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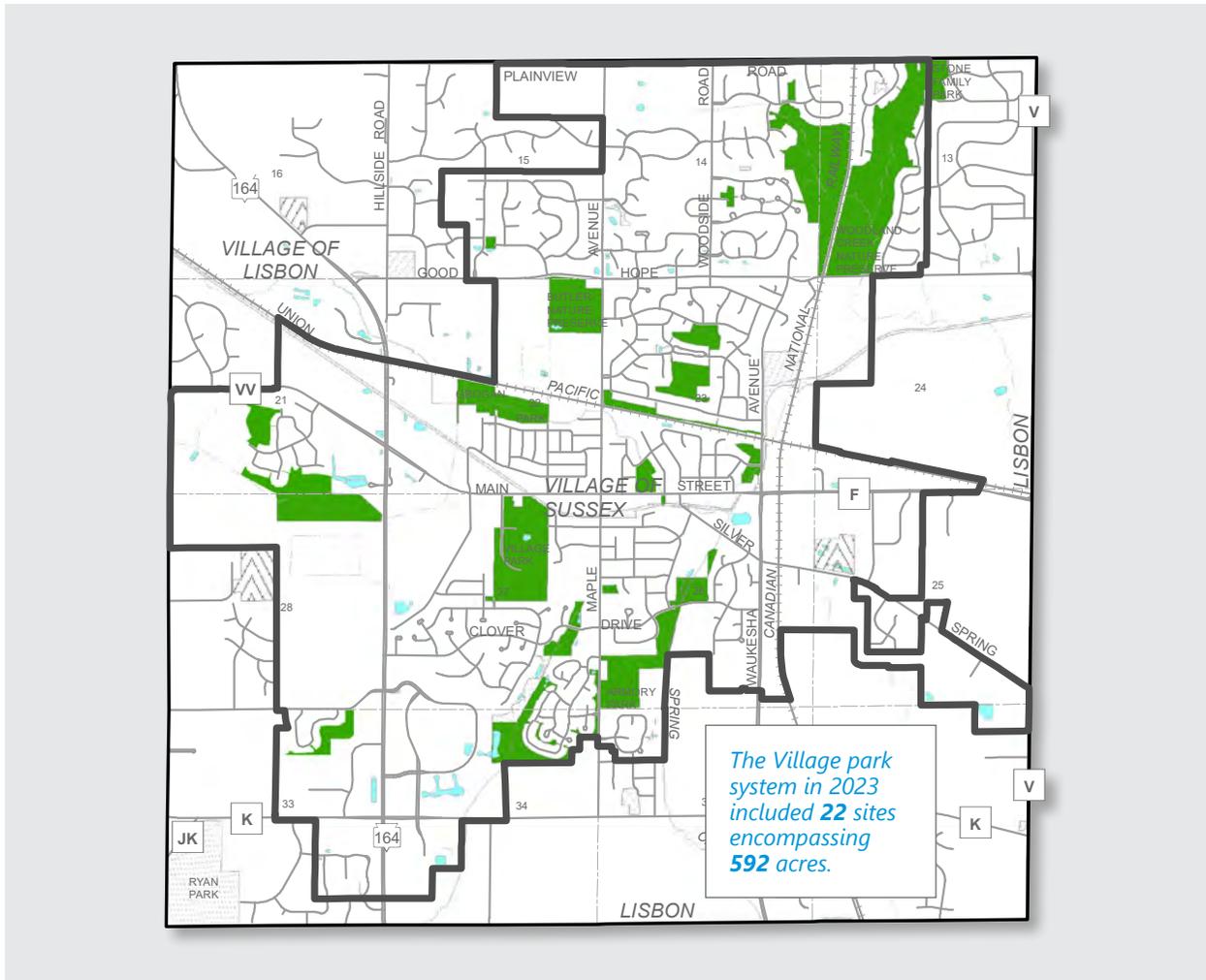
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan is intended to assist the Village in promoting environmental stewardship; assess current and future park, recreation, and open space needs within the Village; and guide the preservation, development, and acquisition of land for park, outdoor recreation, and open space purposes. While the plan looks ahead to the year 2050, it includes short-term recommendations targeted for implementation in the next five years and long-term recommendations to the year 2050 with some of those recommendations not likely to occur until after 2050.

This Plan also ensures that the Village remains eligible to apply for and potentially receive Federal and State aids through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to support acquiring and developing park and open space sites and facilities. To become or remain eligible for available State and Federal outdoor recreation grants, the WDNR typically requires a plan that was adopted by the local community within the five years preceding the submittal of any grant application.

The Village of Sussex has an extensive history of park and open space planning. The first edition of the park and open space plan for the Village was designed to the year 2000 and was adopted in 1988. The Village subsequently adopted updates to the park and open space plan in March 1996, August 2007, and October 2013. This Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan will have a design year of 2050.

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Plan Content

This Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan is comprised of five chapters and three appendices. The first four chapters provides background information about the Village and how the Plan was developed; provides the implementation status of the recommendations from the previous park and open space plan; identifies the other plans and planning programs affecting the Village’s park and open space plan; identifies the objectives, principles, and standards used to guide this plan; and summarizes the results of a Village parks survey. The fifth chapter includes park, outdoor recreation facility, trail, and open space recommendations for Village-owned sites and facilities. It also provides recommendations for those park and open space sites and facilities owned by Waukesha County located within or near the Village.

Park and open space sites located in the Village and environs are comprised of the efforts of other partners, including Waukesha County, the Hamilton School District, the Village of Lisbon, and private organizations.

The Village of Sussex also has an extensive history of land use planning. Other localized plans that help guide the growth and development of the Village are also incorporated into this Plan. In particular, this includes those plans that provide recommendations for parks, outdoor recreation, or open space uses, such as the 2040 Village of Sussex Comprehensive Plan, the Sussex Downtown Design and Development Plan, the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, and the Village Park Master Plan.

The 2020 population for the Village is 11,487 people and the forecasted 2050 Village population is expected to be about 15,200 people.

Plan Recommendations

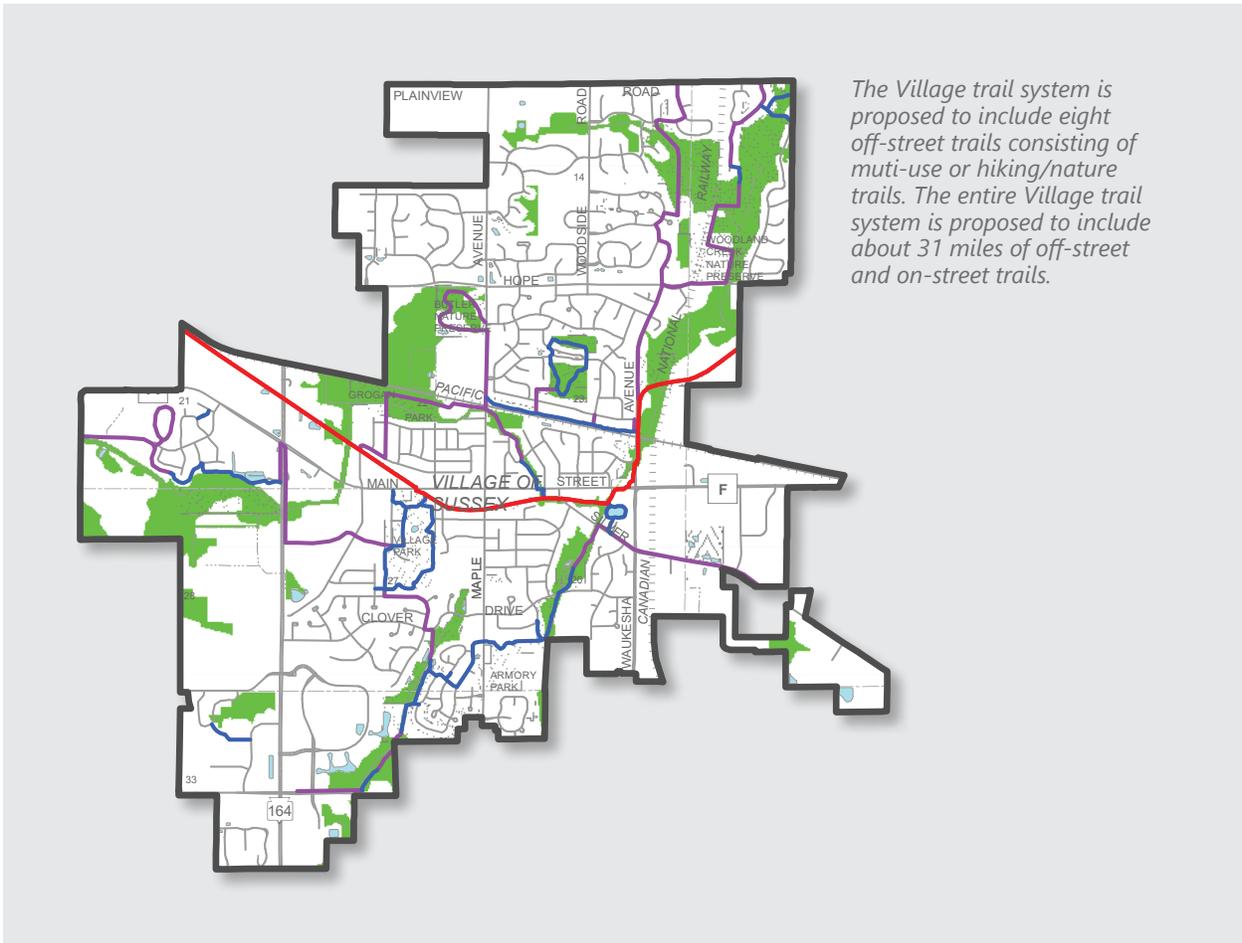
The recommendations included in this Park and Open Space Plan are the most important output of this planning effort, providing guidance to the Village as it seeks to maintain a high-quality park system that meets the needs of the Village, Village residents, and visitors, and enhances the natural resource base in the Village. Some of the key Village recommendations include:

At full buildout of the Village, the recommended Village park system is expected to include about 25 sites encompassing over 700 acres.

- Providing two Village community parks, 15 Village neighborhood parks (including 12 existing sites), five conservancy areas, two open space areas, and a special use park to adequately serve the existing and future population of the Village
- Developing or improving recreational facilities at five existing Village sites between 2024 and 2028
- Developing recreational facilities at an existing undeveloped Village site, Vista Run Park, between 2024 and 2028
- Acquiring additional land for park expansion at Armory Park, Village Park, and Butler Nature Preserve between 2024 and 2050
- Developing or improving recreational facilities at four existing Village sites between 2029 and 2050
- Potential development of a swimming pool/aquatic facility and a gym/indoor recreation facility either before or after 2050



Preliminary conceptual design of Village Park



The Village trail system is proposed to include eight off-street trails consisting of multi-use or hiking/nature trails. The entire Village trail system is proposed to include about 31 miles of off-street and on-street trails.



The County-owned Bugline Recreation Trail traverses the Village for about four miles. The Trail runs from the Village of Menomonee Falls to the Village of North Lake totaling about 16 miles.



In 2019, Madeline Park was repurposed to include the Sussex Train Depot building, a new playground, and a parking lot. The park also serves as a trailhead to the County-owned Bugline Recreation Trail.

- Continuing to develop and maintain the Village Trail System
- Developing additional recreational trails and bikeways for bicycle and pedestrian use
- Continuing to maintain and improve all existing Village parks and nature preserves

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The Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan can be accessed online at: **www.sewrpc.org** and **www.villagesussex.org/services/parks-recreation-amenities/village-parks**

For more information, please contact the Village of Sussex Parks and Recreation Department at: **info@sussexwi.gov**

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Credit: Village of Sussex

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This park and open space plan for the Village of Sussex is intended to assist in promoting environmental stewardship and to assess current and future park, recreation, and open space needs within the Village. The plan is further intended to guide preserving, developing, and acquiring land for park, outdoor recreation, and open space purposes through implementing over time the recommendations set forth in Chapter 5. The plan seeks to provide a variety of recreational sites and facilities that will offer opportunities for Village residents to participate in an appropriate range of active and passive recreational pursuits and to protect and enhance natural resources within the Village.

This plan is an update of the park and open space plan that was prepared and adopted by the Village in 2013. This updated plan was reviewed on a chapter-by-chapter basis and ultimately approved as a composite report by the Village Park and Recreation Board on May 21, 2024. The Village Board adopted the plan on May 28, 2024.

Broadly defined, recreation is an activity or experience undertaken solely for the pleasure or satisfaction derived from it. Recreation can be experienced indoors or outdoors, encompasses a wide variety of activities, and permits the opportunity for participation in many resource and nonresource-oriented activities. It includes both mental and physical exercise, personal enjoyment, enhances the quality of life, and provides various social, environmental, and economic benefits. Such benefits include improving physical health and mental well-being for individuals, protecting biological communities and natural resources, attracting tourism and commercial and residential development, and potentially increasing property values for communities.

Although recreational preferences may vary from individual to individual, recreation occupies a necessary and significant place in every person's life. For the purpose of this report, recreation will be viewed in a narrower framework as including only those recreational activities typically performed outdoors.

1.2 PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Regional and County Park and Open Space Planning

Owing to the importance of outdoor recreation sites and protecting natural resource areas, park and open space development and use have long been issues of concern to public officials and citizen leaders. On December 1, 1977, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission adopted SEWRPC Planning Report No. 27, *A Regional Park and Open Space Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2000*, which identified existing and probable future park and open space needs within the Region and recommended a system of large resource-oriented parks, recreational corridors, a regional trail system, smaller nonresource-oriented urban parks, and attendant recreational facilities. The regional park and open space plan was refined and detailed within Waukesha County through preparation of a park and open space plan¹ for the County in 1989. Subsequent amendments to the park and open space plan were incorporated into the Waukesha County development plan² in 1996, 1998, and 2004. The Waukesha County Comprehensive Development Plan was updated in February 2009 and included updated information and recommendations related to park and open space planning. In 2023, the County amended the development plan with an update to the park and open space plan component,³ which provided park, recreation, and open space recommendations for the five-year period from 2023 to 2027.

The County park and open space plan includes recommendations that would provide residents of the County with opportunities to participate in a wide range of resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities and provide a system of large, nature-based regional parks and natural resource-based recreational facilities such as swimming beaches, golf courses, and group picnicking facilities. The County plan also recommends lake and river access sites for fishing and boating (both motorboats and carry-in canoes and kayaks); two County indoor ice arenas; a nature center; an exposition center; a greenway system along major streams; a Countywide bicycle plan; and a Countywide trail system, located primarily within greenways and in utility and/or former railway corridors. An inventory of Waukesha County park and open space sites, recreational facilities, and trails within the Village and the study area is included in Chapter 2.

Village Plans

The Village of Sussex has a long history of land use planning. In addition to previous Village park and open space plans, the Village has prepared land use plans, a downtown development plan, a main street vision and action plan, a park master plan, and most recently, an amended Village Comprehensive Plan⁴ to guide the orderly and efficient growth and development of the Village. Additional information regarding plans that provided a framework for the update of this park and open space plan is provided in Chapter 4.

Village Park and Open Space Planning

The initial park and open space plan for the Village of Sussex was adopted in 1988, with assistance from the Regional Planning Commission, and had a design year of 2000. Since 1988, the Village subsequently adopted park and open space plans in March 1996, August 2007, and October 2013. In June 2022, the Village of Sussex requested that the Regional Planning Commission assist the Village in updating the Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan. This Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan will have a design year of 2050. The Commission initiated the plan update in February 2023.

This plan provides an inventory of existing park and open space sites and recreational facilities, assesses the potential need for parks and recreational facilities based on accessibility and per capita standards, and provides recommendations for park and open space acquisition, facilities development, and recreational

¹ Documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 137, *A Park and Open Space Plan for Waukesha County, December 1989*.

² Documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 209, *A Development Plan for Waukesha County, August 1996*.

³ Documented in a report entitled, *Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan, December 2023*. The plan is included as Appendix A, and is a component of and an amendment to the *Waukesha County comprehensive plan entitled, Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County, February 2009*.

⁴ Documented in a report entitled, *Village of Sussex Comprehensive Plan: 2040, May 2018*. The 2040 comprehensive plan updates the 2020 Village comprehensive plan that was adopted by the Village in March 2003.

improvements within the Village. This plan also takes into account the recommendations of the amended 2040 Village of Sussex Comprehensive Plan and public input, including results from a public opinion survey conducted by the Village in 2023. In addition to updating the recommended park and open space plan for the Village, this plan will provide the Village the ability to qualify for and potentially receive Federal and State aids in support of acquiring and developing park and open space sites and facilities. Applications to potentially receive Federal or State aids must be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources prior to May 1 annually.

1.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This park and open space plan was reviewed and discussed at meetings of the Village Parks and Recreation Board from August 2023 to May 2024. All meetings were open to the public, and meeting agendas were posted on the Village website in advance of the meetings. Upon completion of a draft plan report, two public open houses were held by the Village Park and Recreation Board on November 14, 2023 and April 16, 2024 to provide an opportunity for the public to review the plan and provide comments. The first open house was held to solicit public comment early in the planning process, including the preparation of a Village parks survey. The second open house included the consolidated draft plan, a plan summary, and a comment form for the public to review and submit comments. Those documents were also available at the Civic Center. Written comments and responses on the draft plan are summarized in Chapter 4.

1.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The planning process was conducted under the guidance of the Village of Sussex Park and Recreation Board. The Board consists of a Village Board member and six Village citizens. Staff support was provided by the Village Parks and Recreation Department. A list of Park and Recreation Board members and Village support staff is provided on the inside front cover of this report.

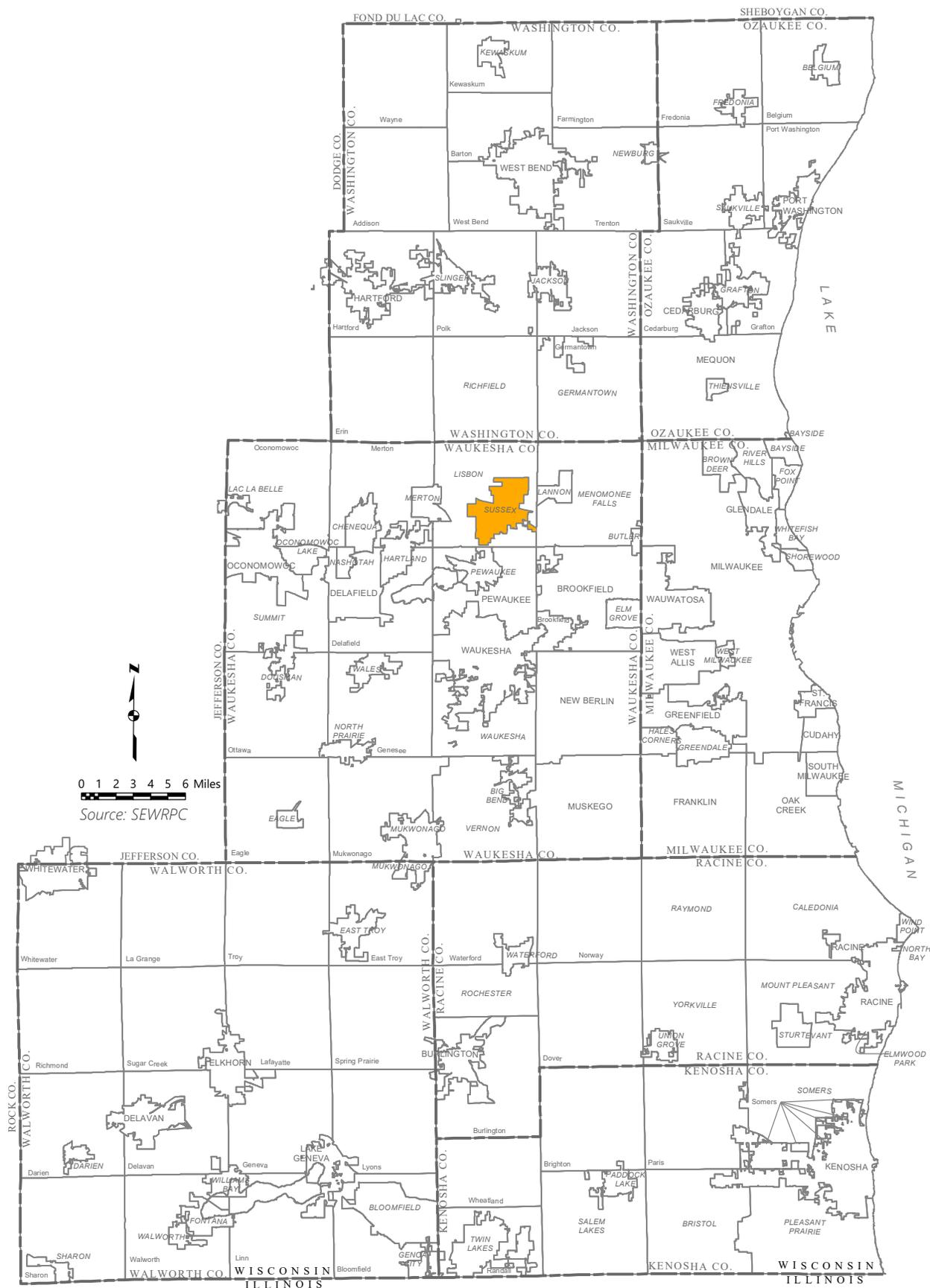
1.5 STUDY AREA

The study area, shown on Map 1.1, consists of the entire Village of Sussex, which is located in U. S. Public Land Survey Township 8 North and Range 19 East in the north-central portion of Waukesha County. As of 2023, the Village encompasses 5,439 acres, or about 8.5 square miles. The Village is almost entirely bounded by the Village of Lisbon, except for a small portion that abuts the Village of Menomonee Falls to the east. The Village is also located one-half mile or less from the Village of Lannon to the east and from the City of Pewaukee to the south.

1.6 REPORT FORMAT

The findings and recommendations of the Village park and open space plan update are set forth in this report. Following this introductory chapter, Chapter 2 presents information about the Village pertinent to park and open space planning, including information on the resident population, the land use pattern, existing park and open space sites and facilities, and important natural resource areas and features within the Village. The implementation status of plan recommendations from the previous Village park and open space plan are presented in Chapter 3. Chapter 4 summarizes other planning programs affecting this park and open space plan, including the Village's 2040 comprehensive plan and park master plans; summarizes the results of a public opinion parks survey; describes the park and open space objectives, principles, and standards used to prepare this plan; and tabulates the results of applying those standards to the existing park system. Updated park and open space recommendations are presented in Chapter 5.

Map 1.1
Location of the Village of Sussex in Southeastern Wisconsin





Credit: Village of Sussex

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Existing resources and other factors that affect developing or improving a system of parks and open space areas within the Village were inventoried to assist in formulating plan recommendations. Information about population and population distribution, the pattern of land use development, existing park and open space sites and facilities, and natural resources within the Village of Sussex and the study area was collected and is presented in this chapter.

2.2 RESIDENT POPULATION

Existing and projected⁵ resident population levels are an important consideration in any park and open space planning effort. Data on the historical and existing resident population for Sussex are presented in Table 2.1 and shown in Figure 2.1. As indicated in Table 2.1, the resident population for Sussex has increased steadily between 1930 and 2020, with the largest increases in the total number of people occurring between the years 1990 and 2000, 2000 and 2010, 1960 and 1970, and 1980 and 1990. The Village population level for 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, was 11,487 people, an increase of 969 persons, or about 9 percent, from 2010. The Wisconsin Department of Administration's estimated population for the Village in 2023 is 12,022 people.

2.3 LAND USE BASE

Land use is an important determinant of both the supply of, and the demand for, outdoor recreation, parks, and related open space sites and facilities. Accordingly, an understanding of the amount, type, and spatial distribution of urban and rural land uses within the Village, as well as the historical conversion of rural lands to urban uses, is an important consideration in this park and open space planning effort.

⁵ Projected population levels are presented in Chapter 4 of this report, *Framework for Plan Development*.

Table 2.1
Resident Population of the Village of Sussex: 1930-2023

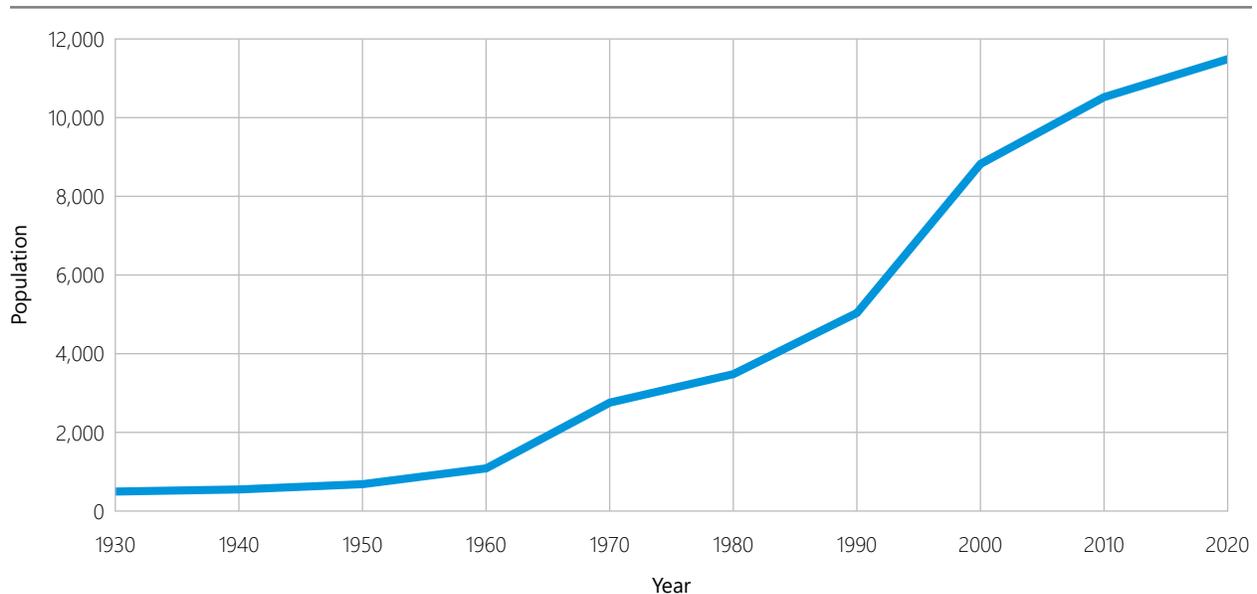
Year	Population	Change From Preceding Census	
		Number	Percent
1930	496	--	--
1940	548	52	10.5
1950	679	131	23.9
1960	1,087	408	60.1
1970	2,758	1,671	153.7
1980	3,482	724	26.3
1990	5,039	1,557	44.7
2000	8,828	3,789	75.2
2010	10,518	1,690	19.1
2020	11,487	969	9.2
2023 ^a	12,022	535	4.7

Note: The Village of Sussex incorporated in 1924.

^a The 2023 population is an estimate from the Wisconsin Department of Administration, all other years are from the U.S. Census.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Wisconsin Department of Administration, and SEWRPC

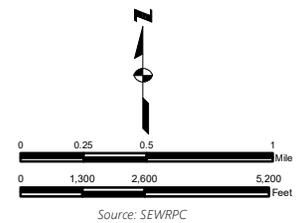
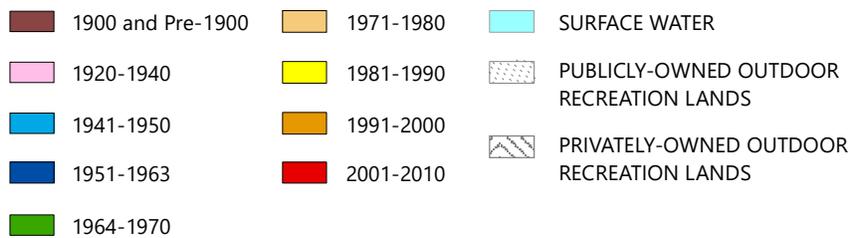
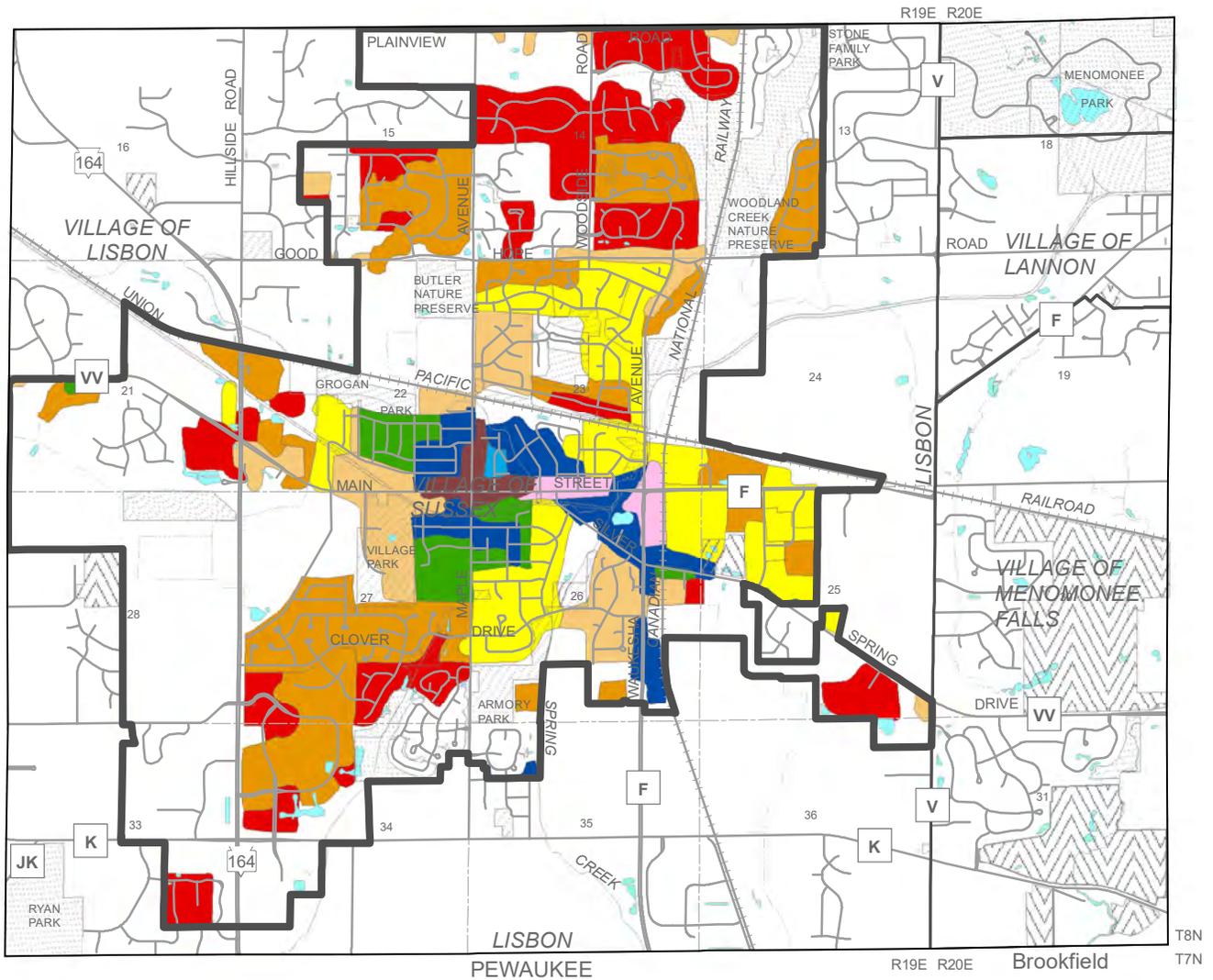
Figure 2.1
Resident Population of the Village of Sussex: 1930-2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC

The historic pattern of urban growth in the Village of Sussex for selected years beginning in 1880 is shown on Map 2.1. Map 2.1 identifies areas of the Village where residential structures or other buildings have been constructed in relatively compact groups, thereby indicating concentrations of residential, commercial, industrial, governmental, institutional, or other urban land uses. Urban land uses were first concentrated in the area of Maple Avenue and Main Street in the central portion of the Village. Development occurred in a relatively compact and concentric pattern outward from this area and primarily along Main Street into the 1960s. From 1970 to 2000, development increased steadily, including the beginning of developing large areas for new commercial and industrial areas in the 1980's and the development of new residential subdivisions and the expansions of existing subdivisions during these three decades. From 1991 to 2000, the Village experienced its largest growth in development of any decade with 738 acres developed. From 2000 to 2010, urban growth continued to occur within the Village as industrial development and residential subdivision development and expansion increased, particularly in the northern and southern portions of the Village. During this decade, about 592 acres were developed.

Map 2.1
Generalized Historical Urban Growth in the Village of Sussex: Pre-1900 to 2010



Information on the amount of land devoted to various types of land uses in the Village of Sussex in 2020 is presented in Table 2.2 and shown on Map 2.2. With the Town of Lisbon incorporating as a village in February 2023, Sussex is now completely surrounded by other incorporated municipalities (city and villages), which will prevent annexations by the Village.

Residential uses accounted for the largest percentage of lands developed for urban use (and is the largest land use category in the entire Village as well) encompassing about 28 percent of the total area of the Village and about 51 percent of lands developed for urban use as of 2020. Lands devoted to other urban uses, including commercial; industrial; transportation, communication, and utilities; governmental and institutional; and parks and recreational, together encompassed about 27 percent of the total area of the Village in 2020. Thus, 2,997 acres, comprising about 55 percent of the total area of the Village, were devoted to urban uses in 2020.

About 45 percent of the total area of the Village was devoted to nonurban uses in 2020. Lands in agricultural use occupied about 17 percent of the total area of the Village and about 38 percent of lands in nonurban use in 2020. About 12 and 11 percent of the total area of the Village was comprised of undeveloped/open space land and wetlands, respectively, in 2020. With almost 30 percent of lands devoted to agricultural use or undeveloped/open space in 2020, the Village has opportunities for future growth and development.

The Village of Sussex is served by a well-maintained highway transportation system. Arterial streets and highways serving the Village include STH 164, CTH F (Waukesha Avenue/Main Street), CTH K, CTH V (Townline Road), CTH VV (Main Street/Silver Spring Drive), Good Hope Road, Main Street, Maple Avenue, and Plainview Road.

In addition, two railway rights-of-way traverse the Village, one line owned by the Union Pacific Railroad and one line owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Both lines carry freight traffic.

2.4 PARK AND OPEN SPACE SITES

Existing Park and Open Space Sites

An inventory of existing park and open space sites and outdoor recreation facilities in the Village of Sussex was conducted in 2023. As indicated in Table 2.3 and shown on Map 2.3, there were 31 park and open space sites encompassing 736 acres, or about 14 percent of the Village. There were 27 publicly-owned sites encompassing 677 acres, or about 92 percent of the total park and open space site acreage. The remaining four sites, encompassing 59 acres, or about 8 percent of the total park and open space site acreage, were privately owned.

Table 2.3 includes sites owned by Waukesha County, the Village of Sussex, and the Hamilton School District as public sites. It should be noted that school events and school district policies may limit the availability and use of facilities located on public school grounds to the general public.

As indicated in Table 2.4, a full range of typical recreational facilities were provided in the Village of Sussex park system in 2023 including but not limited to baseball diamonds, softball diamonds, tennis/pickleball courts, playgrounds, playfields, basketball goals, and soccer fields, etc. It can also be noted that Sussex parks included sand volleyball courts, sand pits, a sledding hill, a splash pad, an 18-hole disc golf course, open-air and closed shelters, and picnic areas.

Also indicated in Table 2.4, the Waukesha County parks and Hamilton School District sites within the Village of Sussex in 2023 provided sandlot ball diamonds, playgrounds, playfields, basketball goals, and soccer fields. Other significant outdoor recreation facilities located at County and school district sites within the Village include a football field, a nature trail, and the Bugline Recreational Trail (a paved multi-use trail).

Recreational facilities available at privately-owned sites within the Village in 2023 included a baseball diamond, playfields, a playground, basketball goals, a nature trail, a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, an open-air shelter, and a fishing area.

Table 2.2
Existing Land Uses in the Village of Sussex: 2020

Land Use Category ^a	Acres	Percent of Subtotal	Percent of Total
Urban			
Residential			
Single-Family Residential	1,360	45.4	25.0
Two-Family Residential	39	1.3	0.7
Multifamily Residential ^b	122	4.1	2.3
Residential Subtotal	1,521	50.8	28.0
Commercial	160	5.3	2.9
Industrial	336	11.2	6.2
Transportation, Communication, and Utilities (TCU)			
Streets and Highways	580	19.4	10.7
Railways	90	3.0	1.6
Communications, Utilities, and Other Transportation	48	1.6	0.9
TCU Subtotal	718	24.0	13.2
Governmental and Institutional	99	3.3	1.8
Parks and Recreational ^c	163	5.4	3.0
Urban Subtotal	2,997	100.0	55.1
Nonurban			
Agricultural Lands	933	38.2	17.2
Undeveloped/Open Space Land	643	26.4	11.8
Extractive	35	1.4	0.6
Wetlands	608	24.9	11.2
Woodlands	188	7.7	3.5
Surface Water	35	1.4	0.6
Nonurban Subtotal	2,442	100.0	44.9
Total	5,439	--	100.0

^a Includes associated off-street parking areas for each land use category.

^b Includes buildings with three or more units.

^c Includes only those lands developed and used for intensive recreational purposes (ball fields, tennis courts, group picnic areas, etc.). Developed land within park sites used for hiking trails or other passive uses is included in the "undeveloped/open land" category.

Source: SEWRPC

Village of Sussex Park System

In 2023, the Village of Sussex owned 22 park and open space sites, encompassing a total of 592 acres, or about 11 percent of the Village. This represents an increase of four sites and 367 acres since 2013, the year the previous Village park and open space plan had inventoried Village park and open space sites. The Village of Sussex park and open space sites range from less than one acre (Old Brooke Square Park) to 202 acres (Woodland Creek Nature Preserve) in size. Park and open space sites owned by the Village are shown on Map 2.4 and listed in Table 2.5. A brief description of each of the 22 Village-owned park and open space sites is presented below.

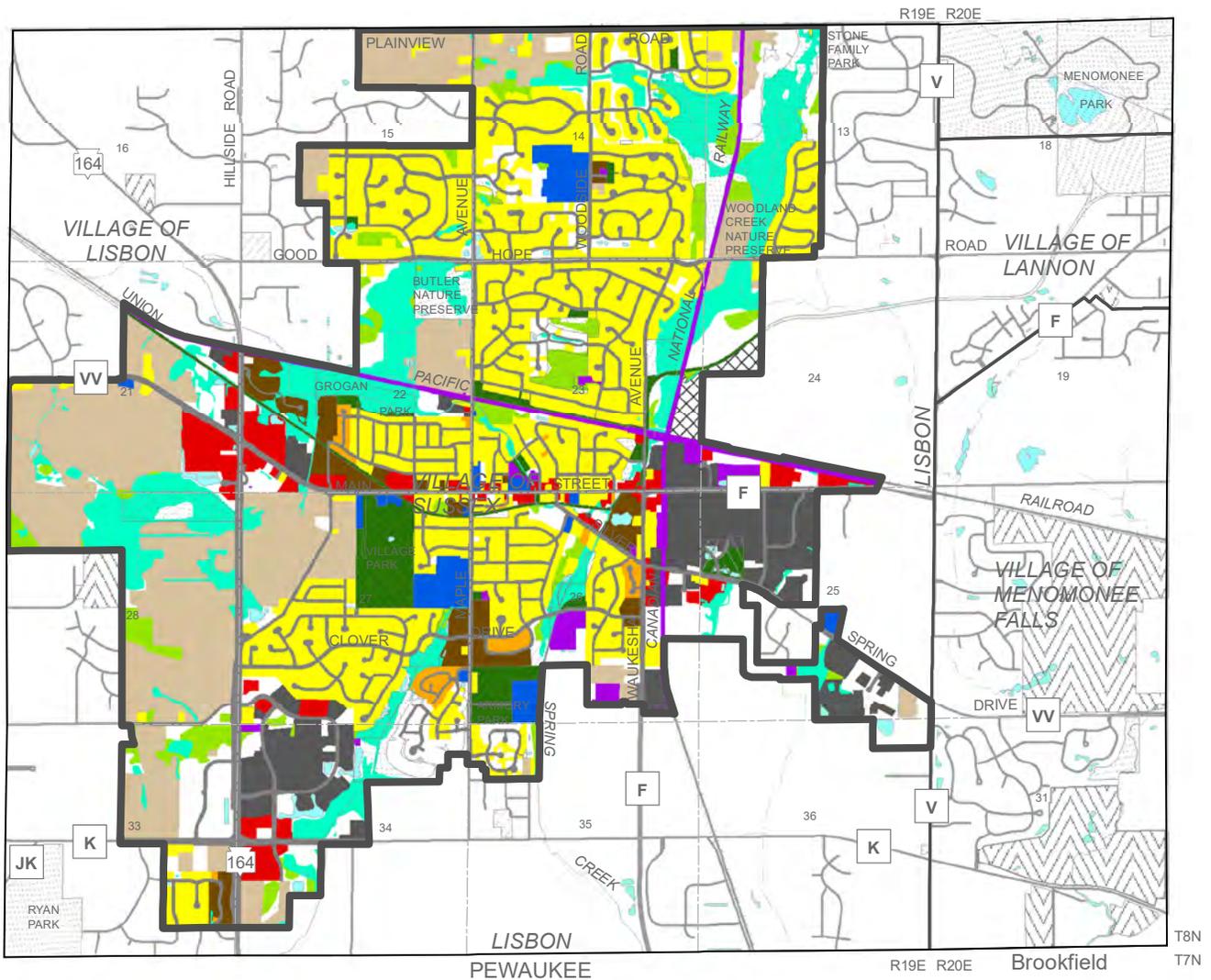
Armory Park

Armory Park is a 32-acre community park located along Spring Creek in the southern portion of the Village. Facilities at this site include four league softball diamonds, four soccer fields, a playground, a playfield, a portion of the Corky Curtis Trail, picnic areas, two open-air shelters, concessions/restrooms, a drinking fountain, and parking lots. A pathway connects the park to Clover Drive. The site also includes less than one acre of secondary environmental corridor along Spring Creek.

Butler Nature Preserve

Butler Nature Preserve is a 39-acre conservancy area located in the northwestern portion of the Village. The site includes wetlands and woodlands within 20 acres of primary environmental corridor.

Map 2.2
Existing Land Uses in the Village of Sussex: 2020



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| SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL | WETLANDS | PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS |
| TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL | WOODLANDS | PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS |
| MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL | EXTRACTIVE | |
| COMMERCIAL | AGRICULTURAL LANDS | |
| INDUSTRIAL | UNDEVELOPED/OPEN URBAN LANDS | |
| TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND UTILITIES | STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY | |
| GOVERNMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL | SURFACE WATER | |
| PARKS AND RECREATIONAL | | |

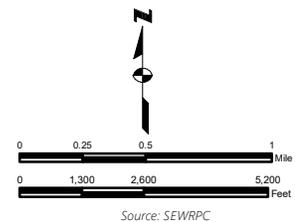


Table 2.3
Park and Open Space Sites in the Village of Sussex: 2023

Number on Map 2.3	Site Name	Location	Ownership	Size (acres)
Public				
1	Armory Park	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Village of Sussex	32
2	Bugline Recreational Trail	T8N, R19E, Section 22	Waukesha County	28 ^a
3	Butler Nature Preserve	T8N, R19E, Section 22	Village of Sussex	39
4	Civic Center Campus (Includes Weyer Park)	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Village of Sussex	4
5	Clover Downs Nature Preserve	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Village of Sussex	10
6	Coldwater Creek Park	T8N, R19E, Section 14	Village of Sussex	2
7	Cooling’s Meadow Nature Area	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Waukesha County	15
8	County Greenway	T8N, R19E, Sections 27 and 34	Waukesha County	10
9	Grogan Park	T8N, R19E, Section 22	Village of Sussex	32
10	Madeline Park	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Village of Sussex	7
11	Maple Avenue Elementary School	T8N, R19E, Section 27	Hamilton School District	11
12	Mapleway Park	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Village of Sussex	9
13	Melinda Weaver Park	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Village of Sussex	2
14	Old Brooke Square Park	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Village of Sussex	1
15	Pewaukee River Greenway	T8N, R19E, Sections 27 and 34	Village of Sussex	22
16	Prides Crossing Park	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Village of Sussex	29
17	Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Area	T8N, R19E, Section 33	Village of Sussex	11
18	Ridgeview Park	T8N, R19E, Section 14	Village of Sussex	3
19	Spring Green Park	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Village of Sussex	13
20	Stone Family Park	T8N, R19E, Section 13	Village of Lisbon	10
21	Stonewood Estates Park	T8N, R19E, Section 15	Village of Sussex	2
22	Sussex Preserve Subdivision Open Space	T8N, R19E, Sections 27 and 34	Village of Sussex	24
23	Sussex Village Park (Includes The Grove)	T8N, R19E, Section 27	Village of Sussex	72
24	Undeveloped Vista Run Subdivision Park	T8N, R19E, Section 21	Village of Sussex	12
25	Vista Run Subdivision Open Space	T8N, R19E, Sections 21 and 28	Village of Sussex	54
26	Woodland Creek Nature Preserve	T8N, R19E, Sections 13 and 14	Village of Sussex	202
27	Woodside Elementary School	T8N, R19E, Section 14	Hamilton School District	21
Public Subtotal: 27 Sites				677
Private				
28	Coldwater Creek Subdivision Open Space	T8N, R19E, Sections 13 and 14	Organizational	41
29	Mammoth Springs Pond	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Private	3
30	Peace Lutheran Academy	T8N, R19E, Section 27	Organizational	2
31	Quad Graphic Fields	T8N, R19E, Section 25	Private	13
Private Subtotal: 4 Sites				59
Total: 31 Sites				736

^a Includes only the acreage located within the Village.

Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

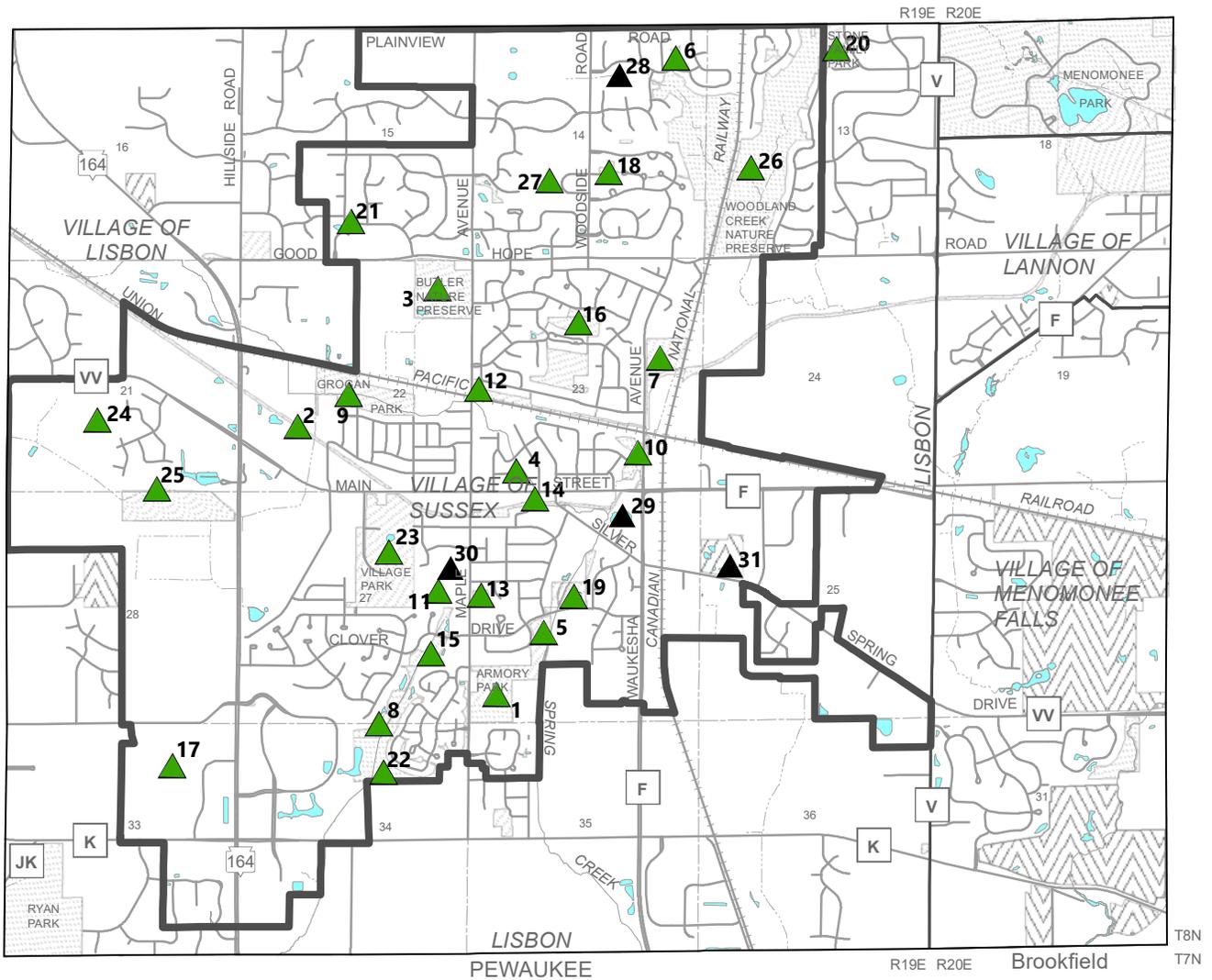
Civic Center Campus (Including Weyer Park)

Civic Center Campus and Weyer Park is a four-acre neighborhood/special use park centrally located within the Village. Facilities at this site include four basketball goals, two pickleball courts, a playground, a playfield, a portion of the Sussex Creek Trail, an ice skating rink, picnic areas, restrooms, a drinking fountain, and a parking lot. Selected rooms at the Civic Center are also available for rent to the public. The site also includes wetlands within one acre of secondary environmental corridor along the locally known Sussex Creek.

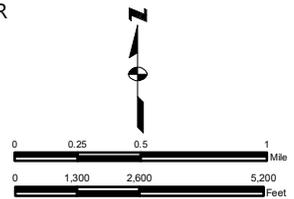
Clover Downs Nature Preserve

Clover Downs Nature Preserve is a 10-acre conservancy area located in the southern portion of the Village. Facilities at this site include a portion of the Corky Curtis Trail. The site also includes wetlands and woodlands within six acres of secondary environmental corridor along Spring Creek.

Map 2.3
Park and Open Space Sites in the Village of Sussex: 2023



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|  | PUBLICLY-OWNED SITE |  | SURFACE WATER |
|  | PRIVATELY-OWNED SITE |  | PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS |
| 20 | REFERENCE NUMBER (SEE TABLE 2.3) |  | PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS |



Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

**Table 2.4
Selected Outdoor Recreation Facilities for General Use in the Village of Sussex: 2023**

Number on Map 2.3	Site Name	Baseball Diamonds	Softball- League Diamonds	Softball- Sandlot Diamonds	Playfield	Playground	Tennis/ Pickleball Courts ^a	Basketball Goals	Soccer Fields	Ice Skating Rink	Pool or Beach	Nature Trail	Other
Public													
1	Armory Park	--	4	--	X	X	--	--	4	--	--	X	Picnic Area, Two Open-Air Shelters, Parking Lots, Concessions/Restrooms, Drinking Fountain
2	Bugline Recreational Trail	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Paved Multi-Use Trail
3	Butler Nature Preserve	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Nature Area
4	Civic Center Campus (Includes Weyer Park)	--	--	--	X	X	2P	4	--	X	--	--	Picnic Area, Restrooms, Drinking Fountain, Parking Lot
5	Clover Downs Nature Preserve	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	Nature Area
6	Coldwater Creek Park	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	Picnic Area, Sand Pit, Drinking Fountain, Gaga Ball
7	Cooling's Meadow Nature Area	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	Nature Area
8	County Greenway	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Conservancy Area
9	Grogan Park	--	--	--	X	X	--	2	--	--	--	--	Picnic Area, Sand Pit
10	Madeline Park	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	Restrooms, Closed Shelter, Parking Lot, Picnic Area, Drinking Fountain, Bicycle Repair Station
11	Maple Avenue Elementary School	--	--	1	X	X	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
12	Mapleway Park	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	X	Picnic Area
13	Melinda Weaver Park	--	--	--	--	--	1T; 6P	2	--	--	--	--	Picnic Area, Drinking Fountain, Parking Lot
14	Old Brooke Square Park	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	Picnic Area, Sand Pit, Drinking Fountain
15	Pewaukee River Greenway	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Conservancy Area
16	Prides Crossing Park	--	--	1	X	X	--	1	--	--	--	X	Picnic Area, Drinking Fountain
17	Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Area	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Undeveloped Area
18	Ridgeview Park	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	Picnic Area
19	Spring Green Park	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	X	Picnic Area
20	Stone Family Park ^b	1	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	Picnic Area, Parking Lot
21	Stonewood Estates Park	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	Picnic Area, Drinking Fountain
22	Sussex Preserve Subdivision Open Space	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	Open Space

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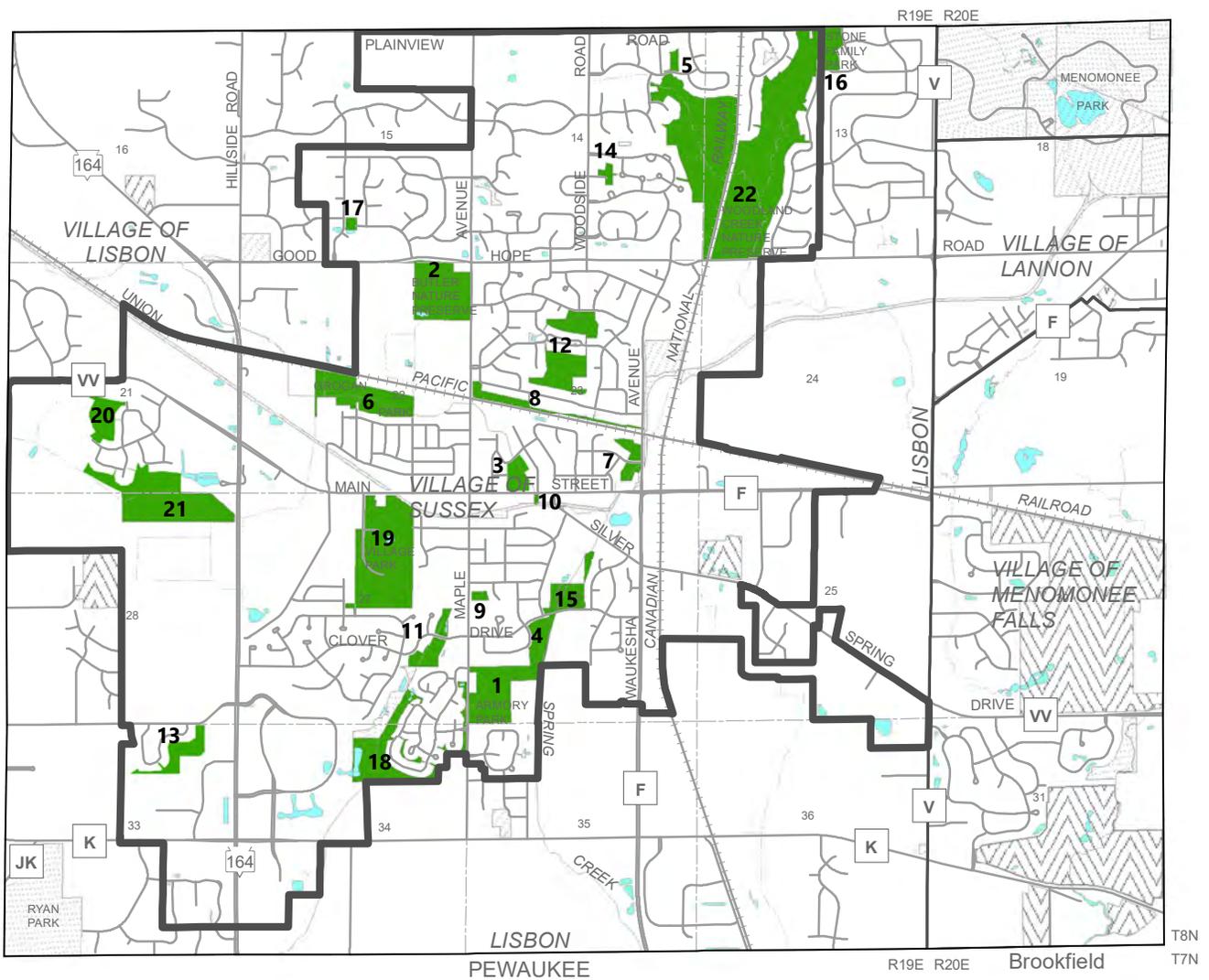
Number on Map 2.3	Site Name	Baseball Diamonds	Softball-League Diamonds	Softball-Sandlot Diamonds	Playfield	Playground	Tennis/Pickleball Courts ^a	Basketball Goals	Soccer Fields	Ice Skating Rink	Pool or Beach	Nature Trail	Other
Public (continued)													
23	Sussex Village Park (Includes The Grove)	1	4	--	X	X	4P	4	--	--	--	X	Sand Volleyball Courts, Picnic Areas, Three Open-Air Shelters, Closed Shelter, Sledding Hill, Concessions/Restrooms, Splash Pad, 18-Hole Disc Golf Course, Parking Lots, Drinking Fountain, Gaga Ball
24	Undeveloped Vista Run Subdivision Park	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Undeveloped Park
25	Vista Run Subdivision Open Space	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	Open Space
26	Woodland Creek Nature Preserve	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	Nature Area
27	Woodside Elementary School	--	--	1	X	X	--	3	2	--	--	--	Football Field
Public Subtotal: 27 Sites		2	8	3	14	14	13	18	6	1	--	11	--
Private													
28	Coldwater Creek Subdivision Open Space	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Open Space
29	Mammoth Springs Pond	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	X	Fishing, Pier
30	Peace Lutheran Academy	--	--	--	X	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
31	Quad Graphic Fields	1	--	--	X	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	Sand Volleyball Court, Shelter, Horseshoe Pits, Parking Lot
Private Subtotal: 4 Sites		1	--	--	2	1	--	2	--	--	--	1	--
Total: 31 Sites		3	8	3	16	15	13	20	6	1	--	12	--

^a T = Tennis Court; P = Pickleball Court.

^b Site is located in and owned by the Village of Lisbon.

Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

Map 2.4
Village of Sussex Park System: 2023



- VILLAGE OWNED PARK OR OPEN SPACE SITE
- SURFACE WATER
- 22** REFERENCE NUMBER (SEE TABLE 2.5)

- PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
- PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

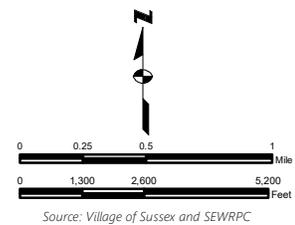


Table 2.5
Village of Sussex Park System: 2023

Number on Map 2.4	Site Name	Location	Type	Size (acres)
1	Armory Park	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Community Park	32
2	Butler Nature Preserve	T8N, R19E, Section 22	Conservancy	39
3	Civic Center Campus (Includes Weyer Park)	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Neighborhood/ Special Use Park	4
4	Clover Downs Nature Preserve	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Conservancy	10
5	Coldwater Creek Park	T8N, R19E, Section 14	Neighborhood Park	2
6	Grogan Park	T8N, R19E, Section 22	Neighborhood Park	32
7	Madeline Park	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Neighborhood Park	7
8	Mapleway Park	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Neighborhood Park	9
9	Melinda Weaver Park	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Neighborhood Park	2
10	Old Brooke Square Park	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Special Use Park	1
11	Pewaukee River Greenway	T8N, R19E, Sections 27 and 34	Conservancy	22
12	Prides Crossing Park	T8N, R19E, Section 23	Neighborhood Park	29
13	Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Area	T8N, R19E, Section 33	Conservancy	11
14	Ridgeview Park	T8N, R19E, Section 14	Neighborhood Park	3
15	Spring Green Park	T8N, R19E, Section 26	Neighborhood Park	13
16	Stone Family Park ^a	T8N, R19E, Section 13	Neighborhood Park	10
17	Stonewood Estates Park	T8N, R19E, Section 15	Neighborhood Park	2
18	Sussex Preserve Subdivision Open Space	T8N, R19E, Sections 27 and 34	Open Space	24
19	Sussex Village Park (Includes The Grove)	T8N, R19E, Section 27	Community Park	72
20	Undeveloped Vista Run Subdivision Park	T8N, R19E, Section 21	Undeveloped Neighborhood Park	12
21	Vista Run Subdivision Open Space	T8N, R19E, Sections 21 and 28	Open Space	54
22	Woodland Creek Nature Preserve	T8N, R19E, Sections 13 and 14	Conservancy	202
Total: 22 Sites				592

^a Park is located in and owned by the Village of Lisbon.

Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

Coldwater Creek Park

Coldwater Creek Park is a 2-acre neighborhood park located in the northern portion of the Village. Facilities at this site include a playfield, a playground, a picnic area, a sand pit, gaga ball, and a drinking fountain.

Grogan Park

Grogan Park is a 32-acre neighborhood park located in the west-central portion of the Village. Facilities at this site include two basketball goals, a playfield, a playground, a picnic area, and a sand pit. The majority of the park is comprised of wetlands within 29 acres of primary environmental corridor along the locally known Sussex Creek.

Madeline Park

Madeline Park is a seven-acre neighborhood park located in the east-central portion of the Village. The park includes a playfield, a playground, restrooms, closed shelter, picnic area, parking lot, a drinking fountain, and a bicycle repair station. The site also includes wetlands within three acres of secondary environmental corridor along Spring Creek. The park is split by Elm Street with the northern section of the site containing the active recreation areas while the southern section of the site is a natural resource area. The park also provides access to the County Bugline Recreational Trail.

Mapleway Park

Mapleway Park is a nine-acre neighborhood park centrally located within the Village. The park includes a playground, a playfield, the Mapleway Trail, and a picnic area. The park provides a pathway to Waukesha Avenue and the County Bugline Recreational Trail.

Melinda Weaver Park

Melinda Weaver Park is a two-acre neighborhood park located in the south-central portion of the Village. The park includes a tennis court, six pickleball courts, two basketball goals, a picnic area, a drinking fountain, and a parking lot.

Old Brooke Square Park

Old Brooke Square Park is an 18,170 square foot special use park centrally located within the Village. The park includes a picnic area, a nature trail, a sand pit, and a drinking fountain. The park also provides access to the County Bugline Recreational Trail located adjacent to the park. The park also contains a small area of secondary environmental corridor located along the locally known Sussex Creek.

Pewaukee River Greenway

Pewaukee River Greenway is a 22-acre conservancy area located in the south-central portion of the Village. The site includes wetlands and woodlands within 15 acres of secondary environmental corridor along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River.

Prides Crossing Park

Prides Crossing Park is a 29-acre neighborhood park centrally located within the Village. Facilities at the site include a sandlot softball diamond, a playfield, a playground, a basketball goal, the Nancy A. Whalen Trail, a picnic area, and a drinking fountain. The site also includes woodlands within 23 acres of isolated natural resource area. The park is split by Donna Drive and residences with the northern section of the site containing the active recreation areas while the southern section of the site is all woodlands.

Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Area

Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Area is an 11-acre conservancy area associated with the Redford Hills residential subdivision located in the southwestern portion of the Village. The site includes a trail that provides access to Business Drive within the Highlands Business Park and also contains wetlands and woodlands within five acres of isolated natural resource area.

Ridgeview Park

Ridgeview Park is a three-acre neighborhood park located in the north-central portion of the Village. Facilities at this site include a playfield, a playground, and a picnic area.

Spring Green Park

Spring Green Park is a 13-acre neighborhood park located in the south-central portion of the Village. Facilities at this site include a playfield, a playground, a portion of the Corky Curtis Trail, and a picnic area. The site includes wetlands and woodlands within 10 acres of secondary environmental corridor along Spring Creek.

Stone Family Park

Stone Family Park is a 10-acre neighborhood park located in the Village of Lisbon, but adjacent to the Village of Sussex, along the northeastern boundary of the Village on Plainview Road. In 2022, the Village of Sussex provided substantial funds to the Village of Lisbon for improvements to the park. The park is intended to serve residents of the Woodland Trails and Woodland Preserve subdivisions within the Village of Sussex with a neighborhood park. The park is also intended to serve residents within nearby neighborhoods located in the Village of Lisbon. Facilities at this site include a baseball diamond, a playfield, a playground, a picnic area, and a parking lot. In addition, the Woodland Creek Trail provides a connection from the Woodland Preserve subdivision to the Woodland Trails subdivision and from the Woodland Trails subdivision to the park. The site includes wetlands within a less than one acre of secondary environmental corridor.

Stonewood Estates Park

Stonewood Estates Park is a two-acre neighborhood park located in the northwestern portion of the Village. Facilities at this site include a playfield, a playground, a picnic area, and a drinking fountain.

Sussex Preserve Subdivision Open Space

Sussex Preserve Subdivision Open Space is a 24-acre open space site located in the southern portion of the Village as part of the Sussex Preserve Subdivision. Facilities at the site include a portion of the Corky Curtis Trail. The site includes wetlands within five acres of secondary environmental corridor along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River.

Sussex Village Park (Includes The Grove)

Sussex Village Park with The Grove is a 72-acre community park centrally located within the Village. Facilities at this site include a baseball diamond, four league softball diamonds (one lighted), two sand volleyball courts, playground equipment, playfields, picnic areas, the Village Park Trail system, three open-air shelters (including the Lion's Den garage), a sledding hill, an 18-hole disc golf course, concessions/restrooms, parking lots, and drinking fountains. The park also serves as the festival grounds for the Village. The park also provides access to the County Bugline Recreational Trail.

The Grove includes a splash pad, a pavilion, an inclusive playground, gaga ball, and multi-sport courts (includes four pickleball courts (all lighted) and four basketball goals). The pavilion is available for rent to the public. The splash pad is about 5,200 square feet in size and features three different areas of play—active, family, and toddler. The family area contains a 20-foot-tall dumping feature, water arches, team sprays, and spiraling water feature. The active area has water cannons, fountains, additional water arches and team sprays. The toddler area has water jellies, water journey play, and a rotating spray feature. The inclusive playground is about 14,000 square feet in size, has poured in place surfacing, and includes towers, climbing structures, slides, and opportunities for communal play. The multi-sport courts have a dual purpose that includes four pickleball courts with four half-court basketball courts (all lighted). Each court features permanent pickleball nets and permanent, fixed basketball goals. The pavilion is 5,000 square feet in size with two indoor rentable spaces, an outdoor overhang with seating, a kitchenette, and restrooms. The building also houses the Summer Day Camp program.

Vista Run Subdivision Park (Undeveloped)

Vista Run Subdivision Park is a 12-acre undeveloped neighborhood park associated with the Vista Run residential subdivision located in the western portion of the Village.

Vista Run Subdivision Open Space

Vista Run Subdivision Open Space is a 54-acre open space/nature area associated with the Vista Run residential subdivision located in the western portion of the Village. Facilities at this site includes the Dennis Wolf Trail that connects the subdivision to STH 164. The site includes wetlands and woodlands within 42 acres of secondary environmental corridor along the South Branch of the locally known Sussex Creek.

Woodland Creek Nature Preserve

Woodland Creek Nature Preserve is a 202-acre conservancy area located in the northeastern portion of the Village. Facilities at this site include the Woodland Creek Trail. The site includes wetlands and woodlands within 150 acres of secondary environmental corridor with a portion along the locally known Willow Springs Creek. A portion of the site is used as the Village nursery.

Waukesha County Parks (Within the Village)

Waukesha County owns three sites within the Village of Sussex: a four-mile portion of the Bugline Recreational Trail (described later in the Trail Facilities section of this chapter), the Cooling's Meadow Nature Area, and a County greenway.

The Cooling's Meadow Nature Area is a 15-acre site consisting mostly of wetlands containing native flora of shallow marsh, fresh (wet) meadow, and sedge meadow located on Waukesha Avenue in the east-central portion of the Village. The site is north of and abuts the Bugline Recreational Trail. The site includes a nature trail and street parking that was developed along Waukesha Avenue to provide access to the site.

The County greenway is a 10-acre site located in the southern portion of the Village adjacent to the Village-owned Pewaukee River Greenway and Sussex Preserve Subdivision Open Space. The greenway serves as a conservancy area for the headwaters of the Pewaukee River.

Waukesha County Parks (Located Near the Village)

Waukesha County also owns two parks located near the Village of Sussex, Menomonee Park and Ryan Park. Menomonee Park is located about one mile east/northeast of the Village of Sussex in the Villages of Lannon and Menomonee Falls. The park encompasses about 470 acres and includes a 16-acre quarry lake. Facilities at the park include campgrounds (30 family sites and seven group sites), a swimming beach, group picnic shelters and areas, a 32-acre dog exercise area, a sledding hill, sand volleyball courts, a playground, a playfield, an archery range, canoeing/kayaking, fishing and fishing pier, restrooms, and numerous trails and trailheads (hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and equestrian). Various shelters and picnic areas are available for rent to the public. The park also provides access to the Bugline Recreational Trail. The park is available to the public year-round from sunrise to 10 p.m. and a daily or annual entrance permit is required for all vehicle access.

Ryan Park is located about a mile southwest of the Village of Sussex in the Village of Lisbon and the City of Pewaukee. The park encompasses about 206 acres of woodlands and wetlands. Facilities at the park include numerous trails (hiking, dog-walking, snow-shoeing, and equestrian) and a small parking lot. The park is available to the public year-round from sunrise to 10 p.m. and a daily or annual entrance permit is required for all vehicle access.

School District Sites (Within the Village)

The Village of Sussex is mostly within the Hamilton School District with a small portion in the southwestern portion of the Village within the Hartland Arrowhead School District. There are two school sites owned by the Hamilton School District within the Village of Sussex (Maple Avenue Elementary School and Woodside Elementary School). Facilities at these sites may provide public outdoor recreational opportunities for Sussex residents. As previously cited, school events and school district policies may limit the availability and use of facilities located on public school grounds to the general public.

Maple Avenue Elementary School is located in the south-central portion of the Village and provides outdoor recreational facilities including a sandlot ball diamond, a playground, basketball goals, and a playfield. Woodside Elementary School is located in the north-central portion of the Village and provides a sandlot ball diamond, basketball goals, soccer fields, a football field, a playfield, and a playground.

School District Sites (Located Near the Village)

The Hamilton School District also owns three school sites (Hamilton High School, Templeton Middle School, and Silver Spring Intermediate School) that are located in the Village of Lisbon adjacent to the Village of Sussex.

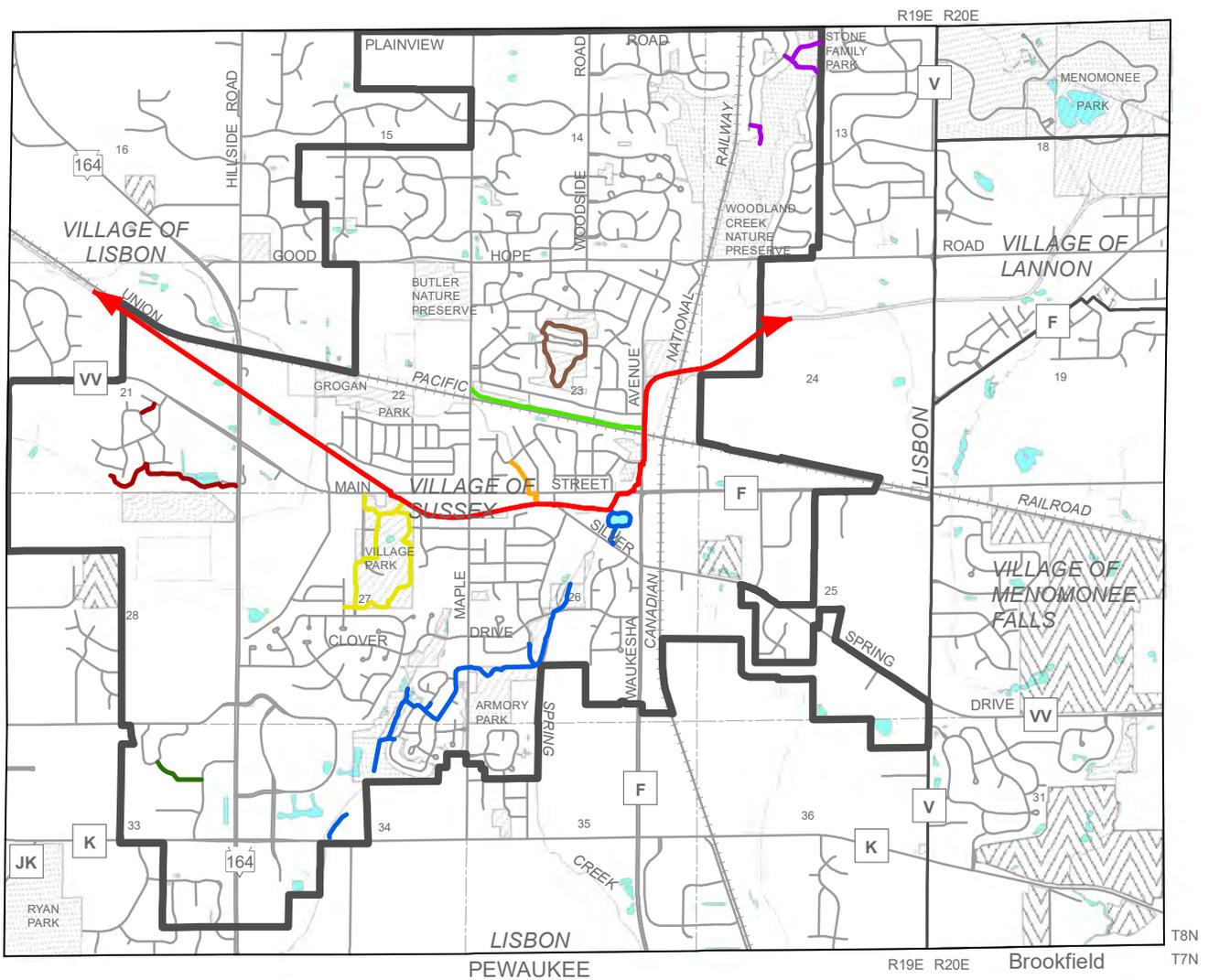
Hamilton High School and Templeton Middle School are located near each other and share facilities. Both schools are located just east of the Village of Sussex and provide outdoor recreational facilities including baseball diamonds, league softball diamonds, soccer fields, a football field, a running track, tennis courts, basketball goals, and playfields. Silver Spring Intermediate School is also located just east of the Village of Sussex and provides basketball goals, a playfield, and a playground.

Trail Facilities

Opportunities for trail-related outdoor recreation activities, such as bicycling, hiking, nature study, and cross-country skiing, are provided at trail facilities within park and open space sites in the Village, as noted on Table 2.4. The Village trail system is comprised of the Corky Curtis Trail, the Mapleway Trail, the Nancy A. Whalen Trail, the Redford Hills Trail, the Sussex Creek Trail, the Village Park Trail, the Dennis Wolf Trail, and the Woodland Creek Trail. The Corky Curtis Trail is about a 1.5-mile trail that extends south and westward through the Village from Spring Green Park through Armory Park and ultimately to the Sussex Preserve subdivision. A northern portion of the trail also encircles the Mammoth Springs Pond and provides a connection to Silver Spring Drive. The majority of the trails provide uses for hiking and bicycling (paved/graveled), except the Nancy A. Whalen Trail and portions of the Corky Curtis Trail that provide opportunities strictly for hiking. Existing trails within the Village are shown on Map 2.5.

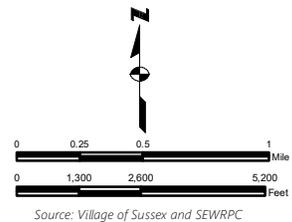
Waukesha County maintains the Bugline Recreational Trail. The Bugline Recreational Trail extends for 16 miles through Waukesha County from the Village of Menomonee Falls to the Village of North Lake, including a

Map 2.5
Existing Trails in the Village of Sussex: 2023



- BUGLINE TRAIL (WAUKESHA COUNTY)
- CORKY CURTIS TRAIL
- MAPLEWAY TRAIL
- NANCY A. WHALEN TRAIL
- SUSSEX CREEK TRAIL
- VILLAGE PARK TRAIL
- WOODLAND CREEK TRAIL
- DENNIS WOLF TRAIL
- REDFORD HILLS TRAIL

- SURFACE WATER
- PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
- PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS



four-mile segment with the Village of Sussex. The trail is located on the former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad right-of-way and is a paved multi-use trail that provides opportunities for biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. No motorized vehicles, including snowmobiling, and equestrian uses are allowed on the trail. The Bugline Recreational Trail within the Village is also shown on Map 2.5.

Additional trails are also located at the County-owned Menomonee Park and Ryan Park, both located near the Village. Menomonee Park provides many opportunities for biking and hiking, including five trail loops (paved) for biking and hiking and five trail loops (nature-based) for hiking/nature-viewing only. All of the trail loops provide opportunities for either cross-country skiing or snowshoeing, while one trail loop (bridle trail) provides opportunities for equestrian riding. Ryan Park provides various nature trails (manicured grass) for hiking, snow-shoeing, dog walking, and equestrian riding. Some trails may also be used for snowmobiling.

2.5 NATURAL RESOURCE FEATURES

The natural resources of an area are important determinants of that area's ability to provide a pleasant and habitable environment for all forms of life and to maintain its social and economic well-being. The park and open space plan should seek to preserve the most significant remaining features of the natural resource base to help retain the ecological balance and natural beauty of the Village of Sussex. A description of natural resources within the Village, including surface water resources, wetlands, woodlands, environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, natural areas, critical species habitat and aquatic sites, and geological areas, is presented in this section.

Surface Water Resources

Surface water resources and associated floodplains form an important element of the natural resource base of the Village of Sussex. The Village is located within portions of the Fox River watershed and the Rock River watershed. Within the Village, a portion of the Pewaukee River, or a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, and Spring Creek drain to the Fox River and ultimately the Mississippi River. Major streams, lakes, and watersheds are shown on Map 2.6.

Surface water resources provide recreational opportunities, influence the physical development, and enhance the aesthetic quality of the Village. Lakes and streams constitute a focal point for water-related recreational activities and greatly enhance the aesthetic quality of the environment.

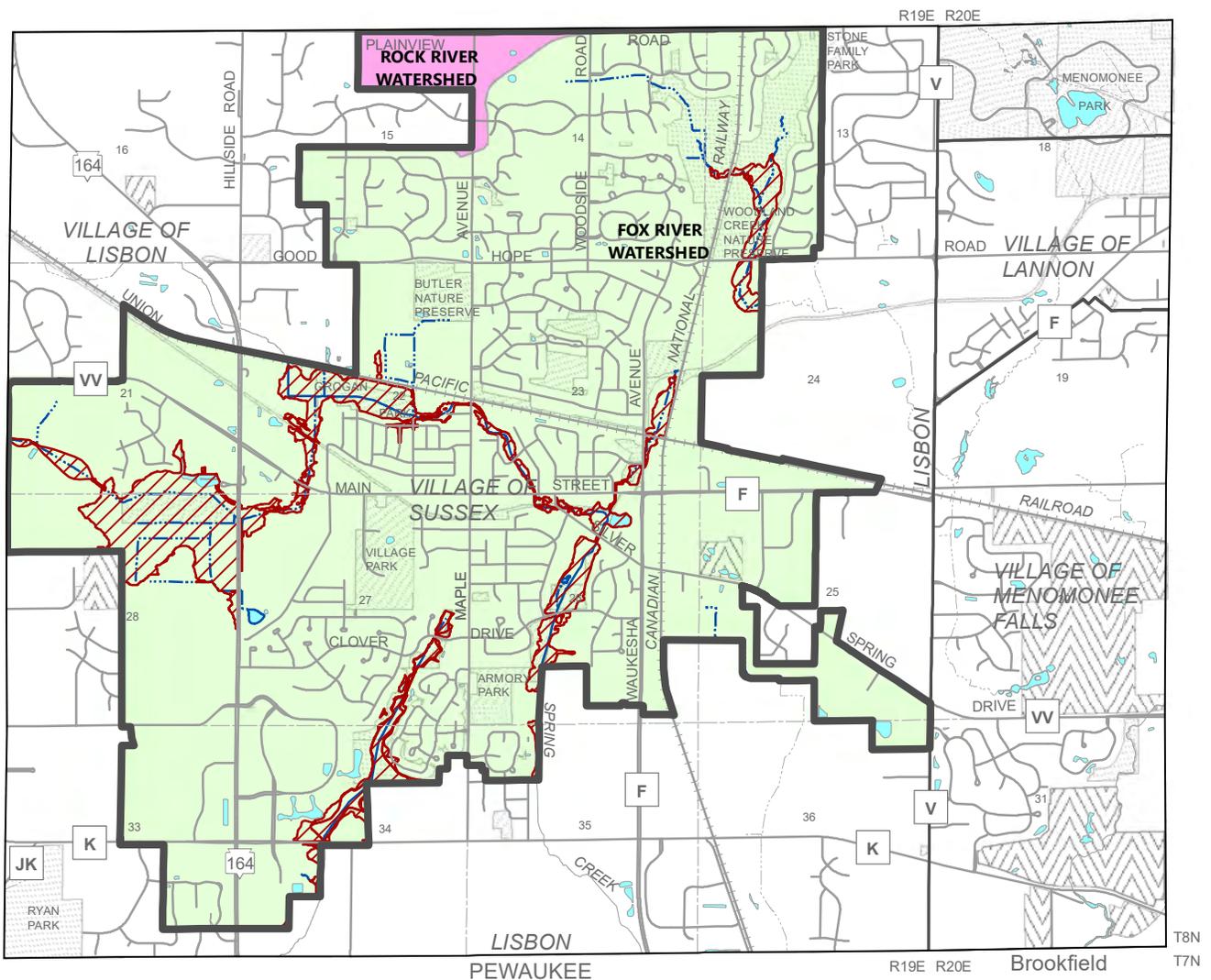
Approximately four linear miles of streams have been identified in the Village. Perennial streams⁶ within the Village include a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, Spring Creek, and the locally known Sussex Creek. The Fox River, located about a mile southeast of the Village, provides opportunities for fishing and canoeing/kayaking.

The floodplains of a river or stream are the wide, gently sloping areas contiguous to, and usually lying on both sides of, the river or stream channel. Rivers and streams occupy their channels most of the time. However, during even minor flood events, stream discharges increase markedly, and the channel may not be able to contain and convey all of the flow. As a result, water levels rise and the river or stream spreads laterally over the floodplain. The periodic flow of a river or stream onto its floodplains is a normal phenomenon and, in the absence of flood control works, can be expected to occur periodically regardless of whether urban development exists within the floodplain or not.

For planning and regulatory purposes, floodplains are normally defined as the areas, excluding the stream channel, subject to inundation during a 1-percent-annual-probability (100-year recurrence interval) flood event. This is the flood event that may be expected to be reached or exceeded in severity once in every 100 years—or stated another way—there is a one percent chance of this event being reached or exceeded in severity in any given year. Floodplain areas are generally not well suited to urban development, not only because of the flood hazard, but also because of the presence of high-water tables and of soils poorly suited to urban use. The floodplain areas, however, generally contain such important elements of the

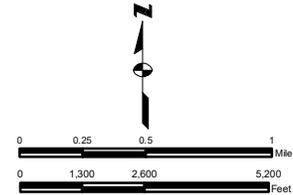
⁶ *Perennial streams are defined as watercourses that maintain, at a minimum, a small continuous flow throughout the year except under unusual drought conditions. Intermittent streams are defined as watercourses that do not maintain a continuous flow throughout the year.*

Map 2.6
Surface Water Resources in the Village of Sussex



-  1-PERCENT-ANNUAL-PROBABILITY (100-YEAR RECURRENT INTERVAL) FLOODPLAIN (WITH FLOOD ELEVATIONS DETERMINED)
-  PERENNIAL STREAM
-  INTERMITTENT STREAM
-  SURFACE WATER
-  PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

NOTE: Floodplains shown are based on November 2022 data.



Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency and SEWRPC

natural resource base as woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat and, therefore, constitute prime locations for needed open space areas. Every effort should be made to discourage indiscriminate and incompatible urban development within floodplains, while encouraging compatible park and open space use.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted a Map Modernization Program for Waukesha County that updates floodplain maps for both incorporated and unincorporated areas. Final floodplain maps for the Village of Sussex and Waukesha County were completed in November 2022. The floodplain delineations are shown on Map 2.6, and include floodplains located along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, Spring Creek, the locally known Sussex Creek and its tributaries, and the locally known Willow Springs Creek.

The Map Modernization Program identifies the 1-percent-annual-probability (100-year recurrence interval) floodplain, including floodway and floodfringe areas, and the 500-year floodplain. The 1-percent-annual-probability (100-year recurrence interval) flood event information consists of floodplains delineated by known flood elevations, often referred to as “detailed” floodplains, and “approximate” floodplains where flood elevations have not been precisely determined. These “approximate” floodplains were based on less precise floodplain maps and other factors, such as soil type and vegetative growth. All the floodplains in the Village are identified as “detailed” floodplains. The 1-percent-annual-probability (100-year recurrence interval) floodplain encompasses 412 acres, or about 8 percent of the Village.

The dispersal of urban land uses over large areas and the accompanying increase in impervious areas increases stormwater runoff, which must be accommodated by a stream network or by engineered stormwater management systems. Such facilities may include 1) curbs and gutters, 2) catch basins and inlets, 3) storm sewers, 4) infiltration facilities, and 5) stormwater storage facilities for quantity and quality control such as dry and wet detention basins, respectively. Detention basins serve to moderate peak rates of runoff following rainstorms and wet detention basins further provide a permanent volume of water to capture and store pollutants. The ponds or storage basins provide floodwater and stormwater management benefits, and may provide opportunities for limited outdoor recreation use, such as fishing and ice skating. There are numerous stormwater basins located in the Village, including some located within Village-owned parks or open space sites.

Wetlands

For planning and regulatory purposes,⁷ wetlands are commonly defined as areas in which the water table is at, near, or above the land surface and which are characterized by both hydric soils and the growth of sedges, cattails, and other wetland vegetation. Wetlands generally occur in depressions and near the bottom of slopes, particularly along lakeshores and stream banks, and on large land areas that are poorly drained.

Wetlands perform an important set of natural functions that include supporting a wide variety of desirable, and sometimes unique, forms of plant and animal life; stabilizing lake levels and stream flows; entrapping and storing plant nutrients in runoff, thus reducing the rate of enrichment of surface waters and noxious weed and algae growth; contributing to the atmospheric oxygen and water supplies; reducing stormwater runoff by providing areas for floodwater impoundment and storage; protecting shorelines from erosion; entrapping soil particles suspended in runoff and reducing stream sedimentation; providing groundwater discharge areas; and providing opportunities for certain scientific, educational, and recreational pursuits.

Wetlands within the Village of Sussex are shown on Map 2.2, and in 2020, encompassed 608 acres, or about 11 percent of the Village. Large areas of wetlands are located in the northern and western portions of the Village.

Woodlands

Woodlands are defined by the Regional Planning Commission as those upland areas one acre or more in size with 17 or more deciduous trees per acre, each measuring at least four inches in diameter at breast height and having 50 percent or more tree canopy coverage.

⁷ *Wetlands are regulated under Chapters 103 and 117 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act.*

Woodlands provide an attractive natural resource of immeasurable value. Under good management, woodlands can serve a variety of beneficial functions. In addition to contributing to clean air and water and regulating surface water runoff, woodlands can contribute to maintaining a diversity of plant and animal life. Woodlands, which may require a century or more to develop, can be destroyed through mismanagement within a comparatively short time. Deforesting hillsides contributes to rapid stormwater runoff, the siltation of lakes and streams, and the destruction of wildlife habitat. Woodlands can and should be maintained, to the extent practicable, for their scenic, wildlife habitat, educational, and recreational value and for air and water quality protection.

Woodlands encompass 188 acres, or about 4 percent of the Village. As shown on Map 2.2, woodlands are mainly located in the northern and western portions of the Village.

Environmental Corridors and Isolated Natural Resource Areas

One of the most important tasks completed under the regional planning program for Southeastern Wisconsin has been identifying and delineating those areas in the Region in which concentrations of remaining natural resources occur. Protecting and preserving such areas in essentially natural, open uses is crucial in maintaining both the ecological balance and natural beauty of the Region, the County, and the Village.

Identifying environmental corridors is based upon the presence of one or more of the following important natural resources: 1) rivers, streams, lakes, and associated shorelands and floodplains; 2) wetlands; 3) woodlands; 4) prairies; 5) wildlife habitat areas; 6) wet, poorly drained, and organic soils; and 7) rugged terrain and high relief topography. Certain other features with recreational, aesthetic, ecological, and natural resource values, including existing and potential parks, open space sites, natural areas, historic sites, and scenic viewpoints, are also considered in the delineation of environmental corridors.⁸

Delineating these natural resource and resource-related elements on a map results in an essentially linear pattern of relatively narrow, elongated areas that have been termed "environmental corridors" by the Regional Planning Commission. Primary environmental corridors include a wide variety of important natural resource and resource-related elements and are at least 400 acres in size, two miles in length, and 200 feet in width. Secondary environmental corridors serve to link primary environmental corridors, or encompass areas containing concentrations of natural resources between 100 and 400 acres in size and at least one mile long. Where secondary corridors serve to link primary environmental corridors, no minimum area or length criteria apply. Isolated natural resource areas consist of smaller concentrations of natural resources, have a minimum of five acres, and are separated physically from the environmental corridors by intensive urban or agricultural land uses.

Preserving environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas in essentially natural, open uses can help reduce flood flows, reduce noise pollution, and maintain air and water quality. Preserving corridors is important to the movement of wildlife and for the movement and dispersal of seeds for a variety of plant species. In addition, because of the many interacting relationships between living organisms and their environment, destructing and deteriorating any one element of the natural resource base may lead to a chain reaction of deterioration and destruction. The draining and filling of wetlands, for example, may destroy fish spawning grounds, wildlife habitat, and the natural filtration action and flood water storage functions of interconnecting stream systems. The resulting deteriorating surface water quality may, in turn, lead to deterioration of the quality of groundwater, which serves as a source of domestic, municipal, and industrial water supply in many areas and on which low flows in rivers and streams may depend. Similarly, destructing woodland cover may result in soil erosion and stream siltation, more rapid stormwater runoff and attendant increased flood flows and stages, and destruction of wildlife habitat.

Although the effects of any one of these environmental changes may not in and of itself be overwhelming, the combined effects will eventually create serious environmental and developmental problems. These problems include flooding, water pollution, deterioration and destruction of wildlife habitat, loss of groundwater recharge areas, and destruction of the unique natural beauty of the area. The need to maintain the integrity of the remaining environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas thus becomes apparent.

⁸ A detailed description of refining the delineation of environmental corridors in Southeastern Wisconsin is presented in SEWRPC Technical Record, Vol. 4, No. 2, Pages 1 through 21, Refining the Delineation of Environmental Corridors in Southeastern Wisconsin, March 1981 (available by contacting the Commission).

Primary Environmental Corridors

As shown on Map 2.7, primary environmental corridors are located in the northwestern portion of the Village along a portion of the locally known Sussex Creek and within Grogan Park and Butler Nature Preserve. As indicated in Table 2.6, these corridors encompassed a total area of 156 acres, or about 3 percent of the Village.

Primary environmental corridors include the best remaining woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat areas, and are, in effect, composites of the best remaining residual elements of the natural resource base of the Village. These corridors have truly immeasurable environmental and recreational value. Protecting the primary environmental corridors from intrusion by incompatible uses, and thereby from degradation and destruction, should be one of the principal objectives of the Village park and open space plan. Preserving them in an essentially open, natural state, including park and open space uses and very low density residential uses, will serve to maintain a high level of environmental quality in the Village, protect its natural beauty, and provide valuable recreation opportunities.

Secondary Environmental Corridors

As shown on Map 2.7, secondary environmental corridors in the Village of Sussex are located along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, a portion of Spring Creek, a portion of the locally known Sussex Creek and its tributaries, and the locally known Willow Springs Creek and a good portion within the Woodland Creek Nature Preserve. As indicated in Table 2.6, secondary environmental corridors encompass 588 acres, or about 11 percent of the Village.

Secondary environmental corridors facilitate surface water drainage and provide corridors for the movement of wildlife. Such corridors should also be preserved in essentially open, natural uses as development proceeds within the Village, particularly when the opportunity is presented to incorporate the corridors into drainageways, neighborhood parks, or trail corridors.

Isolated Natural Resource Areas

In addition to the environmental corridors, other smaller concentrations of natural resource base elements exist within the Village. These pockets are generally isolated from the environmental corridors by urban or agricultural development. Although separated from the environmental corridor network, these isolated natural resource areas have important natural values. Isolated natural resource areas may provide the only available wildlife habitat in an area, provide good locations for local parks and open space areas, and lend aesthetic character and natural diversity to an area.

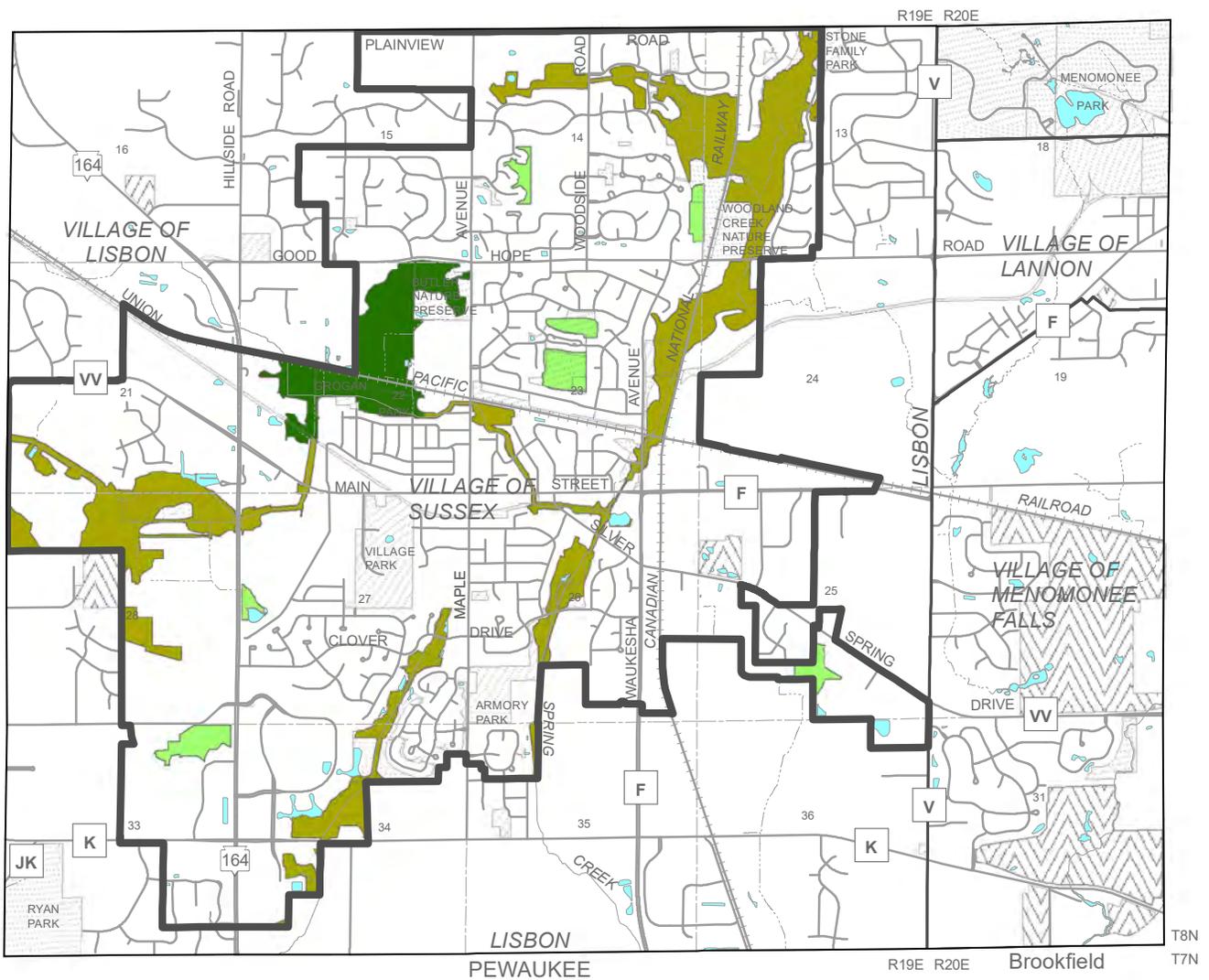
As shown on Map 2.7 and Table 2.6, isolated natural resource areas are scattered throughout the Village with a good portion of the areas comprised of woodlands, particularly within Prides Crossing Park. Isolated natural resource areas encompass 83 acres, or a little over 1 percent of the Village.

Natural Areas, Critical Species Habitat Sites, and Geological Sites

A comprehensive inventory of natural areas and critical species habitat sites in Southeastern Wisconsin was completed in 1994 by the WDNR and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The natural areas, critical species habitat sites, and geological sites inventory was updated in 2009.⁹ Natural areas are defined as tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant and animal communities believed to be representative of the pre-European-settlement landscape. Natural areas are classified into one of the following three categories: natural areas of Statewide or greater significance (NA-1); natural areas of countywide or regional significance (NA-2); or natural areas of local significance (NA-3). Classifying an area into one of these three categories is based on consideration of the diversity of plant and animal species and community types present; the structure and integrity of the native plant or animal community; the extent of disturbance by human activity, such as logging, grazing, water level changes, and pollution;

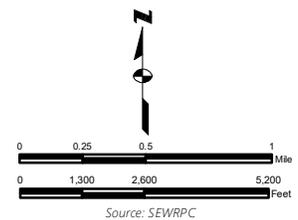
⁹ *The results of the 1994 inventory are documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, September 1997. The plan update is documented in SEWRPC Amendment to Planning Report No. 42, Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, December 2010. The plan is currently being updated and is expected to be completed in 2024. The sites identified in this Village park plan update reflect the sites inventoried in the 2024 update.*

Map 2.7
Environmental Corridors in the Village of Sussex: 2015



- PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS
- SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS
- ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS
- SURFACE WATER
- PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
- PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

NOTE: Environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas on the map reflect 2015 data. However, some of the area features have been modified (either removed completely or altered) to reflect existing developments within these areas as of 2022.



the commonness of the plant and animal communities present; any unique natural features within the area; the size of the area; and the educational value and animal communities believed to be representative of the landscape before European settlement.

As indicated on Map 2.8 and described in Table 2.7, the 13-acre Cooling’s Sedge Meadow natural area was identified in the east-central portion of the Village of Sussex along the Canadian National Railway. A 10-acre portion of the site is owned by Waukesha County as a nature area.

**Table 2.6
Environmental Corridors and Isolated Natural Resource Areas in the Village of Sussex: 2015**

Corridor Type	Acres	Percent^a
Primary Environmental Corridor	156	2.9
Secondary Environmental Corridor	588	10.8
Isolated Natural Resource Area	83	1.5
Total	827	15.2

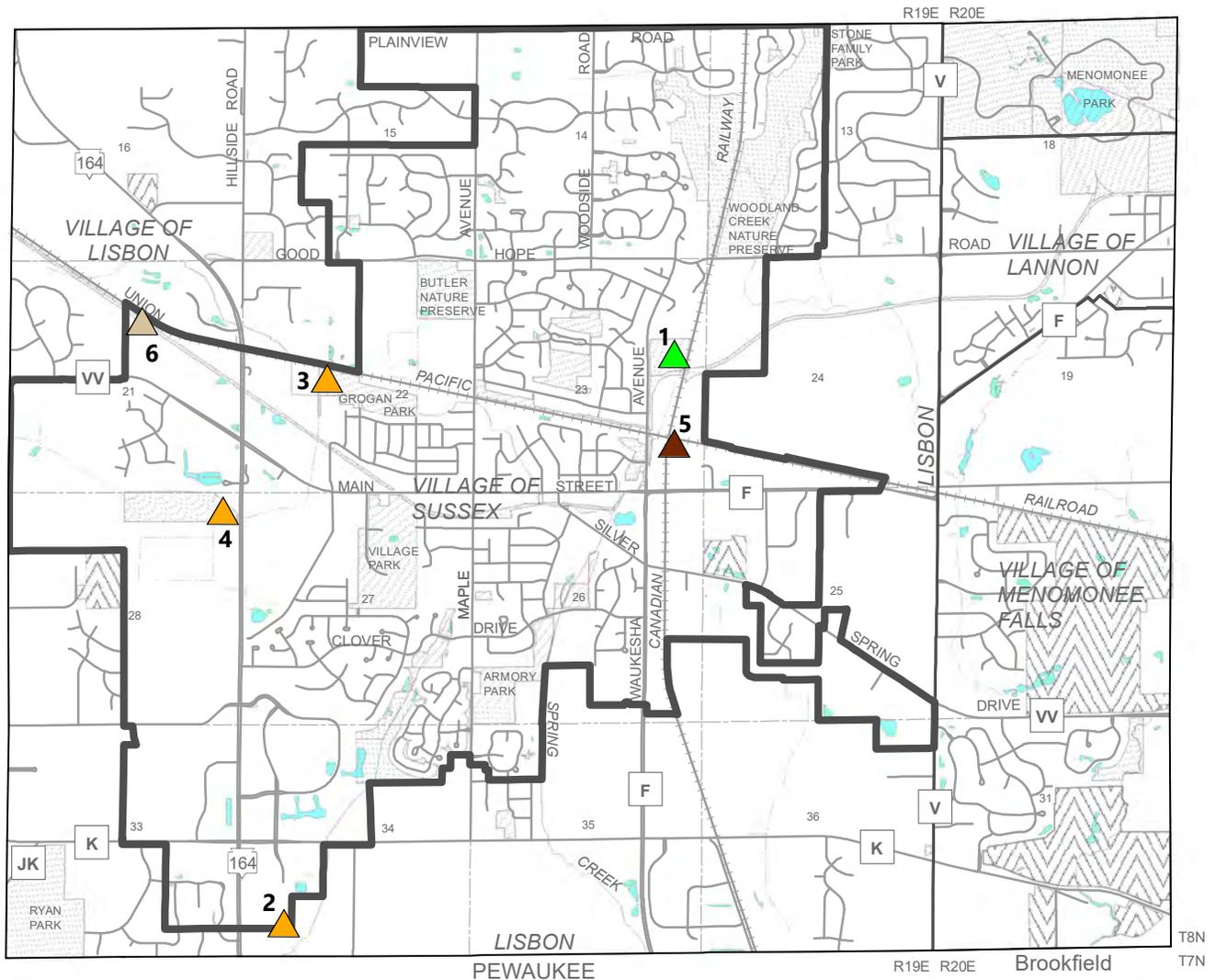
^a Percent of the Village (5,439 acres) within corridor.

Source: SEWRPC

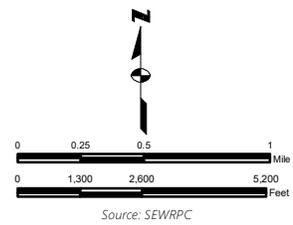
Critical species habitat sites are defined by the Regional Planning Commission as areas outside natural areas that support rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal species. Three critical species habitat sites encompassing about 59 acres are located wholly or partially within the Village of Sussex. The sites are also shown on Map 2.8 and Table 2.7.

In addition, two geological areas were identified partially or wholly within the Village. The Sussex Lime Kiln geological area, a geological area of statewide or greater significance, is located in the east-central portion of the Village and encompasses one acre. A five-acre portion of the Sussex Railroad Cut geological area is located in the west-central portion of the Village. A portion of this site is located along the Waukesha County Bugline Recreational Trail. Portions of both sites are also located within railroad rights-of-way. Both sites are identified in Table 2.7 and shown on Map 2.8.

Map 2.8
Natural Area, Critical Species Habitat Sites, and Geological Areas in the Village of Sussex: 2024



- ▲ NATURAL AREA OF LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (NA-3)
- ▲ CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT SITE
- ▲ GEOLOGICAL AREA OF STATEWIDE OR GREATER SIGNIFICANCE (GA-1)
- ▲ GEOLOGICAL AREA OF LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE (GA-3)
- 6** REFERENCE NUMBER (SEE TABLE 2.7)
- SURFACE WATER
- PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
- PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS



**Table 2.7
Natural Area, Critical Species Habitat Sites, and Geological Areas in the Village of Sussex: 2024**

Number on Map 2.8	Area Name	Classification Code^a	Location	Ownership	Size (acres)	Description and Comments
1	Cooling's Sedge Meadow	NA-3	T8N, R19E Section 23	Waukesha County and private	13	Moderate-quality sedge meadow and fresh (wet) meadow complex disturbed by sewer-line construction
2	Simmons Wetland Habitat	CSH	T8N, R19E Section 34	Private	1 ^b	A large poor quality wetland complex containing a State special concern species
3	Sussex Marsh	CSH	T8N, R19E Section 22	Village of Sussex and private	26 ^c	Ditched marsh containing a State special concern animal population
4	Sussex Meadows	CSH	T8N, R19E Section 28	Village of Sussex and private	32	Mix of old field and ditched, poor-quality marsh containing a rare animal species population
5	Sussex Lime Kiln	GA-1	T8N, R19E Section 23	Canadian National Railway, Union Pacific Railroad, and private	1	One of the best unaltered late 19 th century kilns remaining in Southeastern Wisconsin
6	Sussex Railroad Cut	GA-3	T8N, R19E Section 21	Waukesha County, Union Pacific Railroad, and private	5 ^d	Cuts through low bedrock hill along the railway right-of-way expose Lannon beds of the Racine dolomite; rocks that supply the Lannon stone industry

^a Classification code:

NA-3 identifies Natural Areas of local significance

CSH identifies Critical Species Habitat sites

GA-1 identifies Geological Areas of statewide or greater significance

GA-3 identifies Geological Areas of local significance

^b Includes only the acreage located in the Village. Total acreage is 239 acres. Waukesha County and the Village of Pewaukee own portions of the site outside the Village of Sussex. The remaining acreage is under private ownership.

^c Includes only the acreage located in the Village. Total acreage is 51 acres. All remaining acreage is under railroad ownership or private ownership.

^d Includes only the acreage located in the Village. Total acreage is six acres. Waukesha County (Bugline Recreation Trail) owns over a one-acre portion of the site. All remaining acreage is under railroad ownership or private ownership.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC

STATUS OF PREVIOUS VILLAGE PARK PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

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Credit: Village of Sussex

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan¹⁰ adopted in 2013 includes recommendations pertaining to acquiring land for the expansion of existing Village parks and nature areas; acquiring land for the development of new parks and nature areas and recreational facilities associated with new developments; developing recreational facilities at new park sites; developing and/or improving recreational facilities at existing park and open space sites; and maintaining environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas within the Village.

While most of the recommendations are directed to the Village of Sussex, there may be recommendations directed to other units and agencies of government with jurisdiction within the Village or the Village's study area, such as Waukesha County. This chapter summarizes the recommendations made in the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan and identifies the status of those recommendations as of 2023. Recommendations that had not been implemented as of 2023 are also summarized and were reevaluated as part of this plan update. Plan recommendations for the year 2050 are presented in Chapter 5.

3.2 STATUS OF PARK PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE VILLAGE OF SUSSEX

Since the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan was completed, the Village has acquired lands for the expansion of existing parks and nature areas, acquired lands for new parks and nature areas, developed recreational facilities at existing and new park sites and nature areas, and acquired lands associated with environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas. The following sections provide additional information on the status of the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan recommendations.

¹⁰ Documented in a report entitled, *Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: Village of Sussex Parks and Open Space Plan 2014 to 2018, Sussex, Wisconsin.*

Outdoor Recreation Element

Parks Recommendations

The following recommendations cited in the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan relating to acquiring land and developing and/or improving parks and trails that have completed by the Village through 2023 include:

- Acquired lands for a new neighborhood park and a new nature area or open space in the far west portion of the Village associated with the Vista Run residential subdivision (west of STH 164)
- Acquired land for a new nature area in the southwestern portion of the Village associated with the Redford Hills residential subdivision
- Acquired additional land and developed a trail at Prides Crossing Park and also added isolated natural resource area lands for open space preservation purposes (woodlands) located directly south of Prides Crossing Park associated with the former Village-owned Standpipe Nature Area
- Acquired land for the expansion of Woodland Creek Nature Preserve
- Redeveloped Weyer Park as part of the new Village Civic Center development
- Redeveloped Old Brooke Square Park as part of the Main Street reconstruction project
- Acquired environmental corridors for open space preservation purposes along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, Spring Creek, and the locally known Sussex Creek and its tributaries
- Acquired isolated natural resource areas for open space preservation purposes (woodlands) at Prides Crossing Park
- Continued development of an existing trail (Corky Curtis Trail) north and south of Armory Park
- Developed new trails at Woodland Creek Nature Preserve (Woodland Creek Trail) and Prides Crossing Park (Nancy A. Whalen Trail)
- Prepared a Master Plan for Village Park

Since 2013, the Village has also pursued new acquisitions and developments and/or improvements at various park sites that were not specifically recommended in the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan, which include:

- Acquired lands for open space and preservation purposes along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River (Pewaukee Greenway) and associated with the Sussex Preserve residential subdivision
- Constructed four pickleball courts and added four basketball goals and developed recreational facilities, including a splash pad and an inclusive playground, associated with The Grove at Village Park as Phase 1 of the Village Park Master Plan
- Removed the basketball courts, sand volleyball court, ice skating area, and skateboard facilities at Armory Park
- Moved the Historic Train Depot building thus providing a closed shelter, restrooms, and a drinking fountain and upgraded play equipment at Madeline Park

- Provided striping for pickleball courts with the existing tennis courts initially, and then upgraded the facility with four permanent pickleball courts, two striped pickleball courts, one permanent tennis court, one full basketball court, picnic area, drinking fountain and parking lot at Melinda Weaver Park
- Developed the Civic Center/Weyer Park with spaces for recreation programming and an indoor gym with two pickleball courts and four basketball goals, an outdoor ice-skating area, a drinking fountain, updated play equipment, and indoor restrooms
- Partnered with the Village of Lisbon to upgrade recreational facilities at the Village of Lisbon's Stone Family Park that will serve new residential developments in the northern portion of the Village of Sussex
- Updated the play equipment, play surfacing, and half-court basketball at Prides Crossing Park
- Discontinued recreational activities at the Community Center and Youth Hall and sold both properties to private entities
- Rerouted Spring Creek near Kneiske Drive and Main Street and exposed about 500 feet of the creek that was previously enclosed with a culvert

The following recommendations from the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan that have not been implemented as of 2023, and were reevaluated as part of this plan update:

- Acquiring land for expansion and developing additional recreational facilities at Village Park
- Acquiring land for expansion and developing additional recreational facilities at Armory Park
- Acquiring land and developing recreational facilities at two new neighborhood parks associated with potential new residential developments (one in the far north and one in the far south portions of the Village)
- Acquiring land for expansion at Butler Nature Preserve
- Developing recreational facilities such as a playground, a playfield, an open-air shelter, a picnic area, a drinking fountain, and walking trails at the undeveloped Vista Run Subdivision Park
- Expanding the existing Village trail system by linking parks, trails, and pathways along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, Spring Creek, and the locally known Sussex Creek and its tributaries; partial trail improvements have been completed
- Continue to acquire or preserve environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas for open preservation purposes

Trails Recommendations

The previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan recommended the continued development of the Village trail system utilizing the County-owned Bugline Recreational Trail, the roadway system, and environmental corridors. It is the goal of the Village that the trail system (trails and sidewalks) would link parks, existing trails, and pathways along Spring Creek, the locally known Sussex Creek, and along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River. The previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan recommends the continued expansion of existing trails along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River (Corky Curtis Trail) and the locally known Sussex Creek and its tributaries (Sussex Creek Trail) as well as the development of new trails within environmental corridors or existing or planned park or open space sites and on or within road rights-of-way, including sidewalks. The previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan also recommended the development of trails within and through the following Village parks: Butler Nature Preserve, Grogan Park, Woodland Creek Nature Preserve, and the area that is now the Vista Run residential subdivision, which includes separate park and open space areas.

Since the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan was adopted, the Village has expanded portions of the Corky Curtis Trail that includes segments along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River and Spring Creek and developed a portion of the Woodland Creek Trail linking residential subdivisions on the north side of the Village to Stone Family Park. In addition, the Village has developed the Nancy A. Whalen Trail, a one-mile, nature-based hiking trail within Prides Crossing Park; developed the Dennis Wolf Trail from STH 164 to Heavenly Court within the Vista Run subdivision; and developed the Redford Hills Trail from Crescent Drive within the Redford Hills subdivision to Business Drive within the Highlands Business Park. Map 2.5 in Chapter 2 shows existing trails within the Village.

Open Space Preservation Element

The previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan identified the importance of maintaining primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas within the Village, particularly those areas located in and adjacent to Grogan Park, Butler Nature Preserve, and areas located adjacent to Spring Creek, the locally known Sussex Creek, the locally known Willow Springs Creek, Spring Green Park, and along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River. The plan recommended that the Village protect, connect, and enhance environmental corridors by incorporating the development of new parkways and trails, and preserving and protecting isolated natural resource areas through land use planning and property acquisition, when feasible, throughout the Village. Linking environmental corridors would provide the opportunity for establishing a Greenway, which would serve to provide open space for human access and recreational use as well as protect and enhance natural and cultural resources.

Since the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan was adopted, the Village has acquired additional secondary environmental corridors including lands associated with the expansion of Woodland Creek Nature Preserve; along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River (Sussex Preserve Subdivision and Pewaukee River Greenway); and along a tributary of the locally known Sussex Creek and open space areas associated with the Vista Run Subdivision development and also acquired additional isolated natural resource areas associated with Redford Hills Subdivision development.

3.3 STATUS OF PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY OTHER UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) administers State and Federal grant programs for acquiring and developing land for outdoor recreation and resource protection purposes. In order for the Village to qualify to apply for such funds, it must adopt a park plan that complies with WDNR requirements. The previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan was approved by the WDNR. It is anticipated that this plan will also meet the WDNR standards so the Village can continue to apply for and potentially receive available State and Federal grant funds to help implement the plan.

Waukesha County

County Parks Recommendations

The Waukesha County Parks System is a natural resource-based system, which demonstrates stewardship while providing recreational and educational opportunities. The previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan recommended that the County continue to preserve the Cooling's Meadow Nature Area in the east-central portion of the Village and that the Village work with Waukesha County to support the effort of developing a dog park at Menomonee Park, located just east/northeast of the Village. Since the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan was adopted, the County designated 32 acres for dog exercise at Menomonee Park, with financial support from the Village of Sussex. The dog exercise site is comprised of three areas for different sizes of dogs and all three areas are fenced in. In addition, the County has designated a separate swim area for dogs at the park.

County Trails Recommendations

The previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan expects Waukesha County to continue to maintain the County-owned Bugline Recreational Trail that traverses the Village from east to west. About a four-mile segment of the 16-mile trail is located within the Village. The Village plans to develop a Village trail system throughout the Village that would connect to and utilize the Bugline Recreational Trail.



Credit: Village of Sussex

Previous chapters of this report have presented the results of inventories of existing population, land uses, natural resources, and park and open space sites in the Village. This chapter describes additional important factors when preparing the park and open space plan update. Specifically, this chapter describes relevant Village, County, and regional plan recommendations; probable future population levels in the Village in the year 2050; summarizes the results of a public survey regarding the Village park system, recreational facilities, and trails; and uses a set of park and open space objectives, principles, and standards as a guide to prepare the plan update.

4.1 VILLAGE PLANS AFFECTING THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Sound planning practice requires that each community plan or plan element be properly related to adopted local, county, and regional plans. Plans that have been considered and appropriately incorporated into this updated park and open space plan include the 2040 Village of Sussex Comprehensive Plan; the Sussex Downtown Design and Development Plan; the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan; the Village Park Master Plan; the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan; and the updated natural areas plan for Southeastern Wisconsin.

Park and Open Space Plans and Related Plans

The Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Sussex: 2050 is the fifth park and open space plan prepared for the Village. Two of those plans were prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (Commission), including a plan in 1988 and this plan update. Chapter 3 provides background information on the previous plan and also includes information on the implementation status of recommendations from the previous park and open space plan.

In 2003, the Village of Sussex prepared and adopted the *Village of Sussex 2020 Comprehensive Plan*. The plan was subsequently updated in 2018 as the *Village of Sussex 2040 Comprehensive Plan*. The 2040 comprehensive plan includes an inventory of Village-owned parks, open space sites, and trails, and also identifies Waukesha County and Town of Lisbon (now the Village of Lisbon) parks, nature areas, and trails within or near the Village of Sussex. The plan provides goals focusing on the quality of the park system, developing a trail and pedestrian system, and protecting environmentally sensitive areas and policies for natural resource protection including parklands, recreational facilities, wetlands, and woodlands. The plan

also provides generalized park, open space, and trail recommendations (as shown on Map 7-2 of the Village Comprehensive Plan), as well as transportation and land use recommendations for continued development of the Village. Map 4.1 shows the 2040 Village land use plan map. The plan recommends that various path and sidewalk connections should be implemented through a trails and path plan. In addition, the plan identifies key programs and projects for implementation including preserving and acquiring various nature areas; developing a system of parkways, trails, and sidewalks linking residential areas to parks and open spaces; and satisfying the existing and future recreational needs of Village residents.

Sussex Downtown Design and Development Plan

The *Sussex Downtown Design and Development Plan* was prepared by Vandewalle and Associates and adopted by the Village in 2011. The plan updates a similar downtown plan adopted in 1996. The plan is intended to assist Village officials and staff in guiding the future vision of downtown Sussex, such as identifying public improvement projects, including specific redevelopment areas and sites; reviewing design strategies and guidelines for these projects; and recommending steps for implementation.

The downtown project area boundary is centered on Main Street between Pewaukee Road on the west and the Canadian National Railway on the east. The area includes adjacent entry corridors, parks and open space, and neighborhoods. The Civic Center Campus is the major centerpiece of downtown and includes the Village Hall, the Library, and Weyer Park. The plan recommends that the following park- and trail-related improvements be implemented at the campus area.

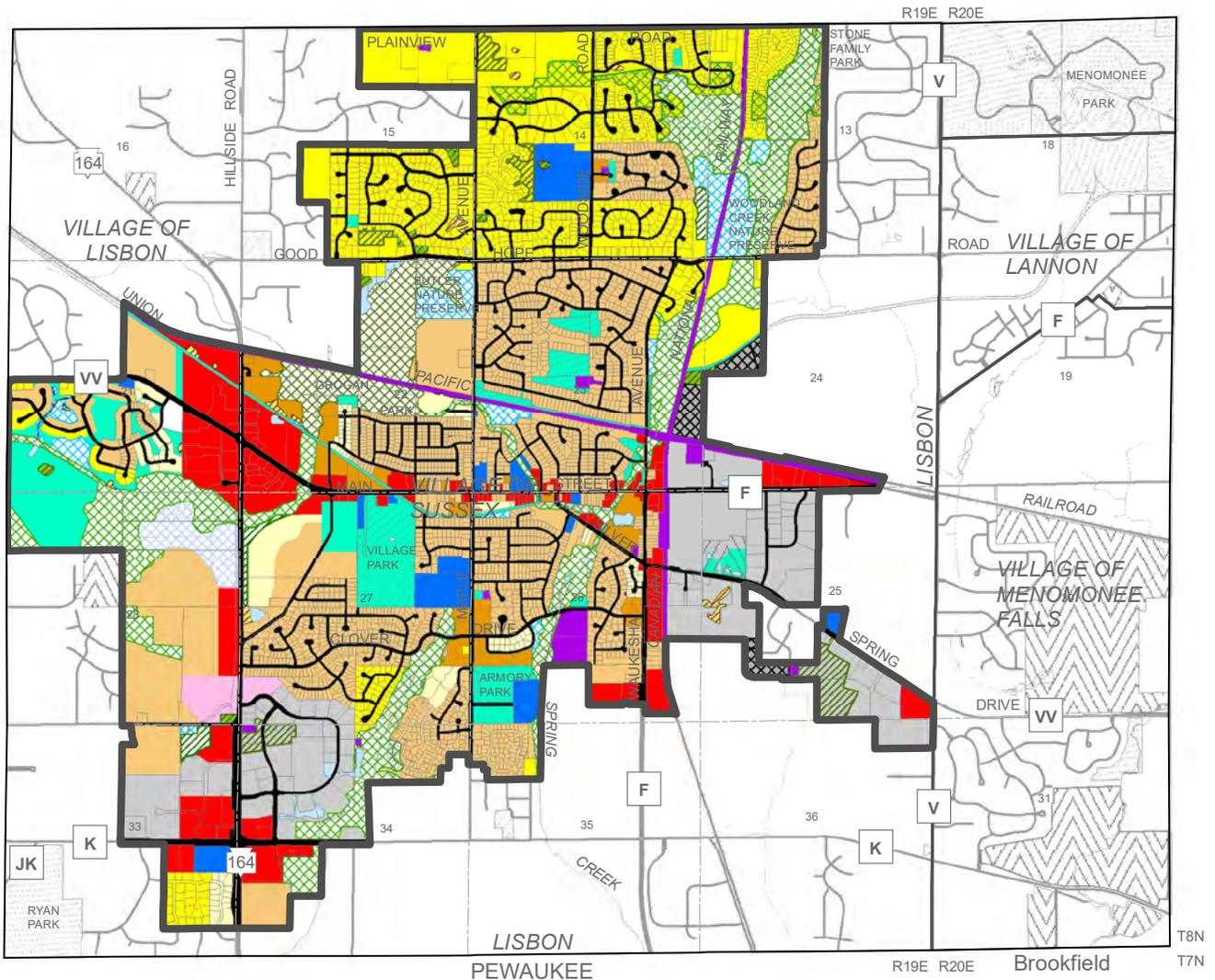
- Maintain the park and open space areas, including the playground and picnic area, associated with the campus area for the opportunity to host community events and provide access to the locally known Sussex Creek
- Develop pathways within the park that would provide a connection to neighborhoods, the library, and other nearby amenities
- Develop a park shelter that may include restrooms, water, and electrical
- Develop a multi-purpose area and flexible performance stage to be used for public gatherings, performance events, and recreational activities
- Develop a multi-purpose area on the east side of the locally known Sussex Creek and construct a bridge over the creek to provide access to both areas
- Incorporate/extend the Bugline Recreation Trail by providing connections between the trail and adjacent neighborhoods and downtown activity centers, such as the campus area, and providing additional access points along Main Street
- Promote more walking and biking opportunities to and from downtown, including the campus area

In addition, since the Sussex Village Park is also an important downtown amenity and activity area for the Village, the plan recommends that the Village exploit Village Park frontage to improve the image of downtown and develop connections between the park and downtown properties.

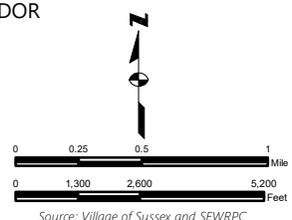
The locally known Sussex Creek is an important natural resource feature that runs through downtown. The plan recommends that the Village should maintain the quality of the environmental corridor containing the creek and utilize the creek for recreational uses.

Since 2011, the Village has implemented some of the recommendations noted above including maintaining and improving the playground and picnic area, developing additional access points/pathways to the park and campus area, developing a bridge over the locally known Sussex Creek, and developing additional access points to the Bugline Recreation Trail along Main Street.

Map 4.1
Village of Sussex Land Uses: 2040



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| SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL | STREETS AND HIGHWAYS |
| LOW DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL | RAILWAY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND UTILITIES |
| MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL | SURFACE WATER |
| MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL | ENVIRONMENTAL OVERLAY |
| COMMERCIAL | FLOOD STORAGE AREA |
| COMMERCE CENTER | WOODLANDS OUTSIDE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR |
| INDUSTRIAL | WETLANDS OUTSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR |
| QUARRY | PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR |
| GOVERNMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL | SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR |
| RECREATIONAL | ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA |
| PUBLICLY OWNED OPEN SPACE | PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS |
| OPEN LAND | PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS |



Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

2021-2026 Strategic Plan

In 2021, the Village Board adopted a Strategic Plan to guide the focus, resources, and priorities of the Village from 2021 to 2026. Bi-annual reports are produced to update the public and Village Board on the progress made on the Strategic Plan. Five goals were identified in the plan including the “Quality of Life” goal. This goal is meant to quantify the services provided and assess how these services impact the community, and increase the quality of life afforded to the citizens of Sussex.

The following park and recreation objectives were identified as part of the “Quality of Life” goal.

- Update the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and identify potential amenities and programs for underserved age groups as part of the update.
- Continue implementing the Village Park Master Plan to add new amenities and update existing ones. Meet with key stakeholders in park usage to collaborate on functionality of park design.
- Explore opportunities to construct a community pool/aquatics center.
 - Research pools in similar size communities to estimate capital and operating costs, identify potential funding mechanisms, and learn best practices.
 - Explore public and private partnerships for funding and usage to offset the cost burden on taxpayers.
 - Complete a feasibility study to identify community needs and refine cost estimates. Determine if the Village should construct a smaller community pool at a lower cost to taxpayers or a larger aquatic center with more amenities.

The Village Board elected to fund a pool feasibility study for three years starting in 2020. Funds are available to proceed with the study starting in 2024. However, preparation of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update has begun, and the update is likely to provide a recommendation for the development of a community pool.

Village Park Master Plan

In 2011, the Village of Sussex consulted with Stantec to prepare a master plan for Village Park, the Village’s largest park. The park is centrally located within the Village and hosts numerous community events annually. The park is diverse, offering park users a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities. The plan was never formally approved and was designated as a work in-progress.

In 2012, the Village consulted with RA Smith National to conduct a series of planning sessions and a visioning session for the four main phases of the master plan. The planning sessions were held to assist stakeholders, user groups, and park board members in envisioning and reviewing several design issues throughout the park. The planning sessions led to a series of “designs within a design,” and includes four main park areas: a recreational core, an event core, trails and open space, and a quad baseball diamond complex. The four main park areas had a significant impact on each other, thus the planning sessions provided a resolution for the spatial relationships and programming issues prior to review of the project and budget by the Park and Recreation Board.

In 2018, the Village consulted with Kahler Slater to finalize the master plan for Village Park. Recommendations identified in the master plan includes acquiring about 17 acres of open space land located west of and adjacent to the existing park for park expansion; developing an inclusive playground, splash pad, multi-sport courts, and shelter building (Phase 1); developing a ball diamond complex (five diamonds), concessions building, and parking lots (Phase 2); and converting the south side of the park from ball diamonds and parking lots to nature-based, passive use areas and activities (Phase 3). Phase 3 will also include renovating the park’s existing buildings (Lions Open Air Shelter, Early Days Shelter/North Open Air Shelter, Lions Building, and Parks Shop) and reconfiguring all 18 holes of the disc golf course located at the park.

In 2019, the Village initiated the first phase of the Village Park update and completed the development of those facilities in 2020. The development of those facilities identified for the second phase is contingent on the acquisition of lands adjacent to the park.

Public Facilities Needs Assessment and Impact Fee Ordinance

A public facilities needs assessment¹¹ for the Village was prepared in August 2007. A needs assessment is required by Section 66.0617 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* to demonstrate a need for and determine the amount of impact fees that may be placed on new development to cover the cost of providing public sites and facilities to serve that development. Impact fees for Village park facilities are only assessed for residential developments, because park facilities are generally used only by the residential portion of Village, while other types of facilities, such as fire and rescue, law enforcement, and transportation, are used by residential and nonresidential entities.

Currently, the Village charges a parks impact fee of \$2,975.69 for each residential dwelling unit constructed within the Village. If a developer submits a proposed development that does not include a proposed public school, playground, park, parkway, trail corridor, open space site, or other public lands that are designated on the Village's Official Map, comprehensive plan, or other plan component; the developer shall pay an impact fee to be used for acquiring public sites to serve the future residents of the proposed development. However, the Village does accept land dedication for school, parks, or open space lands in lieu of fees. The developer may dedicate school, park, or open space lands for areas designated to have such facilities as identified on a Village Official Map, comprehensive plan, or other plan component. Collecting these fees will help offset the costs associated with acquiring lands for schools, parks, parkways, trail corridors, or open space or developing park facilities. From 2017 to May 2023, the Village has collected, with interest, about \$1,462,000, or about \$208,800 per year, in parks impact fees.

In 2007, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted Wisconsin Act 44, which made changes to the impact fee law, including deadlines for using impact fees. For fees collected after April 11, 2006, those fees that were collected within seven years of the effective date of the local impact fee ordinance must be used within 10 years after the effective date of the ordinance, with the possibility of a three-year extension in the event of extenuating circumstances. Impact fees not used within the statutory time limit must be refunded to the current owner of the property on which the fee was assessed, plus interest. Any fees collected more than seven years after the effective date of the impact fee ordinance must be used within a reasonable period of time. In addition to the impact fee law enacted in 2007, additional changes were also enacted in 2017 as part of Wisconsin Act 243. Changes to the impact fee law in 2017, included:

- A county or local government must provide detailed reports to impact fee payers on how the fee will be spent
- Developers may defer payment on impact fees exceeding \$75,000 for four years; (if the developer constructs the impact fee-funded facilities earlier, the developer must pay the full impact fee six months before the county or local government spends the revenue)
- Impact fee revenue must be spent within eight years (some longer time limits may apply in specific cases), where previously, county and local governments were allowed to specify their own practical timeframe
- Aggrieved parties have 90 days following the fee's due date to file a petition
- County and local governments are no longer allowed to use impact fees for operation or maintenance expenses of public facilities

Impact fees not used within the statutory timeframe must be refunded to the current owner of the property on which the fee was assessed, plus interest.

¹¹ Documented in a report entitled, *Public Facilities Needs Assessment for the Village of Sussex, Wisconsin, prepared by Schreiber/Anderson Associates, August 2007. The impact fee ordinance (Ordinance No. 641; now Chapter 18, Section 18.10065 of the Municipal Code) was adopted by the Village Board on April 13, 2004 and was recently amended on February 14, 2023.*

4.2 COUNTY AND REGIONAL PLANS AFFECTING THE PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Regional Park and Open Space Plan

The adopted regional park, outdoor recreation, and related open space plan, as described in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 27, *A Regional Park and Open Space Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2000*, November 1977, identifies existing and probable future park and open space needs within the Region and recommends a system of large regional resource-oriented parks, recreation corridors, and smaller urban parks, together with their attendant recreational facility requirements, to meet these needs. Generally, acquiring and developing a system of major parks (parks of 250 acres or larger) with recreational facilities dependent on large areas or natural resources, such as golf courses, ski hills, and swimming beaches, was delegated to counties and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Developing community and neighborhood parks with facilities that were not dependent on natural resources (ball diamonds, playfields, and playgrounds, for example) was delegated to cities, villages, and towns. That general planning framework has been used to prepare more detailed park and open space plans by counties and communities in the Region since adoption of the regional plan in 1977.

Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan

An updated park and open space plan for Waukesha County was included in the County Comprehensive Plan and was adopted by the County Board in February 2009. In 2023, the plan¹² was updated and adopted by the County Board as an amendment to the County Comprehensive Plan. The plan includes recommendations which, if implemented, would provide residents of the County with opportunities to participate in a wide range of resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities. Those recommendations, which have been incorporated into this Village plan, are concerned with providing major parks. Major parks offer opportunities for resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities, and recreation corridors (referred to as “greenways”) to protect natural resources and also provide opportunities for trail-oriented activities. In addition, the plan includes recommendations protecting and preserving open space lands, including natural resource features such as woodlands, wetlands, floodplains, and important plant and animal habitat, located within environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas.

Parks

In 2023, the Waukesha County park system, as shown on Map 4.2, consists of 14 major parks, including eight developed parks and six undeveloped parks; six lake- or river-access sites; two golf courses; a nature center; two indoor ice arenas; an exposition center; and a historic cemetery. There are no major parks located within the Village, however, there are two major parks, Menomonee Park and Ryan Park, located about one mile east and southwest, respectively, from the Village. The 470-acre Menomonee Park was originally acquired by the County in 1960 with numerous additional acquisitions thereafter and is located in the Villages of Lannon and Menomonee Falls. Existing facilities at the park include campgrounds, a swimming beach, group picnic shelters and areas, a dog exercise area, a sledding hill, sand volleyball courts, a playground, a playfield, an archery range, canoeing/kayaking, fishing and fishing pier, restrooms, and numerous trails and trailheads. The County park plan recommends that lands be acquired for expansion to the north (about 23 acres) and south (about 20 acres) of the park.

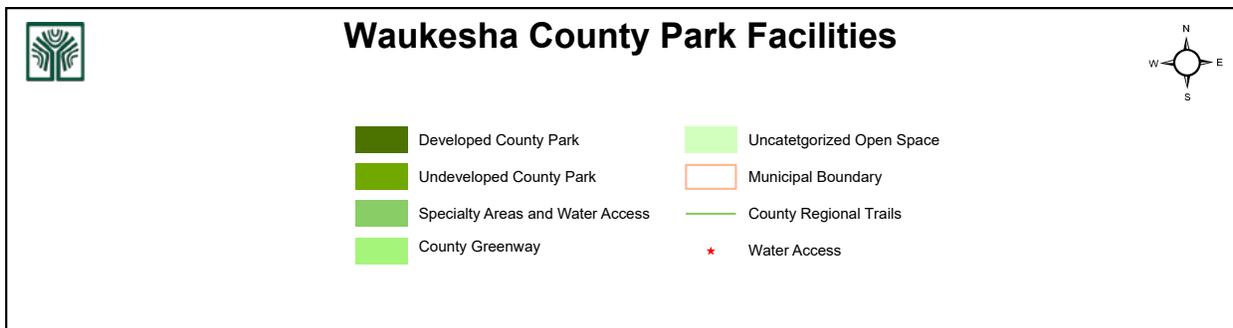
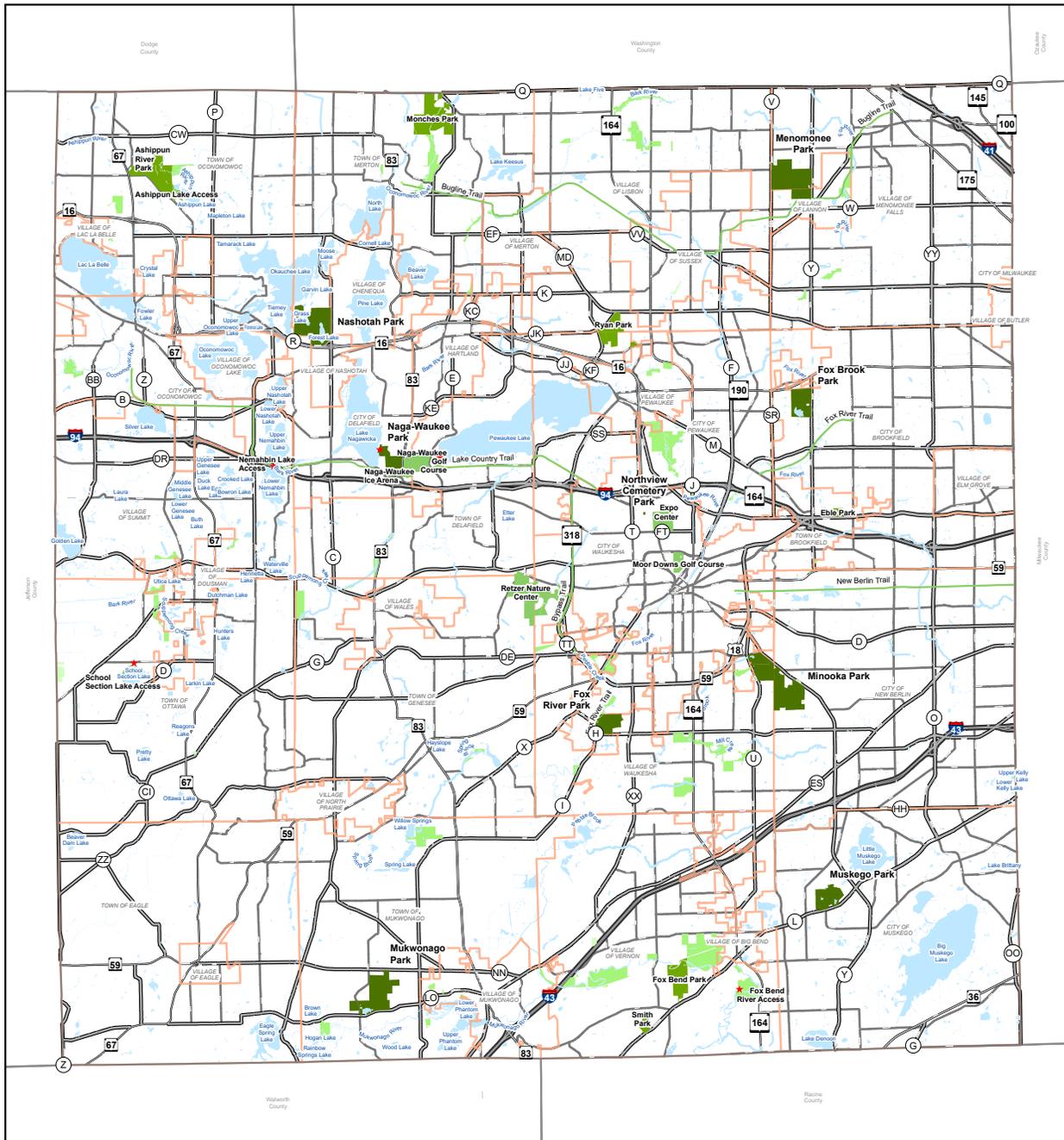
The 217-acre Ryan Park was originally acquired by the County in 1976 with additional acquisitions thereafter and is located in the Village of Lisbon and the City of Pewaukee. Existing facilities at the park include numerous trails (hiking, dog-walking, snow-shoeing, and equestrian). The County park plan recommends that lands be acquired for expansion of the park—primarily east of the park—and are proposed to encompass about 115 acres.

Greenways and Trails

The County plan recommends acquiring lands to establish greenways along 11 major rivers or streams within the County. Greenways are environmental corridors generally located along a river or stream, ridgeline, or other linear feature that are held in public ownership or preservation easements and are intended to provide

¹² Documented in a report titled, *A Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County, Wisconsin, February 2009, prepared by the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use. The updated County park and open space plan, a component of the County comprehensive plan, has a design year of 2023 to 2027, and is included in Appendix A of the report.*

Map 4.2 Waukesha County Park and Trail System



Source: Waukesha County

aesthetic and natural resource continuity. Greenways can also serve as a location for recreational trails. The previous and existing County park plans recommended that the County acquire lands associated with the Pewaukee River Greenway. The headwaters of the Pewaukee River are located in the south-central portion of the village. Since the previous Village park and open space plan was adopted, the County has acquired 10 acres of greenway along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River within the village.

The County park and open space plan also recommends that the County maintain the entirety of the Bugline Recreation Trail and continue to make improvements to the trail, when necessary. The Bugline Recreation Trail extends for 16 miles through Waukesha County from the Village of Menomonee Falls to the Village of North Lake, including a four-mile segment with the Village of Sussex. The trail is located on a former railway right-of-way and is a paved multi-use trail that provides opportunities for biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Connections to the Bugline Recreation Trail within the study area are located at Menomonee Park and at Madeline Park and Village Park in the Village.

Regional Natural Areas Plan

Natural areas and critical species habitat sites in southeastern Wisconsin were identified in 1994 as part of the regional natural areas study. The inventory of natural areas, critical species habitat sites, and geological sites was updated in 2009.¹³ A second update to the inventory of these areas and sites was underway as of the production of this park and open space plan, and is expected to be completed in 2024. One natural area, three critical species habitat sites, and two geological areas were identified, wholly or partially, in the Village in 2023. The natural area, critical species habitat sites, and geological sites in the Village are shown on Map 2.8 and described on Table 2.7 in Chapter 2.

Natural areas and critical species habitat sites are defined as tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant and animal communities believed to be representative of the pre-European-settlement landscape or are areas that support rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal species. The regional natural areas plan recommends protecting and preserving such areas in the Region. The natural areas plan identifies potential sites to be placed in public or private protective ownership, and other sites to be protected, insofar as it is possible, through zoning and other regulatory means without protective ownership. It also recommends that a detailed management plan be prepared and implemented for each site placed under protective ownership.

The existing and recommended ownership of each natural area, critical species habitat site, and geological site is summarized in Table 5.2 in Chapter 5. Prior to acquisition by a public agency or nonprofit conservation organization (NCO), boundaries of the natural areas, critical species habitat sites, and geological site should be precisely identified based on a field delineation. Acquisition may be through fee-simple purchase or by acquisition of a conservation easement.

4.3 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, AND STANDARDS

The Regional Planning Commission, as part of the regional park and open space plan completed in 1977, formulated a comprehensive set of park and related open space preservation, acquisition, and development objectives. Because the study viewed all park and open space sites and facilities as an integral part of an areawide system, the objectives addressed neighborhood, community, and multi-community or regional park and open space sites and facilities.

The objectives, principles, and standards developed for the Regional Park and Open Space Plan were used to prepare this Village park plan. The regional standards have been modified over time to incorporate State regulations regarding lake access and to incorporate a standard for soccer fields. The regional park and open space objectives, principles, and standards are set forth in Appendix A. Applicable goals, objectives, policies, and programs from the Village's comprehensive plan were also used to help guide preparation of this plan.

¹³ Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, September 1997. An update to the plan is documented in SEWRPC Amendment to Planning Report No. 42, Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, December 2010.

The desired attainment of all objectives is to provide residents of the Village with opportunities for high-quality recreational experiences. Under the regional park and open space plan and the Waukesha County park and open space plan described earlier in this chapter, the responsibility for providing the necessary parks, open space lands, and associated recreational facilities is shared among various levels of government. The responsibility for acquiring and developing major resource-oriented parks and recreational facilities¹⁴ is largely delegated to the State and County levels of government, although larger cities sometimes provide major parks. The need for major parks will be met within the Village of Sussex study area by Waukesha County continuing to maintain and improve Menomonee Park.

The responsibility for providing smaller community and neighborhood parks and facilities for intensive outdoor recreational activities is delegated to cities, villages, and towns. The need for community and neighborhood parks and associated recreational facilities in the Village of Sussex is described in the following sections.

4.4 PARK AND OPEN SPACE NEEDS

Forecast Population

The need for outdoor recreation sites and facilities within the Village is determined by applying the standards set forth in Appendix A for the size, number, and spatial distribution of public parks and outdoor recreation facilities to the anticipated future resident population of the Village of Sussex.

In 2020, there were 11,487 residents and 4,383 households in the Village. Based on VISION 2050¹⁵ population forecasts, the plan forecasts 15,200 residents and 6,100 households in the Village of Sussex in the year 2050. The forecasted population of 15,200 residents is the amount upon which the needs analysis presented in this chapter is based. Under the plan, the number of Village residents would increase by 3,713 people, or by 32 percent, and the number of households would increase by 1,717 households, or by 39 percent, between 2020 and 2050.

Community and Neighborhood Parks

The standards set forth under Objective 2 in Appendix A are concerned with providing adequate sites and facilities for nonresource-oriented recreation activities. Nonresource-oriented activities are those that do not depend upon the presence of such natural resources as woodlands, slopes, lakes, rivers, or large expanses of land. Nonresource-oriented facilities include ball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, swimming pools, and basketball courts and goals, which are typically provided at community and neighborhood parks and public schools.

Community parks range in size from 25 to 99 acres, have a service radius of two miles, and generally provide community-oriented facilities such as baseball diamonds, softball diamonds, and swimming pools. Neighborhood parks range in size from five to 24 acres and have a service radius of 0.5 miles in high-density residential areas, 0.75 miles in medium-density residential areas, and 1.0 miles in low-density residential areas. The Village of Sussex generally consists of medium-density residential areas, thus, a service radius of 0.75 miles was applied. Neighborhood parks provide facilities for children's outdoor recreation activities, such as playground and playfield activities, basketball, and other court games.

Community parks can fill the need for neighborhood parks because community parks generally include typical neighborhood park facilities (playfields and playgrounds) in addition to community park facilities (baseball diamonds and swimming pools). Both community and neighborhood parks should also provide landscaped areas for passive recreation uses such as picnicking, walking, and general relaxation.

¹⁴ Resource-oriented recreational facilities include camping, golfing, picnicking, skiing, and beach swimming. Such facilities are dependent on the natural resources, such as woodlands and rivers or lakes, of the site in which they are located. Facility requirements for these activities are set forth under Objective 3 in Appendix A.

¹⁵ Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 55, VISION 2050: A Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2050. The plan was adopted by the Regional Planning Commission on July 28, 2016.

School outdoor recreation sites, while not generally perceived as parks, provide areas for the pursuit of active, nonresource-related activities in urban areas. Public school outdoor recreation sites, therefore, take into account the per capita acreage standards for urban outdoor recreation sites and facilities and also apply the service area standards for active recreation facilities. Because school sites generally do not provide areas for picnicking and other passive uses, school sites are not considered when applying the service area standards for passive outdoor recreation sites.

As previously noted, neighborhood park sites provide facilities for children's outdoor recreation activities. Such facilities should be accessible through a convenient and safe pedestrian circulation pattern. In the accessibility analysis for neighborhood parks, features such as rivers and railroads were considered as barriers preventing pedestrian access from residential areas to neighborhood parks and recreation facilities, unless a bridge or street provided convenient access across the river or railroad. Arterial streets were also considered barriers to neighborhood parks, except in cases where stop signs or signals provided convenient pedestrian access to the parks from surrounding residential areas.

Site Needs Based on Per Capita Standards

The result of applying the per capita standards for the amount of land needed for community and neighborhood parks to serve Village residents in the year 2050 is presented in Table 4.1. The 2050 population forecast of 15,200 Village residents is based on the Commission's regional land use and transportation report, VISION 2050. Applying the per capita standards indicates that there is no need for additional acres at public park sites or at public school sites that serve the Village. Even when per capita acreage standards are met, however, additional parks may be needed if the distribution of existing parks does not provide convenient access for current and future residents. The accessibility, or service area, analysis is provided in the following section.

Site Needs Based on Service Area Standards

The accessibility or service area standards intend to ensure that public parks are spatially distributed in a manner that is convenient and efficient for the population they are intended to serve. It is important to note that areas developed with nonresidential uses need not be served by community or neighborhood parks. Those areas developed or planned to be developed with commercial, industrial, and institutional uses are, therefore, not considered in determining the need for additional park sites.

As shown on Map 4.3, applying the two-mile service area radius to existing parks providing community facilities indicates that the far northern portion of the Village is not adequately served by a community park. The existing parks providing community park facilities utilized in this analysis include Armory Park and Village Park.

As shown on Map 4.4, applying the 0.75-mile service area radius to existing parks providing neighborhood facilities indicates that the far western portion of the Village (west of STH 164) and small areas in the eastern portion of the Village are not currently adequately served by a neighborhood park. However, the Village plans to develop the Vista Run Subdivision Park within the next one to two years that will satisfy the need for a neighborhood park in the northern portion of that area that is not currently served by a neighborhood park. In addition, there are areas within the Village that, although within the 0.75-mile service area radius, are considered inadequately served due to accessibility barriers.

Existing neighborhood parks used in this analysis include Coldwater Creek Park, Grogan Park, Madeline Park, Mapleway Park, Melinda Weaver Park, Prides Crossing Park, Ridgeview Park, Spring Green Park, Stonewood Estates Park, Weyer Park, and the community parks noted above located within the Village and Stone Family Park located in the Village of Lisbon. The undeveloped Vista Run Subdivision Park was not included in this service radius analysis due to the fact, while considered a neighborhood park by size, there are currently no existing neighborhood park facilities at the site.

Facility Needs Based on Per Capita Standards

The facility standards set forth under Objective 2 in Appendix A are concerned with providing an adequate number and distribution of outdoor recreation facilities to ensure Village residents have adequate opportunities to participate in intensive outdoor recreation activities such as baseball, softball, and tennis.

Table 4.1
Per Capita Acreage Requirements for Community and Neighborhood Parks in the Village of Sussex

Park and School Sites	Minimum Standard Net Acreage Requirements (acres per 1,000 people) ^b	Existing Net Acreage	Per Capita Acreage Requirements			
			Existing 2020 Population: 11,487 Residents		Planned 2050 Population: 15,200 Residents	
			Net Acreage Requirement ^c	Net Acreage Need ^d	Net Acreage Requirement ^e	Net Acreage Need ^d
Parks ^a	3.9	110 ^e	45	--	59	--
Schools	2.5	66 ^f	29	--	38	--
Total	6.4	176	74	--	97	--

^a Includes 13 Village-owned community and neighborhood park sites, including Armory, Coldwater Creek, Grogan, Madeline, Mapleway, Melinda Weaver, Prides Crossing, Ridgeview, Spring Green, Stonewood Estates, Village, Vista Run, and Weyer Parks. Also included is one site owned by the Village of Lisbon (Stone Family Park) that provides neighborhood recreational facilities to Village residents.

^b Standard per capita acreage requirements are set forth under Objective 1 in Appendix A.

^c The acreage requirement for park and school sites was determined by multiplying the standard acreage requirement times the appropriate population in thousands of people.

^d Acreage need was determined by subtracting the existing acres from the acreage requirement. Since the remainder was a negative number, the minimum acreage requirement was exceeded and no need for additional parks was identified based on per capita standards. See Maps 4.3 and 4.4 for areas located outside the recommended service area for community and neighborhood parks, respectively.

^e Includes about 110 acres of existing developed (101 acres) and potential developable (nine acres) areas at 14 existing community and neighborhood parks. Developable area excludes wetlands, lowland portions of primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, and floodplains within existing parks.

^f This total includes acreage used for outdoor recreation purposes at two public school sites within the Village of Sussex and three public school sites (Hamilton High School, Templeton Middle School, and Silver Spring Intermediate School) located in the Village of Lisbon that serve Village residents.

Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

The results of applying the adopted per capita facility standards to the projected 2050 population level for the Village of Sussex are presented in Table 4.2. The existing quantity of each facility includes those located at public and private sites within the Village and school district sites located in the Village of Lisbon. Facilities at public sites include those at community parks, neighborhood parks, and public schools within the Village and three public school sites that serve Village residents and are located outside but adjacent to the Village. It should be noted that even though the Hamilton School District sites are public, events and policies at the school may limit the availability and use of the facilities to the general public. Facilities at private sites include those at private schools and commercial and organizational recreation sites.

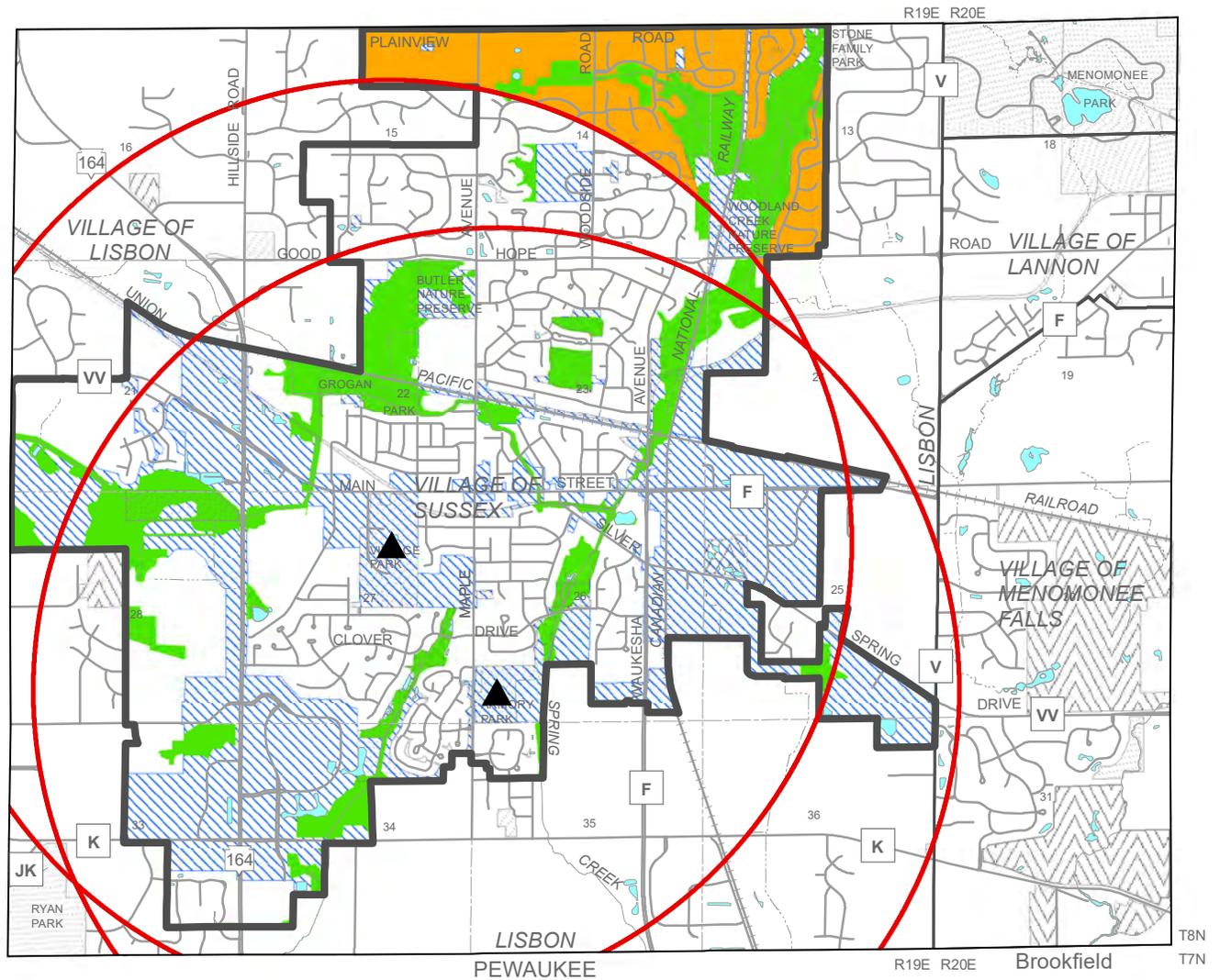
As shown in Table 4.2, a need was identified through applying the standards for one additional public soccer field. In cases where the number of private facilities falls below the recommended standard, but the number of public facilities exceeds the total number of public and private facilities, then there would be no additional need. In cases where the number of private facilities falls below the recommended standard and the number of public facilities does not meet the total number of public and private facilities, a need for additional public facilities to fulfill the need was identified, even though the public sector has no control over providing additional privately-owned recreation facilities. Village staff will evaluate the need for the possibility of refining the results of this needs analysis as it applies to the Village park system. Those refinements are documented in Chapter 5 of this report.

Facility Needs Based on Service Area Standards

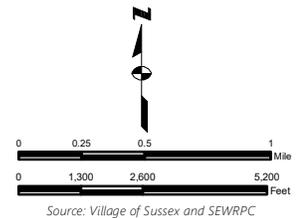
In addition to meeting the per capita acreage standards, the spatial distribution of outdoor recreation facilities should provide ready access to Village residents. Applying the service radius standards set forth under Objective 2 in Appendix A determined which portions of the Village may lack adequate access to selected nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation facilities. Portions of the Village are not adequately served by such facilities, based on applying the standards, are identified below.

Map 4.3

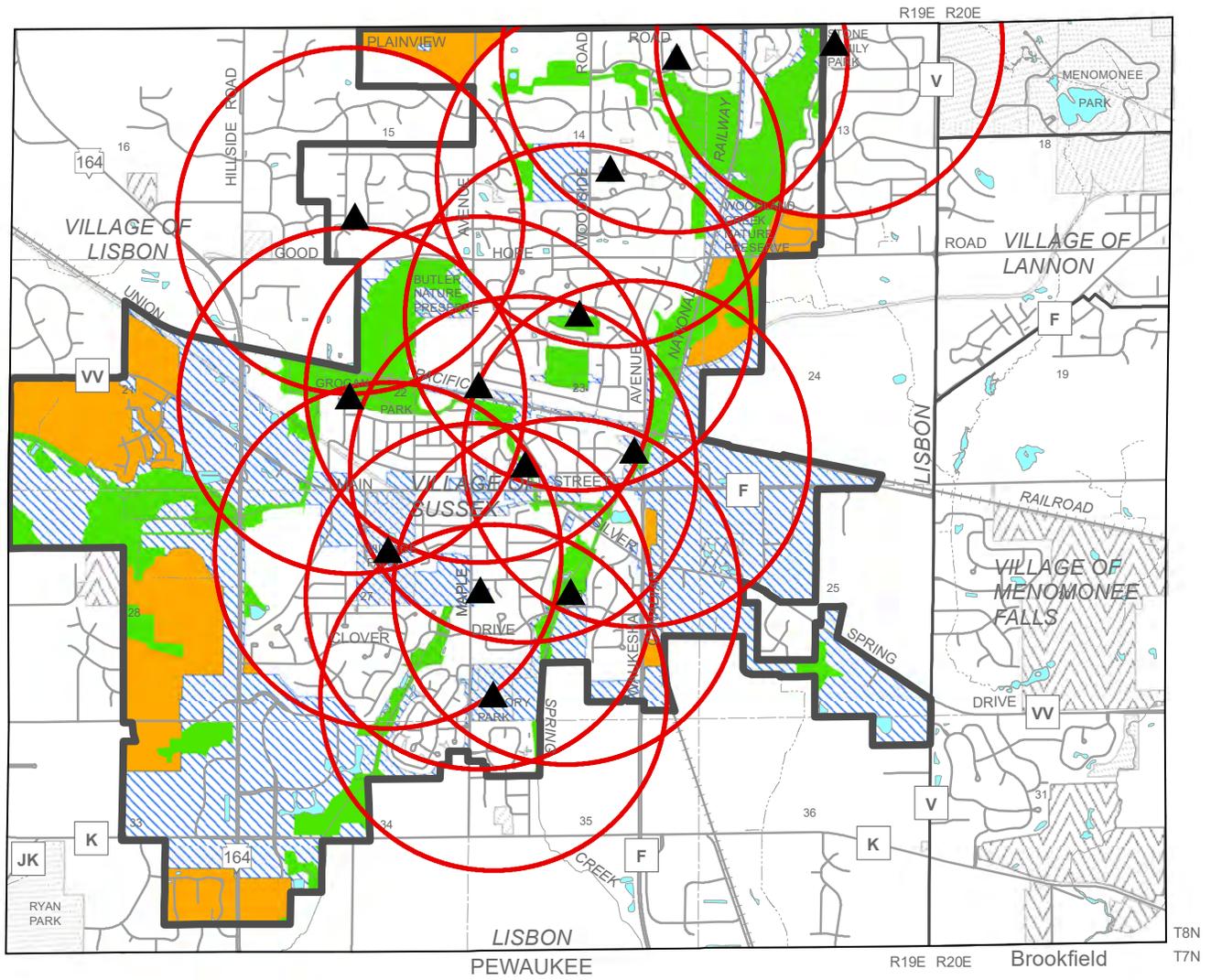
Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Community Park



-  EXISTING COMMUNITY PARK
-  COMMUNITY PARK SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A COMMUNITY PARK
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
-  PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA
-  PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  SURFACE WATER



**Map 4.4
Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Neighborhood Park**



-  EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
-  NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
-  PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA
-  PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  SURFACE WATER

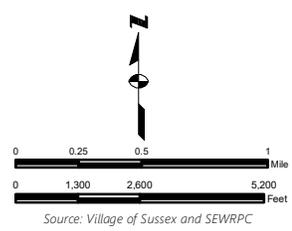


Table 4.2
Per Capita Requirements for Selected Outdoor Recreation Facilities in the Village of Sussex

Minimum Per Capita Facility Requirements ^a				Facility Requirement ^b	Existing Number of Facilities	Facility Need ^c
Activity	Facility	Owner	Facility per 1,000 Residents			
Baseball	Diamond	Public	0.09	1	4 ^d	--
		Nonpublic	<u>0.01</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	
		Total	0.10	1	5	
Basketball	Goal	Public	0.91	14	27 ^e	--
		Nonpublic	<u>0.22</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	
		Total	1.13	17	29	
Playfield Activities	Playfield	Public	0.39	6	14	--
		Nonpublic	<u>0.11</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
		Total	0.50	8	16	
Playground Activities	Playground	Public	0.35	5	14	--
		Nonpublic	<u>0.07</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
		Total	0.42	6	15	
Soccer	Field	Public	0.69	10	12 ^f	1 Public
		Nonpublic	<u>0.17</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	
		Total	0.86	13	12	
League Softball	Diamond	Public	0.53	8	10 ^g	--
		Nonpublic	<u>0.07</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	
		Total	0.60	9	10	
Tennis/Pickleball	Court	Public	0.41	6	21 ^h	--
		Nonpublic	<u>0.09</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	
		Total	0.50	8	21	

^a Per capita facility requirements are set forth under Objective 2 in Appendix A.

^b The facility requirement was determined by multiplying the facility requirement per 1,000 residents anticipated under the VISION 2050 projected population (15,200 residents).

^c The facility need was determined by subtracting the existing number of facilities from the facility requirement. In cases where the existing number of facilities exceeds the facility requirement, no facility need was identified. In cases where either the number of existing public facilities or the total number of facilities was less than the number called for under the standards, a need for additional public facilities to fulfill the requirement was identified.

^d Includes two baseball diamonds located at Hamilton High School.

^e Includes four basketball goals located at Silver Spring Intermediate School and five basketball goals located at Templeton Middle School.

^f Includes six soccer fields located at Hamilton High School.

^g Includes two league softball diamonds located at Hamilton High School.

^h Includes eight tennis courts located at Hamilton High School.

Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

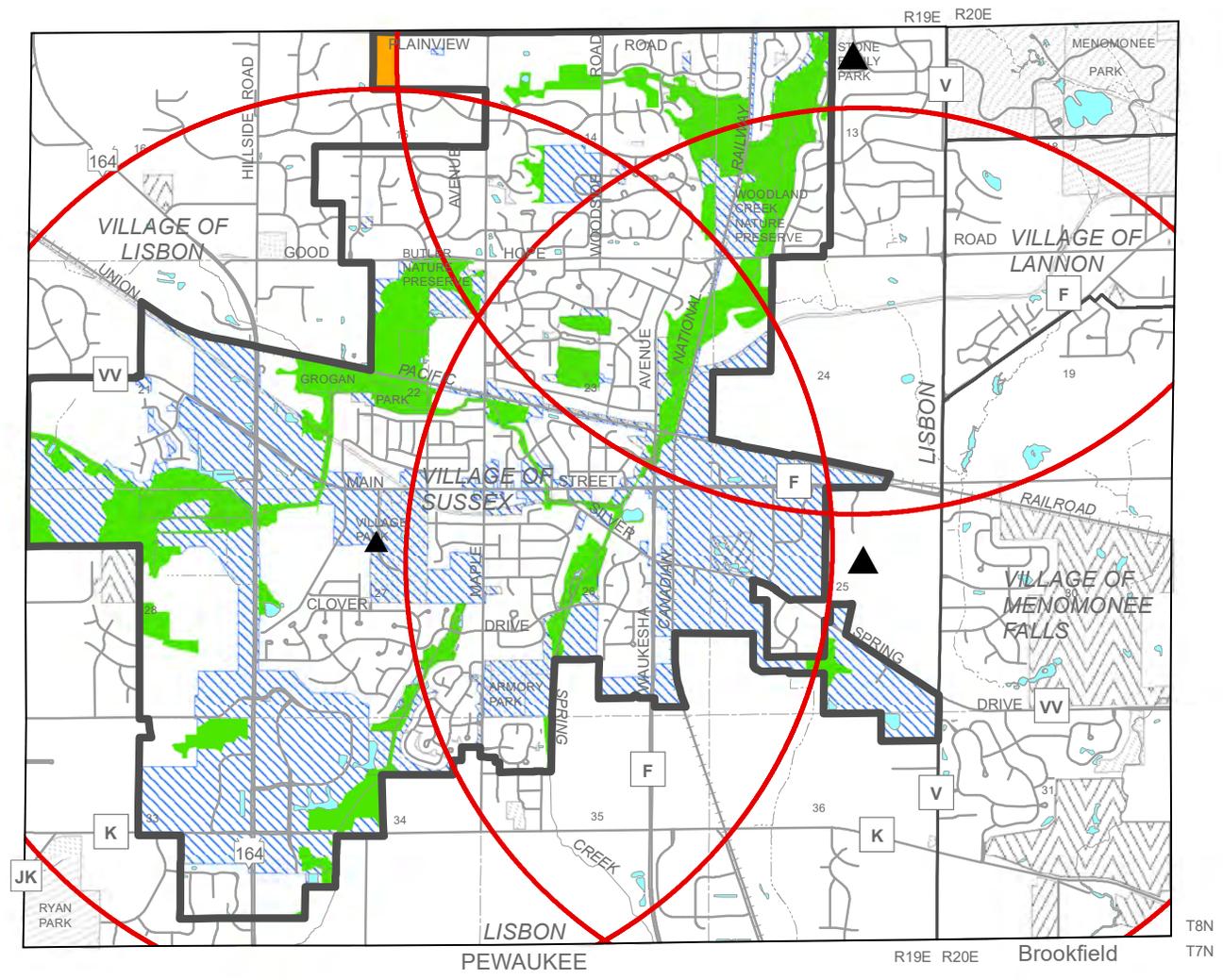
Baseball Diamonds

As shown on Map 4.5, baseball diamonds were provided at one public outdoor recreation site in the Village in 2023. The baseball diamonds at Stone Family Park and Hamilton High School, both located in the Village of Lisbon, also serve the Village of Sussex. Since the maximum service radius of a baseball diamond is two miles, applying the accessibility requirement indicates that the entire Village is adequately served by the existing distribution of baseball diamonds.

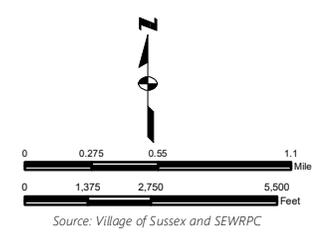
Basketball Goals

As shown on Map 4.6, basketball goals were provided at seven public outdoor recreation sites in the Village in 2023. Basketball goals were also provided at Templeton Middle School and Silver Spring Intermediate School, both located in the Village of Lisbon. Since the maximum service radius of a basketball goal is 0.5 mile, applying the accessibility requirement indicates that areas in the western, southwestern, northeastern, and northwestern portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of basketball goals. In addition, there are limited areas within the Village which, although within the 0.5-mile service area radius, are considered inadequately served due to accessibility barriers.

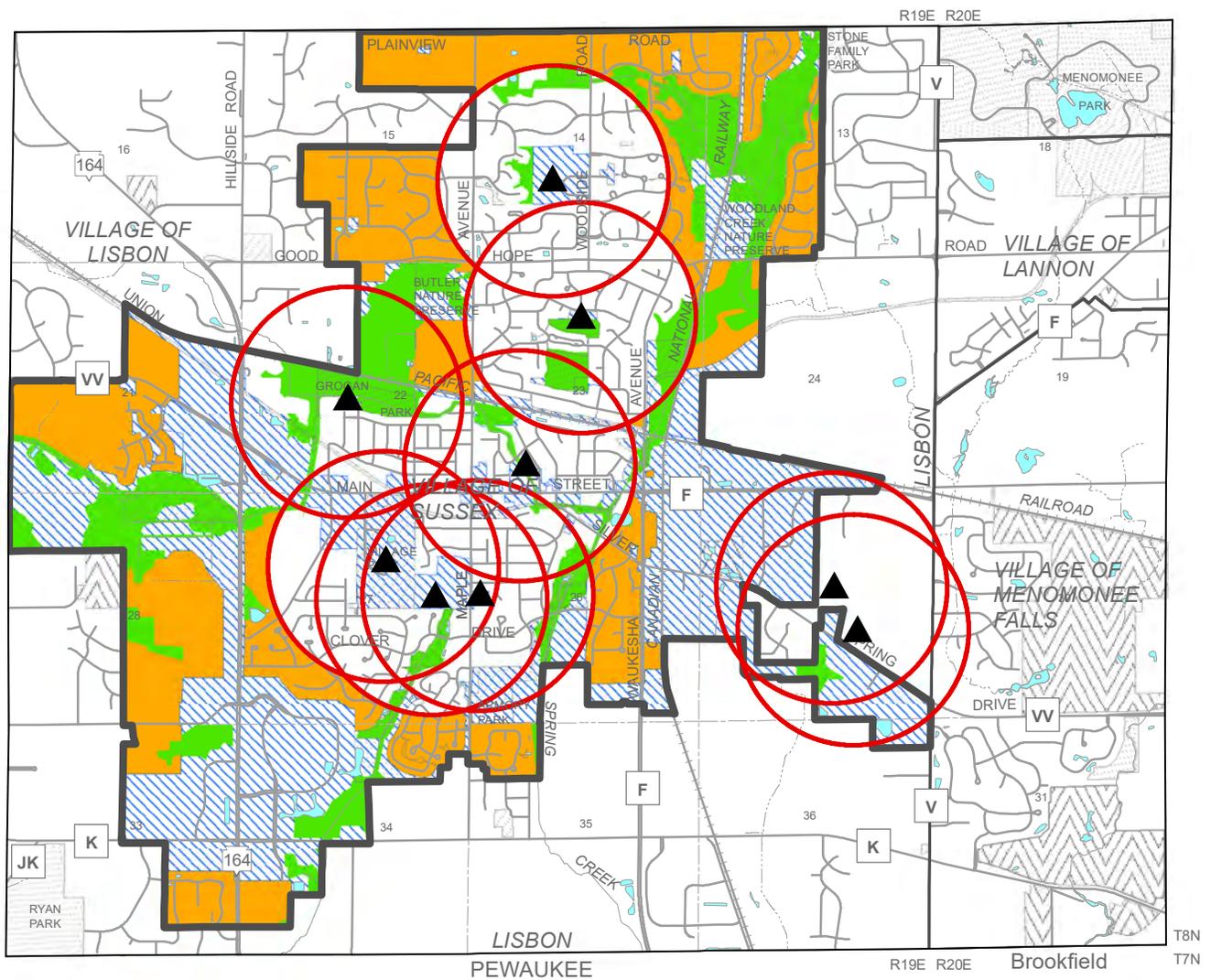
**Map 4.5
Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Baseball Diamond**



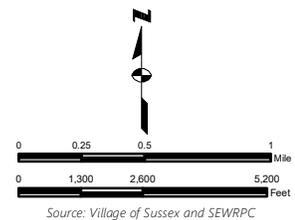
-  EXISTING BASEBALL DIAMOND
-  BASEBALL DIAMOND SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A BASEBALL DIAMOND
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
-  PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA
-  PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  SURFACE WATER



**Map 4.6
Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Basketball Goal**



-  EXISTING BASKETBALL GOAL
-  BASKETBALL GOAL SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A BASKETBALL GOAL
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
-  PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA
-  PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
-  SURFACE WATER



Playfields

As shown on Map 4.7, playfields were provided at 14 public outdoor recreation sites in the Village in 2023. Playfields were also provided at Hamilton High School and Silver Spring Intermediate School, both located in the Village of Lisbon. Since the maximum service radius of a playfield is 0.5 mile, applying the accessibility requirements indicates that areas in the western, southwestern, northeastern, and northwestern portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of playfields. In addition, there are limited areas within the Village which, although within the 0.5-mile service area radius, are considered inadequately served due to accessibility barriers.

Playgrounds

As shown on Map 4.8, playgrounds were provided at 14 public outdoor recreation sites in the Village in 2023. A playground was also provided at Silver Spring Intermediate School located in the Village of Lisbon. Since the maximum service radius for a playground is 0.5 mile, applying the accessibility requirement indicates areas in the western, southwestern, northeastern, and northwestern portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of playgrounds. In addition, there are limited areas within the Village which, although within the 0.5-mile service area radius, are considered inadequately served due to accessibility barriers.

Soccer Fields

As shown on Map 4.9, public soccer fields were provided at two public outdoor recreation sites in the Village in 2023. Public soccer fields were also provided at Hamilton High School located in the Village of Lisbon. Since the maximum service radius of a soccer field is one mile, applying the accessibility requirement indicates that areas in the western, southwestern, northeastern, and central portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of soccer fields.

Softball Diamonds (Sandlot)

As shown on Map 4.10, sandlot softball diamonds were provided at three public outdoor recreation sites in the Village in 2023. Since the maximum service radius for a sandlot softball diamond is one mile, applying the accessibility requirement indicates that areas in the western, southwestern, and northeastern portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of sandlot softball diamonds. In addition, there are limited areas within the Village which, although within the 1.0-mile service area radius, are considered inadequately served due to accessibility barriers.

Softball Diamonds (League)

As shown on Map 4.11, league softball diamonds were provided at two public outdoor recreation sites in the Village in 2023. League softball diamonds were also provided at Hamilton High School located in the Village of Lisbon. Since the maximum service radius for a league softball diamond is one mile, applying the accessibility requirement indicates that the northern one-half of the Village and areas in the western and southwestern portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of league softball diamonds.

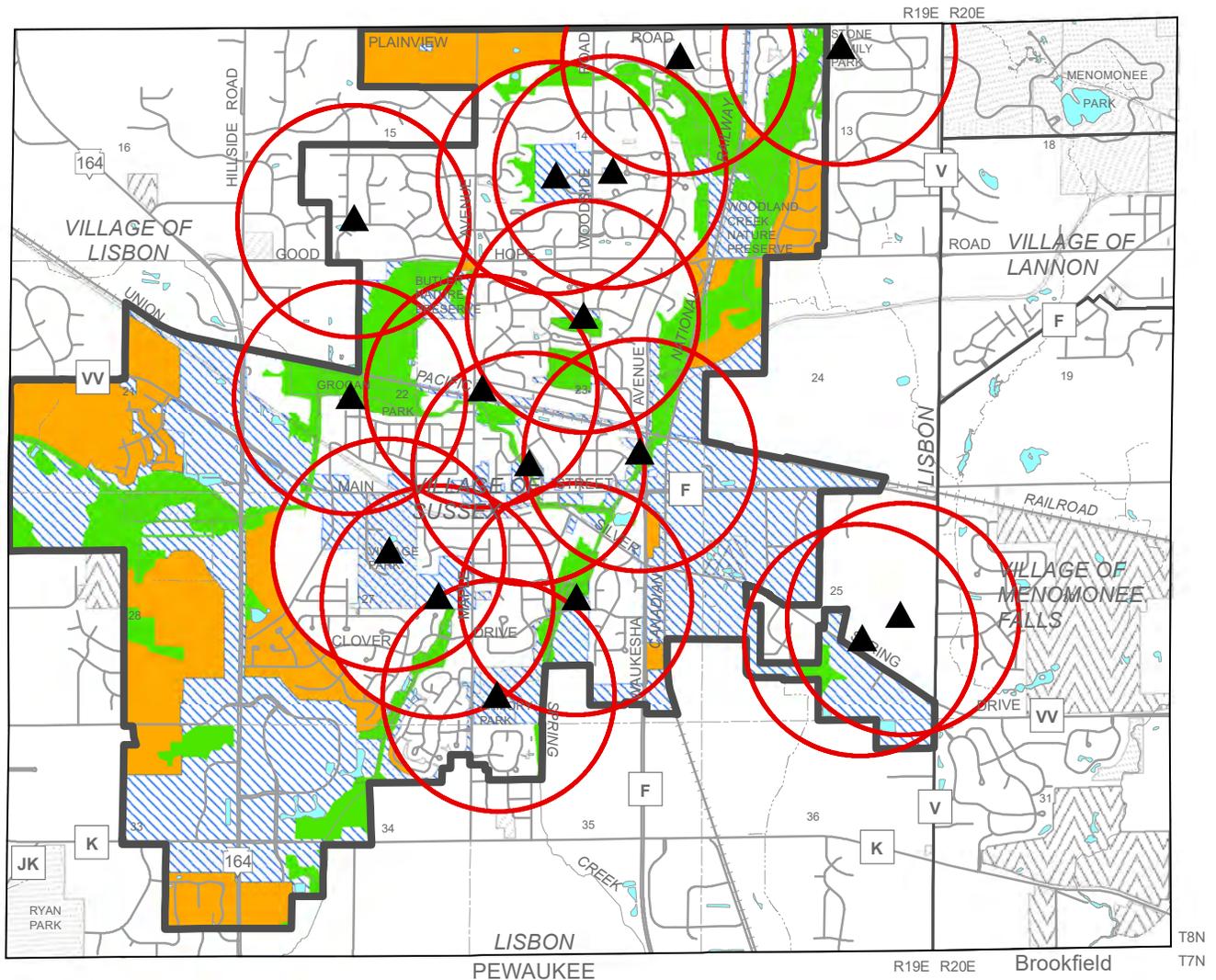
Tennis/Pickleball Courts

As shown on Map 4.12, tennis/pickleball courts were provided at three public outdoor recreation sites in the Village in 2023. Tennis courts were also provided at Hamilton High School located in the Village of Lisbon. Since the maximum service radius for a tennis/pickleball court is one mile, applying the accessibility requirement indicates that areas in the northern, western, and southwestern portions of the Village are not served by the existing distribution of tennis/pickleball courts.

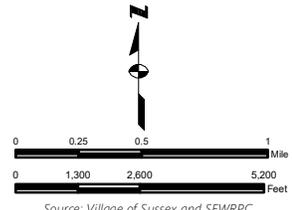
Swimming Pool or Beach

Currently, there is no swimming pool or beach located within the Village. The County-owned Menomonee Park, located about one mile east of the Village of Sussex in the Villages of Lannon and Menomonee Falls, provides a swimming beach at its 16-acre quarry lake. Other swim-related facilities at the park include a beach house and a diving dock. It should be noted that a daily or annual entrance permit is required for all vehicle access to the park.

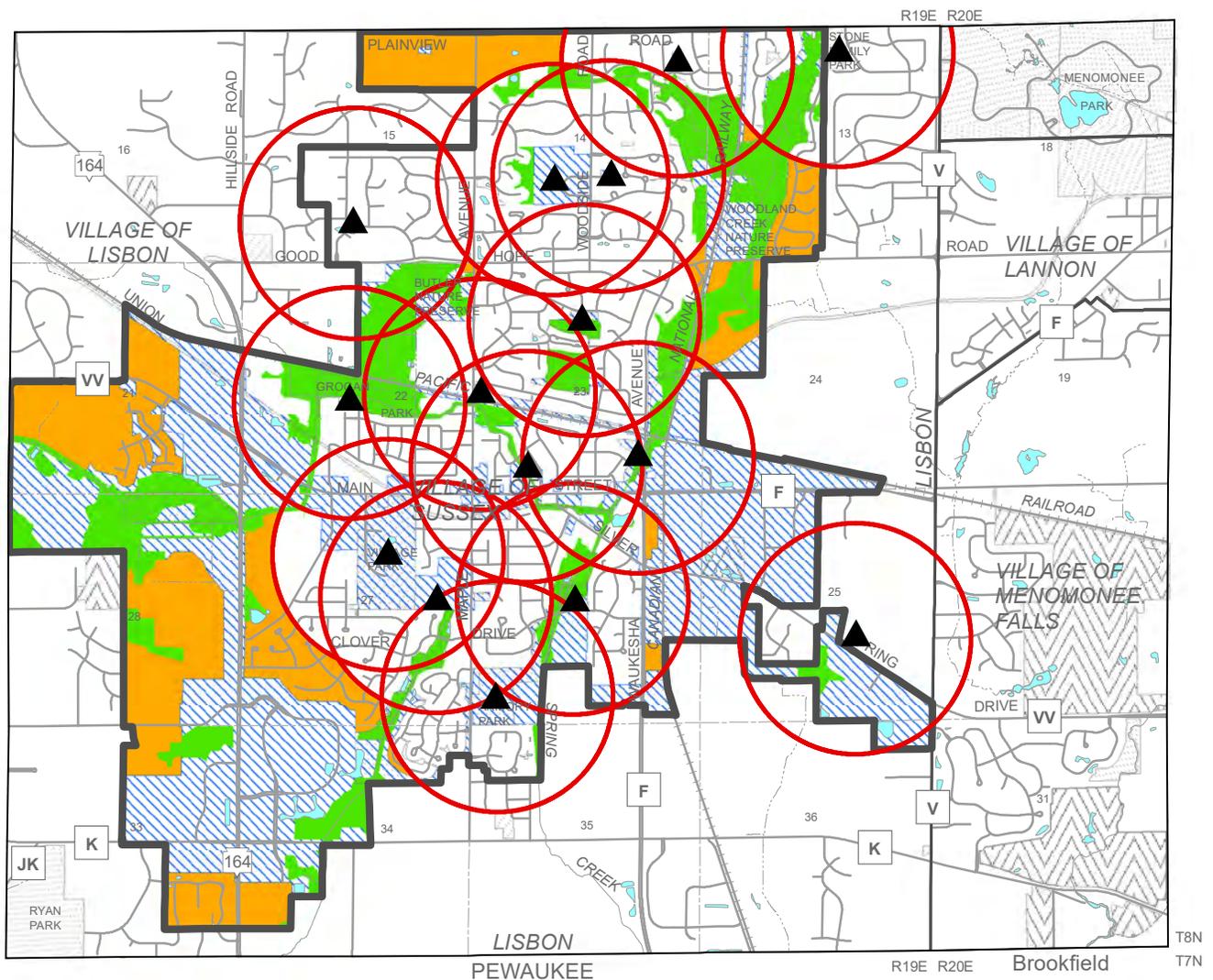
Map 4.7
Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Playfield



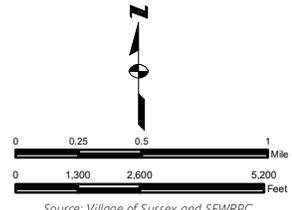
-  EXISTING PLAYFIELD
-  PLAYFIELD SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A PLAYFIELD
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
-  PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA
-  PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
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-  SURFACE WATER



**Map 4.8
Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Playground**

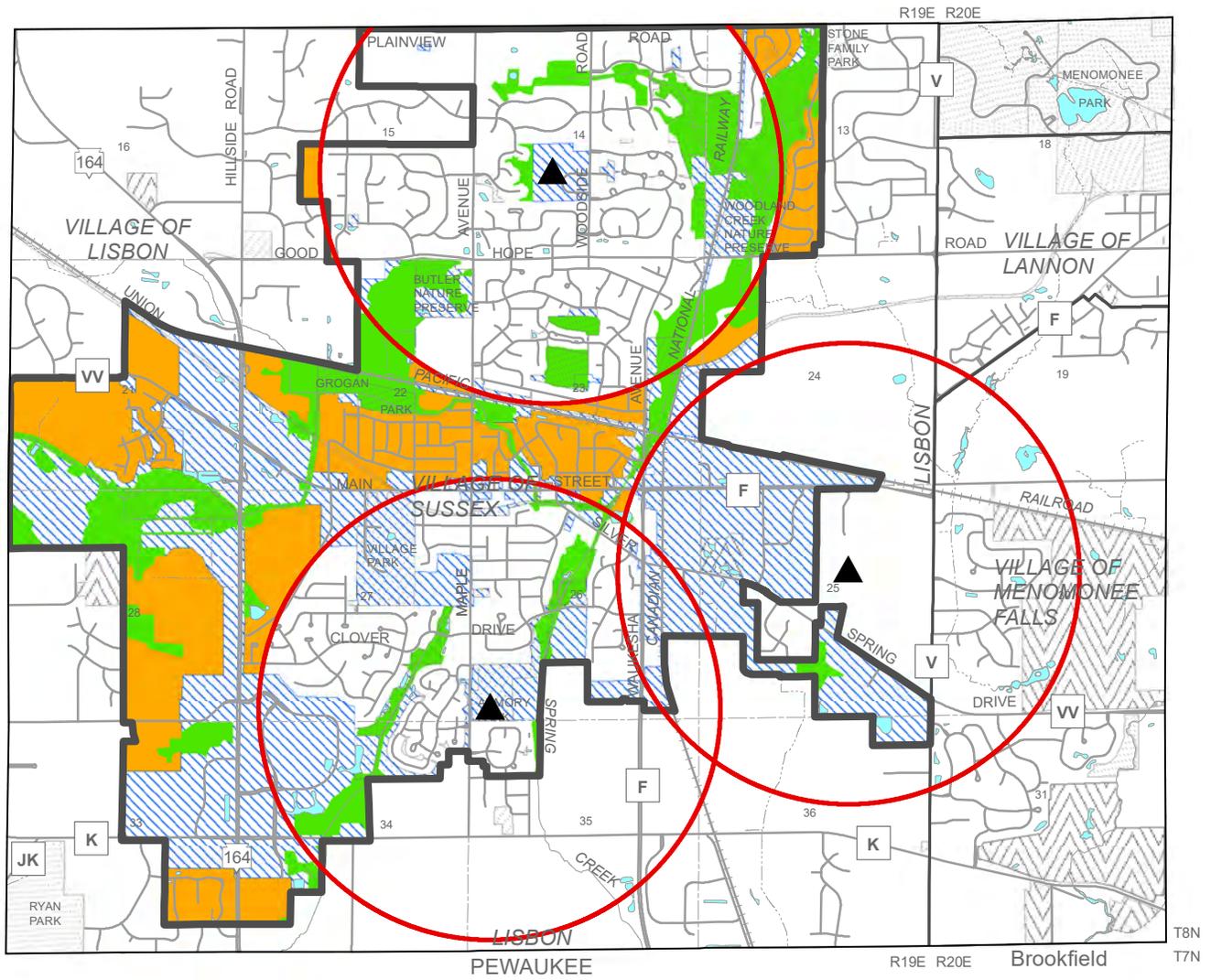


-  EXISTING PLAYGROUND
-  PLAYGROUND SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A PLAYGROUND
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
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-  SURFACE WATER

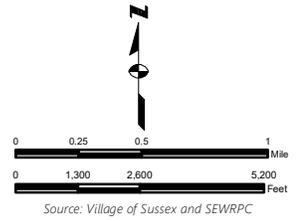


Map 4.9

Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Soccer Field

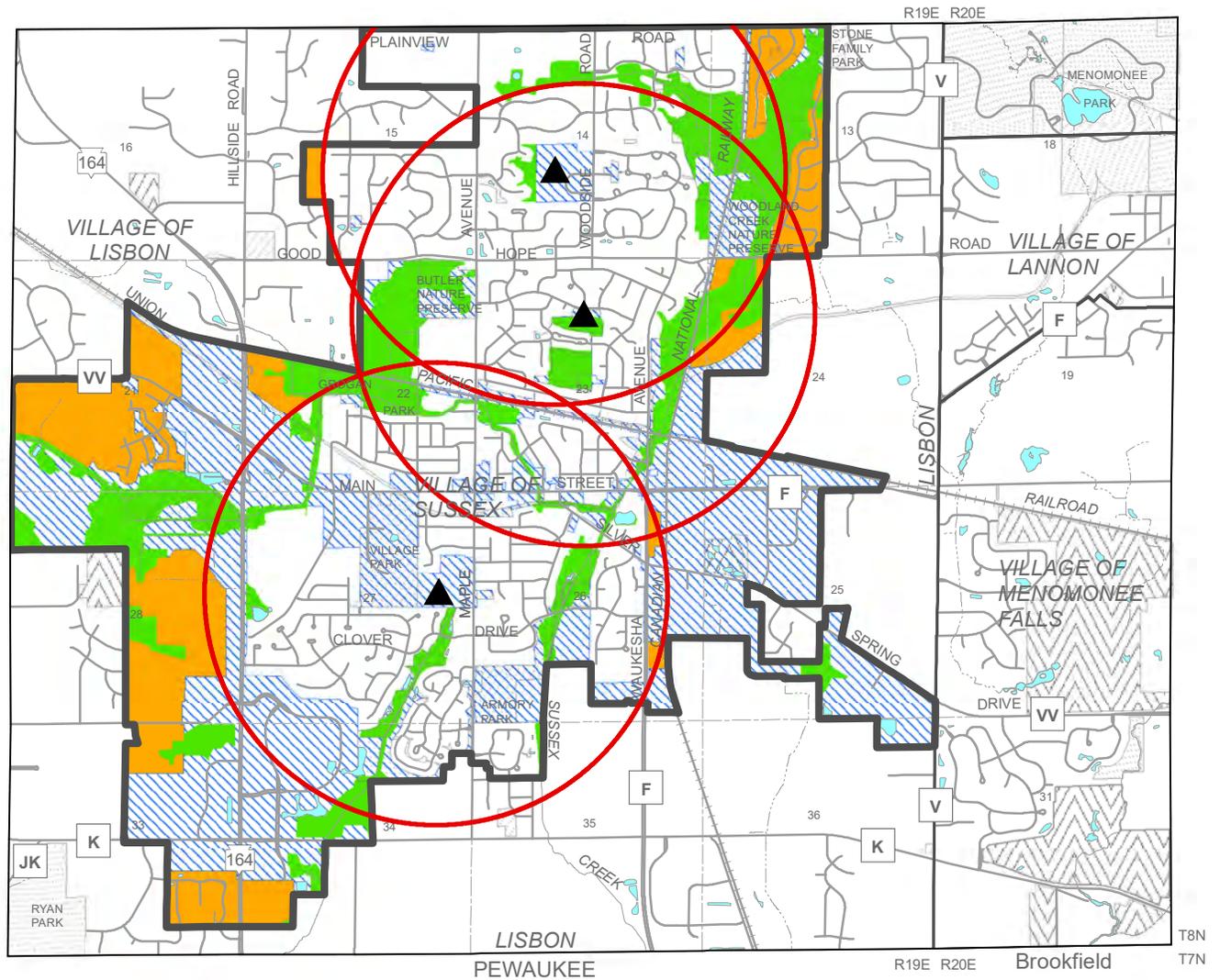


-  EXISTING SOCCER FIELD
-  SOCCER FIELD SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A SOCCER FIELD
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
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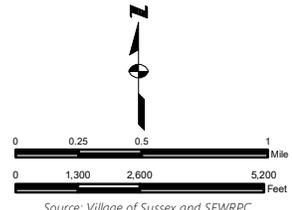


Map 4.10

Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Sandlot Softball Diamond

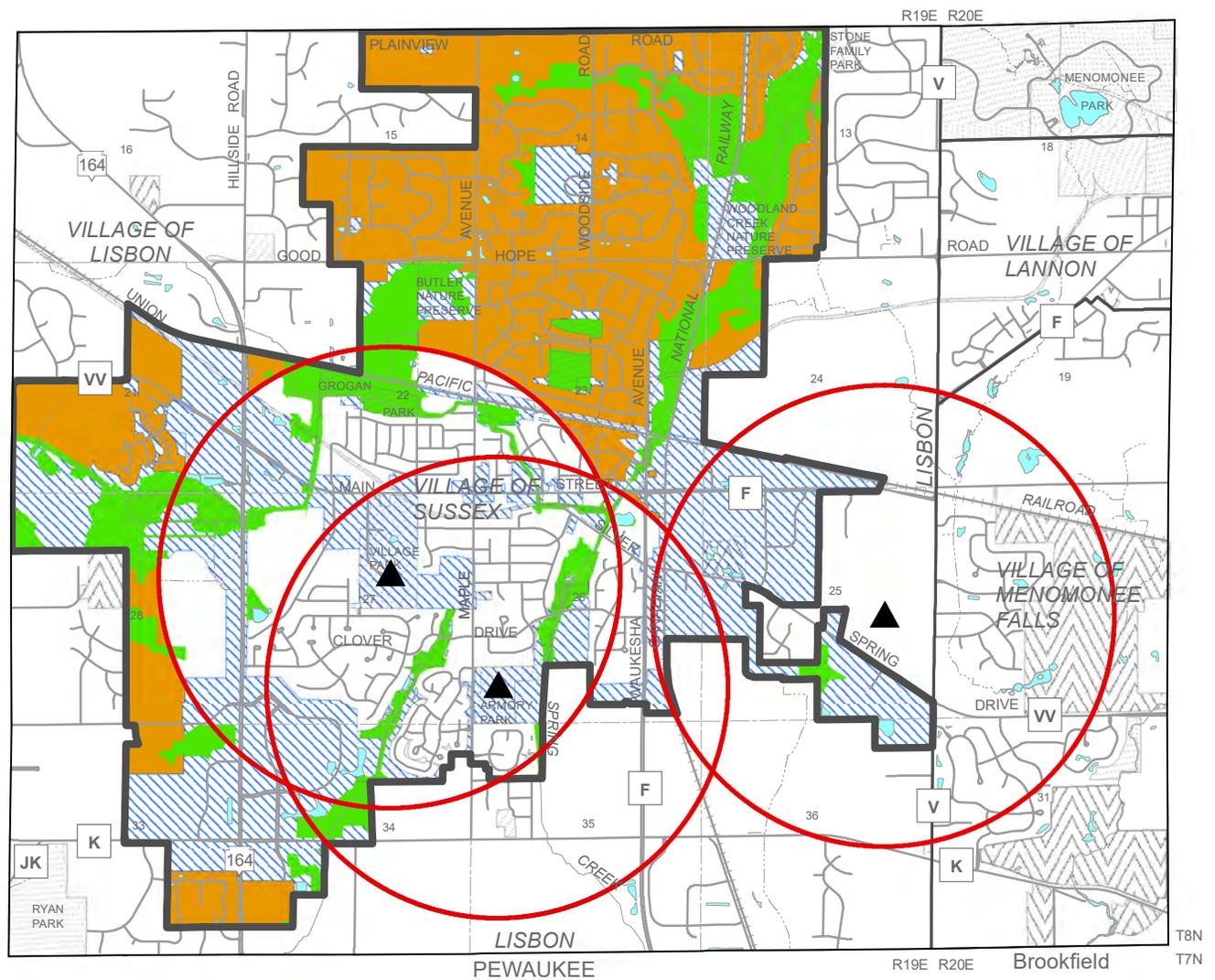


-  EXISTING SANDLOT SOFTBALL DIAMOND
-  SANDLOT SOFTBALL DIAMOND SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A SANDLOT SOFTBALL DIAMOND
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
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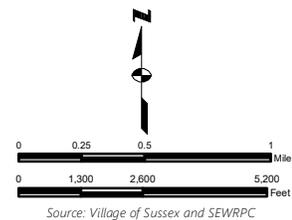


Map 4.11

Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a League Softball Diamond

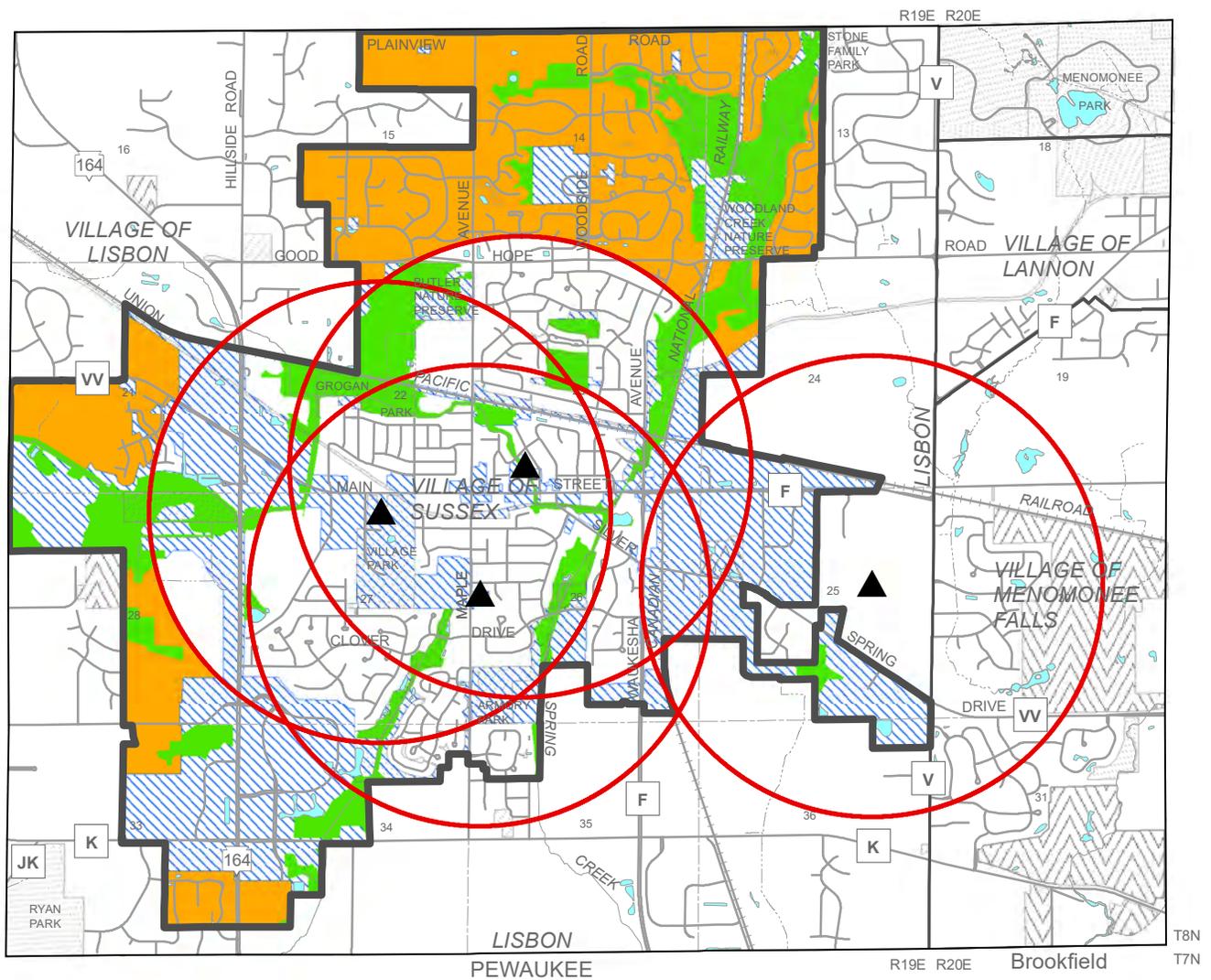


-  EXISTING LEAGUE SOFTBALL DIAMOND
-  LEAGUE SOFTBALL DIAMOND SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A LEAGUE SOFTBALL DIAMOND
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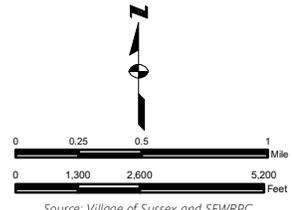


Map 4.12

Planned Residential Areas in the Village of Sussex Not Adequately Served by a Tennis/Pickleball Court



-  EXISTING TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURT
-  TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURT SERVICE RADIUS
-  PLANNED RESIDENTIAL AREA NOT ADEQUATELY SERVED BY A TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURT
-  PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
-  PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA
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Applying Standards to Recreational Facilities

As shown by Table 4.2, applying the per capita standards identified a need for one additional soccer field. The previous Village comprehensive outdoor recreation plan also recommended developing additional baseball diamonds, playfields, playgrounds, basketball goals, softball diamonds, tennis courts, and a swimming facility to assure that such facilities are conveniently located to serve Village residents. Chapter 3 identifies the recreational facilities recommended in the previous Village comprehensive outdoor recreation plan that have not yet been developed. Developing these facilities would help meet per capita and park distribution standards within the Village.

Village of Sussex Parks and Recreation Survey

In 2023, the Village of Sussex conducted an electronic survey about the usage and preferences for parks, trails, and recreational facilities. Village staff prepared the survey and compiled the results of the survey. Appendix B of this report details the results of the survey. The survey concluded with 490 responses. Of those that responded, 59 percent were aged 30 to 49; 30 percent were 50 to 69; 6 percent were 70 or older; and 5 percent were 29 or younger. Thirty-three percent of the respondents have lived in the Village for at least 15 years and 24 percent have lived in the Village between one and five years.

Survey respondents were asked how often they had visited Village parks or outdoor spaces, and 52 percent indicated weekly; 16 percent indicated daily and monthly each; and 12 percent indicated seasonally. Of those respondents that visited or used Village parks in the last 12 months, sequentially, the most visited or used parks by respondents were: Village Park, The Grove, Armory Park, Weyer Park, and Madeline Park. The most indicated activities participated in by respondents and their households at Village amenities were pleasure walking, playgrounds, nature walks, attending social events or festivals, splash pad, trail hiking/walking, dog walking, and picnicking. About 74 percent of respondents “Strongly Agreed” that public parks and recreation facilities are essential to the quality of life in the Village.

Survey respondents were also asked how often they utilize bicycle and pedestrian amenities (trails and sidewalks) in the Village, and 29 percent indicated more than once per week; 23 percent indicated more than once per month; and 15 percent indicated daily. Of those respondents that accessed trails in the last 12 months, sequentially, the most used trails were: Bugline Recreation Trail, Village Park Trail, Mapleway Trail, and Corky Curtis Trail.

Village residents were also asked what one recreational facility they would like the Village to add to the park system; 39 percent indicated a swimming facility, 10 percent indicated more nature/multi-use trails, 9 percent indicated more paved pedestrian/bicycle trails, 8 percent indicated an indoor recreation center, and 7 percent indicated an outdoor performance venue. Other recreational facilities that a high number of respondents indicated as “Absolutely Needed” include more nature preserves and more covered picnic areas. Survey respondents indicated low interest in the Village developing typical recreational facilities, such as basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts, soccer fields, or playgrounds. A high number of respondents “Strongly Agreed” that it is important for the Village to continue to maintain existing parks and recreation facilities.



Credit: Village of Sussex

5.1 INTRODUCTION

A high-quality parks system provides cultural, environmental, recreational, and aesthetic benefits that directly contribute to the Village's quality of life. The primary purposes of this park and open space plan for the Village of Sussex are to provide a sound and workable plan to guide the acquisition of land and the development of recreational facilities to meet the outdoor recreation needs of Village residents, to protect and enhance the underlying and sustaining natural resource base, and to contribute to the economic value and development of the community. The recommended park and open space plan is presented in this chapter. This plan updates the park and open space plan adopted by the Village in 2013.

This plan is intended to provide a long-range vision to the year 2050 and guide and assist Village officials and staff in making the day-to-day decisions needed for continuing to develop the Village's park and open space system. To assist in implementing the plan, both long-term recommendations for the next 26 years, and an "action plan" for the next five years, are presented in this chapter. The plan includes the following recommendations:

- Acquire additional land for new Village parks or for open space preservation purposes
- Develop recreational facilities at existing and proposed parks
- Update, improve, or maintain recreational facilities at existing parks
- Continue to develop a Village-wide system of recreational trails and bikeways
- Continue to protect areas having important natural resources, particularly within primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas

Important preliminary steps in developing this plan includes a review of park acquisition and development activities conducted to date to implement the previous park plan, and collecting updated information regarding land use, population, natural resources, and park and open space sites and recreational facilities within the Village. New or changed conditions affecting park and open space sites and recreational facilities,

including pertinent recommendations from the 2040 Village of Sussex Comprehensive Plan; the Sussex Downtown Design and Development Plan, the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, the Village Park Master Plan, the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan, and the updated natural areas plan for Southeastern Wisconsin were also identified and incorporated, as appropriate, into this plan update.

The responsibility for implementing recommendations to meet park and open space objectives is shared by several levels of government. Resource-oriented outdoor recreation objectives for large parks, areawide trail facilities, and facilities for such activities as golfing, camping, and boating, are typically the responsibility of the State and County levels of government, although larger cities and villages sometimes provide large parks and associated recreational facilities and segments of areawide trails. Nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation objectives for community and neighborhood parks for activities such as softball, tennis, soccer, and children’s playground activities are typically the responsibility of the local (city, village, or town) level of government. Objectives intended to protect important natural resource features, including environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, are the responsibility of all levels of government.

Section 5.2 of this chapter summarizes the areawide park and open space plan recommendations for the Village, which are presented in the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan.¹⁶ Included in that plan are recommendations for providing resource-oriented outdoor recreation sites and facilities and recreation corridors (referred to as “greenways”) to protect natural resource features and potentially provide opportunities for trail-oriented activities. Section 5.3 provides recommendations for open space preservation and protecting primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas within the Village of Sussex. Section 5.4 sets forth recommendations for providing Village park and open space sites and facilities. Section 5.5 describes actions needed to implement the plan.

5.2 AREAWIDE PARK AND OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS

The park and open space plan for Waukesha County includes recommendations which, if implemented, would provide residents of the County with opportunities to participate in a wide range of resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities. Those recommendations, which have been incorporated into this Village plan, are concerned with providing major parks, which provide opportunities for resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities, and recreation corridors (greenways) that may provide opportunities for various trail-oriented activities. In addition, the plan includes recommendations for protecting and preserving open space lands, including natural resource features such as woodlands, wetlands, and floodplains, located within environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas. The County park and open space plan is summarized in Chapter 4. Recommendations from the plan pertinent to this Village plan are described in this section.

Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan Recommendations

Major Parks

In 2023, the Waukesha County park system consisted of 14 major parks, including eight developed parks and six undeveloped parks; six lake- or river-access sites; two golf courses; a nature center; two indoor ice arenas; an exposition center; and a historic cemetery. There are no major parks located within the Village, however, there are two major parks, Menomonee Park and Ryan Park, located about a mile east and southwest, respectively, from the Village. The 470-acre Menomonee Park is located in the Villages of Lannon and Menomonee Falls. Existing facilities at the park include campgrounds, a swimming beach, group picnic shelters and areas, a dog exercise area, a sledding hill, sand volleyball courts, a playground, a playfield, an archery range, canoeing/kayaking, fishing and fishing pier, restrooms, and numerous trails and trailheads. The County park plan recommends that lands be acquired for expansion to the north (23 acres) and south (20 acres) of the park.

The 217-acre Ryan Park is located in the Village of Lisbon and the City of Pewaukee. Existing facilities at the park include numerous trails (hiking, dog-walking, snow-shoeing, and equestrian). The County park plan recommends that lands be acquired for expansion of the park—primarily east of the park—and are proposed to encompass about 120 acres.

¹⁶ Documented in a report titled, *A Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County, Wisconsin, February 2009, prepared by the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use. The updated County park and open space plan, a component of the County comprehensive plan, has a design year of 2023 to 2027, and is included in Appendix A of the report.*

County sites located in the Village of Sussex include a four-mile portion of the Bugline Recreation Trail, the 15-acre Cooling's Meadow Nature Area located along Waukesha Avenue, and a 10-acre County greenway located along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River north of Lisbon Road (CTH K).

Since the previous Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan was adopted in 2013, Waukesha County sold the 152-acre, 18-hole Wanaki Golf Course to a private entity. The former County golf course was located just southeast of the Village of Sussex in the Village of Menomonee Falls at the northwest corner of the intersection of Lisbon Road (CTH K) and Lannon Road (CTH Y). The former County site is still an 18-hole golf course that is open to the public.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Facilities

The County park plan also recommends acquiring lands to establish greenways along 11 major rivers or streams within the County. Greenways are environmental corridors generally located along a river or stream, ridgeline, or other linear feature in urbanized areas that are held in public ownership or preservation easements and are intended to provide aesthetic and natural resource continuity. Greenways can also serve as a location for recreational trails. Currently, a 10-acre greenway along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River is located in the Village of Sussex.

The County park plan recommends that the County maintain the entirety of the Bugline Recreation Trail and continue to make improvements to the trail, when necessary. The Bugline Recreation Trail extends for 16 miles through Waukesha County from the Village of Menomonee Falls to the Village of North Lake, including a four-mile segment with the Village of Sussex. The trail is located on a former railway right-of-way and is a paved multi-use trail that provides opportunities for biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Connections to the Bugline Recreation Trail within the study area are located at Menomonee Park and at Madeline Park and Village Park in the Village of Sussex.

The County park plan also recommends that the County develop the Fox River Trail, with a majority of the trail to be developed within the Fox River corridor, and is proposed to be located a couple of miles east of the village; and the Bark River Trail that is proposed to be developed within the Bark River corridor a couple of miles northwest of the Village. Both trails are proposed to connect to the Bugline Recreation Trail.

Lake and River Access and Water Trails

The County park plan identified the need for access to lakes and rivers for canoeing, kayaking and other water-related recreational activities. Access sites should be planned for and coordinated through cooperative efforts with the WDNR, Waukesha County, all local governments within Waukesha County, and neighboring Counties. Water trails, sometimes referred to as a paddling trail or canoeing/kayaking trail, would identify parts of major rivers or streams that could accommodate low-impact, non-motorized watercraft such as canoes and kayaks. Important factors for establishing water trails include safe and convenient access to a waterway with unobstructed passageways, adequate support facilities, and safe portaging areas. Identifying and providing signs indicating scenic, historic, and natural viewpoints along the waterway should also be considered. Establishing water trails promotes the responsible use and enjoyment of major waterways and would further serve as a place for solitude and respite from the urban environment, while providing educational and recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts.

The County Park plan identified the ongoing cooperative efforts in developing the Fox River Water Trail. The Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative was initiated by the Southeast Fox River Partnership (Wisconsin) and the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (Illinois). As identified in the County Park plan, the Fox River Water Trail is proposed to extend from the Village of Menomonee Falls southward to the Stateline and ultimately into the State of Illinois. The end point of the proposed Fox River Water Trail is located a few miles from the Village of Sussex.

In June 2023, the Department of the Interior announced the designation of the Fox River Water Trail into the National Park Service's National Water Trails System. The trail known as the "Fabulous Fox! Water Trail" is about 158 miles long and extends from the Village of Menomonee Falls in Waukesha County, south of CTH K, to the confluence of the Illinois River in the City of Ottawa, Illinois. The nearest access site for Village of Sussex residents is located at Mitchell Park in the City of Brookfield. The Fabulous Fox! Water Trail would traverse about 70 miles within the State of Wisconsin.

5.3 OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

The location and extent of important open space lands in the Village of Sussex, including wetlands, floodplains, woodlands, surface water, natural and geological areas, and critical species habitat sites are described in Chapter 2. Many of these important natural resources are located within environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, which are also described in Chapter 2. Preserving these open space lands in essentially natural, open uses would serve to maintain a high level of environmental quality in, and protect the natural beauty of, the Village of Sussex, as well as provide valuable recreational opportunities for residents of the Village. Preserving these areas will also help to avoid critical and costly environmental and developmental problems within the Village. The open space preservation component of this park and open space plan is shown on Map 5.1.

As shown on Table 5.1, about 43 percent, or 354 acres, of open space preservation areas in the Village are existing publicly-owned lands. About 16 acres of open space preservation areas in the Village are existing privately-owned lands, which includes lands within common open space areas in conservation subdivisions. As also shown on Table 5.1, about 322 acres of open space preservation areas are owned by the Village. It is recommended that all publicly-owned open space preservation areas should be maintained in public ownership and preserved in open space.

It is also recommended that the Village acquire about 273 acres of open space preservation areas associated with parklands for new or existing park sites or nature areas, trail corridors, or for natural resource protection purposes, including two critical species habitat sites. These areas could be acquired through fee-simple purchase, dedication, or through conservation easements.

Protecting 178 acres of open space preservation areas through the appropriate Village conservancy overlay zoning district or preservation zoning district is recommended for areas that are not recommended for public ownership or are not acquired by a private conservancy organization district. These regulations limit development in wetland and floodplain areas to open space uses, and limit development in upland wooded areas to any use of land, except development involving structures, that is permitted in the basic underlying district, providing that such development does not destroy the natural resource features protected by the district, or compatible recreational uses.

The open space preservation areas may change over time due to updated floodplain and wetland mapping, natural changes in wetland boundaries, stream and stream corridor restoration, and field surveys that precisely identify the boundaries of wetlands and environmental corridors. In addition, floodplain areas adjacent to environmental corridors that are not developed for urban or recreational uses may revert to natural vegetation. Changes to wetland and environmental corridor boundaries may be identified as additions or losses to the environmental corridor network in subsequent versions of regional or Village plans. The public acquisition or conservancy zoning of wetlands and environmental corridors/isolated natural resource areas should, therefore, be based on a field delineation of such areas prior to acquisition.

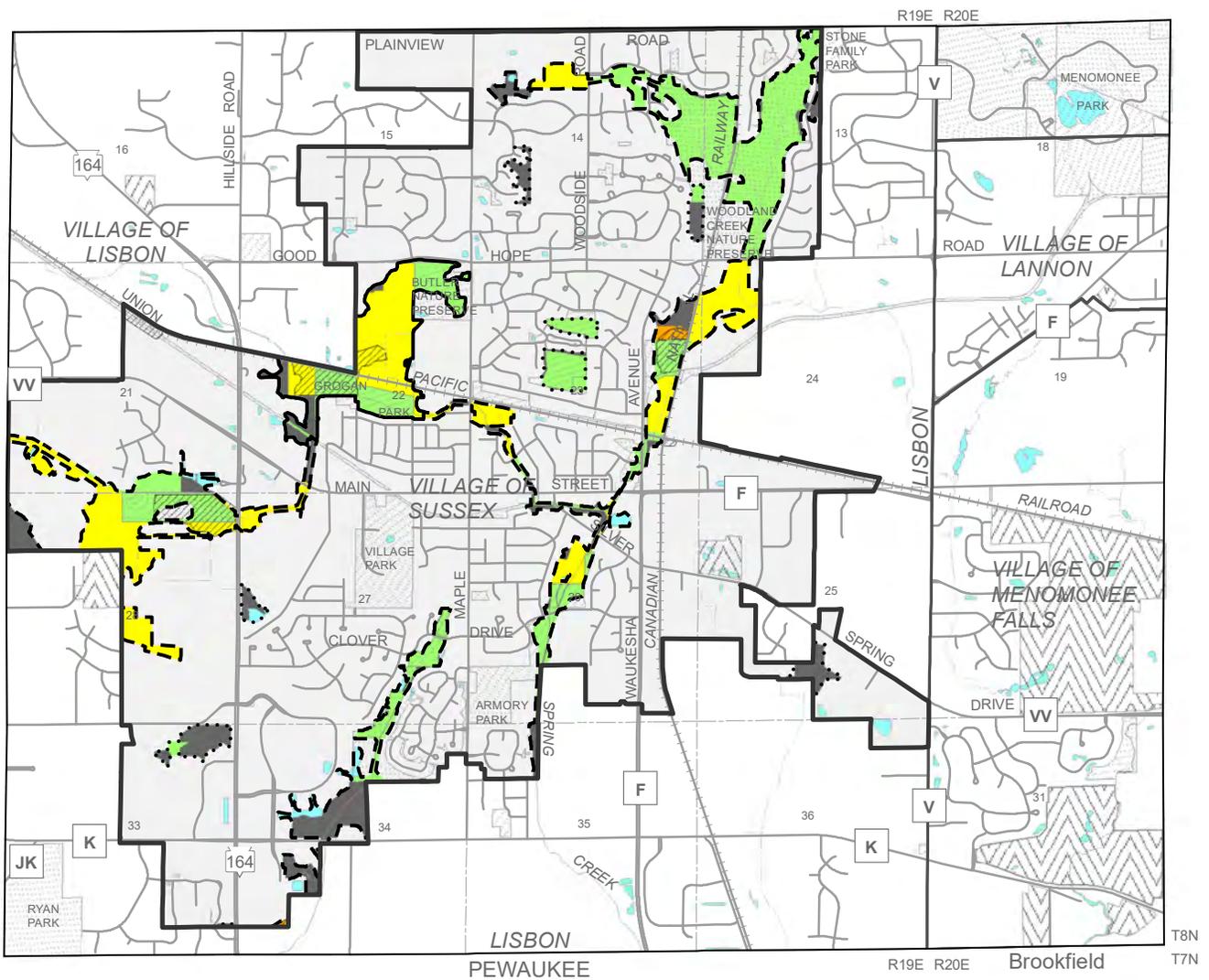
Primary Environmental Corridors

The one primary environmental corridor, shown on Map 5.1, encompasses approximately 156 acres of land, and is located in the northwestern portion of the Village. Under the park and open space plan, all remaining primary environmental corridor lands would be preserved in essentially natural, open uses. Of the approximately 156 acres of primary environmental corridor, 51 acres are currently in existing Village ownership at Grogan Park and Butler Nature Preserve and one acre is in existing County ownership associated with the Bugline Recreation Trail, and those lands are proposed to be retained in such ownership for resource protection purposes. It is recommended that the Village acquire about 87 acres of primary environmental corridor for natural resource protection, including lands containing the Sussex Marsh critical species habitat site. The other 17 acres are privately owned, and are recommended to be protected through conservancy zoning or zoning for compatible recreational uses.

Secondary Environmental Corridors

The secondary environmental corridors, shown on Map 5.1, encompass approximately 588 acres of land. The secondary environmental corridor lands are located along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, a portion of Spring Creek, a portion of the locally known Sussex Creek and its tributaries, a portion of

Map 5.1
Open Space Preservation Element for the Village of Sussex: 2050



- PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR
 - - - SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR
 - ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA
- EXISTING PUBLIC INTEREST OWNERSHIP OF OPEN SPACE LANDS**
- STATE, COUNTY, VILLAGE, COMPATIBLE PRIVATE OUTDOOR RECREATION OR OPEN SPACE SITE, OR COMMON OPEN SPACE AREAS IN CONSERVATION SUBDIVISIONS
 - WAUKESHA COUNTY
 - VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
 - OPEN SPACE LANDS TO BE PROTECTED THROUGH PROPER ZONING
- NATURAL AREA, CRITICAL SPECIES HABITAT SITE, OR GEOLOGICAL SITE
 - SURFACE WATER
 - PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
 - PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS

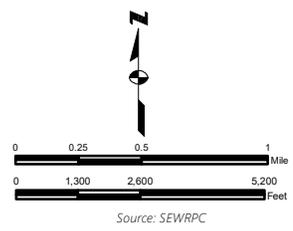


Table 5.1
Existing and Proposed Ownership of Open Space Land^a in the Village of Sussex

Ownership	Existing^b (Acres)	Plan (Acres)	Planned Change (Acres)
Village of Sussex	322	595	273
Waukesha County	30	36	6
State of Wisconsin	2	2	--
Private Recreation ^c	3	3	--
Private Common Open Space Land in Conservation Subdivisions	13	13	--
Private - Protect Through Zoning ^d	--	178	178
Total	370	827	457

^a Includes primary environmental corridors, secondary environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, and common open space lands in conservation subdivisions.

^b Reflects existing ownership as of 2023.

^c Includes private open space lands held in private ownership for recreational use.

^d Includes private open space lands proposed to be protected through Village zoning.

Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

the locally known Willow Springs Creek, and a good portion within the Woodland Creek Nature Preserve. The Village of Sussex owns about 240 acres including lands at Woodland Creek Nature Preserve, Armory Park, Spring Green Park, Madeline Park, the Civic Center Campus/Weyer Park, Clover Downs Nature Preserve, Old Brooke Square Park, Vista Run Subdivision Open Space, Sussex Preserve Subdivision Open Space, and the Pewaukee River Greenway. Waukesha County owns about 29 acres associated with the Cooling’s Meadow Nature Area, a County Greenway along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River, and the Bugline Recreation Trail. About 16 acres are encompassed in existing privately-owned lands, including lands within common open space areas in conservation subdivisions and private outdoor recreation lands.

It is recommended that the Village acquire about 186 acres of secondary environmental corridor for new parks or nature areas, expansion of existing parks or nature areas, development of trail corridors, or natural resource protection purposes, including lands containing the Sussex Meadows critical species habitat site. It is recommended that Waukesha County acquire six acres, about five acres to acquire the remaining portion of the Cooling’s Sedge Meadow Natural Area and one acre to acquire a portion of the Simmons Wetland Habitat critical species habitat site within the Village. It is further recommended that the Village consider protecting the remaining 109 acres through conservancy or preservation zoning or zoning for compatible recreational uses.

Isolated Natural Resource Areas

The isolated natural resource areas, shown on Map 5.1, encompass about 83 acres. The 31 acres currently in existing Village protective ownership include lands at Prides Crossing Park, Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Area, and Woodland Creek Nature Preserve, and are proposed to be retained in such ownership for resource protection purposes. Isolated natural resource areas not currently in public ownership encompass 52 acres and are primarily located within or near residential subdivision and business park areas. Consideration should be given to protecting privately-owned isolated natural resource areas through the appropriate conservancy or preservation zoning district, so they are maintained in natural, open uses to the extent practicable.

Natural Areas, Critical Species Habitat Sites, and Geological Sites

The regional natural areas and critical species habitat protection and management plan, as documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, *A Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin*,¹⁷ sets forth a number of recommendations related to preserving identified natural areas and critical species habitat sites within the Village of Sussex. The regional natural areas plan is summarized in Chapter 4.

¹⁷ An update to the regional natural areas and critical species habitat plan is documented in SEWRPC Amendment to Planning Report No. 42, *Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin*, December 2010. The plan is currently being updated and is expected to be completed in 2024. The sites identified in this Village park plan update reflect the sites inventoried in the 2024 update.

As noted in Chapter 2 and shown in Table 5.2, there is one natural area, three critical species habitat sites, and two geological sites partially or wholly located in the Village. The regional natural areas plan recommends that the Village of Sussex acquire and protect the Sussex Marsh and Sussex Meadows critical species habitat sites. Through acquisition of wetlands and open lands located in the primary environmental corridor, the Village should acquire the remaining 12 acres of the Sussex Marsh natural area. Through acquisition of wetlands and open lands located in a secondary environmental corridor, the Village should acquire the remaining nine acres of the Sussex Meadows natural area. Acquisition of these lands can be accomplished through fee-simple purchase, dedication, or through a conservation easement. It is also recommended that the Village continue to retain other Village open space or conservancy areas that may contain critical species habitat sites for resource protection purposes.

The regional natural areas plan update and this park and open space plan recommend that Waukesha County acquire the remaining portion of the Cooling's Sedge Meadow Natural Area, continue to maintain the portion of the natural area currently within County ownership, and acquire the one-acre portion of the Simmons Wetland Habitat critical species habitat site located in the southern portion of the Village along a tributary to or the headwaters of the Pewaukee River corridor. The natural areas plan also recommends that Waukesha County acquire the remaining portions of the Sussex Railroad Cut geological site that are not currently under County ownership, and that the WDNR acquire the portion of the Sussex Lime Kiln geological site that is not currently under protective ownership.

The above recommendations are reflected on Map 5.1 and summarized in Table 5.2. In all, the natural area, critical species habitat sites, and geological sites recommended for preservation encompass 78 acres within the Village.

5.4 VILLAGE PARK AND OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of the analysis of outdoor recreation needs based on the regional park and open space standards, presented in Chapter 4, indicate that there is a need in the Village of Sussex for additional neighborhood parks and additional recreational facilities, including baseball diamonds, softball diamonds, soccer fields, playfields, playgrounds, basketball goals, and tennis/pickleball courts. The needs for such recreational facilities are intended to meet the outdoor recreation accessibility standards for Village residents and are recommended to be provided by the Village. All proposed facility development must comply with the accessibility requirements set forth under Federal Law in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The recommended park and open space plan for the Village of Sussex is shown on Map 5.2 and described in the following sections. Upon full implementation of this plan, the Village would provide a variety of parks and open space sites and related outdoor recreation facilities and a system of recreation trails and on-street bikeways. More specifically, upon full implementation of the plan, the Village of Sussex would provide:

- Two community parks (Armory Park and Sussex Village Park)
- 15 neighborhood parks (Coldwater Creek Park, Grogan Park, Madeline Park, Mapleway Park, Melinda Weaver Park, Prides Crossing Park, Ridgeview Park, Spring Green Park, Stonewood Estates Park, Vista Run Subdivision Park, Weyer Park, Stone Family Park, and three proposed new neighborhood parks)
- Five conservancy areas (Butler Nature Preserve, Clover Downs Nature Preserve, Pewaukee River Greenway, Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Area, and Woodland Creek Nature Preserve)
- Two open space areas (Sussex Preserve Subdivision and Vista Run Subdivision)
- A special use/passive park (Old Brooke Square Park)

The Village would also continue to maintain other open space sites and conservancy areas that are owned by the Village and used for resource protection or stormwater management purposes. Under the recommended plan, the Village would further provide 17 miles of recreational trails that can be used for hiking, biking, rollerblading, or related activities. This plan also includes about 15 miles of on-street bikeways that would consist of bike lanes, bike paths, and bike routes identified in the Village of Sussex 2040 Comprehensive Plan and in VISION 2050, the regional land use and transportation plan.

Table 5.2
Recommended Protection of a Natural Area, Critical Species
Habitat Sites, and Geological Sites in the Village of Sussex

Number on Map 2.8	Site Identification		Site Area (acres)			Proposed Acquisition Agency
	Area Name	Classification Code ^a	Existing Protective Ownership	Proposed to Be Acquired	Total	
1	Cooling's Sedge Meadow	NA-3	10	3	13	Waukesha County
2	Simmons Wetland Habitat	CSH	--	1	1 ^b	Waukesha County
3	Sussex Marsh	CSH	14	12	26 ^c	Village of Sussex
4	Sussex Meadow	CSH	23	9	32	Village of Sussex
5	Sussex Lime Kiln	GA-1	--	1 ^d	1	WDNR
6	Sussex Railroad Cut	GA-3	3	2	5 ^e	Waukesha County
Total: Six Sites			50	28	78	--

^a NA-3 identifies Natural Areas of local significance

CSH identifies Critical Species Habitat sites

GA-1 identifies Geological Areas of statewide or greater significance

GA-3 identifies Geological Areas of local significance

^b Includes only the acreage located in the Village. Total acreage is 239 acres. Waukesha County and the Village of Pewaukee own portions of the site outside the Village of Sussex. The remaining acreage is under private ownership.

^c Includes only the acreage located in the Village. Total acreage is 51 acres. Of the 26 acres located within the Village, 11 acres are owned by the Village of Sussex as part of Grogan Park; three acres are owned by the Union Pacific Railroad; and 12 acres are located on private property in the Village.

^d About a 0.25-acre portion of the site is currently located within both the Canadian National Railway and Union Pacific Railroad rights-of-way.

^e Includes only the acreage located in the Village. Total acreage is six acres. Of the over five acres located within the Village, over one acre is owned by the Waukesha County as part of the Bugline Recreation Trail; over two acres are owned by the Union Pacific Railroad, and nearly two acres are located on private property in the Village.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC

Village staff also considered the feedback from the public input meeting conducted on November 14, 2023, and the 2023 online parks and recreation survey, as part of developing this plan. Maintaining existing park and recreational facilities and providing additional nature/hiking trails and paved, multi-use trails were identified by the public as the most important recreational facility or service for the Village to implement. Other important recreational facilities and services that were identified during the survey included developing a swimming pool, an outdoor performance venue, an indoor recreation/fitness center, and additional nature preserves/natural areas and picnic shelters.

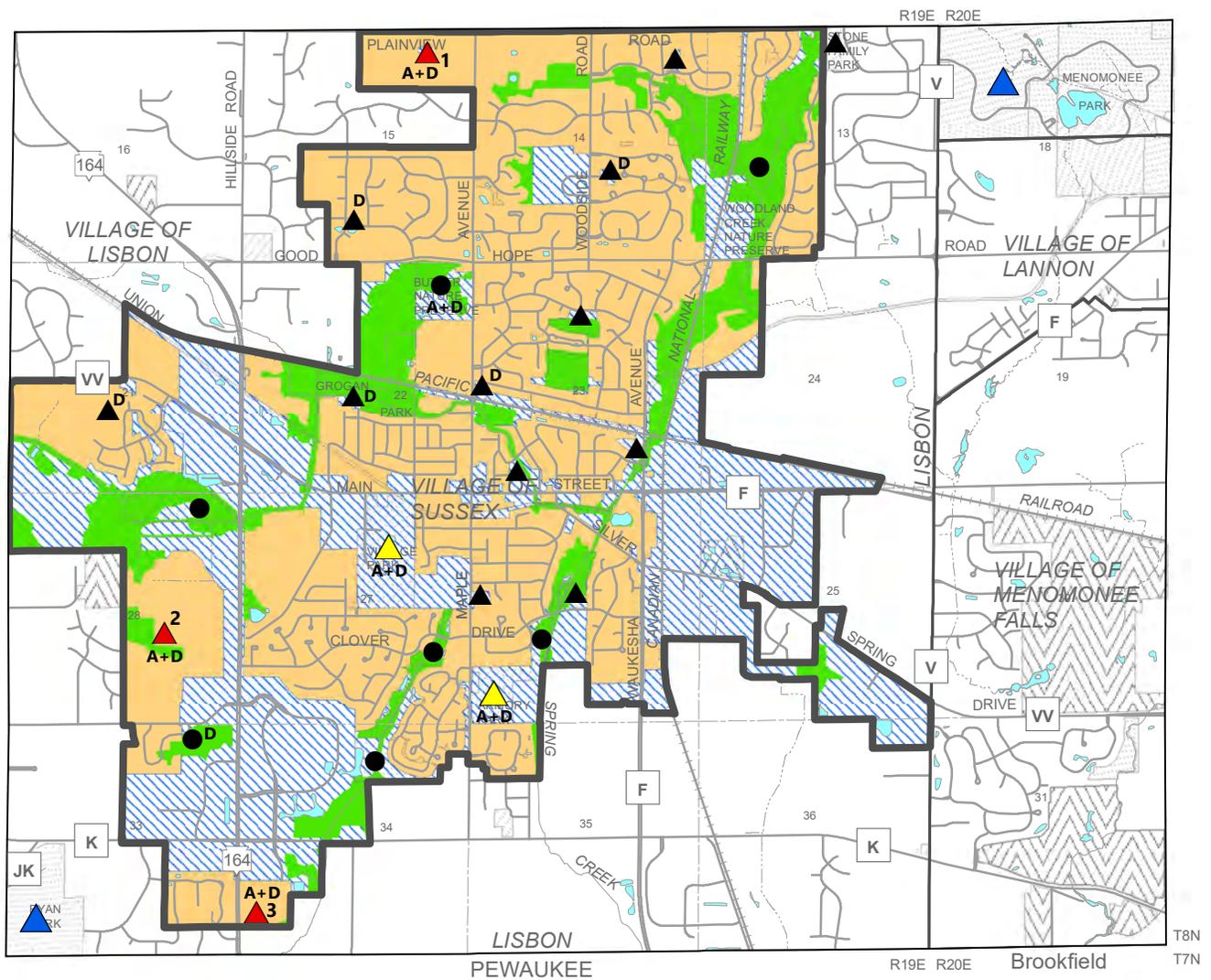
The Village also plans to continue to develop on-street and off-street trails for bicycle and pedestrian use to provide residents a connection to Village parks, regional trails, schools, and local destination points.

Parks and Related Recreational Facilities

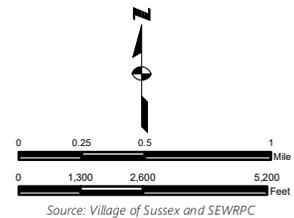
This section presents recommendations related to existing and proposed Village parks and trails, including acquiring and developing new parks and trails and developing recreational facilities at existing parks. Table 5.3 lists all proposed improvements at existing and proposed Village parks and all proposed land acquisitions from 2024 to 2050. Table 5.4 lists all park- and trail-related development and improvement projects at existing parks anticipated to be implemented from 2024 through 2028. Most of the projects listed in Table 5.4 are derived from the Village's capital improvement plan (CIP), which also provides estimated development costs for each project. Estimated costs for projects proposed after 2028 will be provided as part of future capital improvements programming. The CIP is typically updated annually, and projects currently identified for implementation may be removed or reprioritized and new projects may be added during each annual update.

It should also be noted that the Village plans to prepare a master park plan for Armory Park that will illustrate a conceptual layout of new and renovated recreational facilities and landscaped areas at the park.

Map 5.2
Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Sussex: 2050



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| | EXISTING COUNTY PARK | | PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS |
| | EXISTING VILLAGE COMMUNITY PARK | | PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS |
| | EXISTING VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | | SURFACE WATER |
| | EXISTING VILLAGE NATURE PRESERVE OR OPEN SPACE SITE | | |
| | PROPOSED VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK | | |
| | EXISTING OR PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT | | |
| A | ADDITIONAL ACQUISITION PROPOSED | | |
| D | ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED | | |
| 1 | PROPOSED PARK SITE NUMBER (SEE TABLE 5.3) | | |
| | EXISTING OR PLANNED URBAN - NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT | | |
| | OPEN SPACE LANDS TO BE PRESERVED | | |



**Table 5.3
Recommended Acquisition and Development at Existing and
Proposed Park Sites in the Village of Sussex: 2024-2050**

Site Name	Proposed Acquisition (acres)	Proposed Facility Development
Proposed Park Site 1 (Neighborhood Park)	5	One Basketball Goal (Half Court) Tennis/Pickleball Courts Playground Playfield Picnic Area Open Air Shelter Drinking Fountain General Development
Proposed Park Site 2 (Neighborhood Park)	10	Sandlot Ball Diamond Two Basketball Goals (One Full Court) Soccer Field Tennis/Pickleball Courts Playground Playfield Hiking Trails Open Air Shelter Picnic Areas Sand Pit Drinking Fountain General Development
Proposed Park Site 3 (Neighborhood Park)	3	One Basketball Goal (Half Court) Playground Playfield Open Air Shelter Picnic Area Drinking Fountain General Development
Armory Park	2	Two Basketball Goals (Full Court) Tennis Courts Skatepark Lighting to Main Ball Diamonds Additional Restrooms Facilities Master Park Plan ^a
Butler Nature Preserve	72	Nature/Hiking Trails
Corky Curtis Trail	--	Trail Segment from Silver Spring Drive to an Existing Trail Segment through Spring Green Park to Clover Drive, including a Crossing over Spring Creek Develop the Three Remaining Segments of the Trail
Grogan Park	--	Update Playground and Basketball Court Install Drinking Fountain Redesign Cul-de-sac
Mapleway Park	--	Update Facilities
Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Preserve	--	Biking/Walking Trails
Ridgeview Park	--	Install Drinking Fountain
Stonewood Estates Park	--	Update Facilities
Swimming Pool/Aquatic Facility ^b	--	Feasibility Study for Swimming Pool/Aquatic Facility
Village Park	18	Lion's Open Air Shelter, North Open Air Shelter, Parks Shop, and Passive Area Baseball/Softball Quintplex Concert Venue Permanent Beer Garden Facility Update Baseball Field
Vista Run Park	--	Playground, Playfield, and Other Park Development Nature/Hiking Trails
Woodland Creek Trail	--	Trail Segment from Woodland Trails Subdivision to Good Hope Road through Woodland Creek Nature Preserve

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Table 5.3 (Continued)

Site Name	Proposed Acquisition (acres)	Proposed Facility Development
Woodside Elementary School	--	League Softball Diamond
Gym/Indoor Recreation Facility ^b	--	Gym/Indoor Recreation Facility
Total	110	--

Note: "General Development" includes such activities and facilities as grading, landscaping, signs, lighting, picnic tables, benches, parking lots, access drives, and walkways. "General Development" items that are considered a capital expense are specifically listed on this table and in Table 5.4 and are included in the Village Capital Improvement Plan for 2024-2028.

Although not included on this table, this plan also recommends that the Village continue routine maintenance activities at all existing Village-owned park and open space sites and recreational facilities.

^a The Master Plan is expected to include the development of a skatepark and basketball goals and the renovation of the baseball/softball diamonds, soccer fields, shelter, playground and other support facilities and general development.

^b It's anticipated that the potential development of a swimming pool/aquatic facility and a gym/indoor recreation facility will occur on existing Village-owned lands.

Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

Proposed New Parks

This plan recommends that the Village acquire land for three new neighborhood parks and develop needed outdoor recreational facilities at these sites. Additional land is also proposed to be acquired to expand Village Park, Armory Park, and Butler Nature Preserve. The location of the three proposed new parks is shown on Map 5.2. It is anticipated that acquiring and developing these proposed new park sites will likely occur after the year 2028. The recommendations regarding facility development at each proposed new park are listed on Table 5.3 and are also described below.

Recommendations for new parks include the Village acquiring lands for recreational and open space purposes. The red symbols on Map 5.2 indicate a need for additional parklands in the areas designated. The location of the symbol represents a generalized location and should not be construed as definitive. There may be other sites in the area that are also suitable for developing a park.

1. *Park Site 1:* Park Site 1 is a proposed neighborhood park intended to serve the existing and future residential areas in the northern portion of the Village. This site would encompass approximately five acres. Recreational facilities proposed to be developed at this site include a playground, a playfield, a basketball goal, tennis/pickleball courts, an open air shelter, a picnic area, a drinking fountain, and appropriate support facilities.
2. *Park Site 2:* Park Site 2 is a proposed 10-acre neighborhood park intended to serve the existing and future residential areas in the west-central portion of the Village. Recreational facilities proposed to be developed at this site include a playground, a playfield, a basketball court (two goals), a soccer field, a sandlot ball diamond, tennis/pickleball courts, hiking trails, an open air shelter, picnic areas, a sand pit, a drinking fountain, and appropriate support facilities.
3. *Park Site 3:* Park Site 3 is a proposed three-acre neighborhood park intended to serve the existing and future residential areas in the southwestern portion of the Village. Recreational facilities proposed to be developed at this site include a playground, a playfield, a basketball goal, an open air shelter, a picnic area, a drinking fountain, and appropriate support facilities.

Developing and Improving Existing Village Parks: 2024-2028

It is recommended that the Village develop additional recreational facilities or improve facilities at six existing parks during the five-year period from 2024 through 2028, as described below (please note that Table 5.3 includes all proposed additional and improved facilities, both those envisioned by 2028, and those envisioned by 2050). The estimated development and improvement costs for only those facilities envisioned by 2028 are included in Table 5.4.

**Table 5.4
Proposed Development and Improvements at Existing Parks
and Trails in the Village of Sussex: 2024-2028**

Site Name	Proposed Improvement	Development Cost (\$)
Corky Curtis Trail	Develop a Trail Segment from Silver Spring Drive to an Existing Trail Segment through Spring Green Park to Clover Drive, including a Crossing over Spring Creek	155,000
	Subtotal	155,000
Grogan Park	Update Playground and Basketball Court	165,000
	Install Drinking Fountain	7,500
	Redesign Cul-de-sac	50,000
	Subtotal	222,500
Mapleway Park	Update Facilities	165,000
	Subtotal	165,000
Ridgeview Park	Install Drinking Fountain	7,500
	Subtotal	7,500
Stonewood Estates Park	Update Facilities	165,000
	Subtotal	165,000
Swimming Pool/Aquatic Facility	Feasibility Study for Swimming Pool/Aquatic Facility	35,000
	Subtotal	35,000
Village Park	Construction of Lion's Open Air Shelter, North Open Air Shelter, Parks Shop, and Passive Area	-- ^a
	Acquire 18 Acres for Park Expansion and Development of Baseball/Softball Quintplex	-- ^a
	Subtotal	-- ^a
Vista Run Park	Construct Playground, Playfield, and Other Park Development	165,000
	Subtotal	165,000
Woodland Creek Trail	Develop a Trail Segment from Woodland Trails Subdivision to Good Hope Road through Woodland Creek Nature Preserve	24,000
	Subtotal	24,000
Total: Nine Sites		939,000

Note: Although not included on this table, this plan also recommends that the Village continue routine maintenance activities at all existing Village-owned park and open space sites and recreational facilities included in the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Other maintenance activities may be added as part of the annual CIP update.

^a Cost to be determined by final design.

Source: Village of Sussex and SEWRPC

- **Grogan Park:** Grogan Park is a 32-acre neighborhood park located along the locally known Sussex Creek in the west-central portion of the Village. Existing facilities include two basketball goals, a playfield, a playground, a picnic area, and a sand pit. It is recommended that the playground and basketball court be updated, a drinking fountain be installed, and the Grogan Drive cul-de-sac, located adjacent to the park, be redesigned to allow for easier access to the park for park maintenance and police and emergency vehicles.
- **Mapleway Park:** Mapleway Park is a nine-acre neighborhood park located in the central portion of the Village. Existing facilities include a playground, a playfield, the Mapleway Trail, and a picnic area. It is recommended that the facilities be updated at the park.
- **Ridgeview Park:** Ridgeview Park is a three-acre neighborhood park located in the north-central portion of the Village. Existing facilities include a playfield, a playground, and a picnic area. It is recommended that a drinking fountain be installed at the park.
- **Stonewood Estates Park:** Stonewood Estates Park is a two-acre neighborhood park located in the northwestern portion of the Village. Existing facilities include a playfield, a playground, a picnic area, and a drinking fountain. It is recommended that the facilities be updated at the park.

- *Village Park*: Village Park is a 72-acre community park located in the central portion of the Village. Existing facilities include a baseball diamond, four league softball diamonds (one lighted), two sand volleyball courts, playground equipment, playfields, picnic areas, the Village Park Trail system, three open-air shelters (including the Lion’s Den garage), a sledding hill, an 18-hole disc golf course, concessions/restrooms, parking lots, and drinking fountains. The park also contains “The Grove,” an area that includes a splash pad, a pavilion, an inclusive playground, gaga ball, and multi-sport courts that includes four pickleball courts (all lighted) and four basketball goals. It is recommended that the Lion’s open air shelter, North open air shelter, Parks Shop, and a large passive area be constructed at the park. It is also recommended that lands located to the west of the existing park be acquired by the Village for park expansion and be developed with five baseball/softball diamonds and appropriate support facilities.
- *Vista Run Park*: Vista Run Park is a 12-acre undeveloped neighborhood park located in the western portion of the Village. It is recommended that a playground, nature/hiking trails, and a playfield be constructed, and other park amenities be developed at the park.

The Village also plans to conduct a feasibility study in 2024 to determine the potential need to develop a swimming pool or aquatic facility. The study is expected to include feedback from the Village public input session and the parks survey held by the Village in late 2023; a comparison of existing swimming pools/aquatic facilities located in other communities in southeastern Wisconsin; the design, types, sizes, and various amenities of a proposed facility; the location of a proposed facility in the Village; potential users, including Village residents and non-Village residents; and costs and operational estimates. The Village may recommend that a private organization develop and manage the facility, however, a joint effort between the Village and one or numerous private organizations may also be viable.

Development at Existing Village Parks: 2029-2050

This section describes recommended facility development at existing Village parks after 2028. Recommendations for developing recreational facilities at each park are listed in Table 5.3. Implementing the recommendations is subject to the availability of funding for acquiring land and developing, operating, and maintaining facilities.

- *Armory Park*: It is recommended that the Village acquire about two acres of land located adjacent to and west of the park for park expansion and develop a basketball court (two goals), tennis courts, a skatepark,¹⁸ and additional restroom facilities and install lighting to the main ball diamonds. The Village also plans to prepare a master park plan for the park sometime after 2030. The plan will detail the layout of new recreational facilities and the renovation of existing recreational facilities.
- *Butler Nature Preserve*: It is recommended that the Village acquire about 72 acres of land located west of the existing site for park expansion and develop nature/hiking trails at the site.
- *Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Area*: It is recommended that biking/walking trails be developed at the site.
- *Village Park*: It is recommended that a concert venue¹⁸ and a permanent beer garden facility¹⁸ be developed and the baseball field be updated at the park, in addition to the developments recommended during 2024-2028.

It is recommended that the Village collaborate with the Hamilton School District to discuss the possibility of developing a league softball diamond at Woodside Elementary School. The development of a league softball diamond at the school would satisfy the need for a league softball diamond in the northern portion of the Village. The development of a league softball diamond at the school may likely occur between 2029 and 2050.

¹⁸ *This facility is derivative of the Park and Open Space Plan Survey, conducted by the Village at the end of 2023, and will continue to be explored and examined for potential development as future park and open space planning is conducted by the Village.*

In addition, the Village may also consider the development of a swimming pool/aquatic facility once the feasibility study has been completed in 2024 or 2025. The potential development of a swimming pool/aquatic facility¹⁸ is expected to occur on existing Village land between 2029 and 2050 if the study concludes that such a facility is warranted and feasible for the Village.

The Village also anticipates the development of a gym/indoor recreation facility¹⁸ on existing Village-owned land; a fenced-in, toddler-only playground¹⁸ at an existing Village park; and various park amenities such as shade structures¹⁸ and seating and bathroom facilities.¹⁸ The development of a gym/indoor recreation facility is expected to be used for a variety of Village administered recreational activities and events and possibly by a multitude of public and private organizations.

Maintaining Other Existing Village Parks

This plan also recommends that the Village continue to maintain all existing Village-owned park and open space sites and outdoor recreation facilities. This may include, as necessary, providing, paving, and resurfacing parking lots and trails or walkways; resurfacing volleyball, basketball, and tennis court areas; making existing facilities accessible to people with disabilities; providing, repairing, or replacing support facilities such as sports field lighting, park benches, picnic tables, and drinking fountains; providing, repairing, or replacing foot bridges, restroom facilities, water supply facilities, maintenance buildings, and picnic shelters; and maintaining lawns, gardens, and other landscape plantings. Maintaining existing Village-owned park and open space sites and outdoor recreation facilities may also include providing additional or replacing playground equipment, playfield areas, and areas for passive recreational use.

Open Space Preservation

As shown on Map 5.1 and indicated in Table 5.1, it is recommended that the Village acquire 273 acres of open space preservation areas for developing parks, nature preserves, or trails or for resource-protection purposes. The Village currently owns 322 acres of open space preservation areas. It is recommended that these lands be maintained in Village ownership and preserved in essentially natural, open space uses. Preserving these lands will serve to maintain a high level of environmental quality and natural beauty in the Village, as well as helping avoid or reduce serious and costly environmental and developmental problems. It is also recommended that the Village enact conservancy zoning regulations and apply those regulations to open space preservation areas that are privately owned.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Routes and Recreation Trails

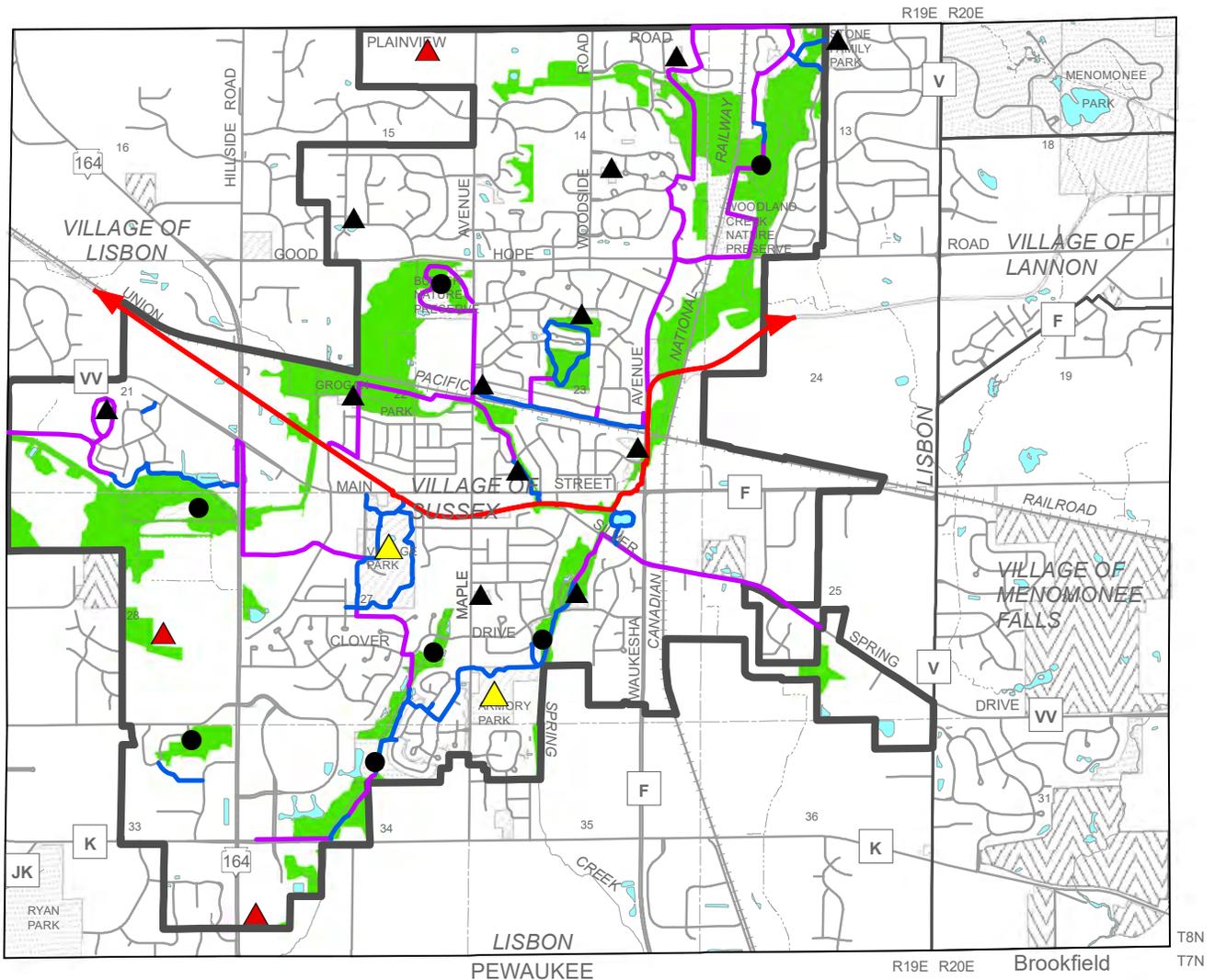
It is recommended that a Village-wide trail system continue to be developed to connect existing and planned parks, existing and planned trails, and pathways along recreational corridors, such as, but not limited to, the Pewaukee River and the locally known Sussex Creek, and on-street bicycle ways or sidewalks. The recommended Village Trail System is shown on Map 5.3.

The existing Village trail system is comprised of the Corky Curtis Trail, the Mapleway Trail, the Nancy A. Whalen Trail, the Redford Hills Trail, the Sussex Creek Trail, the Village Park Trail, the Dennis Wolf Trail, and the Woodland Creek Trail. A four-mile portion of the County-owned and maintained Bugline Recreational Trail is also located within the Village.

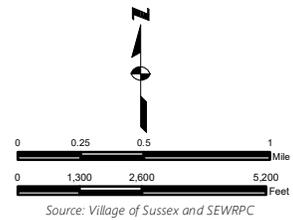
From 2024 to 2028, the Village plans to develop the following segments of two existing trails: a portion of the Corky Curtis Trail from Silver Spring Drive southward through an existing trail segment within Spring Green Park to Clover Drive, including a crossing over Spring Creek, and a portion of the Woodland Creek Trail from the Woodland Trails subdivision to Good Hope Road.

The Village also plans to develop the remaining segments of the Corky Curtis Trail shortly after 2030, including from the existing sidewalk west of Executive Drive along CTH K eastward to an existing trail segment near the Sussex Injection Molding Co.; develop a boardwalk from the existing trail segment near the Sussex Injection Molding Co. to an existing trail segment within the Sussex Preserve subdivision;¹⁸ and along Silver Spring Drive from Mammoth Springs eastward to Templeton Middle School.¹⁸ The Village envisions the planning and development of future trails and may consider paving those trails.

Map 5.3
Village of Sussex Trail System Plan: 2050



- EXISTING COUNTY TRAIL (BUGLINE RECREATION TRAIL)
- EXISTING VILLAGE TRAIL (MULTI-USE OR NATURE/HIKING)
- PROPOSED VILLAGE TRAIL (MULTI-USE OR NATURE/HIKING TRAIL)
- ▲ EXISTING VILLAGE COMMUNITY PARK
- ▲ EXISTING VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- EXISTING VILLAGE NATURE PRESERVE OR OPEN SPACE SITE
- ▲ PROPOSED VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- OPEN SPACE LANDS TO BE PRESERVED
- PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
- PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
- SURFACE WATER



In addition to the trails described above, the Village's 2040 Comprehensive Plan recommends developing additional on-street or off-street segments of the existing trail system within the Village, including developing a portion of the Mapleway Trail that is planned to extend from Waukesha Avenue to the Butler Nature Preserve; a portion of the Sussex Creek Trail that is planned to extend from the Bugline Recreational Trail to Mary Hill Road; a portion of the Woodland Creek Trail that is planned to extend from the Bugline Recreational Trail to the Woodland Creek Nature Preserve; and a portion of the Village Park Trail that is planned to extend from the Bugline Recreational Trail to both the Corky Curtis Trail and Sussex Creek Trail. Development of these trail segments is likely to occur sometime before 2050.

In addition, VISION 2050, the regional land use and transportation plan,¹⁹ recommends a network of on- and off-street bicycle ways and pedestrian ways within the County. VISION 2050 recommends the following streets within the Village be expanded within the rights-of-way to accommodate appropriate bicycle ways: Silver Spring Drive between Main Street and Townline Road and Maple Avenue between Lisbon Road/CTH K and the Bugline Recreational Trail. Other streets planned to accommodate bicycle ways within the Village and beyond the Village limits include STH 164, CTH F (Lisbon Road), Good Hope Road, and Plainview Road.

VISION 2050 also recommends that pedestrian facilities be developed to facilitate safe, efficient, and accessible pedestrian travel. The plan recommends that sidewalks be provided along streets and highways in areas of existing or planned urban development and any gaps that are present in the pedestrian network be addressed through neighborhood connections to County and Village trails and local destination areas (schools, parks, shopping areas, etc.). It should be noted that all pedestrian facilities be designed and constructed in accordance with Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. Existing pedestrian (sidewalks) and planned bicycle ways in the Village are shown on Map 5.4.

On-street bicycle ways within the Village are proposed to be undertaken by Waukesha County (CTH F, CTH K/Lisbon Road, CTH VV/Silver Spring Drive, and Main Street) and the Village of Sussex (Good Hope Road, Maple Avenue, Waukesha Avenue, and other streets under Village jurisdiction). Off-street trails within the Village are proposed to be provided by Waukesha County (Bugline Recreational Trail) and the aforementioned Village trails. The entire Village trail system (existing and proposed Village trails and proposed Regional Plan (VISION 2050) trails) is recommended to include about 32 miles of multi-use trails and nature/hiking trails.

Other Considerations

Public Input

On April 16, 2024, the Village held a public open house/informational meeting to allow the public to review and comment on this Village park and open space plan. The following comments were submitted as part of the public open house/informational meeting:

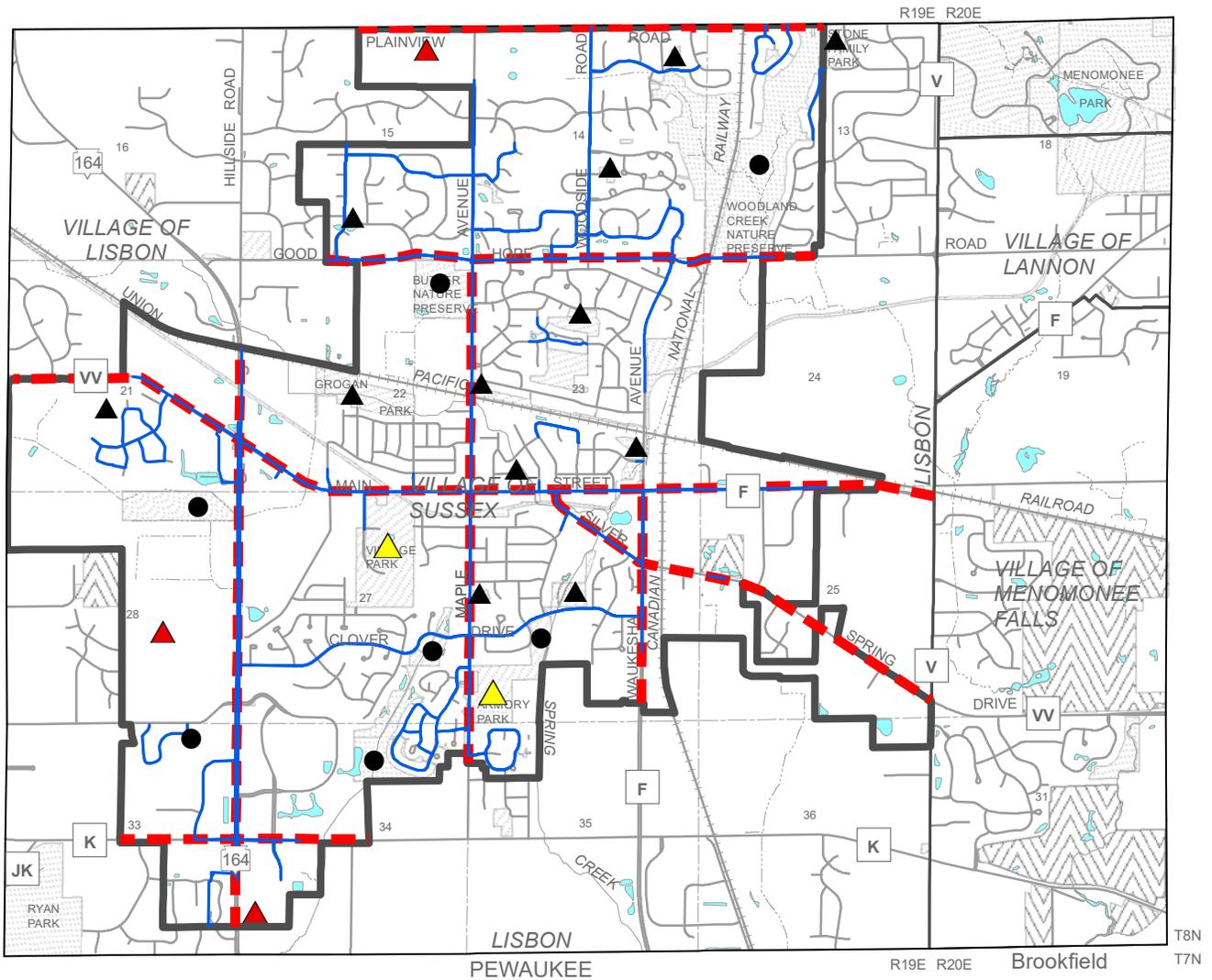
- Develop additional playgrounds or improve existing playgrounds
- Develop additional biking/hiking trails and sidewalks, complete gaps associated with existing Village trails, and make improvements for safer biking and pedestrian access at the intersection of STH 164 and Silver Spring Drive/CTH VV
- Develop a fishing pond with possible canoe access and parking
- Install signage/kiosk to provide information about the features located at each park

5.5 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The recommended park and open space plan is not complete until the steps required to implement the plan have been specified. This section includes a description of the actions required by the Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation, Waukesha County, and the Village of Sussex to implement the recommended park and open space plan for the Village.

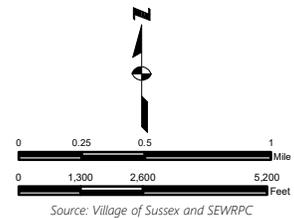
¹⁹ Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 55, VISION 2050: A Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2050. The plan was adopted by the Regional Planning Commission on July 28, 2016.

Map 5.4
Pedestrian and Regional Trail System Plan for the Village of Sussex: 2050



- EXISTING SIDEWALK
- - - PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN TRAIL (ON-STREET BICYCLEWAY)
- ▲ EXISTING VILLAGE COMMUNITY PARK
- ▲ EXISTING VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
- EXISTING VILLAGE NATURE PRESERVE OR OPEN SPACE SITE
- ▲ PROPOSED VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

- PUBLICLY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
- PRIVATELY-OWNED OUTDOOR RECREATION LANDS
- SURFACE WATER



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has the authority and responsibility for developing parks, protecting natural resources, managing water quality, and regulating water use. Certain WDNR functions have particular importance in implementing county and local park and open space plans. The WDNR is obligated to prepare a comprehensive Statewide outdoor recreation plan and to develop long-range water resource management plans; has the authority to protect, develop, and regulate the use of State parks, forests, fish and game, lakes and streams, certain plant life, and other natural resources; and has the authority to administer, within the State, the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program and the Wisconsin Stewardship Program. The LWCF and Wisconsin Stewardship programs are intended to assist in acquiring and developing local parks and urban green spaces.

More specifically, relative to implementing the Village park and open space plan, it is important that the WDNR approves the Village of Sussex park and open space plan when the Village applies for available State and Federal outdoor recreation grants.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

It is recommended that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) construct the bicycle ways recommended by this park and open space plan to be provided within the right-of-way of a State trunk highway or connecting highway at the time the street or highway is constructed or reconstructed. It is recognized that major bicycle-related improvements, such as the addition of bicycle lanes, may not be able to be accommodated at the time the street is resurfaced. However, consideration should be given to restriping the street or making other improvements to better accommodate bicycle travel as part of such resurfacing projects. The State should make proper arrangements to maintain bicycle facilities, including, if necessary, entering into operating or maintenance agreements with other units or agencies of government.

It is recommended that WisDOT continue to make transportation grants available to construct the recommended bikeways, including those recommended to be located off-street and on County and local streets.

It is further recommended that WisDOT promptly notify the WDNR, the County surveyor, the Village of Sussex, and the Regional Planning Commission of any railway abandonment proposed within the Village. The Department should work with the aforementioned agencies to evaluate the feasibility of acquiring the railway right-of-way proposed to be abandoned for trail development and/or other recreational purposes.

Waukesha County

The Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan sets forth implementation responsibilities for Waukesha County. Although there are no County parks within the Village of Sussex, there are two major County parks each located about a mile from the Village, Menomonee Park and Ryan Park. Under the plan, Waukesha County should continue to acquire additional land and maintain facilities at both County parks and acquire additional lands associated with the Cooling's Sedge Meadow Natural Area (in the east-central portion of the Village) and the Simmons Wetland Habitat critical species habitat site (in the southern portion of the Village). The County should also continue to maintain the Bugline Recreational Trail that includes a four-mile segment within the Village.

Village of Sussex

Under the park and open space plan for the Village, the Village of Sussex would have responsibility for providing a variety of outdoor recreation sites and facilities, including acquiring and developing three new park sites and associated recreational facilities; developing recreational facilities at an existing undeveloped Village park site and a nature preserve (Vista Run Park and Redford Hills Subdivision Nature Preserve); acquiring land for park expansion at Armory and Village Parks and Butler Nature Preserve; developing or improving recreational facilities at nine existing park sites or nature preserves; acquiring land and developing off-street trails; developing on-street bikeways; and continuing to improve and maintain all existing Village parks, recreational facilities, and trails. Implementing these recommendations with such amendments over time as the Village deems appropriate, would meet the outdoor recreation needs of Village residents, and protect areas having important natural resources, not only for the next five years, but for the foreseeable future as well.

It is also recommended that the Village acquire 110 acres of land for new neighborhood parks, park expansion at Armory and Village Parks and Butler Nature Preserve, and associated with two critical species habitat sites (Sussex Marsh and Sussex Meadows), including 83 acres within open space preservation areas, and acquire lands for developing a trail system or for resource-protection purposes. The Village of Sussex trail system is proposed to provide about 17 miles of biking and hiking opportunities.

Plan Costs

Implementing the park and open space plan for the Village of Sussex, as presented herein and summarized in Table 5.4, would entail a total cost to the Village of about \$939,000 over the five-year plan implementation period from 2024 through 2028. This includes all park- and trail-related developments/improvements in the Village's five-year Capital Improvement Plan from the period of 2024 through 2028 with the exception of costs associated with the acquisition of lands and the development of recreational facilities at Village Park. Costs associated with the acquisition and development at Village Park are not available until the final design is determined. Furthermore, costs associated with the general maintenance of existing park facilities are not included in that total. And as previously noted, it is anticipated that acquiring and developing the proposed new three park sites, and acquiring additional lands at Armory Park and Butler Nature Preserve, will likely occur after the year 2028.

The cost to the Village for acquiring any park or open space or developing recreational facilities could be reduced through the use of alternative methods of acquiring land, such as dedication and conservation easements. State, Federal, and private grants for acquiring parks or open spaces and developing facilities may also help reduce the cost to the Village to implement this plan. Donations from the public and/or private businesses or organizations may also be used to develop park facilities.

APPENDICES

**REGIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE
PLANNING OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, AND STANDARDS**

APPENDIX A

► **Objective 1: To provide an integrated system of public general-use outdoor recreation sites and related open space areas that provide residents of the Region with adequate opportunities to participate in a wide range of outdoor recreation and outdoor education activities.**

- **Principle 1.1:** Good physical and mental health is an inherent right of all residents of the Region. Providing public general use outdoor recreation sites and related open space areas contributes to physical and mental health by providing opportunities to participate in a wide range of outdoor recreation activities. Moreover, an integrated park and related open space system properly related to the natural resource base, such as the existing surface water network, can provide the dual benefits of satisfying recreational demands in an appropriate setting while protecting and preserving valuable natural resource amenities. Finally, an integrated system of public general use outdoor recreation sites and related open space areas can contribute to the orderly growth of the Region by lending form and structure to urban development patterns.

A. PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION SITES

- **Principle 1.2:** Public general use outdoor recreation sites promote good physical and mental health both by providing opportunities to participate in such athletic recreational activities as baseball, swimming, tennis, and ice-skating—activities that help maintain physical health because of the exercise involved—as well as opportunities to participate in more leisurely activities such as walking, picnicking, or just rest and relaxation. These activities tend to reduce stress and thereby help maintain physical and mental well-being. Well designed and properly located public general-use outdoor recreation sites also provide a sense of community, bringing people together for social and cultural as well as recreational activities. This contributes to desirable and stable residential neighborhoods and therefore benefits the communities in which such facilities are provided.
- **Standard 1.1:** The public sector should provide general use outdoor recreation sites sufficient in size and number to meet the recreation demands of the resident population. These sites should be spatially distributed in a manner that provides ready access by the resident population to natural resource or man-made amenities. To achieve this standard, the public general use outdoor recreation site requirements should be met as indicated in the following tables:

Publicly Owned Park Sites					
Site Type	Size (gross acres)	Minimum per Capita Public Requirements (acres per 1,000 persons) ^b	Typical Facilities	Maximum Service Radius (miles) ^a	
				Urban ^c	Rural
I ^d Regional	250 or more	5.3	Campsites, swimming beach, picnic areas, golf course, ski hill, ski-touring trail, boat launch, nature study area, playfield, softball diamond, or passive-activity area ^e	10.0	10.0
II ^f Multi-Community	100-249	2.6	Campsites, swimming pool or beach, picnic areas, golf course, ski hill, ski-touring trail, boat launch, nature study area, playfield, softball and/or baseball diamond, or passive-activity area ^e	4.0 ^g	10.0 ^g
III ^h Community	25-99	2.2	Swimming pool or beach, picnic areas, boat launch, nature study area, softball and/or baseball diamonds, soccer fields and other playfields, tennis courts, or passive- activity area ^e	2.0 ⁱ	--
IV ^j Neighborhood	Less than 25	1.7	Wading pool, picnic areas, softball and/or baseball diamonds, soccer fields and other playfields, tennis court, playground, basketball goal, ice-skating rink, or passive-activity area ^e	0.5-1.0 ^k	--

Publicly Owned School Sites ^l					
Site Type	Size (gross acres)	Minimum per Capita Public Requirements (acres per 1,000 persons) ⁿ	Typical Facilities	Maximum Service Radius (miles) ^m	
				Urban ^c	Rural
I ^d Regional	250 or more	--	--	--	--
II ^f Multi-Community	100-249	--	--	--	--
III ^h Community	25-99	0.9	Playfield, baseball diamond, softball diamond, or tennis court	0.5-1.0 ^o	--
IV ^j Neighborhood	Less than 25	1.6	Playfield, playground, baseball diamond, softball diamond, basketball goal, or tennis court	0.5-1.0 ^o	--

- **Standard 1.2:** Public general use outdoor recreation sites should, as much as possible, be located within the designated primary environmental corridors of the Region.

B. RECREATION RELATED OPEN SPACE

- **Principle 1.3:** Meeting the recreation demands of the Region’s residents cannot be accomplished solely by providing public general use outdoor recreation sites. Certain recreational activities such as hiking, biking, scenic driving, and cross country skiing are best provided through a system of trails and recreation corridors located on or adjacent to linear resource-oriented open space lands. A well-designed system of recreation following linear open space lands can also serve to physically connect existing and proposed public parks, thus forming a truly integrated park and recreation related open space system. Such open space lands also satisfy the need for natural surroundings, serve to protect the natural resource base, and ensure that many scenic areas and areas of natural, cultural, or historic interest are properly considered in determining existing and future land use patterns.

- **Standard 1.3:** The public sector should provide sufficient open space lands to accommodate a system of resource-oriented recreation corridors to meet the resident demand for trail-oriented recreation activities. To fulfill this recommendation, the following recreation-related open space standards should be met:

1. A minimum of 0.16 linear miles of recreation related open space consisting of linear recreation corridors^p should be provided for each 1,000 people in the Region
2. Recreation corridors should have a minimum length of 15 miles and a minimum width of 200 feet
3. The maximum travel distance to recreation corridors should be five miles in urban areas and 10 miles in rural areas
4. Resource-orientated recreation corridors should maximize the use of:
 - a. Primary environmental corridors as locations for trail-oriented recreation activities
 - b. Outdoor recreation facilities provided at existing public park sites
 - c. Existing trail-type facilities within the Region

► **Objective 2: To provide sufficient outdoor recreation facilities to allow the resident population of the Region adequate opportunities to participate in intensive nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation activities.**

- **Principle 2.1:** Participating in intensive nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation activities including basketball, baseball, ice-skating, soccer, playfield and playground activities, softball, swimming, and tennis provides an individual with both the opportunity for physical exercise and an opportunity to improve their physical fitness. These activities also provide an outlet for stress and an opportunity to share recreational experiences, participate in team play, and interact with other people in the community.
- **Standard 2.1:** A sufficient number of facilities for participating in intensive nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation activities should be provided throughout the Region. To achieve this standard, the per capita requirements and design criteria for various facilities should be met as indicated in the following table:

Minimum Per Capita Facility Requirements ^a				Design Standards					Service Radius of Facility (miles) ^f
Activity	Facility	Owner	Facility per 1,000 Urban Residents	Typical Location of Facility	Facility Requirements	Additional Suggested Support Facilities	Support Facility Requirements	Total Land Requirement (acres per facility)	
Baseball	Diamond	Public Nonpublic Total	0.09 0.01 0.10 ^s	Multi-community, community, and neighborhood parks	2.8 acres per diamond	Parking (30 spaces per diamond) Night lighting ^g Concessions and bleachers ^h Buffer and landscape	0.28 acre per diamond -- 0.02 acre minimum 1.40 acres per diamond	4.5	2.0
Basketball	Goal	Public Nonpublic Total	0.91 0.22 1.13	Neighborhood parks	0.07 acre per goal	--	--	0.07	0.5
Ice-Skating	Rink	Public Nonpublic Total	0.15 ^u -- 0.15	Neighborhood parks	0.30 acre per rink minimum	Warming house	0.05 acre	0.35 minimum	0.5
Playfield Activities	Playfield	Public Nonpublic Total	0.39 0.11 0.50	Neighborhood parks	1.0 acre per playfield minimum	Buffer area	0.65 acre minimum	1.65 minimum	0.5
Playground Activities	Playground	Public Nonpublic Total	0.35 0.07 0.42	Neighborhood parks	0.25 acre per playground minimum	Buffer and landscape	0.37 acre	0.62 minimum	0.5
Soccer	Field	Public Nonpublic Total	0.69 0.17 0.86	Multi-community, community, and neighborhood parks	1.0 acre per field minimum	Buffer	0.65 acre	1.65	1.0
Softball	Diamond	Public Nonpublic Total	0.53 0.07 0.60	Multi-community, community, and neighborhood parks	1.70 acre per diamond	Parking (20 spaces per diamond) Nighttime lighting ^g Buffer	0.18 acre per diamond -- 0.80 acre per diamond	2.68	1.0
Swimming	Pool	Public Nonpublic Total	0.015 ^v -- 0.015	Multi-community and community parks	0.13 acre per pool minimum	Bathhouse and concessions Parking (400 square feet per space) Buffer and landscaping	0.13 acre minimum 0.26 acre minimum 0.70 acre minimum	1.22 minimum	3.0 3.0
Tennis	Court	Public Nonpublic Total	0.50 0.10 0.60	Multi-community, community, and neighborhood parks	0.15 acre per court	Parking (2.0 spaces per court) Nighttime lighting ^g Buffer	0.02 acre per court -- 0.15 acre per court	0.32	1.0

► **Objective 3: To provide sufficient outdoor recreation facilities to allow the resident population of the Region adequate opportunities to participate in resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities.**

- **Principle 3.1:** Participating in resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities including camping, golf, picnicking, downhill skiing, and swimming provides an opportunity for recreational activity in natural surroundings as well as an opportunity for physical exercise. In addition, family members can participate together in activities such as camping, picnicking, and swimming.
 - **Standard 3.1:** A sufficient number of facilities for participating in intensive resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities should be provided throughout the Region. To meet this standard, the per capita requirements and design criteria for various facilities should be met as follows:

Minimum Per Capita Facility Requirement**				Design Standards						Service Radius of Facility (miles)*		
Activity	Facility	Owner	Per Capita Requirements (facility per 1,000 residents)	Typical Location of Facility	Facility Requirements	Additional Suggested Support Facilities	Support Facility Requirements	Total Land Requirements (acres per facility)	Resource Requirements			
Camping	Campsite	Public	0.35	Regional and multi-community parks	0.33 acre per campsite	Restrooms – showers Utility hookups Natural area backup lands	-- -- 1.5 acres per campsite	1.83	Ungrazed wooded area Presence of surface water Suitable topography and soils	25.0		
		Nonpublic	1.47									
		Total	1.82									
Golf	Regulation 18-hole course	Public	0.013	Regional and multi-community parks	135 acres per course	Clubhouse, parking, and maintenance Practice area Woodland or water areas Buffer	8.0 acres per course 5.0 acres per course 35.0 acres per course 2.0 acres per course	185.00	Suitable topography and soils Presence of surface water Form-giving vegetation desirable	10.0		
		Nonpublic	0.027									
		Total	0.040									
Picnicking	Tables	Public	6.35 ^y	Regional, multi-community, community, and neighborhood parks	0.07 acre per table minimum	Parking Shelters and grills Buffer and parking overflow	0.02 acre per table (1.5 space per table) -- 0.02 acre per table	0.11	Topography with scenic views Shade trees Presence of surface water desirable Suitable soils	10.0		
		Nonpublic	2.39									
		Total	8.74									
Skiing	Developed slope (acres)	Public	0.01	Regional, multi-community, and community parks	1.0 acre per acre of developed slope	Chalet Parking Ski tows (and lights) Buffer and maintenance Landscape	0.13 acre minimum 0.25 acre per acre of slope 0.40 acre per acre of slope 0.40 acre per acre of slope 0.35 acre per acre of slope	2.10	Suitable topography and soils (20 percent slope minimum) North or northeast exposure	25.0		
		Nonpublic	0.09									
		Total	0.10									
Swimming	Beach (linear feet)	Public Nonpublic Total	Major Inland Lakes	Regional, multi-community, and community parks	40 square feet per linear foot (average)	Parking Bathhouse-concessions Buffer areas	0.2 acre per acre of beach 0.10 acre minimum 10 square feet per linear foot	-- ^z	Natural beach Good water quality	10.0		
			Lake Michigan								6	16
											12	--
											18	16

► **Objective 4: To provide sufficient outdoor recreation facilities to allow the resident population of the Region adequate opportunities to participate in trail-related and other extensive land-based outdoor recreation activities.**

- **Principle 4.1:** Participating in extensive land-based outdoor recreation activities including biking, hiking, horseback riding, nature study, scenic driving, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling provides opportunities for contact with natural, cultural, historic, and scenic features. In addition, these activities can increase an individual's understanding of the environment and potential pressures on the environment. Similar to intensive resource-orientated activity, family members can participate together in extensive land-based recreation activities, which serves to strengthen relationships within the family. Participating in activities like biking, hiking, and nature study provides an opportunity to educate younger members of the family in the importance of environmental issues that may become of greater concern as they approach adulthood.
- **Standard 4.1:** A sufficient number of facilities for participating in land-based outdoor recreation activities should be provided throughout the Region. Public facilities provided for these activities should be located within the linear resource-orientated recreation corridors identified in Objective 1. The following per capita standards and design criteria should be met to achieve this standard:

Minimum Per Capita Public Facility Requirements ^a			Design Standards				
Activity	Facility	Per Capita Requirements (linear mile per 1,000 residents)	Typical Location of Facility	Minimum Facility Requirements (acres per linear mile)	Suggested Support Facilities and Backup Lands	Minimum Support Facility Requirements (acres per linear mile)	Resource Requirements
Biking	Route Trail	-- ^{bb} 0.16	Scenic roadways Recreation corridor	-- 1.45	Route markers Backup lands with resource amenities	-- 24.2	-- Diversity of scenic, historic, natural, and cultural features Suitable topography (5 percent slope average maximum) and soils
Hiking	Trail	0.16	Recreation corridor	0.73	Backup lands with resource amenities	24.2	Diversity of scenic, historic, natural, and cultural features Suitable topography and soils
Horseback Riding	Trail	0.05	Recreation corridor Regional Park	1.21	Backup lands with resource amenities	24.2	Diversity of scenic, historic, natural, and cultural features Suitable topography and soils
Nature Study	Center	One per county	Regional, multi-community, and community parks	--	Interpretive center building	--	Diversity of natural features, including a variety of plant and animal species Suitable topography and soils
	Trail	0.02	Recreation corridor Regional, multi-community, and community parks	0.73	Parking Backup lands with resource amenities	24.2	Diversity of natural features, including a variety of plant and animal species Suitable topography and soils
Scenic Driving	Route	-- ^{cc}	Scenic roadways Recreation corridor	--	Route markers	--	--
Cross Country Skiing	Trail	0.02	Recreation corridor Regional and multi-community parks	0.97	Backup lands with resource amenities	24.2	Suitable natural and open areas Rolling topography
Snowmobiling	Trail	0.11	Private lands (leased for public use)	1.45	Backup lands, including resource amenities and open lands	24.2	Suitable natural and open areas Suitable topography (8 percent slope average maximum) and soils

► **Objective 5: To provide sufficient surface water access areas to allow the resident population of the Region adequate opportunities to participate in water-based outdoor recreation activities on major inland lakes and rivers and on Lake Michigan, consistent with safe and enjoyable surface water use and the maintenance of good water quality.**

- **Principle 5.1:** The major inland lakes and rivers of the Region and Lake Michigan provide opportunities for water-based recreation activities, including canoeing, fishing, ice fishing, motorboating, sailing, and water-skiing, which may involve unique forms of physical exercise or simply provide opportunities for rest and relaxation within an attractive natural setting. Participating in such activities requires the general public to have access to major inland lakes and rivers and Lake Michigan.

- **Standard 5.1:** Access sites available for use by the general public on streams and major lakes (50 acres or larger) should be provided in accordance with the requirements established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Sections NR 1.90 and NR 1.91 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.
- **Standard 5.2:** Access sites with parking should be provided on major streams throughout the Region. The maximum interval between access points on major canoeable streams^{dd} should be 10 miles.

► **Objective 6: To preserve sufficient high-quality open space lands for protection of the underlying and sustaining natural resource base and enhancement of the social and economic well-being, environmental quality, and biodiversity^{ee} of the Region.**

- **Principle 6.1:** Ecological balance and natural beauty are primary elements to sustaining a healthy environment and maintaining the social and economic well-being of the Region. Preserving the most significant aspects of the natural resource base, that is, primary environmental corridors, natural areas and critical species habitat sites, and prime agricultural lands, contributes to sustaining the ecological balance, natural beauty, and economic well-being of the Region.

A. PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS, SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS, AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS

- **Principle 6.2:** The primary environmental corridors are a composite of the best individual elements of the natural resource base including lakes, streams, rivers, and their associated floodplains and riparian buffers; woodlands, wetlands, plant and wildlife habitat; areas of groundwater discharge and recharge; organic soils, rugged terrain, and high relief topography; and significant geological formations and physiographic features. Protecting these elements of the natural resource base reduces flood damage, abates soil erosion, protects water supplies, cleans the air, enhances wildlife population, preserves biological diversity, and provides continued opportunities for scientific, educational, and recreational activities.
 - **Standard 6.1:** All remaining nonurban lands within the designated primary environmental corridors in the Region should be preserved in essentially natural open uses. When possible, secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas and connections between them should also be preserved.

B. NATURAL AREAS AND CRITICAL SPECIES HABITATS

- **Principle 6.3:** Natural areas and critical species habitats are important in a number of ways - including economically, because they support advances in agriculture and medicine; functionally, because they enhance surface water and groundwater quality, minimize erosion, and enhance air quality; educationally; recreationally; aesthetically; in basic scientific research; and in maintaining biological and genetic diversity. In a less tangible but equally important way, natural areas and critical species habitats contribute to the overall quality of life for the Region's residents.
 - **Standard 6.2:** The remaining natural areas and critical species habitat areas should be preserved.

C. PRIME AGRICULTURAL LANDS

- **Principle 6.4:** Prime agricultural lands, in addition to providing food and fiber, can supply significant wildlife habitat; contribute to maintaining an ecological balance between plants and animals; offer locations close to urban centers for producing certain food commodities that may require nearby population concentrations for efficient distribution; provide opportunities for agricultural and agriculture-related employment; provide open spaces that give form and structure to urban development; and serve to maintain the natural beauty and unique cultural heritage of the Region.
 - **Standard 6.3:** Prime agricultural lands should be preserved for agricultural use.

- **Standard 6.4:** Agricultural lands surrounding adjacent areas with high-value natural resource, educational, or recreational attributes should be considered for preservation to provide a buffer between such resources and urban development.

► **Objective 7: To satisfy outdoor recreation and related open space needs in an efficient and economical way.**

- **Principle 7.1:** The total resources of the Region are limited and any undue investment in park and open space lands must occur at the expense of other public investment.
- **Standard 7.1:** The sum total of all expenditures required to meet park demands and open space needs should be minimized.

Footnotes

^a Identifying a maximum service radius for each park type is intended to provide another guideline to assist in determining park needs and to assure that each resident of the Region has ready access to the variety of outdoor recreation facilities commonly located in parks, including space and facilities for both active and passive outdoor recreational use.

^b For regional and multi-community parks, which generally provide facilities for resource-orientated outdoor recreation activities for the total population of the Region, the minimum per capita acreage requirements apply to the total resident population of the Region. For community and neighborhood parks, which generally provide facilities for intensive nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation activities primarily in urban areas, the minimum per capita acreage requirements apply to the resident population of the Region residing in urban areas.

^c Urban areas are defined as areas containing a closely spaced network of minor streets that include concentrations of residential, commercial, industrial, governmental, or institutional land uses having a minimum total area of 160 acres and a minimum population of 500 people. These areas are usually incorporated and served by sanitary sewerage systems. These areas have been further classified into the following categories: Mixed-Use City Center (urban land with at least 18.0 dwelling units per net residential acre), Mixed-Use Traditional Neighborhood (urban land with at least 7.0 to 17.9 dwelling units per net residential acre), Small Lot Traditional Neighborhood (urban land with at least 4.4 to 6.9 dwelling units per net residential acre), Medium Lot Neighborhood (urban land with at least 2.3 to 4.3 dwelling units per net residential acre), and Large Lot Neighborhood (urban land with at least 0.7 to 2.2 dwelling units per net residential acre).

^d Regional parks are defined as large outdoor recreation sites with a multi-county service area. Such parks rely heavily on natural resources for their recreational value and character, and provide opportunities for participating in a wide variety of resource-oriented outdoor recreation activities.

^e A passive activity area is defined as an area within an outdoor recreation site that provides an opportunity for such leisurely recreational activities as walking, rest and relaxation, and informal picnicking. These areas are generally located in parks or in urban open space sites, and usually consist of a landscaped area with mowed lawn, shade trees, and benches.

^f Multi-community parks are defined as intermediate size sites having a Countywide or multi-community service area. Similar to regional parks, these sites rely on natural resources for their recreational value and character. Multi-community parks, however, usually provide a smaller variety of recreational facilities and have smaller areas devoted to any given activity.

^g In general, each resident of the Region should reside within 10 miles of a regional or multi-community park. It should be noted, however, that within urban areas (population of 40,000 or greater) each urban resident should reside within four miles of a regional or multi-community park.

^h Community parks are defined as intermediate size parks having a multi-neighborhood service area. These parks rely more on the development characteristics of the service area than on natural resource amenities for location.

ⁱ The need for a community park in urban areas can be met by the presence of a regional or multi-community park. Each resident of an urban area with a population of 7,500 or greater should be within two miles of a community, multi-community, or regional park.

^j Neighborhood parks are defined as small sites that have a neighborhood as the service area. These sites usually provide facilities for intensive nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation activities and are generally located in urban areas. Recreation lands at the neighborhood level should ideally be provided through a joint community-school district venture, with the facilities and recreational land area required to be provided on one site available to serve the recreation demands of both the school student and resident neighborhood populations. Using the neighborhood park standard of 1.7 acres per 1,000 residents and the school standard of 1.6 acres per 1,000 residents, a total of 3.3 acres per 1,000 residents or approximately 21 acres of recreation lands in a typical small lot traditional or medium lot (medium-density) neighborhood would be provided. These acreage standards relate to lands required to provide recreation facilities typically located in a neighborhood and are exclusive of the school building site

and associated parking area and any additional natural resource areas that may be incorporated into the design of the park site such as drainageways and associated stormwater retention basins, areas of poor soils, and floodplains.

^k The maximum service radius of neighborhood parks is governed primarily by the population density in the vicinity of the park. In Mixed-use City Center and Mixed-Use Traditional Neighborhood (high-density) urban areas, each resident should reside within 0.5 mile of a neighborhood park; in Small Lot Traditional Neighborhood and Medium Lot Neighborhood (medium density) urban areas, each resident should reside within 0.75 mile of a neighborhood park; and in Large Lot Neighborhood (low-density) urban areas, each resident should reside within 1.0 mile of a neighborhood park. It should be noted that the need for a neighborhood park can also be met by a regional, multi-community, or community park within the 0.5, 0.75, or 1.0 mile service radii in these areas. Further, it should be noted that in applying the service radius criterion for neighborhood parks, only multi-use parks five acres or greater in area should be considered as satisfying the maximum service radius standard. Such park sites generally provide areas that offer space for passive recreational uses, as well as facilities that provide opportunities for active recreational uses.

^l Facilities for intensive nonresource-oriented recreational activities in urban areas are commonly located in community or neighborhood school outdoor recreation sites. These facilities often provide a substitute for facilities usually located in parks by providing opportunities for participating in intensive nonresource-oriented activities. It is important to note, however, that school outdoor recreation sites do not generally contain natural resource areas, which provide space for passive recreational use.

^m Identifying a maximum service radius for each school site is intended to assist in determining active outdoor recreation facility requirements and to assure that each urban resident has ready access to the types of active intensive nonresource-oriented facilities commonly located in school recreation areas.

ⁿ For public school sites, which generally provide facilities for intensive nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation activities, the minimum per capita acreage requirements apply to the resident population of the Region residing in urban areas.

^o The service radius of school outdoor recreation sites, for park and open space planning purposes, is governed primarily by individual outdoor recreation facilities within the school site. For example, school outdoor recreation sites that provide facilities such as playfields, playgrounds, and basketball goals typically have a service radius of 0.5 mile, which is the maximum service radius assigned to such facilities (see Standard 2 presented under Objective 2). As another example, school outdoor recreation sites that provide tennis courts and softball diamonds typically have a service radius of one mile, which is the maximum service radius assigned to such facilities (see Standard 2 presented under Objective 2). It is important to note that areas that offer space for passive recreational use are generally not provided at school outdoor recreation sites and therefore community and neighborhood school sites generally are not used when applying community and neighborhood park accessibility standards.

^p A recreation corridor is defined as a publicly owned continuous linear expanse of land that is generally located within scenic areas or areas of natural, cultural, or historical interest and provides opportunities for participation in trail-oriented outdoor recreational activities especially through trails designated for activities such as biking, hiking, horseback riding, nature study, and cross country skiing.

^q Facilities for intensive nonresource-oriented outdoor recreation activities generally serve urban areas. The minimum per capita standards for facilities offering these activities, therefore, apply to the total resident population in each urban area of the Region.

^r For each facility offering an intensive nonresource-oriented activity, the service radius indicates the maximum distance a participant should have to travel from their home to participate in the corresponding activity.

^s Each urban area having a population of 2,500 or greater should have at least one baseball diamond.

^t Support facilities such as lighting, concessions, and bleachers generally should not be provided in neighborhood parks. These sites typically do not contain sufficient acreage to allow an adequate buffer between such support facilities and surrounding residences.

^u Each urban area should have at least one ice-skating rink.

^v Each urban area having a population of 7,500 or greater should have one public swimming pool or beach.

^w Facilities for intensive resource-oriented activities serve both rural and urban residents of the Region. The minimum per capita requirements for facilities for intensive resource-oriented activities, therefore, apply to the total resident population of the Region.

^x Participants in intensive resource-oriented recreational activities travel relatively long distances from their homes. The approximate service radius indicates the normal maximum distance a participant in the respective resource-oriented activity should have to travel from their home to participate in the corresponding activity.

^y The allocation of the 6.35 picnic tables per 1,000 residents to publicly owned parks is as follows: 3.80 tables per 1,000 residents of the Region to be located in regional and multi-community parks to meet the resource-oriented picnicking standard for the Region and 2.55 tables per 1,000 residents of urban areas in the Region to be located in community and neighborhood parks to meet local picnicking standard for urban areas of the Region.

^z A picnic area is commonly provided adjacent to a swimming beach as a support facility. Thus, the total amount of acreage required for support facilities must be determined on a site-by-site basis.

^{aa} Both urban and rural residents of the Region participate in trail-related activities. Thus, minimum per capita requirements for trails apply to the total resident population of the Region.

^{bb} Bike routes are located on existing public roadways; therefore, no requirement is indicated.

^{cc} Scenic driving routes are located on existing public roadways; therefore, no requirement is provided. However, a recreation corridor may provide a uniquely suitable area for the development of a system of scenic driving routes.

^{dd} Major canoeable streams are defined as those streams that have a minimum width of 50 feet over a distance of at least 10 miles.

^{ee} Biodiversity refers to the number and abundance of animal and plant species, their genetic composition and variability, and the ecological connection between and among species.

Source: SEWRPC

**2024 – 2028 PUBLIC INPUT
SURVEY AND RESULTS
APPENDIX B**

Village of Sussex Parks and Open Space Plan 2024-2028 Public Input Survey

490

Responses

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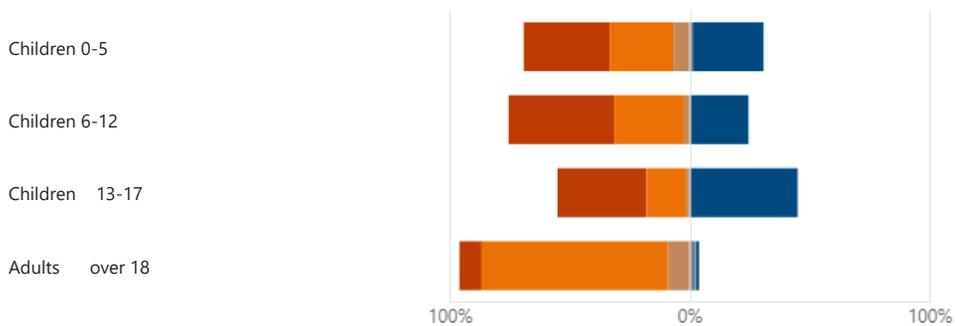
1. Please select your age range:

● 18-29 years old	26
● 30-49 years old	288
● 50-69 years old	144
● 70+ years old	29



2. Please indicate the number of people living in your household by age (including yourself):

■ 1
 ■ 2
 ■ 3
 ■ 4
 ■ 5 or more
 ■ N/A



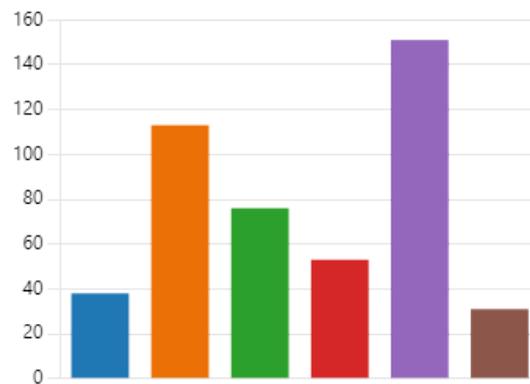
3. What brings you to Sussex? Choose all that apply:

 I Live Here	425
 I Work Here	47
 I Shop/Dine/Recreate Here	200
 Visit Family/Friends Here	101



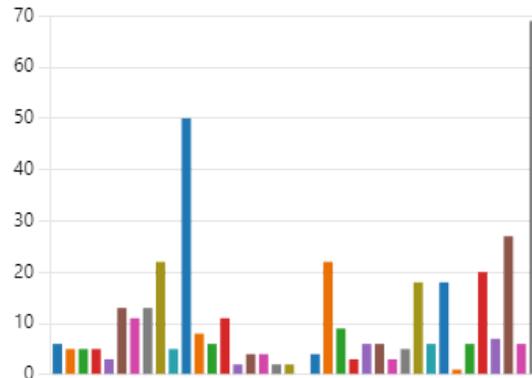
4. If you live in Sussex, how long have you lived here?

 Less than 1 year	38
 More than 1 year, less than 5 ye...	113
 More than 5 years, less than 10 ...	76
 More than 10 years, less than 15...	53
 15+ years or longer	151
 I do not live in Sussex	31

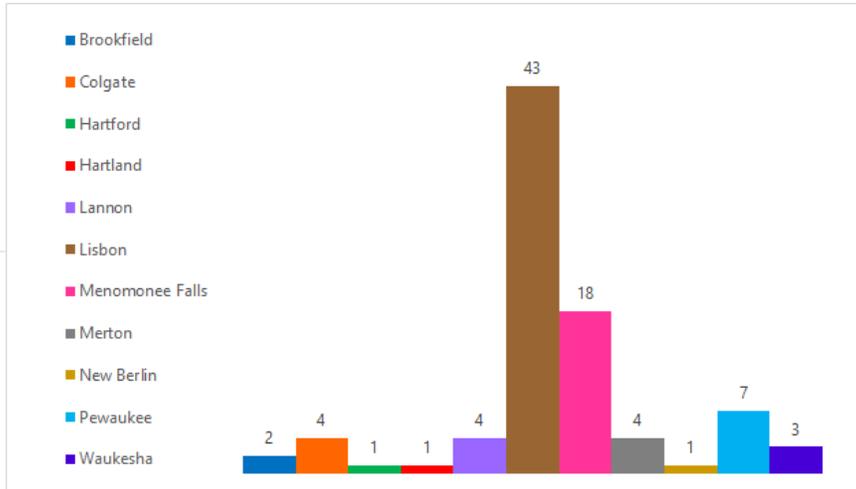


5. If you live in Sussex, what neighborhood do you live in?

● Ancient Oaks	6	● Teakwood	1
● Bowling Green Estates	5	● Village Estates	6
● Braddock Place	5	● Vista Run	20
● Brandon Oaks	5	● Woodland Creek	7
● Canyon Meadows Estates	3	● Woodland Trails/Woodland Pres...	27
● Centennial Oaks	13	● Woodside Ridge	6
● Clover Downs	11	● I don't know	69
● Cobblestone Estates	13		
● Coldwater Creek Subdivision	22		
● Crestview	5		
● Eagles Ridge	50		
● Hickory Heights	8		
● Hidden Hills	6		
● Johanssen Farms	11		
● Keystone Estates	2		
● Majestic Heights	4		
● Maple View Estates	4		
● Old Mill Heights	2		
● Park View Manor	2		
● Pembroke Park	0		
● Pine Ridge	4		
● Prides Crossing	22		
● Ridgeview	9		
● Seven Stones of Sussex	3		
● Spring Green Heights	6		
● Stonefield	6		
● Stone Ridge Estates	3		
● Stonewood Estates	5		
● Sussex Estates	18		
● Sussex Heights	6		
● Sussex Preserve	18		



6. If you don't live in Sussex, what community do you live in?



7. Please answer the following statement:

Public parks and recreation facilities are essential to the quality of life here in the Village of Sussex.

Strongly Agree	360
Agree	111
Neutral	14
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	0

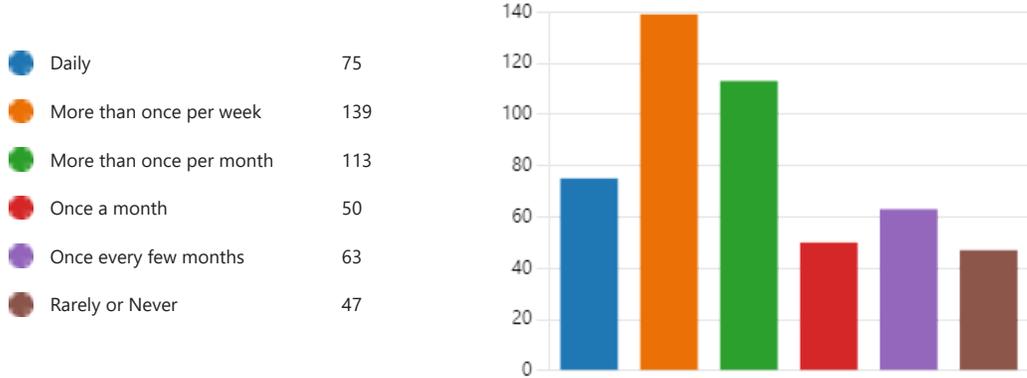


8. How do you **travel** to Parks and Open Spaces most frequently?

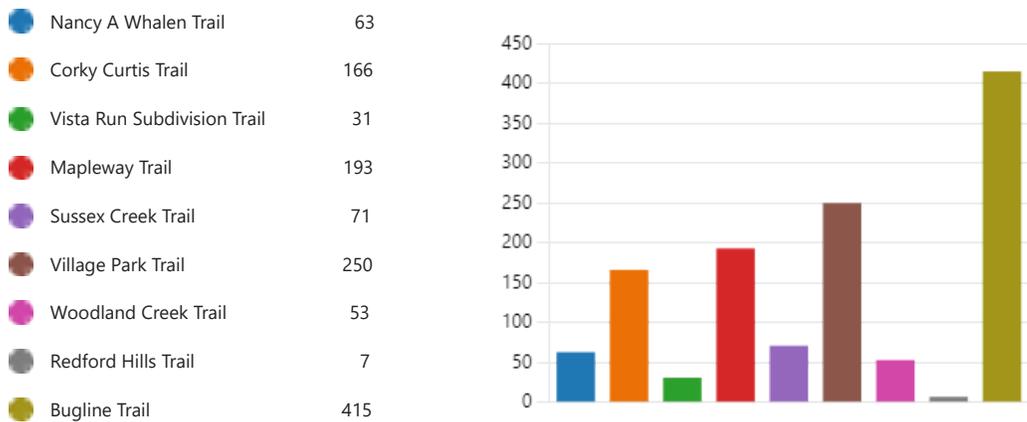
On foot (walking or running)	257
On non-motorized wheels (bicy...	124
By personal vehicle	327



9. How often do you utilize **bicycle and pedestrian amenities** in the Village of Sussex (like sidewalks, trails, the Bugline Recreational Trail, bike lanes) for travel or for recreation?



10. What trails have you accessed in the Village of Sussex over the last year? Select all that apply.

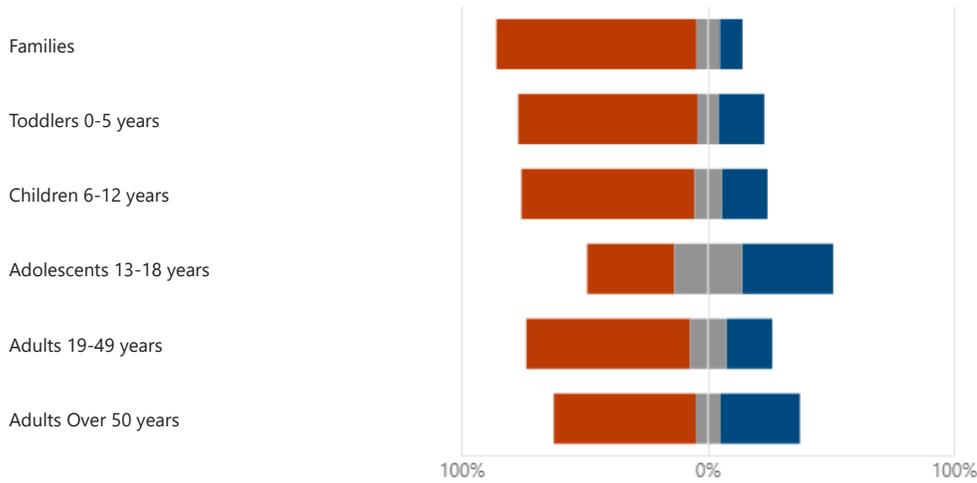


12. Are there additional gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network in the Village of Sussex beyond what is listed in the previous question? If yes, what are some locations that you would like to see improved or areas where you'd like to see trails added?

Armory Park	A paved path into Armory Park off Maple Ave - gravel on a hill is not a great idea. The sidewalk from Johanssen Farms to Armory park just ends! Can we add a sidewalk or path across the soccer fields to get to the other side of Armory park????
Bugline Trail	North/South trail from Templeton to Bugline A crosswalk at Main and Old Pewaukee Road (or the new future road) connecting Stone Ridge Estates and Eagles Ridge (along with any other subdivisions south of Main) to the bugline at Sussex Bowl would provide safe crossing. Bug Line in the winter is horrible, especially behind Piggly Wiggly, it would be amazing if there would be some up keep, realizing this is a county trail it would still be nice Clear route from vista run trail to bugline trail, or at least crossing 164 safely. Continue the old bugline trail that runs parallel to the train tracks between Waukesha Ave and Maple, so it meets back up with the bugline somewhere near 164. I would really like a safe way for ages 6 - 10 to bike from our house in Tamarack Ct to the Bugline. I consider residential streets (25mph) to be safe, but riding on Good Hope or Plainview at 35 mph with areas of no paved shoulder are not acceptable. I feel like this is a missed opportunity as we live so close to where the trail passes. It would be nice to have a safer route from the Bugline to Vista Run Village Park instead of having to cross a busy road with kids and bikes. The current set up where the Bugline crosses Main Street in Sussex by Mammoth Springs is a challenging spot to cross and it would be nice to have a less busy spot to cross to stay on the Bugline trail in Sussex. I would like to see either better signage or an additional crosswalk determined at the Main St. location near Waukesha Ave. It's ridiculous at the wide variety of areas people cross at. I go through that way frequently and on nice days it's kind of crazy with bicyclists darting out at any point along that stretch. I get that it's not a straight shot across the street, but they'll be crossing diagonally to get there which adds to the confusion. Would love lights on the path running along the bugline on Waukesha ave to allow safer walking at night from main Street to the northern subdivisions
Woodland Trails/ Coldwater Creek	I would love to see a sidewalk or road right-of-way path (possibly off busy Plainview Rd) connecting Coldwater Creek Subdivision to Woodland Trails Subdivision to make it easier to enjoy the Coldwater Creek park and Stone Family Park. Woodland Trails connecting to Coldwater Creek over railroad tracks via tunnel or bridge.
Good Hope Rd.	I would like to see an improved trail to access the Bugline from Good Hope Road, down 164. Right now the best option is to ride your bike on the sidewalk down 164 and access after crossing the bridge. Where the Bugline Trail crosses Main Street close to Waukesha Ave: it would be nice to have a crossing, instead of having to backtrack to the light. Would love to see a safe way to continue on Good Hope to 164 past Stonewood Estates. To don't think this falls in our jurisdiction (maybe Lisbon) but the road is so narrow there and kids love to bike up Good Hope to get to Pick N Save/Starbucks/Culvers.
Hillside Rd.	Good Hope west to Hillside Sidewalk from Stonewood Dr (Stonewood Estates) to Hillside Road to get to Hwy 164 to Culvers/Pick N Save. Good Hope is a really narrow, dangerous road to ride bikes, run, walk on. Even a wider shoulder on one side of the road would be appreciated. I know this is not Sussex, would require Lisbon to do something (good luck). Another alternative would be a some sort of trail from Stonewood Estates through the alalfa field to the neighborhood by the tracks and Presbyterian Church.
Hwy 164	Sidewalk along 164 west of Meijer to connect to the sidewalks in Pewaukee to be able to walk down 164 safely
Linda Dr.	A side walk or paved trail is needed on the west side of highway F, from Elm Drive to Linda Drive. Crosswalk entrance across Waukesha Ave from Linda to the bugline Having a pedestrian crossing from Linda Dr across Waukesha over to the Bugline. It's not the safest for kids to cross. Going down Waukesha on the west side of the street to the current crossing is okay, but would be nice if there was a short sidewalk for the kids to get there. That is, if it's okay with those current homeowners. My main concern is that there is no safe way to access the Bug Line from Linda Dr/Cobblestone Estates. A crosswalk and paved entry to the Bug Line is critical to ensure everyone's safety - especially children
Main St.	Sidewalk from where it ends at the Bug Line on Maple to Main Street on the East side of the street.
Menomonee Park	Safe crossing across toline into Menomonee Park? Not sure if this would be in the Village, but it would be nice to have better pedestrian access to Menomonee Park from the Village. Sidewalk/crosswalk to cross Waukesha V into Menomonee Park Complete a more direct bike path from Braddock to Lannon Quarry / Menomonee Park
Nature Trail	More trails through Butler Nature Preserve We hike a lot, but generally go outside of Sussex to do so. Would love more natural trails in Sussex (away from subdivisions/highways). We would love to see a trail through the preserves east of Good Hope, West of Maple Ave
General Comment	Designated/marked bicycle lanes on the major streets (Main, Maple, Good Hope). I have no desire to see any of these recommendations built. Existing parks/trails are adequate. To answer question 11, I would need to know more about each of these projects. It seems like any subdivision connecting to an existing trail should be funded by that particular subdivision's HOA or included that within the cost of the road and sewer infrastructure. There should be more sidewalks in general - for instance, there is no safe walkway along Prides Rd. and even though it has a lower speed limit - due to its access, the car speeds make it dangerous for kids and pet walkers.
Plainview Rd.	Finish sidewalk on Maple down to Plainview How about something on Plainview Rd. There is hardly a shoulder there that feeds into the subdivisions it crosses with. Need a sidewalk on plainview road.
SSI/ Templeton/ HHS Schools	A sidewalk from hamilton high school to willow springs. Connect Hamilton High School into the town of Sussex. There is not a safe way for students to get into town without using a vehicle or traveling on the shoulder of busy roads. Biking to high school and middle school from major subdivisions. high school/ middle school to downtown (better bike access to schools) Huge need for a sidewalk down Townline Road Road between Main Street and Silver Spring around Schools. It's listed but a sidewalk is a Must to Silver Spring school before some kid gets killed. So dangerous with walking and bike riding. Safe travels/trails for bicycles and pedestrians to the high school. Side walk from silver spring by the appointment a to SSI. This way the kids can ride their bikes to school There needs to be some sort of walking path to get to the HHS/SSI/Templeton area. There is currently no safe way for kids to walk or bike to school unless you live right across the street from HHS. The rest of Sussex would have to bike down Hwy F or VV which are both heavily travelled with high speed limits. Trail or bike lane from Townline and Mainstreet into Sussex. This would be convenient for schools and bikers rather than riding on the street where there is not bike lane. When we moved to Sussex, we really liked having access to the Bugline but we quickly noticed that this community does not have safe ways for kids to safely bike/walk home from SSI, Templeton, or Hamilton high school. It might not be realistic to have a trail to get from those places to the Bugline but the sidewalk that ends at the Dance studio near the new Pepsi building should go all the way to the Hamilton area so kids can safely get into town. Additionally down Main Street from into downtown sussex from Silver Spring
Village Park	Pave walkways in the Village Park. Fully Pave the path around village park and widen so pedestrians and bicycles can use. Is there any way to connect Village Park with the Corky Curtis trail? I would like to see all of the walking trail within Village Park paved before any of these other areas are addressed. Would like to see the walking trails in village park paved. Parts are paved and others are not. It would be nice to have them all paved.
Woodside School	I'd like to see access to schools improved for students walking and bike riding to schools. The sidewalks to and from schools near neighboring subdivisions should be considered. For instance, the sidewalks along Woodside road leading to and from the school should be improved so students do not have to cross Woodside Road more than necessary. In front of Woodside school the sidewalk should be complete on the side of the school An easement from hidden hills neighborhood to woodside elementary.

13. Considering the various age groups of people in the Village of Sussex, please indicate whether the **existing park facilities** adequately meet their needs. ****If needs are not currently met, please specify what is lacking in the blank box below.**

■ Adequately Serviced ■ Needs Currently NOT met ■ Unsure



14. If you indicated that needs are not met for a certain age group, please explain.

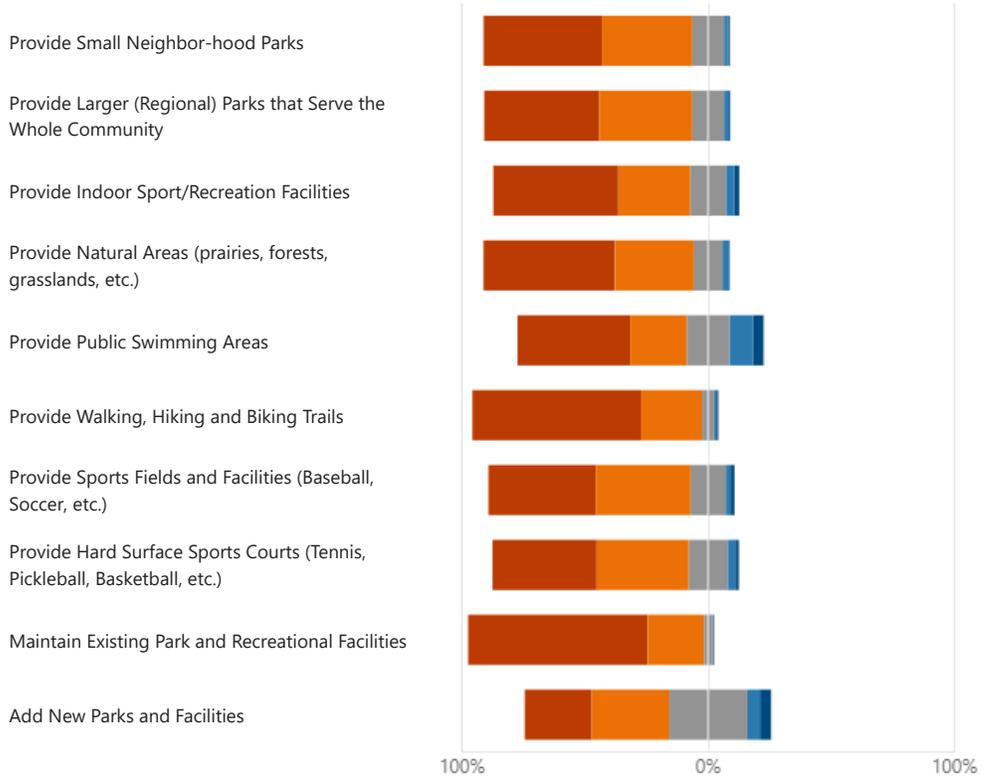
Families	I believe that families with small children have a lot of options for play areas and recreation. I believe the same of seniors. Families with older children are very limited. There are very few rec classes and parks cater to small children equipment and pickleball for seniors. It would be more to have more uncovered seating at Village park and/or a permanent garden! I think a lot more families would come and enjoy the park and stay longer
Toddlers	0-5 Need more park equipment for younger kids. The fire engine that got destroyed was great for little kids and they loved it. It would be nice if it was replaced. While walking through the village park every night I see a lot of 13-18 year old kids hanging out at the pavilion with nothing to do. Something for that age group would be nice. At most parks there is one baby swing, this is fine but for the bigger parks like village it's not adequate. Many parks are not safe for toddlers or have poor visibility for parents to watch their toddlers More baby classes More options for smaller playground equipment with appropriate ground covering for younger toddlers would be appreciated. Need more toddler friendly play areas Needing more toddler/young child specific areas that are safe not much of course ages 0-3 Only one park has a small toddler area. More toddler areas would be great! Several parks don't have equipment suitable for toddlers There aren't very many toddler safe play areas (the only one I can think of is The Grove) and there are no fenced in play areas at all. There could definitely be more play spaces and equipment for the younger, toddler-aged kids. We need more young children (0-5 year) equipment. Most parks have quite a bit of equipment for older children. Would love to have more playgrounds that fit the younger children 2-4-year olds and have more tables and chairs with shade for families especially for babies.
Children	Children 6-12 Years: Looking for more "big kid" play structures or play options. Indoor play options would also be nice. I feel that the ages of 10-12 don't have enough to do that would interest them. To old for playground and to young for the teen stuff. I have seen many children fall on the gravel hills of the paths in the village park when they are riding their bike. More park and rec sports options for grade school kids. Seems like all are for smaller kids and then they are expected to join club/competitive teams by age 7. Would be great to have options for kids who like to play for fun but aren't super competitive Older parks need to be updated for the younger children. Especially, Armory Park with all the new development surrounding it. The playground equipment is geared to younger children. There are a lot of little playgrounds for littles not for older kids, we need more county park like parks for older younger kids the parks are great - there is not much to do recreationally for 10+ through Rec or any indoor sports/recreation facilities in the area. That would be ideal, for adults also.

Adolescents	a skateboard park for teens would be great when I have the older grandkids who have outgrown the playground.
	A safe way to walk or bike ride to SSI, TMS and HHS would be helpful to the 13-18 year old range.
	Additional basketball courts, with lights for Adolescents
	Adolescents cause a lot of damage in the parks and need more to keep them occupied.
	Age 12 has no real options
	Better baseball fields are needed from little league to high school and adult teams.
	For the younger kids who can't drive, they need somewhere they can play on courts without getting yelled at for not having a reserved court. It seems the older adults are often using those spaces and yell at the teens when they do. We also need more restaurant options and more activities for families. We have to leave our community to have dinner or an activity of some kind.
	Highschool kids getting kicked off basketball courts with lights because of pickleball. Highschool age kids need lighted courts too!
	How about a skateboard park and more basketball courts for our teenage groups? There needs to be more opportunities to draw this age group to our outdoor areas.
	I am at the Grove at Village park a lot with my two kids (3 and 5). There are often high schoolers on the playground because there are not other places for them to go. We have a broken down skatepark near Armory Park but I wish there were better options for these high school kids. At the Grove, they even lost the basketball courts because pickleball nets took over.
	I live next to Grogan Park. The adolescent group uses the kiddie play area as a hangout. They have bullied the young kids out of this area in the past when they are in it.
	I think basketball courts could be updated, add a pet friendly play area
	I think Sussex needs to find something for the teenage group. Maybe skateboard park
	Indoor Rec needed for older kids
	It seems like the only things aimed at teens are the skate park and the courts/frisbee golf at the Grove. But I don't know what to suggest to add.
	More activities geared towards teens
	More space for activities for older kids/pre-teens/teens.
	More spaces needed for teens. Basketball courts, volleyball, swimming pool
	More teen center or activities places for them to safely gather
	Need a skatepark similar to Delafield for teens scooters, bikes and skateboards. And a Sussex pool!
	Need more things for older boys
	Not a lot for preteens/teens to do at parks
	Not much for teens to do
	Nothing for teens to do but hang out at kids parks
	Pool, Skate parks, gyms, etc for older kids to hang out and work at
	Sussex had no pool at its high school we need a pool for older kids. Many parks for little kids
	teenagers need more to do
	There are not enough places for teens to gather, without having to compete for or share space with Pickle Ball people. We need to stop investing in these pickle ball courts everywhere.
	There are not a ton of spaces or activities for teens in our community. As a result, they end up at parks meant for little kids or graffitiing spaces.
	There are not any areas for adolescents to do activities. The village basketball courts are often over run with pickle ball, additionally a gaga ball pit was "hidden" in the woods.
	There are plenty of pickle ball courts and playgrounds but there are very few open and available basketball courts, volleyball courts, etc for older kids and adults. Additionally, workout stations for teens and adults at some of the parks or off the trails would be nice. They have these at other parks and they're nice for a quick workout
There is not a lot for teenagers to do at the parks. Having more activities for this age range would be helpful.	
There is nothing for teenagers to do in Sussex other than to go to Culver's.	
We need a community pool... asap. Also need places for well behaved teens to hang out...	
We need a skate park and areas where teens can gather so that they have a space just for them. Nothing is catered towards their needs.	
We need more places for teens to go and do. Community pool is needed	
Adults	Not as much to do for young adults outside of Village Park. Adding a beer garden and/or concession would be a great draw! (Similar to what Hartland has)
	Our pickleball facilities are really lacking. This is the fastest growing recreational sport in America. Yet we have four terrible courts at The Grove and only four new decent courts. We really missed a big opportunity by not building at Butler park. I know several Sussex residents who pay for membership to play at Lake Country Pickleball Club which is 26 minutes away. They travel daily during the summer due to the better courts then spend money for lunch or evenings at the bars. Tournaments, fundraisers, huge community support. Big missed opportunity for Sussex.
	30+
	Adults 19-49: Wish there were more public tennis courts. Too much pickleball.
	Larger main parks (village) have activities for everyone. Smaller neighborhood parks could use improvement / modernization throughout. For adults, fitness courses, climbing equipment, essentially an "adult sized" playground would be a huge asset. The ability to climb, balance, move, etc would be beneficial for functional strength and fitness for adults
	More activities for age group of 30-49 yr olds
	The times for enrichment programming that is NOT fitness based is not suitable for working folks, which tend to be in the 19-49 range. Additionally there are what I feel is a ridiculous amount of pickleball courts, especially given the overall population of the village. The splash pad is nice, but again not something people in that age group would utilize. A pool would definitely help all age groups, but especially those in the 19-49. Also I see in the rec guide a ton of fun outings for 50+. Why have such a high age minimum without offering something similar to the 30-50 year olds?
	There are fewer activities/events geared to the 20+ age range but under 50 without kids. 50+ bingo for example.
There needs to be more for ages 0-5 and for adults. It would be nice to have some multi age ranges in Vista Run Village park, especially since this is a young community. Also, there is seems to be a lot for those 50+ in the community but nothing for 0-49 who are working families.	
Would be great if the Grove had a dance floor for fitness classes. The concrete is hard on knees. Also, there doesn't seem to be a place for high schoolers to go.	
Adults Over 50	Could use an indoor walking/jogging track for cold weather and useful for elderly with walker,
	From what I am aware of 50+ age group is not well represented in our parks
	More amenities for Senior citizens.

General Amenity	A community pool would be nice
	a gentle skateboard plaza... one NOT designed for radical skating, but rather aimed at the beginners and at the first ever aging population of senior citizen riders. If this is ever given consideration, I would be happy to help with the design.
	a pool would be effective, also something more for adolescents, not sure what though. also winter sports, like xc skiing
	An indoor pool would be great for families. Also a youth center for teens.
	Armory park is the second most used park and needs to be cleaned up and updated for the families.
	Armory Park playground could desperately use a rejuvenation.
	Baseball diamonds/facilities....pool
	Bathrooms! How can the public use a public space with no available bathrooms? A year round pota-potty is a minimal solution.
	Benches and shade would be really nice. Especially shade for those really hot summer days.
	Bow and arrow practice target areas (ideally with climbing towers)
	Community swimming pool
	Farmers market needed with decent amount of vendors
	Fence around and more pickle balls courts with lights
	Functional fitness
	I think there needs to be more shade/coverage across all parks, consider paving gravel paths to allow for a flat surface, consider the spongy/moon type flooring for playgrounds, MUST get the buttons and flashing lights installed at crosswalks - like shorewood, wi because it's safer.
	I would like to see a viable skate park - updating the one at Armory park makes the most sense to me.
	Maybe a skate ramp
	More affordable indoor rentals attached to parks
	More band area. Concert area
	More baseball fields
	More indoor/rec space needed for kids/teens in the winter months
	More infant swings, bathrooms, changing tables, etc
	more lighted tennis courts
	More pickleball courts
	More teen and adult activities need to be addressed and added. Indoor walking facilities and swimming pool would be nice.
	Need a public swimming pool / waterpark
	Need more pickleball courts strictly for pickleball with bathroom access
	Needs an aquatic park or pool
	No sidewalks for middle school and high school students to use on Main Street or silver spring
	Not enough basketball hoops. They can't be multi use either like the grove. Or places to skateboard
	outdoor pool needed at village park. fix tennis court surface at village park (unusable)
	pickle ball courts with fencing so no need to chase after balls
	Pickleball courts at the Grove are not designed properly. They need fencing and basketball hoops should be relocated somewhere else.
	Pool near or in Village Park
	Pool needed!
	Poor trail access on hills in Nancy Whalen Trail.
	Public pool
	Remove tennis courts at village park or repair
	Several trails are not paved, difficult for elderly or strollers/toddlers to traverse.
	Should have a skateboard area
	skate park
	Skating park, specifically for those who who use inline and quad roller skates.
	Sussex is in need of a pool indoor or outdoor and swimming lessons
	Tennis courts
	There are times when we would like to use a small barbecue grill in a park. Up north in Shawano WI there are some permanent grills for the public to use.
Even a few would be nice for people to share.	
They need bathrooms for people to use all year round for activities	
To my knowledge, Sussex has no softball/baseball fields that kids can use for a pickup game. All fields are off limits to anyone not in a league. This is not true for any other sport that I'm aware of. The ice rink at the Civic Center appears to be trying to fill both hockey and recreational skating needs, and unfortunately that's a tough combination. A hockey rink in another location would be helpful.	
trails are improving! pickleball courts need fences; love the safe and kid friendly amenities	
We need a pool in Sussex	
We need a public pool for safety and education purposes as well as recreational	
We would love to see a pool in the village! it would bring jobs for teens, provide swimming lessons, family fun, an activity for teens, etc.	
Wider bike trails for safety of slower moving cyclists and walkers	
Would like a pool for families to enjoy	
Would like to see additional organized group activity spaces, MUCH better baseball field maintenance and amenities (our fields are embarrassing and dangerous), and more picnic table areas/gathering spaces.	
Would love a community pool/zero depth pool with slides and lazy river	
Would love access through a woodland trails to bugline. I have electric bike and would like safe (non road) access to bugline	
Would love if there were designated basketball courts at Village Park. It seems the majority of the time they're used for Pickle Ball which defeats the purpose of having hoops there. There is also no indoor open gym or basketball option. When we first moved out here there used to be open gym on Sundays at the Civic Center. Now we have to drive out to the Hartford Rec center to use their open gym ans basketball court.	
Would love more natural trails and more outside Pickleball courts.	

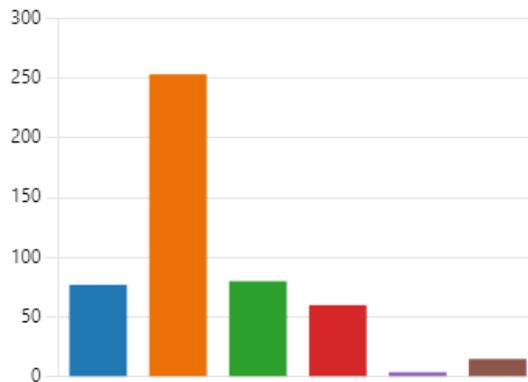
15. I think that it is important for the Village of Sussex to...

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly disagree



16. How often do you use **public parks or public outdoor spaces** in Sussex?

Daily	77
Weekly	253
Monthly	80
Seasonal	60
Yearly	4
Never/Rarely	15

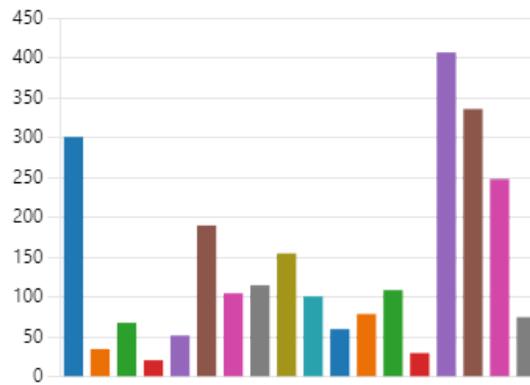


17. If you indicated that you rarely or never use public parks or public outdoor spaces, could you tell us more about why you do not utilize these spaces?

Grandkids are a little young but in a year or 2 we will be visiting the various parks in the area.
New here. We joined the Menominee Falls YMCA for swimming, which we visit 3 times more weeks.
No bow and arrow target practice areas
Have them near me.
I like to walk around town however because of my age I find it increasingly difficult to do so because there are no benches to sit on when I come from Sussex Heights to rest on. We planted all kinds of trees along the way but no place to sit.
Don't live in Sussex
I have no use for these places; no interest to me and I would venture to guess that more than 50% of Sussex residents don't use them either.
Have a larger yard, don't believe it's tax payers responsible to cover the needs of people that can't afford their own space. Prime example all the money dumped into redoing parks to add the pickleball courts, want one build one yourself or join a paying league to cover court costs. Also, shoving so many homes so close together has significantly decreased the amount of wildlife in the area now, again the development is just a money grab and new developments are taxed unfairly compared to older establishments.
We just moved here this year and have not had much time/opportunity yet to utilize the parks etc.

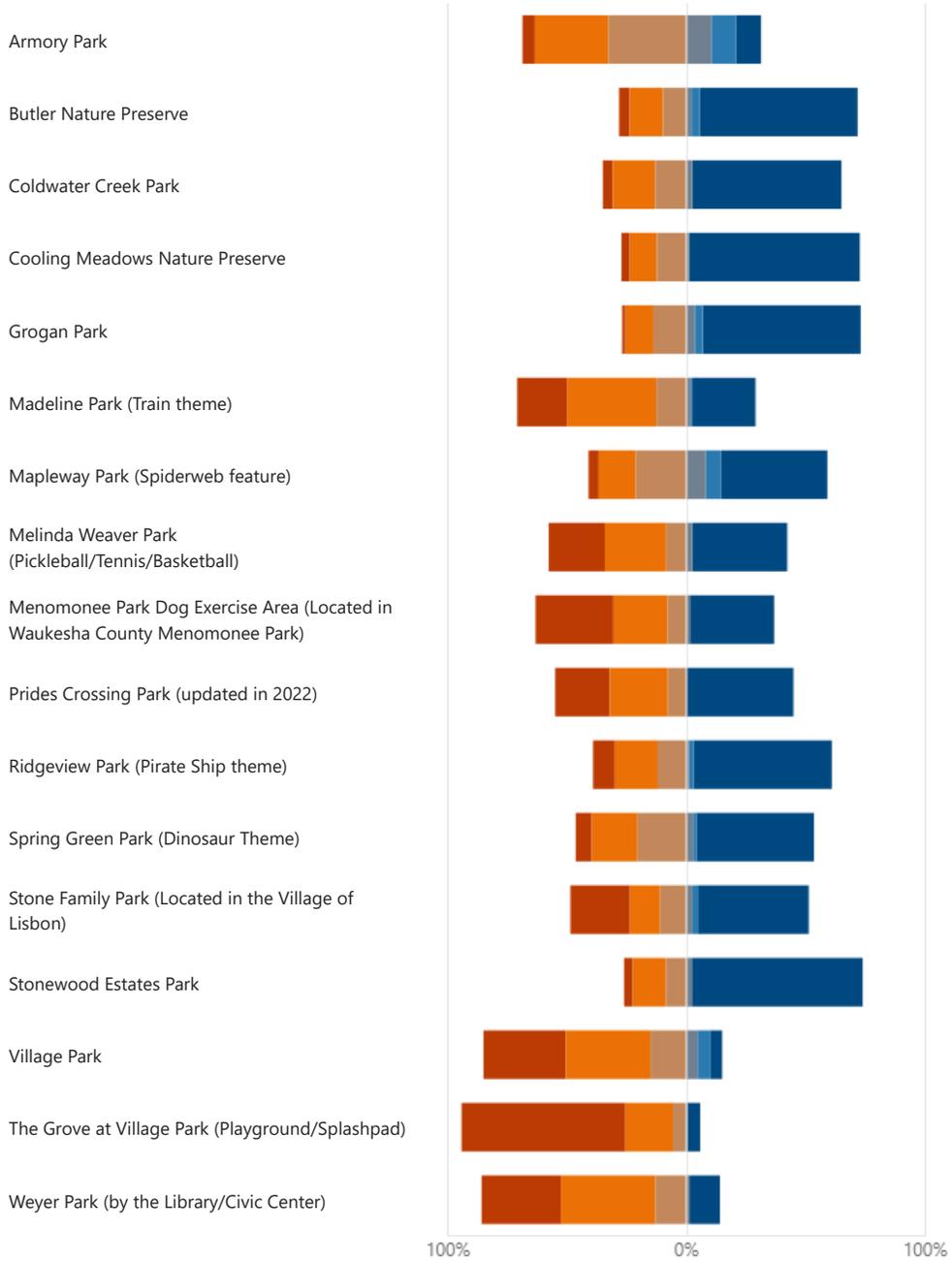
18. Please select all of the parks and open spaces in the Village of Sussex that you have visited or used in the last 12 months:

● Armory Park	301
● Butler Nature Preserve	35
● Coldwater Creek Park	68
● Cooling Meadows Nature Preser...	21
● Grogan Park	52
● Madeline Park (Train theme)	190
● Mapleway Park (Spiderweb feat...	105
● Melinda Weaver Park (Pickleball...	115
● Menomonee Park Dog Exercise ...	155
● Prides Crossing Park (updated i...	101
● Ridgeview Park (Pirate Ship the...	60
● Spring Green Park (Dinosaur the...	79
● Stone Family Park (Located in th...	109
● Stonewood Estates Park	30
● Village Park	407
● The Grove at Village Park (Playg...	336
● Weyer Park (by the Library/Civic ...	248
● Woodland Nature Preserve	75

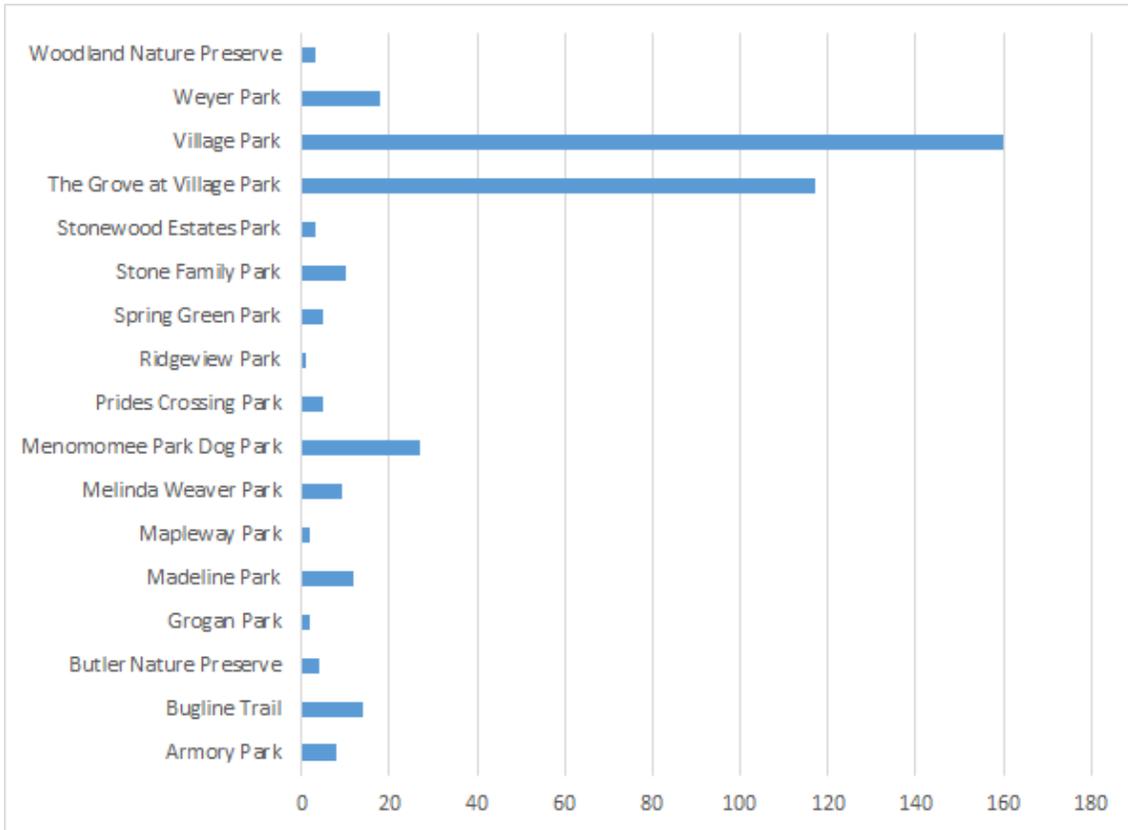


19. From the list of Parks , what do you rate each of the parks you typically visit?

■ *Amazing* 5
 ■ 4
 ■ 3
 ■ 2
 ■ *In Need of Repair* 1
 ■ NA

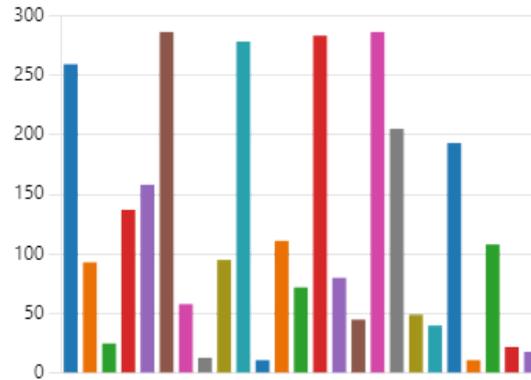


20. What is your **favorite** park and/or open space to visit in the Village of Sussex?



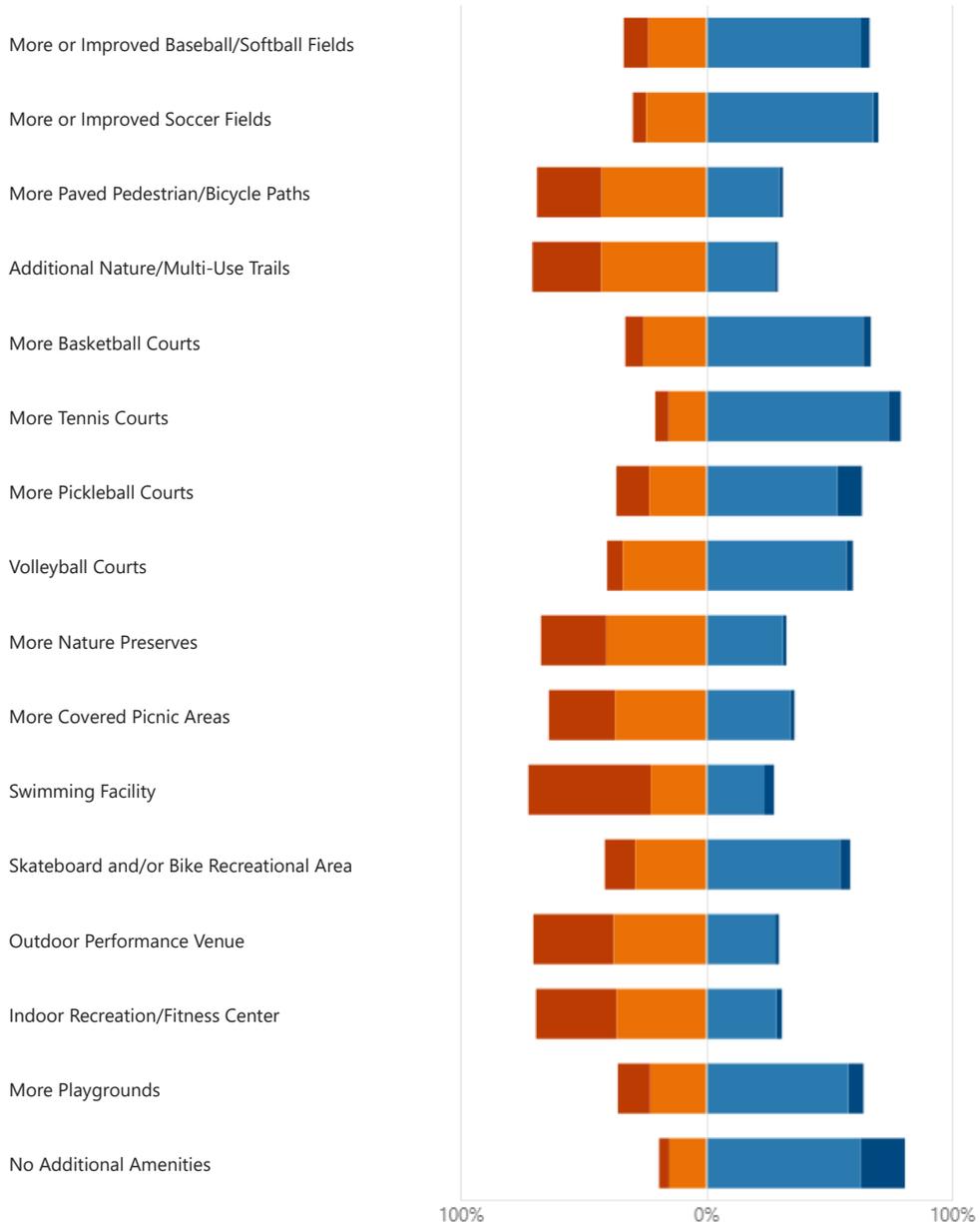
21. When visiting Village of Sussex Parks and Recreation areas, which activities do you or members of your household commonly participate in? Choose All That Apply.

● Splash Pad	259
● Youth Baseball/Softball	93
● Adult Baseball/Softball	25
● Road Biking	137
● Picnicking	158
● Playground	286
● Ice Skating	58
● XC Skiing	13
● Disc Golf	95
● Attending Special Events or Fest...	278
● Snowmobiling	11
● Wildlife Watching	111
● Soccer	72
● Nature Walks	283
● Story Walks	80
● Basketball	45
● Pleasure Walking	286
● Trail Hiking/Running	205
● Road Running	49
● Tennis	40
● Dog Walking	193
● Skateboarding	11
● Pickleball	108
● Snowshoeing	22
● Other	18



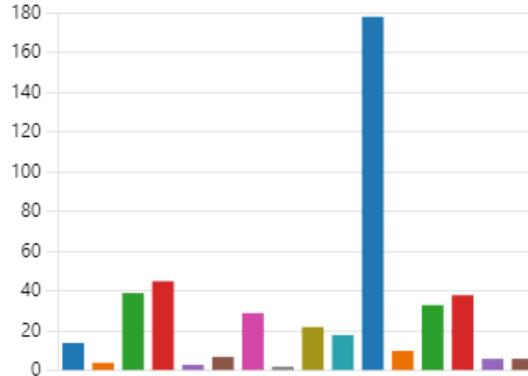
22. Please indicate your thoughts on the following amenities to add to the community:

■ Absolutely Needed
 ■ Needed
 ■ Not Needed
 ■ We Have Too Many



23. If you could add just **one** of the above amenities to our park system, what would it be?

● More or Improved Baseball/Soft... 14
● More or Improved Soccer Fields 4
● More Paved Pedestrian/Bicycle ... 39
● Additional Nature/Multi-Use Tra... 45
● More Basketball Courts 3
● More Tennis Courts 7
● More Pickleball Courts 29
● Volleyball Courts 2
● More Nature Preserves 22
● More Covered Picnic Areas 18
● Swimming Facility 178
● Skateboard and/or Bike Recreati... 10
● Outdoor Performance Venue 33
● Indoor Recreation Center 38
● More Playgrounds 6
● No Additional Amenities 6



24. What suggestions do you have for how to improve the Village of Sussex's parks and open spaces?

Outdoor Public swimming pool (like Brookfield and Elm Grove)
 I like that the splash pad is free however, it is so crowded. Some sort of fencing around the splash pad would be really nice to help keep little kids in the area.
 A community pool would be amazing. Indoor would be nice so you can provide swim lessons too - we go to neighboring communities for this. Space for teenagers to gather.
 A dedicated rec center with pool and fitness rooms would be fantastic.
 A permanent beer garden at armory park with a stage for live music.
 More shaded areas and picnic tables at the individual parks.
 A pool!
 A safe space for skateboarding/scooters/bikes would be incredible. The number of kids that skate is on the rise again and there is absolutely nowhere around here that is safe for that activity. The two little ramps that are available are skate ramps but if used for such, the police intervene stating they are for bikes only.
 A sidewalk needs to be added into armory park. The skatepark and playground could be updated. A far out dream would be to add a small train ride in armory or village park.
 A small dog park/dog run area in Vista Run subdivision would be excellent as there are a lot of dogs that live here as well.
 a swimming facility for people that live in the area would be nice.
 add a decent sized POOL!!! The community has wanted one since LONG before we over here!!! In 2014....
 Add nature stairs in the hills on the Nancy Whalen Trail and then interconnect that trail with other walkways in the Village and the trails in Lisbon and Lannon.
 Add public bathrooms near any covered picnic areas.
 Add screens to the pickle ball courts to help block the wind. That's the biggest problem. Some communities have them and it makes a huge difference when playing. I'm sure players would be happy to volunteer to put them up and take them down at the end of the season.
 Add shade, add lights to crosswalks like shorewood, update gravel to paved, update to soft bouncy/ moon floor on playground
 Nature preserves!!! Protect space and property.
 Add some permanent grills or allow for bringing own small grills in an open area. Provide charcoal receptacles and maintain.
 Add Swimming too
 Adding basketball courts and stuff for older kids to do would be HUGE
 ADULT swimming facility
 Again - outdoor recreation centers would be great. An update to the neighborhood parks would be huge and including some outdoor adult playgrounds.
 Allow open gym for kids at the bball courts at the civic center
 Also more baseball fields.
 Always wanted to learn to play pickle ball, but the level of play in Sussex is crazy... I went to sign up, but since I am a beginner, they told me that it is not a good fit
 An indoor community pool would be a great addition to the Village of Sussex. Residents of all ages would be able to enjoy it with swimming lessons, aquatic fitness classes, and open swim times. It would also attract more guests who are not residents of the village, thus bringing more business to our community shops, restaurants, and gas stations.
 An indoor or outdoor pool would expand the variety that the village has to offer.
 An indoor swimming facility where swim lessons could be offered would be so beneficial! For kid's swim lessons, we currently have to pay the non-resident fees in neighboring towns (i.e., Menomonee Falls)
 Another dog park would be great. The Menomonee Falls dog park is phenomenal!
 If we could get a great outdoor performance venue, a summer concert series in partnership with the traveling beer garden would be great.
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Armory Park is in desperate need of the playground equipment being repair or replaced. There are so many sharp pieces and rust. I won't allow my child to play on certain parts of the equipment. There are people there daily and events like Touch a Truck with lots of kids. Someone will get hurt and I fear with all the rust it will cause issues.

As I said earlier a skateboard area (NOT like the "designated area" at Armory Park LOL)... But a gentle and aesthetically pleasing one aimed at beginners and seniors...yes seniors...The world of skateboarding now has its very first "aged population" of riders and across the country, communities are building "pump-tracks" and "skate plazas" to accommodate them, along with the new, younger riders... I do not think The Village, should build a full-on "skate park" as there are a couple around now, BUT all of them are designed to attract the hard-core riders, with extreme features and such... what I am proposing is something mellower and attractive...

Baseball facilities

Bathroom facilities

Bathrooms along bike paths. Garbage/dog poop cans along paths? Toward Merton they have these but I haven't seen them in Sussex. Rest area or picnic/camping area along bike path. Charging station for e-bikes- I haven't seen one along any of the bike paths in the area. Would be beneficial for those of us who use e-bikes.

Bathrooms that can be used year round for families that use the parks all the time

Beer Garden

Benches along bugline

Better access via sidewalks - access to bathrooms at more of the parks.

Better facility and more courts for indoor Pickleball.

Better lighting on trails and playgrounds for late fall/early spring extended playing

Better promotion of the parks and what the playgrounds look like, I actually just learned today that they are on your website. Social

Media could be used so much for promotion of the unique characteristics of each park!

Bike path connection to Main Street and bugline

bow and arrow target practice areas

Can we stop with adding more pickleball courts please? Also I keep hearing about nature preserves in this survey, but I'm unaware as to where any of them are that are open to the public. I would LOVE to see some highlighting on social media to get the word out. Animal watching is a huge pastime for our family and a less paved trail would be nice to take the family out on and mitigate being pushed off the trail or even collisions with bicyclists.

Community Pool

Concerts in the Park like they have in Menomonee Falls would be amazing

Covered areas and restrooms for toddlers!

Depends on how much funding you have?

Do not combine pickleball courts with basketball courts

Do not develop (for retail, residential, commercial, etc) our current green spaces. Once that land is developed on, it's gone forever. We need to preserve nature areas and opportunities for new ones. Sussex population is growing too fast. We would love a local public pool... indoor or outdoor! We have to travel a decent distance to have our kids enroll in reputable swim lessons.

Do what you use to do, update the current parks without raising taxes or property assessed values to pay for everything. Upgrade within your means

Dog park

Expand and update playground at Armory

Facilities should have bathrooms

Fence around playground and splash pad and pickle ball courts. I am amazed by the planners who omitted a fence. Safety should be the 1st concern for the playground and splash pad. There are so many cars that threaten our children. Pickle balls don't stay in a contained area.

Fence around the pickle ball courts at village park, separate basketball and pickle ball courts. There is a lot of interest in both and it seems not enough space for all to enjoy!

Fix all the tee pads and signage properly for the disc golf course. Get better baskets. You may not realize but Sussex (as it's known in the Milwaukee disc golf community) is one of the most popular courses due to hole variety and low risk of losing discs. It's a great course and the community is grateful for it

Food trucks

Get rid of the skateboard area at Armory. Either green space or create something useful

Have larger picnic areas where you can grill in your area, that would be nice.

Have restroom facilities available year round in village parks. At a minimum, village park should have a porta-potty year round. I know that the bug line is a county facility, but adding a garbage can would be nice...so would snow removal in the winter.

Having a water park and charge admission like Hartford

I enjoy running the loop around village park but think it would be nice to have some things to look at like sculptures or even some fun exercise equipment. I would also like an indoor facility to swim laps but it's not needed.

I feel like this is a wonderful place to live and the village does a great job of maintaining. I do feel like the activities for the elderly could be improved, the Activity Guide we get is getting smaller and the elder population is growing everywhere. There were no trips listed in the activity guide.

I have been part of this community for my entire life. Over the last few years, we have noticed a considerable decline in quality surrounding the baseball and softball fields.

The volleyball court is overgrown in grass. The backstop of the softball field is rusted and leaning from disrepair and has become a hazard. The fencing along each baseline of the softball field has been hit by lawn mowing equipment many times and is considerably out of shape, also leading to poor esthetics and possible playing hazards. The asphalt surrounding the softball area is falling terribly and the grease trap outside the bathrooms stinks terribly (I think they are missing a cleanout cover or something). The Baseball field is not a flat surface and there are major transitions in elevation from infield to outfield, along with the uneven ground in the outfield.

I love that there is a large space for people to meet (Village Park)...hoping there is a way to make that more attractive to teens.

I think more open spaces should be developed but don't put too much at village park. The thing that is great about village park is that it is a nice place to take a walk in nature and just escape from the day. If you fill the park with more different things than you will lose what a nice place to go to get away. We walk the park every night and there are always a lot of people walking, jogging or walking their dogs. It is just a nice peaceful place to enjoy a walk without a lot of things going on.

I think Sussex has done a wonderful job supplying great parks and nature areas for everyone. My only complaint(which lies mainly on the users' fault) but the pavilion at the grove could use more frequent power washing. The ground just get so dirty there under the covered area.

Also, my family would definitely use a pool! An amenity lacking in this area!

I think the village does a nice job.

I think we have wonderful parks as is and a good variety so we do not need anymore

I think what you've done at Village Park is wonderful! Adding the Gaga ball pit hits the 4th-8th graders who don't necessarily want to play on the equipment, very smart to install that! The only negative was installing both basketball and pickleball on the same court, those should have been separated. I would love to see the tennis court repaired. My daughter and I would try to play but it was in such bad condition that we didn't last long. I'm sure you could get more people to use it if it were in better condition. I walk my dog there weekly and would LOVE if more of the trail could be paved.

I appreciate the dog waste cans by the quarry and by Piggy Wiggy/apartments!

I also appreciate that you are updating older parks, making them more ADA compliant, and adding new parks! I think for a community that wants to continue to grow parks are very important. We moved to Sussex when my oldest was 4, both of my girls are adults now. I was a stay at home mom and we went to parks a lot. I often left Sussex because there wasn't a lot here and what we did have wasn't great. I think what you've done over the past years is amazing and now, I would be able to stay in my own community so congratulations!!!

I was looking forward to the changes proposed in the last Village Park redesign ... am wondering what happened to that plan??

I would concentrate on maintaining vs adding more/new. I feel we have plenty of playgrounds etc.

I would like to see another ice skating rink. Options could be the area in Armory park that I believe has been used in the past for skating, or flooding the low area (just north of the Lion's building) in the Village Park. My understanding was that the rink on the lawn in front of the Civic Center was to be for open skating, but very often it is taken over for hockey practice. I don't want to skate and risk being hit by a puck, or knocked over by a kid chasing after a puck. If there were two areas for skating, one could be dedicated for hockey and the second one for other types of skating.

I would like to see the path in Village park paved. Several years ago a lot of it was paved and then that improvement stopped. Maybe opened then for winter too? A swimming facility in conjunction with the school system would be nice. An indoor facility that could be used year round. I know it would be expensive but with cutbacks Menomonee Park isn't what it was. No lifeguards, no diving, no nothing really. Where do young families have their kids take swimming lessons? I think the indoor and school related is a must. Sussex is a great place to live. I am a senior not afraid of investing in our community and our families even if it doesn't directly benefit me.

I would love to see more service groups clean up some of the rotted trees, shrubbery and outgrowth areas in our parks. Could some of our scout groups assist in cleaning up these areas, in order to have our "hired" staff attend to bigger issues?

I'd like to start with thanking our Parks Department, Park Board, and DPW for their commitment to maintaining and improving the great parks and open spaces that we already have. I love that a variety of trees have been planted to replace the Ash trees in the Village Park. Whoever thought of the idea of putting an information banner and QR code at Melinda Weaver Park during construction deserves kudos.

It will be important going forward to be certain to involve the end users by actively seeking them out where they are recreating; don't wait for them to come to the Park Board or Rec. Department. It's not human nature to bring ideas to boards, but it is human nature to complain after the fact.

Adding more passive recreation (nature trails) would be good. Also, planning for passive recreation space surrounding more active spaces would enhance aesthetics (let's not pave everything) and give kids an inexpensive auxiliary activity space. For example, if The Grove included (with a low fencing barrier) open lawn space around the playground area, plenty of kids would be perfectly happy just running around chasing each other, reducing congestion and opening the space visually. If there are plans for kids spaces near the new ball fields, a simple lawn is a great addition.

Continue your efforts to educate bicycle riders (of which I am one) that they are vehicle operators and must obey stop signs. I have appreciated the work done so far to enhance safety.

It wasn't a choice anywhere above, but expanding The Grove would be an improvement; it's wonderful!

An indoor recreation center with a walking/running track and exercise equipment would be well used. This is something that would enhance the offerings for "active older adults" as well as others. Not everyone wants to play pickleball ;)

Consider using the Intermittent pond (or the future ponds) in the Village Park for non-hockey ice skating. I'm aware that there may be liability concerns but a skating pond would not have to be deep; the depression is man-made so could certainly be reshaped to achieve a large space without great depth. There are other challenges, of course, but I expect they are surmountable. It could be a very nice addition to the sledding hills.

I'd love to see an outdoor concert venue where there could be weekly concerts in the park and beer garden in the summer!

I'm a life long swimmer, but realize swimming facilities are very expensive and typically limited in their appeal. I think some of the open spaces would benefit from more shade either through structures or trees.

I'm still not sure where to go for a good nature walk/hike.

Improve and open the concession stand at Village Park, create an aquatic center

Improve upon the existing parks. They've done a nice job renovating slowly. I think kids and adults enjoy the squishier grounded playgrounds and variety like at the Grove and Library park. We need more areas for older kids and adults to play too, whatever that may be. Courts, skateboard parks, trails, etc.

In need of a swimming pool and hiking areas

Increase more natural/nature space

Indoor facilities for basketball, volleyball, etc. The schools are not available, and the village facility does not have open gym.

Indoor pool

Indoor rec center would be awesome for kids over the long winter months. Adding a performance venue and beer garden at the grove/village park would be a good draw.

Indoor walking trails/paths

Instead of asking the people who pay, please consult experts

It would be nice to create a space similar to the menomonee falls village park with the stage, playground, basketball courts, and have baseball courts all at Armory park.

Keep adding parks/green space/hiking/biking trails and sidewalks and places for families to go. Stop building so many houses. We moved here to the green space that Sussex once touted having. But that is gone now. The animals don't have any place to go.

Keep making improvements. I love how the parks in Sussex have improved every year since we moved her on 2015

Keep village park as it is and add a performance venue to host local concerts during the summer like other communities do in conjunction with pints in the park.

Large swimming facility with water slides and picnic areas

Less grass, more native plantings.

Look at what is happening in other communities regarding pickleball. Oconomowoc, Pewaukee, Menomonee Falls. Sussex looks like an old washed up community since the fastest growing sport in the country is an afterthought.

Love the ice skating area at the civic center. Anything that helps be active in winter is great.

Maintain what we have and we are GOOD. Really no NEED to change or include anything else.

Maintain what we have. Replace what needs to be replaced or updated. Sussex is now land locked and population growth will slow down dramatically. We do not need any large-scale projects that a limited population will not need or be able to support in the future. Small scale upgrades to improve existing parks would be fiscally responsible. Any large-scale projects if pursued should be approved by referendum with full fiscal impact to the Village budget by capitalization, maintenance and operational costs, and the actual impact on property tax. We do not need to provide any regional park facilities or duplication of facilities that already exist within ten miles of the Village. This would include large baseball or soccer complexes, indoor or outdoor swimming pools.

Make updating parks top priority as Sussex contains a lot of young children.

Mapleway park has so much open land near it not utilized (although good to keep some open). Mapleway park doesn't have a vast diversity of play equipment. Seesaw is pretty old. Maybe a covered picnic area could be included here due to lots of open space.

Mapleway Park is nice, however, I would love if it had the same base as the Civic Center Park, Pride's Crossing Park and Village Park instead of the woodchips. However, you guys have such a wide variety of open areas and I really appreciate them!

More adult, and older kid facilities

More areas for concerts and craft shows.

More benches, seating.

More continuity in paths (Corky Curtis), make them safer (intersection of bugline and VV is dangerous for pedestrians)

More covered areas at the Grove would be helpful (along with necessary maintenance with high use) Swimming pool: Open the community center to the community with guidelines in place; Improve tennis courts in the village park area

More covered picnic areas spread out through the parks not just localized in one area or park. More benches/tables at all parks. Possibly another or ice rink at Village Park. Might be easy to flood the middle parking area?? A few archery spots other areas besides Menomonee Park? Dirt trails for mountain bikes? More Basketball courts...ones in village park are shared with pickleball can't play a full court game.

More garbage cans, dog poop garbage with bags, covered/shaded areas to sit and eat, more activities catered to younger children

More infant changing tables in restrooms

More natural space and trees. Adding hiking trails

More nature trails, such as dirt trails in forested areas

More rentable spaces like The Grove for parties/events. A pool—I'd prefer an outdoor pool but you would bring in people from Lake Country who don't like swimming in the lake.

More restrooms

More shaded areas, additional trees or coverings.

More sidewalks that connect Templeton, Willow Springs, Hamilton, Bugline, and surrounding trails to better connect community.

More trails and access points.

More trails and bike lanes for bikes to get around village safer.

More trails to connect the existing systems

More trails to get around town on bike or foot

More walking trails or paths.

Mountain Biking

They're great! Parks department does great with what they have

Nature areas for animals to live

Need a bandshell like Konkle Park in Greenfield.

Need designated basketball courts at Village. Need a nice sand volleyball court at Village. Need an indoor rec center with basketball, open gym & weight room. Would love a public pool. Most have to travel to Brookfield or Hartford to swim.

New playgrounds should have more than one baby swings to better accommodate families of twins or simply more than one very young child at a playground

I love all the parks and open spaces offered - the updates to the parks over the last few years has been wonderful!

Not a lot of pools for swim lessons for the kiddos nearby

Not just a place for people to go, but a place that helps people engage one another. If my spouse and I go there, we see lots of people, but don't meet people

Open band shell to attract local musicians

Outdoor aquatic center at village park

Overall, I think the parks in Sussex are nice. There are some listed here that I have never visited but will. There are so many young families that would benefit from more places to play. A swimming facility would be great but I know it's expensive to build and operate.

Pave the entire Village Park pathways, and maintain it.

Pedestrian accessibility is extremely important

pickle ball courts with fencing

Please add a swimming pool! We would use it SO MUCH!

Please connect the woodland trails path to good hope! So many of us would use it often!!!

Please host more special events (beer gardens, food trucks, music)- they're awesome!

Please keep green spaces. A lot is being lost to development.

Please redo Grogan park.

Please update amory park playground and the skateboard area

Preserve green spaces for families to enjoy.

Provide Boardwalks in the Nature Preserves for us to enjoy the Nature Preserves throughout Sussex

Public pool would be a great start. I also think the baseball/softball fields could use updating

Public restrooms at all parks. Spring Green is a great neighborhood park for littles but there's no bathroom so it's not ideal to play very long

Public Swimming Pool or Aquatics Center (Like Hartford)

Put lights at parks so can be used at night. Example- Melinda weaver is great but can't use at dusk

Put up a fence between the splash pad and playground at the grove and a sign saying dry clothes only in the park. Vandalism seems to be the biggest issue in the parks causing needed repairs to keep the equipment in working order. I just don't know how to get people to behave!

Rebuild the fire engine play structure in Village Park that was removed after being damaged.

Re-organize the pickleball/basketball area at the Grove

repair/replace picnic tables

Replace all bubblers with dog friendly bubblers.

Security patrols to help prevent the drug dealing and damage going on.

Since I've lived here, being 23 years, The Village of Sussex has shot down the YMCA twice. In that YMCA was to be a pool. Would have been great to have a YMCA and they probably would be very successful. So I think the Village needs a pool. Thank you for listening.

skate park

Skate park

Some older parks just need more wood chips!

Some suggestions is add seating or fencing around the basketball/pickle courts in Village Park (better yet separate them), expand the splash pad with additional seating to include shade awnings, update the Lions Pavilion for outdoor music and events, add garbage cans along pedestrian paths for dog and other waste, add a local dog park, move the charging ports at village park closer to The Grove.

stop building that takes away every green space. It is ridiculous how much money is spent to take apart one space in order to spend even more money creating another.

stop destroying beautifully forested areas to be replaced by subdivisions.

Stop using land for rec spaces and utilize them more for natural areas.

Sussex has phenomenal parks! Thanks for doing such a great job.

Sussex needs a dog park. Plenty of space at Village Park instead of the tennis courts

Swimming facility & indoor sporting area for teenagers

Swimming is needed

Swimming pool

Swimming pool and indoor gym access for basketball/adult rec leagues

Swimming pool like Hoyt pool in Tosa

Swimming pool, indoor and outdoor

Swimming Pools!

The Splash Pad is an extremely popular summertime attraction for Families and those Visiting the Sussex Community and using the Community Parks. The addition of the Canopy on the concrete patio for shade is a very welcomed amenity. A public access swimming pool would be something that I think would really benefit the Sussex Parks System looking towards the future as long as staffing could be maintained for this Option (Life Guards, Employee's, Grounds Crew, etc.)

The tennis courts in village park should be redone.

The village is doing an amazing job! I frequently brag about our rec dept to friends and family. A bird watching tower would be fun (perhaps on Clover near Maple)

Thinking of people of all ages, shelters and additional seating/benches would be a nice addition to the appearance and functionality of each park/locations.

Trails and benches through the preserves

Turf fields for baseball/softball. Current fields are not playable for days after a rain event. More walking trails thru current preserve areas.

Update playgrounds village and amory, also I feel like I have to drive to all the parks more neighborhood ones, swimming would be nice too!

Update/improve/add baseball and softball facilities. You will drive more people to the parks. Youth baseball/softball participation is at an all time high.

Updated playground items that are old and broken

Upgrade the stage in the Lions Pavilion as an outdoor music venue.

Village Park could be a GREAT park. This is the park where all of the major events are and pulls people from all over the state. It needs work! When you enter the park everything is nice with the new Pickleball courts, splashpad, etc., but once you get passed that, the park looks awful and no work seems to be done to the rest of the park including the area by the Main Softball Diamond. The concession stand and the area around it needs work! Seems like it hasn't been updated/fixed in YEARS!

Volleyball courts

We believe a community swimming pool would be great for the community. I also believe an indoor rec area that allows for pick up basketball, soccer, etc and other activities would help our long winters.

We have enough

We have Enough playgrounds for little kids. They have so many and a splash pad! We need something for teens/older kids. We also need a public pool. Would employ many teens over summer too!

We like the parks. Some could use a bit of updating, but we like that some of the older ones are in the updating process.

We love a lot of the parks and it's one of the perks of living here! We visit Madeline and Weyer parks the most because they are walking distance from our house, and those parks are outstanding. I love that at Prides Crossing park, you can explore nature trails and that would be a nice feature to add at other parks if possible. A public pool (even if it was outdoors and only open in the summer), would be amazing and I often think it's the one thing we miss out on (we lived in Tosa before moving here and loved Hoyt Pool).

We need a community pool.

we need an indoor public pool for adults

We need more baseball fields or improvements in the current ones.

We need more basketball courts and open gym spaces. The indoor facility is always used for pickle ball and the outdoor courts have the nets so you can't play full court

What was done in the Falls with the farmers market and concert area is fabulous! We need the amenities, though, to draw people in (i.e. restaurants and bars to go after the concert is over).

Why can't we help support Hamilton School District in building a High School Swimming pool that our students and community could benefit from!!!!????

With all the new families moving in we could really use a public pool. Annual passes could be purchased. Swim lessons for the kids and a way to cool off. Currently families take our money elsewhere to neighboring communities for these services.

The Hartford pool is great. Something that could model that would be awesome. They have toddler time in the am and lessons and open swim in the afternoons. Water walk exercise for adults at the same time as toddler swim & lessons.

Something for everyone. Keep our money in our community!!!

With all the new subdivisions, make sure each subdivision has a safe space so children in neighborhood, and families, can grow together.

With soccer at the Amory Park, it would be nice if there were good bathrooms there like Pewaukee Sports Complex.

Would love a community swimming pool!

Would love some more access to fitness equipment

Would love to have an actual pool in the village!!

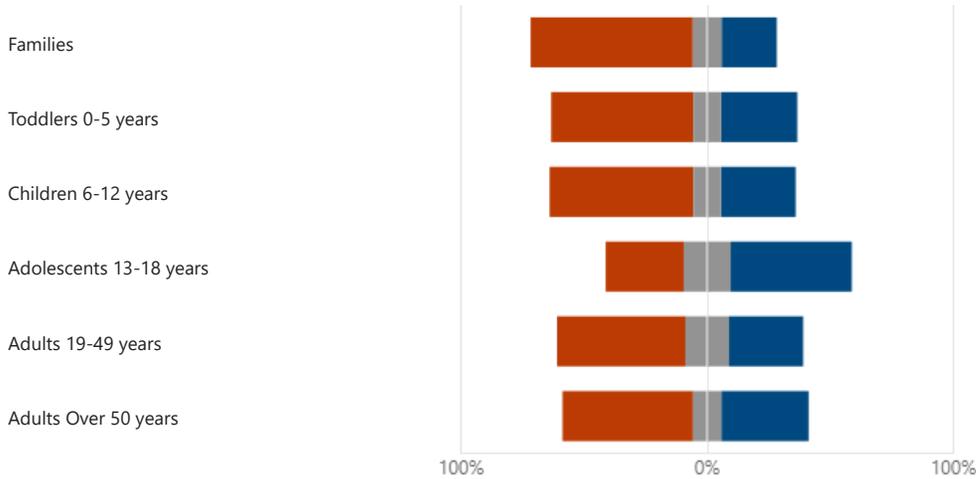
Would love to see more Tennis and Pickle ball courts. The only Tennis courts I know are at Sussex Village Park and they are quite worn down

Would love to see walking trails in the Butler Preserve!

You're doing amazing work!

25. Considering the various age groups of people in the Village of Sussex, please indicate whether the **existing recreation program offerings** adequately meet their needs. If needs are not currently met, please specify what is lacking in the blank box below.

■ Adequately Served ■ Needs Not Currently Met ■ Not Sure

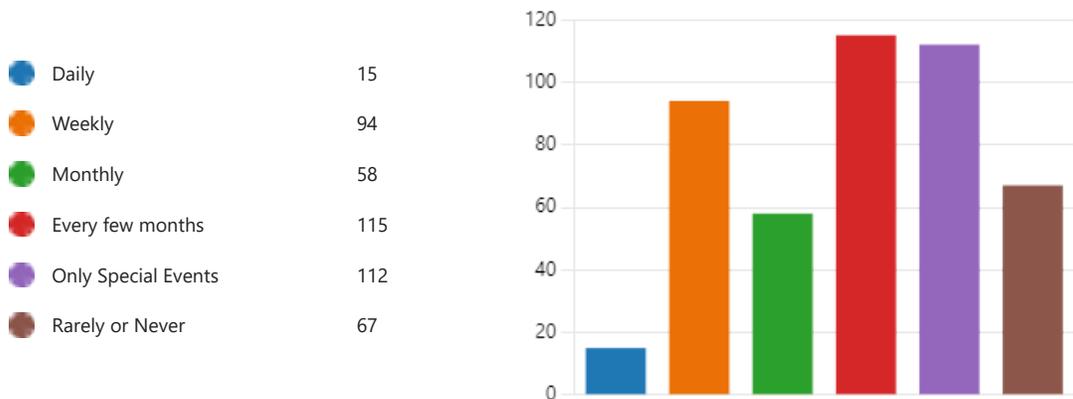


26. If you indicated that needs are not met for a certain age group, please explain.

Adolescents	Adolescents need a space to recreate
	For teens who are not in high school sports, there aren't any activities for them.
	Indoor Facilities for older kids!
	(7) More for teens
	Most offerings are geared toward young children not 10/11+ and up
	Older teens 15-18, could use more rec classes or be allowed in the adult classes
	Seems like most teen offerings are through the library (which isn't a bad thing) but may be an area to improve for the village rec offerings. Also feels like there aren't many offerings for 25-45 year olds that aren't sports/fitness related. Lots of 50+ only activities.
	Seems most programs are geared towards very small children or older adults. Would love some options for teenagers or people in their 40s.
	We have so few options in our rec department compared to surrounding communities - especially for teens. The Falls has "teen trips" to fun places, that would be a good thing to add.
	Would be nice to see some different activities/opportunities for older kids
Adults	Indoor pickleball hours and courts
	(5) More for adults
	provide better times, often we are busy working for our family to take advantage of the offerings.
	The young family dynamic is heavily missed when looking at the activity guides - so much to do for the older community members and it excludes the 30+ range
	A lot of the adult activities take place during the workday. There are a number of activities I would like to sign up for, but they all take place between 8-5, M-F. Those activities don't actually serve the adult population they're supposed to.
	A lot of the program offerings are offered only during the week during normal working hours. Working parents are unable to participate in those activities and weekend and after work offerings fill up quickly.
	Again, there are SO many offerings for the 50+ group. So many times I'd see something fun that I'd like to participate in, but it's for 50+. I understand there are fitness groups for my age group that I could participate in, but we are severely lacking in enrichment programs for the younger adults. The timing of the few we have don't exactly fit with work schedules.
	Current trends with pickleball is to segment play by skill level vs open play. Family disagree with any segmenting vs open play. If people want competitive only go elsewhere
	Fitness for low income adults
	for adult workout classes we need more 1 night a week classes, not multiple days a week for a session (i.e. Wednesday only, Thursday only, not M/W, Tues/TH)
	greater accessibility for those in wheelchairs
	Growing number of people are playing pickleball, including all generations.
	Hard to get in pickleball programs
	I don't have young kids so it's hard to know if those services are adequate. I know the pickleball courts are quite busy. I do get frustrated by the current registration system for the rec program. I wish it were more flexible. If I miss the deadline I have to wait for many weeks before I can do anything. Also, the exercise classes are pretty expensive. The system seems cumbersome and difficult to access.
	I feel like there are more activities geared towards age groups other than 19-49, at least from what I'm aware of
	For adults so many of the exercise classes are during the week during the day making it impossible for working adults to attend. I'd like more evening options so I could attend more.
	Limited rec and park options for ages 13- 50
	More activities for disabled and aging adults
More evening options for classes for adults. Many of us work during the day and it would be nice to take part in opportunities offered if they were targeted to working adults.	
More exercise class on nights and weekends because people work	
Some of the offerings for 50+ would be fun for the 30-49 year olds as well. There is not much offered unless it's a family event for the adults under 50.	
Sussex seems totally focused on families, we tend to do more with pewaukee and brookfield area park and rec because they have more activities and events for adults	
There are many activities for kids and older adults but not much for young to middle age adults	
Winters in particular are tough - particularly if you'd like to go out but not necessarily to the bars. What about a snowshoeing club? Indoor facility would be fantastic! The one at Village Hall is too small	
Would like more programs offered during evening hours for those of us that work 9-5 jobs	
Would love gentle yoga and beginner barre classes at night. I work and cannot attend classes as they are currently scheduled.	

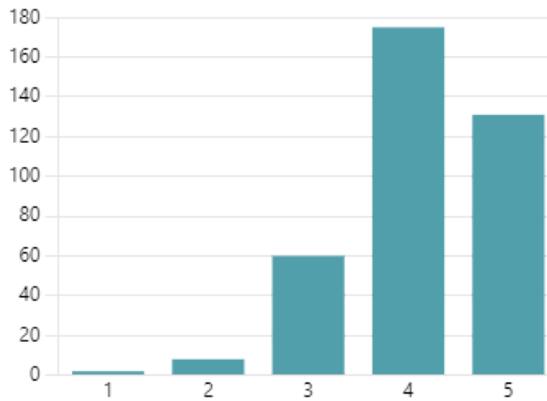
Adults Over 50	<p>I already answered, but I would like to say that the programs that are offered for the over 65 group are well done but less and less offered to that group.</p> <p>Lack of mobility on some natural trails greatly limits their use by all age groups (in this case children and seniors)</p> <p>Most activities are geared toward families or the younger age groups</p> <p>There are not a lot of activities for families or for older adults.</p>
Children	<p>Again, the 10-12 age group are in need of something they can do that they are not too old or young for.</p> <p>Children in the 10-16 age group seem to need to go for private programs that may be too costly for some.</p> <p>For the Rec program, I'm looking for more team-based programming for baseball/basketball/soccer. Otherwise you have to sign up for these extremely intense and costly leagues.</p> <p>I feel like a vast majority of the activities provided are for sports activities</p> <p>I would love for there to be more rec classes for elementary aged school kids and intramural sports for teenagers (those that don't make HS sports team).</p> <p>More activities need to be offered for kids</p> <p>More park and rec sports for kids 8+</p> <p>Not a lot of activities for kids in grades 3 and up.</p> <p>School age kids programs are limited during the school year. I don't think I've seen anything for teens. Adult class times need more options in the evening.</p> <p>The amount of activities is sparse for children - and regularly there is not enough capacity.</p> <p>There are more sports and rec activities for toddlers but we need to seek sports from other areas to participate in that are not through rec department. It's a lot to go through so many programs</p>
Families	<p>Families-Community events seem to get filled very quickly time over time, might need more to make these happen for our growing community.</p> <p>More activities for families and younger children are definitely needed. More of a variety would be great!</p> <p>There needs to be more for families to do, especially those with two working adults.</p>
Toddlers	<p>Age 2-3yrs offerings seem to have declined over the past few years. Add more offerings for 2-3yrs (really only a multisport option). Add in a toddler cooking class</p> <p>All the child/toddler activities are in the morning. This does not accommodate working parents</p> <p>As a working mom with a young toddler there are very few activities available outside of typically work hours for children under 3.</p> <p>For young kids, more weekend activities for working parents</p> <p>I would love to have toddler activities on the weekends. Most of them are during the week and we cannot attend due to work during the week.</p> <p>Limited amount of sign ups and inconvenient time slots for toddlers/young kids. Some start at 4:30 or 5, when I'm just getting home from work.</p> <p>[7] More for Toddlers</p> <p>More toddler and preschool activities in the evening or weekends for working parents</p> <p>More toddler classes on weekends for working parents, swim facility for lessons and recreation.</p> <p>Most activity times are M-F. Need more on the weekend.</p> <p>Not alot of under 5 programs and need more weekend or after hours for the working parents</p>

27. How often do you attend any Recreation Programs/Activities organized by the Parks and Recreation Department?



28. Think about all of the recreation programs you have participated in over the past year, please rate the overall quality of these programs.

4.13
Average Rating



29. Have an idea for a new recreation program? Let us know here!

I'd like to see more creative based things. Beginner woodburning, soap making, or even crochet. Or even if a "club" of sorts were started. Like a crochet circle for example. Have it run by someone knowledgeable and can help beginners, but open to anyone who wants to work on a project. I'm pretty sure there's one that is either offered or has been offered in the past, but again the timing is terrible and was usually held on a weekday afternoon. When most of the 19-49 age group is at work.

A cocoa crawl for families!

Adult Jazz/Poms!

Adult: art classes, learn to knit/crochet

Baby music class

Baby playtime

Babysitters class-11YO, stay home alone class 8-11YO, classes offered at the elementary/interned schools right after in their facility

Babysitting workshop.

Beginner pickle ball in the evening for those who work during the day. I would love a step aerobic class too.

Board Game Night

Book clubs, art programs, yin yoga,

Bring Kelly and Zumba back! Adult dance: ballet, tap, jazz

Bucks game

Consistent pickleball for youth.

Cookie decorating

Cooking and crafting classes for couples, mom groups. Parent night out. Art galleries, food tastings for adults 19-49. Wine/beer/cheese tastings

Cooking classes

Dog Park!!

Earlier morning fitness classes (ie 6am)

Existing classes must be made more affordable. Only wealthy can join now.

Fall soccer league for 4k-8th grade, need an option outside of Pewaukee Sussex Soccer or Elmbrook both which are rip-offs. Volunteer coaches w/ practice one day a week and games one day a week.

Family cooking class? Offering of different times for some children's classes. I'm a single dad and getting from work to home and then a child to a class at 5 is not possible. Or later weekend programs?

Family programming that supports diversity and inclusion. Since that is a struggle in our community. Maybe programs for parents who are foster parents or adoptive families, or multicultural family groups to play pickleball and the kids play.

I think the idea of giving Sussex families an opportunity to learn swimming would be a huge benefit for a lot of the families in the area.

Ice skating lessons for kids

Indoor Open Gym at the Rec Center! This would be so useful during the winter months.

Indoor play space for toddlers and babies. Or organized play date times.

Indoor winter gym - it doesn't have to be a specific sport but something on the weekends or for younger kids to just kind of run around or do fitness activities like they do in gym class might be fun and nice for parents!

Intro to yoga, meditation

Introduction to Lacrosse as a Recreational Sport / Introduction to Golf with Youth Focus (Ages 5 - 10)

Kids SKS

Kids fun run, not sure if you have something like that?

Line dancing

More activities for the elementary aged group outside of just sports

More after school/evening opportunities for younger kids during the school year.

More bus trips

More for adults

More indoor pickle ball courts

More music programs and beer gardens

more options for the 8-18 age group that aren't sports or dance

More senior programs

More yoga!!

Move your current programs to be accessible to working adults.

nature walks

One suggestion - please offer a variety of times for the classes. We wanted to participate in the soccer class but it started at 5:05 which doesn't allow time to get home from work.

We participating in the Parent and Me Sports Class and my daughter loved it. Thank you!

Organize adult walking groups

Pickleball at 4:30 to 6:30

Please bring back the Farmer's Market. The Lions Pavilion at Village Park could be a great option. Or build a multi-use pavilion

Recreation programs for children under 3 years old would be amazing! Most of the current programs don't start until 3 years old and I'd love to have opportunities for my 1.5 year old and I do be involved in

Recreational Wrestling instruction for teens and adults

Safety Town (kids program like menomonee falls does).

Senior dances

Sign language classes?

skateboard clinic at the new skate plaza!

Snowshoeing club - we have great trails and people might want to learn about it; indoor pickleball/rec center that is more readily available

Something that is for young kids that is NOT during the work week during normal work hours (something on the weekend or at night for kids 0-5)

Sports Class for 4-6 year olds. There's a parent and child Sports Class for 2-3 year olds, but it would be helpful to have a multi-sports class for children without their parents.

Square dancing

Strength training, kickboxing, just more choices

Summer sports program coaches need better training / curriculum. While I understand they are volunteers, it is clear many of them don't even understand the basic concepts of the sport they are coaching. Kids stand around and get bored for most of the practices.

Swim lessons

Swim!! More class times for youth programs (specifically after work hours for families that work)

Swimming

Tai Chi or something similar would be great and swimming would be beneficial to all ages. Also offering day trips would be nice.

Teen end of driveway shoveling program after the plow

Teen trips, teen cooking class, I loved the cookie decorating classes last year (wish we had more of those)

The variety of classes are great! Perhaps more art/crafting one-session classes such as painting, paper quilling, etc

Toddler Cooking Class or Mini&Me Cooking Class

Toddler music, multi language learning

Transportation for children to summer activities. We would sign up for more if there was a transportation service we could sign our child up for

tumbling/gymnastics

We did a children's intro to pickleball earlier this year and our kids loved it, but I haven't seen it offered again. Would love to see that brought back!

we would love more night time classes than day classes. Maybe a dance class for Adults at night would be nice

Weekend events for families with toddlers- EG winter indoor play dates on weekends at civic center

wine tasting

Winter Break Kids Camp at the Grove or Library.

xc skiing, running group, boardgame group

Youth Volleyball

30. Please answer the following statement:

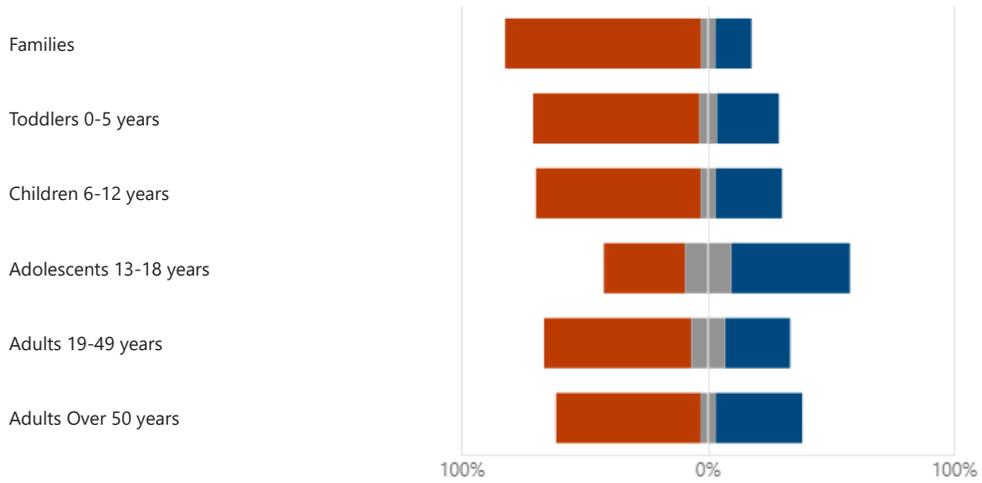
Village of Sussex **Special Events** are essential to the quality of life here in the Village of Sussex. (Special Event examples are: Pints in the Park, Egg Drop, Adults Over 50 events, Cruise Night, Spooky Sussex, etc.)

● Strongly Agree	290
● Agree	124
● Neutral	45
● Disagree	10
● Strongly disagree	1



31. Considering the various age groups of people in the Village of Sussex, please indicate whether the existing **special events** adequately meet their needs. If needs are not currently met, please specify what is lacking in the blank box below.

■ Adequately Serviced ■ Needs Not Currently Met ■ Not Sure

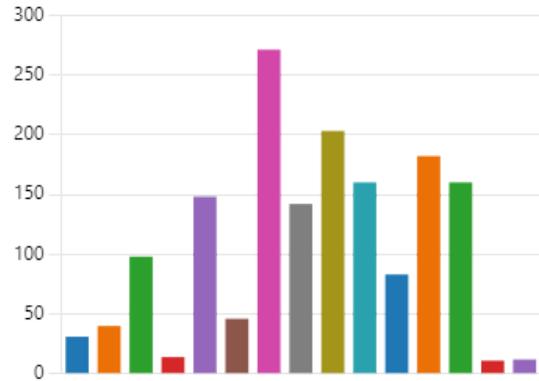


32. If you indicated that needs are not met for a certain age group, please explain.

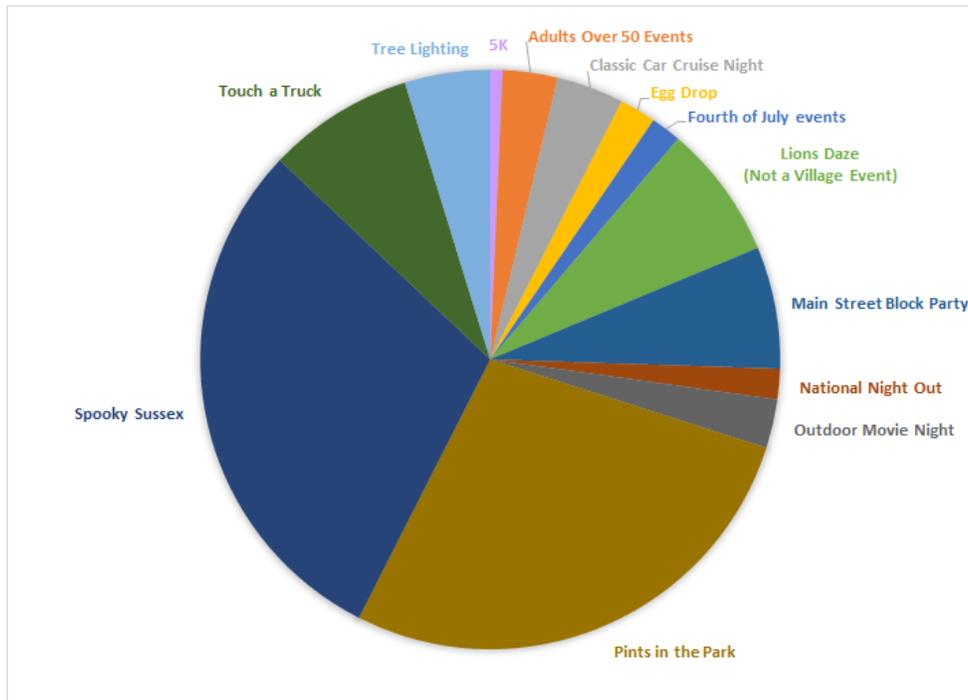
Adolescents	<p>A lot of the events have activities geared towards the little ones. It would be nice to see something geared towards teens. I'm going to have a teenager here in a few years and I've already been struggling to get him to go to the events because he's starting to think they're boring and not much for him to do</p> <p>Additional events for teens and adults including weekend special event options</p> <p>Again - common theme - there is nothing for teens. I know this is a hard group to please, but some event targeted toward them would be nice. Maybe like a pints in the park but with soda???</p> <p>Besides Lions Daze, I don't feel there are many programs for pre-teen/teen age group.</p> <p>Do you have anything for teens? If so, more awareness is needed.</p> <p>Doesn't seem to have many events that teenagers/young adults specifically would be into</p> <p>I would say more kids age over 10 to adult, there aren't a lot of available programs or activities to do. Maybe most kids that age are already in sports or other things, but it would be nice to offer some other gatherings or activities geared towards them. Like a youth night with games, food, etc.</p> <p>it seems like there are things for everyone with the exception of 13-49yr olds, unless you drink alcohol</p> <p>It would be nice to have more events that also center around older kids. For example, bands playing (like MF does in their new bandshell).</p> <p>More events for teens would be nice.</p> <p>More for older teens; young adults!!!</p> <p>More need for teen activities</p> <p>More teen activities</p> <p>More things forTeens</p> <p>Most events are for kids or families or older adults. Doesn't seem to be much for teens and young/middle aged adults</p> <p>Most of the events are for young kids or seniors, there's not a lot for teens/younger parents</p> <p>Most special events seem aimed at families or adults 50+. Missing events for the demographics of teens and young/mid adults besides alcohol events.</p> <p>Need to create an event for the older kids ages 10-14</p> <p>Not any events for teens.</p> <p>Not many activities for a teen boy</p> <p>Not many events for older grade school and middle school aged kids</p> <p>Not much for teens</p> <p>seems like teens get most of their activities through school sports and other activities so maybe don't need as many of those.</p> <p>Teenagers need non-alcoholic events to go to besides Culver's.</p> <p>Teens and adults without children don't have too many options</p> <p>Teens are not offered much at all. Leads to a lot of them hanging out at the parks for younger kids maybe not making the best decisions</p> <p>Teens need more activities also middle aged adults!</p> <p>Teens need more to keep them out of trouble.</p> <p>Teens they need more safe places to gather</p>
Adults	<p>Events geared toward the age group of late twenties to early thirties seem to be lacking. events are mainly for younger kids and older adults</p> <p>I can't think of any events catered to 19-49 that aren't family events and not just adult events.</p> <p>more special events for active adults please- the 50 cutoff on many events isn't great...maybe 40 or 45 instead.</p> <p>More special events geared towards adults</p> <p>Need some opportunities for parents to mingle while their kids play supervised - Like Date nights w/group babysitting where we can still see our children, but do adult things (theme nights? dinners? wine tasting? comedy?)</p> <p>No activities for parents, only older adults. My husband is an army veteran and isn't even allowed to attend the Veterans Day lunch since he is younger than 50</p> <p>The 19-49 demographic is very important because many of them have families, but some of them are early in their careers and we need to cater to them to keep attracting them to our community and workforce</p> <p>There are a bunch of events for families but few for adults</p> <p>There are no activities fir active seniors other than pints in the park and craft activities. Seeing the next question, I consider Touch a Truck an activity for kids.</p> <p>There are too many events for older adults 50+. Younger adults live here too. I would do a beer/wine tasting, why exclude parts of the community?</p> <p>Wish all adults could attend a lot of the over 50 events - such great offerings! Also need a permanent beer garden</p> <p>Would be nice to have some other adult sports leagues outside of softball</p>
Adults Over 50	<p>Don't think there should be events for 50 or older, I would like to join</p> <p>It seems most events are targeted toward seniors or young kids (as evidenced in several "over 50" options).</p> <p>More events for seniors</p> <p>More fun events for adults under 50</p> <p>More needed for seniors and people with mobility issues</p>
Families	<p>More needs to be done for families, seems like there is a lot for those who are 50+ but nothing for working families.</p> <p>More options for families and adults. Outdoor concerts. Food truck night. Menomonee Falls has a beautiful new facility for outdoor events</p> <p>Need more for families/ less for over 50</p>
General	<p>As the village is growing, the special events are packed and no longer enjoyable.</p> <p>I wish they were during the weekend</p> <p>I would like to see more pints in the park throughout the summer</p> <p>More events throughout the year</p> <p>More summer concerts.</p> <p>Mostly for over 50 or under 10</p> <p>Not enough tickets for Halloween celebration</p> <p>Out door concerts/band shelter,</p> <p>seems that too many events revolve around alcohol consumption and exclude because of it. if we are showing great profits for the citizens' benefit, advertise those profits to the public.</p> <p>Sussex does a great job of providing events, and they are done well. I marked that needs are not met because I think we need to be more inclusive about holiday events. As our population becomes more diverse, let's value that and spend as much time and money celebrating other holidays as we do Christmas and Easter. We can do so in the same "non-religious" ways we light the Christmas tree and drop Easter eggs, focusing on the fun rituals that people value. Incorporating and celebrating other culture's rituals is no threat to Christianity; it's respectful, essential to creating a thriving community, and fun. (I doubt anyone has been converted to Christianity by the Egg Drop or the Tree Lighting; the same would be expected for other cultural celebrations, so let's not feel threatened.)</p> <p>The library has so many great activities. Sussex does a great job with activities too. Keep it up.</p> <p>The Special Events fill up too quickly and a large portion of the growing Sussex Community is unable to participate. It would be helpful to have Spooky Sussex on 2 nights so more families and children could participate in the fun.</p> <p>We could benefit from a Farmers Market</p> <p>Weekly/Monthly summer concerts in the Park</p>

33. Please select all of the Village of Sussex Special Events you attended in the past 12 months.

● Park Hunts	31
● Adults Over 50 Beer/Wine Tasting	40
● Egg Drop	98
● Adults Over 50 Plant and Sip	14
● Classic Car Cruise Night	148
● Adults Over 50 Concerts	64
● Pints in the Park	271
● National Night Out	142
● Main Street Block Party	203
● Touch a Truck	160
● Outdoor Movie Night	83
● Spooky Sussex	182
● Tree Lighting	160
● Adults Over 50 Holiday Party	11
● Other	12



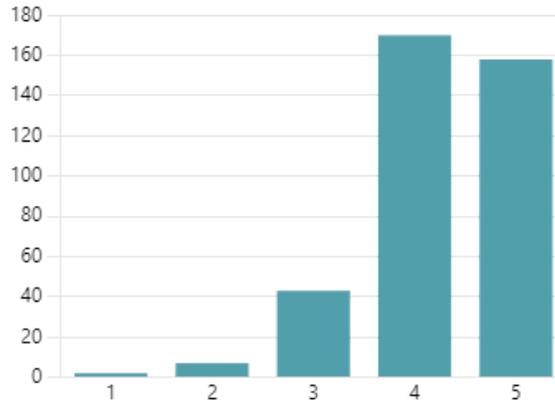
34. What is your favorite Village of Sussex Special Event?



35. Think about all of the **special events** you have participated in over the past year, how would you rate their overall quality?

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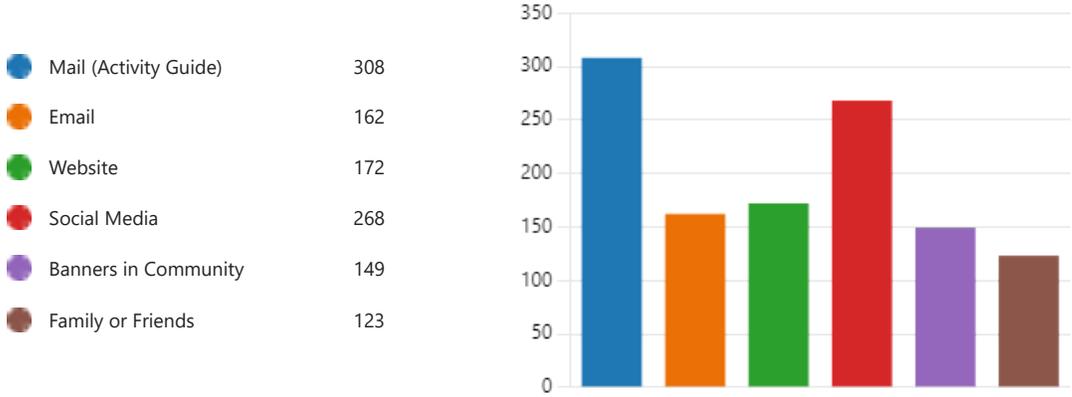
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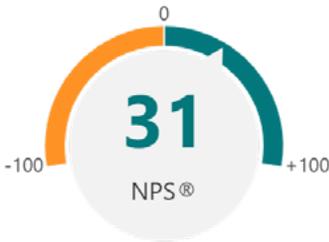
36. Have an idea for a new special event? Let us know here!

2 evenings for Spooky Sussex
 More time slots for the Egg Drop
 A homecoming parade - not sure if there was one?
 A Sussex history tour (during the nice weather) maybe could be presented by/with the museum.
 Adult prom!
 A sip and plant or beer and wine tasting geared towards the 30-50 age group.
 Adults under 50 events- similar to the ones you do for over 50, but for over adults that want a night without kids (dinner pairings, wine and food, plant and sip, etc)
 Christmas event like Spooky Sussex
 CluedUp style geocaching games
 Community picnic
 community rummage sale
 Concerts in the park. Permanent beer garden at Village Park open every weekend in the summer
 Concerts in the summer. Live music
 Concerts, craft shows, Pride Parade in June
 Could we expand the Night Out? I've heard Wauwatosa's NNO is huge.
 Craft Fairs
 Do you have breakfast with Santa and Easter bunny?
 Dog Days in the park: vendors, games etc... Look into Greendale's event
 Egg drop in March
 Family days
 Farmers market
 Farmers market, events for adults 30 to 50
 Food tasting & trivia
 Food truck event
 Food truck nights at village park. Pickleball weekend tournament to raise \$5 for the village
 Food trucks at spooky Sussex. Tastes of Sussex - purchase a ticket to 'eat around sussex' food trucks and restaurants offer tastings of their best dish, vote on best restaurant and maybe find a new restaurant in Sussex to try. Adult beverages offered.
 galas, farmers / craft markets, play groups, social clubs (book, cooking, podcast), mens outings (golf, brewery tour, etc.)
 Have a Food truck night and have food trucks from different cultures share their food with the Sussex community.
 Historical Sussex walk
 holiday craft fair
 ice skating and a winter fest
 It would be great to have a more car shows at the village that are marketed to a broad audience in SE Wisconsin. The car shows we have are awesome, and more would be great. Also would love to see a stage of the Tour of America's Dairyland (road bike race) come through, or have a stage in Sussex. Wauwatosa has a stage which is awesome to watch. A disc golf tournament would be fun too!
 Kids fun run
 Local concerts with a new venue at the village park
 Love pints in the park - just need a better brewery to sell the beer
 Makers Market, Farmers Market, Food truck event
 Maybe a wine tasting event for people over 30+
 More 5k runs, disc golf league, outdoor concerts for the whole family with food trucks
 More activities near Centennial Oaks
 More frequent Pints in the Park
 More movie nights maybe at a covered area like village park?
 More music in the summer
 More offerings of the over 50 events, diff times and consider including over 40.
 More social outings such as pints in the park/movie nights/live music
 nature picnic, bird watching and hiking event. Have a bingo style card with different birds for each trail - at the middle or end of the hike a big picnic area with wine tasting
 No-limit Texas Hold-em Poker tournament
 Oktoberfest
 Oktoberfest
 Outdoor concerts
 Permanent beer garden
 Pewaukee use to do the Taste of Lake Co. Maybe Sussex could do that. Many people attended that.
 PINTS IN THE PARK
 Santa photos, live nativity
 Shredathon
 something to get out for in winter
 Tastes of Sussex... like zoo la carte
 This is where I would suggest a Cocoa Crawl in the winter or spring. Get businesses to create a cocoa of their own and families go around to try the as well as see the businesses. Then they vote on their favorite cocoa.
 Toddler time at the park - way for community young children (3-5) to meet and play together
 Using this question for items I neglected to include earlier: I have not attended a lot of events, mostly because we travel a lot. Shoutout for the Activity Guide; for those of us who don't want to be on social media, it's huge. Please continue it. Making more use of QR code banners (or even glassed-in bulleting boards) in parks may be a good way to get more attendance at community-feedback events, and provide yet more ways to reach people.
 utilize ALL avenues of communication about events. not just the easy ones that satisfy the kiddies. so that people who aren't addicted to social media get the same quick, accurate, reliable notices.
 We need a better Farmers Market
 Weekly / Monthly summer concert events like they have in neighboring cities
 Why does wine tasting have to be over 50?
 Would love to see Spooky Sussex on Saturday with an earlier start time (maybe 2-9pm?) it's our favorite event and we always seem to run out of time. Would also be easier for families with smaller kids to have the option of going earlier in the day.

37. How do you learn about the **recreation programs and special events** offered in the Village's Parks? Select all that apply.



38. How likely are you to recommend the Village of Sussex Parks and Recreation spaces and offerings to a friend or colleague?



**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD ADOPTING THE PARK
AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUSSEX**

APPENDIX C

RESOLUTION NO. 24-07

ADOPTION OF THE 2050 PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUSSEX

WHEREAS, the Village of Sussex requested that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission assist the Village in the preparation of a new park and open space plan for the year 2050; and

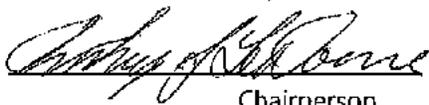
WHEREAS, the Village of Sussex Park and Recreation Board has prepared, with the assistance of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, a park and open space plan for the Village of Sussex for the year 2050, the plan being embodied in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 346, A Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Sussex; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sussex Park and Recreation Board, with assistance from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, conducted a public informational meeting on April 16, 2024, to present the Plan and receive public comment and input concerning the Plan; and

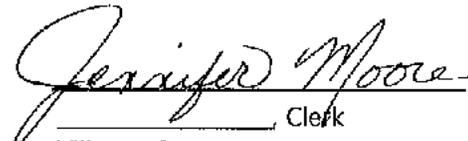
WHEREAS, the Village of Sussex Park and Recreation Board at its meeting on May 21, 2024 acted to recommend to the Village Board adoption of the Village of Sussex Park and Open Space Plan as set forth in the aforementioned SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 346.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Sussex Village Board hereby adopts SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 346, A Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Sussex.

Dated this 28th day of May.



Chairperson
Village of Sussex



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Village of Sussex

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