 5 to 25 acres with amenities including sports facilities, picnic areas, swim facilities, cultural activities, arts, crafts, and individual passive activities. The park should primarily serve a defined neighborhood area population of 2,000-5,000. Distance from this neighborhood will vary depending on urban development pattern, zoning, and densities in the respective neighborhoods being served. Efforts should be made to allow easy pedestrian access to the park.

Community Park

- **Definition Summary:** A community park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for a defined service area, the entire city, or significant geographic segment of the city's population.
- **Size Objectives:** Usually more than 25 acres.
- **Service Area Objectives:** Generally a 2 to 5 mile radius within the city and adjacent neighborhoods outside of city limits.
- **Location Objectives:** Centrally located if planned to serve a particular geographic segment of the city. Located adjoining or immediately adjacent to a collector street providing community-wide vehicular access, thereby reducing neighborhood traffic impacts. Connected with Class II on-street and/or off-street community trail and bike lane system. Adjoining or adjacent to an elementary, middle, or high school if possible.
- **Program Objectives:** Elements that fulfill the service area, park facilities and recreation program demands. The following facilities may be compatible with community setting and park site constraints:
 - Off-street parking calculated to satisfy demand of park and recreation activities provided. Includes bike racks and a public transit station at the site as well as both on-site and street parking.
 - Restrooms designed to accommodate the level of park and recreation activities provided and the number of people served. Restrooms should be located within a reasonable walking distance from children's play equipment and other high-use areas.
 - Community recreation center
 - Park maintenance and equipment storage building
 - Tot lot/children's play area

- Group picnic shelters
- Family picnic facilities
- Sport/recreation facility fulfilling the overall city demand
- **Orientation:** Multi-purpose service area or community-wide recreation resource serving most or all of the population.
- **Function:** Provides opportunities for a diverse mix of indoor and outdoor recreation, including walking and bicycling, outdoor performances, various programmed and non-programmed field sports, swimming, and special events.
- **Space, Design, and Service Area:** The minimum space for a community park is 15 acres. Facilities typically provide for some sports activities, though emphasis is on passive cultural and community centers with recreational programming and organized activities. The community park may serve populations within a 2 to 5 mile radius, a scope that would allow residents of other communities to use the park as well.

Special Use Park

- **Definition Summary:** A special use park is often designed as a revenue-generating enterprise created to satisfy demand for a particular sport, recreational activity, or special event. A special use park may also be a sports park combined with enterprise activities and administered as a community recreation resource.
- **Size Objective:** The actual size of a special use park is determined by land availability and facility/market demand for special uses or recreation programs.
- **Service Area Objectives:** Community or area-wide and determined by the type of recreation program, special events or use activities.
- **Location Objectives:** Determined by the property opportunity, service area and size objectives.
- **Program Objectives:** Special use parks require facility programming that is user- or market-driven and based on community needs or economic and service principles for public and private partnerships. The magnitude and type of special use facilities may include: a) Water play park; b) Amphitheater; c) Festival/swap meet/farmers market; d) League/individual sports complex; e) Fitness/entertainment center; f) Skateboard/in-line hockey park; g) Recreation programs and classes
- **Orientation:** Provides recreation programming, sports and special event attractions and activities for all age groups.
- **Function:** Special events, fairs, festivals, expositions, symposiums, sports, community gatherings, ethnic/cultural celebrations, plays and numerous other recreational programs and activities.
- **Space, Design, and Service Area:** The minimum size for special parks varies depending on intended use and programming.

School Park

- **Definition Summary:** By combining the resources of two public agencies, the school park classification allows for expanding the recreational, social, and educational opportunities available to the community in an efficient and cost effective manner. Depending on the circumstances, school park sites often complement other community recreation or open lands. As an example, an elementary/middle school site could also serve as a neighborhood park. Likewise, middle or high school sports facilities could do double duty as a community park or as youth athletic fields. Depending on its size, one school park site may serve in a number of capacities, such as a neighborhood park, youth athletic fields, and a location for recreation classes. Given the inherent variability of type, size and location, determining how a school park site is integrated into a larger park system will depend on case-by-case circumstances. The important outcome in the joint-use relationship is that both the school district and park system benefit from shared use of facilities and land area.
- **Size Objective:** The optimum size of a school park site depends on its intended use. The size criteria established for neighborhood park and community park classifications may apply.
- **Service Area Objectives:** Neighborhood park and community park classifications criteria should be used to determine school park functions and area served. For planning purposes, the degree to which school lands, including buildings or facilities, meet community needs depends on the specific inter-local agreements formed.
- **Location Objectives:** The location of a school park site will be determined by the school district based on district policy. Coordinated city and school district planning allows for siting, acquisition, and facility development to be responsive to community needs. Service areas for school park sites will depend on the type of use and facilities provided.
- **Program Objectives:** The criteria established for neighborhood parks and community parks should be used to determine how a school park site is developed and programmed. If athletic fields are developed at a school park site, they should, where feasible, be oriented toward youth rather than adult programs. Establishing a clearly defined joint-use agreement between involved agencies is critical to making school park relationships workable. This is particularly important with respect to acquisition, development, maintenance, liability, use, and programming of facility issues. The orientation of school park projects is typically for neighborhood and community recreation services. The functions may include sports, recreation classes, passive recreation activities, and other recreation programs suitable to an elementary or secondary education school.

The City of Prairie du Chien's 2010 population was 5,911 according to the U.S. Census. Table P-1 lists City recreational properties and their acreage, and classifies the properties as defined in the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2005-2010. School properties acreages were also listed in Table P-1. Table P-2 estimates park acreages for mini, neighborhood, community, and special use parks.

Table P-1 Park Acreage in City of Prairie du Chien

| | Mini Park | Neighborhood | Community | Special Use | School Properties |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| St. Feriole Island ⁽¹⁾ | | | 240 | | |
| Villa Louis Historic Site (Operated by State Historical Society) | | | | 4 | |
| Charles Wacouta Aquatic Park/Fort Fun | | | | 2 | |
| Lochner Park | | | 6.3 | | |
| Washington Street Park | | 3 | | | |
| Cecil F. Smith Memorial Ball Park | | | 2 | | |
| O'Brien Park | 0.9 | | | | |
| Michigan and Park Street Park | 0.5 | | | | |
| Old Rock School | | | 1 | | |
| Blackhawk Junction Park | 0.05 | | | | |
| LaRiviere Farm Park | | | 300 | | |
| Kings Acres (undeveloped) | | 1 | | | |
| Marquette Rd & Parrish Street (undeveloped) | | | | | |
| Hoffman Hall Recreation Center | | | | | |
| Lockwood Street Boat Ramp | | | | | |
| Tourist Information Center | | | 6 | | |
| Prairie du Chien School Forest | | | | | 25 |
| B.A. Kennedy Grade School | | | | | 0.5 |
| Bluff View Intermediate School | | | | | 0.5 |
| Prairie du Chien High School | | | | | 5 |
| St. John's Catholic School | | | | | |
| St. Gabriel's Church and School | | | | | 2.7 |
| TOTAL ACRES | 1.45 | 4 | 549.3 | 6 | 33.7 |

(1) St. Feriole Island has recreational properties of Lawler Park (4 acres), St. Feriole Gardens (10 acres), Mississippi River Sculpture Park, St. Feriole Island Park-Baseball Complex (5 acres), Prairie du Chien Marina

Table P-2 Park Acreage by Class of Park

| | Total Acres | Acres per 1,000 people |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Mini Park | 1.5 | 0.25 |
| Neighborhood | 4 | 0.66 |
| Community | 549 | 91.12 |
| Special Use | 6 | 1.00 |
| Total | 560.5 | 93.03 |

Tables P-1 and P-2 show the City of Prairie du Chien has an abundance of recreational lands to serve its needs and at the same time has a deficiency of smaller (mini and neighborhood) parks. Consideration must be made for the location, distribution, type of use and users of these recreation facilities.

The City of Prairie du Chien has diverse recreational opportunities ranging from ball diamonds and swimming areas for formal group sports, woodland for individual enjoyment, to historical areas for tourism. The two largest parks are located in opposite areas: St. Feriole Island in the northwest portion of the City and La Riviere Farm Park located southeasterly.

It is important that parks be well distributed throughout the City to provide recreational opportunities to meet the needs of local residents within walking distance of their homes. The use of trails and pathways between both private and public recreation areas to assure easy access, and maintaining the distribution or varied recreation uses are an important part of meeting these needs.

The City of Prairie du Chien benefits economically from tourism due to the historic and natural resources of the City. The City considers the recreation needs of tourists an important need to address in this plan. Tourism dollars help fund improvements to recreation facilities and increase opportunities for the entire City.

IV. PLANNING PROCESS

The City of Prairie du Chien's outdoor recreation planning process has been ongoing through incorporation into planning documents, the Crawford County Recreation Plan, the City's Master Plan, the St. Feriole Island Re-Use Plan, the Downtown Development Master Plan – City of Prairie du Chien, 2005 City of Prairie du Chien Comprehensive Plan, Prairie du Chien Area Bike and Pedestrian Plan, 2009 City of Prairie du Chien Waterfront Plan, Fundraising Feasibility Study for Hoffman Hall Renovation-August 2010, and the Urban Forestry Plan of 2011. The vast amount of recreation opportunities available to the City and its residents makes formal planning for use of these resources necessary.

Inventory was taken of the City's parks and outdoor recreation resources. The initial inventory was done by City staff and citizens completing a detailed survey of all City owned facilities.

Meetings were scheduled with representatives of major interested organizations in the City. These included representatives of the Board of Park Commissioners, St. Feriole Island Reuse Committee and the La Riviere Farm Committee. Individual meetings were held as well as group meetings to review the inventory, discuss goals and objectives, determine needs, and draft the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

The Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 1991-1996 (SCORP) was used by the Committee to assess needs in the City in relationship to district and state recreation needs, and to determine if these needs are being met. The SCORP was also used in the discussion of Wisconsin recreation issues and policy recommendations in relationship to the City's recreation plan.

The City held a Public Hearing as part of the planning process to solicit public input. This Public Hearing was conducted by the City Council, Board of Park Commissioners and representatives of the St. Feriole Island Re-Use Committee and La Riviere Farm Park Committee. The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and recreation inventory were discussed and reviewed. The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan was presented to the City Plan Commission for their approval. Public input was taken and formal review was completed. The final Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan was adopted by the Prairie du Chien City Council.

The Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2005-2010 was used to update of City of Prairie du Chien Outdoor Recreation Plan 2012-2016. The update of City's will assure the City's eligibility to participate in state and federal recreation facility development programs such as the Land and Water Conservation Act Program (LAWCON) and the State Stewardship Program.

V. SUMMARY OF PAST PLANS

Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

This plan established needs and priorities for outdoor recreation throughout the State of Wisconsin, as well as establishing priorities by district. Outdoor recreation issues and policy recommendations are contained within. The City of Prairie du Chien is located in the Western District in this plan. The plan was used to assess city needs in relationship to district and State needs.

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Crawford County, 1984

The City of Prairie du Chien participated in the creation of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Crawford County Wisconsin, 1984 which was prepared as a guide for development of recreation facilities in the county. This plan was prepared in cooperation with the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission and Crawford County. The Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission updated the 1994 "City of Prairie du Chien Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan" in 1995 and 1998.

VI. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING REGION

Prairie du Chien is the largest city in Crawford County, in addition to being the County seat. Located on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River, just north of the Wisconsin River, it is the second oldest non-native settlement in Wisconsin. The City abounds with historical and natural attractions. The vast amount of points of interest creates a need for the City of Prairie du Chien to assess and plan for the recreation needs of the residents of the City and County as well as tourists.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF CITY

The City of Prairie du Chien's population increased by 6.4% between 1990 and 2000. This growth slowed in the next decade from 2000 through 2010 where the City showed a modest increase in population of .1%. Future population growth in the City is expected to be modest as shown in table P-3.

Table P-3 Prairie du Chien Population Estimates and Projections

| | 1960 ⁽¹⁾ | 1970 ⁽¹⁾ | 1980 ⁽¹⁾ | 1990 ⁽¹⁾ | 2000 ⁽¹⁾ | 2010 ⁽¹⁾ | 2015 ⁽²⁾ | 2020 ⁽²⁾ | 2025 ⁽²⁾ | 2030 ⁽²⁾ |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| C Prairie du Chien | 5,649 | 5,540 | 5,859 | 5,657 | 6,018 | 5,911 | 6,077 | 6,091 | 6,089 | 6,051 |
| Percentage change from preceding estimate or census | | -1.9 | 5.8 | -3.4 | 6.4 | -1.8 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.6 |

1) U.S. Decennial Census Est. 1960-2000; 2) Official Population Projections 2015-2030, WI Dept. of Admin., Demographic Services Ctr.

Table P-4 estimates that by the year 2035 over a quarter of the City's population is expected to be over age 65, a 10% increase since 1990. The projections also show a 2% decrease in the 10-14 and 15-19 age groups, a 3% decrease in the 20-54 age group, and a 6% decrease in the 0-9 age group. The 55-64 age group is projected to increase by 2%. The 2005-2010 SCORP stated the aging baby boom generation is a significant trend affecting outdoor recreation. This group because of improved health, fitness and lifestyle are participating in recreational activities well past those in previous generations and as this population continues to age, the demand for less active outdoor recreation pursuits and facilities—walking, gardening, and birding etc. has become an increasingly important factor. It is important that recreation facilities have good access for this growing user group by eliminating accessibility obstacles and providing well-constructed walking paths within the parks system.

Table P-4 Crawford County Population Age Trends 1990-2009 and Projections 2015-2035

| Age Group | 1990 ⁽¹⁾ | % | 2000 ⁽¹⁾ | % | 2009 ⁽²⁾ | % | 2015 ⁽³⁾ | % | 2020 ⁽³⁾ | % | 2025 ⁽³⁾ | % | 2030 ⁽³⁾ | % | 2035 ⁽³⁾ | % |
|------------|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| 0-9 | 2530 | 16 | 2188 | 13 | 1976 | 12 | 1991 | 11 | 2005 | 11 | 1988 | 11 | 1930 | 11 | 1847 | 10 |
| 10-14 | 1295 | 8 | 1324 | 8 | 1038 | 6 | 1043 | 6 | 1034 | 6 | 1047 | 6 | 1047 | 6 | 1028 | 6 |
| 15-19 | 1196 | 8 | 1550 | 9 | 1378 | 8 | 1102 | 6 | 1046 | 6 | 1037 | 6 | 1050 | 6 | 1050 | 6 |
| 20-54 | 6718 | 42 | 7664 | 44 | 6936 | 41 | 7486 | 42 | 7218 | 40 | 7074 | 39 | 7090 | 39 | 7014 | 39 |
| 55-64 | 1522 | 10 | 1764 | 10 | 2520 | 15 | 2929 | 16 | 2838 | 16 | 2577 | 14 | 2252 | 12 | 2195 | 12 |
| 65 & Older | 2679 | 17 | 2753 | 16 | 2883 | 17 | 3339 | 19 | 3926 | 22 | 4459 | 25 | 4815 | 26 | 4942 | 27 |
| Total | 15940 | 100 | 17243 | 100 | 16731 | 100 | 17890 | 100 | 18067 | 100 | 18182 | 100 | 18184 | 100 | 18076 | 100 |

Source: 1) U.S. Dept. of Commerce-Bureau of the Census; 2) U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program; 3) WI Dept. of Admin. Population Age Projections 2015-2035

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CITY

The City of Prairie du Chien is located at the confluence of the State's two major rivers, the Mississippi and the Wisconsin. The eastern limits consist mainly of a natural border of the rocky bluffs rising above the City. Much of the soils consist of sandy loam type, as well as silt deposits coming from upland runoff. The City's topography is generally flat, draining toward the west toward the Mississippi River. Major highways serving the City are U.S. Highway 18, and State Highways 27, 35 and 60. The City of Prairie du Chien is the location of the only bridge crossing the Mississippi River for approximately 25 miles. The portion of

Highway 35 through the City is designated as part of the Great River Road, a highway designated for sightseeing along the Mississippi River.

The City of Prairie du Chien also includes St. Feriole Island, which is bordered on its western shore by the east channel of the Mississippi River and on its east by a natural channel of the river. St Feriole Island is approximately two miles long, and one-half mile wide. The island, including Lawler Park, Washington Street Park, and St. Feriole Gardens are relatively flat and subject to flooding of the Mississippi River which will necessitate designs which conform to applicable floodplain regulations. Uses and improvements to these areas are constrained.



St. Feriole Island Slough

Topography, soils, and characteristics at La Riviere Farm Park are more varied. This park lies east of the City in hills and valleys surrounding the low lands. The park also has areas of natural grasses and vegetation.

VII. OUTDOOR RECREATION INVENTORY

NATURAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

MISSISSIPPI & WISCONSIN RIVER - The location of the City of Prairie du Chien on the Mississippi River near the Wisconsin River provides an abundance of natural recreation resources. The rivers themselves provide areas for fishing, boating, swimming, and water sports. The lowlands and the bluffs around the rivers provide an abundance of water based recreation and vistas for sightseeing, nature study, camping, hunting, hiking, walking, running, bicycling and picnicking. These resources are available both on public and private lands in the area.

The lower portion of the Wisconsin River is an area targeted by the State of Wisconsin Lower Wisconsin Riverway for passive recreation use to preserve the natural state of the river.

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY

The City of Prairie du Chien provides many outdoor recreational facilities. In addition to the facilities owned by the City, there are other outdoor recreation opportunities available to city residents. A detailed inventory of these facilities follows. The location of the City's outdoor recreation facilities can be found on the map on Page P-23.

St. Feriole Island is a 240-acre island located on the east channel of the Mississippi River with a mix of recreational opportunities. The island is an excellent habitat for migrating shorebirds and is rich in history. St. Feriole Island is the site of the earliest settlement and activity in Prairie du Chien, the Battle of Prairie du Chien during the War of 1812 and of the First Fort Crawford, where three important Indian treaties were signed. The Island is home of the Villa Louis, the Dousman family estate built on the site of Fort Crawford (operated by the Wisconsin State Historical Society), and contains Lawler Park on the riverfront, Mississippi River Sculpture Park, St. Feriole Island Gardens, and the St. Feriole Island Ball Park. The Island hosts several annual events including the Prairie Villa Rendezvous, Prairie Dog Blues Fest, Country on the River and Villa Louis Carriage Classic. St. Feriole Island provides ideal opportunities for walking, biking, fishing, picnicking and boating. There are also open fields on the northern end of the island. There are two approaches: Blackhawk Avenue and Washington Street.



Open Space on St. Feriole Island

The St. Feriolo Island Re-Use Plan was prepared in 1981 by UW-Wisconsin-Environmental Awareness Center and updated in 1986 by UW-Wisconsin Extension (Cooperative) Crawford County Office and Environmental Resources Center (Madison) in cooperation with the St. Feriolo Island Re-Use Committee. The plan is a comprehensive document that addresses needs specific to St. Feriolo Island. The recreation and tourism activities listed in the Island Re-use Plan include a hotel complex, integrated visitors center, improved public event area, swimming and camping area development, and improvement to the island access at Blackhawk Avenue.

Wisconsin State Historical Society: the largest concentration of historic sites and structures located on St. Feriolo Island is found within the Villa Louis Historic Site. The 25-acre Villa Louis Historic Site located at 521 Village Louis Road is operated by the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Covering approximately ten city blocks, the Villa Louis Historic Site is bounded on the south by Rolette Street, on the west by Water Street, on the north by Water Street extension, and on the east by Villa Louis Road. Seventeen structures are situated within the site, including the Villa Louis Mansion Complex, from which the site takes its name.



Villa Louis Historic Site

Two primary historic themes are presented at the Villa Louis within two groupings of historic structures: 1) Late 19th Century domestic life and leisure within the Victorian country estate of the Hercules Dousman family (known as the Villa Louis) and 2) the Fur Trade in Wisconsin through a series of structures and sites associated with French-Canadian settlement in the early 19th Century. Villa Louis has its original furnishings and has been restored to its 1890s elegance. Villa Louis is open to the public from May 1 to October 31 each year as well as for special Christmas programming in December. Average annual attendance is 25,000-30,000 visitors; an additional 10,000 to 15,000 annually visit the grounds without participating in formal tours. The Wisconsin Historical Society acquired the Brisbois Store (former known as Riverside Boat Repair) in the 1970s and established the Fur Trade Museum. The Brisbois House, an historical limestone residence, was restored by the Cornelius family in the 1950s and was given to the State Historical Society. Both the Fur Trade Museum and Brisbois House are operated in conjunction with Villa Louis. The three Villa Louis properties have been designated as National Registered Landmarks: A fourth National Registered Landmark, the Dousman House Hotel, is located just south of the Villa Louis Historic Site boundary. Together, these four landmarks constitute the greatest concentration of designated landmarks found within the State of Wisconsin. An inventory of from the National Register of Historic Places for the City of Prairie du Chien is found in Appendix A.

St. Feriolo Park is a regional park covering most of St. Feriolo Island. The park has three shelters for public use: 1) Shelter at Fisher and Villa Louis Road, 2) Jaycee Shelter at Bolvin & 5th Streets, and 3) Lessard Park Shelter (at end of East Blackhawk on the left).

Lawler Park (4 acres) is located on the west side of St. Feriolo Island and offers river and scenic views. The park has a storage building, two large picnic pavilions (South Shelter (gazebo) across from the Depot and the North Shelter), playground equipment, electric service, handicapped accessible restrooms, public boat access and a public parking area. The Rock Building is also located in Lawler Park.



Lawler Park Walkway

Mississippi River Sculpture Park located in St. Feriolo Park at Villa Louis Road and Bolvin Street has walking trails, shelter and life size bronze figures.

St. Feriolo Island Gardens - 10 acre garden and paths that are in development stages will include unique gardens such as the Children's Garden, Spring Pond Garden, and Stream Garden and Backwater Garden. The gardens have continued to grow and now serve as another visible facility for weddings, special events, and education programing.

St. Feriole Island Park Baseball Complex opened in the spring of 2010. The baseball complex has two lighted softball fields, one lighted baseball field, below-ground-level dugouts, a large concession stand, and handicap accessible restrooms. It is one of the finest complexes in southwest Wisconsin and the home of the annual Cajun Fest and multiple adult and youth tournament games.



St. Feriole Island Ball Park

Lucky Park – located near the entrance of St. Feriole Island is where the City's annual "Dropping the Carp" takes place on New Year's Eve. Carp Fest is a week-long event of recreation and fun that ends with "Dropping of the Carp" at Lucky Park. Carp Fest is nationally renowned and draws thousands of festers to the community each year.

St. Feriole Island Marina - A city-owned, full service, privately operated, pleasure boat marina is located on the island at St. Feriole Slough, which is the channel separating the island from the mainland and Lawler Park along the river. The Marina provides docking for approximately 100 vessels and storage facilities for watercraft, gasoline and supplies, toilets, and access to the main channel of the Mississippi River. The north end of the marina has a boat ramp open to the public.

Bike/Pedestrian Path - A marked bike trail extends from the island end of the Washington Street Bridge, past the vacated swimming pool, to the river. The trail uses roadways to concentrate bikes at one location across Villa Louis Road and reduces conflict with traffic at the commercial harbor and tourist traffic to the Villa Louis. Island trails should be improved and extended for access to the variety of recreational, historical, and tourist facilities.

Charles Wacouta Aquatic Park (Wells and Sixteenth Streets) - This community park, covering approximately two acres, is the location of the municipal outdoor swimming pool complex. The fenced complex includes a children's pool, plunge pool with slide, and swimming pool with diving hopper as well as bath house and a picnic shelter. The complex is accessible to handicapped individuals.

The park offers swimming for enjoyment and organized programs. The facility is staffed by the City. A volleyball area is also located for pleasure and tournament use. Plans are also in the works for a Prairie du Chien Skate Park near the aquatic center.



Fort Fun

Fort Fun, a large community built playground located adjacent to Wacouta Aquatic Park offers a shelter, four sand volleyball courts, and six horseshoe pits with handicapped accessible equipment.

Lochner Park (Wacouta and Wells Streets) - This 6.3-acre community park was listed as one of the City's best parks. The park has two storage buildings, two backstops and bleachers, two handicapped accessible flush toilets, a large open shelter and a smaller closed-in shelter at South Wacouta and Wells. Large groups use this park for gatherings, picnics, fund raising events, Special Olympics programs, and the City's many organized programs including soccer, baseball and football. Ice skating lessons are offered at Lochner Park during the winter months.

Washington Street Park (Washington and Main Streets) - This neighborhood park covers approximately 3 acres, located on the mainland along St. Feriole Slough opposite St. Feriole Island. Residential relocation in connection with the floodplain project resulted in this open space. The location is subject to periodic flooding, but the park provides water recreation access and scenic views. A handicapped-accessible, running-water equipped toilet with drinking fountain is on a knoll above the floodplain. A storage building, open-sided picnic shelter, play equipment, electric service, handicapped-accessible fishing platform, sandy beach, and a small boat launch are at this location. This is the city's main facility to administer its outdoor recreation programming including fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Twenty five new trees were planted in 2012 and a major upgrade of the park is planned for the spring of 2013.



Washington Park Picnic Shelter

Cecil F. Smith Memorial Ball Park (Taylor and Michigan Streets) - This 2-acre property is a major softball and baseball field serving the community. The park has two buildings, two dugouts, scoreboards, shelter, two backstops, bleachers, as well as an irrigation system to water to the field area, and flush toilets.

O'Brien Park - This 0.9 acre park has play apparatus, a picnic shelter, and a basketball court and some off-street parking.



Playground at O'Brien Park

Michigan And Park Street Park - This .5-acre park property is surrounded by a chain-link fence and includes a basketball court, playground equipment, and a sand volleyball court. This park was improved in 1997, as recommended in the 1995 plan, by removing the former small softball field, and adding the basketball court, and additional playground apparatus.



Veterans Memorial

Old Rock School (Marquette Road and Campion Boulevard) - This one-acre plot includes the historic Rock School built in 1858 in the Greek Revival style, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the oldest existing example of a public school building in the area. The first floor of the two-story building has been renovated and is used for public meetings and gatherings. The Veterans Memorial and a newly constructed shelter are located at this site.

Campion Boat Landing (west end of Lockwood Street) - This community park has a paved public boat ramp, parking area restrooms and a picnic area. The landing provides access to the Mississippi River east channel from the southwest area of the City. The courtesy dock and ramp need to be made handicapped accessible. Plans to upgrade the landing with a new ramp and handicapped accessibility are in place for 2013.

Blackhawk Junction Park (Wisconsin Street and Stuart Lane) - This parcel of land, approximately one-half city block square, is located next to the water pumping station, and owned by the City. This neighborhood park primarily serves nearby elderly and family housing complexes. The park has some playground equipment and picnic tables.

La Riviere Farm Park (62036 Vineyard Coulee Road) - This 300 acre park is located in the southeast part of the City in its natural setting with native prairie. This 300-acre farm was donated to the city in 1977. The park is a mix of hardwood forest, grasslands, and native prairie. La Riviere Farm Park provides 6 miles of hiking trails, nature viewing, bird watching, cross country skiing, 50-60 miles of horse trails in park and adjoining trails, archery area, picnic area and (park barn) shelter house. It offers one of the few free horse camping in the United States. Also primitive camping (in designated area) is available with water and 30 electrical hookups on a first come, first serve basis. No reservations taken.

Hoffman Hall Recreation Center- This tremendous asset to the city has an indoor pool, gymnasium, wrestling/aerobics room, 500 lockers, and a lounge area with a kitchen. There are also 4 fenced tennis courts located just west of Hoffman Hall on South Wacouta Avenue. Hoffman Hall was opened in 1963, and was named after famed Coach William Hoffman, who coached teams in several sports over 41 years, winning nearly 70 percent of his games. It was originally constructed as part of the Campion High School campus, and was later sold to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. They operated the campus as Martin Luther Preparatory School from 1979 to 1995. The State of Wisconsin purchased the facility in 1995, and converted it to a Juvenile Correctional Institution for non-assaultive male youthful offenders. The building has been owned by the City for 12 years. The City of Prairie du Chien will be renovating Hoffman Hall to serve as a community wellness, recreation and convening center. Hoffman Hall received a \$225,000 grant from the State of Wisconsin in 2010 for energy improvements and \$100,000 for ADA compliance. In 2011, forty two thousand users utilized Hoffmann Hall. The city will need to continue fund raising to keep the facility functional and efficient for the future.



Hoffman Hall Pool

City recreational activities currently offered at Hoffman Hall to city residents include badminton, tennis, basketball, indoor soccer, swimming, fitness programs, ballroom dancing, pre-school fun and games, ping pong, foosball, x-games, and senior activities (coffee clatchers and potlucks). Many tournaments, special events and rentals have turned this facility into the area's busiest community center.



Hoffman Hall – Craft Show

Kings Acres (Jackson and Wisconsin Streets) - This is a one-acre parcel which is part of a relatively new subdivision bordering the bluffs on the east side of the City. It is an undeveloped neighborhood park. Improvements at this park initially would be playground apparatus.

Marquette Road & Parrish Street - This small triangular shaped parcel of land was donated to the City. The park's location between a main highway and the railroad tracks has limited its development as a park. No improvements are planned for the near future.

Recreation Trails - The City of Prairie du Chien has marked and developed trails for recreation uses in many areas of the City. These trails serve bicycling, hiking, walking and running, snowmobiling and cross country skiing, in addition to providing access and linking recreation facilities used for other purposes.

Improved and marked bicycle trails or paths are currently located across the center area of the City. Asphalt surfaces or sidewalks make up the marked trails. Separate pathways for bicycles, joggers, and skaters which more or less parallel vehicular roadways and provide direct access between points for users are useful additions for both recreational cyclists/skaters and those who use them for commuting. Bike trails which wander off through parks or into scenic areas and add distance to an otherwise straight-line trip continue to have benefit to recreational users, but diminish their usefulness to commuters or transportation users of bicycles/skates. Bicycle ways are marked along Wells Street from the Wacouta Aquatic Park, on a sidewalk, west to Marquette Road. At this signalized intersection access is then made to a paved pathway that parallels Marquette on the west side, south to La Pointe Street and north to Webster Street. This provides a safe alternative for both adults and children, from riding on the very busy Marquette Road/USH 18/STH 35. On streets that are less well traveled than Marquette Road, and where there is not a clear off-road reasonable alternative intended for bicycles, it must be kept in mind that, under state law, bicycles are considered vehicles, and have the same rights and privileges, and responsibilities, as any other vehicle on the street. Obviously small children cannot be expected to understand all the "rules of the road", nor to exercise mature judgment in traffic, and provision should be made for their bicycling on sidewalks or other paths separate from motorized traffic. In addition to the Wells/Marquette bicycle way there is a paved bike path on St. Feriole Island along Bolvin Street from North 6th west to Villa Louis Road, and across this road into the State Historical Society's Villa Louis grounds.

The City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Plan in 2004 recommended several bicycle loops for the City. The major loops identified include the City Loop (east and west), North Loop, and South Loop. 1) The City Loop East (4.7 miles) loops around the eastern half of the City eastern city limits; connects northern residential areas with Bluff View School and provides recreational users with path along bluff. 2) The City Loop West (5.3 miles) loops around western half of City, paralleling the river, connecting the downtown with southern retail areas; and provides recreational users with path along backwaters and access to St. Feriole Island. 3) North Loop (6.2 miles) describes the path north of the City and in the Town of Prairie du Chien, connecting the City with Township destinations; and provides recreational users with path through a rural setting. 4) South Loop (7.0 miles) describes the path south of the City and in the Town of Bridgeport, connecting the City with Township destinations; and provides recreational users with a path through La Riviere Park and to the golf course.

In 2005 the City of Prairie du Chien received an Urban Rivers Program grant that was used to develop a recreation trail on St. Feriole Island along with trailhead parking and signage.

In 2007 the City of Prairie du Chien was awarded a \$221,941 Safe Routes to School grant award to contract a multi-use trail along with signage and marking. The grant money was used to construct a 10-foot-wide asphalt trail from the intersection of Taylor and Fremont streets running east. The trail turns south and runs behind Bluff View continuing south along 22nd Street to Champion Boulevard. This portion of the trail will be a "dedicated" trail, separate from any roadway. The trail then

runs west on Campion Boulevard from 22nd Street to 11th Street on a shared roadway with signage and a painted line. There is also a 10-foot-wide dedicated trail constructed along Dousman Street from near the high school and running south to Wells Street. The trail then runs east along Wells Street to Bluff View, where it joins up with the new trail. The portion of the trail along Wells Street is a dedicated trail.

Construction on a new highway 18 bypass was completed in 2011. This project included a bypass that has a 10 foot wide asphalt bicycle/ pedestrian path (with park benches) along the east side of the highway that serves west side schools and residents. The bypass also includes a bridge over the railroad on La Pointe Street, allowing pedestrians and bicyclists safe passage over the railroad corridor.

Tourist Information Center - The Tourist Information Center Building, which is owned by the City, is located on approximately 6 acres of state-owned land between the east and westbound lanes of U.S. Highway 18, at the foot of the Mississippi River bridge. The center building includes rest rooms, a meeting room, visitor information desk, and Chamber of Commerce office. The facility has a large newly remodeled parking area, displays, a covered walking path, and picnic areas viewing the river.

OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES

MUSEUM OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN: This museum is in the structure formerly known as the Fort Crawford Medical Museum. The building itself, above ground, is a replica of the Fort Crawford hospital, built on the original foundation of the building which served as the hospital when the Fort relocated from St. Feriole Island in 1832. For several years this museum was operated by the Medical Society of Wisconsin and primarily featured the history of medicine from frontier days to modern times.



Fort Crawford Military Hospital

The museum is now owned and operated by the Prairie du Chien Historical Society, Inc. and includes early history of the City as well as continuing the medical history theme. A famous medical experiment was conducted under inadvertent circumstances at Fort Crawford in 1820s-1830s when Post Surgeon Dr. Beaumont was treating a French fur trapper who had been shot in stomach with a shotgun, and wound failed to heal properly. It was the first observation of the human digestive process in a living patient, and is famous in medical annals. The commanding officer at the Fort during this time was Colonel Zachery Taylor, who later became president of United States, while a young lieutenant who helped supervise the Fort's relocation was Jefferson Davis, who later became president of the Confederate States.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL GROUNDS - The City of Prairie du Chien has several public and private schools with outdoor recreational facilities which are available to the general public as well. The Prairie du Chien School District also allows the City Park Department to have indoor-organized recreational programs, such as basketball leagues and exercise classes, in the high school and grade school gyms.

B.A Kennedy Grade School (400 S Wacouta Avenue) ½ acre - multiple pieces of playground equipment with a wood chips base.

Bluffview Intermediate (1901 E Wells Street) ½ acre - multiple pieces of equipment with handicapped accessible rubberized surface and 2 softball fields which are also used for soccer.



Middle School Basketball Courts

Prairie du Chien High School (800 East Crawford Street) 5 acres – outdoor track open to walking/running most times when not used by school sports or physical education classes. High school also has a baseball field available for public use arranged through activities director.

St. John's Catholic School (720 S. Wacouta Avenue) has a fenced playground with play equipment and paved court area available for public use during non-school hours.

St. Gabriel's Church and School (515 N. Beaumont Road) Has playground equipment, basketball hoops, as well as a parking lot. These facilities are available for public use when unoccupied by school or church activities.

Prairie du Chien School Forest - covers 25 acres located on State Highway 27 adjacent to the eastern city limits. This area is open to the public for outdoor recreational use, such as hiking, walking, running and nature study. There are no improvements at this location.

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY (Marquette Road) - This facility provides areas for recreation use to local residents when not being used by the National Guard.

OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMS - The City of Prairie du Chien staffs the City swimming pool with lifeguards, pool attendants, and provides organized swimming programs. Prairie du Chien also employs a full-time recreation director to organize recreation programs, organize softball leagues and tournaments, conduct youth recreation programs, organize indoor winter sports programs for the Park Department at school facilities and the ice rink in Lochner Park.

AREA RECREATION FACILITIES - Residents of the City of Prairie du Chien have access to numerous outdoor recreation facilities in addition those located in the City limits. These include several large federal, state, and private recreation facilities as follows:

Effigy Mounds National Monument - Located on the west side of the Mississippi River, in the State of Iowa, this park served 90,900 visitors in 1993.

Upper Mississippi River Fish & Wildlife Refuge is a large area of land designated to maintain the natural fish and wildlife habitat along the Mississippi River. This area is often used for outdoor recreation and enjoyment and had approximately 100,000 visitors in 1992. Areas of the Refuge can be used for fishing, hunting, bird watching, biking, hiking and canoeing.

In 2010 the City of Prairie du Chien received a \$55,000 grant to study the feasibility of a trolley service to connect Effigy Mounds National Monument in Harpers Ferry Iowa with the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge and surrounding gateway communities.

Wyalusing State Park - This State Park is located south of the City at the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers. Much of the State Park is on steep bluffs overlooking both the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers. Wyalusing Park features burial mounds, canoeing, bird watching, hiking, fishing, camping and biking. In 1992, Wyalusing was host to almost 179,000 visitors.

Pikes Peak State Park - In Iowa, this large area facility received over 189,000 visitors in 1993. The park has scenic vistas from on top the bluffs and features camping, hiking, biking and wildlife viewing.

Yellow River State Forest - This large area located in Iowa, near Harpers Ferry, provides a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities including camping, hiking, and scenic views.

Prairie Du Chien Country Club - A public stockholder owned 18-hole golf course is located 3 1/2 miles southeast of the city on U.S. Highway 18. The course has a public driving range, and the course is open to the public. The Country Club includes facilities to serve the public needs.

Tourists using the Iowa parks often visit sites in the City of Prairie du Chien and use their facilities as well. Some of the City's most prominent events and festivals are located below.

Events and Festivals

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, parade with festivities at local businesses, downtown Prairie du Chien.

Annual Prairie Villa Rendezvous, Prairie du Chien, St. Feriole Island, along the Mississippi River. Re-enactment of the fur trading era environment recreating life as it was in 1840's when Prairie du Chien was the hub of the fur trading. Rendezvous is held in June each year.

Prairie Dog Blues Festival, International, national and regional blues bands perform on two stages in a park-like setting. Event includes ski team performance, food and beverage stands, various vendors with hand-made products with camping available on site, St. Feriole Island along the Mississippi River.

Annual Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Villa Louis, Prairie du Chien held in September, Classic features some of the region's finest horses and over 100 new and restored carriages compete in a variety of arena and cross-country events.

Carp Fest, is a week-long event of festivities for all age groups leading up to a finale on New Year's Eve with "Dropping of the Carp".

Cajun Fest, celebrating with authentic Louisiana food, beverages and music, held at the St. Feriole Island Ball Park.

VIII. OUTDOOR RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A recreation needs assessment was completed based on results of the City's recreation facilities inventory and needs discussions. This assessment includes future park development and a program for continued operation and maintenance of high-quality recreation facilities.

CITY-WIDE RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The City of Prairie du Chien has an abundance of recreation land with a diversity of uses. Future development of these recreation facilities to provide high-quality facilities and opportunities was identified as an important need. Development of facilities will include significant improvements to recreation areas, including St. Feriole Island, Lawler Park and Hoffman Hall.

Development of the large amount of park land in the City will require funding in addition to amounts allocated in the City's annual budget. A combined effort of the City, civic organizations, the private sector, tourist dollars, and volunteers will be needed for implementation. One of the City's largest facilities, St. Feriole Island Ball Park is run by the St. Feriole Island Park, Inc., a tax-exempt, non-profit organization formed in 2002. Another large facility, La Riviere Farm Park also has a committee established to oversee park needs and assist in funding of development.

In the spring of 2010, the City of Prairie du Chien engaged a consultant to conduct a Feasibility Study to determine the climate for a proposed \$4 million Capital Campaign to underwrite the cost of renovating city-owned Hoffman Hall to serve as a community wellness, recreation and convening center. The city approved Phase I of this plan (\$1.89 million). A fund raising campaign is currently underway to assist in building a "state of the art" skate park at Fort Fun Park. Major park improvements are also scheduled in 2013 for Washington Street Park that could include a new canoe/kayak dock launch, a handicapped accessible fishing pier, shoreline improvements, a multi-use paved trail along shoreline from Washington Street bridge to Cedar Street boat landing, 2 accessible parking lots, and an open sided shelter that will ultimately be the site of canoe/kayak and bike rentals. Another initiative underway is the establishment of an urban forestry program that will help protect the City's diverse community forest.

The City Parks and Recreation Department continues to provide exceptional recreation programming and in 2010 was one of 7 organizations in the U.S. to be awarded the "Take-Me-Fishing" grant as part of the national alliance with Takemefishing, Recreation Boating and Fishing Foundation, and the National Parks and Recreation Association. This grant makes it possible to the City to offer numerous programs on fishing including hands on instruction group fishing; family fishing nights; fish pole rentals free of charge; youth fishing derbies; a youth fishing camp; Canoe/Kayak rentals, instruction, and day camps; and "Carp Fest".

The City will work in conjunction with other jurisdictions such as schools, state, and local facilities to provide recreational opportunities. It will also be necessary to seek additional funding from sources of various grant and loan programs from outside agencies. This will allow for more diverse recreational opportunities to users at less cost.

Tourism dollars and user fees will also be important in developing high-quality recreation facilities and their regular operation and maintenance. Increased tourism through recreation opportunities benefits the community. Local businesses benefit from tourism dollars. Additional tourism funds should also be captured from tourists using these developed recreation facilities. This will assist in maintaining the quality of facilities that the City desires, and may generate revenue for future development to meet needs of residents.

The City wishes to provide varied outdoor recreational opportunities and experiences for its users. The City needs to acquire a limited amount of park land, especially in neighborhoods of new residential growth on the east side of the city. Existing parks in the southeast part of the city are landlocked with no additional room for expansion. Additional acquisition should occur in the northeast part of the City, north of STH 27 and east of Marquette Road, but currently there is no land available in that quadrant.

With respect to St. Feriole Island, several privately-owned lots should be acquired to allow for a more comprehensive approach to the island development. The north side beach area & Northern Engraving property has enormous potential for recreation & leisure purposes and should be upgraded. In addition a nine hole Disc Golf course which would not only serve as a community asset but also a tourism destination should be explored.

The City, like all of Wisconsin and the Nation, can expect the percentage of older people in the population to increase, and recreation facilities need to accommodate this aging population. Features such as trails and paths are well used by older people, and greenways for passive enjoyment are also useful. The use of Hoffman Hall, with its Olympic size pool, while an indoor facility, is a considerable benefit to the City and a huge step toward accommodating the needs of older people for wellness and leisure programs.

Use and enhancement of natural greenways are important in facility development. The number of recreation acres in the City, and the abundance of natural assets such as the river and scenic views, creates an opportunity and demand for developing these areas. Recreation users can enjoy hiking, walking, running, biking and passive recreation, while preserving the natural environment.

Areas such as the native prairies and grasslands at La Riviere Farm Park are an important asset for land preservation and ecology. Development and improvements to the recreation trails need to take this into account. Greenway areas at St. Feriole Island and throughout the City would provide natural recreation enhancements.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED

The City of Prairie du Chien's recreation facilities as yet have limited accessibility to the handicapped, although progress is being made. Charles Wacouta Aquatic Park, Lawler Park, St. Feriole Island Park Baseball Complex, Washington Street Park, and Lochner Park all have accessible rest rooms and walkways between the parking lot, rest rooms, and at least one of the picnic shelters or other main feature of the park. Fishing site access has been made ADA compliant at Lawler Park on St. Feriole Island, and the opening of ADA compliant public rest rooms in an adjacent commercial building has been an improvement from the previous situation. Future improvements to the City facilities need to include accessibility criteria to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

NEEDS BEING MET AT EACH FACILITY:

Specific recreation needs for each location were identified and prioritized in the City's recreation inventory process. Many of the less expensive recreation needs are met by the City's operation and maintenance program, and are reflected in the City's annual budget. Other needs which are not met by the City's Parks and Recreation operation and maintenance programs are included in Appendix B – Goals and Actions.

SCORP NEEDS

The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2005-2010 divides the State into 8 planning regions: the great Northwest, Northwoods, Upper Lake Michigan Coastal, Lower Lake Michigan Coastal, Southern Gateways, Mississippi River Corridor, Western Sands and Lake Winnebago Waters. The City of Prairie du Chien is located in the Mississippi River

Corridor Region in the southwestern portion of the state encompassing St. Croix, Dunn, Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo, Trempealeau, La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and Grant Counties. The Mississippi River running along this region's western border is the primary recreational resource with the river and its backwaters providing a variety of nature- and water-based recreational activities.

The Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Plan (SCORP) 2005-2010 identified statewide recreation priorities. Percentage changes in recreation participation rates, as well as industry forecasts and opinions from recreation professionals were considered when forecasting what outdoor recreation activities will be popular in the future. The activities expected to **increase** in demand were: ATVing, Birdwatching, Canoeing, Driving for Pleasure, Gardening, Geocaching, Kayaking, Motorboating, Off-road Motorcycling, Paintball, Picnic, Road Biking, RV Camping, Skateboarding, Snowboarding, Snowshoeing, Visit a Dog Park, Walking, Water Parks, and Wildlife Viewing/ Photography. Outdoor activities expected to increase are often popular with all generations, are affordable, and are easy accessible. Activities expected to **decrease** in demand were: Backpacking, Downhill Skiing, Golf, Hunting, Mountain Biking, Snowmobile, and Team Sports with the exception of soccer, all other sports have declined. Some of the reasons cited for the possible decline of these outdoor recreation activities include access, cost, an aging population, and shortage of snow. Activities expected to remain **stable** were: Cross-Country Skiing, Day Hiking, Disc Golf, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Ice Skating, Inline Skating, Personal Watercraft, Rock Climbing, Rowing, Run/Jog, Sailing, Scuba/Snorkel, Swimming, Tennis, and Tent Camping.

Events and issues that influence outdoor recreation are always changing. The SCORP identified seven indicator areas relevant to the task of determining future recreation demands: 1) Demographics - As people age the recreation activities they participate in may change, changes in family structure (an increase in single parent families) can change recreation choices, and income levels will also determine participation in an outdoor activity. 2) Health and Wellness - The investment in park facilities by a municipality can provide health benefits for residents. 3) Environment - Changes in weather patterns make seasonal recreation less reliable and recreation planning difficult. 4) Technology - Electronic communication innovations have created interactive opportunities for recreation through the Internet, computer simulated games and sports, and other electronic sources and has also detracted from more traditional recreation activities. Outdoor recreation providers have to provide and maintain high quality service in all their recreational programming and facilities. 5) Economics - Different income levels influence participating rates in various forms of recreation. 6) Government, and 7) Changing Land Use. Pressures on government lands—greater scarcity and high cost of land, rising operating costs and revenue limits, and increasing anti-taxation sentiment—will all affect the operation and development of recreational facilities and programs on these lands.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS

One of the City of Prairie du Chien's recreation objectives is to maximize use of recreation facilities and opportunities, maintain high-quality recreation facilities, and promote the tourism industry. In 2007 tourism expenditures in Crawford County were estimated at \$50 million. The city's ordinances enacting a room tax provides revenue for tourism promotion. St. Feriole Island is a focus of this effort. In order to attain this objective, the City has assessed its capital recreation needs for future development and determined how facilities can be maintained and financed.

With respect to accessibility of parks and other facilities, the City will work to bring City recreational properties into conformance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Maintenance of recreation areas to protect natural environment while providing public enjoyment of resources is important to the City's recreation plan. This type of maintenance is a process of being aware of these resources and the impact of recreation activities. Programs informing recreation users of environmental concerns and identifying sensitive areas should be implemented. The incorporation of greenways, environmental corridors, and undeveloped areas in the plan are important to accomplishing this objective.

Floodways, wetlands, and ground water are an environmental concern in recreation development. Prairie du Chien's location on the Mississippi River makes many areas susceptible to flooding and storm water problems. Recreation uses in these sensitive areas should be planned and designed to comply with floodplain regulations and, at the same time, protect this natural resource. Trails for recreation uses would provide enjoyment of these scenic natural areas as well.

Two of the La Riviere Farm Park objectives include protection of the natural environment. These objectives are to enhance wildlife habitat, and to protect easily damaged soils. Activities in these areas will also assist in accomplishing a third objective of using the Farm as outdoor classroom. Recreation development should be especially controlled at this location to protect and enhance these resources.

The City received a \$46,000 DNR grant to implement an urban forestry program. The goals are to maintain the diversity, number, and health of trees in its community forest; to prevent or slow the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer to public and private trees in the City; to increase awareness about the value of trees to the City's environment and economy; and to build local capacity in the proper management of the community forest.

In 2009, the Prairie du Chien City Council adopted the City of Prairie du Chien Waterfront Plan prepared by Vierbicher Associates, Inc. An Implementation Plan was prepared as part of that plan and is included in Appendix B with the City's Capital Improvement Schedule. The City will pursue the recommendations and improvements cited.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

The City of Prairie du Chien has a limited capital improvement budget for recreation facilities. It is important that the City have a capital improvements schedule with these limited resources.

Recreation improvement needs are show in Appendix B. These needs were identified in the recreation planning process. The schedule lists anticipated improvements by priority and indicates the year in which the development is expected to take place. Establishing a time-frame to meet each need provides the City with a planning tool to attain its recreation goals.

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

The City of Prairie du Chien provides staff for operation and maintenance of recreation facilities, while relying on other agencies for additional support. The City budgets for public works employees and temporary employees for maintenance of facilities. Maintenance duties include mowing of park facilities and maintenance at the swimming pool. The City also employs a full time Parks & Recreation Director and an Aquatics/Fitness Coordinator along with some additional part-time staff. These individuals are responsible for the overall operation and coordination of uses at the various recreation facilities. It is strongly believed that sufficient full time staff and individuals to coordinate, maintain, and improve recreation facilities are vital to providing high-quality recreation opportunities. Hoffman Hall recreation center must increase staffing to utilize its full potential.

Additional maintenance of recreation facilities is provided by volunteers and organizations using these sites. The Board of Park Commissioners, St. Feriole Island Park, Inc., Sculpture Park Committee, St. Feriole Island Gardens Committee and La Riviere Farm Park Committee also provide oversight assistance to the operation and maintenance of the respective recreation facilities. Coordination with these groups on a regular basis in the future is important for implementation of the recreation plan to maintain the high-quality recreation facilities desired.

FUNDING PROGRAMS

The City of Prairie du Chien allocates funds annually in their annual budget for recreation facilities. The City also provides recreation staff including a full time Parks & Recreation director, Aquatics/Fitness Coordinator, and part-time staff, along with public works and temporary employees for maintenance of facilities. It is important to identify other sources of funding to supplement the tax dollars provided by the City for recreation purposes.

In addition to the above, the City receives approximately \$50,000 in revenue annually in park user fees, primarily from the Charles Wacouta Aquatic Park. Historically, user fees at the aquatic park are impacted significantly by weather conditions. Special programs and different levels of participation could be sought as a source of additional revenue at this location with additional budgeted staffing.

La Riviere Farm Park has additional sources of income from non-recreational uses of the facilities. Combined income is generated from rental of the farm house, CRP payment, and cropland rent. These resources and assistance from the City will improve the Farm's accessibility and availability to the public.

Continued cooperation between the City, civic organizations, the private sector, and volunteers will be needed for implementation of the recreation plan. The City will also continue to work with schools, state historical agencies, and other local and private organizations providing recreational activities. The City should also implement additional financing strategies at the local level for recreation needs. Opportunities for recreation land should be included in development areas such as Tax Increment Districts, industrial development and downtown development areas.

The City will continue to encourage and assist committees representing St. Feriole Island Sculpture Park and La Riviere Farm Park in obtaining other funding. These sources may include money from private sources and user fees. The City will look for opportunities in the private sector to provide quality recreation facilities and services. Joint public-private uses, such as the Marina on St. Feriole Island, should be encouraged if they correspond to the recreation goals and objectives of the plan. Doing so will maximize use of limited recreation resources.

Another objective of the City is to promote recreation and tourism resources and opportunities. Captured tourism dollars will be utilized for development and ongoing maintenance of recreation facilities. It is expected that development and maintenance of high-quality facilities will foster additional tourist use of recreation facilities.

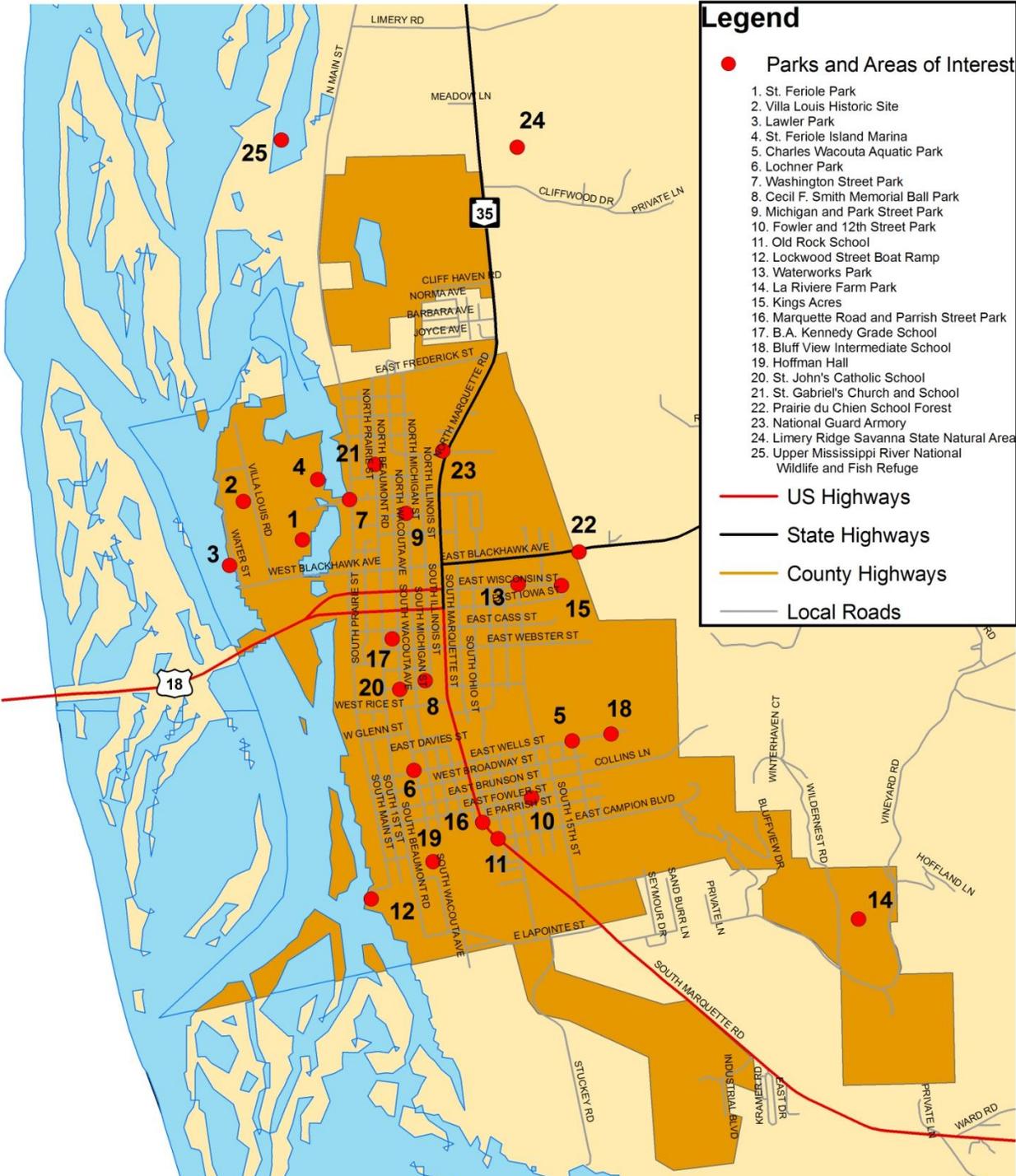
Sources of additional financial funding from various grant and loan programs will be sought. These programs may finance planned recreational improvements directly, or aid in activities that benefit recreation programs and facilities in the City.

Possible sources of funding available include Wisconsin state agencies such as the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), Dept. of Transportation (DOT), State Historical Society, and Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Other possible funding sources may include the USDA Rural Development Association (RDA), National Park Service, and National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Financing tools are also available at the City level that may be implemented. Financing can be done through creation of Special Tax Districts, Tax Incremental Finance, Special Assessments, or Special Charges and Fees. The use of these strategies is encouraged to improve and enhance recreation facilities in the City.

Appendix C includes information on financing programs presented in the 2005-2010 SCORP.

City of Prairie du Chien Inventory Map



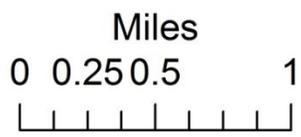
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- Parks and Areas of Interest
- 1. St. Feriole Park
- 2. Villa Louis Historic Site
- 3. Lawler Park
- 4. St. Feriole Island Marina
- 5. Charles Wacouta Aquatic Park
- 6. Lochner Park
- 7. Washington Street Park
- 8. Cecil F. Smith Memorial Ball Park
- 9. Michigan and Park Street Park
- 10. Fowler and 12th Street Park
- 11. Old Rock School
- 12. Lockwood Street Boat Ramp
- 13. Waterworks Park
- 14. La Riviere Farm Park
- 15. Kings Acres
- 16. Marquette Road and Parrish Street Park
- 17. B. A. Kennedy Grade School
- 18. Bluff View Intermediate School
- 19. Hoffman Hall
- 20. St. John's Catholic School
- 21. St. Gabriel's Church and School
- 22. Prairie du Chien School Forest
- 23. National Guard Armory
- 24. Limerly Ridge Savanna State Natural Area
- 25. Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

- US Highways
- State Highways
- County Highways
- Local Roads



Map prepared by Bret Mittelstaedt, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse Geography Intern for the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission



APPENDICES

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| <p>Astor Fur Warehouse*** (added 1966 – Building - #66000800) Also known as American Fur Company Warehouse Water St., St. Feriole Island, Prairie du Chien</p> | <p>Brisbois, Michael, House*** (added 1966 – Building - #66000801) Water St., St. Feriole Island, Prairie du Chien</p> |
| <p>Historic Significance: Event Area of Significance: Exploration/Settlement, Commerce Period of Significance: 1825-1849, 1850-1874 Owner: State Historic Function: Commerce/Trade Historic Sub-function: Warehouse Current Function: Recreation and Culture Current Sub-Function: Museum</p> | <p>Historic Significance: Event, Architecture/Engineering Architect, builder, or engineer: Unknown Architectural Style: Federal Area of Significance: Exploration/Settlement, Architecture Period of Significance: 1825-1849 Owner: State Historic Function: Domestic Historic Sub-function: Single Dwelling Current Function: Vacant/Not in Use</p> |
| <p>Commercial Hotel (added 2002 – Building - #02001342) Also known as Fort Crawford Hotel 201 W. Blackhawk Ave., Prairie du Chien</p> | <p>Crawford County Courthouse (added 1982 – Building - #82000645) Also known as 1030741846; 1020751833; 0502783014; 1031771749; 0902712; 02047721 220 N. Beaumont Rd., Prairie du Chien</p> |
| <p>Historic Significance: Event Area of Significance: Commerce Period of Significance: 1875-1899, 1999-1924, 1925-1949, 1950-1974 Owner: Local Gov't Historic Function: Domestic Historic Sub-function: Hotel Current Function: Vacant/Not in Use</p> | <p>Historic Significance: Event, Architecture/Engineering Architect, builder, or engineer: Menges, Michael Architectural Style: Italianate, Other, Colonial Revival Area of Significance: Politics/Government, Architecture Period of Significance: 1850-1874, 1925-1949 Owner: Local Gov't Historic Function: Government Historic Sub-function: Courthouse Current Function: Government Current Sub-Function: Courthouse</p> |
| <p>Dousman Hotel ***(added 1996 – Building - #66000122) Fisher St. and River Rd., Prairie du Chien</p> | <p>Folsom, W.H.C., House (added 1984 – Building - #84000692) Also known as Knowlton House 109 Blackhawk Ave., Prairie du Chien</p> |
| <p>Historic Significance: Event, Architecture/Engineering Architectural Style: No Style Listed. Area of Significance: Architecture, Exploration/Settlement, Commerce Period of Significance: 1850-1874, 1875-1899 Owner: Private Historic Function: Domestic Historic Sub-function: Hotel Current Function: Vacant/Not in Use</p> | <p>Historic Significance: Event, Architecture/Engineering Architect, builder, or engineer: Unknown Architectural Style: Greek Revival Area of Significance: Social History, Architecture Period of Significance: 1825-1849, 1900-1924 Owner: State Historic Function: Domestic, Social Historic Sub-function: Clubhouse, Single Dwelling Current Function: Commerce/Trade Current Sub-Function: Business</p> |
| <p>Fort Crawford Military Hospital ***(added 1996 – Site - #66000121) Also known as Museum of Medical Progress Rice Street and South Beaumont Rd., Prairie du Chien</p> | <p>Old Rock School (added 1983 – Building - #83004265) Also known as Crawford County District #1 School S. Marquette Rd., at Parrish St., Prairie du Chien</p> |
| <p>Historic Significance: Event Area of Significance: Health/Medicine Period of Significance: 1825-1849 Owner: State Historic Function: Education, Health Care Historic Sub-function: Hospital, Research Facility Current Function: Vacant/Not in Use</p> | <p>Historic Significance: Event, Architecture/Engineering Architect, builder, or engineer: Gates, Ashbel Architectural Style: Greek Revival Area of Significance: Community Planning & Develop., Educ., Architecture Period of Significance: 1850-1874, 1875-1899, 1900-1924 Owner: Local Gov't Historic Function: Education Historic Sub-function: School Current Function: Education, Social Current Sub-Function: Civic</p> |

APPENDIX A

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| <p>Powers, Strange, House ***(added 1979 – Building - #790000671) 336 N. Main St., Prairie du Chien</p> | <p>Prairie du Chien Post Office (added 2000 – Building - #00001263) 120 S. Beaumont Rd., Prairie du Chien</p> |
| <p>Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering Architectural Style: Bangalow/Craftsman, Other</p> <p>Area of Significance: Exploration/Settlement, Architecture Period of Significance: 1800-1824 Owner: Private Historic Function: Domestic Historic Sub-function: Single Dwelling Current Function: Domestic Current Sub-Function: Single Dwelling</p> | <p>Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering Architect, builder, or engineer: Simon, Louis A and Melick Neal A., Greer, Jefferson E. Architectural Style: Modern Movement Area of Significance: Art Period of Significance: 1925-1949 Owner: Federal Historic Function: Government Historic Sub-function: Post Office Current Function: Government Current Sub-Function: Post Office</p> |
| <p>Prairie du Chien City Hall ***(added 2002 – Building - #02001186) 207 W. Blackhawk Ave., Prairie du Chien</p> | <p>Rolette House (added 1972 – Building - #7200046) NE corner of N. Water & Fisher Streets, Prairie du Chien</p> |
| <p>Historic Significance: Event Area of Significance: Politics/Government, Entertainment/Recreation Period of Significance: 1875-1899, 1900-1924, 1925-1949 Owner: Local Gov't Historic Function: Government Historic Sub-function: City Hall Current Function: Government Current Sub-Function: City Hall</p> | <p>Historic Significance: Person Historic Person: Rolette, Joseph Area of Significance: Commerce Period of Significance: 1825-1849 Owner: State Historic Function: Domestic Historic Sub-function: Single Dwelling Current Function: Vacant/Not in Use</p> |
| <p>Villa Louis ***(added 1966– Building - #6600123) Also known as Dousman Mansion Villa Rd and Bolvin St, Prairie du Chien</p> | |
| <p>Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering, Person Architect, builder, or engineer: Mix, E. Townsend Architectural Style: Late Victorian Historic Person: Dousman, Col. Hercules Louis Area of Significance: Architecture, Exploration/Settlement, Commerce Period of Significance: 1825-1849, 1850-1874 Owner: State Historic Function: Domestic Historic Sub-function: Secondary Structure, Single Dwelling Current Function: Recreation and Culture Current Sub-Function: Museum</p> | |

Goals and Actions

| Facility/Park | Goals/Actions | Priority | | | Estimated Cost |
|---|--|----------|--------|---------|--|
| | | High | Medium | Low | |
| Washington Street Park <i>(Note: In 2010 the City developed an agreement with Vierbicher Associates Inc. for the planned improvements shown.)</i> | 2013 Planned Improvements | | | | Overall project cost \$175,197 \$500/year |
| | • Shoreline improvements & stabilization/stormwater runoff control (flatten slopes, vegetated infiltration swale/wet detention pond) | X | | | |
| | • Accessible walkway from parking lot to existing restrooms | X | | | |
| | • ADA compliant/accessible fishing dock | X | | | |
| | • Multi-use paved trail along shoreline from Washington Street bridge to Cedar Street boat landing | X | | | |
| | • Two paved & striped parking lots surrounded by large rock barriers | X | | | |
| | • Open-sided shelter w/ concrete pad by canoe/kayak launch area | X | | | |
| | • Canoe/kayak launch area and dock | X | | | |
| | • Canoe/kayak storage structure (rack) | X | | | |
| | • Large, flat stone steps & walkway access for shoreline on both ends of Washington Street bridge | X | | | |
| • Complete applications for Chapter 30 permit, stormwater permit, fishing dock permit & boat landing permit (for kayak launch). | X | | | | |
| • Continue to add trees as per Urban Forestry Plan | X | | | | |
| Cecil Smith Ballfield | • Perimeter fencing | | | X | \$80,000 |
| | • Remove all electrical for safety concerns | X | | | unknown |
| | • New concessions/accessible bathrooms/storage & infrastructure | X | | | \$80,000 |
| | • Remove old bathrooms/concessions | | | X | |
| | • Remove stump off Mooney St. | X | | | |
| | • Dugouts put in cement | | | X | \$5,000 |
| | • Stain dugouts | | X | | \$150 |
| | • Add trees per Urban Forestry Plan | | X | | \$500/yr |
| | • Redo existing dugouts on B field | | | X | |
| | • Add covered play structure | | | X | \$40,000 |
| • Fencing for A field | | | X | \$8,000 | |
| Lochner Park | • New bleachers needed | | X | | \$5,000 |
| | • Upgrade playground equipment | X | | | \$5,000 |
| | • Follow Urban Forestry Plan and address Emerald Ash Borer | X | | | \$500/yr |
| | • Pave parking lot | | | X | \$20,000 |
| St. Feriole Island <i>(Note: The proposed Actions came from the 2005 City of Prairie du Chien Comprehensive Plan).</i> | • Develop a trolley system that would include stops along the waterfront and on St. Feriole Island. | | | X | |
| | • Deepening of the slough between St. Feriole Island and the mainland in order to allow access by larger pleasure craft. | | | X | |
| | • St. Feriole Island - linkage of the island to the mainland by appropriate pedestrian and bicycle trails | X | | | |
| | • Develop a removable Disc Golf course | X | | | \$10,000 |
| | • Add playground equipment on north Lawler | X | | | \$20,000 |
| | • Develop a plan for the entire riverfront area including shoreline improvements on south end, wall improvements, beach improvements and the Northern Engraving area | | X | | unknown |
| | • Continue to add trees per the Urban Forestry Plan | X | | | \$1,000/yr |
| • Put all electrical underground | | | | | |

APPENDIX B

Goals and Actions

| Facility/Park | Goals/Actions | Priority | | | Estimated Cost |
|---|---|--|--------|-----|--|
| | | High | Medium | Low | |
| St. Feriole Island (continued) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop traffic plan including converting streets for pedestrian walking/biking usage Install handicapped accessible bathrooms in a central location Explore options of developing a short term self-registering camping area Upgrade existing beachfront area on north end with potential amenities including: better parking, sand beach, volleyball courts, shelter, and bathrooms Upgrade existing boat launch area Upgrade existing riverfront wall Improve riverfront shoreline on south end of Island Develop and implement a plan for the Northern Engraving and Radio Station area | X | X | X | \$80,000 unknown unknown unknown \$250,000 unknown unknown |
| Lucky Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve/repair fishing area under bridge Improve access to fishing area | | | | |
| Proposed Skate Park at Fort Fun Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children's Advisory Board and the Prairie du Chien Parks and Recreation Department are collaborating to raise funds for the creation of a skate park at Fort Fun Park. Phase 1 Phase 2 | X | | | \$40,000 \$80,000 |
| Hoffman Hall Renovation <i>(Note: The proposed renovation site plan was prepared by HSR Associates in 2010)</i> | <p>Phase I (Planned improvements for 2011, \$1.89 million)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovation to Common Areas: Vestibule, Control Desk, Lounge/Game Room/Donor Wall, Rest Rooms - Men & Women (1st Floor), Kitchen/Concessions, Kitchen Storage, Elevator Lobby, New Elevator, Three-Stop Elevator (Allowance) Gymnasium Areas: Gymnasium Area - 2 courts (75 seating), Refurbish Existing Bleachers (Allowance), Gymnasium Building Services: Janitor Closet, Mechanical Rooms (Update Building HVAC), Mechanical Room (Update Building Plumbing), Electrical Room (Update Building Electrical), General Storage - Room A, * Fire Protection *=potential option Site Work: Concrete Walkway, New Building Canopy, Future Parking Lot/Landscaping/Outdoor Workout, Future Loading Dock (Allowance) Building Components: Stone Replacement & Cleaning (Allowance), Brick Replacement & Cleaning (Allowance), Roof Repair/Patching (Allowance), Window Replacement (Allowance) <p>Phase II (\$1.6 million)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gymnasium Areas: Equipment Storage, Refurbish Administration Offices, Administration Toilet, Future Gym Divider (Allowance), Future Movable Partitions (Allowance), Future Batting Cages (Allowance), Future Rockwall - Climbing Area Fitness Areas (Lower Level): Future Weight Training, Future Cardio Fitness, Future Fitness Storage Aquatic Center Areas: Pool Cover (Allowance), Pool Storage, Pool Equipment Room Future Indoor Pool (Allowance), Future Pool Deck Community Areas: Future Multi-Purpose Room (First Floor & Lower Level) Renovation of Locker Rooms: Men's/ Women's/Family Locker-Toilet-Shower and renovation of staff areas (Office/Reception area, Break/Office, and Toilet Room) | X X X X X X X X X X | | | |

Goals and Actions

| Facility/Park | Goals/Actions | Priority | | | Estimated Cost |
|---|---|----------|--------|-----|----------------|
| | | High | Medium | Low | |
| La Riviere Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade of trails and signage Redo barn with new steel siding | | | X | \$1,000 |
| | | X | | | \$40,000 |
| Campion Boat Landing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand boat launch area (2013 Planned Improvements) Expand handicap accessible fishing (2013 Planned Improvements) | X | | | \$238,00 |
| | | X | | | |
| Hoffman Hall Tennis Courts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redo tennis courts | X | | | \$40,000 |
| Wacouta Aquatic Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of main building roof | | X | | \$30,000 |
| Fort Fun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore options of utilizing perimeter fencing and redoing entire park complex to make it more user friendly | | | X | unknown |
| Old Rock School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade of entire building Add shrubs and trees | | X | | unknown |
| | | X | | | \$1,000 |
| O'Brien Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade Playground equipment Follow Urban Forestry Plan guidelines Upgrade roof on shelter | | | | \$10,000 |
| | | | | | \$5,000 |
| Bicycle/Pedestrian Routes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to adequately connect the various community assets and points of interest that the users of the paths will want including but not limited to: Tourism, Recreation, Public Facilities, and Commercial & Industrial Assets Incorporate development to accommodate areas that need to be serviced by the path, identify bike/pedestrian corridors, and plan for the future streets with possible bike/pedestrian paths Provide available written signage/maps of safe routes located within the city and outlying areas Increase bike racks at multiple facilities and parks | | X | | |
| | | | | X | |
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| | | X | | | |
| The Actions below came from the 2009 <i>Prairie du Chien Waterfront Plan – Implementation Plan</i> | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up shoreline of Lucky Park - including removal, concrete, debris, new rip-rap, vegetation | X | | | \$10,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create outdoor amphitheater / performance space | X | | | \$300,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dredge slough to improve boat accessibility (north and south of Blackhawk Avenue; marina and boat launch area) | X | | | \$400,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create improved riverwalk along Island side of slough | X | | | \$440,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve Lucky Park facilities including primarily parking lot (32 space lot) | X | | | \$41,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place wayfinding and regional context maps in Lucky Park | X | | | \$10,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study options for rehabilitating marina and create a plan for improvements (feasibility study) | X | | | \$75,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create new boardwalk on Island side south of W. Blackhawk Avenue through wetlands (2800 LF) | X | | | \$225,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop boat docks south of Blackhawk Avenue (approx. 20 slips, marina style) | X | | | \$400,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace Washington Street Bridge to enhance pedestrian/bike access and raise the clearance to improve boat traffic | X | | | \$800,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create trail/path connection from Lucky Park to Visitor Center on S. Main St. (sidewalk only 1200 LF) | | X | | 65,000 |

Goals and Actions

| Facility/Park | Goals/Actions | Priority | | | Estimated Cost |
|--|--|----------|--------|----------|----------------|
| | | High | Medium | Low | |
| Prairie du Chien Waterfront Plan – Implementation Plan (continued) | • Improve boat launch area on western side of Island along N. Water Street to make it usable | | X | | \$20,000 |
| | • Investigate and potentially improve quality of wetlands north of Lucky Park (feasibility study) | | X | | \$15,000 |
| | • Add new sidewalk/path connection along N. Main Street north of W. Washington Street (1500 LF) | | X | | \$38,000 |
| | • Create new surface parking lot along Washington Street south of marina (32 space lot) | | X | | \$45,000 |
| | • Acquire private parcels within St. Feriole Island Gardens | | X | | \$100,000 |
| | • Create new fishing pier on observation point at St. Feriole Island Gardens (floating dock) | | X | | \$22,000 |
| | • Remove concrete abutment to improve boat navigability and safety at Blackhawk bridge | | X | | \$15,000 |
| | • Develop St. Feriole Island Gardens (colored concrete walks, plantings, furnishings) | | | X | \$75,000 |
| | • Relocate City storage shed on Island | | | X | \$40,000 |
| • Redevelop intersection of W. Blackhawk Avenue and S. Main Street (west side only) | | | X | \$20,000 | |

The goals and actions above include recommendations from the City of Prairie du Chien Parks and Recreation Department as well as recommendations from several planning documents prepared for the City.

APPENDIX

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Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs Administered by the WDNR

DETAILED INFORMATION, APPLICATION FORMS, AND WDNR STAFF CONTACTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WDNR BUREAU OF COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WEBSITE – www.dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa, OR BY CALLING THE WDNR REGION OFFICE NEAREST YOU.

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

Section 23.33, Wis. Stats.; Ch. NR 64, Wis. Admin. Code

Counties, cities, villages, and towns are eligible for up to 100% (including \$ per mile caps) of the costs of maintenance, development, rehabilitation, insurance, and acquisition of ATV trails and intensive use areas. Applications are due to the DNR by April 15 each year. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, over \$2.7 million was available for eligible projects through ATV registration funds and motor fuel tax funds.

ATV Enforcement Patrol

Section 23.33 (9), Wis. Stats.; s. NR 64.15, Wis. Admin. Code

County Sheriff Departments are eligible for up to 100% of their net costs (salaries, fringe benefits, travel, materials, and supplies, etc.) associated with all-terrain vehicle patrols and enforcement. A county must file a Notice of Intent to Patrol form with the DNR on or before June 1 of each year. Claim forms shall be filed with the DNR on or before June 1. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, \$200,000 was available.

County Conservation Aids

Section 23.09 (12), Wis. Stats.; Ch. NR 50, Wis. Admin. Code

Counties or recognized Indian tribes are eligible for 50% of the costs of carrying out fish or wildlife management projects that enhance fish and wildlife habitat or are related to hunter/angler facilities. Applications are submitted throughout the year until funding is depleted. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, \$150,000 was available.

Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration

16 U.S.C. 777-777k, 64 Stat. 430 (also known as Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act)

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) prioritizes fisheries related projects (sport fish restoration, boating access, fishing piers) biennially to identify projects eligible for a 75% cost share; the DNR sometimes negotiates contracts and use agreements with counties, villages, and towns for use of this funding for construction of boat landings and fishing piers. The amount of funding available varies depending upon excise tax collection by US Treasury.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

LWCF Act of 1965, Public Law 88-578, 78 Stat. 897; 36 CFR Ch 1, Part 59

Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and school districts are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of acquisition of land and the development of facilities for public park and recreation areas. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year. The amount of funding available varies depending upon the amount appropriated by Congress to the program within the Department of Interior's budget each year.

Municipal Water Safety Patrols State Assistance

Section 30.79, Wis. Stats.

Municipalities, tribes, inland lake rehabilitation and protection districts, and sanitary districts are eligible to receive up to 75% of the costs (salaries, supplies, and equipment) of operating a Boating Law Enforcement program, including conducting boating education programs, providing professional enforcement of boating laws and local regulations, and providing search and rescue for live persons. Applicants must file an Intent to Patrol form with the DNR on or before March 1 of each year. Claim forms shall be filed with the DNR on or before January 31. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, \$1.4 million was available.

Recreational Boating Facilities

Section 30.92, Wis. Stats.

Counties, cities, villages, towns, sanitary districts, public inland lake, protection and rehabilitation districts, and qualified lake associations are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of feasibility studies and the construction of capital improvements related to the development of safe recreational boating facilities, purchase of aquatic weed harvesting equipment, purchase of navigation aids, dredging of channels of waterways, and chemical treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil. An additional 10% may be available if a municipality conducts a boating safety enforcement and education program approved by the DNR. Projects of statewide or regional significance may be eligible for an additional 30% cost-sharing assistance. Applications are



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due to the DNR and reviewed and recommended quarterly by the governor-appointed Wisconsin Waterways Commission. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, over \$4.4 million was available for eligible projects.

Recreational Trails Program

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - Title 23 United States Code (23 U.S.C.).

Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governing bodies, school districts, state agencies, federal agencies, and incorporated organizations are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, construction of new trails (with certain restrictions on federal lands), and acquisition of easements or property for trails. Funds are available for both motorized and non-motorized trails. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year. The amount of funding available varies depending upon federal gas excise taxes paid on fuel used by off-highway vehicles.

Snowmobile Trail Aids

Section 23.09(26) and ch. 350, Wis. Stats.

Counties are eligible for 100% (including \$ per mile caps) of the cost of approved trail maintenance, development, major bridge rehabilitation, and trail rehabilitation. Applications are due to the DNR by April 15 each year. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, over \$7.7 million was available for eligible projects through snowmobile registration, motor fuel tax, and nonresident trail pass funds.

County Snowmobile Enforcement Patrols

Sections 350.12(4)(a)(4) and 20.370(4)(f), Wis. Stats.; s. NR 50.12, Wis. Admin. Code

County Sheriff Departments are eligible for up to 100% of their net costs (salaries, fringe benefits, travel, materials, and supplies, etc.) associated with snowmobile patrols and enforcement. A county must file a Notice of Intent to Patrol form with the DNR on or before June 1 of each year. Claim forms shall be filed with the DNR on or before June 1. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, \$400,000 was available.

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000

Local Assistance Programs:

Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

Section 23.09(20), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XII, Wis. Admin. Code

Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats., are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of acquisition of land or conservation easements, and the development of facilities for public park and recreation areas used for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, \$4 million was available for eligible projects.

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000

Local Assistance Programs:

Urban Rivers

Section 30.277, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XIV, Wis. Admin. Code

Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats., are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of acquisition of land or conservation easements, and the development of facilities for public park and recreation areas, including shoreline enhancements, for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes along urban waterways and riverfronts. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, \$1.6 million was available for eligible projects.

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000

Local Assistance Programs:

Urban Greenspace

Section 23.09(19), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XIII, Wis. Admin. Code

Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats., are eligible for up to 50% of the costs of acquisition of land and conservation easements for nature-based outdoor recreation purposes that will protect open natural space and land with scenic, ecological, or natural values in urban areas. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, \$1.6 million was available for eligible projects.

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship 2000

Local Assistance Programs:

Acquisition of Development Rights

Section 23.09(20m), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 51, subchapter XV, Wis. Admin. Code

Qualified towns, villages, cities, counties, Indian tribes, and nonprofit conservation organizations as defined under s. 23.096, Wis. Stats., are eligible for up to 50% of the costs to acquire development rights (conservation easements) in areas where restrictions on residential, industrial, or commercial development would provide or enhance nature-based outdoor recreation. Applications are due to the DNR by May 1 each year. For the 2004-5 fiscal year, \$800,000 was available for eligible projects.