

Responsible Planning & Development

1 Provide adequate facilities at all parks within Summit as dictated by park type (i.e. neighborhood vs community park facilities) and use.

- ☀ Park development shall mirror residential development and coincide with the growth of population located within park service areas.
- ☀ The Village Board should expect development of appropriate park facilities when residential development achieves 25% of the proposed park’s service area.
- ☀ Continue to develop community park facilities that meet both current and future needs.

6 Provide residents with multi-purpose trail systems that use environmental corridors and provide linkages between parks and other appropriate features within and outside of Summit to encourage non-automotive transportation means between one amenity and neighborhood to another.

- ☀ Secure additional lands along environmental corridors and within proposed subdivisions to ensure public control and accessibility. Require the cooperation of developers and consult with the Plan Commission before the approval of any plats.
- ☀ Develop trail systems that have multiple uses, are barrier free, and have appropriate signage.
- ☀ Use local rivers as an alternative trail system to link neighborhoods and land-based trails.

7 Acquire, maintain, and preserve an adequate amount of sustainable active and passive recreation lands to meet current and future recreation needs and provide recreation programming that promotes a sense of community identity.

- ☀ Acquire additional lands for active and passive park use based on both current and projected demand as recommended by the CORP.
- ☀ Stress the importance of acquiring developable land for active recreation facilities in areas targeted for future park development.
- ☀ Evaluate the community’s park, recreation, and open space needs in response to periodic community or user surveys.

9 All developers will review and comply with the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).

- ☀ All applicants will receive the most recent copy of the CORP.
- ☀ Prior to presentation of the preliminary plat, all developers will meet with the Public Works Director to demonstrate how their proposed development will contribute to the goals and objectives of the CORP.

10 Highlight the benefits of larger neighborhood and community parks that provide a broader range of facilities than small playground and tot-lot facilities.

- ☀ Revisit the location, size, and function of existing and proposed parks as zoning changes or new developments occur.
- ☀ Use park service area criteria to help determine the location of future park sites.

11 Coordinate proposed subdivision review with all departments responsible for providing or maintaining adequate park facilities.

- ☀ Continually evaluate and update local ordinances so that they adequately address the recreational needs of Summit residents, to include addressing vegetation removal, required buffers, trail corridors, parkland management access, storm water management, and equipment safety and compliance.
- ☀ The Department of Public Works will make recommendations to the Plan Commission regarding these issues, as needed.

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12 Obtain and maintain public access to all waters of the State.

- ☼ Encourage on-going ownership and maintenance of County and State-owned boat launches.
- ☼ Identify additional locations for public access to Bowron Lake, Laura Lake, and Duck Lake and use easements or public purchase to acquire those access sites.
- ☼ Identify access to Bark River, Scuppernong Creek, and Battle Creek for improvements and maintenance.
- ☼ Natural areas and connections to water bodies shall have the minimal improvements necessary for public access and safety.

13 Encourage the preservation of environmentally sensitive and historically significant areas.

- ☼ Encourage the preservation of environmental corridors by limiting development in these areas.
- ☼ Encourage the appropriate use of natural features such as floodplains, wetlands, and woodlands as passive recreation areas.
- ☼ Encourage the designation and preservation of local historic landmarks.
- ☼ Identify and incorporate historical entities into the development of parks.

Funding & Resources

3 Recognize the importance of a park budget that provides adequate resources to improve existing park conditions, that allows for future park land acquisition, and that supports future park facility development, operation, and maintenance.

- ☼ Use the CORP as a guide to establish annual park maintenance and capital budgets.
- ☼ Invest funds to develop facilities that will maximize existing park and recreation areas and increase park use.
- ☼ Maintain and regularly update the Village’s impact fee ordinance relating to park development fees.

5 Utilize all available resources to further enhance the quality of Summit’s park system.

- ☼ Pursue state and federal funding that can aid in the purchase or development of desired park system improvements.
- ☼ Secure financial donations from private and corporate citizens and other potential donors.
- ☼ Update the CORP every five years to maintain grant eligibility.
- ☼ Pursue the development of revenue-generating recreational activities that can aid in the development of new facilities and/or the maintenance of existing facilities.
- ☼ Mobilize an active volunteer force to encourage citizens to contribute their time and expertise to community endeavors.

Maintenance & Upkeep

4 Provide residents with safe and reliable park facilities and recreation equipment throughout the Summit park system.

- ☀ Replace old and deteriorating recreation equipment at all parks.
- ☀ Continually monitor and maintain existing park equipment to ensure its longevity and compliance with safety standards.
- ☀ Identify and replace park facilities that do not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.
- ☀ Identify and replace all playground equipment that does not meet US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or ASTM safety guidelines.
- ☀ Require homeowner’s associations, through developer’s agreements, to comply with these objectives and be responsible for all maintenance and costs of compliance.

14 Establish a community-wide urban forestry program to manage Summit’s urban forest.

- ☀ Adopt an urban forestry ordinance and management plan that regulates the planting, removal, and management of trees on public lands in Summit to make Summit eligible for state and federal urban forestry grant-in-aid programs.
- ☀ Working with the Public Works Department, recommend the removal of dead trees and encourage the treatment of diseased trees on public lands within Summit.
- ☀ Establish a continuous tree planting and tree maintenance program for public lands in Summit.
- ☀ Acquire and maintain “Tree City USA” status for Summit.
- ☀ Incorporate the urban forestry program into the approval process for new subdivisions.

Partnerships, Public Education & Outreach

2 Use the elements of the Plan to build a strong sense of community identity.

- ☀ Educate and encourage the residents to use the interconnecting trails to access park activities and facilities that will serve to unite various neighborhoods and promote a sense of common identity.
- ☀ Reinforce the perspective that lakes and rivers form a major portion of the Village’s park system by maintaining public access and use of these natural features.

8 Establish partnerships and coordinate development efforts and the use and maintenance of recreational facilities in conjunction with the Oconomowoc Area and Kettle Moraine School Districts, recreation associations, and surrounding communities.

- ☀ Encourage cooperative development projects with the Oconomowoc Area and Kettle Moraine School districts, recreation associations, and surrounding communities to help improve and expand recreation opportunities throughout the community in a cost-effective manner.
- ☀ Develop formal use/revenue/maintenance agreements between Summit and local school districts and recreation associations to help operate and maintain public recreation facilities in Summit.
- ☀ Establish an updated inventory of all public and private recreational opportunities within the community, including an annual review and a formal update of the Plan at least every five years.