

Outagamie County Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan: 2014-2018
January 14, 2014 Public Hearing

Staff Supported Proposed Amendments for Consideration:

1. Page 1 – Goal #1: add the word “trails” after parks.
2. Page 1 – Goal #2-Objective a.: add the word “trail” after park.
3. Page 16 – Map: Highway CA should be an off-road trail proposal.
4. Page 20 – under plan strategies; add the word “trails” after parks in #1.
(same as #1 above)

Other Comments Received That Staff Does Not Support as Plan Amendments:

1. Page 1 – Goal #1, Objective a.: Striking the word “equitable” – what is equitable? Although this can be difficult to always achieve, the staff feels that an attempt to be equitable in the provision of recreational facilities is a reasonable over-riding goal.
2. Page 21 – Second bullet from top of page: Explore siting of a major recreational facility. It was suggested that this be generalized to say that rather than one large facility, a variety of smaller ones may be preferred, depending on what a study by East Central Planning concludes. Staff feels that this strategy is already included in the current CIP and should be supported until such time a better option is outlined. At that point, the plan can be amended to include the preferred option.
3. Page 22 – First bullet under Short-Term Improvements: Acquire land for new regional park. This relates to the previous comment that we may want future acquisitions at various locations, rather than just one, depending on what East Central’s study reveals. Again, the staff feels that should that study outline a better option, this plan can be amended at that time, but for now we should support the existing CIP project.

Other Questions Received – Looking for Clarification:

1. Page 1 – Goal #1, Objective b.: Ensure that newly developed residential areas are provided with adequate park and recreation facilities. How is this done? Explained that the most commonly used methods are dedication ordinances (either land or money in lieu of land) and/or official mapping of recreational facilities.