Mandt Park Master Plan

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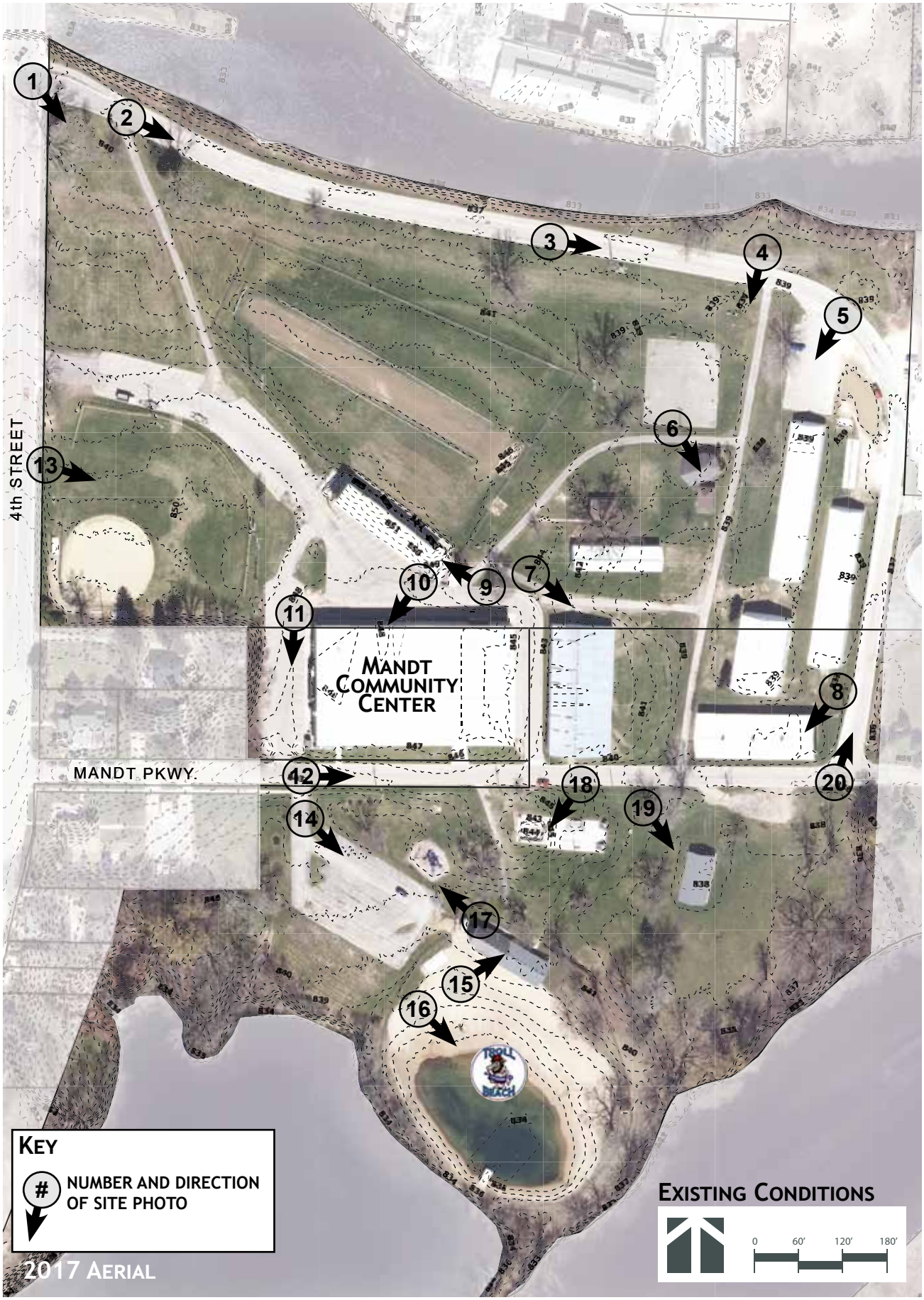
1.0 Introduction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NUMBER AND DIRECTION OF SITE PHOTO
2017 AERIAL
EXISTING CONDITIONS
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60'
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Mandt Park Existing Conditions

Mandt Park is one of two community parks in Stoughton. The park is comprised on 33.2 acres, south of the downtown, adjacent to 4th Street. Mandt Park shares it's peninsula location with the Stoughton Waste Water Treatment Facility and the Stoughton Area School District School Bus Terminal. Main amenities include Troll Beach aquatic area with bathhouse/shelter, skate park, and lighted softball field.

The Stoughton Youth Fair operates from several facilities located within the park, including a large grandstand, barns and storage buildings. The fair which runs for a week each July stretches throughout the Park with a midway, animal shows and exhibits, a tractor pull, and other events.

Mandt Park is also the home to the privately owned and operated, Mandt Community Center (Mandt Center). The Mandt Center operates a multipurpose community space with groomed ice arena, home for Stoughton Youth Hockey, and also serves as the offices for the Stoughton Youth Fair.

Barn in 1979 - Wisconsin Historical Society

Existing amenities noted in the 2018 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (Ayres, 2018) include:

- Community Center (Mandt Community Center)
- Troll Beach and Bathhouse
- Fair Exhibit Halls/Barns/Storage Facilities
- Grandstand and Tractor Pull Event Area
- Softball/Youth Baseball Field with Lights
- Park Shelter
- Play Ground Equipment (for 5-12 year olds)
- Park Sign with message board
- Skatepark
- Picnic Tables
- Drinking Fountain
- Bike Racks
- Parking Lots
- Sidewalks/Trails
- Pickleball Courts (added in 2018)

1957 Aerial

1987 Aerial

1995 Aerial

2005 Aerial

Aerials taken from Dane County DCIMap

1 Existing Entrance Monument

2 Mandt Parkway/Yahara River

3 Mandt Parkway (East)

4 Pickleball Courts

5 Fair Buildings and Staging Area

6 Bandshell

7 Fair Buildings

8 Fair Buildings

9 Grandstand

10 Mandt Community Center

11 Mandt Community Center

12 Mandt Community Center

13 Ballfield

14 Troll Beach Parking Lot

15 Troll Beach Bathhouse

16 Troll Beach

17 Playground

18 Skatepark

19 Shelter

18 Mandt Parkway

July 3, 2019

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Mandt Park Existing Conditions

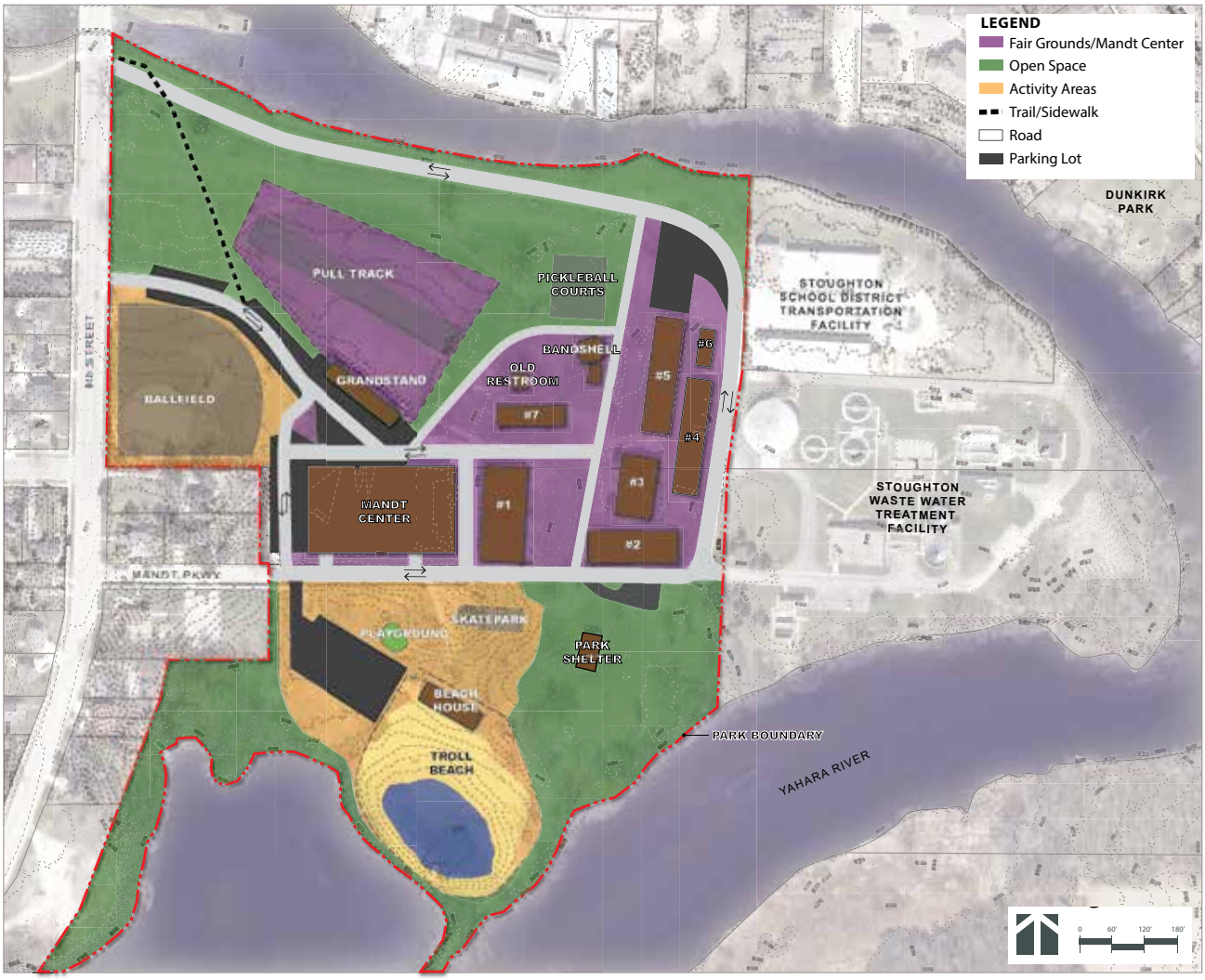
Mandt Parkway serves as the access into the park, connecting at the north and south sides of the site at 4th Street, while also serving large municipal uses of the Bus Depot and Waste Water Treatment Facility. Bus and semi-traffic conflicts with pedestrian movement from the southern park to the north and Yahara River.

Lighting is limited within the park. The existing ballfield and tractor pull area are lit while the remainder of the site is unlit except for a few scattered security lights.

Geese are a well known nuisance along the northern edge of the park at the Yahara River, large expanses of mowed lawn adjacent to the river provide excellent habitat while leaving the sidewalks and open spaces littered with goose droppings, and unusable for a majority of the summer season.

The majority of the park structures, bathhouse and fair buildings are aging and in need of maintenance or replacement. The Mandt Center underwent significant mechanical upgrades in 2014, and is itself considered outside the scope of the park master plan. Parking to service the facility and other amenities that could serve Mandt Center users are considered.

Sidewalk on Mandt Parkway along Yahara River - August 2019



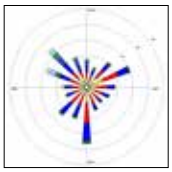
Mandt Park Site Analysis

Mandt Park is located on a peninsula surrounded on three sides by the Yahara River and bounded by 4th Street to the west. The overall terrain on the site is fairly flat with slopes of 5-10 percent or less. The highpoint within the park is about 852 at the backstop of the ballfield and the low point to the north is between Mandt Parkway and the Yahara River at 836, a total elevation change of 16 feet. At the south the low point is south of the park shelter along the Yahara river at 835, or 17 feet of drop in elevation.

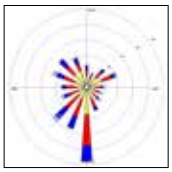
While a majority of the site is fairly flat and outside of the documented flood plain, due to proximity to the Yahara River and associated water table, many current portions of the site are continually wet or soggy, except during extended dry periods. This corresponds to the approximate location of wetland indicators/hydric soils as shown on the WI DNR Surface Water Data Inventory (on following page). While not exact boundaries these areas are noted to require further analysis

Summer Solstice Sun Angle

Winter Solstice Sun Angle



Spring Winds



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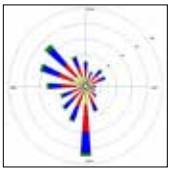
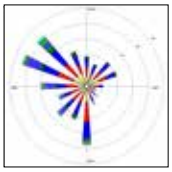


Fall Winds



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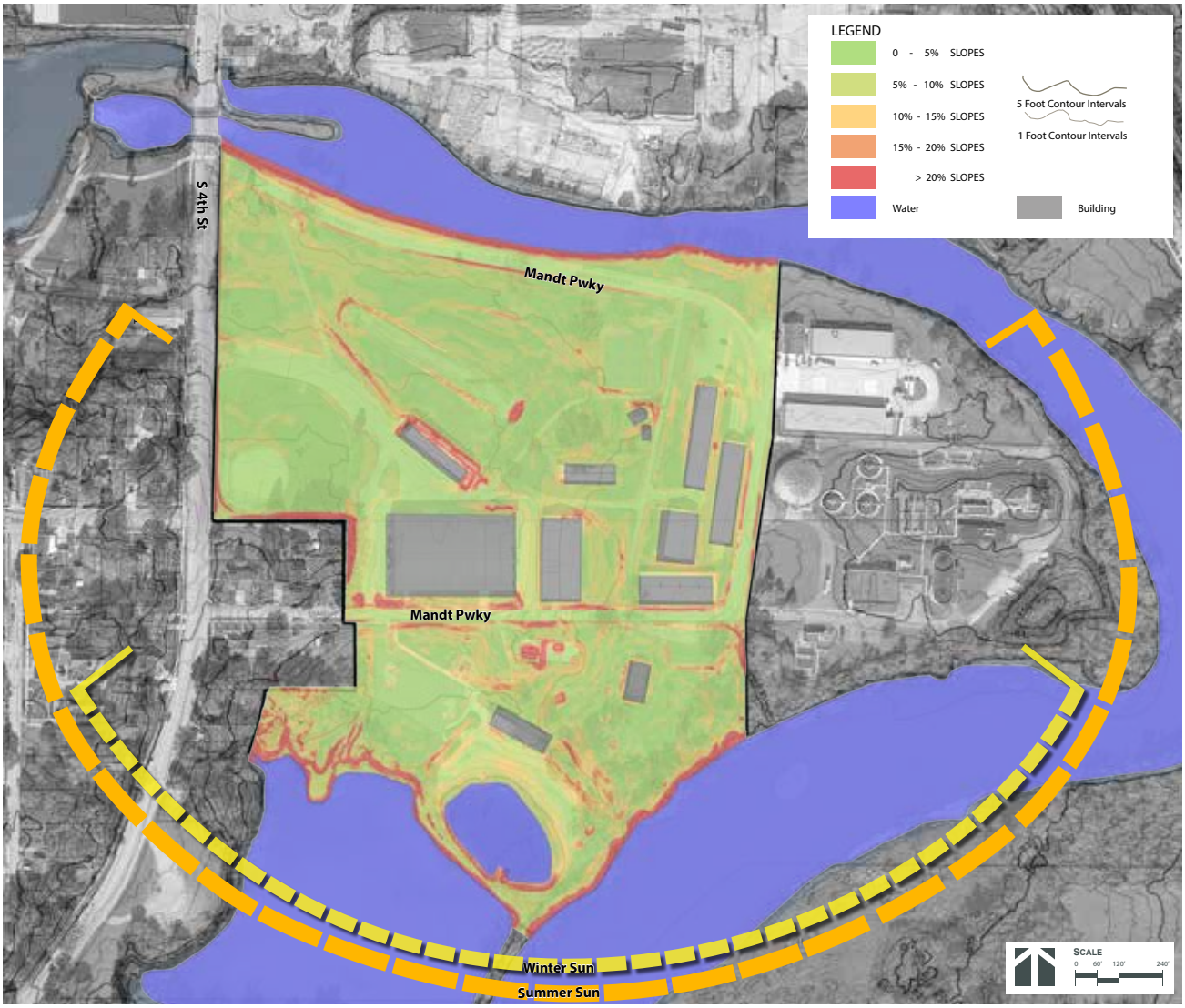
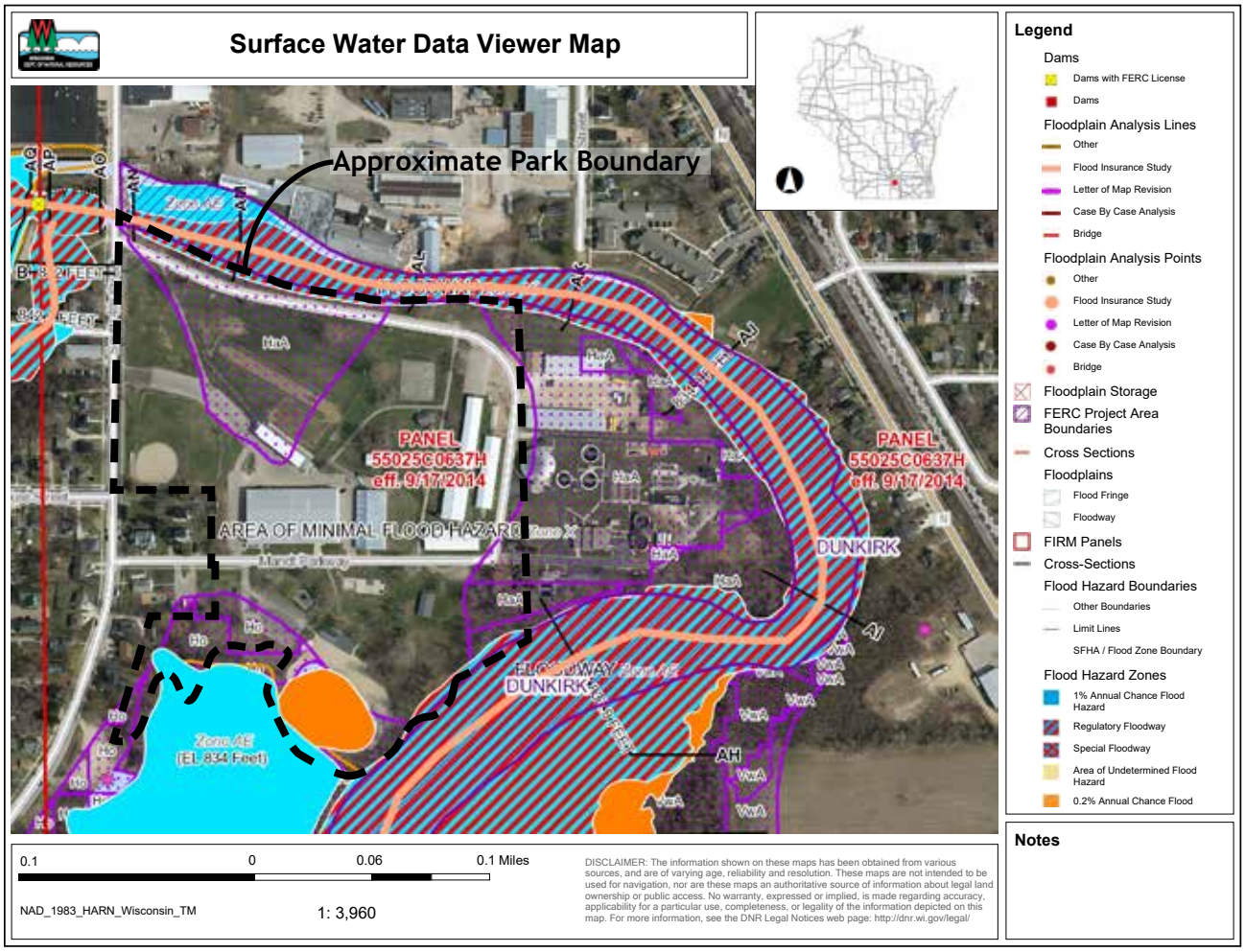


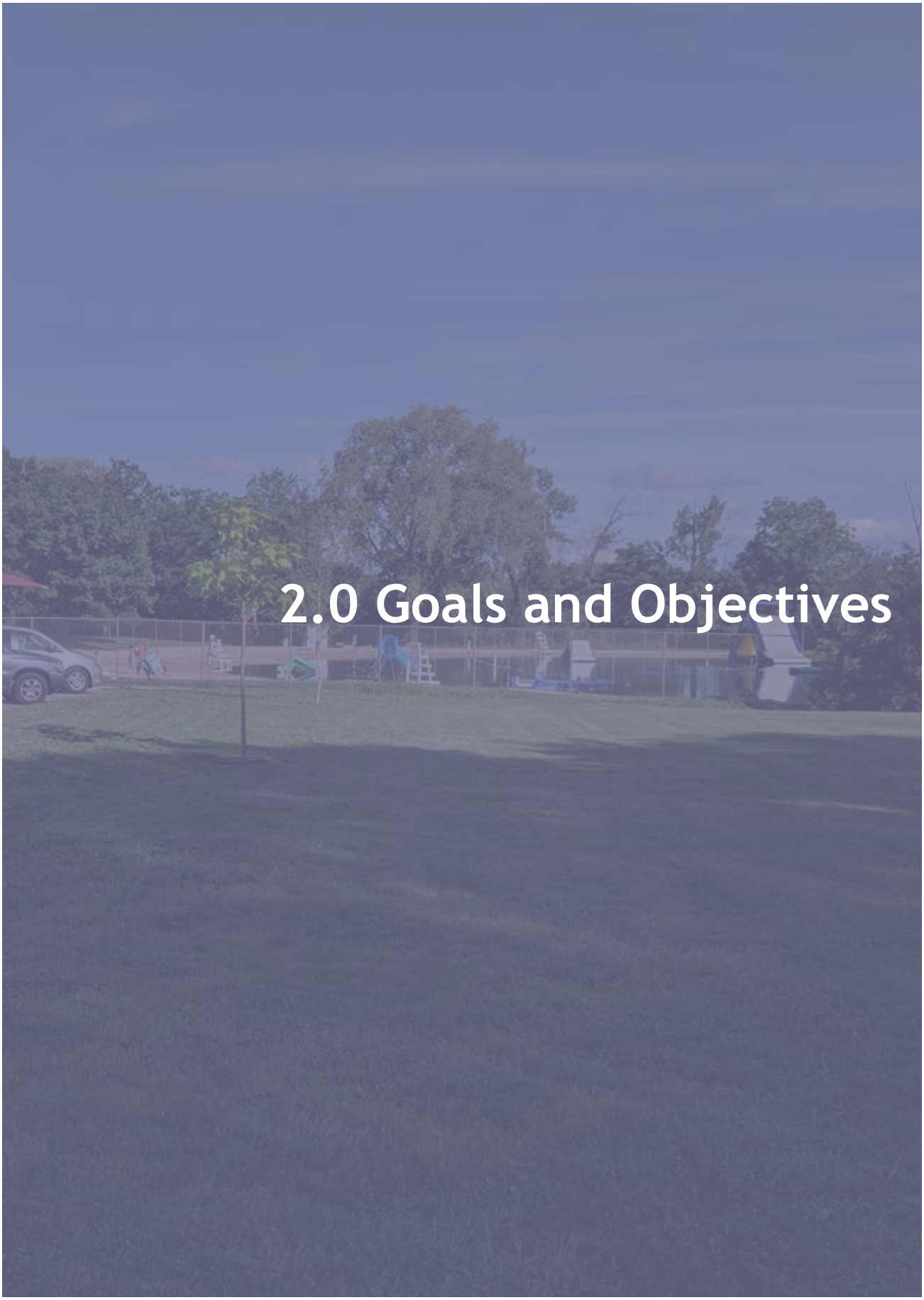


prior to development of any trails or structures to ensure compliance with application DNR wetland disturbance regulations. A wetland delineation may be required prior to further design development outside of this master plan. Geotechnical assessment of the soil conditions is also recommended to determine suitability for future development.

As shown on the graphic on the previous page, prevailing winds (identified at Dane County Regional Airport) are from the North-West and South/South-East. With highest winds occurring during the fall. This information along with the sun angles can help to determine placement of site features such as shelters and landscaping.

Standing water in lawn north of ballfield - August 2019

Standing water in lawn east of park shelter - August 2019



2.0 Goals and Objectives

Mandt Park Goals

From City of Stoughton:

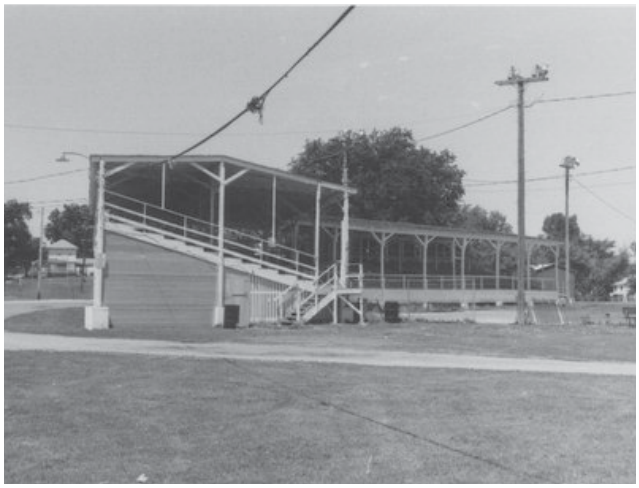
"The Mandt Park land has long been in the possession of the City of Stoughton. Historically the land on the eastern side of the park was used as a garbage dump site. Currently there is significant development at the park such as fair buildings, community ice arena, pickleball complex, skate park, open air shelter, and a man-made swim pond. Much of this infrastructure is aging and will need to be replaced in the near future.

The RDA property, located directly to the north, on the opposite side of the Yahara River from Mandt Park has historically been the location of various industry in the City which made the water frontage private. The RDA granting an easement for the property has given the public access to 750 LF of river frontage. The RDA's goal for their space is to "Design with Nature". The waterfront must be in public ownership and not be a sliver of land but a substantial swath of public space. Density open space and environmental amenities must be balanced with a bias toward human interactions with the natural environment. It is important that the two systems, the RDA property and Mandt Park, work together and provide a seamless recreational experience.

Additionally, there is a proposed whitewater park in the Yahara River adjacent to the park which will have an impact to the trail system, bank restoration, access to the river, and parking. The City envisions the whitewater park and the adjacent parkland will become a regional attraction."

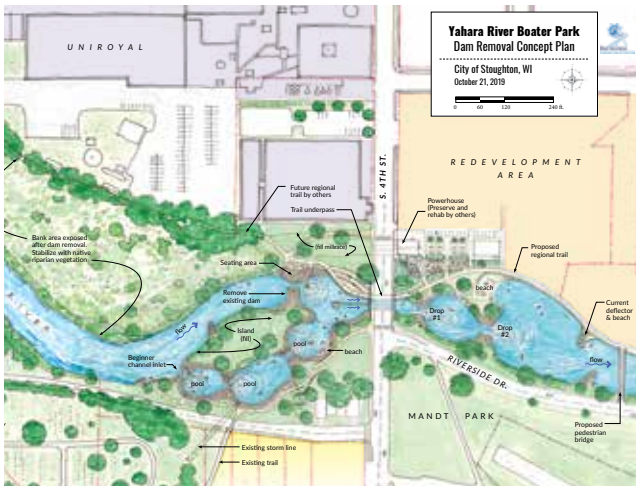
The interplay of the existing uses of the park including the Mandt Center, Stoughton Youth Fair, events such as the annual Coffee Breaks along with the ongoing RDA development and proposed Yahara River Whitewater Park furnishes a large body of stakeholders providing valuable input on the creation of the Master Plan for Mandt Park. Engagement was provided several ways during the early stages of the process to inform the overall goals and desires for the Park.
These included:

1. On-Line Public Survey
2. Stakeholder Interviews
3. Public Information Meeting



Grandstand in 1979 - Wisconsin Historical Society

Looking South over the RDA site onto Mandt Park - August 2019



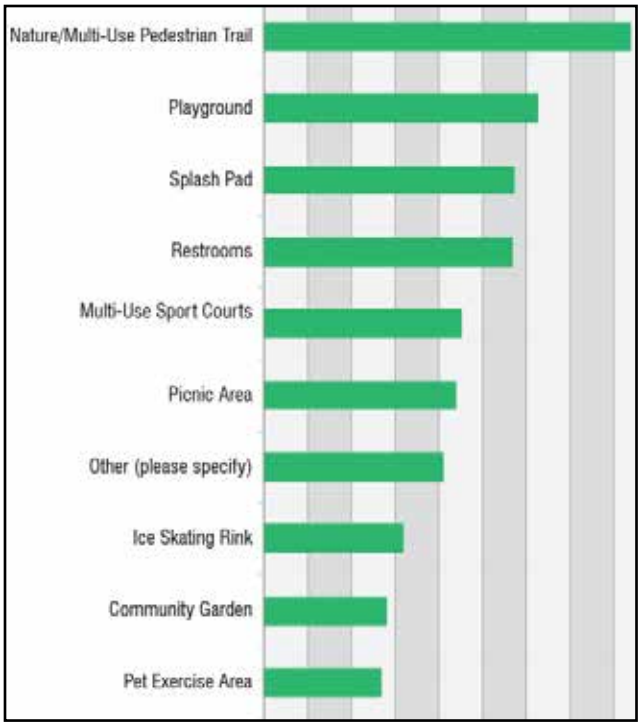
Proposed Whitewater Park Plan - October 2019
Recreational Engineering and Planning

Additionally, existing goals and improvements from the 2018 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan were considered.

2018 Stoughton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

In 2018, The City of Stoughton hired Ayres and Associates to complete a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). As part of the CORP, a survey was conducted to determine the types of part amenities residents felt were missing from the parks they visit most. The top responses are show in the graph to the right.

In this survey Mandt Park was rated as the most visited park in the Stoughton Parks system. Attendance at Troll Beach and the Mandt Center as well as events such as the Fair, Coffee Breaks, and Syttende Mai Festival draw a broad range of Stoughton residents to the park.



Top 10 responses from 2018 Public Survey - Ayres Assoc.

On-line Survey

Responses to an on-line survey (SurveyMonkey) for likes and dislikes provide information on current uses and informs design during concept development. The Parks and Recreation Department sent out a survey link to the community through department email list and on the Parks and Recreation Facebook Page. The result was over 1,000 responses to a list of 10 questions concerning park uses.

Of the 10 questions, 6 were direct select answers and 4 contained open dialogue comment boxes. The following charts and corresponding responses provide insight to the public opinion. The open dialogue responses are shown with highest rate as large font in darker color then reducing to coincide with less commenting.

At the first public presentation, there was a review of the initial findings of the survey. The survey was open to participants for a 8-week window from late July through September 19, 2019. The following is the outcome of the survey. (Full comments from the open response questions are available in the Appendix.

According to the National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA):

What is a Community Park?

A community park:

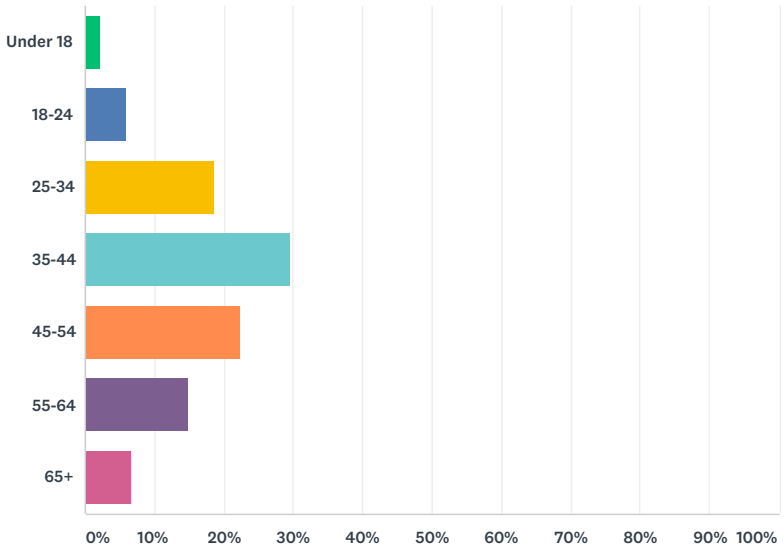
- Consists of areas of diverse environmental quality.
- May include areas suited for intense recreational activities such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools
- May be an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation, such as walking, viewing, sitting, picnicking.
- May be any combination of the above.
- Typically 10 or more acres.

Where are Community Parks?

Community Parks are located such that they provide service to several neighborhoods within a 1 - 2 mile radius. Providing access both by pedestrians and vehicles.

Q1 What is your age?

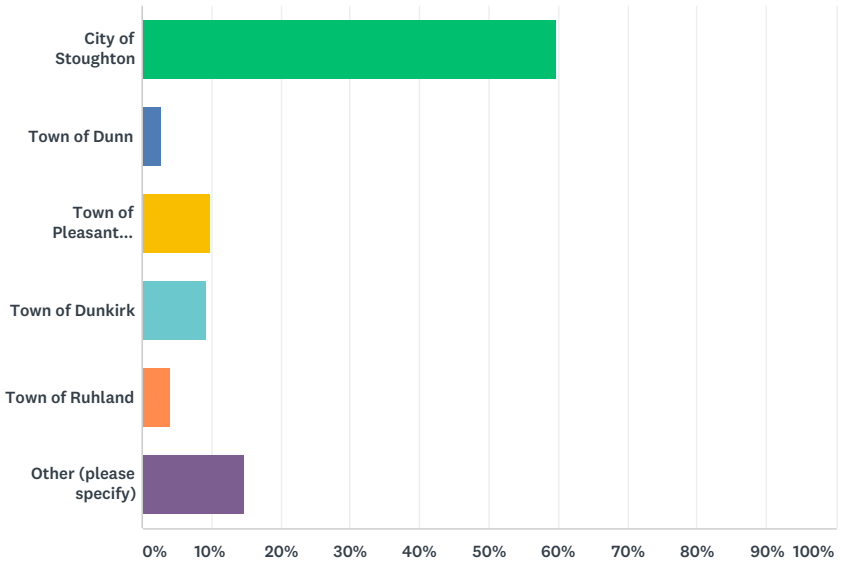
Answered: 1,003 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	2.09%	21
18-24	5.88%	59
25-34	18.54%	186
35-44	29.41%	295
45-54	22.43%	225
55-64	14.86%	149
65+	6.78%	68
TOTAL		1,003

Q2 Where do you live?

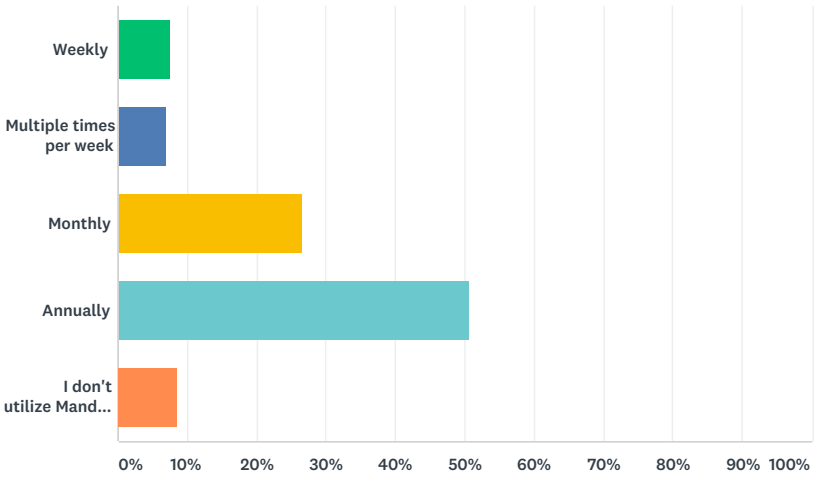
Answered: 1,004 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Stoughton	59.66%	599
Town of Dunn	2.69%	27
Town of Pleasant Springs	9.76%	98
Town of Dunkirk	9.26%	93
Town of Ruhland	3.88%	39
Other (please specify)	14.74%	148
TOTAL		1,004

Q3 How often do you use Mandt Park?

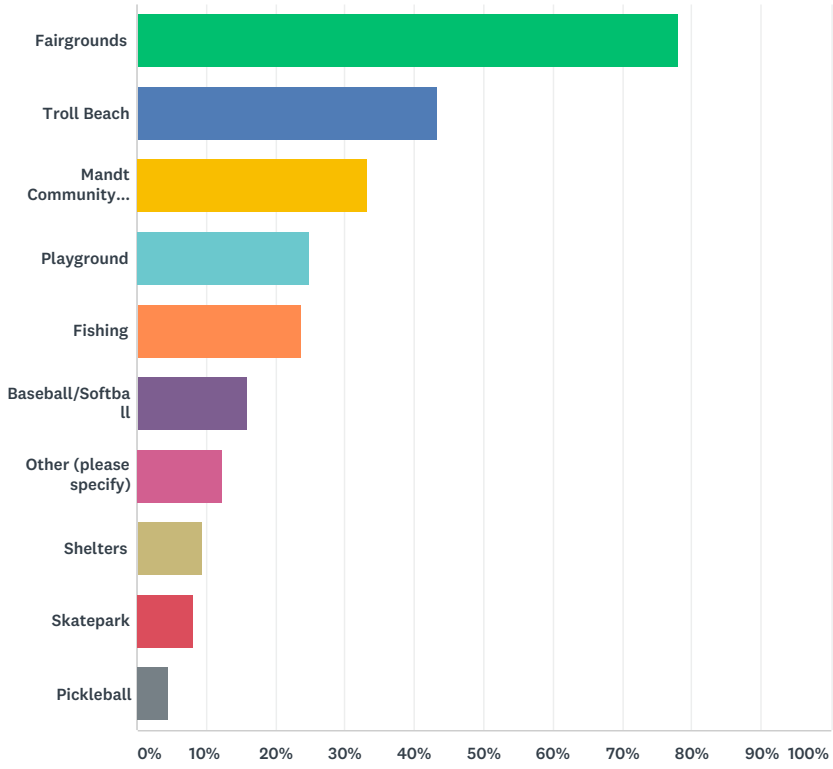
Answered: 1,003 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Weekly	7.48%	75
Multiple times per week	6.88%	69
Monthly	26.52%	266
Annually	50.65%	508
I don't utilize Mandt Park	8.47%	85
TOTAL		1,003

Q4 When visiting Mandt Park, which activities do you and your family members partake in or use? (select all that apply)

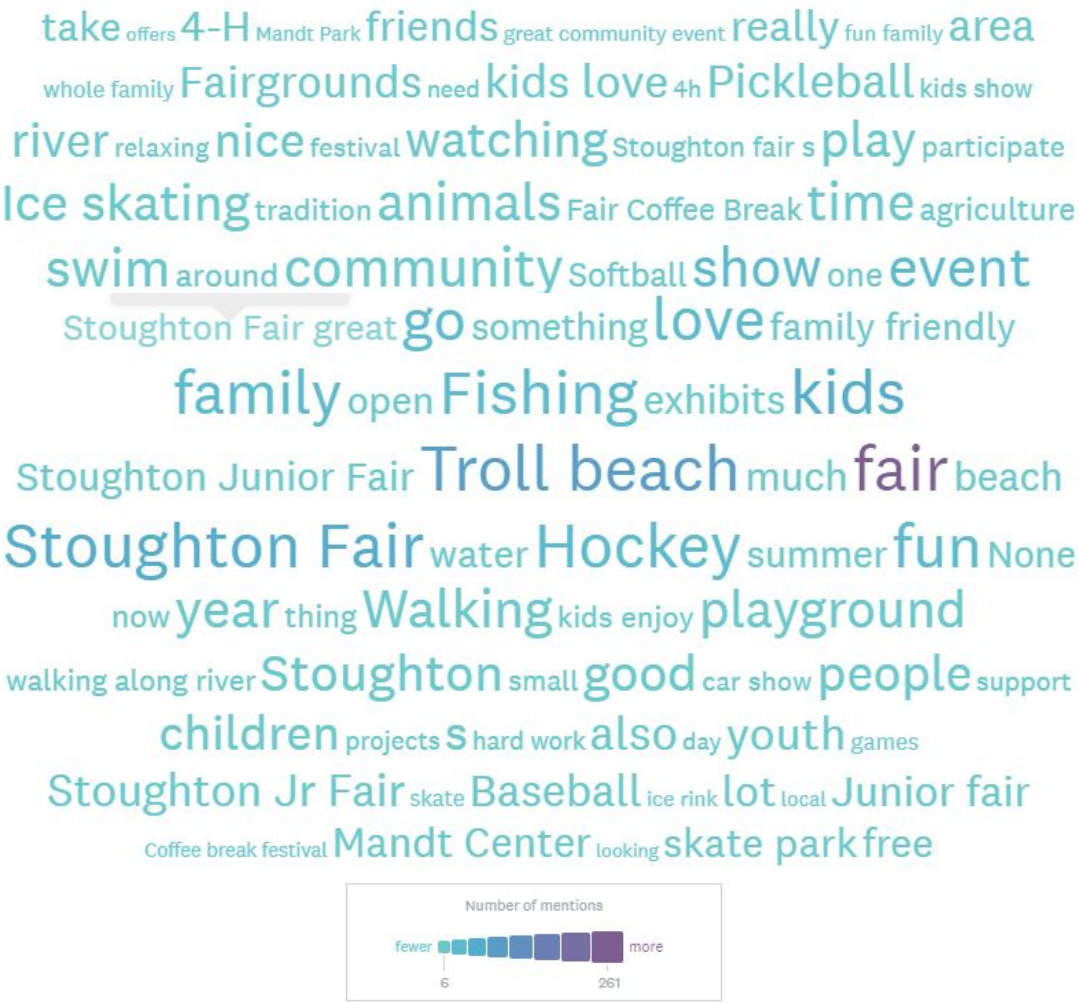
Answered: 923 Skipped: 82



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fairgrounds	78.01%	720
Troll Beach	43.34%	400
Mandt Community Center/Hockey	33.26%	307
Playground	24.92%	230
Fishing	23.62%	218
Baseball/Softball	15.82%	146
Other (please specify)	12.24%	113
Shelters	9.43%	87
Skatepark	8.23%	76
Pickleball	4.55%	42
Total Respondents: 923		

Q5 What is your favorite activity in Mandt Park and why?

Answered: 880 Skipped: 125



Q6 What additions or improvements would you like to see to Mandt Park?

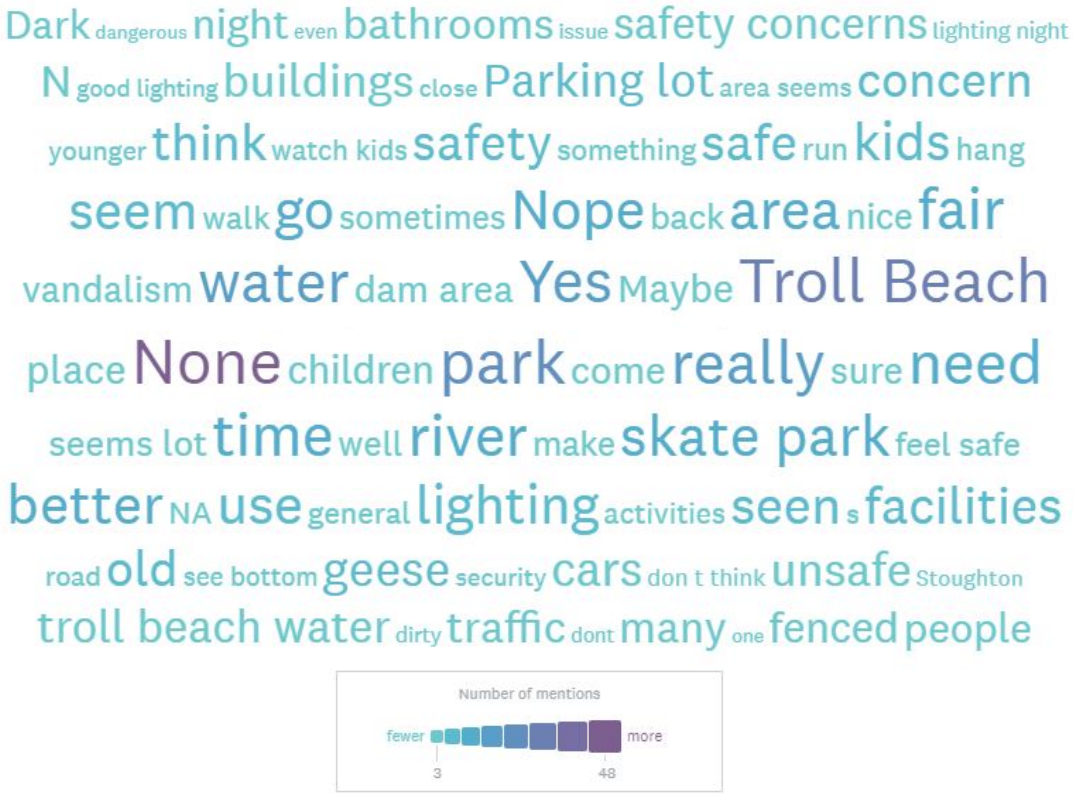
Answered: 839 Skipped: 166

Q7 When visiting parks in different areas, what amenities have you seen that could be brought to Mandt Park?

Answered: 750 Skipped: 255

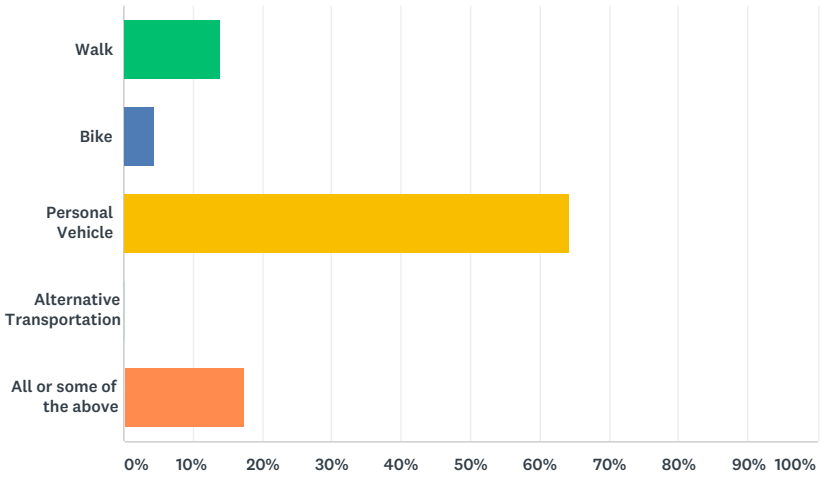
Q8 Do you have any safety concerns about the Mandt Park facilities?

Answered: 773 Skipped: 232



Q9 How do you get to Mandt Park?

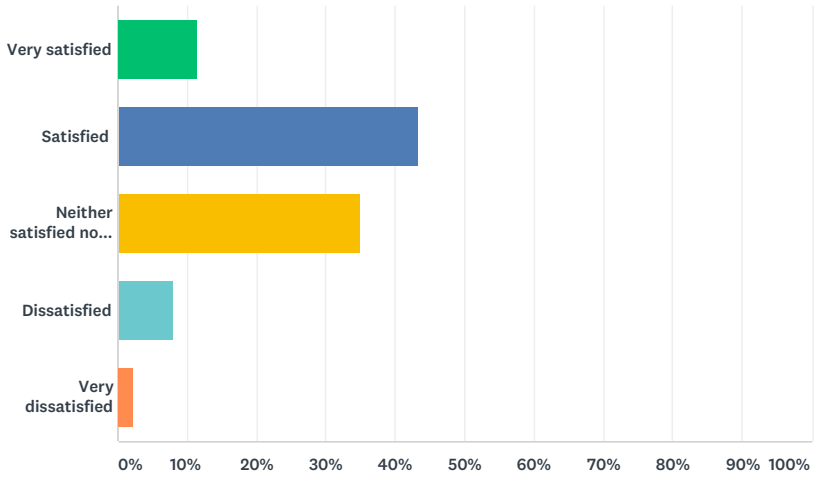
Answered: 990 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	13.94%	138
Bike	4.34%	43
Personal Vehicle	64.14%	635
Alternative Transportation	0.20%	2
All or some of the above	17.37%	172
TOTAL		990

Q10 Please rate your satisfaction of Mandt Park?

Answered: 994 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	11.47%	114
Satisfied	43.26%	430
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	35.01%	348
Dissatisfied	8.05%	80
Very dissatisfied	2.21%	22
TOTAL		994

Mandt Park Stakeholder Interviews

Interviews with several park stakeholder groups were conducted to get insight into use of the Park, Fairgrounds and Mandt Center. Summaries of each meeting are available in the appendix.

Groups interviewed included:

Stoughton Youth Fair - Chris Quam, Bill Manson, and Trevor Dybevik
Mandt Community Center - Bart Quale
Stoughton RDA - Roger Springmann
Stoughton Chamber of Commerce - Laura Trotter
RDA Developer/Architect - Potter Lawson (Doug Hursh)
Stoughton Little League - Fauna Justman
Stoughton Youth Softball - Kayleigh Schmid
Whitewater Park Committee - Regina Hirsch
Stoughton City Council - Timothy Riley
Stoughton Rivers and Trails Committee - Jim Killian

Key Takeaways/Common Suggestions:

- Park is seen as two parks – Troll Beach and Fair Mandt Center, not as a cohesive Community Park.
- Consider a multi-use exposition space for the fair and year round events.
- Parking, restrooms, rentable shelter are high priorities.
- The park needs a champion or more directed recreation/programming.
- Full loop walking/running trail around the peninsula (including Bud Depot and Water Treatment Facility properties)
- Park needs a gathering space.
- Geese are a problem along the trail (shoreline of Yahara River).
- Design needs to accommodate semi-access for midway, tractor pull and animals/exhibits.
- Must maintain access for Water Treatment Facility and Bus depot.
- Ballfield is underutilized. Racetrack Park is a better ballfield facility. Utilize space for parking?
- Park needs a gathering space.
- Add additional picnic opportunities.
- Bandshell is unused.
- Conflicts on Mandt Parkway with Park/Mandt Center users and traffic to Water Treatment Facility and Bus Depot.

3.0 Preliminary Concepts

Mandt Park Concept Option 1

Option 1 preserves most of the existing structures and roadways with modification of the north entrance (intersection of Mandt Parkway and 4th Street) to improve ability to queue vehicles turning into the park and provide a larger buffer between the Mandt Parkway and the Whitewater Park.

Mandt Parkway is realigned in the south-eastern corner of the park to improve access for semi access and also improves two-way traffic and circulation around the Mandt Center.

Key Features:

- Parking Lot along 4th Street
- Restroom and Shelter to north, along Yahara River.
- Splash Pad
- Restroom and Shelter, south of Mandt Center outside of Troll Beach.

1 - Park Entry Sign
2 - Park Shelter and Restrooms
3 - Pickleball Courts
4 - Parking Lot
5 - Pedestrian Plaza
6 - Angled Parking
7 - Pedestrian connection to RDA site
8 - Pedestrian Plaza
9 - Kayak launch
10 - Multi-use Path
11 - Overlook
12 - Park Shelter and Restrooms
13 - Splash Pad
14 - Playground
15 - Enlarged Parking
16 - Open Space

Mandt Park Concept Option 2

Option 2 modifies Mandt Parkway, realigning it north of the Mandt Center. A multi-use trail and naturalization of the shoreline take is place. Punctuated with access nodes on the Yahara River, this concept refocuses the park on the River.

Additional parking is developed for Park users and the Mandt Center. An activity hub is developed outside of Troll Beach including a restroom and shelter, splash pad and playground.

Key Features:

- Parking Lot along 4th Street
- Restroom near grandstand
- Activity Hub (Shelter, Restroom, Playground, Splashpad)
- Consolidated Fair Buildings
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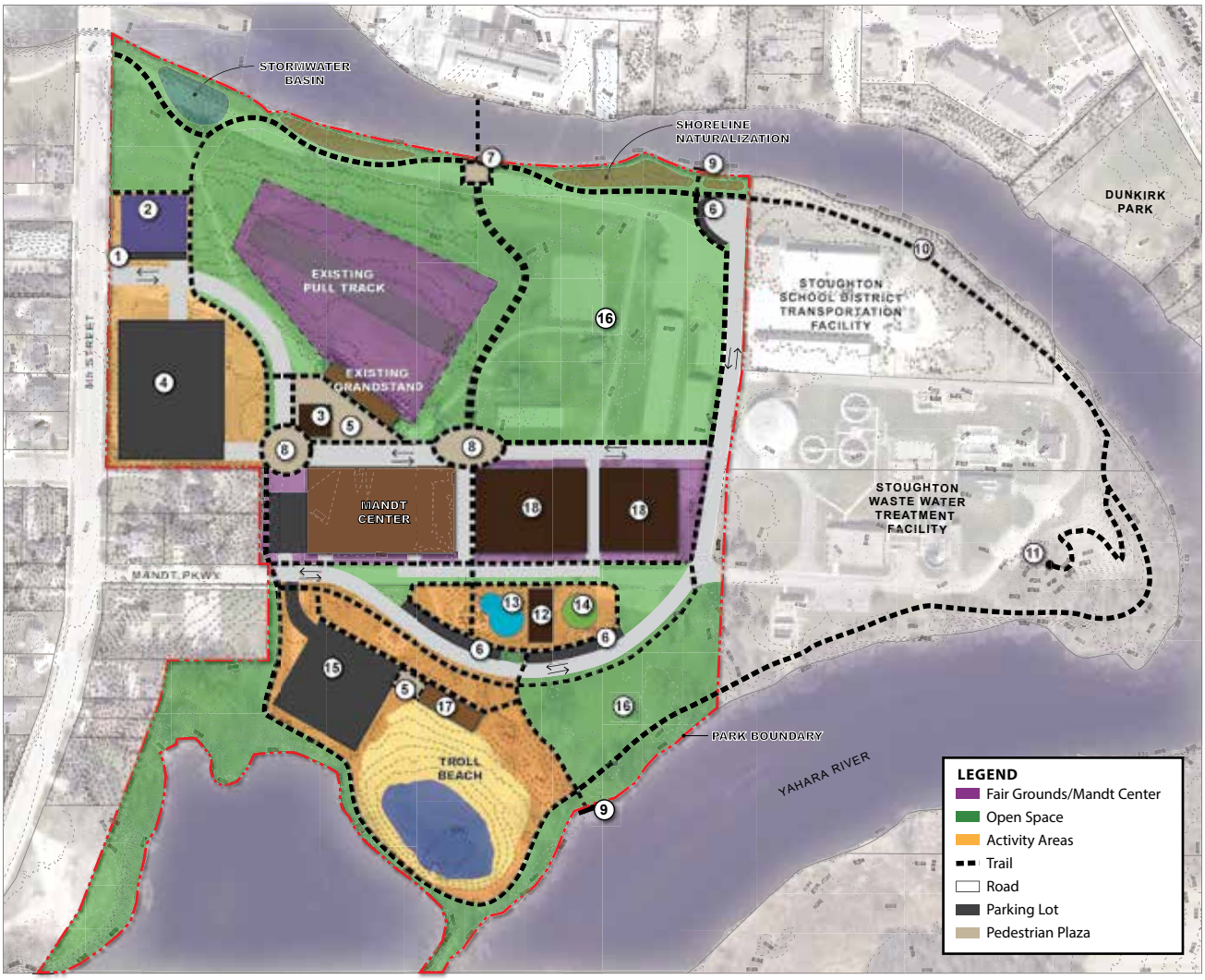
1 - Park Entry Sign
2 - Pickleball Courts
3 - Restrooms
4 - Parking Lot
5 - Pedestrian Plaza
6 - Parking
7 - Pedestrian connection to RDA site
8 - Pedestrian Plaza
9 - Kayak launch
10 - Multi-use Path
11 - Overlook
12 - Park shelter and restrooms
13 - Splash Pad
14 - Playground
15 - Enlarged Parking
16 - Multi-Purpose Open Space
17 - New Beach House
18 - New Fair Buildings



Mandt Park Concept Option 3

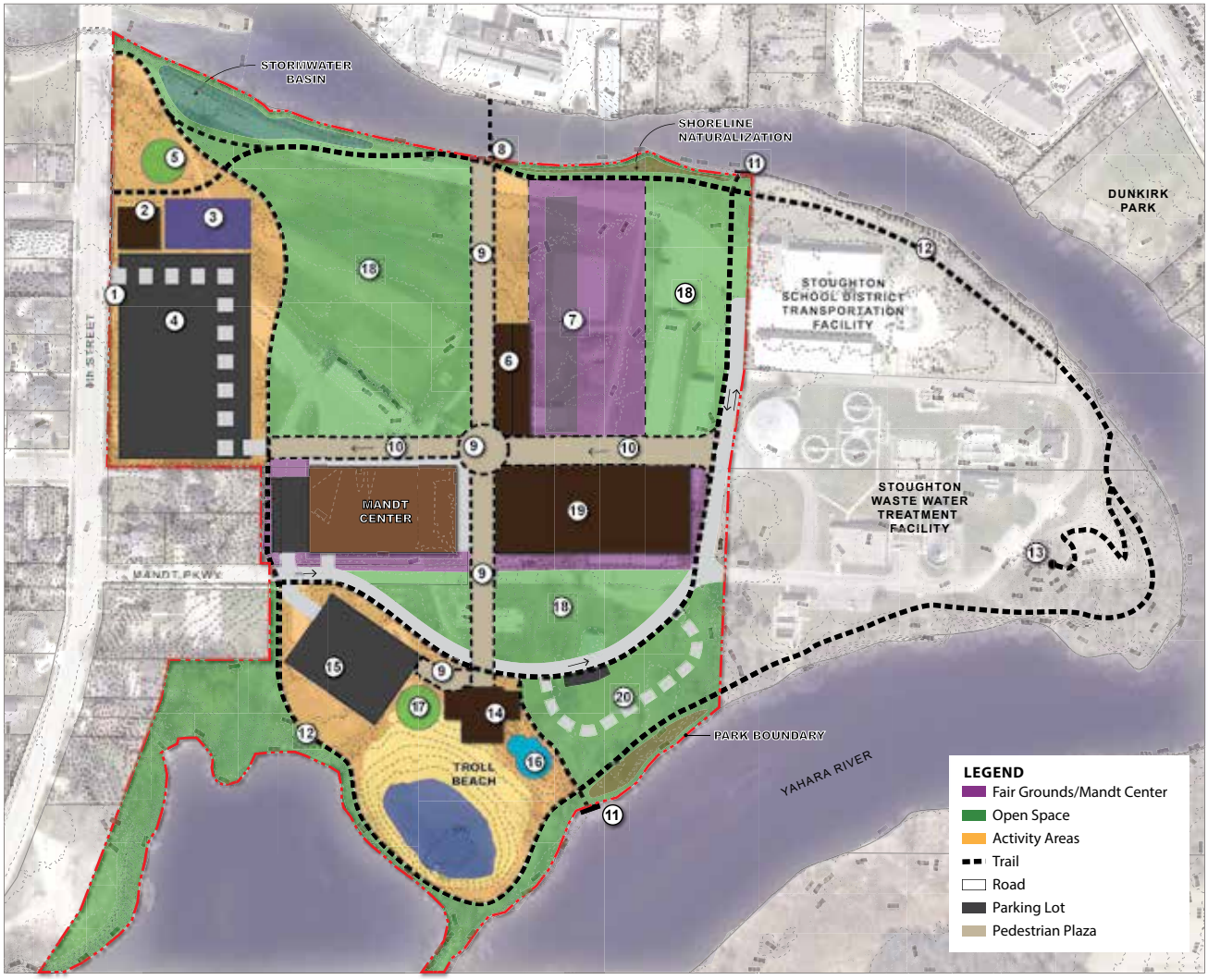
Option 3 as in Option 2, modifies Mandt Parkway, realigning it north of the Mandt Center. A multi-use trail and naturalization of the shoreline take is place. Punctuated with access nodes on the Yahara River, this concept refocuses the park on the River.

Additional parking is developed for Park users and the Mandt Center. A pedestrian promenade connects the Yahara River to the beach house.

Key Features:

- Parking Lot along 4th Street
- Restroom near grandstand
- Enlarged Beachhouse with Shelter
- Exposition Center/Consolidated Fair Buildings
-

1 - Park Entry Sign
2 - Park shelter and restrooms.
3 - Pickleball Courts
4 - Parking Lot
5 - Playground
6 - Relocated Grandstand with Restrooms and Concessions
7 - Relocated Pull Track/Outdoor Areas
8 - Pedestrian connection to RDA site
9 - Pedestrian Mall
10 - Pedestrain Mall (with Vehicular Access)
11 - Kayak Launch
12 - Multi-use Path
13 - Overlook
14 - Bathhouse with Park shelter
15 - Enlarged Parking Lot
16 - Splash Pad
17 - Playground
18 - Open Space
19 - New Fair Buildings
20 - Camp Sites



Draft Master Plan

A Draft Master Plan was developed based feedback from a Public Information Meeting on October 15, 2019. For those who were unable to attend, Stoughton Parks, made the concepts available on their website. Comments were collected via email and combined with feedback from the public meeting and Stoughton Parks Committee. Specific comments are available in the Appendix.

The Draft Master Plan was then posted on the Stoughton Parks website and a survey was developed to get feedback on the items respondents liked about the plan, what they thought was missing, or items they would change.

4.0 Master Plan

Master Plan

The Master Plan depicts park elements selected during the public survey, stakeholder engagement, public comment, meetings with City staff, and Parks and Recreation committee. The Master Plan is a comprehensive combination of the most preferred layout from each of the Concepts.

The general recommendation is for Mandt Parkway to be rerouted, away from the river and existing ballfield to be replaced with a parking lot to serve the park as well as the Mandt Community Center. A multi-purpose shelter/bathhouse replaces the existing bathhouse and serves as a central hub for activity in the southern section of the Park. Additions to the park include a splash pad, single large play area, relocated grandstand, new exhibit buildings/barns, new restroom and concessions building, realigned entrance road, and trail system. All Park uses are accessible.

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Use Area

The following descriptions and precedent images paint a picture of future improvements that may occur at Mandt Park over time. The Master Plan provides a road map to implementation of park features. The actual layout and detailing of use areas may change and adapt to other uses as the Park changes in the coming years.

1 Park Entry Signage

A prominent gateway feature sets the tone Park users should expect as they enter a space. In addition to providing a sense of place and being key to the identity of a space, a park entry sign adds wayfinding. Integration of a digital messaging board provides valuable marketing space for Park and Community events.

Gateway sign (existing and example of proposed)

2 Shelter and Restrooms (North)

Additional restrooms were a common response in the survey and stakeholder meetings. With the proposed development of a Whitewater Park adjacent to Mandt Park with additional use from the upcoming RDA development, restrooms will be come even more important. Combining a restrooms with a shelter overlooking the Yahara River reengages users with the river while providing needed amenities to the park.

Restroom and shelter

3 Pickleball and Tennis Courts

While a recent addition to the Park, the courts location location does not provide access to a restroom or shelter. Relocation of the courts would not have to happen immediately and coordinated to align with future resurfacing schedule or other maintenance. The new locations provides access to defined parking and nearby restrooms, both lacking in their current location.

Existing pickleball courts

4 Parking lot

A common concern among stakeholders is the lack of parking both for the park and the Mandt Center but also for large events such as the Fair or Coffee Breaks. A larger lot would provide flexibility for multiple events. Integration of landscaped islands and other stormwater management techniques reduce the runoff from large areas of pavement and break up sight-lines preventing the lot(s) from feeling like a shopping mall. The proposed lot has __ standard stalls and 5 ADA stalls.

Parking lot with planted islands

5 ADA Drop-off and Parking

Ensuing equal access to recreation amenities is both a legal and ethical requirement. In addition to serving the proposed Whitewater Park as a pick-up point for boats, a drop-off with accessible parking provide users access to the river. A node at the site engages users with the river.

ADA parking

6 Relocated Grandstand

Relocating the grandstand opens up larger green spaces, not currently available in the park. Adding concessions and restrooms to serve events at the grandstands provide an opportunity to expand entertainment uses in the Park. The scope of events would need to consider the residential areas nearby, without additional amenities the existing grandstand is unused except during the Stoughton Youth Fair in July each year.

Grandstand with concessions

7 Outdoor Entertainment

maintained in a new location oriented to provide more green space and to lessen direct sun alignment on the grandstand seating. Size of the space would allow for a variety of other events including concerts, movies, or rodeos. Partnering with groups such as the Stoughton Chamber and identifying other stakeholders would be necessary to program and market the space.

Tractor pull area

8 Pedestrian Connection to RDA

Direct connection via a pedestrian bridge across the Yahara River to the RDA site provides a link to downtown Stoughton. 6th Street is aligned with the central axis proposed and creates a central focal point and a well designed bridge crossing could be the anchor.

Pedestrian bridge (Beloit, WI Ironworks Development)

9 Pedestrian Mall

Pedestrian scale development and features such as wide sidewalks, gateways, lighting, and planters activate hardscapes that otherwise would feel uninviting or lack necessary amenities to encourage use. A central axis from the Yahara River crossing to the proposed bathhouse would create a unique feature for Mandt Park.

Pedestrian mall

10 Shared Street

During large events the streets within the Park can double are venues for social events, food carts, farmers markets. Design of the streets minimizes barriers to pedestrian travel while still allowing vehicular traffic. During normal park use these spaces would act as regular roadways.

Shared pedestrian street (Woonref)

11 Canoe/Kayak Launches

Improving access to the Yahara River through a series of canoe and kayak launches would extend the focus proposed by the Whitewater Park. They also act as emergency takeout points for the Waterwater Park for users who miss the main boat removal or choose to continue on down river. At least 1 launch should be considered as an ADA launch.

ADA kayak and canoe launch

(12) River Overlooks and Fishing

Improvements along the river include naturalizing the shoreline to reduce the impact of the goose population but also create specific opportunities for park users to get closer to the water for sitting and fishing. Stone seats provide a durable option to enhance the shoreline. Additionally a pier(s) could be added for fishings or more engaged viewing.

Stone seat shoreline fishing areas

(13) Multi-Use Path

One of the most common responses during stakeholder interviews and public survey is adding trails, both for circulation and recreation. A looped trail around the entire peninsula provides a system nearly one mile in length. Coordination with neighboring municipal facilities is a requirement in order to place a trail along the School District and Water Treatment Facility property. The trail can be paved or compacted gravel or a mix of both. Benches and fishing nodes could be placed along the trail to provide opportunities to rest, read a book or enjoy views of the river.

Multi-use path

(14) Overlook

The highpoint within the Water Treatment Facility property could be used as an overlook for the river. This informal setting could have a bench, picnic table and mowed trail for access.

Rustic overlook

(15) Bathhouse with Park Shelter

A new bathhouse would serve the Troll Beach facility while the addition of a covered shelter space would allow for a place of respite during brief rain storms, a place birthday parties, showers and family reunions. The shelter would be external to the beach and primarily serve the adjacent playground and splash pad, but would not be exclusive to those uses.

Bathhouse with covered shelter

(16) Enlarged Beach Parking Lot

The parking lot at Troll Beach would be enlarged to better serve the beach, playground and splash pad. Additionally during seasons when the Beach and Splash Pad are closed the parking could serve the Mandt Center or other park uses. Winter maintenance and show removal of the lot should be coordinated with the Mandt Center as needed.

Existing Troll Beach parking lot

(17) Splash Pad

A splash pad provides an accessible means of water recreation to those who don't want to or cannot use the beach. Survey responses suggests the splash pad as external and separate from Troll Beach to no be effected by closure. Adjacent to the playground and shelter, the splash pad provides another amenity to draw users to the park and encourage them to stay.

Splash pad

(18) Playground

Replacing the existing play equipment larger, inclusive playground with poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing would further provide for a mix of play types within the core of the park.

Natural elements and unique play features should be considered when selecting equipment. The playground should also include shade, benches and nearby bike racks.

Inclusive playground (wheelchair accessible)

(19) Open Space (Multi-Use Lawn)

Realignment of Mandt Parkway opens up a green space that could be used for small to medium park events such as neighborhood movie nights. A shelter could provide opportunity for small performances and also be a rentable space for private gatherings. During larger events in the park the lawn could host vendors or be a place to set up tents.

Movies on the lawn

20 New Fair Buildings/Expo Center

Consolidation of the fair buildings and barns into two larger exposition style buildings with covered staging space outdoors provides the opportunity to host events at the Park, other than the fair. These spaces would compliment the existing Mandt Center, allowing for greater flexibility in use and encouraging future events to be held in Mandt Park. A steering committee was suggested to oversee and market event planning for Mandt Park. Existing covered floor space of fair buildings is 52,000 SF, the proposed buildings would have approximately the same footprint.

Barn/exposition center with outdoor staging

21 Picnic Areas

The southeast portion of Mandt Park currently is underutilized, improvements to grading, vegetation management and development of amenities such as small picnic areas could allow for light use of this space, taking advantage of views onto the Yahara River.

Picnic area

22 Skatepark

Support for the skatepark during public comment was strong as early concepts showed the removal of the skatepark. The plan moves the skatepark and adds a shelter area for users to take a break from the sun. Parking is nearby and upfront to prevent the perception of malfeasance.

Stakepark

23 Park Monument/Donor Wall

Fund raising is a part of most large capital improvements in public parks. A monument to the history and future of Mandt Park could provide opportunities for recognition for those who gave to support the project(s), as well as creating a frame for the pedestrian mall that runs through the site from the bathhouse to the bridge crossing. Successful outdoor spaces need a variety of use settings and a gathering spaces such as this is important to that diversity.

Sculptural seating with donor engraving

5.0 Implementation Strategy

Phasing Recommendations

The following phasing recommendation provides an understanding that the City of Stoughton may not want or be able to complete the full implementation of the Master Plan in a single project. Considerations are taken into account for staging improvements to minimize costs associated with reworking recently completed projects as well as breaking the overall budget into implementable projects.

Cost are shown in 2020 numbers with future phasing adjusted for 5% yearly inflation. A schematic level contingency (25%) and estimated design fee are applied to each cost. The estimates provide a base to strategically plan and budget improvements to Mandt Park.

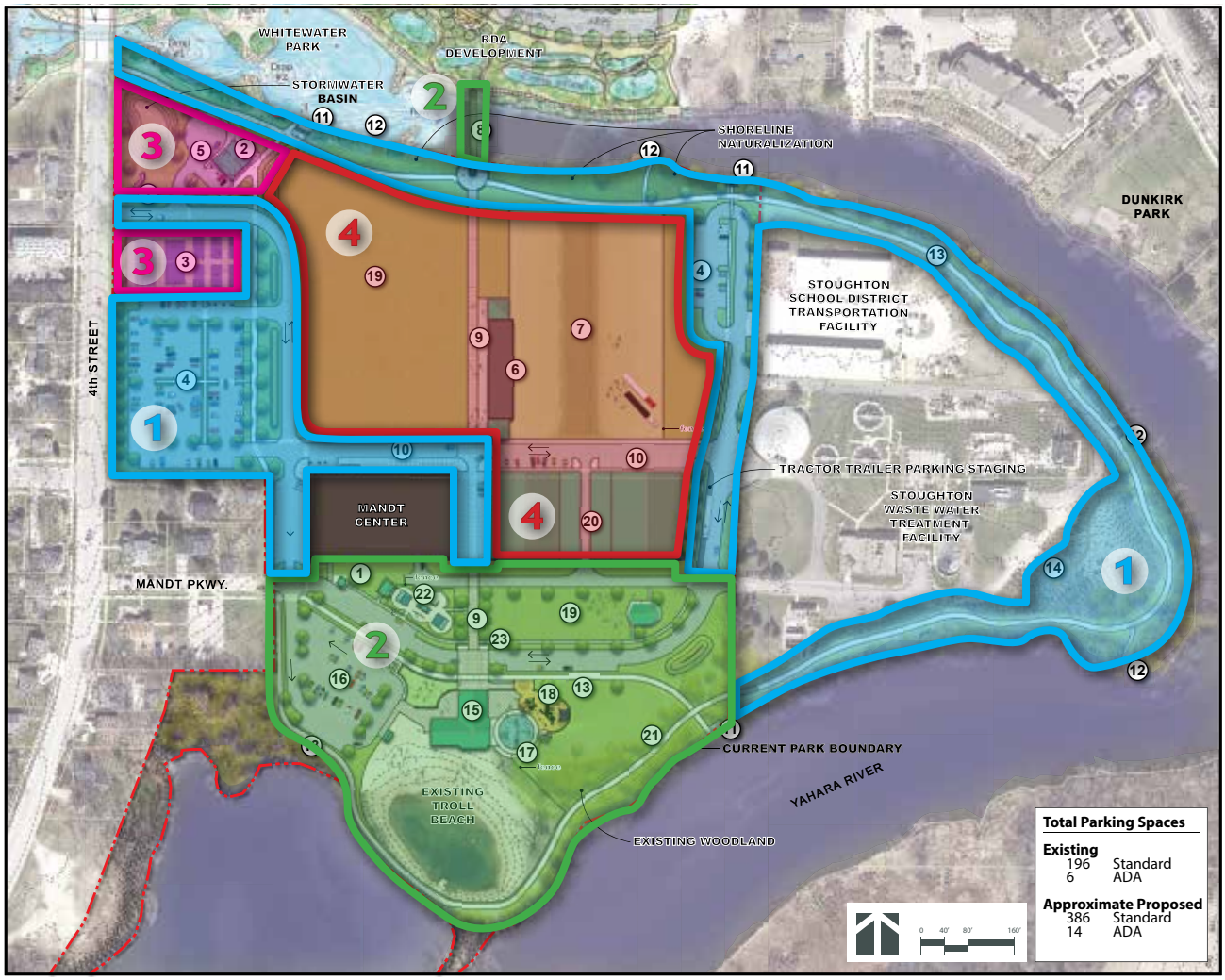
Phasing Key

1 **Phase 1** - Remove Northern Section of Mandt Parkway, Improve central corridor (north of Mandt Center), replace ballfield with parking, install Perimeter Multi-use path and fishing nodes and overlook.

2 **Phase 2** - Southern Mandt Parkway Realignment, Southern Activity Core and Yahara Bridge Crossing

3 **Phase 3** - Northern Shelter and Drop-Off, Pickleball and Tennis Courts

4 **Phase 4** - Relocate grandstand, restrooms and concessions, complete pedestrian mall connection and complete Mandt Parkway loop and develop fair buildings/expo center.



Phased Cost Estimates

Phase 1

General Conditions, Mobilization, and Bonds	$270,000
Roadway System	$368,000
Multi-Use Path, River Nodes and Shoreline Naturalization	$387,000
East Parking Lot	$ 75,000
West Parking Lot	$260,000
Subtotal	**$1,362,000**

Budget Contingency (~20%)	$ 275,000
Design and Permit Fees (18%)	$ 295,000
Total Cost Phase 1	**$1,932,000**

Phase 2

General Conditions, Mobilization, and Bonds	$235,000
Roadway System	$254,000
Multi-Use Path, River Nodes and Shoreline Naturalization	$ 87,000
Misc. Activity Core	$800,000
Bathhouse	$1,200,000
Playground	$250,000
Pedestrian Bridge	$240,000
Skatepark	$350,000
Pedestrian Mall	$ 35,000
Park Monument/Donor Wall	$ 35,000
Open Park Shelter	$ 80,000
Splashpad	$450,000
Subtotal	**$3,859,000**

Budget Contingency (~20%)	$ 772,000
Design and Permit Fees (18%)	$ 834,000
Inflation (5%)	$ 274,000
Total Cost Phase 2	**$5,738,000**

PRELIMINARY

Phase 3

General Conditions, Mobilization, and Bonds	$128,000
Parking Area and Driveway	$155,000
Tennis and Pickleball Courts	$250,000
Tennis and Pickleball Lighting	$350,000
Shelter and Restrooms	$450,000
Subtotal	$1,333,000

Budget Contingency (~20%)	$ 267,000
Design and Permit Fees (18%)	$ 288,000
Inflation (10%)	$ 189,000
Total Cost Phase 3	**$2,075,000**

Phase 4

General Conditions, Mobilization, and Bonds	$500,000
Roadway System/Ped. Mall	$223,000
New Fair Barns/Expo Center	$7,000,000
Grandstand/Restroom and Pull Track	$900,000
Subtotal	**$8,621,000**

Budget Contingency (~20%)	$ 1,725,000
Design and Permit Fees (18%)	$ 1,863,000
Inflation (15%)	$ 1,832,000
Total Cost Phase 4	**$ 14,039,000**

6.0 Appendix

Mandt Park Master Plan

Stoughton, WI

1 - Park Entry Sign

2 - Park Shelter and Restrooms

3 - Pickleball Courts

4 - Parking Lot

5 - Pedestrian Plaza

6 - Angled Parking

7 - Pedestrian connection to RDA site

8 - Pedestrian Plaza

9 - Kayak launch

10 - Multi-use Path

11 - Overlook

12 - Park Shelter and Restrooms

13 - Splash Pad

14 - Playground

15 - Enlarged Parking

16 - Open Space

LEGEND

- Fair Grounds/Mandt Center
- Open Space
- Activity Areas
- Trail
- Road
- Parking Lot
- Pedestrian Plaza

Concept Plan - Option A

October 15, 2019

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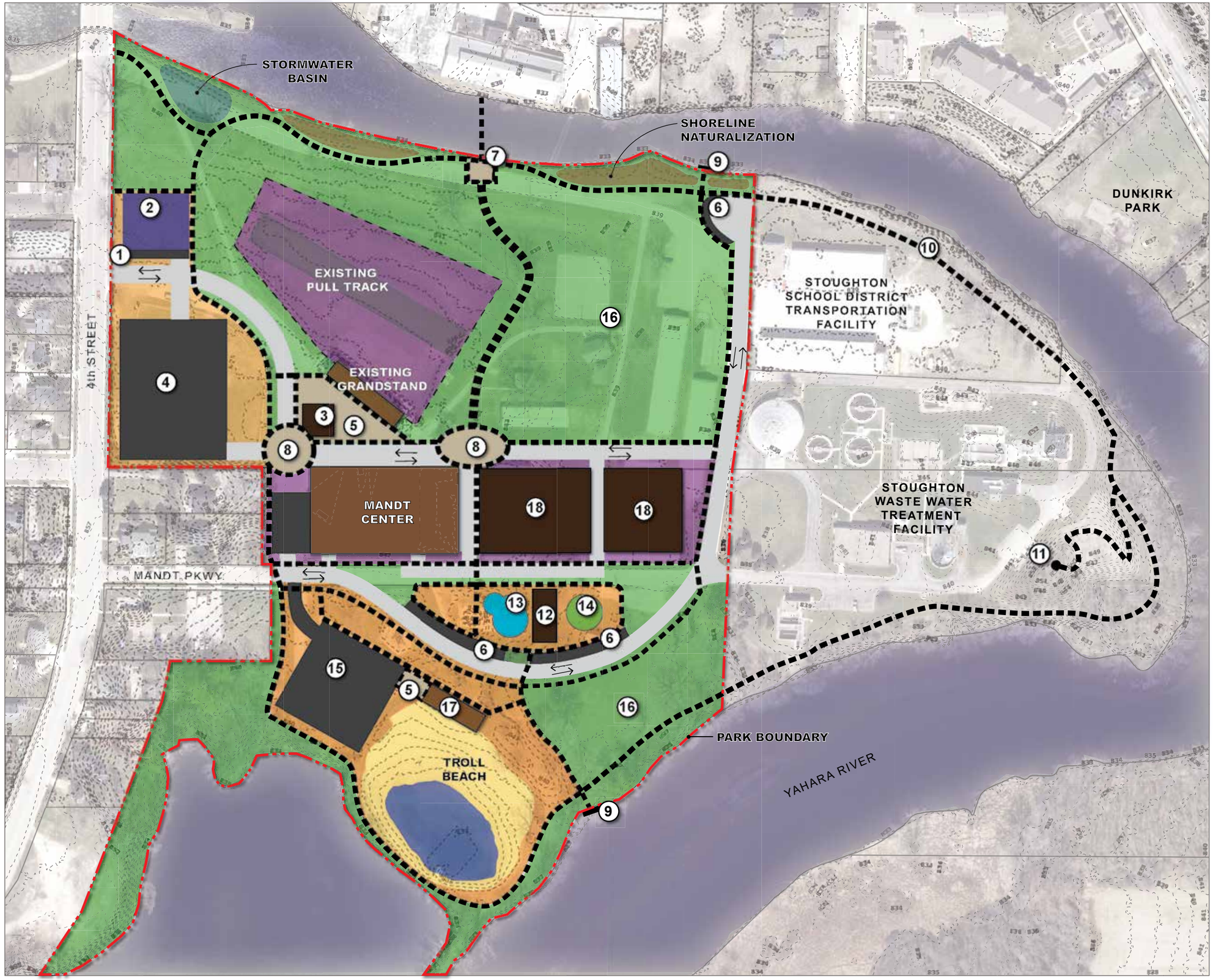
Mandt Park Master Plan

Stoughton, WI



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6 - Parking

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11 - Overlook

12 - Park shelter and restrooms

13 - Splash Pad

14 - Playground

15 - Enlarged Parking

16 - Multi-Purpose Open Space

17 - New Beach House

18 - New Fair Buildings

LEGEND

- Fair Grounds/Mandt Center
- Open Space
- Activity Areas
- Trail
- Road
- Parking Lot
- Pedestrian Plaza

Concept Plan - Option B

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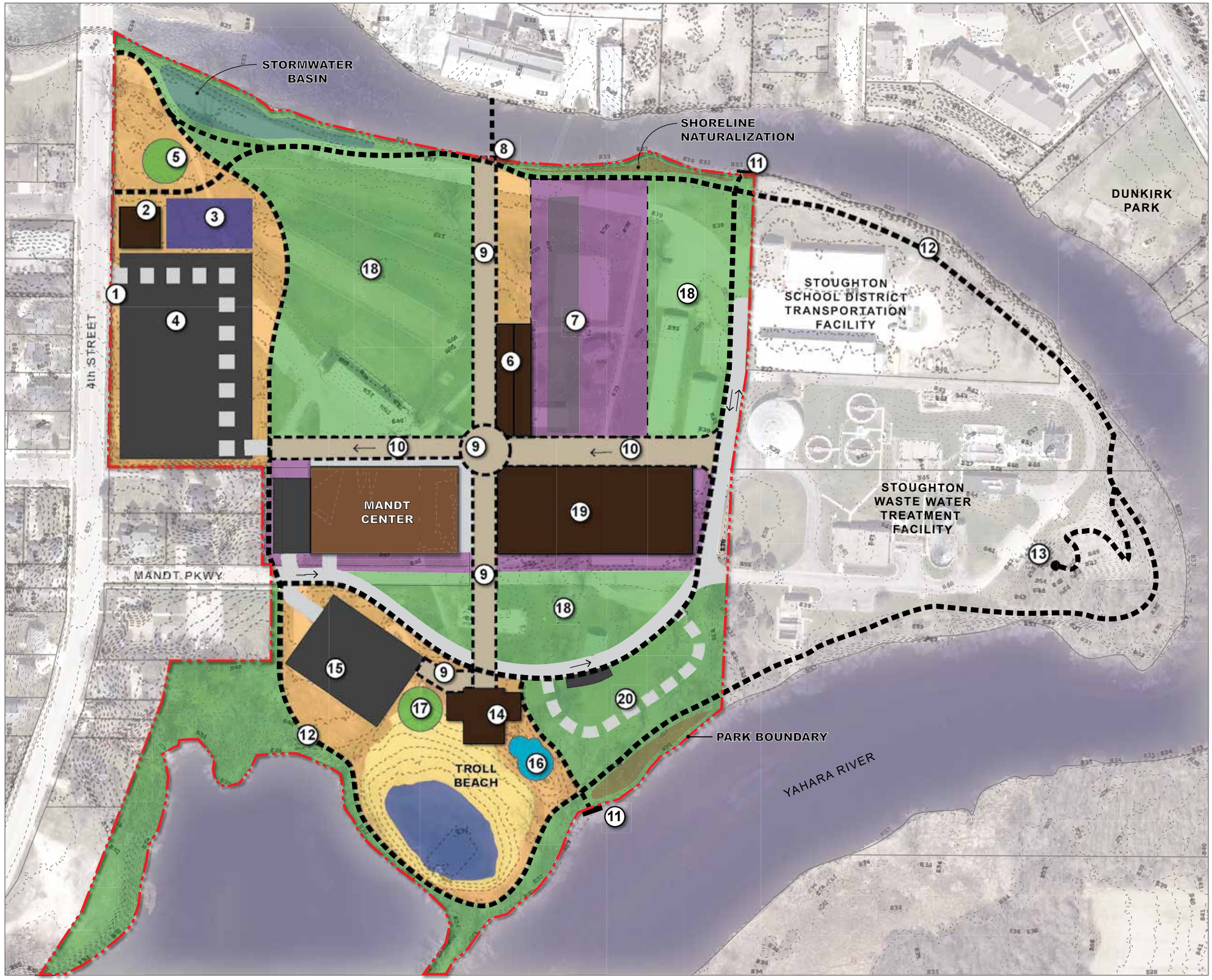

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5 - Playground

6 - Relocated Grandstand with Restrooms and Concessions

7 - Relocated Pull Track/Outdoor Areas

8 - Pedestrian connection to RDA site

9 - Pedestrian Mall

10 - Pedestrain Mall (with Vehicular Access)

11 - Kayak Launch

12 - Multi-use Path

13 - Overlook

14 - Bathhouse with Park shelter

15 - Enlarged Parking Lot

16 - Splash Pad

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19 - New Fair Buildings

20 - Camp Sites

LEGEND

- Fair Grounds/Mandt Center
- Open Space
- Activity Areas
- Trail
- Road
- Parking Lot
- Pedestrian Plaza

Concept Plan - Option C

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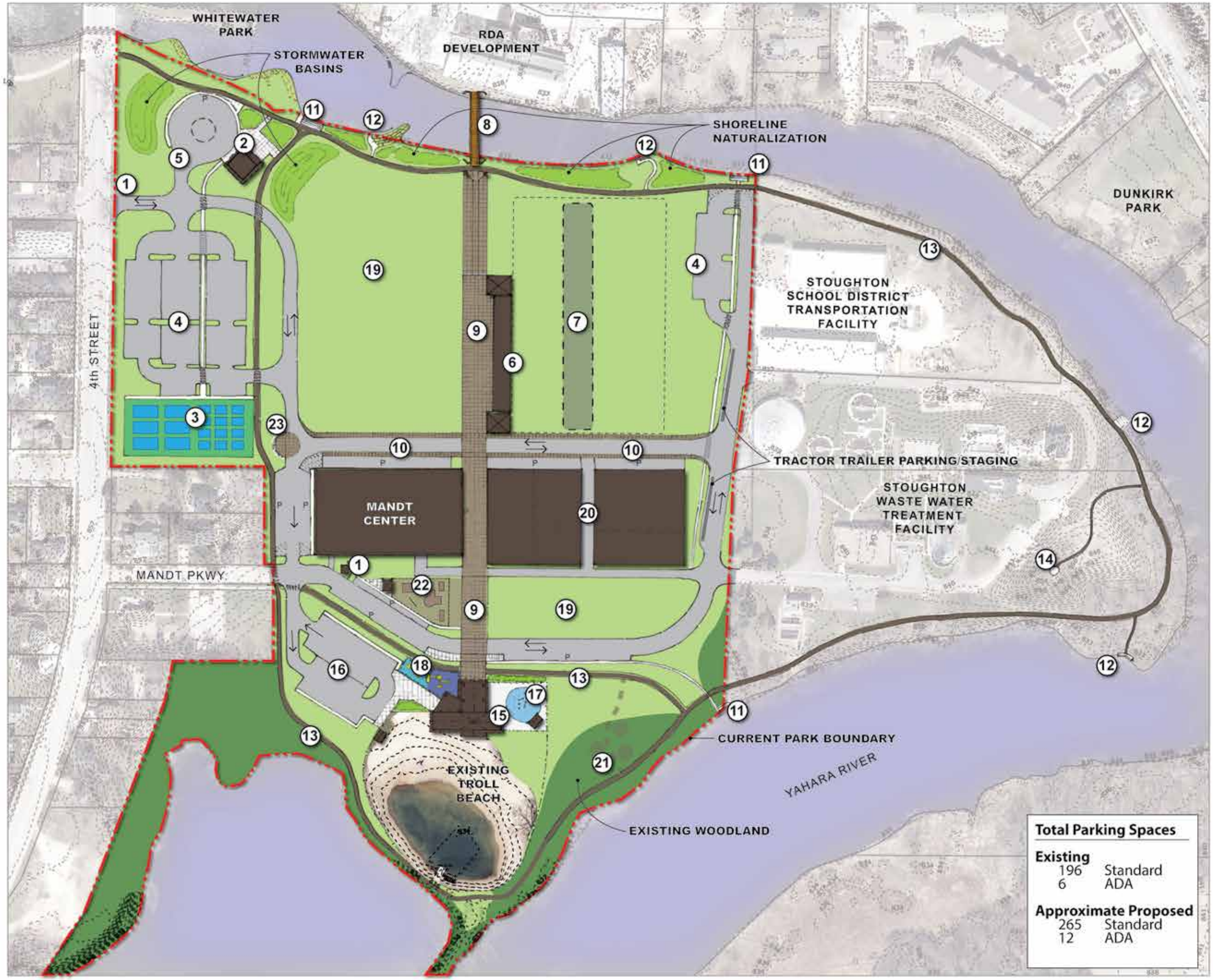

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Note: Proposed trees are not shown but will be included on the final plan.

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Master Plan

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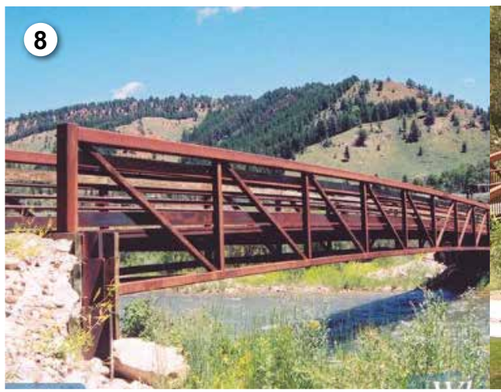

Pedestrian Mall

Shared Pedestrian/Vehicular Street

Trail Signage

ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch

Character Images
Mandt Park
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Total Parking Spaces

Existing
196 Standard
6 ADA

Approximate Proposed
386 Standard
14 ADA

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City of Stoughton – Mandt Park Master Plan
Community Stakeholder Meetings
August 19, 2019

Mandt Community Center – Bart Quale (1-2pm)

Meeting Summary

- Bart is a 51-year resident of Stoughton. His wife serves on the Stoughton Youth Fair Board.
- Mandt Center lacks adequate parking. Parking conflicts with Troll beach users in the summer.
- Stoughton Fairground are the original home of the Dane County Fair.
- Mandt Center hosts (typically April – August), bands, auctions, Hamfest, youth expo, cat and dog shows, Fireman's dance, large space rentals.
- Existing bandshell is unused.
- Conflicts on Mandt Parkway with Park/Mandt Center users and traffic to Water Treatment Facility and Bus Depot.
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- Ballfield is not used very often, could be replaced with parking or another use.
- Wayfinding/directional signage is lacking in the park.
- Park land east of 4th street is wet.
- The Mandt Center has 9 exterior doors.
- The Park (Mandt Parkway) is used as a staging area for parades.
- Troll Beach parking lot is not plowed in the winter.
- Limited wintertime actives in the Park.
- Are existing uses (i.e. Ballfield) better housed at other Parks.

- The park needs a champion or more directed recreation/programming.
- An outdoor ice rink.
- Concerts/events at the grandstand
- Full loop walking/running trail around the peninsula (including Bud Depot and Water Treatment properties)
- Additional opportunities for fishing, river access.
- Add additional picnic opportunities.

City of Stoughton – Mandt Park Master Plan
Community Stakeholder Meetings
August 19, 2019

RDA – Roger Springman (3-4pm)
Stoughton Chamber of Commerce – Laura Trotter (3-4pm)
Potter Lawson/RDA Development – Doug Hursh (3-4pm)

Meeting Summary

- Mandt Center and Troll Beach are not connected, doesn't feel like a single park.
- The existing park shelter is underutilized.
- Skatepark seems out of view, is it used?
- Bandshell is unused.
- Too much red tape to reserve the entire Park for an event. (Mandt Center, Fair, City of Stoughton).
- Chamber would consider hosting more events at the park if the facilities, both in the park and local hotel space was available.
- Stoughton Fair is last free youth fair in Dane County. Everyone wants to keep the fair.
- Ballfield is underutilized. Racetrack park is a better ballfield facility. Utilize space for parking?
- Trail to the community center from Yahara River bridge.
- Mandt Parkway has a huge Goose problem.
- Connection between RDA site and Mandt Park. Bridge should have "Stoughton" character.
- Must maintain access for Water Treatment and Bus depot.
- Existing Yahara River shoreline between RDA and Park is not "park-like".
- Park lacks public restrooms (Mandt Center the only option).

- Encourage boating on the Yahara River.
- Park needs a gathering space.
- Encourage Mandt Center as a 4-season facility with exterior spaces.
- Develop a community and activity core in the park (campus?)

City of Stoughton – Mandt Park Master Plan
Community Stakeholder Meetings
August 21, 2019

Stoughton Little League – Fauna Justman

Meeting Summary

- Stoughton Little League has 280 players in ranges K-6.
- 4 competitive Leagues (traveling).
- Currently do not utilize Mandt Park field – Bjorn Park, Oak Knoll and Pleasant Springs. preferred. Bjorn park field unmaintained by the City.
- Friday Night co-ed League may still use the Mandt Park field.

City of Stoughton – Mandt Park Master Plan
Community Stakeholder Meetings
August 24, 2019

Stoughton Fair – Chris Quam
Bill Manson
Trevor Dybevik

Meeting Summary

- Fair has existed for 95 years.
- Only free Youth Fair in Dane County.
- Recent attendance has been strong.
- Location of midway far from exhibits limits traffic to exhibitors.
- The Bus Depot used to be part of the fairgrounds.
- School bus drivers park on the fair's wash rack.
- The fair isn't allowed to use the ballfield infield skin area during the fair (fenced off).
- Pickle ball court was to be parking area but is now fenced.
- Conflicts with vehicles (accessing park and parked) and fairgoers on Mandt parkway.
- Barns are full during fair. Used as rented storage for RVs and boats in the winter.
- Design needs to accommodate semi-access for midway, tractor pull and animals/exhibits.
- If money were no object existing barns could be combined into one large barn/exhibit hall space, like Alliant Energy Center would work. How would it be funded? City partnership?
- Consider the Wendt Agricultural Education Center space and programming.
- Old bathroom building is used for fair storage.
- Fence around tractor pull event area/rodeo space is necessary for spectator safety.

City of Stoughton – Mandt Park Master Plan
Community Stakeholder Meetings
August 24, 2019

Whitewater Park Committee – Regina Hirsch
City Council – Timothy Riley
Rivers and Trails Committee – Jim Killian

Meeting Summary

- Consider a multi-use exposition space for the fair and year round events.
- Expand fishing opportunities along the north river shoreline
- Add connecting paths/trails.
- Parking, Restrooms, Rentable Shelter are high priorities.
- Consider a trail around the entire peninsula (waste water and bus properties) – easement?
- Emergency canoe/kayak take out near troll beach for whitewater park.

City of Stoughton – Mandt Park Master Plan
Community Stakeholder Meetings
August 24, 2019

Stoughton Youth Softball – Kayleigh Schmid

Meeting Summary

- Outfield is unusable following the fair due to damage from midway.
- Used racetrack park for 2019 programming.
- Skatepark was installed in 2005.
- Geese are a problem along the trail (shoreline of Yahara River).
- As a nearby homeowner – Fair music is loud and fair crowds cut through yard sometimes. Enjoy the fair and hope it continues.
- Park, other than Mandt Center and Troll beach is underutilized.
- Park is seen as two parks – Troll Beach AND Fair Mandt Center, not as a cohesive Community Park.

City of Stoughton – Mandt Park Master Plan
Public Information Meeting
October 15, 2019

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Public Information Meeting
October 15, 2019

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Sheet 2 of 2

City of Stoughton

Public looks at Mandt Park master plan concepts

Attendees express concerns for accessibility, parking

Justin Loewen Hub correspondent Oct 23, 2019

1 of 4

From left, Dan Williams and Dan Schmidt of MSA Professional Services presented three options for the Mar the Stoughton Fire Department on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Photo by Justin Loewen

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Master plan highlights

All plans include Yahara riverfront trail, pedestrian bridge

Two concepts focus on streets, parking

Third concept is designed around the Stoughton Fair

About 30 people attended a presentation of plans to improve Mandt Park on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Those who spoke seemed mostly concerned with the proposed placement of streets and parking, and a vote showed a preference for a one-way access road.

MSA Professional Services delivered the presentation at the Stoughton Fire Department detailing three different concepts for a Mandt Park master plan, which would guide future improvements for the site and neighboring parcels.

Two of them would focus on the placement of streets and parking across the park. The other is centered around the needs of the Stoughton Fair. All would add a new park shelter, playground and splash pad.

The city hired MSA to help lead redevelopment of the Yahara River's riverfront near Mandt Park and to help determine appropriate uses for the rest of the park. Master plan concepts included a restoration of Yahara River shoreline, a riverfront trail system and a kayak launch for a planned whitewater park.

There would also be a stormwater basin to help keep the park desaturated and a pedestrian bridge spanning the Yahara River, which would connect Mandt Park to a planned residential redevelopment of the city's Redevelopment Authority. All of these riverfront improvements would be eligible for DNR grants.

The three master plan concepts will lead into a comprehensive master plan based on feedback from stakeholder group meetings and a community survey, MSA senior landscape architect Dan Williams said. He said it likely will be a combination of all three master plan concepts.

The project might also consist of phases, Mayor Tim Swadley said.

Each concept features the addition of greenspace and parking spaces. Troll Beach and the Mandt Center would not move.

The 1-mile riverfront trail system found in each concept would be a circular, multi-use path extending onto properties occupied by the Stoughton Area School District bus storage and the Stoughton wastewater treatment plant, respectively.

Alders hoped to free up more parking space for Mandt Park, asking about acquiring the bus storage property, but Ald. Regina Hirsch (Dist. 3) told the group school district officials were not interested.

Option A

The first concept is the only plan that retains a northern roadway close to the Yahara River. It would be part of a one-way “loop” road circling the majority of the park.

During a vote at the Oct. 15 presentation, five people advocated for the loop road in order to maintain handicap access to the Yahara for activities such as fishing, while also allowing semi trucks with easier navigation during Mandt Park’s annual Stoughton Fair. Opponents of the northern roadway citied a desire for better green space along the riverfront.

Option A is the only concept that preserves Mandt Park’s skate park, which would be adjacent to new park shelter, playground and splash pad. The plan also includes significant collection of buildings on the east side of the park, along with a couple of small pedestrian plazas to the north of the Mandt Center.

Option B

The second master plan concept is similar to option A, but it would eliminate the northern roadway and would feature only two-way streets, including one that will lead to a small parking site near the proposed kayak launch.

There would be a park shelter, playground and splash pad with dedicated parking located between the Mandt Center and the Troll Beach aquatic center, with the splash pad taking the place of the current skatepark.

Option B would also provide Troll Beach with a new bathhouse and a small pedestrian plaza, and Mandt Park would feature new Stoughton Fair buildings.

Option C

Designed with input from planners of the Stoughton Fair, MSA's final master plan concept would reconfigure Mandt Park specifically for the 94-year-old event.

In a survey, MSA found Stoughton residents considered the Stoughton Fair to be the most important feature of the park.

Rather than pedestrian plazas, this concept features a large pedestrian mall in the middle of the park, with a vertical walkway running between the planned pedestrian bridge and Troll Beach, along with an intersecting horizontal path featuring one-way vehicular access.

The fair's tractor pull track and grandstand would relocate to the northeast portion of the mall and would feature restrooms and concessions. New fair buildings would be at the southeast corner of the mall, while the Mandt Center would occupy the majority of the southwest corner. The entire northwest corner of the mall would be open space. Option C also features a larger Troll Beach bathhouse along with a playground and splash pad, and there would be a campground to the east of the aquatic center.

Comments: Concept A seems it will fit better with the proposed whitewater park and allows easier access and parking by the river and pedestrian paths.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Tge focus is on multi-use and big picture interconnectedness of what is at stake here;, not just for short term, but for long term sustainability culturally, economically and socially in our community. Connecting Stoughton's past with our future and with the surrounding needs of the larger County, State and region. Having a destination location, meaning keeping the strength of the downtown historic flair and yearly fair, adding viability with the whitewater park and making accessibility with potential trolly sysyem in Stoughton with biking and walking trails connectiibg the lower Yahara river trail to the cap city trail and full connectivity of a circular bike route around the entire city and even to Oregon's and Cottage Grove's trail system should be incorporated into the plan. Keeping in focus that long term mindset is critical no matter which design is picked.
I believe that would support Plan 1 the most, but I'd have to verbally process that with someone to be assured. Call or email me if you have questions. Thanks for asking and very hopeful for this all to come to fruition.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I think that the city of Stoughton should move the skate-park by Nordic Ridge park, because that is a place where young families and kids are around. I think they should put the skatepark at the end of that path by the splash pad. I don't think they should destroy the skateboard ramps and obstacles, rather move them to a new location where they will still be in use.

Sincerely, 7th grader Ashten Windisch

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Being a kid who grew up in Stoughton all my life, I've always loved the skatepark. This skatepark is what a lot of people here come to, to just skate around and have fun. I've had great times meeting new people and sharing our common interests of skating here and these relationships have affected me greatly. If this skatepark is taken out of stoughton, then so many won't have places to skate beside s our garages and driveways. Removing the park will force the skateboarders, bikers, and scooterers to go onto private property just to have fun. With the park in stoughton, we all have fun and skate together which will be hard to do if it is removed. We also already have one splash pad in stoughton and I don't see the point for another one.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Please do not get rid of the skatepark. The skatepark has been an area where I could spend my time for the past 10 years of my skateboarding. It's where I learned not only most of my skateboarding tricks, but life lessons. The skatepark is a very sacred place, which holds a lot of memories for many individuals. It would be foolish to destroy the skatepark because the stoughton skateboarding scene is thriving more than it has ever before. Please don't destroy a piece of stoughton history.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Do not tear down Mandt skate-park

I think it is good that the city is starting to develop. You should tear down the skate park which fits in perfectly in the environment of a cool area. I think that having things such as the skate park and bike park is good for the city of Stoughton because such locations are interesting to younger people which attracts them to the area. The reason the former mayor built the skate-park, bike-park, and youth center is because she knew that younger people didn't have a lot to do and these locations would keep them out of trouble. By taking away the skate-park less younger people will be attracted to the area if they know they/their kids will have nothing to do. Finally Mandt Skateboard park has raised a lot of good skateboarders, some of which have even become sponsored skateboarders. The "bowl" the original pool type obstacle at the skate park is very iconic in the Madison area skateboard community. In conclusion we should add more good things to Stoughton but we should keep the skate park in the process.

-7th grader Ashten Windisch

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Don't take down the skatepark its the only thing stoughton can take pride in these days. I live near by and there is always lots of young kids having a lot if fun there.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Don't take down the skate park 5 or more people go there everyday

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Concept A keep the skatepark for the kids or they're gonna be skateboarding around town and getting in everyone's way.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: For no reason should the skatepark be taken away, my friends and I have spent so much time there these past few years and it's been so much fun. And just now there has been lots of younger kids starting skating in Stoughton and it's amazing to see that as my friend and I had thought we were pretty much the end of the skate scene in Stoughton, but we were very wrong. Theres been a large group of kids that have all decided to pick up a skateboard and now they go skate there everyday. If the skatepark gets taken away, those kids won't stop skating in Stoughton and you will be seeing them much more most likely, except they will be skating downtown everyday and you will have to deal with everyone getting pissed about that. There are plenty of other places you could put all this new stuff, taking away the skatepark for it is the wrong idea. This skatepark has brought many teenagers together to enjoy something they wouldn't if it wasn't for this park and a piece of wood with wheels. They, and myself, don't play sports, lay around watching movies, play video games all day, we don't. We are skateboarders and this is pretty much the only thing we enjoy doing and I hope for my friends in Stoughton they can keep that going. This park might not look that great, but there's a whole lot behind what might not look very cool to you. SAVE THE SKATEPARK!!

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: How about you go with concept A cause otherwise you'd piss off a lot of skaters. There are a lot of kids that hang out there from middle school to adults. You'd be taking away something meant for everyone and replacing it with something meant for just little kids or nothing at all. Doesn't make much sense now does it...

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: we already have a splash pad.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Do not get rid of the stoughton skatepark. it is somewhere i can go to clear my head and skateboard i love it there. i love the people there too. everyone is like a family and if you were to destroy it you would be destroying the skateboarding community of stoughton.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Please keep the skatepark or at least relocate it. Speaking as someone who has used the stoughton skatepark for 11 years and learned so many thing, made so many friends and memories, you can't take the park away. The skating community has increased drastically, more and more kids come everyday. Putting a second splash pad in a sports facility is completely pointless. It's the only thing close to this sport in stoughton and without it were are kids gonna learn how to have perseverance let alone finding out that your not gonna get everything perfect on your first time. Anyways this skatepark means a great deal to a lot of people and it would be really sad if you took that away.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: please do not take away the skatepark, that place has been my second home for years. instead of getting rid of it you could add on to it and make it bigger, this would bring in a good crowd of people and bring more attention to Stoughton. Me and all my friends love the skatepark and would be devastated if you took it away.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Hello from me and the skateboarders of stoughton. i just wanted say something about getting rid of the mandt skatepark. many kids and adults look forward everyday to go there and have fun and progress and make new friends and when i first saw that there was plans to get rid of the skatepark it honestly brought tears to my eyes. ive been going there close to 10 years and it would break my heart and many many other kids hearts if the skatepark was gone. so please if there is anyway at all for you guys to relocate the park or something just so that we dont lose our favorite place to go where we have all made many memories. I am very excited to see whats to come with the new mandt park but i really hope you guys are consitering all the boys and girls and adults who look forward everyday to go skate and have fun at that park with there friends.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I have looked at all three a few times and I personally feel that Concept C is the best plan/layout. Thank you!

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Thank you for providing additional opportunities for comments! I was not able to make the meeting on Tuesday. I love the idea of making a nature trail, and it would be great if the trails are wheelchair accessible. I am in favor consolidating the fair ground buildings, creating additional green space and making the park able to be used for more events. I am also an avid canoer/kayaker and would greatly appreciate any put in/ take out spots. Concepts B and C both look appealing to me, with a preference for Concept C because of maximized green space, and the pedestrian mall. Thanks again!

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I like Concept B because I have two little kids would who love the placement of the splash pad and playground. And I think Troll Beach could use a new beach house. Thank you for taking the time to come up with different ideas and placing value on the community's opinions. Any of the concepts would be a great addition to Stoughton!

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Concept C. Except for the camp sites, I do not particularly care for the camp sites within this park.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I support the direction proposed in concept B and C, especially towards having a nature path around the entire peninsula. The number one thing I want out of this park is to have access to the river, nature trails, and for us to improve the river quality with the riverfront restoration. Second thing I most want out of it is to open the space so that we can use it for events year round and to expand the amenities in the park. Splash pads seem super popular in other communities, so that's a great idea. Refurbishing and expanding the skate park would be amazing, too. I'd love if we had more activities for kids and teens, and a skate park creates that with little overhead. (If we build it, they will come!) I'd also ask that we incorporate local public art into the final plan to grab people's interest and show off Stoughton's creativity and support for the arts.

If we get the nature trails in, people will actually start using this park and seeing how much potential it has. Once people spend time there, support will continue to grow for making this park something that meets the community's needs.

I also like the plan to connect to the proposed trail extending the rest of the way up the river. That continues to make things more cohesive in town, which I think really helps newcomers more quickly see how great the town is. Right now it's hard to figure out how to access all the awesome riverfront we have.

I also prefer concept B and C because they move the loop road and open up more green space. It's still super accessible with plenty of parking and road access even without that particular. The park is small and each amenity has a nearby access point in concept B and C. With the riverfront restored and the nature path in concept C, I would use it all the time to walk the dog, sit on the river with friends, etc.

I also like the idea of a pedestrian through-way from the 6th st pedestrian bridge through the park in concept C.

Besides Troll Beach, in my experience, nothing about the current park attracts people in to it 360 days of the year. It's desolate and full of empty buildings that make it unwelcoming and ugly. We need to use this space differently and use it year-round. I'd prefer plan C, with B a second.

Thanks for listening!

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I like the concepts, A and B stand out though, I think Concept C would cost to much and prove to be not exactly what we as park patrons would like. One thing I see on all of these is Troll Beach and Splash Pads, let me be the first to say that both of these I find "less than desirable", Troll Beach is, to me, a few steps up from a cesspool, though not a bad place, the deadfall from the trees has made the bottom of the "Mud Hole" (I've been around long enough to remember that name) a rotten, decaying, squishy mess, think walking into a swamp bare foot, not to mention, anybody can tell you that if you get your foot deep enough into the mess, its sucks you in as opposed to being able to spring off a solid or sand bottom. Splash pads, sorry, I just think they're a joke. Concrete and water, not much fun there. I would wonder, why would we not save money, ask for donations, or a fund raiser, and try to build an Aquatic Center???? Like Sun Prairie's! Seems to me that with our city expanding so much, an Aquatic Center would be a viable option. We use the term "Painting Over things", Mandt Park needs improvement, so does Troll Beach. What's there can be remodeled or get a face lift as far as the building go, Troll Beach sucks, myself, my kids, most of the people I talk to, would rather see an Aquatic Center!!! I think it would be nice to catch up!!!! Lose the splash pads, lets put something there that EVERYONE would like, young and old.

Or at a minimum, get a plan in place to clean out that crap at the bottom of the "Mud Hole"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I think Option C is best. I like the idea of camping area next to Kayaking. The only worry would be 'homeless people' camping around beach and playground around CHILDREN

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Concept A seems best for the existing need for Mandy Park users. I'm not sure how Concepts B and C would allow the Stoughton Junior fair to continue. Also, B and C seem to require significant resources while A appears to retain the existing buildings for the fair.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Hello,

I wasn't able to make the feedback meeting last night and I am also a Dunkirk resident but I very much support as much greenspace/pedestrian/outdoor activity planning as possible in the redevelopment process. I know the fair supporters are quite vocal in their opposition but as a new and fairly young resident that is just getting to know the community, I think offering more opportunity for people to connect/interact throughout the year is what we should be looking for. The fair is 1 week/year and quite honestly, it's lame. It's not the future and it's not what we should be prioritizing when we are considering how to build our future. Thank you very much for allowing me to provide feedback.

Liz Vanderwerff

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: The Stoughton Jr. Fair is extremely important to our family and the community. It appears the Fair would be significantly impacted by all proposed concepts. Showing animals and projects at the Fair has opened up a number of educational and career opportunities, not just for my children, but others as well. My hope is that prior to any more money being spent, the Mayor and City Council would reach out to the 4H Clubs (Triangle Troopers, Kegonsa Hustlers, Rutland 4H), the Stoughton FFA and Stoughton FFA Alumni to gauge the huge impact having our local fair has made.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Concept C is great because there are 2 playgrounds and it leads me to believe there is a good amount of room for the 4th of July carnival area. However, the only concern I have is the proximity of the playground to the very busy 4th street. If there is a fence between the playground and the street that would be best.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I am supersized there is no new pool in any of these. What is liability is there for the city with a mud hold for a pool? One were you can't see a swimmer if they are having trouble. I would imagine a major law suit if someone drowns.
Is the white water park not an option any more?

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I personally like concept A for one reason. I honestly don't use the park much but if there was a kayak/ small boat launch with parking nearby for a truck and trailer I know at least a few people would love that, including myself!

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Although this is technically a separate project from the whitewater park, they will feed off of each other and I think there should be some continuity both in theme and aesthetics. I love the splash pad idea for younger kids, in conjunction with Troll Beach. For older kids and teens, please include a bmx trail for recreational use, but one that might also be suitable for competitions. An improved skateboard park, and bouldering/rock climbing walls for varying abilities would also mesh with the outdoor adventure theme of the whitewater park. Aesthetically, I would like to see more of a rustic, outdoor adventure, feel than what was shown in the slide at the meeting (less concrete) in order to flow with the whitewater park and trails. In the realm of pie in the sky, what about a man-made portion of river looping around through Mandt to carry kayakers/tubers back?

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Concept 3. If we are revamping the park, lets go all in and make the space make sense!

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Anything will be better than what we now have in that area, but all of these plans fail to inspire. There is a bike trial and a handful of other recreational options that are no different than anywhere else in the city. More of the same "meh" options that Stoughton already offers. Obviously you are limited by the funding you have, but there is nothing I see here that will inspire people who don't already live in Stoughton to WANT to come here. I live here and I see NOTHING (sorry about the all caps, but still) that will cause me to want to hang out there. Another lost opportunity for Stoughton. And the school district wonders why our enrollment is dropping? What does a young family see here that competes with options elsewhere? Little or nothing. Perhaps out-of-towners will want to cycle to the Overlook and feast their eyes on the wonders of the Stoughton Waste Water Treatment facility. This looks like the recreational equivalent of our titanic effort to bring a Super Wal-Mart to Stoughton. No one will care. Hoping you all have the wherewithal to follow through on the whitewater park idea. That is actually brilliant.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Concept C has a options and a layout which is welcoming to families. It has 2 parks. One of which is close to the front of the park away from Troll Beach for days you can't go but want to let the kids play. It also offers a safe way for pedestrians to get from one side of the park to the other with the large walkway. Making it easier for families.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: hi Dan, I was unable to attend last night, but I'm interested to provide feedback on the proposed plans. Firstly, do you have a list of Pros and Cons for each concept? The images of the three concepts is great and i can decipher a lot from it, but to those whom could not attend in person it would be good to have a little summary typed up on each concept, such as: relative cost, impact to land and facilities/buildings, accessibility, total # of parking spaces, bonus features, etc. I'm happy to share my thoughts on ranking the concepts from favorite to least favorite. I think Stoughton has a bright future, keep up the good work.

Thanks,
Jason Meier

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: here are my thoughts:
-I don't think we should get rid of the skatepark, there may be kids that really enjoy this
-the less "new additions" the better to keep costs down, so keeping what buildings we have, in their original place is better
-more green space and naturalization the better
-campgrounds may get too much unwanted attention such as noise and destruction of natural landscape. I also like the idea of keeping this area open for other things such as ultimate frisbee or soccer pick up games

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I like concept A

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: i have lived in Stoughton for 20 years & raised 2 kdis here. I really like option C as it is clean, organized, and uses the space more efficiently. The only thing I would like to see is to retain or redevelop the Skate Park ! Troll Beach and a Splash pad are great for kids under 13, but for teenagers the skate park is a great resource. My son skates/bikes frequently on the current skate park, and I would hate to see a safe place for teens to go be removed.

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(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: Option C would likely bring more revenue to local businesses because people who are camping will stay multiple days rather than just a day trip. Campers with children will enjoy the mud hole and splash pad! Love the layout. Very exciting.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

Comments: I can see the advantages of realigning the roads on the south. This flows nicely in B and C. The costs for B and C would be substantially higher with creating new buildings for the fair and then the new track for C.

I don't like that you have removed the skate park in B and C. My son uses this all the time and I see more kids using this than I see people playing Pickleball. An updated skate park would be excellent and is a great youth activity.

How would this change if the whitewater park was approved?

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

don't have parking for them, they aren't going to come b/c it's not convenient. Is there enough space to hold the Fair rides?

Concept B: I like that the splash pad and park are away from Troll Beach. I also like the 2 pedestrian mall areas. That will look nice.

Concept C: There's too much money going into new fairgrounds buildings that we only use for one week for the fair. That's a lot of money that's going toward something we don't use a lot. I think the campsites are interesting and are a good spot next to the playground and splash pad. Love the pedestrian mall area and that there would be a paved area to walk in instead of the big open field that's often muddy and waterlogged.

(Sent via *Stoughton Parks & Recreation*)

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Q1 What is your opinion of the Plan?

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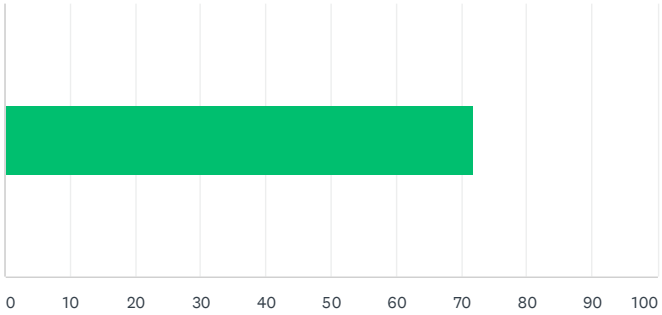

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Q2 What do you like about the plan?

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5	Good use of space, has something for everyone	1/4/2020 7:51 PM
6	Variety of activities and something for all ages and activity levels.	1/2/2020 7:14 PM
7	Fishing spot. Kayak and canoe launch	1/1/2020 7:21 PM
8	I like having access to the entire park (river access) through the walking trail. New fair grounds next to the hockey rink seems smart and the relocation of the tractor pull and grandstand.	12/31/2019 3:37 PM
9	I love that there are different options for all ages ranging from infant to adult to enjoy themselves here!	12/30/2019 7:54 AM
10	The character images used - if they actually make the park look like that it'll turn out really nice.	12/30/2019 7:01 AM
11	The diversity of family-friendly activities and new ideas coupled with the improvements of already-existing features. I especially like the footbridge over the river and the walking paths.	12/29/2019 10:48 PM
12	More restrooms	12/29/2019 11:13 AM
13	Walk ability	12/29/2019 10:41 AM
14	This area is long over due for improvements. It will be great to see.	12/29/2019 10:15 AM
15	Nothing. It looks like you are pushing the Stoughton fair out. So many kids will lose the chance to show at a local fair.	12/29/2019 8:49 AM
16	Nothing	12/28/2019 11:32 PM
17	Nothing	12/28/2019 7:09 PM
18	Splash pad, trail, parking	12/28/2019 11:08 AM
19	Something needs to be done. The area is an eyesore. Glad we're doing "something."	12/28/2019 10:50 AM
20	Splash pad. Bridge. Relocation of grandstands to optimize space around mandt center.	12/28/2019 8:44 AM
21	The variety of fun outdoor activities, design pictures look nice and good quality, and using existing spaces well	12/28/2019 5:41 AM
22	Multiple use options, better utilization of more space	12/27/2019 8:27 PM
23	better options for parking	12/27/2019 2:35 PM
24	pedestrian mall, kayak/canoe launch, splash pad, playground, open space, park shelter, restrooms, bathhouse, multi-use path, increased parking	12/27/2019 1:48 PM
25	Improved parking and beach area	12/27/2019 12:54 PM
26	Additional parking	12/27/2019 11:15 AM
27	Good use of the space and the changes are going to be great.	12/27/2019 10:25 AM
28	I like the pedestrian mall area and the parking availability.	12/27/2019 10:19 AM
29	Looks organized	12/27/2019 7:21 AM
30	All of it except Troll beach. Troll beach need to be a real pool not a sand gross beach.	12/27/2019 7:14 AM
31	The walkways and splash pad and kayak launches. Connection to downtown. While still keeping the features that have been there like fair buildings, troll beach and Mandt center.	12/26/2019 11:57 PM
32	Bridges, walking paths, ada launch pads, river health maintained while pulling more people to it. Skate center.	12/26/2019 11:15 PM

33	Relocating grandstand and parking.	12/26/2019 10:53 PM
34	It is modern but keeps the charm and most used parts of that area like Troll Beach, the pavillion the Mandt Center. I like how it has parts that connects everything. I have lived in Stoughton for years and I did not know some of those "existing" parts were there. Great job.	12/26/2019 10:32 PM
35	All.	12/26/2019 9:19 PM
36	More native plantings	12/26/2019 8:49 PM
37	Splash pad, canoe launch, new farm buildings	12/26/2019 7:24 PM
38	The buildings look nice. Lots of activity for all. Walking path nice	12/26/2019 7:15 PM
39	outdoor activity, green space	12/26/2019 7:14 PM
40	Great improvements and additions	12/26/2019 7:10 PM
41	Nothing	12/26/2019 6:31 PM
42	Open concept with ability to change with future generational views	12/26/2019 5:58 PM
43	People friendly , nicely laid out	12/26/2019 5:37 PM
44	Better use of ball park area. Traffic flow one way	12/26/2019 4:36 PM
45	the wide variety of things one can do at the park, the increased/better parking, large open areas	12/26/2019 4:19 PM
46	Anything is better than how or is used now	12/26/2019 4:04 PM
47	the Variety of different things. There is something for everyone	12/26/2019 3:58 PM
48	Improvement to the park and riverbank in general	12/26/2019 3:28 PM
49	Walking path, plenty of parking, location of pickle/tennis courts	12/26/2019 3:23 PM
50	Some updates that are long over due like fair buildings etc.	12/26/2019 3:21 PM
51	Everything!!	12/26/2019 3:15 PM
52	Splash pad	12/26/2019 2:57 PM
53	The access to the River the open views, campsites	12/26/2019 2:50 PM
54	Campsites, splash pad	12/26/2019 2:37 PM
55	Multi use and keeping things that matter to people while adding/updating area for future	12/26/2019 2:33 PM
56	The layout.	12/26/2019 2:21 PM
57	Splash pad and playground	12/26/2019 2:17 PM
58	Tennis and pickleball courts, the splashpad, multi use trail, bridge to new development, new parking	12/26/2019 2:13 PM
59	I like how the buildings and open spaces are balanced and the buildings are all in the same area leaving more open space	12/26/2019 2:07 PM
60	Looks very inviting. I love that there will be extra bathrooms.	12/26/2019 2:02 PM
61	Looks like a wonderful use of the space, with a little something for everyone.	12/26/2019 1:21 PM
62	Splash pad and playground with increased parking. I think the plan looks well thought out as far as logistics go with ample parking and driving space.	12/26/2019 1:00 PM
63	Access to water for kayaking but there is no mention of take out or navigation around HWY N dam. Kind of useless if you can't go anywhere other than paddle around in a circle. Whitewater seems like a waste of resources	12/26/2019 12:47 PM
64	The park, splash pad, canoe/kayak launch, park shelter, skate park. Everything!	12/26/2019 12:34 PM
65	I like the use of the space and the variety activities it provides	12/26/2019 11:13 AM
66	I love the open areas, Whitewater area, and the flow.	12/26/2019 11:07 AM

67	tennis courts, splash pad, multi use path around entire property	12/26/2019 10:59 AM
68	Like the pedestrian walkway in the pedestrian bridge. The entry sign. I also like the multi use nature several things I wouldn't use but others word and that makes it very viable for the community	12/26/2019 10:59 AM
69	Pretty much everything!	12/26/2019 10:46 AM
70	The overall feel and connection to the RDA site. Also, the addition of a splash pad.	12/26/2019 10:42 AM
71	Variety of activities and a walkway/bridge To cross the river	12/26/2019 10:41 AM
72	walking and biking paths	12/26/2019 10:35 AM
73	Love the new playground and splash pad as well as the kayak launch and the improved fishing area.	12/26/2019 10:26 AM
74	interesting changes!	12/26/2019 10:17 AM
75	Bridge, make over, parking.	12/26/2019 10:09 AM
76	Finally a real canoe/kayak launch. Overall thoughtful use of that park. Much of it has more potential and just blank space.	12/26/2019 10:06 AM
77	The increased wAter accessibility	12/26/2019 10:01 AM
78	Increased things for young children to do in stoughton ie: park, splash pad, skate park, fishing etc. also love the community spaces and bridge.	12/26/2019 9:55 AM
79	The whitewater park	12/26/2019 9:53 AM
80	More functional and more activities, larger parking	12/26/2019 9:48 AM
81	Variety of opportunities for different interests	12/26/2019 9:46 AM
82	Upgrades a lot of the minimalist amenities of the area.	12/26/2019 9:44 AM
83	Green space, walking path, parking, the designs are beautiful.	12/26/2019 9:38 AM
84	Planning for the future	12/26/2019 9:35 AM
85	Nothing	12/26/2019 9:34 AM
86	Everything looks good except placement of playground and splash pad.	12/26/2019 9:23 AM

Q3 Is anything missing from the plan?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Natural play area?	1/16/2020 9:44 AM
2	No	1/10/2020 1:26 PM
3	how to pay for it	1/7/2020 3:58 PM
4	A city pool to replace troll beach	1/6/2020 7:34 PM
5	Not that I noticed	1/4/2020 7:51 PM
6	Would love to see an indoor walking area for inclement weather.	1/1/2020 7:21 PM
7	Not sure what the point of the open space south of the new fair buildings. Need to use for something landscaped. My son would like to see a bigger skate park with more features to play on. In the winter the zamboni snow could be used at the skate park for a snowboard park. This would make it a year round use.	12/31/2019 3:37 PM
8	Not that I can see.	12/30/2019 7:54 AM
9	No	12/30/2019 7:01 AM
10	It would be great if the playground could be made accessible, almost like a small version of a dream park (something that doesn't seem to be happening in Stoughton but is needed). There are tons of regular playgrounds, but no accessible ones I am aware of.	12/29/2019 10:48 PM
11	why would you move an already existing grandstand?	12/29/2019 11:13 AM
12	Parking closer to the water for canoe/kayak	12/29/2019 10:41 AM
13	basketball court	12/29/2019 10:15 AM
14	More room for the fair to grow	12/29/2019 8:49 AM
15	Leave the park alone	12/28/2019 11:32 PM
16	Another building for livestock. Not all species can be in the same building.	12/28/2019 7:09 PM
17	Another play area	12/28/2019 11:08 AM
18	More landscaping	12/28/2019 10:50 AM
19	Beer garden (like olbrich biergarten).	12/28/2019 8:44 AM
20	I think Stoughton should have an outdoor pool	12/28/2019 5:41 AM
21	Just make sure everything is not only wheelchair accessible but wheelchair friendly including a large family size accessible bathroom	12/27/2019 8:27 PM
22	The baseball diamond is gone	12/27/2019 2:35 PM
23	In-ground public swimming pool instead of Troll Beach (something like Edgerton has), commmunity garden, shade (I know it says trees will be marked in final plan), equipment rental facility (or is that at concessions building?) for equipment like bikes, canoes/kayaks, tennis/pickleball equipment, snow shoes, cross country skis, paths for winter use (snow shoes/skis), biergarten area like at Olbrich Park in Madison, outdoor music venue (could replace Rotary Park for free outdoor summer concerts)	12/27/2019 1:48 PM
24	Enough buildings to house the Stoughton Jr. Fair. Your concept does not accommodate this.	12/27/2019 11:15 AM
25	More playground area. It would be neat to see multiple playground equipment areas to play on all in one area. In Fon du Lac, they have a beautiful playground area where tons of families play b/c there are so many options. In Stoughton, we have many parks but only one set of playground equipment at each site. Kids play for a few minutes, then get bored. If we had 3-4 sets of equipment, zip lines, etc. together, families would stay longer to play. Google "Fon du lac Lakeside Park" and look at the images of the playground areas... we spent hours there playing.	12/27/2019 10:19 AM
26	Where will the fair be set up	12/27/2019 7:21 AM
27	Redoing Troll Beach.	12/27/2019 7:14 AM

57	I'd love to see the playground next to the splash pad. It is hard as a mom of 5 to look in both directions or watch kids on the playground from the splash pad.	12/26/2019 1:00 PM
58	A proper public swimming pool. Troll beach os disgusting and an embarrassment to the city when places like Edgerton has a proper pool	12/26/2019 12:47 PM
59	Not that I can think of. Looks amazing thank you	12/26/2019 12:34 PM
60	An outdoor pool. I think the splash pad should be taken out completely and a large community pool should replace Troll Beach. The number of people that it would draw into Stoughton would be great and it would keep many people who live here in town instead of leaving for other swimming places. I have three children and won't take my children there and many people I know feel the same way. A pool could be a huge improvement to this plan. I may have missed it, but is there a bike path through this area?	12/26/2019 11:13 AM
61	I think that the Mandt Center is in need of updating, especially the ice management system, Olympia, and boards as well as vast facility updates	12/26/2019 11:07 AM
62	They are probably there but make sure there are bike parking racks	12/26/2019 10:59 AM
63	I would like to see more nature trails and fishing spots if possible.	12/26/2019 10:46 AM
64	Is the playground the same or is it being updated? I like the Maple Grove, MN urban park? Or what is being built in Sussex WI?	12/26/2019 10:42 AM
65	No	12/26/2019 10:41 AM
66	Bike racks by the pickleball courts	12/26/2019 10:35 AM
67	A real pool. Stoughton needs a real outdoor pool. It is no fun to have to drive 25 minutes to go to a pool all summer long. A pool should be a must in this plan.	12/26/2019 10:26 AM
68	not that I can think of.	12/26/2019 10:17 AM
69	More detail on waterfront.	12/26/2019 10:09 AM
70	Where did the baseball diamond go?	12/26/2019 10:06 AM
71	No; hopefully park section has toddler and older kid options. Many parks in stoughton don't have both accommodations. Would also love to see some allergen friendly language on stoughton parks. 1/13 of our kids now have top 8 allergens yet many adults leave food and wrappers all over the playgrounds, which is not only gross but deadly. Many parks in other areas have started to hang signs about food on the equipment and safe practices. Having easy access to garbage cans helps too.	12/26/2019 9:55 AM
72	What is going to happen to the existing bandshell that the City Band raised funds to build?	12/26/2019 9:53 AM
73	Where do people park for the Mandt Center? and fair grounds?	12/26/2019 9:48 AM
74	Na	12/26/2019 9:46 AM
75	N/A	12/26/2019 9:44 AM
76	I couldn't tell if there is a place to walk dogs or let them off leash, but I didn't review in detail.	12/26/2019 9:38 AM
77	Not sure	12/26/2019 9:35 AM
78	Enough room for the fair and opportunities for it to prosper and benefit this community.	12/26/2019 9:34 AM
79	No	12/26/2019 9:23 AM

Q4 What, if anything, would you change in the plan?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	See questions below.	1/16/2020 9:44 AM
2	nothing	1/10/2020 1:26 PM
3	keep the road going all around the park	1/7/2020 3:58 PM
4	More trees and renovate Mandt Center	1/6/2020 7:34 PM
5	Nothing	1/4/2020 7:51 PM
6	Na	1/1/2020 7:21 PM
7	Certainly would be great to relocate the stoughton Area transportation facility. this would really open the river up to more access and could be restored for more natural area. May need to have more stormwater management facilities on the south side of the buildings.	12/31/2019 3:37 PM
8	Nothing that I can think of at this moment the plan looks solid. I was going to mention a snack and drink area but that's at troll beach.	12/30/2019 7:54 AM
9	Art murals, sculpture work - prompt local artist. It'll give the park a more homey feel/connection to the community. Tie something to Stoughton's history.	12/30/2019 7:01 AM
10	Making the playground into a small, accessible dream park. Possibly adding another set of bathrooms and/or a shelter closer to the playground (when little ones have to go, sometimes you need something close by) with a diaper-changing table. That is of course unless the bathhouse and shelter will be available to everyone all season and not just for those who are paying for and visiting Troll Beach. If they will be publicly available then you have it covered.	12/29/2019 10:48 PM
11	More opportunities for fair to grow are necessary. It's the best use for Mandt park.	12/29/2019 11:13 AM
12	Add an outdoor ice rink	12/29/2019 10:41 AM
13	I don't think there is a high population of people interested in pickle ball. There is already a pickle ball court by the cemetery park.	12/29/2019 10:15 AM
14	Get rid of all the ideas and have a community and city that supports the fair	12/29/2019 8:49 AM
15	Leave the park as it is.	12/28/2019 11:32 PM
16	Switch parking lot #4 with the pickle ball court. That way they pickle ball players are closer to the restrooms. This will also work better for hockey families to park closer to the Mandt Center making carrying the large bags and managing small children easier & safer. Also, the midway will be closer to the Mandt Center during the fair. Also, add another building for livestock and remove some of the green space (19)	12/28/2019 7:09 PM
17	Dog area	12/28/2019 11:08 AM
18	None	12/28/2019 8:44 AM
19	n/a	12/27/2019 8:27 PM
20	The whitewater rafting concept is about the stupidest thing I've heard. No serious person can believe that the idea has merit. A whitewater park in downtown stoughton is a waste of money and resources.	12/27/2019 2:35 PM
21	The overlook sounds cool and I can't picture exactly what that spot looks like in person, but it seems that it's just a view of the wastewater treament facility?? It isn't specified but would the playground be expanded/upgraded from the current one - would recommend. The inspiration photos look cool for more modern and creative playground equipment. Maybe a sheltered farmers market facility that could be used in the summer (instead of current Friday and Saturday market locations).	12/27/2019 1:48 PM
22	Pickleball and tennis court. We currently have a beautiful, new court designed specifically for pickleball. I would hate to see it changed to a combined tennis court usage.	12/27/2019 12:54 PM
23	Make more room for the fair.	12/27/2019 11:15 AM
24	More playground equipment... Not sure we need another splash pad, I'd put that money into bigger better playground equipment.	12/27/2019 10:19 AM

25	?	12/27/2019 7:21 AM
26	Troll beach make it a concrete pool like Edgerton or Ft. Atkinson, sun Prairie	12/27/2019 7:14 AM
27	Nothing	12/26/2019 11:57 PM
28	See #3. I don't know fair needs but would need that population to chime in. Also make sure there's quality lighting	12/26/2019 11:15 PM
29	Just to be sure to include space to have the fair and keep all the good things that go on at the park right now (but make it better).	12/26/2019 10:32 PM
30	Nothing	12/26/2019 9:19 PM
31	Dedicated tractor pull area with very limited usage. Use that land for something else	12/26/2019 7:24 PM
32	Add large trees	12/26/2019 7:15 PM
33	remove splash pad.	12/26/2019 7:14 PM
34	Leave the park the same	12/26/2019 6:31 PM
35	Replace the pull track with a performance stage for theater performances and music concerts. A performance stage would be uses more frequently than the pull track and bring in more revenue than the pull track. Relocate the pull track to the outside part of the park to limit any disruptions. Also, a pull track could be designed to have multiple uses such as a BMX track, motocross track, remote control cars, trucks track.	12/26/2019 5:58 PM
36	Nothing right now	12/26/2019 5:37 PM
37	Hopefully current grandstands can be used on some way. We do not need a rapid, we need a warmer indoor pool.	12/26/2019 4:36 PM
38	I would reconsider where the play structure and splash pad are. I do not think of troll beach as part of mandt park and would not think to drive done there looking for a play ground. also, a splash pad should be separate to the beach, not an additional part of the beach. all the kid things seem shoved into a very small place tucked away back there.	12/26/2019 4:19 PM
39	I think a 9 hole disc golf course could fit well	12/26/2019 4:04 PM
40	More riverbank improvement, room for bank fishing.	12/26/2019 3:28 PM
41	#14 - will the landscape be built up? What would someone be "overloooking"? Leave the long walking path, but also create a shorter route "branch" along the red dot/dash line on the west side of the park.	12/26/2019 3:23 PM
42	I wouldn't focus such a large area to pickle ball courts. The tax payers already paid for this update and I have yet to see it used when I pass the area.	12/26/2019 3:21 PM
43	Nothing	12/26/2019 3:15 PM
44	Toddler play area	12/26/2019 2:57 PM
45	Add a pool	12/26/2019 2:50 PM
46	I think a tractor full area is a ridiculous waste of resources. It's used 1 time per year. Why even have it?	12/26/2019 2:37 PM
47	Seating/ benches picnic area along the river	12/26/2019 2:33 PM
48	More room for camping and more biking area	12/26/2019 2:21 PM
49	Add community pool	12/26/2019 2:17 PM
50	Not sure of the purpose of the mall	12/26/2019 2:13 PM
51	none	12/26/2019 2:07 PM
52	Not sure but replace the splash pad with something for older kids.	12/26/2019 2:02 PM
53	I can't think of anything	12/26/2019 1:21 PM
54	See last response. I'd move playground to splash pad area and put covered pavilion on one	12/26/2019 1:00 PM

	side with view of both areas.	
55	Proper public swimming pool, engineered take out locations for kayaking at Hwy N and Fulton. The whitewater thing seems like a complete waste of time.	12/26/2019 12:47 PM
56	None	12/26/2019 12:34 PM
57	Take out troll beach and the splash pad and put in a pool.	12/26/2019 11:13 AM
58	Considering that the Mandt center is mostly used for Hockey in the winter there is not much parking close to the Ice rink... You are making a lot of people walk quite a ways to get to the rink. I think that the parking lot would have been better served closer to the rink.	12/26/2019 11:07 AM
59	Looks good	12/26/2019 10:59 AM
60	Possibly move or create a small park closer to the entrance. It will give a family friendly presentation upon entrance. Possibly a park map near the camp site.	12/26/2019 10:46 AM
61	Is the splash pad regulated by the troll beach hours? I would change that or expand troll beach hours for the summer. The existing hours are not conducive to working families during the work week. An bridge connecting Dunkirk park as well would be awesome and expand the feel and connection. An urban playscape as mentioned above if not already in the works would be great! Outdoor ice skating track would bring people year round (see Maple Grove MN Central Park)	12/26/2019 10:42 AM
62	No ideas	12/26/2019 10:41 AM
63	move the pickleball courts away from 4th street	12/26/2019 10:35 AM
64	Replace the mud hole with a real pool.	12/26/2019 10:26 AM
65	Nothing.	12/26/2019 10:17 AM
66	Include waterfront detail. Walking path, fishing spots, seating areas, landings	12/26/2019 10:09 AM
67	A modern park shelter would be awesome. Nice big one for community and reservable for private events.	12/26/2019 10:06 AM
68	Nothing	12/26/2019 9:55 AM
69	Less emphasis on the fair, more emphasis on every day use	12/26/2019 9:53 AM
70	School bus travel through the entire park daily. Tennis and pickleball courts need to face the correct north/south direction.	12/26/2019 9:48 AM
71	Hard to say without a confirmed RDA plan attached to ensure they coordinate, but this seems great!	12/26/2019 9:46 AM
72	I like Troll Beach just fine, but I think any plan that involves significant investment in that area should include a plan for a pool to replace it.	12/26/2019 9:44 AM
73	Selfishly, as a hockey family, more parking closer to the rink would be great because of winter weather and ice on the sidewalks.	12/26/2019 9:38 AM
74	Why are we moving brand new pickleball courts? Reconfigure.	12/26/2019 9:35 AM
75	Abilities to work side by side with the fair board to benefit the community.	12/26/2019 9:34 AM
76	Move the planned splash pad and playground OUTSIDE of Troll beach. I have 3 young children and do not want to pay to use a splash pad-there are many nearby that cost nothing to use. Also, due to having three young children I do not want to worry about the potential danger of the open water at Troll beach. I'd love to stay In my community and support it, but if there is a fee to use or it is within troll beach we would go elsewhere.	12/26/2019 9:23 AM

Q5 Do you have any general comments on the draft Master Plan?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	1.) How many days per year is the tractor pull in use? 2.) What is the ecological quality of the existing woodlands? 3.) Are there any planned improvements to Troll Beach? 4.) How does the proposed splashpad compare to that of Nordic Ridge? How about that of Verona's Splashpad? 5.) How much area is dedicated to natural plantings? Will those areas be maintained as such? 6.) Is the whitewater park still a part of this? Will it allow flatwater canoes to pass through? 7.) Will the proposed pickleball courts eliminate the need for those at Veteran's Park?	1/16/2020 9:44 AM
2	no	1/10/2020 1:26 PM
3	If we were starting with a fresh piece of ground it may work but the cost will make it impossible to do	1/7/2020 3:58 PM
4	Any action is better than none. I'll support any improvement the parks department comes up with. Don't delay!	1/6/2020 7:34 PM
5	No	1/4/2020 7:51 PM
6	Na	1/1/2020 7:21 PM
7	I also like that that the road on the northern edge gets converted to multi use trail rather than a road. Adds safety and walkability.	12/31/2019 3:37 PM
8	No	12/30/2019 7:54 AM
9	None	12/30/2019 7:01 AM
10	I live close to that area and am very excited for all the fabulous plans in the works!	12/29/2019 10:48 PM
11	Don't push the fair out of Mandt park.	12/29/2019 11:13 AM
12	I hope there will be improvements to the mandt center building-hockey rink.	12/29/2019 10:15 AM
13	It sucks	12/29/2019 8:49 AM
14	Stop wasting money	12/28/2019 11:32 PM
15	I think it looks good	12/28/2019 11:08 AM
16	See #2 answer	12/27/2019 8:27 PM
17	Is this really a park redesign or simply a reinvention of the park in order to attract people to the massive apartment complex the RDA is pushing across the river.	12/27/2019 2:35 PM
18	Very pleased at the plans to make such big improvements; this will make Mandt Park a really great feature/asset to Stoughton! Hopefully would attract more young families and tourists to the area and help boost local economy and school enrollment. We look forward to being able to use this park with our family as our young children grow up in Stoughton.	12/27/2019 1:48 PM
19	I think the tax burden on your residents is high enough. This will create a greater burden on all City services.	12/27/2019 11:15 AM
20	Looks good... glad to see nice things happening in Stoughton. We need to have more things for young kids to do. We spend time entertaining our kids outside of Stoughton b/c there isn't enough here to keep them occupied.	12/27/2019 10:19 AM
21	?	12/27/2019 7:21 AM
22	Fix troll beach	12/27/2019 7:14 AM
23	Love it!	12/26/2019 11:57 PM
24	Looking forward to seeing it happen. Keep fighting for quality recreation. Would the bathhouse restrooms only be open troll beach hours? If so, will there be other bathroom needs if there is increase activity at the overall park?	12/26/2019 11:15 PM
25	Mostly looks good.	12/26/2019 10:53 PM
26	No	12/26/2019 9:19 PM
27	Looks good, I don't think we need whitewater area	12/26/2019 7:24 PM

28	I hope the Rv and car storage is still available in winter.	12/26/2019 7:15 PM
29	do we really need a 2nd splash pad in town?	12/26/2019 7:14 PM
30	Delete it	12/26/2019 6:31 PM
31	I like this concept. Small communities like Stoughton would thrive with an area that would allow it to display its unique heritage and culture. Also, small areas may create new small business, i.e. remote control area may start a small business focusing on remote control cars, trucks, planes etc...	12/26/2019 5:58 PM
32	Not right now	12/26/2019 5:37 PM
33	See above	12/26/2019 4:36 PM
34	I think it's a great start and really allows every person to experience the park in a unique way.	12/26/2019 4:19 PM
35	Nope	12/26/2019 4:04 PM
36	Looks great!	12/26/2019 3:58 PM
37	No	12/26/2019 3:28 PM
38	My feedback relates to this draft without knowing the plans for the RDA Development area.	12/26/2019 3:23 PM
39	Thanks for doing this! It will be a great community enhancement	12/26/2019 3:15 PM
40	No	12/26/2019 2:57 PM
41	No other than a pool should be added	12/26/2019 2:50 PM
42	Overall, it's a nice improvement. I simply think having a Grandstand with a tractor pull area is a waste. I love the grandstand, but why not set it up for outdoor concerts etc.. instead of a tractor pull?	12/26/2019 2:37 PM
43	Love the idea of making better use of what could be a beautiful area of our town.	12/26/2019 2:33 PM
44	No	12/26/2019 2:21 PM
45	Nope	12/26/2019 2:17 PM
46	Good first draft and encouraging to see that this centrally located park is getting the attention to receive a face lift that meets the current and future needs	12/26/2019 2:13 PM
47	This is a great concept	12/26/2019 2:07 PM
48	Looks great	12/26/2019 2:02 PM
49	Seems like a great plan that offers a lot of usable green space, walking trails and access to the river.	12/26/2019 1:21 PM
50	No	12/26/2019 1:00 PM
51	See my previous comments.	12/26/2019 12:47 PM
52	No	12/26/2019 12:34 PM
53	No	12/26/2019 11:13 AM
54	Other than where the actual parking lot is I love it.	12/26/2019 11:07 AM
55	Winter use? Will it be plowed?	12/26/2019 10:59 AM
56	I'm excited about this!	12/26/2019 10:46 AM
57	It would be a fantastic addition to Stoughton and bring more young families, like ours, to the area. I am on the fence regarding the campsites, but interested in learning more about the benefits of including them.	12/26/2019 10:42 AM
58	I like it. It is a good use of space for a variety of activities	12/26/2019 10:41 AM
59	very good overall. A lot of money was just spent on the pickleball courts, seems a waste of money to move them.	12/26/2019 10:35 AM

60	Please add a pool to the master plan and it would be perfect.	12/26/2019 10:26 AM
61	It looks awesome.	12/26/2019 10:17 AM
62	No	12/26/2019 10:09 AM
63	No	12/26/2019 9:55 AM
64	See previous comment about the bandshell	12/26/2019 9:53 AM
65	Make sure the tennis courts and pickleball courts are not the last things constructed. Note: tennis and pickleball courts need to be north/south due to sun! Plan does not show that.	12/26/2019 9:48 AM
66	Great addition to the community!	12/26/2019 9:46 AM
67	NA	12/26/2019 9:44 AM
68	I think it's beautiful.	12/26/2019 9:38 AM
69	No	12/26/2019 9:35 AM
70	How would this be paid for? Is it worth it to end such a long standing event defining some of the history of this community?	12/26/2019 9:34 AM
71	Move splash pad and play for outside or away from existing Troll beach	12/26/2019 9:23 AM