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SECTION I BACKGROUND, PURPOSE, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

The City of Moline, Illinois is located on the southeastern bank of the Mississippi River within the Quad Cities Metropolitan Area. The Rock River bisects the city along the southern edge. The City of Moline and the Quad Cities as a whole have begun to recognize the significant value of the two major rivers and have invested time and financial resources into improvements of both riverfront areas. This has and continues to include significant multi-use and recreational space improvements.

Input for this plan was received through a park and recreation survey administered in late 2013 by the Parks and Recreation Department at park and recreation facilities, on the park website, and directly to all e-mail contacts of the department. There were 611 responses to the survey with over 62 percent of those from Moline residents. The survey results summary is included in the appendix of this plan. The Parks and Recreation Department has a full electronic copy of the survey results.

Four focus group meetings were also held to gather additional input. The focus groups were composed of leaders of community organizations, representatives of park user groups, survey respondents that expressed interest in focus group participation, and park staff department heads. The results of the focus group meetings are also included in the appendix of this plan. The Moline Parks and Recreation Board thoroughly reviewed the focus group comments received as well as those from the survey to develop the recommendations in this plan.

While the plan makes long-term recommendations, the focus of the plan was to identify projects in the five-year future that best use scarce capital resources. It should be noted a key theme of the focus group and survey comments was the majority of participants believed the most important function of the city related to recreation was “maintaining existing parks facilities.”

It should also be noted two other planning efforts were occurring during the development of the plan. The *Moline Comprehensive Plan Updates: Moline Centre, Floreciente, and Edgewater* document was developed and completed during the spring of 2014. Recreation and open space recommendations from this document are referenced in appropriate locations of the plan with the intention the detail would be gleaned from the original document. Likewise the *Riverside Park Plan* will be completed in the fall of 2014, and the future recommendations are referenced in this plan.

Mission Statement, Vision and Core Values

In 2011 and 2012, the City of Moline Parks and Recreation Department underwent a strategic planning process. Out of that effort the department adopted the following mission statement:

“To enhance community wellness and quality of life by providing diverse recreational experiences, exceptional park programs, and well-maintained facilities.” In addition, their stated vision was “We make Moline a fun and healthy place to live, work, and play.”

The core values of the Moline Parks and Recreation Department are:

- Wellness – We promote healthy lifestyles to our individuals, families, and community as a whole.
- Community Focus – We enhance community pride by providing essential park and recreation services.
- Quality services – We provide diverse recreational programs, opportunities, and facilities.
- Adaptability – We make innovative use of our resources to meet the evolving needs of our community.
- Collaboration – We work with community partners and volunteers to serve our residents and visitors.

The city has prepared this *City of Moline Parks and Recreation Master Plan* to ensure adequate recreational facilities are provided. This master plan is the result of public input and analysis of community resources and recreation needs. The Moline Parks and Recreation Board recognizes the importance of creating a framework document to guide them as they make investment decisions in Moline parks. This master plan incorporates significant citizen input in its development, along with existing individual park plans, Parks and Recreation Board goals/priorities, and references other regional and city planning documents. Consideration has also been given to facility interest and utilization.

This master plan contains seven (7) sections. The following numbered list corresponds to the items to be addressed in each respective section.

- I. Defines the background and purpose, and outlines the area to be covered and its relationship with the surrounding areas and discusses goals and objectives
- II. Concentrates on the geographic and natural features of the City of Moline, including areas of topography and drainage, climate, geology, soils, vegetation, and wildlife
- III. Outlines the demographic characteristics and trends, utilizes projections and forecasts to determine the future demographic make-up of Moline, and provides useful and informative comparison data
- IV. Covers National Recreation and Park Association (NPRA) and State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) guidelines, which serve as a comparison
- V. Inventories existing park facilities and their respective amenities, and outlines short and long-term improvements for each park
- VI. Outlines service areas of existing parks and identifies potential new parks within the city
- VII. Provides a plan summary and guidelines to be considered when planning future park development(s), recreational facilities, and programs

Coverage Area

The area used in the formation of this plan consists of the land and facilities within the corporate limits of Moline, Illinois. There is an inventory of the existing park and recreation facilities of the city included in this plan.

Goals and Objectives

The *City of Moline Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan* is founded on goals and objectives, which provide the framework for decision-making and investments in the city's park system and recreational programs. These goals were derived from thorough site inventories of existing park amenities and facilities, existing comprehensive city/regional plans and strategic goals and visioning by the Parks and Recreation Board in 2011 and 2012. Comments received from a 2013 park and recreation survey and four focus group meetings aided in the development of this plan and were utilized to help determine the basic goals and overall needs of the parks and recreation system. As policies and implementation strategies are developed and refined, these goals and objectives will offer guidance for future park development and programming. It was not possible for all the public and focus group suggestions to be addressed in the plan. However, the comments have been recorded, are in the appendix, and will be used as funding as opportunities arise. In addition, many of these items should be addressed by other city departments and will be forwarded for their consideration.

Basic Goals of the Master Plan

- To provide adequate, desirable and accessible park and recreation opportunities to the citizens of Moline in a cost-effective manner.
- To coordinate *The City of Moline Parks and Recreation Master Plan* with other Quad Cities community and regional park system plans.
- To set aside land for open space and parks and to protect natural resources for the benefit of Moline residents.
- To enhance the physical beauty and the quality of life within the City of Moline while continuing to balance the livability of the community with population growth and development.

Plan Objectives

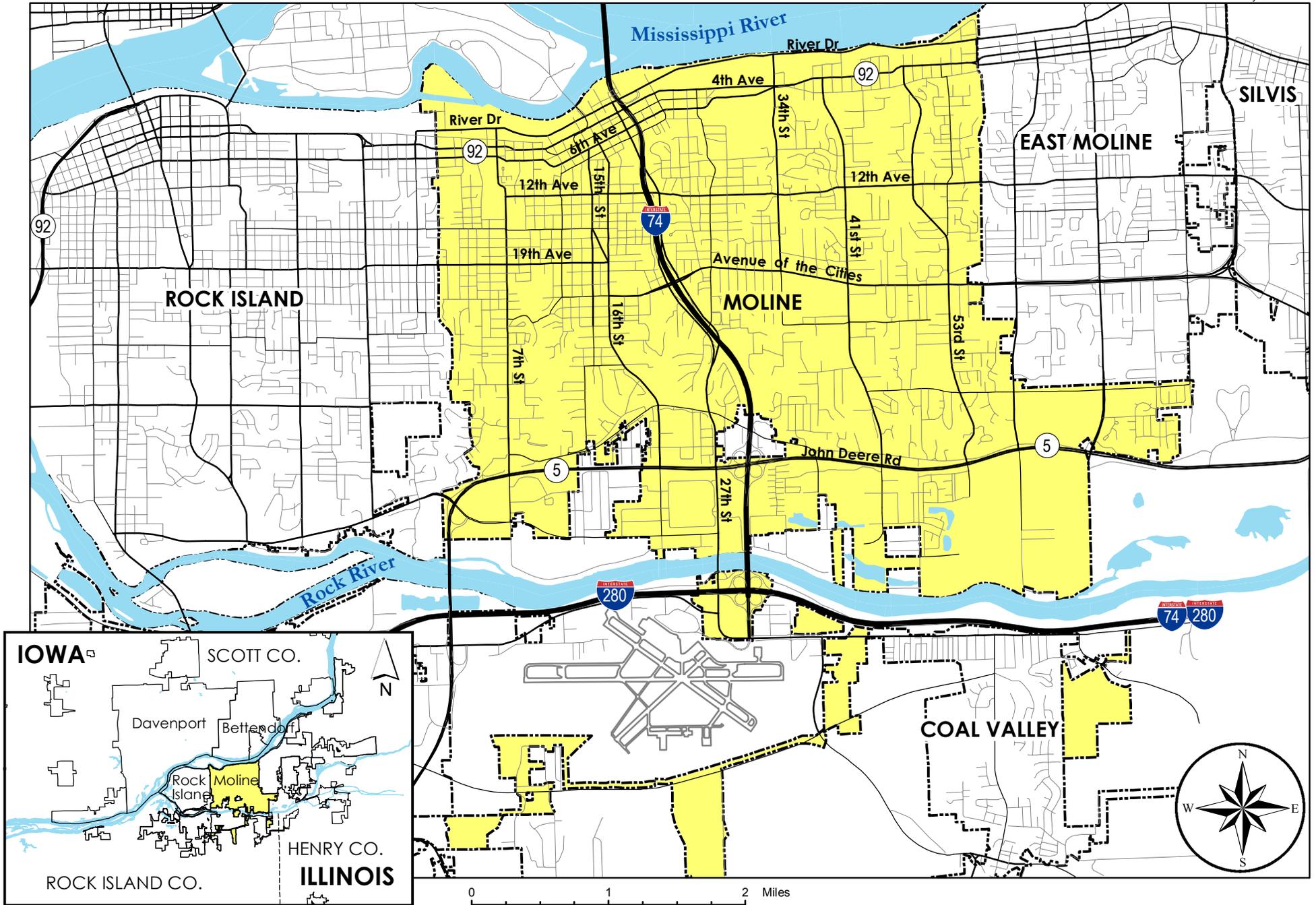
- Procure and maintain the amount of parklands needed in the city at the appropriate locations and in the most cost-effective manner.
- Provide viable park amenities, facilities and programs accessible to all ages and to the special needs population within the city.
- Ensure facilities provide adequate recreational opportunities based on the needs and desires of Moline residents. Considering use and demand for certain park amenities and/or modern recreational trends, the city may expand or decrease amenity levels.
- Establish and implement recreation facilities, amenities, programs and activities, which are durable, cost-effective, varied, age-appropriate and accessible.

- Review programs and activities on an annual basis to determine participation levels. Seek public input during individual park planning and before revising community and neighborhood parks so development or renovation is conducive to the needs and wants of the residents.
- Consider reasonable corrective measures where restrictive barriers such as major streets, incomplete sidewalk/pedestrian systems and ravines or creeks prevent or impede access for patrons within a designated park service area. The city will strive to create a utilitarian park and recreation system, which is pleasant, accessible and provides benefits to all intended users.
- Consider preservation of sensitive and natural areas such as wetlands, prairies and significant tree stands when maintaining, developing, or acquiring parklands.
- Give priority to the acquisition and development of recreational facilities on the riverfront and other viable properties available to the community, which enhance the parks system.
- Pursue opportunities to work in conjunction with neighboring communities to ensure comprehensive benefits for the entire area. All planning efforts involving Moline must recognize the city's relationship with the other communities in the Quad Cities Metropolitan Area.

Moline Park & Recreation Plan - **MAP M-1**

General Location

Disclaimer: This map is for reference only. Data provided are derived from multiple sources with varying levels of accuracy. Bi-State Regional Commission disclaims all responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the data shown hereon.



SECTION II NATURAL CHARACTERISTICS

Topography and Drainage

Three major glacial advances and retreats created the topography of Rock Island County. The Kansas and the Illinoian glaciations covered the entire county, while the lowan glaciation covered the northern townships. The oldest glaciations are collectively termed Pre-Illinoian. The Illinoian glacier in the eastern portion of Illinois followed the Pre-Illinoian, while the lowan glacier covered the northern townships. The native rock material of the county is buried under glacial drift and varying depths of loess left by the retreating glaciers.

Major contributors to the topography in Rock Island County are the Mississippi River and the Rock River. In pre-glacial time, the Mississippi River followed its current course until reaching the present day northern tip of Rock Island County, Illinois, where the river turned to the east following the Meredosia channel and eventually entered the present Illinois River valley near Hennepin, Illinois. This course was altered to its existing passage through the Quad Cities in an east-west direction when a westward moving ice lobe blocked the eastern flow of the Mississippi River. (The Quad Cities is the only major metropolitan area among the ten states through which the Mississippi courses where the river flows in an east-west direction.) Over the past 10,000 to 15,000 years, the present channel has deepened and narrowed forming the distinct bluffs and lowlands found in the areas bordering the Mississippi River.

The remainder of Rock Island County is level to gently rolling, with stream valleys becoming deeper and the slopes increasingly pronounced as the valleys approach the Mississippi and Rock Rivers. Another feature of Rock Island County topography is the drainage network. The vast majority of streams and creeks flow into the Rock and Mississippi Rivers.

The topography present in Moline affords a wide array of recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors to the community. The two major rivers offer many recreational options for water sports, fishing, and passive recreation. The bluffs provide unparalleled vistas and a mix of both active and passive recreation opportunities. The many ravines and creeks traversing through the city provide drainage systems from the bluffs to the Mississippi and Rock Rivers. They also provide habitat corridors for wildlife. These same ravines create opportunities for active and/or passive greenways and storm water filtration projects. Establishing natural drainage systems for the filtration of contaminants from storm water would be a vital step towards restoring both Prospect Pond and Riverside Lagoon as viable, year round recreational facilities.

Climate

The climatic characteristics of the City of Moline fit the temperate continental classification with a wide temperature range throughout the year. Periods of hot, humid weather are common during the summer months, especially in June, July, and August. The following climate data is from the National Weather Service Forecast Office using data from 1981–2010. The average high July temperature was 85.9°F. The recorded highest temperature was 111 degrees in July. Severely cold weather and storms can

occur during the winter. January is the coldest month and had an average low nighttime temperature of 14.6°F. The recorded lowest temperature was -28 degrees in February.

The regions central geographic location and proximity to major storm tracks make it vulnerable to rapid shifts in weather and severe weather patterns. Low-pressure areas associated with weather fronts cause frequent fluctuations in temperature, cloudiness, humidity, and wind direction throughout much of the year. Precipitation amounts averaged 38.07 inches per year during the period 1981-2010, with 65.0% of it falling between the months of April and September. June was the wettest month with an average of 4.63 inches of rainfall. The driest month was January with only 1.58 inches of precipitation on average. An average of 33.2 inches of snow fell between the months of November and March. January had the deepest average snow depth at 2.3 inches. In the years 1878–2002, the last 32-degree temperature at Moline occurred on April 20. Temperatures were colder than 32 degrees after May 7 for only 11 years out of the 124 years of data. The average earliest fall frost date was October 15. The growing season has increased from a historical 154 days to currently 177 days according to the National Weather Service.

The climate in Moline affords a wide range of multi-seasonal recreation opportunities. The design and development of parks needs to account for the changing weather patterns and year round facility use, where appropriate. The Midwest climate also provides challenges to the parks system. Demand for services and accommodations for multiple user interests can be a strain on operation and maintenance capabilities. Inconsistent fluctuations in river levels or unforeseen flooding could adversely affect access and use of riverfront park facilities. Great fluctuations in precipitation from season to season or year to year can stress vegetation and may require many chemicals to manage plant diseases, harmful insects, and to regulate plant growth. Winter storms with ample accumulation of snow put pressure on maintenance crews to clear access ways and parking areas at parks where sledding and other snow-related activities are possible. Climate changes have affected ice skating on both Prospect Pond and Riverside Lagoon. Some winters have been too warm for good ice formation at both locations. A temporary outdoor land-based ice rink has been used for skating in Moline for a few years.

Geology

Geology relates to outdoor recreation planning when discerning the potential of different areas for recreation or acquiring and preserving geologically interesting and important sites. Geology is important in making sound land use decisions to avoid potential geologic hazards. Hazards pertinent to outdoor recreation planning include flooding of alluvial plains, gullying and landslides, pollution of shallow well water supplies, and sinkhole occurrences. In addition, the availability, quality, and quantity of ground water supplies; the potential for future recovery of mineral resources; and existence of previous mining or indications of other man-made alterations should be known to determine the land most suitable for park and recreational development.

The bedrock of Moline consists of sedimentary bedrock ranging in age from Cambrian to Pennsylvanian, lying on granitic rock of Precambrian age. These sedimentary rocks

and their enclosed fossils indicate that they were deposited on the beaches, reefs, deltas, and offshore areas of shallow seas. In Moline, the Wapsipinicon and Cedar Valley Limestones of Devonian age overlie the oldest exposed rock in Rock Island County, which is the Racine Formation (Silurian). The Cedar Valley limestone is on top and can be characterized by its shaly, thin-bedded character and its abundance of fossils. It contains no dolomite or dolomitic limestone. The uppermost and youngest bedrock consists of shale, sandstone, and coal of the Pennsylvanian, Caseyville, Abbot, and Spoon Formations. These Pennsylvanian rocks require special attention when determining suitability of land use in Moline. These soils are commonly unstable on hillslopes and are a common barrier to the downward movement of groundwater. Springs and saturated ground on slopes commonly occurs. This soil also contains sulphur, which can be undesirable if exposed to air. These soils also contain coal, which was mined in many locations in Moline. Prospect Park was so named because of a coalmine that formerly operated on the property.

Soils

Three main forces reflecting the results of glacial and post-glacial activity formed soils in Moline. The three forces include glacial drift, alluvial (water deposited) action, and windblown, silt-like (loess) soil movement. The loess soils regime is generally 25 feet or more in depth and covers a majority of the land on or above the river bluff in Moline. Alluvial deposits are found along the river lowlands, while glacial drift materials are located mainly in the further southern part of the community.

The type of soil present at a certain park site can weigh heavily on the types of development suitable for that site. Soil surveys should be conducted or obtained from the county to determine the most desirable use and placement of amenities within a park. If park buildings or larger structures are going to be added to parks with known coal mining activity in the vicinity, then soil borings may be prudent to determine the underground extent of the unrecorded coalmines. Mine subsidence has occurred with old mines in the county.

Vegetation

Natural vegetation of the city consists primarily of deciduous trees, bushes, and grasses. The dominant native upland species include oaks, hickories, and maples. Maple, cottonwood, and willow trees dominate the low lands. The remainder of the land in the area of interest contains mixed broadleaf, non-native and native species of plants. Much of the area south of Moline has been and is still being used for agricultural production with corn and soybeans being the dominant crops. Non-native invasive species are detrimental to the existence of native species. Some of the worse invasive offenders to the area include: Asian bush honeysuckle, common buckthorn, Japanese barberry, burning bush (euonymus), oriental bittersweet, garlic mustard, black locust, tree-of-heaven, purple loosestrife, and narrow leaved and hybrid cattails. These species should not be included in landscape plans for parks in Moline unless they are of a sterile variety. Eradication and ongoing maintenance may be needed in some parks where these plants are quickly spreading.

Existing vegetation and plant species may help to determine the best use for parklands. In instances where native old growth forests and abundant native flora are present, the site could be utilized as a passive nature preserve serving a variety of recreational interests (i.e nature/interpretive paths, educational and environmental programs interpretive signage, orienteering, hiking, picnicking, etc.). Property utilized for row-crop, or other farming vocations, depending upon the topography may be suitable for conversion to an 18-hole golf course, soccer fields or other active recreation playfields and amenities.

As of 2013, Rock Island County is now located in the State of Illinois Emerald Ash Borer quarantine zone. The Emerald Ash Borer has been found in the county. Management and possibly removal of ash trees in city parks will be a new expense to the Moline Parks and Recreation Department. Some trees will need to be removed and other trees considered "important" for their landscape quality will need to go through extensive chemical treatment to protect from them the Emerald Ash Borer.

Wildlife

There are many species of wildlife in and near Moline. Mammals found in the area include: white-footed and deer mice; prairie, woodland, and meadow voles; raccoon; beaver; river otter; coyote; red fox; thirteen-lined ground squirrel; eastern chipmunk; fox, red, eastern gray, and Melanistic (black) variant of squirrels; eastern cottontail rabbit; several species of bats; eastern mole; muskrat; striped skunk; Virginia opossum; coyote; groundhog; bobcat; and white-tailed deer. Rare incidences of gray wolf, black bear, and mountain lions have been spotted in counties near Moline. So far, these have only been young males looking for new territory. No breeding populations have been found in Illinois or Iowa.

Amphibians & reptiles that can be found in the Moline area include: brown snake; garter snake; diamondback and northern watersnakes; western fox snake; bullsnake; racer snake; eastern Massasuaga snake; painted and snapping turtles; American toad, gray treefrogs, western chorus and bullfrog; and tiger salamander.

Many bird species are found in the Moline area. Some migrate through the area, some stay to build nests and raise young, and some are year-round inhabitants. Birds common to the area are barn and cliff swallows; many varieties of sparrows; robin; brown thrasher; redwing blackbird; cardinal; northern oriole; eastern bluebird; northern chickadee; gold, house and purple finches; chimney swifts; white-breasted and red-breasted nuthatches; mourning dove; indigo bunting; house wrens; red headed, downy, hairy, red-bellied, and pileated woodpeckers; northern flicker; yellow-bellied sapsucker; great horned and barn owls; purple martin; blue jay; ring-neck pheasant; eastern wild turkey; quail; crow; pigeon; redbird, broad-wing, and red-shouldered hawks; peregrine falcon; turkey vulture; Canada geese; many species of ducks and gulls; king fisher; big blue and smaller green herons, and egrets are also common in the area.

In the late 1990's, the American White Pelican returned to the Upper Mississippi area. In 2007, the first nesting colony formed in Iowa. The Illinois side of the river had the first nesting colony in 2009. These large birds and other waterfowl provide much entertainment for visitors along the Ben Butterworth Parkway.

The Moline area is located in middle the Mississippi Flyway, a key North American bird migration corridor along the Mississippi River. Many additional species of birds are seen during spring and fall migration periods. Many of these migratory species can be attracted to local bird feeders set up for interpretive programs. The bald eagle is one bird that generally spends its winters in the area. December–March several hundred bald eagles can be seen feeding and roosting along the Mississippi and Rock Rivers around Moline. The large numbers of wintering bald eagles also brings visitors from all over to watch and photograph them from the riverfront park areas. Bald eagle pairs have also established many successful nests in the area. These include several in SW Rock Island/Big Island/Milan Bottoms area, one in East Moline, and one at the Alcoa Plant in Riverdale, Iowa. In 2007, the bald eagle was removed from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. However, it is still protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

The Endangered Species Act, passed by the U.S. Congress in 1973, provides protection for plants or animals endangered or threatened with extinction. Endangered or threatened species located in Rock Island County, Illinois as reported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in October 2013, include the higgins eye pearly, sheepsnose, and spectaclecase mussels; Indiana and northern long-eared bats; and eastern prairie fringed orchid. the gray wolf was delisted for all of Illinois north of Interstate 80 on January 27, 2012. It remains listed as endangered in the rest of the state.

Similar to vegetation, wildlife is an important criterion for determining park use. It may not be desirable to displace the existing fauna by developing certain areas for park use. Greenways utilized as wildlife corridors would be a prime example. Endangered/threatened wildlife needs to be considered when planning areas for human activity.

SECTION III DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS AND TRENDS

The information in this section will help the City of Moline plan for the short-term and long-term needs of its residents. This profile includes information on population, gender, race, ancestry, age, employment, income, education, and housing. Historical data is included to show Moline’s progression as well as some comparisons to Rock Island County. Much of the data from this chapter comes from the U.S. Census Bureau decennial censuses and the American Community Survey (ACS). All ACS data are survey estimates. Other sources utilized are noted.

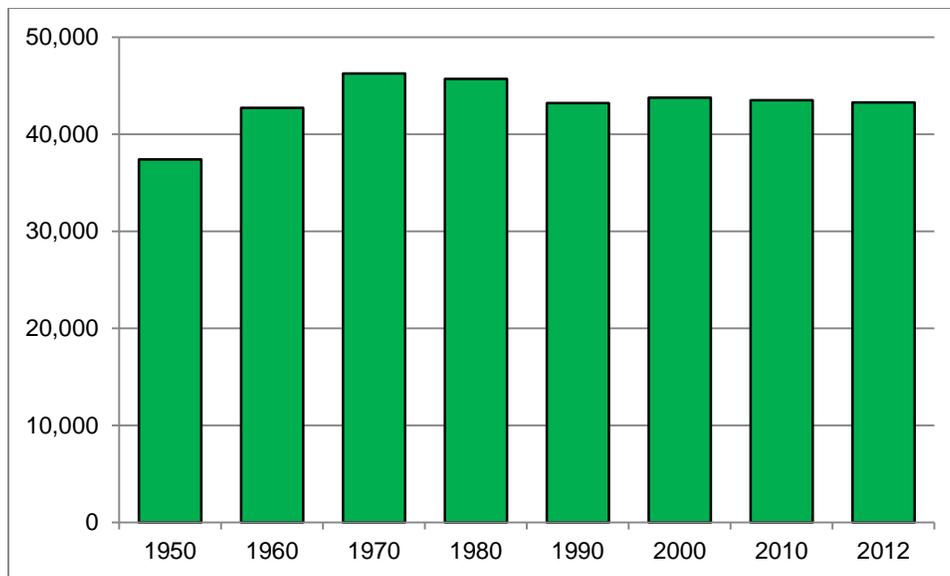
Demographics

Beyond simply counting the population, census data from the U.S. Census Bureau provides a way for planners, municipal officials, and others to identify and analyze detailed demographic characteristics of population. Quantifying the gender, age, race, and ancestry of a community can help one understand the current and future needs of that community and provide insight into the cultural background of its residents.

Population

In 2012, the City of Moline's population was 43,259. Historically, the city grew consistently from 1950 to 1970 reaching its peak population of 46,237 in 1970. After a bit of a decline from 1980 to 1990, the population has remained fairly steady. Figure 1 shows the detailed population history.

Figure 1 – Historical Populations



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1950 - 2010 Censuses; 2012 Population Estimates

Moline is the largest city in Rock Island County and makes up nearly 30% of the total county’s population. Table 1 shows the comparison of all the municipalities within Rock Island County.

Table 1
Rock Island County Populations by Municipality

2012 Total Population		
Rock Island County, Illinois	147,457	
	Total Population	Percent of County
Andalusia village, Illinois	1,201	0.8%
Carbon Cliff village, Illinois	2,120	1.4%
Coal Valley village, Illinois	3,774	2.6%
Cordova village, Illinois	669	0.5%
East Moline city, Illinois	21,398	14.5%
Hampton village, Illinois	1,863	1.3%
Hillsdale village, Illinois	523	0.4%
Milan village, Illinois	5,096	3.5%
Moline city, Illinois	43,259	29.3%
Oak Grove village, Illinois	590	0.4%
Port Byron village, Illinois	1,662	1.1%
Rapids City village, Illinois	961	0.7%
Reynolds village, Illinois	534	0.4%
Rock Island city, Illinois	38,920	26.4%
Silvis city, Illinois	7,501	5.1%

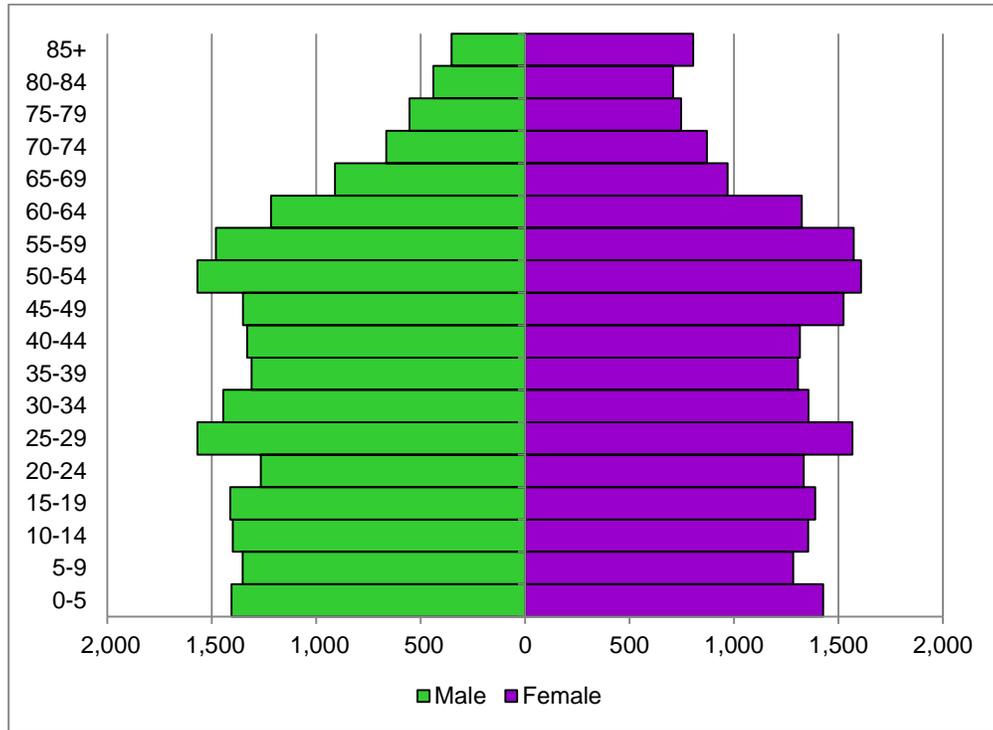
Source: 2000 Census, U.S. Census Bureau

Age and Gender

The median age is a statistic that can be used to gauge the overall age of the population. The higher the median age the older a population, and conversely the lower the median age the younger the population. The median age rose from 37.9 in 2000 to 39.2 in 2010, a 1.3 year increase in 10 years. Similarly, Rock Island County’s population rose from 37.8 in 2000 to 40.0 in 2010, a 2.2 year increase over the 10-year period. The largest age groups in Moline's population are 50 and over (36.3%) and 19 and under (25.3%). Knowing who your population is will help plan for facilities to accommodate all levels of use.

Moline's population is slightly more female than male. As of the 2010 Census, Moline had 48.3% males and 51.7% females. In comparison, Rock Island County as a whole is 49.1% male and 50.9% female. Figure 2 shows the population by age distribution.

Figure 2 – Population by Age Distribution



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

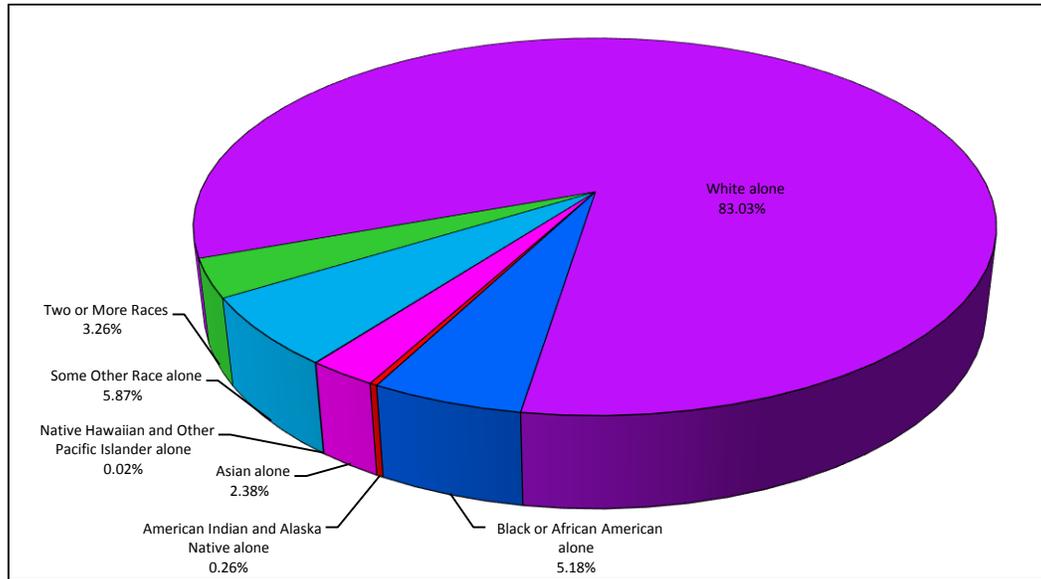
Race & Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity

The Census Bureau tabulates race data into the following general categories:

- White alone
- Black or African American alone
- American Indian or Alaska Native alone
- Asian alone
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone
- Two or more races
- Some other race

Moline’s population as of the 2010 Census shows that 83.03% of the population is identified as white alone. The most common single racial minority in Moline are persons of Black or African American race (5.18%), followed by Asian race (2.38%). Rock Island County’s population overall is slightly more diverse with 81.6% identified as white alone followed by 9.0% Black or African American race. Figure 3 shows race by category for 2010.

Figure 3 – Race by Category



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Hispanic or Latino ethnicity can be associated with any race. In 2010, 15.6% of Moline's population identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino (of any race). Comparatively, 11.6% of Rock Island County's population identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino.

Ancestry

The U.S. Census Bureau records ancestry in the American Community Survey. Persons can choose from numerous ancestries and may pick more than one. A person's race or ethnic status has no bearing on the ancestries they may choose.

The most common identified ancestry in Moline as of the 2012 ACS (2010-12 ACS 3-year estimates) was German (23.3%), followed by Irish (12.6%) and English (10.7%). This is consistent to Rock Island County's ancestries that show German, Irish, and English as the three most commonly reported ancestries with 23.5%, 13.5%, and 8.6% respectively.

Labor Force and Employment

The 2012 ACS (2010-12 ACS 3 year estimates) shows Moline's labor force at 22,852 people, with 53.8% of the labor force being male and 46.2% female. Moline's workers are employed in a variety of industry sectors. An industry sector is any grouping of private, non-profit, or government establishments that have some type of commonality. The most common industry sector noted in the 2012 ACS (2010-12 ACS 3-year estimates) is Manufacturing, which employs 21.5% of the labor force, followed by Education, Health and Social Services, which employs 20.9%, and Retail Trade with 11.7%. Comparatively, Rock Island County's labor force's most commonly employed industry is Educational, Health and Social Services with 23.4% followed by Manufacturing (18.2%) and Retail Trade (10.9%).

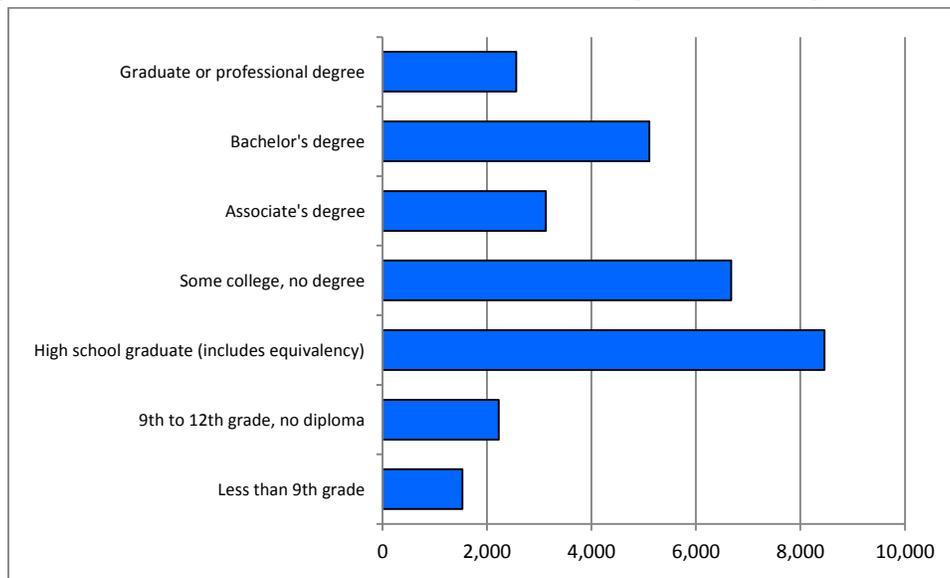
Income

Median household income is a standard measure of prosperity of a community. Moline’s median household income was \$39,363 in 1999 (2000 Census). By 2012 (2010-12 ACS 3-year estimates), the median household income rose to \$48,221 (2012 inflation adjusted). When adjusted for inflation, Moline’s 1999 median household income figure rises to \$54,247. Therefore, the estimated relative value of Moline’s median household income, when adjusted for inflation, decreased 11.1% from 2000 to 2012. Comparatively, when adjusted for inflation, Rock Island County’s median household income also decreased by 12.5 % from 2000 to 2012.

Education

As of 2012 (2010-12 ACS 3-year estimates), 87.4% of Moline’s residents had a high school diploma or higher, and 25.8% of residents age 25 and older had a bachelor’s degree or higher. Comparatively in Rock Island County, 87.2% had a high school diploma or higher, and 21.3% of persons 25 and older had a bachelor’s degree or higher. Figure 4 shows educational attainment for Moline in more detail.

Figure 4 – Educational Attainment for the Population 25 years and over



Housing Units

As defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, housing units are physical structures, such as a house, apartment, or mobile home, that is occupied or intended to be occupied as living quarters. As of 2010, there were 19,856 housing units in Moline. Approximately 93.5% of the total housing units are occupied (6.5% vacant). While a low vacancy rate indicates that a municipality is a desirable place to live, if the rate falls too low, potential residents might be unable to find a suitable home from a limited supply of housing units. Of the total occupied housing units, 66.8% were owner occupied, and 33.2% were renter occupied.

SECTION IV STANDARDS AND INVENTORY OF PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES

National and state standards are ways in which a community may compare their current park and recreation facilities to those of other similar communities. The purpose of these comparisons is to present guidelines or standards that are applicable for planning, acquisition, and development of park, recreation, and open space lands, primarily at the community level. While this plan documents these comparisons, deviations occur to reflect community desires and the reality of being in a metropolitan area where recreation facilities are provided by multiple jurisdictions. It is recognized that guidelines should not be applied rigidly across the board to all communities, regardless of size and other conditions. Local considerations, demands and interests should be taken into account. In fact, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) no longer publishes facility standards, and the 1996 standards were the latest circulated.

Moline recreation and planning staff maintain a complete inventory of existing outdoor park and recreation facilities found within the corporate limits of Moline. The location of each area is identified, and available facilities are noted for each location. Through inventorying existing park and recreation facilities, the total land acreage was determined. This inventory serves the community in planning and implementing future park and recreation development, and may be seen in Table 5.

Three approaches to recreation space standards include:

1. Total park and recreation space as expressed in a population ratio, such as acres per 1,000 people
2. Percentage of area devoted to park and open space in a given community or jurisdiction
3. Needs determined by user characteristics or demand projections

The population ratio method is often applied for park and recreation space standards. This method is used with service radii, minimum size, and a description or classification of the parks for which it applies. Table 2 depicts the standards recommended by the NRPA, according to park classification and the population ratio. Various types of recreation facilities are also compared to a national standard per size of population. This information for Moline is shown in Table 3. It should be noted that some recreation facilities may be provided by nearby communities or may not be appropriate or of interest to a given community.

National standards are one way by which a community may equate their park and recreation facilities to those of similar communities. The NRPA and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) set the national standards. They call for, among other guidelines, ten acres of open space per 1,000 population. This means the City of Moline, at a minimum, should have roughly 438 acres based on 2010 Census data and NRPA standards. However, the City of Moline established a higher standard of 15 to 18 total acres of land per 1,000 population. Currently, 604.5 acres of parks are provided by the city. Based on the standard of 15 to 18 total acres of land per 1,000 population, the city should provide 652 to 783 acres.

Table 2
Standards by Classification and Population Ratio Recommended by the
National Recreation and Park Association

Classification	Acres/ 1000 Pop.	Size Range	Population Served	Service Area	Moline Comparison
Playlots / Mini-Parks	< 1 Acre	2,500 Sq. Ft. to 1 Acre	500 to 2,500	Small Neighborhood	Moline is currently served by 5 parks
Neighborhood Parks	2.5	Min. 2 Acres Max. 25 Acres	2,000 to 10,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile	Moline is currently served by 6 parks
Community- Wide Parks	2.5	20 to 50 Acres	10,000 to 50,000	1/3 to 3 Miles	Moline is currently served by 3 parks
Large Urban Parks	5	50 + Acres	50,000 +	Within 1/2 hr. Drive Time	Riverside Park
Regional Parks	20	250 + Acres	Serves entire population	Within 1 hr. Drive Time	Greenvalley Park
Special Areas & Facilities	NA	Includes parkways, beaches, plazas, historical sites, flood plain, downtown malls, etc. No standard is applicable.			Ben Butterworth Parkway, Sylvan Island, Kiwanis Trail, Harold's Landing

Source: National Recreation and Park Association - *Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines*, © 1996

Playlots/Mini-Parks – Playlots are small areas intended for children up to 6 or 7 years of age residing in close proximity. Playlots range in size from 2,500 square feet up to 1 acre. Mini-parks may serve targeted groups such as senior citizens only, children only, or all age groups, depending on the needs in the neighborhood. Features may include children’s play areas, quiet game areas, landscaping, and some sports activities such as multi-purpose courts, if space allows. Playlots are typically located within walking distance of the area to be served and usually no parking is required for these facilities.

Neighborhood Parks – A neighborhood is often defined as the one-half mile service area from an elementary school and should contain enough persons to support the school facility. A neighborhood park is between two and twenty-five acres in size and is used both as a passive and active recreation area serving the immediate neighborhood. A neighborhood park may contain a playground which is an active recreation area primarily serving the needs of the 5 to 13 year age group. A neighborhood play field provides space for active play such as baseball and football for children, teenagers, and young adults and is commonly included in the development of a neighborhood park. Ease of access and walking distance are critical factors in locating a neighborhood park. A person’s propensity to use a neighborhood park is greatly reduced if they perceive it to be difficult to access, not within a reasonable walking distance, or if there are boundary restriction such as main thoroughfares or difficult terrain to cross which may inhibit walkers from safely reaching the park. Ideally the site for a neighborhood park should accommodate 7 to 10 parking spaces, for use by those who chose or need to drive to the park.

Community-Wide Parks – A community-wide park serves a broader purpose than a neighborhood park. Its focus is meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. A community-wide park is usually for both passive and active use with a recommended size of at least 20 to 50 acres. A community park should serve two or more neighborhoods and should be serviced by arterial and collector streets and be easily accessible from throughout its service area. Parking lots should be provided as necessary to accommodate user access. Community-wide parks typically cover a 1/3 to 3 mile service area and are accessible by car, bicycle, or on foot.

Large Urban Parks – Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. The focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. The large urban park is usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more being optimal. They are typically within ½ hour drive time for users and usually serve the entire community. Adequate off-street parking should be available for users of these parks and their facilities.

Regional Parks – Regional Parks serve the largest population at the local level and are usually classified as forest preserves or state parks in the Midwest. Loud Thunder Forest Preserve would be an example of a regional park. They are usually a minimum of 250 acres and are within one-hour driving time from the population area served. Adequate parking should be provided to accommodate user's access.

Special Use Areas Facilities – Special use areas and facilities cover a broad range of parks and recreational facilities orientated toward single-purpose use.

National standards, established by NRPA, are one method of determining if a given city or community is providing adequate park and recreational amenities to its residents. Although NRPA is moving away from this guideline, it still may be used as a tool for comparison. Table 3 illustrates how the City of Moline compares to the 1996 NRPA standards. Not all communities are the same; differences in demographic make-up, geography, climate, geology, user interests, trends, public input, and many other factors have to be weighed to ensure the establishment of a comprehensive park and recreation system that meets the requirements of the city and the needs of all users.

It should be noted that NRPA standards are dated and not inclusive of all current recreational activities. Further, Table 3 does not take into consideration other approaches for determining space standards or localized variables, including the presence of nearby parks in other communities.

The State Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) may also be used to provide comparisons and was created for the 2009-2014 time period. The top five types of activities for outdoor recreation participation during the reported period according to the SCORP were pleasure walking, picnicking, observing wildlife/birds, swimming in an outdoor pool, and using a playground. Table 4 compares Moline recreation facilities to outdoor recreation facilities in Illinois as survey in 2008 per 1,000 population. As stated for

national standards, these comparisons are a useful tool but do not take into account localized interests and the city's proximity in the metropolitan area.

Table 3
Comparison of Existing Recreational Facilities with National Park Standards*

Facility	National Standard/Pop.	# of Facilities in Moline	Need/Pop 43,483**
Baseball Diamonds/ Softball Diamonds	1 per 2,500	23	18
Tennis Courts	1 per 4,000	8	11
Swimming Pools	1 per 20,000	1 (Aquatic Center)	2
Community Center	1 per 25,000	1	2
Indoor Recreation Center	1 per 45,000	0	1
Outdoor Theaters	1 per 20,000	1	2
Shooting Ranges	1 per 50,000	0	1
Golf Courses (18-holes) (Traditional)	1 per 25,000	0	2
Outdoor Basketball Courts	1 per 500	6	18
Volleyball Courts (Outdoor)	1 per 4000	3	11
Playground Facilities	1 per 1,000	30	31
Soccer Fields	1 per 2,500	16	18
Football Fields	1 per 10,000	0	0
Outdoor Ice Rink	1 per 2,500	1	12
Total Park Acres	15-18 Acres/ 1,000	604.5 Acres***	652.5-783.0 Acres

Sources: National Park and Recreation Association Guidelines ©1996 No new guidelines have been developed. NPS is moving away from this analysis.

* The table does not reflect public park facilities in adjacent communities and excludes school facilities

** U.S. Census Bureau 2010 population for Moline is 43,483

*** Excludes Moline Memorial and Riverside Cemeteries

**Table 4
Moline Facilities Compared to Community Outdoor
Recreation Facilities in Illinois –
2008 Park Districts & Municipal Departments**

Community Recreation Facilities	# of Facilities in Moline	Moline Per 1,000 Capita	IL Per 1,000 Capita
I. Water-Based Facilities			
Fish/Piers/Docks	20	.460	.0408
Aquatic Centers/ Pools	1	.023	.0282
Spray Grounds	0	.000	.0292
II. Trails*			
Trails (Miles)	15.8	.363	.1630
Bike Trails (Miles)	13	.299	.1058
Nature Trails Miles)	2.8	.064	.0547
III. Sports Facilities			
Basketball Courts	6	.138	.2500
Baseball Fields	15	.345	.2552
Softball Fields	8	.184	.1425
Skate Parks	0	.000	.0163
Soccer Fields	16	.368	.1779
Football Fields	0	.000	.0546
18-Hole Golf Courses	0	.000	.0081
9-Hole Golf Courses	0	.000	.0051
Frisbee Golf Courses	1	.023	.0080
IV. Day-Use Facilities			
Picnic Shelters	31	.713	.2060
Playgrounds	30	.690	.4035
Dog Parks	1	.023	.0074

Source: Illinois data is from the Community Recreation Facility and Park District Inventory March-July 2008, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and University of Illinois, Office of Recreation & Park Resources.

U.S. Census Bureau 2008 population estimate for Illinois is 12,901,563

U.S. Census Bureau 2010 population for Moline is 43,483

Park District and Municipal Department numbers have been estimated for a statewide total, based on the inventory's collected data for 74% of the state's population.

SECTION V EXISTING PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES, RECREATION PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES AND MULTIPURPOSE RECREATION TRAIL AND RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

Introduction

In order to determine the adequacy of a recreational program or the number and size of existing parks and recreational facilities it is necessary to conduct an inventory. Table 5 represents a comprehensive profile of existing parks and facilities, their locations, existing amenities and their approximate size. The City of Moline has 22 existing parks or park-like facilities comprising approximately 604.5 acres. Map 2 provides an illustration of existing park facilities within Moline. Map 3 profiles the service or coverage area for each park facility. The service areas as noted previously in this plan are based on guidelines established by the NRPA and the AAPRA and depend on the acreage of the park. This plan utilizes park facility location, amenities provided, condition of existing amenities, accessibility constraints and future trends as additional variables in determining service area for each existing park and recreation facility.

Table 5 of this plan outlines existing facilities for each park. Individual park improvements and a prospective time frame have been established for guidance in implementing the proposed improvements in this section of the plan. Maps 4-37 identify existing amenities at individual parks and accompany the respective outlined text portions of each park. The information collected has been identified as either a short-term (1-5 year) improvement or a long-term (5-15 year) improvement. These stratified improvements were identified through public input processes, site inventories, Parks and Recreation Board and staff recommendations, consideration of new and emerging trends and community demand.

**Table 5
Existing Park and Recreation Facilities**

Park/Facility Name	Location	Amenities	Acreage
Community-Wide Parks			
Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway Also serves as a special area park	22 nd – 55 th Streets & River Drive	Ralph B. Birks/Great River Trail, covered picnic tables, interpretive riverway signage, jungle gym, restrooms, riverfront and trail-head parking, benches, scenic vistas, river mile markers, informational kiosks, memorials, restaurant, marina, A.D.A. compliant fishing piers, covered pavilion, swing-sets, modular playground, boat launch, staging area and courtesy dock, waterfowl feeding, accessible shoreline, Channel Cat dock	36.0
Greenvalley Park/Complex (Covemakers, Veterans/Old Greenvalley) Also serves as a regional park	48-70 th Streets & 52 nd Avenue	Greenvalley Park Complex – (ballfield complex, playground, concessions, restrooms, parking, service building) Covemakers – (soccer fields, parking) Veterans Memorial – (ballfields, covered shelter, picnic areas, Rock River vistas, shore fishing, passive areas, Kiwanis Bike/Jog Trail, parking) Old Greenvalley – (open field area, radio controlled flying field –Q.C. Raiders, passive bird sanctuary, Kiwanis Bike/Jog Trail, cricket field, Rock River Access, scenic vistas	350.0
Prospect Park Also serves as an urban park	Park 16 th Street & 30 th Avenue	Modular playground, swing-sets, basketball court, ballfield, covered picnic shelter w/restrooms, picnic tables, parking, sledding hill, Music Guild, fire ring, observation deck, historic two-story pavilion, fishing pond, pond pavilion/warming house, pond trail, hilly forested bluffs, nature trails	29.0
Riverside Park	31 st – 34 th Streets & 5 th Avenue	Modular slide/play unit, volleyball, toddler sand play area, gazebo, outdoor gardens, garden center/conservatory/ arboretum, indoor rental facility, new family aquatic center (Summer 2004), tennis, open field areas, restrooms, Little League ballfields, concessions, playground, John Deere, Velie, Butterworth and other “City Fathers” memorials and burial sites, cemetery, Civil War memorial, mausoleum, horseshoe pits, fishing pond, ice rink (winter only), A.D.A. compliant fishing piers	50.6
Stephens Park	7 th Street & 15 th Avenue	Ballfields, modular playground (w/ age appropriate signage), sand volleyball/ice rink, restrooms, Rolle-Bolle, parking, basketball court, covered picnic area, fire-ring, natural/passive areas, nature/hiking trails, drinking fountain, open field, benches, park signs, parking	26.7

Table 5 (Continued)

Park/Facility Name	Location	Amenities	Acreage
Neighborhood Parks			
Browning Playground	15 th Street & 22 nd Avenue	Skate park, jungle gym, swing-sets, picnic benches, sand volleyball	2.7
Butterworth Playground	15 th Street & 7 th Avenue	Swing-sets, modular play unit, monkey bars/jungle gym, wooden outlook/crow's nest, tube/tunnel slide, picnic bench, bench	1.5
East End Park	46-48 th Street & 4-5 th Avenue	Slides, jungle gyms, monkey bars, swing-sets, basketball court, recreational backstop, open field area, benches, covered picnic shelter w/ restroom facilities, parking	1.8
Harold's Landing Also serves as a special area park	North Shore Drive & 52 nd Avenue	Boat ramp/launch, staging area, courtesy dock, restrooms, riverfront access, green space, covered gazebo, parking, Kiwanis trail, shore fishing	6.5
Jefferson Park	30 th Street & 26 th Avenue	Modular play unit, swing-set, covered picnic shelter, ballfields	11.9
Karstens Park	6 th Street & 23 rd Avenue	Modular play unit, modular triple slide, swing-set, toddler swings, ballfield, basketball court, open space area, benches, covered brick entrance w/ restrooms, sidewalk/fitness path around perimeter of park fence (approximately ¼ mile total distance)	2.1
Kiwanis Park	18 th Street & 13 th Avenue	Modular play unit, swing-sets, slides, basketball court, covered picnic shelter, benches, drinking fountain, open playfield area	1.1
McCandless Park	1 st Street & 7 th Avenue	Modular play unit, basketball court, covered shelter/restrooms, forested bluff area with trail/stairs access, soccer field, ballfield	5.3
Millennium Park	79 th Street & 34 th Avenue	Modular play unit, swings, picnic area, walking/hiking nature trail, restrooms, parking	10.1
Optimist Park	27 th Street & 18 th Avenue A	Modular play unit, swings, covered picnic shelter, benches, open playfield area	0.8
Peterson Park	35 th Street & 7 th Avenue	Large wooded passive area, pathways to overlooks, scenic bluff-top vistas, picnic benches, picnic pavilion, jungle gym, swing-set, slide, lights, sundial, parking	10.7
Stephen's Square	6 th Street & 18 th Avenue	Memorial to the soldiers from Moline, Intersecting walking paths, flower planters, benches, picnic tables, garden, patio area for small outdoor concerts, access to and from Moline Activity Center (MAC)	0.9
Sylvan Island Also serves as a special area park	2 nd Street & 1 st Avenue	Nature/hiking trails around perimeter and throughout island, mountain biking, fishing piers, vast natural area, benches, scenic river vistas, picnic tables, Informational center/kiosk, riverway art project, look-out, access bridge	37.0

Table 5 (Continued)

Park/Facility Name	Location	Amenities	Acreage
Sylvan Island Gateway Park	2 nd Street & 1 st Avenue	Parking, Great River Trail access and trail-head	3.0
Velie Park	11 th Street & 11 th Avenue	Large passive area, Internal paved walking paths, Spanish-American War memorial, flanking limestone pillars at entrance, drinking fountain, scenic vistas, benches, passive park with lots of trees	6.1
Wiman/Miss Pattie's Park	8 th Street & 35 th Avenue	Modular play unit, covered picnic tables, swing-set, picnic table, benches, restroom, parking, open space, scenic vistas	4.1
Recreational Facilities			
Moline Memorial Park & Riverside Cemeteries**	(5001 34 th Ave.) (31 st -34 th St. & 5 th Ave.	Cemetery Walk (Riverside Cemetery)	99.0 (Includes both cemeteries)
Quad City Music Guild in Prospect Park	1584 34 th Avenue	Live summer theater, Children's musical theater	29.0 (Included w/Prospect Park)
Riverside Park Garden Center, Conservatory/ Arboretum	3400 5 th Avenue	Gardens, greenhouse, meeting rooms, nature study, parking	50.6 (Included w/Riverside Park)

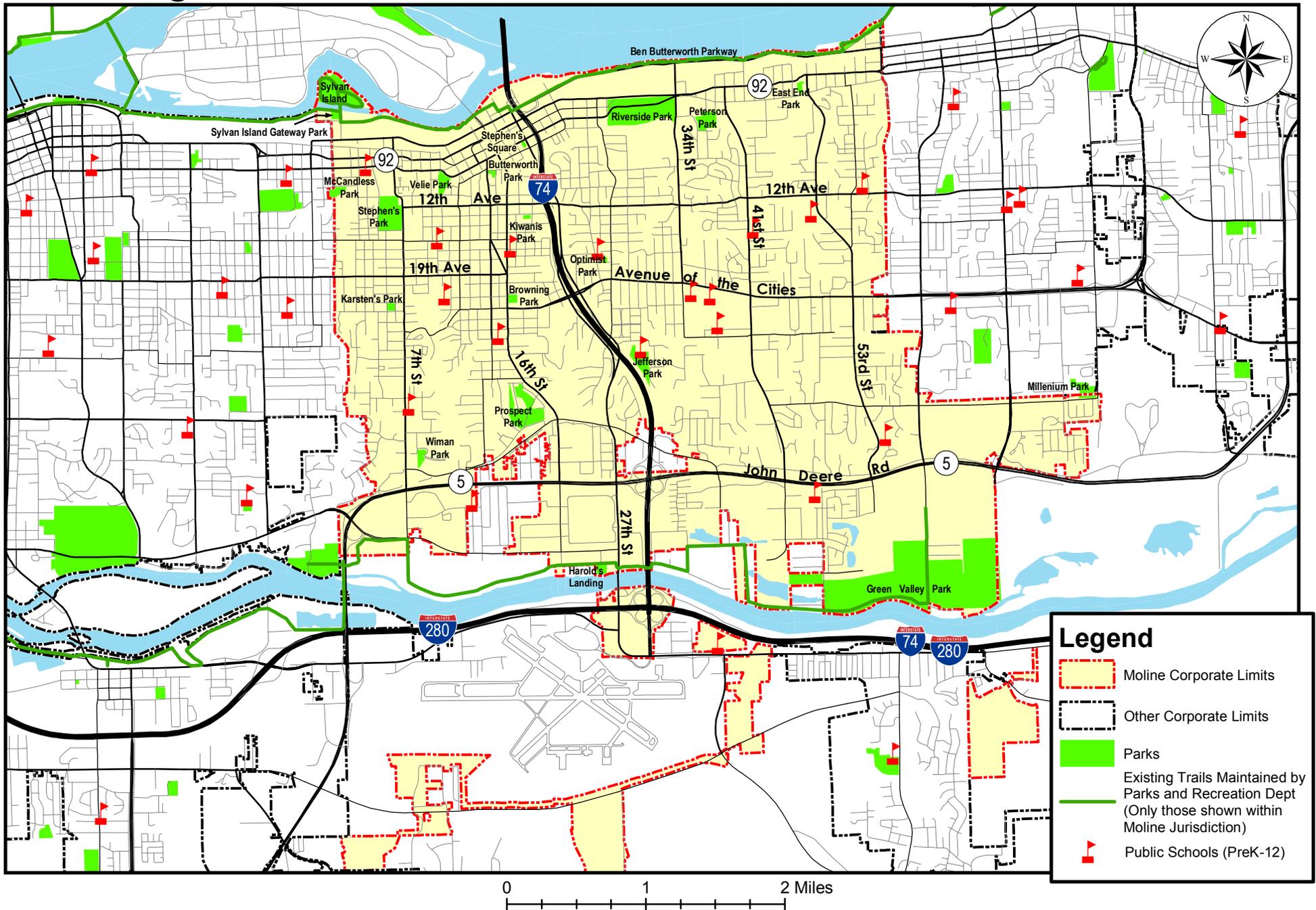
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 Source: Site Inventory 2014

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Existing Parks

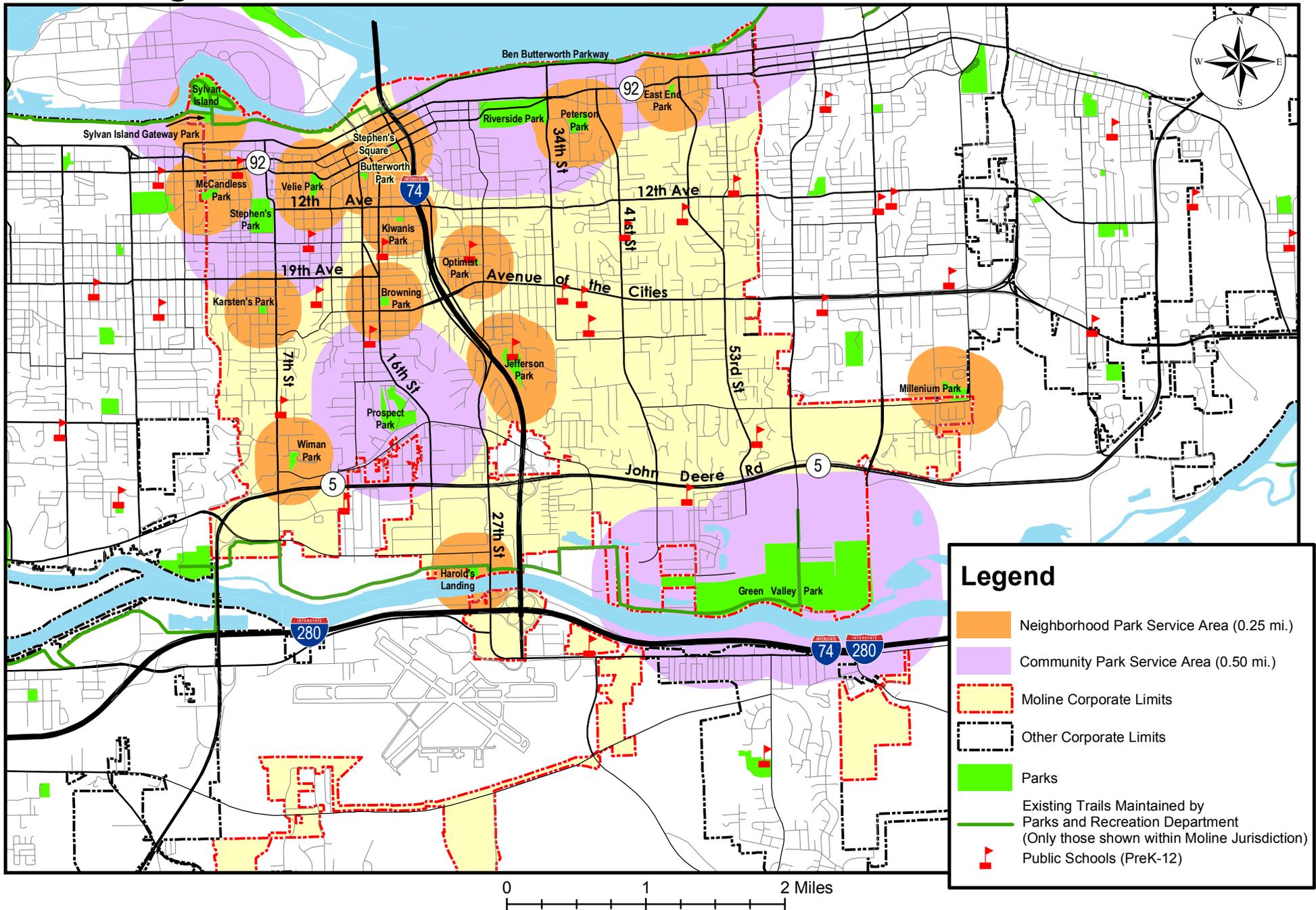
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Existing Parks Service Areas

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Existing Parks Improvements

Community-Wide Parks

(Highlighted improvements are of highest priority)

Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway

22nd – 55th Street and River Drive

Park Size: ~36.0 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Multi-use parkway trail (1), Covered picnic tables (11), Covered picnic shelter/structure (9), Covered picnic pavilion (2), Jungle gym (1), Modular play unit (1), Swings (1), Restrooms (2), Riverfront and trail-head parking (lots available at various points along parkway >100 vehicle capacity), Park benches (~30), Boat Access Area (1), Scenic vistas, Accessible shoreline, Fishing, Informational kiosks and signage, Memorials, Channel Cat Dock

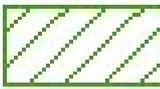
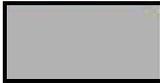
Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Incorporate recommendations from the riverfront plan as supported by the city
- Provide Channel Cat Ferry Boat terminal
- Replace covered shelters
- Provide water supply access throughout park for watering flower beds and dog fountains
- Stripe parking lots

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

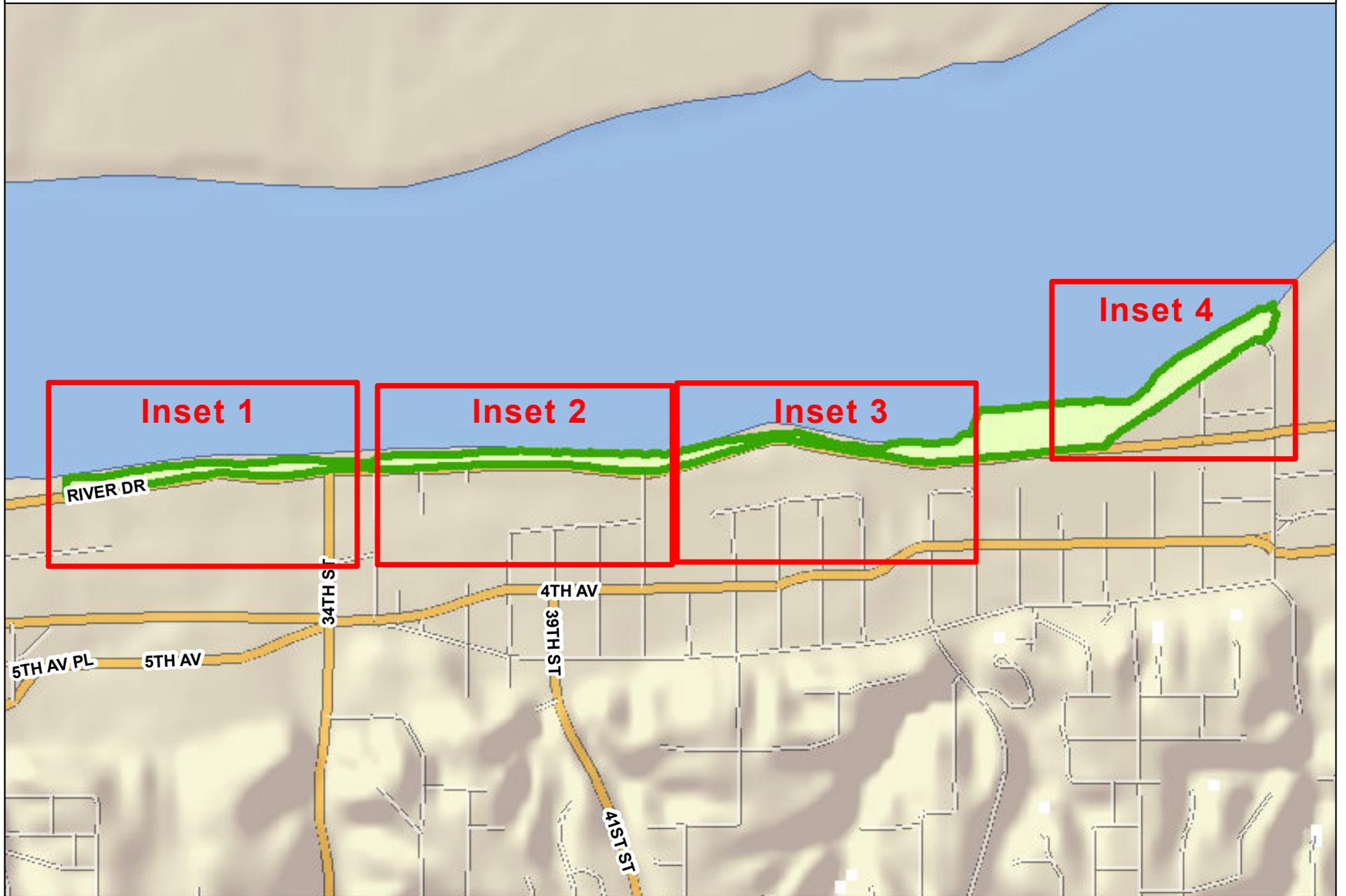
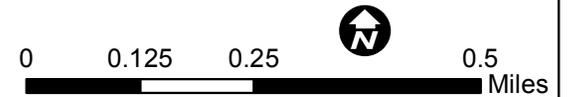
- Widen the multi-use park trail to 12 ft. through the parkway to accommodate increasing use of diversified activities
- Replace swing set on the west end of the park
- Replace wood benches with newer-style non-wood benches
- Replace two larger octagon shelters
- Overlay parking lots and restripe

Legend

	Bench		Park Lights
	Bike Rack		
	Bleachers		Bike Path
	Covered Picnic Table		Park Paths
	Picnic Table		Park Pool/Ponds
	Drinking Fountain		Park Courts
	Park Buildings		Park Fields
	Park Structures		Park Landscape
	Play Equipment		Park Parking Lots

Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway: Overview

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Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway: Inset 1

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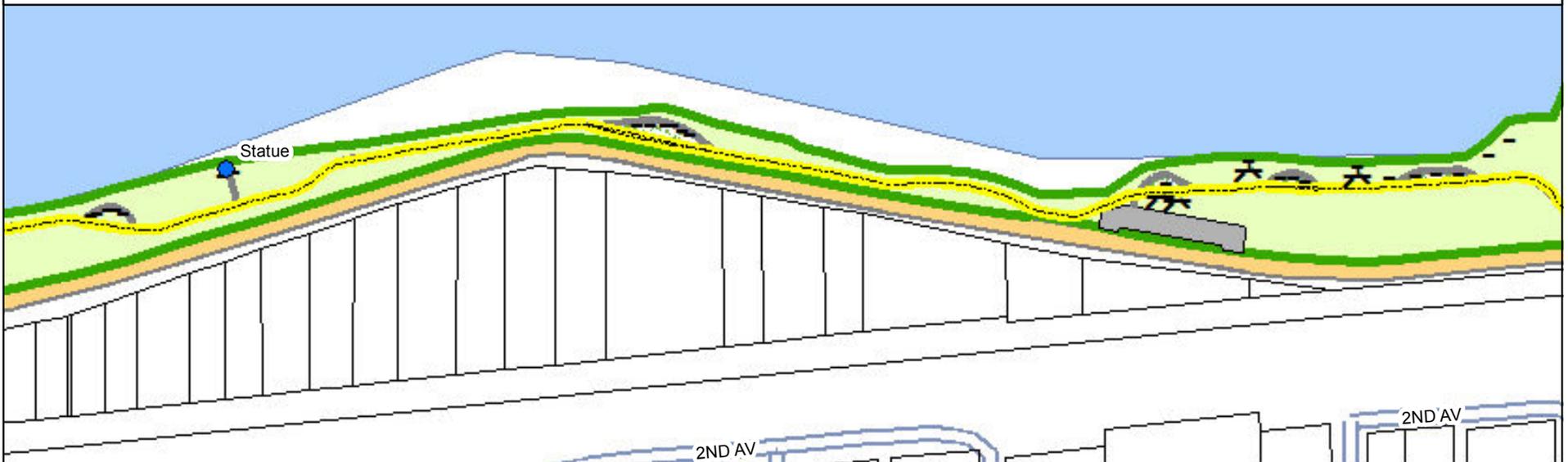
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Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway: Inset 4

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Green Valley Sports Complex (Covemakers, Veterans/Old Greenvally)
48-70th Street & 52nd Avenue

Park Size: ~350.0 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Ballfields (10) 8-lighted, Playground (1), Concessions (3), Restroom facilities (3), Parking (4-large lots and auxiliary locations), Service/maintenance building (1), Soccer fields (9), Covered picnic shelter (3), Picnic areas, Rock River access, Scenic vistas, Fishing, Passive areas, Kiwanis bike/jog trail (~6.5miles), Sky Raiders-Radio controlled flying field/Open field (1), Bird sanctuary (1), Cricket field (1)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

Green Valley Sports Complex

- Improve parking lot at softball complex – resurface and paint lines
- Improve lighting
- Replace scoreboards at fields #6 and #7 and improve backstops
- Replace north playground unit

Green Valley Soccer Fields (Covemakers)

- Add shelter near rear new concession building

Veteran's Memorial/Old Greenvally

- Provide observation decks and trails through new wetland restoration area

Green Valley Nature Preserve

- Provide observation decks
- Resurface seal coating of path

Entire Park

- Continue to obtain properties in Covemakers as they become available

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

Green Valley Sports Complex

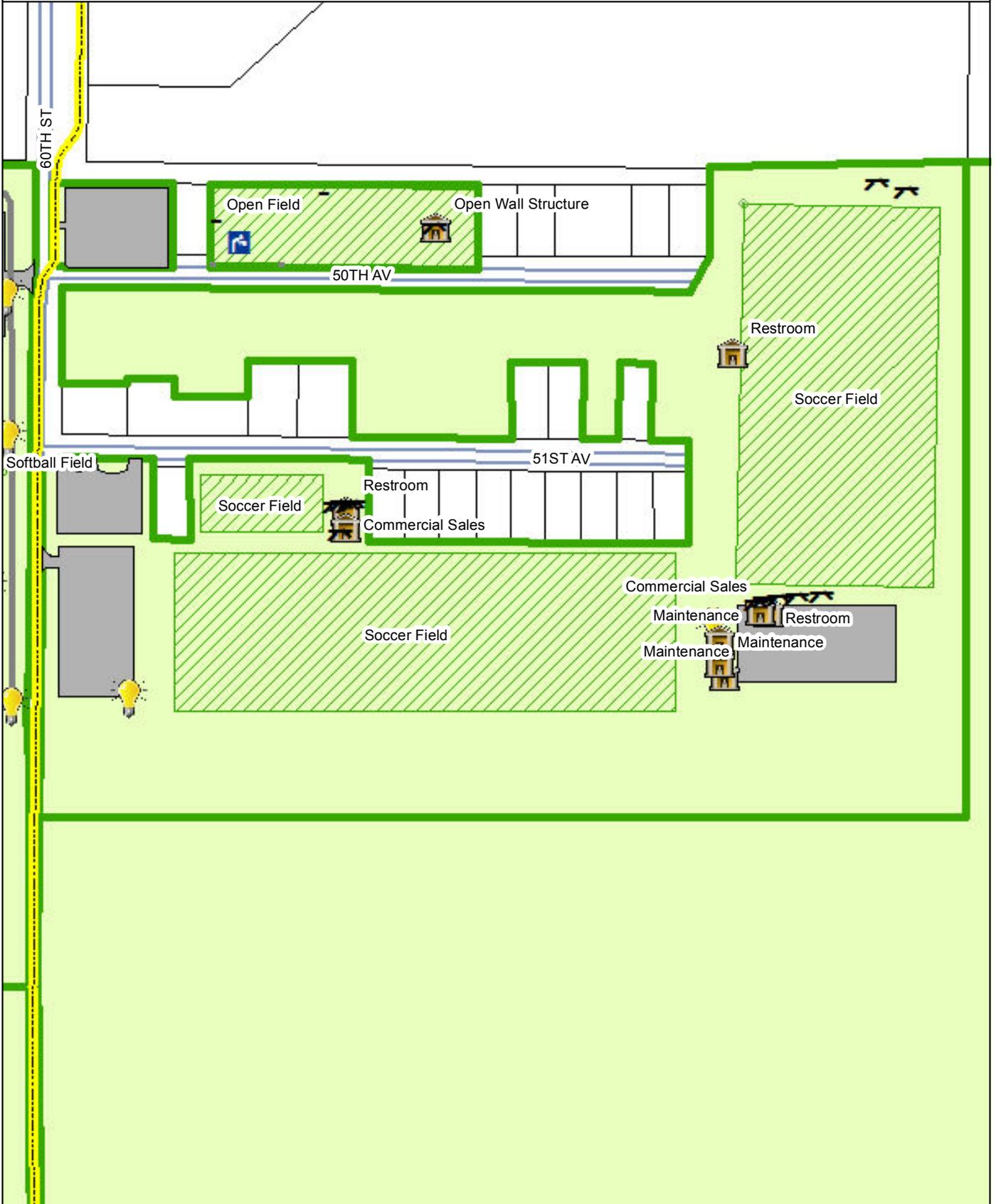
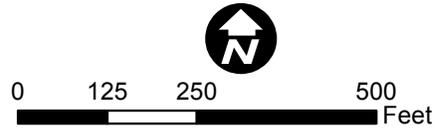
- Replace/upgrade bleachers
- Provide shade structures
- Replace south playground unit

Green Valley Soccer Fields (Covemakers)

- Add field lighting for soccer fields
- Investigate feasibility of paving parking at soccer fields

Greenvalley Soccer Field

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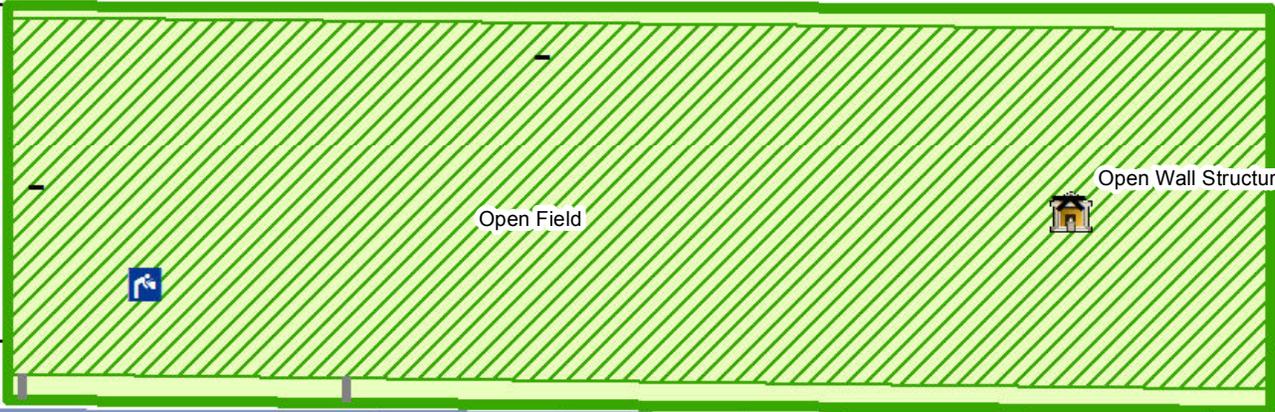


Greenvalley Dog Park

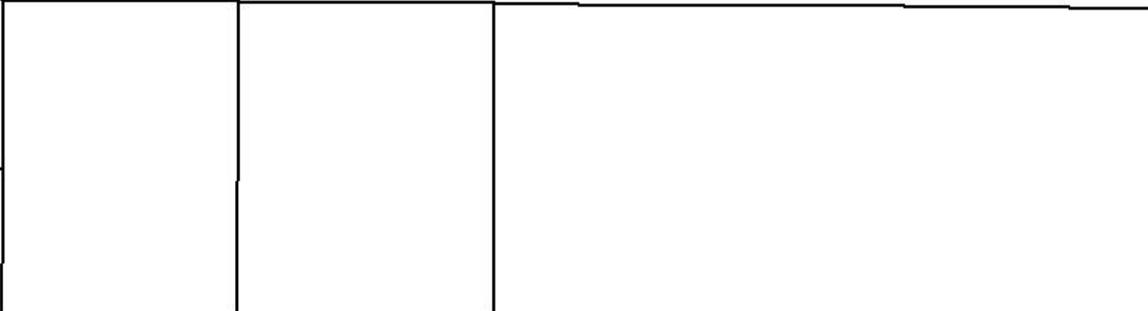
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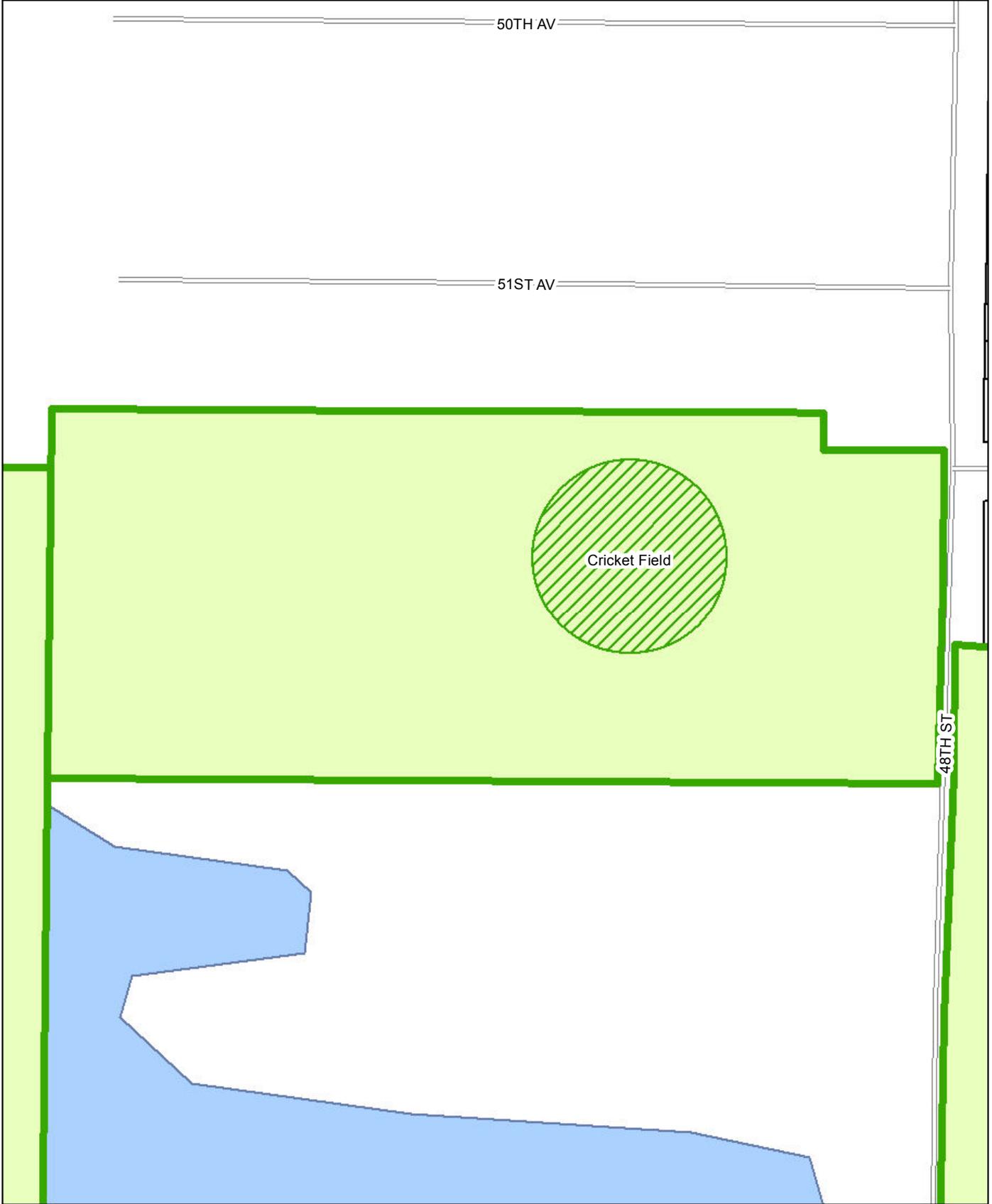


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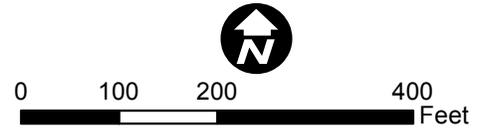
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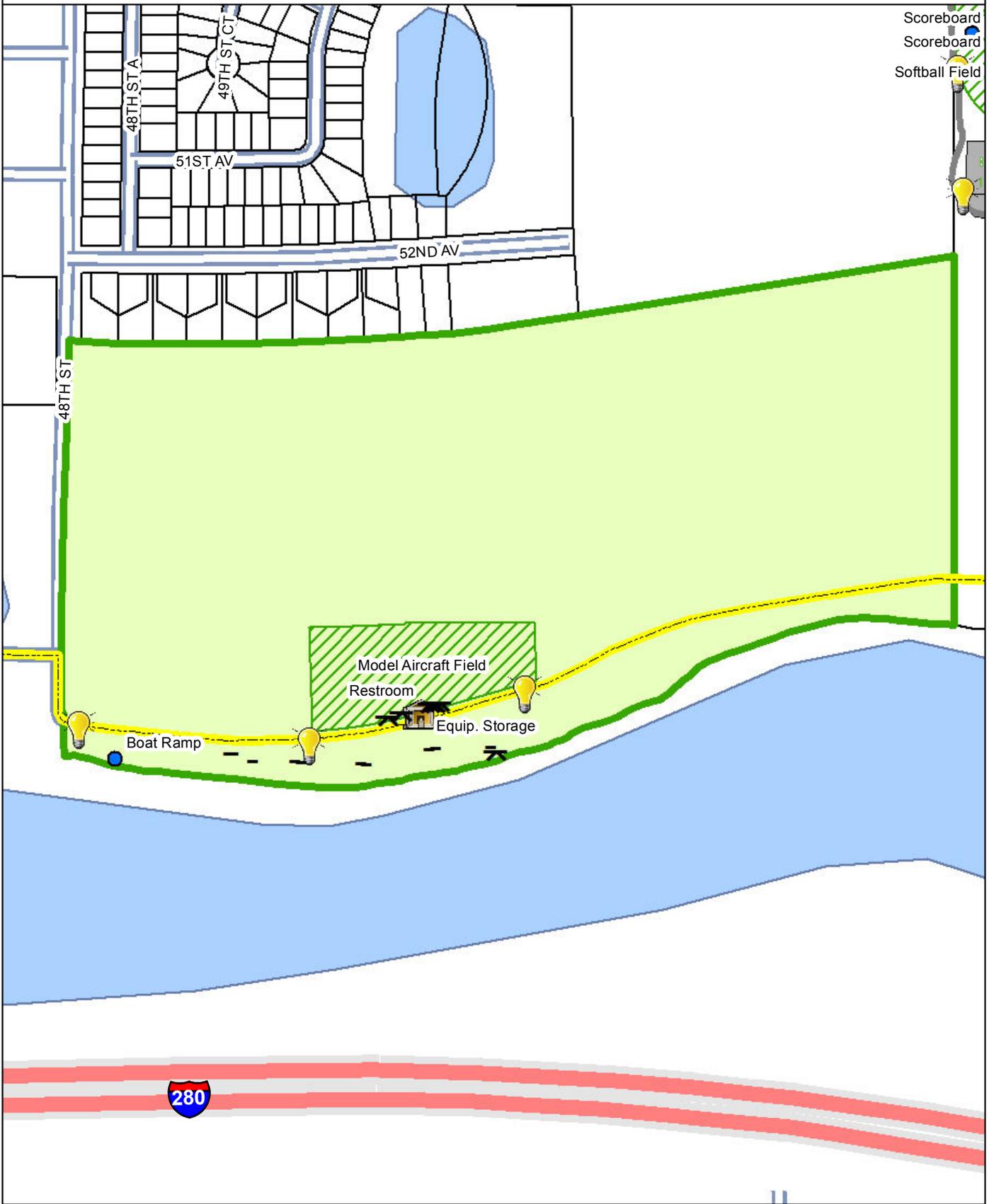
Veterans Memorial Park

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Old Greenvalley Park

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Prospect Park

Park 16th Street & 30th Avenue

Park Size: ~29.5 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular playground (1), Swing-sets (2), Basketball court (1), Ball field (1), Covered picnic shelter with restrooms (1), Picnic tables (throughout/sporadic), Parking (~50 – vehicles), Sledding hill, Music Guild, Fire ring (1), Observation deck (1), Historic two-story pavilion (1), fishing pond (1), Pond pavilion/warming house (1), Pond perimeter trail (1), Hilly forested bluffs, nature walks/trails, park benches, scenic vistas

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Replace playground unit
- Consider simpler dock/structure and replace or remove warming shelter
- Resurface upper parking lot
- Address plumbing issues at pavilion
- Replace backstop

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Replace shelter and restroom
- Renovate pavilion

Prospect Park

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Riverside Park/ Riverside Park Garden Center, Conservatory/Arboretum
31st – 34th Street and 5th Avenue

Park Size: ~50.63 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular slide/play unit (2), Swing-sets (2), Volleyball court (1), Toddler play area (1), Covered picnic shelter (2), Gazebo (1), Garden Center/Conservatory/Arboretum (1), Greenhouse (1), Indoor rental facility (1), Aquatic Center (1), Tennis courts (6), Little League ballfields (5), Restrooms facilities (3), Playground (1), Concession stand (1), Horseshoe pits (10), Fishing pond (1), Fishing piers (2), Pond building/warming house (1), Ice rink (1), Civil War memorial (1), Historic cemetery (1), Mausoleum (1), Parking (various lots available throughout park >100 vehicle capacity)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

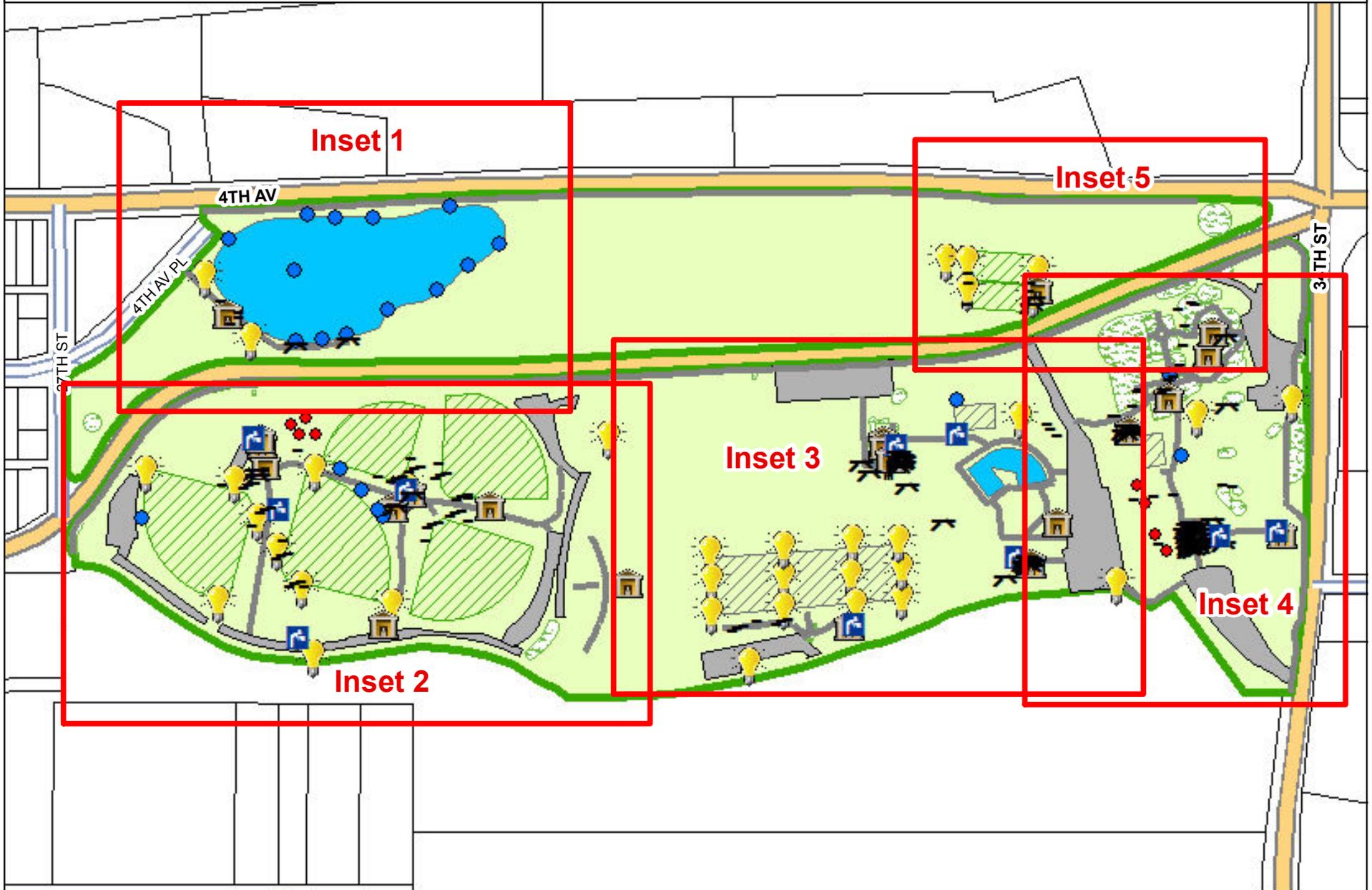
- Implement Riverside Park Master Plan to address pool, tennis court, and other improvements
- Resurface and restripe all parking lots
- Improve butterfly gardens

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Improve rose garden
- Replace Little League playground unit
- Replace east shelter
- Replace west shelter

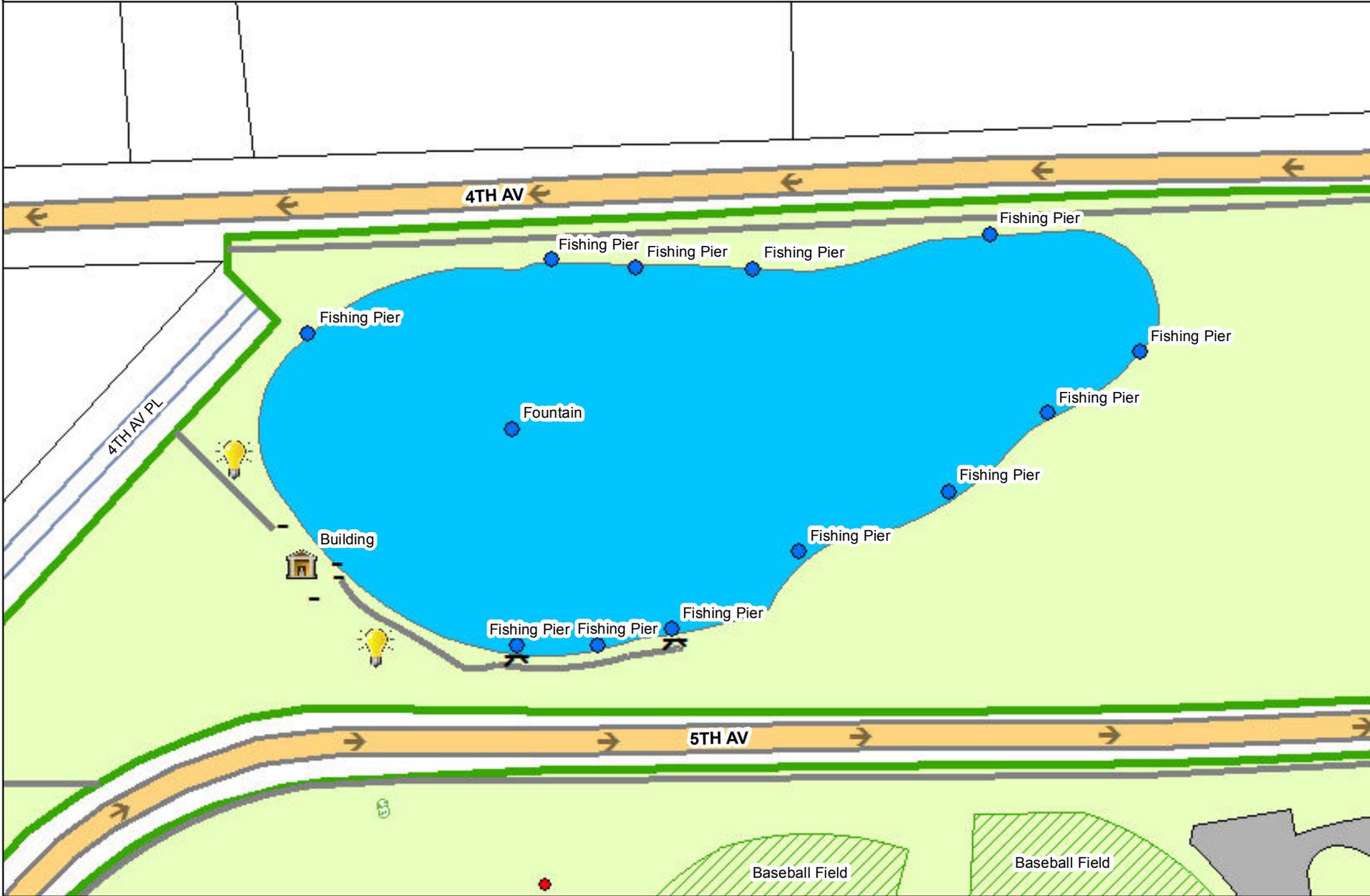
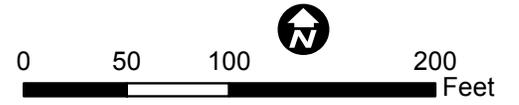
Riverside Park: Overview

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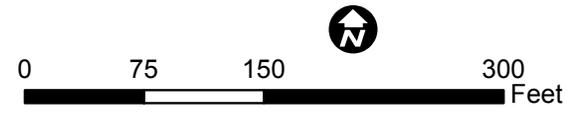
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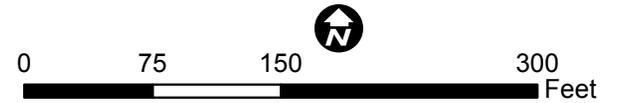
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Riverside Park: Inset 3

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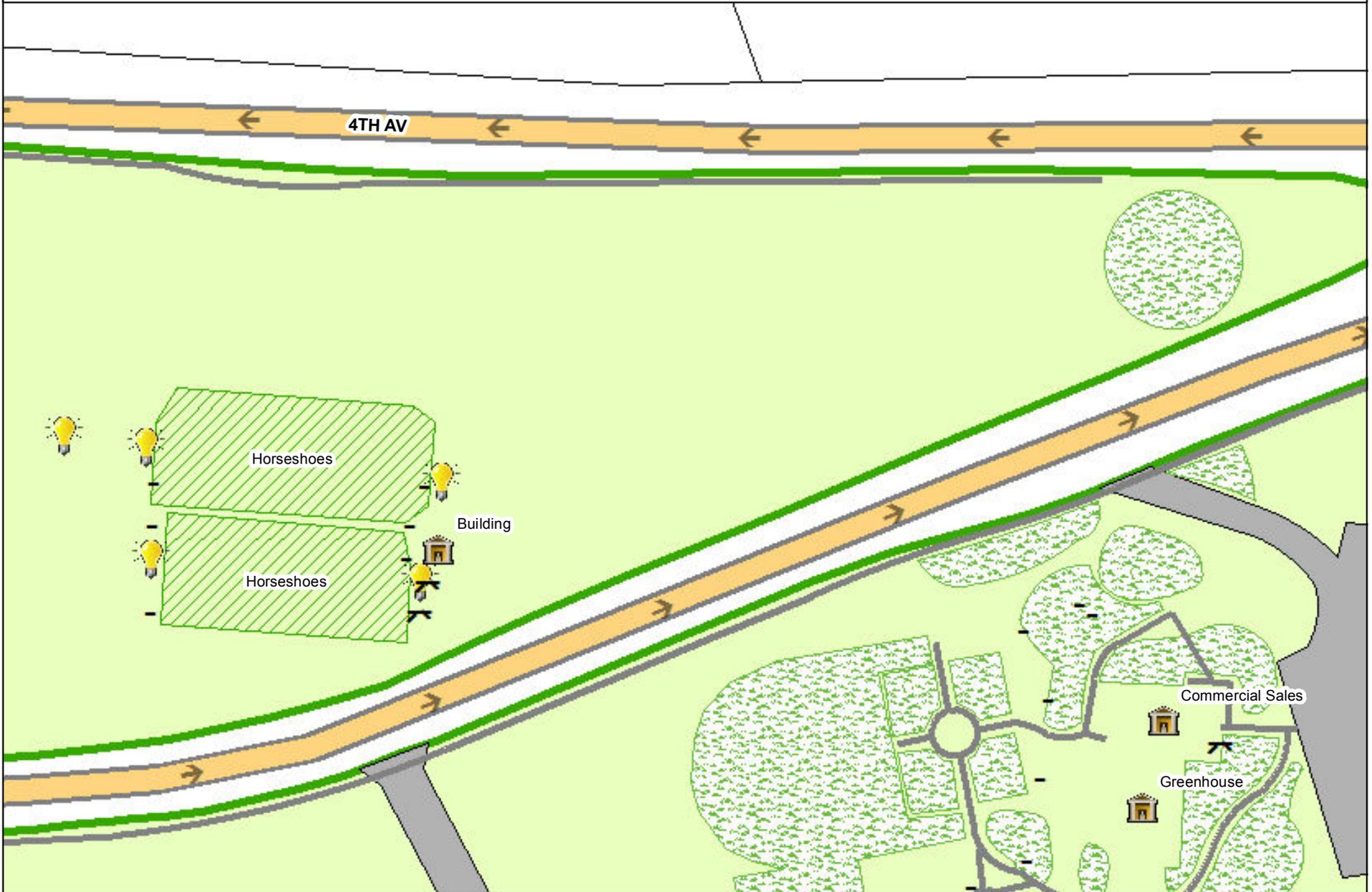
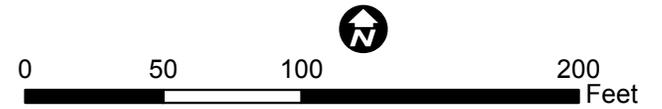
Riverside Park: Inset 4

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Riverside Park: Inset 5

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Stephens Park
7th Street & 15th Avenue

Park Size: ~26.7 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Ballfields (2) 1-lighted), Modular playground-w/ age appropriate signage (1), Sand volleyball/Ice rink (1), Restroom facilities (3), Drinking fountains (2), Rolle-Bolle courts (16-lighted), Basketball Court (1), Covered picnic area (2) (1-covered~24-person) & (1-covered~60-person), Fire-ring (1), Open field w/ recreational back-stop (1), Parking (~90 vehicles), Natural/passive areas with nature/hiking trails, Park benches (~12), Fenced playground area

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Resurface and restripe parking lot
- Provide water fountain at volleyball court
- Install concrete pad under bleachers at volleyball court
- Investigate potential security lighting through MidAmerican Energy

Long Term Improvements (5-15 Years)

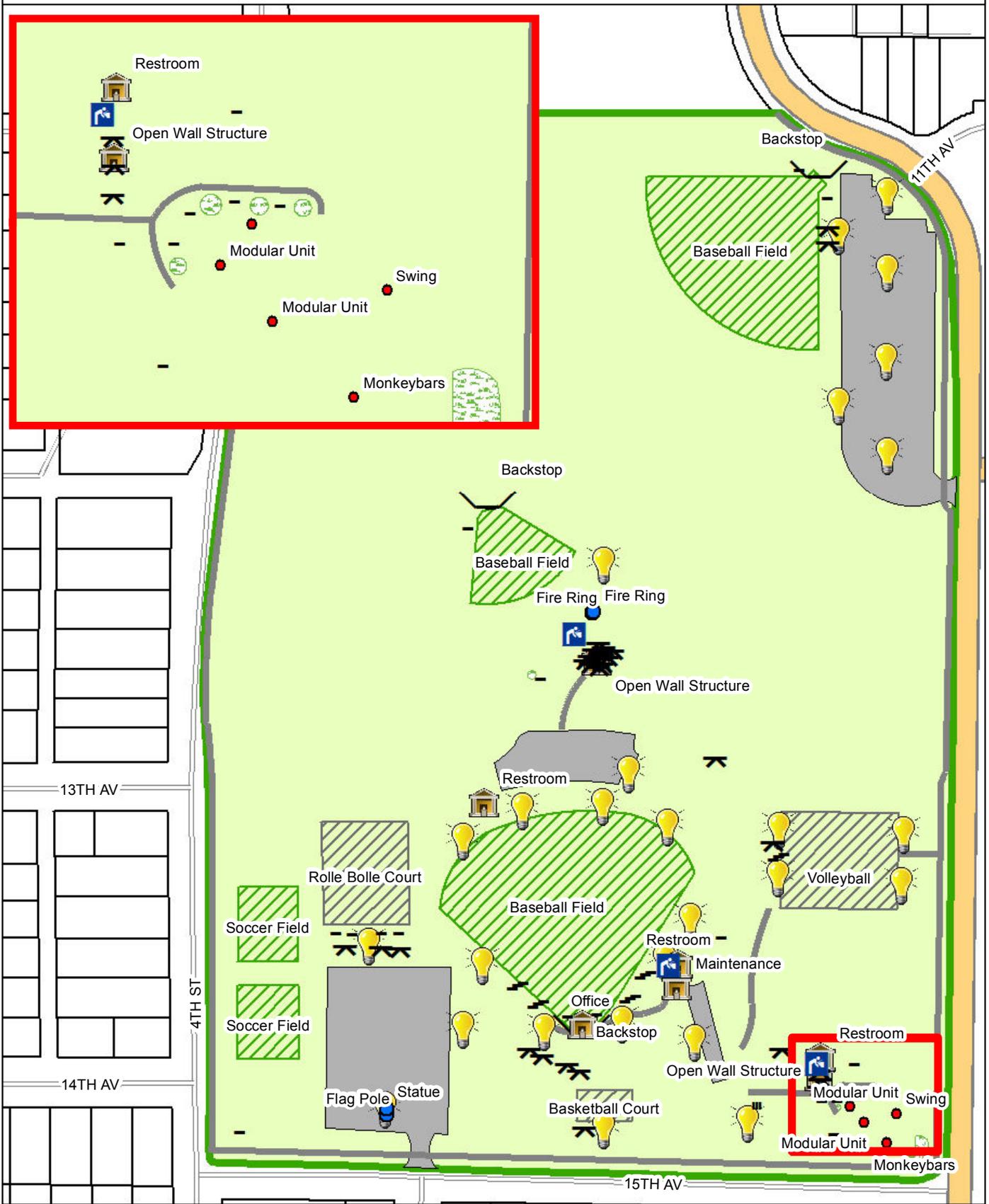
- Pave trail or provide steps to volleyball court from parking lot on west side
- Replace backstop on main diamond
- Replace large shelter
- Replace lighting at volleyball court, Rolle Bolle, and ball diamond
- Resurface basketball court
- Replace playground unit
- Provide lights on small t-ball diamond

Stephens Park

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Neighborhood Parks

Browning Playground 15th Street 22nd Avenue

Park Size: ~2.7 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Skate park (1), Sand volleyball court (1), Jungle gym (2), Swing-sets (2), Picnic benches (2), Restrooms (1), Drinking fountain (1), Park storage building (1), Perimeter fence, Parking (on-street or private lots on south edge of park)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Install benches and trash cans

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Replace small and large playground units

Butterworth Playground
15th Street and 7th Avenue

Park Size: ~1.5 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular play unit (1), Swing-sets (2), Monkey bars/Jungle gym (1), Wooden outlook/Crow's Nest (1), Tube/tunnel slide (1), Picnic bench (1), Park bench (1), Perimeter fence, Parking (on-street only)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Request staff evaluate the use of this park such as a small dog park due to central location or a green passive space

Butterworth Playground

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East End Park

46-48th Street and 4-5th Avenue

Park Size: ~1.8 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Slides (1), Jungle gyms (2), Monkey bars (2), Swing-sets (2), Basketball court (1), Recreational backstop (1), open field area (1), Benches (2), Covered picnic shelter w/ restroom facilities (1), Parking (minimal on-street available)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Request staff evaluate the use of this park before addition expenditures – consider use as an open green space or potential divesture

East End Park

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Harold's Landing

52nd Avenue and North Shore Drive

Park Size: ~6.5 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Boat launch/ramp (1), Staging area (1), Courtesy dock (1), Restroom facilities (1), Covered gazebo (1), Open field area (1), shoreline fishing, Kiwanis bike/jog trail (Trail-head), Parking (~50 vehicles)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

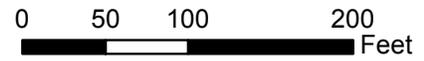
- Install barrier between parking and grass to prevent vehicles on grass

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Install more benches with the intention this park remain passive

Harold's Landing

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Jefferson Park
3010 26th Avenue

Park Size: ~11.9 acres

Existing Amenities:

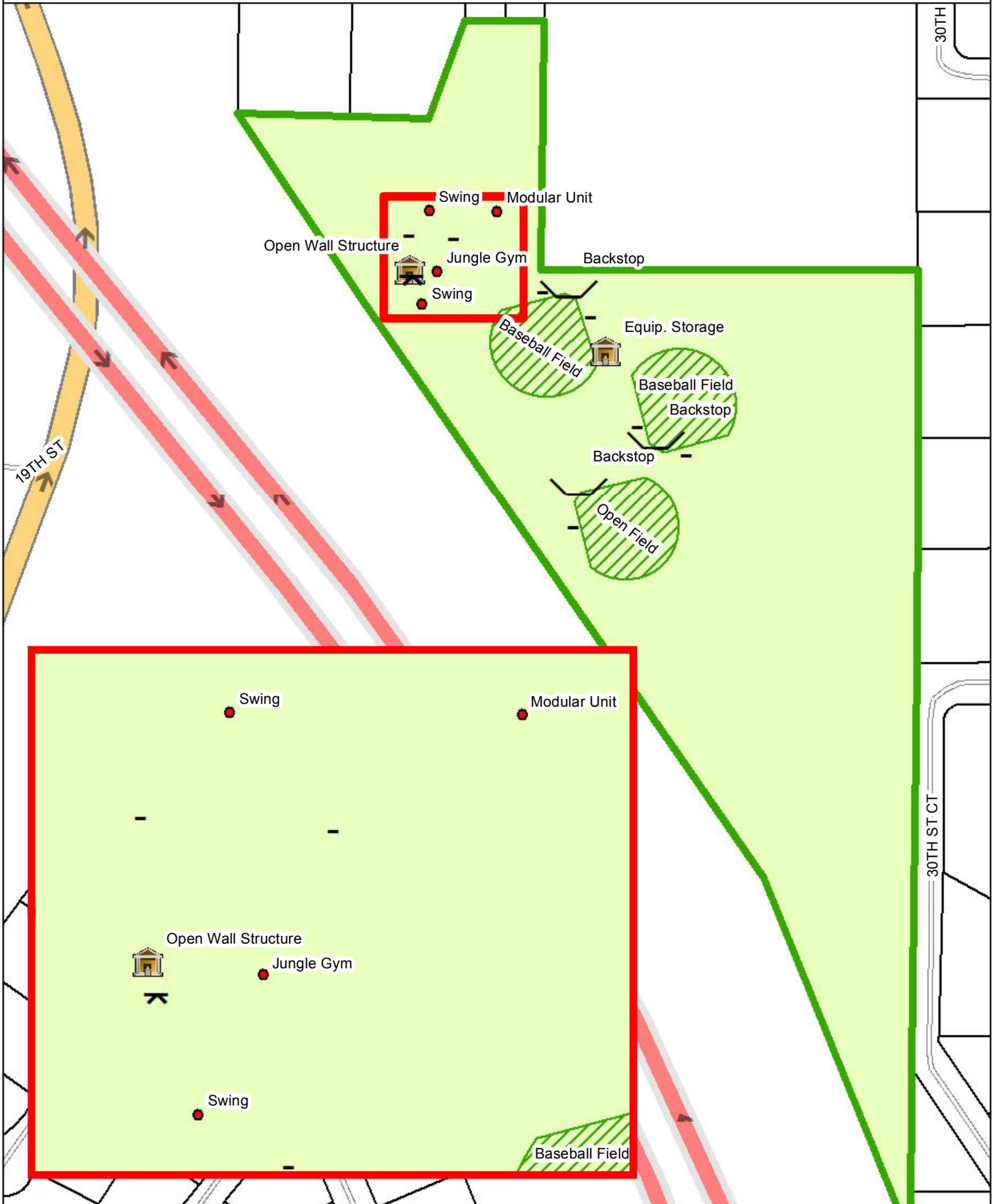
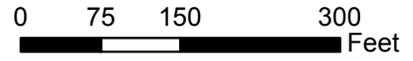
- Modular play unit (1), Swing-sets (1), Ballfields (3), Covered picnic shelter (1), Open field area, Parking (small lot near school and on-street)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Remove playground and shelter and maintain park as an open green space

Jefferson Park

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Karstens Park
6th Street and 23rd Avenue

Park Size: ~2.1 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular play unit (1), Modular triple slide (1), Swing-set (1), Toddler swing-set (1), Ballfield (1), Basketball court (1), Covered brick entrance w/ restrooms (1), Sidewalk/fitness path (~¼ mile), Perimeter fence, Open space area, Parking (on-street only)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

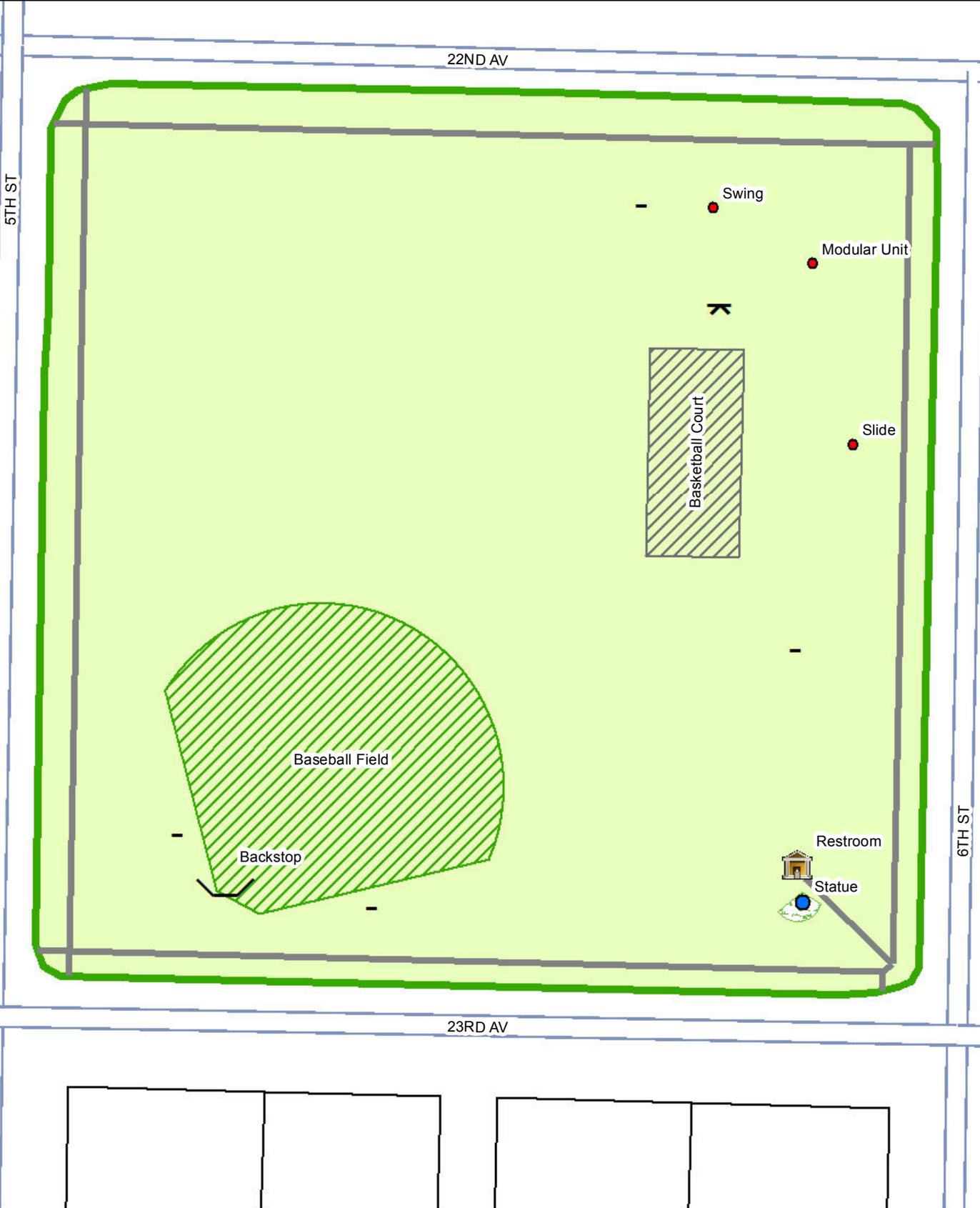
- Replace playground
- Renovate restroom facility
- Replace backstop
- Resurface basketball court

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Address short/long term needs noted for all parks related to fences

Karstens Park

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Kiwanis Park

18th Street and 13th Avenue

Park Size: ~1.1 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular play unit (1), Swing-sets (2), Slides (1), Basketball court (1), Covered picnic structure/shelter (1), Park benches (5), Drinking fountain (1), Open play field area, Parking (on-street only)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Replace playground

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

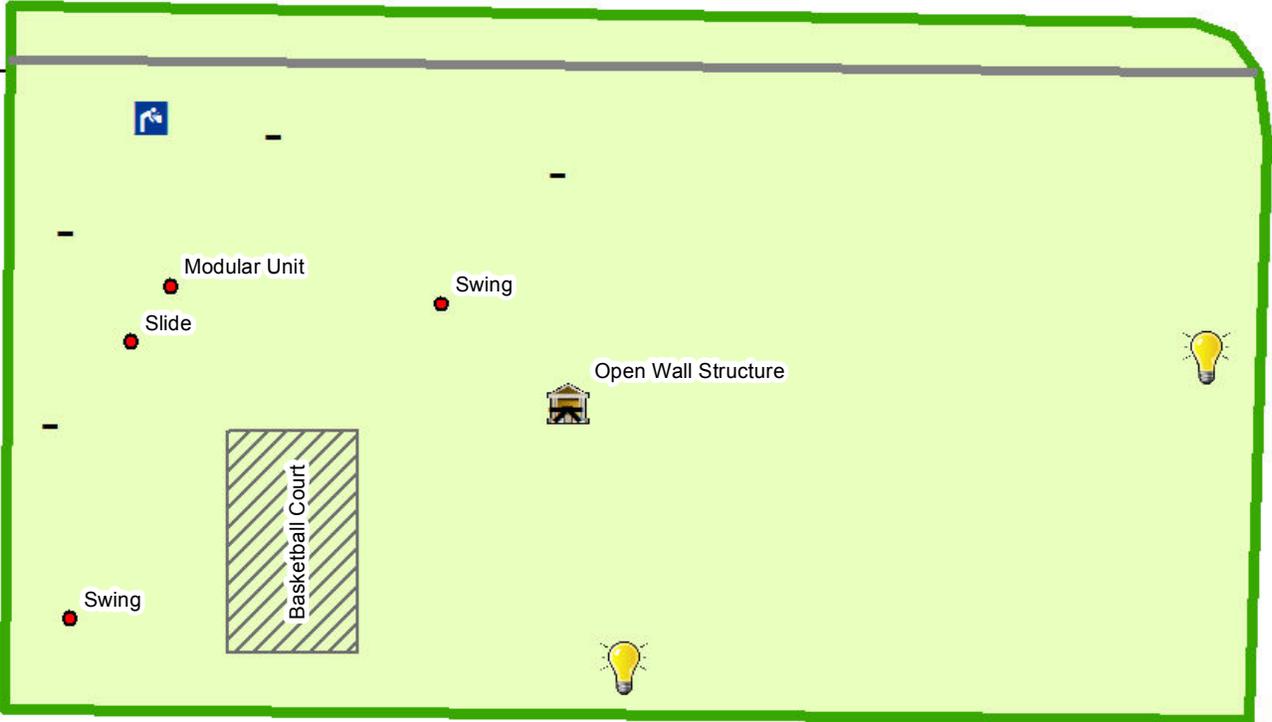
- Resurface basketball court
- Replace shelter
- Address short/long term needs noted for all parks related to fences

Kiwanis Park

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McCandless Park
1st Street and 7th Avenue

Park Size: ~5.3 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular play unit-elementary age (1), Toddler play area (1), Basketball court (1), Covered shelter w/restrooms (1), Soccer field (1), Ballfield (1), Forested bluff area w/ trail/stairs access, Perimeter fence, Parking (1-gravel lot ~15 vehicles & on-street)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Replace and relocate shelter and restroom

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

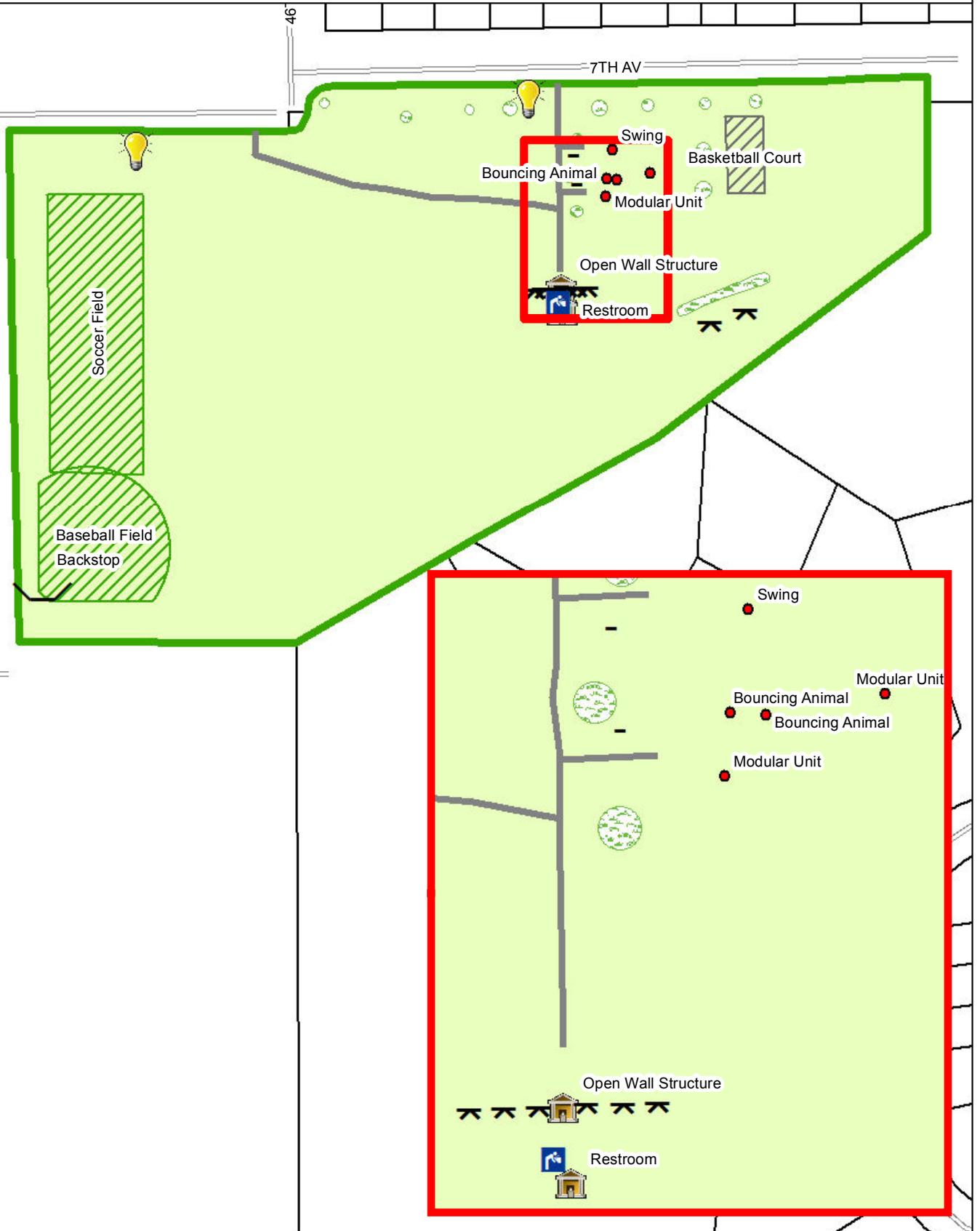
- Replace playground
- Resurface basketball court
- Address short/long term needs noted for all parks related to fences

McCandless Park

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Millennium Park
79th Street and 34th Avenue

Park Size: ~10.1 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular play unit (1) Swing-set (2), Walking/hiking/nature trail (1-lighted), Restroom facilities (1), Parking (~15 spaces), Covered picnic structure/shelter (1), Covered picnic tables (2)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Improve playground including playground surface with Moline CDC grant and possible matching funds from the City of East Moline

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Evaluate ongoing partnership with the City of East Moline to ensure consistent maintenance of the park

Millennium Park

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Optimist Park

27th Street and 18th Avenue A.

Park Size: ~0.8 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular play unit (1), Swing-sets (2), Covered picnic structure/shelter (1), Park benches (3), Open field play area, Parking (on-street only)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- No short term needs identified due to recent completion of playground needs

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

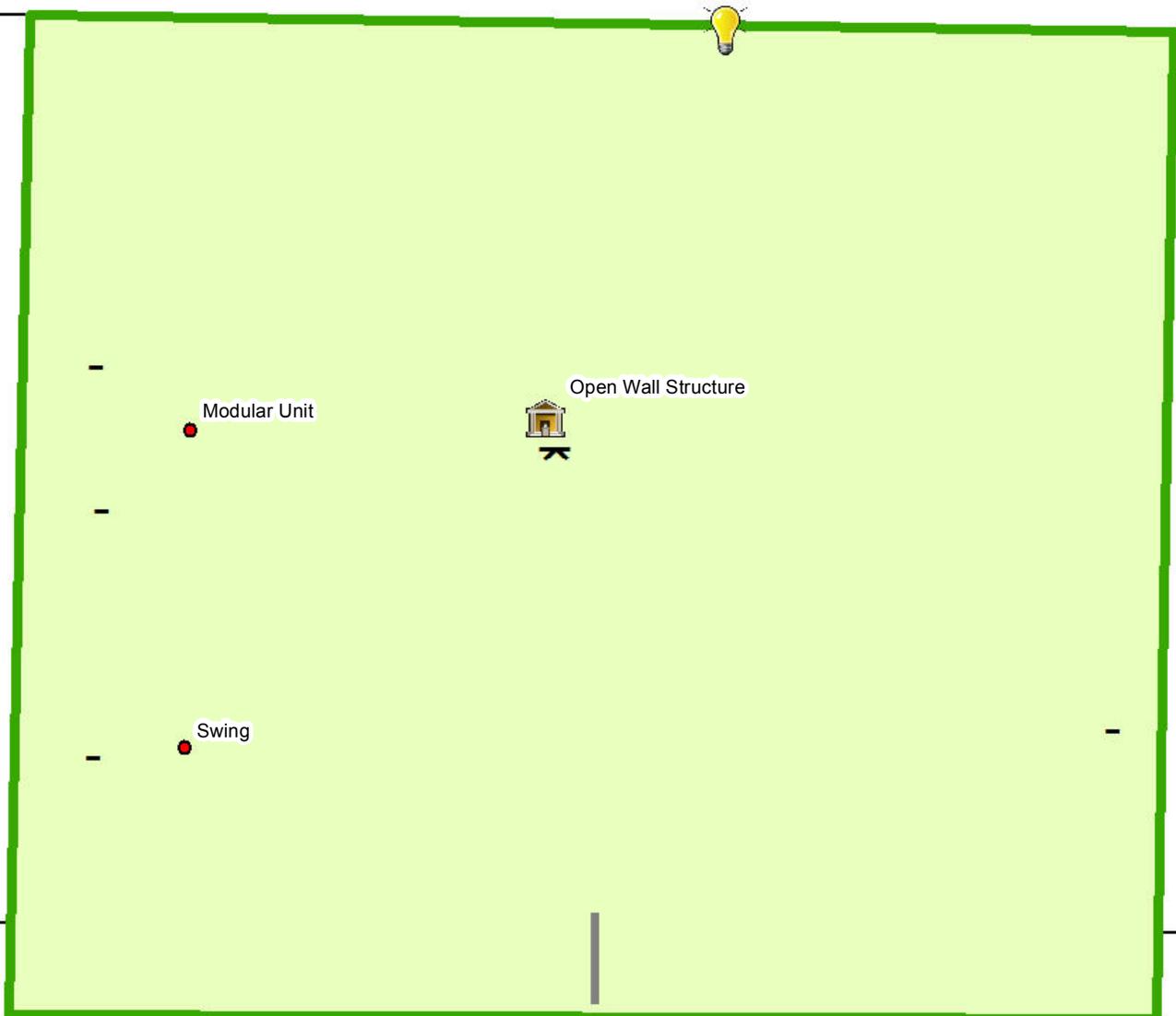
- Replace shelter
- Address short/long term needs noted for all parks related to fences

Optimist Park

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Peterson Park
35th Street and 7th Avenue

Park Size: ~10.7 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Jungle gym (1), Swing-sets (1), Slides (1), Overlooks/scenic vistas (2), Picnic pavilions (1), Picnic benches (2), Internal walkways (2), Restrooms facilities (1), Parking (~30 spaces), sundial (1)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Replace playground

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

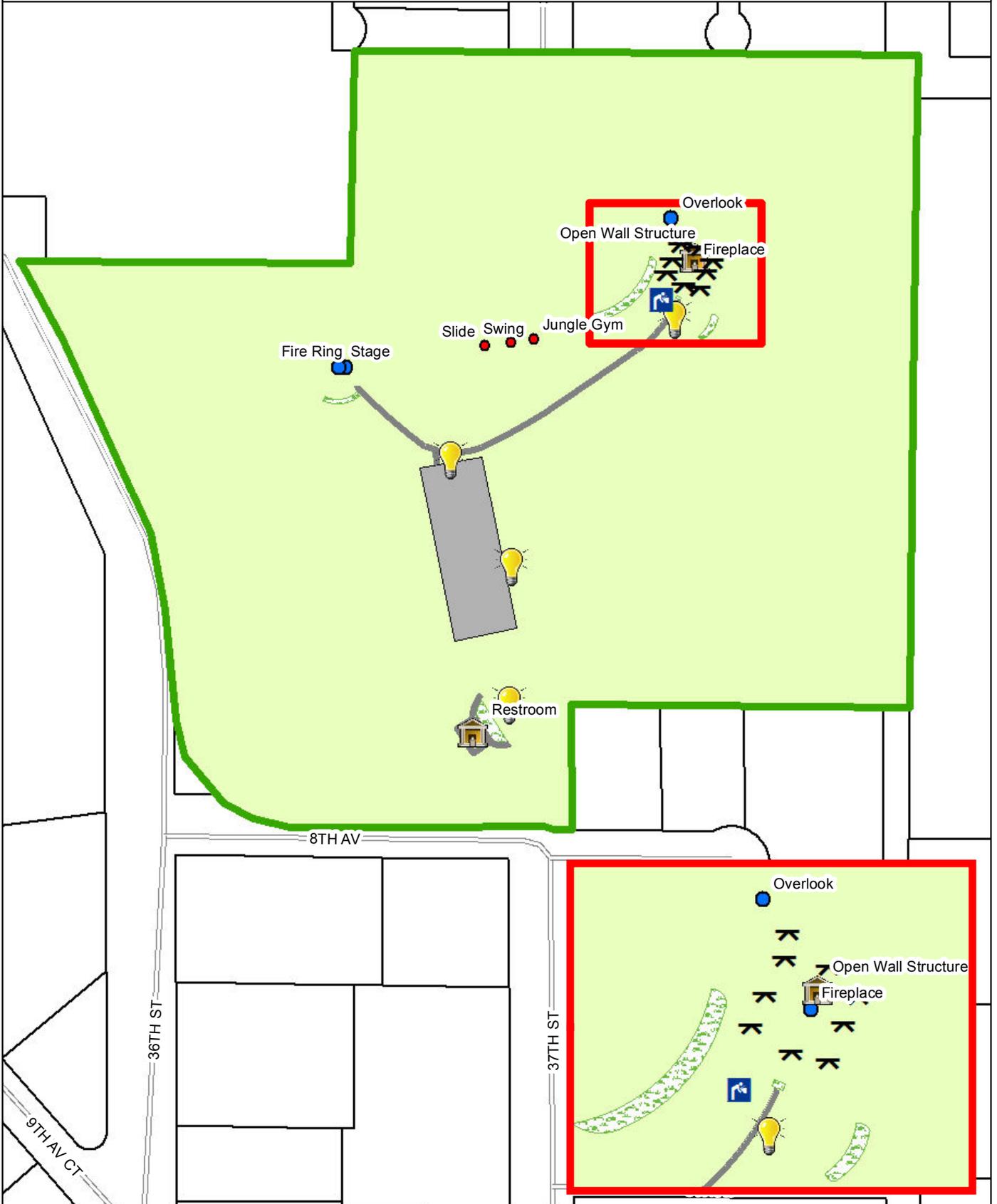
- Renovate restroom facility
- Renovate shelter

Peterson Park

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Stephen's Square
620 18th Avenue

Park Size: ~0.9 acres

Existing Amenities:

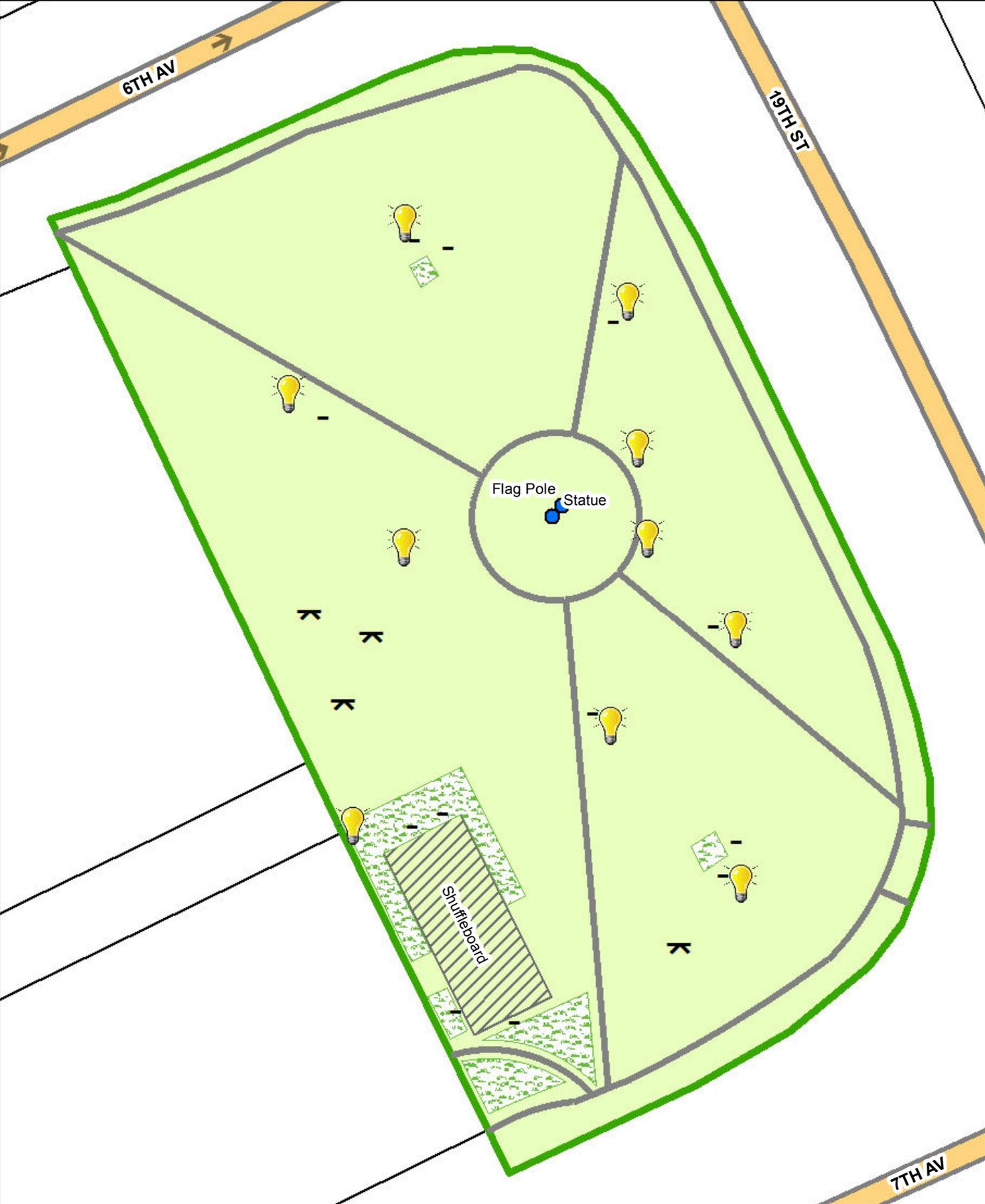
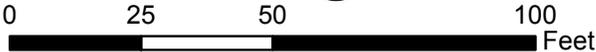
- Outdoor garden (1), Soldiers from Moline memorial (1), Memorial pathways (4 diagonal paths intersect at memorial), Picnic tables (3), Park benches (10), Flower planters (2), Parking (limited at adjacent Moline Activity Center-MAC)

Short/Long Term Improvements:

- Address short/long term needs noted for all parks related to maintenance

Stephens Square

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Sylvan Island
2nd Street and 1st Avenue

Park Size: ~36.0 acres

Existing Amenities:

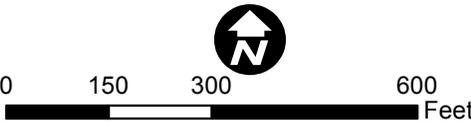
- Nature/hiking/mountain biking trails around perimeter and throughout island, Park benches (~8), Fishing piers (3), Picnic tables (3), Look-outs (2), Information center/kiosk (1), Large wooded area, Pedestrian bridge-access to island (1), Parking (available on mainland across from pedestrian bridge)

Short/ Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Replace access bridge to Island as funded from Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

Sylvan Island

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Sylvan Island Gateway Park
2nd Street and 1st Avenue

Park Size: ~3.0 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Great River Trail, Trailhead parking (~20 vehicles)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

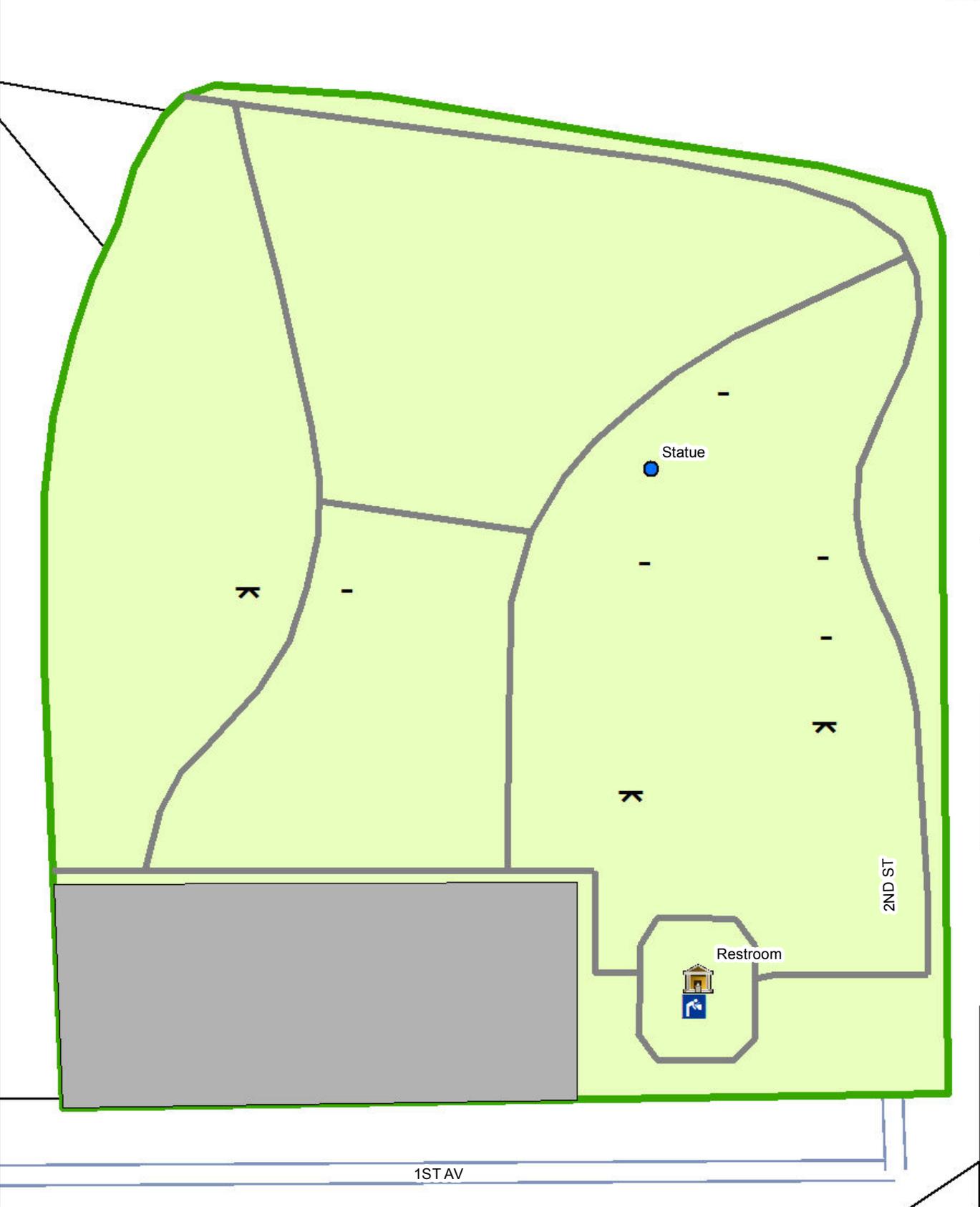
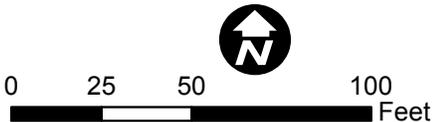
- Park will be used partially for staging of new waste water treatment plant from 2014 to 2016. Upon completion, ensure park is returned to original condition
- Investigate potential for separated recreation path to River Drive through partnership with John Deere and MetroLink.

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Address short/long term needs identified for all parks related to maintenance

Sylvan Gateway Park

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Velie Park

11th Street and 11th Avenue

Park Size: ~6.1 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Large passive area, Inter-connected paved walking paths, Spanish-American War memorial, Flanking limestone entrance pillars, Scenic/panoramic vistas, Park benches (~6), Drinking fountain (1), Lots of trees, Parking (minimal on-street only)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

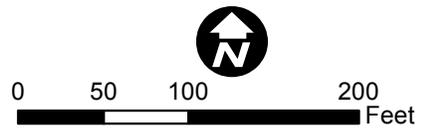
- Address short/long term needs identified for all parks related to maintenance

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Investigate potential repair or removal of steps depending on use and ongoing costs

Velie Park

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Wiman/Miss Pattie's Park
3550 8th Street

Park Size: ~4.1 acres

Existing Amenities:

- Modular play unit (1), Picnic tables (6 – (2 covered & 4 uncovered)), Swing-set (1), Restroom facilities (1), Park benches (3), Open field area, Scenic vistas, Parking (~20 vehicles)

Short Term Improvements: (1 - 5 Years)

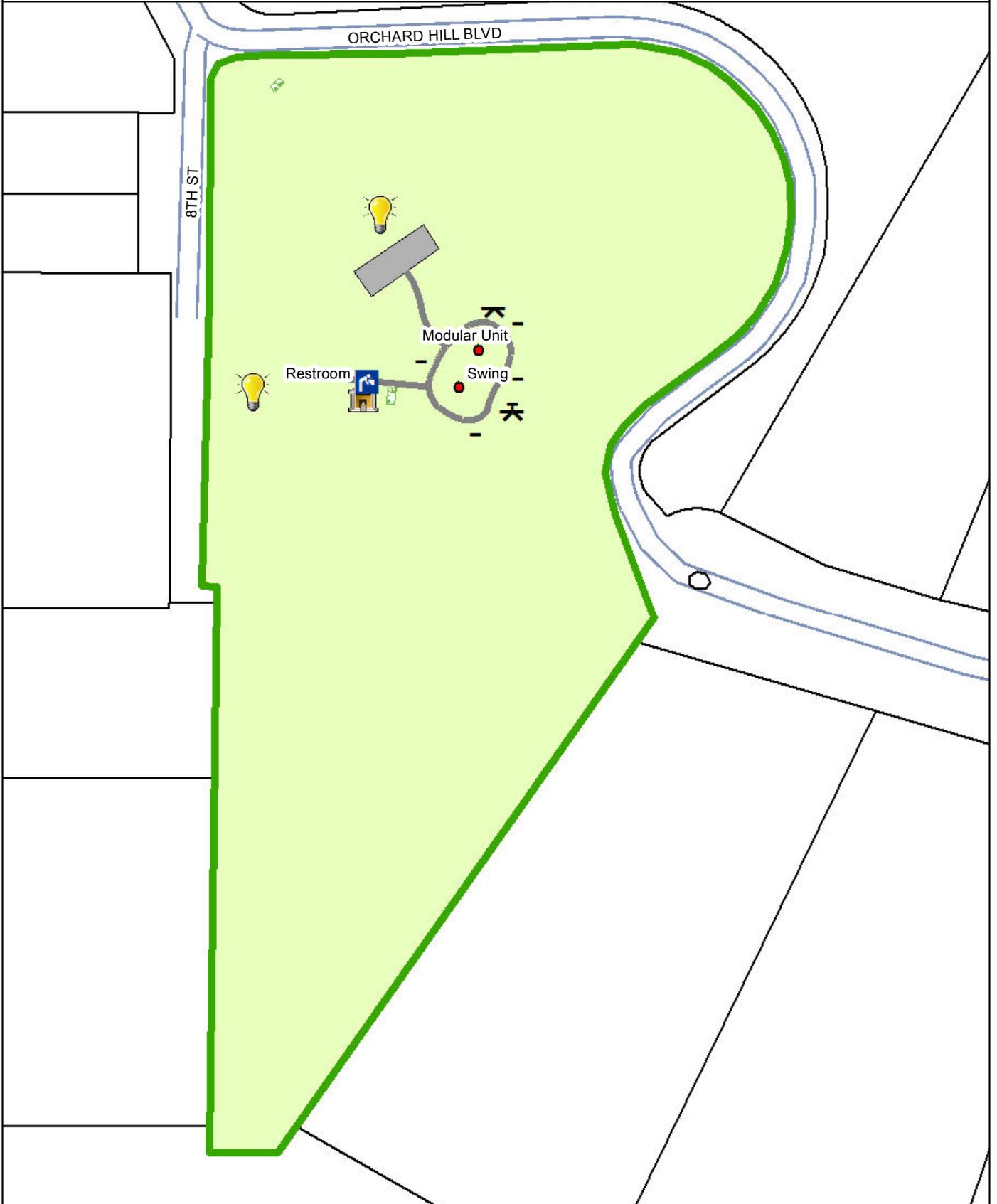
- Restripe parking lot
- Replace covered picnic table
- Replace playground and sand play area

Long Term Improvements: (5 - 15 Years)

- Address short/long term needs identified for all parks related to maintenance

Wiman Park

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Other Existing Recreation Facilities Improvements

The following are facilities which are under the Parks Board and Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Moline. These facilities have unique features or characteristics and provide recreational opportunities, which are atypical of a standard community/neighborhood park. In some cases the facilities identified provide limited active recreational opportunities serving the entire community. Others are identified because they provide a single and specific recreational facet.

Moline City Cemeteries

Moline Memorial Park – 5001 34th Avenue

Riverside Cemetery – 31st - 34th Street & 5th Avenue

Both cemeteries provide pastoral settings for minimal passive recreation, internment of the deceased, placement of memorials and a haven for reflection and peace. (City park facilities not intended for active recreation.)

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

Moline Memorial Park

- **Renovate interior of cemetery office**
- Complete and implement Niche/Columbarium Plan
- Replace siding and gutters on cemetery office
- Develop tree replacement plan
- Renovate Mausoleum chapel interior
- Replace caving street drains
- Renovate main entrance landscaping and replace signage
- Reestablish tree line on Arborvitae Drive
- Replace roofs and vent on chapel and shed

Riverside Cemetery

- **Renovate main entrance landscaping and replace signage**
- Develop tree replacement plan
- Provide security lighting

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

Moline Memorial Park

- Reconstruct/pave cemetery roads
- Renovate interior of maintenance garage - insulate, improve bathroom and electrical wiring

Riverside Cemetery

- Reconstruct/pave cemetery roads
- Complete Section 15 mausoleum

Moline Memorial Cemetery

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Riverside Cemetery

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Multi-purpose/Recreation Trails Improvements

The Bi-State Region continues to develop and plan a large multipurpose trail network. The Quad Cities trails, both existing and proposed, have local, regional, state, and national significance. Moline will continue to work in conjunction with officials and representatives of Illinois, Iowa, and adjacent jurisdictions to ensure the maximum benefits are derived through cooperative efforts. The City of Moline supports community-wide, multi-purpose trail development and is fortunate to be a part of two national trail systems. The Mississippi River Trail (MRT), from the Mississippi River's headwaters in Lake Itasca, Minnesota to its confluence with the Gulf of Mexico, is a multi-state trail parallel on both banks of the Mississippi River. The American Discovery Trail (ADT) passes through the Quad Cities Metro Area as it connects the east and west coasts of the United States from Cape Henlopen, Delaware to Point Reyes California.

Moline's portion of the proposed trail network outlined in Chapter 5 of the *2040 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan* focuses on linking its trails with those of the greater Quad Cities community. Trail development may be implemented by various departments of the city and may not always fall to the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department.

A future trail component has been identified heading east along the south shore of the Rock River through Coal Valley and connecting into the Grand Illinois Trail at the Hennepin Canal in Colona. On the north shore of the Rock River, the City of Moline would like to extend the Kiwanis Trail eastward and connect into the Grand Illinois trail in Carbon Cliff or Colona.

A need has been identified to establish north-south routes through the City of Moline connecting the Great River Trail, skirting the banks of the Mississippi River, to the Kiwanis Trail, along the Rock River. The benefits derived from implementing several river-to-river connections would be a greater diversity of options for recreation and transportation, easier access to locations throughout the area, and an enhanced quality of life and more livable community.

A significant amount of emphasis is being placed on the formulation of trail connections between the two rivers. It would be to the city's benefit to incorporate existing crossings and publicly owned rights-of-way when and if possible. Inclusions of trail components and completion of gaps/connections in the pedestrian/sidewalk network when planning for new infrastructure such as the extension of 52nd Avenue to the east and widening of John Deere Expressway. According to city plans, trails may also be developed as the city annexes new property south of the Quad City International Airport. The city should refer to the *2040 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*, the *Moline Bikeways Plan*, the *Airport South District Development Plan*, and the *2014 Comprehensive Plan Update* as they develop bike route connections. Many of these improvements will likely be treated as transportation improvements rather than recreation facilities and will not fall under the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Parks Board and the city look forward to the new bike/pedestrian accommodations being built in conjunction with the new I-74 river crossing. This project will enhance the

trails network for the entire Quad Cities community and adds to the quality of life for Moline residents.

Various departments of the city will continue to make necessary provisions for short and long-term parking, bicycle racks, restrooms, and other support facilities and amenities along existing, reestablished, and/or newly developed trail corridors. The implementation of new trails should provide connections to existing and or other proposed local, regional, state, and national trail systems. Separated corridor trails and connectors might be considered along with shared access trails as necessary. Trail development and extensions were identified in the recreation survey and focus groups as significantly important items. It should be noted that the city also has shoreline walking paths at Millennium Park, Green Valley Sports Complex, Prospect Park, Sylvan Gateway Park, and Sylvan Island.

Existing Long Distance Trails

Great River Trail

Mississippi River, from 1st Street to 55th Street

Trail Length: 7.5-miles

Short/Long Term Improvements: (1-15 Years)

- Resurface and widen

Kiwanis Bike – Jog Trail

Rock River, from Veteran's Memorial Crossing to 60th Street

Trail length: 6.5-miles

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Resurface and continue to improve signage

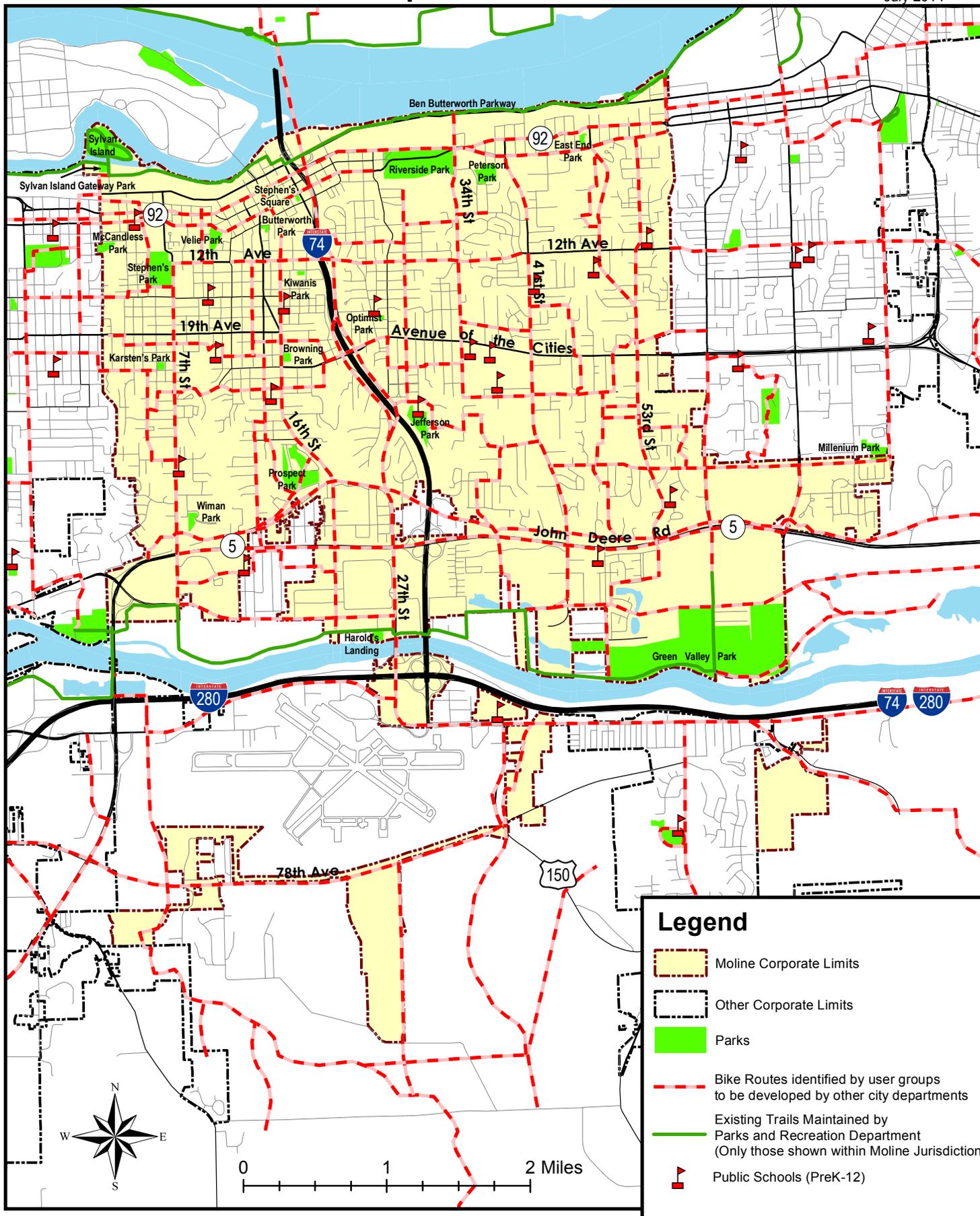


Moline Park & Recreation Plan - MAP M-40

Future Trail Development

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Legend

-  Moline Corporate Limits
-  Other Corporate Limits
-  Parks
-  Bike Routes identified by user groups to be developed by other city departments
-  Existing Trails Maintained by Parks and Recreation Department (Only those shown within Moline Jurisdiction)
-  Public Schools (PreK-12)

All Parks Suggested Improvements

The following are improvement needs that were identified for all or most existing parks. These needs were common themes throughout the survey responses, focus group input, and Parks and Recreation Board comments.

Short Term Improvements: (1-5 Years)

- Improve maintenance of parks including mowing, weed control, litter control, and restroom cleaning
- Evaluate all park fences for need, repairs, location, and height
- Repair all parking lots and park roads
- Continue to implement park signage plan replacing brown signs with blue and black aluminum signs
- Maintain and prune trees
- Improve all restrooms, as funding allows, to reduce vandalism and improve accessibility
- Consider security process to lock restrooms at night in partnership with police department
- Improve parks near traffic areas for visibility
- Explore possibility of providing pickle ball facilities in an appropriate existing park
- Provide more river access when possible along existing riverfront parks and trails
- Consider increasing funding to parks from hotel/motel tax

Long Term Improvements: (5-15 Years)

- Consider an indoor recreation facility including gymnasiums, office space, etc. when funding is available
- Continue evaluation of park fences as noted
- Continue to repair parking lots and park roads
- Continue improvements to restrooms as noted
- Continue implementation of signage plan as noted

Facilities Provided by Others

School facilities may be considered as viable opportunities for increased park and recreational space for a variety of age groups. The outdoor school facilities are available for use by the general public when not being utilized for school sponsored activities. Table 6 outlines public school facilities. Facilities provided by the Moline School District add to those provided by the city.

The school district has: 20 – tennis courts, 33 – baseball/softball fields, 20 – outdoor basketball courts, 3 – football fields, 18 – indoor gymnasiums, 1 – indoor pool, playground equipment at each elementary school and several acres of open space.

**Table 6
Public School Facilities**

School Name	Location
Jane Addams Elementary	3520 53 rd Street
Bicentennial (K-3) Elementary	1004 First Street, Coal Valley
Butterworth Elementary	4205 48 th Street
Ericsson Elementary (considering closure)	335 Fifth Avenue
Franklin Elementary	5312 11 th Avenue C.
Garfield Elementary	1518 25 th Avenue
Hamilton Elementary	700 32 nd Avenue
Lincoln-Irving Elementary	1015 16 th Avenue
Logan Elementary	1602 25 th Street
Horace Mann Elementary	3601 69 th Avenue
Roosevelt Elementary	3530 Avenue of the Cities
Washington Elementary	1550 41 st Street
Willard Elementary	1616 16 th Street
John Deere Middle School	2035 11 th Street
Wilson Middle School	1308 48 th Street
Moline High School	3600 Avenue of the Cities
Moline Alternative High School	3420 Avenue of the Cities
Jefferson Early Childhood Center	3010 26 th Avenue
Black Hawk Area Education Center	4680 11 th Street, East Moline
Wharton Field House	1800 20 th Avenue
Coolidge Building	3430 Avenue of the Cities
Moline School District #40 –Administrative Offices (Allendale)	1619 11 th Avenue

Recreation Programs/Activities Term Improvements

Currently, the Moline Parks and Recreation Board administers numerous recreation programs for the community. Recreation programs are available to both active and passive recreation enthusiasts without discrimination to gender, physical ability, race, or any other demographic characteristic.

The Parks and Recreation Board will continue to work jointly with school officials, private enterprise, and members of the community in planning future recreational activities within the City of Moline. If the need exists or there is the demand for specific programs that currently are not available, then the Parks and Recreation Board will consider providing such programs to the residents of Moline as facilities and funding allow. There may also be opportunities to use the existing school facilities as recreation centers for youth oriented activities. Cooperation is recommended for the benefit of the entire community. Information and seasonal park activity and program guides are available at the Parks and Recreation Department office. See the appendix sections of this plan for public comments received regarding park and recreation programs and activities.

SECTION VI FUTURE PARKS

Introduction and Purpose

The Moline Parks and Recreation Board is committed to accommodating the park, recreation, open space and leisure time needs of Moline residents while considering capital and operation fiscal sustainability. This section defines potential areas of future park development within the existing city boundaries.

The information provided in this section is not the only option for the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council when analyzing land acquisition for future parks and recreation. The board remains open to other options when considering property ownership and land-use changes over time.

Location Identification Process

The current service area of Moline parks was determined through a radius analysis. Classification of each park was established utilizing the guidelines established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Table 4 in Section IV illustrates the NRPA criteria used in determining individual park classifications for mini, neighborhood, community, urban, regional and special area parks. For example, based on its acreage, Greenvally Park has a one-mile service area. Karstens Park, utilizing the same criteria, has a quarter-mile service area. The service area is determined from the center point of the park extending outward to form a circle (Refer to Map #3). It should be noted that parks such as Ben Butterworth, Green Valley, Sylvan Island, Riverside and to some extent Prospect Park, serve the entire Quad City Metropolitan area and beyond due to the nature of their unique facilities.

The City of Moline has a large concentration of existing parks to the west of 41st Street. These parks serve the current population in this area well. A portion of the community to the east of 41st Street presently lacks city park/recreation facilities. The acquisition/development of parkland is limited by funding and land availability. The development of defined linear transportation alternative corridors, such as sidewalks and trails, in the city public infrastructure plans would provide safe connectivity to and from park and recreation amenities. This is one potential way of addressing the existing deficiencies east of 41st Street.

Proposed future annexation areas will require parkland. One such area is the area south of the Quad City International Airport. The Parks and Recreation Board will work with the city as these areas are incorporated to define specific park areas and amenities.

The City of Moline continues to undertake specific area plans to update portions of their 2001 Comprehensive Plan. Two of those plans are the Airport South District Development Plan (noted above) and the Moline Comprehensive Plan Update for Moline Centre, Floricente, and Edgewater the task of redefining the downtown as a livable community. The acquisition of land for downtown parks is expected to enhance the city's quality of life and new properties are identified in the Moline Centre portion of the update.

Connections will be provided to the riverfront and other park and recreation facilities for pedestrian flow and provisions for safe accessibility to all the park areas through city transportation plans. The city needs to determine locations for installation of pedestrian crossings from River Drive to the Ben Butterworth Parkway.

Preservation and maintenance of existing facilities is considered a high priority of the Moline Parks and Recreation Board and the City Council. For a community the size of Moline, upkeep and replacement of antiquated equipment and amenities is a significant concern. Therefore, the Moline Parks and Recreation Board recognizes the need to maintain existing parks will weigh heavily into decisions to acquire new parks.

As areas are identified for acquisition and potential development of future recreation and park space, they will be prioritized based on the following criteria:

1. Cost including development and maintenance
2. Availability
3. Projected population growth
4. Current demand
5. Relationship to existing City plans
6. Expected Benefit to Moline and Moline residents

With these criteria in mind, the Parks and Recreation Board would highlight the following new park areas that are likely to be considered by the city in the next 10 years due to the timing of other projects within the existing limits.

- Continue to purchase land at Green Valley Soccer Field (Covemakers) addition as it becomes available property for conservation
- Consider new riverfront park development on property vacated by the existing I-74 bridge. The park may be relatively passive and/or include water features and a splash park. This would also be contiguous to the Great River Trail.
- Consider new park or open space in vicinity of the South Park Mall redevelopment as large parking areas are returned to green space. This may be a passive space.
- Consider open space/playground reuse at Ericsson Elementary School if feasible

SECTION VII PLAN SUMMARY

The *City of Moline Parks and Recreation Master Plan* includes information on recreation and open space opportunities in the City. This plan's primary objective is to establish a viable framework of goals and priorities, as well as short and some long-term improvements, which will guide the City and Parks and Recreation Board in achieving a high quality, sustainable system of parks, recreation facilities, recreation programs and connecting trails.

The *City of Moline Parks and Recreation Master Plan* is also a helpful tool for illustrating specific priority improvements, and documenting the needs and desires of Moline residents. The information contained herein can and should be included to support applications for funding assistance through state and federal grant programs and other funding opportunities.

Current recreational trends, according to the Illinois Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), recreation resource issues for Illinois residents are:

- Outdoor recreation areas are important for health and fitness
- Recreation areas should serve all people regardless of physical ability, ethnicity, or income
- Community recreation areas are important for quality of life and promote economic development

The input from the park and recreation survey and focus groups as summarized in the appendix of this plan reiterates these issues. Encouraging ideas within the City of Moline will foster meaningful communication to achieve desired benefits for the Parks and Recreation Department as a whole.

Implementation requires a process, which takes time effort. This is true of many of the specific projects and analysis recommended within this plan. Funding and staff capacity are limited to move implementation forward.

During the planning and development of this *City of Moline Parks and Recreation Master Plan* public input indicated a need to focus attention on existing park and recreation amenities, which have outlived their usefulness and are in need of repair or replacement. Future park development will occur as funding allows and changes occur within the city, such as the reconstruction of the I-74 Bridge and the redevelopment of the South Park Mall area.

The city is faced with financial constraints when looking towards land acquisition and improvements to existing facilities and programs. The following should be considered in order to relieve some of the constraints: community awareness of problems and priorities; alternative funding, such as grants and donations; involvement in joint purchasing with other communities in the Bi-State Region for park equipment, supplies, maintenance items and amenities; use of volunteer organizations; neighborhood park rentals for gatherings and receptions; and the possibility of increased tax dollars to fund certain park and recreation projects.

**Table 7
Summary of Recreation Plan Action Steps**

Park/ Facility Name	Existing Amenities	2014 Recommendations
Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway	Great River Trail, river access, covered picnic tables, interpretive signage, fitness equipment, jungle gym, restrooms, picnic benches, benches, scenic vistas, informational kiosks, statues, flag poles, A.D.A. compliant fishing piers, covered picnic shelters, swing-sets, bouncing animal toys, modular play unit, boat ramp/launch, staging area, courtesy docks, water fountains, Channel Cat dock, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate City supported recommendations from Moline Centre Comprehensive Plan Update • Channel Cat Ferry Boat Terminal • Replace covered shelters • Provide water access throughout the park to water flower beds and increase water fountain/dog water fountains • Stripe parking lots <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widen and resurface park trail to 12 feet • Replace swing set on west end of park • Replace wood benches with newer style non-wood benches • Replace two large octagon shelters • Overlay and restripe parking lots
<p>Greenville Park - Sports Complex, Soccer Fields, Old Greenville Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Dog Park, 48th Street Field, Greenville Nature Preserve</p>	<p>Greenville Park Complex – ballfield complex, modular play units, swing-set, concessions, restrooms, covered picnic shelters, picnic benches, benches, water fountains, office, paintball, parking, maintenance buildings Soccer Fields – soccer fields, restrooms, concessions, maintenance buildings, picnic benches, parking; Veterans Memorial - open green space, Kiwanis Trail, parking; Old Greenville – open green space, radio controlled flying field, bird sanctuary, Kiwanis Trail, boat ramp/launch, covered picnic shelter, benches, park benches, equipment storage building, parking; Greenville Dog Park – fenced dog park, covered picnic shelter, water fountain, benches; 48th Street Field – cricket field; Green Valley Nature Preserve – 20 acres wetlands, observation deck</p>	<p>Soccer</p> <p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add shelter near new concession building • Long Term (5-15yrs) • Add field lighting for soccer fields • Investigate feasibility of paving parking at soccer fields <p>Softball</p> <p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve parking lot at softball complex- resurface and paint lines • Replace scoreboards for diamonds 6 & 7 and improve backstops • Replace north playground unit <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace/ upgrade bleachers • Provide shade structures • Replace south playground unit <p>Veterans/Old Green Valley</p> <p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide observation decks and trails through new wetland restoration area <p>Nature Preserve</p> <p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide observation decks • Resurfacing/seal coating of path <p>Entire Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to obtain properties in Cove Makers as they become available

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Prospect Park	Modular play units, swing-set, see-saw, basketball court, ballfield, covered picnic shelters, restrooms, picnic benches, benches, Music Guild Theater historic two-story pavilion, flag pole, statue, fire ring, scenic overlook, fishing pond with fountain, ADA compliant fishing piers, disc golf, covered gazebo, nature trail, flower gardens, maintenance buildings, water fountain, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace playground unit • Consider simpler dock/structure and replace of remove warming shelter • Resurface upper parking lot • Address plumbing issues at pavillions • Replace backstop <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace shelter and restroom Replacement • Renovate pavilion
Riverside Park – Pool, Fishing Pond, Garden Center, Conservatory /Arboretum	Modular play unit, slide, volleyball courts, family aquatic center, tennis courts, open green space, restrooms, ballfields, batting cage, statues, flag poles, fire ring, benches, concessions, see-saw, jungle gym, swing-sets, horseshoe pits, covered picnic shelters, maintenance/equipment storage buildings, picnic benches, fishing pond with fountain, ice rink and warming building (winter only), A.D.A. compliant fishing piers, water fountains, parking outdoor gardens, garden center/ conservatory/ arboretum, indoor rental facility	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Riverside Park Master Plan to address pool, tennis courts, and other improvements • Resurface and restripe all parking lots • Improve butterfly gardens <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve rose gardens • Replace Little League playground unit • Replace east shelter • Replace west shelter
Stephens Park	Ballfields, t-ballfield, modular play units, sand volleyball, restrooms, Rolle-Bolle court, basketball court, soccer fields, covered picnic shelters, fire-rings, swing-set, monkey bars, flag pole, statue, maintenance building, office, nature trail, water fountains, open green space, picnic benches, benches, park signs, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface and restripe parking lot • Provide water at volleyball courts • Install concrete pad under bleachers at volleyball court • Investigate potential security lighting through MidAmerican Energy <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pave trail or provide steps to volleyball court on west side • Replace backstop on main diamond • Replace large shelter • Replace lighting at volleyball court, ball diamond, and Rolle Bolle • Resurface basketball court • Replace playground unit • Provide lights on small t-ball diamond

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Browning Playground	Swing-set, modular play units, restrooms, picnic benches, benches, walking paths, flag poles, military commemoration, bike rack, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install benches and trash cans <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace small and large playground units
Butterworth Playground	Swing-sets, modular play unit, monkey bars/jungle gym, picnic benches, benches, shuffleboard courts, slide, flag pole	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request staff evaluate the use of this park such as a small dog park due to central location or a green passive space
East End Park	Covered picnic shelter, restrooms, ballfield, picnic benches, benches, monkey bars, swing-set, basketball court, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request staff evaluate the use of this park before additional expenditures-consider use as an open green space or for potential sale
Harold's Landing	Boat ramp/launch, staging area, courtesy dock, restrooms, riverfront access, green space, covered gazebo, Kiwanis trail, shore fishing, open green space, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install barrier between parking and grass to prevent parking on grass <p>Long Term (5-15 yrs) Install more benches</p>
Jefferson Park	Modular play unit, swing-sets, jungle gym, covered picnic shelter, benches, ballfields, open green space, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove playground and shelter and maintain park as an open green space
Karstens Park	Modular play unit, modular triple slide, swing-set, toddler swings, ballfield, basketball court, benches, covered brick entrance w/ restrooms, fitness path, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace playground • Renovate restroom • Replace backstop • Resurface basketball court <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address long and short term needs for all parks related to fences
Kiwanis Park	Modular play unit, swing-sets, slide, basketball court, covered picnic shelter, benches, water fountain, open green space	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Playground <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface basketball court • Replace Shelter • Address long and short term needs for all parks related to fences
McCandless Park	Modular play units, basketball court, covered picnic shelter, swing-set, bouncing animal toys, picnic benches, benches, restrooms, soccer field, ballfield, water fountain, nature trail	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace and relocate shelter and restroom <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace playground • Resurface basketball court • Address long and short term needs for all parks related to fences

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Millennium Park	Modular play unit, swings, picnic area, nature trail, restrooms, water fountain, benches, picnic benches, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve playground including playground surface with Moline CDC grant and possible matching funds from East Moline <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate ongoing partnership with East Moline to ensure consistent maintenance of park
Optimist Park	Modular play unit, swing-set, covered picnic shelter, benches, open green space	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No short term needs identified due to recent completion of playground <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace shelter Address long and short term needs for all parks related to fences
Peterson Park	Large wooded area, scenic bluff overlook, picnic benches, covered picnic shelter, jungle gym, swing-set, slide, fire ring, stage, restrooms, water fountain, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace playground <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovate restroom facility Renovate shelter
Stephen's Square Park	Moline Soldiers Memorial, flagpole, walking paths, flower gardens, benches, picnic benches, shuffleboard	<p>Short/Long Term (1-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address long and short term needs for all parks related to maintenance
Sylvan Island	Nature/hiking trails, mountain biking, fishing piers, natural area, benches, scenic river overlooks, picnic benches, informational kiosk, riverway art statues, water fountain, bridge to Sylvan Island Gateway Park	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace access bridge to Island as funded by Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program
Sylvan Island Gateway Park	Great River Trail access, John Deere monument, interpretive signs, picnic benches, restrooms, water fountain, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park will be used partially for staging of new waste water treatment plant from 2014-2016. Upon completion, ensure that park is returned to original condition Investigate potential for separated recreation path to River Drive through partnership with John Deere and MetroLink <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address long and short term needs for all parks related to maintenance
Velie Park	Open green space, walking paths, Spanish-American War memorial, flag pole, water fountain, scenic vistas, benches	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address long and short term needs for all parks related to maintenance <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate repair or removal of steps depending on use and ongoing costs

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Wiman/Miss Pattie's Park	Modular play unit, covered picnic table, swing-set, picnic benches, benches, restrooms, open green space, scenic vistas, water fountain, parking	<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace covered picnic table • Restripe parking lot • Replace playground and sand play area <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address long and short term needs for all parks related to maintenance
Moline Memorial Park & Riverside Cemeteries*	Walking paths, scenic vistas, John Deere/Velie/ Butterworth/City Fathers memorials/burial sites, cemetery, Civil War memorial, mausoleum	<p><u>Moline Memorial Park</u></p> <p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate interior of cemetery office • Complete and implement Niche/Columbarium plan for MMP • Replace siding and gutters on cemetery office • Develop tree replacement plan • Renovate Mausoleum chapel interior • Replace caving street drains • Renovate main entrance landscaping and replace signage • Reestablish tree line on Arborvitae Drive • Replace roofs on chapel and shed and add vents <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruct/pave cemetery roads • Renovate interior of maintenance garage - insulate, improve bathroom and electrical wiring <p><u>Riverside Cemetery</u></p> <p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate main entrance landscaping and replace signage • Develop tree replacement plan • Provide security lighting <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruct/pave all cemetery roads • Complete Section 15 mausoleum
Great River Trail (GRT), Kiwanis Trail		<p><u>Kiwanis</u></p> <p>Long Term (5-15 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface and continue to improve signage <p><u>GRT</u></p> <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface and widen trail

Park/ Facility Name	Existing Amenities	2014 Recommendations
<p>Future Recommendation for All Parks or New Parks</p>		<p>Short Term (1-5 yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve maintenance of parks including mowing, weed control, litter control, and restroom cleaning • Evaluate all park fences for need, repairs, location, and height • Repair all parking lots and park roads • Continue to implement park signage plan replacing brown signs with blue and black aluminum signs • Maintain and prune trees • Improve all restrooms, as funding allows, to reduce vandalism and improve accessibility • Consider security process to lock restrooms at night in partnership with police department • Improve parks near traffic areas for visibility • Explore possibility of providing pickle ball facilities in an appropriate existing park • Provide more river access when possible along existing riverfront parks and trails • Consider increasing funding to parks from hotel/motel tax <p>Long Term (5-15yrs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider an indoor recreation facility including gymnasiums, office space, etc. when funding is available • Continue evaluation of park fences as noted • Continue to repair parking lots and park roads • Continue improvements to restrooms as noted • Continue implementation of signage plan as noted

*Administered by the Parks and Recreation Department (Not a facility for active recreational use.)

Appendix

***Moline Park & Recreation Plan Focus Group Input
Citizen Input & Comments***

Strengths

- Most parks have newer play structures
- Karstens Park - perfect size and Stephens Park well maintained
- Trails and disc golf at Prospect Park draws young people
- Land acreage in parks and some large parks
- Prospect Park topography and pond
- Two rivers near parks offer great setting and keep the waterfront public
- Staff that cares/full time staff
- Partnership with Black Hawk College and Moline High School make running tracks open to the public
- Variety of types of recreational facilities, uniqueness and number
- Parks cover all areas of the city and provide local neighborhood parks
- Variety of recreational programs
- Ben Butterworth Park - playground led to partnership with outside entities and continued growth
- Multiple types of recreation at Ben Butterworth Parkway and the riverfront path
- Green Valley Complex - concession, parking, brings tournaments and outside groups
- Moving forward, future thinking
- Part of a metropolitan area and working with other parks departments - i.e. don't need to offer every amenity
- Staff is appropriately assigned and are good at what they do
- Different amenities at each park
- Staff ability to adapt to change and address issues as they arise
- Resourceful in using different departments in the city to get projects accomplished to reduce contractual work
- Riverside used family activities
- Riverside greenhouse
- Riverside tennis courts (great courts) and easy to watch matches
- Great vistas from many parks
- Collaborations in general
- Jefferson Park collaboration with schools
- Support for demonstration gardens
- Seamless trail system between other cities
- The parks are accessible
- Parks Department is open to ideas and to fund improvements
- Parks bring a sense of nostalgia
- Back to nature feeling in Kiwanis Park and Sylvan Island yet within an urban setting
- Community movement and volunteers for ball tournaments

- Growth potential
- Trail system in Prospect Park and the collaboration with Trinity Health System
- Lighted ball fields
- Browning Park is like a backyard park to provide a family experience
- Free affordable parks, no residency required
- Versatility to do a lot with a smaller budget
- Diversity of park users - a "melting pot"
- Volunteer community theater and Music Guild collaboration
- Excellent job with baseball and softball facilities
- Programming - open to unique programs and activities
- Beauty
- Opportunity for classes and learning
- Volunteers are friendly
- Strong park management system and administration
- Browning Park has great visibility
- Well maintained parks
- Ice skating at Riverside park
- Stephens Square Park used for concerts
- Public space/family space at McCandless
- Green space in neighborhoods creates connections

Trends

- Technology/free WiFi
- Disc golf
- Not spending as much time outside - too many inside distractions
- Exercise/more obesity problems/health life styles/fitness
- Safety concerns in being outside
- Concert/events at parks (bring people in)
- Community gardens
- Limited time for parents to go with kids - kids no longer allowed to be unsupervised
- Scheduled activities/organized activities - time is prioritized every day, people very busy
- Cremation - green burials more natural, columbarium
- Gardens and children's gardens
- People living longer, aging demographic
- People exercise alone
- Trails as an attraction
- Interest in volunteerism
- Trend in novelty races
- Young adults pick communities to live in based on attractive amenities and then find a job
- Competition for tax dollars drives need to partner on development of new assets
- Organic/edible parks

- Planet change
- Recycling
- Use of sustainable materials
- Walkable neighborhoods
- Youth competitive sports and travel sports clubs
- Less community interaction - don't know neighbors
- More dogs in parks (safety issues)
- Less manufacturing jobs and more creative jobs with job seekers interested in quality of life
- Riverfront activities/movement towards river
- Downtown housing
- Accessibility/connectivity on trails/ability for transportation alternatives/reduced use of personal transportation buses/bikes/bike rentals
- Pickle ball (good for seniors)
- Home purchases made based on schools and parks

Symbols/Elements of a Successful Park

- Gathering/creating memories
- Eating/relaxing
- Outdoor activities/games/unscheduled activities
- People enjoying the day
- Ponds with walkways, duck, wildlife, benches
- Fresh air
- Trees/shade
- Picnic tables/grills
- Clean/well maintained property
- Nice grass/no clippings
- No trash
- Children
- Students (Western Illinois University) studying
- Families
- Trails/bikes
- Ball fields
- Accessible areas /appropriate access/multi modal
- Variety of activities
- Exercise/equipment
- Serenity/calm atmosphere/ an escape
- Sunshine and flowers
- Relaxing/recreating
- Children playing
- A place for everyone
- Playing/playgrounds/equipment/facilities
- Open space
- Youth programs and other programs

- Encourages/attracts activity
- Well used/attracts public use
- Attracts visitors and facilities
- Attracts wide variety of users
- Safe/secure
- Sustainability - cultural/economic/environmental
- College students at play and work (young adult as a whole)
- Multi functional
- Gardens
- Family events
- Family attractions
- Lighting
- Facilities for all ages
- Beauty

Opportunities/Improvements

Specific Park Recommendations

- Reopen Sylvan Island Bridge & potentially add a rope swing and/or ziplines
- Provide multimodal opportunities along the riverfront to get train passengers to Sylvan Island
- Riverside Park - seems tired - needs new amenities, updates, sidewalk maintenance, weed removal and parking
- Address parking problems at Riverside Park
- Address run-off issues at Riverside Park
- Improve Riverside pool with more features for all ages
- Improve lighting and attract regional tournaments at Riverside tennis courts and continue to improve
- Consider privatizing Riverside pool
- Provide fishing and continue stocking ponds and increase fishing opportunities for children at existing ponds
- Widen Ben Butterworth Park trail
- Provide more amenities at Ben Butterworth parkway connecting to Western Illinois University and Riverside Park
- Provide ice skating at Prospect Park
- Improve nature preserve with boardwalks, etc., make it a destination site
- Revamp Stephens Park, like Prospect Park - new basketball court - new turf at baseball and soccer fields and lights, new volleyball courts and steps, and pavilion improvement
- Maintain sand volleyball at Stephens Park
- Continue to improve variety at Stephens Park and improve restrooms
- Consider overflow of softball games at Stephens Park
- Maintain ravine walkways at Stephens Park
- Provide Stephens Park with lighting for security
- Promote big events at Green Valley with local media drawing more people

- Green Valley Nature Preserve soccer fields improvement or relocation
- Provide more lighting at Green Valley
- Provide accessible restrooms at McCandless and another pavilion in lower area
- Provide more maintenance and leaf removal at Millennium Park
- Create "greener" feel in industrial areas on riverfront trails and near John Deere
- Complete mausoleum at Riverside cemetery
- Tree replacements at cemetery
- Professionally platting for the cemetery

General Recommendations for All Parks

- Improve parks near high traffic areas for visibility to improve perception of the city
- Provide benches near playgrounds
- Need more neighborhood parks - "pocket parks" like Karstens Park in center of neighborhood
- Need repair of parking lot and roads in all parks
- Continue implementation of signage plan
- Use sustainable materials for equipment in the parks
- Maintain trees by pruning, etc. during lifecycle of trees
- Improve all restrooms for ADA accessibility
- Update equipment and playgrounds, especially at Riverside, Millennium, and McCandless Parks
- Consider lighting options that would reduce operating costs
- Continue improving lighting in the parks
- Provide recycling bins in all parks
- Sculpture outdoor art interactive features
- Repair outlets at shelters and the location of the outlets
- Provide more water features
- Incorporate more natural areas in parks

New Park and Recreation Facilities/Enhancements

- Consider asphalt/tar trails connecting parks, schools and neighborhoods; more bike/pedestrian connectivity
- Provide more river access, such as docks and canoe ramps
- Develop a skate park
- Provide large open fields for organized events (soccer, etc)
- Encourage more tournaments through partnering with colleges and Modern Woodman
- Provide more formal gardens and gardening along right of ways
- Promote community gardens
- Provide more facilities like gyms for additional variety
- Develop dirt/mountain biking area
- Create area for remote control races
- Expand opportunities for cyclists - maybe on streets/lanes
- Consider river to river corridor concept

- Consider SouthPark Mall area for potential park use
- More downtown public green space may be near new I-74, including water features and a dog park
- East side of Moline is underserved with recreation facilities
- More disc golf areas
- Create BMX course
- Another dog park more centrally located, also based on size of dog
- Develop a dedicated indoor recreation center - especially need in colder months for more leagues too, with multiple gyms and locker rooms to reduce reliance on schools and improve available hours. Could be paired with park administration.
- Promote alternative transportation, such as Channel Cat

Program/Administration/Management/Funding

- Expand Adopt-A-Park Program
- Take more advantage of volunteers
- Park Maintenance Department under Public Works rather than Parks causes conflict in priorities
- Need to improve perceptions of the City, the City and parks do good things and should have more respect
- Website reservation system needs to be more user friendly, easier
- Need for a marketing plan
- Need for a dedicated city marketing staff
- Provide education to public on parks department and importance
- Coordinate night activities to reduce safety issues
- Develop "Park Watch" program
- Increase safety patrol and improve in secluded areas/improve perception/promote safer parks
- Hold concerts to attract people to see the parks
- Create a cultural department
- Strengthen parks through utilization
- Seek funding from grants, foundations, etc.
- Report vandalism asap
- Collaborate with other communities in the Quad Cities
- Teach life-long recreational skills
- Incorporate more year round use
- Collaboration for major projects with many organizations
- Consider hiring a city horticulturist
- Provide routine maintenance to prevent higher costs in the future
- Improve park staff environment
- Consider turnkey operations where appropriate
- Treat parks as assets and a higher priority for funding and more reliable funding
- Understand parks is revenue source
- Understand parks beautification and improvement retains and attracts young families

Funding Ideas

- Promote Moline charitable funds/foundations
- Set up fund with Moline Foundation
- Small foundation for maintenance
- Foundation for parks possibly regional?
- Legacy gifts/estate planning
- Donations from contractors
- "Two Cents" fundraiser - for 2¢ you can give us your idea
- Corporate support/partnerships or field of interest fund
- Collaborate with private entities, partnerships, example - recreation facility with a restaurant for funding; encourage entrepreneurs and private/public partnerships
- Private enterprise for facilities, like tennis courts
- Look for turn-key opportunities
- Lease pool to outside vendor
- Sponsors/naming rights
- Riverside - advertising in parks/fields
- Rebates for green features
- Consider park district for Rock Island County and include Rock Island, East Moline, and Moline
- Park tax/park district for the city
- Property tax
- Sales tax
- Hotel/motel tax - part to parks
- Grants
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Use volunteer groups
- Volunteer events to accomplish maintenance activities
- Reduce staffing costs through new entity/park district/department
- An enterprise fund to subsidize
- Assure money is spent on recreation
- Put money away to invest in maintenance
- Make parks a priority with the City Council
- Image change creates funding
- Do marketing program for funding
- No user/parking fees
- More cell towers
- More outside tournaments/revenue tourism money for P&R
- Memorials, benches, monuments, etc.
- Activities with user fees
- Donated family areas
- Contracting out maintenance to private business
- Outside funding sources

Divesture Considerations/Options

- Jefferson Park, due to cell tower in middle of field
- Consider based on utilization
- Retain required green space areas/flood areas
- Browning Park is not used, but may be restricted property?
- Analyze, should small neighborhood parks be kept or donated, OR move to large parks with more amenities
- Consider the park's use may be cyclical before selling
- Investigate legal issues - is the property restricted
- Miss Patty's or Wyman Park, possibly donate to subdivision/HOA
- Give Millennium Park to East Moline
- Butterworth playground?
- Kiwanis Park?
- Optimists Park?
- East End Park?
- Petersen Park?
- Look for passionate user groups first before divesting

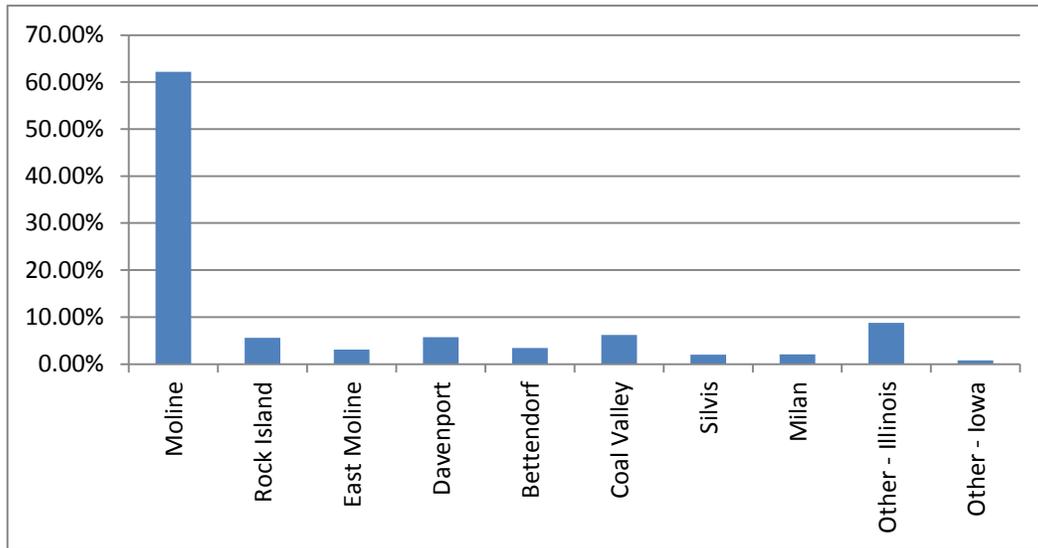
***MOLINE PARK AND RECREATION PLAN
FOCUS GROUP ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS***

1. Rank the following functions from 1 being most important to for the City to provide? Average score shown based on 20 responses.
 - 1.35 Maintaining existing parks and facilities
 - 3.26 Developing new facilities and indoor or outdoor
 - 3.00 Providing recreation programming
 - 3.56 Providing trails
 - 3.83 Preserving open space
2. What else should we be aware of/consider/address as we develop this plan?
 - We want people to move into our community.
 - Maybe contracting out the adult leagues to an outside entity that has interest in how the league is run and operated. They care about it more when it affects them directly. New high 30 foot fence behind diamond seven or eight in left field to help keep balls from being lost at Green Valley.
 - New potential park areas such as private open space, sensitive areas.
 - Park connections thru trail network.
 - Indoor facilities.
 - Cutting costs of labor and utilities.
 - All points of input presented at the focus group. Input from multiple users was inclusive and provided a holistic view.
 - Look at upgrading existing parks/facilities first - then providing connections (bike/pedestrian/transit) between park areas secondly.
 - Policy and procedures to rent parks for events and tournaments. What's available in terms of amenities, who do you call to book, online info, etc.
 - Regaining access to Sylvan Island is worthy of strong consideration in upcoming plans.
 - Things that I'm sure the city visionaries are already considering - future demographics of the population, how that will impact the tax base which provides the revenues necessary to run cities and parks, and what those demographics look like in terms of the various age segments of the population that are the primary clients of the park system.

- I should mention the entrance and exits at Riverside Park Greenhouse. We need to be able to turn north from the entrance/exit onto 34th Street.
- Multi-modal access (pedestrians, bicycles, transit, etc.) to existing and new facilities.
- Need to improve pool (need slide) to compete with other Quad Cities. Build your own facility and it will pay for itself and then generate funds.
- Collaborative partnerships.
- Parks lack a wow factor. Need additional beautification. Need benches.
- Monitor usage at each facility for future planning purposes. This does not have to be labor intense. A 5 to 10 minute observation at various times during the day at each location should provide good info. This could be Park personnel, City maintenance people etc. Also observations from police during routine checks plus nuisance calls. Possibly enlist nearby homeowners for feedback.
- The flooding that was mentioned at Riverside Park is very similar to flooding that I observed of Four Mile Run Creek in Arlington, VA years ago. I believe our flooding here and what I observed in VA share the same basic cause. The backup (flooding) occurs when the flow of water is impeded and cannot exit fast enough. The problem was fixed in VA when they installed 3 16' diameter culverts to channel water from Four Mile Run under the Potomac RR Yards to the Potomac River. In our case, the impeded flow appears to be in the culvert taking water from under 5th and 4th Avenues thence underground and under the IAIS RR tracks to the Mississippi. Unfortunately, the flooding occurs only a few times throughout the year and that means no one will fix it until it becomes more frequent.
- Be aware of and take advantage of opportunities to incorporate park space and recreation programming into new development or redevelopment projects.

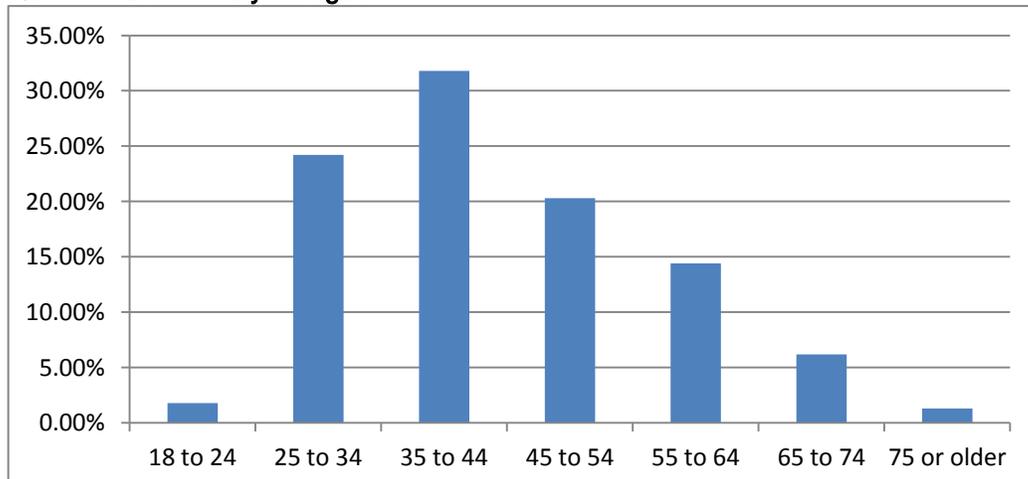
Moline Park Master Plan Community Survey 2013

Question 1: What city do you currently live in?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Moline	62.20%	380
Rock Island	5.60%	34
East Moline	3.10%	19
Davenport	5.70%	35
Bettendorf	3.40%	21
Coal Valley	6.20%	38
Silvis	2.00%	12
Milan	2.10%	13
Other - Illinois	8.80%	54
Other - Iowa	0.80%	5
<i>answered question</i>		611
<i>skipped question</i>		0

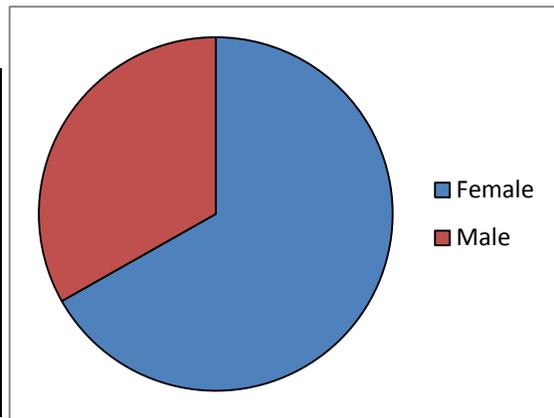
Question 2: What is your age?



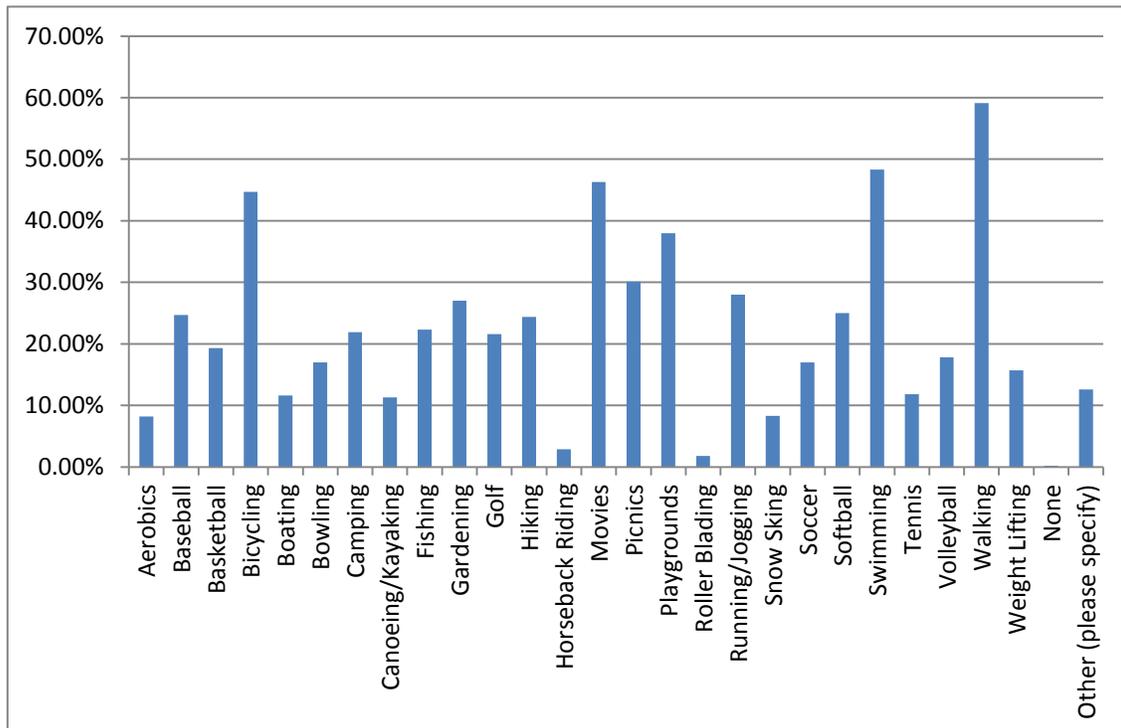
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
18 to 24	1.80%	11
25 to 34	24.20%	148
35 to 44	31.80%	194
45 to 54	20.30%	124
55 to 64	14.40%	88
65 to 74	6.20%	38
75 or older	1.30%	8
<i>answered question</i>		611
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Question 3: What is your gender?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	66.80%	408
Male	33.20%	203
<i>answered question</i>		611
<i>skipped question</i>		0



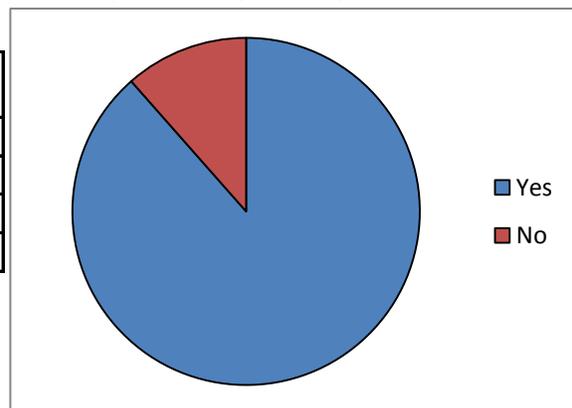
Question 4: What recreational activities do you and your family participate in most often?



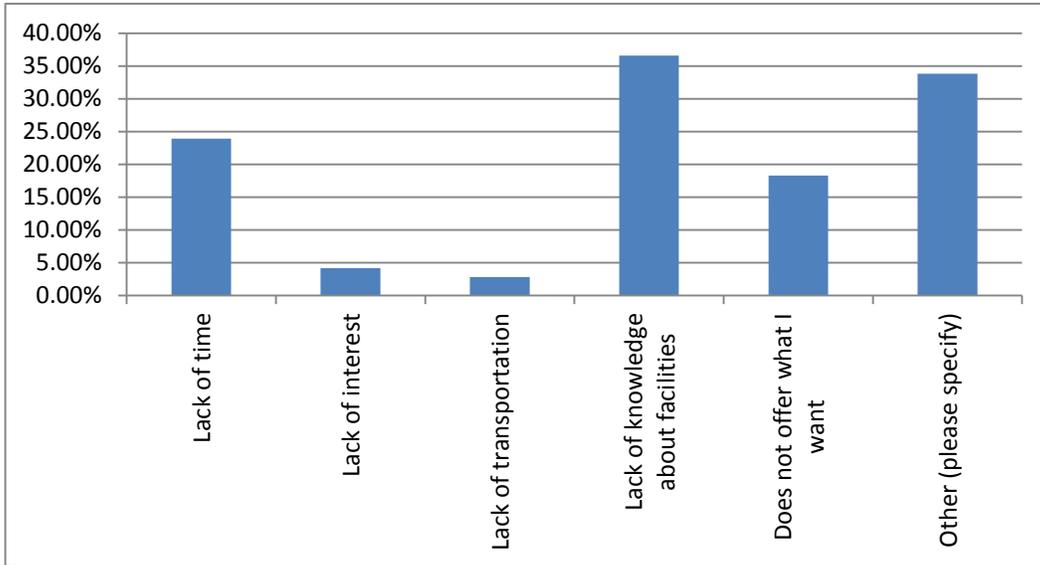
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Aerobics	8.20%	50
Baseball	24.70%	151
Basketball	19.30%	118
Bicycling	44.70%	273
Boating	11.60%	71
Bowling	17.00%	104
Camping	21.90%	134
Canoeing/Kayaking	11.30%	69
Fishing	22.30%	136
Gardening	27.00%	165
Golf	21.60%	132
Hiking	24.40%	149
Horseback Riding	2.90%	18
Movies	46.30%	283
Picnics	30.10%	184
Playgrounds	38.00%	232
Roller Blading	1.80%	11
Running/Jogging	28.00%	171
Snow Sking	8.30%	51
Soccer	17.00%	104
Softball	25.00%	153
Swimming	48.30%	295
Tennis	11.80%	72
Volleyball	17.80%	109
Walking	59.10%	361
Weight Lifting	15.70%	96
None	0.20%	1
Other (please specify)	12.60%	77
<i>answered question</i>		611
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Question 5: Do you currently use any parks or facilities provided by the City of Moline?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	88.50%	541
No	11.50%	70
<i>answered question</i>		611
<i>skipped question</i>		0



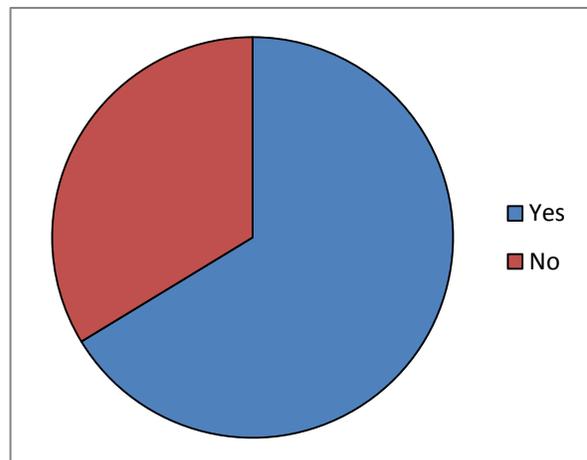
Question 6: Why do you not utilize the parks or facilities provided by the City of Moline?



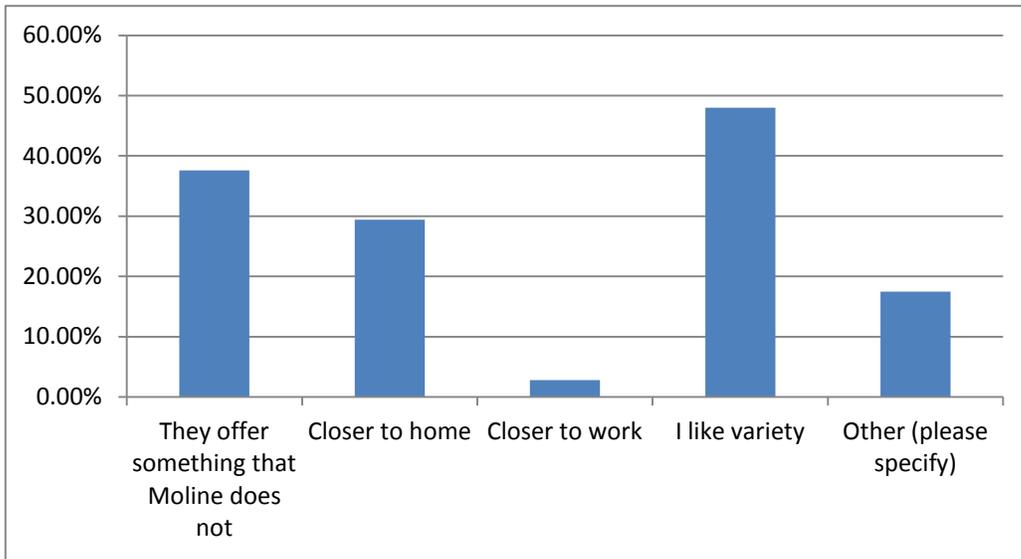
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Lack of time	23.90%	17
Lack of interest	4.20%	3
Lack of transportation	2.80%	2
Lack of knowledge about	36.60%	26
Does not offer what I want	18.30%	13
Other (please specify)	33.80%	24
<i>answered question</i>		71
<i>skipped question</i>		540

Question 7: Do you regularly use any parks or facilities provided by cities OTHER THAN

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	66.3%	404
No	33.7%	205
<i>answered question</i>		609
<i>skipped question</i>		2

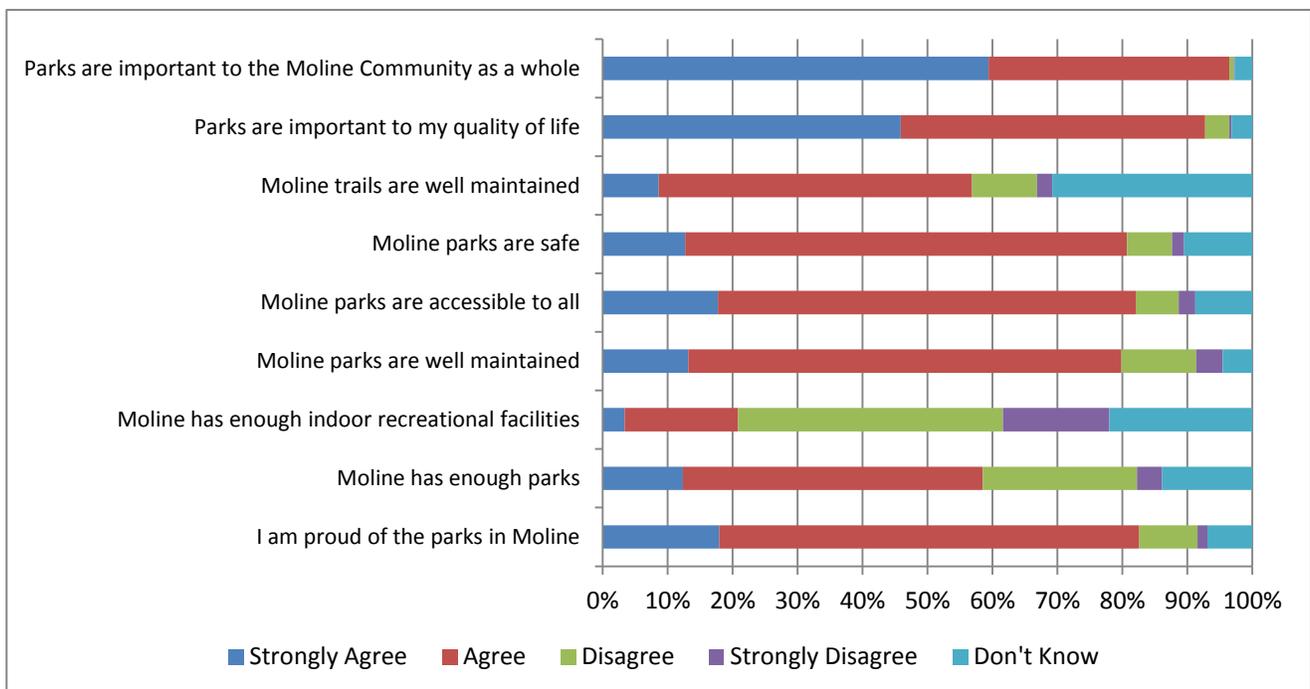


Question 8: Why do you use those parks or facilities?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
They offer something that Moline does not	37.60%	148
Closer to home	29.40%	116
Closer to work	2.80%	11
I like variety	48.00%	189
Other (please specify)	17.50%	69
<i>answered question</i>		394
<i>skipped question</i>		217

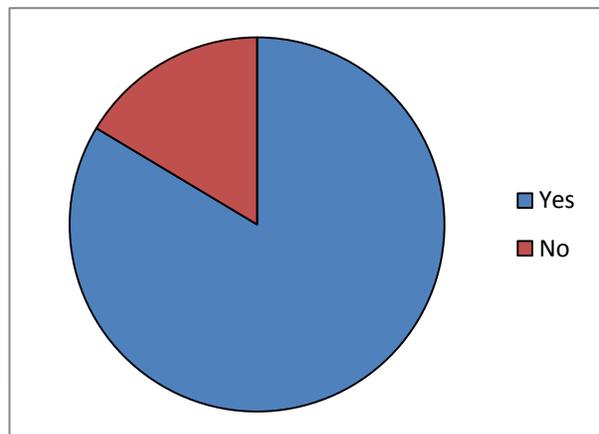
Question 9: Please read each statement and indicate your level of agreement as related to parks in Moline.



Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Response Count
I am proud of the parks in Moline	106	382	53	9	41	591
Moline has enough parks	73	273	140	23	82	591
Moline has enough indoor recreational facilities	20	103	241	97	130	591
Moline parks are well maintained	78	394	68	24	27	591
Moline parks are accessible to all	105	380	39	15	52	591
Moline parks are safe	75	402	41	11	62	591
Moline trails are well maintained	51	285	59	14	182	591
Parks are important to my quality of life	271	277	22	2	19	591
Parks are important to the Moline Community as a whole	351	219	4	1	16	591
<i>answered question</i>						591
<i>skipped question</i>						20

Question 10: Do you feel that Moline Park facilities are adequately distributed throughout the City of Moline?

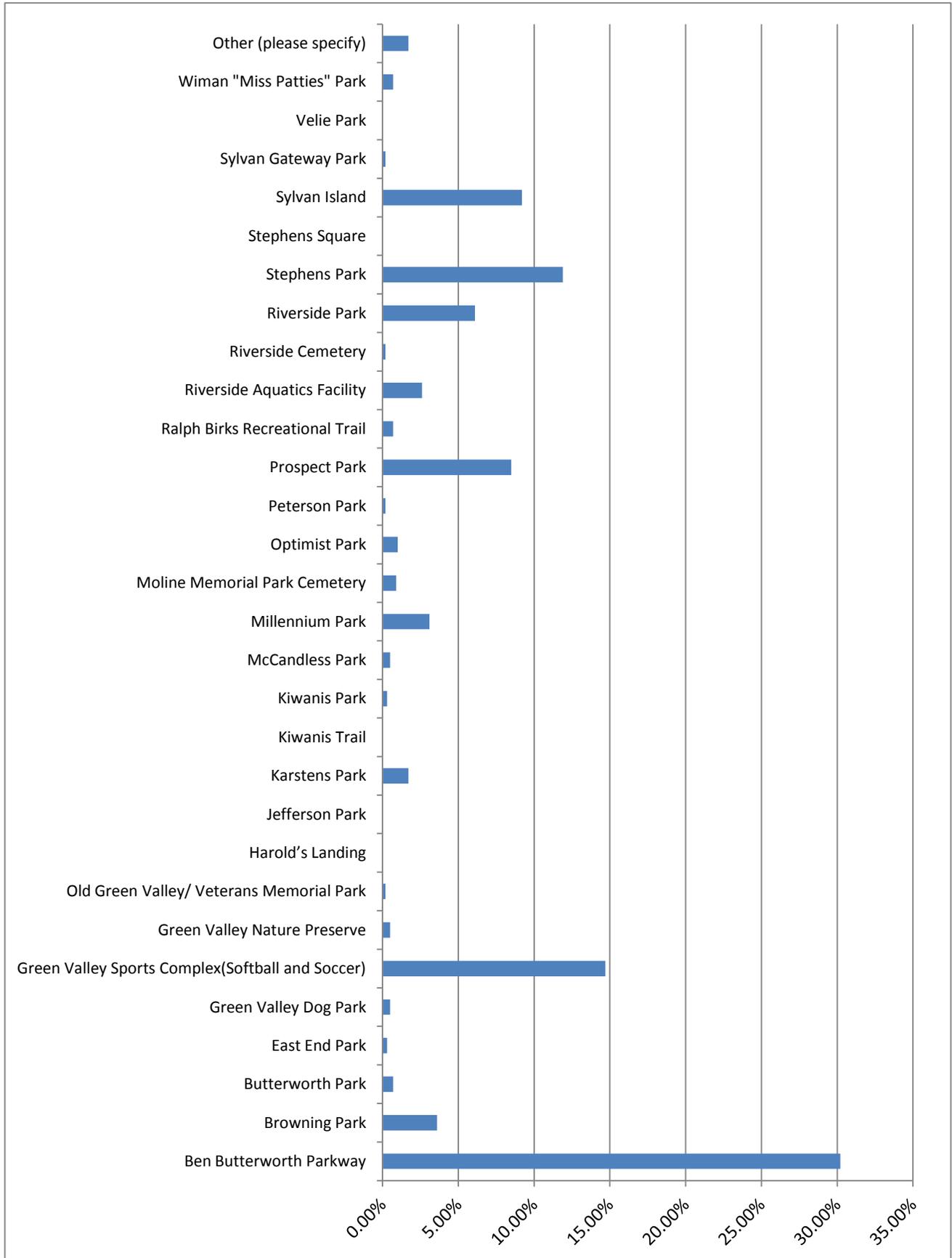
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	83.6%	494
No	16.4%	97
<i>answered question</i>		591
<i>skipped question</i>		20



Question 11: If no, which geographic areas of Moline need more facilities?

Answer Options	Response Count	
See Open-Ended Answers	96	
<i>answered question</i>		96
<i>skipped question</i>		515

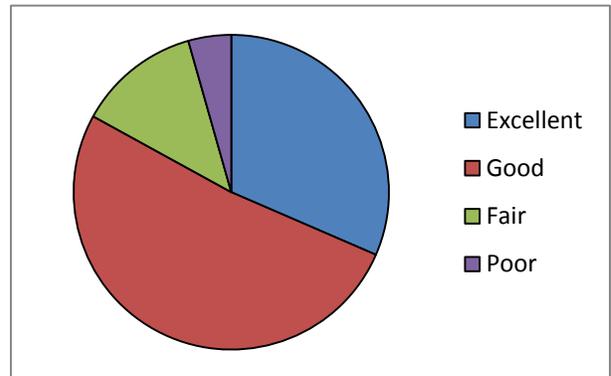
Question 12: What Moline Park facility do you use most frequently (pick one)?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Ben Butterworth Parkway	30.20%	177
Browning Park	3.60%	21
Butterworth Park	0.70%	4
East End Park	0.30%	2
Green Valley Dog Park	0.50%	3
Green Valley Sports Complex(Softball and Soccer)	14.70%	86
Green Valley Nature Preserve	0.50%	3
Old Green Valley/ Veterans Memorial Park	0.20%	1
Harold's Landing	0.00%	0
Jefferson Park	0.00%	0
Karstens Park	1.70%	10
Kiwanis Trail	0.00%	0
Kiwanis Park	0.30%	2
McCandless Park	0.50%	3
Millennium Park	3.10%	18
Moline Memorial Park Cemetery	0.90%	5
Optimist Park	1.00%	6
Peterson Park	0.20%	1
Prospect Park	8.50%	50
Ralph Birks Recreational Trail	0.70%	4
Riverside Aquatics Facility	2.60%	15
Riverside Cemetery	0.20%	1
Riverside Park	6.10%	36
Stephens Park	11.90%	70
Stephens Square	0.00%	0
Sylvan Island	9.20%	54
Sylvan Gateway Park	0.20%	1
Velie Park	0.00%	0
Wiman "Miss Patties" Park	0.70%	4
Other (please specify)	1.70%	10
	<i>answered question</i>	587
	<i>skipped question</i>	24

Question 13: How would you rank the overall quality of [Q12]?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	31.5%	180
Good	51.5%	294
Fair	12.6%	72
Poor	4.4%	25
<i>answered question</i>		571
<i>skipped question</i>		40



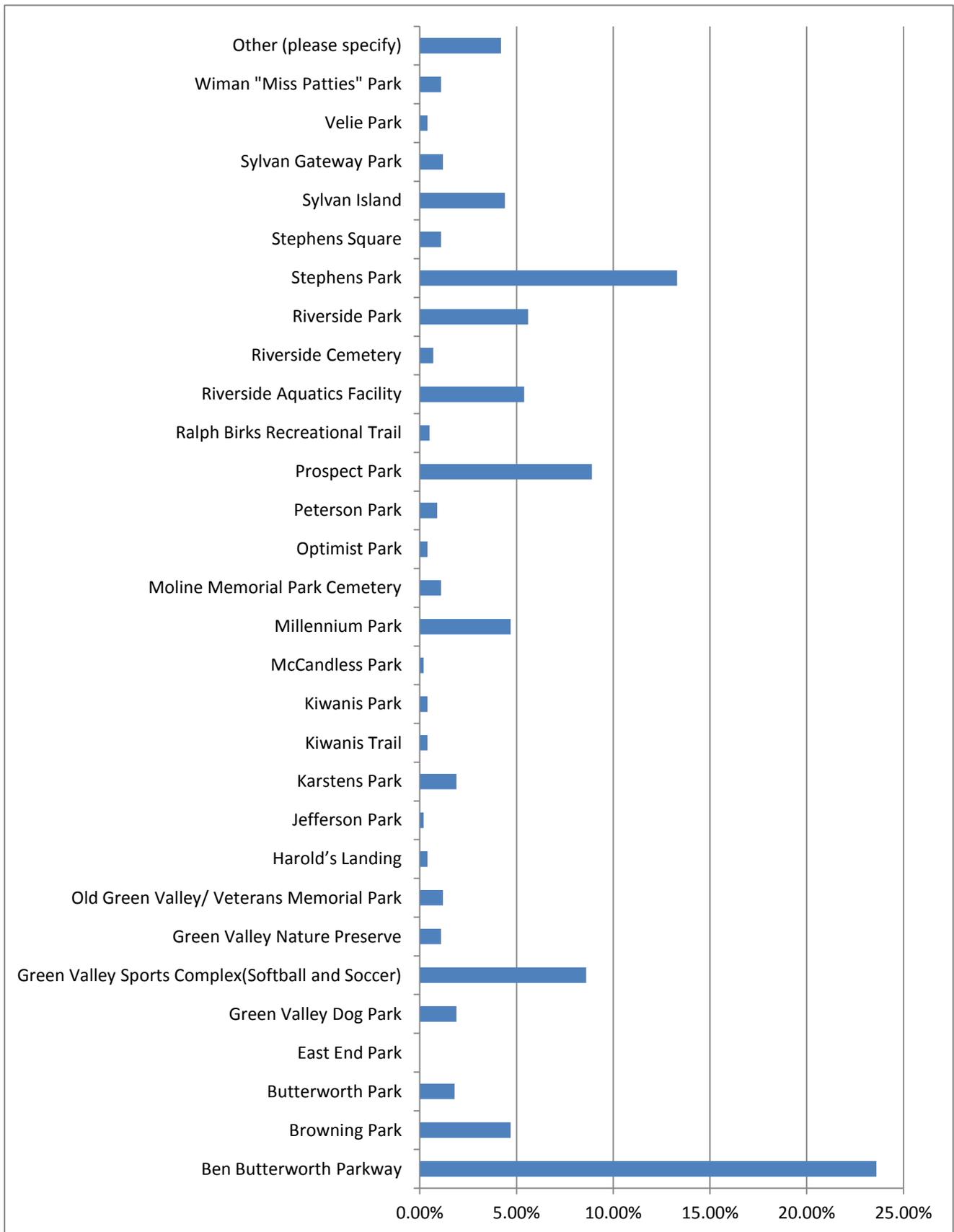
Question: 14: What amenities do you use in [Q12]?

Answer Options	Response Count
See Park Summaries/Open ended answers	571
<i>answered question</i>	571
<i>skipped question</i>	40

Question: 15: What improvements would you recommend at [Q12]?

Answer Options	Response Count
See Park Summaries/Open ended answers	571
<i>answered question</i>	571
<i>skipped question</i>	40

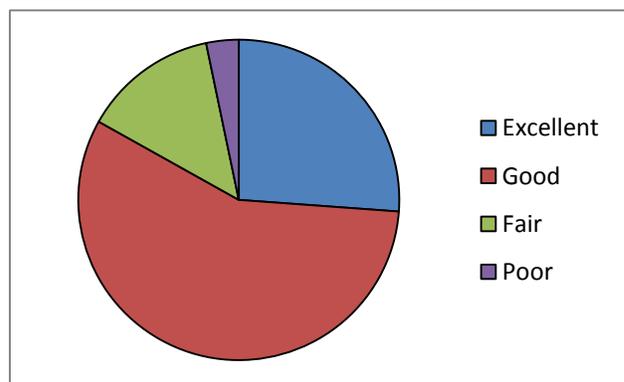
Question 16: What is a second Moline Park facility do you use frequently (pick one)?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Ben Butterworth Parkway	23.60%	135
Browning Park	4.70%	27
Butterworth Park	1.80%	10
East End Park	0.00%	0
Green Valley Dog Park	1.90%	1
Green Valley Sports Complex(Softball and Soccer)	8.60%	49
Green Valley Nature Preserve	1.10%	6
Old Green Valley/ Veterans Memorial Park	1.20%	7
Harold's Landing	0.40%	2
Jefferson Park	0.20%	1
Karstens Park	1.90%	11
Kiwanis Trail	0.40%	2
Kiwanis Park	0.40%	2
McCandless Park	0.20%	1
Millennium Park	4.70%	27
Moline Memorial Park Cemetery	1.10%	6
Optimist Park	0.40%	2
Peterson Park	0.90%	5
Prospect Park	8.90%	51
Ralph Birks Recreational Trail	0.50%	3
Riverside Aquatics Facility	5.40%	31
Riverside Cemetery	0.70%	4
Riverside Park	5.60%	32
Stephens Park	13.30%	76
Stephens Square	1.10%	6
Sylvan Island	4.40%	25
Sylvan Gateway Park	1.20%	7
Velie Park	0.40%	2
Wiman "Miss Patties" Park	1.10%	6
Other (please specify)	4.20%	24
<i>answered question</i>		571
<i>skipped question</i>		40

Question 17: How would you rank the overall quality of [Q16]?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	28.6%	162
Good	54.8%	310
Fair	12.9%	73
Poor	3.7%	21
<i>answered question</i>		566
<i>skipped question</i>		45



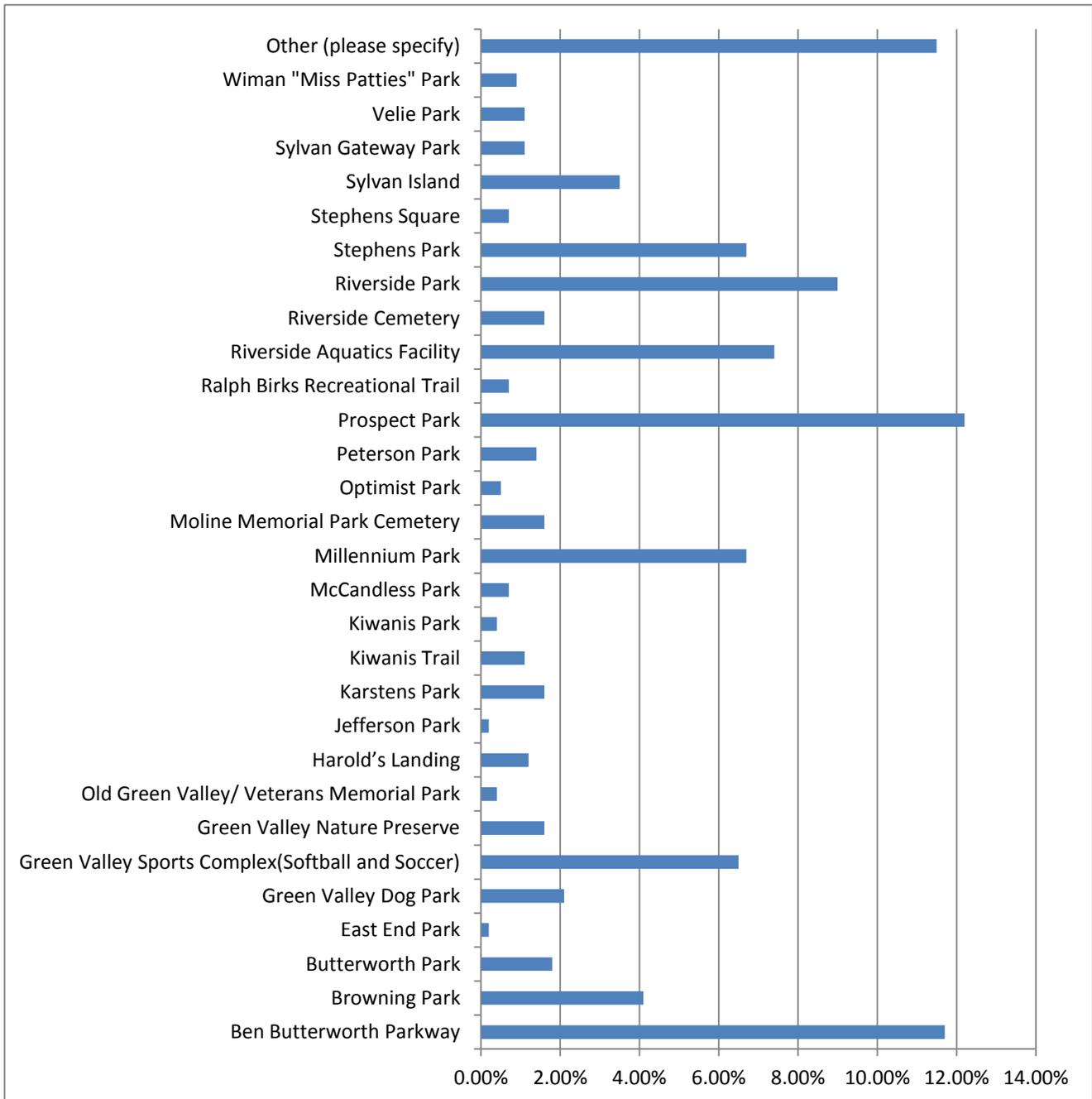
Question: 18: What amenities do you use in [Q16]?

Answer Options	Response Count
ended answers	566
<i>answered question</i>	566
<i>skipped question</i>	45

Question: 19: What improvements would you recommend at [Q16]?

Answer Options	Response Count
Summaries/Open ended	566
<i>answered question</i>	566
<i>skipped question</i>	45

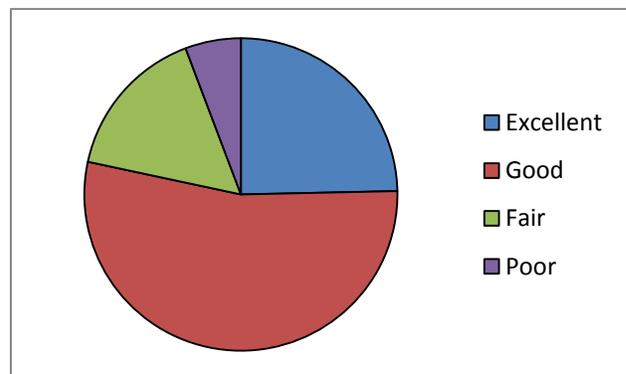
Question 20: What is a third Moline Park Facility that you use frequently (pick one)?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Ben Butterworth Parkway	11.70%	66
Browning Park	4.10%	23
Butterworth Park	1.80%	10
East End Park	0.20%	1
Green Valley Dog Park	2.10%	12
Green Valley Sports Complex(Softball and Soccer)	6.50%	37
Green Valley Nature Preserve	1.60%	9
Old Green Valley/ Veterans Memorial Park	0.40%	2
Harold's Landing	1.20%	7
Jefferson Park	0.20%	1
Karstens Park	1.60%	9
Kiwanis Trail	1.10%	6
Kiwanis Park	0.40%	2
McCandless Park	0.70%	4
Millennium Park	6.70%	38
Moline Memorial Park Cemetery	1.60%	9
Optimist Park	0.50%	3
Peterson Park	1.40%	8
Prospect Park	12.20%	69
Ralph Birks Recreational Trail	0.70%	4
Riverside Aquatics Facility	7.40%	42
Riverside Cemetery	1.60%	9
Riverside Park	9.00%	51
Stephens Park	6.70%	38
Stephens Square	0.70%	4
Sylvan Island	3.50%	20
Sylvan Gateway Park	1.10%	6
Velie Park	1.10%	6
Wiman "Miss Patties" Park	0.90%	5
Other (please specify)	11.50%	65
answered question		566
skipped question		45

Question 21: How would you rank the overall quality of [Q20]?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	26.3%	148
Good	52.7%	296
Fair	14.9%	84
Poor	6.0%	34
answered question		562
skipped question		49



Question: 22: What amenities do you use in [Q20]?

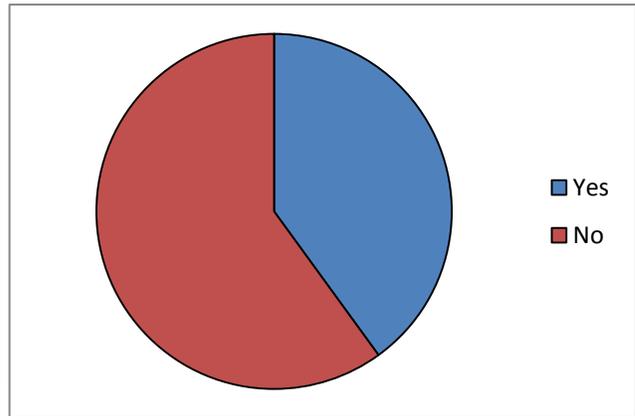
Answer Options	Response Count
ended answers	562
<i>answered question</i>	562
<i>skipped question</i>	49

Question: 23: What improvements would you recommend at [Q20]?

Answer Options	Response Count
ended answers	562
<i>answered question</i>	562
<i>skipped question</i>	49

Question 24: When considering all parks in Moline, do you feel that the City of Moline should provide additional facilities or amenities that you have not already mentioned?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	37.5%	211
No	62.5%	351
<i>answered question</i>		562
<i>skipped question</i>		49



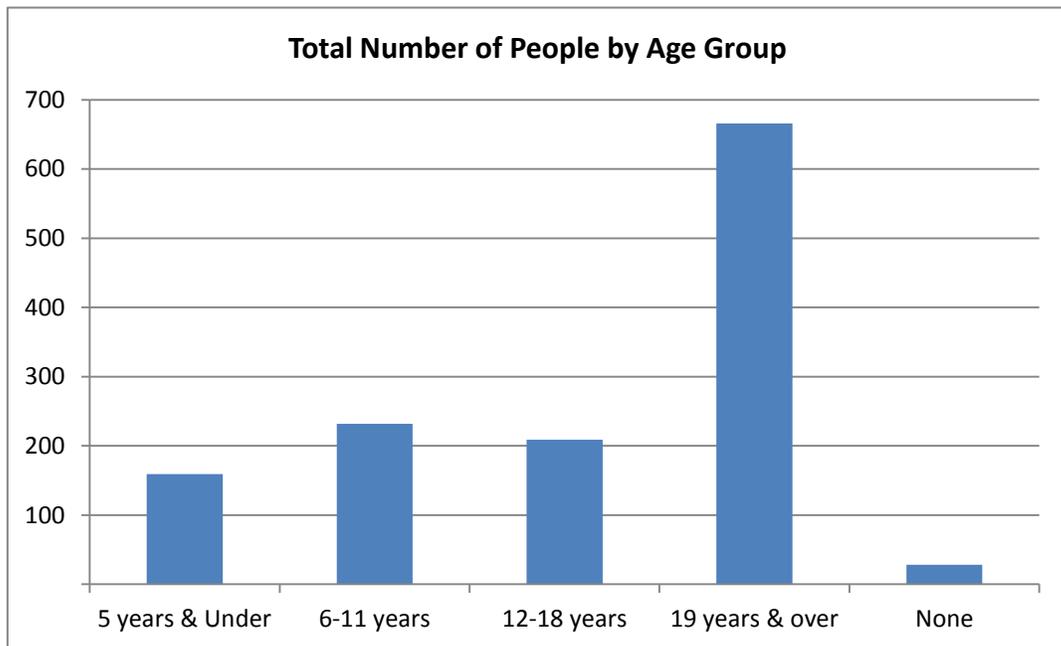
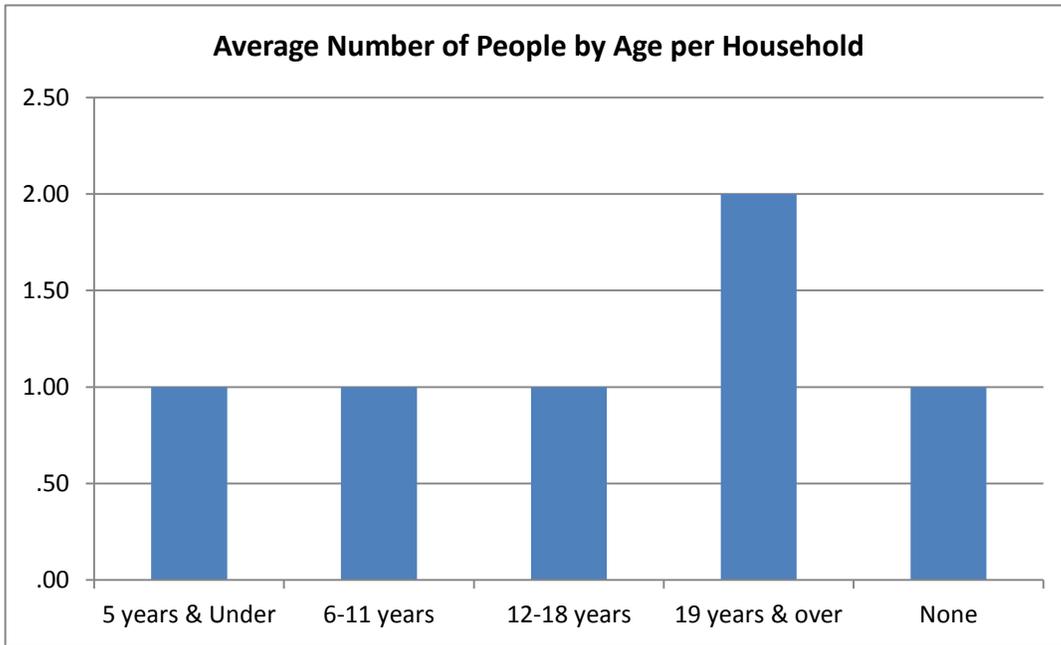
Question 25: If so, what additional facilities or amenities should be provided?

Answer Options	Response Count
See open ended answers	206
<i>answered question</i>	206
<i>skipped question</i>	405

Question 26: What other comments do you have about parks in Moline?

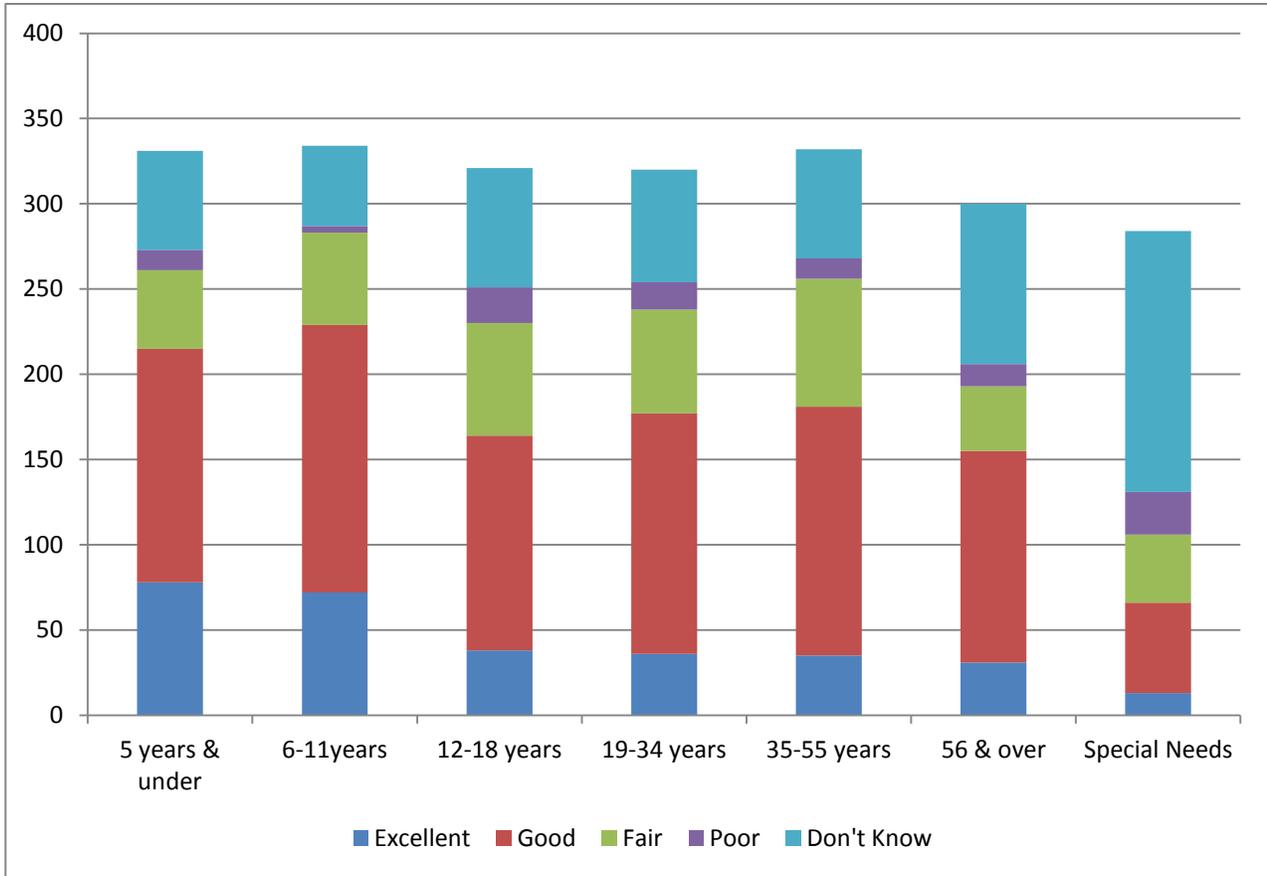
Answer Options	Response Count
See open ended answers	278
<i>answered question</i>	278
<i>skipped question</i>	333

Question 27: Including yourself, how many people in your household use recreational



Answer Options	Response Average	Response Total	Response Count
5 years & Under	1.12	245	218
6-11 years	1.20	323	270
12-18 years	1.32	279	211
19 years & over	2.02	970	480
None	.86	44	51
<i>answered question</i>			546
<i>skipped question</i>			65

Question 28: Please rate the Moline Parks & Recreation opportunities for the following groups:



Answer Options	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Response Count
5 years & under	98	201	64	16	121	498
6-11 years	98	225	74	4	103	503
12-18 years	56	187	84	24	133	483
19-34 years	53	220	89	20	106	485
35-55 years	53	232	97	14	109	503
56 & over	43	178	55	15	172	463
Special Needs	22	76	51	31	258	437
<i>answered question</i>						546
<i>skipped question</i>						65

Question 29: If you would like to be contacted to participate in a Moline Parks Master Plan Focus

Answer Options	Response Count
See list of contact information	70
<i>answered question</i>	70
<i>skipped question</i>	541