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3 **RESOLUTION: 358-032024 Parks Department Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2024-2028**

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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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7 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County is interested in protecting its unique natural and cultural resources, while
8 providing quality park and recreational opportunities for residents of and visitors to Winnebago County;
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11 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County has hired MSA Professional Services to work with the Parks Department
12 to update its outdoor recreation plan; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the plan and its recommendations were compiled to address Winnebago County's
15 recreational development and resource protection needs over the next five years and beyond; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, your undersigned Committee, along with interested private citizens and a professional
18 consultant, helped provide the necessary input and critical review of the information and subsequent
19 conclusions brought forth in the plan; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, adoption of the plan is required for Winnebago County to become eligible for several cost
22 sharing aid programs administered by the State of Wisconsin; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the complete Winnebago County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2024-2028) is
25 available for review on the Winnebago County Parks Department's website
26 (www.winnebago.wi.us/parks).

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
30 approves and adopts the Winnebago County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2024-2028).
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Respectfully submitted by:
Parks and Recreation Committee
Committee Vote: 3-0

Fiscal Note: No immediate fiscal Impact. This plan allows the county to apply for future grants.

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36 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**

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39 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive on _____.

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Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive

County Board Report



DATE: March 19, 2024
FROM: Adam Breest, Parks Director
AGENDA ITEM: 358-032024 Parks Department Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2024-2028

General Description:

The Winnebago County Parks Department has been working with a consultant, engaging the public, and drafting the 2024-2028 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan since June of 2023. The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is a plan that allows the department to plan for the next 5 years of improvements in the park system.

Action Requested:

Motion to approve the resolution titled Winnebago County Parks Department 2024-2028 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Procedural Steps:

Parks Committee
Action Taken

Meeting Date: 2/13/24
Vote: 3-0

Background:

Every 5 years the Parks Department drafts an update to our 5-year comprehensive outdoor recreation Plan. The plan is utilized as a guide for capital improvement projects, long term maintenance needs, property acquisition, and future park amenities needs. The Parks Department worked with MSA Professional Services to host several public meetings, host 2 public surveys, setup a workshop with the Parks Committee, and engage the public. The process began in June of 2023 and concluded in December of 2023.

The comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is included within the board packet. As a part of the comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, the Parks Department also worked with MSA Professional Services to create a comprehensive master plan for the Winnebago County Community Park.

Due to the length of the full report, County Board Supervisors can pick up a hard copy at the Clerks office upon request. Otherwise, a link to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is included below.

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Link:

https://www.winnebagocountywi.gov/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/Winnebago%20County%20Parks%20CORP_24-28.pdf

Policy Discussion:

To qualify for many Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grants we need to have an updated 5-year comprehensive outdoor recreation plan on file and adopted by the County Board. In just the last 3 years we have received funding in the amount of \$1,595,212 for the Grundman Boat Landing and Waukau Dam projects. This plan is important to ensure that projects like these can happen in the future. The Butte des Morts Boat Landing Improvement Project scheduled for 2025-2026 is an example of another project that is eligible for substantial state funding. The comprehensive outdoor Recreation plan is also meant to engage the public to see what their interests are within the park system.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation:

Emily Soderberg from MSA Professional Services was in attendance at the committee. Ms. Soderberg went over the 2024-2028 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan in detail. She explained the various components such as the capital recommendations, public engagement process, and all the work that went into creating the Comprehensive Plan and the Community Park Master Plan. The committee asked a few questions. Rachael Dowling made a motion, seconded by Jim Ponzer, to recommend to the County Board to approve the Winnebago County Parks Department 2024-2028 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion carried 3-0. (Binder absent, Bellville virtual)

Attachments:

None