



Comprehensive Master Plan

FRANKFORT PARK DISTRICT

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Introduction

Chapter One: Introduction

Plan n. – 1. a scheme of action or procedure: *battle plan*. 2. a project or definite purpose: *plans for the future*. 3. to project a plan, act, or course of action for: *to plan one's vacation*. 4. to make plans: *to plan ahead, to plan for one's retirement*.

Why the Plan was Developed

Recently ranked as the 36th fastest growing suburb in the nation, Frankfort is a premiere community with award-winning schools and exceptional residential, commercial and industrial development. Because of the growing population and increasing recreational demands, the Frankfort Park District sought to evaluate their current assets and establish an action plan to guide their next five years. This plan will:

- Assess and identify park and facility needs
- Assess and identify recreational needs
- Develop strategic, measurable, and obtainable recommendations
- Develop a five-year action plan for implementation and funding

Goals of the Process

The goals for this Comprehensive Master Plan include:

- Assess the needs of the current population
- Determine what improvements, changes or additions should be made to existing parks and facilities
- Plan for new park and open space
- Enhance and establish local and regional trail linkages
- Develop a prioritized list of goals, targeting an initial five-year assimilation period

Planning Process

The planning process began in the spring of 2013 with an extensive inventory and analysis of the District's land holdings, facilities, and social and economic context. Next, the Park District Board, staff, and community survey provided insight on the issues and needs facing the Frankfort Park District. Visioning sessions and charrettes helped the team to then develop the master plan recommendations and, after input and review from Board and staff, prioritize the action items for the five-year implementation plan.

How the Document Should be Used

This master plan document should be used by the Park District's staff and park board as a guide for development to determine the primary action items over the next five years. The plan should be thought of as a "working list" and items should be checked off the list once they have been completed.

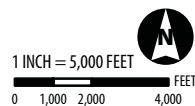
Planning Area Summary

The Planning Area for the Frankfort Park District is approximately 14 square miles. The Park District boundary is surrounded by adjacent recreational agencies and over 2,100 acres of county forest preserves. The following recreation agencies share boundaries of the Frankfort Park District:

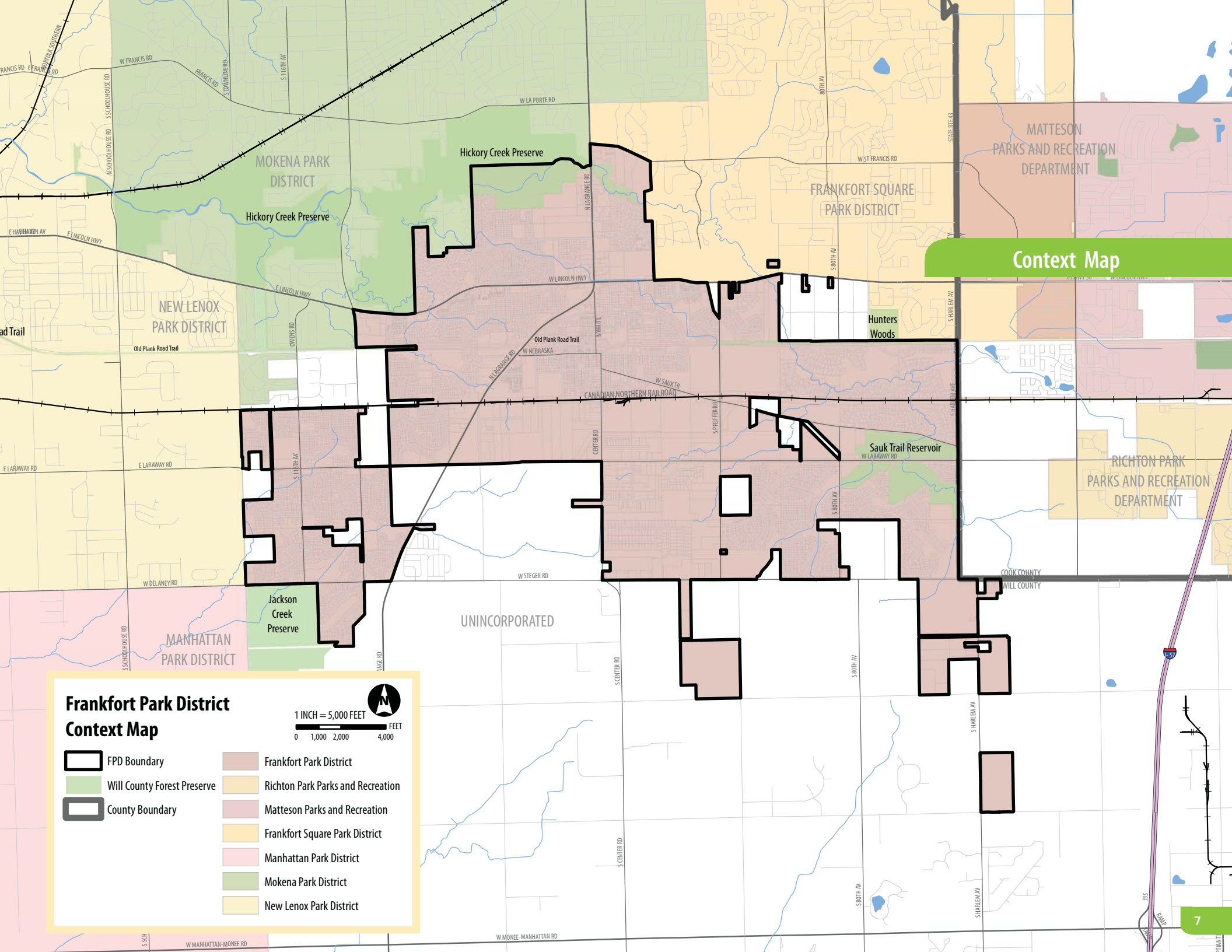
- Frankfort Square Park District
- Manhattan Park District
- New Lenox Park District
- Mokena Park District
- Matteson Recreational Division
- Richton Park Parks and Recreation Department

Context Map

Frankfort Park District Context Map



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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| FPD Boundary | Frankfort Park District |
| Will County Forest Preserve | Richton Park Parks and Recreation |
| County Boundary | Matteson Parks and Recreation |
| | Frankfort Square Park District |
| | Manhattan Park District |
| | Mokena Park District |
| | New Lenox Park District |



Structure of the Document

Chapter One: Introduction

Provides a summary of the planning area and adjacent agencies. Documents the relevant history of the Frankfort Park District. References other relevant planning documents used during the development of this plan.

Chapter Two: Inventory & Analysis

Provides a detailed map identifying all parkland, open space, park facilities, schools, trails and relative adjacent land uses. Classifies all of the Frankfort Park District's parkland based on standards, size, location, and amenities. Documents the Park District's level of service analysis for park and open space acreage and indoor facility square footage. Provides equity mapping exhibits of park, open space, facility and trail service areas.

Chapter Three: Park & Facility Inventory

Catalogues individual parks and natural areas documenting observations on each property's natural resources and environmental conditions, site design and aesthetics, health, safety, and compliance, and users and context. Provides aerials and site photographs. Catalogues individual indoor facilities, documenting observations on each building's site and facility conditions, code compliance, programming and users. Provides floor plans and site photographs. Lists recommendations and considerations.

Chapter Four: Needs Assessment

Documents the park, facility, and recreation needs of the community, based on the results from the community needs survey, Park Board discussions, staff recommendations, and local trends. Identifies current issues based on information gathered during the Inventory and Analysis phase.

Chapter Five: Strategies & Recommendations

Identifies specific projects and improvements for the following categories:

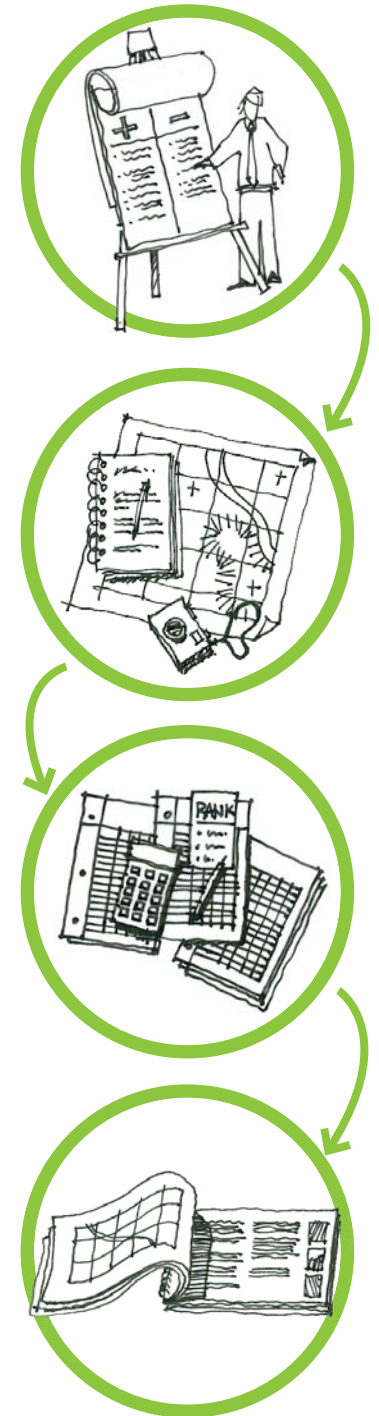
- Districtwide Strategies
- Existing Parks, Open Space and Indoor Facilities
- New Parks, Open Space and Indoor Facilities
- Trail Corridors and Linkages
- Recreation Programming

Chapter Six: Implementation

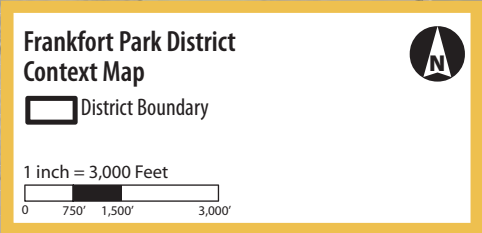
Identifies action items directly related to the plan recommendations and determines short term (1-3 years) and long term (5 years) priorities. Provides important dates for grants and other applicable funding sources.

Chapter Seven: Appendix

Raw information from community needs assessment, meeting summaries, and excerpts for other planning documents.



Aerial Map



Frankfort Park District Profile

Geographic Location

The Frankfort Park District is located in northwest Will County, Illinois, on the Will-Cook County border and covers an area of 14 square miles according to 2012 Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) data. Neighboring villages include New Lenox, Mokena, Manhattan, Matteson, and Richton Park. Neighboring park districts and recreation departments include Frankfort Square Park District, Matteson Recreation Division, Richton Park Parks and Recreation Department, Manhattan Park District, New Lenox Park District, and Mokena Park District.

Service Statement

The Frankfort Park District is committed to providing responsive, friendly, courteous and excellent service to our customers.

Mission Statement

It is the purpose of the Frankfort Park District to design, provide and maintain park facilities, open space and recreation programs in the most functional, attractive and fiscally responsible manner possible, and to meet the needs of its residents by utilizing volunteers through civic and intergovernmental agreements.

Customer Service Philosophies

- Customers are entitled to efficient/friendly service from knowledgeable, motivated and well-trained staff.
- Customers are our greatest assets.
- Customers are not dependent on us. We are dependent on them.
- Customers come to us with their needs and wants. It is our job to satisfy them.
- We listen to our customers and respond quickly to their suggestions and concerns.
- We seek to give each customer attentive service.
- We provide a welcoming environment for all customers.
- We search for innovative methods to improve our service to the customer.
- We treat all customers we encounter with respect and integrity.
- We will make every attempt to satisfy/exceed customer's expectations.
- If we don't take care of our customers, somebody else will.



Fort Frankfort at Commissioner's Park was built by the Frankfort community



Open water visitors can access for fishing.



Frankfort has been recognized with the Southland's Reader's Choice award for "Best Community."

History of the Park District

The Frankfort Park District was created by referendum in April 1967. The original park site is Main Park, a 25-acre park that sits across the street from the Eris Rudman home. Eris Rudman was instrumental in forming the park district. She and the Lions Club, maintained and built tennis courts and ball fields at the Main Park site. It was a community effort to form the district and to collect taxes to own and operate the parks and programs. The Eris Rudman Memorial Garden sits on the southeast corner of the The Founders Community Center.

The District owns more than 235 acres of land and leases an additional 14 acres. The agency offers a community center, 13 baseball fields, 14 softball fields, 15 soccer fields, two baseball fields, four tennis courts, 17 playgrounds, seven picnic shelters, seven bike trails, two volleyball courts, one sled hill, and two skate parks. In addition to a variety of recreational programs for all ages, the District has a splash pad and award-winning dog park.





Inventory & Analysis

Chapter Two: Inventory & Analysis

Purpose

The Inventory & Analysis Chapter of the report illustrates and describes the existing conditions of the Park District. The information in this chapter was used to develop a better understanding of the many factors impacting the Park District and individual park facilities. This chapter holds a wealth of information including detailed maps of the District that display locations of parks, trail, forest preserves and other relevant land uses, maps illustrating natural features and systems present within the District, and tables identifying all parkland, open space, and amenities. This chapter also includes the equity mapping analysis completed to analyze the park distribution and review the degree to which the Park District and its systems are serving the District residents.

Existing Conditions

The Frankfort Park District lies on the edge of Will and Cook Counties and encompasses over 14 square miles of land. While primarily composed of residential land uses, the east central portions of the district are composed of industrial development.

Over 3,000 acres of forest preserves are adjacent and within the District, and the District itself owns 235 acres of parkland. In the next five years, an additional 25 acres will be added to the Park District's land holdings. The District also co-owns a park in the Frankfort Square Park District--Lighthouse Pointe Park--but as the park is maintained and primarily used by the Frankfort Square Park District it is not included in this plan. The District also has access to many of the area school districts and managing three facilities in-house--The Founder's Community Center, Susan A. Puente Educational Facility, and the Buildings and Grounds Facility.













North LaGrange Road is the main north-south corridor within the District while West Lincoln Highway and West Laraway Road serve as the primary east-west connections. The Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad is located centrally within the District and runs east-west. The main industrial developments within Frankfort are located off this rail corridor.

The Old Plank Road Trail serves as the sole regional trail through the District. This major trail connects Frankfort to New Lenox and other communities to the west.

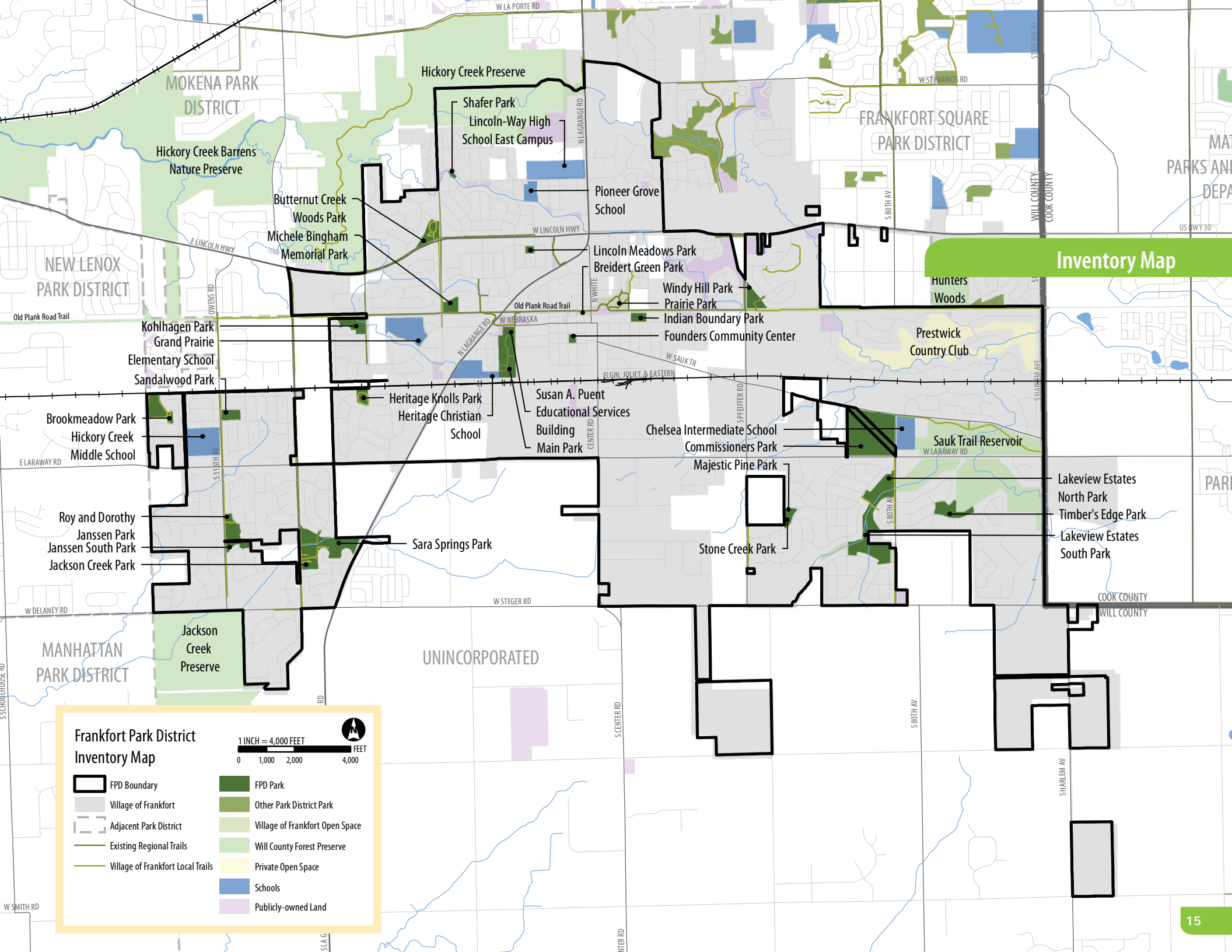
The District is served by the Frankfort Community Consolidated School District 157C, and Lincoln Way Community High School District 210.

Inventory Map

Frankfort Park District Inventory Map

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|---|---|
|  FPD Boundary |  FPD Park |
|  Village of Frankfort |  Other Park District Park |
|  Adjacent Park District |  Village of Frankfort Open Space |
|  Existing Regional Trails |  Will County Forest Preserve |
|  Village of Frankfort Local Trails |  Private Open Space |
| |  Schools |
| |  Publicly-owned Land |

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Frankfort Park District Demographics

The demographics review utilized the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Business Analyst Software to gather the necessary, up-to-date demographics needed to gain a strong understanding of the District. ESRI is the largest research and development organization dedicated to geographical and information systems, including population projections and market trends.

Population Summary

The 2010 Census recorded the Frankfort Park District's population as 14,936, a 37.9% increase from 2000 Census estimates. According to 2012 estimates, the current population is at 15,244 and is expected to continue to increase by 9.8% to 16,741 by 2017.

Frankfort's median age is 41.7 years old. ESRI's 2012 estimates indicate a high percentage working age residents with 52.6% of the population between the ages of 25 and 55. The pre-school age group makes up 5.9% of the population, the school age group makes up 24.4% of the population, the college age group makes up 4.1% of the population, and the remaining 13% is beyond retirement age.

According to the 2012 estimates, there are 5,045 households in the Park District with an average size of 3.0 members. The majority of these households are families (84.9%). The primary ethnicity is White (90.3%).

Population

2000: 9,270
2010: 14,936 (+37.9%)
2012 (estimate): 15,244 (+20.6%)
2017 (projection): 16,741 (+9.8%)

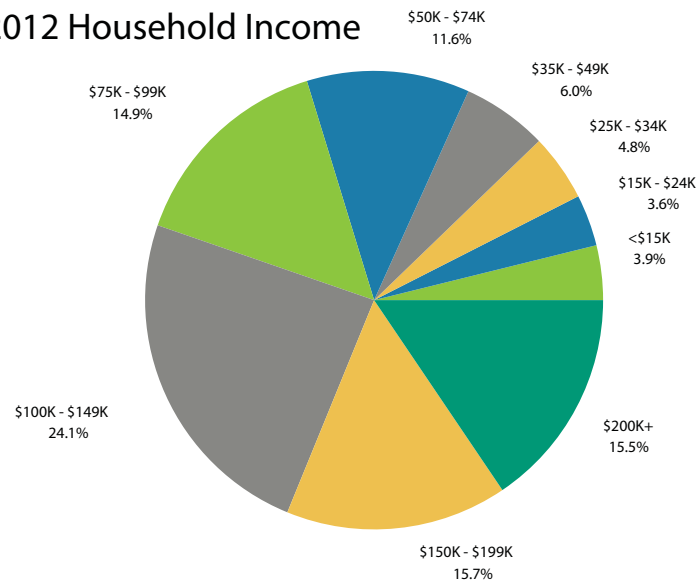
Population by Race and Ethnicity (2012)

90.3% White / 5.0% Black / .1% American Indian / 2.4% Asian / 1.0% Other
4.7% Hispanic or Latino (any race)

Household Income Distribution (2012)

Median Household Income: \$106,468
Average Household Income: \$127,070
Per Capita Income: \$42,348

2012 Household Income



Estimates for 2017 (2012 estimates)

Population: 16,741 (15,244)

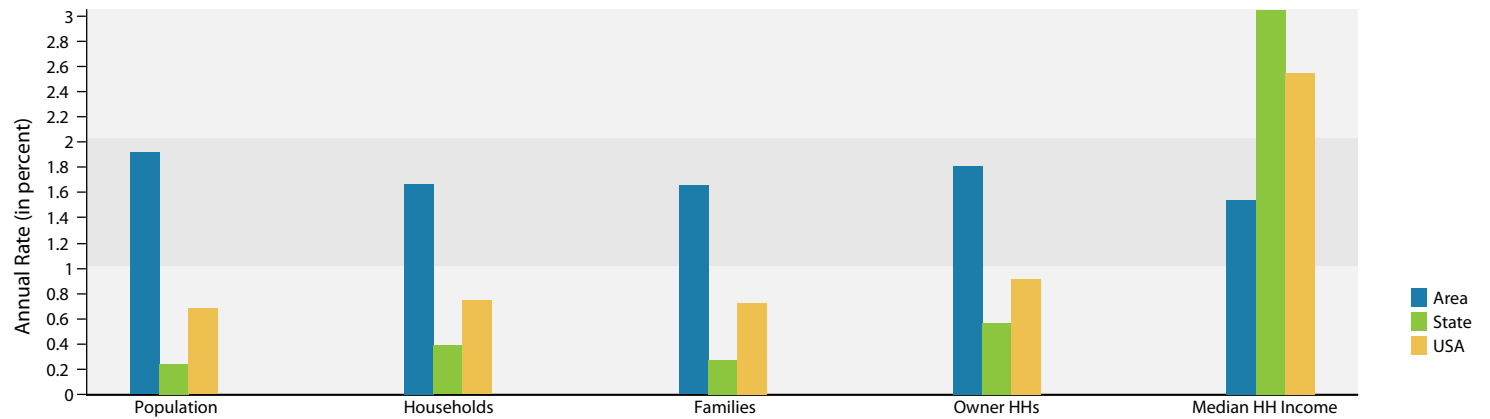
Households: 5,213 (4,799)

Families: 4,436 (4,085)

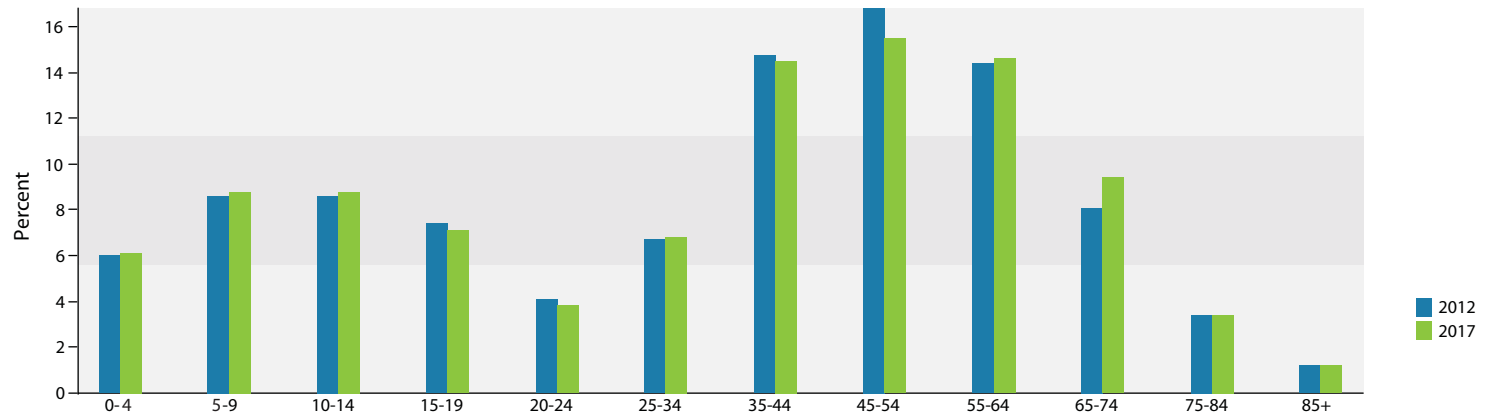
Owner-occupied Housing Units: 4,905 (4,485)

Median Household Income: \$115,939
(\$107,409)

Trends 2012-2017



Population by Age

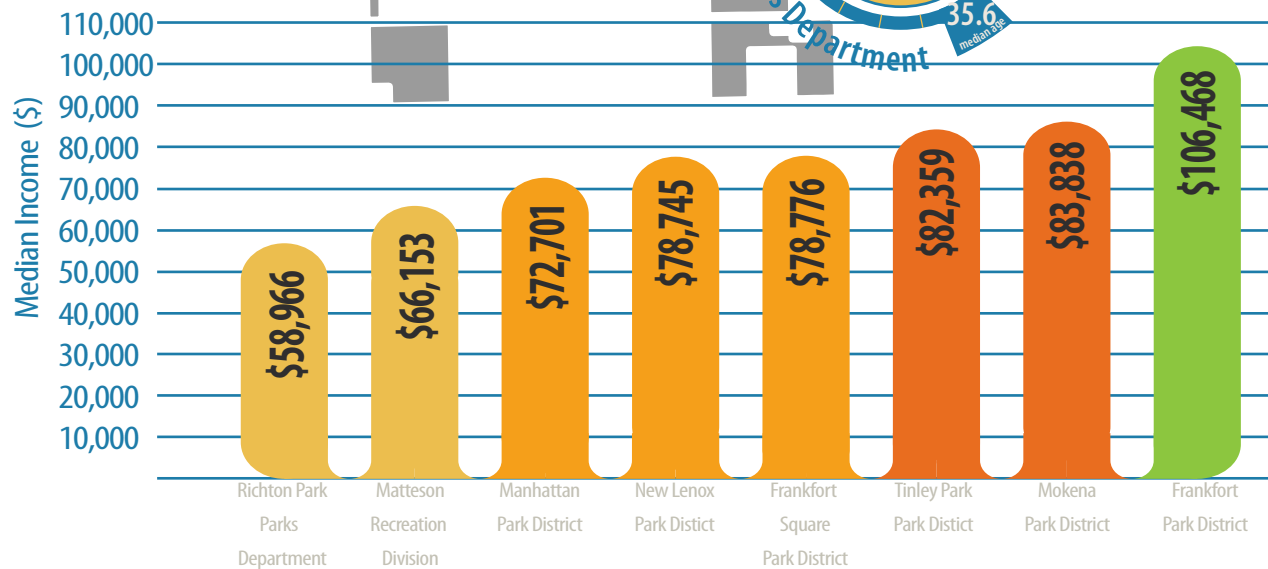
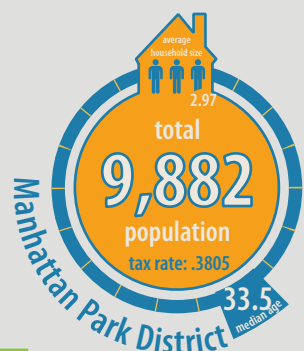
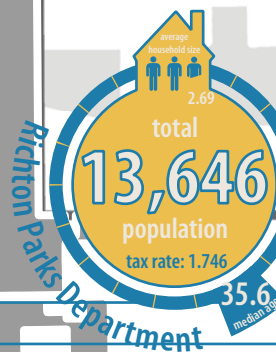
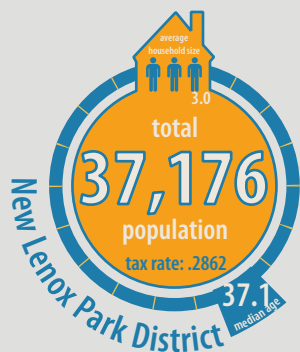
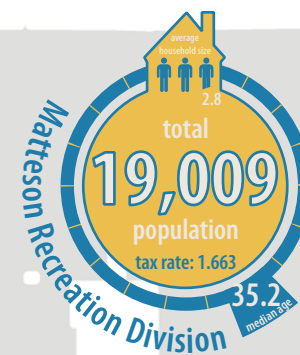
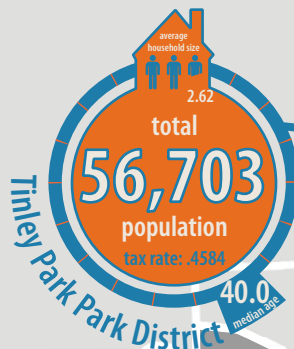


Population Trends

According to ESRI, the Frankfort Park District's population is expected to increase by a higher annual rate than both the State of Illinois and the nation (1.89% compared to .24% and .68% respectively). The number of households, families, and owner-occupied housing units will also increase at a higher rate than the State of Illinois and the nation from 2012 to 2017. The median household income; however, will increase at a much slower rate (1.5%) than compared to the State of Illinois (3.05%) and the nation (2.55%).

Into 2017, the population falling within the school age group will increase by 10% but remain a steady 24.4% of the total population. The amount of pre-school aged children will increase by 13.6%, but will remain a steady 6.1% of the population while the working age group will increase, but will make up less of the population than it did in 2012 (55.2% compared to 56.7%). The retirement age bracket will grow the most at 21.2% and will make up 14% of the total population by 2017.

Demographic Comparison





Natural Resources Inventory

The Frankfort Park District is rich in natural resources including four major creeks and their associative riparian corridors, flood plains, major watersheds, jurisdictional wetlands, and gradual topography.

Watersheds & Riparian Corridors

The creek system running through the Frankfort Park District boundary includes Jackson Creek and its tributaries: Frankfort Creek, Prairie Creek, Hickory Creek and Forked Creek. All creeks run from the northeast to the southwest across the planning area. The Forest Preserve District of Will County currently has Resource Management Plans developed for all watersheds. In 2004, Openlands did “The Prairie Streams Watershed: A Habitat Protection and Restoration Strategy for Jackson, Prairie, Grant, and Forked Creeks.” CMAP finished the Jackson Creek Watershed Plan in 2009 and Will County, the Village of Frankfort and others did a Hickory Creek Watershed Plan in 2011. Lastly, there is a Hickory Creek Watershed planning group.

Flood Plain

The Federal Emergency Management Agency through the National Flood Insurance Program produces Flood Hazard Boundary maps for areas prone to flood hazards. The 100-year flood plain associated with each of the creeks is shown in blue on the Natural Resources Map. The 100-year flood plain denotes the area potentially impacted by the level of flood water expected to be equaled or exceeded every 100 years on average or have a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any single year. These areas are restricted from development in Frankfort. This floodplain protection has created the opportunity for natural and built connections along these corridors throughout the Park District.

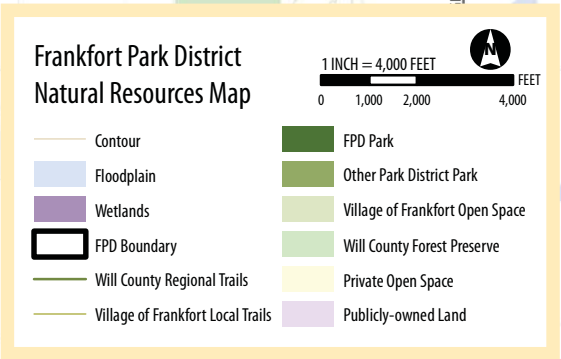
Wetlands

Wetlands are lands saturated with water; this saturation impacts the soil character, the plant and animal communities and the surface condition of the land. Wetlands are regulated under the Clean Water Act. Wetland data from the National Wetlands Inventory conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is depicted in the Natural Resources Map. Most of the identified wetlands in the Park District planning area are emergent wetlands located along creek corridors. Other wetland types found in the planning area are forested wetlands and open water.

Topography

Topographic data obtained from U.S. Geological Survey maps was used to identify high points as well as low points within the planning area. The land does not appear to have significant grade changes or topographic features. However, the gradual change present across the site contributes to a grade change of 100’ across the planning area. High points have been identified in the Natural Resources Map to note areas where significant views may be present within the planning area. Low points are also depicted and appear to follow the stream corridors and drainage patterns of the Park District.

Natural Resources Map



Trail Corridors & Linkages Inventory

The Trail Corridors Map illustrates the existing trail corridors within the Frankfort Park District. The existing trails depicted on the map include the 22-mile long Old Plank Road Trail, a regional bicycle trail along the former Joliet and Northern Indian Railroad right-of-way. This trail extends from Joliet to Chicago Heights. This information was obtained through the Forest Preserve District of Will County, Will County GIS, and the Village of Frankfort. While the Village's goal is to provide bicycle trails, paths, and lanes, the Park District should focus on proposing trails within the parks themselves and providing connections from the parks to the Old Plank Road Trail. Analysis of the existing trail system can be found on pages 44 and 45.

The "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities" provided by American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials recommends four different bike facility types. The bike facility types are described to the right. The Village of Frankfort's Bicycle Master Plan calls for planning and development of each type of bicycle route. Maps from the bicycle master plan can be found in the appendix.

Shared Roadway: *A roadway which is open to both bicycle and motor vehicle travel. This may be an existing roadway, street with wide curb lanes or road with paved shoulders.*

Signed Shared Roadway: *A shared roadway which has been designated by signing as a preferred route for bicycle use.*












Bicycle Lane: *A portion of a roadway which has been designated by striping, signing and pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.*

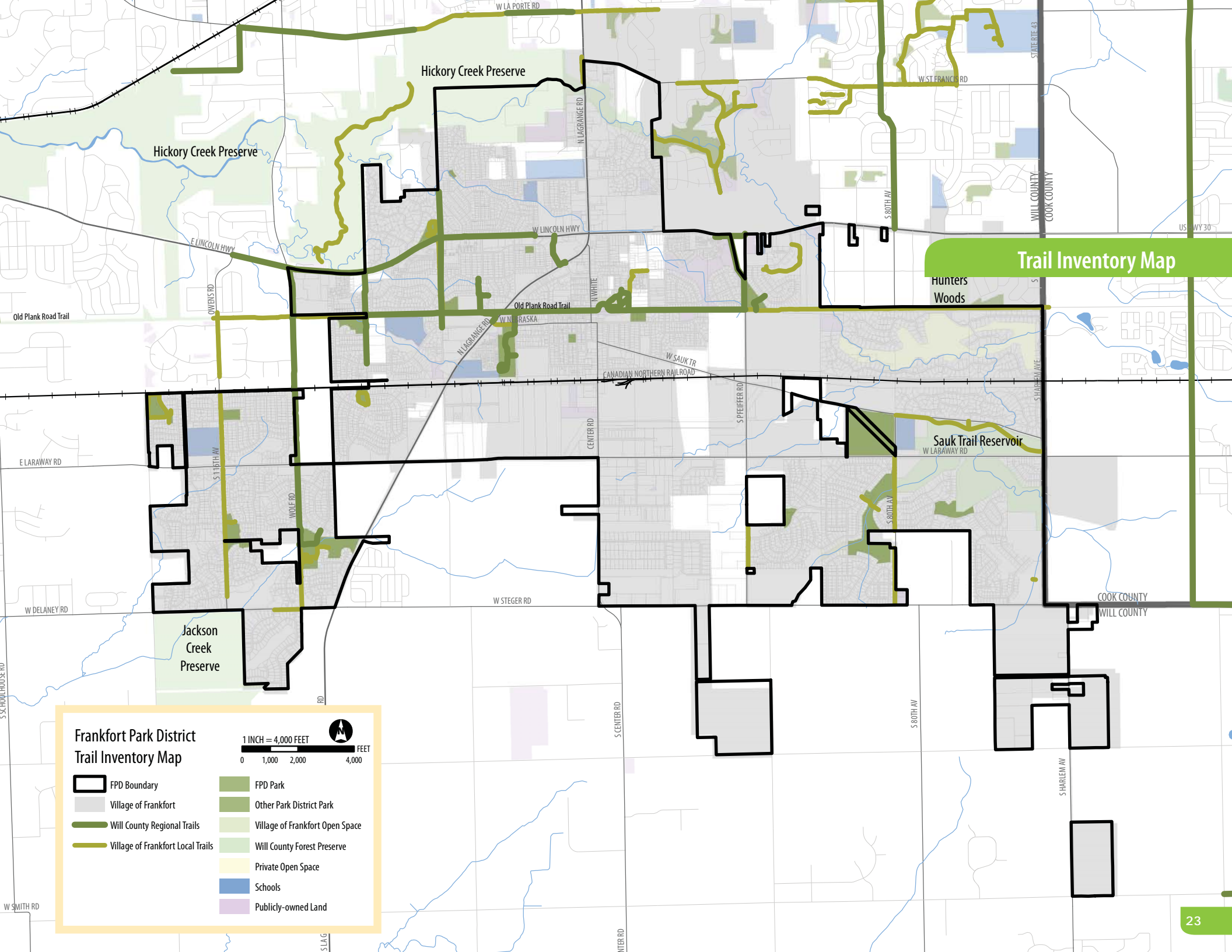
Shared Use Path: *A bikeway physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier and either within the highway right-of-way or within an independent right-of-way. Shared use paths may be used by pedestrians, skaters, wheelchair users, joggers and other non-motorized users.*

Trail Inventory Map

Frankfort Park District Trail Inventory Map

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-  FPD Boundary
-  Village of Frankfort
-  Will County Regional Trails
-  Village of Frankfort Local Trails
-  FPD Park
-  Other Park District Park
-  Village of Frankfort Open Space
-  Will County Forest Preserve
-  Private Open Space
-  Schools
-  Publicly-owned Land



Park Classification Criteria

As a part of the planning process, we reference the guidelines outlined within the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) - Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines Manual. NRPA recommends creating a park classification system to serve as a guide for organizing an agency's parks. Mini Parks, Neighborhood Parks and Community Parks are the three different park types recognized by NRPA. The Frankfort Park District classifies their parks as either Neighborhood or Community, and does not have any Mini Parks. The park classification table identifies the criteria for determining the class for each of Frankfort's parks.

Park Classification			
Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	0.25 to 0.5 mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	1 to 5 acres in size is typical.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 0.5 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 20 acres.

Table from NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines.



Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active, passive recreation and community gathering spaces. Frankfort Park District's Neighborhood Parks generally range from 5 to 10 acres in size. Elements in these parks often include playgrounds, picnic areas, and trail systems. Neighborhood parks located in the Frankfort Park District include:

- Brookmeadow Park
- Butternut Creek Woods
- Heritage Knolls Park
- Indian Boundary Park
- Kohlhausen Park
- Lakeview Estates North Park
- Lakeview Estates South Park
- Lincoln Meadows Park
- Michele Bingham Memorial Park
- Janssen Park (North & South)
- Sandalwood Park
- Shaffer Park
- Timbers Edge Park
- Windy Hill Park
- Stone Creek Park (undeveloped)
- Majestic Pine (anticipated)

Neighborhood Parks are located in residential areas and serve neighborhoods within a 10-minute walk. Some Neighborhood Parks provide limited parking spaces. Neighborhood Park "service areas" do not include residents that must cross a planning area boundary. In a residential setting, **2.0 acres of open space** designated as a Neighborhood Park is preferred per every **1,000 people**.



Community Parks

Community Parks are generally designed for active recreation and focus on meeting community-based recreation needs. These parks preserve unique landscapes and open space, and often serve the community as gathering and general team sport spaces. Elements in these parks include playgrounds, pavilions, trail and path systems and multiple sport courts and fields. Community Parks located in the Frankfort Park District include:

- Commissioner's Park
- Jackson Creek Park
- Main Park
- Sara Springs (undeveloped)

Community Parks tend to serve the entire Park District. Community Parks are viewed as destination places and require travel by automobile for preferred programmed recreation, these parks include adequate parking. Community parks tend to be 1 mile to 3 miles in distance from residential areas. **7.5 acres of open space** designated as a Community Park is preferred per every **1,000 people**.



Parks, Open Space and Facilities Inventory

The planning team performed a site visit and evaluation for each of the Frankfort Park District's park properties to determine the opportunities and/or potential recommendations for improvements. Each site was visited and photographed, and staff provided information on how the park is used and any issues with the site or site amenities. The planning team also gathered aerial photography, acreage, property boundaries and floodplain information. Each park was evaluated on the following criteria:

- Natural Resources and Environmental Observations
- Site Design and Aesthetics
- Health, Safety, and Compliance
- Users and Context

The following pages summarize the inventory for each park. The inventories are grouped by park classification: Neighborhood Parks and Community Parks.

Park and Facility Matrix

The table on the following page was completed for Frankfort Park District's existing parks, existing natural areas, and planned parks as a part of the Inventory & Analysis Phase of the master plan. It reflects the current inventory of the Park District's park acreage, uses and amenities. Each park was classified and grouped based on NRPA park classification standards and the park amenities were tabulated in order to understand the Park District's total recreational offerings.

Frankfort Park District is comprised of neighborhood and community parks, totaling over 250 acres of park space and managed land.



Splash pad at Commissioner's Park



Interpretive sign and trail at Lakeview Estates North Park



Skate Park at Jackson Creek Park

Frankfort Park District

ACRES	TRAILS	FACILITIES	DAY USE FACILITIES	SPORTS FIELDS AND COURTS										WATER BASED FACILITIES				OTHER		NATURAL FEATURES													
Acreage - Owned	Multi-Use Trails (miles)	Nature / Interpretive Trails (miles)	Physical Fitness Trails (Stations)	Restrooms	Concessions	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Area	Playground	Baggo	Basketball	Baseball	Disc Golf (holes)	Football	Horseshoes	Roller Hockey	Skate Park	Soccer	Softball	Tennis	Volleyball	Fishing allowed	Fishing Pier / Overlook	Ice Skating	Swimming Pool	Splash Pad	Dog Park	On-Street Parking	Parking Lot	Stormwater Retention	Wetland	Creek/River	Open Water	Natural Area and/or Gardens

Neighborhood Parks

Brookmeadow Park	12.98	●						1													1						●		●		●	●
Butternut Creek Woods Park	9.41	●				1	1	1																			●					
Heritage Knolls Park	5.03	●			*1			1									1		1								●					
Indian Boundary Park	3.89				*1			1									1										●					
Kohlhagen Park	8.78							1													1						●		●	●	●	●
Lakeview Estates North Park	25.81	●				1	1	1			1										1	1					●		●		●	●
Lakeview Estates South Park	20.05	●				1	1	1													1	1					●		●		●	●
Lincoln Meadows Park	1.75							1			1																●					
Michele Bingham Memorial Park	5.74				*1			1									1	1									●					
Roy and Dorothy Janssen Park	10.01	●				1	1	1													1	1					●		●		●	
Sandalwood Park	5.94	●			*1			1			2										1						●		●		●	
Shaffer Park	1.16							1																			●			●		●
Timbers Edge Park	11.41					1	1	1			1						1										●					●
Windy Hill Park	8.29	●				1	1	1																			●					

Neighborhood Park Acreage 130.25

Community Parks

Commissioners Park	60.50	●			2	2	2	4	1		1	5	9			1	3	1	2					1	1			203/4				
Jackson Creek Park	20.78	●			1		1	1	1		3					1		3			1	1					60	●	●	●	●	
Main Park	23.70	●			3	1	3	3	1	2	2	4	3	1	1			2	2	2			1				290/10					

Community Park Acreage 104.98

Total Existing Park Acreage 235.23

Undeveloped/Planned Parks

Type																																
Sara Springs Park	C	16.22																											●		●	●
Stone Creek Park	N	2.92																														
Majestic Pine Park (anticipated)	N	1.42																														
Janssen Park South	N	4.28																														

Total Undeveloped Park Acreage 24.84

Total Land Holdings 260.07 0.00 0.0 0 10 3 12 14 17 2 6 14 12 1 1 0 2 5 9 4 3 7 4 1 0 1 1 ● 597 ● ● ● ● ●

Key



currently beyond the IDNR's "useful life criteria"



will be beyond the IDNR's "useful life criteria" by 2017

* portable restrooms

See Appendix for Useful Life Criteria

Indoor Facility Matrix

Frankfort Park District has three indoor facilities--two of which are programmed. These programmed facilities include The Founder's Community Center and Susan A. Puert Educational Services Facility. The third facility is the Buildings and Grounds Facility that houses maintenance staff and vehicles.

The table below reflects the current inventory of the Park District's square footage and types of indoor space in each building.

Frankfort Park District		TOTAL SQ. FOOTAGE	DAY USE FACILITIES								ACTIVITY FACILITIES						SPORTS FACILITIES						
			Restrooms	Locker Rooms	Kit chen	Offices	Receptionist	General	Storage	Maintenance	Banquet / Community	Classroom / Multi-purpose	Auditorium	Dance Room	Teen Room	Art Room	Multi-purpose Rooms	Gymnasium	Indoor Turf Field	Fitness / Weight Room	Indoor Track	Aquatics	Indoor Activity Courts
Indoor Facilities	Age																						
The Founders Community Center	1925, reno (1938, 1995)	31,670	6		1	5	1	1			1	5	1	1	1			1					
Susan A. Puert Educational Services Facility	1970, reno 2001	7,539	5		1	1						5											
Building & Grounds Facility	1987, addition 2007	13,536	1	1	1	2				1													
Main Park Falcoln Football / Concessions Building	2004	1,800	1																				
Commissioners Park Concessions North	2006	1,250	1						1														
Commissioners Park Concessions South	2006	1,250	1						1														
Totals		57,045	12	1	3	8	1	1	0	1	1	10	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



The Oaks at Mokena



The Founders Community Center



Susan A. Puente Educational Facility

Facility Comparison Analysis

The Frankfort Park District owns three facilities -- The Founders Community Center, Susan A. Puente Educational Facility, and the Building and Grounds Facility. Two of these facilities -- The Founders Community Center and Puente Educational Facility--are programmed. The District does not currently own or operate an indoor active recreation and fitness facility. The District does have programmable space at The Founders Community Center for dance, fitness classes, adult, and senior programs, but District residents must currently seek out private providers or attend the fitness center at the local high school for their indoor recreation and fitness needs. Puente Educational Facility is solely pre-school and early childhood programming.

The table to the right compares the amount of indoor programmable, recreation, and preschool space the Frankfort Park District has to adjacent Districts. This comparison analysis omits the Building and Grounds facility as maintenance spaces are not programmed. From this table, it is evident the Frankfort Park District does not have the same degree of access to indoor recreation space as neighboring Districts. While some Districts, like Frankfort, do not own indoor recreation facilities, many of them still have agreements and cooperations with other agencies so residents have access to indoor recreation and aquatics.

In terms of square footage, the amount of indoor recreation and aquatics space varies drastically, so this information is mainly to be used as a contextual reference to the amount of indoor recreation space available to surrounding communities.

Comparative Analysis

Community	Population Served	Recreation / Program Center	Aquatic Center	Pre-School
Frankfort Park District	15,244	32,000 SF		8,000 SF
tax rate: .2059		Founders Community Center <i>Includes admin, meeting rooms / classrooms, kitchen, banquet room, gymnasium, and dance studio</i>	Lincoln-Way East High School <i>Limited use of facility - shared with school</i>	Susan A Puent Educational Facility
Mokena Park District	24,996	40,000 SF		opens 2013
tax rate: .3030		Oaks Fitness & Recreation Center <i>Fieldhouse with 3 Multi-Use Courts (22,000 SF) Fitness Center, 1/12th mile suspended track, dance / group exercise, catering kitchen)</i>	Lincoln-Way East High School <i>Limited use of facility - shared with school</i>	New Recreation Program Center (Main Park)
Village of Matteson Recreational Division	19,009	73,000+ SF		
tax rate: 1.663		Matteson Community Center <i>Indoor Pool, Sauna, Gymnasium, fitness, Track, Multi-Purpose Rooms, Community Room, Dance Studio</i>	Indoor Pool at Community Center	Oakwood Recreation Center <i>3 to Get Ready program</i>
		Memorial Park Field House Oakwood Recreation Center <i>Gymnasium, Weight Room, Multi-Purpose Rooms</i>		
New Lenox Community Park District	37,176			
tax rate: .2862		Lions Community Center	Lincoln-Way High Schools <i>Limited use of facility - shared with school</i>	Lions Community Center <i>ACES Before and After School Program</i>
Manhattan Park District	9,882			
tax rate: .3805		Lincoln-Way Central High School <i>Fitness Center, dance rooms, field house</i>	Lincoln-Way Central High School <i>Limited use of facility - shared with school</i>	Program Center <i>Before and After School care</i>
		Program Center <i>Multi-purpose rooms for dance, fitness classes, gymnastics, adult / senior programming</i>		
Homewood - Flossmoor Park District	30,000	137,000+ SF		
tax rate: .946		H-F Racquet & Fitness Club (111,000sf) <i>Tennis, racquetball, lap swim, track, fitness center</i>	Lions Club Pool <i>Pool and Waterslides</i>	Irwin Community Center
		Irwin Park Com. Ctr. (27,000sf) <i>Classrooms, Art Rooms, Adult Exercise, Meeting Rooms, Kitchen</i>	Millenium Park <i>Splash Pad</i>	
		H-F Sports Complex <i>Community Gymnasium</i>	H-F Racquet & Fitness Club <i>4 lane lap pool</i>	
		Flossmoor Fieldhouse		

Comparative Analysis

Community	Population Served	Recreation / Program Center	Aquatic Center	Pre-School
Dundee Townships Park District tax rate: .566	64,167	53,000+ SF		
		Randall Oaks Recreation Center (53,000sf) 5,000 SF fitness center, double gym, elevated track, exercise rooms, classrooms, 5,000 SF branch public library	Dolphin Cove Aquatic Center Zero-depth entry, body slide, tube slide, two diving boards, sand beach	Randall Oaks Recreation Center
		Rakow Center Gym with track, indoor pool, 2,200 SF fitness, multi-purpose and exercise rooms, Senior Center	Rakow Center Indoor Pool 8-lane indoor pool	Rakow Center
			Sleepy Hollow Pool Zero-depth entry, 2 diving boards,	Washington Street Center
				Sleepy Hollow Rainbow Castle Child Care
Tinley Park Park District tax rate: .4584	55,000	72,000+ SF	14,600 SF	
		Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center 3 basketball courts, 1/8 mile running track, aerobics, arts & crafts, classrooms, teaching kitchen, senior center, tennis center, game room, indoor playground	Whitewater Canyon Water Park zero depth entry pool (11,000 SF), lap pool (3,100 SF) interactive children's play area, 1 meter diving board, 3-meter drop slide, lazy river (1,500 ft)	Vogt Woods Recreation Building Tot Time Pre-School
		Tinley Fitness Group X, Racquetball courts, Indoor Pool (3-lane, 25 yard lap pool), Multi-Purpose Rooms, Track		
		Performing Arts Center Vogt Visual Arts Center		
Orland Park Recreation & Parks Department tax rate: .638	51,000	90,000+ SF		
		Sportsplex (90,000sf) Fitness Center, group x, 1/2 mile track, gymnasiums, climbing wall, batting cages	Centennial Park Aquatic Center zero depth pool, water play features, tube slides, body speed slides, flume slide, platform cliff jump, drop slide, lazy river	Old Village Hall Theatre, pre-school programs
		Franklin Loebe Center Indoor playground, pre-school, meeting rooms, gymnasium, track, dance studio, wrestling room		
		Robert Davidson Center After school programs, meetings, full kitchen		
Frankfort Square Park District tax rate: .59	18,500			
		Lincoln-Way North High School Limited use of facility - shared with school	Lincoln-Way North High School Limited use of facility - shared with school	Administration Building
		Admininstration Building Community room, Board Room,		
		Island Prairie Nature Center		

Level of Service

The Level of Service (LOS) guidelines are ratios representing the minimum amount of recreation facilities needed to meet the demands of a community. The LOS analysis is an integral step in determining a community's recreation needs and estimating how well an agency is serving the residents. According to National Recreation and Parks Association, the LOS should:

- Be practicable and achievable
- Provide for an equitable allocation of park and recreation resources throughout a community; there must be equal opportunity access for all citizens
- Reflect the real-time demand of the citizens for park and recreation opportunities

Parks & Open Space

According to the 2013 PRORAGIS Special District Report, similar agencies have a median of 12 acres of land per 1,000 population. Frankfort Park District has 15.43 acres of land per 1,000 population.

The NRPA's population ratio method (acres/1,000 population) emphasizes the direct relationship between recreation spaces and people and is the most common method of estimating an agency's level of service for parkland and open space. The baseline standard according to this method is 10 acres/1,000 population. The following tables calculate the existing and proposed Level of Service for the Frankfort Park District using this ratio.

Conclusions

The Frankfort Park District currently exceeds the NRPA recommended level of service for Neighborhood Parks by more than 92 acres; however, the District falls short in Community Park acreage by 9.35 acres. Overall, the total acreage owned and maintained as parkland is over the 10 acres/1,000 population as recommended by the NRPA. By 2017, the District will only be 4.36 acres short of the recommended 125.56 Community Park acreage.

While Frankfort is still growing, most of the developments noted on the 2007 PUD map (seen in Appendix) are not built out. However, the District does expect \$111,111 cash in lieu of land for park donations when Bowen's Crossing is entirely built out. While this does not add to the District's land holdings, the funds could be used for future acquisition.

Population (2012): 15,244

Level of Service - Existing Parks					
Classification	FPD Acreage (Total)	FPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)
Neighborhood Park	130.28	8.55	38.11	2.50	92.17
Community Park	104.98	6.89	114.33	7.50	-9.35
Total Parks	235.26	15.43	152.44	10.00	82.82

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 15244

Population (2017): 16,741

Level of Service - Existing Parks and Projected Population					
Classification	FPD Acreage (Total)	FPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)
Neighborhood Park	138.90	8.30	41.85	2.50	97.05
Community Park	121.20	7.24	125.56	7.50	-4.36
Total Parks	260.10	15.54	167.41	10.00	92.69

Recommended acreage is based off the projected population of 16741

Population (2012):

15,244

Level of Service - Indoor Recreational Space					
Classification	FPD Square Foot (Total)	FPD Existing Level of Service (SF / 1,000 population)	Recommended Square Footage	Recommended Level of Service (SF / 1,000 population)	Square Footage deficiency / surplus (SF)
Indoor Recreational Space	30,137	1.98	22,866	1.50	7,271
Indoor Aquatics	0	0.00	7,622	0.50	-7,622
Total Square Foot	30,137	1.98	30,488	2.00	-351

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 15,244

Population (2017):

16,741

Level of Service - Indoor Recreational Space Projected Population					
Classification	FPD Square Foot (Total)	FPD Existing Level of Service (SF / 1,000 population)	Recommended Square Footage	Recommended Level of Service (SF / 1,000 population)	Square Footage deficiency / surplus (SF)
Indoor Recreational Space	30,137	1.98	25,112	1.50	5,026
Indoor Aquatics	0	0.00	8,371	0.50	-8,371
Total Square Foot	30,137	1.98	33,482	2.00	-3,345

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 16,741

Indoor Facilities

Level of Service (LOS) guidelines for indoor spaces is less concrete than the guidelines for parks and open spaces. Recently, through the use of their PRORAGIS application, the NRPA has developed a chart that relates population to facilities. This data, also derived from the PRORAGIS Special District Report can be seen at the bottom left. A benchmark commonly used for the Chicagoland area is 2 square feet per 1,000 of population with 1.5 acres consisting of indoor classroom-based or active recreation space and .5 consisting of indoor aquatics.

The tables to the right calculates the existing and proposed level of service for indoor facilities based on the 2 square feet per 1,000 of population. Note that the total indoor recreational space calculates only the total programmable space (30,173sf). This amount omits common space such as restrooms, hallways, and storage rooms.

Conclusions

The Frankfort Park District is well-served in terms of indoor recreation space but deficient in indoor aquatics. Note that the square footage total for the Building and Grounds Facility is not included as the facility is not programmed, and the square footage totals for The Founders Community Center and Susan A. Puent Educational Facility only calculates the total programmable space. These totals omit common space such as restrooms, hallways, and storage rooms.

This table, however, is slightly deceiving as the indoor recreation space that the District has is centered around instructor-led, classroom-based recreation such as art and pre-school classes. The District has one facility dedicated to pre-school programming, thus slightly skewing the ratio. The District does not have any indoor active recreation programming space such as multi-court gym facilities or fitness centers.

PRORAGIS Indoor Recreation Benchmarking Standards

Jurisdiction Population Per Facility	Median	Average	25% Quartile	75% Quartile
Recreation/Community Center	22,966	34,680	13,500	34,125
Fitness Center	36,000	58,301	11,986	46,883
Playground	2,688	6,257	1,581	4,716
Tot Lots	17,333	42,926	3,794	58,500
Tennis court (indoor)	58,000	96,955	41,496	118,000
Tennis court (outdoor)	3,149	7,930	2,337	6,157
Basketball court (outdoor)	4,850	24,082	3,333	6,568
Swimming pool (indoor) - Competition pools	100,278	160,964	49,481	216,503
Swimming pool (indoor) - Non-Competition pools	36,000	114,023	25,000	45,974
Swimming pool (outdoor) - Competition pools	43,403	114,586	31,250	95,144
Swimming pool (outdoor) - Non-Competition pools	36,000	49,918	23,494	67,809
Senior center	63,085	86,038	32,542	134,927

Equity Mapping Analysis

Not only is the quantity of park and open space important, but the location and geographic distribution of the parks themselves also offer an indication of how well a District is serving it's residents. By understanding where the parks are located in relationship to residential development, we are able to understand who, if anyone, is under served. This exercise may reveal the need for acquisition in under served areas of the District, or may reveal that the District is serving the residents well and should shift their focus into maintaining the system as it is.

Methodology

Planning areas are used for analysis, proposed land acquisition, and redevelopment of new park facilities. Planning areas are delineated by impassable pedestrian boundaries including major roads or highways, railroad corridors and extreme natural features.

Once the District was divided into planning areas, these areas and their boundaries were used to analyze the distribution of the parks and open spaces. First, a service area buffer--illustrated in the maps as an orange or light yellow circle--was created around each individual park. The size of the service area is dependent on the park classification. The table to the left notes the various service area distances for both Neighborhood and Community Parks.

Next, the service area buffers for Neighborhood Parks were clipped to the planning area boundaries in which the park is located. This is done because these boundaries are seen as impassible or nearly impassable by pedestrians. For Community Parks the boundaries were simply clipped to the overall District boundaries instead of planning area boundaries because these parks are seen as drive-to destinations.

Finally, the service area maps and other related maps were overlaid and analyzed to determine what areas are most and least served by the park system. The most served areas are illustrated by the dark orange while the least served areas are illustrated by the lack of orange. The orange service area buffers overlap to form a gradient that illustrates the degree to which residents are served. The darker the orange, the more service areas overlap. This represents those residents who fall within the darker orange area are served by multiple parks and their amenities.

Park Classification			
Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	0.25 to 0.5 mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	1 to 5 acres in size is typical.
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 0.5 to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 20 acres.

Table from NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines.



Planning Areas

Planning Area 1 is bounded by LaGrange Road on the east, Lincoln Highway on the south, and the District boundaries on the north and west. The planning area is primarily zoned Single-family Residential and Forest Preserve with some Community Business and Office District parcels. Shaffer Park and Butternut Creek Woods Park lie within this planning area.

Planning Area 2 is bounded LaGrange Road on the west, Lincoln Highway on the south, and the District boundaries on the north and east. The area is zoned Community Business District, Office District, with areas of Single-family and Attached Single Family Residential. There are no parks within this area; however, there is access to the Hickory Creek Forest Preserve.

Planning Area 3 is bounded by Lincoln Highway on the north, LaGrange Road on the east, the Canadian Northern Railroad Line on the south, and the District boundaries on the west. The area is zoned primarily Single-family Residential. Kohlhausen Park and Michele Bingham Park lie within planning area three boundaries.

Planning Area 4 is bounded by Lincoln Highway on the north, Pfeiffer Road on the east, the Canadian Northern Railroad Line on the South, and LaGrange Road on the west. The area is zoned primarily Historic District, Single Family Residential, and Attached Single-Family Residential. Main Park, the Founder's Community Center, and Indian Boundary Park lie within this planning area.

Planning Area 5 is bounded by Lincoln Highway and the District boundaries on the north, the District and County boundaries on the east, the Rail Line on the south, and Pfeiffer Road on the west. The area is primarily zoned Estate Residential. Windy Hill Park is located within planning area five.

Planning Area 6 is bounded by the park district boundaries on the east and west, the railroad on the north, and Laraway Road on the south. It is primarily zoned Single-family Residential. Brookmeadow Park and Sandalwood Park lie within area six boundaries.

Planning Area 7 is bounded by the Canadian Northern Railroad to the north, LaGrange Road to the east, Laraway Road to the south, and the District boundaries to the west. The area is primarily zoned Single-family Residential with some office and commercial. Heritage Knolls Park lies within area seven boundaries.

Planning Area 8 is bounded by the Canadian Northern Railroad to the north, the District Boundaries to the east, Laraway Road to the south, and LaGrange Road to the west. It is primarily zoned Light and General Industrial. There are no parks within the planning area boundary.

Planning Area 9 is bounded by the Rail Line to the north, the District and County boundaries to the east, Laraway Road to the south, and the District boundaries to the west. The area is primarily zoned Estate Residential and Forest Preserve and there is one park--Commissioner's Park--located within this planning area.

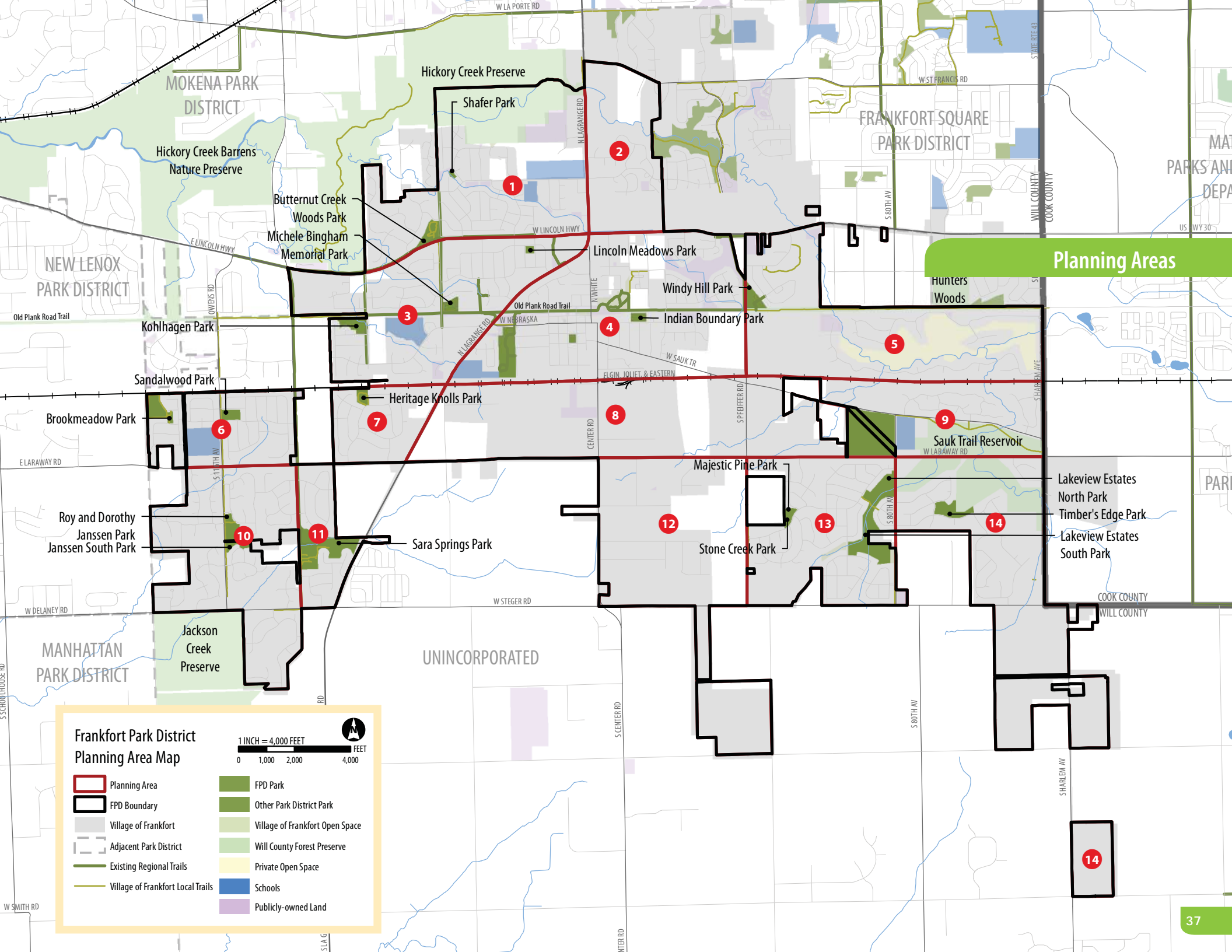
Planning Area 10 is bounded by Laraway Road to the north, Wolf Road to the east, and the District boundaries to the south and west. It is primarily Single-family Residential. Janssen Park North and South are located with the boundaries.

Planning Area 11 is bounded by Laraway Road to the north, the District boundaries to the east and south, and Wolf Road to the west. The area is zoned Single-family Residential. Jackson Creek Park and Sara Springs Park are within area eleven.

Planning Area 12 is bounded by Laraway Road to the north, Pfeiffer Road to the west, and the District Boundaries to the south and east. It is zoned Limited and General Industrial and does not have any parks within its boundaries.

Planning Area 13 is bounded by Laraway Road to the north, 80th Avenue to the east, the District boundaries to the south, and Pfeiffer Road to the east. It is zoned Single-family Residential and contains Majestic Pine Park, Stone Creek Park, Lakeview Estates North Park, and Lakeview Estates South Park.

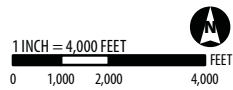
Planning Area 14 is bounded by Laraway Road to the north, the District boundaries to the east and south, and 80th Avenue to the west. The planning area is primarily Single-family Residential, Forest Preserve, and Agriculture. Timbers Edge Park is located within this planning area.



Planning Areas

Frankfort Park District Planning Area Map

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Planning Area | FPD Park |
| FPD Boundary | Other Park District Park |
| Village of Frankfort | Village of Frankfort Open Space |
| Adjacent Park District | Will County Forest Preserve |
| Existing Regional Trails | Private Open Space |
| Village of Frankfort Local Trails | Schools |
| | Publicly-owned Land |



Service Area Mapping

Neighborhood Parks

The purpose of the Neighborhood Park service area study is to determine which planning areas are under served by the Park District's existing Neighborhood Park land holdings. Frankfort Park District's Neighborhood Park acreages range from 1 to 20 acres. Currently the Park District has fifteen neighborhood parks and two planned Neighborhood Parks.

The Neighborhood Park Service Area Map illustrates a 0.5 mile service radius (shown in orange) around each existing and planned Neighborhood Park. This plan also illustrates a service area (shown in yellow) for Community Parks as these parks can also serve the function of a neighborhood park. NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines recommend that Neighborhood Parks with active recreation amenities be centrally located within their service areas and encompass a 0.5 mile radius.

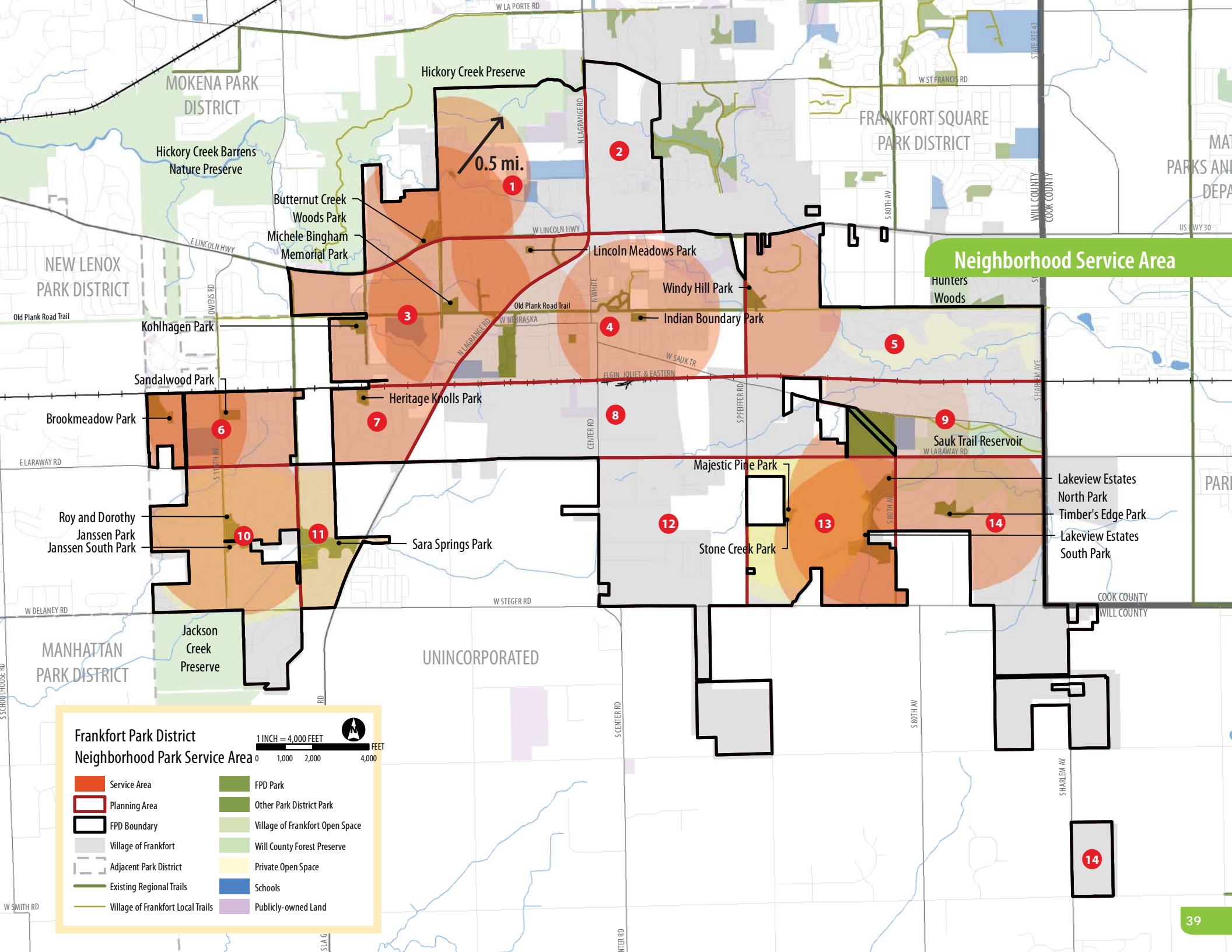
Conclusions

Existing and planned neighborhood park distribution is concentrated in planning areas 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 14. These Planning Areas are composed primarily of residential land uses. Planning Areas 2, 5, 8, 9, and 12 show a deficiency in Neighborhood Parks; however, some of these Planning Areas--specifically areas 8 and 12--are primarily composed of industrial land uses and therefore contain few or no District residents. **Planning Area residents in 2, 5, and 9 have limited access to Neighborhood Parks** within these areas, but also have access to Forest Preserve land or private open space. The LOS analysis calculates a **surplus of over 90 acres of Neighborhood Park land**--making Neighborhood Park acquisition less of a priority for the District.

Level of Service - Neighborhood Parks					
Classification	FPD Acreage (Total)	FPD Existing Level of Service	IAPD/NRPA Recommended	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)
Neighborhood Park - Existing	130.28	8.55	38.11	2.50	92.17
Neighborhood Park - Planned	138.90	8.30	41.85	2.50	97.05

Existing Population (15,244)

Projected Population (16,741)



Community Parks

The purpose of the Community Park service area study is to determine which residential areas are under served by the Park District's existing Community Park land holdings. Frankfort's Community Parks range in size from 20 to 60 acres. Currently, the Park District has three Community Parks-- Commissioner's Park, Jackson Creek Park, and Main Park and one planned Community Park --Sara Springs Park. The Park District also owns a parcel of land adjacent to Jackson Creek Park. This parcel is to become an addition to the Community Park.

The Community Park Service Map illustrates a one-mile service radius (shown in orange) around each existing Community Park. The NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines recommend that Community Parks with active recreation amenities be centrally located within their service areas and encompass a one-mile radius.

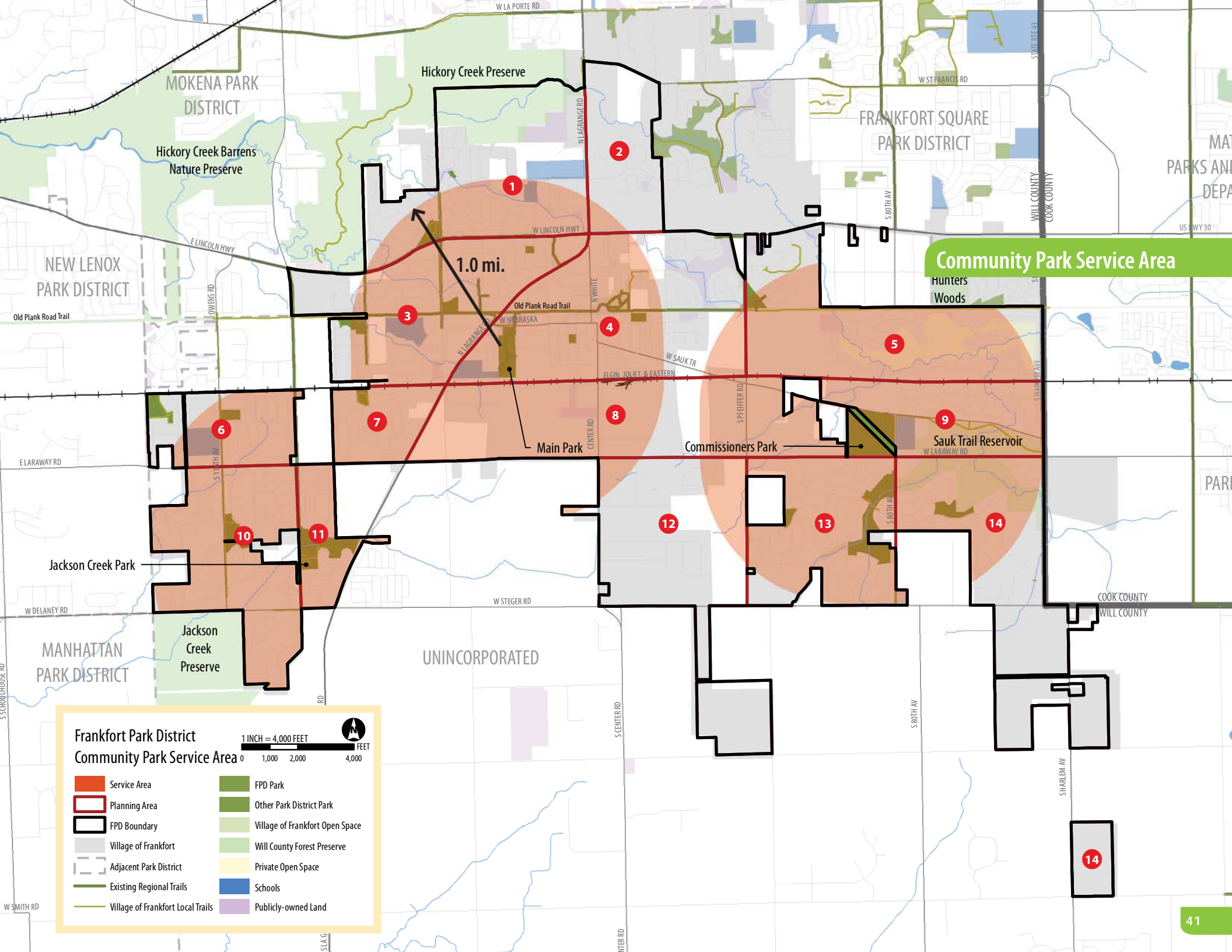
Conclusions

Community Parks within the Frankfort Park District are **well distributed**. Jackson Creek Park serves the needs of residents within Planning Areas on the southwest side of the District, Main Park serves the needs of residents centrally located in the District, and Commissioners Park serves the residents within the east side of the District. The **LOS acreage analysis calculates a 9.35 acre deficiency**--that will shrink to -4.36 acre deficiency when Sara Springs is developed. While current distribution is consistent, Frankfort is still growing--with growth projected to occur in the southeast corner of the District. Therefore, acquisition or expansion of a Community Park may be required to adequately serve current and future residents.

Level of Service - Community Parks					
Classification	FPD Acreage (Total)	FPD Existing Level of Service	IAPD/NRPA Recommended	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)
Community Park - Existing	104.98	6.89	114.33	7.50	-9.35
Community Park - Planned	121.20	7.24	125.56	7.50	-4.36

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Community Park Service Area

Frankfort Park District
Community Park Service Area

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Service Area	FPD Park
Planning Area	Other Park District Park
FPD Boundary	Village of Frankfort Open Space
Village of Frankfort	Will County Forest Preserve
Adjacent Park District	Private Open Space
Existing Regional Trails	Schools
Village of Frankfort Local Trails	Publicly-owned Land

Overall Parks Service Area

The Overall Service Area Map illustrates comprehensively how well the Frankfort Park District parks and open spaces serve their residents. This map combines the previous two maps of Neighborhood and Community Park Service Areas in order to see who is most and least served throughout the District. The orange service area buffers overlap to form a gradient that illustrates the degree to which residents are served. The darker the orange, the more service areas overlap. This represents that those residents who fall within the darker orange area are served by multiple parks and their amenities.

From this map, we can conclude that the majority of the service areas are well-served by the District's parks. Most notably, **Planning Areas 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13 are the most served.** According to the map, **planning areas 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, and 14 are the least served.** By overlaying the zoning map with the planning and service areas, we can conclude that although planning areas 8, 12, and 14 do not appear to be well-served, these areas are composed of industrial and agricultural development. Since their are few, if any, actual Park District residents living within these planning areas, acquisition and park development is not a priority for these areas. Because they are composed primarily of single-family and multi-family units, **planning ares 2 and 4 are deficient in service.**

Population (2012):

15,244

Level of Service - Existing Parks					
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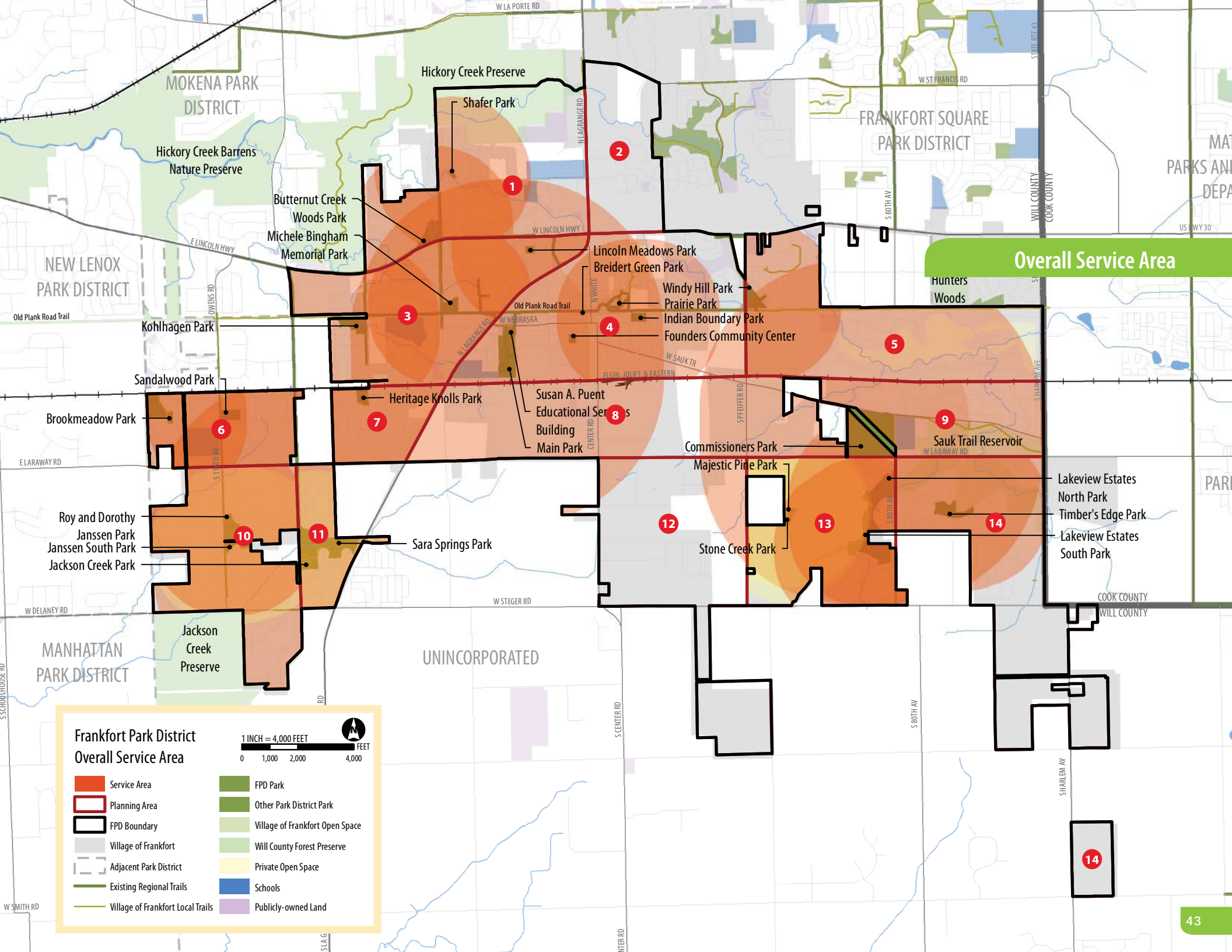
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Population (2017):

16,741

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Overall Service Area

Frankfort Park District Overall Service Area

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Trail Corridors & Linkages

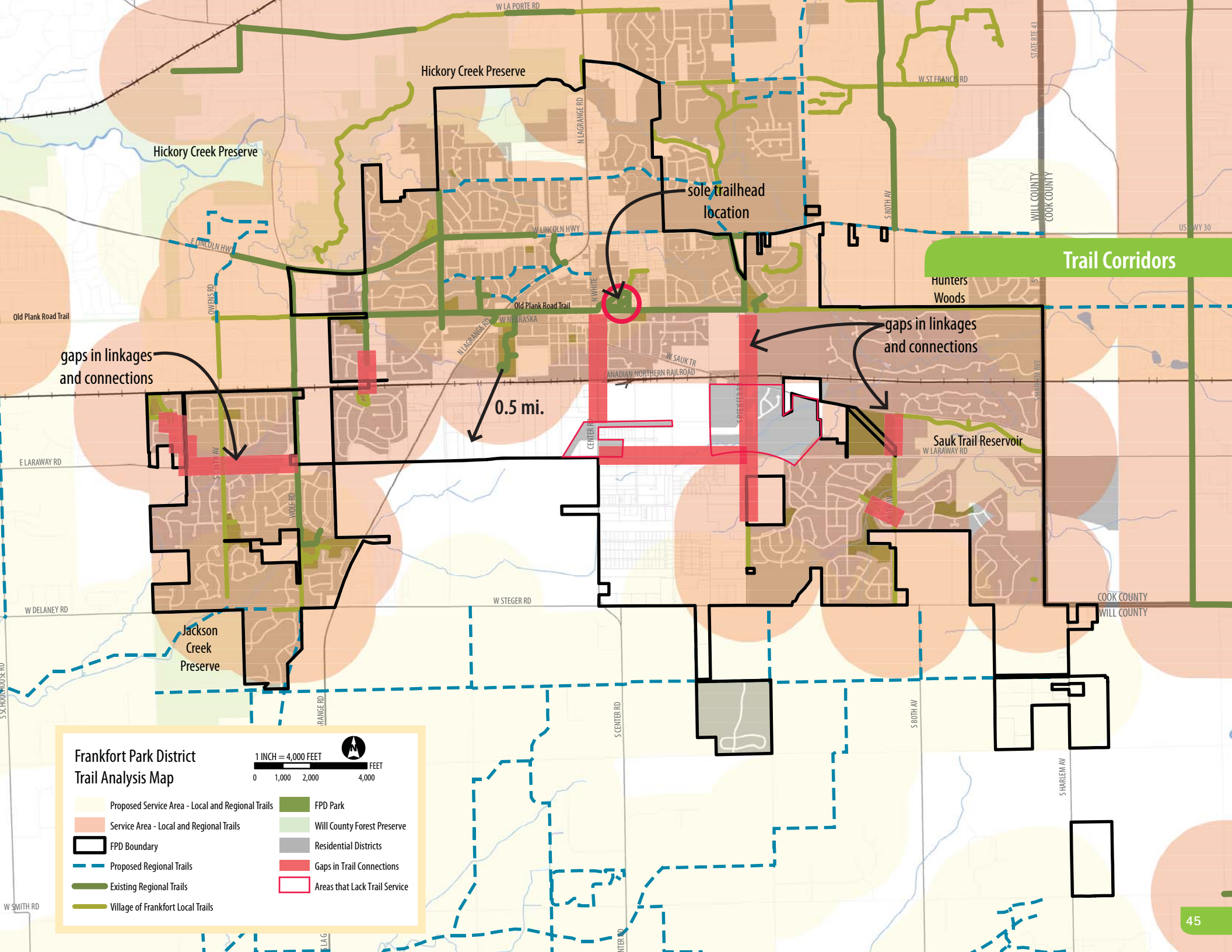
The Trail Corridors Analysis Map illustrates the existing and proposed trail corridors within the Frankfort Park District. According to the Village's Bicycle Trail Plan, goals and objective area:

- Develop an inventory of existing trail systems
- Improve Frankfort's "Bike-friendly Community" rating by incorporating a balanced mix of bicycle lane types, incorporating wayfinding signage, and linking trail segments within the Village
- Update Master Bicycle Plan, ensuring to provide a trail within a half-mile of every resident, direct connections to important Village destinations, and direct connections to the Old Plank Road Trail
- Establish Trail System Design Guidelines
- Develop a Capital Improvement Plan
- Identify potential funding sources

According to the analysis, **existing trails are well-distributed and all residents within the Park District are within a half-mile of a local or regional trail.** The service area for existing trails is seen in the light orange while the proposed trail service area is seen in light yellow. There are two small residentially-zoned areas (outlined in light red) that fall outside the trail service area; however, these parcels are not developed as residential at the time of this study and are not considered a priority for trail access and development.

The distribution of trail assets is notable; however, some of these trails **lack direct connections to the Old Plank Road Trail** and are isolated within subdivisions and residential areas. Filling in these gaps would create a more cohesive network for District residents and encourage use of both the Old Plank Road Trail and District parks and assets. Some of the proposed trails do address the gaps in the trail system, but additional linkages to address are seen as red lines.

Currently, a trail head is located at Prairie Park--a Village-owned park north of the Old Plank Road Trail. A trailhead is the point at which a trail begins. Trailheads are locations where parking, drinking fountains, seatings, shade, and other amenities are consolidated in one space to encourage trail use. **The Park District itself does not currently offer trail head amenities in any of the parks along the Old Plank Road Trail, but there are numerous opportunities to do so.** Four of the District's parks are along the regional trail system-- Kohlhausen Park, Michele Bingham Park, Indian Boundary Park, and Windy Hill Park.



Frankfort Park District Trail Analysis Map

1 INCH = 4,000 FEET
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|---|-------------------------------|
| Proposed Service Area - Local and Regional Trails | FPD Park |
| Service Area - Local and Regional Trails | Will County Forest Preserve |
| FPD Boundary | Residential Districts |
| Proposed Regional Trails | Gaps in Trail Connections |
| Existing Regional Trails | Areas that Lack Trail Service |
| Village of Frankfort Local Trails | |

Recreation Program Analysis

Program Mix

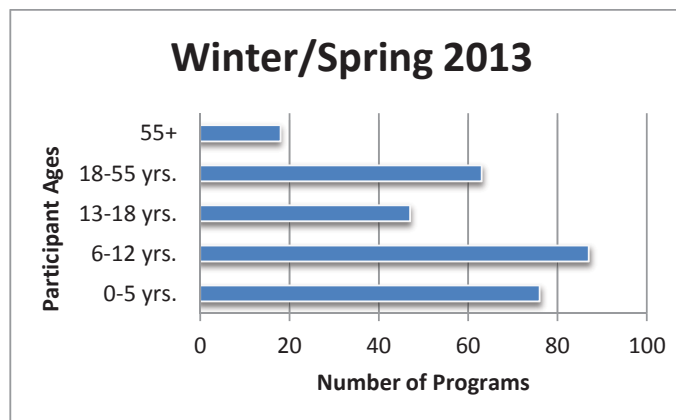
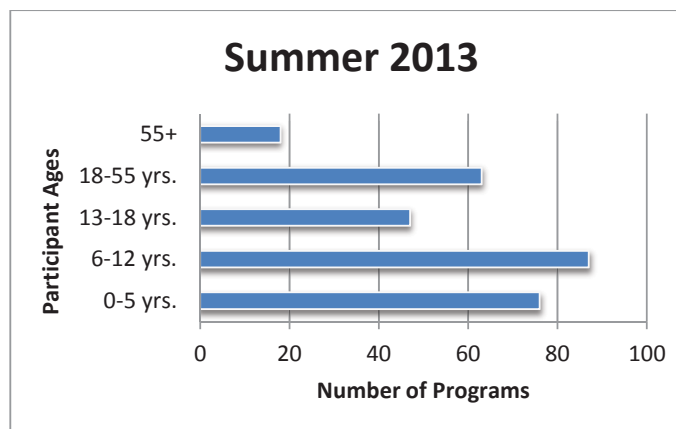
The program mix or the distribution of types of programs offered should represent the programming needs of the residents. Therefore, this should be evaluated annually through an assessment process. In addition, the program offerings should include emphasis on the delivery of core programs. In reviewing program offerings listed in the 2013 winter/spring and 2013 summer Brochures, the list of programs and number of activities offered included:

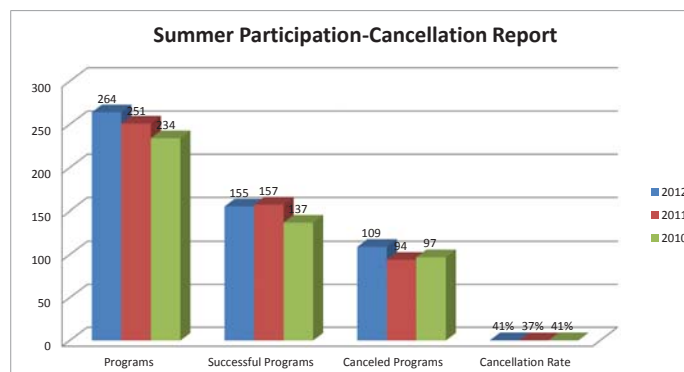
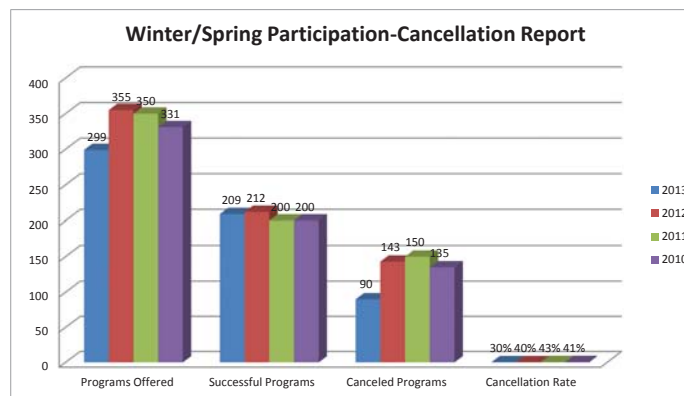
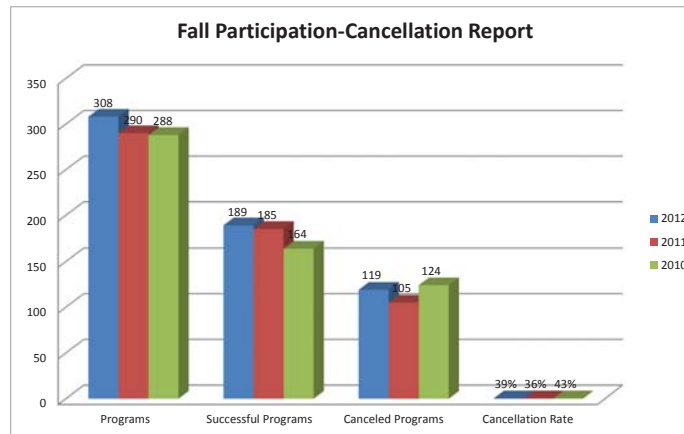
Summer 2013 results:

- Adult Athletics: 9
- Adult Fitness: 16
- Adult Programs: 19
- Before/After: 1
- Community Events: 8
- Gymnastics: 5
- Martial Arts: 3
- Preschool: 5
- Special Events: 11
- Teen programs: 9
- Trips: 12
- Youth Athletics: 14
- Youth Camps: 17
- Youth Dance: 5
- Youth General Programs: 57

Winter/Spring 2013 results:

- Adult Athletics: 9
- Adult Fitness: 14
- Adult Programs: 22
- Before/After school: 1
- Community Events: 6
- Gymnastics: 5
- Martial Arts: 3
- Preschool Programs: 5
- Special Events: 14
- Teen Programs: 7
- Trips: 13
- Youth Athletics: 23
- Youth Dance/Music: 6
- Youth General Programs: 47





Participation and Cancellation

According to the information provided by staff from the past three years of fall programs, the average cancellation rate has been 39.33%. The average cancellation rate according to industry standards is 20%. This higher percentage of canceled programs in Frankfort can be occurring due to a variety of reasons including, but not limited to cancelling programs that barely miss minimum participation, fees may be too high, combining programs into one, offering the same program at different timeslots or not retiring a program that hasn't met minimum participation for a number of seasons.

The same can hold true for winter/spring and summer programming. The average cancellation rate is 38.5% over the past four winter/spring seasons. The average cancellation rate for the past three summers (not including 2013) is 39.66%. The goal should be to decrease this percentage, closer to the national average.

Participation totals by year for the Frankfort Park District are as follows:

2012: 5,969

2011: 5,964

2010: 5,025

The percentage increase in participation from 2010 to 2012 is approximately 19%, which is a significant increase, even more so as a result of limited programming space. This shows great effort by staff and represents excellent results in program development and offerings.

Program Guide

The 2013 Winter/Spring and Summer Brochures were reviewed. Below are highlights and suggestions to improve the best marketing tool the Frankfort Park District uses to communicate services, programs and information to customers.

Overall the Brochure is simple, concise and well organized. Currently, the Brochure is printed in two-color, other than the front and back covers (including inside covers). Some examples to help consolidate pages are:

- Cutting down on the number of pages can also save money so the savings can be used to provide a full-color guide.
- Consolidating and deleting unnecessary white space, can add room for additional photos and information.
- Side bars on pages are thick.
- Some program descriptions are lengthy.
- Identify the “hook” that will entice people to register. Descriptions should include features, attributes and benefits. Certain titles already state what the participant will be doing in the class. Some of the text in the description is informational, rather than promotional.
- Customers generally look at price first, and then program title and description to determine whether or not to register for a class.
- Changing the font for both the descriptions and headers can be an easy way to add a catchy new look to draw interest.
- Customers may be more attracted to programs and information if pages and pictures are bright and colorful.

Several nice features that the Brochures currently offer are:

- Continue using the front, back and inside covers to promote important events or programs.
- These pages are the most colorful on the higher quality paper.
- Using the branch-logo throughout catalog.
- Including the Facebook icon on various pages.
- Communicating Wi-Fi is available at The Founders Center.
- Highlighting programs on various pages with a picture.
- Highlighting special events on various pages.
- Including “New” with any new program.
- Including the Website address and phone number on the bottom of each page.
- Using the QR code throughout brochure to direct smart phone users to the website.
- Communities are becoming increasingly interested in what park districts are offering and what improvements or enhancements are being made. The “Parks Perks” pages provide great information to share with the community of Frankfort. The Executive Director’s Message is another great tool to provide communication and highlight upcoming events/ programs and/or summarize the successes of the Park District.
- The call out box that provides a sneak peek at “Events Coming this...” is a great tool for the community to mark their calendars.

Chapter Summary

The goal of the Inventory & Analysis process is to develop an understanding of the many factors influencing the Frankfort Park District and its assets. The chapter documents the community's parks, natural systems, schools, trails and related land uses. The Park District's level of service and service area distribution were calculated and documented in this chapter. Finally, the park facility inventory was compared to Illinois and National averages to identify areas that the Park District may be deficient in compared to these recognized standards.

Currently, the population of Frankfort is 15,244 and is projected to grow by almost 10% into 2017. School-age children will remain a large (24.4%) portion of the population with the retirement age (65+) age group increasing to 14% of the total population. These demographics will have an impact on the programs, services, and amenities the District offers.

The Frankfort Park District has fourteen Neighborhood Parks and three Community Parks. The District also has four planned or anticipated parks --slated to be developed and programmed in the next five years. From an acreage standpoint, the District has sufficient Neighborhood Park acreage, boasting a 90-acre surplus. Community Park acreage, however, is deficient by 9 acres. With a growing community and deficiency in destination park space, acquisition or expansion of Community Parkland may become a priority for the District.

Currently, the Frankfort Park District owns and operates three facilities --The Founders Community Center, Susan A. Puente Educational Facility, and the Buildings and Grounds Facility. Two of these facilities --the community center and educational facility -- are programmed. Puente is solely preschool programming, while The Founders Community Center hosts, dance, fitness classes, meetings, banquets, and senior programming.

Indoor Level of Service falls below the recommended 2 square feet per person by only 351 square feet, so the Frankfort Park District appears to be adequately served in terms of indoor recreational space. This total, however, is slightly deceiving as the Frankfort Park District does not provide indoor active recreation or aquatics, instead providing an entire facility dedicated to pre-school programming. While Level of Service calculations appear to show sufficient indoor space, the District is limited on the services or programming they can provide within the current indoor space they have due to building size and layout. The average square footage for a recreation center based on the comparison table is 48,250. Frankfort Park District's total indoor space square footage falls below this average.

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Park & Facility Inventory

Chapter Three: Park & Facility Inventory

Neighborhood Park Inventory

Brookmeadow Park

Brooke Court

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf and mature shade and evergreen trees.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with four to five year old 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures and 2 belt and tot swings each.
- The playground surfacing is engineered wood fiber with a wood timber curb.
- Site furnishings include benches and trash receptacles.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are not present.
- Park does not provide parking.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

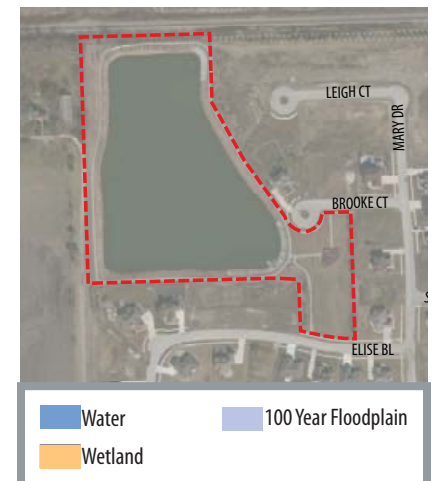
- Park lacks street frontage and relies on immediate neighbors to provide surveillance and safety.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

- Users include drop in, neighborhood residents.
- Park is situated between single-family residential and open space and includes a large pond.
- The park does not have any active programming.

Classification Neighborhood
Acres 12.98
Tax Number 1909303070300000,
1909303000040000,
1909303010010000

Quantity	Year Built	
•		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Picnic Area
1	2006	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
•		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Playground



Trails



Trails



Aerial Photo



Pond

Butternut Creek Woods Park

between West Lincoln Highway and Lincoln Lane

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of large shade trees and shade tolerant turf.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures and 2 belt and tot swings each. Playground also includes a spring rocker play piece.
- Park also includes a large hexagonal picnic shelter.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, and picnic tables.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

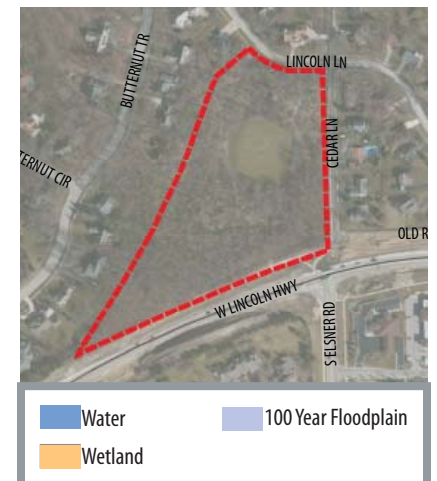
- No accessible ramp into three playground areas.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

- Users include drop in, neighborhood residents.
- Park context consists of single family residential open space.
- The park does not have any active programming.
- The trail system within the park connects to the Old Plan Road Trail System.

Classification Neighborhood
Acres 9.41
Tax Number 1909202000540000

Quantity	Year Built	
•		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
1	2005	Picnic Shelter
1		Picnic Area
1	2005	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Identification Sign



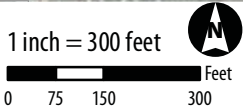
Shelter



Playground



Aerial Photo



Shelter

Heritage Knolls Park

Heritage Drive and Parkway Lane

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed mature shade trees and evergreens.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures, 4 belt and 2 tot swings. Playground also includes a spring rocker.
- Playground has wood timber curb with engineered wood fiber surfacing.
- Site furnishings include benches and trash receptacles.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park lacks internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential.
- Park programming includes girls softball

Classification Neighborhood
Acres 5.03
Tax Number 1909293030360000

Quantity	Year Built	
•		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (stations)
1		Restrooms *portable
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Picnic Area
1	2001	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
1		Softball
		Tennis
1		Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Park Signage



Softball Field



Swings



Aerial Photography



Playground

Indian Boundary Park

East Nebraska Street

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf, mature trees, and ornamental vegetation.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures and 2 belt and tot swings each.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, and a bike rack.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

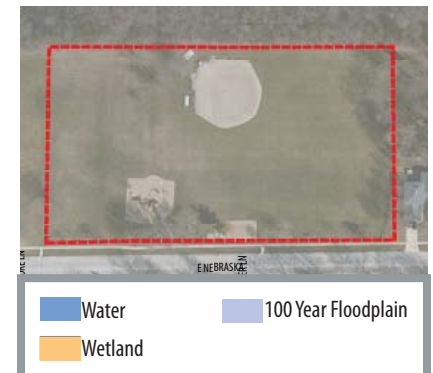
- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- Playground is compliant with ASTM and CPSC standards. Playground is also compliant with ADA accessibility standards and guidelines.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential.
- Park programming includes girls softball and flag football.
- Site has a connection to the Old Plank Trail.

Classification Neighborhood
Acres 3.89
Tax Number 1909271000500000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (stations)
1		Restrooms *portable
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Picnic Area
1	2012	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
1		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Playground



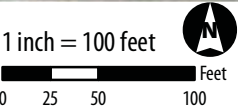
5-12 Year Play Structure



2-5 Year Play Structure



Aerial Photography



Baseball Field

Kohlhagen Park

Cardinal Lake Drive and S 108th Avenue

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is located in a floodplain and wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf and mature shade and evergreen trees.
- Pond has erosion issues.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with a 2-12 year composite play structure and 2 belt and tot swings.
- Playground has wood timber curbs and engineered wood fiber surfacing.
- Site furnishings include benches and trash receptacles.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- No accessible route into playground.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

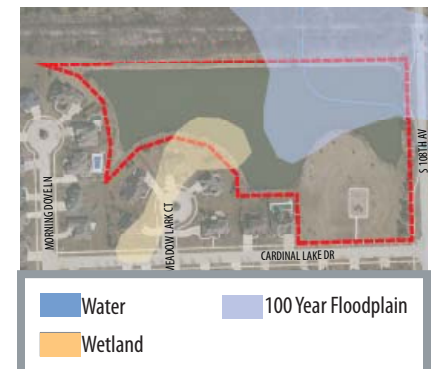
- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential and open space.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 8.78

Tax Number 1909291010210000,
1909291000240000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Picnic Area
1	2003	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
•		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Playground



Swings



Bridge and Pond



Aerial Photography



Pond

Lakeview Estates North Park

South 80th Avenue

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is located in a floodplain.
- Park landscape is composed of mature shade trees.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with a 2-12 year composite play structure, 4 belt and 2 tot swings. Playground includes two freestanding spring rockers and two spinners.
- Playground has a concrete curb and engineered wood fiber play surfacing.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, picnic tables, grills, bike racks and interpretive signs.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- No access into play area from concrete surface.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

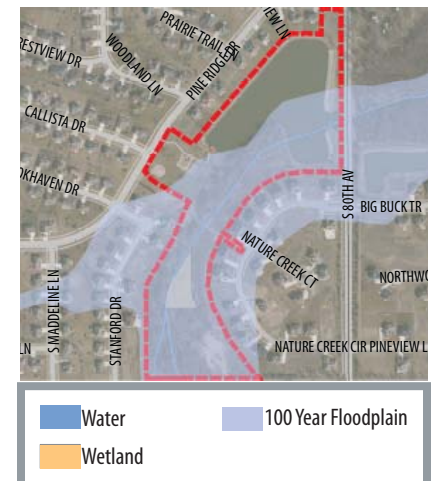
- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential and open space.
- Park has trail connections to Lakeview Estates South.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 25.81

Tax Number 1909352070140000,
1909354000070000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
1	2007	Picnic Shelter
1		Picnic Area
1	2007	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
1		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
•		Fishing
•		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





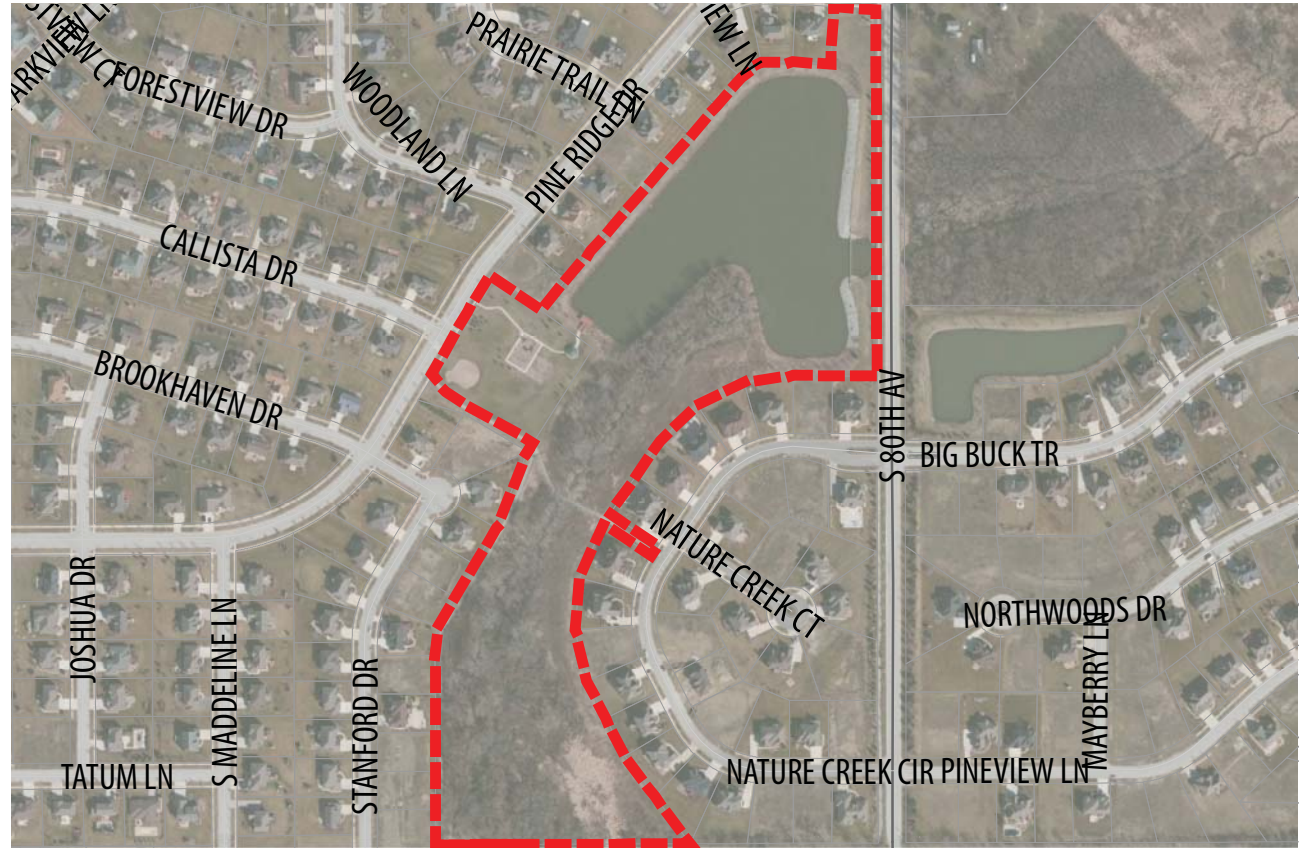
Park Signage



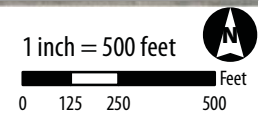
Shelter



Playground



Aerial Photography



Fishing Pier

Lakeview Estates South Park

S Lakeview Estates Boulevard and S Maddeline Lane

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is located in a floodplain.
- Park landscape is composed of mature trees and vegetation.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures and 2 belt and tot swings each. Playground also includes a rock climber.
- Playground has concrete curbs with engineered wood fiber surfacing.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- No access into playground areas, 4 total locations.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities but no accessible routes.

Users and Context

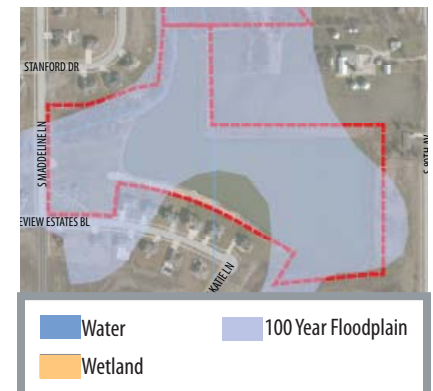
- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential and open space.
- The park does not have any active programming.
- Park has a trail connection to Lakeview Estates North Park.
- Fishing is not allowed.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 20.05

Tax Number 1909354050060000,
1909354000070000

Quantity	Year Built	
•		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
1	2008	Picnic Shelter
1		Picnic Area
1	2008	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
•		Fishing
•		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Park Signage



Shelter



Playground



Aerial Photography



Pond

Lincoln Meadows Park

Between Willow and Elm Streets

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf and mature shade trees.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-12 year composite play structure and 2 belt and tot swings each. Playground also includes a 4 spring rockers and climbing dome.
- Playground has wood timber edging with pea gravel.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, picnic tables, and bike racks.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

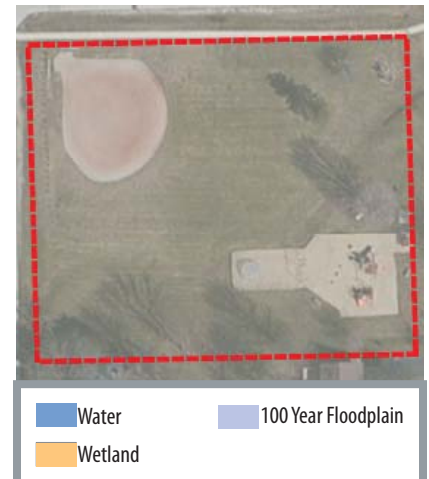
- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- A lack of ground components compared to elevated play components. A lack of accessible elevated or ground components. Swings do not allow accessibility to individual in wheelchair.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities but no accessible routes.

Users and Context

- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential and commercial.
- The park does not have any active programming.

Classification Neighborhood
Acres 1.75
Tax Number 1909214030160000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Picnic Area
1	1993	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
1		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
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		Parking





Park Signage



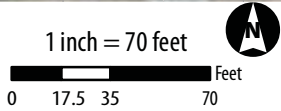
Climbing Dome



Playhouse



Aerial Photography



Playground

Michele Bingham Memorial Park

S Elsner Road

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf and mature shade trees.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Playground to be built in 2013.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided. Parking to be constructed in 2013/2014.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present .

Users and Context

- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential and commercial.
- Park programming includes girls softball.
- Park has connections to Old Plank Trail and the Village of Frankfort's Prairie Park.

Classification Neighborhood
Acres 5.74
Tax Number 1909213000090000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
1		Restrooms *portable
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Picnic Area
1	2013	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
1		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
	2014	Parking





Park Signage



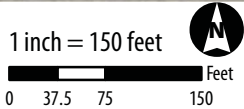
Softball Field



Parking



Aerial Photography



Open Space

Roy and Dorothy Janssen Park

S Misty Falls Lane and S 116th Avenue

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is located in a floodplain.
- Park landscape is composed of turf and shade trees.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures and 4 belt and 2 tot swings each. Playground includes animal-themed climbers and spinners.
- Playground has concrete curbs with engineered wood fiber play surfacing.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, and picnic tables.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- No wheelchair accessible ramp into play area.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

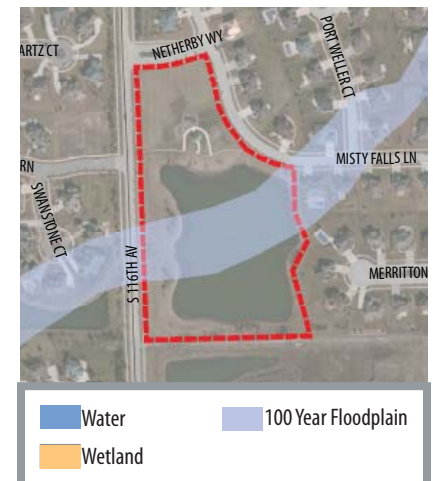
- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential.
- The park does not have any active programming.
- Park has connection to Old Stone Village Park (undeveloped).

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 10.04

Tax Number 1909312030340000,
1909312000010000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
1	2010	Picnic Shelter
1		Picnic Area
1	2010	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
•		Fishing
•		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Playground



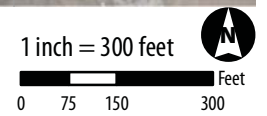
Shelter



Pond



Aerial Photography



Fishing Pier

Sandalwood Park

Sandalwood Drive

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is located in a wetland.
- This park includes a pond.
- Park landscape is composed of turf and shade trees.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures and 2 belt and 4 tot swings each. Playground includes spring rockers.
- Playground has wood timber edging and engineered wood fiber surfacing.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, and picnic tables.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- No accessible route into playground from path.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities but no accessible routes.

Users and Context

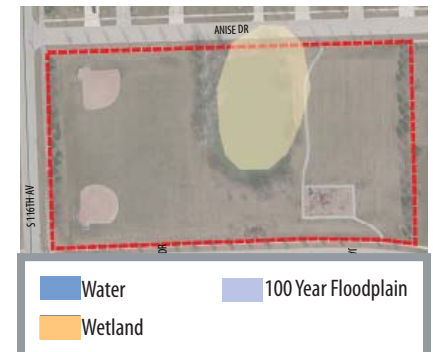
- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential and open space.
- The park does not have any active programming.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 5.94

Tax Number 190930409010000,
1909304000110000

Quantity	Year Built	
•		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
1		Restrooms *portable
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Picnic Area
1	2003	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
2		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
•		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Park Signage



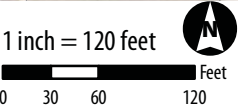
Playground



Playground



Aerial Photography



Pond

Shaffer Park

Tanglewood Lane

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf and mature trees and vegetation.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with a 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures, 4 belt and 2 tot swings. The playground also includes freestanding climbing play pieces.
- Site furnishings include benches and trash receptacles.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage for passive surveillance.
- No accessible entry point for individual to gain access to play equipment at Tanglewood Park. Does not allow accessibility to individual in wheelchair on swings. Playground lacks ground components compared to elevated play components for 2-6 year olds and ground components compared to elevated play components for 5-12 year olds.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.

Users and Context

- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context consists of single-family residential.
- The park does not have any active programming.

Classification Neighborhood
Acres 1.16
Tax Number 1909211220130000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
		Picnic Shelter
		Picnic Area
1	2010	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





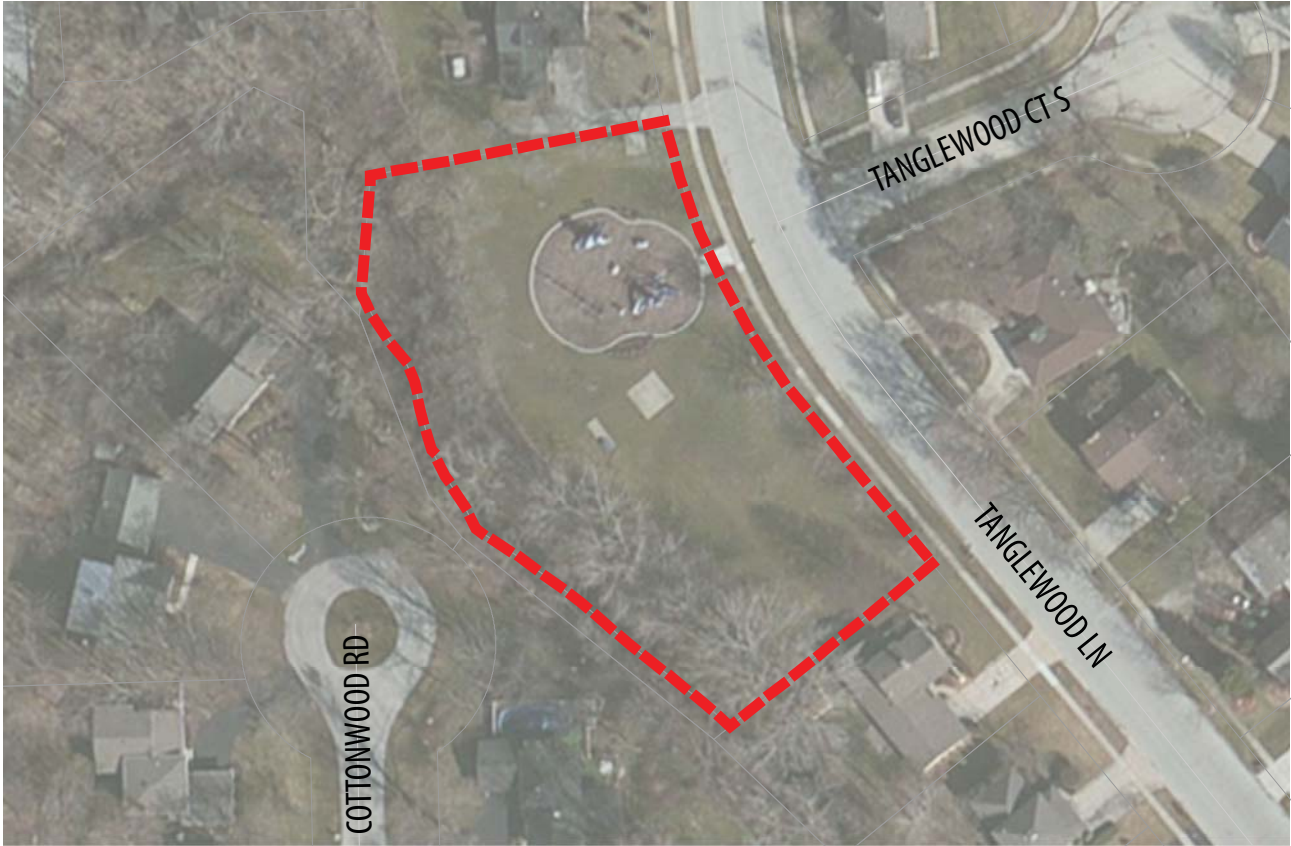
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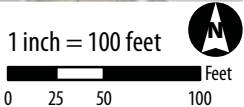
Concrete Pad and Benches



Playground



Aerial Photo



Playground

Timbers Edge Park

S Oakfield Drive and Pineview Lane

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf, shade trees, and ornamental vegetation.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with a 2-12 year composite play structure, 2 belt and 2 tot swings each.
- Playground has plastic curbs and engineered wood fiber surfacing.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, picnic tables, and bike racks.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- No accessible route into playground area.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities but no accessible routes.

Users and Context

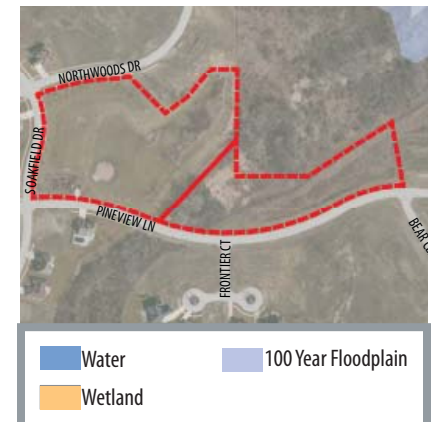
- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential and open space.
- The park does not have any active programming.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 11.41

Tax Number 1909361060010000,
1909361000110000,
1909361060020000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
1		Picnic Area
1	2004	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
1		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
1		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Park Signage



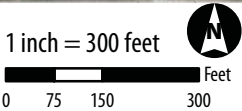
Shelter



Baseball Field



Aerial Photography



Playground

Windy Hill Park

S Pfeiffer Road

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf, shade trees, and ornamental vegetation.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with a 2-12 year composite play structure, 2 belt and 2 tot swings each.
- Playground has plastic edging and engineered wood fiber surfacing.
- Site furnishings include benches and trash receptacles. Site also includes a wooden gazebo.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is not provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- Playground is compliant with ASTM and CPSC standards. Playground is also compliant with ADA accessibility standards and guidelines.
- Park does not have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

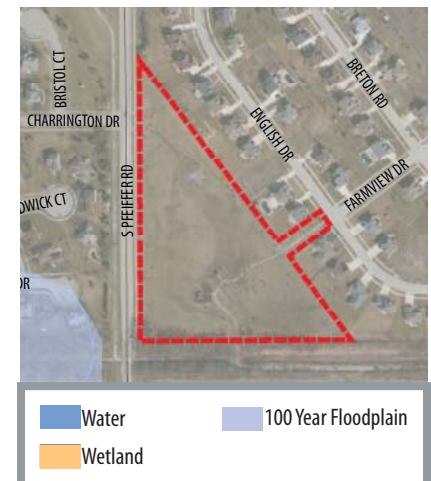
- Users include drop in neighborhood residents.
- Park context is single-family residential and open space. Park is located near a busy collector street (Pfeiffer Road).
- The park does not have any active programming.
- Park has connections to the Old Plank Trail.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 8.29

Tax Number 1909233020140000,
1909233000060000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
		Restrooms
		Concessions
1	2000	Picnic Shelter
1		Picnic Area
1	2004	Playground
		Baggo
		Basketball
		Baseball
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
		Parking





Park Signage



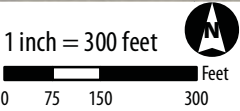
Gazebo



Open Space



Aerial Photography



Playground

Classification Community
Acres 60.45
Tax Number 1909264000140000
OSLAD

Commissioners Park

West Sauk Trail and South 80th Avenue

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf, shade trees, and ornamental vegetation.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with a wooden 2-12 year composite play structure, 3 tot, 1 ADA, 2 tire, and 4 belt swings. Playground has wood edging and engineered wood fiber surfacing.
- Site includes baseball, softball, basketball, disc golf, an informal sled hill, and tennis. Quad baseball/softball fields have sports lighting.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, lighting, picnic tables, and bike racks. Site also includes a green umbrella shade structures.
- Site includes a splash pad and informal sled hill.
- Park includes Frankfort Bark Park.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.

- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- Park does have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

- Users include regional visitors, Lincolnwood Soccer, Frankfort Baseball and Frankfort Girls Softball.
- Park context is residential, institutional, and commercial.
- Park programming includes soccer, softball, baseball, and men's softball leagues.

Quantity	Year Built	
•		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
2		Restrooms
2		Concessions
2		Picnic Shelter
4		Picnic Area
1		Playground
		Baggo
1		Basketball
5		Baseball
9		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
1		Skate Park
3		Soccer
1		Softball
2		Tennis
		Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
1		Splash Pad
1		Dog Park
•		Parking





Splash Pad



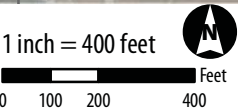
Shelter/Concessions



Baseball



Aerial Photography



Swings at Fort Frankfort

Jackson Creek Park

South Wolf Road

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is located in a floodplain.
- Park landscape is composed of turf. Pond edge is native vegetation.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures.
- Site furnishings include benches, picnic tables, and trash receptacles.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.
- Parking is provided.
- Site includes the Village of Frankfort's water treatment facility.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- No accessible route into playground area.
- Park does have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

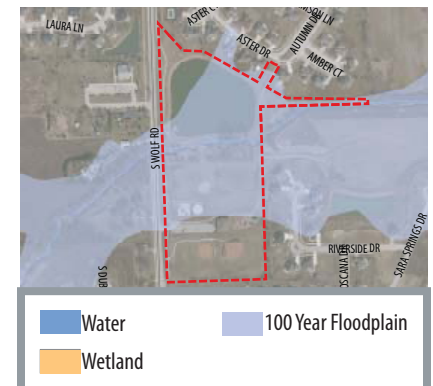
- Users include drop in neighborhood residents, regional visitors, and scheduled park district baseball and softball users.
- Park context is single-family residential.
- Park programming includes baseball and softball.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 20.78

Tax Number 1909321080100000,
1909323020010000

Quantity	Year Built	
		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
1		Restrooms
		Concessions
1		Picnic Shelter
1		Picnic Area
1		Playground
		Baggo
3		Basketball
		Baseball
		Bocce
		Disc Golf (holes)
		Football
		Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
1		Skate Park
		Soccer
3		Softball
		Tennis
		Volleyball
•		Fishing
•		Fishing Dock
		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad





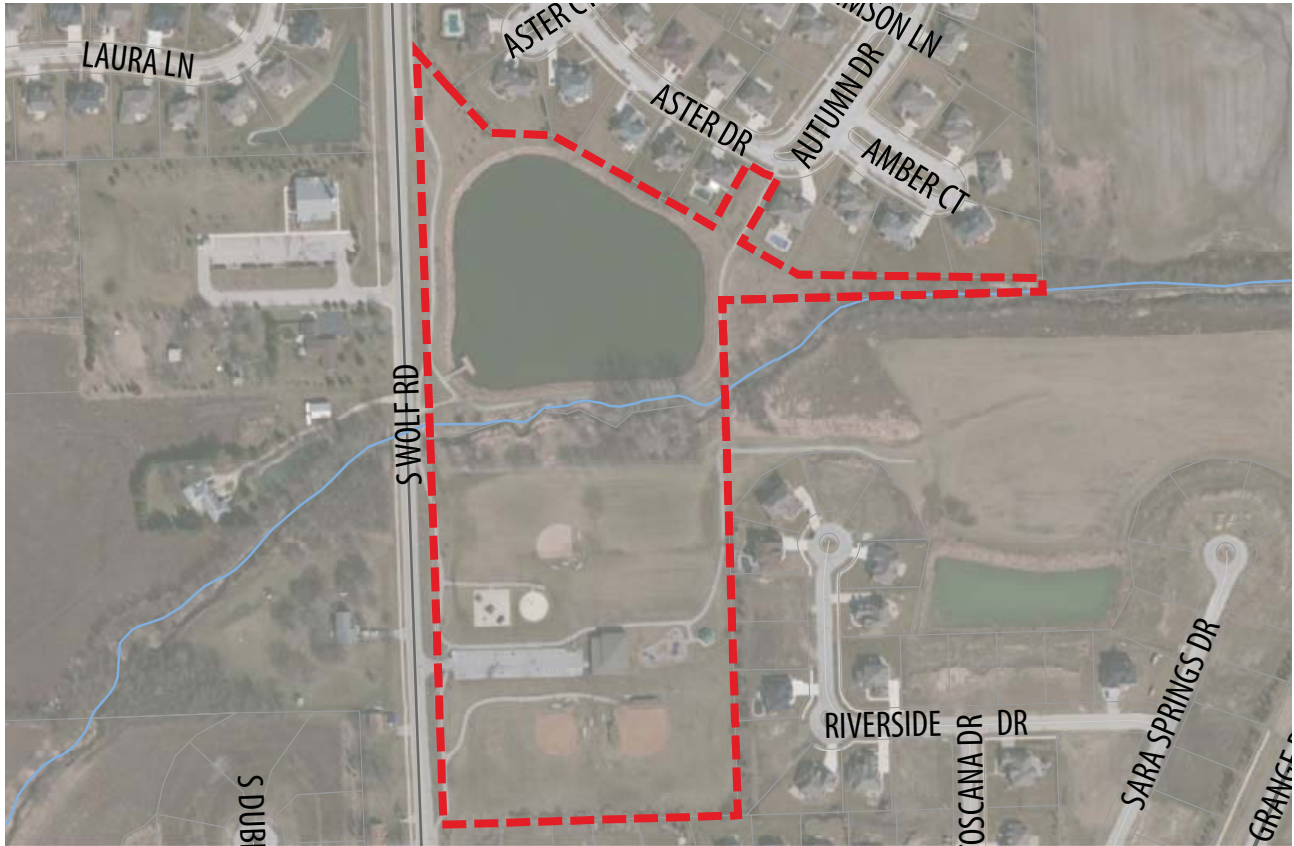
Playground



Baseball Field



Skate Park



Aerial Photography



Fishing Pier

Main Park

W Nebraska and S Locust

Observations

Natural Resources and Environmental Observations

- The park is not located in a floodplain or wetland.
- Park landscape is composed of turf, shade trees, and ornamental vegetation.

Site Design and Aesthetics

- Park includes a playground with 2-5 and 5-12 year composite play structures, 4 belt and 2 tot swings. Playground includes 2 spinners and a sand play area.
- Playground has a concrete curb and engineered wood fiber play surfacing.
- Site also includes basketball, baseball, football, horseshoes, softball, tennis, and volleyball. Football field is irrigated.
- Site furnishings include benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, picnic tables, and bleachers.
- Site has connection to other neighborhood components or parks within the overall system.
- The park is well maintained and free of litter.
- Park identification signs are present.

- Parking is provided.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

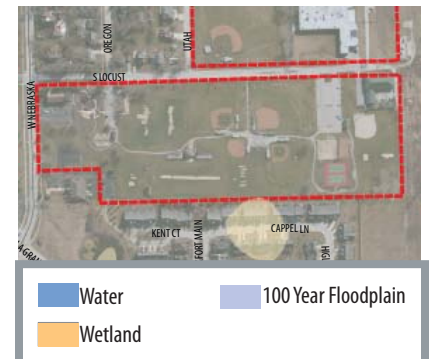
- Park has street frontage and relies on passive surveillance.
- Park does have security lighting.
- Rules signs are present.
- Park has internal connections between amenities and accessible routes.

Users and Context

- Users include regional visitors, Falcon Football leagues and baseball and softball leagues.
- Park context is residential and institutional.
- Park programming includes softball, baseball, and Falcon Football Leagues.

Classification Community
Acres 23.69
Tax Number 1909281040100000
OSLAD 2006/2007

Quantity	Year Built	
•		Trails-Multi-Use (miles)
		Trails-Fitness (Stations)
3	2006	Restrooms
1	2004	Concessions
3	2006	Picnic Shelter
3		Picnic Area
1	2006	Playground
2	2013	Baggo
2	2013	Basketball
4	2006	Baseball
3		Disc Golf (holes)
1	2006	Football
1	2006	Horseshoes
		Roller Hockey
		Skate Park
		Soccer
2	2006	Softball
2	2006	Tennis
2	2006	Volleyball
		Fishing
		Fishing Dock
1		Ice Skating
		Swimming Pool
		Splash Pad
•		Parking





Park Signage



Shelter



Baseball Field



Aerial Photography



Playground and Shelter

Undeveloped Parks

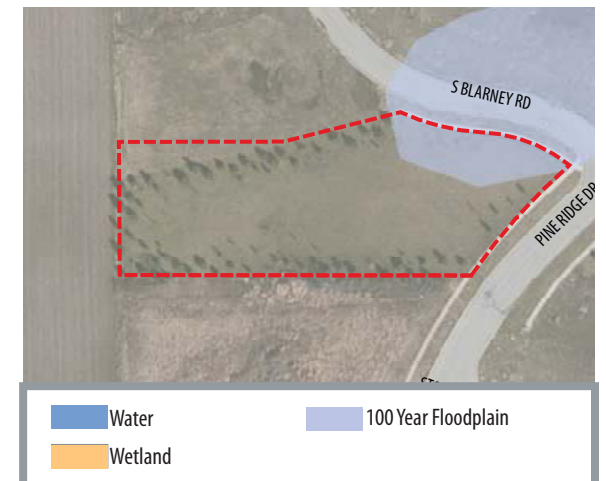
These parcels of land are parks that have been or will be deeded to the Park District. These parcels are undeveloped, though many have sidewalks and neighborhood connections in place. They are located in residential subdivisions and will be developed as neighborhood and community parks.



Majestic Pine Park

Majestic Pine Park is located north of Stone Creek Park. The northeast portion of the park is in the flood plan. Vegetation on site is currently shade tree, evergreen tree, and turf. This park, because of its adjacency to Stone Creek, should be developed in conjunction with Stone Creek. After development, this park will be classified as a Neighborhood Park.

Classification Neighborhood
 Acres 1.43
 Tax Number 1909351020200000
 Acquired anticipated





Janssen South Park

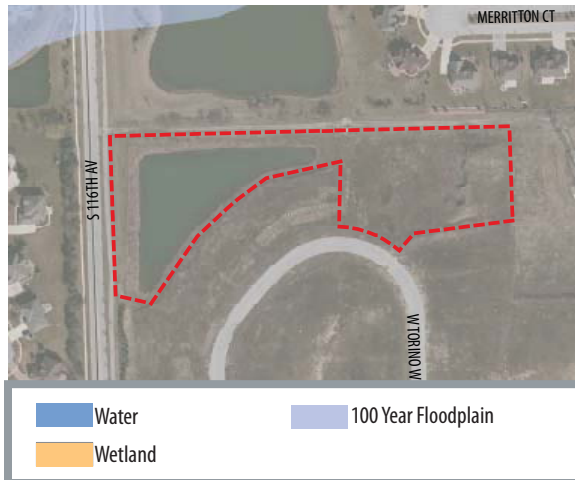
Janssen South Park is located south of Janssen Park. At this time, these parcels are not currently under District ownership; however, they will be deeded to the District in the near future, thus why this 'park' is included in the comprehensive master plan. Plans for this park include a softball / baseball field and soccer fields. Trails and other amenities will connect these parcels to Janssen Park and once developed, these parcels will be considered an additional to the Janssen Neighborhood Park.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 4.28

Tax Number 1909314010010000,
1909314010100000

Acquired 2012



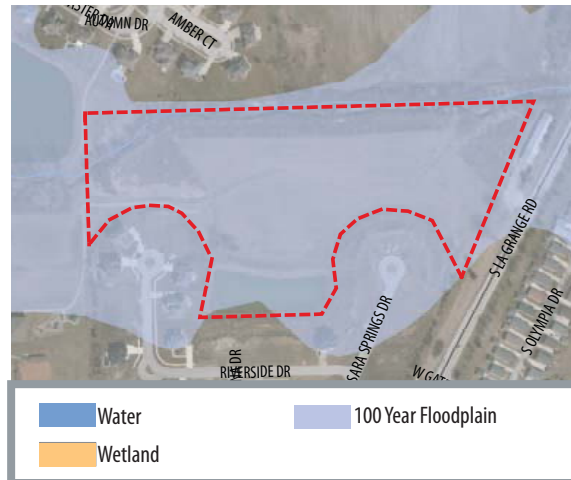
Sara Springs Park

Sara Springs Park is located directly east of Jackson Creek Park. The site is in the flood plan, making development of a recreation or programmed facility impossible. Although a structure is not feasible here, this site would be an ideal location for soccer, football, or other sports fields. Once developed, the park will be classified as a Community Park due to its adjacency, and future connections / additions to, Jackson Creek Park. One issue with this park; however, is that it is only accessible through Jackson Creek Park. There may be a future opportunity to purchase land along LaGrange Road to provide access to the park from the east.

Classification Community

Acres 16.22

Tax Number 1909323020120000
Acquired 2007



Stone Creek Park

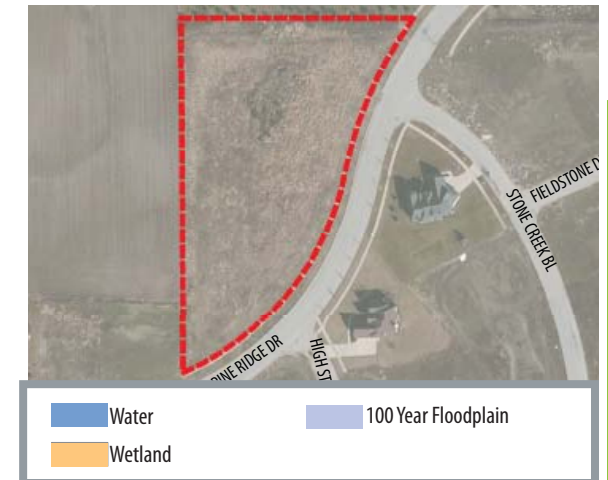
Stone Creek Park is located south of Majestic Pine Park. The park is not in the floodplain. Vegetation on site is currently turf. This park, because of its adjacency to Majestic Pine, should be developed in conjunction with Majestic Pine. After development, this park will be classified as a Neighborhood Park.

Classification Neighborhood

Acres 2.92

Tax Number 1909351020100000,
1909351000040000

Acquired 2012



The Founders Community Center

140 Oak Street

Observations

Site Conditions

- Parking is provided.
- Highly visible, located in center of downtown.

Facility Conditions

- Building has had two to three additions to the original school building structure.
- Split levels.
- High percentage circulation - inefficient layout.
- Interior well-maintained.
- Ramps connect lowest level with main entrance.
- Elevator connects lowest level with second floor.
- Exterior is brick - red/brown. Some EIFS at exterior of one story wing (Founders Room). Most brick is in good conditions.
- Windows replaced in 1997, Anderson, Insulated glass.
- Roof recently replaced.
- Boiler (1996) in fair condition.
- 3 RTUs - need replacement.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- Mostly noted ADA upgrades. Restrooms are okay.
- Kitchen and meeting room counters are at 36" height.
- Some issues with clearances/railing, but not significant.
- Split levels result in difficult ADA access.

Users and Context

- Users include special recreation association participant, administrative staff, park board, drop in users.
- Building context is a mix of single-family residential and commercial.
- Building is staffed.

Programming

- Programming includes special recreation association programming, meetings, board meetings, administration staff, registration.

Classification Indoor Facility

Square Feet 31,670

Acquired 1995

Built 1925, reno 1938, 1995

Quantity	
6	Restrooms
	Locker Rooms
1	Kitchen
5	Office
	Storage
	Maintenance
1	Banquet/Community
5	Classroom/Multipurpose
1	Auditorium (stage)
	Art Room
1	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
	Indoor Activity Courts
1	Dance
1	Teen
1	Receptionist Desk
1	General
29/4	Parking

Buildings and Grounds Facility

Locust Street

Observations

Site Conditions

- Located in Main Park.
- Parking is provided.
- Access building through park.
- Low street visibility, though not necessary.

Facility Conditions

- Original wing built in 1987. Mostly used for storage
- Has one drive-thru bay, unit heater, and no A/C.
- New building built in 2007-08.
- Currently replacing bay lighting in new addition.
- Building currently serves the needs of the District.
- Location on north side of community will create a long-term issue.
- Radiant overhead heat in garage.
- Building generally in good condition.
- Exterior integrally colored block walls.
- Sloped shingled roofs.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- No apparent code issues.

Users and Context

- Users include maintenance staff.
- Context includes Main Park and single-family residential.
- Building is staffed.

Programming

- Facility is not programmed.

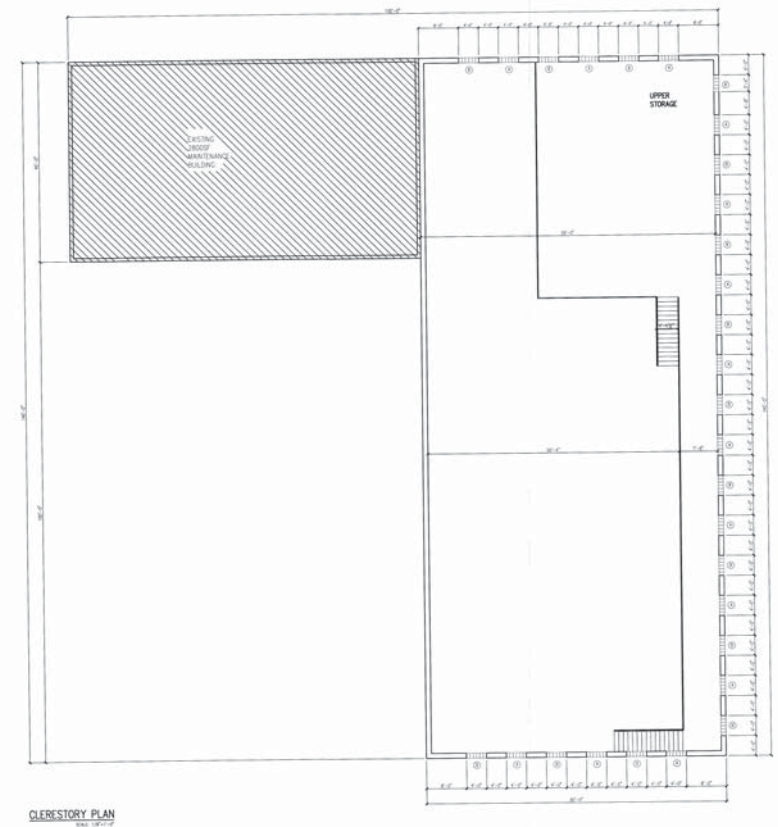
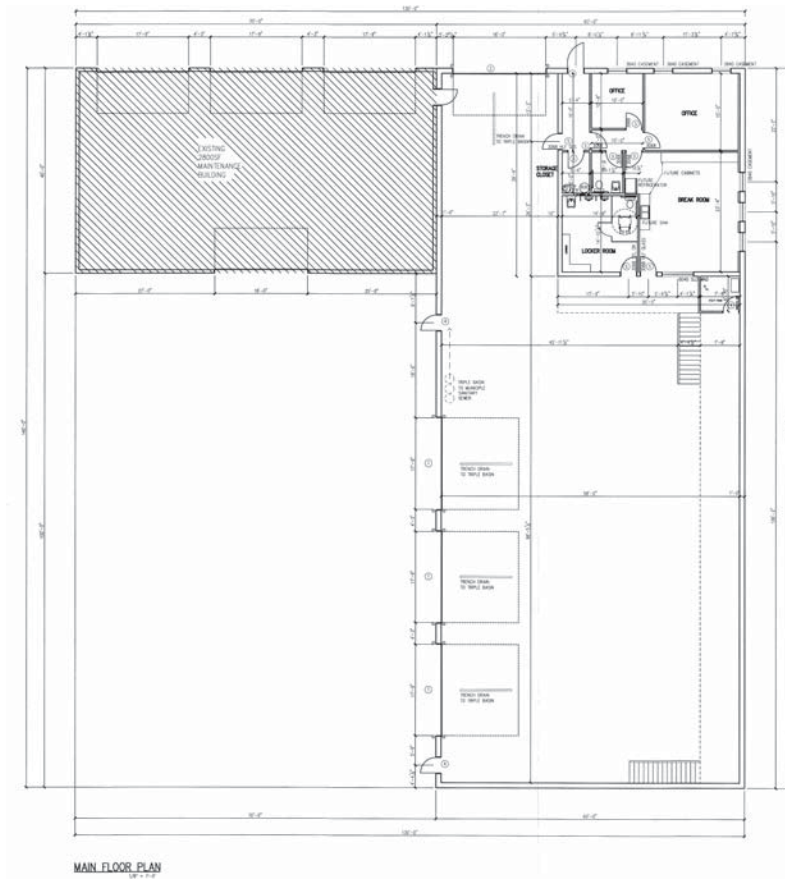
Classification Indoor Facility

Square Feet 13,536

Acquired

Built 1987, addition 2007

Quantity	
1	Restrooms
1	Locker Rooms
1	Kitchen/break
2	Office
	Storage
	Maintenance
	Banquet/Community
	Classroom/Multipurpose
	Auditorium (stage)
	Art Room
	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
	Teen
	Receptionist Desk
	General
	Parking
3000 SF	Gravel Storage Yard
7	Garage Bays



Floor Plan



Interior



Interior

Susan A. Puent Educational Center

400 West Nebraska Street

Observations

Site Conditions

- Located near Main Park.
- Parking is provided.
- Access from Nebraska Street.
- Highly visible.

Facility Conditions

- Building was originally an American Legion. Was once used as Park District Offices. Now currently serves as a pre-school / early childhood education center.
- Two-story building with grade change. West (parking) at lower level. East at upper level via stairs/ramp.
- Exterior is brick upper walls, painted concrete lower walls. Walls in good condition.
- Gable ends, aluminum or vinyl siding, fair condition.
- Roof, asphalt shingles, poor condition, needs replacement.

- Original building had head only - boiler, fin tube radiation. Currently has 3 HVAC units with 5 remote conditioner units. Boilers serve hot water coil in duct.
- Interior in fair condition - painted drywall, tile floors, popcorn painted ceiling.
- Lower level - classes rotate through building. Two primary classrooms (1) 20 kids (3) 10 kids. One multipurpose room, one small group room, one office, one kitchen, one unisex restroom in corridor and two off room 1.
- Upper level - one large classroom, 24 kids, gross motor skills. Upper level has one men's and one women's restroom.
- Pre-case floor plank, 8' clearance at lower level.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- East access ramp as questionable slope.
- Access between floors is by stairs only, no elevator.

Users and Context

- Users include younger children, parents, teachers.
- Context includes Main Park, single-family residential, and institutional.
- Staffed during pre-school hours.

Programming

- Pre-school and early childhood classes.
- Currently no waiting list for enrollment.

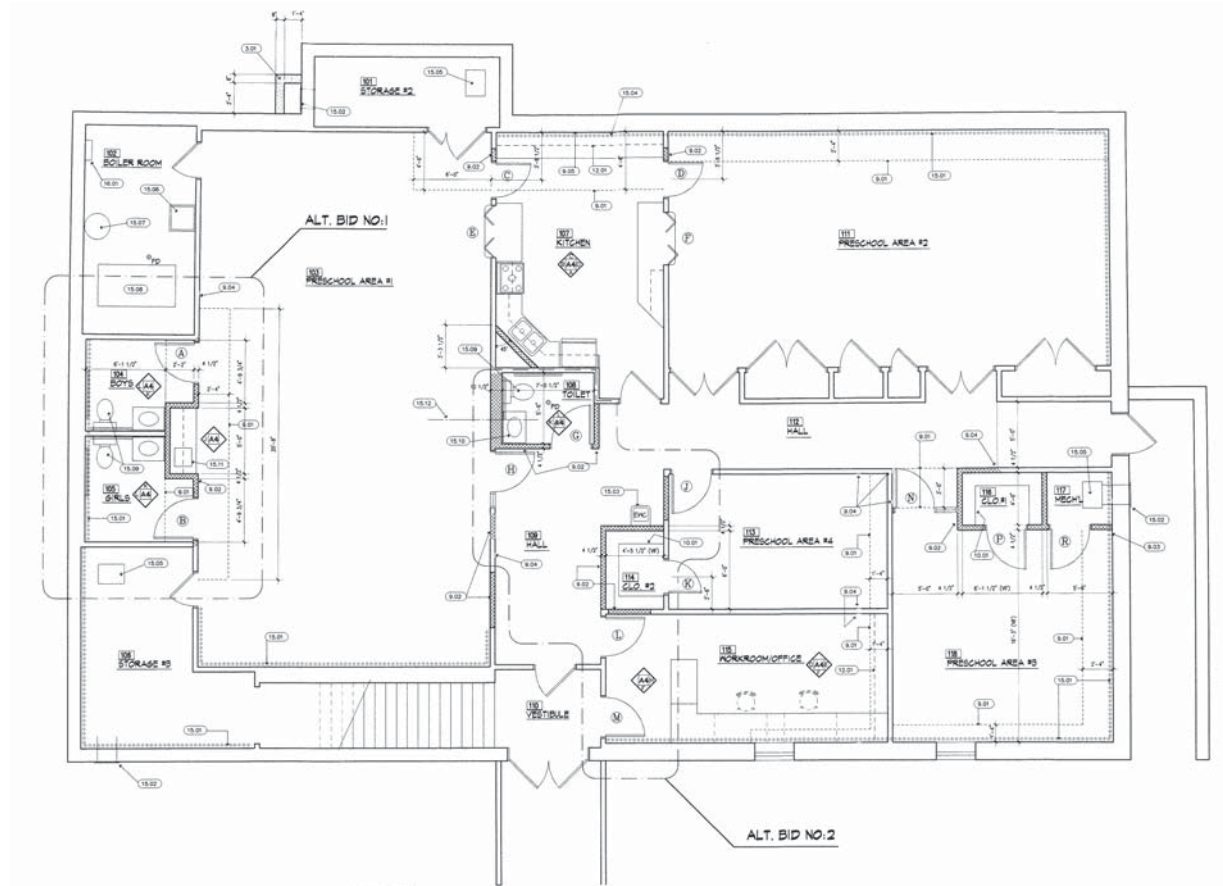
Classification Indoor Facility

Square Feet 7,539

Acquired

Built reno 2001

Quantity	
5	Restrooms
	Locker Rooms
1	Kitchen
1	Office
	Storage
	Maintenance
	Banquet/Community
5	Classroom/Multipurpose
	Auditorium (stage)
	Art Room
	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
	Teen
	Receptionist Desk
	General
45/2	Parking



Floor Plan



Interior



Interior

Main Park Falcon Football / Concessions Building

400 West Nebraska Street

Observations

Site Conditions

- This two-story building is situated between the baseball and football fields and includes concessions, toilets and storage on the ground level and an office and meeting room on the upper level.

Facility Conditions

- Building was constructed in 2004.
- Measures approximately 30 ft x 30 ft.
- Slab on grade at ground level and wood framed second floor.
- Brick exterior with wood stud and drywall back-up.
- Aluminum fascia and soffits.
- Asphalt shingle roof.
- Upper level accessed via a wood stair platform on the south side of the building.
- Building in good condition. Exterior wood stair and platform beginning to show signs of deterioration.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- None listed.

Users and Context

- Users include younger children, parents, teachers.
- Falcon Football patrons.
- Context includes Main Park, single-family residential, and institutional.

Programming

- Falcon Football

Classification Indoor Facility

Square Feet 1,800

Acquired

Built 2004

Quantity	
1	Restrooms
	Locker Rooms
1	Kitchen / Concessions
	Office
1	Storage
	Maintenance
	Banquet/Community
	Classroom/Multipurpose
	Auditorium (stage)
	Art Room
	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
	Teen
	Receptionist Desk
	General
	Parking



Exterior



Exterior



Bleachers

Classification Indoor Facility
 Square Feet 1,2500 each
 Acquired
 Built 2006

Commissioners Park Concessions (2 buildings)

400 West Nebraska Street

Observations

Site Conditions

- There are two identical buildings at two different locations in the Park (Constructed in 2006).

Facility Conditions

- Buildings measure approximately 32 ft x 39 ft
- Single story – slab on grade.
- Brick and decorative block exterior with block back-up.
- Aluminum fascia and soffits.
- Asphalt shingle roof.

Health, Safety, and Compliance

- none listed.

Users and Context

- Users include younger children, parents, teachers.
- Context includes Commissioners, Camp Manitoqua, single-family residential, and institutional.

Programming

- Concessions

Quantity	
2	Restrooms
	Locker Rooms
2	Kitchen / Concessions
	Office
2	Storage
	Maintenance
	Banquet/Community
	Classroom/Multipurpose
	Auditorium (stage)
	Art Room
	Gymnasium
	Indoor Turf
	Fitness/Weight Room
	Aquatics
	Indoor Activity Courts
	Dance
	Teen
	Receptionist Desk
	General
	Parking



Exterior



Interior



Exterior



Needs Assessment

Chapter Four: Needs Assessment

Purpose

This Chapter of the report documents the recognized trends in the recreation industry and specific input received by the Frankfort Park District community. Prior to the commencement of this master plan, the District staff and board participated in Capital Improvement prioritization workshops. These workshops produced information relating to new facilities, open space acquisition, park development, park improvements, and building and facility improvements. A Community Input Survey was also completed prior to the master plan process, and the results of this survey are documented in this chapter. This chapter provides a comprehensive profile of the Board, staff, and community's needs and desires for the future of the District.

Research

National Trends

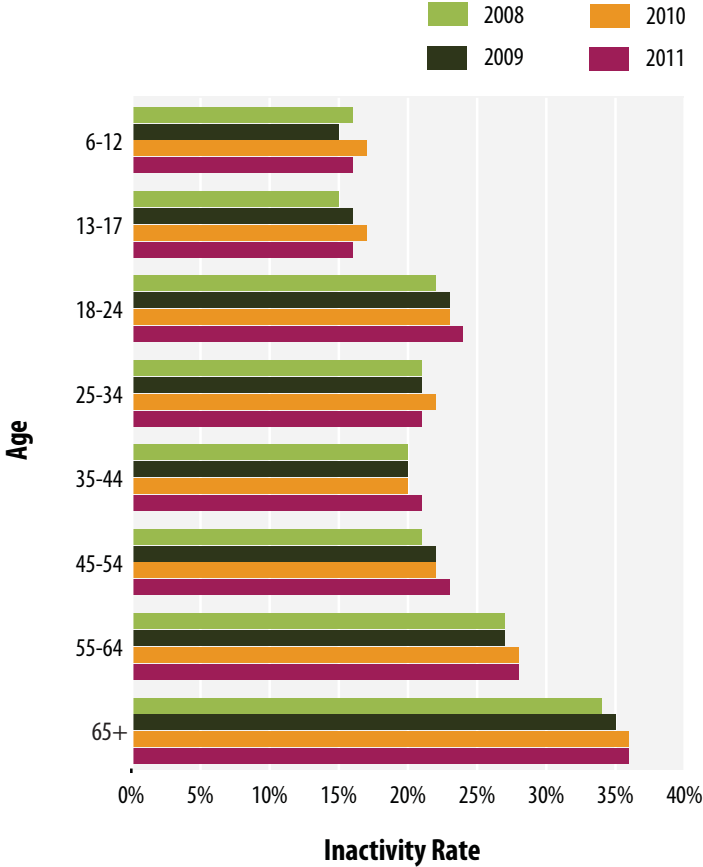
Understanding park and recreation trends helps to determine probable demands for services and amenities. Recreation trend reports were compiled from credible sources to explore what trends were being recognized at the national level. Trends in park agency functions, such as responsibilities, staffing, volunteers, budgeting, programming, and operations and maintenance are also described.

In 2012, the **Sporting Goods Manufacturer's Association (SGMA)**, now known as the Sporting & Fitness Industry Association, commissioned a statistically valid survey of over 38,000 Americans to find out what physical activities they participate in - both indoor and outdoor. The report measured participation in 119 sports and activities and weighs the results against a total population of 283,753,000 ages six years and up. The following variables were used: gender, age, income, household size, region, and population density.

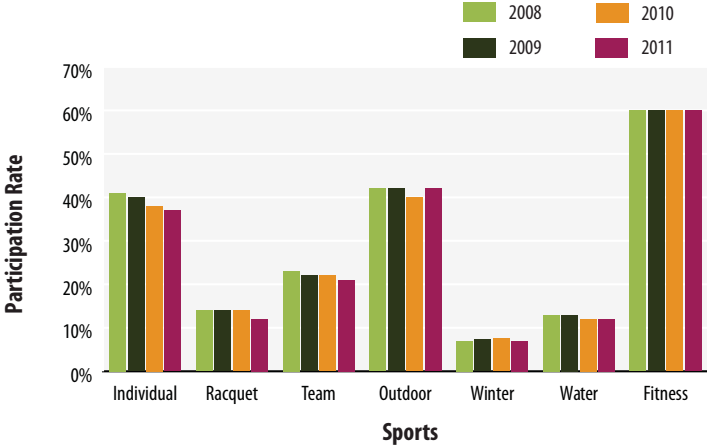
The survey reveals that 76% of Americans have participated in some activity in the last 4 years; however, the general trend is that Americans have become more inactive with the rate of inactivity increasing from 21.5 percent in 2007 to 23.9 percent in 2011. Inactivity increased among young adults aged 18 to 24 and, adults 35 to 54. Conversely, inactivity rates fell slightly among children ages 6 to 12 from 16.6 percent in 2010 to 16 percent in 2011. This decrease may be a result of efforts towards the fight against childhood obesity. Additionally, for adolescents ages 13 to 17, inactivity fell from 16.7 percent to 16.4 percent which, although modest, is a step in the right direction. Notably; however, the State of Illinois ranks 10th among the most active states in the nation at 53.6%.

Categories of participation analyzed in this survey are, in particular, individual sports, racquet sports, team sports, outdoor sports, winter sports, water sports, and fitness sports. The chart to the right reveals that while individual, racquet, team, and winter sports have seen a slight decrease, outdoor, water, and fitness sports have held steady.

Detailed tabular data for the SGMA/SFIA Topline Report can be found in the Appendix.



As a nation, most active Americans do not plan to spend money on sports and recreation. Of those who do spend money on sports and recreation, they plan to increase their future spending. Increased spending will likely be seen in lessons, instruction, and camps (24.5%); individual sporting events (23.1%); and team sports at school (22.8%).



In general the SGMA/SFIA Topline Report reveals:

- Participation in outdoor sports, like camping and hiking, saw an increase in overall participation, and indoor fitness sports, like yoga and boot-camp style classes remained the most popular fitness activity with a participation rate of 60%.
- Activities that remain significant opportunities to engage inactive populations are swimming, working out with weights, working out with machines, and biking. These four activities remain the most popular “aspirational sports” for ages 6-45. Aspirational activities are those that respondents show a desire or demand to participate in the following year.
- There is an expressed desire to increase the amount of travel done for participation in favorite sports and recreational activities.



The SGMA / SFIA Survey revealed that one of the best ways to increase activity and participation later in life is to encourage casual play at the younger ages and in school through Physical Education. The survey points out that an adult who participated in Physical Education while in school is four times more likely to participate in a racquet sport and about three times more likely to participate in golf, team, outdoor, and winter sports. Through the institution of more opportunities for casual play, there is strong correlation that it translates the casual play into a core activity later in life.

In particular, the survey examined the difference between Generation X and Generation Y population. Generation Y (born 1980-1999) are twice as likely to take part in team sports than Generation X (born 1965-1979). Although much is explained by the age difference, the psychological tendency of Generation Y is more positively disposed to team sports than their Generation X predecessors who are more individual in nature. Generation Y are also more social in their interactions in terms of:

- The way they play (gravitating towards team sports)
- The way they exercise (including a tendency to participate in group exercise)
- The way they communicate (Social Networking, Facebook, Twitter)

The economy has also had a slight impact on sports and recreation spending. While many active people are still not spending money on sports and recreation, more people spent the same amount or increased spending, rather than spending less.

In order to increase participation, knowing the trends and what various users groups are interested in participating is crucial. Significant changes in specific activities (both increases and decreases) over the past 2 years are summarized and listed below. This data is extracted directly from the PAC study, 2012, SGMA Participation Topline Report © 2012 SGMA Research.

Team Sports

Over the last two years, there has been a slow but steady decrease in team sport participation. These include decreases in baseball, football, softball, and wrestling. Trending growth in the newer more evolving transplant sports like Lacrosse continue to grow at significant rates.

TEAM Sports	
Baseball	-6.0%
Basketball	-1.4%
Football (tackle)	-11.0%
Ice Hockey	5.6%
Lacrosse	29.1%
Gymnastics	22.1%
Softball (Fast Pitch)	-3.1%
Softball (Slow Pitch)	-14.9%
Soccer (outdoor)	-2.1%

General Fitness

Class based fitness and exercise programs like Zumba continue to drive positive participation performance for these types of fitness activities. Group cycling continues its rapid growth as the younger fitness enthusiasts embrace this high performance group exercise activity as well as program variations to attract the beginner participant are developed.



For most age groups, swimming for fitness or weight training are the most frequently mentioned activities that people indicate they would like to participate in.

While Pilates has shown an incredible 10 year growth trend, the past 2 years have seen a decline in participation. Perhaps participation migrated to Yoga, as participation is up across all levels for the year. Yoga is more class based while Pilates is more of an individual activity. The Gen Y fitness participants are showing a higher propensity to go with group oriented programs. Running and Walking for Fitness continue to show strong and consistent growth. Running participation has grown 17.8% in the past two years.

GENERAL Fitness

Aerobics (High Impact)	23.4%
Aerobics (Low Impact)	4.1%
Elliptical	14.8%
Running/Jogging	17.8%
Stationary Cycling (Group)	29.2%
Treadmill	5.7%
Walking for Fitness	1.7%
Abdominal Machine	-4.9%
Pilates	-3.0%
Stretching	-4.4%
Yoga	16.8%
Home Gym	1.8%
Weight/Resistance Machines	1.2%

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

Much like the trends for individual fitness participation, most individual sports are showing significant declines across most levels of participation. Exceptions include trail running (+10.9%) and triathlon participation (+46.9%).

INDIVIDUAL Sports

Billiards/Pool	-20.0%
Golf	-5.2%
Martial Arts	-24.2%
Scooter Riding	-15.7%
Skateboarding	-16.7%
Trail Running	10.9%
Triathlon (Road)	46.9%
Table Tennis	1.7%
Tennis	-4.2%

OUTDOOR SPORTS

Compared to previous years, outdoors sports and seen a significant increase in participation. Bow hunting has seen the greatest increase compared to all other outdoor sports.

OUTDOOR Sports

Bicycling – BMX	5.4%
Bicycling (Road)	1.8%
Fishing (fresh)	-4.4%
Bow Hunting	7.5%

The **Outdoor Foundation**, in association with the Outdoor Industry Association, produces The Outdoor Recreation Participation Report, an annual report that tracks American outdoor recreation trends with a focus on youth, diversity, and the future of the outdoors. The 2012 report is based on an online survey of over 40,000 Americans, covers 114 different outdoor activities.

According to the report, nearly 50% of Americans, or 141.1 million people, participated in outdoor recreation in 2011. Almost half of all participants made an outing at least once a week, while 29% made outings two or more times a week. Outdoor recreation reached the highest participation level in five years, adding more than 3,000 participants.



Although more youth ages 6-17 are participating in outdoor activities (one percentage point more per age group from 2010), youth still do not spend enough time outdoors. Forty percent take part in outdoor activities less than twice a month and the average outings per youth participant is down from 98 average outings per year to 81. This suggests youth are not getting the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Although young adults made one billion fewer outings than youth--1.6 billion compared to youth's 2.6 billion-- each participant averaged 16 more annual outings than youth participants (97 compared to youth's 81).

TOP 5

Outdoor activities for American youth, ages 6-17, by number of outings are:

- *Running, Jogging, and Trail Running*
- *Road Biking, Mountain Biking, and BMX*
- *Skateboarding*
- *Freshwater, Saltwater, and Fly Fishing*
- *Camping*

TOP 5

Outdoor activities for American young adults, ages 18-24, by number of outings are:

- *Running, Jogging, and Trail Running*
- *Road Biking, Mountain Biking, and BMX*
- *Freshwater, Saltwater, and Fly Fishing*
- *Bird watching/Wildlife Viewing*
- *Hunting*

The **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)**

released their 2013 Parks and Recreation Database Report, a report summarizing trend information derived from their online PRORAGIS application. PRORAGIS is a tool designed to assist park and recreation leaders in their need to continually examine and communicate the value of parks to their communities. The report is derived from an online database of information provided by park and recreation professionals about their respective district, departments, or organizations. In all, 383 agencies are represented in this data.

Based on the information they received over the past three years, the following trends were concluded:

- Areas of increased agency responsibility include conducting special events, maintaining public jurisdiction areas, and administering community gardens.
- Area of decreased park and recreation agency responsibility include managing major aquatic complexes and providing environmental education and natural history programs.
- Staffing and hiring, while still lower than 2010 numbers, is increasing while volunteer numbers declining.
- November 2012 saw the largest number of park and recreation capital ballot referendums since 2008. In general, they passed with about 67% of electoral support. This indicates an improved public confidence in the future economy and their support of park and recreation services.
- While attendance at programs, classes, and events is rebounding from past decline, the actual number of program offerings has declined in every major category since 2010.



LWCF & OSLAD Grant priorities:

- *Conservation of Natural Resources*
- *Children in the Outdoors*
- *Greenways and Trails*
- *Revitalized Lands*
- *Water Resources*
- *Special Populations*
- *Healthy Communities*
- *Interagency Cooperation and Coordination*

State of Illinois Recreation Trends and Needs

According to the **2009-2014 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)**, while other states in the Midwest, have been experiencing flat population growth or even loss of population, Illinois has consistently gained residents. Especially in the state's urban areas, many of these new residents are more ethnically diverse and have different outdoor recreation preferences. Planning must consider their needs. Other segments of the population that will require attention include those with disabilities and lower incomes.

There are more than 1.4 million acres of outdoor recreational land in Illinois ranging from federal and state lands to schools and private commercial lands. City/Village and Park District outdoor recreation lands total an estimated 146,000 acres, resulting in a supply of 11.35 acres per 1,000 population. Statewide supply of regional recreation is 52.69 acres per 1,000 population, or 216,000 acres. This includes county and state lands.

For the 2009-2014 SCORP, The Illinois Department of Natural Resources conducted a survey that provides a snapshot of the attitudes toward selected outdoor activities within the state. Taken by over 1,500 Illinois residents in both urban and rural areas, the survey shows that most residents participate in some outdoor activities and most believe they are important and should be available, even if they do not participate in them.

Key findings of the survey include:

- The most popular outdoor activity across the state was pleasure walking, with 83% of respondents participating in the last year. Picnicking, bird watching, swimming, and using a playground were also the most popular activities. The least popular activities included trapping, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and sailing.
- Activities that experienced the most growth in rural counties were fishing and hunting, while activities that expected growth in urban counties were walking and biking.
- Most respondents (35%) indicated the state government was the most important provider of outdoor recreational amenities, followed by local (31%), county (20%), federal (9%), and the private sector (6%).
- Most residents reported being satisfied with outdoor recreation facilities in the state. Nearly half said the facilities have remained the same as previous years, while about one-third believed they have improved.
- Nearly half (43.5%) of respondents indicated activities they would like to start or start doing more often. Indicating Illinois residents are interested in outdoor activities.

Based on outdoor recreational land supply and demand and the information derived from the survey, eight basic principles were developed to help guide the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant evaluation process. These priorities are used to evaluate grant applications and determine funding for municipalities, park districts, and other agencies responsible for park and open space development. A list of these priorities can be found in the grey box to the left.



Needs Input Phase

Stakeholder and Focus Group Input

Stakeholder and focus group meetings were conducted by Heller & Heller in August, September, and October of 2011. The goals of these community meetings was to gather information and input on significant concerns about the Park District. The results of this process aided Heller & Heller and Leisure Vision, Inc. in developing the Community Survey questions which was administered in the Winter of 2011. Stakeholder meeting participants included the following community groups:

- Seniors
- Park District Staff
- Park Board
- Parents, adults, and administrators of High School District 210 and Grade School District 157c
- LWSRA
- Chamber of Commerce
- Village Trustees
- The Mayor of the Village of Frankfort
- Village Administrators
- Operation Playground
- Athletic Associations

DISTRICT

Strengths

- *Friendly and attentive staff*
- *Splendid, accessible parks and wealth of land*
- *Great programs that reach all age groups, especially young children*
- *Athletics*

DISTRICT

Opportunities

- *Add and increase fitness opportunities*
- *Add shade to parks and clean up large open spaces*
- *Outdoor pool and Pavilion*
- *Extend Day Camp into August*
- *Partnerships / Cooperations*

DISTRICT

Challenges

- *Lack of active indoor facility space*
- *Could increase tax rate to respond to funding challenges*
- *Lack of long-term vision*
- *Sports organization vs. public use in park spaces*
- *Poor credibility*
- *Communication and transparency*

DISTRICT

Improvements

- *Increase beautification through parkland with weeding, shade, and benches*
- *Increase comfort features such as parking, trash cans, and port-o-lets*
- *Provide new community center with indoor fitness, specialized program rooms*
- *Improve splash pad*
- *Provide senior center, mini golf, batting cages, and / or in-line skating*
- *Provide outdoor pool with swim lessons*



Community Survey

Previous to the development of the Master Plan, a Community Survey was distributed and administered by Leisure Vision in 2011. Surveys were randomly sent to 2,000 households. The survey has relevancy to recreation program offerings; therefore, a few of the results are included as part of the Recreation Assessment. The goal of the survey was to receive 400 completed surveys and there were actually 402 responses. Analyzing these results will help provide suggestions for future programming and/or how to improve upon current program offerings. Realizing who is using services and the reasons why they may not, will also provide invaluable leads to marketing strategies as well as service placement.

Survey Toplines:

- Main Park and Commissioners Park are the most used parks and facilities.
- Excellent rating for conditions of parks are significantly higher than national benchmarks.
- Overall program quality excellent or good is 85%.
- Organizations used for recreation: Library 54%, Park District 50%, and school 34%. In most communities, the park district receives the highest percentage of users. Since the time the survey was distributed in 2011, programs have expanded, so there is probability the park district would now receive a higher percentage.
- Ways households find out about programs:
 1. Program guide 87% (this compares to Leisure Vision's national database of 50% and Illinois 78%)
 2. Newspaper 40%
 3. Word of mouth 34%
 4. Website 32% (Illinois database comparison is 34%)

- The two top reasons for households not participating in programs includes: Program or facility not offered 33% and too busy 30%.
- Satisfaction with overall value is 56%, as compared to 62% nationally and 66% Illinois (very or somewhat satisfied). This is an area that can be targeted for improvement, by providing educational information to households.
- Participation in programs and excellent ratings of program quality are higher than National and Illinois benchmarks. 44% of households participated in programs, as compared to 34% nationally and 39% in Illinois. This reflects very good performance.
- The Park District brochure is, by a wide margin, the most used source of marketing.
- Slightly over two-thirds of respondents are aware that the Frankfort Park District is a separate taxing body / entity than the Village of Frankfort.
- **Walking and biking trails, outdoor swimming pools, water parks, and indoor fitness and exercise facilities are the most important parks, trails and facilities.**
- Fitness programs are the most important programs
- Opportunities exist to grow programs of importance.
- There is significant support for developing indoor space.
- **A majority (61%) of households would favor paying some additional level of taxes for facilities and programs most important to their household.**
- 59% of households feel the Park District is very important to the overall quality of life in Frankfort. Only 5% feel it is not important.

Park Facility Needs

A critical part of the planning process is understanding both the park land holdings of a park district as well as the facilities each park has to offer. Comparing this information with national, state, and local participation trends helps paint a better picture of how the Park District compares to its context as well as how they are responding to the local needs and expectations of the district's residents.

The table to the right was derived from the Illinois Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). It compares the estimated supply of recreational amenities provided within the state of Illinois to the number of amenities provided by the Frankfort Park District on a per 1,000 population basis for the existing population of the District. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources uses this table to evaluate and prioritize grant funding assistance based upon how the District compares to the state and national averages, as well as how the District responds to the eight priorities described in the 2009-2014 Illinois Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan. The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has also established standards for facilities per 1,000 population that are illustrated in the last two columns of the table. This table excludes those amenities that are beyond their useful life. For useful life criteria see the Appendix, Chapter 7.

Existing Parks & Current Population

The line items highlighted in the red boxes are amenities the Frankfort Park District is deficient in compared to the state and/or national average. Items that meet or exceed the state or national averages are not highlighted. These are items the IDNR will prioritize for grant funding. This table is based off the current 2012 population of 15,244.

	Existing Population (15,244)					
	Frankfort Park District	Illinois Facility Average		NRPA Facility Average		
	Existing # of Facilities	Existing # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet IL Average	IL Average # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet NRPA Standards	NRPA # of Facilities per 1,000 population
Water Based Facilities						
Fishing Pier / Docks / Access	4	0.26	6.2	0.41	0.0	
Boat Launch Ramps / Access		0.00	1.8	0.12	0.0	
Marina Slips		0.00	4.2	0.27	0.0	
Swimming Pools		0.00	0.4	0.03	0.8	0.05
Swimming Beaches (linear ft.)		0.00	258.2	16.94	0.0	
Hunting Facilities						
Public Hunting Allowed (acres)		0.00	825.9	54.18	0.0	
Water Fowl Blinds		0.00	3.5	0.23	0.0	
Overnight Facilities						
Developed Campsites (full/partial)		0.00	81.1	5.32	0.0	
Primitive Campsites		0.00	14.3	0.94	0.0	
Equestrian Campsites		0.00	2.3	0.15	0.0	
Cabins		0.00	4.7	0.31	0.0	
Lodges		0.00	0.9	0.06	0.0	
Trails						
Multi-Use Trails (Miles)	5.5	0.36	2.5	0.16	0.0	
Hiking Trails		0.00	7.0	0.46	0.0	
Bicycle Trails		0.00	1.6	0.10	0.0	
Horseback Trails		0.00	2.9	0.19	0.0	
Physical Fitness Trails (Stations)		0.00	3.4	0.22	0.0	
Nature/Interpretive Trails (Miles)		0.00	0.8	0.05	0.0	
Off-road Vehicle Trails		0.00	0.2	0.01	0.0	
Cross-Country Trails		0.00	6.1	0.40	0.0	
Snowmobile Trails		0.00	1.7	0.11	0.0	
Day Use Facilities						
Picnic Shelters	16	1.05	3.1	0.21	0.0	
Playgrounds	16	1.05	6.2	0.40	0.0	
Interpretive Centers	1	0.07	0.2	0.01	0.0	
Sports Courts and Facilities						
Tennis Courts	4	0.26	7.5	0.49	7.6	0.50
Basketball Courts	8	0.52	3.8	0.25	3.0	0.20
Volleyball Courts	3	0.20	2.6	0.17	3.0	0.20
Baseball Fields	13	0.85	3.9	0.26	3.0	0.20
Softball Fields	11	0.72	2.2	0.14	3.0	0.20
Football Fields	1	0.07	0.8	0.05	0.8	0.05
Soccer Fields	5	0.33	2.7	0.18	1.5	0.10
Golf Course (18-Hole Course)		0.00	0.1	0.01	5.5	0.36
Golf Course (9-Hole Course)		0.00	0.1	0.01	5.5	0.36
Archery Ranges		0.00	0.3	0.02	0.3	0.02
Rifle Pistol Ranges		0.00	0.2	0.01	0.0	
Running Tracks		0.00	0.8	0.05	0.8	0.05
Ice Rinks		0.00	0.6	0.04	0.0	
Horseshoe Pits	1	0.07	3.7	0.24	3.0	0.20
Bocce Court		0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	
Shuffleboard courts	1	0.07	0.7	0.05	3.0	0.20
Canoe only access areas		0.00	0.6	0.04	3.0	0.20
Ski Trails		0.00	2.7	0.18	3.0	0.20
Dog Parks	1	0.07	0.1	0.01	3.0	0.20
Frisbee Golf	0.75	0.05	0.1	0.01	3.0	0.20
Skate Park	2	0.13	0.2	0.02	3.0	0.20
Spray Grounds	1	0.07	0.4	0.03	3.0	0.20
Badminton		0.00	0.0		3.0	0.20
Handball		0.00	0.0		0.8	0.05
Combo Skeet/Trap Field 8 stations		0.00	0.0		0.3	0.02
Field Hockey		0.00	0.0		0.8	0.05
Golf Driving Range		0.00	0.0		0.3	0.02
Multiple Use Court		0.00	0.0		1.5	0.10
Ice Hockey (Indoor)		0.00	0.0		0.2	0.01

Projected Population (16,741)						
Frankfort Park District			Illinois Facility Average		NRPA Facility Average	
Existing # of Facilities	Existing # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet IL Average	IL Average # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet NRPA Standards	NRPA # of Facilities per 1,000 population	
Water Based Facilities						
Fishing Pier / Docks / Access	4	0.24	6.8	0.41	0.0	
Boat Launch Ramps / Access		0.00	2.0	0.12	0.0	
Marina Slips		0.00	4.6	0.27	0.0	
Swimming Pools		0.00	0.5	0.03	0.8	0.05
Swimming Beaches (linear ft.)		0.00	283.6	16.94	0.0	
Hunting Facilities						
Public Hunting Allowed (acres)		0.00	907.0	54.18	0.0	
Water Fowl Blinds		0.00	3.9	0.23	0.0	
Overnight Facilities						
Developed Campsites (full/partial)		0.00	89.1	5.32	0.0	
Primitive Campsites		0.00	15.7	0.94	0.0	
Equestrian Campsites		0.00	2.5	0.15	0.0	
Cabins		0.00	5.2	0.31	0.0	
Lodges		0.00	1.0	0.06	0.0	
Trails						
Multi-Use Trails (Miles)	5.5	0.33	2.7	0.16	0.0	
Hiking Trails		0.00	7.7	0.46	0.0	
Bicycle Trails		0.00	1.7	0.10	0.0	
Horseback Trails		0.00	3.2	0.19	0.0	
Physical Fitness Trails (Stations)		0.00	3.7	0.22	0.0	
Nature/Interpretive Trails (Miles)		0.00	0.9	0.05	0.0	
Off-road Vehicle Trails		0.00	0.2	0.01	0.0	
Cross-Country Trails		0.00	6.7	0.40	0.0	
Snowmobile Trails		0.00	1.8	0.11	0.0	
Day Use Facilities						
Picnic Shelters	16	0.96	3.4	0.21	0.0	
Playgrounds	15	0.90	6.8	0.40	0.0	
Interpretive Centers	1	0.06	0.2	0.01	0.0	
Sports Courts and Facilities						
Tennis Courts	4	0.24	8.2	0.49	8.4	0.50
Basketball Courts	8	0.48	4.2	0.25	3.3	0.20
Volleyball Courts	3	0.18	2.8	0.17	3.3	0.20
Baseball Fields	13	0.78	4.3	0.26	3.3	0.20
Softball Fields	11	0.66	2.4	0.14	3.3	0.20
Football Fields	1	0.06	0.9	0.05	0.8	0.05
Soccer Fields	5	0.30	3.0	0.18	1.7	0.10
Golf Course (18-Hole Course)		0.00	0.1	0.01	6.0	0.36
Golf Course (9-Hole Course)		0.00	0.1	0.01	6.0	0.36
Archery Ranges		0.00	0.3	0.02	0.3	0.02
Rifle Pistol Ranges		0.00	0.2	0.01	0.0	
Running Tracks		0.00	0.8	0.05	0.8	0.05
Ice Rinks		0.00	0.7	0.04	0.0	
Horseshoe Pits	1	0.06	4.0	0.24	3.3	0.20
Bocce Court		0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	
Shuffleboard Courts	1	0.06	0.8	0.05	3.3	0.20
Canoe only access areas		0.00	0.6	0.04	3.3	0.20
Ski Trails		0.00	3.0	0.18	3.3	0.20
Dog Parks	1	0.06	0.1	0.01	3.3	0.20
Frisbee Golf	0.75	0.04	0.1	0.01	3.3	0.20
Skate Park	2	0.12	0.3	0.02	3.3	0.20
Spray Grounds	1	0.06	0.5	0.03	3.3	0.20
Badminton		0.00	0.0		3.3	0.20
Handball		0.00	0.0		0.8	0.05
Combo Skeet/Trap Field 8 stations		0.00	0.0		0.3	0.02
Field Hockey		0.00	0.0		0.8	0.05
Golf Driving Range		0.00	0.0		0.3	0.02
Multiple Use Court		0.00	0.0		1.7	0.10
Ice Hockey (Indoor)		0.00	0.0		0.2	0.01

Existing Parks & Projected Population

As indicated in the table to the left, as population increases and additional parks develop, it is important that the parks provide facilities for active recreation. The line items highlighted in red are the amenities the District is projected to be deficient in. This is based off the projected population of 16,741.

Facilities the District will need by the year 2017 are as follows:

- Fishing Piers, Docks, Access
- Boat Launch Ramps, Access
- Tennis Courts
- Golf Courses
- Running Tracks
- Horseshoe Pits
- Ice Rinks

Recreation Program Assessment

Program Priority Matrix

The following chart shows programs categorized in three levels of priorities: high, medium, and low. This information is based on a ranking of programs from three variables included in the Community Survey. The three variables include:

- Q9: Respondent Households that have a need for various Sports and Recreation Programs
- Q9b: Estimated Number of Households in the Frankfort Park District Whose Needs for Recreation Programs are only being 50% met or less
- Q10: Recreation Programs that are most Important to Respondents Households

The programs included in green should receive priority in the future. This suggests these program areas can be expanded in number of offerings, if space exists. Conversely, the programs in the blue section of the spreadsheet are not as important to the community. Most of the low priority programs are geared toward youth participants, while adult programming is particularly emphasized by the green, or high priority programs. It is also important to note the low scoring of special population programming. This is a result of a smaller population of potential registrants for programs, and not a result of a lack of importance attached to these programs.

Programs	Q9 %	Rank	Q9b. #	Rank	Q10 %	Rank	Total Rank Score
Adult fitness programs	60%	1	1370	1	42%	1	3
Aquatic Programs	42%	2	999	2	24%	2	6
Adult General programs	36%	3	819	3	19%	4	10
Health and Wellness programs	34%	4	794	4	18%	6	14
Youth general programs	29%	5	529	6	13%	7	18
Active Adult programs/trips	19%	7	443	8	12%	8	23
Youth athletics	27%	7	366	11	18%	5	23
Youth sports leagues	28%	6	301	15	20%	3	24
Dance Programs	25%	8	518	7	10%	9	24
Nature programs/environmental education	23%	9	545	5	7%	12	26
Special events	22%	10	348	13	9%	10	33
Teen programs	17%	14	384	9	9%	11	34
Adult sports leagues	21%	11	360	12	6%	13	36
Camp Programs	18%	12	373	10	9%	18	40
Youth arts and crafts programs	18%	13	346	14	5%	14	41
Before and after school programs	14%	18	272	16	5%	15	49
Gymnastics/tumbling programs	15%	15	261	19	4%	17	51
Martial arts program	14%	16	271	17	3%	21	54
Preschool programs	9%	19	162	20	5%	16	55
Birthday parties	14%	17	270	18	2%	22	57
Toddler programs	8%	20	132	22	4%	19	61
Programs for Special needs/disabled	7%	21	138	21	4%	20	62

	High priority
	Medium
	Low Priority

Summary of Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment

Frankfort Park District will continue to grow into 2017. Population will increase by almost 10% and age group distribution will drastically change--with seniors and active adults (65+) consisting of 14% of the total population.

In order to accommodate more outdoor participants, aging facilities must be updated and deficient facilities must be addressed. As with any park district, it must be a carefully executed balance of replacing aging facilities while expanding and adding new parks and amenities to the system. All parks should be updated to ensure they meet current safety and accessibility standards. Deficiencies revealed in the community survey and facility needs assessment should also be addressed over time. Items to consider are tennis courts, golf courses, ice rinks, canoe access, and ski trails.

Not only are more people are going outdoors for recreation, but the national results show that attendance at programs, classes, and events is also rebounding from past decline. Locally, health and fitness ranks as the most important programs for residents of all ages. Indoor fitness sports, like yoga and boot-camp style cardio classes, remain the most popular fitness activity. Significant opportunities to engage inactive populations are swimming, working out with weights, working out with machines, and bicycling.

National, statewide, and local results show people are also increasingly supportive of park and recreation services. November 2012 saw the largest number of park and recreation ballot referendums since 2008. Locally, Frankfort Park District residents who use District facilities and services are satisfied with the District. The most used parks are Main Park and Commissioners Park.

Nationally, sports and recreation spending is not expected to increase. However, of those who spend money on sports and recreation, spending is expected to increase. Locally, Frankfort Park District residents are willing to pay some additional level of taxes for facilities and programs with 61% of households stating they would vote in favor of the increase. There is also an expressed desire to increase the amount of travel done for participation in favorite sports and recreational activities. These results indicate people are becoming more confident in the future economy and in park and recreation services.



Strategies & Recommendations

Chapter Five: Strategies & Recommendations

Purpose

The Strategies & Recommendations Chapter contains the goals and recommendations necessary for the Frankfort Park District to meet the recreational needs of the Park District community. These recommendations are the synthesis of the Inventory & Analysis and Needs Assessment data documented in the previous chapters. Through internal charrettes and staff and Board workshops, primary, long-term and ongoing initiatives were discussed, outlined, and prioritized resulting in the strategies set forth in this chapter.

This chapter outlines the long-term vision for the District. Strategies and recommendations are grouped into five separate categories:

- District-wide Strategies
- Existing Asset Strategies
- New / Planned Asset Strategies
- Trails & Linkages
- Recreation Programs & Services Strategies



District-wide Strategies

- Create Neighborhood Park Prototype
 - Establish standards for acreage, design, and amenities.
- Get involved with Municipal Park Planning for park land dedication (location and configuration)
 - Communicate Neighborhood Park Prototype standards to Village Planners to collaborate on the developing and planning for Frankfort's park system.
- Embrace meaningful access to existing natural areas for passive recreation and interpretation
 - Implement trail connections, interpretive signage, and other appropriate amenities to encourage access and use.
- Understand the FPD potential boundary expansion to the south
 - Work with Village Planners to understand Village growth patterns and plan for the needs of future residents in future growth areas.



Existing Asset Strategies

The following tables outline the strategies and recommendations for all existing park and open space. Strategies are outlined as primary initiatives, or actions that should occur within the next five years, and long-term initiatives, or actions that will occur after 2017.

Neighborhood Parks

	Brookmeadow Park	Butternut Creek Woods Park	Heritage Knolls Park	Indian Boundary Park	Kohlhagen Park	Lakeview Estates North Park	Lakeview Estates South Park
Primary Initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop stone outcropping fishing stations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop new park master plan Replace playground (installed 2001) Update playground container to Park District standard 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop new park master plan Develop stone outcropping fishing stations 		
Long-Term Initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop park shelter Develop fishing overlook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide additional native plantings Provide education opportunities (signage/programs) Option #1 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide trail connections to Old Plank Trail Develop internal pathways to amenities Develop park shelter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop park shelter Develop fishing overlook Provide native vegetated shoreline Develop internal pathways (north side of pond) Provide trail connection to Old Plank Trail Replace playground (installed 2003) Update playground container to Park District standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide trail access to natural creek area Provide additional education opportunities (signage/programs) Option #2 Develop stone outcropping fishing stations Consider decommissioning existing softball field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop trail along pond (west side) Provide trail access to natural creek area Develop stone outcropping fishing stations Provide additional education opportunities (signage/programs) location option #2

Neighborhood Parks

	Lincoln Meadows Park	Michele Bingham Memorial Park	Roy & Dorothy Janssen Park	Sandalwood Park	Shaffer Park	Timbers Edge Park	Windy Hill Park
Primary Initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace playground (installed 1993) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement existing park master plan Develop off-street parking lot (asphalt paving) Provide exercise stations – Option #1 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace shelter within the next five years
Long-Term Initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop park shelter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop internal pathways to amenities Develop trailhead with restrooms (primary Old Plank Trail access) - Village Cooperation Provide trail wayfinding signage Provide additional shade/buffer throughout park Provide native plantings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide native vegetated shoreline Incorporate additional two acres of Old Stone Village Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace playground (2003) within next five years Develop park shelter Develop stone outcropping fishing stations Develop internal pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop park shelter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace shelter Develop pedestrian connection to Sauk Trail Reservoir Provide trail access to natural creek area Provide additional education opportunities (signage/ programs) Option #3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop trail connection from 88th Ave. to park. Promote Old Plank Trail use Provide trail wayfinding signage Provide native landscaping Provide support amenities for winter activities

Community Parks

	Commissioners Park	Jackson Creek Park	Main Park
Primary Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new park master plan • Replace splash pad within the next five years • Pave west parking lot • Establish native plantings for unprogrammed turf areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new park master plan with Sara Springs Park • Develop future links to Sara Springs Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new park master plan with Puente and Village Hall site • Evaluate opportunity for synthetic turf for football field • Provide basketball courts (in-progress) • Develop looping trail system (west side)
Long-Term Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop consistent field sizes • Develop satellite maintenance facility • Create efficient land-use arrangement • Provide batting cages – location Option #1 • Provide miniature golf • Redevelop trail system (8' width minimum) • Develop in-line/ice hockey skating area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop shade structure near basketball/skate park • Develop large shelter with outdoor fireplace • Provide trail access to natural creek area • Develop bridge connection from south trail to pond loop trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide batting cages – location Option #2 • Provide exercise stations – location Option #2



New / Planned Asset Strategies

This section outlines strategies and recommendations for new or planned assets. These strategies relate to acquisition or development of a new facility or redevelopment of a facility or open space the Park District currently owns, but has not developed, planned, or programmed yet. This section addresses Undeveloped Parks, Indoor Maintenance Facilities, Indoor Recreation Facilities, and Acquisition Strategies.

Undeveloped Parks

	Majestic Pine Park	Janssen South Park	Sara Springs Park	Stone Creek Park
Primary Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop park program and park master plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop park program and park master plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop park program and park master plan Consider acquisition for vehicular access from LaGrange Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop park program and park master plan
Long-Term Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Majestic Pine Park and Stone Creek Park in conjunction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide connections to Roy and Dorothy Janssen Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider native restoration Consider natural trail system with access to creek Provide connection to Jackson Creek Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Majestic Pine Park and Stone Creek Park in conjunction

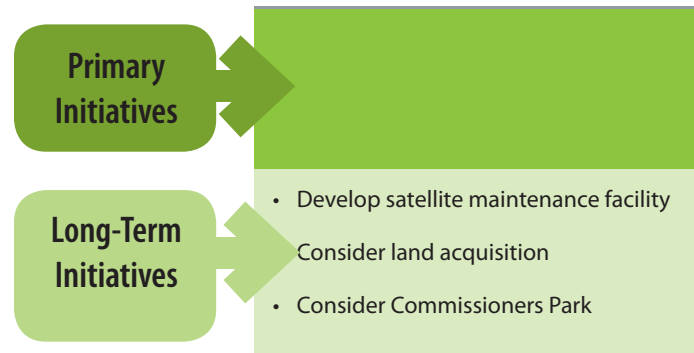


Satellite Maintenance Facility

The Frankfort Park District community will continue to grow into the next five years. The population is estimated to grow by almost 10% and growth will be concentrated on the southeast corner of the District. The Building and Grounds Facility is currently located on the south side of Main Park, a notable central location within the current District limits. Because of the growth patterns, planned unit developments, and the additional open space that will come along with the developments, an additional satellite maintenance facility is recommend to address the District's growing needs.

Maintenance

Satellite Facility

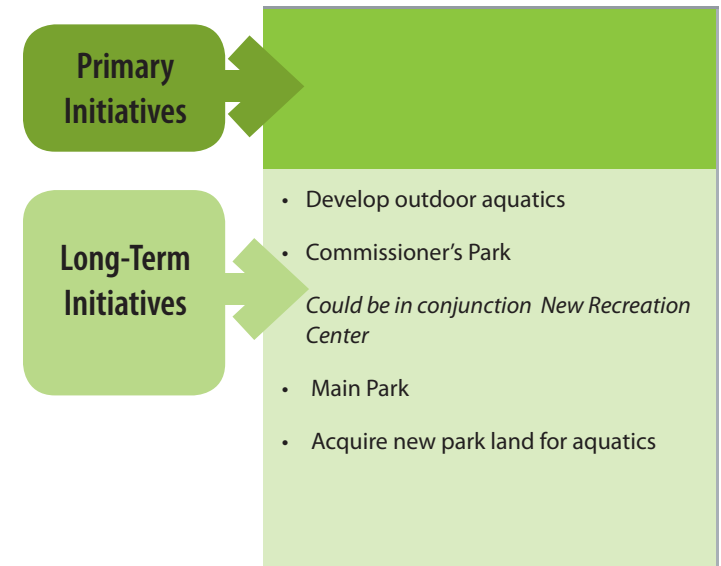


Aquatics

The Frankfort Park District does not currently own or operate an indoor or outdoor aquatics facility. While the main priority for the District is a new recreation center, aquatics may also become a priority as it could be developed in conjunction with the new recreation center. The District is currently deficient in indoor aquatics space, but if developed with the new recreation center, the deficiencies could be fulfilled.

Aquatics

Aquatics Facility





Preferred Strategy

Indoor Recreation Facilities

The Frankfort Park District does not currently own or operate an active recreation and fitness center for residents. Indoor programmable space available to the District is concentrated in The Founders Community Center and Susan A. Puent Educational Facility. The Susan A. Puent Educational Facility is currently programmed solely for pre-school classes and activities. While The Founders Community Center includes a small gym and locker rooms, this space is not equipped to handle the District's growing active indoor recreation needs. For indoor active recreation and fitness, private gyms and fitness centers currently provide services to the District.

Justification for Indoor Recreation Strategies:

- Deficient in indoor space by +/- 400 square feet. The District will be deficient by more than 3,300 square feet by 2017. None of the current indoor recreation space is dedicated health and fitness space.
- Adaptive reuse of Founders Community Center or Susan A. Puent Educational Facility is limiting for active recreation.
- LWSRA will be vacating the Founders Community in March 2014, leaving the building open for additional programming.
- Board and staff workshop results indicate an interest in indoor fitness, gymnasium space, and indoor court space.
- Survey programming related questions indicate a need for adult fitness, aquatics, health and wellness, and active adult programs
- Survey facility related questions indicate indoor running / walking tracks, indoor fitness and exercise facilities, and indoor swimming pools as unmet and useful needs.

STRATEGY

1

Construct New Recreation Center and Repurpose Founders Community Center as "Education Center" (35,000-45,000 GSF)

Adapt FCC to be all classroom-related space. Relocate Pre-school programs from Puent to Founders. Senior Center, drama, instruction, crafts, culinary, ceramics (kiln) programs. New Recreation Center to include multi-purpose rooms, multi-court gyms, fitness, track. New center to include board room.



PROS

- Appropriate use of FCC layout



CONS

- Change in land-use

Main Park
(demo Puent & construct new
Recreation Center)



PROS

- Near Downtown Location
- Access
- Adjacency to sports at Main
- Adjacency to Village Hall
- Potential Village Partnership Opportunity (share infrastructure)

CONS

- Repurpose Main Park (north open space)

New Site - Acquire Land



PROS

- Purpose driven acquisition based on selected criteria
- Potential public-private partnership Opportunity

CONS

- Land acquisition
- Must address Puent vacancy



STRATEGY

2

Sell Founders Community Center, acquire / lease Prairie Park, and Build New Recreation Center (50,000-60,000 GSF).

Work with Village to acquire Prairie Park and build fitness / active recreation center. Potential intergovernmental agreement.



- Location
- Trail Access
- Outdoor Recreation Opportunities



- Potential negative community response for selling the Founders Community Center
- Property size limitations / parking constraints

STRATEGY

3

Acquire Existing Facility (50,000-60,000 GSF)

Target existing indoor facility appropriate for redevelopment for fitness/active recreation.



- Purpose-driven acquisition based on selected criteria (location, access, adjacent open space, etc)



- Acquisition/Purchase Price
- Renovations may be necessary

STRATEGY

5

Demo Founders Community Center and Rebuild New Recreation Center (50,000-60,000 GSF)

Founders Community Center Location (demo old, build new)



- Location



- Nostalgic Amenity, valued by community
- Property size limitations / parking constraints

STRATEGY

4

Renovate Founders Community Center as Recreation Center (25,000-30,000 GSF)

Renovate and Expand for appropriate indoor space (fitness, track, gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms).



- Location
- Known amenity/destination
- History
- No acquisition needed



- School building structure difficult to renovate
- Limited space for expansion
- Parking Limitation

Conclusion

Out of these five strategies, Strategy 1 rose to the top as the most realistic and feasible for the Park District. Strategy 1 will fulfill staff and programming needs for Founders and will provide a new purpose-driven recreation center that will more adequately fulfill resident's expectations and desires. Relocating the pre-school to The Founders Community Center would utilize the building efficiently and will fill the vacancy left by the Lincoln Way Special Recreation Association as they relocate to their new facility. Vacating Puert provides the opportunity for additional Community Park space or for a municipal campus-like development with the planned Village Hall expansion.

Acquisition Strategies

As the plan developed, it became apparent that while the District is already serving their residents well in many ways, there are deficiencies that could be fulfilled through future acquisitions.

By NRPA standards, the Frankfort Park District is deficient in Community Park space. As the population increases and growth expands out towards the south-east, an additional Community Park acquisition will become a high priority. The District currently does not have natural areas or nature programming, and according to the results of the community input survey, this would be a welcome addition to the District offerings. Acquiring land for this purpose would fulfill these needs.

Not only would acquiring additional park space benefit the District, but acquiring land to construct the desired Recreation Center would also fulfill the District's needs as they do not currently own or operate such a facility. With the sole, central Buildings and Grounds Facility located in Main Park and growth expanding towards the southeast, Buildings and Grounds staff must travel far with their equipment to maintain parks in that area of the District. As the community grows, a satellite maintenance facility would aid the buildings and grounds staff in maintaining parkland in a timely and efficient manner. As the District continues to grow, the Park District should remain open to considering private and / or intergovernmental partnerships for acquisition opportunities.

Justification for Acquisition Strategies:

- The District is sufficient in overall outdoor park space; however, the District is deficient in Community Park land by +/- 9 acres.
- There is a lack of park space in the areas of projected population growth.
- As the District grows, the Building and Grounds facility will be less centralized within the District. A need for a satellite maintenance facility will arise.
- Board and staff workshop results indicate an interest in additional acquisitions for open space, satellite maintenance facilities, indoor recreation space, and natural areas.
- Survey results indicate that walking and biking trails, outdoor swimming pools, indoor fitness, and water parks are most important to residents.
- Survey results indicate that maintenance of parks should receive the most attention in the next two years.



Trail Corridors & Linkages

The distribution of trail assets is notable; however, some of these trails lack direct connections to the Old Plank Road Trail and are isolated within subdivisions and residential areas. Filling in these gaps would create a more cohesive trail network. Some of the proposed trails do address the gaps in the trail system, but additional linkages to address are seen as red lines with bulleted ends.

Currently, the only trailhead within the Park District is located at Prairie Park—a Village-owned park north of the Old Plank Road Trail. Four of the District's parks are along the regional trail system—Kohlhagen Park, Michele Bingham Park, Indian Boundary Park, and Windy Hill Park. A trailhead is a location along a trail where amenities such as parking, benches, bike racks, and drinking fountains occur to offer a place to get on and off the trail.

Recommendations include:

- Work with the Village to implement trails so that all residents are within 1/2 mile walking distance from a trail.
- Work with Village to make strategic and direct connections to the Old Plank Road Trail.
- Work with the Village to fill in gaps between parks, trails, and Village destinations.
- Consider locating trailheads at parks along the Old Plank Road Trail. Specifically, consider Windy Hill Park, Michele Bingham Park, and Kohlhagen Park.
- Explore trail opportunities within ComEd corridors.
- Explore opportunities for loop trails within parks. Ensure loop trails have connections to the neighborhood pedestrian system.



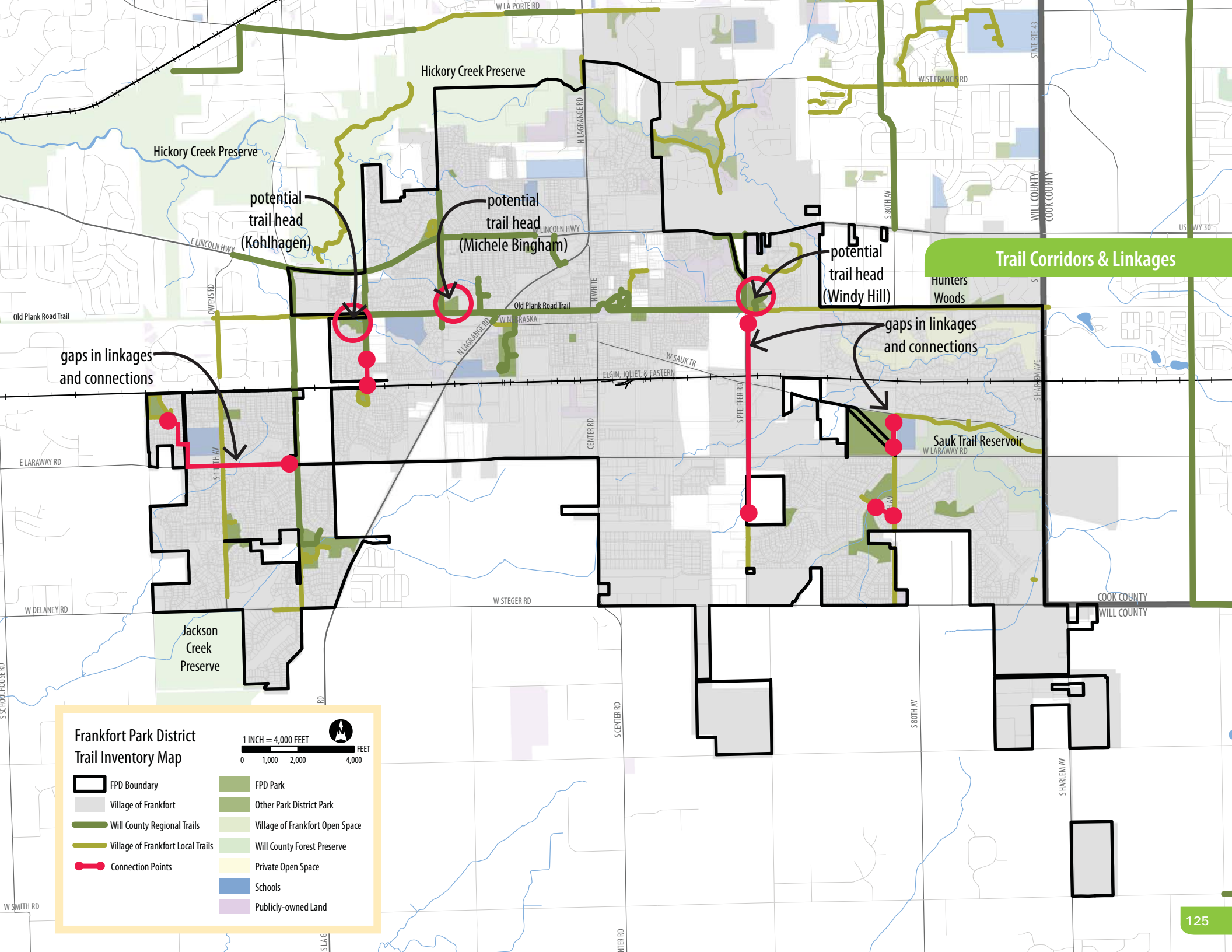
Bike Lane



Shared Roadway



Shared Roadway



Trail Corridors & Linkages

Frankfort Park District
Trail Inventory Map

FPD Boundary

Village of Frankfort

Will County Regional Trails

Village of Frankfort Local Trails

Connection Points

FPD Park

Other Park District Park

Village of Frankfort Open Space

Will County Forest Preserve

Private Open Space

Schools

Publicly-owned Land

1 INCH = 4,000 FEET

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1,000

2,000

4,000

FEET

125

Recreation Strategies and Recommendations

- Adult and senior programming in the Brochure are mixed together. Although anyone over the age of 18 can register for adult programs, seniors typically are weary of programming with much younger participants. Separating adult from senior programs, perhaps on pages that open next to each other, can increase senior program participation. Participants can then easily view specific programs geared towards their age group. It still is beneficial to address that all adult ages are welcome to participate in adult programs.
- There are a few programs in the adult program section that the participation ages were 11 and up (Fresh New You) and 12 and up (HeartSaver CPR). It would help to also include these in the youth program section of the Brochure so they are not overlooked in the adult section.
- The placement of pages can be of vital importance when laying out a Brochure. Typically the first few pages are made available for the most important information you want your community to learn about. However, there are many ideas on what information should go where. General information is usually important, but this information is also usually in every Brochure, each time. Placing this information in the rear of the Brochure will give way for pages like special/community events or community favorites.
- There is an entire page on the Website dedicated to customer service, yet there is a small box of this information in the Brochure. Since the “Frankfort Park District is committed to providing responsive, friendly, courteous and excellent service to our customers,” it may be a good idea to increase the size of this statement in the seasonal Brochures. Most residents are typically finding out about information from these over the Website.
- Grammar and language consistencies are also important, including: the same amount of spaces after times/dates, using the “age” or “ages” term, phone number consistencies and using consistent order for program descriptions, i.e:
 - ☐ Instructor
 - ☐ Location
 - ☐ Day
 - ☐ Date
 - ☐ Time
 - ☐ Age
 - ☐ Fee
- Adding to your current Photograph Policy to include using photographs on any social media that you are currently using.
- Include similar programming together, i.e. music programs.
- There currently are no Theater/Acting Classes. There may or may not be a need for these types of programs. If there is not enough community interest, cooperative programming with surrounding Districts and agencies may help offer additional programs for residents at in-district rates at other locations than Frankfort.

- With the intergovernmental agreement with Lincoln-Way East High School, Frankfort residents can workout at the high school fitness center. Including this information on the adult fitness pages can increase awareness for the fitness opportunity.
- There is not a lot of information regarding summer camp opportunities. The first information on it is given in the summer Brochure. With some households, summer planning begins earlier than April. Adding summer camp information in the winter/spring Brochure can assist families conduct their summer planning.
- The addition of a line on the registration form to ask if there is new or current information from the registrant can cut down on registrars continuously reviewing the information when inputting registration.
- Online registration is a convenience for participants. This gives users an opportunity to register 24 hours a day, seven days a week for programs that are available to do so. Currently, online users must pay a convenience fee to register. Although it is a nominal fee, this can be viewed as a deterrent, or not convenient, if someone wants to register online. Reviewing program fees to possibly absorb this “convenience fee” may increase online registrations.
- Currently a girl’s lacrosse program is offered. Although there is no boys program, providing details on where boys may find information on programs would be helpful.
- Also providing any “sneak peek at new upcoming programs” could be added.
- A suggestion is to keep program descriptions brief and no longer than six or seven lines, as readers may lose interest if they read too long. Identify the “hook” that will entice people to register. Descriptions should include features, attributes and benefits. Certain titles already state what the participant will be doing in the class. Some of the text in the description is informational, rather than promotional.
- Changing the font for both the descriptions and headers can be an easy way to add a catchy new look to draw interest.
- A fresh look to the Brochure is an enhancement for marketing programs and events.
- Consolidating and deleting unnecessary white space, can add room for additional photos and information.



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Implementation

Chapter Six: Implementation

Purpose

This chapter lists the action items required to complete the recommendations listed in Chapter Four. These items have been prioritized and targeted for action over the next 5 years, with emphasis on the first five years after plan adoption. Time-sensitive action items are both listed below and outlined on the implementation timeline. The first five years is then expanded, outlining specific directives recommended to complete implementation. These directives are guidelines and require an annual review to react to changes within the community, funding opportunities, and new Park District needs.

2013 Action Items

- Adopt Comprehensive Master Plan
- Plan Recreation Center Funding Strategy
- Explore acquisition for Sara Springs access (tenant land off of LaGrange Road)
- Construct Michele Bingham Memorial Park playground

2014 Action Items

- Market Recreation Center Funding Strategy
- Complete Recreation Center Site Study
- Master Plan Recreation Center and Evaluate Main Park Synthetic Turf
- Master Plan the Founders Community Center Renovation
- Master Plan trail connections
- Master Plan Jackson Creek Park / Sara Springs Park
- Design and Engineer Majestic Pine Park/ Stone Creek Park
- Design and Engineer Janssen Park South / Janssen Park Expansion (if acquired)
- Construct Michele Bingham Memorial Park parking lot
- Construct playground replacement at Lincoln Meadow Park

- Pave Commissioners west parking lot

2015 Action Items

- Secure Funding for Recreation Center (Referendum)
- Acquire land for Recreation Center (if necessary)
- Design and Engineer Recreation Center and Main Park Synthetic Turf (pending evaluation results)
- Design and Engineer the Founders Community Center Renovation
- Grant strategy for Sara Springs access acquisition
- Construct Janssen Park South/ Janssen Park Expansion
- Construct Majestic Pine Park/ Stone Creek Park

2016 Action Items

- Master Plan Commissioners Park
- Acquire Sara Spring access
- Design and Engineer Jackson Creek Park / Sara Springs Park
- Grant for playground at the Founder's Community Center
- Grant for trails
- Construct Recreation Center and Main Park Synthetic Turf
- Construct the Founders Community Center Renovation
- Construct playground replacement at Heritage Knolls Park
- Explore acquisition for satellite maintenance facility

2017 Action Items

- Construct Jackson Creek Park/ Sara Springs Park
- Grant for Commissioners Park

IMPORTANT Dates

Trail Grants

- Due March 1st

OSLAD Grants

- Due July 1st
- Awards typically announced between February and June

PARC Grants

- Due between October and November
- Two-year cycles
- Currently inactive (2013)

TIMELINE LEGEND

- Plan
- Acquire
- Master Plan
- Design
- Construct
- Fund

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2013									* Adopt Plan			
									Plan Recreation Center Funding Strategy			
									Complete Recreation Center Site Study			
									Explore acquisition for Sara Springs access			
									Construct Michele Bingham playground			
2014									Market Recreation Center Funding Strategy			
									Master Plan Recreation Center and Main Park Synthetic Turf			
									Master Plan the Founders Community Center Renovation			
									Master Plan trail connections			
									Master Plan Jackson Creek Park / Sara Springs Park			
									Design and Engineer Majestic Pine Park / Stone Creek Park			
									Design and Engineer Janssen Park South / Janssen Park expansion (if acquired)			
									Construct Michele Bingham Memorial Park parking			
									Construct playground replacement at Lincoln Meadows Park			
2015									Pave Commissioners west parking lot			
									Secure Funding for Recreation Center (Referendum) * SPRING / FALL VOTE			
									Acquire land for Recreation Center (if necessary)			
									Design and Engineer Recreation Center and Main Park Synthetic Turf			
									Design and Engineer the Founders Community Center Renovation			
									Grant for Sara Springs access acquisition * DUE 7/1			
2016									Construct Janssen Park South / Janssen Park expansion			
									Construct Majestic Pine Park / Stone Creek Park			
									Master Plan Commissioners Park			
									Acquire Sarah Springs access			
									Design and Engineer Jackson Creek Park / Sara Springs Park			
									Grant for playground at Founders * DUE 7/1			
									Grant for trails * DUE 3/1			
									Construct Recreation Center and Main Park Synthetic Turf			
2017									Construct the Founders Community Center Renovation			
									Construct playground replacement at Heritage Knolls Park			
									Explore acquisition for satellite maintenance facility			
									Construct Jackson Creek Park / Sarah Springs Park			
									Grant for Commissioners Park * DUE 7/1			

Planning Actions Outline

2013

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC



Adopt Plan

Plan Recreation Center Funding Strategy

Complete Recreation Center Site Study

Explore acquisition for Sara Springs access

Construct Michele Bingham playground

- Determine site

- Contact tenants / owners
- Negotiate price for acquisition or access easement agreement

2014

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

Market Recreation Center Funding Strategy

Master Plan Recreation Center and Main Park Synthetic Turf

Master Plan the Founders Community Center Renovation

Master Plan trail connections

Master Plan Jackson Creek Park / Sara Springs Park

Design and Engineer Majestic Pine Park / Stone Creek Park

Design and Engineer Janssen Park South / Janssen Park expansion (if acquired)

Construct Michele Bingham Memorial Park parking

Construct playground replacement at Lincoln Meadows Park

Pave Commissioners west parking lot

- Determine extent of renovations
- Complete cost analysis
- Prepare operations and financial plan

- Implement marketing strategy to promote the master plan and synthetic turf.
- Issue intent for ballot vote

- Determine site / building program
- Complete site / building cost analysis
- Complete operational cost analysis
- Prepare operations and financial plan

- Cooperate with Village to identify and design missing trail links
- Prioritize trail links
- Focus on connections within parks and to the Old Plank Trail Road

Consider

- Active Recreation (sports fields)
- Passive Recreation (trails)

Planning Actions Outline

2015

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

Secure Funding for Recreation Center (Referendum) * SPRING / FALL VOTE

Acquire land for Recreation Center (if necessary)

Design and Engineer Recreation Center and Main Park Synthetic Turf

Design and Engineer Founders Community Center Renovation

Grant for Sara Springs access acquisition * DUE 7/1

Construct Janssen Park South / Janssen Park expansion

Construct Majestic Pine Park / Stone Creek Park

- Submit application for OSLAD Grant through IDNR.
- Deadline: July 1st

- Prepare construction documents and finalize costs.

- Prepare construction documents and finalize costs.
- Review and finalize operations and financial plan.

2016

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

Master Plan Commissioners Park

Acquire Sarah Springs access

Design and Engineer Jackson Creek Park / Sara Springs Park

Grant for playground at Founders * DUE 7/1

Grant for trails * DUE 3/1

Construct Recreation Center and Main Park Synthetic Turf

Construct the Founders Community Center Renovation

Construct playground replacement at Heritage Knolls Park

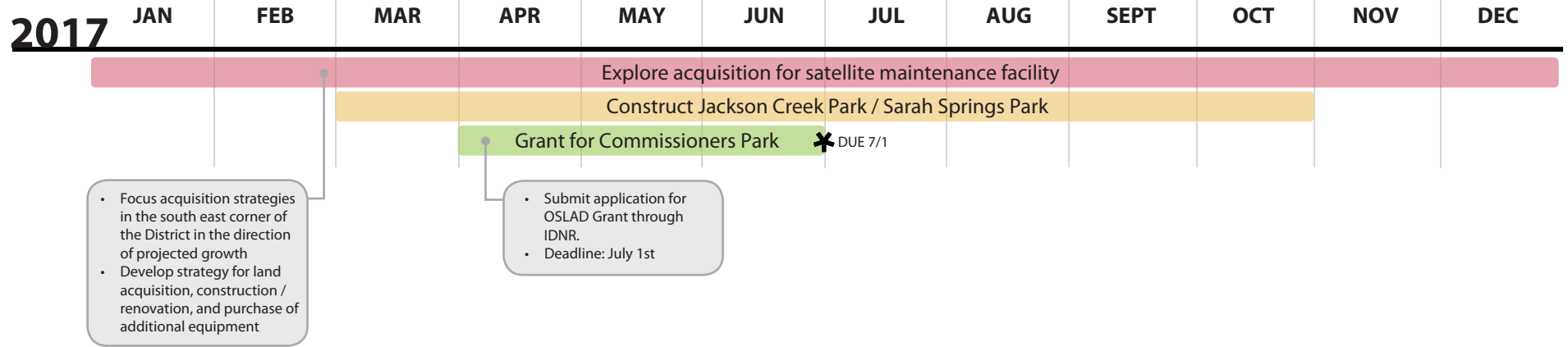
- Submit application for Trail Grant through IDNR.
- Deadline: March 1st

- Submit application for OSLAD Grant through IDNR.
- Deadline: July 1st

Consider

- Renovate splash pad
- Mini golf
- Batting cages
- Adjusting ball field sizes so they are tournament quality fields
- Creating a more efficient layout of sports fields
- Develop satellite maintenance facility
- Pave west parking lot
- Repave paths at 8' width

Planning Actions Outline



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Appendix

Chapter Seven: Appendix

Purpose

This chapter includes any additional raw material used in the development of the Comprehensive Master Plan. These documents support and / or provide background information for the inventory and analysis, needs assessment, and strategies and recommendations.

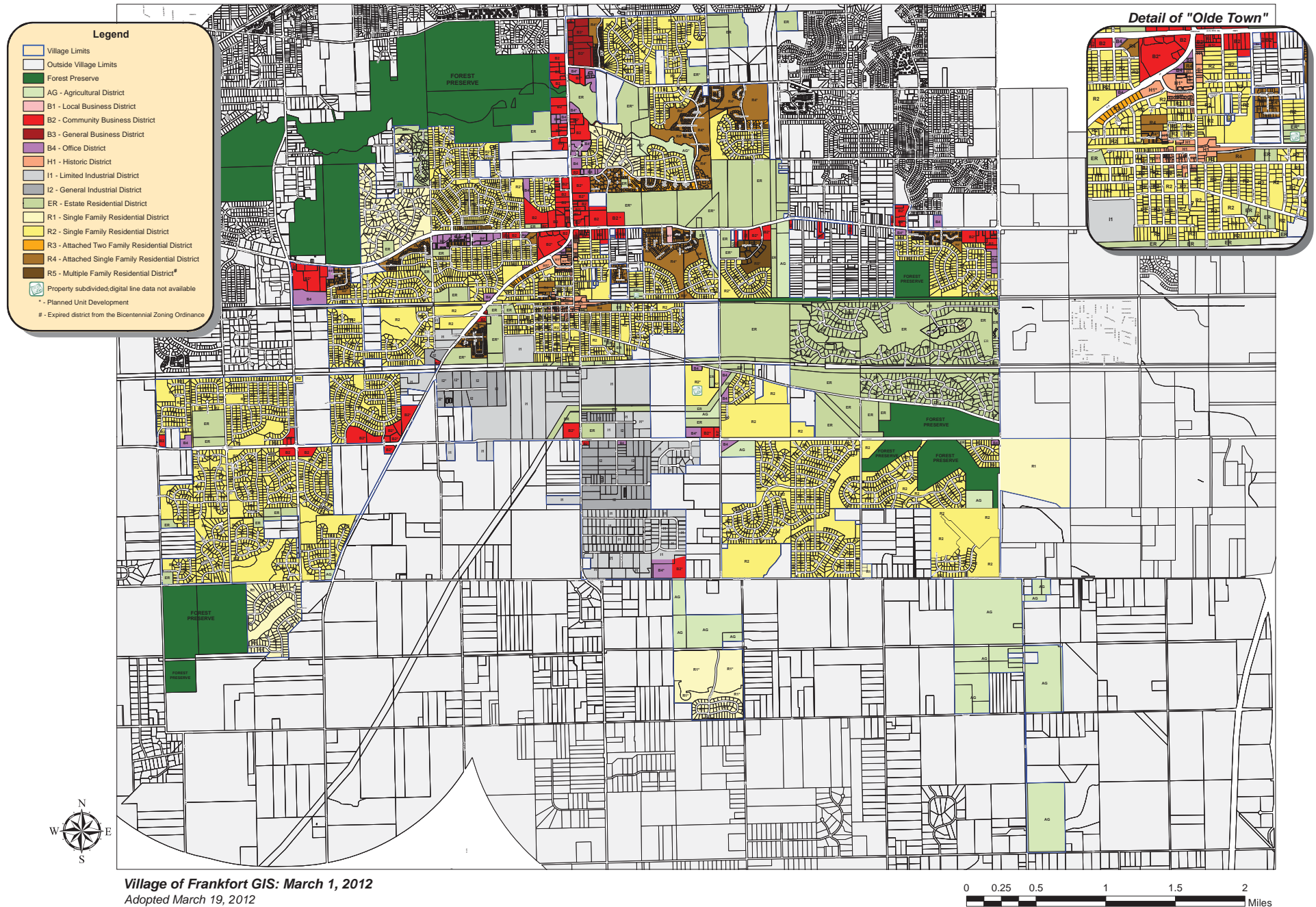
Order of items

- Zoning Maps / Codes
- Subdivision Map
- Useful Life Criteria
- Building Program Analysis (i.e. Williams)

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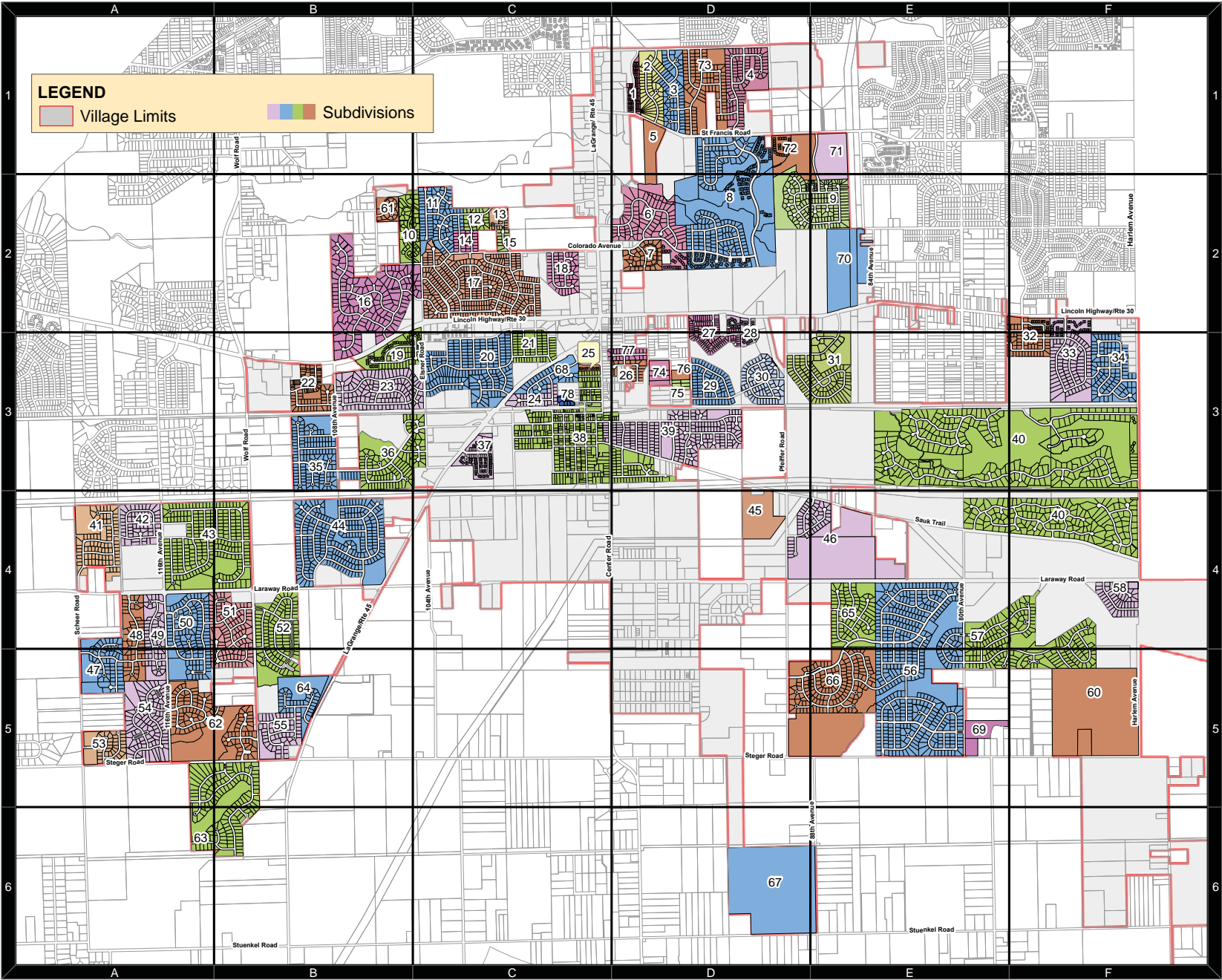
Official Zoning Map



Village of Frankfort

SUBDIVISIONS	
ALPHABETICAL LISTINGS	Sub #s Grid
Abbey Woods	6 D-2
Ashington Meadows	53 A-5
Autumn Fields	52 B-4
Beacon Hill*	69 E-5
Brookmeadow Estates	41 A-4
Bowen's Crossing*	74 D-4
Brookridge Creek	19 B-3
Brookside I & II	20 C-3
Butternut	16 B-2
Cambridge	77 D-3
Candle Creek	2 D-1
Cardinal Lake	35 B-3
Charmaine	61 B-2
Charrington	30 D-3
Charrington Estates	29 D-3
Cobblestone Walk	49 A-4
Colorado Hills	14 C-2
Connecticut Hills	17 C-2
Coquille Pointe	54 A-5
Country Crossings*	46 E-4
Creekside*	70 E-2
Creekview	18 C-2
Crystal Lake	1 D-1
Crystal Brook*	60 F-5
Dieters Subdivision*	75 D-3
Five Oaks	63 A-6
Flagstone	47 A-5
Folkers' Estates	68 C-3
Founders Place	37 C-3
Georgetown	34 F-3
Harvest Ridge*	45 D-4
Heritage Knolls	44 B-4
Homeshead	51 A-4
Hunt Club Estates	7 D-2
Hunter Woods	32 F-3
Kaffel Court	78 C-3
Kensington	24 C-3
Krusemark	39 D-3
Lakeview Estates	56 E-4
LaPorte Meadows	4 D-1
Lawndale	26 D-3
Lighthouse Pointe	8 D-2
Lincoln Meadows	21 D-3
Majestic Pines*	65 E-4
Misty Falls	50 A-4
New Frankfort Settlement	10 B-2
Newbrook	42 A-4
Old Frankfort Way Townhomes	25 C-3
Olde Stone Village*	62 A-5
Old Towne	38 C-3
Pheasant Run Estates	27 D-2
Pioneer Subdivision	76 D-3
Plank Trail Estates	33 G-3
Priarie Creek*	72 D-1
Prestwick	40 F-3
Sandalwood Estates	43 A-4
Sara Springs	64 B-5
Settlers Croft	13 C-2
Settlers Pond	22 B-3
Shenandoah	28 D-2
Shimmering View	3 D-1
Silver Tree	15 C-2
Southwick	58 F-4
St Francis Estates*	73 D-1
Stone Creek*	66 E-5
Stonebridge Valley	48 A-4
Sutton Dale	36 B-3
Tanglewood	11 C-2
Timbers Edge	57 E-4
Villas of Walnut Creek*	71 E-1
Viola Woods*	5 D-1
Vistana	55 B-5
Walnut Creek	9 E-2
Waterstone*	67 D-6
Windy Hill Farm	31 E-3
Woodland Hills	12 C-2
Yankee Ridge	23 B-3

*Under Development/Proposed



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Per IPRA-Park & Natural Resource Management Section's Recommendations

USEFUL LIFE CRITERIA

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>Expected useful life</u>	<u>Evaluation Criteria – Factor</u>
<u>BB/Softball fields</u>	8-10 years	# Games/week, # Practices/week Grass infields? Maintenance Procedure/Standards Is site used for multiple uses, soccer, football? Is space used for organized or programmed events? Spectator considerations – bleachers Concession stands
<u>BB/Softball Field Lighting</u>	20 years	Pole Type (wood, steel, concrete) Wiring type (aluminum, copper) HID or incandescent fixtures Existing FC vs. new standards Accepted grounding systems? Panel Capabilities/Technology Electrical Code compliance
<u>Soccer Fields</u>	8-10 years	Usage rating A/B/C/D # games/week, # weeks/year, time of year, age of user
<u>Irrigation system</u>	20 years	Irrigated Y/N Usage # games per week Drainage considerations Maintenance standards/levels Is site used for organized or programmed events? To what extent? Is site used for multiple uses? Softball, BB or football

IDNR Grant Administration Division

Per IPRA-Park & Natural Resource Management Section's Recommendations

USEFUL LIFE CRITERIA

Tennis Courts

Resurface
Total Renovation

12-15 years
20-25 years

Lighted Y/N (Use BB Criteria)
Surface clay, asphalt, other
Color coat/overlay/rebuild
Frequency of color coating
Location – high water table
Fencing material/posts
Preventive maintenance
Location: Water table concerns
Is site used for organized or programmed events? To what extent?
Are courts used for making ice?

Basket Ball Courts

Resurface
Total Renovation

12-15 years
20-25 years

Same as tennis courts

Volleyball Courts

Sand / Grass?
Lighted Y/N
Borders
Bleachers/spectator area

Shuffleboard

Resurface
Total Renovation

12-15 years
20-25 years

Same as tennis courts

BUILDING SPACE PLANNING PROGRAM

This form is used to program areas and budget costs for a project in the Programming Phase.

It can then be adjusted during the Design and final project construction.

Typically you only need to enter data in the shaded areas:

PROJECT DATA

Project Number	2013-021
Project Name	Frankfort Comprehensive Plan
Owner	Frankfort Park District
Partner in Charge	TGL / SWM
Associate	
Project Manager	TGL
Date Prepared	6/21/2013
Date Revised	6/26/2013
File Name	\space program

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BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM

Maintenance Facility

Frankfort Comprehensive Plan

Project #

2013-021

BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM

Revised :

26-Jun-13

21-Jun-13

Room	Description	Program Range Square Feet	Program Target Square Feet	Actual Square Feet
	Lower Level			
0	OFFICE 1	-		270
1	OFFICE 2			100
2	TOILET	-		50
3	STORAGE / CLOSET	-		45
4	BREAK ROOM	-		470
5	LOCKER ROOM	-		220
6	GARAGE 1	-		6,530
7	UTILITY ROOM	-		50
8	GARAGE 2	-		2,625
	Upper Level			
1	UPPER STORAGE	-		2,350
Net Programmed Square Foot Area		0 - 0	0	12,710
% of Gross Area that is Common Space		14.00% - 20.00%	20.00%	6.20%
Common Area [1]		0 - 0	0	840
Gross Square Feet (Building only)		0 - 0	0	13,550
Cost per Square Foot		\$ 0.00 - \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Estimated Building Construction Cost		\$ 0.00 - \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM

Puent Center (TOTAL)

Frankfort Comprehensive Plan
BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM

Project # 2013-021

21-Jun-13

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Room	Description	Program Range Square Feet	Program Target Square Feet	Actual Square Feet
Upper Level				
0	STORAGE / ELECTRICAL	-		100
1	VESTIBULE	-		70
2	OFFICE / STORAGE	-		130
3	MEN	-		125
4	WOMEN	-		100
5	MECHANICAL ROOM	-		100
6	CLOSET	-		15
7	MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM	-		2,820
Lower Level				
8	STORAGE #2	-		75
9	BOILER ROOM	-		135
10	BOYS	-		60
11	GIRLS	-		60
12	STORAGE #3	-		160
13	PRESCHOOL AREA #1	-		920
14	KITCHEN	-		240
15	PRESCHOOL AREA #2	-		610
16	TOILET	-		40
17	CLOSETS	-		40
18	MECHANICAL	-		20
19	CLOSET #1	-		25
20	PRESCHOOL AREA #3	-		280
21	CLOSET #2	-		25
22	PRESCHOOL AREA #4	-		175
16	WORKROOM / OFFICE	-		210
17	VESTIBULE	-		50
Net Programmed Square Foot Area		0 - 0	0	6,585
% of Gross Area that is Common Space		14.00% - 20.00%	20.00%	18.30%
Common Area [1]		0 - 0	0	1,475
Gross Square Feet (Building only)		0 - 0	0	8,060
Cost per Square Foot		\$ 0.00 - \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Estimated Building Construction Cost		\$ 0.00 - \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM

Community Center (TOTAL)

Frankfort Comprehensive Plan Project # 2013-021

BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM

21-Jun-13

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Room	Description	Program Range Square Feet	Program Target Square Feet	Actual Square Feet
First Level				
0	COATS	-		220
1	ALL-PURPOSE A	-		4010
2	OFFICE	-		300
3	DIRECTOR	-		160
4	CONFERENCE	-		125
5	KITCHEN	-		515
6	STORAGE	-		415
7	TOILETS	-		630
8	ELECTRICAL	-		40
9	JANITOR CLOSET	-		45
10	ADMIN / OFFICES	-		270
11	TEEN CENTER	-		740
12	LOBBY	-		270
13	COMMUNITY REFRESHMENT	-		650
14	MECHANICAL	-		580
15	MAINTENANCE OFFICE	-		110
16	DANCE EXERCISE	-		1200
17	STORAGE	-		1005
18	UTILITY	-		280
19	JANITOR CLOSET	-		55
20	TOILETS	-		610
21	LOCKER ROOMS	-		475
22	GYMNASIUM	-		4322
23	ELECTRICAL	-		175
24	STAGE	-		1250
25	BLEACHERS	-		1,500
Second Level				
26	ALL-PURPOSE B	-		830
27	ALL-PURPOSE C	-		530
28	ALL-PURPOSE D	-		755
29	STORAGE	-		365
30	ART ROOM	-		675
31	COMPUTER ROOM	-		400
32	JANITOR CLOSET	-		45
Net Programmed Square Foot Area		0 - 0	0	23,552
% of Gross Area that is Common Space		16.00% - 22.00%	20.00%	25.77%
Common Area [1]		0 - 0	0	8,176
Gross Square Feet (Building only)		0 - 0	0	31,728
Cost per Square Foot		\$ 0.00 - \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Estimated Building Construction Cost		\$ 0.00 - \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00



