

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 178-64

YEAR 2023 AMENDMENT TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WAUKESHA COUNTY
(4 – WAUKESHA COUNTY PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION/PARK AND OPEN
SPACE PLAN, WAUKESHA COUNTY)

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2009, the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors in Enrolled Ordinance 163-81, approved a Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County; and

WHEREAS, said Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County provides for annual updates and amendment procedures; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2023, the Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to receive testimony on proposed changes to the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County; and

WHEREAS, the staff has identified in a “Staff Report and Recommendation” dated October 19, 2023, a Staff Recommendation for a proposed change to the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County; and

WHEREAS, the “Staff Report and Recommendation” has been reviewed by the Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission on October 19, 2023, and a recommendation was reported to the Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee and the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors as required in the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the following amendment is hereby **approved** to the Year 2035 Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County:


4. ***The Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission***, 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, WI 53188, requests a comprehensive amendment to the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan, which is Appendix A of the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County. The proposed updated Park and Open Space Plan, associated maps, and a summary of the proposed amendments can be viewed online at <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/ParksandOpenSpace>.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a more detailed description and map of the aforementioned amendment is on file in the office of the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use.

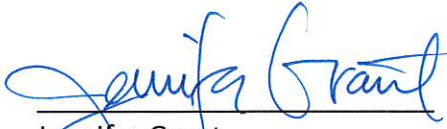
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Presented by:

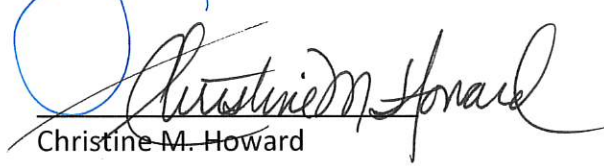
Land Use, Parks, and Environment Committee



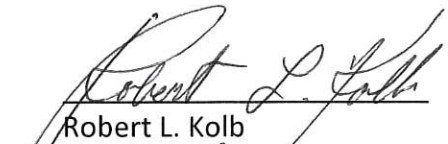
Tyler J. Foti, Chair



Jennifer Grant



Christine M. Howard



Robert L. Kolb



Brian Meier

Absent

Chris Mommaerts



Gary J. Szpara

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 12/1/23, 
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X

Vetoed: _____


Date: 12/4/2023, 
Paul Farrow, County Executive

COMMISSION ACTION

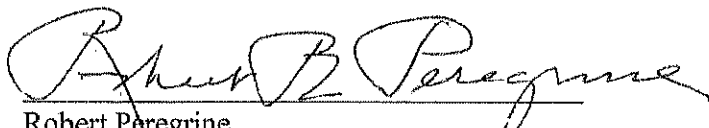
The Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission after giving consideration to the subject matter of the Ordinance entitled "Year 2023 Amendment to the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County, (4 – Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission/Park and Open Space Plan) hereby recommends approval.

PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

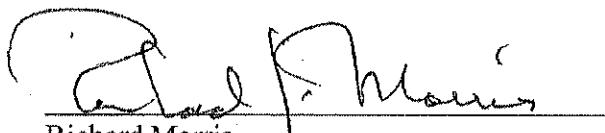
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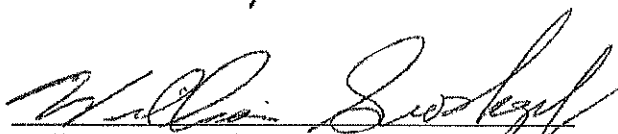
James Siepmann, Chairperson



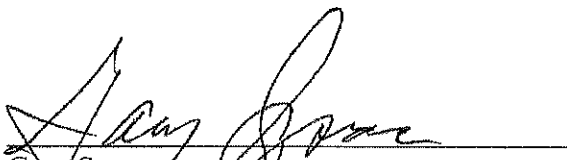
Robert Peregrine



Richard Morris



William Groskopf



Gary Szpara

WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND LAND USE
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR A
YEAR 2023 AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE
DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WAUKESHA COUNTY

DATE: October 19, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:
Thursday, October 19, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

REQUEST:

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PUBLIC REACTION

Public Information Meeting

On August 15, 2023, the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use hosted a Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed amendments. The following summarizes comments submitted by the public:

- Encourage continued communication and application of County guidelines and regulations as they pertain to development, preservation, and uses within the park system.
- Support enhancement to community outreach and partnerships in development, preservation, and uses within the park system.
- Support of trail-related items such as continued exploration for connection of the County's regional trail system with local trails, parks, and community destinations.
- Encourage the continual investigation of additional opportunities for trail routing/maintenance within existing system.
- Investigate the expansion of nature play areas within the park system.

Public Hearing

There were no public comments at the public hearing.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan has been an element of the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County since its inception in 1996. The goals of the plan were established from the regional park and open space planning program developed by Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in 1977. The County started planning for priority park and recreation facility sites in 1957. The last comprehensive amendment to the Park and Open Space Plan was in 2018.

The plan serves as a guide for the acquisition, preservation, development and management of park, recreation, and open space lands in the County. The Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use coordinates with local units of government, non-profit organizations, and the State of

Wisconsin to avoid duplication when delivering park and recreation services. The Plan is also designed to meet State planning requirements for outdoor recreation funding programs, thereby affording the County eligibility to apply for, and receive, available State and Federal funds to assist in the acquisition and development of recommended park and open space sites and facilities.

In 2017, the Waukesha County Business Alliance, the Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington Workforce Development, Inc. and Waukesha County surveyed businesses to gain greater insight into their relocation, expansion and workforce projections and needs. When asked “If you were going to relocate your business, please choose the top three factors that would be most important”, park and recreational opportunities ranked very high. As part of Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission’s VISION 2050 long-range land use planning effort, a majority of respondents felt it was very important to provide bicycle facilities to the region and over 90% of residents think it is important to preserve natural and agricultural resources.

In order to ensure that the Park and Open Space Plan remains current and continues to be an effective tool for planning into the future, the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use gathered significant input from the public, local municipalities, DNR, and local non-profit conservation organizations and is, therefore, proposing another comprehensive update to the Plan. The proposed updated Park and Open Space Plan, associated maps, and a summary of the proposed amendments, which include the changes requested as part of the public hearing process, can be viewed online at <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/ParksandOpenSpace>. The following is a summary of the proposed updates (also see the Parks Division Memorandum attached as Exhibit A):

- Improved formatting, graphics and usability.
- Additional mapping and summaries of facility types (Developed Parks, Undeveloped Parks, Greenways, Lake Access, Specialty Areas, and Regional Trails).
- Comprehensive updating of proposed and existing open space, multi-modal facilities, and land ownership. This was coordinated with the State, local municipalities, and nonprofit organizations/ lake districts and associations.
- New chapter specific to County Natural Land Management and enhanced detail provided within each facility page.
- Updated County park-system facility information and maps.
- Updated potential Wetland Mitigation Banking Sites program.
- Updated Park-system projects and budget priorities.
- Updated Outdoor Recreation & Conservation funding section.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is the opinion of the Planning and Zoning Division Staff that this request be **approved**. The proposed updates to the Park and Open Space Plan reflect existing and proposed park and open space conditions and short and long-term Department objectives. Having these sites identified on a map in advance of purchase, allows the County to plan accordingly.

The updated Plan serves as a guide for the acquisition, preservation, development, and management of park, recreation and open space lands in the County. The plan is also designed to meet State planning requirements to be eligible for State and Federal funding to assist in the acquisition and development of recommended park and open space sites and facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Fruth

Jason Fruth
Planning and Zoning Manager

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Attachment: Exhibit A, 9/13/23 Memorandum from Lynda Fink, Senior Landscape Architect

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MEMO

To: Waukesha County Park & Planning Commission
Date: 09/13/2023
From: Lynda Fink, Senior Landscape Architect, Waukesha County
Re: 2023 Park & Open Space Plan

Every few years, the Department of Parks and Land Use coordinates with local units of government, non-profit conservation organizations, and the State of Wisconsin to update the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan. The Plan is a component of the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County serving as a guide for the acquisition, preservation, development and management of park, recreation and open space lands in the County. Through coordination, the Plan prevents duplication when delivering park and recreation services.

The Park and Open Space Plan is also designed to meet State planning requirements for outdoor recreation funding programs, thereby affording the County eligibility to apply for, and receive, available State and Federal funds to assist in the acquisition and development of recommended park and open space sites and facilities.

The draft of the 2023 Park & Open Space Plan can be found on-line here for review:
<https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/ParkAndOpenSpace2023draft/>

A summary of the Park and Open Space Plan 2023 Updates is listed below:

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VOTE RESULTS >

24 YES


0 NO

0 ABSTAIN

1 ABSENT

Ordinance 178-O-064

Ordinance 178-O-064: Year 2023 Amendment to the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County Commission/Park and Open Space Plan, Waukesha County)

 **Passed By Majority Vote**

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D5 - Grant	AYE	D14 - Mommaerts	AYE	D23 - Hammitt	AYE
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D7 - LaFontain	AYE	D16 - Crowley	AYE	D25 - Johnson	AYE
D8 - Koremenos	AYE	D17 - Meier	AYE		
D9 - Heinrich	AYE	D18 - Nelson	AYE		

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November 28, 2023

