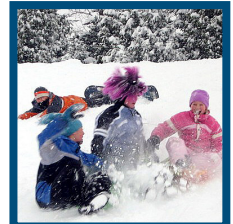
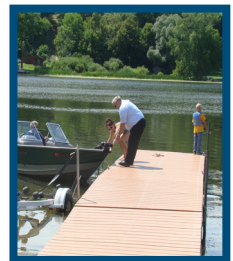
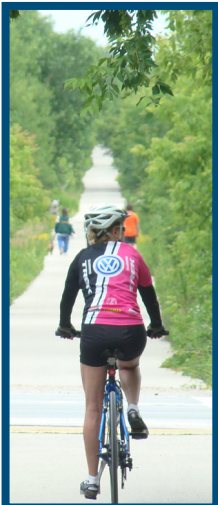


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Washington County Park and Open Space Plan Glossary

ADA Accessible – Meeting the accessible design standards set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act

Arterial Streets – A high-capacity street designed to move traffic towards highways and between urban centers efficiently

Bikeway – A route specifically designed and/or designated for bicyclists

Comprehensive Planning – A process that establishes overarching goals for a community in terms of land use, housing, economic development, natural resources, agricultural resources, transportation and community facilities

Conical Hill – A landform with a cone-like shape

Conservation Easement – An area of land voluntarily set aside by the owner to conserve the natural resources present and cannot be developed. If the land is sold, the new owner must also adhere to the regulations on this area of land

Critical Species – A species that is at an increased risk for extinction and requires a specific living environment

Environmental Corridor – Natural areas that connect other natural areas, open space, scenery, or other resources

Esker – A long, narrow, winding ridge made of sand and gravel deposited by glacial melting streams

Floodland/Floodplain – The low-lying area next to a river or stream that is subject to flooding

Forest Interior – The area of a forest that is at least 300 feet from the edge

Grassland – A large open area covered in grass

Herptile – A reptile or amphibian

Impermeable Surface/Area – Does not allow water to get through (i.e. concrete)

Invasive Species – A species that is not native to the area and could cause harm to the native plants and animals, as well as humans in the area

Isolated Natural Resource Area – Area of at least 5 acres and 200 ft. in width that contains significant natural resources

Kame – A steep mound of sand and gravel left behind from a melting ice sheet

Kettle – A depression or hole formed by retreating glaciers or draining floodwaters

Land Trust – An organization that contributes to conservation efforts by assisting with conservation easements

Major Park – Large, publicly owned outdoor recreation site containing significant natural resource amenities which provide opportunities for resource-oriented activities, and are generally 100 acres or more in size

Mitigation – Reducing the severity, and negative impacts of something

Natural Area – An area that was either untouched by humans, or was modified and then restored back to its natural state

Natural Playground – Play environment that incorporates textures and elements from the earth such as tree stumps and logs, plants, boulders, etc.

Needs Assessment – Conducted using standards set by the National Recreation and Parks Association and applies them to park facilities and amenities

Non-Priority Park – A County park that is being considered for future transfer or sale

Park Fiscal Sustainability Plan – A three-year detailed task list to achieve the park and trail vision to become fiscally sustainable

PDR – Purchase of development rights

Per Capita – Per person

Pervious Surface/Area – Allows water to pass through and enter the ground (i.e. soils)

POSP – Park and Open Space Plan

Prairie – A large open area of grassland

Priority Park – Generally larger multi-use County parks. Designation as a priority park will determine the level of financial and operational resources that will be committed for ongoing maintenance and park improvements

Public Outreach – Extensive public participation was conducted through a variety of surveys, workshops, and open houses

Public Ownership – Lands owned by a state, county, or local unit of government as well as school districts or other public districts

Relief – Highest and lowest points in an area, a measure of elevation

Rock Outcrop – Exposure of bedrock or ancient superficial deposits visible on the surface of the Earth

Runoff – The water and other substances carried by it that runs over the earth’s surface when the ground cannot absorb it

SCORP – Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

SEWRPC – Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Special Use Park – Highlights the important role a park provides in protecting historical sites or providing water access. These County owned properties may be considered for possible transfer to a willing public or non-profit entity

Stewardship – Managing the natural landscape of an area

Sustainable – Having the ability to meet the needs of today without compromising the needs of future generations. Includes economic, environmental, and social aspects

TDR – Transfer of development rights

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) – The maximum total of an amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive each day while still meeting water quality standards

UWM CUIR – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center for Urban Initiatives and Research

Vista – A pleasing view

VRBO – Vacation Rental by Owner

WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Wetland – Area that is flooded with water for either all or part of the year

Woodland – An area covered with trees, a “woods”