TO: Park & Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
       Jon Steffes, Summer Recreation Director
DATE: November 8, 2021
RE: Meeting Notice
     Monday, November 15, 2021
     5:30 p.m., La Crescent City Hall
     315 Main Street

AGENDA

1. Introductions.
3. Review preliminary needs assessment findings and public input related to the
   update to the City’s Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan. Representatives
   from MSA will be in attendance at the meeting. Memo included.
4. Consideration of updates to the ballfield at Veteran’s Park as requested by
   Lancer Youth Baseball/Softball. Site plan included.
5. Additional Discussion Items.
6. Adjournment.

Please call me at 895-2595, or e-mail me at bwaller@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, if you will
not be able to attend, have questions, or need more information.

Thank you.
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
    Park and Recreation Commission Members  
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator  
DATE: September 21, 2021  
RE: Meeting Minutes  
    September 20, 2021

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 20, 2021, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Sarah Wetterlin, Diana Adamski, Randy Dobbs, Eileen Krenz and Linda Gasper. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch and Bill Waller.

1. Brief introductions were held.
2. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented. It was noted that the addition of a backboard to hit tennis balls at should be added to the list of items considered as part of the update to the City’s Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan.
3. Becky Binz and Dan Schmitt from MSA were in attendance at the meeting to kickoff the start of the process to update the City’s Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan. This included a review of the project scope and schedule, a review of the draft on-line survey, a review of recommendations from the City’s 2012 Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan, and a review of the park assessment form.
4. Due to a scheduling conflict, it was agreed that the date of the public walking tour would be moved to Saturday, October 9, 2021, with a rain date of Sunday, October 10, 2021. A formal schedule for the public walking tour will be finalized and distributed.
5. It was agreed that the first public open house would be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Fire Station in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. If this is not an option, it was agreed that the Farmer’s Market would be another option for the first public open house.
6. Discussion continued regarding the needs and wants related to the City’s park system.
7. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission would be Monday, November 15, 2021, at 5:30 pm., at City Hall.
8. The Commission was presented with the bid results for the bicycle/pedestrian bridge to be constructed as the third phase of the Wagon Wheel Improvement project.
9. The Commission considered a request from Lancer Youth Baseball for additional improvements at the ballfield at Veterans Park. It was the consensus of the Commission to request additional information, and that this item would be discussed again at the November Park & Recreation Commission meeting.

10. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:18 pm.
To: La Crescent Park & Recreation Commission  
From: Becky Binz, AICP, Project Manager (bbinz@msa-ps.com)  
Subject: November 15th – Park & Recreation Plan Update-Public Input Review  
Date: November 4, 2021

MSA will be attending your November 15th meeting to review preliminary needs assessment findings and public input received over the past month for the project. At the meeting we intend to review the following items:

1. **Project Schedule.** A copy of the project schedule/scope is included in your packet.
2. **Park Maps.** We will review the Existing Parks and Trails and Park Service Areas maps (*no attachments in packet*).
3. **La Crescent Parks Needs Assessment Highlights.** We will review a summary of initial findings from the quantitative analysis.
4. **Feedback from Survey.** We will review highlights from the community survey.
5. **Feedback from Farmer’s Market.** We have assembled comments received from the booth at the Farmer’s Market on October 12th.
6. **Feedback maps/preliminary ideas for Eagles Bluff, Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point, and Horsetrack meadows.** We have assembled comments from the public walking tour (October 9th), site visits with staff, and others for each of the three sites we will be preparing concepts for. We also have some initial ideas noted on these maps which will serve as discussion points during the meeting.
7. **Next meeting - January.** We will meet virtually with the PRC to review draft concepts for the three sites and preliminary recommendations for the entire park system.
SCOPE OF WORK – LA CRESCENT COMPREHENSIVE PARK & RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

May 5, 2021

Project Overview
We understand the City of La Crescent would like to engage a consultant to update its 2012 Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan (CPRP) to reflect changes in the community since that effort, and plan for future changes in the community. To this end we will take a deep dive into the City’s park system to ensure the community has the parks it needs and connected assets within the community now and in the future. The planning process will be an iterative one with the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC), and include evaluating your needs and wants, first with a standard assessment and then by seeking the opinions and preferences of residents. The plan will include master plans and more extensive recommendations for the following parks: 1 – Eagles Bluff Park, 2 – Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point Park and 3 – Horse Track Meadows Development. The planning effort will result in an updated parks and recreation system vision for the City, cost estimates tied to a prioritized list of improvements, and funding and partnership strategies to set the City up for implementation success.

Project Committee and Oversight
We anticipate working with the PRC to offer guidance on the process, review materials prepared, plan for public engagement, and recommend the draft plan for adoption consideration. We further anticipate that the City Administrator will be our primary point of contact for arranging meetings and will attend PRC meetings.

Phase 1: Outline Mission, Goals, and Objectives (September 2021)

Task 1.1: In-Person PRC Meeting #1 (Week of 9/6/2021)
MSA will conduct an in-person kickoff meeting with the PRC to:
- Verify the project schedule and deliverables.
- Discuss draft community survey and outreach methodologies.
- Plan for the first public open house event and public walking tour.
- Discuss issues, opportunities and desired improvements within the City’s park system.

During the time between the first and second PRC meetings, we will invite members of the Commission to individually, or as a group, tour the City’s parks (without MSA present). We will provide a Park Assessment Form which will ask Commission members to identify improvement projects considering a number of aspects per park.

Task 1.2: Existing Conditions Documentation
MSA will create base maps and complete a desktop review of utilities, topography, slopes, wetland/floodplain for the three master planning sites. MSA will also review the following plans and incorporate applicable recommendations and policies into the CPRP:
- 2012 La Crescent Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan
- 2016 La Crescent Comprehensive Plan
- 2016 LAPC Blufflands Plan
- 2017 La Crescent Blufflands Plan

Phase 2: Update Park Standards and Inventory (September-October 2021)

Task 2.1: Park Inventory & Assessment
MSA will tour the City’s parks to complete an inventory and evaluation of existing park facilities. MSA will utilize existing data provided by the City related to the type of facilities and year built and supplement this data with a general evaluation of existing park facilities through on-site observation. This information will
be used to assist with the development of recommendations for maintenance, replacement or new facilities.

Task 2.2: Geographic/Locational Analysis
- **Map 1 - Existing Parks and Trails.** A map of the location of existing City parks and trails using available GIS data. This map will also include the locations of county, state and federal park and recreational lands/facilities in or adjacent to the City.
- **Map 2 - Park Facility Distribution.** A map visually depicting the type of recreational facilities available in each City park, including whether the facilities are lighted. This map is useful in determining where portions of the City may, or will be underserved or overserved by certain types of amenities.
- **Map 3 - Park Service Areas.** A map identifying service areas for each City park.
- **Map 4 - Potentially Underserved Areas.** A heat map combining population density and park service areas to identify places in the community which are underserved by parks, and parks which might require additional maintenance and repair due to heavy use.

Task 2.3: Quantitative Analysis
MSA will analyze the amount of parkland per person available to City residents based on current and estimated population projections. The results of this analysis will indicate projected deficits or surpluses of total park land, in five-year increments, through 2040. MSA will also compare this data to that of similar sized communities using the National Recreation and Park Association's latest metrics.

**Phase 3: Public Engagement/Qualitative Analysis (September-November 2021)**

**Task 3.1: Staff Meeting #1**
For all PRC meetings for this project, MSA proposes the following sequence of staff meetings via conference call, email, or Skype:
- Three weeks before PRC meeting - transmit draft meeting materials to staff for review.
- Two weeks before PRC meeting - audio or video conference call with staff to review materials.
- One week before PRC meeting - transmit to staff for delivery to PRC revised draft materials as necessary and a summary memo highlighting important topics for discussion.

**Task 3.2: Virtual PRC Meeting #2 (November)**
MSA will meet with the PRC to:
- Review public feedback (survey, community input mapping, walking tour, and open house)
- Review Maps 1-4 and summary results of Phase 2
- Discuss community needs regarding the three sites that master plans will be prepared for

**Task 3.3: Online Community Survey**
We propose using an online survey (administered via Survey Monkey) to gather opinions about existing and desired park and recreation facilities and programming. The survey would be available for three to four weeks. MSA will provide a summary report of the survey results. Results will be used to gauge user preferences and determine potential changes or additions to parks to better serve the population.

**Task 3.4: Community Input Mapping**
We will provide a sharable link to an online map to allow the public to identify concerns with existing park and trail amenities as well as suggest locations for new ones. This application allows anyone, at any time and anywhere convenient for them to take part in the planning process.

**Task 3.5: Public Walking Tour (9/25/21 or 10/2/21)**
We will invite the Natural Resources Advisory Group and the public to walking tours at Eagles Bluff Park and Stoney Point on the same day – these two tours will be spaced out so people can attend both if they wish. The tours will include a brief presentation on the project and focus on soliciting what the public views as opportunities at each of the sites.
Task 3.6: Public Open House (First Open House to occur 10/5/2021 or 10/12/21)
We are proposing two events for the public to provide in-person feedback. For the first event we will set up a tent at an existing event, such as the Farmer’s Market. This goal of this first event is to gauge needs and concerns of residents through displayed maps and polling questions. The second event will be held near the end of the planning process to ask for feedback on draft plan recommendations and concepts. For the second public meeting we are proposing a more traditional public open house event where people can drop into the meeting, voice their opinions and leave. The event will include a brief orientation with several interactive stations.

Task 3.7: Stakeholder Focus Group
We will hold one virtual focus group with representatives from private sports and outdoor recreation organizations who regularly use City parks to discuss park and recreation needs.

Phase 4: Conceptual Plans (November 2021-January 2022)
Task 4.1: Develop Conceptual Master Plans and Recommendations
After the completion of the Park Inventory and Assessment and initial public engagement, MSA will develop Conceptual Plans for 1 – Eagles Bluff Park, 2 – Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point Park and 3 – Horse Track Meadows Development. This will include schematic level construction cost estimates to guide budget discussions as improvements occur. Recommendations for the sites will address:

- forestry and vegetation management
- invasive species management
- views/handicap maintenance
- access and parking
- trail locations and uses
- other recreational uses
- shelters and restrooms
- signage
- incorporation of solar/renewable energy facilities (Vollenweider/Vetsch/Stoney Point Park)

Preliminary concepts will provide a schematic level layout of proposed park improvements and general recommendations.

Phase 5: Preliminary Recommendations (December 2021-February 2022)
Task 5.1 Preliminary Park Needs
We will develop a list of proposed park and recreation improvements by park. These proposed improvements will be based on the work completed in Phases 1-4 and local and national trends.

Task 5.2: Staff Meeting #2
MSA will facilitate a virtual meeting with staff to review preliminary concept plans and recommendations. Edits will be made to the concept plans and recommendations based on feedback obtained from this meeting.

Task 5.3: Virtual PRC Meeting #3
MSA will facilitate a virtual meeting with the PRC to review preliminary concept plans and recommendations. Edits will be made to the concept plans and recommendations based on feedback obtained from this meeting.

Phase 6: Draft Plan (February-March 2022)
Task 6.1: Plan Development
MSA will draft the La Crescent Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan, including master plans for the three selected sites, which will include the following chapters:
- Executive Summary: A clear and concise synopsis of park needs and recommendations.
- Chapter 1—Introduction: Summary of the purpose of the plan and summary of the planning process.
- Chapter 2—Description of La Crescent: Matrix of existing parks and open space throughout the City including location, existing characteristics, classification, and amenities; Map 1 (Existing
Parks and Trails; summary of local recreational facilities not owned or operated by the City; summary of significant natural resources such as waterways, greenways, topography and woodlands; summary of existing and projected demographics; summary of other applicable planning efforts/studies and their impact on park planning.

- **Chapter 3—Goals and Strategies:** An update of the previous CPRP's outdoor recreation principals and objectives. Updated goals and strategies will be based on City staff and PRC input, best practices, and alignment with the National Recreation and Park Association's Three Pillars: Conservation, Social Equity and Health/Wellness.

- **Chapter 4—Analysis of Park Needs and Demands:** A summary of the quantitative, geographic, and qualitative analyses completed in Phases 1-3, including Map 2 (Facility Distribution), Map 3 (Park Service Areas and Populations Served) and Map 4 (Potentially Underserved Areas). Determine gaps and deficiencies based on projected future needs. A summary of current and emerging trends in recreation facilities and programming demand (state, NRPA, peer communities).

- **Chapter 5—Recommendations:**
  - **Existing Parks.** MSA will create a one- to two-page summary sheet for each existing park similar to the spread view shown below. The spread will include the following information: name of park; address; park acreage; park type; a summary table of existing facilities including year installed (as provided by staff); any current issues; a summary table of recommendations including priority (e.g. low, medium, high) and planning-level cost estimates. The two-page spread will also include a picture and a map of each park.
  - **New Park Facilities.** MSA will summarize areas proposed for future City parks, or expansions to existing parks, and new trails as determined through the planning process. MSA will identify the general location of these proposed improvements on Map 5 (Proposed Park and Trail Facilities).
  - **Trail Facilities.** Identification of proposed trail facility improvements, focusing on connecting existing and proposed multi-use trails to parks and other community facilities, and further focused on upgrading deficient routes currently marked but unsafe for use. These will be depicted on Map 5.
  - **Conceptual Master Plans for 3 Selected Sites.** MSA will refine the preferred elements of the preliminary concept plans into final conceptual master plans. Recommendations for the sites will address a variety of topics - forestry and vegetation management, invasive management, viewed/shed maintenance, access and parking, trail locations and uses, other recreational uses, shelters and restrooms, signage, and incorporation of solar/renewable energy facilities.

- **Chapter 6—Implementation**
  - **Capital Improvement Summary.** A summary table of recommendations from Chapter 5 outlining recommendations by park, estimated cost (planning level/ballpark cost estimates or cost ranges) and priority.
  - **Fee, Funding and Staffing Review.** A comparison and benchmark of La Crescent's staffing levels, park revenue and expenses, and park dedication and fee-in-lieu to data from up to four other Minnesota communities of comparable size. This section will include a calculation of the funding the City will need to collect from fee-in-lieu (or another source) to fund new parkland acquisition to meet the needs of new residents.
  - **Funding Opportunities.** A summary table of common state and federal park grant programs including information on maximum awards and application due dates.
  - **Identification of other non-traditional funding options to help mitigate potential funding gaps.
  - **Identification of potential partnerships to coordinate regional and other local park and trail planning efforts.

- **Appendices:**
  - **Appendix A:** Complete Survey Results and Public Meeting feedback. Chapter 4 will provide an abbreviated summary of the key results from the Community Survey and public meetings.
  - **Appendix B:** Park and Open Space Classifications/Standards. A summary of classifications and general park system guidelines from the National Park and Recreation Association.
  - **Appendix C: Maps.** 11 x 17 copies of the following maps:
    - Map 1: Existing Parks and Trails
Task 6.2: Staff Meeting #3
MSA will have a check-in with staff to discuss the draft plan. The plan will be updated based on this discussion.

Phase 7: Adoption (April 2022)

Task 7.1: PRC Meeting #4 (In person)
MSA will present the final plan to the PRC for review and recommendation to City Council.

Task 7.2: Planning Commission Meeting (In person)
MSA will present the final plan to Planning Commission for recommendation to City Council.

Task 7.3: City Council Presentation (In person)
MSA will present the final plan for adoption to City Council. We will provide a PDF copy of the plan to the City.

At the City's discretion, Common Council or the Planning Commission could hold a public hearing before adopting the plan.

SCHEDULE
We anticipate a start date in September 2021 with project completion by April 2022.

PROJECT COST
The lump sum fee for this scope is $51,200.

Optional Costs
All PRC meetings in-person (+$2,500)
1. Quantitative Analysis

![Graph showing Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents](image)

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- Currently the City is proving approximately 186 acres of parkland, not counting school facilities, county facilities or private facilities. This includes mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, nature preserves. This does not include protected bluffs that are not officially City parks.
- Currently the City is providing 35 acres per 1,000 residents. If no new parkland is added by 2040, the City will be providing 32 acres per 1,000 residents.
APPENDIX A:
SURVEY RESULTS
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

To encourage public involvement in the City of La Crescent Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan Update, the City created an online public opinion survey. The survey was available September 30 through November 1, 2021 and hosted on Survey Monkey.

In total, 543 surveys were filled out. Approximately 70% of those who took the survey live in La Crescent and the additional live in neighboring municipalities in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Most respondents who are not La Crescent residents are from either the La Crescent Township, at 11%, or the La Crosse, WI, at 5%. Refer to Q3 on page A-4 for more information.

The survey represents a diverse range of ages, though certain groups were under- and over-represented. Generally younger members of the community were under-represented and those categorized as middle-age were over-represented. For instance, those 18 and under represented 0.7% of survey respondents but make up 21.2% of La Crescent residents. Those age 35-54 represented 41% of survey respondents but only make up 24% of the population of the city. The figure depicting respondents’ answers to their corresponding age group compared to 2015-2019 American Community Survey Estimates is shown under Q1 page A-3.

Responses in this summary include responses for all survey respondents no matter their place of residence, and include comments. For questions where there was a significant difference between all responses and only city resident responses, those differences are noted.

Questions with asterisks indicate that there are open ended responses that are included at the end of this Appendix. The number in parentheses after the question indicates the number of people who answered the question.
Q1 WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (538)

What is your age?

- Under 18: 20.0%
- 18-24: 15.0%
- 25-34: 10.0%
- 35-44: 25.0%
- 45-54: 10.0%
- 55-64: 15.0%
- 65+: 10.0%

- Resident
- Non-Resident
- Total La Crescent Population

Q2 DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18? (540)

Do you have any children living in your home that are under the age of 18?

- Yes: 55%
- No: 45%

- Resident
- Non-Resident
Q3 ARE YOU A DOG OWNER? (541)

Are you a dog owner?

Yes

No

Resident  Non-Resident

Q4 WHERE DO YOU LIVE? (541)

Where do you live?

Other locations included: Town of Campbell, WI; Minneapolis; Hokah Township; Onalaska; New Hartford Township; Madison, WI; and Trempealeau, WI
Q5 HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT? (538)

How long have you lived in La Crescent?

- 0-5 years
- 6-20 years
- More than 20 years
- I don’t live in the City of La Crescent

Q6 HOW OFTEN DO YOU... (496)

How often do you...

- Walk or run for exercise
- Bike for exercise
- Walk for transportation from home to work, stores, home to work, stores, restaurants, etc.
- Bike for transportation from home to work, stores, restaurants, etc.
Q7 IS THERE A SPECIFIC LOCATION IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT THAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED FOR BIKERS/PEDESTRIANS TO SAFELY TRAVEL TO THE CITY’S PARKS? (363) *

The most common answers were:

- Hwy 61 crossing
- Hwy 6
- Hwy 25
- Pave Wagon Wheel Trail
- Connections to parks
- S 7th St Crossings
- Downtown Sidewalks
- Sidewalks by schools

Q8 WHERE WOULD YOU PRIORITIZE THE LOCATION OF NEW BIKING/WALKING TRAILS WITHIN THE CITY’S PARKS? (378) *

The most common answers were:

- Vetsch park
- Eagle Bluff
- Veterans Park
- Wieser Park
- Horsetrack Meadows
- Stony Point

Many comments also included concerns about connections between the parks, and from residential areas and other destinations to the parks.

Q9 HOW CLOSE IS THE NEAREST PARK OR TRAIL TO YOUR HOME? (486)
Q10 Did anyone in your household participate in city-sponsored recreation programs in the past year? (483)

Did anyone in your household participate in City-sponsored recreation programs in the past year?

- 8.49%
- 43.48%
- 48.03%

Yes  No  Not sure

Q11 Does the City's current variety of recreational programs meet the needs of your household? (479)*

Does the City's current variety of recreational programs meet the needs of your household?

- 27.77%
- 55.53%
- 16.70%

Yes  No  Not sure

The most common answers referenced the need for: a dog park (15), pickleball courts (14), better schedules (9), and better/online registration (3).
When visiting City parks, which activities or facilities do you or members of your household most commonly participate in or use? Check all that apply.

Many open-ended answers included facilities and/or activities that respondents would like in La Crescent. However, 4 responses indicated that they use the tennis courts for pickleball instead of tennis.
Q13 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED TO OUR CITY PARKS? MARK UP TO 6 PREFERENCES. (440) *

Which of the following amenities would you like to be added to our City Parks? Mark up to 6 preferences.

Common answers included: dog park (4), indoor pool (3), and gaga ball pit (2).
Q14 WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARK TO VISIT IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT? (393) *

What is your favorite park to visit in the City of La Crescent?

The most common open-ended response was Vetsch (12). When moved to its own category and removed from Other, Vetsch comprised 3% of answers, ranking just behind Veteran's Park.

Q15 WHY IS THIS PARK YOUR FAVORITE PARK TO VISIT IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT? (340) *

The most common open-ended responses were:
- Close to home (97)
- Hiking (53)
- Trails (52)
- Playground (38)
- Walking (34)
- Biking (19)
- Shelter (18)
- Quiet (18)
- Accessible (16)
- Ball Park (15)
A master plan is being developed for the new park in Horse Track Meadows located off of County Rd 6 (see image below). What improvements would you like to see here? Please select your top 5 desired improvements.

Out of 55 open-ended answers, the most common response was “dog park” (21).
Adjacent to the new park in Horse Track Meadows is Wieser Memorial Park, a recent addition to the City's Park system (see image above). What improvements would you like to see at Wieser Memorial? Please select your top 5 desired improvements.
Q18 A master plan is being developed for Eagle’s Bluff Park (see image below). What improvements would you like to see here? Please select your top 5 desired improvements.

Common responses included “leave it be”, mountain biking trails, hiking trails, and a dog park.
A master plan is being developed for Vetsch/Vollenweider/Stoney Point Parks (see image below). What improvements would you like to see here? Please select your top 5 desired improvements.

The most common responses were to leave it natural/as-is (15) and add a dog park (11). Many were split as to whether this is an appropriate place for mountain biking, or whether it would affect safety on hiking trails.
Q20 DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY OR ACCESSIBILITY IN ANY OF OUR PARKS? (390)*

Do you have any concerns about safety or accessibility in any of our parks?

- Yes 87.18%
- No 12.82%

Q21 EXCLUDING WINTER MONTHS, ON AVERAGE HOW OFTEN DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT OR USE...? (408)

Excluding winter months, on average how often do you or members of your household visit or use...

- 3 or more times per week
- 1-2 times per week
- 1-2 times per year
- 3-11 times per year
- 0 times in the past year
- Other (please specify)
Q22 HOW OFTEN DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD COMMONLY DRIVE SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF LA CRESCE TO USE SPECIFIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES? (398)*

How often do you or members of your household commonly drive somewhere outside of the City of La Crescent to use specific recreational facilities?

The most common answers involved water sports (kayaking, canoeing, boating, etc.) (57), going to a dog park (26), and bike riding (43).

Q23 ARE THERE ANY REASONS THAT YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES? IF YES, CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. (207)*

Are there any reasons that you or members of your household do not participate in recreational activities? If yes, check all that apply.
Q24 DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD ALLOCATE LESS, MORE, OR MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS OF FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING? (375)*

Do you think the City should allocate less, more, or maintain current levels of funding for the following?

- Recreational Activities or...
- Park Maintenance (main...
- Installing New Park...
- Parkland Acquisition
- Bicycle Facilities/Trails
- Sidewalk Facilities/Pedestrian...
- Tree Plantings
- Special Events (e.g., Li...

- Allocate Less Funding
- Maintain Current Level of Funding
- Allocate More Funding
Q25 If you would like the City to allocate additional funding for recreational programming, which programs should be enhanced? (select all that apply) (331)

If you would like the City to allocate additional funding for recreational programming, which programs should be enhanced? (select all that apply)

- I do not believe the City should...
- Youth enrichment e.g. STEM, art...
- Free after school and summer...
- Adult recreation e.g. yoga, zumba...
- Adult sports e.g. volleyball...

Q26 Please use the space provided below to identify a type of recreation program or service that the City should consider offering. (114)

Out of the 114 responses, the most common answers were: dog park (21), pickleball (25), and adult programming (11).

Q27 Do you believe that green space contributes to better mental health and wellbeing? (388)*

Do you believe that green space contributes to better mental health and wellbeing?

- Yes
- No

96.13%

3.87%
Q28 PLEASE USE THIS SPACE TO PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES OR FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF LA CRESPE. (119)*

1. Puzzled as to why Lacrosse or any other town would warrant an opinion on our parks.
2. Sometimes it can be best to leave the green space as natural as possible.
3. People with agendas, aka their own recreational needs, do not belong on a park and recreation board. *
4. "Bike/walking/areas should not be part of the streets. I feel the practice of having walkers/bikers/mobility carts & cars & trucks using same roads is very dangerous.
5. Like to see golf cart use be legalized."
6. Fewer people should not dictate what happens to the green space. Park and rec board members with an agenda is not democracy. The people who use the hiking trails on a daily basis should have more input than a survey that includes not only other towns but another state!
7. Quit trying to pave paradise...leave green space natural.
8. Why do we ask anyone who does not pay taxes in Lacrosse why do we care what people in town want for OUR parks? I also question having members on a park and recreation board with a personal agenda, mainly the promotion of mountain biking in our forests.
9. While I think mountain biking can great, I'd like to make sure we have places where bikers and walkers can appreciate our natural areas, without destruction from bikers. I hope we can find a balance and offer a place for both. But definitely protect the very rare and important species found up on Stoney Ridge.
10. I can see parks that are in close proximity with bike trails.
11. I love LaCresc park but I have yet to find the perfect park just for hanging out/relaxing as an adult. I would love to see space for adults to just relax. Nice outdoor lounge space that is not surrounded by children's equipment. Having unique benches for laying stretching, yoga and outdoor exercise would be amazing.
12. This is a beautiful city so

let's enhance that. The enhancements don't need to be huge, but several smaller tweaks might do the job - or stretch them over a period of a couple years.

Do not turn our lovely, peaceful trails to mountain biking.

Why are we asking residents of another state to do what to do with our parks. Our tax money supports the parks and paid for MSA. And you ask people from LaCrosse how their opinion? Ridiculous!

Don't waste city water on an ice rink in the downtown that at best had a dozen skaters!!! Turn that space into a rest stop for walkers. Beautify that corner. Benches.

The only type of trails that should be "bike only" vs "multi use" are the ones that would be subject to too much wear. With our soil here, all trails need to be built in ordered to manage water damage, so it's a bit of a moot point. On the contrary, the only trails that should be "bike only" instead of "multi use" are fast downhill trails for safety purposes, and we don't really have those.

I also wouldn't mind seeing maps, and a rules board at each trailhead. (I. Helmets required. 2. Bike bells recommended.)

Many thanks. *

A dedicated (preferably fenced-in) off-leash dog park would be wonderful. Overall, very impressed with the improvements the City has made with their parks (play equipment, courts, trails) well done.

The more well maintained parks we have the more we can attract business and families to our community. I think it makes our city attractive, and a nicer place to live.

The end of Main St., near the bridge is such a unique place. Could we spruce that up and make it a neat green space that looks more welcoming? Once again, Eagle's Bluff could be a fantastic mountain bike center with some TLC.

Would love to see better/more mountain biking and hiking trails. And a dog park! A splash pad too

Thanks

No mountain bikes on the walking/hiking trails.

No opinion

We have beautiful parks - I hope safe spaces are kept for hiking!

Quit trying to make La Crescent like LaCrosse or other neighbors, sooner or later you're going to lose the reasons that we like to live here and the reasons we stay here.

Bring back outdoor skating rinks! I will volunteer!

Keep mountain biking trails that are paved.

Please add a dog park somewhere.

"Keep hiking trails for hikers / Not multi use"

Please recognize that while multi-use trails are a worthwhile aim, there need to be some safeguards to protect hikers, small children, dogs when we have shared use walls/bike trails.

Please build bike/pedestrian bridge over highway ASAP. Please find a good location and better funding for the bike Shoppe. Keep trying to build up a local hiking group.

Thank you for everything you have done and do to improve our community.

I think that the city should have a mountain bike race course by itself and not include it on hiking trails. I was on a trail today that would be dangerous trying to get off a trail to let a biker go by. They are separate activities and should be treated as such.

Concerned about bike trails in Eagle bluff park and other parks as not safe, appropriate, and contrary to other forms of recreation such as hiking and nature study.

I support recreation for others, even though I may not be able to participate. There should be more focus on activities for adults, things in addition to hiking and biking.

Keep ORA out please.

I think the parks does a poor job communicating with residents in general. I also think the city needs to work on maintenance for current infrastructure in addition to expansion.

I lived in LaCresc for 20 years, saw great improvements to hiking trails. My kid and grandkids live there now. There are plenty of hiking trails in LaCrosse, many which impede safe hiking. Please Keep...
La Crescent has many parks but not sure that residents, and outsiders, know enough about them nor what’s offered at each.

So many dog owners in La Crescent, if there is a dog park has been wanted for over a decade... and lots of new families ask if we have a dog park when they move here.

I’d feel we’d walk up town more as a family if we felt safe walking and had a sidewalk along the highway by the Kiefer cutting field. A dog park would be great.

I feel Pine Creek golf course is under utilized, particularly in the winter months. The area is prime for Cross county skiing and sledding.

Explore new park areas, along Pine Creek and the bluff both for walking (to ultimately connect to the other trails) and with habitat restoration on Pine Creek. A great fishery could be developed with both access that both adults and kids could easily access.

“Preserve viewshed - no building tall structures and trash/reycling bins to hiking/hiking trails; City does a good job maintaining what currently exists.

Listen to adjacent landowners and ensure “Private Property” signage is clear and needed.

Would love to see more hiking trails on our side of the river.

I’m looking forward to the construction of the ped/bike bridge over Hwy 14/61.

La Crescent’s green space and community activities are impressive. It is even more impressive that La Crescent takes an active approach to improvement.

Better allocation of current funding is sufficient. Look at the park usage. There are very few, if any, instances of the parks being full or even close to capacity. Why would want to seek more park space? We have to find ways to keep people active during the winter times. Staying active in the summer is easy.

Would love to have a connection to Houston from LaCrescent on the Root River Trail. We bike that often and would love to start from home instead of driving to Houston.

I would love more local bike trails.

great parks and trails

please get rid of the pea gravel at Kiester -ouch! It hard to stop and play on a nice day if you forget to wear tennis shoes - crocs or sandals do not work well

We have a great opportunity to develop mountain bike and hiking trails similar to those in La Crosse. Local business would benefit from increased traffic these trails could bring.

We should enhance our City webpage w/ park details, trail etiquette, downloadable trail maps, educational content w/ info and photos of birds, plants, dressless bluff info, etc. Share info regularly on the City Facebook page.

Park & Trail Passport book to encourage kids and adults to explore our area parks and trails. Activities to promote Bird City USA, Tree City USA, Pollinator City, etc. City Staff does a great job maintaining our parks.

I could really use a safe place for my dogs to run and play and I don’t have to worry about them getting hit by a car or having to drive to La Crosse to use their dog parks.

“Do not spend so much on a overpass for bike/pedestrians over highway. Look at connection from north 4th over the road."

I feel strongly that bikers should not have to share trails with hikers. It’s disingenuous to call people “human-powered” and think that places them on par with pedestrians. It’s a wheelchair vehicle, regardless of how it’s powered, and a bike is bigger, heavier, and faster than a pedestrian. Shared-use trails ruin the hiker’s experience and put them at risk of bodily injury

An indoor pool would be a great addition and allow year round competition and lessons.

All parks need restrooms and playground equipment for all abilities.

Doing a nice job for the community

All-in-all, La Crescent is a great place to live. Thank you for an opportunity to provide feedback, keep up the great work!

Is it possible to incorporate a bike trail around the Horse Track hill area for the bikers that want to be in the hills? Please develop a safe place for dogs to socialize and run.

We need a dog park!

DOG PARK?

Free bikes, free wellness classes

Would like to see the root river trail system extend to La Crescent.

Bike safety programs for youth. We constantly see kids riding on the wrong side of street, not obeying stop signs, racing down hills with no regard for intersecting streets.

There is room on the northwest corner of Abnet Field for Pickleball courts. The trees are lovely but no one site there or goes in by the trees. I know some would want to cut down trees but more could be planted. There is a lot of action at the ball fields and the pickleball courts would fit in perfectly and add to the recreational activity at this park. Otherwise Wieser Park would be another place for pickleball courts. It could be utilized frequently by a population of the size of LaCrescent.

Stay within the current city limits and provide space that is accessible and easily maintained for safety and environmental control. Do not allocate $ for additional land acquisition or trail access outside the city limits.

I’m happy with all the new hiking trails that have been developed over the last few years. Improve sidewalk safety lots of tripping hazards, more cross walks to parks that light up.

Would need a dog park. Towns smaller then La cresent have a dog park and their community members love it. Would be nice to not have to transport our pets to La Crosse.

LaCrescent needs a dog park!!!

Woodworking, crafting, upholstery

Dog park would be a great addition to the community!

Dog parks

More hiking and hiking trails to enjoy our beautiful area!

Dog park is necessary

Many times end up not feeling safe trying to access hwy 14/61 while biking. Very limited bike routes. Access point to the new horse track meadows would be nice for walking and running and biking.

Please develop a dog park that is safe. La crosse dog park has become a homeless park and onalaska is a long drive.

It is important to ensure that any new bike or pedestrian trails put in are done professionally to ensure they are safe some of the locations proposed have steep bluff sides or ravines.

The Aquatic Center needs to have a facelift. Bathrooms need to be painted and repaired.

Bathrooms in Aquatic Center need updating, build diamond at Old Hickory needs maintaining, should build storage shed at Old Hickory for soccer program, build sled storage corral for people to borrow at Old Hickory, affordable kayak rentals, concession stand at Old Hickory

Need crossing to get to wagon wheel trail and fishing areas safely.

It would be awesome to connect La Crescent with the Root River bike trail!!!

La crescent could really develop its hiking and off road bike trails. We have the potential to be equivalent to hixon forest if the city would allow. This would attract more tourism to the city and be a great way to use the land that is already designated for outdoor use.

As a long time resident of this town, it is unfortunate that there is a small but rather loud opposition to park development, invasive species management and overall betterment of the city’s natural resources. I would urge the city to consider the residents wishes it to attract more with young families rather than continue squash innovative ideas and thoughts as it has done at the bequest of the self named “old timers” in the recent past."

Building more trails will build more tourism and further grow all of your special events. I’d like to see our softball/baseball diamonds updated with scoreboards and fencing so teams can play there.

Please find a way to do swimming lesson registration differently, the current model excludes so many people.

The sidewalks are very uneven throughout town

Thinking I’ve listed enough.

Nothing will change.

I would like to see mountain bikes removed from Vetech.
park.

- The Pine Creek Golf facility could be better utilized in winter for cross country and snowshoeing - possibly open the clubhouse as a warming facility and sell hot chocolate etc.
- Would really like to connect to Root River Bike Trail.
- This bike lane and other vehicle lanes do nothing for safety. We've never had a problem with vehicle/bicycle interaction. Quit trying to solve that problem that doesn't exist.
- "There could be better signage on trails notifying you about the route & difficulty along trail.
- It would be nice to have a fishing dock that is accessible to people of all abilities.
- Improvements to boat landing that could be funded by boat landing passes.
- Collaboration between city & Comm Ed to have a permanent site for classes / work towards community center "
- Improve opportunities along the Wagon Wheel Trail for additional activities. Maybe a drinking fountain, picnic area, shelter, restrooms, new or better parking signage at both ends. A map of the route at both ends - especially at the north approach of the new bridge.
- We do need to make sure other bike riders stop at stop signs and ride safely.
- More resources towards pickleball, volleyball, baseball & softball fields are needed ahead of bike trails.
- "See previous comments."

- I have always been proud of how clean and well kept our city is."
- Open city up to UTV trails and riders. City could charge $10 for a permit and it would help local businesses
- Need more mountain biking trails.
- The bike lanes in La Crescent are much more apparent than they are in La Crosse, keep up the good work in that regard.
- We need a dog park somewhere. We need pickleball courts. I would love to see them added to Vets Park, replacing the 20 year old skate ramps. We have a great opportunity to enhance the trailhead space as the Wagon Wheel bridge comes right into the downtown space. We have a well developed Downtown Development plan. Let's pull this all together.
- Shared use trails can be a great value to people from a mental health perspective. Adding to what we have would be a tremendous asset to the community.
- Our taxes continue to rise, so let's be reasonable in our future choices. We're only 3 miles from la crosse.
- Securing more green space for communal use.

**OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS**

**Q4 WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**

- **Town of Campbell, WI**
- **Minneapolis**
- **Holab Township**
- **Onalaska**
- **Rural Wonona**
- **New Hartford Township, La Crescent school district**
- **Holab Township**
- **Minneapolis**
- **City of onalaska**
- **Onalaska, WI**
- **Onalaska**
- **Madison (born and raised in La Crescent)**
- **Dresbach**
- **Town of Campbell**
- **Onalaska**
- **Trempealeau**

**Q5 IS THERE A SPECIFIC LOCATION IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT THAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED FOR BIKERS/PEDESTRIANS TO SAFELY TRAVEL TO THE CITY'S PARKS?**

- 7th street south (county 6) at least until Weiser Park.
- Lots of bikers & runners/walkers on a road with 45 mph speed limit. Walk/bike trails needed.
- Bike lanes should be available on all main streets in La Crescent, i.e., Elm, 7th, Oak, Walnut, 7th, 14th.
- No
- Not that I am aware of.
- I wish that older kids would use the crosswalk to cross 7th to get to Kieler and those neighborhoods. Young kids use the crosswalk but older tweens and teens just cross near Redwood.
- No
- Intersection of Hwy 6 and 25. Driving west is hard to see walkers/bikers heading east.
- Wagon Wheel Trail
- Only place is to the Wagon Trail which is already in the works.

- We live on county 6 and have 4 small children. We would love to see a sidewalk on day so we can feel better about walking/biking more safely with small kids who are learning how to be safe around cars. The speed limit is just to fast for us to feel safe with them on the shoulder.
- Stoney
- Focus on the city
- Along the highway north to the visitor's centers trail on 1-90.
- There's a low spot on the sidewalk in the SW part of old hickory park near stop sign and those power boxes. In winter ice forms there. Need to dig a little drain so the water can't pool and turn to ice. Tell them there once.
- Slower speeds on hwy 25 and hwy 6 in town. So many walkers and bikers and cars fly by. To and from hokeh. Same school district but no bike trail connection.
- Can't think of any place that's a problem.
- Need a side walk going up County 6. This is an unsafe area for pedestrians.
- Not sure
- side streets
- SKUNK HOLLOW
- Vetsch Park needs to be moved like it used to be— it isn't just a dog park there should be picnic tables and benches.
- It would be nice to have the gravel portion of the wagon wheel trail paved.
- The corner of County 29 and Shunpike Hallow. It is a high traffic area with no pedestrian signs.
- By the event center
- So 7th
- Hwy W6 from Crescent valley to bottom of hill
- Park street
- Along highway 61
- Elm has some really uneven sidewalks.
- Downtown la crescent
- Well, the bike bridge will help
- None of that I can think of.
- I do not cross HWY 61 on my bike, but if a walk/bike bridge is planned that we be good. I am comfortable biking/walking on Co. Rd. 6, but not on Co. Rd. 25 when the speed limit goes to 55 mph.
- n/a
- I always worry about the trailer park by Subway, and how children in that region must be isolated without a safe route to a park or trail. For my own family, coming from Old Hickory park area and crossing Elm street always requires extra caution.
- The crossing on the south side of the pool.
- No
- No
- Downtown sidewalks/boulevards are horrible. Businesses don't keep them safe. Huge cracks. Trees on boulevards aren't maintained.
- Dead branches hanging loose.
- Crossing the highway 14/61 to get to trails.
- We skate and would live if the wagon wheel trail was paved from shore acres to main.
- Not sure— it would be helpful if this contained a list of all the locations considered “city” parks so I can refresh my memory.
- Pretty good access for bikes on main roads right now.
- Unsure
- Take way stupid bike pedestrian bump outs at south 6th and elm. Also, south 4th and elm they are dangerous.
- County road 6 between county rd 25 and pine creek road. Traffic is not safe for bikers/walkers.
- 5 7th street needs a bike lane for kids going to the park/pool.
- Better signage to find Eagle Bluff Park from the Highway 14-61.
- Access to Veterans Park via paved or gravel path from Park St for walkers
- No
- Quit with the bike lanes.
- Bike lanes to old hickory park.
- Weshler area has no sidewalks for walking.
- Sidewalks need some TLC throughout the city.
- Along Highway 16 would be great!
- Highway 61 to wagon wheel for bikes.
- The current walking and biking bridge over 14/61 planned for the next year.
- Why didn't the bike/pedestrian bridge get built over the highway this year as planned? That is key.
- No
- A wide bike/pedestrian lane from outer city neighborhoods like Shore Acres, Apple Blossom, and the Race Track would be great.
- Connect end of wagon wheel to sidewalk going into La Crosse.
- Don't know of any.
Get across the highway and down to the other side.

S 3rd St, Oak and STH 16 intersections. STH 16 crossing to across Wagon Wheel bike and walking path area.

Biking and hiking trails in the bluffs of La Crescent. Volunteer groups help in maintaining trail system not city employees.

Path to Veteran's.

Not that I'm aware of.

Crossing the highway to get to the east side trails.

County 6 needs to slow down and get bike lanes.

Advery single intersection of City 25 and City 6/S. 7th Street would be very helpful in kids and families being able to more safely navigate.

We'd love to have a sidewalk along the highway between the pump 4 less gas station by Kisler trailer park to S 14th and Oak Street intersection for our kids to travel safely along the highway. The cars do not always merge as they should and many kids live in this neighborhood. I don't feel safe having my kids walk along there or even when I walk my dog. I also have an autistic son who lives here in the park who is easily distracted and will wander. One split second is all it takes. Please put in a sidewalk.

Sidewalks going up Elm/29 to at least Old Hickory Rd would be great. And a crosswalk at Jonathan Ln across Elm/29 would make it safer for those living on the west side of Elm in the north part of the city to get to Old Hickory Rd.

Access to the Wagon Wheel trail.

County 6 from Elm to Crescent Valley.

Many sidewalks and roads are unfit for walking/running/biking. Mix heaving, cracks, holes, uneven surfaces...very dangerous. Highways and bike path space, but far too scary unless there's a barrier installed to divide pedestrian/bike from vehicle.

County Hwy 6 to the horsetrack development.

not that I'm aware of.

South 7th St.

Downtown to Veterans Park.

not aware of any.

There are often bikers and pedestrians on the Crescent Hills Drive steep hill and this is dangerous to everyone involved - there isn't much extra room for them with cars, and it is unsafe. Having a safe trail to walk/bike down the hill (or prohibit walking and biking) is needed.

I would hate to say at the street lights on 14/61. Possibly also at the crosswalk across the highway near Bauer's.

South 3rd street from elm to highway idk.

Sidewalks to Veterans Park from both sides.

Hills near for biking, we try to take side streets as often as possible.

Need a bike trail to the golf course.

School routes - downtown - perhaps flashing light at McIntosh Rd E near Harris Park.

Path for bikers and walkers from north to south so they don't need to stop at all the intersections, away from traffic.

Crossing from La Crescent to a lake safely And with lighting for night riding.

Better travel path for students from schools to pool. Most routes are high traffic and not super safe for little kids.

A bike lane up Apple Blossom Drive.

I bike frequently in Vetech Park and would like to see them designated for pedestrian use only, or stipulate days for each activity.

I specifically prefer to walk on sidewalks and some areas of town don't have them.

N/A.

No.

Across highway to wagon wheel.

A dog park would be a great addition.

Along county road 6. Would be good to get a sidewalk and slow down the speed limit to 30.

Not that I see.

Stop lights.

No.

Trail to shore acres, wagon trail and to LAX.

Sidewalk by the elementary.

Unauthorized.

Crossing the highway for the wagon wheel trail.

N/A.

A pass from Wagon wheel trail to La Crescent.

Would like to see bike trail extended from Houston to La Crescent.

Sidewalk in autumn hills subdivision.

No sidewalks to Wieser Park.

No protected walk/ride to Wieser Park.

Not that I am aware of.

Ease of access to LaCrosse and WI state trails also not comfortable along the Hwy south to brownsville.

No.

We (me, my husband, and two children) biked to the farmers market and park quite a bit this summer. The location where we didn't feel safe was turning by Kwik marsh trail.

Access to the Wagon Wheel trail.

No.

Kissing from the HS and elementary to the pool in the summer.

Sidewalk by off ramp near post office.

North Fourth Street corner.

N/A.

I would focus on improving Spruce St between 7th and 11th. There are lots of pavement problems on that stretch, and the street could benefit from "sharrows" to help give bikes some extra legitimacy to ride in the street and remind drivers that bikes belong in the street.

It is difficult to access the trail.

There are areas by the Prospect Hill Cemetery where the weeds grow so tall that you can't walk on the sidewalk without getting burs all over you.

No.

August Hills/North 4th street.

No sidewalks and dangerous corner.

Dog parks.

Not that I am aware of.

From South 7th street to Wieser Park.

Crescent Hills Drive.

Near the high school/abnet field.

County 6 is scary to walk on as cars are so fast.

Everywhere.

Not that I know of.

No.

Lighting on all streets.

There are many uneven sidewalks throughout the city. Which has been a hazard for those who are not very graceful.

"Yes, on Jonathan Ln right after you cross Elm St and go down the hill towards the community garden. There is not a sidewalk on this hill and it is a very busy road. I feel like the residents who live on the other side of Elm St would really benefit from improvements on this part of Jonathan Ln and increase safety for pedestrians.

Also a bike or pedestrian path that crosses Hwy 14 that would take you to the trail by the compost site.

Crossing Highway to get to Wagon Wheel trail.

Cross walk with lights to cross Elm street so kids can get to old Hickory Park and Methodist church youth center.

Veteran's Park is difficult to safely access both from Park St/N 4th and the highway frontage road for bikers and pedestrians.

Lancer BLVD.

Everything near the Kwik Trip on HWY 14 near Pine Creek, and Apple Blossom hill as well.

Crossing Hwy 14/61.

Downtown.

No, but better road maintenance, aka filling in pot holes and patching would be very appreciated.

Crossing the highway.

Yes, a sidewalk from Kisler Court to S 14th St so kids don't have to walk/bike along the highway.

Quit with the aisline bike lanes that no one in their right mind will use. Bikes and cars are supposed to share the road, not have individual lanes. Give the residents their parking back.

North 4th Street, Between Elm and Walnut. You'll be run over and if not that, than you'll be dead from the pollution. No way to safely access Veterans from the South on foot. Stop sign of no value. Cops too busy.

South end - sidewalks.

All of them.

Connection from city to wagon wheel trail.

On the street, Jonathan Lane between Elm St and Honey Gold Court and on Old Hickory Park. The white stripes seem to double as creating a parking lane and a bike lane. However, the street is too narrow for two lanes of parking (especially with wide pickups and/or trailers) to allow for two sidewalks and a bike lane. Note the lanes are not labelled as to there purpose. This situation
is especially true when traffic is heavy due to an event in the park.

City Hwy 25 & 6 from the Crescent Valley neighborhood and Cornforth to connect to sidewalks.

Yes, another crosswalk across South 7th from Redwood.

“S. 7th Street and out toward Wieser Park.

Skunk Hollow Road “

Slow down Elm street.

Downtown in general. Hard to see cyclist when cars use a parking lot along Main and Walnut.

Spruce Drive should have sidewalks… With the foot traffic to Abnet, applefest, Ms and ha from anyone 8th or north that’s the cut across street.

Access miles follow rules of road.

No

Corner of Spruce and 11th is ridiculous on the morning before school. Go watch the confusion between pedestrians and autos.

No

Houston Co 6 to Wieser Park

Crescent Hills Dr. /old hickory

All roads.

La Crescent has so much potential for great mountain biking at eagle and vetch park.

County 6 for as long as possible

Crossing highway between Batters and the hill trailer park.

No

Walking and biking to Veterans Park is hazardous. The intersection at 4th and N. Chestnut is hectic. There’s no sidewalk or walkway from the south, yet people cross there all the time. Cars and trucks move fast and they don’t pay attention to bikes and pedestrians. Kwik Trip’s lot is busy. There’s no shoulder or designated walkway closer to N. Chestnut. If there was a designated path or a walkway via Park St., maybe walkers and bikers would use that less.

The city park across the street from the Methodist Church they reated that park and very poor job done there’s nothing there for all the kids to play on.

Q8 WHERE WOULD YOU PRIORITIZE THE LOCATION OF NEW BIKING/WALKING TRAILS WITHIN THE CITY’S PARKS?

Not in the hiking areas.

None I know of

The Pike, 7th street to Pine Creek, Elm Street to North Ridge.

In city developed parks, NOT IN THE FOREST.

Not in the forests.

Why do we need new trails?

“Old Hickory Farm

Vetch Park

Kistler Park.”

“I would love to see a trail go from phase 3 bridge all the way to downtown in crossville. I would take my bike to work everyday if I didn’t have to ride on the road.

I also know an off-road trail for atv and dirt bikes would be enjoyed by many. With all the bluffs in our area, there is no where to legally explore on a dirt bike.

Bridge across the highway.

Stoney Point.

There are so many good trails already in vetch and eagle bluffs. They need better signage.

“More work on apple blossom nature area.

More work in marsh area too”

Maybe Wieser Park?

The south side.

Maybe a safe walking/bike trail down south seventh towards the river.

along the river.

We have beautiful hiking trails but not every one can manage the steep slopes of our bluffs. Have flatter trails for older people or the younger ones pushing strollers.

NORTH END TOWN

Vetch.

Veteran’s Park.

More on the south side of town.

don’t know

Near old hickory.

Ridge area.

We love the Vetch and Eagle Bluff trails as they are without bikes.

The bluffs.

The bluffs.

I do a lot of hiking in Vetch park, so I am not comfortable with biking there in that park. Seems like there is more room for less conflict between walkers and bikers in Eagles Bluff Park if the bikers want off-road trails.

It would be amazing to link Eagle Bluff trails to Vetch Park trails by adding trails along and above CR 1.

It would be great to have some hiking trails that aren’t so hilly more like the wagon wheel trail. The ones on the bluffs are great for many people, but hard to climb on eagle’s bluff or stone point.

Parks don’t have enough space for a decent walking trail.

Vetch park.

Would like more paved trails around town, extending the new paved trail on shore acres further.

Vetch, Stoney, above/below August Hills to Crescent Hills Road.

I think having some out by Horse creek Meadows, and more on the back side of Stony Point. I would love to see some just south of the city as well, on the marsh side or by blue lake.

Vetch Park and north of Eagle Bluff Park.

Soil routes.

Sidewalk to get to the new playground at Veterans and the Farmers Market.

Swingbridge. Coming from Park street.

I would work on existing trails. It’s way easier than building brand new trails.

Eagle Bluff Park would be a good place to start. I could see that having fantastic downhill mountain bike trails.

Unsure.

Biking/walking trail from the Aquatic Center to Pine Creek golf course.

7th street.

Hiking only at Vetch/ Vollenweider/Stoney Point and Eagle Bluff Parks

Off of the main streets.

Outskirts of town.

Off city streets.

Great opportunity to add dedicated mountain bike trails at vetch park.

South end of town near high school.

Along Highway 16!

I would love a dog park at Wieser park.

I saw the plan at the Farmer’s Market - love the idea of a trail going all around/ through the city. Please keep bikes out of Vetch and off Eagles Bluff trails - I won’t walk dogs there anymore if mountain bikes take over.

Vetch and Eagle.

We need bike trails that do not involve riding on the street or highway.

I want a skate park, for skateboarding and roller skating.

Crescent Hills.

I worry about adding mountain biking to the trails now on the bluffs. Erosion from bikes can ruin the hiking trails. Biking trails need to be separated from hiking trails.

Would NOT prioritize. And completely against trails as multi use. No mountain biking on hiking trails.

some what important.

Only on existing hiking trails and existing walking trails.

Do we have hiking trails?

not sure.

No bike trails in the woods.

No “multi use” trails. If you change the trails, the hikers will leave. Leave it alone and to the people that daily use the parks.

Side by side clearly marked as bike routes.

No new walking trails needed.

Please do not put bike trails anywhere near hiking trails.

Wagon wheel trail and other accessible, non-hilly areas for biking.

Bluffs around area.

Along the water but before the pilk.

I don’t care.

Across the highway to access the trail to LaX.

See above.

It would be nice if bike trails were expanded further into Houston County. It will be nice when the bike trail is finished from La Crosse to La Crescent.

Winona is very fortunate to have the path around the lake/jagoon. There needs to be a connection near La Crescent to create such a path. It would be used by many.

High.

no opinion.

Downtown/Veterans Park connector to new bike/ped bridge.

Would like to see expansion of park/biking/walking trails at the western edge of town near the race track development. Assuming this is the path to expansion for the city, walking/biking trails would be an asset to draw people there, and would make the area feel less isolated from the rest of the city.

Would love to see more trails near the water on flat ground (similar to the Wagon Wheel Trail).

near the new development at Horse Track or at least in that area.

Very few suggestions. Would like to see the walking trail from crescent hills to ambroia more permanently established quickly.

idk.
New trail skirting Blue Lake from South of town to the city.

Wider trails throughout woods at Vetsch Park
Stoney Point area

I heard there was going to be a pedestrian bridge put in this year to safely access the Wagon Wheel trail. I love that trail and it's perfect to take my kids on... but not easy to access from downtown La Crescent.

Vetsch Park

Sidewalk from Park Street to the new playground & farmer's market at Vet's Park

Not needed in city parks

Water so trails are challenging

Walking path to connect to the crosswalk

Eagle Bluff

Expansion of trails in Vetsch Park to the other side of the ridge, if possible.

Stay in the city. Leave those in private areas alone

I don't have an opinion/idea for this.

Would love something closer to the la crescent township!

No

Don't know

Vetsch

A dog park would be a great addition

Not sure

Bike trails by the water/ river

I

I believe that the parks should be for bikers only. Nature should be preserved.

Kistler Park

Top of the list

To provide access for tourists.

N/A

Connect root river trail into La Crescent

In a wooded area. Eagles Bluff, Vetsch, Vollenecker/Stoney Point, and Wieser

No biking wanted on Eagle Bluff Park and/or Vetsch/Vollenecker/Stoney Point.

No biking wanted in Vetsch Park or Eagle bluff trails.

I think biking and walking trails should be kept separate. A hiking trail should be just for hiking and a biking trail should be just for biking.

south and East as the ability provides.

Mountain bike and hiking trails

The bike trail between LaCrescent and shore are through the marsh is terrible. There should be another if this can't be maintained. It stinks for stagnant water and duck poop. It's awful to ride

a bike through. This is why I do not bike.

By north loop

Veterans park

Unclear

Allow biking in vet park areas

New trails not necessary, but maintenance of trails is important.

Consider more trails on eagle bluff/boy scout trails. If possible, it would be cool to see these connect to the overlook trails on the top of Apple blossom drive.

Eagles Bluff for biking, Vets Park for walking.

Just maintain the ones we have and add signage to help those navigate and find new trails.

N/A

Dog parks

Across the highway to the Wagon wheel trail also.

Vetsch Park and Stoney trails have been built and maintained by Mn bikers and would be great to see that expanded and remain open to bicycles along with hikers.

Connect Vetsch Park to trails north.

Near the high school/abnet field

N/A

North side of town there are probably more places to put them. Otherwise Vetsch park

Elm up to old hickory park. There is no really good safe route.

From high school to elementary school and beyond past crucifixion.

Right along the frontage road. This would allow students safer path from school and also a good distance for those who walked or ran.

Eagles bluffs

No opinion. A good nature walk would be cool.

Continue the sidewalks on Elm St after McIntosh Rd as a more direct way to get to Old Hickory Park for pedestrians. Also maybe a walking path in the field to get to veterans park.

Bluffs near Old Hickory Park Apple Blossom Overlook.

Elm and the main street crossing, elm and the 4 way stop. Elm to old hickory area.

Veterans Park

Wieser Park

To vetsch park

Vetsch or the boy scout trail could really use some development.

In the bluffs

Vetsch Park, eagle bluff

Prefer no biking trails in current parks. If new parks are developed just for biking that would be great. Improve access to Wagonwheel so highway isn't an issue.

I wouldn't, what we have is sufficient.

Eagles Bluff, Stoney Point

Doesn't matter as our tax base is too low. Old Hickory is where the money will be spent. Bigger tax roles. Next up, the Race Track. Big money there so that's where the trails will be. We are down river from all else.

Everywhere

I rode my mountain bike once in Vetsch Park. I think a pickle ball court could be a mountain bike destination for children living in La Crescent.

Consider changes that might be necessary in 2022 when the bridge over HWY 61 is built. Consider both approaches.

No biking in natural areas

County 6 needs a walk/hike lane.

S. 7th

Skunk Hollow

CTH 25 toward South Ridge

Wieser park/new addition/ townhall road area. More scenic.

Bluff area

Hinkley, fix the street pot holes first.

We need better baseball and softball facilities ahead of bike trails. How about a pickle ball court instead of using those on the tennis courts? How about a basketball court at Kistler Park? Or a volleyball court off the south end of town?

Not sure

Next to the bluffs and water

No option

From s. 2nd st hill to eagle

Vetsch/Vollenecker, Eagles Bluff,

The City's Bluffland Plan outlines walking and biking trails from the north end of town to the south. It's a professional plan that a lot of time and money went into. Use it to guide your process.

Bio multi use for biking

OIL DOES THE CITY'S CURRENT VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

Comm. Ed hiking group is great!

SAIL is not run by city, but is very community friendly and effective for exercise

Would love off-roading trails

1. The tennis courts need to be lined so that pickleball can be played - that or a separate pickleball court. 2. One of the tennis courts should have a back court so individuals could practice their game.

Adult swim is impossible at the pool because they use the lanes for swim lessons at the same time. Why would you advertise Adult swim and not actually have it?

More options would be great. Such as youth basketball and football more times during the year.

I would love to be able to have programs that coordinated with each other better. There were a few programs that had time conflicts so we were not able to do everything we wanted to do.

Pickleball

I would like to see more offerings for families

Need more programs for retired adults

Pickle ball courts

Pickleball Courts and Event in Community Ed for adults with Development Disabilities

I'm a while middle-aged male. Parks near me seem designed for children & families

What recreational programs none advertised

Dog park would be nice

Pool needs to be open later and earlier; there are lights.

LaCrescent has created a drinking culture and stripped the city of family activities. They have a beer tent and call it pickle fest. Not much for kids and families in this town.

Have not participated since pandemic began.

We have to use tennis courts to play pickleball. We often have to go to La Crosse to play pickleball because there are only 3 tennis courts to use in La Crescent. It would be nice to have pickleball courts or at least put pickleball lines on the existing tennis courts. More lighted tennis courts would be nice, too. Right now only one of the three tennis court has lighting.

MORE TREES NEAR PARK BENCHES WOULD BE HELPFUL

I have been driving to Oak Park in Onalaska to play pickleball. It would be nice to have a court or two here in town. We have discussed adding pickleball lines to
the new tennis courts. The pickleball courts are slightly lower but the tennis nets would not work until a site exclusive to pickleball could be found. I think if the city backed this idea people my age would get on board and help raise money. It would make us feel more included. Sometimes it seems like we're forgotten in the race to build schools, playgrounds and swimming pools which are all good.

Thanks

- Dog park!
- Kids are under 2 yr
- New to town - Covid risk has kept me from participating in the offerings.
- Need more social/recreational opportunities for older adults. Why don't we have an active senior center? Many towns smaller than ours do.
- Can we skateboard and roller skate in a new specific park area pretty please.
- Need more biking trails.
- Need single adult offerings.
- By the age of 10, the city programs are too "young".
- I have personally purposed an adult volleyball league to the city. Last year I ran the league with one other person. This is an area I am willing to help the city if they would be open to it. There is a ton of potential.
- Need outdoor ice skating rinks.
- It would be great to have an expanded baseball program that does not travel, at least until the kid is maybe 10y.
- A Recreation Center or YMCA available for kids in the Houston county area would be so amazing. During the colder months there is not much for kids to do. Why should we give our money across the river if it could be closer to home?
- LaCrescent needs a dog park.
- I might try pickleball league if one is started.
- I'd like to see younger age activities below preschool age.
- Need a Dog Park
- However, the sign up process is ridiculous. We never stand a chance to get a spot in swimming. It's 2021, should change with the times and move online sign up instead of standing in line for hours praying you get a spot. Can't do this with working parents, single parents etc. or set a limit on how many swim lessons etc. Always the same kids get spots.
- Pickleball courts desired
- We need a dog park
- Evening swimming lessons for working parents.
- Schedule with day time summer rec practices does not work well for kids with working parents. Only works well for teachers kids.
- Definitely need a dog park.
- Would like more options in the morning for those retired.
- Not City Sponsored but I and 6 others lead an exercise program called SAIL (Staying active and independent for life sponsored by Catholic Charities. Presumably we are meet Tues. Thurs. a.m. at Old Hickory park. This venue was chosen due to COVID. I am a volunteer who use to lead the park as a place to meet and exercise. However, we will soon need to move to our former location which is the Community Building. We hope that the City will be accommodating as we move indoors and work to share the space with Senior Dining.
- Would like to bike from Houston to LaCrescent.
- Would like to see pickleball court added... either additional permanent lines on tennis courts or dedicated courts.
- Need pickleball courts. I am not sure if this question is referring to what is the city sponsoring for citizens over 65?
- Pickleball Courts I drive to Onalaska 3-4 times a week for pickleball and then eat and shop there too.
- Dog park
- The trail between LaCrescent and Shore acres is awful. It stinks from stagnant water and duck poop. This is why I do not bike here.
- No.
- Would love a dog park
- Seems that many/most exercise and programs take place at the crack of dawn.
- When I was going to high school there, the summer programs were more for adults, elderly, and young children. It felt like there was nothing for middle school and high school students to do.
- No dog park
- More evenings option for kids in the summer. More swimming lessons, tennis lessons, baseball and softball.
- Would love a dog park
- Need dog park
- Having a dog park would be outstanding in our area. Lots are small in town and not everyone can have/a fenced, Great way for responsible dog owners and community members.
- More biking trails, please.
- More evening and early morning dog parks.
- More dog parks.
- Dog parks at Vetsch or Wieser park
- But would like more fall and spring offerings for sports.
- Mt. biking program
- Morning exercise classes, pickleball courts!
- Sober for kids would be great. I know the other league exists but the cost is too high for us. Most importantly, please start an online registration system especially for swimming lessons. The in person sign up with one day's notice is dumb.
- Need pickleball courts! We are way behind in the times. We have to travel far to play no mountain bike trails (shared use trails)
- More.
- More variety.
- Need pickleball courts could use a community center to hold classes.
- Day / times
- Park and Rec ball is not.
- Need to open up LaCrescent to UTVs.
- No need to have so many programs.
- Age

Q13 WHEN VISITING CITY PARKS, WHICH ACTIVITIES OR FACILITIES DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD MOST COMMONLY PARTICIPATE IN OR USE? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

- Allowing dogs on leash of course
- Skating
- Dog parks
- We only use the tennis courts to play pickleball... we do not play tennis.
- Dog park
- None
- Outdoor hockey rink
- Enjoy beautiful views
- Pickleball and skateboarding and roller skating too
- play pickleball
- Time
- Toilets
- Hockey Rink
- Dog parks in LaCrosse
- Kite flying
- Dog parks
- Safe space for dogs
- Play pickle ball on the tennis court.
- Golf
- Dog park would be nice
- Boat landing
- If there was a dog park we would utilize almost daily.
- We use those checked often with grandchildren.
- Dog park
- I
- Splash pad
- Bathrooms by Ahsbet need major work and cleaning
- UTI trails
- Waiting for Pickleball courts

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notice the town is very active and a majority of the people walking around have dogs.

- Dog park
- Dog park
- Utilize the use of golf carts as transportation in the city limits. Every town some has done so: Houston, Caledonia, Spring Grove, etc.
- Could the police please enforce speed, noise and traffic signs
- A pump track for kids at Harris Park
- More garbages at Vetsch Park for dog waste

Q14 WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PARK TO VISIT IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT?

- I do not go to parks, I live on short acres rd and there are none nearby
- Legion Park
- Vetsch
- La Crescent has a wonderful variety of parks and offerings at each - too hard to pick just one.
- Vetsch
- Vetsch—how did this not make the list!!!
- Vetsch
- Vetsch Park
- Not sure
- Aquatic center
- aquatic center for now.
- Vetsch
- Vetsch
- Trail by the dump
- Vetsch Park
- Vetsch
- Vetsch park
- Vetsch Park

Q15 WHY IS THIS PARK YOUR FAVORITE PARK TO VISIT IN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT?

- Tranquility
- Great facilities
- Playground for kids, soccer field, soft ball field, shelter area. Clean
- It's walking distance from our home and it has a few things my two year old can do.
- Nature experience...quiet
- Hiking trails
- Peace and quiet
- There's people, solitude, natural environment, flowers, trees, views
- It is the most natural, and it's so good to get out in the woods, away from houses and people.
- The trails and woods and ridge...Feels isolated, easy to access, lots of choices.
- Location and scenery
- Enjoy the beauty of being in the bluffs and trees.

playground equipment
- Roomy and we'll cared for
- Close to home and very nice trails
- Easy access - good facilities.
- Aquatic Center, proximity to my residence
- Close to home and I enjoy watching the ball games. It's otherwise not much of a park.
- We love that there is playground equipment for every age of our kids and that there is a place for parents to sit. We've used the shelter in the past as well. And having bathrooms on site is so helpful.
- Like the trails
- So many options
- Variety and size and location
- Quiet, peaceful, nature
- Multi use, accessible
- We live close within walking distance when Grandkids visit
- It is super close, we can bike, walk, play or run in the open space there.
- Big fields
- It's the closest but we go to crescent valley, old hickory, the park at the pool and the one by the old rv very often as well.
- Beautiful walking trails.
- Great hiking and views- it's hilly
- I like the trails.
- Pool, tennis, playground all in one. Great central location
- Closest
- Hiking in the bluffs
- Never, like oldlung as well but it's outdated
- easy access
- Close to my house
- So many things to do there and nice facilities.
- Tennis courts
- LOT OF THINGS FOR KIDS, CLEAN
- It is surrounded by Nature—wildflowers and birds.
- Proximity, cleanliness
- Aquatic center, easy access
- Close to my house
- I live only 2 blocks away, so it's very convenient for dog walking.
- This is the nicest park we have and is very dog friendly with poop bags and garbage cans and a nice walk around circle.
- The variety of uses, great walking path made better by watching all of the activities going on in the park, gorgeous setting.
- Hiking trails. Nature
- Lot of room and beautiful spot
- Legion Park, can have a get together with family
- and friends but needs to be updated and bigger for people to enjoy.
- Centrally located and near pool in the summer.
- It's big, and I feel comfortable enjoying nature & taking photos there
- Stony point
- Facilities for all ages...
- The ball field
- Restrooms, beauty, sidewalks, parking, picnic shelters, ball fields, kids play area
- Has all the amenities and a convenient location
- Because of the soccer fields and it's a good place to hang out with friends and practice soccer
- Hiking fantastic
- Hiking and mountain biking trails through the woods.
- Mt hiking and hiking
- Close to home with great views and trails
- Good for hiking, bird watching, wildflowers, snowshoeing and relatively close by.
- It's 1 block from our house and we like snowshoe in it ALL the time (weather). We love it because of the feeling that we're miles away from town. We enjoy the diversity of the existing trails and the solitude that we experience when we're up there. We truly feel that at this time any additional trails and/or usage would greatly destroy this amazing gem that was gifted to the citizens of the city of La Crescent for the citizens of this city by Mr. Vetsch. It would also potentially harm the fragile environment that is there. Unfortunately some people have already caused irreversible damage by cutting down trees, including an ancient cedar. The addition on the bike trails over the past few years are ok, but any additional trails and/or usage could potentially cause irreparable damage to the already fragile bluff. That would be horrible! Leave it as it is!!! Thank you.
- Clean, spacious, safe, bathrooms available and easy for us to get to from our home
- Excellent playground, shelter, and sports fields
- Green space, natural, no people, quiet, peaceful, wildlife, rare flowers
- Place for solitude and reflection
- It's the only one with adult and kids activities.
- Something for all age groups, bathrooms and shelter available.
- We enjoy hiking here, Pool or refuge.
- I love to ride my bike at Vetsch. Please keep it multi-use.
- It is the one my family is closest to and can participate in the most activities--tennis, swimming, play. As my kids get older, I think we will be doing more hiking so Stony Point would be second.
- It is huge and has a lot of open area to play with my dog.
- We love to hike on the trails at Eagle's Bluff Park. It is great exercise, we enjoy the feeling of being "out in the woods" and watching the change in seasons, and the park is within walking distance of our house.
- Close to our house and sledding hill
- The trails and the nature. A shelter would be awesome along with a bathroom
- Convenient, family friendly, shelter, restrooms, soccer fields, has everything...
- RESTROOMS & PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
- Has equipment that can be used for little ones up to big kids
- Water exercise, park and bike racks.
- Fantastic trails and great views. Could rival Upper Hixon with it's trails if a little TLC were given to them to turn them into mountain bike trails.
- Aquatic center, playground, trash cans, library house, tennis courts, well lit area
- We walked around it quite a bit during the cyclone but shutdown nice and big to walk around. I've talked to people from other towns that have added pickleball and they said it was positive for their towns.
- Has everything we like except a dog park. Aquatic center, tennis courts, nice playground equipment, picnic tables.
- Can bring my dog
- Shelter and great playground
- Great views great hiking trails because it has a playground and garbage's and restrooms
- It's the nicest one
- Outstanding hiking trails;
Good challenges, great vistas; much plant and animal life to observe.
- Close to home
- Closest park to our house.
- Most to do for kids
- Variety of amenities
- Amenities
- Lots of walking trails
- Large park, nice neighborhood, good location for walking
- The outdoor hiking opportunities
- Pool and tennis courts.
- Close to our house.
- Hiking with dog.
- It offers great hiking trails, great views.
- Nearby, lots of trees and shade, fun to see families enjoying playground, aquatic center is a gem. Note: aquatic center needs a few hours a week for adults only that are NOT lap swim. Group swimming classes like to play in the water also.
- The pool, we use the tennis courts to play tic-tac-toe.
- It’s quiet, lots of variety in different seasons of flowers, berries, birds, wildlife etc.
- Good views
- Love the hiking.
- It’s great hiking trails that you can hike in a lot of different areas. Please keep it only for hiking. I really like Eagle Bluff trail. It was only allowed to pick one. Please keep it only for hiking!
- Eagle Bluff for its hiking trails.
- Close to home, I help finance and install the playground, nice view of Bluffs, nice shelter.
- Peaceful easy feeling. Silence. Solitude.
- Not a quality park with access to bathrooms.
- Also LIKE Eagle Bluff trails. Variety of dedicated hiking trails.
- Easy access, open and spacious.
- View of the valley, lots of sports areas, shelter with restrooms.
- Nice walking trail (on the Red Apple Side, other side is too steep/blank.
- Sense of community and variety of activities.
- Playing pickles.
- It’s quiet. Good birdwatching, nice views, not over developed!
- Serenity.
- Quiet nature reserve. Not many people. It’s nature’s state.
- Because of area improvements and development find ourselves often in the area.
- Hiking and running.
- Hiking trails that are quiet, narrow and just for hiking.

Beautiful nature changes throughout the year.
- Mountain biking
- Variety of things to do
- Quiet trail
- Quiet
- Natural beauty, peaceful (usually)
- The kids enjoy the having open spaces there because it accommodates more age groups and doesn’t have the pebbles that get stuck in shoes like the Kister park does (which can also accommodate multiple age groups but foot landscaping is not preferred).
- Close to home
- Hike area and walking around
- Close to our house and a lot of options
- Beautiful views and somewhat challenging hike.
- Hike on the one in location, parking area.
- Close to our house and good size and nice bathrooms.
- It has the most accessible amenities and tends to be clean.
- I have great memories in this park from childhood.
- Close to home
- Take a two minute walk from our house.
- Close to a dog park at the moment.
- Great area to hike and walk.
- Close to home.
- Hiking/hiking trails.
- Closest
- Variety of playground options.
- Wonderful place to hike with a combination of prairie, woodland and hill prairie on Stoney Point.
- The variety of equipment for all ages.
- Run into neighborhoods.
- Closest to us
- Swinging Pool.
- This park has the most potential and way away from any busy road.
- Great views, paths & access to nature.
- Setting, landscaping, easy access.
- Location and amenities.
- Beach is right by our house and it has equipment for smaller and bigger kids. It also has tennis courts and the aquatic center.
- Beautiful wildlife - love the Wagon Wheel trail and would love to have safer areas to view birds on Blue Lake.

and hike near Blue Lake - this seems like it could be an excellent tourist destination if trails and parking were added.
- Closest to my house. Vetsch is also a favorite.
- It’s really close to our house.
- Restrooms and a lot of playground equipment to choose from.
- Kids favorite.
- Close to home.
- Our grandchild loves the playground equipment.
- Aquatic Center.
- It is the closest to our house and easiest to get to.
- Kids love the playground equipment and it is close to the tennis courts.
- Closest to house.
- The beauty.
- Nicely maintained trails and great views.
- So many different activities to offer.
- Variety of trails - birds - native flowers - quiet.
- Next to the pool and I love the playground.
- Access to trails.
- Spacious.
- For grandkids.
- Proximity, Natural Setting.
- Walking Trails.
- "Many options in park, not super busy"
- It’s within walking distance of our home and offers a variety for kids - playground, ball field, shelter, bathrooms and open area for running.
- Diversity of trails, and it’s quiet. Not a lot of foot traffic.
- Great variety of trails in the woods, very natural environment. Not crowded.
- Safe location.
- Variety of play equipment for kids 4-10.
- It has nice playground equipment, picnic area, and of course the aquatic center.
- Same name.
- Has the most kids/toddler friendly and non-pebble rocks. We do like the aquatic one, but the pebble rocks drive us nuts.
- Great path.
- We swim a lot in the summer. Also close to home with a lot of activities for different ages.
- Variety for all ages, amazing walking area and picnic areas, good parking, easy accessibility.
- N/A.
- Close to my home and my grandkids like the playground equipment.
- Beautiful, clean, soccer fields and park equipment. Also close to our home.
- Nice walking area.
- Because it is the newest and nicest.
- It is better than Old Hickory because all equipment is accessible by young children. Old Hickory has a tall platform with two slides that you cannot access without climbing steps, so as a pregnant mother I couldn’t even get my toddler up there for him to go down those slides.

Nice variety of things for the kids to do, good parking.
- Proximity to our house.
- The pool.
- Take my dog to run.
- School field trip.
- Love the trails and the lookout.
- Family friendly place. Clean and well managed.
- Hiking.
- Close to home.
- Walking distance and it’s awesome.
- It’s convenient and has the amenities needed.
- Playground and open fields.
- Accessibility and activity options.
- "Location and size"

- "Lots if option"
- We live a block away.
- There is a lot to do kids can play you can walk or family can go hiking.
- Nearest to our home.
- It’s nice here.
- Because it has clean bathrooms on site.
- Just like the area.
- Area for my dog to swim.
- Soccer field.
- Trails trails trails.
- The hiking trails.
- It’s close and well maintained.
- Hiking trails.
- I’ve played soccer there as seen as they opened a park/soccer field, walking distance but really would love a dog park at old hickory.
- Close to my home.
- Close to daughter/grandkids home.
- Birdwatching, hiking, wildflowers.
- It’s not often used by others.
- Access to pool and playground with our grandson. Only 2 blocks from home.
- Hiking and scenery.
- I enjoy meeting friends here for an outdoor lunch. It has some activity but is also peaceful. A nice tree for shade and a little breeze make it perfect.
- Nicely kept and variety.
- Park by the pool. We use this with our grandkids.
Dog friendly
Outside of town
Best place to take my grandkids
I enjoy hiking
Great walking, beautiful scenery, quiet!!
Only place to kayak
Natural setting
Close to home
More room for my dog to run
It's big. And offers a variety of amenities.
Pool, playground equipment.
Close to our house.
Amenities park, bunkhouse, unique wildflowers on Stoney Point, easily accessible, nice climb. Usually no competition with bikers.
It is closest to my house
Closest to my home
Large open Fields and great equipment.
Clean space
Close to home and lots of equipment for kids. Also close to the aquatic center.
It's big and has variety
Variety
Love hiking
It's close to our home, it has large, open spaces, and the new playground is nice.
Able to have my dogs enjoy the space and love the seclusion.

View
I take my dogs there.
I like the hiking and biking trails and the view from the top is great. Also, the grassy clearing with the pavilion is really nice.
Fun trail to dog walk on
Soccer fields
Size of the fields, basketball court, in a safe area, and playground!
Beautiful overlook, has parking, trails are well maintained
Old Hickory has nice amenities and hiking trails near by. It is also the closest large park to our home.
Love the beauty and walking the dogs there.
Best place to bring dogs currently
Location
"Sledding opportunities to the playground with grandkids"
Restrooms, playground, ball fields, walking path. This park has the most variety for larger families of all ages.
Nature, convenient
My dog can run
Hiking
Mtn bike trails
Hiking trails and views
Close to where we live
Variety of activities available, we have 2 parks closer that we pass to get there
It's the nicest park. I didn't even know half the other parks existed.
Hiking
Nice playground equipment, ample parking, nice shelters and bathrooms, kids can play while parents watch the circle sidewalk.
Variety and amenities
"Many options for kids of all ages"
Less rocks :)!
I take my dogs here to run and play. It's safer than being in town and usually no children or other people using the park. With no local dog park this is the only place I feel safe to exercise my dog in town. The area is partially fenced but I wish it was complete enclosed.
Close to our home and has so many options for use. Great shelter with clean restrooms too!
Clean, newer playground equipment, lots of space and seating
Love the trails and that it's not busy
It is close to my house.
"It is the park with the best playground and facilities on the north side of town.
John Harris park is closer but is really lacking in playground equipment. This park is hardly utilized anymore since the equipment has been upgraded. There is a lot of green space that more playground equipment could be added. It is sad to see that money was spent to upgrade the playground equipment a few years ago but now not many go to this park because there is just swings and a slide.
Beauty being tucked in between bluffs, nearby, restrooms, soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball, sledding, shelter & playground!
"Close to home"
The variety of options available
Best playground equipment, shelter, bathrooms, sidewalk
Encircling the park for walking, with soccer, base/softball fields, basketball court, and volleyball court.
Now it just needs a dog park to make it perfect!
Hiking and excellent views
It's the closest to my house and has the best signage
Trails and a view
Off-road biking trails, and great views
The City and the LYB have been making wonderful improvements on that location. Close to interstate and great restaurants and the hotel. That is a diamond in the rough that needs to keep improving!
Quiet, walking trails, kids playing ball, skateboarding
Nice, and large and usually not too busy
Like to watch games and kids playing
It has restrooms, a drinking fountain and multiple play areas that are well maintained.
Proximity to my home and available activities for Grandkids
I love the secluded hiking trails up and around Stoney Point. I am not thrilled by the increasing number of mountain bikers appearing on the trails, and find it less and less desirable to go and dodge bikes.
Mtn bike trails
Hiking near here
Fields and amenities
Close. Within walking distance. Hope the sewer ditch isn't full and the mosquitos from the swamp aren't too bad.
Love the hiking trails
Most to do
Cozy, well maintained
Newer facilities... Variety of things to do
Great hiking!
Quiet wilderness setting
Quiet, close to home, and a field to run and play in
Near my house and for meetings in the shelter.
It is closest to our home and the sledding hill provides entertainment even during the winter.
Variety of activities
Large, easy parking, close to pool, variety of things for variety of ages.
Closest
Lot of options for all ages... playground, Vball, Ball diamond, Soccer field, Basketball. Shelters.
Out of town
It's quite, has playground equipment, and an area to sit/relax under a roof. Plus it has restrooms.
"Central location, WiFi, aquatic center, little library"
On a side note, don't wait for something to happen at this park... retrofit the dim yellow light fixtures within the park with brighter LEDs.
I love the new improvements LYB has done with the baseball & softball fields. new fencing, retaining wall, maybe new scoreboard, etc.
We like the shelter.
Playground and aquatic center. Tennis courts and picnic facilities.
"I didn't even know the majority of the parks listed as options, existed."
We love old hickory because of the versatility. The kids can play while we walk. It is well maintained and we feel safe.
Biking
Cleanest and best amenities
Stoney point has the potential to be the shining star of the drillless area, from biking to picnic areas.
Biking/Hiking Trails
The hiking biking trails are very nice. It is relaxing to hike in Vetsch and expansion would be much appreciated.
Nice trails, quiet, scenic, challenging
Closest to my home
Great trails for walking/hiking with our dogs
Watch grandchildren sports
Hiking trails, enjoying the outdoors

Q16 A MASTER PLAN IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR THE NEW PARK IN HORSE TRACK MEADOWS LOCATED OFF OF COUNTY RD 6 (SEE IMAGE BELOW). WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ERECTED? PLEASE SELECT YOUR TOP 5 DESIRED.

- Bike trails
- I don't know this area to say. I'd say access to the creeks, as long as that doesn't open it up for development or misuse.
- Need flushing toilets in Wieser Park. Center activities at Wieser Park. Updated playground equipment
- Basketball courts
- Cross country ski trails
- Snowmobiling and cross country skiing trails
- Dog park
- Path for specifically walking pets
- Multi-use trail (dirt/gravel) from N. Pine Creek Rd to Hwy 23 would be cool.
- A dog park to be added somewhere.
- No ideas
- dog park
- Dog park fenced in
- Work on biking trails there
- Bike trail to connect with Root River Trail
- Dog park!!
- Skate park
- Dog park with shade and light
water source
- Dog Park
- Why add a new park when Wieser park is right there already
- include streambank restoration of Pine Creek to improve water in fishing
- Traffic management so as to not disturb residents of HTM
- Volleyball courts with lights.
- outdoor ice rink
- natural playground
- Pine Creek is surrounded by mostly private property. So no trail.
- Dog park stations with trash cans
- Grills
- Natural/alternative playground similar to La Crosse Trane Park
- Dog park
- Pickleball courts
- Basketball
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Most likely won't go there
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Mixed use path for walking/running/biking
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Bike paths
- Splash pad
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Off road biking trails
- Residents of Cty 6 will require traffic calming measures, something very new to LaCrescent
- Pickleball courts
- Splash pad
- Bike lanes to and from the area.
- Dog park
- UTV trail

Q7 Adjacent to the New Park in Horse Track Meadows Is Wieser Memorial Park, a Recent Addition to the City’s Park System (See Image Above). What Improvements Would You Like to See at Wieser Memorial? Please select your top 5 desired improvements.
- Nice park for get-togethers
disc golf
- Nothing
- Soccer field
- Splash pad
- None
- some of these sound

Interesting...Pickleball mainly tho
- No ideas
- Pumptrack
- With shade and a water source
- I haven't used this park
- updated equipment
- Walking/biking paths
- Would love a splash pad in town
- Additional playground equipment. Children have so many better playground options
- Gazebo
- Updated playground that served all abilities.
- I was not aware there was a park there.
- No interest.
- Fire pit
- Pickleball courts
- Splash pad
- It would seem obvious to combine 16 and 17 above.
- Beautification
- Lights to do activities at dusk.
- Wieser is Vetz wrong in this survey
- Mountain bike trails
- Q8 A MASTER PLAN IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR EAGLE'S BLUFF PARK. (SEE IMAGE BELOW). WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE HERE? PLEASE SELECT YOUR TOP 5 DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS.
- Don't know
- possibly a porta potty, not full
- Restroom maybe improved accessibility, but I don't know what that would entail
- This place is wonderful the way it is!
- Sports court
- Mountain biking
- My biking trails
- Leave it be
- None of the above.
- Keep it multi use (I didn't see bike trails as an option.)
- Mountain biking trails are perfect for this park. A lot of trails exist there already and are perfect for development.
- None
- My granddaughter has gone biking on this trail. I'll ask her what could be added
- It's good now
- dog park
- no bikes
- Needs much better and frequent signage along trails.
- Mtn biking trails.
- NO improvements
- Trails need to be widened, improve steep and narrow areas. Additional signage as
- well signage indicating easy moderate or difficult.
- Leave it alone
- None...leave it be.
- Improve quality of existing trails for walking/running and add quality mountain bike trails
- Update mountain biking trails
- Snowshoeing
- Management so as to not disturb/over-congest residential areas, respect private property signage
- Beautiful trails - just very steep. More level ground trails would be appreciated.
- outdoor ice rink
- Fenced dog area
- small kiosk near Old Hickory entrance area + signage to warn of steep Westbank entrance
- Transparency with property owners adjacent to trail
- Pickle ball courts
- Mountain biking trails
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Off-road biking trails
- signage needed to inform that North 4th street is NOT a route to the apple blossom drive
- bikers are you here signs.
- Didn't even know this existed
- Don't care
- UTV trails
- Mountain bike trails
- MTB trails
- Biking trail improvements
- There is no parking except on streets
- Hi

Q9 A MASTER PLAN IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR VETTSCH/ VOLLENWEIDER/ STONEY POINT PARKS. (SEE IMAGE BELOW). WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE HERE? PLEASE SELECT YOUR TOP 5 DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS.
- Don't use
- Plan to leave it be.
- Leave it as it is...
- Keep it as it is, a haven for bikers. Why change it?
- I would like to see a trail accessing Stoney Point from So 7th/Cty 6. This could be a small trail following the property lines (and city/township lines) so that existing owners would not be impacted.
- Sports court/basketball
- No mountain biking
- Great how it is now. No real need for any additional improvements
- Cut down more vegetation. Can’t see much once your near the gazebo
- Wow!!
- Mountain biking trails
- Mt biking multi use trails
- Snowshoeing
- Leave it as it is!!!
- MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL!!!
- Leave it be
- No improvements required.
- Wider pathways.
- Biking Trails
- Very important to keep this multi use. A Public bike rack and repair stand would be nice to have, along with a bottle/dog watering station.
(See upper Hixon for details.)
- When we hiked at Vettesch park, we unknowingly ended up going out of the park and ended up on someone's private land during hunting season. More signs are needed to let you know that the trail you are on is now leaving public land.
- None
- lol didn't know this park was there
- Never been there
- dog park
- fenced in dog park
- no bikes
- Prohibit off road biking/ mountain biking
- Pumptrack & skateparks
- Let it be, let it be.
- Dedicated walking/biking trails.
- There is a enough space to designate a walking/biking trail and bike trail. Improve trails and increase signage.
- It's the way it is. Keep the trails group out of there.
- None...leave it alone.
- Dog amenities
- More mountain biking trails
- Dog Park or enclosure where dogs can run off-leash, stricter enforcement of leash laws in the park.
- Snowshoeing
- maintain the hill prairie that has developed on Stoney Point
- bike racks
- Screwed up trails
- Shared use trails le hiking/ mountain biking.
- Dog areas
- Mountain biking trails
- Old road mountain biking trails
- Fence in the front area by the main entrance and have it be designated for dogs to run around. Would go a long way.
- Replacement of gazebo at the top.
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Expansion of Mt bike trails
This park is great for snowshoes, more trails safe for snowshoes. Dog park. We love the natural/exploring feel of witch. None. None. Off-road biking trails. Please do NOT ever do this to mountain bikes it will be so unsafe that we will never use it again if that happens. Also why is signage on here as an improvement, adequate signage should be a basic requirement and the lack of signage in this park is a safety issue. Bike trail. No comments. Keep mountain bikes off the walking trails. You are here signs throughout. Leave it alone. UTV trails. Mountain bike trails. More waste receptacles.

Q20: DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY OR ACCESSIBILITY IN ANY OF OUR PARKS?
- All walking parks because I'm older and able, but I enjoy being out in nature walking.
- "Bikers on walking trails."
- No parking at Stoney Point/road.
- There seems to be some golf cart/ATV use in town. I do not like this. It is against the current law, it is unsafe and looks bad in our beautiful city."
- I feel that some of the trails are starting to get too close to private property. I worry about the homeowners' property and families.
- "Not personally, but would love to have as many spaces as possible be available to all abilities."
- "The low point on sidewalk by part of old historic I mention in the trail network.
- The park at the pool is showing its age. Some sharp edges in areas. Bathrooms aren't open enough hours for walkers. Handicap toilet facilities. Steepness of trails. Speed of drivers on Jonathan Lane is out of control.
- Safety of our kids, any age. Accessibility trails. Road signs to show where the various parks or trails are located.
- The trail from eagle bluff park to extension toward Veterans park, right near East Bank Edition, has some blacktop that is half washed away and then has very deep washouts that are dangerous. Some concern about potential conflicts between bikers/walkers and mountain bikers. I have able bodied children though. I want families with children who have physical disabilities to weigh in on this.
- It is hard to walk eagle's bluff trail.
- "None of the parks are very accessible, aside from the Rotary Park. Additionally, it would be great for parents of kids under 3."
- "The trail is hard to walk for the little ones, without the temptation of equipment that is not safe for them."
- "Vetsch Park - the number of people who do not have their dogs on leashes seems to be growing."
- "Stony Point peak is concerning - the trail is very steep and many people do not know about the one farther south with switchbacks. It would be excellent if some switchbacks were built into the west side of Stony Point for those that come up the south side - actually be able to more safely reach the summit."
- "Some of the people in La Crescent might not even know some of these parks exist and they are wonderful. Would be nice to get the word out."
- "Difficult to hike on "multi-use trails in Houston Forest with so much bike action."
- For Vetsch and Eagles Bluff hiking trails that let you hike w/o being run down (of course, there are polite bikers but there are also plenty of zoomers. Would like to be able to keep the two gem hiking parks in my town La Crescent for bikers."
- It is hard to tell where some trails go. It would be nice to have cameras in the parking lots. There are sometimes suspicious vehicles. Mountain biking and hiking on the same trails are dangerous for bikers.
- "The trail from the playground equipment at Kieler Park is rusted.
- Parks and trails should be clearly marked to avoid trespassing on adjacent properties and ensure safety of families especially those with young children."
- Several of the parks lack adequate signage, resulting in people going off trail into steep or potentially dangerous terrain. Significant junctions should be marked accordingly, it seems like hikers are trying to do this now vs the city."
- "I would really like to see an all abilities playground in Weiser Park."
- Yes, there is a guy with chainsaw and enormous fires clearing out Vollenweider Park. I can see the fires from Eagles Bluff lookout. Private citizens should not be engaged in this kind of hobby in a forest that is city property.
- "Would be nice to have more accessibility in more parks, specifically hard surface trails."
- "Stoney Point - in event of emergency, no way to contact someone; Also, could use benches on the path.
- We ran a summer volleyball league at Old Hickory park this past summer. We have sent in a proposal to install lights onto the court. We have also been enthusiastic about putting on events for the public and have raised funds for this already. We are currently at 2,000 dollars, however not making enough traction with the city on this. We are willing to run the league do all the work and use the money from the league to pay for the lights. Once the lights are paid for the money would go for court upkeep. This would cost the city nothing; they just would end up paying from this league.
- We will also bring in people from the surrounding communities into La Crescent to support La Crescent business."
- Plan to send a follow up email to the city this week.
- The hiking trails in Vetsch and Eagles Bluff are such that if mountain bikes are allowed use in them, hikers would be in peril because of the nature of the trails which are narrow and often have blind corners.
- Some of the equipment at Kieler park is becoming very worn (notably the brochure slide has plastic sticking up that can cause harm and can hurt a young child)."
- Would love accessible trail through flower area at Vetsch that is wheelchair/trailer accessible. Need good signage to warn of steepness of some trails on Eagles Bluff & Stoney Point.
- Bikers have a right to be on the trails also. I worry about safety on mixed-use trails as the use of mountain bikes increases.
- Old Hickory has a platform with two slides that doesn't have any easy way to access it (must climb rope). This is not well suited to a pregnant mother to take her younger child to the park.
- There is no park for those without children to go with dogs or to have family gatherings without children playing on equipment.
- It would be nice to just be able to walk on a pedestrian path with no bikes allowed.
- The people rock is slippery on sidewalks.
- Bikers on hiking trails at Vetsch/Stone Point are dangerous as they can aller bikers. Trails should be dedicated for hikers or bikers.
- Ground that is uneven steep or has little access can become a hazard and often requires rescue concerns.
- Eagles bluff park has no access or people aware it's there.
- It would be nice to have a sidewalk to veterans park from the park street side. We like to ride our bike there and need to get off our bike to go over the curb.
- Vetsch park needs signage and if you open it as a mountain bike park or even as mixed use we will not go anymore. In every place we have been there's been mixed use the bikers go on trails they aren't supposed to and without someone on hand to enforce the rules (which would be extremely hard with the trails in Vetsch) we will stop going as opposed to risk getting into a confrontation with strangers.
- Also in the park by the aquatic center, please do some basic upkeep on the metal platforms that are part of the playground structures. The rubber coating has deteriorated on several and is now just exposed, rusty and sharp metal."

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I enjoy hiking with my 3 year old daughter, and have been nervous on more than one occasion about the mountain bikers I meet on the trails at Vetsch park.

Veterans Park. Traffic is unbearable to access. Noise from traffic is in violation of Minnesota State recommendations concerning noise pollution. Water in ditch after rain is safety concern. Veterans Park is the "red haired orphan" of city parks. Thank goodness the Event Center was built so new playground equipment was installed. City is in any parks, biking trails or residents of the Rusty Dangerous old stuff.

Kistler safety

Stair walking to Wiezer Memorial on County 6

None except as noted above.

I've seen rattlesnakes and coyotes....ekk

There is a ramp for what appears to be wheelchair accessible at old hickory....

But then the chips you have to go over to get on it are not very accessible.

Have more swings for special needs. *

"Yes. Improve lighting in Kistler Park. I see lots of folks hanging through there at night.

Again, let's get ahead of something bad happening."

In any parks, biking trails or residents - yes, not specific to La Crescent. We need to be prepared with adequate safety measures & security.

**Q21 EXCLUDING WINTER MONTHS, ON AVERAGE HOW OFTEN DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT OR USE?**

La Crescent needs to be connected to root river trail, it would bring so much tourism to this area and connection for bikes across wi and mn.

We also walk or bike the trails in winter.

Reno Spillway and trails off Dresbach wayside - 1x month.

equestrian trails

**Q22 HOW OFTEN DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD COMMONLY TRAVEL SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT TO USE SPECIFIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES?**

- Various reasons
- Other parks... trane park in the crosse. all abilities park in Winona by the big lake.
- parks, trail like Myrick, Hixon, the river area for walking, dog parks, picnics, hikes.
- Trails, parks.
- La Crosse and Dresbach for biking trails.
- Grandads bluff for mountain bike trails. Dog parks.
- Riverside park for relaxing.
- Riverside park and Friendship gardens
- I enjoy walking the La Crosse River Marsh Trail and Noline trail to the Root River.
- Onalaska to Trempealeau trails.
- Winona. Kayak, sports, bike
- "Running club of LaCrosse runs trails weekly in LaCrosse, Onalaska, LaCrescent and surrounding area."
- Goose Island, Myrick Park, Root river trail.
- "River, myrick, hixon. Nodine, winona, hixon, pettibone, reno, laneboro, andal".
- State parks
- Hiking, cross country skiing
- Northern WI
- Water viewing, hiking trails
- Cross country skiing.
- Trane park, other walking/riding trails.
- Onalaska for pickel ball.
- MN and WI State parks, National Parks, Lake Winona walking trail, Brownsville.
- Lookout etc. We enjoy nature photography and birdwatching (especially Eagles and Swans) and seasonal foliage viewing.
- La Crescent should build eaglpe/hasp/swan viewing areas on Blue Lake (behind the maintenance building) and Wagon Wheel trail (this would make it safer than trying to cross the railroad tracks. It would increase tourism—winter/spring and fall migration would be popular!"
- Fishing
- Dubuca, MN to Kipp State Park for hiking purposes.
- State parks for hiking, walking, and canoeing.
- Winona to bike around the lake.
- Riverside Park, walking.
- Rotary Lights, Moon Tunes
- Biking in Lansboro.
- Beaver Creek Valley State Park for wildlife, flowers, scenery, fresh water, and serenity.
- "Winona bike trail on lake
- Root river bike trails
- Wisc bike trails"
- Hixon For hiking and grand dads bluff for amazing views.
- Walking trails and ATV trails.
- State parks, La Crosse city parks like Pettibone, Goose Island park, for walking dog and wildlife/scenic viewing.
- Biking on the Root River Trail.
- HPT trails in La Crosse. Winona trails; Great River Trail.
- La Crosse River Trail
- Marsh trail in La Crosse.
- "HPT trails in La Crosse.
- Root River trail, Winona trails, Leger Trails Black River Falls, East Claire Mt.
- Bike trails, La Chasse River Trail.
- Great River Trail, Sparta-
- Elroy, Marsh trails, La Crosse.
- "Weedly State Parks (Great Bluff, Beaver Creek Valley, Whitewater, and Forestville) for hiking, camping, and snowshoeing. Some trails or Wildlife Refuges along the Mississippi River for hiking and bird watching. Root River bike trail for hiking.
- Kayaking or hiking at Goose Island.
- Snowshoeing at MN state parks.
- "State park in Caledonia, Nodine, Whitewater.
- Hixon in La Crosse".
- "Mountain bike trails at Hixon, bike trail at Hixon and below Howes. Swimming pool.
- Pettibone park for walking trails. Nicely paved and traveled even in winter.
- "We go hiking and biking all over. Hixon Forest in LaCrosse, Slide Forest in Viroqua, Van Peenen in Decorah.
- Went to Daluth 2 weeks ago to Bike at Spirit Mountain, and Colorado in July."
- Northern Minnesota or North Shore for lakes and hiking.
- "Additional trails - flat gravel trail running on the Trail from the Onalaska landing!!"
- Also for splash pads and other playgrounds.
- "The Trane all abilities park!!"
- Winona or La Crosse to do kayaking or go to do parks.
- We go to La Crosse parks to use pickelball courts when the tennis courts are all occupied, and to hike or bike on trails.
- La Crosse and Onalaska.
- BIKE TRAILS: All over the US, hiking, swimming, mountain biking.
- We like to walk around Lake Winona, and pickelball in Oak Park, Onalaska. We use tennis courts in Onalaska because grandkids are there. I take grandson to Pine Creek for golf. Sometimes the grandkids and their friends go swimming in the new city pool (it's pretty awesome - makes me wish I was a kid).
- Dog park. Trane all abilities park, hiking trails with better signage.
- Dog park in Sherwood.
- Hiking - La crosse city, minnesota rest stop and pool 7 dam.
- Dog park in Onalaska.
- "Dog trails around the driftless region State parks.
- Kayak and dog park.
- Hixon Forest.
- State Parks - hiking, camping. Bike trail from Onalaska to Trempealeau - hiking, eat in Trempealeau after biking there, dog walking.
- I go to Pettibone and Riverside to walk often because there are many benches, and beautiful trees and water. I hiking in Pettibone and use the Wagon Wheel trail to get there.
- La Crosse Wi & Lansing, IA.
- Hiking.
- Great River Bluff State Park, Beaver Creek State Park, Perrot State Park, Onalaska and La Crosse hiking trails in the bluffs.
- Horse riding, downhill skiing, woodturning.
- MN State parks, River walk in La Crosse.
- Use the bike/hiking/walking/running trail around the lakes in Winona quite often. Also, use the trail from I90 wayside to Dresbach for bike quite often, and see many bikes walking it.
- "Hixon forest trails, disc golf course, bike trails.
- Dog park, we go to Onalaska.
- La Crosse Hixon trails.
- Winona lake to paddle board, canoe, kayak.
- Carly State Park in Altria MN. There are fun river crossings on the hike that my daughter LOVES.
- Bicycle trails, hiking trails.
- Dog park.
- Usually Pettibone Park or La Crosse city trails.
- Hixon trails for hiking and cross country skiing.
- Goose Island County Park - fishing, and walk the trails, bird dance. Bike Trail from Brice Prairie to Trempealeau for biking, walking, birding, cross country skiing, Bike Trail by Houston - walking and biking
Pettibone park - kayack access, boating, walking trails
Travel to other areas to visit county or state parks.
Great River Bluffs state park and Beaver Creek in MN, Eagle Road, Hixon, marsh, etc in LaCrosse and many other places for hiking and/or camping.
“Great River Bluffs State Park (hiking trails)
Necedah wildlife refuge (hiking trails)
Trails around Winona Lake (hiking trails)
The La Crescent-Hokah Community Education hiking group goes to Hixon Forest.
Hunting areas (during the fall)
Trane abilities park, Houston Nature Park.
Boating/canoeing fishing
“Root River Bike Trail
Bike trails around Winona lakes
Bike trails
We visit the MN State Parks or Hixon parks for hiking almost weekly.
We utilize the pump tracks at Lueth and Hixon 1-2 times a month
We visit parks in La Crosse, like the Trane all abilities 2-4 times a month.
Lacrosse bike trail
La Crosse bowling
State Parks, walking trails
Winona, Rushford, LaCrosse Hiking trails. Also many area State Parks in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
Dog Parks. Hiking trails.
Great River Bluffs State Park
Trane park La Crosse
River trails
Trails in la crosse and onalaska
All abilities park in lax, Winona park on lake, myrick park trails/ playground
Hiking: Scientific Nature Areas, State Parks, La Crosse Marsh
Want to get out of la crescent
Root River Trail & Great River State Trail for biking.
Camping
Lake Winona. Equipment rental for reasonable prices.
Kayaks, stand up paddleboards, peddle boat, life jackets, canoes, bikes, in line skates. Summer membership: $22
We go to the La Crosse Trane park due to its new and nice features for younger children. We have a 3 year old.
1) La Crosse parks - Hickey and Springbrook Parks have really nice, new playgrounds. Myrick Park and marsh trails. Trane All abilities park is great, kids LOVE it!
2) New splash pads and playgrounds in New Albin and Lansing.
3) Beaches in Winona and La Crosse
4) Natural playground and nature center in Houston.
5) La Crosse Houska Park dog park.
La Crosse Dog Park
Parks, walking, biking, boating and fishing
Kids Coulee.
Dog park.
Hixon.
“Oak park, Onalaska Pickelball”
La Crosse's all abilities park, Winona's all abilities park, Myrick park systems.
Playground, Riverside park Root river Bike Trail and Root River Kayak launches
Hiking the Hixon Trails.
Dog parks.
Hixon to hike
Trane park-all abilities park
Houska park for dog park
Mountain hiking trails in La Crosse
Pettibone to go kayaking, several trails in La Crosse to go hiking and hiking
Dog park.
Hixon hiking trails, grand dad bluff hiking trails, rim of the city, great river bluffs hiking. Petos trail.
Hixon, great river trail walking.
Hixon, Onalaska, Winona, Whitewater State Park, Devil's Lake.
I am 75 years plus so am not able to avail myself to the much strenuous activity. I have used all of the listed parks above except Blue Lake, 1 and family and friends used them for biking, cross country skiing, hiking, kayaking, and picnicking.
Root river trail for bike riding
Mainly state parks or La Crosse Trails. Hiking.
Access Root River Trail for kayaking or hiking.
Hayward area for cross country skiing and mountain biking.
Brownsville for kayaking.
La Crosse for hiking.
WI state trails
Pickelball
Hixon Forest.
Dog park.
“Hixon Forest-hiking, cross country skiing
Marsh Trail-walking/running
Lake Winona-hiking around the lake"
Hixon forest.
Great River bluffs state park
Pettibone to take my dog
Myrick park trails and playground.
Springbrook park, loco and dam 7, trane park omni center playground.
Lake wazee for swimming
primarily Beaver Creek Valley or Great River Bluffs state park
“La Crosse and hiking
Trane All Abilities Park
Hiking at national parks - Perrot state park
We love the Trailhead Park at the Houston Nature Center. It's absolutely perfect for tent camping, and it's a great place to hop on the Root River trail. Would love to have the Root River trail connect all the way to La Crescent, but that's a tall order, I understand. But if La Crescent had a little park near the river with clean bathrooms/showers like Houston, I'd use it multiple times per year.
Dog park
“Winona - Lake park.
Beautiful walking paths, plenty of parking, restrooms
Onalaska for pickelball”
Concerts in the park, dog park, fishing, boating.
Anywhere that is great for walking dogs or any of the city of La Crosse or Onalaska dog parks.
We go to area dog parks
Perrot
La crosse hiking
Splash pads, other city parks, other trails
We got to trane all abilities park and springbrook park/ splash pad often.
Camping and fishing
“La crosse or onalaska dog parks.”
Hiking trails in la crosse.
Hokah for hiking/walking with my dogs to have them of trash.
The trane all abilities park
Houston bike trail
Trane All Abilities park and splash pads
Myrick trail for the playground and hiking trails. Trane all abilities park.
All Abilities Park, sledding hills, hiking/biking trails near lake Winona.
Hixon Forest Trails for mountain biking.
Lake Winona - exercise around the lake and canoe, paddle board, etc
Winona rollerblading along lakes-smoothed blacktop trails
XC skiing at Great River Bluff, safe family road biking on the root river trail
Hixon forest for mt.biking and the new gateway trails. Also Hcp at the top of hixon.
Onalaska pool allows toddlers to wear floaties
We love the nature park in Houston as well as their new inclusive playground. We also have begun to be active outdoors all year long unless it's -20 so we still use the park and trails in winter.
Fishing, kayaking
Travel to neighboring state parks for hiking.
Relief from the noise and traffic
Root River Bike Trail
“La Crosse-parks ans trails
Root River Trails
Winona Lake Trail
Rochester parks
Minneapolis area parks and trails
Hiking, Pickleball, golf
“Park shelters in La Crosse
La Crosse trails in La Crosse.
Walking at Goose Island Park
Root River bike trail”
“Boat launch for jet skis
Hiking state parks
Splish pad, Ninja Warrior Park
Bike path Lanesboro
Pettibone
Multiple locations on the Mississippi - fishing, water sports. Great lakes - fishing
Multiple locations for 4 wheeling
“All abilities park - la crosse
Pettibone, Lawrence lake - fishing. No good location in town for that.”
Camping
“Walking/hiking
Trans all abilities park
Myrick Park”
La Crosse, WI- Human Power Trails
La Crosse, Hixon trails, HPT, pump track, Lueth Skate Park
Pettibone Riverside relay by River
State parks for more hiking options

03 EXCLUDING WINTER MONTHS, ON AVERAGE HOW OFTEN DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT OR USE USE...?
Age
Our recreational activities are hiking, biking and walking.
I think the La Crescent hiking group is an excellent program. Also I think we need adult tennis lessons and leagues, and perhaps other sports.
Sometimes just too busy
Older and alone
More benches, sidewalks
We are aging out of activities
First Aid/ AED kit
No
We play pickleball on the tennis courts when they are available to use. Could use some lights on all of the tennis courts...right now only one of the three have lighting

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So, only one of the three can he used after dark.

As senior citizens we enjoy a lot of the city's beauty thru our grandchildren. As for us ourselves it is more to keep doing what we can do like walking, swimming, skating, golf, tennis, pickleball (and learned how this year).

One of our goals is to find an exercise facility for the winter months maybe the YMCA in La Crescent.

Not many off leash dog friendly areas.

Work

I didn't know where the trails were, where they go, how long or even that some of the parks existed.

Lack of signage and markers along trails.

Older age

Would appreciate more level or less hilly paths (many parks have very steep cliffs).

We like the trails.

For dog parks:

Swpvce or clean the streets weekly, collect the leaves during fall or charge the residents who do not rake their leaves.

Don't know

Dog park: there are so many dogs and it would be good

Introducing young people to mountain biking.

For the prior two questions, I don't know how much the city allocates towards this, so can't adequately offer input as to decrease or increase funding.

I wish there was a dog park for my dog to meet other dogs and people.

Pickleball courts with lights that would be available for anyone to use, not just the leagues, per say.

Mountain Biking club

Pickleball court (make one and see if it catches on four people can play at once and then 2 switch in while 2 rest or 4 new switch in). It's more fun with more people.

No opinion

DOG PARKS

Card Playing

Adult creative arts classes

Camping

Outdoor hockey and skating rink for all ages

Outdoor hockey rink. More activities during the winter.

Dog park

Pickleball

We need a senior center that is open on a regular basis with planned activities and social spaces.

Skate park for skateboarding and roller skating

Connect La Crescent to Root River Bike Trails.

Instruction/indoor facilities for hobbies such as woodworking, woodturning, chess, card games, other activities of interest to adults as well as children

Music in the Park during summer months.

Pickleball courts, cross-country running trails.

Building more biking trail systems.

Pickleball leagues, kayak club; walking clubs

Adult snowshoeing events and yard games.

Dog training. Hiking (not on 1 weekday)

Dog park

Dog park, snowshoe rentals help bring businesses (a cafe with "good coffee and breakfast items would be nice")

Indoor swimming

Adult sand volleyball league.

Already mentioned in survey.

Camping would be awesome if we could find the space.

It is unfortunate that all of our historical buildings have been demolished. Our downtown needs a lot of help bringing in businesses (a cafe with "good coffee and breakfast items would be nice")

Pickleball

Dog park with separated areas for large vs small dogs

Tennis

Youth in Nature - hiking, birdwatching, outdoor activities (Scouts type activities in a short summer programs for kids not in Scouts)

Mountain Biking Club

Pickleball court (make one and see if it catches on four people can play at once and then 2 switch in while 2 rest or 4 new switch in). It's more fun with more people.

My primary activity in parks is hiking (and snowshoeing). However I recognize the importance of these amenities, and their value to everyone, so I am happy to see other activities promoted.

I do feel like kids get so much time on competitive sports that parks and green spaces are better left for other forms of enrichment, especially learning to appreciate nature.

Disc Golf and Dog park

Year round pool

Programs for toddlers

N/a

Pickleball

Dog park

Increased options for swimming lessons (more time slots for working parents)

Pickleball courts

None

Pickleball, badminton

Dog park!

La Crescent is the only city I've lived in without one.

Disk golf

Adult sports would be awesome and could help connect more people in our community. Lions club did kickball for adults which was a huge hit.

Dog parks

Dog parks

Dog park, ATV trails

Pickleball, #1 racquet sport now in the US. Appropriate for all ages. Minimal equipment needed.

Pickleball

Pickleball courts.

use local non profit groups not tax payor dollars to enhance any desired programs

Dog park

Senior exercise programs

After school and summer options to keep children out of trouble!

problem growing up, there wasn't really anything for my friends and I to do, which led to bad decisions, not illegal decisions, but not smart ones

Off road mountain biking trails

Dog park

Pick all, adult tennis lessons

N/a

picketball

Other fitness, gardening

Adult sports and enrichment; concerts in the park

Dog park

Hiking and dog park

Mountain biking

There are tons of offerings in the summer. It would be great to do more items outside of summer that are art, nature, environmental education

I want a dog park. Outdoor yoga or other rec classes.

Even when things are going on in town I don't even know it's happening. Lack of communication

I would love more open competitive non athletic programs. Having a child that is not interested in that type of activity I struggle to find ways to get her involved.

Volleyball league at old hockey rink. for adults

A baby and mom class
- Pickleball, bocce, sand volleyball league, bike trail connection to Root River trail & Wagons Wheel Trail, bike park & restrooms in downtown.
- More mountain biking and trail riding.
- Mt. biking program
- Youth soccer
- Perhaps bike rental. But with safety equipment should you get run over by a huge, jacked up pickup with no exhaust silencers. We have ordinances about this which are not enforced.
- Tennis league
- Pickleball league
- Tennis courts are constantly being used for pickleball. People wanting to play tennis have to wait to play.
- Fix the roads. I still have the same pot hole in front of my house for 7 years now.
- "All abilities" parks
- Proper marketing so the residents know everything that is provided and in a timely manner. If you want to engage more of the community then, educate us. We live in the township of La Crescent. We receive information about Winona not La Crescent. If we do get a catalog, it’s only for classes and much of the time, it is too late to apply. Perhaps expand who is included or in the “know”. We would use more local facilities if we knew what was being offered.
- Pickleball
- UTV trails
- Mountain biking

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Growing from River to Ridge

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Feedback from Farmer's Market

ID #5 Sidewalk to West from Veterans Park to Park Street (connect to 4th into overall sidewalk system)

ID #6 More bike trails, maintain bike trails >ORA?

Biking events like in Viroqua – could have after party event @ Vetsch with food, beer, lemonade. Could be a work day or fundraising event. Raise awareness of park entrance

ID #7 Park sign on Red Apple Side of Eagle’s Bluff

ID #8 Add water fountain

ID #9 Root River Trail very important (x3) connection could come in on Mississippi River Trail – would take people through city. Consider trailhead somewhere (check 2012 park plan)

ID #10 Make entrance more prominent

ID #11 No biking here

ID #12 Consider parking lot for Eagles Bluff @ booster station – alternative to get cars off residential street

ID #13 Need pickleball (maybe 3-4) possibly Wieser Park No to restriping @ Aquatic Center Restroom facility new with shelter

ID #14 Fat tire biking and snowshoeing

ID #15 Private property – people already snowshoeing and fat tire biking

ID #16 This needs to be a clearly established trail

ID #17 Level out this area for an ice skating rink. It can be a volleyball court in the summer and an ice skating rink in the winter.

ID #18 This frontage road desperately needs to be improved. First, connect these roads to create consistency. Then, focus on improving walkability, ie pedestrian lights, benches, trees, sidewalks, etc.

ID #19 This is unsightly and needs ADA access ramps. This area has been ignored for far too long.

ID #20 Widen entrance to Kwik Trip from S. Oak St. We need a road connecting S 4th St. to S 3rd St. Buy out Cindy Gerke (don’t care how much), demolish the “pink nightmare” and connect the city. Too many dead ends in this City. Add exit ramp to Kwik Trip to alleviate the double left turning occurring at the lights and waiting from S 3rd St. to turn left into Kwik Trip.
ID #17 Connect the city to growing areas. Promote exercise and walkability in town by installing an asphalt path that is easier to navigate than the many trails along the hillside.

ID #18 Consider a canopy over part of the Vet’s Park Parking lot that would be similar to the canopy at Cameron Park in La Crosse which is used by the Farmers Market group in La Crosse. The canopies could contain solar panels on the roof.

ID #19 Add sidewalk on Park St to provide better access for families with strollers and wagons to get to the new playground area in Vets Park and better access for families to the Farmers Market area.
1. Continue Block Work / Field Leveling
down 1st Base line. Already discussed
with Doug S., Bill W.

2. Install New Electric Scoreboard in
Leftfield. Would be very tight to
the Siren Pole. (This reduces install
expense, as electric is at that pole already.)

3. New Storage Shed behind the bleachers
that are directly behind home plate.
(Size of shed would fit within the
bleacher structure frame)

4. Permission to install temporary
Outfield fence each season. (June-August)
(mainly June & July)
Distance would be no further than
220 ft. from home plate, in all 3 fields.