



# Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan 2023 Update Summary

Every few years, the Department of Parks and Land Use coordinates with local units of government, non-profit conservation organizations, and the State of Wisconsin to update the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan. The Plan is a component of the Comprehensive Development Plan for Waukesha County serving as a guide for the acquisition, preservation, development and management of park, recreation and open space lands in the County. Through coordination, the Plan prevents duplication when delivering park and recreation services.

The Park and Open Space Plan is also designed to meet State planning requirements for outdoor recreation funding programs, thereby affording the County eligibility to apply for, and receive, available State and Federal funds to assist in the acquisition and development of recommended park and open space sites and facilities.

## **Park and Open Space Plan 2023 Updates:**

- Improved formatting, graphics and usability.
- Additional mapping and summaries of facility types (Developed Parks, Undeveloped Parks, Greenways, Lake Access, Specialty Areas, and Regional Trails).
- Comprehensive updating of proposed and existing open space, multi-modal facilities, and land ownership. This was coordinated with the State, local municipalities, and nonprofit organizations/ lake districts and associations.
- New chapter specific to County Natural Land Management and enhanced detail provided within each facility page.
- Updated County park-system facility information and maps.
- Updated potential Wetland Mitigation Banking Sites program.
- Updated Park-system projects and budget priorities.
- Updated Outdoor Recreation & Conservation funding section.