



Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use

Master Planning Process (All Parks) - Frequently Asked Questions

Fast Facts About Master Planning

Master planning creates a road map for future use, preservation, and development. The process seeks input from all user groups, from area residents, community groups, county parks staff and elected officials and synthesizes it into a visual and written document that directs future use, development, and preservation of park land.

How does the Master Planning Process work?

In order to put together a comprehensive master plan, input on the use of parks will be gathered. Based on the input, priorities for park improvement projects will be developed. These priorities as well as the focus on maintaining the natural elements of the park and not duplicating the recreational offerings of other governments, will guide the development of new areas and renovation of others.

What are the benefits to Master Plans?

The Master Planning process helps to insure that the Waukesha County Park System meets the long-term recreational needs of residents while preserving and enhancing the County's exceptional natural resources. The updated Master Plans will allow County officials to proactively plan for recommended improvements and enhancements. The master plans share a vision for the next 20-25 years, and for inclusion in the Capital and operational budgets.

What will the Master Plans entail?

To present the future vision of a park, the master plan consists of maps and written descriptions of planned uses and management of the park.

What standards are being used for design?

The Waukesha County Parks & Open Space Plan guides development of the parks and greenways. The standard for parks is that they preserve 70% of the park as natural areas while allowing development in the remaining 30%. New guidelines for ADA accessibility are also being implemented.

What is the timeline for the Master Planning Process?

The master planning process began in 2012 with open houses at Minooka, Mukwonago, and Menomonee Parks. The next parks to go through the master planning process will be Eble, Muskego, Retzer, Nashotah, and Nagawaukee Parks, along with the Ryan property and the Exposition Center and Northview facilities. Surveys for each of these locations will be posted on the parks website.

When will I see changes in the parks?

Projects outlined within the master plans will be considered for inclusion in future County budgets. This allows us adequate time for evaluating, planning and budgeting for projects.

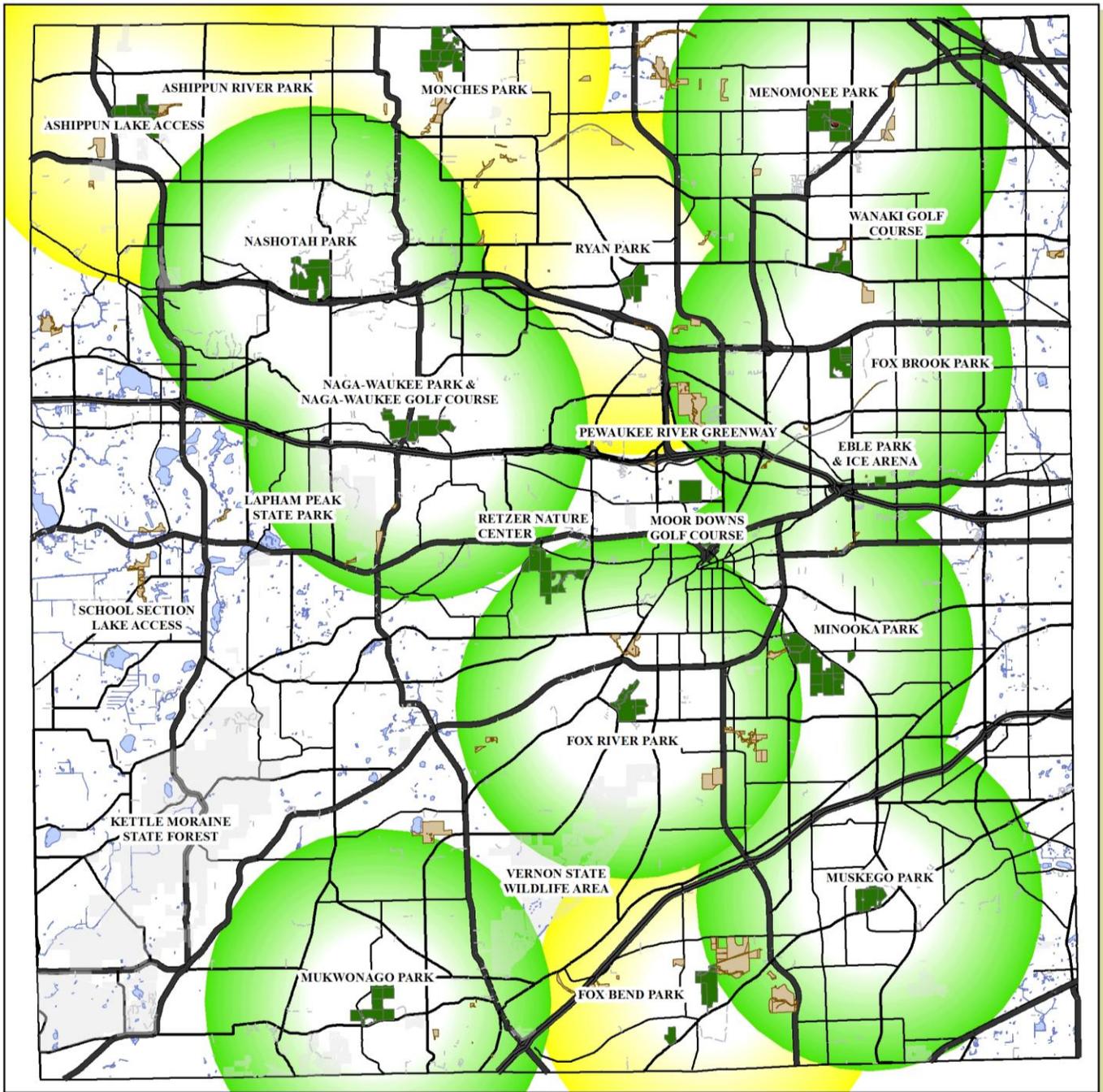
Where can I find more information about the Master Planning process?

Project updates will be posted on the Waukesha County Parks and Land Use website at www.waukeshacountyparks.com. You can also submit feedback about the park in conjunction with our master plan update by filling out the park survey, also available online. For questions or comments, you can call Waukesha County Parks at **(262) 548-7790**.



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Park Location Map



Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan Major County Park Sites - Service Areas



4 Mile Radius for Developed Waukesha County Major Parks

4 Mile Radius for Undeveloped Waukesha County Major Parks

