

Meeting Date: November 18, 2013
Agenda Item: # 8-9



REPORT TO: President Burt McIntyre and Village Plan Commission

REPORT FROM: Dave Wiese, Director of Community Development

AGENDA ITEM: Review and take action on the updated of the Village of Howard Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

The Village of Howard Plan Commission and Village Board will hold a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. on November 18, in the Village Hall Board Room regarding an ordinance adopting the update of the Village of Howard's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

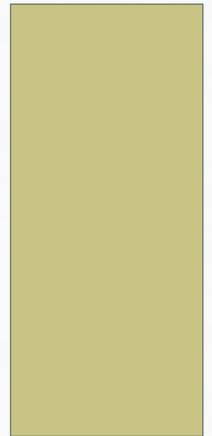
Attached is the PowerPoint presentation that explains the history and also provides an overview of the plan. This is the same presentation that was given at the public open houses.

The complete Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is too large to attach. However, it has been available in the News section of the Village of Howard website and may be viewed via this direct link: http://www.villageofhoward.com/cm/pdfs/CORP_draft_edited%209-17-13.pdf



Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013



PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND OPEN SPACE ARE TREMENDOUS ASSETS FOR A COMMUNITY

- They provide leisure time opportunities for the community's residents and visitors.
- Parks, recreation, and open space facilities often represent the image and perception of a community.
- The provision and adequate supply of areas and activities to accommodate the needs of the public have been proven to promote the general health, welfare, and safety of our community and citizens.

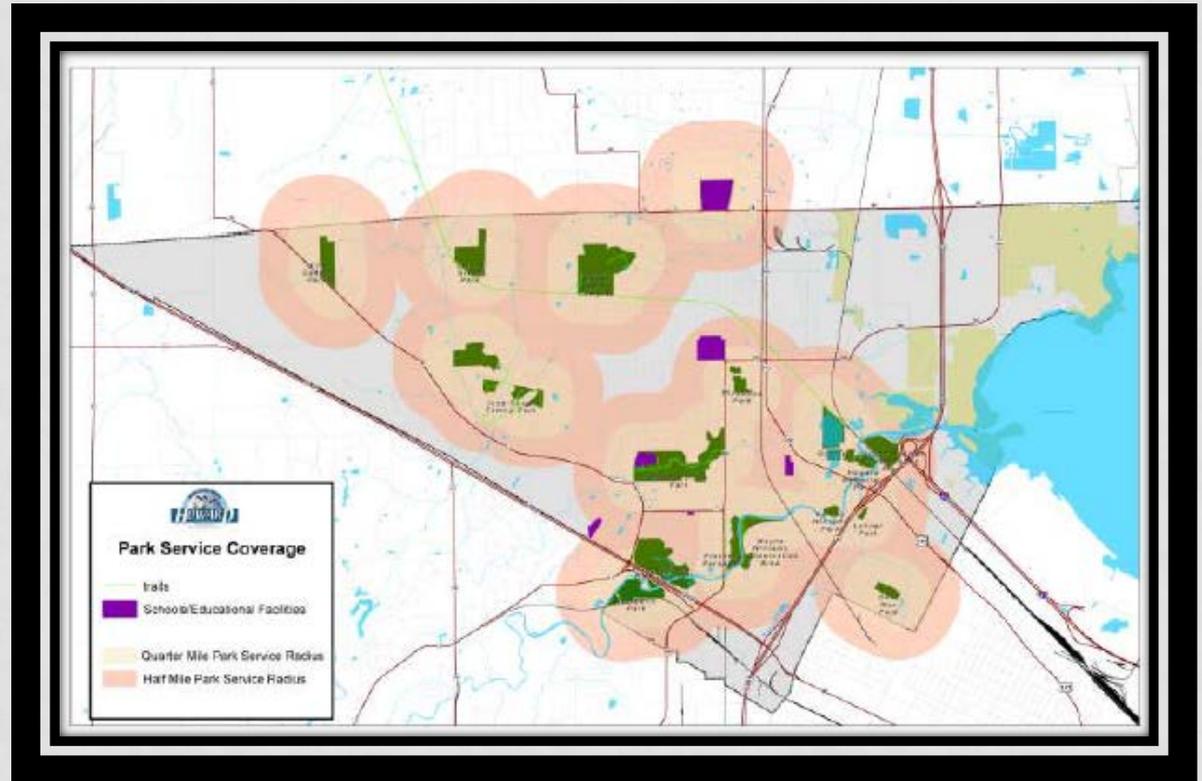


VISION

The Village of Howard strives to provide the best system of parks and recreation facilities, open space sites, and activities to its current and future stakeholders in a manner that is responsive to the needs of all users, is fiscally responsible, and promotes the protection, preservation and sustainability of the community's environmental, natural, archeological, historical, and cultural resources.

PURPOSE

The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is intended to guide the village in continuing to meet the open space and recreation needs of its citizens for the next several years.

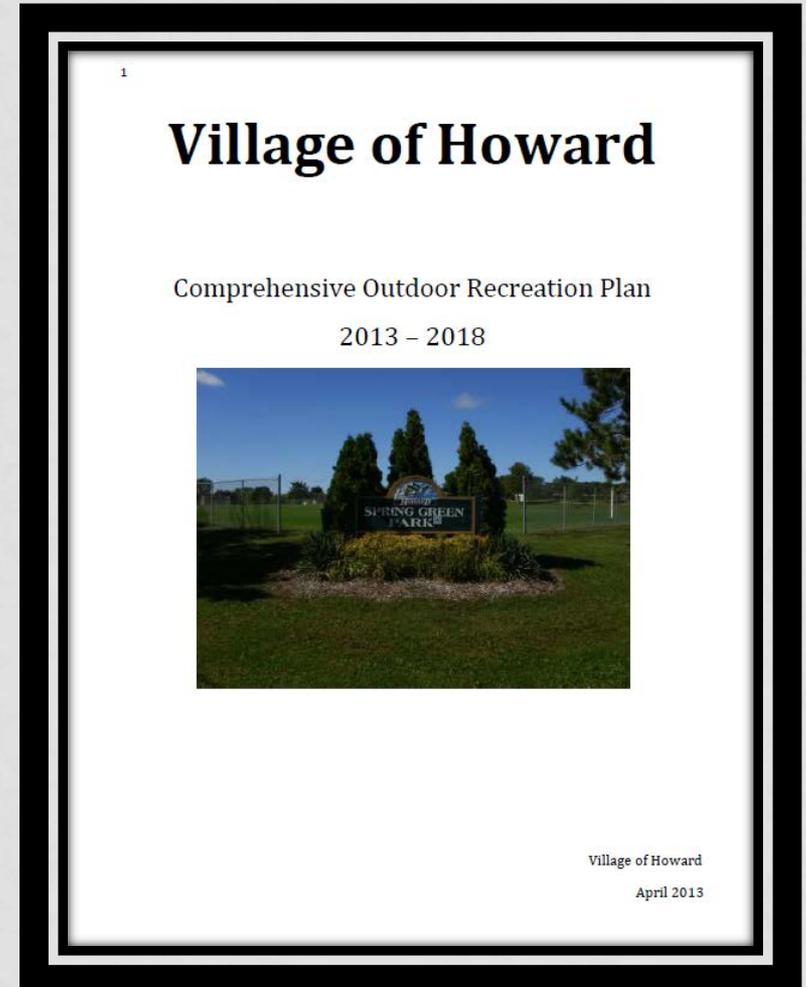


GOALS

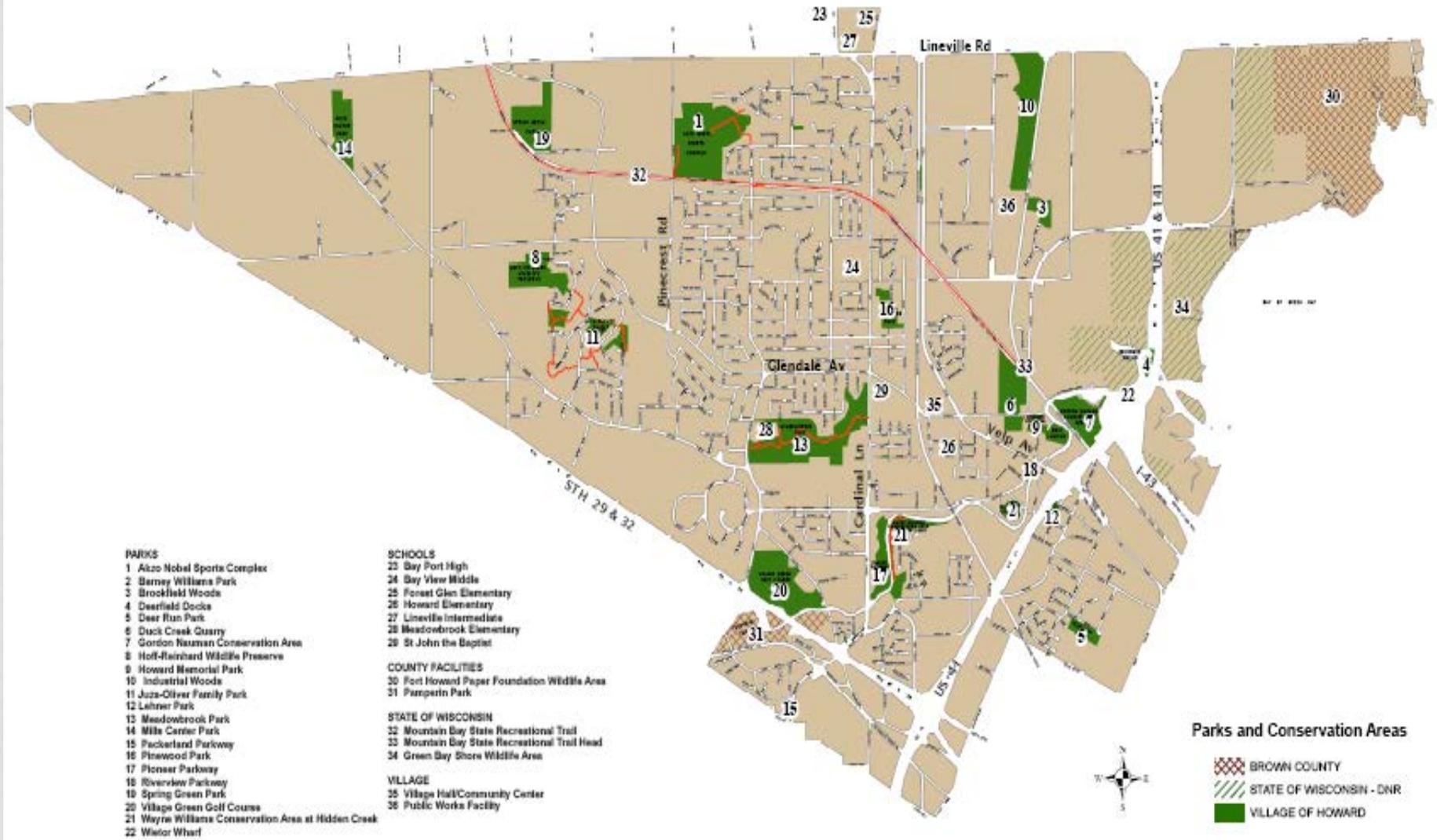
- Establish and maintain high-quality parks and recreational services for Howard residents and visitors.
- Promote Howard as a destination for regional and statewide recreational tourism.
- Offer park and recreational services in an efficient, effective, and economical manner that enhances the quality of the Howard Parks and Recreation System.
- Promote water recreation throughout the community.
- Evaluate and analyze park, open space, and recreational services based on changing needs of the community.
- Promote bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the Village.
- Encourage the preservation of environmentally sensitive and historically significant areas.
- Promote and encourage the use of sustainable resources within the Howard Parks and Recreation system.

PLAN LAYOUT

- Review national standards.
- Inventory existing recreational amenities.
- Plan for maintaining and improving existing amenities.
- Determine future needs.
- Prioritize.

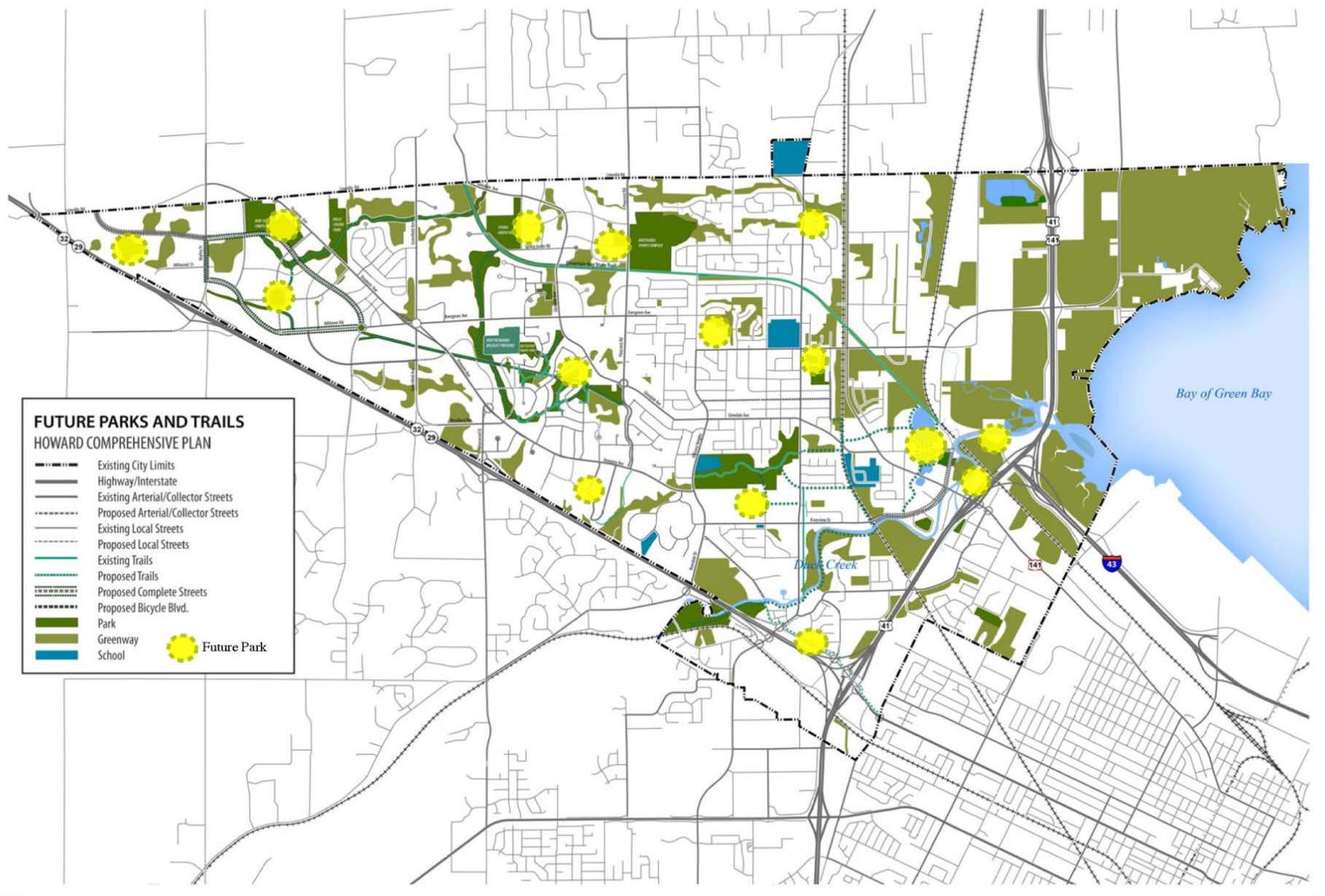


EXISTING PARKS



FUTURE PARKS AND TRAILS
HOWARD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

-  Existing City Limits
-  Highway/Interstate
-  Existing Arterial/Collector Streets
-  Proposed Arterial/Collector Streets
-  Existing Local Streets
-  Proposed Local Streets
-  Existing Trails
-  Proposed Trails
-  Proposed Complete Streets
-  Proposed Bicycle Blvd.
-  Park
-  Greenway
-  School
-  Future Park



YOUR FEEDBACK IS CRITICAL!

- Gathering resident input is an important step in the process to update the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
- Feedback from the community helps determine the recreational areas targeted for improvement.
- Projects are prioritized based on citizen preferences.

WE NEED YOU



QUESTIONS?

