

# VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Large Conference Room (Rm 205), 310 Chieftain Street, Osceola WI 54020

## AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes
  - a. February 6, 2024
4. Public input and ideas (Limit 3 minutes per speaker)
5. Discussion and possible action re:
  - a. MSA Professional Services – CORP & Comp. Plan Update
6. Future agenda items and updates
7. Adjourn

**NOTE:** It is possible that members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

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## **PLAN COMMISSION MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

### **February 6, 2024**

The Plan Commission of the Village of Osceola met on February 6, 2024, to hold a regular monthly meeting. Chair Gilliland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bruce Gilliland, Kim O'Connell, Bill Chantelois V, Rob Bullard, and Mike Sine

Absent: Dennis Tomfohrde and Brad Lutz

Staff present: Devin Swanberg and Carie Krentz

Motion to approve the agenda was made by O'Connell, second by Bullard.

Motion passed 5-0

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, January 2, 2024, was made by O'Connell, second by Bullard.

Motion passed 5-0

#### **Public Input and Ideas-**

Kent Jefferson at 421 Ridge Road, Adam Pieri Johnson and Holly Walsh at 405 Ridge Road gave concerns with traffic at the intersection of Ridge Road and Hwy 35 with new developments and would like to see a traffic study done. As well as concerns regarding the request for a Church when Village needs more tax based development.

#### **Discussion and possible action re:**

##### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Drew Lindh from MSA gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Currently MSA is involved in stake holder interview process and that is with organizations currently involved with the Village. Currently have 176 responses from residence and encourages all community members to take survey on website and would like to see that increase.

Looking for commission to recommend approval of Resolution #24-02 Public Participation Inclusion Plan. This resolution is to establish public participation procedures to the Comprehensive Plan. MSA has to follow state statutes, which requires the resolution. Discussion on difference between dates previously given to committee and this plan.

Motion to recommend to Board adopting Resolution #24-02 to Establish Public Participation Procedures for Comprehensive Plan update was made by Bullard, seconded by Sine.

Motion passed 5-0

##### **Ridge Road Future Development**

Swanberg stated Matt Hayton proposed this development and they have been working through issues, mainly non-tax entity within a TID district. Hayton is offering a PILOT through 2040 to help offset that issue. Swanberg stated the plans in packet are not final plans, would need to go through all requirements: site plan, engineering, etc. but looking for a recommendation to board to move forward with selling land.

Russ Kiviniemi with Cedar Corp. gave an overview of the idea for this lot is at this time. The proposed plan is to develop 6.2 acres with a church, large parking lot, a 12-unit rental building (.75 acre site), storm water pond and more than required green space. Discussion took place on the map included in packet. Church will need a conditional use permit. Hayton, Pastor at Cedar Bend Church, stated that the 12-unit rental would be in a different LLC that would be fully taxable. Knows taxes are a concern but church could offer other tangibles such as: events (host and offer building to others), child care, parking

for other events in the village, etc. Willing to work with the Village to make it a win, win for both. More discussion on the overall project. Sine stated there is not enough information to move this forward, O'Connell stated the Board decides if they want to sell and for how much; no harm moving to Board for the developer to get more information from them.

Motion to move to Village Board to sell land by O'Connell, seconded by Bullard.

Motion passed 4-1(Sine)

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date to moved – Election Day**

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Future Agenda Items**

n/a

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Carie Krentz, Village Clerk

 **MSA** Memo

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**To:** Osceola Plan Commission  
**From:** Emily Herold, CORP Lead Planner  
**Subject:** March 5<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission Meeting – CORP Update  
**Date:** February 26, 2024

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MSA will be attending your March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide an update on Osceola’s Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). At the meeting we intend to review the following items:

1. **Drafted Document Progress.** A copy of Chapters 1-4 of the drafted CORP document is included in your packet. Please review the contents of this document and note any edits to discuss during the meeting; if any errors or questions arise after the meeting, **please email [eherold@msa-ps.com](mailto:eherold@msa-ps.com) by Friday, March 15.**
2. **Public Engagement Results.** Summaries of the community input surveys and stakeholder interviews can be found on pages 22-23 of the drafted CORP document. The full set of survey responses is also included in the packet.
3. **Preliminary Recommendations.** We will discuss preliminary recommendations for existing parks and trails, new trails, and general overall improvements. For easy reference, a map of Osceola’s existing parks and trails has been included in the packet. Before the meeting, please review the “DRAFT – Osceola CORP Recommendations” document included in this packet to identify recommendations to add, remove, or edit; additionally, identify which recommendations should be marked as a high priority.
4. **Next Steps.** MSA will finish drafting the CORP document, incorporating any feedback from this meeting, and return to present the final draft at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Plan Commission meeting.





Village of Osceola, Wisconsin

# Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan





DRAFT

Hold for Adoption Ordinance

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### **Prepared by:**

This document was prepared by MSA Professional Services, Inc. with assistance from Village Staff, the Village Board, and the residents of Osceola, Wisconsin.

Project No.: 00523020



**CHAPTER 1**  
**INTRODUCTION**



## PLAN PURPOSE

Parks, recreation and trails are important elements in the quality of life for all communities. Not only do these elements provide safe and beautiful public spaces, they also protect the natural environment and influence patterns of development within the community.

The Village of Osceola recognizes the importance of its parks and trails and is committed to providing for the recreational needs of current and future residents. This plan intends to guide the continual improvement of the Village's park, recreation and trail systems and to maintain its eligibility for State and Federal park and recreation grants. This plan envisions a connected system of parks, open spaces and trails throughout Osceola, related to the Village's natural resources, geography and neighborhoods.

The plan is also intended to support Osceola's Comprehensive Plan, which was updated in conjunction with this document, as well as align Osceola with local and State initiatives to promote outdoor recreation. This plan, along with the Village's other long-range plans and development-related ordinances, will be used to implement and promote its parks and recreation network.

Specifically, the plan provides:

- Information regarding demographic trends,
- An inventory of existing park and recreational facilities,
- An analysis of parkland and recreational needs and demands,
- General policy direction regarding park, recreation, open space, bicycle, and pedestrian facility planning and maintenance,
- Recommendations for new and improving existing park, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and
- Implementation strategies.

This plan identifies conceptual locations and recommendations for different types of parks, trails, natural areas, and recreational facilities. In nearly every case, more detailed planning, engineering, study, budgeting, and discussions will be necessary before decisions are made to improve recreational facilities.

*Gristmill Park*



## PROJECT TIMELINE

### 1 Investigate (Nov '23 – Jan '24)

- Project team kick-off with Public Works staff.
- Existing planning document review.
- GIS mapping analysis.

### 2 Envision (Jan – Feb '24)

- Community input survey collection.
- Ideas and opportunities identification.
- Recommendation generation.

### 3 Revise (Feb – April '24)

- Finish drafting CORP document.
- Recommendation development and revision.
- Document revisions based on Village Board feedback.

### 4 Adopt (April '24)

- Finalize CORP document.
- Public hearing.
- Final Village Board adoption.

## PLANNING PROCESS

Recreation, bicycle, and pedestrian planning are essential components of long-range community planning in Osceola. For this project, the Village worked with MSA Professional Services, Inc. to facilitate community engagement activities and the document writing process.

Early in the planning process, the project team created an online community survey to gather citizen feedback on all facets of Osceola, including desired public park, trail and recreational facilities. A second survey was also sent to residents of Pheasant Run and Gateway Meadows to collect specific feedback on the undeveloped parkland in those neighborhoods. The results of these surveys are summarized in Chapter 4 and the full results are found in Appendix B.

This Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) update was developed in tandem with an update to the Village of Osceola's Comprehensive Plan and the development of a conceptual design for Cascade Falls Park, all led by MSA Professional Services. These documents are intended to present a comprehensive vision for the future of Osceola; notes from stakeholder interviews, survey responses, and conversations with Village decision makers were shared between these three planning projects to ensure that the resulting documents were comprehensive and compatible.

## BENEFITS OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS

Public parks and trails are a unique amenity because they have the potential to be accessible to anyone in the community, regardless of age, gender, ability, socioeconomic status, race or ethnicity. They are sources of civic pride and are essential to the physical, economic, environmental, and social health of communities and their residents.



### Health

Parks, trails, and recreation facilities provide opportunities for people to exercise more, encouraging a healthy, happy, and active lifestyle. Additionally, increased exposure to natural areas has been linked to fewer health issues, improved blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and reduced stress, which leads to a lower incidence of depression and a greater ability to face problems.



### Cultural and Social

In a time when social media defines the interactions of many people, parks and recreational centers are places to meet, catch up with family members and friends, and feel like part of the larger community. As a focal point of neighborhoods, parks help develop connections between residents by providing a venue for community building gatherings like school trips, festivals, and celebrations.



### Property Values

Numerous studies have shown that close proximity and access to parks, trails, and open space has a positive impact on residential and commercial property values. These sites can then act as catalysts for future growth and development, fueling investment in local economies.



### Beautification

Parkways, tree-lined streets, gardens, views of water bodies, public art, trails, and landscaped areas all help create beautiful places to live, work, and play. Visitors often remember a place by its access to beautiful natural areas, contributing to a positive community image, and residents feel more content and proud of the spaces they see every day.



### Ecological Health

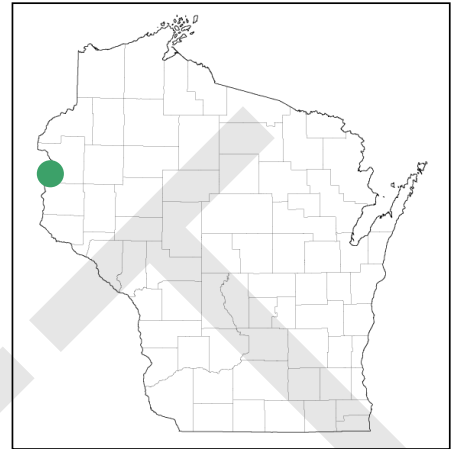
Parks are often tied to environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, floodplains, surface waters, or significant woodlands, which can include trails. These areas provide food and shelter for local wildlife, natural stormwater retention, and sometimes environmental corridors that facilitate movement between ecosystems.

**CHAPTER 2**  
**ABOUT OSCEOLA**



## LOCAL AND REGIONAL CONTEXT

The Village of Osceola, Wisconsin is located in southwestern Polk County, just across the St. Croix River from Minnesota. It is bordered to the north and east by the Town of Osceola, to the south by the Town of Farmington, and to the west by Wisconsin-Minnesota border. Osceola is about 45 miles from St. Paul, 88 miles from Eau Claire, and 133 miles from Duluth. It is located along Wisconsin Highway 35, which runs north-south through western Wisconsin and connects Duluth/Superior to Dubuque, Iowa.



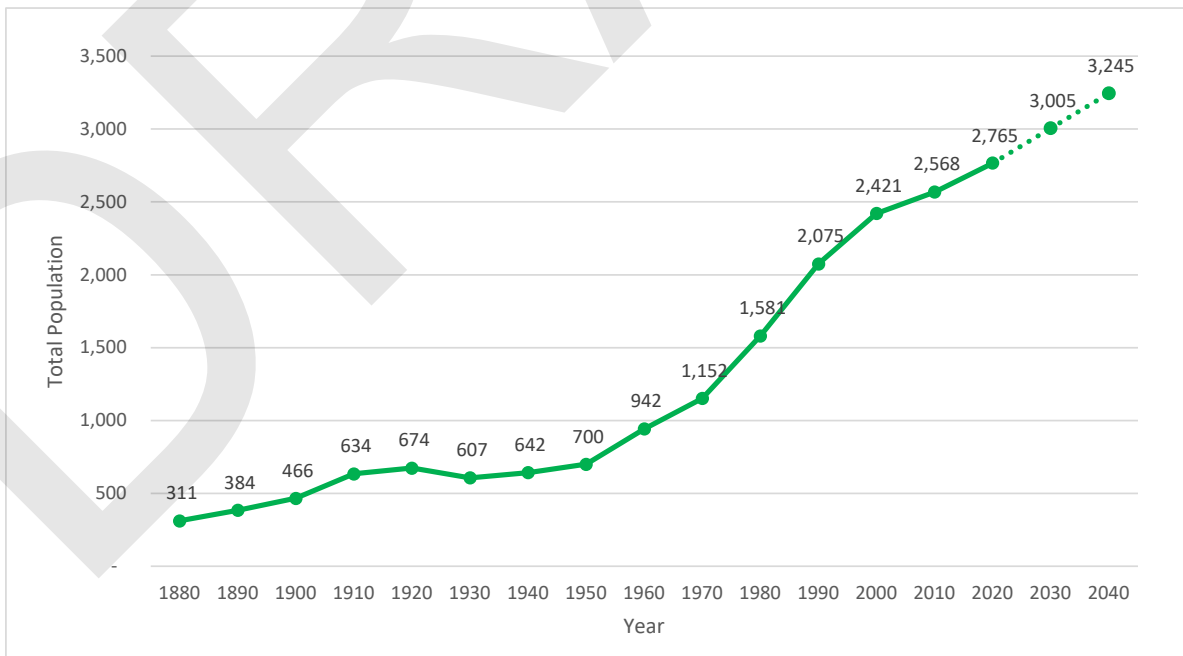
## DEMOGRAPHICS

The data used in this section comes from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS), which is reported as a rolling average over a five-year period. Because ACS data points are only estimates and contain a margin of error, they may not always represent conditions as accurately as Census data. However, data is generally more reliable at the State and County levels.

### Population

According to the U.S. Census, Osceola’s total population was 2,765 in 2020. Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) projections indicate that Osceola may add an additional 480 residents between 2020 and 2040, representing a 17.36% increase over a 20-year period, or 0.87% annual growth. Improvements to parklands and facilities will be necessary to continue meeting the needs of Scandia’s population.

Figure 1: Osceola’s Population (1880-2040)  
Source: U.S. Census





# ABOUT OSCEOLA

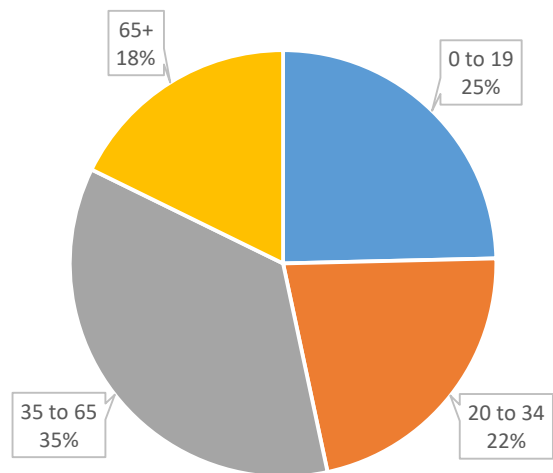


Figure 2: Osceola's Age Composition (2022)  
Source: ACS

## Age Composition

Age composition is an important consideration in park and recreational planning, as needs and desires of individuals will vary based on their development stage and physical abilities. Osceola's population is roughly divided into quarters aligning with each life stage; a quarter of the population (25%) is considered youth (less than 20 years old), 22% are young adults (20-34 years old), 35% are adults, and 18% are retirement-age (65+). The retirement-age population is projected to grow as the Baby Boomer population continues to age, matching trends seen across the nation. Osceola's median age is 41.0, an increase from 33.9 in 2010 and above the current State median (40.4).

## Race & Ethnicity

Based on 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the majority of Osceola's population is white (93.2%), followed by "two or more races" (4.1%), Black or African American (1.2%), and "some other race" (1.3%). Approximately 3.7% of the population is Hispanic or Latino. Compared to 2010 ACS Estimates, there has been a 6.6% decrease in white residents; those identifying as "two or more races" increased 4.1%, Black or African American increased 1.2%, and "some other race" increased 1.1% during this time period.

## Households

Based on 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, there are approximately 1,342 households in the Village, 18.1% of which include at least one child under the age of eighteen. The total number of households is up 159 since 2010; however, the number of households with children has decreased 13.3% in the same time period. This aligns with population decline resulting from the ongoing economic and social impacts of the 2008 nationwide recession and COVID pandemic. The average household size in 2022 was 2.04 individuals, which is lower than 2010 estimates (2.18). If Osceola follows nationwide trends, this number could continue to decrease as a result of smaller family sizes, increases in life expectancy, and increases in single-person households.

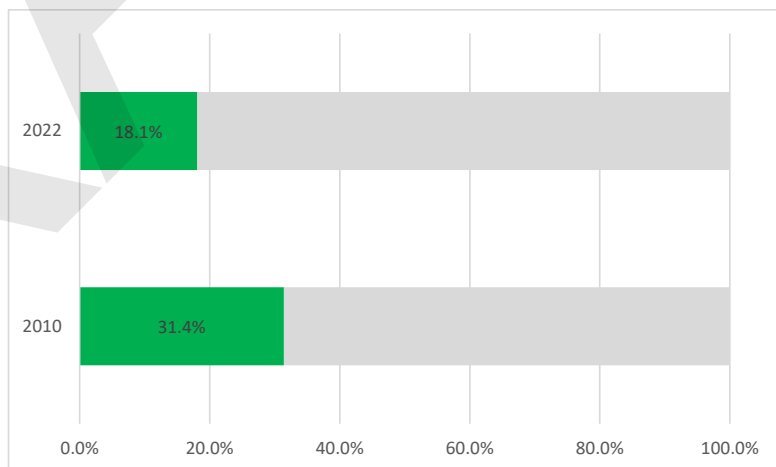


Figure 3: Households with Children (2010 & 2022)  
Source: U.S. Census

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

### Water Resources

Osceola contains multiple water amenities including Cascade Falls (adjacent to downtown Osceola and accessible by stairwell), Osceola Creek (a class B trout stream that leads to Cascade Falls), and the St. Croix River (a National Scenic Riverway). Osceola's western boundary is flanked by the St. Croix River, which also separates Wisconsin and Minnesota. Located across the river in Minnesota is the Osceola Landing, the take-out point for the National Park Service's boating day trips.

### Topography and Geology

One of Osceola's most defining natural features are its bluffs along the western edge, which rise up from the outskirts of the downtown district and drop into the St. Croix River. The bluffs and rolling hills found throughout northwestern Wisconsin resulted from glacial activity in the region, where erosion, stream cutting, and deposition carved into the landscape and left a variety of terrains. The Village also contains areas of level ground, especially to the east of the community, which transition into flat agricultural land further inland.

### Floodplains and Wetlands

The St. Croix River and Osceola Creek both have floodplains that lie within Village boundaries. The latter's floodplain was placed within a conservancy zoning district to restrict development and minimize potential damage caused by flood waters. Many areas of surface water within the Village also have associated wetlands, such as Osceola Creek and Mill Pond.

### Wildlife

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) classifies the region's vegetation as "Western Prairie." Soils are well-drained and loamy with a silt loam surface, facilitating the growth of maple-basswood, oak-hickory, and lowland hardwood forests. The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway is a major draw for bald eagles, great blue herons, ruffed grouse, ospreys, and sandhill cranes.



*Osceola Creek*

## RELEVANT PLANNING DOCUMENTS

### Outdoor Park and Recreation Plan (2014-2019)

Adopted in 2014, this document is the most recent document specifically dedicated to Osceola's green infrastructure. Major improvement goals recommended by the plan include:

- Expansion of Millpond Park
- Trail improvements and expansions throughout the community, including in tandem with the Osceola School District's Safe Routes to School Plan
- Development of a boat landing south of STH 243 at the base of Osceola Picnic Bluff
- Invasive species removal throughout park system
- Concept Plan development for undeveloped parks
- Additional park/trail wayfinding signage

### Village of Osceola Comprehensive Plan (2009)

While the Comprehensive Plan largely defers to the recommendations outlined in the former Outdoor Recreation Plan (pre-2014), it establishes that each park should service an area of a quarter mile around the park in order to identify coverage gaps throughout the community.

### Polk County Trails Plan (2021)

The plan identifies federally-owned parcels along the St. Croix River as opportunities to develop "a scenic riverside trail system that connects the Standing Cedars Natural area, through Osceola, to St. Croix Falls, and north." The development of a paved, off-road route would require coordination with the National Park Service, Wisconsin DOT, Wisconsin State Parks, and local municipalities. While the document does not formally present a plan for this trail, future trail planning efforts within Osceola should include these conversations if/when they commence.

### Polk County Outdoor Recreation Plan (2020-2024)

This document does not provide any goals or recommendations that are specific to the Village of Osceola.



## VILLAGE-OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

The following contains information about Village-owned parks, trails, and recreational programs. Specific recommendations for each park are found in Chapter 4. The park classifications used in this plan are modified definitions used by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), described in Appendix B. The map with Osceola's existing parks and trails can be found on page X and in Appendix C.

### Mini Parks

#### Third Avenue Triangle Park (0.52 acres)

This mini park is located at the intersection of Third Ave and Summit St, and contains a bench and a picnic table.

#### 10th Ave Triangle Park (0.005 acres)

This mini park is an island bounded by 10th Ave, Oak Ridge Dr, and Willow Lane Rd; it contains a landscaped patch with a bench.



*Third Avenue Triangle Park*

### Neighborhood Parks

#### Gateway Meadows Park (3.11 acres)

Located in the southwestern-most corner of the Gateway Meadows subdivision, this parkland is currently undeveloped and contains a few trees.



*Gateway Meadows Park*

#### Ladd Memorial Park (0.63 acres)

Located on River St, this park is tucked between two houses and is largely shrouded in old growth tree coverage. There are a few benches along the northwestern edge of the park, looking out over the St. Croix River Valley.



*Ladd Memorial Park*

#### Pheasant Run Parks (3.99 acres)

Located north of the L.O Simenstad Municipal Airport in the Pheasant Run neighborhood, these parcels are undeveloped. Of the total existing acreage, 3.33 acres is a natural area/open space and 0.69 acres is available for playground equipment.

### Neighborhood Playgrounds

#### Smith Park (2.61 acres)

Donated to the Village in 2004 by Dave Smith, this park is located in the center of a residential block, bounded by Smith Ave, Haleah St, Delmar Ave, and Belmont St. The park contains playground equipment, picnic tables, benches, soccer nets, and mowed open green space.



*Smith Park*

#### Eric Park (0.75 acres)

This park is located at the end of Eric Dr in Viebrock's 4th Addition. It contains a tennis court, basketball court, playground equipment, and picnic tables.



Oakey Park

## Community Parks

### Oakey Park (12.32 acres)

Located a few blocks northeast of downtown Osceola, Oakey Park is the Village's largest developed park at over 12 acres. The southern portion is shrouded by old-growth trees and has a playground, picnic shelter, basketball court, and restrooms. The northern portion contains a lighted baseball field with bleachers, restrooms, dugouts, a refreshment stand, a gravel parking lot, and covered grandstand. The Osceola Braves (members of the St. Croix Valley Baseball League) use and maintain the field throughout the summer months.

Additionally, the park contains a building leased to the Osceola Fair Board (which sponsors the annual Osceola Community Fair), a sledding hill, and a warming house for outdoor ice skating.



Millpond Park

### Millpond Park (2.55 acres)

Located in downtown Osceola, this park contains a small gazebo, larger bandshell, fishing platform, and restrooms. Improvements have been added with funding and donated materials and labor from Grow Osceola, private memorial gifts, Graham Memorial Gift Fund, Polk County Land and Water Conservation, and the Osceola High School Ag and FFA organizations. A city-owned parcel abutting the eastern edge of the park presents a prime opportunity for park expansion along Osceola Creek; it currently contains native plantings and open green space.



Gristmill Park

### Gristmill Park (0.27 acres)

With a walking path running behind Watershed Café, this quaint park features an overlook over Cascade Falls, as well as a fire pit, seating areas, and a rain garden.

### Geiger Brewery Park (1.00 acres)

Originally the site of the Geiger Brewery, this one-acre park is located south of Highway 243 and west of State Highway 35. It contains a marked trailhead and pedestrian bridge leading to the Falls Bluff Trail Loop, a scenic and rugged hiking trail that traverses the nearby bluffs and Cascade Falls.



Geiger Brewery Park

## Conservancy/Open Space

### Osceola Eagle Bluff (17.54 acres)

Overlooking both the St. Croix River Valley and downtown Osceola, this park contains the 1.3-mile Dr. John Simenstad Trail. It is accessible from the trailhead at Geiger Brewery Park.



## Schillberg Park (92.00 acres)

Located between Osceola High School and Osceola Intermediate School, this former campground is the largest undeveloped park in the Village. A small portion of the park contains a playground, volleyball court, and horseshoe court, whereas the rest is passive forested space primarily accessible by unpaved walking trails. Osceola Creek, a class 2 trout stream, runs through the park as well. The primary activities on the site are fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing.



*Schillberg Park*

## Cascade Falls, Wilke Glen (4.10 acres)

Located just south of downtown and across N Cascade St from Millpond Park, Cascade Falls is widely considered the focal point of Osceola with its picturesque 25-foot drop over four tiers. The waterfall is accessible via the unpaved Cascade Falls Trail and a 125-step stairwell leading from an outlook on N Cascade St.



*Cascade Falls*

## **VILLAGE TRAILS**

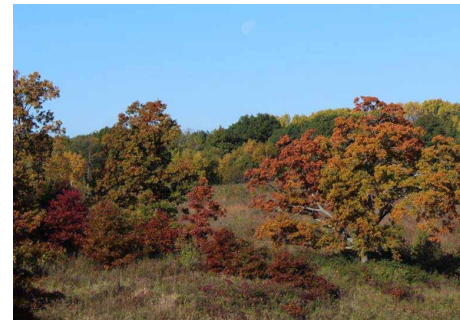
The Village of Osceola maintains approximately 8.75 miles of paths and trails within its boundary, comprised of the following routes:

- Simenstad Trail (1 mile)
- Cascade Falls Trail (3 miles)
- Eagle Bluff Trail (1 mile)
- Historic Village Walk (1.25 miles)
- Brookside Trail, located within Schillberg Park (2.5 miles)

## **STATE & FEDERAL RECREATION FACILITIES**

### Standing Cedars Community Land Conservancy

With support from the Wisconsin DNR, this conservancy preserves over 1,500 acres of ecological resources along the St. Croix River through land purchasing and easements. The four properties contain a variety of landscapes, including prairies, old growth forests, oak savannas, dry cliffs, and former agricultural land. The areas are open to the public for passive recreational activities such as hiking and snowshoeing.



*Standing Cedars*

### Ridge View Trail

Administered by the National Park Service, this trail system totals three miles between its Chisago Loop and Osceola Loop. It is accessible from County Rd S, north of Osceola.



*Ridge View Trail*



*Osceola Landing*

## St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway forms the western boundary of Osceola, as well as the border between Wisconsin and Minnesota. It is a wild and scenic river that is a popular destination for canoeing, boating, fishing, birdwatching, and hiking. Osceola Landing, the busiest National Park Service-operated boat launch on the Riverway, is located across the river from Osceola.

## State Natural Areas

The State Natural Areas (SNAs) program protects outstanding examples of Wisconsin's native landscape of natural communities, significant geological formations, and archeological sites. The program currently encompasses 406,000 acres of land across 590 SNAs that allow for research, education, and conservation. Many SNAs are remote and largely undeveloped but are open to the public.

- **Osceola Bedrock Glades (SNA 386):** This 39-acre area is one of only four well-developed acid bedrock glades in Wisconsin, rich in ferns, mosses, fungi, and other organisms adapted to these unique conditions.
- **Farmington Bottoms (SNA 385):** This 1,238-acre area south of Osceola contains excellent examples of floodplain forests, emergent aquatics, and forested seeps. It contains a wide variety of trees and serves as critical habitat for rare bird species.



*Osceola Bedrock Glades*

## **OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES**

### Osceola Schools

Osceola's school campuses soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, basketball courts, playground equipment, a lighted football/soccer field and track, indoor pool (open to the public through Community Education program), tennis courts, and open green space.



*Osceola football field*

### Osceola Medical Center

This privately-owned facility offers a half-mile walking trail with exercise stations, multi-purpose sport court, and playground.

### Krooked Creek Golf Course

This privately-owned golf course is located one mile east of Osceola on County Road M and hosts the Osceola High School golf team, tourists, and Osceola residents.



*Krooked Kreek Golf Course*

### Snowmobile Trails

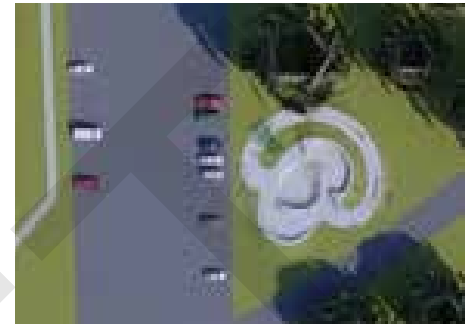
State Snowmobile Corridor Trail 43 is located east of Osceola. Locally maintained trails connect businesses to the trail.



## CURRENT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

### Osceola Skatepark

The Skatepark Committee, in collaboration with numerous residents and community organizations, have envisioned a skatepark within Oakey Park located southeast of the existing playground and picnic shelter. In June 2023, the Village Board unanimously approved this location for the skatepark. While the design has not yet been finalized (as of the writing of this document), the project is continuing to raise money and gain traction within the community.



Conceptual design of Osceola skatepark  
Source: osceolaskatepark.org

### Cascade Falls Phased Improvements

As of the drafting of this document, the Village of Osceola is envisioning a three-phase approach to improvements to Cascade Falls Park and Wilke Glen. These phases are as follows:

1. The first phase will encompass the upper falls area of Cascade Falls Park, including Gristmill Park, the overlook and stairway accessible from South Cascade Street, and pedestrian bridge across Osceola Creek.
2. The second phase will target the boardwalk and trails in the lower area of Cascade Falls, known as Wilke Glen.
3. Phase three explores various options for trail extensions and supplemental parking areas.



Conceptual design project phases  
Source: MSA Professional Services

# **CHAPTER 3**

## **GOALS & STRATEGIES**

## INTRODUCTION

Goals and strategies play a crucial role in this plan, as they offer a vision for implementation that can be used by Village staff and officials, community members, and regional partners in recreation. Goals are presented here as desired outcomes. Strategies include both actions and policy rules to achieve these goals.



### **GOAL 1: Provide sufficient park and recreation opportunities to meet current and future recreational demand in the Village of Osceola.**

#### Strategies

- Prioritize the enhancement and development of Osceola's centralized parks, such as Oakey Park and Millpond Park, over more remote parks with fewer amenities.
- Across all of the Village's parks, prioritize maintaining existing amenities over adding new amenities.
- Maintain dedicated facilities for sporting activities, such as fields and courts.
- Participate in regional park/trail planning initiatives, including those led by Polk County, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.



### **GOAL 2: Ensure that all Osceola residents have safe access to quality parks and recreation facilities.**

#### Strategies

- Encourage ongoing citizen participation in the planning and development of recreational facilities.
- Provide ADA-compliant, barrier-free access in all new or improved park facilities, play areas, and sports field areas.
- Increase number of safe crossings near park facilities and in downtown Osceola as needed.
- Continue to pursue a variety of Village/school/sports organization development projects to help expand community outdoor recreational opportunities in a cost-effective manner.
- Offer appropriate and engaging recreational opportunities for all age groups.



### **GOAL 3: Preserve the historical, cultural, and environmental significance of Osceola's existing green space.**

#### Strategies

- Coordinate local efforts with Standing Cedars Community Land Conservancy, the Wisconsin DNR, and other organizations that protect natural areas around Osceola.
- Manage vegetation in natural areas by removing and controlling non-native, invasive species.



# GOALS & STRATEGIES



**GOAL 4: Ensure that ongoing park improvements and future system expansion are financially sustainable.**

## Strategies

- Utilize the “Grant Opportunities” table on pages XX-XX as a resource for funding solutions to recreational needs; update regularly as new funding sources become available.
- Establish process for identifying, writing, and championing grant applications.
- Identify park/recreational projects to be incorporated into the Village’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Leverage local and regional partnerships for funding specific opportunities.

## **COMPLYING WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The ADA, enacted in 1990, clearly states the right of equal access for persons to local government services, including parks. On September 15, 2010 the Department of Justice published revised final regulations implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act. The 2010 Standards included new provisions for accessible design for recreational facilities such as playgrounds, swimming pools, fishing and golf facilities. Any new recreational facilities designed, constructed, or shaped after March 15, 2012 are subject to the 2010 Standards. Any alteration (not simple maintenance, but something that changes the way the site is used) must make the element altered accessible and must create an accessible path of travel through the site or facility to that element.

There are some fundamental differences in how accessibility in the outdoors is accommodated compared to indoors or the built environment. While restrooms, shelters, interpretive centers, and parking lots, for example, need to follow detailed ADA guidelines, other improvements such as trails or swimming beach areas, for example, do not necessarily need to follow indoor or built environment ramp grades or surfacing requirements. A good rule of thumb for the City to follow is that anything constructed must not make the outdoor experience anymore difficult than what occurs naturally. Mother Nature does not have to comply with ADA, but the city does.

The New England ADA Center is a good resource to use and offers checklists to evaluate accessibility at existing park facilities. The fillable checklist forms can be found here: <http://www.adachecklist.org/checklist.html#rec>

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**CHAPTER 4**  
**NEEDS & DEMANDS**

# NEEDS & DEMANDS

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents an analysis of how well the Village's existing park and recreation facilities satisfy current needs. The adequacy of Osceola's existing parks and recreation system is evaluated using the following methods:

- Quantitative Analysis - A comparison of existing parkland acreage and population projections versus park and recreational agencies across the U.S., including a review of the amount of parkland available to City residents.
- Geographic Analysis - An analysis of the geographic distribution of park facilities within the Village.
- Qualitative Analysis - A summary of public input regarding Village parks and recreational facilities gathered through the community survey, open house, and feedback from community organizations that use the Village's parks and trails.
- Regional & State Insights - A summary of the demand trends in recreational amenities at the regional and state level.

## QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

An analysis of existing recreational land area is provided to determine if the recreational needs of current residents are being met. This analysis is limited to an evaluation of Village-owned parkland; it does not include trails, school facilities, or privately-owned green space.

### Park Acreage Level of Service

Level of service analysis is a standard evaluation of park acreage across most park agencies. Level of service is calculated as total acres of parkland provided per 1,000 residents. Over two decades ago, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) developed a set of standards for the amount of parkland a community should strive to obtain. Recently, NRPA has shifted away from the use of park standards because there is no single set of standards that accommodates the uniqueness of each community across the country. Instead, NRPA now collects information from Parks and Recreation departments around the U.S., including residents per park, budgets, staffing, and park amenities. This data is organized by jurisdiction size so that communities of similar sizes can see metrics typical of their peers.

Osceola currently has 141.4 acres of Village-owned parkland and undeveloped open space, or 51.1 acres per 1,000 residents based on the 2020 population of 2,765 (U.S. Census). If undeveloped open space (Schillberg Park and Osceola Eagle Bluff)\* is excluded from this calculation, Osceola offers about 11.5 acres per 1,000 residents. According to NRPA's 2023 Agency Performance Review, for agencies with populations under 20,000, the lower quartile is 6.0 acres and the upper quartile is 21.1 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Osceola is well within this range, offering a sufficient level of acreage service even if these undeveloped parcels are not converted to parkland.

*\*Pheasant Run Parks and Gateway Meadows Park were not included in this calculation because the Village intends on developing these parcels into active parkland following the completion of this study. Schillberg Park and Osceola Eagle Bluff, despite containing trails and opportunities for recreational activity, have intentionally remained undeveloped due to topography and conservation efforts.*

Total Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit (in acres)					
Year	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	2,765	2,885	3,005	3,125	3,245
Total Supply (acres)	86.6	86.6	86.6	86.6	86.6
Demand (21.1 acres/1,000)	58.3	60.9	63.4	65.9	68.5
Surplus (21.1 acres/1,000)	28.2	25.7	23.2	20.6	18.1

Figure 4: Park Acreage Surplus/Deficit

Figure 4 summarizes the current and projected supply and demand for total parkland acreage based on the Village’s population and NRPA’s upper quartile limit of 21.1 acres per 1,000 residents.\*\* Population projections from 2020-2040 were taken from vintage Wisconsin DOA data, so estimated numbers may not reflect Osceola’s exact population. The total supply of parkland used in the table’s calculation reflects the current amount of usable, dedicated recreation green space in Osceola – 31.86 acres – and half of the Village’s undeveloped land (approximately 54.7 acres) since a portion of each parcel is accessible for hiking and other recreational activities.

If the City aims to maintain its current service level of 21.1 acres per 1,000 residents with its existing parkland, it will continue to have a surplus through the year 2040. If the Village wishes to acquire additional parkland in the coming decades, doing so is not necessary to maintain this specific metric.

*\*\*Since the Village provides 51.1 acres of green space per 1,000 residents, including Schillberg Park and Osceola Eagle Bluff, the upper quartile limit of 21.1 acres is being used instead of the parkland-only 11.5 acres to account for the recreational activities permitted in the undeveloped open space.*

## Recreation Facilities

Figure 5 compares the suggested number of outdoor facilities in each category to the current number of facilities in Osceola. The suggested number was calculated by taking Osceola’s 2020 population (2,765) and dividing it by the median number of residents per facility (from the 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review). Based on these calculations, there are gaps in City-owned recreation facilities (skate parks, pickleball courts, totlots) and community amenities like dog parks, community gardens, and outdoor swimming pools.

Indoor recreation opportunities are also important, especially considering Wisconsin’s winter months, when it can be challenging or less desirable for people to go to local parks and trails. Currently, Osceola does not manage any indoor recreation facilities; however, the Village partners with the Osceola School District for community education programming (e.g. health and wellness classes, arts and crafts tutorials, and day trips), which provides recreational opportunities throughout the year, as well as access to indoor/outdoor school recreational facilities.

Data from NRPA’s 2023 Agency Performance Review shows that 63% of all agencies nationwide have recreation centers, 59% have community centers, 41% have senior centers, and 33% have nature centers. Osceola has a community center, which houses City staff offices and a senior center.



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NRPA Metrics Outdoor Park and Recreation Facilities				
	Median Number of Residents Per Facility (<20,000 Residents)	Number Suggested Based on Population of 2,765 (2020 US Census)	Existing Public Facilities	Gap (Extra)
Playgrounds	2,014	1.4	3.0	(1.6)
Basketball Courts (full-size)	3,729	0.7	1.0	(0.3)
Ball Diamonds	3,114	0.9	1.0	(0.1)
Tennis Courts	2,805	1.0	2.0	(1.0)
Multi-Use Rectangular Fields	3,859	0.7	1.0	(0.3)
Dog Parks	11,100	0.2	-	0.2
Swimming Pools (outdoor)	9,745	0.3	-	0.3
Community Gardens	8,178	0.3	-	0.3
Skate Parks	10,726	0.3	-	0.3
Regulation 18-Hole Golf Courses	9,587	0.3	1.0	(0.7)
Pickleball Courts	3,252	0.9	-	0.9
Ice Rinks (outdoor)	8,045	0.3	1.0	(0.7)
Totlots	5,816	0.5	-	0.5

Figure 5: Outdoor Park and Recreation Facilities

## Trails

The Village of Osceola maintains approximately 8.75 miles of paths and hiking trails. NRPA’s 2022 Agency Performance Review shows that in communities with under 20,000 residents, the median mileage of maintained trails is 4.0 miles; the lower quartile is 2.0 miles and the upper quartile is 10.0. In other words, most communities of this size have between two and ten miles of trails, with four miles being the most common. Osceola is well within this range, offering considerably more than the median mileage compared to communities its size.

## GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

### Park Proximity

The location of parks in relation to Osceola’s residents is an important indicator of how well existing facilities are dispersed throughout the community. NRPA, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land and the Urban Land Institute, promotes the 10-Minute Walk Campaign (<https://10minutewalk.org>) which advocates for “a great park within a 10-minute walk of every person, in every neighborhood, in every city across America.” Osceola’s Comprehensive Plan also emphasizes the importance of quarter-mile service areas (five to ten-minute walk) for each of the community’s parks.

## Park Proximity (cont.)

Using the 10-Minute Walk as a guiding principal, the Park Service Areas map (Appendix A) indicates approximate areas of the Village that are within a ten-minute walk of a park (approximately 0.5 miles). Based on the 10-Minute Walk metric, the residents near downtown Osceola are well-served by parks and recreational amenities, especially those living between downtown and Osceola High/Intermediate Schools. The residents of the Gateway Meadows and Pheasant Run neighborhoods also have access to open green space, offering some park coverage on the eastern edge of the Village. The largest gaps in park coverage (located in the middle of the Village) is land occupied by the Osceola Industrial Park and L.O. Simenstad Municipal Airport. Therefore, nearly all Osceola residents are within a ten-minute walking distance from a park.

## QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

### Community Input Survey

Since this CORP update was developed alongside the Comprehensive Plan update, park-specific questions were included in a community-wide survey to gauge residents' preferences, opinions, and feedback on all aspects of Osceola. In total, the survey received 266 responses, which are summarized in this section. The full results of the survey's park-specific questions can be found in Appendix B.

#### General Use

Overall, survey respondents reported visiting Cascade Falls most often (64.5%); the next most-favored parks were Oakey Park (60%) and Millpond Park (57.5%). The most-frequently used recreational amenities in Osceola were walking/hiking trails (76.5%), playgrounds (33.5%), and gazebos (14%).

#### Park Improvements and Additions

While specific park recommendations are outlined in Chapter 5, a few general suggestions emerged regarding park improvements. Top answers included updating and maintaining existing amenities (such as playgrounds and basketball courts), safety improvements to large parks, and ADA accessibility for the Village's largest recreational destinations.

#### Trails

The most-frequently suggested new trail locations were:

- Near Schillberg Park/Osceola Schools;
- Between downtown and Osceola Medical Center;
- Improved connections within existing trail network;
- Between downtown and the M/3rd Ave E intersection;
- Between downtown and the Industrial Park.

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## Gateway Meadows/Pheasant Run Survey

In addition to the community-wide input survey, a separate survey was sent to residents of Osceola's Gateway Meadows and Pheasant Run neighborhoods to gather feedback on each subdivision's respective undeveloped parkland. In total, the survey collected 47 responses – 29 from Gateway Meadows and 17 from Pheasant Run.

### Gateway Meadows

- Age groups most represented by residents: 0-12 years and 31-40 years.
- Most-requested recreational amenities: playground and fenced-in, off-leash dog park.

### Pheasant Run

- Age groups most represented by residents: 0-12 years, 31-40 years, and 61+ years.
- Most-requested recreational amenities: playground and walking trail.

## Stakeholder Interviews

Over the course of two weeks, the project team spoke to representatives of Standing Cedars Community Land Conservancy, Grow Osceola, Osceola Trails and Parks Group, and the Osceola Braves, in order to gather additional information on specific aspects of Osceola's parks and recreational amenities. These conversations identified each group's specific needs and priorities, current and future initiatives, and observations of needed improvements within the community.

The chart below summarizes feedback themes that emerged in relation to Osceola's green space's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities:

### *Summary of Stakeholder Interview Feedback*

*Each bullet point summarizes feedback that emerged multiple times throughout the stakeholder interview process.*

Strengths	Weaknesses/Threats	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scenic beauty of St. Croix River Valley</li><li>• Cascade Falls is community gem and large tourism draw.</li><li>• Great variety of parks and trails.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of funding and personnel for ongoing park improvements.</li><li>• Difficult to coordinate and maintain consistent engagement from volunteers.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leverage partnerships with local parks/conservation organizations to share resources and expertise.</li><li>• Expand and improve trail network.</li><li>• Create comprehensive wayfinding signage for key community park destinations.</li><li>• Cater to the unique blend of tourist and resident recreational needs.</li></ul>

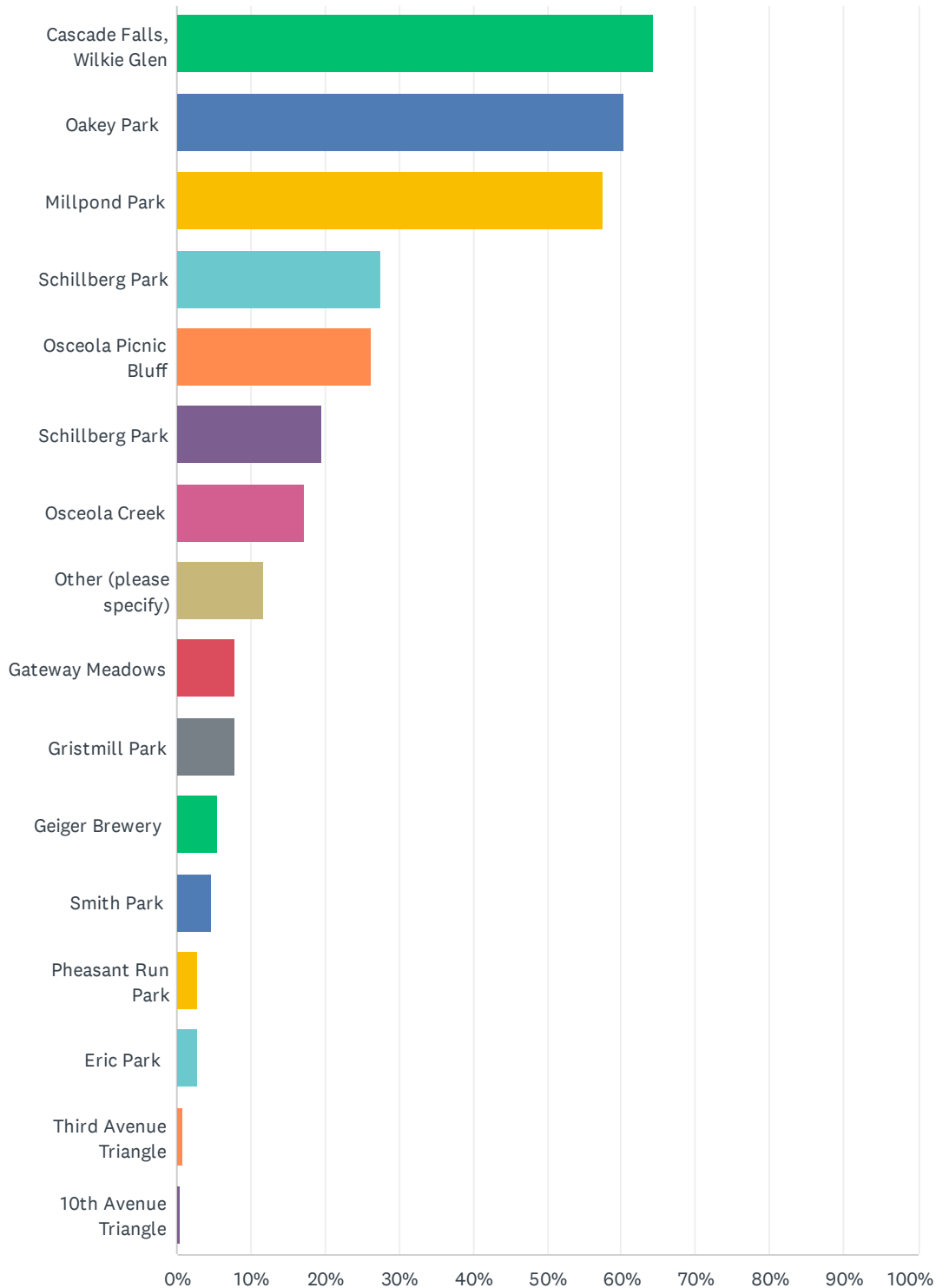
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**CHAPTER 5**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**



## Q20 Which parks and recreation facilities and/or members of your household visit most often? (Choose up to 3)

Answered: 214 Skipped: 52



## Village of Osceola Community Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cascade Falls, Wilkie Glen	64.49%	138
Oakey Park	60.28%	129
Millpond Park	57.48%	123
Schillberg Park	27.57%	59
Osceola Picnic Bluff	26.17%	56
Schillberg Park	19.63%	42
Osceola Creek	17.29%	37
Other (please specify)	11.68%	25
Gateway Meadows	7.94%	17
Gristmill Park	7.94%	17
Geiger Brewery	5.61%	12
Smith Park	4.67%	10
Pheasant Run Park	2.80%	6
Eric Park	2.80%	6
Third Avenue Triangle	0.93%	2
10th Avenue Triangle	0.47%	1
Total Respondents: 214		

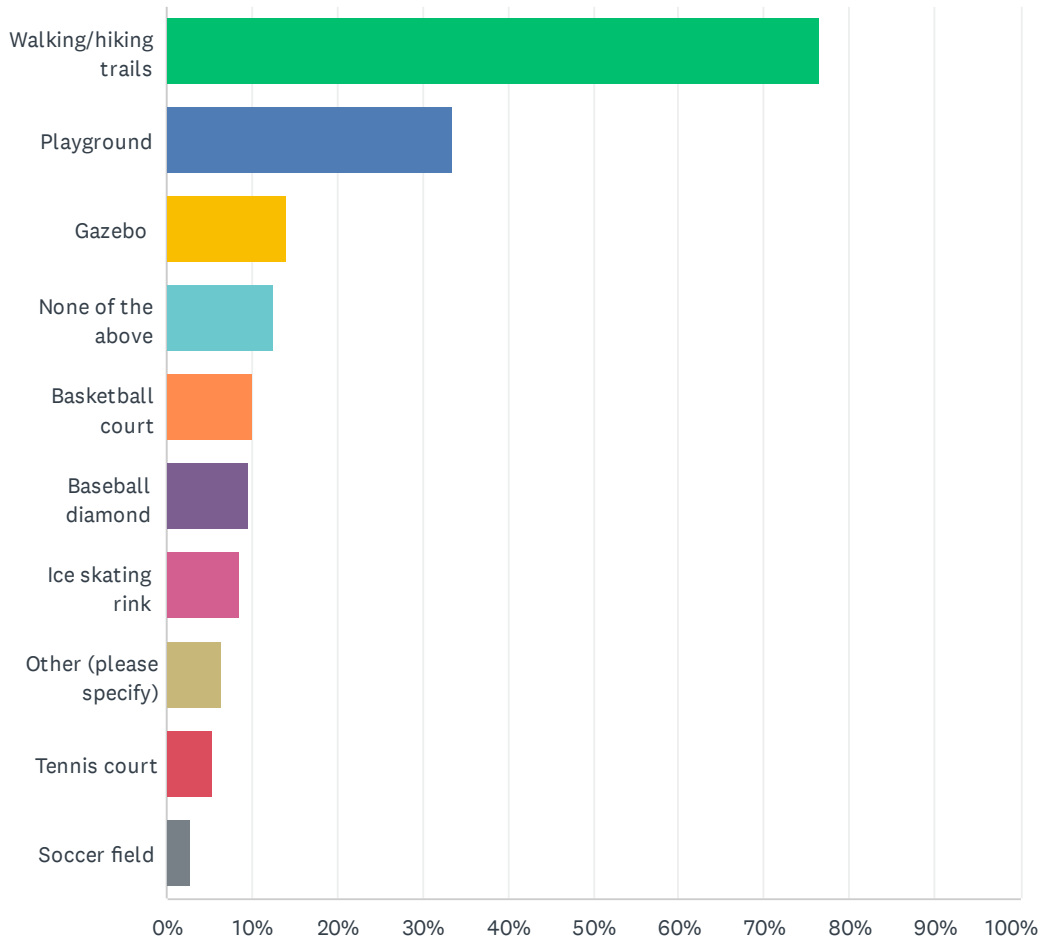
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	OMC	2/21/2024 2:54 PM
2	Less parks less upkeep less tax	2/8/2024 10:07 AM
3	OES	2/7/2024 6:08 PM
4	OMC	2/7/2024 1:41 PM
5	OMC playground	2/7/2024 1:02 PM
6	Hospital	2/7/2024 10:47 AM
7	OMC playground	2/7/2024 9:56 AM
8	Omc play area and walking trail	2/7/2024 9:17 AM
9	Osceola medical center	1/21/2024 5:22 PM
10	Whatare 3rd Ave & 10th Ave triangles????	1/14/2024 11:09 AM
11	Pheasant Run Park is a joke	1/13/2024 7:08 PM
12	Osceola Loop on Hwy S, Oscela Landing	1/12/2024 10:28 AM
13	None	1/11/2024 10:02 AM
14	None	1/10/2024 11:41 AM
15	Standing Cedars	1/10/2024 7:42 AM
16	Playground and walk by hospital!	1/8/2024 9:53 PM

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17	The trails off S Osceola loop	1/7/2024 6:15 PM
18	Omc walking trail	1/7/2024 4:21 PM
19	the river access, standing cedars preservation	1/7/2024 12:19 PM
20	Standing Cedars, Trails on Cty Rd S, the Osceola Loop, Chisago Loop, Ice Age Trail, Gandy Dancer Trail, Osceola Boat Landing trails, swim, paddle in the river and walk the trail on the island.	1/7/2024 11:55 AM
21	Better bleacher at Oakley park. Handicapped accessible would be great	1/6/2024 9:46 PM
22	Osceola Landing	1/6/2024 4:52 PM
23	None	1/6/2024 3:14 PM
24	River Street park	1/6/2024 2:37 PM
25	None	1/5/2024 11:05 AM

# Q21 Which parks and recreation amenities/facilities do you currently use?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 45





## Village of Osceola Community Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/hiking trails	76.47%	169
Playground	33.48%	74
Gazebo	14.03%	31
None of the above	12.67%	28
Basketball court	9.95%	22
Baseball diamond	9.50%	21
Ice skating rink	8.60%	19
Other (please specify)	6.33%	14
Tennis court	5.43%	12
Soccer field	2.71%	6
Total Respondents: 221		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Ski	2/10/2024 5:36 AM
2	Ice skating rink hasn't been open for 2 years. Use the most	2/7/2024 5:34 AM
3	Atv routes	2/6/2024 7:54 PM
4	Bike trail	2/6/2024 6:51 PM
5	Soon to be SKATEPARK	1/30/2024 9:11 AM
6	picnic tables	1/9/2024 5:01 PM
7	not to many handicap accessible	1/8/2024 9:53 PM
8	Gym	1/7/2024 4:38 PM
9	Omc walking trail	1/7/2024 4:21 PM
10	we used all of these when are kid was young	1/7/2024 12:19 PM
11	xc ski trails at the near by state parks, pickle ball courts	1/7/2024 11:55 AM
12	Fishing in mill pond and down from the falls	1/6/2024 9:49 PM
13	Have used skating rink in previous years	1/5/2024 3:36 PM
14	Didnt know there was a tennis court. We could use a pickleball court.	1/5/2024 1:28 PM

## Q22 Which parks are most in need of improvement, and why?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 200

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Gateway Meadows	2/22/2024 12:19 PM
2	Gateway Meadows need recreation development!	2/21/2024 7:15 AM
3	Gateway meadows! Non existing playground	2/20/2024 6:30 PM
4	Oakey	2/13/2024 7:37 PM
5	Most could use a little TLC.	2/11/2024 11:24 PM
6	None	2/8/2024 10:07 AM
7	Osceola picnic bluff If this is the one on river street - tree trimming so you can the river a little more	2/7/2024 9:59 PM
8	Eric Park - upkeep/repair Schillberg- tree trimming/cleanup and garbage cans needed.	2/7/2024 9:52 PM
9	Schillberg needs a playground back. Gateway Meadows is supposed to have a playground but still waiting years and years for it. Oakey can be sketchy, need to feel safer to bring the kids there.	2/7/2024 8:22 PM
10	Smith Park needs some TLC.	2/7/2024 7:08 PM
11	All - they all seem to be lacking.	2/7/2024 10:47 AM
12	Oakley park- fenced in	2/7/2024 9:56 AM
13	Schillberg Park needs a playground and the existing swings need fixed (only one with two places for swings). The scouts use that area regularly and would enjoy playing there too. Lots of kids ride their bikes and play there. There is a big, dead tree there too. There aren't soccer fields at the parks, so my kids usually go to the school to play. Having parks with that option would be fantastic. My kids use the medical center basketball court and would like more options. People come from Minnesota to use that basketball court and it gets really busy, so sometimes we have to go elsewhere. We need more, quality basketball courts that work for teenagers or young adults. Some hoops aren't high enough.	2/7/2024 9:39 AM
14	Na	2/7/2024 8:13 AM
15	No comment	2/7/2024 6:47 AM
16	Ice skating park	2/7/2024 5:34 AM
17	?	2/6/2024 11:06 PM
18	N/A	2/6/2024 8:43 PM
19	Schillberg Park - all the equipment was out dated and now removed altogether.	2/6/2024 8:16 PM
20	Eric Park	2/6/2024 6:59 PM
21	Schillberg, needs updated equipment	2/6/2024 6:51 PM
22	Eric Park. It is and could be a beautiful park if you would put up new basketball nets, fix the pavement and put up a tennis net! I've been asking this for more than five years and I've never received a response	2/6/2024 6:44 PM
23	Eric Park... Out of date playground equipment, tennis court and basketball court fences and blacktop in poor/dangerous condition, no seating/tables/benches, lack of stairs/safe way to go down to the courts, no equipment/safe place for young children to play/explore, not friendly for those with disabilities or mobility issues	2/6/2024 6:44 PM
24	The fair building	2/6/2024 6:35 PM

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25	All.	1/30/2024 9:11 AM
26	Oakey Park - particularly the grandstand area	1/23/2024 10:52 AM
27	Grandstand at park	1/20/2024 10:15 PM
28	Oakey Park grandstand is in need of significant repair and upgrading.	1/19/2024 8:50 PM
29	the grandstand at Oakey Park is on its last leg, it needs repairs to the fencing on the front of the grandstand but the structure is so old it won't hold it up if replace netting is attached. Oakey Park ballgames draw big crowds to Osceola	1/19/2024 8:17 PM
30	The watertower bluff trail, under the highway bridge, and the falls trail are popular and subject to erosion, wear and tear.	1/19/2024 12:01 PM
31	The 10th Avenue Park/Triangle is in MAJOR need of improvement. I pass it on my way to and from my home everyday and what was once a garden is not a weed infested jungle. I would be happy to help with upkeep of it if it got some new plants but could never find out who to reach out to in order to offer my help. I'm sure my neighbors wouldn't mind helping with weeding and whatever else it needs if we knew who to get in contact with.	1/16/2024 10:40 PM
32	Ice skating could be improved	1/13/2024 7:08 PM
33	None. They're all pretty great. We have a lot of parks per capita and need to focus on maintaining, not expanding, what we have.	1/12/2024 5:55 PM
34	Parks that mainly have received little investment toward like Shillbergs park, having a up kept park near the schools could see more use from the community. Also some trails could use resources to keep them walkable and loved by the community. I also agree with expanding parks like Oakey with more accomodations , but it is not necessary versus keeping or upgrading parks like Shillbergs and walkways.	1/10/2024 1:08 PM
35	None	1/10/2024 11:41 AM
36	Schillberg Park, Its a beautiful area and its sad that it does not see the attention it deserves. Older equipment that is breaking, etc.. That whole area could use good thought. Oakey Park, Updated equipment and better land use could be beneficial. It is a crucial center park for our town and should get the treatment it deserves. I also really loved when it was wood originally which could be a fun idea for redevelopment. Cascade Falls and Trail. The wood planks lying everywhere and that mudslide that still has not been dealt with is driving me and a lot of others insane. While I understand the need for the wood boardwalks they can be an eyesore. Id love if the trails could be redeveloped and fixed in an environmentally friendly way.	1/10/2024 10:26 AM
37	Oakey. It'd be great to have a bathroom, a nicer pavilion and better playground equipment.	1/10/2024 7:42 AM
38	Cascade falls and Glenn Cascade falls, this is a uniked attraction to town	1/9/2024 7:09 PM
39	Oakey and Schillberg updated	1/8/2024 9:53 PM
40	Signage could be improved on the Eagle Bluffs/Cascade falls/Simenstad Loop trails. Also a lot of graffiti under the bridge.	1/8/2024 12:11 PM
41	I wouldn't mind a touch up for the picnic tables and shelter at Schillberg Park. There has been some vandalism and I dislike taking youth groups there. Better creek access would be nice too.	1/8/2024 12:05 PM
42	You are not keeping up with current trends. St Croix Falls just built an indoor pickle ball court that attracts all ages and can be used year round. Within a few months, they have around 400 members. Osceola needs to think outside the box and realize what current trends are. Fitness centers are becoming a thing of the past, people want activities, not just lifting weights or walking on a treadmill...that's 90's thinking.	1/8/2024 5:39 AM
43	No	1/7/2024 9:59 PM
44	N/A. I've found the facilities in good repair	1/7/2024 6:02 PM
45	Oakey because it's creepy and a drug dealing location	1/7/2024 5:32 PM
46	No opinion	1/7/2024 2:58 PM
47	Parking is very limited	1/7/2024 12:46 PM

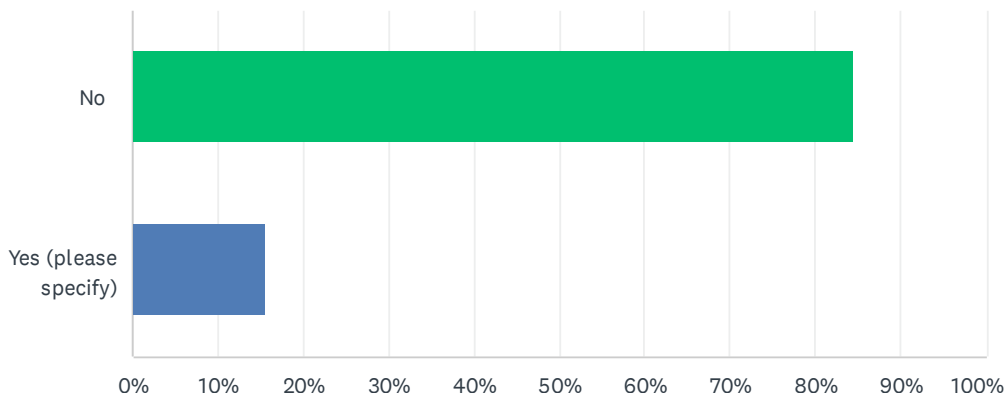
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48	Schillberg park is bare but do to its location close to the schools it is easy to visit those locations instead. Eric park is old and dated. Oakey park always seems low on woodchips and the restrooms are dated.	1/7/2024 12:36 PM
49	The concrete wall by Geiger needs to be replaced. It would be great to see it replaced/repared then painted in a historical or natural mural.	1/7/2024 12:06 PM
50	The board walk along creek at Cascade Falls are very slippery when wet, some kind of non skid tread or something would be helpful. I have slipped on them a few different times.	1/7/2024 11:55 AM
51	Area behind Watershed restaurant, next to PY's.	1/7/2024 11:07 AM
52	GrateWay	1/7/2024 10:41 AM
53	I don't have an opinion	1/7/2024 10:04 AM
54	I don't visit enough to have an opinion	1/7/2024 8:46 AM
55	Cascade Falls - can anything be done about the ugly rocks piled where the Milk House was - maybe a patio etc.	1/6/2024 10:05 PM
56	Gateway meadows park.... Nothing there Pleasant run park ?.....	1/6/2024 9:46 PM
57	n/a	1/6/2024 7:52 PM
58	Oakley park	1/6/2024 7:31 PM
59	None. They are fine.	1/6/2024 5:24 PM
60	Smith park, don't even know why its there.	1/6/2024 4:52 PM
61	Need more bike trails	1/6/2024 4:08 PM
62	Didn't know gateway meadow had a park.	1/6/2024 3:14 PM
63	Eric Park and Oakey Park	1/6/2024 11:56 AM
64	Focus on cutting costs and balancing budgets so I am not having a 30% tax increase per year.	1/5/2024 5:02 PM
65	The park behind Gerald st needs a lot of attention. Look's abandoned.	1/5/2024 4:15 PM
66	Schillberg Park is an underutilized asset. It needs a purpose and a design. Would be a wonderful Festival Grounds to bring people to our town.	1/5/2024 1:28 PM



## Q23 Do you have any concerns about personal safety or accessibility in any of Osceola's parks?

Answered: 200 Skipped: 66



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	84.50%	169
Yes (please specify)	15.50%	31
TOTAL		200

#	YES (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I have a special needs child that likes to elope and not having fenced in parks makes it difficult to enjoy the parks.	2/22/2024 12:19 PM
2	Handicapped facilities should be added.	2/13/2024 7:37 PM
3	Oakey park is sketchy. It doesn't feel safe to go there anymore.	2/7/2024 8:22 PM
4	Bathrooms at oakey park	2/7/2024 1:41 PM
5	Oakley park, drug use	2/7/2024 9:56 AM
6	Dead tree at Schillberg Park.	2/7/2024 9:39 AM
7	I do when the skate park opens.	2/7/2024 5:34 AM
8	Strange behavior by individuals not using playground at Oakey Park	2/6/2024 6:51 PM
9	Eric Park has poorly maintained fences by the sports courts, lack of safe way to get to the courts or playground equipment if you have any form of disability or mobility issues.	2/6/2024 6:44 PM
10	Oakey Park.	2/6/2024 6:36 PM
11	The grandstand at Oakey Park is in terrible need of updating, both for safety and for cosmetic decay.	1/23/2024 10:52 AM
12	Grandstand is about to fall down	1/20/2024 10:15 PM
13	Grandstand at Oakey Park	1/19/2024 8:50 PM
14	see above. Grandstand needs new bleachers and structure	1/19/2024 8:17 PM
15	Having porta potties or bathrooms at the park to use for people and people with wheel chairs	1/19/2024 8:41 AM

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16	I have concerns about the "expansion" on the bluff coming closer toward my private property and the safety/liability issues this creates for me.	1/12/2024 5:55 PM
17	Lack of accessible parking at parks	1/11/2024 8:52 PM
18	Unsafe equipment. Sketchy activity	1/11/2024 10:02 AM
19	Not handicap accessible enough	1/8/2024 9:53 PM
20	Vagrants and predators at Oakey Park	1/8/2024 6:15 PM
21	The trail that runs along the creek isn't the most accessible for less abled students. Having creek access closer to the field would be nice.	1/8/2024 12:05 PM
22	Some concern for people who hang out in the parking lots of osceola loop and Chisago loop trails.	1/8/2024 10:59 AM
23	Not at this time. Hopefully that will continue	1/7/2024 6:02 PM
24	Lack of adequate lighting	1/7/2024 5:32 PM
25	Smiths park and Eric park do not have pavement/sidewalks all the way to the playground and the grass can be uneven. Eric parks tennis court looks to be falling off the cliff and is always a dirty, unkept eyesore.	1/7/2024 12:36 PM
26	The rocks where the Milk House was are problematic and unsafe and always shifting and moving. There needs to be a better solution for that steep bluff.	1/7/2024 11:55 AM
27	No police dept	1/7/2024 10:59 AM
28	Oakley park	1/6/2024 7:31 PM
29	Oakey park is dirty and the stairs to the waterfall are not maintained well	1/6/2024 1:58 PM
30	Crime.	1/5/2024 6:49 PM
31	I feel at there is ALOT of crime that happens at the parks. Many cars in and out at all hours. Personal I think the skateboard park is going to being alot of crime and unwanted guests	1/5/2024 1:09 PM

## Q24 Which additional amenities or recreational opportunities would you like to see in Osceola's park system?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 186

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No more parks	2/21/2024 2:54 PM
2	More tennis courts and picnic areas	2/21/2024 7:15 AM
3	Dog Park	2/20/2024 7:07 PM
4	A playground in gateway meadows!	2/20/2024 6:30 PM
5	Make sure there are portable toilets.	2/11/2024 11:24 PM
6	Walk/ski trails	2/10/2024 5:36 AM
7	None	2/8/2024 10:07 AM
8	Skate park for kids	2/7/2024 9:59 PM
9	A splash pad :) We hope the skate park is eventually funded. We appreciate the drinking fountains and the bathrooms at Millpond and Oakey! (Schillberg bathrooms are hit or miss.)	2/7/2024 9:52 PM
10	Fun playground equipment for older kids. Everything here is for very young kids.	2/7/2024 8:41 PM
11	Schillbergs needs a playground!!!	2/7/2024 8:22 PM
12	Something like Teddy Bear Park in Stillwater would be awesome.	2/7/2024 7:08 PM
13	Skate Park	2/7/2024 4:04 PM
14	More information on them.	2/7/2024 3:00 PM
15	Skate park. Safe trail to get from pheasant run, 248th and 240th developments to schools/downtown.	2/7/2024 10:47 AM
16	Mountain bike trails, soccer fields, playground at Schillberg Park	2/7/2024 9:39 AM
17	Walking paths	2/7/2024 8:13 AM
18	No comment	2/7/2024 6:47 AM
19	Dog park	2/6/2024 11:06 PM
20	Improved lighting.	2/6/2024 8:43 PM
21	Newer equipment	2/6/2024 8:16 PM
22	More restaurants, not bar type restaurants. Family friendly restaurants or nice dining options.	2/6/2024 7:50 PM
23	Public pool	2/6/2024 7:32 PM
24	More bathrooms, picnic areas and equipment for younger children	2/6/2024 6:59 PM
25	Handicap accessible ramp to Cascade Falls	2/6/2024 6:51 PM
26	Frisbee golf	2/6/2024 6:44 PM
27	SKATEPARK	1/30/2024 9:11 AM
28	Can we get trash cans at Schillberg park again? I think Olsen may not know they should drop one there. I would also love to see a can at the beginning of the trail, right near Industrial.	1/30/2024 8:51 AM
29	I would like to see a dog park.	1/25/2024 12:19 PM
30	Public youth baseball fields	1/19/2024 8:50 PM

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31	More trails Pickleball courts	1/19/2024 1:22 PM
32	I am not familiar enough to say.	1/19/2024 12:01 PM
33	I think the idea of inclusive parks for children with disabilities is wonderful! I'm not super familiar with all of the parks so maybe this is already covered.	1/16/2024 10:40 PM
34	More organized trail events, especially for families. Nature walks. Environmental education. More parking around library/hall/senior center. Missed the boat on that one!	1/14/2024 11:09 AM
35	Skateboard opportunities	1/13/2024 7:08 PM
36	Instead of a skateboard park, I personally would like to see the existing ice skating rink become a dual-use facility that could house the skateboarders in the summer, like the one Scandia has.	1/12/2024 5:55 PM
37	Skateboard park	1/12/2024 10:28 AM
38	Cleaned up, more lighting.	1/11/2024 10:02 AM
39	Parks, trails, ice rinks etc get used more when there is dedicated programming. We have GREAT amenities already- need programming.	1/10/2024 8:32 PM
40	Honestly anything you can add. A lot of entertainment opportunities in Osceola are good, but if you invest in a skatepark I could see a lot of people interested in new entertainment options like that.	1/10/2024 1:08 PM
41	Bike trails	1/10/2024 12:28 PM
42	pickleball, skateboard park (just get it done instead of relying on private fund raising)	1/10/2024 11:25 AM
43	Community driven outdoor events. Skate Park development. Equipment additions and upgrades. Simple drinking fountains.	1/10/2024 10:26 AM
44	Public art Bike lanes Farmers market structure Return the pollinator gardens	1/10/2024 7:42 AM
45	Wild areas. Restored native plant communities	1/9/2024 7:09 PM
46	no opinion, not involved in many outdoor activities	1/9/2024 5:01 PM
47	Splash pad or pool	1/8/2024 9:03 PM
48	Pickleball courts	1/8/2024 2:16 PM
49	It would be great to have a park in the Gateway Meadows neighborhood. Lots of kids in that neighborhood. It would be great to walk/bike to a local playground within the development	1/8/2024 1:40 PM
50	Would be fun to see an interactive trail with art or educational tidbits scattered throughout. For example, a trail with tree ID cards on some of the trees teaching you about their characteristics. Or a trail with little fairy houses scattered about at the bases of trees. Something fun to engage with while you're outdoors.	1/8/2024 12:11 PM
51	Not sure	1/8/2024 12:05 PM
52	Indoor pickleball courts. Jump on the bandwagon before it passes you by. Osceola is very slow to react to physical fitness trends, and seems to be stuck in the 90s.	1/8/2024 5:39 AM
53	Pedestrian/cycle connections between them and town	1/7/2024 6:15 PM
54	Addition of doggie poop bags in park facilities to encourage people to pick up after their animals.	1/7/2024 6:02 PM
55	Skate park and bike trails	1/7/2024 5:32 PM
56	Skate park	1/7/2024 5:24 PM
57	Pickle ball courts.	1/7/2024 2:58 PM
58	Pickleball	1/7/2024 12:46 PM
59	Skate park	1/7/2024 12:41 PM
60	More natural area improvements like trails.	1/7/2024 12:06 PM

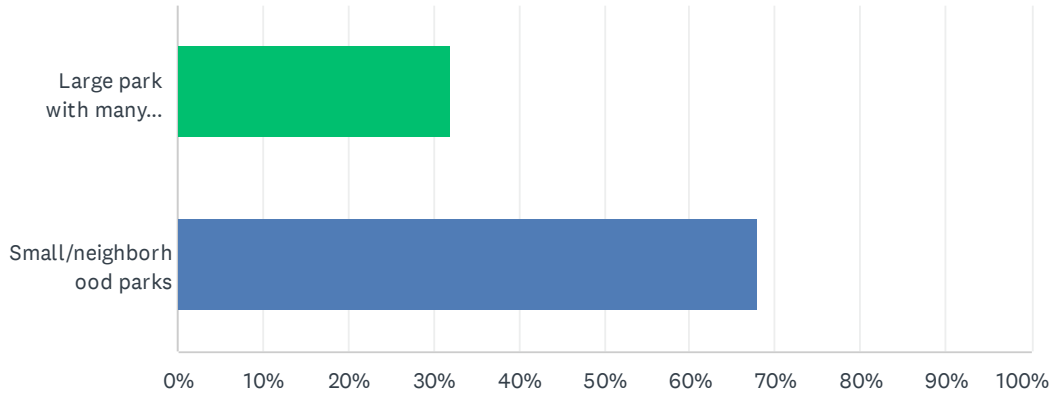
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61	Some pickle ball courts, more benches and picnic areas.	1/7/2024 11:55 AM
62	Skate park	1/7/2024 11:21 AM
63	None	1/7/2024 10:59 AM
64	Gateway they need it because of all the young families that have move in here and they told that it was going done	1/7/2024 10:41 AM
65	indoor pickle ball courts	1/7/2024 10:20 AM
66	Handicapped accessibility	1/7/2024 9:36 AM
67	I don't visit enough to have an opinion	1/7/2024 8:46 AM
68	Pickle ball court	1/7/2024 12:14 AM
69	Pickelball courts	1/6/2024 9:46 PM
70	n/a	1/6/2024 7:52 PM
71	Nicer bathrooms	1/6/2024 7:31 PM
72	None. Stop spending the residents money.	1/6/2024 5:24 PM
73	Build a skate park. Quit holding out on something that's been "begged for" for 35 years.	1/6/2024 4:11 PM
74	More walking trails, dog park. Most people have dogs off leash (not happy)!!	1/6/2024 4:08 PM
75	Cleaner restrooms	1/6/2024 2:19 PM
76	Bathrooms	1/6/2024 1:58 PM
77	Better restrooms	1/6/2024 9:13 AM
78	Outdoor Ice skating rink.	1/5/2024 6:49 PM
79	Frisbee golf	1/5/2024 4:15 PM
80	Bike trails connecting to other towns. An outdoor performance stage for summer concerts in the parks.	1/5/2024 1:28 PM



Q25 If you had to choose, would you and your household rather drive to a big park with many amenities (such as sports fields, large playgrounds, restrooms, etc.), or walk to a neighborhood park with small playgrounds/picnic areas.

Answered: 212 Skipped: 54



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Large park with many amenities	32.08%	68
Small/neighborhood parks	67.92%	144
TOTAL		212

## Q26 Where would you prioritize the location of new bike facilities, routes, walking paths, or trails?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 173

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Gateway Meadows	2/22/2024 12:19 PM
2	I would rank that at 99th out of a list of 100 needs	2/21/2024 2:54 PM
3	Through Gateway Meadows	2/21/2024 7:15 AM
4	Between gateway parkway and the safe route to school	2/20/2024 7:07 PM
5	Gateway meadows	2/20/2024 6:30 PM
6	High. This area should be more walkable	2/20/2024 6:11 PM
7	248, M, and other outer areas.	2/13/2024 7:37 PM
8	A paved path (sidewalk) out to OMC.	2/11/2024 11:24 PM
9	South of town!	2/10/2024 5:36 AM
10	None	2/8/2024 10:07 AM
11	Between OMC and downtown.	2/7/2024 9:52 PM
12	Current elementary school	2/7/2024 8:41 PM
13	By the schools	2/7/2024 8:22 PM
14	Already enough of them!	2/7/2024 5:35 PM
15	Shillberg park,bluffs	2/7/2024 2:15 PM
16	Safe trail to get from pheasant run, 248th and 240th developments to schools/downtown.	2/7/2024 10:47 AM
17	All throughout town	2/7/2024 10:08 AM
18	From Osceola to Osceola Medical center.	2/7/2024 9:17 AM
19	3rd ave	2/7/2024 8:13 AM
20	No comment	2/7/2024 6:47 AM
21	Connect the existing network	2/7/2024 6:11 AM
22	Ability to get in and out if town.	2/7/2024 1:54 AM
23	Unknown	2/6/2024 11:06 PM
24	North of Krooked kreek	2/6/2024 8:43 PM
25	Near the schools, and other places in the community with ample parking space already accessible.	2/6/2024 8:16 PM
26	Town towards hospital On M towards Alden	2/6/2024 7:08 PM
27	River access & views	2/6/2024 7:07 PM
28	Access to downtown or by the Industrial Park on M	2/6/2024 6:59 PM
29	Large parks first (such as Oakey), downtown to school area	2/6/2024 6:51 PM
30	Along County Rd M and from Osceola to Dresser somewhere	2/6/2024 6:44 PM
31	Near the high schiol	1/31/2024 9:05 PM

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32	3rd street.	1/30/2024 9:11 AM
33	EVERYWHERE is my honest answer. But my number one ask is 3rd Ave from M to downtown. Please create a pedestrian path here. People who live in housing areas off of M want to walk or bike downtown on a nice day. As it is 3rd Ave is not safe for pedestrian travel. It's narrow, full of potholes which are dangerous and not good for bikes (or cars) and it's also very dark. My second ask is for trail connection from downtown Osceola (or somewhere off M) to the Stower Seven and the Gandy Dancer. A paved path that connected to these trails would be incredible for locals that want the recreation and I think it would bring in tourism \$\$\$. Also please but bike racks downtown.	1/30/2024 8:51 AM
34	In town	1/23/2024 10:52 AM
35	Low priority	1/19/2024 8:50 PM
36	in and around the village needs bikepaths and walking paths or trails	1/19/2024 8:17 PM
37	By the art barn	1/19/2024 1:22 PM
38	I support hike, walk, bike paths away that are separate from major roadways and are safe from possible collision with vehicles. I don't know enough about the layout in Osceola.	1/19/2024 12:01 PM
39	Anywhere in /close to town would be great. One of my reasons for moving here was to be able to walk to where I need to go. It is great for that IN THE SUMMER. In winter, it is absolutely dangerous to try and walk anywhere other than a couple blocks on Main Street. PLEASE educate village residents about need to keep sidewalks clear. PLEASE enforce shoveling regulations.	1/14/2024 11:09 AM
40	Alongside our current roads	1/13/2024 7:08 PM
41	We don't need more facilities! We need to maintain the ones we have and make sure MNDOT includes a bike path on the new bridge.	1/12/2024 5:55 PM
42	walking access on 35S to & along Ridge Rd until road levels out; signs alerting drivers to bikers there; paved walking trail on 3rd Ave. from M to senior apts where sidewalk starts	1/12/2024 10:28 AM
43	River view areas, bluffs	1/11/2024 9:24 PM
44	Connection of Industrial park to downtown with multiuse paths along Osceola Creek.	1/10/2024 8:32 PM
45	I think the possibility of renovating older paths that don't see too much use might be beneficial, but in terms of adding new walking paths and trails you might want to prioritize up keeping existing trails first. I think there could be more bike racks and facilities for these types a of vehicles around different trails near public spaces that have accomodations.	1/10/2024 1:08 PM
46	High priority	1/10/2024 12:28 PM
47	connect downtown to Schillberg's park and extend to Stower Trail and St. Croix Falls/Dresser/Gandy Dancer Trail.	1/10/2024 11:25 AM
48	East/North Schillberg Park. Standing Cedars. ~ County Road M, Eric Park, & 3rd Ave.	1/10/2024 10:26 AM
49	More bluff trails! I'd take hiking trails and bike lanes anywhere we can get them.	1/10/2024 7:42 AM
50	Near to and connecting the school buildings.	1/9/2024 10:49 PM
51	To the south side of town	1/9/2024 7:09 PM
52	Biking path to east Farmington and dresser. Can't bike on 35. Too dangerous.	1/9/2024 6:00 PM
53	From town to OMC Park	1/8/2024 6:15 PM
54	I'm primarily a road biker, and as I said earlier in the survey, I'm pleased with what's available to me in that regard. That said, my wife is less comfortable riding on streets with cars, so I think she and others like her could benefit from off street bike paths and/or dedicated bike lanes in and out of neighborhoods in the village.	1/8/2024 5:20 PM
55	Boardwalks through wetlands by Schillberg Park	1/8/2024 2:16 PM
56	to connect downtown areas to outer ring. Farmington to Osceola.	1/8/2024 12:57 PM
57	I'm not sure.	1/8/2024 12:05 PM

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58	Extending the existing one would be nice, oseola towards dresser would be nice.	1/8/2024 10:59 AM
59	Frankly, I have lived in Osceola for 17 years and I have no idea where the bike trails are.	1/8/2024 5:39 AM
60	Bike trails that connect to S	1/7/2024 10:29 PM
61	unsure	1/7/2024 8:57 PM
62	Along the river connecting town with S trails and Standing cedars	1/7/2024 6:15 PM
63	Connecting communities, one flowing into the next. A route connecting Osceola to the town of Osceola and Dresser	1/7/2024 6:02 PM
64	I think what you are asking is how I would rank this in a priority—it's very important to have a walkable/bikeable community (this survey is poorly written 😊)	1/7/2024 5:32 PM
65	By the schools	1/7/2024 5:24 PM
66	Public scenic areas.	1/7/2024 2:58 PM
67	Near the dairy Queen for a trailhead	1/7/2024 12:46 PM
68	Close to residential areas like the gateway division.	1/7/2024 12:36 PM
69	In places that would not disrupt natural ecosystems	1/7/2024 12:19 PM
70	Anywhere and everywhere. Osceola creek and the land near the wetlands beyond.	1/7/2024 12:06 PM
71	One day, I'd love to see a walking/bike trail that is a big loop through Osceola, Dresser, St. Croix Falls, Taylors Falls, and back down the MN side to 243 to Osceola. But to start it would be great if we could have a walking/bike trail along Ridge Rd around to the Hospital and then back down Cascade to town and then a trail along Cascade to Cty Rd S with a trail all along Cty Rd S to Interstate Park.	1/7/2024 11:55 AM
72	Ability to get downtown.	1/7/2024 11:07 AM
73	None at this time	1/7/2024 10:41 AM
74	No opinion	1/7/2024 10:04 AM
75	Top of the list	1/7/2024 9:36 AM
76	Along the riverway	1/7/2024 9:29 AM
77	Around the schools/Schillberg area	1/7/2024 8:46 AM
78	Asking the river and bluffs.	1/7/2024 2:02 AM
79	Near town.	1/7/2024 12:14 AM
80	In the village or accessible from the village. Also, can we connect to the St Croix Falls bike trail?	1/6/2024 10:05 PM
81	Hook up to other trails in the area Would be nice if they were all hooked together	1/6/2024 9:46 PM
82	osceola landing	1/6/2024 7:52 PM
83	A path that goes north up 35 to the hospital.	1/6/2024 5:58 PM
84	Route to OMC	1/6/2024 5:33 PM
85	None. There are plenty in the area.	1/6/2024 5:24 PM
86	Outside of town	1/6/2024 4:08 PM
87	Downtown area	1/6/2024 9:13 AM
88	None. Plenty already	1/5/2024 6:49 PM
89	Not sure where more could be put at the moment	1/5/2024 4:15 PM
90	Along highway 35 to allow safe passage between side roads	1/5/2024 3:36 PM
91	complete the bike path from village of Osceola to OMC (partial bike path now from the assisted living to Kwik trip)	1/5/2024 3:07 PM

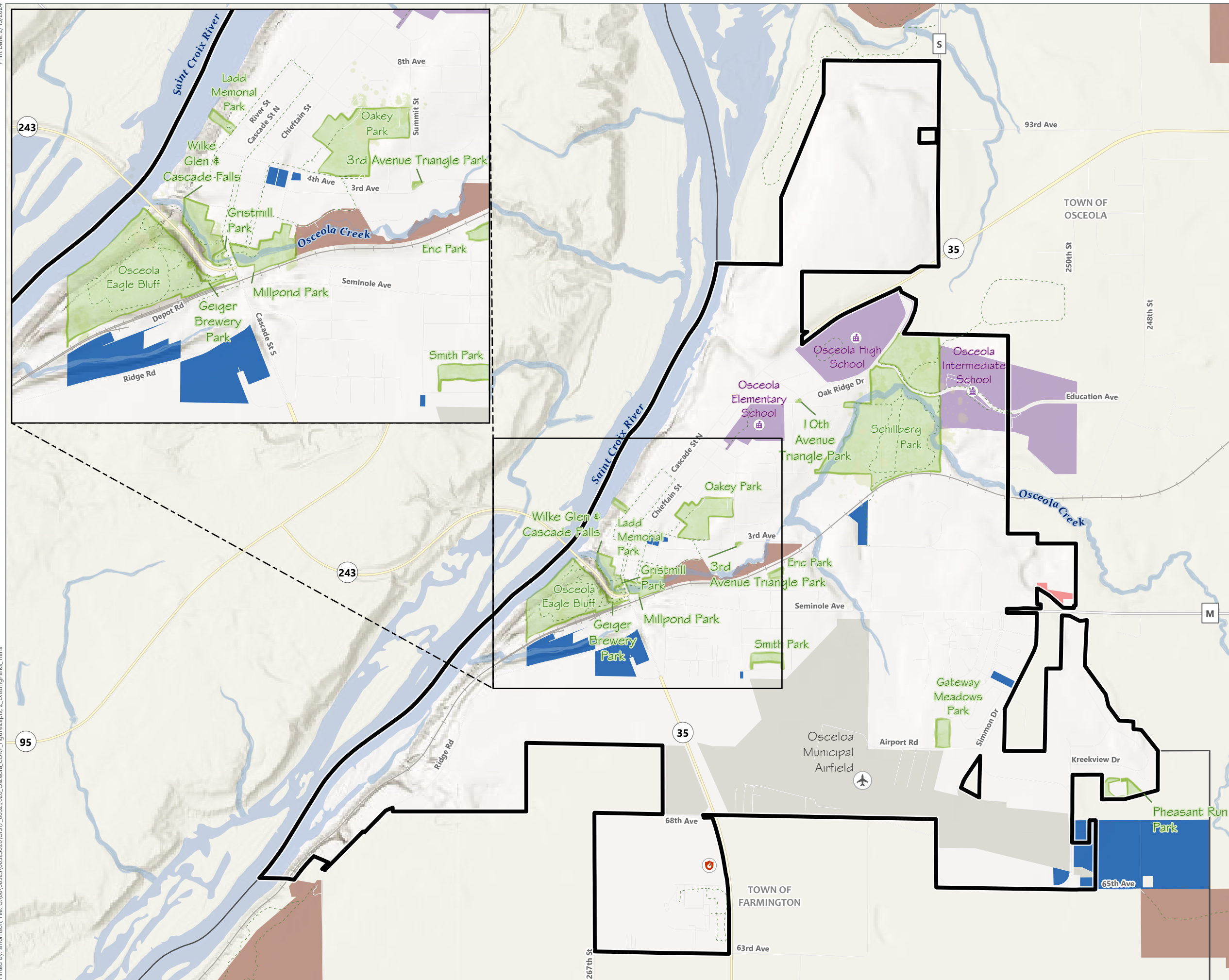
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92	Bike paths emanating from the new bridge. Maybe engineered bike courses in Schillberg Park. Maybe concert stage in Schillberg Park.	1/5/2024 1:28 PM
93	Outside the Village.	1/5/2024 11:05 AM

# Existing Parks & Trails

## Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) Update

### Village of Osceola Polk County, Wisconsin



- Airport
- School
- Fire Dept
- Polk County Trails
- Village of Osceola
- Municipal Boundary
- Village Parks
- Other Public Land**
  - Airport
  - School District Lands
  - Village-Owned Land and Municipal Buildings
  - Utility
  - Natural Area/Conservancy

Data Sources:  
 Polk County GIS (2023)  
 Chisago County GIS (2023)  
 Aerials (2022 MN & WI)  
 WI DNR Hydrology



DRAFT - Osceola CORP Recommendations

Facility Name	Recommendations	Recommendation Source	Priority Timeframe High - Medium - Low	Cost Estimate Range
Park System-Wide	Prioritize park maintenance (including hiring additional public works staff, if possible) over new amenities	Stakeholder Interviews, MSA Planning		
	Cohesive and comprehensive park identification, wayfinding, and rules signage	CIP		
	Add dog waste bag receptacles and bike racks to major parks	Community Input Survey		
	Identify rewilding opportunities to cut down on mowing needs	Community Input Survey, MSA Planning		
	Add more bike racks downtown	Community Input Survey		
	Facilitate regular meetings with community park/trail groups (such as the Osceola Trails and Parks Group, Standing Cedars, DNR) to identify needs and opportunities for resource sharing	Stakeholder Interviews		
	Consider fees in lieu of parkland dedication to prevent accumulation of parkland that must be maintained	MSA Planning		
<b>Mini Parks</b>				
Third Ave Triangle Park	None	-	-	-
10th Ave Triangle Park	Improve and regularly maintain landscaping (neighbors said they would be interested in taking on this project, so leverage partnerships)	Community Input Survey		
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>				
Ladd Memorial Park	Replace fence along western edge of park with same style as Gristmill Park	Public Works		
	Add historic signage	Public Works		
	Explore designs and implementation steps for veteran's memorial	Public Works		
Pheasant Run Parks	Add low-maintenance walking trail	Community Input Survey		
Smith Park	Sell unused western half for residential development	Public Works		
Erik Park	Sell eastern portion for residential development	Public Works		
	Resurface basketball and tennis courts	Community Input Survey		
	Paint pickleball lines on tennis court	Community Input Survey		
	Add stairs leading from grass down to courts	Community Input Survey		
Community Park	Add picnic tables	Community Input Survey		
	Renovate (and/or relocate) restrooms near playground	Public Works		
	Skatepark and parking lot (409 4th Ave on the SW corner of Oakey Park)	Community Initiative		
	Renovate/replace bleachers and concession stand	Public Works, Community Input Survey		
	Move fair building to current ice rink location, move ice rink to top of sledding hill	Public Works		
	Add safety lighting to pavilion/other structures, light poles around park	Community Input Survey		
Millpond Park	Add paved walking path to connect existing park amenities	Community Input Survey		
	Make gravel parking lot into designated parking area (primarily tourist/event overflow parking)	Public Works		
	Add lighting	Public Works		
	Replace large gazebo with ADA-compliant event stage	Public Works, Community Input Survey		
Gristmill Park	Add accessible playground area to undeveloped park parcel	Public Works, MSA Planning		
	Add lighting	Public Works		
Geiger Brewery Park	Replace footbridge at trailhead	Public Works		
	Remove/fix concrete retaining wall	Public Works		
	Replace steps	Public Works		
	Paint historical/educational mural on concrete retaining wall	MSA Planning		
<b>Conservancy/Open Space</b>				
Osceola Eagle Bluff	Erosion mitigation on slope	Public Works		
	Rebuild and/or fix deteriorated bridges	Public Works		
Schillberg Park	Rehab existing red building ("cantina") for rentable space	Public Works		
	Add more lighting	Public Works		
	Park/wayfinding signage at all five access points	Public Works		
	Consider park master plan to document intended usage (picnic grounds, trails, festival grounds) and ongoing maintenance needs	Stakeholder Interviews, 2014-2019 CORP		
	Add playground to northern parcel	Community Input Survey, CIP		

	Utilize WI Community Forest funding and programming assistance to better utilize park as an educational forest	2014-2019 CORP		
Cascade Falls	Phase 1: Reconstruction of Cascade Falls stairs and overlook (accessible from N Cascade St)	CIP		
	Phase 2: Reconstruction of boardwalk system; potential improvements to trailhead and parking lot	CIP		
	Phase 3: Establish trail extension through riparian parcel northeast of Phase 2 site.	MSA Planning		
	Add canoe access to trail endings under Hwy 243	Community Input Survey		
<b>Trails</b>				
Existing Trails	Add trail wayfinding signage	Community Input Survey, Stakeholder Interviews		
	Identify, mitigate, and prevent erosion on bluff trails	Community Input Survey		
New Trail Suggestions	Near Schillberg Park/Osceola Schools	Community Input Survey		
	Between downtown and Osceola Medical Center	Community Input Survey		
	Improved connections within existing trail network	Community Input Survey		
	Between downtown and the M/3rd Ave E intersection	Community Input Survey		
	Between downtown and the Industrial Park	Community Input Survey		

