



**Parks and Recreation  
Master Plan Update 2009 Sidney, Ohio**



# **Appendix**

# 2008 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

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## CROSS REFERENCES

Power to regulate vehicle speeds in parks - see Ohio R.C. 4511.07(E)

Recreation Board - see ADM. Ch. [119](#)

Traffic in Tawawa Park - see TRAF. [331.40](#)

Animals running at large - see GEN. OFF. [505.01](#)

## **925.01 DEFINITIONS.**

(a) "City beauty areas" means the following areas presently designated as Beauty Areas:

Miami Boulevard	Bailey Park
Bon Air Park	St. Marys Triangle
Pointer Park	Fairground Triangle
Raterman Park	Bay Street Park
Schultz Park	
Columbia Park	

Downtown Canal Strip - Court Street to South Street

Fair Road Beauty Strip - Spruce Street to Railroad Bridge  
on south side of Fair Road

Lincoln Street Beauty Strip - south side from west end of  
Lincoln Street to Chestnut Street.

North Dixie Drive Beauty Strip - between County Road  
25-A north and North Dixie Drive from the south  
property line of 1706 Wapakoneta Avenue to the south  
property line of 2118 Wapakoneta Avenue, except area in  
front of property at 1356 Wapakoneta Avenue.

Plus any other areas hereinafter designated as a Beauty  
Area by the Sidney Recreation Board.

(b) "City Park" means those areas presently designated as City Parks and commonly known as:

Tawawa Civic Park	McMillen Park
Deam Park	Sherman Park
Custenborder Field	Roadside Park
Harmon Field	Berger Park
Humphrey Park	Johnston Drive Park
Peerless Park	Orbison Park
Stephen Brown Park	Swimming Pool
Green Tree Park	River Bend Park
Tawawa Softball Complex	Veteran's Memorial Walkway
Ralph J. Stolle Bridge	Old Water Works Site
Chief O'Leary Park	

Plus any other area hereinafter designated as a City Park by the Sidney Recreation Board.

(Ord. A-1508. Passed 10-22-84; Ord. A-1673. Passed 8-8-88; Ord. A-1946. Passed 3-14-94; Ord. A-2033. Passed 3-11-96.)

(c) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

(Ord. A-1414. Passed 11-16-81.)

## **925.02 VEHICLES IN PARKS.**

(a) No person shall drive or operate any motor vehicle which is not properly licensed and properly equipped for operation on public streets, east of the gate at the start of Whipp Road in Tawawa Park.

(b) No person shall drive or operate any motor vehicle including motorized bicycles in any City Park or Beauty Area except in designated parking areas and the paved accesses leading to such designated parking areas.

(Ord. A-1867. Passed 2-8-93.)

## **925.03 USE OF LAKES AND PONDS.**

(a) No person shall swim in Tawawa Lake, Lake Amos, the Mill Race or the Roadside pond.

(b) No person shall ice skate on Tawawa Lake, Lake Amos or the Mill Race.

(c) No boat or canoe shall be permitted on the Roadside pond.

(d) Boats shall be permitted on Tawawa Lake, Lake Amos and the Mill Race. However, no motor of any type shall be allowed on any boat. Boats shall be taken off the lake at night when leaving.

(Ord. A-1247. Passed 6-19-78.)

### **925.035 FISHING IN CITY PARKS AFTER HOURS.**

(a) No person over the age of sixteen years shall be allowed in any City park after the posted hours set forth in Section [925.09](#) for the purpose of fishing, unless such person holds a valid City fishing permit and such person is exclusively engaging in fishing activities.

(b) No person under the age of sixteen years shall be allowed in any City park after the posted hours set forth in Section [925.09](#) unless such person is accompanied by a person who holds a valid City fishing permit, provided that the person under the age of sixteen years is also exclusively engaging in fishing activities.

(c) Fishing after hours shall be permitted with a fishing permit in the following City parks: Old Water Works Park, Custenborder Field, Tawawa Park, Tawawa Softball Complex, Roadside Park, Johnson Drive Park and Berger Park.

(d) To be eligible to receive a fishing permit, all applicants must be at least sixteen years of age or older and possess a valid State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources fishing license. In addition, each applicant shall file an application with the Parks and Recreation Department providing the following information:

(1) The applicant's name.

(2) The applicant's residence address.

(3) The applicant's home phone number

(4) The applicant's height, weight, eye color and hair color.

(5) The applicant's Social Security number.

(6) The applicant's driver's license number (if applicable).

(7) A photocopy of the applicant's State of Ohio fishing license.

(8) A photocopy of a form of identification, e.g. a driver's license, Social Security card, birth certificate, etc.

(9) The make, model and license plate number of any vehicle likely to be driven by the permit holder and parked in City parks while engaging in after-hours fishing activities.

Applications shall be available at the Parks and Recreation office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, and at the Police Department outside of regular City office hours.

- (e) The Parks and Recreation Director, or in his absence, a Park Ranger, shall issue fishing permits.
- (f) All persons issued a fishing permit must wear their permit cards on their outer clothing, clearly in view, while engaging in fishing activities in City parks after hours.
- (g) Persons holding fishing permits who park their vehicles in City parks after hours for the purpose of fishing shall place a placard, provided by the City, in their front windshield area for observation by City law enforcement officers.
- (h) Fishing permit holders who wish to park in City parks after hours must use areas designated by the Parks and Recreation Director.
- (i) The right to park vehicles in City parks after hours shall apply only to the vehicle noted by the applicant in the application. Vehicles not identified by the applicant will not be allowed to be parked in the City parks after posted hours. The permit holder may amend the recognized vehicles on his application at any time by filing an appropriate form with the Parks and Recreation Director.
- (j) Vehicles not displaying the appropriate placard, not parked in designated areas or not registered with the Parks and Recreation Department, will be subject to towing and citation for being in violation of this section.
- (k) Any person denied a fishing permit may file an appeal of that decision with the City Manager. The City Manager shall conduct a hearing with the party denied the permit and issue a decision within thirty calendar days of the receipt of this appeal. The decision of the City Manager shall be final.

(Ord. A-1953. Passed 4-25-94.)

#### **925.04 DOGS.**

No person being the owner or having charge of any dog shall permit such dog in any City park or beauty area unless such dog is on a leash.

(Ord. A-1247. Passed 6-19-78.)

#### **925.05 ATHLETIC GAMES. (REPEALED)**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Section 925.05 was repealed by Ordinance A-1896, passed March 22, 1993. See Section 925.18.)

#### **925.06 BRIDGES.**

(a) No operator of a motor vehicle shall stop, stand or park such vehicle on the covered bridge (Ross Bridge) in Tawawa Park or any other bridge in any other park designed for vehicular traffic.

(b) No pedestrian shall stop, stand, congregate or loiter in, on or upon the covered bridge (Ross Bridge) in Tawawa Park or any other bridge in any City Park designed for vehicular traffic.



(Ord. A-1247. Passed 6-19-78.)

### **925.07 CONCESSIONAIRES.**

No person shall sell any food or beverage in any City Park where there is a City-owned concession stand without first obtaining the written permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(Ord. A-1247. Passed 6-19-78.)

### **925.075 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.**

The following recreational facilities shall be named as follows:

- (a) Softball diamond at Tawawa Softball Complex: George Kratt Field
- (b) Softball diamond at Tawawa Softball Complex: Duke Deloye Field
- (c) Bridge spanning Tawawa Creek: Corky Davis Bridge
- (d) Picnic grove in Custenborder Field near shuffleboard courts: Doris Blackston Picnic Grove

(Ord. A-2033. Passed 3-11-96.)

### **925.08 TRAFFIC IN TAWAWA PARK.**

(a) No person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle on Whipp Road except in the areas off the road which are specifically designated for this purpose.

(b) The circular-shaped road leading to and from Bertsch's Hill shall be one-way in a clockwise direction with the entrance to the west and the exit to the east. Also, the road leading to Myers Meadow shall be one-way in a counter-clockwise direction.

(c) The bridge on the road leading to and from the Milligan Glen is hereby designated to be a single-lane bridge.

(Ord. A-1247. Passed 6-19-78.)

### **925.09 HOURS.**

(a) The following City parks shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. of the following day, each day:

Deam Park	Green Tree Park	McMillen Park
Sherman Park	Humphrey Park	Berger Park
Peerless Park	Orbison Park	Roadside Park

Johnston Drive Park

River Bend Park

Stephen Brown Park

Veteran's Memorial Walkway

Old Water Works Site

Ralph J. Stolle Bridge

Chief O'Leary Park

The closing time for these parks may be extended on a case-by-case basis through affirmative action by the Sidney Recreation Board, taken at a regular or special meeting of the Board, for organized events and sponsored programs.

(Ord. A-2033. Passed 3-11-96.)

(b) The following City parks shall be closed from 11:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. of the following day, each day:

Custenborder Field

Harmon Field

Veteran's Memorial Walkway within Custenborder Field

(Ord. A-1946. Passed 3-14-94.)

(c) No person shall be in any park during the hours the park is closed. The following shall be the time schedule for openings and closings of Tawawa Park:

(1) The area of the park west of the Whipp Road gate and the Baumgardener Basin shall open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m.

(2) The area of the park east of the Whipp Road gate, for pedestrians or bicycle riders only, shall open and close as follows:

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
November 1 through the third Friday of April	7:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
The third Saturday of April through the first Friday in June	7:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
The first Saturday in June through Labor Day	7:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
The day after Labor Day through October 31	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.

(3) The area of the park east of the Whipp Road gate, for approved motor vehicles, shall open and close as follows:

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
November 1 through the third Friday of April	NOT OPEN TO MOTOR VEHICLES	
The third Saturday of April through the first Friday in June	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.

The first Saturday in June through Labor Day	10:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
The day after Labor Day through September 30	10:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
October 1 through October 31	10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.

(Ord. A-1972. Passed 11-28-94.)

(d) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle or be located within any park during the times that it is closed, without the approval and permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation. The Police Department is authorized to order the removal of an illegally parked vehicle by towing, with the expense of the tow to be paid by the owner of the motor vehicle.

(Ord. A-1868. Passed 10-12-92.)

### **925.10 PARK RANGERS.**

(a) The primary law enforcement officers of the park and beauty areas of the City shall be known as Park Rangers. Park Rangers shall be under the supervision of the City Manager or the Director of Parks and Recreation and shall not be members of the Police Department as defined in Ohio R.C. 737.05 et seq.; subject, however, Park Rangers may render assistance to a law enforcement officer at the request of that officer or may render assistance to a law enforcement officer in the event of an emergency.

(b) All Park Rangers shall be "law enforcement officers," as defined in Ohio R.C. 2901.01(k)(2) and Section [501.01](#)(k)(2) of the Codified Ordinances, subject to any limitations specified in this section.

(c) All Park Rangers shall have the authority vested in law enforcement officers under Ohio R.C. 2935.03 to enforce all criminal laws of the State, all ordinances of this City and all orders and rules of the Recreation Board.

(d) The law enforcement powers and jurisdiction of Park Rangers shall be concurrent with that of any police officer of the City.

(e) Park Rangers shall issue such permits as may be required for use of City park facilities as directed by the City Manager, the Recreation Board, the Director of Parks and Recreation or these Codified Ordinances.

(f) The City Manager shall establish a uniform, marked vehicle and suitable badge for each Park Ranger as evidence of his or her authority under this section. The City Manager shall also prescribe the manner and method of all necessary training for Park Rangers.

(Ord. A-2400. Passed 9-13-04.)

### **925.11 DAMAGING OR TAMPERING.**

No person in any City park or beauty area shall:

(a) Mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace or remove any buildings, bridges, tables,

benches, railings, pavings or paving materials, water lines or other public utilities, or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices, monuments, stakes, posts or other boundary markers, or other structures, equipment, facilities, park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

(b) Dig or remove any soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs, plants or other wood or material, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means or agencies.

(c) Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such parks or beauty areas, except upon special permit issued hereunder.

(d) Damage, cut, carve, mark, transplant or remove any plant, injure the bark or pick flowers or seeds of any tree or plant, dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas or in any other way injure the natural beauty and usefulness of any area.

(e) Climb, stand or sit upon the monuments, vases, planters, fountains, railings, fences or any other property not designed or customarily used for such purpose, or upon natural features, such as trees, where such activity is prohibited through posting of a notice.

(f) Throw, discharge or otherwise place or caused to be placed in the waters of any fountains, ponds, lakes, streams or other bodies of water in or adjacent to any park, or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such water, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

(g) Take into, carry through or put into any park, any rubbish, refuse, garbage or other material. All refuse or rubbish shall be deposited in receptacles so provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.

(h) Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, pursue, chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at, any animal, wildlife, reptile or bird, or remove or have in his or her possession the young of any wild animal or the eggs, nest or young of any reptile or bird, provided, however, that snakes known to be deadly poisonous may be killed on sight; fishing in Amos Lake, Tawawa Lake and Tawawa Creek is permitted; and trapping of rodents may be permitted by a Park Ranger or the Parks and Recreation Director.

(i) Permit any animal other than a dog to be in a City park or beauty area, subject to the provisions of Section [925.04](#).

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

## **925.12 OPERATING, PARKING, WASHING, ETC., OF VEHICLES.**

No person in any City park or beauty area shall:

(a) Operate any vehicle on any area except the paved park roads or parking areas.

(b) Park any vehicle anywhere except on a designated parking area.

(c) Leave a vehicle standing or parked in established parking areas or elsewhere in a park or beauty area during hours when the park or beauty area is closed.

- (d) Wash any motor vehicle.
- (e) Use the parks, park drives and parking places for the purpose of demonstrating any vehicles, or use any park area, including parking places, for the repairing or cleaning of any vehicle, except in emergencies.
- (f) Operate any vehicle in excess of a posted speed limit.
- (g) Disregard any posted notice denying access to vehicles on designated roads.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

### **925.13 WEAPONS AND FIREARMS.**

No person shall bring into any City park or beauty area, or have in his or her possession in any City park or beauty area, any firearm, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, BB-gun, air gun, spring gun, sling shot, bow or other weapon.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

### **925.14 HANDBILLS.**

No person in any City park or beauty area shall post, paint, affix, distribute, deliver, place, cast or leave about, any bill, billboard, placard, ticket, handbill, circular or advertisement, except those posted by the City in furtherance of the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

### **925.15 ASSEMBLAGES, EXHIBITIONS, PARADES, CONCERTS, MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION AND CAMPING.**

No person shall do any of the following in any City park or beauty area without a permit properly issued by either the City Manager, the Recreation Board, the Parks and Recreation Director or a Park Ranger, provided, however, that no permit shall be required for any action or event sponsored by the City or the Recreation Board:

- (a) Hold public assemblages.
- (b) Conduct exhibitions.
- (c) Hold a parade.
- (d) Hold a music concert.
- (e) Operate a motor vehicle in any area of the park where access is restricted by a posted order of the City Manager, the Recreation Board or a Park Ranger.
- (f) Camp or stay overnight.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

## **925.16 FIRES AND GRILLS.**

In any City park or beauty area, no person shall kindle, build, maintain or use a fire except in places provided for such purpose. Any fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a competent person from the time it is kindled until it is extinguished. No person shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigar, cigarette, tobacco, paper or other material within or under any building or under any tree or under brush.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

## **925.17 ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND GAMBLING.**

No person in any City park or beauty area shall:

(a) Bring alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, as defined in Ohio R.C. 3719.01(D) and Section [513.01](#) of the General Offenses Code, or drink, use or be under the influence of the same at any time.

(b) Play any game of chance or have possession of any instrument or device for gambling.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

## **925.18 MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES.**

No person in any City park or beauty area shall:

(a) Hit golf balls.

(b) Play athletic games, including football, baseball, basketball or soccer, except in areas designated for such games.

(c) Roller skate or use skateboards, except in those areas specifically designed for such pastimes.

(d) Enter an area posted as "closed to motor vehicles."

(e) Engage in threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language or engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to breach the public peace as provided in Section [509.03](#) of the General Offenses Code.

(f) Fail to produce or exhibit any permit a patron claims to have, upon request of any law enforcement officer, including Park Rangers, who shall desire to inspect the same for the purpose of enforcing compliance with any ordinance or rule.

(g) Disturb or interfere unreasonably with any person or party occupying any area or participating in any activity under the authority of a permit.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)



## **925.19 PERMITS.**

Permits for special events in parks and beauty areas shall be obtained by application to either the City Manager, the Parks and Recreation Director or a Park Ranger in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) A person seeking issuance of a permit hereunder shall file an application provided by the City stating:
  - (1) The name and address of the applicant;
  - (2) The name and address of the person, persons, corporation or association sponsoring the activity, if any;
  - (3) The day and hours for which the permit is desired;
  - (4) The park or portion thereof for which the permit is desired; and
  - (5) Any other information reasonably necessary to determine whether the permit shall be issued hereunder.
- (b) The standards for issuance of a use permit shall include the following findings:
  - (1) That the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public's enjoyment of the park.
  - (2) That the proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of the public health, safety, welfare and recreation.
  - (3) That the proposed activity or uses that are reasonably anticipated will not include violence, crime or disorderly conduct.
  - (4) That the proposed activity will not entail extraordinary burdens and expenses or police operation by the City.
  - (5) That the facilities desired have not been reserved for other uses on the day and hour requested in the application.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

## **925.20 ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) Members of the Police Department and Park Rangers shall, in connection with their duties imposed by law, diligently enforce the provisions of this chapter, all rules and regulations of the parks and all laws and ordinances of the City.

(b) Members of the Police Department and/or Park Rangers shall have the authority to order any person or persons acting in violation of this chapter to leave the park or beauty area.

(Ord. A-1896. Passed 3-22-93.)

## **925.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Whoever violates Section [925.11](#) is guilty of criminal damaging, a misdemeanor of the third degree, and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both.

(b) Whoever violates Section [925.13](#) is guilty of possession of weapons in the park or beauty area. If such weapon is a firearm, as defined in Section [549.01](#)(b) of the General Offenses Code, whoever violates Section [925.13](#) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months, or both. Otherwise, whoever violates Section [925.13](#) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

(c) Whoever violates Section [925.17](#) relating to possession of a controlled substance is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned not more than six months, or both. Otherwise, whoever violates Section [925.17](#) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(d) Whoever violates Section [925.18](#)(e) is guilty of disorderly conduct, a minor misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), except that if the offender persists in disorderly conduct after a reasonable warning or request to desist, such offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

(e) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter for which no penalty is otherwise provided is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(Ord. A-1905. Passed 6-14-93.)

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## CHAPTER 1161: PLATTING

### Section 1161.05 Final Plats

Paragraph G. Dedication of Parkland. Each subdivision containing residential lots shall include land dedicated for recreational and park facilities. The location of dedicated park land within the subdivision shall be subject to the approval of City Council, upon recommendation of the Planning Commission and Recreation Board. In order to determine recreational land requirements for residential subdivisions, in accordance with the general standard of three acres per one thousand persons, the following formula shall be used:

$$(3/1000) \times (3^* \times (Y)) = \text{Amount of land to be dedicated}$$

\* = Average # persons per dwelling unit

Y = # of dwelling units in subdivision

The following are suggested guidelines for locating parks within subdivisions:

- (1) Easily accessible to residential neighborhoods within minimum road frontage of 50 feet;
  - (2) Located to serve as buffer between incompatible uses;
  - (3) Along stream corridors, but outside the 100-year floodplain, to ensure that filling the floodplain won't be necessary to provide recreational facilities;
  - (4) Within wooded areas provided sufficient vacant ground exists for recreational facilities, without disturbing woods;
  - (5) Within severe sloped areas and ravines, provided sufficient level ground exists for recreational facilities, without requiring significant grading.
1. Where the developer cannot satisfactorily show the specific number of dwelling units to be built, the following presumptions will apply:
    - a. Where the property to be developed is zoned R-1, the presumption is that one dwelling unit per lot will be constructed;
    - b. Where the property to be developed is zoned R-2, the presumption is that two dwelling units per lot will be constructed;
    - c. Where the property to be developed is zoned R-3, the presumption is that 21.78 dwelling units per acre will be constructed;
  2. The City Council, upon recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Recreation Board, may determine that all or part of the land proposed to be dedicated is not needed for recreational development. In these cases, City Council may require the developer to pay a fee in lieu of dedication of land. The amount of such fee shall be determined using the following formula:

$$\text{Amount of land to be dedicated} \times \$50,000/\text{acre} = \text{Fee}$$

3. Where it is determined by City Council that there is sufficient park and recreational land in the subdivision and is only a small portion of land is required, a developer may be required to both dedicate land and pay a fee. This fee is to be determined using the following formula:

$$\text{RLD} - \text{ALD} = \text{Z}$$

$$\text{CPA} \times \text{Z} = \text{Fee}$$

$$\text{CPA} = \text{Cost Per Acre} = \$50,000$$

$$\text{RLD} = \text{Required Land Dedication}$$

$$\text{ALD} = \text{Accepted Land Dedication}$$

$$\text{Z} = \text{Remaining Land for Which a Fee is Required}$$

EXAMPLE:

For a 100 acre development for which three acres of parkland or one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is required. Only one acre of parkland is accepted; two acres require a fee.

$$3 \text{ acres required; } 1 \text{ acre accepted} = 2 \text{ acres for fee}$$

$$\$50,000 \times 2 \text{ acres} = \$100,000 \text{ fee required.}$$

4. All fees shall be computed at Preliminary Plat stage. Payment of fees may be phased based on the number of lots of the approved final plat as a percentage of the total lots of the approved preliminary plat. Fees shall be due prior to the issuance of any building permits.

EXAMPLE

112 lot single-family residence subdivision

Required land dedication = 1 acre

Required fee in lieu of land dedication = \$50,000

Phase I final plat = 28 lots

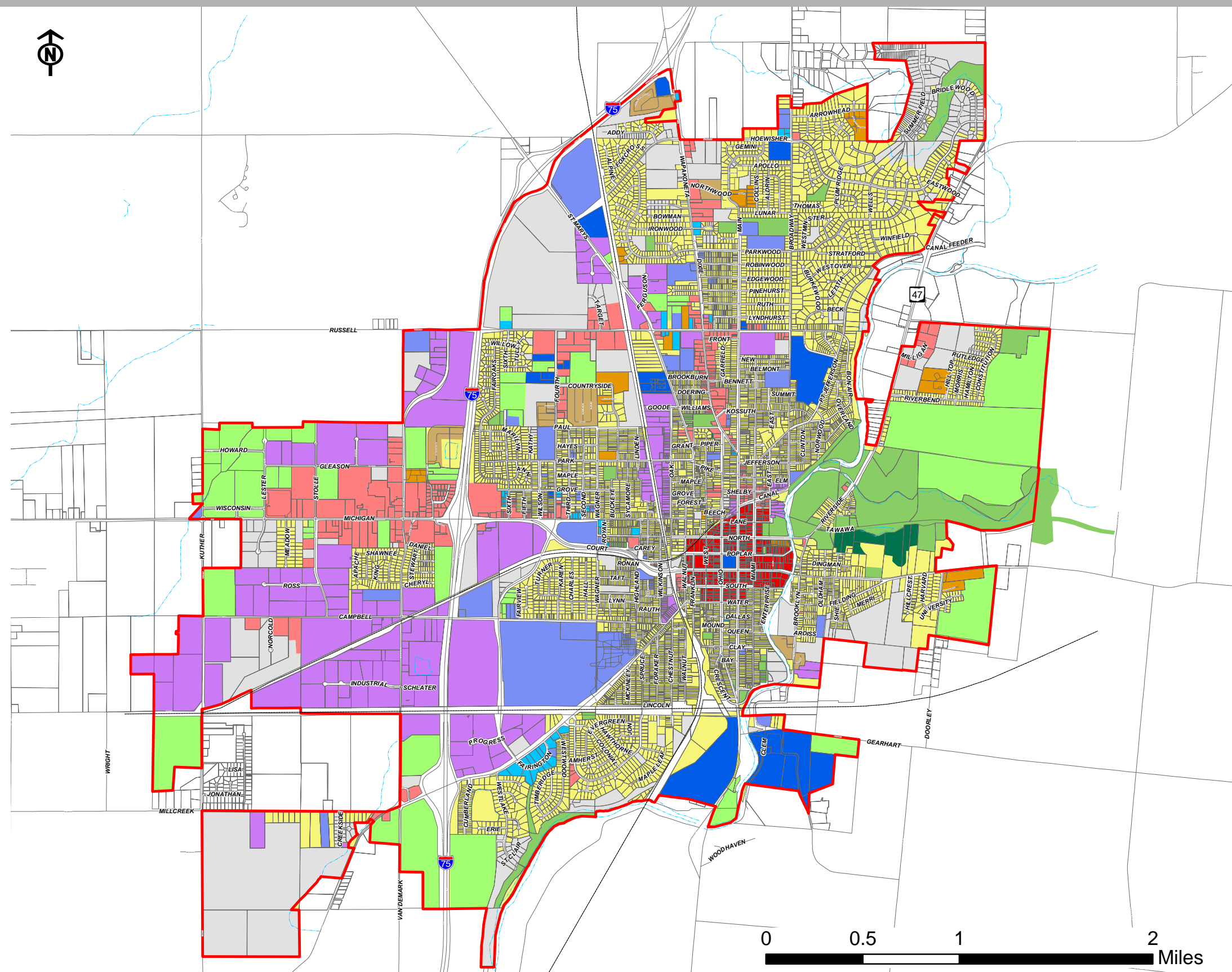
$$28/112 = .25$$

$$\$50,000 \times .25 = \$12,500$$

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### Legend

-  Parcels\*\*
-  Sidney Boundary
-  Hydrology
- Existing Land Use**
-  Agricultural
-  Wooded
-  Single Family Residential
-  Multi-Family Residential
-  Manufactured Housing
-  Office
-  Commercial
-  Central Business District (CBD)
-  Industrial
-  Institutional
-  Parks and Recreation
-  Public
-  Vacant/Undeveloped

*\*\*The parcel data is not complete and should be considered only a graphic representation.*

May 2008

Figure X

## EXISTING LAND USE

## Interview Summaries

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### Interviews

#### **Local Adult Resident**

10/1/08

##### Positives

- Great bicycling opportunities at the new linear park areas.
- Excellent parks and well distributed.

##### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- Better bicycle access from neighborhoods to parks would be an improvement.
  - a. Specific Request: Improved access to Great Miami River Recreational Trail
- Provide a bridge or crossing to Tawawa Park from Milligan Glen to the third park.
- Introduce more passive park spaces.
- Expand Tawawa into Brookside Camp to the east with a cooperative use approach.
- Increase park funding to improve existing neighborhood parks.
- Provide more teenage activities.

#### **Sidney-Shelby County YMCA Representative**

10/1/08

##### Positives

- Excellent park system (personal perspective from 5 different communities).
- Commitment to parks is second to none. Maintenance is well-done and on-going.
- Collaborative approach between city and other agencies.
- Tawawa is in the top percentile per capita for a natural park setting.

##### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- YMCA collaboration with park system is in process.
- Develop partnerships and shared strategic planning to meet recreational needs.
- YMCA recently promoted "America On The Move Week" with a message to move more and eat healthy.
- Possible activities to promote "Taking More Steps"
  - a. Fishing Derby's
  - b. Scavenger Hunt
  - c. Frisbee Golf
  - d. Hayride
  - e. Horseshoes
  - f. Sand Volleyball
- Promote and enhance YMCA/City collaboration.
  - a. Teen Center facility and operation. Possible YMCA facility use with shared operation.
  - b. Increase summer activity programming by a joint programming effort or specialization of activities coordinated together.
  - c. Collaborate for lifeguard training.

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- d. Special event collaboration. Example: Triathlon Event
- e. Skateboard park facility operation.
- f. Membership sharing opportunities.
- g. Increased youth programming.
- Explore development of a low depth water park facility for young families and older adults.
- Promotion Campaign to highlight parks and events. Develop a website with linkage to YMCA and other supportive agencies.

### **Local Business Owner and Park User**

10/2/08

#### Positives

- Geographic location and number of parks is convenient and offers a variety of activities to all age groups.
- Tawawa is an outstanding resource and is the centerpiece of the park system.
- Excellent maintenance.

#### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- Additional parking at the Robert O. New Park.
- Extend bike/walk trails. Possible acquisition of Miami-Erie Feeder Canal Towpath north of Johnson Park to SR 47 bridge.
- Possible extension of Tawawa into Brookside Camp to the east with shared usage and maintaining.
- Greater city leadership for youth leagues.
- Development of Teen Center in partnership with other interested groups.

### **Chamber of Commerce Representative**

10/8/08

#### Positives

- Clean and well-maintained parks.
- Tawawa Gazebo is a nice venue for outdoor events.
- Linear park development is a welcome addition to the park system.

#### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- Special events bring thousand of visitors into the community and are an economic catalyst. Parks are a major part of many of these events.
- Continued cooperation between events promoters, local business and government officials.
- Continue to promote Sidney for future residents and businesses.

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- Provide adequate toilet facilities for events.
- Expand bike/walkways as a West-Central Ohio link.

### **Sidney City School Representative**

10/9/08

#### Positives

- Very good park system. Better than most systems.
- Well distributed throughout the community.
- City and School District work very well together. School play areas provide additional activities to city at large.
- Schools share a common equipment vendor with the City, when possible, for best quality equipment and maintenance.
- School tennis courts also allow public use.

#### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- Park funding is not always adequate for necessary improvements.
- City needs to consider a skateboard facility. Skateboarding causes significant damage to school entries, walks and other areas.
- Continue to expand bike paths/trails.

### **Sidney/Shelby County Historical Society Representative**

10/9/08

#### Positives

- Excellent park system.
- Neighborhood parks are well used and maintained.
- Visitors to Sidney are very complimenting of parks.
- Excellent school/park cooperative relationship.
- Kids love to explore Tawawa Park.

#### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- Key element missing for skateboard enthusiasts.
- Require additional equipment for kids in Central School area.
- Provide ice skating opportunities.
- Expand activities at Julia Lamb.
- More mature trees at Robert O. New Park.
- Historical Aspects:
  - a. Re-water the feeder canal for possible reconstructed canal boat.
  - b. Civil War re-enactment events.
- Find ways to entice more visitors to Sidney and Shelby County.

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### **Shelby County United Way Representative** 10/15/08

#### Positives

- Impressive park system.
- Tawawa is a great park facility.

#### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- Develop a strategic plan for a youth center.
- United Way has offered to coordinate efforts with other interested agencies
  - a. YMCA
  - b. Gateway Youth
  - c. Salvation Army
  - d. Alpha Center
  - e. City of Sidney
- Combine youth needs and opportunities
  - a. Indoor activity areas
  - b. Study aids
  - c. Music appreciation space
- Development of a skate park facility is important for youth activity.

### **Senior Center of Sidney/Shelby County Representative** 10/17/08

#### Positives

- Great park system.
- Parks & Recreation Department very supportive of the Senior Center.

#### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- The Senior Striders Group is very active at the Senior Center and other park sites. Mobility is a major issue as 25% of this group is 80 years or age or older.
- Increase accessibility for people with limited mobility.
- Continue to provide trails and walkway opportunities.

### **Western Ohio Development Council Representative** 10/20/08

#### Positives

- Visitors always impressed with park system.
- Visitors bureau highlights parks as an asset.



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- Cooperative use of parks for invitational events (Example: Mayfest Soccer Tournament)

### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- Provide additional park information to visitors coming to W.O.D.C. to illustrate the quality of life provided in Sidney. Park amenities help attract new people, jobs and business.
- Continue strong partnership between park system and schools systems.
- Enhanced weekend activities (not entirely the responsibility of the City).
- Increased collaboration between all public and semi-public agencies.
- Provide park activities at the west side of Sidney with the loss of Peerless Park.
- Possible cooperation and support of efforts and expand fare round or other community exposition/meeting space.

### Local Teen and Park User

10/25/08

### Positives

- Sweet (excellent) parks.
- Surprised at the actual number of parks in Sidney.
- Great places for basketball, softball, soccer, swimming and hanging-out.
- Tawawa is great.
- The pool and slides are a great place for fun.

### Improvements/Opportunities/Needs

- Need some kind of skateboard park or x-game type activities.
- Build an ice skating area.
- Need a teen center for younger teens to get together with friends and have activities.

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# **Planning Process**



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### **A. Overview of the Planning and Update Process**

**The following is an outline of the 2000 Master Planning Process:**

- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
- Data Collection/Physical Inventory
- Program Inventory
- Interviews
- Public Meeting
- Parks and Recreation Facilities Analysis
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
- Recreation Standards/Needs Assessment
- Existing Park Recommendations and Summary
- Conceptual Master Plan
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
- Public Meeting
- Finalize Master Plan
- Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
- Present to City Council for Review and Adoption

**The following outlines the 2009 Planning Update Process:**

- Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Director
- New Data Collection/Physical Inventory
- Revised Program Inventory
- Interviews
- Parks and Recreation Facilities Update
- Recreation Standards/Needs Assessment
- Master Plan Revisions
- Parks and Recreation Board Meetings
- Present to City Council for Review and Adoption



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# **Executive Summary**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### A. Introduction

The Sidney Parks and Recreation Master Plan ('The Plan') is a planning tool for improvement and expansion of the park and recreation system for the city. The Plan supports and builds on the recommendations in the 1997 Comprehensive Plan and the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update (still in process at the publication of this document) and establishes a framework for implementation. The following data developed in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update is the baseline for the analyses and recommendations herein.

- City of Sidney Population 20,211
- Projected Population 30,000
- Master Plan Time Frame 10 to 15 years
- Parkland Standard 1/4 to 1/2 mile of each resident
- Planning Area The Comprehensive Land Use Plan Area

The Plan targets new residential development areas and existing neighborhoods to ensure continued access for all residents to parks and recreational facilities in the future. Sidney's parks and recreation system is well maintained and has been a strength of municipal services. Improving access through a comprehensive walkway/bikeway system has been stressed. Utilization of the Miami River Corridor is the major component of this system.

### B. Vision & Mission Statement

#### Vision Statement

The vision statement was formulated in the 1997 Comprehensive Plan and the 2008 Update.

"A vibrant, attractive community encouraging the values of livability, balanced growth, revitalization and conservation, within a safe, healthy and sustainable environment."



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## **Mission Statement**

The following mission statement was developed in the Comprehensive Plan:

"The community facilities mission is to improve community facilities, especially parks, youth and senior centers, schools and cultural arts."

"The community services mission is to improve community services with regard to safety, education, recreation and public health."

The 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update provides the following mission statement for Natural Resources:

"The natural resources mission is to conserve natural resources (land, air, water and balance of wildlife presence) with concern for reducing pollution and increasing use of the river corridor".

A major objective is to expand the park system and improve recreation facilities and programming.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009 Update will build on the above and focus on eight major objectives.

## **C. Major Objectives**

1. Utilize the Miami River and the Miami-Erie Feeder Canal corridor.
2. Acquire additional land for park and trail expansion.
3. Promote passive open space development.
4. Review recreational facility needs annually.
5. Expand recreational programming and facilities.
6. Update existing parks inventory.
7. Update guidelines for future park planning.
8. Identify potential funding sources annually.





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### D. Implementation

Strategies for implementing the Major Objectives are highlighted below.

1. Foster development along the Miami River as the primary walkway/bikeway linkage and continue development along the Miami-Erie Feeder Canal to extend and augment the river trail alignment. Encourage park development along these corridors.



- Provide separation between vehicular and pedestrian traffic when possible.
- Ensure an accessible route for disabled users.



- Establish a comprehensive signage system.
2. Acquire additional land for park and trail expansion.
- Continue relationship with private developers for land acquisition for parks.
  - Develop strategies for ownership or access easements through private canal land.
  - Develop relationships with other public agencies for shared land use.

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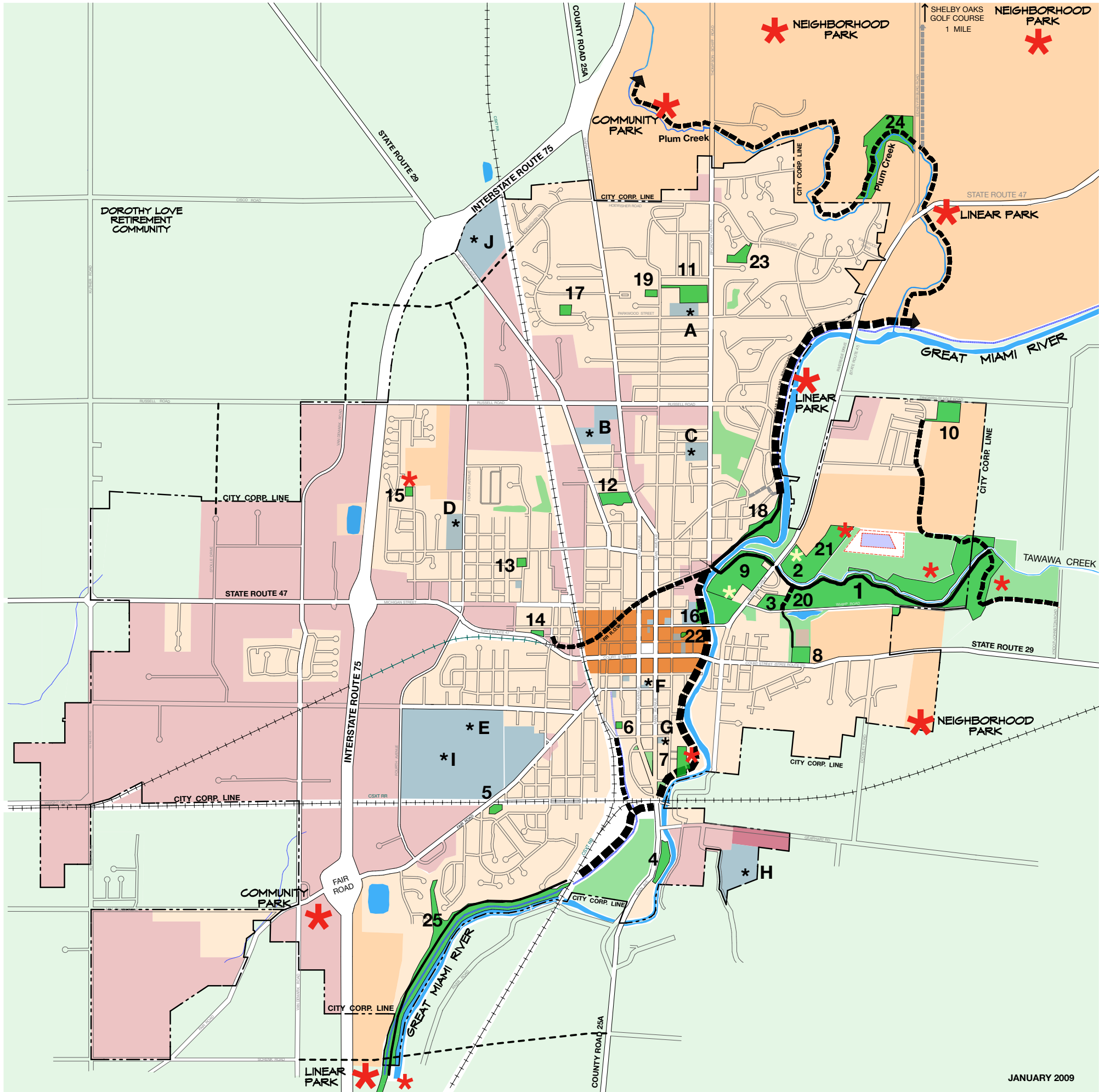
3. Promote passive open space development.
  - Utilize floodplains and other undevelopable land for passive recreation use.



4. Review recreational facility needs annually.
  - Review needs each year during budget preparation for presentation to City Administration and Council.
5. Expand recreational programming and facilities.
  - Promote development or shared use of a multi-purpose recreational facility.
  - Provide greater recreation opportunities for young adults.
  - Promote development of a skate park.
  - Participate in the shared efforts to provide a "Teen Center" facility.
  - Develop a long-range plan to improve year round recreation opportunities.
6. Update existing parks inventory.
  - Utilize inventory for information and promotion.
7. Update guidelines for future park planning.
  - Provide leadership for planning and augmentation.
8. Identify potential funding sources annually.
  - Research opportunities for grants and other funding sources.







CITY PARKS

- 1 TAWAWA PARK
- 2 FLANAGAN SPORTS COMPLEX
- 3 SIDNEY SWIMMING POOL
- 4 ROADSIDE PARK
- 5 SHERMAN PARK
- 6 STEPHEN BROWN PARK
- 7 BERGER PARK
- 8 ORBISON PARK
- 9 CUSTENBORDER PARK
- 10 RIVERBEND PARK
- 11 DEAM PARK
- 12 HARMON PARK
- 13 HUMPHREY PARK
- 14 McMILLEN PARK
- 15 GREEN TREE PARK
- 16 JULIA LAMB PARK
- 17 CHIEF O'LEARY PARK
- 18 JOHNSTON PARK
- 19 DETENTION BASIN PARK
- 20 BAUMGARDNER BASIN
- 21 LANDRUM SOCCER FIELDS
- 22 CENTRAL SCHOOL PARK
- 23 PLUM RIDGE PARK
- 24 ROBERT O. NEW PARK
- 25 GREAT MIAMI RECREATIONAL TRAIL

SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

- A Y.M.C.A.
- B NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY
- C WHITTIER ELEMENTARY
- D LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY
- E EMERSON ELEMENTARY
- F HOLY ANGELS ELEMENTARY
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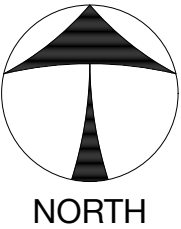
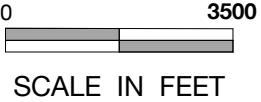
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MINI-PARK .....	1 ACRE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK....	5 - 20 ACRES
COMMUNITY PARK .....	25 - 50 ACRES

LAND USES AND FUTURE ROADWAYS ARE BASED ON THE 1997 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SIDNEY.

	EXISTING RESIDENTIAL
	FUTURE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH
	EXISTING COMM'L / INDUSTRIAL
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	CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
	EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
	CITY PARK
	OTHER GREENSPACE

	EXISTING WALKWAY / BIKEWAY
	EXISTING VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALKWAY
	FUTURE WALKWAY / BIKEWAY
	FUTURE ROAD CONNECTOR
	SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS / TENNIS COURTS
	EXISTING PARK EXPANSION
	FUTURE PARK

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# **Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory**



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### PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES INVENTORY

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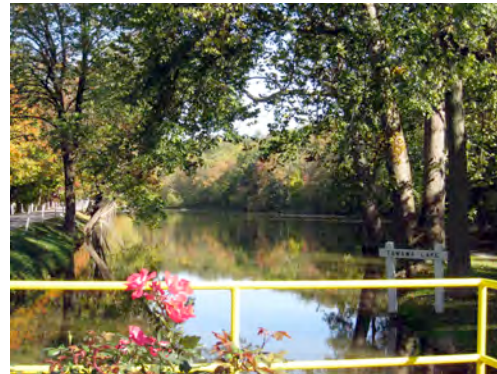
##### Existing Park System Overview

The City park system contains 25 designated city parks totaling 422 acres and numerous other public areas within the City. The Parks and Recreation Department maintains over 700



acres in total within the City. The annual budget for the Department is approximately 6% of the total budget for the City of Sidney. Opened in 1925, Harmon Park is the City's oldest park while the most recent addition is 30.2 acre Robert O. New Park.

Tawawa Civic Park is the largest with 192 acres established as a City park in 1955. It was formerly under the guidance of the Tawawa Park Board, a private entity incorporated in 1948. The Tawawa Park is adjacent to the Municipal Pool, Flanagan Sports Complex, Landrum Soccer Fields and Orbison Park. There is additional acreage available



adjacent to Tawawa Park. The City currently owns a portion of this area and the Community



Foundation of Shelby County owns a large parcel to the east. Chapter 925 of Sidney's Code of Ordinances provides regulations governing Park and Beauty Areas and the complete chapter is included in the Appendix.

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Veterans Memorial Walkway is a 3.5 mile path connecting Tawawa Park and Johnston Park and includes a pedestrian bridge (Stolle Bridge) across the Miami River and parking at the old water works site located at the west end of the bridge. The recently constructed Great Miami River Recreational Trail starts at the west end of Graceland Cemetery and extends south 0.7 miles. An additional 0.8 miles in planned in 2009.



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The City has historically located neighborhood parks within one-quarter to one-half mile of residential neighborhoods. A mandatory land dedication for parkland is required for proposed residential subdivisions. It requires the dedication of parkland or the payment of a fee in lieu of the dedication. This program has increased the park area since 2000 with the addition of the Robert O. New Park on the City's northeast side.



Several community organizations operate recreation leagues for baseball, softball, soccer and football. These programs are extremely successful with practice and game fields at a premium. The Park and Recreation Department actively supports these groups. Programming includes many clinics and programs for sports, recreation, arts, science and other interests.



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### B. Inventory

#### 1. Physical Inventory of Existing Parks

Table 3.1 is a summary of parks and recreation facilities in the City. The table includes city parks, maintained public grounds and education, cultural and service facilities.

**Table 3.1**  
**Summary of Parks and Recreation Facilities**

<u>City Parks</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Baumgardner Basin*	C	*
Berger	N	3.83
Central School	M	0.39
Chief O'Leary	N	2.41
Custenborder***	C	30.93
Deam	N	11.12
Detention Basin	N	3.46
Flanagan Sports Complex	C	*
Great Miami River Recreational Trail	L	60.81
Green Tree	N	2.74
Harmon	N	6.30
Humphrey	N	2.91
Johnston**	L	20.33
Julia Lamb Park	C	10.73
McMillen	M	1.38
Landrum Soccer Field	C	*
Orbison	N	3.11
Plum Ridge	N	4.00
Riverbend	N	13.90
Robert O. New	N	30.20
Roadside	N	7.50
Sherman	N	1.87
Sidney Municipal Pool	C	*
Stephen Brown	M	1.30
Tawawa Civic	C	192.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>411.22</b>

\* Acreage included with Tawawa Park.

\*\* Includes old water works site.

\*\*\* Includes Veterans Memorial Walkway.

Key: M – Mini Park  
N – Neighborhood Park  
C – Community Park  
L – Linear Park



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**Table 3.1 Continued**  
**Summary of Parks and Recreation Facilities**

<u>Maintained Public Grounds</u>		
Westminster Basin State Route 47 Canal from Water to Big Four Wapak. Ave. Islands Fair Rd. Brooklyn Recycle Area Canal Properties Downtown Parking Lots Downtown Fire Dept. Health Dept. Municipal Bldg. Franklin Property Clem Rd. & Gearhart Lincoln Evergreen Bon Air Park Bon Air Triangle Pointner Park	Bailey Park Fairground Triangle Bay St. Schultz Columbia Water Tower on Fourth Service Center Vandemark (Industrial Dr.) incl. Campbell & Vandemark Rd. Progressive Way Riverside Park Well Fields R.R. Property Oak & North Tilberry Run Sycamore Apartments Miami Blvd. Lake & Canal	W. Stolle Bridge Parking Lot R.R. Property Miami & Walnut Monarch Community Center Yeager Property W. Hoewisher Rd. Oak by Ross Aluminum Enterprise Screw pumps Schultz Screw pumps Water Treatment Plant Forest St. R.R. Bridge/47 & Campbell & 4 <sup>th</sup> Russell Rd. Bridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Lifts Stations R.R. Property along Dayton Av. 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Michigan to Campbell
<u>Educational, Cultural &amp; Service</u>		
Sidney High School/Middle School Campus Emerson Elementary School Central Elementary School Longfellow Elementary School Lowell Elementary School Northwood Middle School Shelby Hills School, Early Childhood Center Holy Angels School Lehman High School Christian Academy School Shelby County Fairgrounds Shelby County Courthouse Alpha Center Monarch Community Center YMCA Red Cross United Way Salvation Army Moose Country Club Golf Course Shelby Oaks Golf Course		
Source: Parks and Recreation Staff City of Sidney, 2008 Comprehensive Plan, 1997 & 2008 Update		

Table 3.2 is an inventory of the existing park facilities. Most parks provide modular play structures, a shelter, softball/baseball fields, potable water, basketball and some open space. Other amenities in selected parks include soccer and football fields, lighted basketball courts, fishing, path system, sand volleyball and natural areas.

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**Table 3.2**  
**City of Sidney - Existing Park Facilities Inventory**

Park Name	Modular Play Str. & Swings	Shelter	Softball Diamonds	Soccer Fields	Football Fields	Drinking Water	Unlighted Basketball	Lighted Basketball	Fishing	Walkway Bikeway	Sand Volleyball	Toilet Facility	Concession Facility	Open Green Space	Natural Areas	Topographic Features
Baumgardner Basin	X	X		X		X			X	X		X	X		X	X
Berger Park	X	X	X			X	X		X						X	
Central Park	X	X				X										
Chief O'Leary Park	X	X	X			X	X							X		
Custenborder	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Deam Park	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X		X		
Detention Basin				X	X									X		
Flanagan Sports Complex		X	X			X				X		X	X			
Gr. Miami River Rec. Trail										X					X	X
Green Tree Park	X	X	X			X	X							X		
Harmon Field	X	X	X			X	X					X	X	X	X	X
Humphrey Park	X	X	X			X		X						X		
Johnston Park									X	X				X	X	X
Julia Lamb					X				X	X				X	X	X
Landrum Soccer Field		X		X									X		X	X
McMillen Park	X	X				X	X							X		
Orbison Park	X	X	X			X	X			X						
Municipal Pool		X				X	X			X		X	X	X		
Plum Ridge Park	X	X	X	X		X	X							X		
Riverbend Park	X	X	X			X	X							X	X	
Robert O. New	X													X	X	X
Roadside Park	X	X							X					X	X	X
Sherman Park	X	X	X			X	X									
Stephen Brown Park	X	X				X	X									
Tawawa Park	X	X	X				X		X	X		X		X	X	X
Sidney High School and Lehman High School have lighted tennis courts open to public.																

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### **2. Park Programming**

Summer programming and free clinics are administered by the Parks and Recreation Department. Programming planned for 2009 is as follows:

- Arts in Park Clinic
- Baseball Clinic
- Basketball Clinic
- Bowling Clinic
- Canoe Clinic
- Cheerleading Clinic
- Dance Clinic
- Diving Clinic
- Fast-Pitch Clinic
- Football Clinic
- Golf Clinic
- Gymnastics Clinic
- Kite Clinic
- Music Clinic
- Pop-bottle science Clinic
- Science concoctions Clinic
- Soccer Clinic
- Space Clinic
- Sign language
- Swim-stroke Clinic
- Synchronized swim Clinic
- Tennis Clinic
- Wrestling Clinic

#### Senior Citizens Programs:

- Chair volleyball
- Walking program
- Water aerobics
- Cookouts

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### 3. Interviews

A total of 10 interviews were held in October 2008. The interviews were conducted as a follow-up to interviews held in 2000. A list of names was developed representing sport participants, businesses, service groups, agencies, schools and interested citizens. Interviewees were asked their impressions of the park system in general and the positive aspects of the parks and the parks department. They were also asked if they could identify any problems and opportunities for the future. A summary of the 2008 interviews follows. A summary of the actual interviews is included in the Appendix.

#### Positives

- Excellent parks, well maintained.
- Tawawa Park is outstanding.
- Excellent active sports facilities.
- Close proximity to residential neighborhoods.
- Illustrates community and municipal pride and impressive to visitors.
- Municipal pool is an excellent value with great amenities.
- Parks are well used.
- Improved bicycling and walking trails.
- Collaborative approach between park staff and other groups.

#### General Park Improvement Opportunities

- Extend walkway/bikeway trails.
- Expand park facilities through land acquisition.
- Increase recreational opportunities for teenagers.
- Promote parks for special uses to attract visitors.
- Expand programming and structured activities by partnering with other groups.
- Increase park funding.
- Improve accessibility for disabled users.
- Introduce more passive use and natural areas.
- Improve signage.

#### Specific Park Improvement Opportunities

- Take leadership role in developing Teen Center.
- Construct a skateboard park.
- New footbridge in Tawawa Park between Milligan Glen and Anderson Bottom Land.
- Extend Great Miami Recreational Trail
- Expand Tawawa by acquiring or sharing use of Brookside to the east.
- Partner with YMCA and Historical Society, expanded programs.
- Wheelchair access to fishing at Tawawa.
- Expand Berger Park
- Develop a low depth water park facility for families and seniors.
- Roadside Park pond restoration.
- Extend bikeway/walkway north of Johnson Park on the Feeder Canal Towpath.
- Expand ice skating opportunities.
- Upgrade surfacing at playground areas with engineered wood fiber system.



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### Park Programming Opportunities

- Promote teen activities in partnership with other agencies.
- Increase promotional material (similar to Tawawa brochure).
- Expand program sharing and communication with other agencies

YMCA  
Youth Ministry Groups  
Salvation Army  
W.O.D.C.  
Gateway Arts Council  
Shelby Co. Historical Society

Schools  
Senior Centers  
United Way  
Children & Family First  
Alpha Center  
Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
Shelby Co. Park System  
Sidney-Shelby County  
Chamber of Commerce  
Other Groups

- Year around programming in cooperation with other groups.
- Expand trip opportunities.
- Expand "Arts in the Park" program.

### Goals Developed from Interview Responses

#### Short Term (5 years)

- Expand Great Miami River Recreation Trail to the South.
- Improved Signage at all Parks
- Construct a Skateboard Park
- Basketball Court Lighting
- Land Acquisition for Bikeway/Walkway Expansion
- Additional Recreational Activity Programming in Cooperation with Other Groups
- Expand Promotional Materials
- Provide Crossing at Mosquito Creek from Milligan Glen to Anderson Bottom Land at Tawawa

#### Long Term

- Enhance Entry and Entry Signage at Tawawa Park
- Expand Walkway/Bikeway System Linking Parks
  - Great Miami River Corridor
  - Railroad Right-of-Way
  - Feeder Canal
  - Other
- Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility
  - Indoor Recreational Activities/Sports
  - Indoor Programming
  - Parks & Recreation Department Offices
- Land Acquisition
- Additional Community Park, Neighborhood and Linear Parks
- Additional Softball Complex
- Additional Soccer Fields
- Expansion into Flood Plain Areas
- Expand 'Natural' Park Areas
  - Fishing
  - Passive Activities
  - Natural Environment
- Additional Recreational Activity Programming