

Village of Howard

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

2014 – 2019



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Introduction

Parks, recreation facilities, and open space are tremendous assets for a community. They provide leisure time opportunities for residents and visitors of the community. Public open space and recreation facilities are becoming an increasingly important investment for both municipalities and residents. 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 has been proven to promote the general health, welfare, and safety of our community and citizens.

Over the years, the desire for recreation and open space has continued to grow and local communities across the world need to continue to provide park, open space, and recreational opportunities to their citizens. To assure these services are provided in an efficient and effective manner, planning principles should be included as an important element of outdoor recreation and open space programs. This process is typically outlined and explained in a Comprehensive Outdoor Park and Open Space Plan.

Purpose

This document is intended to formally update the existing Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan adopted by the Village of Howard in 2005. The adoption of this plan is required for the Village of Howard to remain eligible for cost sharing aid programs administered through the State of Wisconsin.

This plan involves a cooperative effort based on resources from the original Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Village of Howard Comprehensive Plan and input from village staff and citizens. It is intended to guide the village in continuing to meet open space and recreation needs of its citizens for the next five years.

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 which 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.

Goal 1: Establish and maintain high-quality parks and recreational services for Howard residents and visitors.

- Maintain the amount of park and open space at the current level of service, which is 20 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.
- Replace old, deteriorated or unsafe equipment and facilities.
- Maintain current equipment and facilities for maximum longevity and safety.
- Pursue funding for programs that can aid in park and recreation development and land acquisition.
- Update facilities to be ADA compliant.
- Use the capital improvement program (CIP) and the CORP as a guide in establishment of annual park budgets.
- Plan and develop existing park and recreation areas to their fullest potential.

Goal 2: Promote Howard as a destination for regional and statewide recreational tourism.

- Continue to work with area adult and youth groups to attract sport tournaments.
- Partner with regional groups to bring in state and regional sport tournaments.
- Work with area tourism and lodging/restaurant/business in marketing efforts.
- Support local development of new recreational facilities (aquatic, ice rink, quarries, Village Center Park, etc.)
- Promote and market Village Green Golf Course as the best municipal 9-hole golf course in Wisconsin.

Goal 3: Offer park and recreational services in an efficient, effective, and economical manner that enhances the quality of the Howard Parks and Recreation System.

- Cooperatively work with surrounding businesses, municipalities, schools, counties and the State of Wisconsin.
- Recognize potential in working with other public and private organizations in donating aid to park system development.
- Conduct periodic reviews of programs and services and their benefit to the community.
- Pursue state and federal funding programs that can aid in the development of park properties.
- Investigate private funding sources. Public / private partnerships.

Goal 4: Promote water recreation throughout the community.

- Enhance and maintain access to the Bay of Green Bay, Duck Creek and the quarries.
- Promote and maintain public boat launches.

- Investigate and develop recreational opportunities on the quarries and Duck Creek.
- Develop the historic quarry area as denoted in the Village of Howard Comprehensive Plan for Special Districts.
- Investigate and develop aquatic swimming facilities and splash parks.

Goal 5: Evaluate and analyze park, open space, and recreational services based on changing needs of the community.

- Encourage citizen involvement with the development of the plan.
- Provide periodic reviews of the plan. Update CORP every 5 years.
- Utilize Park & Recreation Community Survey 2011
- Reference the Village of Howard Comprehensive Plan recommendations for park acquisitions and development.

Goal 6: Promote bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the Village.

- Promote the development of trails (and linear parks facilities).
- Incorporate the use of bicycle and pedestrian facilities when planning all Park and Recreation and Public Works projects.
- Encourage the development of a multi-modal system throughout the Village to link neighborhoods, parks, schools, commerce and tourism, and promote safe and efficient travel.

Goal 7: Encourage the preservation of environmentally sensitive and historically significant areas.

- Conservancy lands, which can be adequately and appropriately protected without public expenditure, should be preserved. Public funds should be used to acquire conservancy lands that cannot be protected through other means, or where public access is a high priority.
- Incorporate and promote natural features such as floodplains, wetlands, and woodlands as passive recreation areas.
- Preserve and/or appropriately develop environmental corridors.
- Identify and incorporate historical entities into the development of Village parks.
- Incorporate signage identifying the historical significance of certain parks and areas.

Goal 8: Promote and encourage the use of sustainable resources within the Howard Parks and Recreation system.

- Develop a plan and promote the use of Village parcels for community gardens and urban farming.
- Promote recycling efforts throughout the park system.
- Utilize and improve energy-efficient devices in parks and facilities.
- Investigate the use of enviro-conscious methods, products and supplies.



HOWARD LOCATION

The Village of Howard is located in the northwestern part of Brown County, with a small western parcel of land in Outagamie County. Howard is bounded by the Village of Suamico and Town of Pittsfield to the north, the Village of Hobart and the City of Green Bay to the south, and the Bay of Green Bay to the east. Figure 1 illustrates Howard's regional setting.

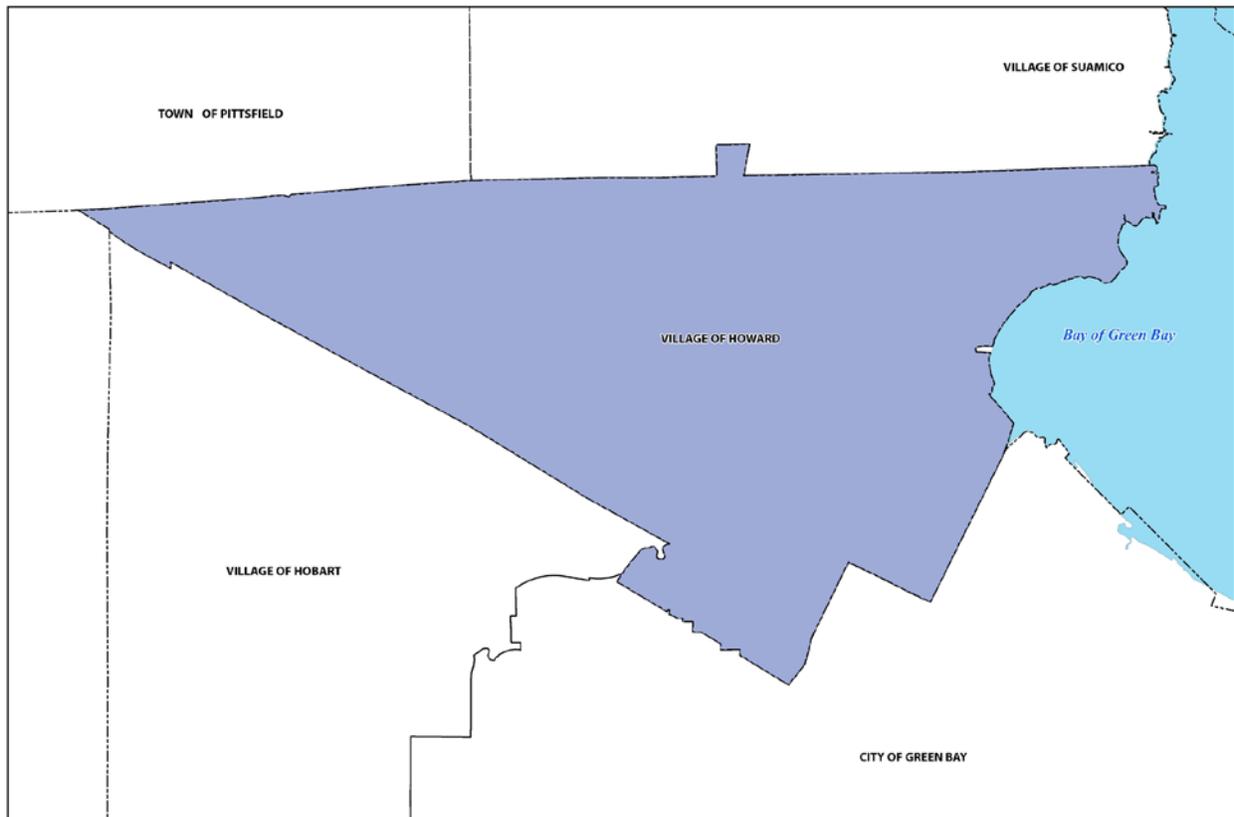


Figure 1- Village of Howard location

DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

As Howard plans for its future, the first step in the process is to understand past demographic and economic trends. The analysis below examines these trends and makes

projections for the future, thereby providing a solid foundation for subsequent components of this plan.

Over the last several decades, the Village of Howard has experienced a rapid increase in population. Between 1960 and 2010, the Village population rose from 3,485 to 17,399 for a total increase of 399% and average annual increase of 3.27%. Annual population growth from 2000 to 2010 was somewhat lower but still strong at 2.53%. Table 1 summarizes the population change in Howard since 1960.

Table 1 Historic Population Change for Howard, 1960 -2010

Year	Population	Decade	Percent Change
2010	17,399	2000-2010	28.4%
2000	13,546	1990-2000	37.2%
1990	9,874	1980-1990	19.8%
1980	8,240	1970-1980	67.8%
1970	4,911	1960-1970	40.9%
1960	3,485	1950-1960	N/A

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010

AGE DISTRIBUTION

Population age distribution is an important indicator of both future population dynamics and village-wide needs. A large concentration of the young adult population, for example, could mean a coming boom of young children. At the same time, the need for goods and services such as jobs, housing, social economic support and healthcare is affected by age distribution. For instance, cities with a high concentration of baby boomers will want to make sure they are preparing to provide retirement services such as leisure and healthcare as the boomers move into that life stage in the coming decades.

Figure 2 displays Howard's population in 2000 and 2010, divided into 5-year age increments, also called age cohorts.

The 2010 median age of Village of Howard residents was 36.3 years, up from 33.8 years in 2000 and 29.9 in 1990

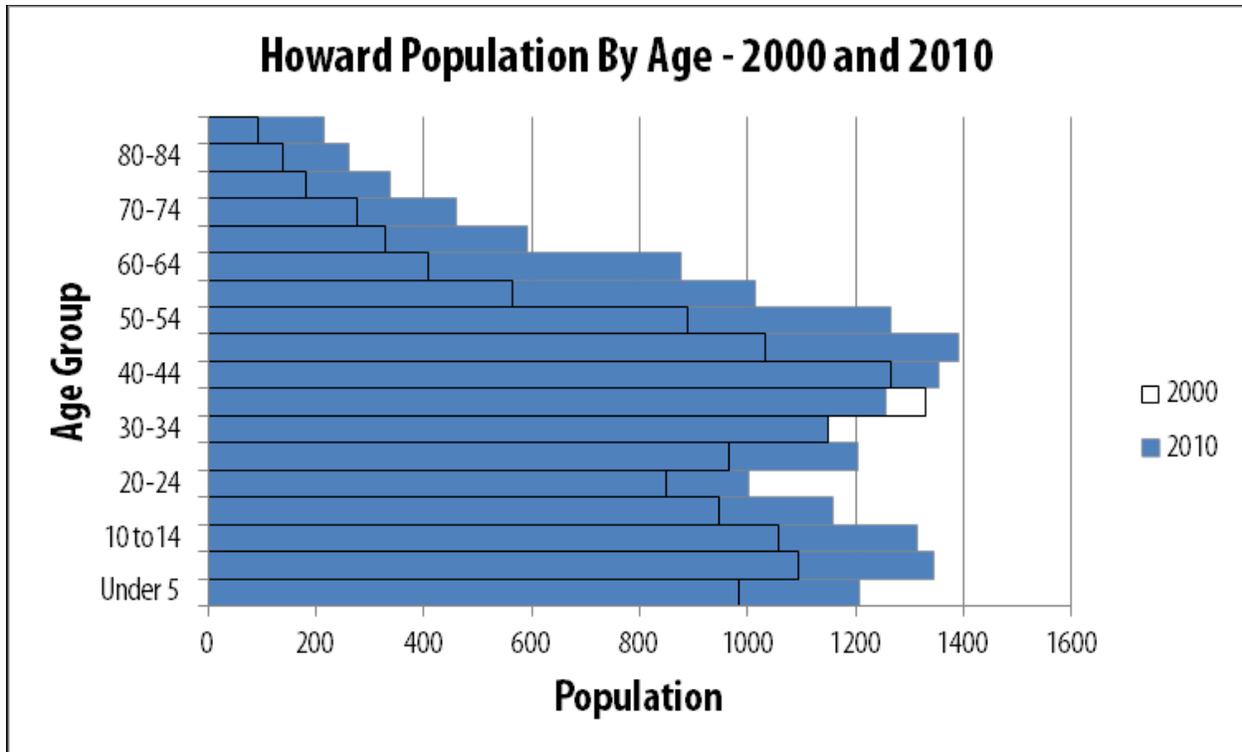


Figure 2 - Howard Population by Age Cohort in the years 2000 and 2010.

The age distribution analysis reveals the following trends:

- Howard's median age has risen significantly in the past 20 years, from 29.9 to 36.3.
- Howard's population grew in all age cohorts except the 30-34 and 35-39 age ranges, which lost population.
- Mid-age adults and children were the largest life stage groups in 2010. This may be a reflection of the increasing popularity of Howard as a place to raise families.
- The young adult life stage group was previously the largest group in 2000, but decreased its proportion of the population by approximately 5% from 2000 to 2010. It is now the third largest group.
- The largest percent increase from 2000 to 2010 occurred in the retirees life stage group. This group also experienced the largest percent increase in the previous decade, 1990-2000. This likely reflects Howard's growing attractiveness as a retirement destination and recreational opportunities for this age group should be considered.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Population projections can help Howard plan efficiently for future land use and community service needs. These projections are formed by first evaluating Howard's historic trends in population (see previous section) and construction activity, and then projecting these trends out toward the future.

Table 2 shows residential construction activity from 2003-2012. This activity is an indicator of population growth and can be helpful in projecting future growth. Figure 3 graphs the construction activity by housing type.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	Average
Single Family	182	122	56	65	153	43	48	80	42	48	839	84
2 - 4 Family	4	10	14	10	6	0	0	0	0	2	46	5
Multi Family	102	12	107	20	23	18	0	161	160	24	627	63
Total Permits	288	144	177	95	182	61	48	241	202	74	1,512	151

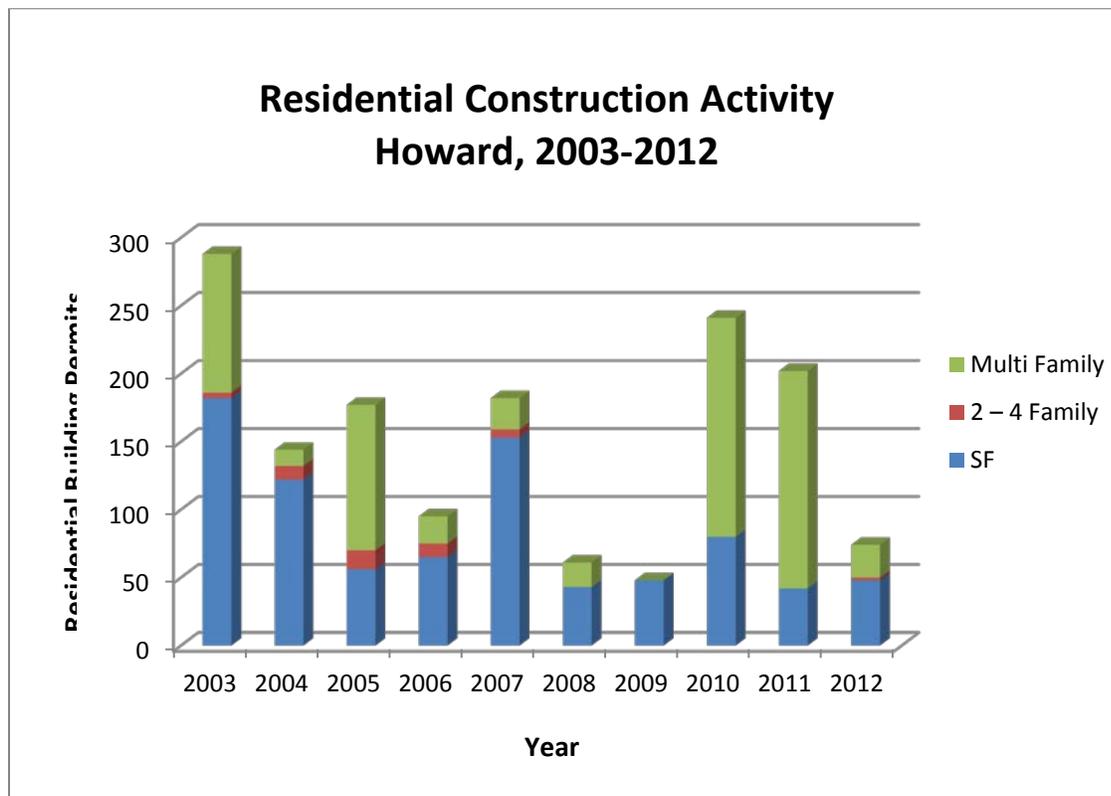


Figure 3 - Residential Construction Building Permits Issued in Howard from 2003 to 2012

This plan recommends using an average annual growth rate of 3.0% that projects a 2030 population of 31,425. This annual growth rate is considered a high growth scenario, as it is higher than the growth rate during the last decade. However, this growth rate fits Howard’s long-term population trends, along with its plans to continue aggressive population increase.

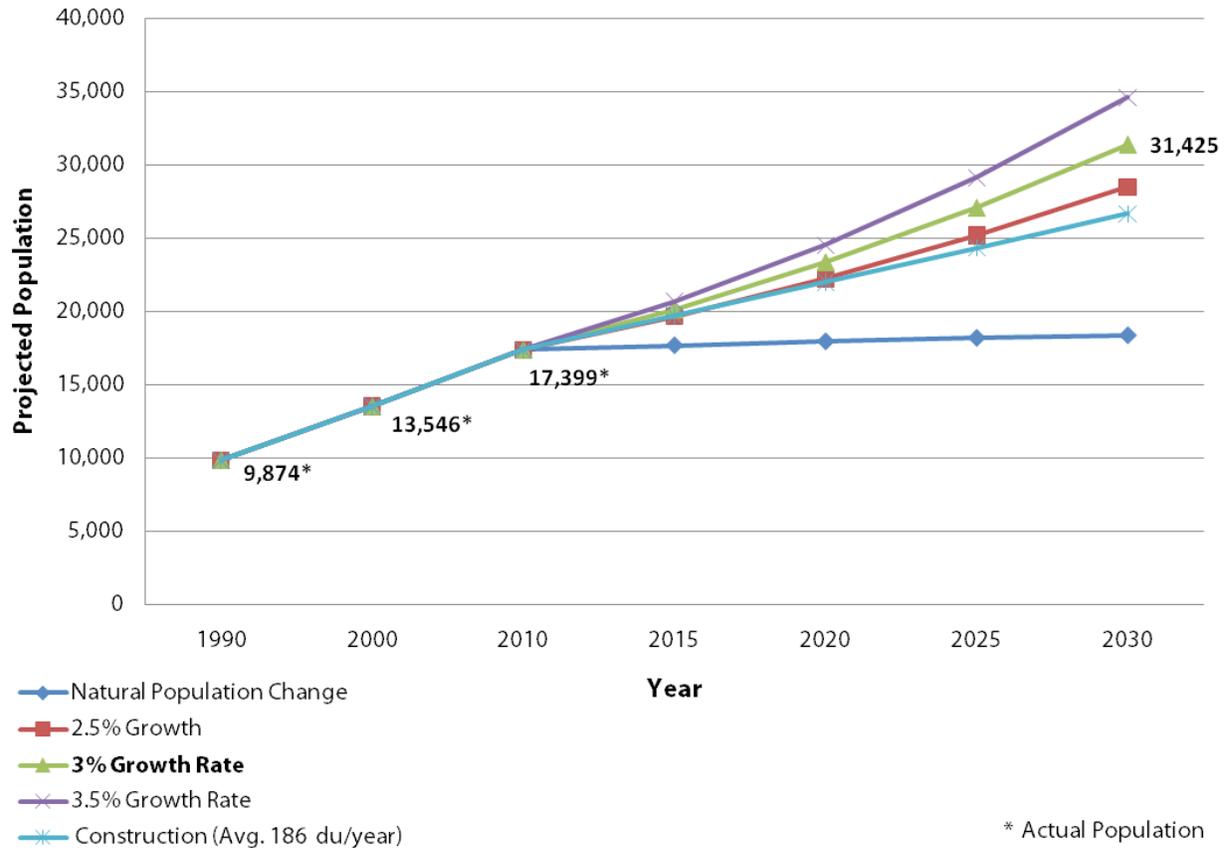


Figure 4 - Scenarios for Howard’s population growth through the year 2030. This plan recommends the 3.0% annual growth rate, shown here in green.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

FACILITY ANALYSIS

This chapter examines Howard's existing park and recreation system, including all village-owned and operated recreation areas and other parks with public access. The analysis draws on the Village of Howard Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2005-2010.

The following components are analyzed:

- Current levels of service in the existing park system
- Gaps in service coverage
- An inventory of existing parks

Park facilities are evaluated below according to three standards:

Park Classification: Facilities are classified according to the size of the area they serve.

Geographic Distribution: The service radius of each facility is analyzed to identify geographic gaps in service.

Population Service Standards (NRPA): Howard's current system is analyzed according to National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards for the provision of park and recreation facilities.

PARK FACILITY CLASSIFICATION

Howard's recreation and park areas are classified according to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) classification system. Table 3 lists Howard's park facilities by category and Figure 5 shows the location of these park facilities. The text below gives an overview of each park classification.

OVERVIEW: TOTAL PARK SPACE IN HOWARD

518.70 acres of total parkland (parks, playfields, athletic fields, open-space areas)

Traditional park area standards set by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) suggest 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Howard exceeds the NRPA standard for total parkland, with 29.81 acres per 1,000 residents.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

Mini Parks

Purpose: Fulfill open space needs or provide niche recreation opportunities

Size: Less than 1 acre

Service Radius: Less than 1/4 mile

Discouraged by many cities, due to their relatively high maintenance costs and limited use

Neighborhood Parks

Purpose: Serve as basic unit of a community's park system, providing a recreational and social focus for residential areas; accommodate informal recreational activities, both active and passive

Size: 5-10 acres

Service Radius: $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (easy walking distance)

Total Acreage in Howard: 114.83 acres; 6.59 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents

NRPA Standards: 1-2 acres of neighborhood parkland per 1,000 residents. Howard exceeds the NRPA standard.

Note: Although schools can serve as neighborhood parks, they are not considered in this analysis.

Community Parks

Purpose: Meet diverse community-based recreation needs, preserve significant natural areas and provide space for larger recreation facilities. Often include a special attraction that draws people from a larger area, such as a swimming pool, pond or lake, ice skating rink, trails, special environmental or cultural features, or a specialized sports complex.

Size: 30-50 acres

Service radius: $\frac{1}{2}$ mile - 3 miles

Total Acreage in Howard: 161.02 acres; 9.25 acres per 1,000 residents

NRPA Standards: 5- 8 acres per 1,000 residents; Howard exceeds the NRPA standard for community parks.

Special Use Park

Purpose: Serve a single use, such as a sports complex, cultural facility, or natural area, etc.

School Parks

Purpose: Help meet neighborhood park needs, particularly in areas not served by a neighborhood park

Table 3 - Howard Parks By Type	
MINI PARKS	ACRES
Riverview Parkway	< 1
Packerland Parkway	1
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	
Barney Williams Park	5.40
Deer Run Park	9.50
Juza-Oliver Family Park	22.03
Lehner Park	3.60
Pinewood Park	11.77
Mills Center Park	28.99
Wayne Williams Conservation Area at Hidden Creek	20.40
Total Neighborhood Parks	101.69
Meets NRPA Standard?	Yes
<i>*NRPA standards based on 2010 population of 17,399</i>	

COMMUNITY PARKS	
Gordon Nauman Conservation Area/ Howard Dog Park	29.77
Meadowbrook Park	92.25
Spring Green Park	39.00
Total Community Parks	161.02
Meets NRPA Standard?	Yes
SPECIALITY PARKS	
Akzo Nobel Sports Complex	93.20
Brookfield Woods	10.00
Deerfield Docks	3.00
Howard Memorial Park	13.60
Industrial Woods/Sach's Pond	58.00
Hoff-Reinhard Wildlife Preserve	26.27
Pioneer Parkway	18.55
Wietor Wharf	3.00
Duck Creek Quarry	30.83
Total Specialty Parks	242.85
GOLF COURSES	
Village Green Golf Course	67.00

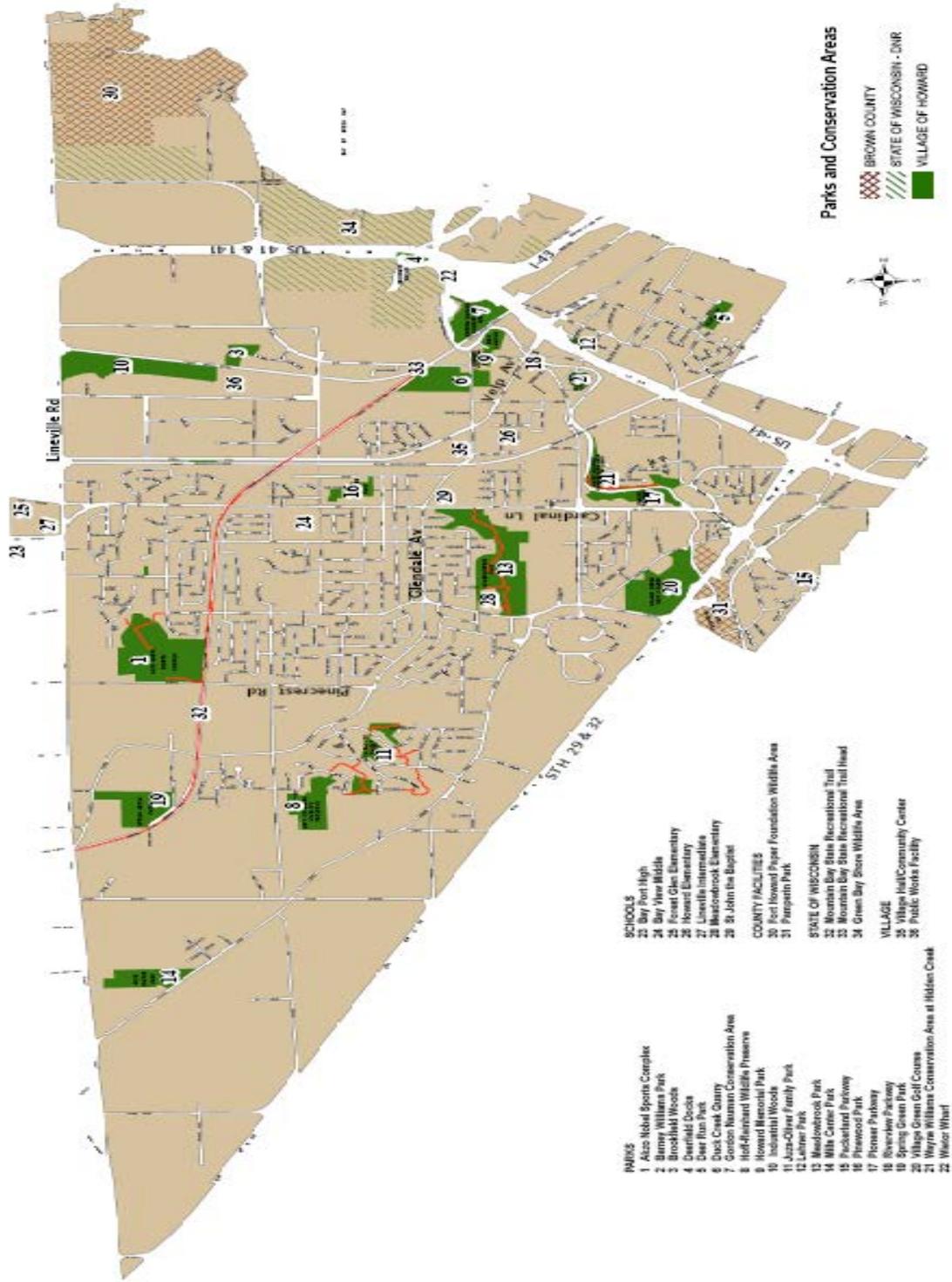


Figure 5 - Map of existing parks in Howard

PARK AMENITIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

As indicated in the table above, there are 22 Village Parks. In addition, there are also county properties, state-owned lands, and school parks that provide recreational opportunities. School parks in particular help serve the needs of residents in areas not served by a neighborhood park. The next section not only describes the amenities of the Village owned properties, but also provides a description of the properties owned by the other governmental jurisdictions.

VILLAGE-OWNED RECREATION PROPERTIES

Mini-Parks

- **Riverview Parkway**

This park is less than one acre and borders Duck Creek. It is located on the southeast corner of Velp Avenue and Riverview Drive and follows the creek along Riverview to Elmwood Court. This is a passive green space area that contains a flowerbed, sidewalk and sitting bench.

- **Packerland Parkway**

Packerland Parkway is a one-acre park located along the west side of Packerland Drive, between Indian Hill Drive and Holly Way. The cul de sac end of Park Ridge Avenue borders a portion of the property to the west and has a picnic table. The park has a “Welcome to Howard” sign, a large flower bed and forty trees planted under the transmission lines. The park serves as a passive green space and buffers the residential neighborhood to the west from the commercial area on the east and along Packerland Drive.

Neighborhood Parks

- **Barney Williams Park**

Barney Williams Park is the oldest park in the Village of Howard. It is located on Valley Lane off Riverview Drive in the southeastern portion of the village. The 5.40-acre facility has a full size soccer field, a half size soccer practice field, playground equipment, and picnic table. The park is without a parking lot and experiences some flooding problems, due to its location within the Duck Creek floodplain.



- **Deer Run Park**

Deer Run Park is a 9.50-acre wooded park located in the southwestern portion of the Village on Barlament Drive. The park features a play area with playground equipment, basketball half court, and a connecting trail through the wooded area to Taylor Street with a passive recreation area and picnic tables.

- **Juza Oliver Family Park**

Juza-Oliver Family Park is a 22.03-acre park consisting of three separate park properties in the Glen Kent Subdivision. Each of these park areas is joined by an extensive trail system that goes throughout the Glen Kent subdivision connecting public green spaces and parklands by trail and sidewalk. The eastern and western park areas are passive recreation areas. The central park is being developed into an active play area. The park has a playground, picnic tables, and two walk-in entrances.

- **Lehner Park**

Lehner Park is a 3.6-acre park that features a full-size basketball court, playground equipment, open space and a picnic area. The Howard Community Gardens are also located at Lehner Park, with 20 plots available for annual rental.

- **Pinewood Park**

Pinewood Park is located off Harwood Avenue, just north of Shade Tree Lane. This 11.77-acre site features a wooded picnic and play area. There are picnic tables and grills, a fenced softball diamond, bleachers, batting cage, basketball half court, volleyball grass court, playground equipment, ice skating rink, shelter building with restrooms and parking. The park is lighted throughout, including the wooded area.



- **Mills Center Park**

Mills Center Park is a 28.99-acre natural park. The park provides nature-based outdoor recreation activities in which the primary focus is the appreciation or enjoyment of nature. The park extends from Shawano Avenue on the south to Glendale Avenue on the north and borders property owned by the Howard-Suamico School District on the west. There are trails, a boardwalk, a monument, and an open-air shelter at this park.

- **Wayne Williams Conservation Area at Hidden Creek**

The Wayne Williams Conservation Area is a 20.4-acre park. This neighborhood park has a picnic area, playground, open play area, trail and parking. The trail is located along Duck Creek. This park is accessible from Memorial Drive by turning at Hidden Creek Trail.

Community Parks

- **Gordon Nauman Conservation Area/Howard Dog Park**

The Gordon Nauman Conservation Area is a 29.77-acre park. This park features a natural trail in the woods, an open air shelter, picnic tables, native prairie meadow, rain garden and parking. The Howard Dog Park is located at Gordon Nauman with a fully enclosed fenced area as well as a semi-enclosed fenced area in the woods for pet exercise. There is also a portable toilet available from May to October. The park connects to the boardwalk and fishing area at Wietor Wharf Park.

- **Spring Green Park**

Spring Green Park is a 39-acre site located in the northern portion of the village just west of Glendale Avenue on Spring Green Road. This sport and recreation facility features the Howard Arboretum and a softball and soccer complex. There is a concession building with open air shelter, picnic tables and grill, playground equipment, two fully fenced softball diamonds with bleachers, four full-size soccer fields (2 with bleachers), and three parking lots. The northern area of the park, in years previous, was a landfill site and now poses concerns for providing on-site water and sewer. This portion of the village is currently not serviced by sewer or water, making it difficult and costly to provide watering capabilities along with permanent restroom capabilities at this site.

The Howard Arboretum, which is part of Spring Green Park, is a cooperative effort between local nurseries and the Village of Howard. The goal of the arboretum is to provide an educational site for people to see all the potential trees they may possibly plant in their yard. The hope is that people would make better choices when planting trees on their own properties by using a greater variety and selecting trees of appropriate size so that there would be fewer conflicts with utilities and other



obstructions. The arboretum is open year-round and allows visitors to see what a specific tree looks like during each of the four seasons. A walking trail winds through the arboretum and each tree is numbered on a placard. The public can take a self-guided tour through the arboretum by using the accompanying literature and map that is located at the arboretum trailhead in the lower parking lot.

- **Meadowbrook Park**

Meadowbrook Park is a 92.25-acre major outdoor recreation area located in central Howard, just east of Hillcrest Heights, surrounding Meadowbrook School. The park is a lineal community park that surrounds the Lancaster Creek drainage way. The site has varied terrain and vegetation. It consists of gently sloping open areas, wooded lowlands, wetlands, and hills. The majority of the park's recreation facilities are located at the far west and north-central section. The park features a large passive picnic and play area with two separate entrances and parking lots. Lancaster Brook runs west to east through the park in a natural wooded area with an extensive trail system. The main trail is a 1¼ mile accessible paved trail from Hillcrest Heights to Cardinal Lane. The park also has playground equipment, a full-size basketball court, fully fenced baseball diamond with bleachers, shelter building with restrooms, open air shelter with grill, lighted sled hill and a retention pond.

Specialty Parks

- **Akzo Nobel Sports Complex**

Akzo Nobel Sports Complex is a 93.20-acre park located on Pinecrest Road. This multi-faceted sport and recreation facility is designed to encourage community interaction. The park has three entrances and features softball and soccer sport fields along with an 18-hole disc golf course. The softball/baseball complex has four diamonds with complete fencing, scoreboards, dugouts, bleachers, and a restroom/concession building. The soccer complex has ten fields. The park also has a playground, trails, maintenance garage, soccer storage garage, irrigation well and over 900 parking stalls.



- **Howard Memorial Park**

Howard Memorial Park is located on Riverview Drive, just north of Velp Avenue along the shore of Duck Creek. The 13.60-acre site features an access ramp for boats and snowmobiles; off-street parking; and a few benches. The ramp area experiences low water and can only launch small boats. The Village recently dredged the ramp and made improvements to the boat landing. Across the street are a lighted, fully fenced softball diamond with bleachers, announcing booth, concession stand, restroom/storage building and parking. There is also a medium size soccer field. This park is the future home to a new veterans' memorial, and may be redeveloped in the future to coincide with development to the quarry.



- **Brookfield Woods**

The Brookfield Industrial Park is located north of Lakeview Drive, west of Brookfield Avenue and east of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. There are approximately 10 acres of woods in several wetland areas that have been placed into the park system. Hunting is currently permitted in this area.

- **Deerfield Docks** (Leased from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation)

Deerfield Docks is a three-acre site located on the east side of the village near USH 41/141, on the southern end of West Deerfield Avenue. The park was built and is managed by the village through a long-term lease with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The park provides access to Duck Creek and the Bay of Green Bay via the Duck Creek Slough and Peats Lake. Facilities include a boardwalk, picnic area, offshore fishing, canoe access, snowmobile access, and ice fishing access.

- **Industrial Woods/Sach's Pond**

The Village of Howard Industrial Park has approximately 58 acres of wetlands that have been placed into the park system. The parkland is located south of Lineville Road, west of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, behind and north of the Public Works Facility and east of

commercial properties on Cornell Road. The park has both open space and wooded areas. It also contains two large mitigation ponds and drainage ways. The property will be developed as a passive recreation area with trails. Hunting is currently permitted in this area.

- **Duck Creek Quarry**

Duck Creek Quarry is an old limestone quarry. The quarry first began operation in 1827 by Lucas Rioux. The Village of Howard later acquired the quarry and continued its operation through a lease with Daanen and Janssen. The quarry was closed in 2001. The property is a 30.83 acre site which was quarried to within 50' of the property lines on all sides. It has a depth greater than 100' and is filling with water. The quarry is being explored for its recreational value. The 2012 Village of Howard Comprehensive Plan has identified the quarry area as a special development area.



- **Hoff-Reinhard Wildlife Preserve**

The Hoff-Reinhard Wildlife Preserve is a 26.27-acre passive park that is under development. It currently has natural walking trails through tall and short prairie meadows and woods. It is located south of Evergreen Avenue, west of Folkestone Drive, and east of Shawano Avenue.

- **Pioneer Parkway**

Pioneer Parkway is an 18.55-acre passive park located along Duck Creek off of Cardinal Lane. An archeological study of the area shows the area was used by early traders. This park serves to manage regional storm water through detention ponds and wetland mitigation. This park also has picnic areas and trails along Duck Creek.

- **Wietor Wharf (Leased from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation)**

Wietor Wharf is a three-acre special use facility located at the end of Wietor Drive off North Military Avenue. This site provides access to Duck Creek by way of fishing piers, a boardwalk, and picnic area. Parking is available on the street. The park was built and is managed by the village through a long-term lease with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

- **Village Green Golf Course**

Village Green Golf Course is a 67-acre, par 36, nine-hole public golf course located on Riverdale Drive, adjacent to STH 29/32. The course has rolling hills, water, and a putting green. The clubhouse, which is being leased by a private business, includes a full bar and restaurant. The course is open daily during the golf season.



BROWN COUNTY OWNED RECREATION PROPERTIES

- **Fort Howard Paper Foundation Wildlife Area**

The Fort Howard Paper Foundation Wildlife Area is located south of Lineville Road and is bordered by the Bay of Green Bay west shore. The 339-acre special use area is a woodland marsh adjacent to the Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve in the Village of Suamico. The wetlands within the Fort Howard Paper Foundation Wildlife Area have been identified as an environmentally significant area. Activities allowed in the area include hiking, cross-country skiing, wildlife observation and hunting within designated zones.

- **Pamperin Park**

Pamperin Park is a 73-acre recreational park located just south of STH 29 in the southern portion of the village. It is one of the most scenic park sites in the area with woodlands, wetlands, steep slopes and Duck Creek flowing through its center. The park features a large suspended wooden foot bridge and an underwater concrete bridge (no longer in use), which span the creek and provide access from the park's main complex to a large wooded and grassy passive area.



Park facilities include a large building with two halls and kitchen facilities, which can be rented for various functions. The park includes a playground, softball diamond, bike trail, disc golf, fishing pier, picnic areas, restrooms and parking. There are several historic and archeological sites located within the park, and it has been identified as an environmentally significant area.

STATE OF WISCONSIN OWNED RECREATION PROPERTIES

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

- **Green Bay West Shore Lands**

The Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area, which includes 655 acres located adjacent to East Deerfield Avenue, is managed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, under the direction of the *Green Bay West Shore Master Plan (1979)*. The plan was developed by a task force, which included area wildlife, fish and forestry managers. The Master Plan recommends the acquisition of specific critical habitat areas along the entire west shore of Green Bay from Brown to Marinette County. Long range plans for both existing and future state-owned properties within the Green Bay West Shore Wildlife Area focus on preservation and conservation measures, due to the fact these lands consist of wetland vegetation types.

- **Mountain Bay State Recreational Trail**

The Mountain Bay State Recreational Trail is an 83-mile trail located on the abandoned Chicago and Northwestern Railroad corridor and extends from the Village of Howard to the Village of Westfield in Marathon County. It is the longest trail in the state.

Within Brown County, this state-owned, but county maintained and managed, recreational trail begins in the central portion of the Village of Howard and extends northwest along the abandoned Chicago and Northwestern Railroad through the Town of Pittsfield and the Village of Pulaski for a distance of approximately 13 miles. The trail then continues northwest out of the county toward the City of Shawano and eventually to just east of the City of Wausau.



Within the Village of Howard the trail is approximately 3-4 miles. The ½ acre trail-head is located on Lakeview Drive and continues northwest to Spring Green Park. Parking is available at both locations. Permitted trail uses are primarily limited to walking, hiking, and biking; although certain segments of the trail do allow snowmobiling. In Howard, snowmobiles are not allowed east of Spring Green Park.

SCHOOL PARKS

The Village of Howard and Village of Suamico comprise the Howard-Suamico School District. The district encompasses approximately 53 square miles and serves an estimated population of 29,627 people. It also provides a comprehensive 4K-12 grade educational program for approximately 5,800 students within five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and one high school (9-12).

Of these eight schools, five are located within the Village. They include:

- **Bay View Middle School**

This facility is located on Cardinal Lane in the central portion of the Village. It encompasses about 32 acres, was constructed in 1963, and was most recently expanded in 1993. It currently houses grades 7 and 8. Located at the corner of Cardinal Lane and Woodale Avenue, the school has 22.5 acres of available outdoor recreation land. Current facilities include two ball diamonds (one softball and one baseball) with backstops and bleachers; practice ball field with backstop; three tennis courts with bleachers; a track, combined football and soccer field, and practice field within stadium bleachers; announcer booth and concessions.

- **Lineville Intermediate School**

This facility is located on Lineville Road in the far northern portion of the Village. It encompasses about 30 acres, was constructed in 1972, and was most recently expanded in 1993. It currently houses grades 5 and 6. Recreational facilities at this site include an indoor swimming pool, two softball diamonds with backstops and bleachers, a combined track football/soccer field, and four basketball hoops. An orchard nature study area is situated along Cardinal Lane on the property's eastern side.

- **Howard Elementary School**

This facility is located on West Idlewild Court in the southeastern portion of the Village. It encompasses about 7 acres, was constructed in 1955, and was most recently expanded and upgraded in 2008. It currently houses kindergarten through grade 4. Facilities include play

equipment, a backstop, three basketball hoops in the off-street parking lot, a small soccer field and a large grassed play area.

- **Forest Glen Elementary School**

This facility is located on Cardinal Lane in the far northern portion of the Village. It encompasses about 8 acres, was constructed in 1990, and was most recently expanded/upgraded in 2004. It currently houses kindergarten through grade 4. Facilities at this site include a large play area and an educational pond.

- **Meadowbrook Elementary School**

This facility is located on Hillcrest Heights in the central portion of the Village. It encompasses about 11 acres, was constructed in 1976, and was most recently expanded/upgraded in 2008. It currently houses kindergarten through grade 4. The school is adjacent to and surrounded by Meadowbrook Park on three sides. Facilities include a play area with equipment, a softball diamond with backstop and three basketball hoops on a paved play/parking area at the rear of the school.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS/PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

- **St. John the Baptist Elementary School**

St. John the Baptist, a Catholic elementary school, is located on Glendale Avenue in east-central Howard. Facilities include play equipment on a large grassed play area, portable volleyball standards, a tetherball area, a football/soccer field, a soccer field and four paved basketball courts, all on approximately 4 acres of recreation area.

- **YMCA**

The Greater Green Bay YMCA's West Side Center is located on Cardinal Lane. This YMCA encompasses about 16 acres of land, with about half of it being open space. Along with its indoor recreational facilities, a KaBoom playground facility has recently been constructed for outdoor play at this site.

- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Located on Glendale Avenue, this 6.5-acre parcel of land is home to a church, school, and playground area. A little more than 3 acres of this parcel are open space

PARK SITE ASSESSMENT

Continued investment in the existing park system is needed to ensure its status as a major community asset. Along with the following improvements, all parks should undergo necessary improvements to comply with ADA standards.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS

MINI-PARKS

Packerland Parkway

- Install new village entry sign
- Install sidewalk on Packerland Drive to municipal boundary

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Barney Williams Park

- Acquire homes along Duck Creek for development area

Deer Run Park

- Add amenities such as benches and bike racks
- Leave the park in its current state with no further landscaping or clearing of brush and trees
- Construct trail connection to Barlament Drive

Juza-Oliver Family Park

- Install driveway and parking
- Install connector pathway/walkway
- Install open air shelter
- Grade/seed east side of park
- Possibly construct a basketball court and tennis court
- Acquire property to the north

Lehner Park

- Rehabilitate park bathrooms

Pinewood Park

- Replace existing shelter
- Install security system/cameras
- Improve playground
- Construct an ice hockey facility with boards and lighting
- Replace ball diamond fencing
- Driveway access to Cardinal Lane
- Acquire parcel to connect north and south sections of the park

Mills Center Park

- Develop a trail system throughout the park with connections to neighborhoods, including installation of boardwalks
- Install playground equipment

Wayne Williams Conservation Area at Hidden Creek

- Continue trail extensions from Cardinal Lane to Island Court, implementing boardwalks

COMMUNITY PARKS**Gordon-Nauman Conservation Area/Howard Dog Park**

- Install fenced-in area for small dogs
- Install well and electricity
- Expand existing park to the north (Thyrion property)
- Expand trails and boardwalks

Spring Green Park

- Add archery range
- Install lighting at existing ball diamonds
- Construct new shelter, concessions, storage area, and restroom facility
- Add parking lot
- Final layer of asphalt on parking lot
- Install park roadway
- Develop arboretum with amenities, interpretive signage, and trails
- Expand and grade park to the east
- Modify existing softball field to a baseball diamond
- Install irrigation system at ball diamonds

Meadowbrook Park

- Replace the wooden bridges that cross Lancaster Brook
- Develop access points and trail connections to the village center development area
- Work with the DNR to improve Lancaster Brook
- Provide lighting for the basketball courts
- Provide lighting for the baseball field
- Convert existing basketball court to sport court
- Improve infield and fencing
- Develop a sand volleyball court
- Add cross country ski trails
- Consider a snow-making machine and tow rope for the sledding hill

SPECIALTY PARKS**Akzo Nobel Sports Complex**

- Speed control
- Expand park west of Pinecrest Road
- Install irrigation systems for ball diamonds
- Construct mini diamonds
- Install P.A. system
- Develop trail system throughout the park with connections to the Mountain Bay Trail and neighborhoods
- Extend electricity to storage building
- Construct a restroom/concession building in the soccer area
- Install parking lot lights
- Install irrigation system for soccer fields

Memorial Park

- Assist in development of Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Veterans Memorial

Deerfield Docks

- Dredge existing channel to Duck Creek

Industrial Woods Park/Sach's Pond

- Construct nature-based development
- Install docks and bridges
- Incorporate dog training

Hoff-Reinhard Wildlife Area

- Install cul-de-sac/parking lot and sidewalk
- Install plants per master landscape plan
- Install interpretive signage
- Construct open air shelter

Pioneer Parkway

- Install connector trail in easement to park under the power lines

EXISTING SCHOOL PARKS

- Negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the school district so the village has the ability to utilize the ball diamond at Meadowbrook School and ball diamonds at Bay View Middle School and Lineville Middle School

LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS

Recreational opportunities help make a community an attractive place to live, work and invest. As outlined earlier in the Plan, Howard's projected population for 2030 is 31,425 in a high growth scenario and 26,684 in a moderate growth scenario. Table 4.1 identifies the needs for neighborhood and community parkland associated with the high growth scenario population increase, based on local and national Levels of Service (LOS). This analysis assesses park needs for the year 2030 according to two different methodologies:

- Neighborhood and community park needs based on **Existing Level of Service (LOS)**:

This methodology suggests a need for an additional 234.09 acres of neighborhood parks and 129.80 acres of community parks, for a total of 363.89 acres of additional parkland.

- Neighborhood and community park needs based on the **National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA) LOS**:

This methodology suggests a need for an additional 90.38 acres of community parks and no need for additional neighborhood parkland. According to plans for future land acquisition for neighborhood and community parkland, Howard will be short of NRPA LOS needs for community parkland, but will meet neighborhood and total needs associated with the high growth scenario population increase (table 4.2).

Several factors must be considered when determining neighborhood and community parkland needs, including gaps in service coverage and new community demands. Please note that this analysis does not cover physical factors such as geographic location of parks (covered in the next section), accessibility, service area, and park facilities. Needs for specialty or regional parks are also not included. Geographic location and service areas are analyzed in the following section.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

In order to provide equitable park service for all citizens, park facilities should be well distributed throughout all geographic areas. Figure 6 illustrates the location and service radius of Howard's park and recreation facilities. Each park classification has a different service radius, ranging from less than 1/4 mile for mini parks with limited use to roughly 3 miles for community parks with a wider draw. (Special use parks often serve much larger areas, and are therefore not evaluated according to a specific service radius.) For the purposes of this analysis, only neighborhood and community park service areas are documented, using both a 1/4 mile and 1/2 mile service radius for both categories. The analysis excludes mini parks since their use is discouraged and excludes most specialty and school parks, which do not typically provide everyday recreation service. However, Bay View Middle School, Pamperin Park, and Akzo Nobel Sports Complex are treated as neighborhood parks for the purposes of this analysis, due to their function and prominence in their surrounding neighborhoods.

Figure 6 illustrates that although portions of the residential core are served well by existing parks, there are many areas lacking adequate service. As residential areas develop along the east, northeast, south and southwest, they will be underserved with neighborhood parks.

POPULATION SERVICE FACILITY STANDARDS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) establishes national standards for park facility service, according to local population. Table 5 summarizes the need for these facilities in

Howard based on this standard and the current and projected population (2030 population of 31,425).

A 2006 ad hoc committee study on baseball/softball facility needs concluded that current facilities were inadequate. The study recommended constructing a new baseball complex within 6-10 years (2012-2016) and upgrading or converting current fields until that time. Any recommendations regarding baseball/softball facilities should account for multi-community shared usage.

Table 4.1: Future Parkland Needs (In Acres)							
Park Type	Existing	Acres per 1,000 Residents	2030 Need* (Existing LOS)	Additional Parkland Needed (Existing LOS)	Acres per 1,000 Residents (NRPA LOS)	2030 Need* (NRPA)	Additional Parkland Needed (NRPA)
Neighborhood Parks	290.39	16.69	524.48	234.09	2	62.85	0
Community Parks	161.02	9.25	290.82	129.80	8	251.40	90.38
Total Neighborhood & Community Park Area	451.41	25.94	815.30	363.89	10	314.25	0

Table 4.2: Future Parkland Acquisition Plans (In Acres)				
Park Type	Acquisitions	Total	2030* Acres per 1,000	Meet NRPA Standards?
Neighborhood Parks	17.75	308.14	9.80	yes
Community Parks	19.49	180.51	5.74	no
Total Neighborhood & Community Park Area	37.24	488.65	15.54	yes

Table 5: Parks and Recreation Need in Relation to Population, Howard

Facility Type	NRPA Standard	Existing facilities	Present Need	2030 Need
Baseball Fields	1 per 5,000	9 combined	3	10
Softball Fields	1 per 3,000		6	10
Basketball Courts	1 per 5,000	2 full, 2 half	3	6
Football Fields	1 per 20,000	0	1	2
Soccer Fields	1 per 10,000	16	2	3
Golf Courses	1 9-hole standard per 25,000	1	1	1
	1 18-hole standard per 50,000	0	0	1
	1 driving range per 50,000	0	0	1
Swimming Pools	1 per 20,000	0	1	1
Tennis Courts	1 per 2,000	0	9	16
Sand Volleyball Courts	1 per 5,000	0	3	6

FUTURE PARK AREAS

This plan envisions a park and open space system for Howard that:

- Provides facilities that meet the demands created by new development in the western sectors of the village. Much of this demand will be met by improving existing public park lands that are largely undeveloped.
- Capitalizes on unfulfilled open space opportunities in built-up parts of the village.
- Links parks, major environmental preserves, residential neighborhoods, activity centers, commercial areas, and schools with a comprehensive and continuous greenway and trail system that serves both transportation and recreational purposes.
- Maintains park access and community character by preservation of linear greenways, both with and without trail facilities. These greenways include natural areas and greenbelts that provide open space within developed areas, maintain habitat corridors, separate incompatible uses, buffer busy roadways and accommodate natural drainage. Greenways may be either publicly or privately owned, but are generally preserved in open space or passive, low-impact use.

THE ESTABLISHED VILLAGE: PINECREST EAST

Many areas in the eastern, or largely built up area of Howard, primarily north of Glendale Avenue, are relatively unserved or underserved by local park facilities, with Pinewood Park and the Akzo Nobel Sports Complex providing this area's primary open space resources. Existing platting and full build-out prevent expansion of park facilities in this area, although a possibility for neighborhood park development exists in the center of this area, north of Lavender Lane and east of Hillcrest. Howard's two signature parks, Meadowbrook and Pamperin, provide better service in the southern parts of the established Village, and the quarries present a unique public space opportunity farther to the east. Because the pattern of development here is largely established, park activity in the eastern sector will for the most part capitalize on existing resources and improve linkages among them and to parks in developing parts of Howard.

The park program for the sector of the village east of Pinecrest Road includes:

- Investigating the possibility of acquiring a neighborhood park in the underserved area between Glendale and Lineville east of Hillcrest (Poels property). A site east of Hillcrest and north of Lavender, possibly associated with ESA's or schools in this area, should be connected to the Mountain Bay State Trail and Meadowbrook Park by the bicycle boulevard concepts, designed to provide safe north-south connections for both pedestrians and cyclists. This would eliminate the local neighborhood park service gap in this immediate area.
- Continuing development and expansion west at the Akzo Nobel Sports Complex, including places for informal sports and unstructured play.
- Developing a Village Center Civic Park. When defined by surrounding private and civic development, this park should provide a venue for concerts and community events, as well as informal enjoyment and recreation. This park's focal point will be a full-size recreational

skating facility, possibly in operation from October through March, and being used for functions such as farmers markets the rest of the year.

- Completing the Duck Creek Quarries proposal, envisioning the quarries as a unique regional recreation attraction, civic space, and catalyst for private investment. This community park will be used for activities such as public swimming, boating, and fishing, complete with a beach and boat landing.
- Implementing over time a trail and greenway system linking Meadowbrook Park to the proposed Velp Rail-Trail and to the western part of the village; the Village Center greenway system, ultimately linking Meadowbrook Park to the Duck Creek Greenway by connecting to the existing Cardinal Lane Trail; the Duck Creek Greenway, connecting Pamperin and Williams Parks and other conservation areas to the quarries; the Velp Avenue rail-trail; and the currently programmed paths associated with the US 41 and STH 29 interchange.
- Develop a mini-park in the Brookview Meadow subdivision
- Add on to the Gordan-Nauman Conservancy south of the railroad tracks and Thyrión property at the end of Wietor Drive.
- Develop parkway along the off-street trail that was developed by the Wisconsin DOT along Highway 29 (Hummingbird and Mockingbird intersection)
- Development of the Bakers Creek Trail linking the new Brookview Park to the Akzo Nobel Sports Complex

NEW DEVELOPMENT: PINECREST ROAD WEST

The combination of existing ESA's and public lands, landforms, and introduction of new development and transportation patterns create an exciting opportunity for a linked regional park and open space system, analogous to Milwaukee's Oak Creek Trail network on a smaller scale. This system will evolve over time as development occurs and new lands or greenway corridors become available. It envisions a system of two loops that integrate parks, land use, and transportation, connected to each other by major trails.

Park and open space initiatives that realize this overall concept include the following:

- *The eastern loop*, which is defined by the Akzo Nobel Sports Complex, Spring Green Park, the Mountain Bay State Trail, a major drainage corridor and wooded area linking Spring Green Park and the Hoff-Reinhard Preserve, a system of village- and privately-owned parks and ESA's between the Preserve and Pinecrest Road and including Juza Oliver Family Park, and Pinecrest Road with upgraded pedestrian and bicycle access
- The Village should construct a road connecting Akzo Nobel Sports Complex with Spring Green Park
- Adding 5 acres to the north of Juza Oliver Family Park
- *The western loop*, which is defined by the West Howard Boulevard Loop, Mills Center Park, the proposed Northwest sports complex near Glendale and Shawano, a watercourse joining the sports park site to Mills Center Park, and new, strategically located neighborhood parks serving western neighborhoods

- *The two green loops are connected to each other* and the rest of the Village's park network on the south with the proposed Powerline Trail, from Milltown Road to Pinecrest Road; and on the north along a greenway (now privately owned) between Mills Center Park and the Mountain Bay State Trail.
- *Two future neighborhood parks.* The western park is associated with an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) west of Marley Street. It could be expanded to house an elementary school site as demand emerges. The eastern proposed park is a central feature of the major residential development area ringed by West Howard Boulevard west of Shawano Avenue. The concept illustrated here proposes a park encircled by streets, in effect becoming the central green of a very large roundabout. This design provides great visibility and access to the park, while also slowing traffic down and discouraging unintended through traffic.
- *Powerline Trail Corridor.* This concept uses an existing overhead easement as a major trail spine that serves both recreational and transportation purposes. It also connects the Hoff-Reinhard Preserve, Juza Oliver Park, and a number of ESAs, some of which include their own nature path systems.
- *Improvement of Mills Center and Spring Green Parks.* Both of these significant open spaces should be developed according to a master plan that incorporates both neighborhood park features, and special resources appropriate to their size and status as community parks.
- *North-South Greenway.* The Concept incorporates a north-south greenway/trail that connects to the Mountain Bay State Trail, previously proposed in the 2002 comprehensive plan. The trail continues south beyond the Powerline Trail, connecting several ESAs and looping through greenways before finally connecting to Pinecrest. From there, the trail connects to the United Healthcare development area, then east to Meadowbrook Park. This potential greenway is now owned privately, and would require assembly through gradual purchase, charitable donation, dedication as part of adjacent development, or easement.
- *A Mills Center Greenway,* the proposed east-west connection between Mills Center Park and the Mountain Bay State Trail. Like the north-south route, this corridor is now privately owned, and would require eventual assembly to maintain its continuity.
- *The Northwest Sports Complex,* a facility that will be needed to accommodate both existing spillover demand from Akzo Nobel and residential growth in the surrounding area. The Village has acquired an 80 acre site southeast of Glendale and Marley. However, the proposed Marley interchange with STH 29 makes the western half of this site eminently desirable for private development, including a significant mixed use development with commercial and higher density residential components. If feasible, this plan recommends selling the Marley Street side of the site for private development, and using the proceeds of the sale for acquisition of adjacent land to the east and part of the development cost of the complex. This sports complex would have direct frontage along West Howard Boulevard. This park will include a regulation baseball field complete with lighting, fences, and bleachers.
- *Development of the boulevard loop,* which in addition to being an important facility for local circulation, is a key part of the sector's open space network.

FUTURE PARKS ASSESSMENT

The Village of Howard plans to acquire a total of 103.74 acres of land for future park areas. This would result in a total of 622.44 acres of parkland. This acreage would exceed NRPA standards for Howard's projected population of 31,425 in 2030 (19.81 acres per 1,000 residents).

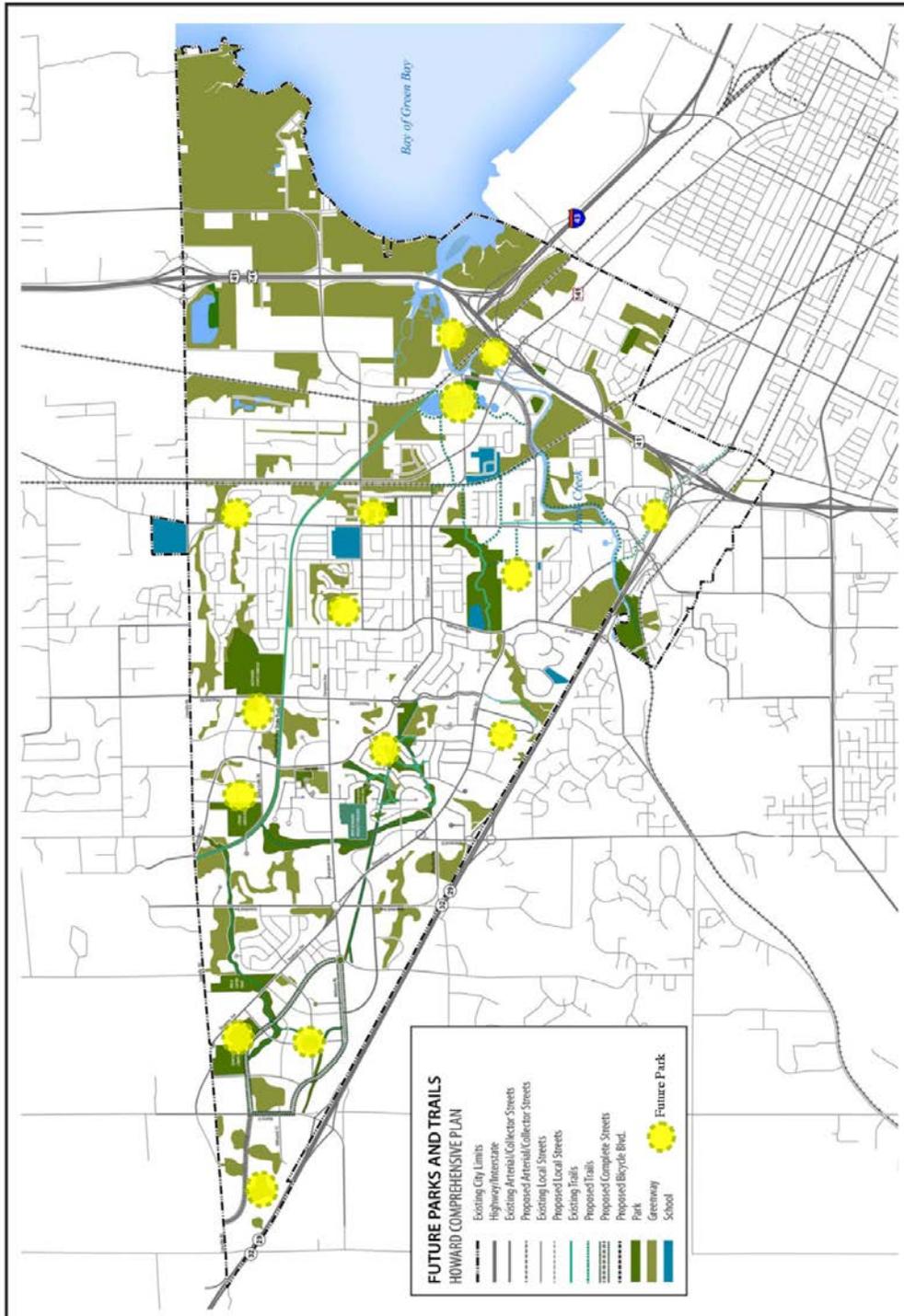


Figure 7 – Map of future parkland in Howard

APPENDIX A



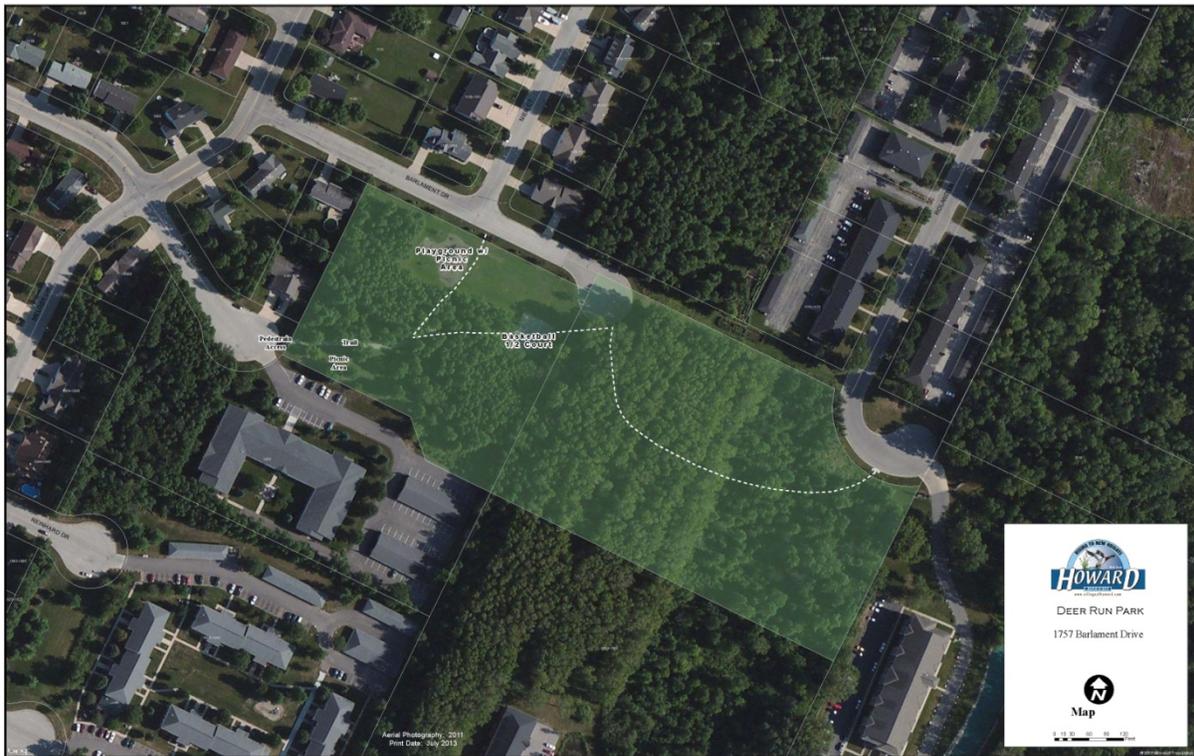
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Barney Williams Park



Deerfield Docks



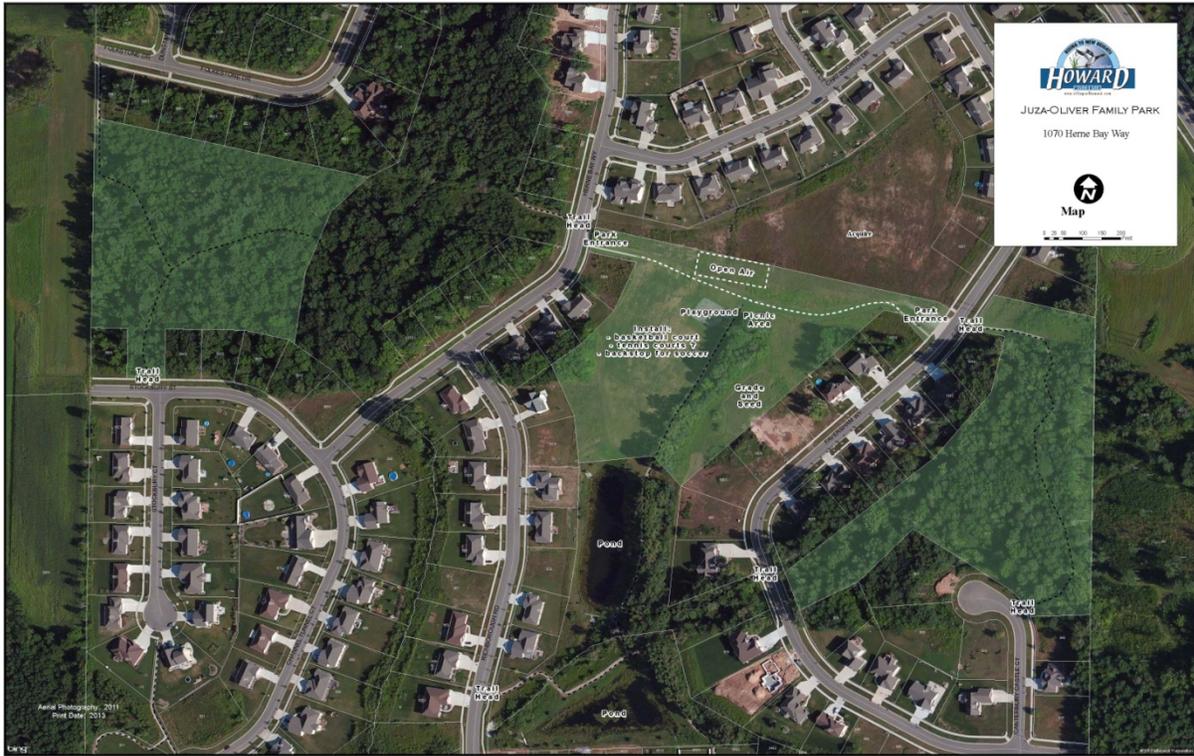
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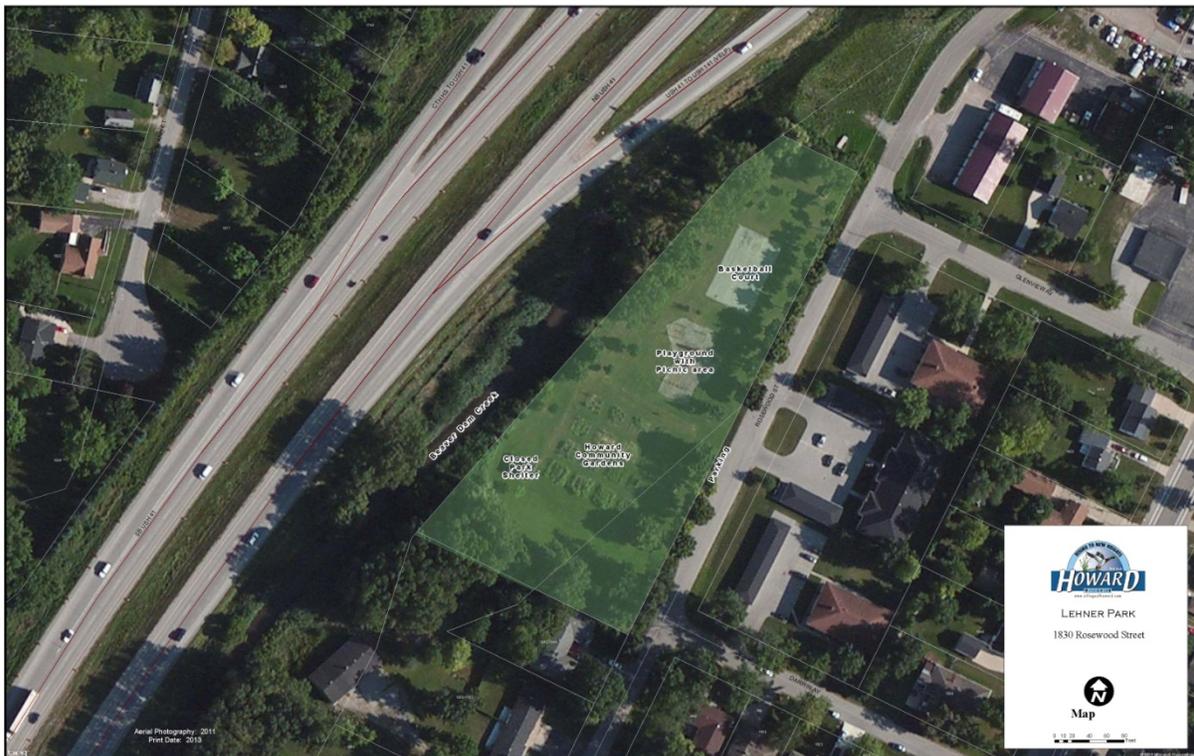
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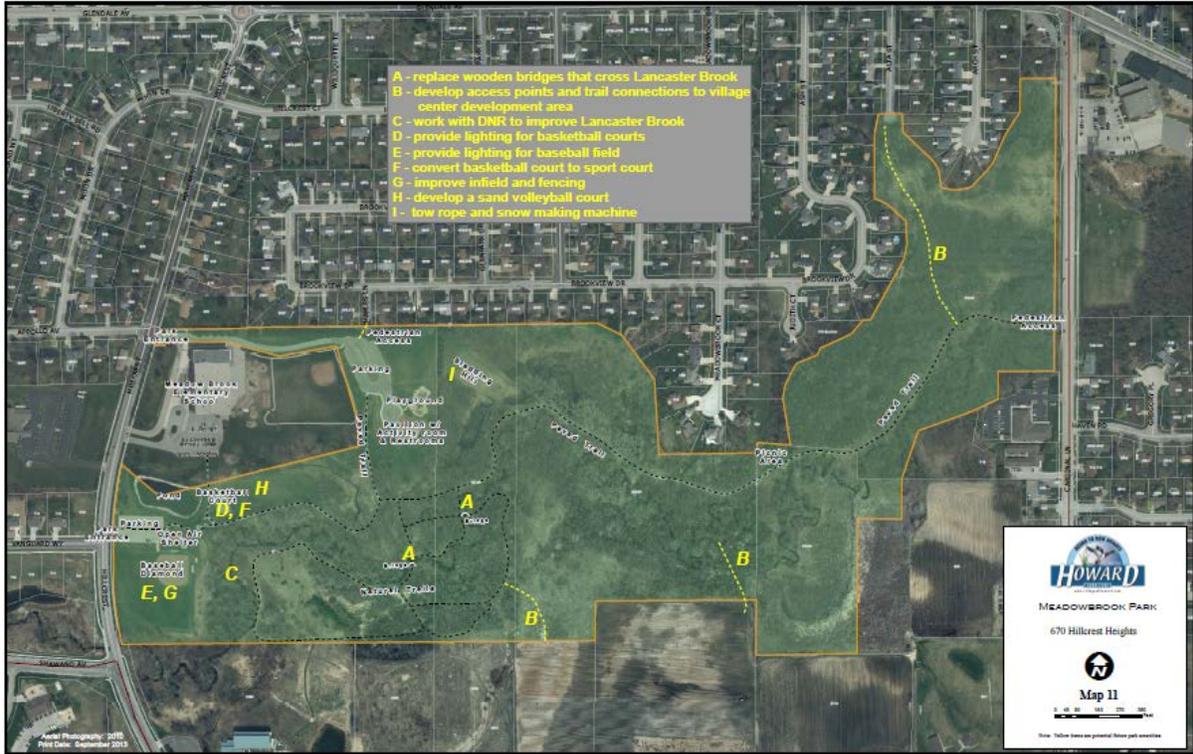
Industrial Woods, Brookfield Woods, Duck Creek Quarry



Juza-Oliver Family Park



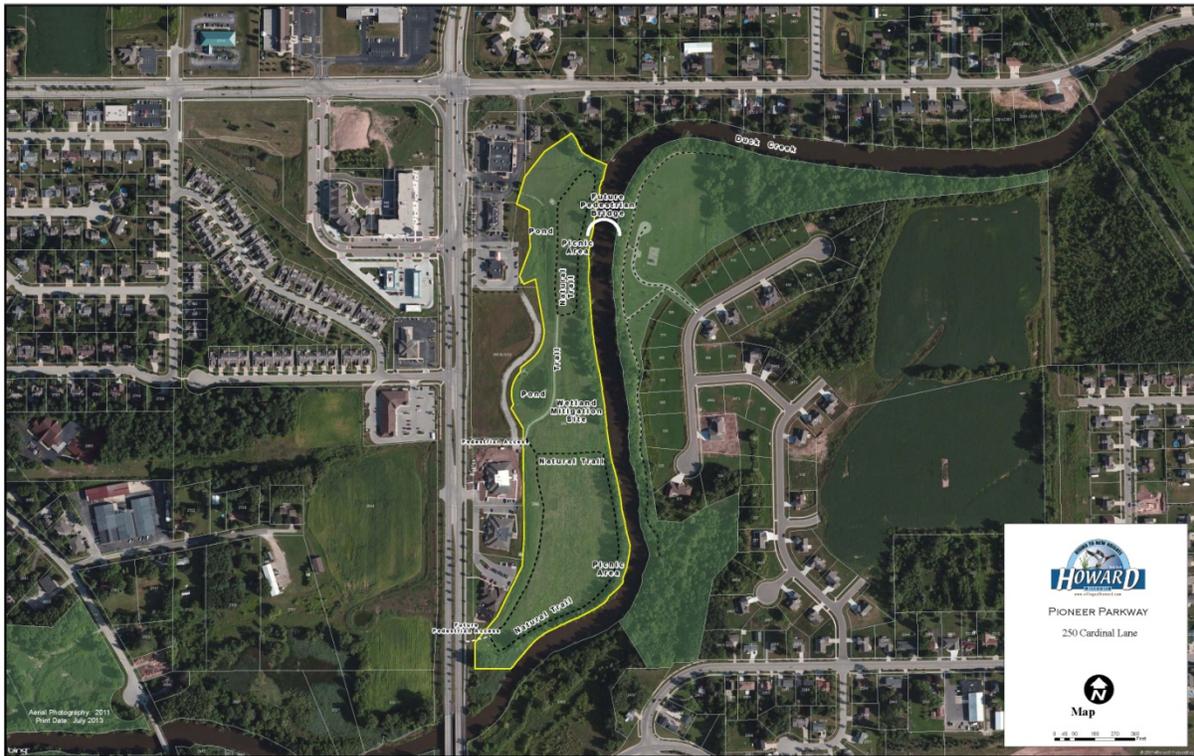
Lehner Park



Meadowbrook Park



Mills Center Park



Pioneer Parkway



Riverview Parkway



Wayne Williams Conservation Area at Hidden Creek



Wietor Wharf

APPENDIX B

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Existing Parks**Packerland Parkway**

Install new "village entry" sign

Install sidewalk on Packerland to municipal boundary

Barney Williams Park

Acquire homes along Duck Creek for development area

Deer Run Park

Add amenities (benches and bike racks)

Extend existing trail connecting to Barlament Drive

Juza-Oliver Family Park

Install driveway and parking

Install connector pathway/walkway

Install open-air shelter and restroom facility

Grade/seed east and north side of park

Construct basketball court

Construct tennis court

Acquire property to the north

Lehner Park

Rehabilitate park bathrooms

Replace playground equipment

Pinewood Park

Upgrade bathrooms

Install security system/cameras

Improve playground

Construct ice hockey facility with boards and lighting

Put roof on hockey facility

Replace ball diamond fencing

Construct driveway access to Cardinal Lane

Mills Center Park

Develop trail system (including boardwalks) throughout park with connections to neighborhoods

Install playground equipment

Wayne Williams Conservation Area at Hidden Creek

Continue trail extensions (including installation of boardwalks) from Cardinal Lane to Island Court

Gordon-Nauman Conservation Area / Howard Dog Park

Install fenced-in area for small dogs

Install well and electricity

Expand existing park to the north

Expand trails and boardwalks

Add land to the conservancy south of the railroad tracks

Spring Green Park

Add archery range

Install lighting at existing ball diamonds

Construct new shelter, concessions, storage area, and restroom facility

Add parking lot

2nd lift asphalt on parking lot

Install park roadway

Develop arboretum with amenities, interpretive signage, and trails

Modify existing softball field to a baseball diamond

Install irrigation systems at ball diamonds

Expand and grade park to the east

Meadowbrook Park
Replace the wooden bridges that cross Lancaster Brook
Develop access points and trail connections to village center development area
Work with the DNR to improve Lancaster Brook
Provide lighting for the basketball courts
Provide lighting for the baseball field
Convert existing basketball court to sport court
Improve infield and fencing
Develop a sand volleyball court
Add snow-making machinery and a tow rope to the sledding hill
Add cross-country ski trails

Akzo Nobel Sports Complex
Speed control
Purchase property west of Pinecrest Road
construct new baseball/softball fields west of Pinecrest Road
Install irrigation systems for existing ball diamonds
Construct mini diamonds
Install P.A. system
Construct storage space for soccer and baseball
Construct playground near baseball/softball complex
Develop trail system with connections to Mountain Bay trail and neighborhoods
Extend electricity to storage buildings
Construct a restroom/concession building in the soccer area
Install irrigation system for soccer fields
Install parking lot lights

Memorial Park
Remove existing softball field and soccer field
Construct a boardwalk
Construct a trail system
Assist in development of N.E.W. Veterans Memorial

Deerfield Docks
Dredge existing channel to Duck Creek

Industrial Woods Park / Sach's Pond

Construct nature-based development

Install docks and bridges

Incorporate dog training

Hoff-Reinhard Wildlife Area

Install cul-de-sac/parking lot and sidewalk

Install plants per master landscape plan

Install interpretive signage

Construct open air shelter

Install trail and boardwalks

Pioneer Parkway

Install connector trail in easement to park under the power lines

Future Parks**Poels Property**

Acquire property

Construct a neighborhood park

Village Center Civic Park

Construct park to serve as venue for concerts and community events

Construct full-size recreational outdoor skating facility

Develop a splash pad fun area for younger children

Duck Creek Quarries

Construct public swimming area

Construct boat landing

Trail and Greenway System

Link village parks through the construction and addition of trails and greenways

Develop cross country ski trail areas south of Barkhausen in the village-owned conservancy areas to develop a network of trails in the area

Brookview Meadow Park

Develop a mini-park in the Brookview Meadow subdivision

New Parkway (Hummingbird / Mockingbird intersection)

Develop parkway along the off-street trail located along Highway 29

BAKERS CREEK TRAIL

Develop trail linking the new Brookview Park to the Akzo Nobel Sports Complex

Marley Park

Construct a neighborhood park

Central Green Park

Construct a neighborhood park encircled by streets

Powerline Trail Corridor

Acquire private lands through purchase, donation, dedication as part of adjacent development, or easement to construct a trail connecting a number of parks and ESAs

North-South Greenway

Develop a greenway/trail connecting several ESAs, greenways, the United Health Care development area, and Meadowbrook Park by implementing the acquisition of private lands

Mills Center Greenway

Acquire private lands to develop a greenway connecting Mills Center Park and the Mountain Bay State Trail

Northwest Sports Complex

Acquire and construct regional facilities

RESOLUTION 2014-06

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD
COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village of Howard Board of Trustees adopted the Village of Howard Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan on April 25, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the provision of open space and recreation facilities is important to the quality of life of the residents of, and visitors to, Howard; and

WHEREAS, Village adoption of a current open space and recreation plan is required for the Village of Howard to remain eligible for cost sharing aid programs administered through the State of Wisconsin; and

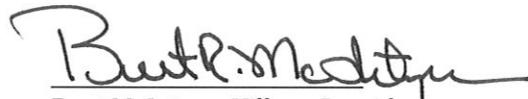
WHEREAS, the Howard Community Development Department has prepared an update of the Village's open space and outdoor recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Howard Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014-2019 encompasses a general outline and plan for the recreational development of the Village of Howard; and

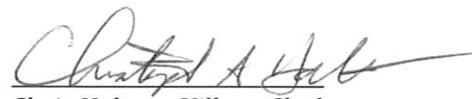
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 18, 2013 Plan Commission to gather citizen input and numerous and opportunities for public input were available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Howard Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014-2019 is hereby adopted by the Village of Howard Plan Commission.

Adopted January 27, 2014.


Burt McIntyre, Village President

ATTEST:


Chris Haltom, Village Clerk