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Amended* Post Date: 05/08/19

The following documents are included in the packet for the Parks Commission on May 6, 2019:

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes from 02/04/19, 03/11/19 & 04/01/19
- 3) Boat Washing Station Information
- 4) Email from Lisa Reas requesting boat launch fee waiver for County K Wetlands Residents only
- 5) Resolution Relating to Supporting Construction and Maintenance of a Multiple Purpose Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail between Ripon and Green Lake along the State Road 23 Corridor
- 6) *Five Year Parks Plan
- 7) Parks Report



GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Elizabeth Otto County Clerk Office: 920-294-4005 FAX: 920-294-4009

Parks Commission Meeting Notice Date: May 6, 2019 Time: 4:15 PM Location: Government Center, County Board Room, 571 County Road A, Green Lake WI			
Committee Members <i>William Boutwell, Chair</i>	 Call to Order Certification of Open Meeting Law Pledge of Allegiance 		
Jerry Specht, Vice-Chair Vicki Bernhagen Todd Morris Vonn Roberts	 4. Approval of Minutes: 02/04/2019, 03/11/2019 & 04/01/2019 5. Appearances: Boat Washing Stations- Anna Cisar and Stephanie Prellwitz 		
Vonn Roberts Michael Shattuck Curt Talma	 6. *Green Lake Sanitary District request for boat launch fee waiver - County Road K wetland residents only 7. 2019 Parks Budget 8. Revenues & Expenses 		
Elizabeth Otto, Secretary	 9. Resolutions Relating to Supporting Construction and Maintenance of a Multiple Purpose Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail between Ripon and Green Lake along the State Road 23 Corridor 10. Boat Launch Terminal Update 11. Dodge Memorial Park Boat Launch Issues 12. Memorial Bench Approval 13. Five Year Parks Plan 14. Scenic Overlook 15. *Parks Report *Monthly Activities 16. Committee Discussion Future Meeting Dates: August 5, 2019 at 4:30PM Future Agenda items for action & discussion 		

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk's Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.

PARKS COMMISSION February 4, 2019

The meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 4:30 PM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Vicki Bernhagen Bill Boutwell Todd Morris Curt Talma Michael Shattuck (4:35) Jerry Specht Vonn Roberts

Also County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Specht) to approve the minutes of December 3, 2018 with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

• Automated Boat Launch Terminals Presentation – Michael Wilson, IPS Group

Michael Wilson of IPS Group gave a presentation on the proposed solar powered boat launch terminals for Sunset and Dodge Memorial Park. Each terminal would cost \$6,000 to purchase with a 1 year warranty. There would be an additional cost for the enforcement options available. Setup would be a one time fee of \$900. The terminals would only accept debit/credit cards with no cash option. Discussion held. A 60 day trial period is available but Wilson stated he could extend that to 90 days for a fee not to exceed \$20.00 per month per terminal for the extra 30 days. Wilson will contact County Clerk Liz Otto and/or Harley Reabe with additional information.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AUTOMATED BOAT LAUNCH TERMINALS

Motion/second (Specht/Shattuck) to approve a 90 day trial for two terminals pending a decision from the Sheriff's Office on the type of enforcement they want. All ayes. Motion carried.

PARKS REPORT

• The report was reviewed.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: Next meeting date: May 6, 2019 @ 4:30 PM

Future Agenda items for action & discussion: boat washing stations, fat bike/cross country skiing groomed trails.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 5:42 PM.

Submitted by,

is Offo Liz Otto County Clerk

PARKS COMMISSION March 11, 2019

The meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 4:15 PM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present:	Vicki Bernhagen	Absent:	Jerry Specht
	Bill Boutwell		Vonn Roberts
	Todd Morris		
	Curt Talma		
	Michael Shattuck (4:20)		

Also County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel

APPROVAL OF BOAT LAUNCH FEES

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Shattuck) to approve the change in boat launch fees effective April 1, 2019 to \$30.00 for an annual pass for county residents, \$40.00 for non-residents, and \$7.00 for all daily passes. Discussion held. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOAT LAUNCH TERMINAL CONTRACT

Copies of proposed contract with IPS Group, Inc. were handed out to committee members. Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow advised the committee to clarify several issues before signing the contract. *Motion/second (Shattuck/Morris)* to delay approval of the contract until the May 6, 2019 meeting pending more information. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

• Amending Ordinance No. 979-2010, Chapter 187, Article IV, Boat Launch User Fees Discussion held.

Motion/second (Morris/Bernhagen) to approve the ordinance with changes as outlined by the committee and forward to County Board for final approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

PARKS ANNUAL REPORT

• The report was reviewed and accepted by the committee.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: Next meeting date: May 6, 2019 @ 4:30 PM **Future Agenda items for action & discussion:** 2019 Parks budget, revenues & expenses, memorial bench approval, 5 year parks plan, scenic overlook

ADJOURNMENT Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Submitted by,

Otto Liz Otto County Clerk

PARKS COMMISSION April 2, 2019

The meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order by Chair Bill Boutwell on Monday, April 2, 2019 at 4:15 PM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present:	Vicki Bernhagen	Absent:	Jerry Specht
	Bill Boutwell		Vonn Roberts
	Todd Morris		Michael Shattuck
	Curt Talma		

Also County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair; Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor; Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel; Supervisor Charlie Wielgosh; Sheriff Mark Podoll; County Administrator Cathy Schmit (4:32)

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BOAT LAUNCH TERMINAL CONTRACT

Chair Bill Boutwell provided background on IPS, the company providing the terminals. *Motion/second (Morris/Bernhagen)* to approve the agreement for trial parking meter equipment and related services as submitted by IPS Group, Inc. Discussion held. All ayes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION REGARDING DNR TRAIL PARTNERS ANNUAL MEETING

Chair Bill Boutwell gave information regarding the DNR Trail Partners Annual Meeting which will take place on May 2, 2019 at Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London from 9:30 to noon.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR PHASE 2 OF THE GREEN LAKE-RIPON MULTI USE PATH

Dr. Barry Rogers gave an update on the multi use path stating that Green Lake Greenways has enough money to do 2/3 of the trail from the Hwy 49/23 intersection to Forest Ridge Road and starting again at Sunnyside to County Road PP. Bid information will be going out soon. Green Lake Greenways will provide information on Phase 2 for a resolution in May.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: Next meeting date: May 6, 2019 @ 4:15 PM **Future Agenda items for action & discussion:** 2019 Parks budget, revenues & expenses, memorial bench approval, 5 year parks plan, scenic overlook; Dodge Memorial boat launches, resolution for Green Lake Greenways

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 4:48 PM.

Submitted by,

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Liz Otto County Clerk

PROJECT DETAILS & FUNDING SOURCES: BIG GREEN LAKE BOAT CLEANING BOARDS

Prepared for the Green Lake County Parks Commission | May 6, 2019



THE PROPOSAL

Multiple local groups are proposing installing boat cleaning tool boards (pictured above) at all eight public launches in Green Lake County. While the Green Lake Association would manage the stations, two would be installed on County property (Sunset Park and Dodge Memorial Park) and therefore need approval by the Green Lake County Parks Commission and Green Lake County Board.

WHAT is it? Boat cleaning tool boards remind boaters of the prevention steps required by law, key places to check for aquatic hitchhikers, and supply the tools (brush, hooks, reachers) that boaters need in order to take the necessary prevention steps.

WHY are they needed? There are eight public boat launches around the lake and even more privately owned launches. Each public landing needs to have the tools available to take action against aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Green Lake has a few aquatic invasive species; however, there are a host of other AIS Green Lake does *not yet have*. AIS are most commonly transported from infected lakes by improperly cleaned boats and trailers, so each of the 6,000 boats that use our public launches every year increase this possibility.

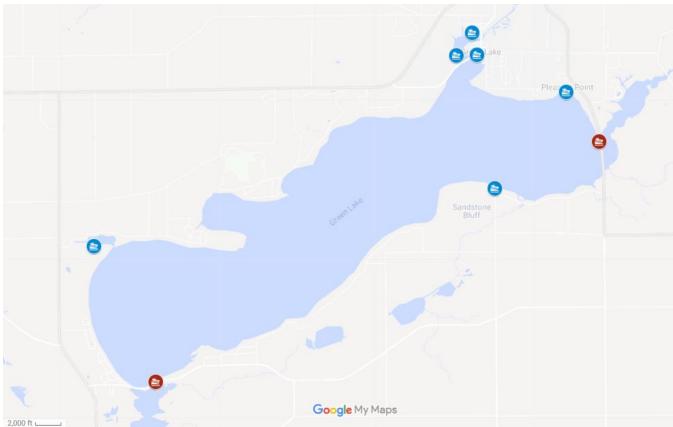
We are still planning on moving forward with boat wash stations for Green Lake, but boat cleaning tools boards are an important first step as we work out some of the details with these more intensive decontamination units.

COST

Total Costs: \$850 per site = \$1,700 for two sites Annual Operation & Maintenance Cost: \$90

What We're Asking:

- 1. Permission to install at the following Green Lake County boat launches: Sunset Park and Dodge Memorial Park.
- 2. An initial cash contribution of \$1,700 and an annual contribution of \$90 for O&M (which will allow the Green Lake Association and other potential partners to underwrite the cost of the remaining six launches).
- 3. County installation of the two signs.



Locations of Public Boat Landings Around Green Lake

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Anna Cisar, Golden Sands RC&D anna.cisar@goldensandsrcd.org (715) 923-5809

This outline was compiled by Golden Sands RC&D and the Green Lake Association.

From:Otto, LizTo:Stobbe, SamanthaSubject:FW: Waiving Boat Launch Fees for K Marsh LandownersDate:Thursday, May 2, 2019 4:03:01 PM

Here it is...

Liz Otto Green Lake County Clerk 571 County Road A Green Lake, WI 54941 PH: 920.294.4010 FAX: 920.294.4009

From: Lisa J Reas <ljreas@glakesd.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Otto, Liz <lotto@co.green-lake.wi.us>
Subject: Waiving Boat Launch Fees for K Marsh Landowners

Liz,

Thank you again for addressing this issue.

The Green Lake Sanitary District, GL Co. Land Conservation Dept., Green Lake Association, and WI DNR have partnered together to help improve the water quality of the County K marsh (CKM). We hope to reduce carp numbers in the wetland by limiting their access under the K bridge at our carp barrier. We've found over the years that during the spring spawning period, the carp congregate at the barrier in such high numbers that they are able to weigh down the floating gate and cross into the wetland. To combat this issue, the Green Lake Sanitary District, with the consent of the landowners around the marsh, now lock that gate in the closed position during the spring and early summer months. This has stopped the carp migration into the wetland, but has removed lake access by the 6 landowners with piers on the marsh during this period.

The 6 landowners with piers on the CKM have to utilize the county boat launches to access Green Lake during the months that the carp barrier gate is locked. As a strong partner in our lake protection and out of appreciation for the sacrifice these landowners make, we are requesting that Green Lake County waive their boat launch sticker fee. The following is a list of the CKM landowners with pier access.

David Affeldt Drew and Laura Hake James and Denise Turek Terry and Nancy Mulville Matthew and Holly Prelwitz Jim and Mary Ratos Please let me know if there are any further questions.

Thanks,

Lisa Reas Administrator, Green Lake Sanitary District (920) 291-7787

GREEN LAKE COUNTY 2019 BUDGET

			ACTUAL	2018	2019
	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	6/30/2018	REVISED	PROPOSED
COUNTY PARK					
19-100-12-552000-120-000					
WAGES	8,792	13,567	620	12,184	14,975
19-100-12-55200-151-000					
SOCIAL SECURITY	673	1,032	47	934	1,146
19-100-12-55200-222-000					
ELECTRICAL	2,557	2,757	1,269	2,900	2,900
19-100-12-55200-245-120					
PARKS IMPROVEMENTS	468	188	-	20,000	3,735
19-100-12-55200-246-000					
SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE	29,950	26,761	-	29,950	35,940
19-100-12-55200-246-001					
SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE GRANT	-	1,828	-	-	-
19-100-12-55200-248-000					
WILDLIFE HABITAT MGMT	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
19-100-12-55200-301-000					
GREEN LAKE TRAIL PROJECT	32,530	5,765	-	50,000	50,000
19-100-12-55200-350-000					
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERVICE	41,145	16,335	5,922	25,000	27,000
19-100-12-55200-350-360					
BOAT LAUNCH MAINTENANCE	2,735	7,150	3,056	30,000	30,000
19-100-12-55200-534-000					
MACHINERY RENTAL	1,575	475	204	1,600	1,400
19-100-12-55200-810-000					
EQUIPMENT	1,919	3,153	11,314	17,050	5,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	123,343	80,010	23,433	190,618	173,096

			ACTUAL	2018	2019
	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	6/30/2018	REVISED	PROPOSED
FINANCING PROPOSAL					
19-100-12-43571-000-000					
SNOWMOBILE TRAIL AIDS	77,200	(20,489)	-	29,950	35,940
19-100-12-43571-001-000					
SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE GRANTS	-	49,078	-	-	-
19-100-12-43575-000-000					
BOAT LAUNCH FEES	37,918	37,958	17,618	30,000	30,000
19-100-12-43578-000-000					
GREEN LAKE TRAIL PROJECT	87,116	5,795	-	50,000	50,000
19-100-12-43604-000-000					
PARK DONATIONS	3,521	-	1,251	-	-
19-100-12-49320-000-000					
APPLIED FUNDS - PARK DONATIONS	-	-	33,171	33,171	4,659
TOTAL REVENUES	205,754	72,342	52,040	143,121	120,599
COUNTY APPROPRIATION	-	-		47,497	52,497

GREEN LAKE COUNTY PERSONNEL COSTS 2019 BUDGET

DEPARTMENT: PARKS
*round off all totals to the nearest dollar

JOB TITLE	EMPLOYEE NAME	RATE	HOURS		ANNUAL SALARY	OVERTIME	RETIREMENT	SOCIAL SECURITY	HEALTH	LIFE	TOTAL FRINGE BEN	TOT	AL
LTE		12.50	599	\$	7,488		\$-	\$ 573			\$ 573	\$	8,061
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Grand Total				\$	14,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,146	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,146	\$	16,121

Wisconsin Retirement General Employee -

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Social Security

EXPENDITURE DETAIL LISTING

DEPARTMENT:	Parks		
ACCOUNT NAME:	Electrical		
ACCOUNT #:	19-100-12-55200-222-000		
	Alliant/Adams Co-Op		\$2,900
ACCOUNT NAME:	Parks Improvements		
ACCOUNT #:	19-100-12-55200-245-120		
	Improvements and additional structure recreational equipment per the 5-year 2014 - 2019 Parks & Recreation Plan	ar	\$3,735
ACCOUNT NAME:	Wildlife Habitat Mgmt		
ACCOUNT #:	19-100-12-55200-248-000		
	Green Lake Sanitary District Fish Rearing	: 	\$- \$1,000_
		:	\$ 1,000

RESOLUTION NUMBER -2019

Relating to Supporting Construction and Maintenance of a Multiple Purpose Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail between Ripon and Green Lake along the State Road 23 Corridor

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of May 2019, does resolve as follows:

- WHEREAS, considerable support exists from private citizens and local government 1
- $\mathbf{2}$ officials in the Ripon and Green Lake area for a bicycle and pedestrian trail between
- 3 Ripon and Green Lake; and,
- 4 WHEREAS, the engineering of a multi-use paved train along the State Road 23 corridor is 90% complete and is ready to be put out to bid; and, $\mathbf{5}$
- 6 Fiscal note: this is a pass-through DNR grant project.
- 7 Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2019

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 21st day of May, 2019.

Submitted by Parks Commission:

William Boutwell, Chair

Jerry Specht, Vice-chair

County Board Chairman

ATTEST: County Clerk Approve as to Form:

Corporation Counsel

Vonn Roberts

Curt Talma

Michael Shattuck

Vicki Bernhagen

Todd Morris

- 8 WHEREAS, private funds and grants have been secured to construct Phase I of the trail
- 9 from the intersection of State Road 23, State Road 49, and County Road A in Green
- 10 Lake to Forest Ridge Road and from Sunnyside Road in the Town of Brooklyn east to
- 11 the county line at County Road PP; and,
- 12 **WHEREAS,** the County supports the private effort to raise additional funds to complete 13 the construction of Phase 2 of the trail from Forest Ridge Road to Sunnyside Road; and,
- WHEREAS, WisDOT has already extended several culvert pipes during the State Road
 23 reconstruction in 2014, with sufficient additional length to accommodate a trail in the
 road corridor, reducing the cost of the proposed trail construction in the road right-of-
- 17 way; and,
- 18 WHEREAS, Green Lake County officials have taken steps to enter into a partnership
- 19 with WisDOT for construction of a trail between Green Lake and its east county line
- 20 through a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and WisDOT; and,
- 21 WHEREAS, the County continues its support of the Memorandum of Agreement for the
- 22 construction and maintenance of the segment of this trail located in the Town of
- 23 Brooklyn between the east county line and the municipal boundary of the City of Green
- Lake, a distance of approximately 3.3 miles; and,
- 25 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has Stewardship Grants 26 for trails such as this one; and,
- 27 **WHEREAS,** the private funds will be raised to fulfill part of the construction cost and the 28 balance is expected to come from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource grants.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Green Lake County will comply with state or federal rules for the programs; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting and safe manner; will keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors
 authorizes Green Lake Greenways to:
- 381. Prepare an application for the County Clerk to submit to the State of Wisconsin39Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;

- 40 2. Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation
- 41 within six (6) months of project completion date;
- 42 **3**. Prepare all documents for signature by the County Clerk; and,
- 43 **4**. Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

REVISED BY:

UW EXTENSION OFFICE & PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE GREEN LAKE COUNTY

December 2014

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INTRODUCTION

Green Lake County is a rural county with an abundance of natural areas. The county recognized in 1969 when it prepared its first outdoor recreation plan, that although it didn't have the tensions and stressors of a big-city life, the benefits from planning for public recreation and open space areas were still important.

Public recreation areas in rural counties can increase a sense of community and shared experience just as in urban areas. The diversity of recreational desires in sparsely populated areas is just as great as in denser urban areas. An outdoor recreation plan for rural counties, then, becomes critical in determining how a county with a smaller population, fewer financial resources and greater distance barriers to recreational areas can best accommodate the recreational needs of its residents. Decisions have to be made determining the scale, number, and location of facilities.

This plan will inventory what is available for outdoor recreational activities within Green Lake County, and from this information, to project and recommend what is still needed. It is a review and update of the plan done in 2009

Outdoor recreational facilities and resources provide a wide range of activities, including hunting, fishing, hiking, cycling, athletic events, camping, boating, swimming, picnicking, and ice fishing. With more leisure time and more people, the interest and needs of outdoor recreation become increasingly important. The primary purpose would be to recommend and eventually implement a program of acquisition and development that will fulfill the needs of the present, as well as the future. It is necessary to consider the needs of the tourist and the local citizens.

Duplication of facilities provided by state, municipal, and school systems should be avoided. A coordinated county-wide recreation plan is needed. Recommendations must be flexible enough to permit variation and to fit local conditions and opportunities.

The primary purpose of this plan is to recommend a sound program of land acquisition and park development that will fulfill local demands and needs. Within this recommended broad framework, the county and local municipalities can continue to proceed in an orderly manner in this parks and recreation program, knowing that all recommendations are flexible enough to permit variations accorded by local opportunities and conditions.

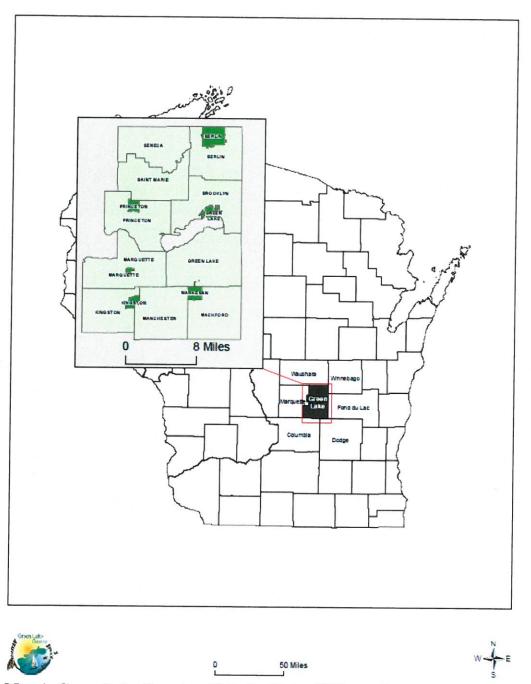
The plan is devoted to an inventory of outdoors recreation opportunities, available land, present and future needs, and recommendations to meet those needs. This plan shall be updated every five years and shall be submitted to the County Board for final approval. The plan addresses the needs of county parks from–2014-2019.

Specialized and other privately owned facilities are not included in this report, however they are listed as private enterprises.

Golf courses, greenways, historic sites, conservancy areas, and floodplains are examples of specialized recreation areas. Most of these have limited active recreation value, are either undeveloped for recreation, or are not always available for use by the public. These areas are not considered in the evaluations made for this section of the plan except in those instances where a potential for park development is identified. However, it must be realized that specialized areas are an important adjunct to a community and its park program.

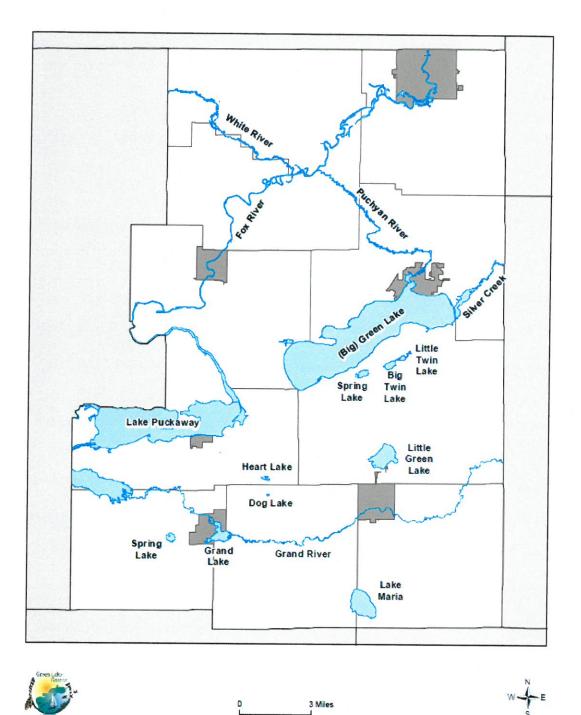
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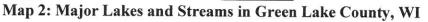
Green Lake County was established in 1858, and is located in the central part of Wisconsin. It is bordered by Waushara County to the North, Winnebago and Fond du Lac Counties to the East, Dodge and Columbia Counties to the South and Marquette County to the West. The Wisconsin Counties, Map 1, displays the location of Green Lake County within the state. The County has a land area of 226,739 acres, or approximately 349 square miles. Surface waters cover 17,120 acres, or about 8 percent of the county. Total land occupied by farms is 154,595 acres of which 119,913 acres are under crop production.

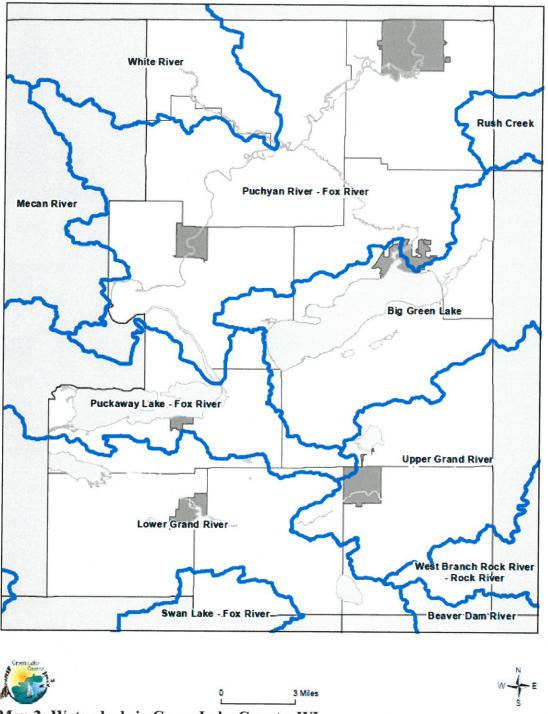


Map 1: Green Lake County within the State of Wisconsin

There are 36 lakes located in Green Lake County, 12 of which are named and 24 are unnamed. There are also 217.9 miles of streams and rivers. The primary rivers in the county are the White, the Puckyan, the Grand and the Fox (Map 2). All of the lands within Green Lake County drain to the Fox River, except for the extreme south-east corner of the county which drains into the Rock River (Map 3).







Map 3: Watersheds in Green Lake County, WI

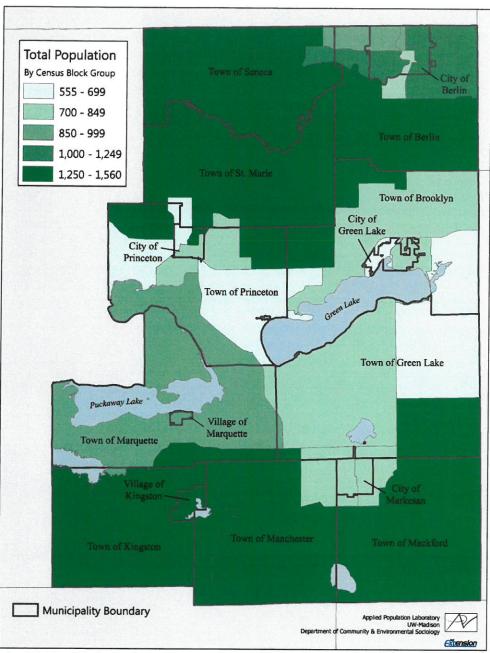
Green Lake is the largest lake in the county, occupying approximately 7920 acres, and is ranked as the seventh largest lake in the state (excluding man-made reservoirs). Being 236 feet deep, Green Lake is also Wisconsin's deepest inland lake. Lake Puckaway is the second largest lake in the county and ninth largest in the state. It covers approximately 5,013 acres.

Surface features of the county are largely the result of glaciation: ground moraine, with low hills and kettles interspaced with old glacial lakebeds and drainage ways. Bedrock escarpments and sand dunes give some diversity to this pattern. Elevations range from approximately 740 to 1080 feet above sea level.

Green Lake County contains four fourth class cities and two villages – Berlin, Markesan, Princeton and Green Lake, and Marquette and Kingston, respectively. Also ten townships – Berlin, Brooklyn, Green Lake, Kingston, Mackford, Manchester, Marquette, Princeton, Seneca and St. Marie. Table 1: displays historic and projected population estimates for Green Lake County. The 2010 Census reported that 19,051 persons were residing in the County.

1980	2010	2020
18,370	19,051	19,201
98.6%	94.4%	92.8%
1.1%	3.9%	5.4%
0.1%	0.4%	0.8%
0.1%	0.2%	0.8%
N/A	0.5%	0.3%
0.1%	0.2%	N/A
50.4%	50.1%	49.5%
49.6%	49.9%	50.5%
	18,370 98.6% 1.1% 0.1% 0.1% N/A 0.1% 50.4%	18,370 19,051 98.6% 94.4% 1.1% 3.9% 0.1% 0.4% 0.1% 0.2% N/A 0.5% 0.1% 0.2% 50.4% 50.1%

Table 1: Population Projection for Green Lake County, WI



Map X. Population of Green Lake County, WI by census block group

DEFINITIONS

Specialized Recreation Areas

Golf courses, historic sites, conservancy areas, linear trails, multi-use trails (non-motorized), and floodplains are examples of specialized recreation open space areas. Most of these have limited active recreation value, are not developed for multi-purpose recreation, or are not always available for use by the public. Although such areas are not considered in acreage evaluations made for Green Lake County, it must be recognized that specialized areas are an important adjunct to a community and its parks program. As future evaluations of recreation opportunities are undertaken, it may become necessary to include consideration of specialized recreation areas.

County Park

A County park is defined here as having good environmental quality and is greater in area than a community park with good accessibility by car, serving large portions of the county. These parks are usually within a half-hour drive of residents or 15 miles. It may provide a year around access for diversified multi-use recreation with a considerable amount of undeveloped land for people of all ages. It may also be developed in conjunction with some unique environmental, historical, etc. features of the county.

Regional Park

A Regional Park is defined here as having unique environmental quality with good regional accessibility to surrounding counties, cities, and village residents. It usually provides year - round recreation of a passive nature with emphasis on the natural state for people of all ages.

PARK STANDARDS

Type of Recreational Land

Acres per 1,000 Population

Regional Outdoor Recreatio	n	100 Acres	
State			80 Acres
County			15 Acres
Private			5 Acres
Local Outdoor Recreation		10 Acres	
	Total Outdoor Recreation	110 Acres/1,000	O Population

Regional Outdoor Recreation is broken into three levels of responsibility – the State, County and Private.

The Role of the State

The State's role is to provide 80 acres or 80 percent of the regional outdoor recreation. This quantity is divided into two types of open space.

- 1. State parks and recreation areas.
- 2. State forest, wildlife areas, scientific preservation areas, etc.

The Role of the County

It is recommended that the counties provide 15 acres or 15 percent of the regional outdoor recreation. When land is provided by towns, basically rural in population, that land should be considered part of the county's portion to meet the standard. The County's lands are composed of two general types also:

- 1. County Parks
- 2. County forests, wildlife, or preservation areas

Although rural towns may help to meet county standards, the majority of that requirement is the role of the county.

The Role of the Private Sector

It is recommended that the private sector is capable of supplying five acres per 1,000 population or five percent of regional outdoor recreation. This will not only help to satisfy the requirement of regional outdoor recreation, but will also be beneficial for economical gains. The private sector's portion is composed of golf courses, campgrounds, marinas, beaches, or conservation oriented areas.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The function of all plans is to set measureable goals and objectives. Therefore, it is imperative that a community formulate goals (ends) which it hopes to attain. This section's purpose is to make explicit the goals and objectives of Green Lake County's Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Goals may be defined as general statements of desirable ends, while objectives are measurable statements of desirable ends. Objectives are usually specific, but at all times they are in harmony with stated goals. As desires and needs change, so too must goals and objectives. Goals and objectives should be subjected to a continuous refinement process.

#1. Outdoor Recreation

Goal: To provide a planned system of Parks and Recreation Areas that contains a diversity of recreation activities and to maintain existing areas and park apparatus.

Objectives:

- To acquire and develop recreation lands necessary to meet the demand for recreational facilities for both permanent and seasonal Green Lake residents.
- To maximize the use of all public recreation lands within the county.
- To preserve or obtain public access to lakes, rivers, and streams and maximize their use for recreation.
- To provide shelter houses and convenience structures to support outdoor recreational activities.
- To maintain and beautify established parks through continued inspection and policing as necessary.
- To increase local recognition and pride, signs of uniform size and material should be installed at all parks and major thoroughfares leading to the parks.
- To maintain community support by providing affordable recreation programs.
- To provide facilities accessible to the elderly and handicapped.
- Multi-use trails

#2. Unique Natural and Cultural Resources

Goal: To preserve scarce and valuable resources important to the ecological, sociological and economic life of the county.

Objectives:

- To encourage the preservation and enhancement of natural features of the county from encroachment by man-made development including intensive recreational development, commercial recreation and second homes.
- To conserve vegetation and trees needed to prevent erosion and floods and to protect air and water quality.
- To conserve lands with soils and terrain highly suitable for agricultural activity.
- To preserve wetlands necessary for continued fisheries and wildlife habitat and for groundwater recharge purposes.
- To conserve ecological areas with sensitive plant life or irreplaceable high quality plant and animal communities.
- To preserve unique or unusual geological features.
- To protect historic buildings, landmarks and archaeological sites significant to the heritage of Green Lake County.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Green Lake County has a large inventory of natural and cultural resources. Some of these resources can be enjoyed without further development, while others will require improvements to achieve their full recreational potential. While these resources offer the major recreational opportunities in the county, their development must be carefully controlled so as not to destroy the very qualities that make them so unique in the first place.

Natural Resources

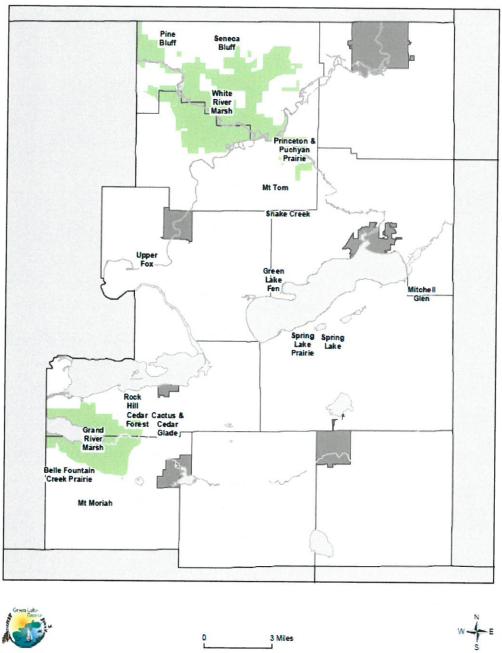
Important natural areas in Green Lake County have been identified by state and local officials and are further discussed in the <u>Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan for East Central</u> <u>Wisconsin</u>. Areas that have the highest environmental quality, good accessibility, and are potentially threatened by development pressures are generally viewed as the highest priority recreational and open space resources of the county.

Of the natural areas in the county, those areas having unique environmental characteristics, which the public should allow to remain as preservation areas are:

- The upper Fox River located southwest of Princeton has been identified as a regionally significant preservation area. This area, composed mostly of private ownership, should be kept in as natural a state as possible.
- The Snake Creek Corridor northwest of Green Lake has been identified as a regionally significant corridor. Methods such as conservancy zoning or floodplain zoning should be used by Green Lake County to ensure the preservation of the Snake Creek Corridor.
- The Mitchell Glen area located southeast of Green Lake has long been recognized as a natural resource preservation area. If investigation for acquisition as a public preservation area is not feasible, the private sector, which retains ownership, should be encouraged to protect the area from adverse development.

Cultural and Ecological Sites

Appreciation of the unique geological, historical, ecological, and archaeological heritage of the county is a significant educational aspect of public outdoor recreation. Most locations are still unprotected and in private ownership. Many risk deterioration or destruction because of new development. Others have not been investigated since they were initially inventoried in the early part of the century and may already have been destroyed or built over. The geological, historical and ecological sites identified should be maintained in their existing condition due to their attractive unique characteristics. In Green Lake County these sites are composed of public hunting and fishing areas, geological areas, ecological areas, and historical structures or sites displayed in Map 4 and listed on Table 2.



Map 4: Ecological sites in Green Lake County, WI

Table 2: Ecological sites in Green Lake County, WI

Wildlife Areas (WA)

White River Marsh Wildlife Area (10,593.55 Acres) Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area (5,671.25 Acres)

Preservation Areas

SC = Snake Creek Corridor MC = Mitchell's Glen UF = Upper Fox, Southwest of Princeton

Geological and Ecological Areas

- 1. Mount Tom 4 miles northwest of the City of Green Lake
- 2. Mitchell Glen 2 miles southeast of the City of Green Lake
- 3. Monadnock Outcropping southwest of Marquette
- 4. Princeton Prairie 4 miles northeast of Princeton
- 5. Mount Moriah 1 mile north of Dalton
- 6. Green Lake Fen 4 miles southwest of Green Lake
- 7. Pine Knob 8 miles west of Berlin
- 8. Marquette Cedar Forest 1 mile southwest of Marquette
- 9. Spring Lake 5 miles north of Markesan
- 10. Seneca Bluff 4 miles west of Berlin
- 11. Cactus and Cedar Glade 1 mile south of Marquette
- 12. Fountain Creek Prairie 3 miles west of Kingston
- 13. Spring Lake Prairie ³/₄ miles southwest of Spring Lake

EXISTING RECREATION AREAS

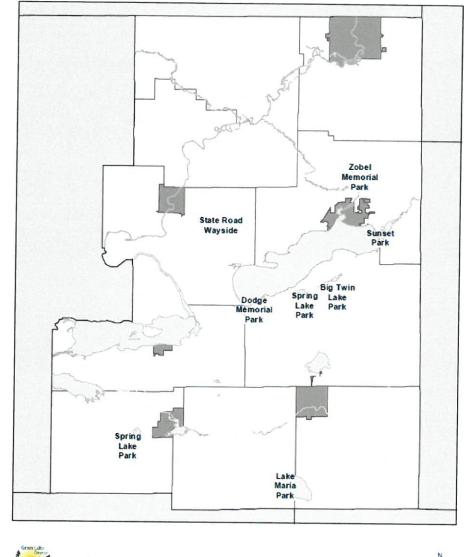
Existing public recreational areas in the County total over 16,500 acres, or nearly 8 percent of the total area of the County. These areas can be divided into five major categories related to their use and ownership: conservation areas; water surface areas; county parks; community parks; and water-access areas, the largest portion of which is state owned public hunting and fishing lands (16,264.80 acres). The second largest portion is county owned recreation lands (314 acres of which 84 acres are developed). These facilities, in addition to private campgrounds, golf courses, and forest crop land, play a dominant role in supplying opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Conservation Areas

Two larger conservation areas, under development by the State Department of Natural Resources, cover over 16,000 acres in the County. The White River Marsh is located in the northwest part of the County; a major portion of the Grand River Marsh is located in the southwest part of the County. The objective of both projects is the propagation of waterfowl and their harvest through controlled hunting. A smaller state wildlife area (73 Acres) is also located at Heart Lake. In recent years, Operation Migration as established their whooping crane breeding and training operations within White River Marsh . The bird once faced extinction.

County Parks

The County maintains seven multi-purpose park areas providing a variety of recreation facilities and in addition, the County maintains several water-access sites. The largest of the parks is Dodge Memorial Park, on the south shore of the lake, which provides approximately 14 acres developed for intensive recreation and additional large undeveloped land and water acreage (approximately 230 acres). Spring Lake Park, located west of Kingston, is much smaller in size (totaling only four acres), but does provide beach and picnic facilities in addition to boating access. Zobel Park, containing 40 acres north of Green Lake, provides picnicking, hiking, sightseeing and nature related activities. Sunset Park on the east end of Big Green Lake is a relatively narrow park bordering County A. The park offers semi-improved boat landings, shore land fishing opportunity, restrooms and a covered picnicking shelter. The County Parks on Map 5 shows the location of each of the parks. Other parks include State Road Wayside, Big Twin Park, and Lake Maria Park.



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RECREATION INVENTORY

<u>State Wildlife Areas</u> (State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources)

Name	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	Activities and Facilities
1. Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area (Town Marquette/Town Kingston)	5,671	Fishing (7 miles/minor river, boat launch), hunting, canoeing, scenic overlooks; public parking
2. White River MarshWildlife Area (Town Seneca/Town St. Marie)	10,594	Fishing (9 miles/minor river); hunting, canoeing, snowmobiling trail; public parking
3. Heart Lake Wildlife Area	73	Fishing, Hunting
County Parks and Lake Access		
Name	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	Activities and Facilities
1. Dodge Memorial Park	244 (14 developed)	Boating, fishing, water-skiing (access to Green Lake – 7,325 acres 5 boat launches); picnicking; shelter; restrooms; playground equipment; improved parking lot (125 vehicles); well; swimming; ice fishing
2. Zobel Park	40	Picnicking (grills & tables); 2 restrooms; parking spaces for 125; benches; shelter; sledding hill; walking trails; xx-skiing; disc golf
 Spring Lake Park (Town Green Lake) 	4	Boating; fishing (access to Spring Lake – 75 acres, one boat launch & pier); 2 place grill station; improved parking lot (30 vehicles)

4.	Spring Lake Park (Kingston)	4.5	Boating; fishing (access to Spring Lake 70 acres, 1 boat launch); swimming (300 ft. beach); picnicking (tables & grills); 2 restrooms; improved parking lot (40 vehicles)

County Parks and Lake Accesses

Name	<u>Size (in</u> <u>Acres)</u>	Activities and Facilities
5. Big Twin Access	4	Boating; fishing (access to Big Twin Lake – 74 acres, 1 boat launch & pier); picnicking (2 grills); 1 restroom; improved parking lot (30 vehicles)
6. Sunset Park	2	Boating; fishing; (access to Green Lake – 7,325 acres, 4 boat launches); picnicking; 2 restrooms; improved parking lot (75 vehicles)
7. Wayside Lake Maria Access	4	Fishing (access to Lake Maria – 63acres, 1 boat launch); picnicking; 2 restrooms, improved parking lot (30 vehicles)
Township Public Accesses (Improved)		
Name	<u>Size (in</u> <u>acres)</u>	Activities and Facilities
1. Horner's Landing (Town of Green Lake)	.05	Boating; fishing; (access to Green Lake – 7,325 acres, 1 boat launch; 30 parking spaces
 Fox River (Town of St. Marie) 	5	Boating; fishing; access to Fox River; 1 boat launch; improved parking lot (30 vehicles)

Fox River Locks

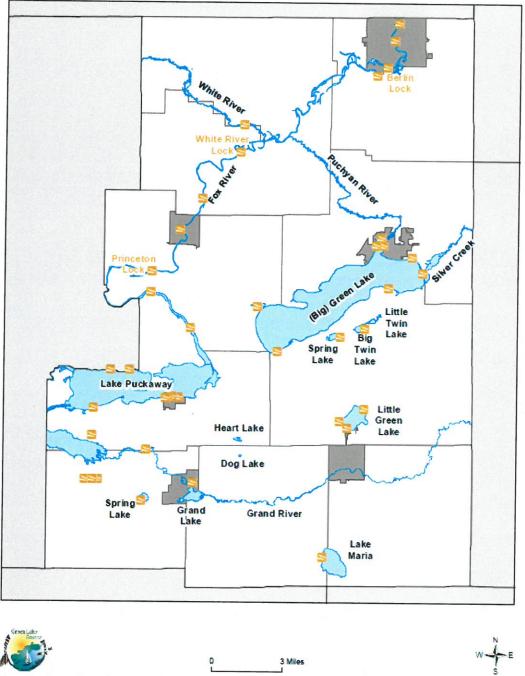
Name	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	Activities and Facilities
1. Berlin Lock	62.1	Boat launching ramps; parking; restrooms
2. Princeton Lock	26.25	Boat launching ramps; parking; restrooms
3. White River Lock	34.5	Boat launching ramps; parking; restrooms

Quasi-Public Recreation Areas

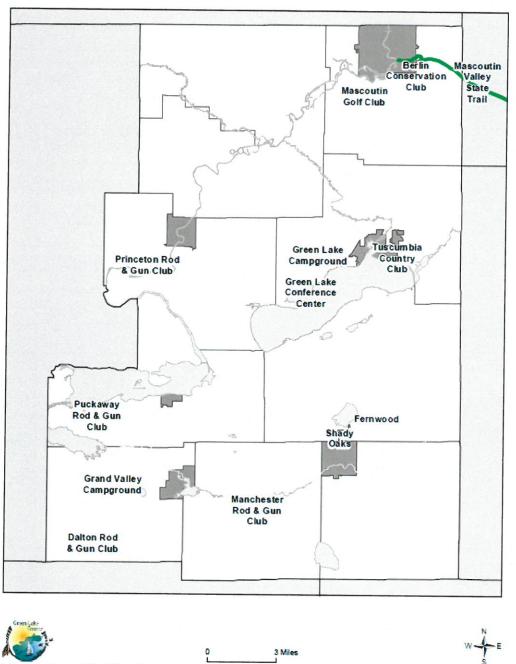
Name	<u>Size (in acres)</u>	Activities and Facilities
1. Green Lake Conference Center (Town Brooklyn)	1,100	Boating; fishing; (access to Green Lake – 7,325 acres, 1 boat launch); bicycling and hiking trails (20 miles); snowmobiling trails (12 miles); swimming (50 ft. beach); camping (119 sites, restrooms); golfing (36 hole course); clubhouse, driving range); picnicking (4 acres – 120 tables, 25 grills, shelters, restrooms); tennis; basketball; disc golf; shuffleboard courts, skating rink; ball fields; tobogganing and sledding hills; skiing (250 acres slopes, 22 miles cross country); 500 plus parking places, restaurant.
2. Mascoutin Country Club (Town of Berlin)	160	Golfing (27-hole course, clubhouse, driving range); 125 parking spaces, restaurant.
3. Grand Valley Campground (Town of Kingston)	108	Camping; (200sites, restrooms, showers);; fishing (5 acre private lake); swimming (pool and pond); playground equipment; 19- hole mini-golf; ball fields; 2 recreation halls; 210 parking spaces, access to public hunting grounds next door.
4. Tuscumbia Country Club (City of Green Lake)	67	Golfing (18 hole course, 9-hole Par-3 course, clubhouse, driving range); 100 parking spaces; restaurant.

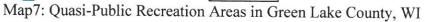
Name Size (in acres) **Activities and Facilities** 5. Green Lake Campground 65 Camping (350spaces, restrooms); swimming (Town of Brooklyn) (1/4 acres private lake & 4 pools); picnicking (150 tables, 130 grills); playground equipment; ballfields; 150 parking spaces. 6. Shady Oaks Campground 30 Camping (165 spaces, restrooms) (Town of Green Lake) 7. Fernwood Trailer Camp 10 Camping (32 sites, restrooms) (Town of Green Lake) 8. Berlin Conservation Club 110 Camp Refuge (Town of Berlin) 10 Skeet, trap, rifle, pistol and archery ranges. 9. Dalton Rod & Gun Club 28.4 Trap, rifle and pistol ranges. (Town of Kingston) 10. Manchester Rod & Gun Club 17.8 Trap and skeet ranges. (Town of Manchester) 11. Princeton Rod & Gun Club 29.39 Trap, rifle, pistol and archery ranges. (Town of Princeton) 12. Puckaway Rod & Gun Club 10 Trap, rifle, pistol and archery ranges. (Town of Marquette) 13. Mascoutin Multi-Use Trail 12 miles Walking, biking, bird-watching, total (2.5 snowmobiling. miles in

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Public Access Areas

In addition to the multi-purpose parks, there are a number of public areas devoted to providing boating access. Green Lake, Puckaway, and the Fox River have the largest number of such access points. Most are under the jurisdiction of township units of government. See Map 6, Boat Landings and Locks for their locations.

Recreation Action Program

As previously noted in this plan, Green Lake County has had a relatively constant population over time. In 2010, Green Lake County had a population of 19,051; the County population is projected be 19,201 by 2020. It's estimated that the already substantial seasonal population has increased in the county from 30,000 in 2000 to 34,000 by the year 2010, placing further pressure on county recreational facilities.

Present Demand

Extensive acreage devoted to recreation in Green Lake County is satisfactory to meet residential population demands. However, it fell below recommended standards in 2000 when you consider summer residents and tourists. One can only suggest that if the county is able to reasonably acquire additional parkland or one of the recommended preservation areas, that it be seriously considered.

Standard: 1	5 Acres per 1,000 p	opulation			
Year	Res. Pop. Proj.	Existing Rec. Acres	Surplus /Deficiency	Inc. Proj. Summer Max. Population	Surplus /Deficiency
2000	19,105	314	+28	30,000	-136
2010	19,051	314	+24	34,000	-196
2020	19,201	314		34,000	

Surpluses were available for activities such as camping, boating, fishing, canoeing and golfing. Private facilities are a major resource to meet many of these needs, particularly those such as golf, and camping. Fulfilling demand generated by seasonal residents and tourism depends to a great extent on development of private facilities.

Future Demand

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 20 percent of recreation demand in Green Lake County is generated by the resident population of the County; while 80 percent comes from tourism and seasonal development generated by proximity to Chicago, Milwaukee and the lower Fox River Valley. This demand tends to be concentrated in certain activities such as pleasure driving, boating, swimming, fishing, picnicking, sightseeing, and in the future is expected to increase the demands for hunting, fishing, camping, nature study, and biking hiking and multi-use trails.

5 Year Plan - Specific Recommendations (See Appendix I)

General Recommendations for Existing Facilities

- Additional picnic facilities (tables, benches, and grills) should be added to all county parks and accesses.
- Additional development facilities that may be considered are, dependent on available resources: improved boat landings, shelters, restroom facilities, parking lot improvements, landscaping and safety lighting.
- Town owned public lake accesses should be considered for improvements to the access roads and boat launch areas. This might entail new gravel and blacktopping. Units of government might in addition to the above consider the addition of picnic tables, grills and restroom facilities at these accesses, if feasible.

Areas that are identified as valuable county resources should be preserved.

- Areas, corridors and sites that contain unique environmental qualities offer great potential for satisfying many outdoor recreational needs simultaneously. The preservation of these areas will be of major significance in controlling scattered development patterns, preserving wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas for wildlife habitat and passive recreation, preserving recognized scientific areas, and serving as learning resource centers. These areas were identified in the prior section on <u>Natural and Cultural Resources</u>.
- For the recommended preservation areas, the county should consider maintaining all these areas in their natural state. In maintaining and, in some cases, improving these natural resources, the county should consider establishing these policies:
 - Require an evaluation of the impacts of future recreational development or other development on the natural resources of the county prior to the approval of such development.
 - For all major development projects, evaluate water quality impacts on the Upper Fox River and its tributaries to insure that such development is compatible with the maintenance of water quality standards.
- In future land acquisition activities, the county may consider one of these sites or encourage the private sector to preserve these areas through enforcement of the aforementioned policies.

<u>Continued maintenance of all county parks and public water accesses with periodic</u> <u>replacement or upgrading of equipment and access facilities is desirable.</u>

• Existing facilities are serviceable and attractive and well located for residents of the county.

<u>Provide a public snowmobile trail system through implementation of a Green Lake County</u> <u>Snowmobile Trail Plan.</u>

• A snowmobile trail plan that will meet county needs and at the same time link up with a region wide system should be continued and maintained. Note: the snowmobile clubs have the plan.

OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES

In addition to the state and county lands, which together account for the largest proportion of parkland in Green Lake County, two other types of facilities supplement the recreation needs in the county.

Municipal Parks

Each urban community within the County should continue to provide active recreation facilities for its residents. These facilities for active recreation supplement the state and county park and wildlife areas which are generally designed for passive or nature study recreation, or certain activities such as hunting or boating which draw from a wider area. Existing facilities are serviceable, generally attractive, and well located for the residents of the individual community. Continued maintenance of these parks along with periodic replacement of equipment and access facilities is desirable.

As stated earlier, there is currently a deficit of available recreational area due to the increased number of summer residents and tourists. Often these persons congregate in the municipal parks and recreation areas. This being the case it is recommended that if a municipality has the opportunity to purchase new or expand/improve existing recreational areas the county would hope they do so. These actions will allow more people to enjoy Green Lake County and will help to alleviate the deficiency in available recreational land.

Quasi-Public Recreation Facilities

Since the private recreation areas in Green Lake County presently provide the only facilities for activities such as camping, skiing and golfing, continued maintenance and development of private facilities will be essential if the County is to meet recreation needs generated by tourism and seasonal residents. In particular, the County should continue to encourage the development of high quality private campgrounds to meet future needs for this activity.

APPENDIX I

Green Lake County Five-Year Plan

Park and Recreation Action Plan 2014 - 2019

Dodge Memorial Park

Continue to improve and add new playground equipment Add additional shelter structure Create more green space / picnic areas Create grilling station Add bicycle parking rack Update restrooms at boat launch area

Sunset Park

Improve lighting in boat launch area Add bicycle parking rack Create grilling station Create beach / swim area Add new playground equipment Update restrooms Blacktop parking areas

Twin Lake

Add picnic tables Improve parking lot (resurface) Create grilling station Add small shelter Add bicycle parking rack

Spring Lake (Town of Green Lake) (Valley Park)

Add picnic tables Create grilling station Add small shelter structure Blacktop new expanded graveled parking area Add bicycle parking rack

Spring Lake (Town of Kingston)

Create grilling station Add playground equipment Add bicycle parking rack Resurfacing of parking lot and launch areas

Lake Maria

Update restrooms Create grilling station Add picnic tables Add bicycle parking rack

Zobel Park

Add bicycle parking racks Create grilling stations Add picnic tables Add new restrooms by lower park area

Berlin Lawcon Trail (Mascoutin Trail)

Add park benches along trail Add picnic table Add bicycle parking racks

Multi-Use Recreational Trails (non-motorized/motorized)

Improve the existing trail system Investigate areas for additional multi use trails In coordination with the Highway Department/Townships, investigate areas along state highways/county roads/town roads possibilities for multi-use trails when feasible

COUNTY WIDE

Investigate acquisition of land for new parks and nature areas when feasible

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Removed blocked out Daily Display letters on ordinance signage at Dodge/Sunset launches 04/02/19 - PRC

New \$7.00 Daily Launch fee signage installed at Dodge/Sunset launches

Daily Display letters temporary blocked out on Ordinance signage at Dodge/Sunset launches 03/28/19 – PRC

5 new picnic table assembled and placed - Zobel

New commercial solid plastic restroom partitions ordered an received for Dodge launch men's/women's restroom, Sunset Park men's/women's restroom, Kingston Park men's/women's restroom to be installed

Assisted in install of automated launch terminals 05/01/19 at Sunset and Dodge launches/are not operational as of 05/01/19 @ 3:00p due to cellular company communication.

New 36"x 48" Park Ordinance signage ordered for all parks

Removed a trailer load of household trash items from Kingston Park that was left in the parking lot- 2 couches and 7 assorted chairs, recliners etc.

Installed 2' x 3' x 4" concrete slabs for automated launch site fee machines – Dodge/Sunset Installed solar/motion sensor lighting in Dodge, Sunset, Kingston men's and women's restrooms 04/08/19

ADA fishing pier installed 04/24/19

All launch site piers white stained for season 04/09/19

Replaced 2 damaged mooring cleats on piers - Dodge

Parks seasonal clean up being performed as weather/grounds conditions permits in all parks Launches scheduled for install at Dodge, Sunset, Spring, Twin last week in April weather permitting/installed 04/20/19

Put in request with Hwy. Dept. for remaining very large willow tree removal at Dodge Park and remaining willow tree trunk at Sunset Park week of 03/25/19

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