



CITY OF MOSINEE

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

2010 - 2014

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Parks and Recreation Commission*



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The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for overseeing the development and maintenance of all park areas within the City, including the purchase of park equipment. The Commission also makes recommendations pertaining to the acquisition of land for future park facilities, subject to approval by the City Common Council. The Commission typically meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. The term of office for the Commission members is 3 years.

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INTRODUCTION

This Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is an update to the original Plan written in 1989 and revised in 1994, 2000 and 2005. The plan is a result of the efforts of the City of Mosinee Parks & Recreation Commission which typically meets on a monthly basis to discuss matters related to the operation of park and recreation facilities and operations. Public information for the plan has been gathered through various individual and group appearances before the Commission and through a public information meeting which was held on August 17, 2010.

The purpose of this plan is to provide an orderly sequence of actions to meet the present and future outdoor recreation needs of all the citizens of the City of Mosinee. A map of the City showing current park and recreation areas can be found in Appendix I.

This plan will be used as an agenda for park development and if accepted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, will qualify the City for participation in several federal and state grant programs including the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, Recreational Boating Facilities, Recreation Trails Program and River Protection Management Grants.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives have been developed for use as a guide for park development:

- I. To provide citizens of Mosinee with adequate park and recreation facilities.
 - A. To provide park and recreation facilities which will serve all the residential areas.
 - B. To provide a full range of activities on a year-round basis.
 - C. To maintain and improve existing park and recreation facilities.
 - D. To provide safe and adequate accessibility to all park and recreation facilities.
 - E. To ensure facilities are designed to meet the needs of all residents, especially the elderly and handicapped.
 - F. To provide adequate accessibility facilities for all age groups.
 - G. To encourage citizen participation in Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings.
- II. To preserve, protect, and beautify the natural resources of the City of Mosinee.
 - A. Ensure the environmental and ascetic qualities are considered in planning park and recreational facilities.
 - B. To preserve existing natural resources such as views, streams, wetlands and wildlife areas.
- III. To encourage continued provision of park and recreation facilities.
 - A. To encourage that land in new subdivisions be set aside for park and recreation purposes.
 - B. To encourage the installation of adequate park and recreation facilities within newly developed areas.
- IV. To improve cooperation with the School District in providing and utilizing appropriate school facilities for recreational purposes.
 - A. To work with school district officials in providing additional recreational facilities at school sites.
 - B. To encourage public use of school system facilities.
- V. To coordinate the Mosinee Park and Recreation Commission's activities and plans with Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry's plans and also with the State of Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Plans.

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THE PLANNING PROCESS

The City of Mosinee Parks & Recreation Commission is charged with the responsibility for the planning and oversight of all parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities in the City. The Commission is composed of citizens of the City who are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Mosinee City Common Council. Members are appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. All property acquisitions for parks and recreation purposes must be approved by resolution of the City Common Council.

The Commission involves itself with various levels of planning. This plan is an overall or comprehensive look at park needs along with recommendations for future improvements. In 2009 the Commission formed a sub-committee consisting of recreational user stakeholders to develop a revised Master Plan for the development of Edgewood Park, one of the 15 park facilities in the City. The Commission is also providing planning oversight for the future extension of the Wisconsin Riverwoods Trail.

The Commission recognizes that its' responsibility for park planning is to the citizens of Mosinee. In order to gain public input into the planning process, the Commission follows a schedule of monthly meetings to discuss various topics. Throughout the year, the Commission hears from and discusses various related topics with members of the community. In addition, the public is involved with the development and approval of master plans. Public information meetings are held periodically to discuss certain plans as they are developed.

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SUMMARY OF PAST PLANS

The 1990 – 1994 Outdoor Recreation Plan established the following priorities and the current action status of those priorities are also noted in *italics*:

1. **Identify and develop additional parks and recreation space, especially on the east side of the City.** (*New parks have been developed in the 6th Ward area with the addition of Ranger Park and the Riedel-Redmond Nature Preserve Park. Ranger Park was transferred to the City from Marathon County in 1995. Equipment has been installed and Ranger Park has been completed for use by the community. The Friends of River Park, a local volunteer group, raised money and built a gazebo/band stand area in River Park. The Riedel-Redmond Nature Preserve Park area was donated to the City in 2002. This is a nine acre nature area located between Ranger Street and Ring Road. This parcel is bordered on the east by Highway 39. Plans are being developed for the use of this area without destroying its natural character. The development of a new park, Creske Park is still in progress. This park is located in the Creske addition located on the west side of the City. A toddler playground area has been installed at the park and a new basketball court will be installed in 2010).*)
2. **Develop walking-biking trails.** (*The circular citywide hiking-biking trail is approximately half complete. The Wisconsin Riverwoods Trail {from Main St. to Chuck's Landing} was constructed in 2009).*)
3. **Develop additional tennis courts, especially in Edgewood Park.** (*Tennis courts have been built in the high school athletic field area).*)
4. **Develop new soccer fields.** (*A new regulation soccer field was constructed in Edgewood Park in 2001 and the construction of a second regulation soccer field will be completed in 2010).*)
5. **Install an accessible fishing pier in River Park.** (*With funding assistance from local service organizations, a new accessible fishing pier was installed in River Park in 2002).*)
6. **Enclose the Recreation Center.** (*The Recreation Center is now completely enclosed).*)
7. **Expand the swimming pool facilities.** (*The Mosinee School District has built an indoor swimming pool at the Creske Center).*)
8. **Improve the River Park boat landing, including the provision of public restroom facilities.** (*With the help of a matching grant from the Department of Natural Resources, in 2006 the City improved the boat landing and also constructed an accessible restroom/concession stand facility near the gazebo).*)
9. **The City should hire a Recreation Director to coordinate and oversee recreation activities.** (*Due to budgeting constraints, a Recreation Director has not been hired).*)
10. **The City should create an “Adopt a Park” program.** (*The Adopt-A-Park plan has been fully implemented with the assistance of local community groups whom have adopted parks in Mosinee. This has resulted in many improvements in the parks at no cost to the City. New equipment has been purchased, trees have been planted and areas have been cleared for more usable park space).*)

The 1995 – 1999 Outdoor Recreation Plan established the following priorities and the current action status of those priorities are also noted:

- 1. Support the Mosinee School District's proposed construction of an indoor swimming pool.** (*The Mosinee School District has built an indoor swimming pool at the Creske Center.*)
- 2. Develop River Park in accordance with the 1991 Master Plan.** (*With funding assistance from local organizations, a new accessible fishing pier was installed in River Park in 2002. With the help of a matching grant from the Department of Natural Resources, in 2006 the City improved the boat landing and also constructed an accessible restroom/concession stand facility near the gazebo.*)
- 3. Develop Hiking-Biking-Canoeing Trails.** (*The City secured a land donation from Wausau Papers in 2007 of an approximate 18-acre urban forest parcel located along the west bank of the Wisconsin River in downtown Mosinee. With financial assistance from WisDOT's Community Sensitive Design Funds and a generous donation from the Mosinee Flowage Trust Fund, in 2009 the City constructed a 10'-wide multi-use asphalt trail from Main St. to Chuck's Landing. The City also secured an easement from Wausau Papers in 2007 for the existing canoe portage/boat landing area located on River Road. With financial assistance from WisDOT's Community Sensitive Design Funds, in 2009 the City also completed the reconstruction of the canoe portage/boat landing area which included the installation of a new landing dock and picnic table.*)
- 4. Develop Edgewood Park in accordance with the 1994 Master Plan.** (*A new regulation soccer field was constructed in Edgewood Park in 2001.*)
- 5. Develop Parks in 6th Ward area.** (*New parks have been improved in the 6th Ward area with the addition of Ranger Park and the Riedel-Redmond Nature Preserve Park. Ranger Park was transferred to the City from Marathon County in 1995. Equipment has been installed and Ranger Park has been completed for use by the community. The Riedel-Redmond Nature Preserve Park area addition was donated to the City in 2002. This is a 9-acre nature area located between Ranger Street and Ring Road. This parcel is bordered on the east by Highway 39.*)
- 6. The City should hire a Recreation Director to coordinate and oversee recreation activities.** (*Due to budgeting constraints, a Recreation Director has not been hired.*)
- 7. Develop a City Band Concert Site in River Park.** (*The Friends of River Park {a local grass-roots volunteer group} raised money and then constructed a gazebo/band stand area in River Park along with installing landscaping amenities. Community band concerts are held within River Park gazebo on a weekly basis during the summer.*)

The 2000 – 2004 Outdoor Recreation Plan established the following priorities and the current action status of those priorities are also noted:

- 1. Develop River Park in accordance with the 1991 Master Plan.** (*With funding assistance from local organizations, a new accessible fishing pier was installed in River Park in 2002. With the help of a matching grant from the Department of Natural Resources, in 2006 the City improved the boat landing and also constructed an accessible restroom/concession stand facility near the gazebo.*)
- 2. Develop Edgewood Park in accordance with the 1994 Master Plan.** (*A new soccer field was constructed in Edgewood Park in 2001.*)

- 3. Develop Hiking-Biking-Canoeing Trails.** *(The City secured a land donation from Wausau Papers in 2007 of an approximate 18-acre urban forest parcel located along the west bank of the Wisconsin River in downtown Mosinee. With financial assistance from WisDOT's Community Sensitive Design Funds and a generous donation from the Mosinee Flowage Trust Fund, in 2009 the City constructed a 10'-wide multi-use asphalt trail from Main St. to Chuck's Landing. The City also secured an easement from Wausau Papers in 2007 for the existing canoe portage/boat landing area located on River Road. With financial assistance from WisDOT's Community Sensitive Design Funds, in 2009 the City also completed the reconstruction of the canoe portage/boat landing area which included the installation of a new landing dock and picnic table).*

The 2005– 2009 Outdoor Recreation Plan established the following priorities and the current action status of those priorities are also noted:

- 1. Develop River Park in accordance with the 1991 Master Plan.** *(With funding assistance from local organizations, a new accessible fishing pier was installed in River Park in 2002. With the help of a matching grant from the Department of Natural Resources, in 2006 the City improved the boat landing and also constructed an accessible restroom/concession stand facility near the gazebo. The City is currently working with the Mosinee Area Action Club to promote additional facility improvements within the park area).*
- 2. Develop Edgewood Park in accordance with the 1994 Master Plan.** *(The City in cooperation with other park user stakeholders installed a new irrigation system for the soccer field in 2007 and a new scoreboard for the soccer field was installed in 2008. The Parks & Recreation Commission also adopted a new Master Plan for the park in 2009 which emphasizes the use of the park as a soccer complex. The construction of a second regulation-size soccer field will be completed in 2010).*
- 3. Develop Hiking-Biking-Canoeing Trails.** *(The City secured a land donation from Wausau Papers in 2007 of an approximate 18-acre urban forest parcel located along the west bank of the Wisconsin River in downtown Mosinee. With financial assistance from WisDOT's Community Sensitive Design Funds and a generous donation from the Mosinee Flowage Trust Fund, in 2009 the City constructed a beautiful 10'-wide multi-use trail along the west side of the Wisconsin River. The City also secured an easement from Wausau Papers in 2007 for the existing canoe portage/boat landing area located on River Road. With financial assistance from WisDOT's Community Sensitive Design Funds, the City completed the reconstruction of the canoe portage/boat landing area which included the installation of a new landing dock).*

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

The City of Mosinee is located in north central Wisconsin between the cities of Wausau and Stevens Point. The City is located within Marathon County at the intersections of State Highway 153 and Interstate 39/U.S. Highway 51.

Mosinee has historically been known as a paper mill town, but in recent years has become a city in transition with an expanded industrial and infrastructure base.

The community was founded in 1839 around a sawmill located at Little Bull Falls in the Wisconsin River. It was platted in 1856 and incorporated in 1888. The sawmill burned in 1910 and a pulpmill and a paper mill were built in 1911. Since that time, both the mill and the city have enjoyed substantial growth. The City lies on the Mosinee Flowage, a 1380 acre body of water, created by a dam in the Wisconsin River at the Mosinee Paper Mill.

A major annexation from the neighboring town of Kronenwetter in 1987 added the Central Wisconsin Airport and also the Indianhead Golf Course to the City. The Central Wisconsin Airport is a regional facility built in 1970 to serve all of north-central Wisconsin. Indianhead Golf Course is a member-owned facility open to the public. The course has expanded to 18 holes and has become one of the finest public facilities in north-central Wisconsin.

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POPULATION

Mosinee's population has shown consistent growth over time. And because of its location on Interstate-39/U.S. Highway 51 between the Stevens Point/Wausau metro areas, the population will likely continue to show a steady increase. The data shown in Table I reflects the steady growth.

TABLE I

HISTORIC POPULATION TRENDS

LOCATION	1950 Census	1960 Census	1970 Census	1980 Census	1990 Census	2000 Census
City of Mosinee	1,453	2,067	2,395	3,015	3,820	4,162
Village - Edgar	705	803	928	1,194	1,318	1,431
Village - Marathon	853	1,022	1,214	1,552	1,606	1,618
Village - Stratford	982	1,106	1,239	1,385	1,515	1,559
Village - Kronenwetter	1,859	1,926	2,595	5,012	4,850	5,791
Town - Mosinee	1,042	692	910	1,464	1,638	2,253
Town - Guenther	383	284	302	297	258	327
Town - Bergen	453	372	402	478	499	639
Town - Knowlton	675	751	742	1,153	1,414	1,780
Town - Emmet	823	817	850	757	832	842
City - Wausau	30,414	31,943	32,806	32,426	37,060	38,912
City - Stevens Point	16,564	17,837	23,479	22,970	23,002	25,094
Marathon County	80,337	88,874	97,457	111,270	115,400	129,962

Source: U.S. Census and Wisconsin Department of Administration

Table II demonstrates the increasing population trends in Mosinee. The table shows that Mosinee has increased 198% from 1950 to 2000. The consistent and rapid growth along with the anticipated future growth will require additional park and recreation space and facilities to meet needs of the populous.

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POPULATION - CONTINUED

TABLE II

POPULATION CHANGE

LOCATION	1950-1960 Chg Total & Chg %	1960-1970 Chg Total & Chg %	1970-1980 Chg Total & Chg %	1980-1990 Chg Total & Chg %	1950-2000 Chg Total & Chg %
City of Mosinee	614/42.3%	328/15.9%	620/25.9%	805/26.7%	2709/186%
Village - Edgar	98/13.9%	125/15.6%	266/28.7%	124/10.4%	726/103%
Village - Marathon	169/19.8%	192/18.8%	338/27.8%	54/3.5%	765/90%
Village - Stratford	124/12.6%	133/12%	146/11.8%	130/9.4%	577/58.6%
Village - Kronenwetter	67/3.6%	669/34.7%	241/93.1%	(162)/(3.2%)	288/212%
Town - Mosinee	(350) / (33.6%)	218/31.5%	554/39.1%	174/11.9%	3932/16.2%
Town - Guenther	(99)/(25.8%)	18/6.3%	(5) / (1.7%)	(39)/(13.1%)	(56)/(14.6%)
Town - Bergen	(81)/(17.9%)	30/8.1%	76/18.9%	21/4.4%	186 / 41.1%
Town - Knowlton	76 /11.3%	(9) / (1.2%)	411/55.4%	261/22.6%	1105/164%
Town - Emmet	(6)/(0.7%)	33/ 4.0%	(93)/(11.0%)	75/9.9%	19/2.3%
City - Wausau	1529/5.0%	863/ 2.7%	(380)/(1.1%)	4634/14.3%	8498/28%
City - Stevens Point	1273/7.7%	5642/31.6%	(509)/-2.2%	32/0.1%	8530/51.5%
Marathon County	8537/10.6%	8583/9.7%	13813/14.2%	4130/3.7%	49625/61.8%

Source: U.S. Census and Wisconsin Department of Administration

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AGE ANALYSIS

Like many areas of the state and county, the population of the City of Mosinee is aging. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, on average the population in the City of Mosinee is slightly younger compared to Marathon County as a whole. The median age of people in the City is 35.1 (28.5 in 1980) versus 36.3 (28.6 in 1980) for Marathon County. The percentage of people under age 18 is 26.3% (30.5% in 1980) compared to 26.8% (31.1% in 1980) for Marathon County. The percentage of people 65 years of age and older is 15.2% (12.6% in 1980) for the City compared to 13.0% (10.8% in 1980) for Marathon County.

Since the types of park and recreation facilities and programs may differ for various age classifications, the implication of this age analysis leads one to several conclusions. First, the percentage of younger people is declining at just a slower rate than Marathon County. Secondly, the percentage of elderly people within the City is increasing at a slightly faster rate than Marathon County. Most importantly, planning for park and recreation facilities and programs must consider these trends and be prepared to serve not only the active needs of typical younger individuals, but also must address the needs of both active and passive older adults.

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PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The City of Mosinee straddles the Wisconsin River about 10 miles south of the City of Wausau. The area is located in the southern-most portion of a physiographic region known as the northern highlands which are a glacial outwash area characterized by sandy and loamy soils.

The City also surrounds much of the Mosinee Flowage, a 1380 acre Wisconsin River reservoir which provides natural beauty as well as recreational opportunity. The flowage is created by a dam operated by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company and located at the paper mill. Currently, access to the Wisconsin River from Mosinee is limited. There is an improved boat landing into the flowage in River Park, an improved boat landing below the dam in Chuck's Landing, and a recently improve canoe portage/boat landing located on the east side of the Wisconsin River. The portage of canoes around the dam is provided by the Mosinee paper mill.

The city has two distinctive topographic areas. The west side of the Wisconsin River is part of a wide outwash plain that is very flat. Conversely, the east side of the river has bedrock located much closer to the surface and as a result, the area has considerably more local relief. The highest point in the city is over 1380 feet msl in the Central Wisconsin Business Park.

Although some areas of the city, particularly on the west side of the river are located in a floodplain, the impact of floodplains and wetlands are minimal in the city. With the exception of River Park Chuck's Boat Landing and the River Road Canoe Portage, no other park facilities are located in the floodplain.

PARK ACCESSIBILITY

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a law created to eliminate the discriminatory treatment of 43 million Americans who have physical or mental disabilities. Among its many provisions, the ADA requires that all government facilities and services must be accessible to people with physical or mental disabilities and that these people must be given the same consideration that people without disabilities are given.

As a practical matter for park purposes, the ADA means that all park facilities and programs must provide "reasonable accommodation" to allow people who are disabled to access the park facilities and programs. While there are no specific guidelines for making park facilities accessible, there are specific standards for public buildings in general. The standards apply to items such as restrooms, drinking fountains, parking, picnic tables, grills, playground equipment and others. At a minimum, each park building and structure should be accessible according to ADA guidelines.

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PARK AND RECREATION - FACILITIES INVENTORY

CANOE PORTAGE PARK

CENTRAL PARK

CHUCK'S BOAT LANDING

CITY PARK

CITY SQUARE PARK

CORNER PARK

CRESKE PARK

DESSERT PARK

EDGEWOOD PARK

RANGER PARK

RECREATION CENTER PARK

RIEDEL-REDMOND NATURE PRESERVE PARK

RIVER PARK

WALTER ZYCH PARK

WISCONSIN RIVERWOODS TRAIL PARK

CANOE PORTAGE PARK



Description: Small canoe portage and boat landing located on the east side of the Wisconsin River. Adjacent land use is river frontage and commercial.

Location: South end of River Road.

Size: Approximately 1.4 acres.

Accessibility: The improved boat landing and dock are handicap accessible. A hard surfaced pathway has been constructed to the picnic table.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	10' x 48' boat ramp with a 5' X 22'-9" floating dock.
	1	Picnic table (metal).

CENTRAL PARK



Description: Neighborhood park comprised of an open play area that is suitable for t-ball, tot-soccer, etc. surrounded by mature trees. Land use adjacent to the park is residential.

Location: The park is located on Short Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets in the center of the City. The park can also be entered through the alley on the east end of Davis Street at the junction of Tenth and Davis Streets.

Size: Approximately 1.5 acres

Accessibility: Currently, Central Park does not have an off-street parking area. People visiting the park in vehicles must either park on the street or in the alley that accesses the park. A small parking lot should be developed with access from the alley. One of the three or four stalls should be handicap accessible. The lot should be constructed from a stable material which should be extended to several interior locations including swings and picnic table. An accessible picnic table should be added. Any play equipment purchased for the park should be handicap accessible.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Jungle-gym
	2	Picnic tables (one concrete and one wood)
	1	Slide
	7	Swings (4 children & / 3 infant seats)
	2	Teeter-totters
	1	Culvert
	1	Junior whirl
	1	Critter bouncer
	1	Teeter spring
	3	Balance beams
	1	E-Z digger
	1	Paw Pal pet station
	1	Concrete trash container.

CHUCK'S BOAT LANDING



Description: Two boat landing areas and a parking lot located on the Wisconsin River below the Mosinee dam. As one of few access points into the Wisconsin River below the dam, this park serves regional importance for fishing, particularly in spring. Adjacent land use is municipal (wastewater treatment facility) and residential.

Location: Southeast end of Fremont Street.

Size: Approximately .4 acres.

Accessibility: Aside from the boat launch areas, there are no permanent facilities at Chuck's Landing. Because the area experiences regular flooding from the Wisconsin River, it may be difficult to construct a permanent access point. An accessible portable pier into the Wisconsin River should be considered. A handicapped parking stall is signed within the existing black-topped parking lot.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	2	Boat ramps
	1	Portable restroom

CITY PARK



Description: Neighborhood play area for very young children and a family picnic site. Adjacent land use is commercial (downtown) and residential.

Location: Intersection of 3rd Street and Washington Street.

Size: Approximately 1.5 acres.

Accessibility: Off-street parking facilities are available by parking in the City Hall parking lot. Vehicle access to the park is available from the City Hall Parking rear lot, alley or on-street parking. A handicap only parking stall could be identified and signed in the City Hall parking lot. None of the play equipment in the park is handicap accessible. Access to play equipment could be gained via a hard surfaced pathway from the sidewalk on the north boundary of the park. Any play equipment purchased for the park should be handicap accessible.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Basketball hoop and play area
	1	Slide
	13	Swings (10 children & 3 infant seats)
	2	Teeter totters
	3	Balance beams
	1	Junior whirl
	1	E-Z digger
	1	Turtle bouncer
	3	Benches
	1	Monkey bars
	1	Parallel bars
	2	Picnic tables (1 concrete & 1 wood)
	1	Drinking fountain
	1	Paw Pal pet station
	2	Trash containers (concrete)

CITY SQUARE PARK



Description: Brick-paved park is a great place to have a picnic lunch while strolling the streets downtown.

Location: Intersection of 4TH Street and Main Street.

Size: Approximately 1.5 acres.

Accessibility: No Off-street/On-street parking facilities. Users access the park by sidewalks.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	4	Wrought iron bench seats
	1	Wrought iron picnic table with four benches
	1	Decorative water fountain;
	1	Decorative old-fashioned clock
	2	Wrought iron trash containers.

CORNER PARK



Description: Small neighborhood play area for very young children and a family picnic site. Adopted by Mosinee Boy Scout Troup #255. Adjacent land use is residential.

Location: Intersection of Wisconsin and Landfried Streets.

Size: Approximately .2 acres.

Accessibility: There is no interior parking servicing the park. A handicap only parking stall could be identified and signed on Wisconsin Street. A hard surfaced pathway could be constructed from the street to the play area and/or an accessible picnic table.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Concrete picnic table with two benches
	1	Slide
	7	Swings (4 children & 3 infant seats)
	2	Teeter-totters
	1	Paw Pal pet station
	1	Concrete trash container.

CRESKE PARK



Description: This partially-wooded park also provides an excellent open space area for football, frisbee, etc. The park is currently being developed and a basketball court will be constructed in the park in 2010.

Location: Northwest corner of 20th Street and Mosinee Avenue.

Size: Approximately .8 acres.

Accessibility: On-street parking along 20th Street and Mosinee Avenue.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Tot play center
	1	E-Z digger
	1	Bouncer
	1	Picnic table (wooden)
	1	Paw Pal pet station
	1	Concrete trash container.

DESSERT PARK



Description: Large community park with many tall white pines. Park facilities include children's play area, ball park, lodge, ice rink and parking area. The recreation area for children is ideal for family picnics, baseball and skating. All-season recreation area.

Location: Corner of Fremont and Fourth Streets.

Size: Approximately 2.4 acres.

Accessibility: Dessert Park is one of only two city parks equipped with permanent restroom facilities. However, the lodge building, where the restrooms are located, is not accessible to the disabled. Neither is the remainder of the park. There are two doors to the lodge building; the south door should be rehabilitated to make it accessible. Both restrooms need to have the doors widened and the stalls modified to accommodate the handicapped. The drinking fountain needs to be replaced with one that is accessible. The park has a children's softball field with bleachers and lights. Two handicap accessible parking stalls need to be identified and signed. Hard surfaced pathways need to be constructed on the interior of the park to allow handicap access to the play areas. A couple of the picnic tables should be replaced with accessible tables.

DESSERT PARK (cont.)

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Lodge (warming house) with restrooms
	1	Children's softball park (lighted) with bleachers
	1	Scorebooth & Concession area
	1	Skating rink (lighted & staffed)
	1	Drinking fountain
	1	Spinning dish
	3	Animal bouncers
	1	Slide
	4	Swings (3 children & 1 infant seat)
	1	Junior whirl
	3	Balance beams
	1	E-Z digger
	1	Tot play center
	2	Teeter totters
	2	Concrete picnic tables with four benches
	2	Park benches (wooden)
	4	Trash containers (concrete)
	1	Paw Pal pet station.

EDGEWOOD PARK



Description: Large developing community park area, suitable for children's play area, basketball court, soccer fields, hiking, biking and picnics. Adjacent land use is residential and vacant. A second regulation soccer field has been constructed in 2010 with an anticipated fall 2011 opening.

Location: East end of Edgewood Drive.

Size: 16.5 acres.

Accessibility: In its current configuration, Edgewood Park is not handicap accessible. Ample interior parking exists, including a gravel parking lot. There are two designated handicap stalls signed within the west parking lot. Hard surfaced trails need to be constructed from the parking lot to the basketball court, soccer field and other play areas. (Note: Plans have been drawn and approved for the future development of Edgewood Park. When the development occurs, it will be handicap accessible.)

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Basketball court (lighted) with two concrete standards
	1	Regulation Soccer Field (with fence)
	1	Culvert
	2	Cement climb-on animals (elephant & camel)
	1	Picnic table with benches (concrete)
	1	Slide
	4	Benches (cement)
	1	Swing set (3 children & 1 infant seat)
	1	Monkey bars
	3	Balance beams
	1	Junior whirl
	1	Critter bouncer
	2	Tire bouncers
	5	Trash containers (concrete)
	1	Paw Pal pet station.

MOSINEE RECREATION CENTER PARK



Description: Community recreation area for all ages including athletic sites and play areas. Large enclosed arena used for indoor skating in winter, church picnics and community gatherings in summer. Also includes the Mosinee Softball Field. Adopted by the Mosinee Hockey Association. Adjacent land use is school property, residential and the National Guard Armory.

Location: West side of Eleventh Street between Fremont and High Streets.

Size: Approximately 9.0 acres.

Accessibility: The Mosinee Recreation Center provides the most handicap accessible facilities in the park system. The Recreation Center building is mostly accessible. A portion of the concession stand counter needs to be lowered. Restroom stalls need grab bars. The drinking fountain and telephone need to be accessible. Shower controls need to be lowered. While there is a handicap accessible swing, additional access paths need to be constructed from the parking area. Restrooms at the softball field concession stand need to be made accessible. A portion of the service counter needs to be lowered. Handicap accessible parking stalls need to be identified on Fremont Street and signed. An accessible pathway from the parking area to the bleacher area should be constructed.

MOSINEE RECREATION CENTER PARK (cont.)

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Recreation center (with concession areas; indoor ice rink; restrooms; showers)
	1	Softball field (lighted) with bleachers & scorebooth
	1	Concession stand building with restrooms and drinking fountain
	1	Skateboard facility
	1	Soccer Field (non-regulation)
	1	Tot play center
	1	Jungle gym
	1	Merry-go-round
	2	Picnic tables (concrete)
	1	Slide
	3	Swings (one is handicap accessible)
	2	Teeter-totters
	1	Bicycle rack
	2	Bouncing ducks
	2	Bouncers
	2	Culverts
	1	Sandbox
	1	Paw Pals pet station

RANGER PARK



Description: This .8 acre park provides an excellent open space play area (football, frisbee, etc.) for children and is also a good location for family picnics.

Location: Corner of Ranger Street and Florence Street.

Size: Approximately .8 acres.

Accessibility: Off-street parking area serves the park.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Bouncy bus
	2	Swings
	1	Tot play center
	1	EZ digger
	1	Picnic tables
	1	Paw Pals pet station
	1	Trash container (concrete)

RIEDEL-REDMOND NATURE PRESERVE PARK



Description: Wooded neighborhood nature park.

Location: North End of Ranger Street.

Size: Approximately 8.9 acres

Accessibility: No off street parking at this time.

Improvements:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	No equipment. The park consists of a nature trail.

RIVER PARK



Description: Large, linear community park with 3400 feet of shoreline on the Mosinee Flowage. Partially wooded. Adopted by the Mosinee Area Action Club. Adjacent land use is river frontage and residential.

Location: North side of Main Street between Seventh and Eleventh Streets.

Size: Approximately 27 acres.

Accessibility: The improved boat landing and dock are handicap accessible. Accessible parking signs are installed within the parking area adjacent to the boat landing. The permanent bathrooms located in the park are also accessible. The fishing pier is also accessible and is well used. Hard surfaced pathways to other play areas need to be constructed.

RIVER PARK (cont.)

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Accessible 30' x 10' fishing pier with rod holders and benches
	1	Gazebo
	1	Restroom – Concession Stand building (accessible)
	2	Boat Landings (1 improved & 1 non-improved)
	4	Horseshoe courts
	1	Sand volleyball court
	2	Picnic shelters tables
	10	Camping sites (primitive)
	2	Charcoal grills
	8	Benches (3 concrete/3 wooden/2 wrought iron)
	3	Concrete culverts
	2	Bouncing tires
	2	Teeter totters
	1	Critter bounce
	1	Junior whirl
	3	Balance beams
	6	Swings (4 children & 2 infant)

WALTER ZYCH PARK



Description: Wooded neighborhood park and play area for young children. Used for ball field, soccer, basketball, etc. Adopted by Zych Park Neighborhood Association. Adjacent land use is residential.

Location: Northwest corner of Jackson and Eighteen Streets.

Size: Approximately .8 acres.

Accessibility: There is no off-street parking servicing the park. Handicap accessible stalls need to be identified and signed on either 18th or Jackson Streets and curb cuts and hard surfaced pathways installed. The drinking fountain needs to be replaced with one that is handicap accessible.

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	Basketball court with two concrete standards
	1	Softball backstop
	1	Sand volleyball court
	2	Concrete turtles
	1	Teeter totter
	3	Culverts
	2	Jungle gyms
	1	Slide
	1	Critter bounce
	1	Junior whirl
	3	Balance beams
	4	Swings (3 children & 1 infant)
	1	E-Z digger
	2	Picnic tables (concrete)
	1	Drinking fountain
	1	Paw Pal pet station

WISCONSIN RIVERWOODS TRAIL PARK



Description: This urban forest park includes a paved 10' wide multi-use asphalt trail which extends from Main Street south to Chuck's Boat Landing along the west side of the Wisconsin River.

Location: Between Main Street and Chuck's Boat Landing.

Size: Approximately 18 acres.

Accessibility: The handicap accessible trail can be accessed from Main Street or from the parking lot located at Chuck's Boat Landing. There is also access to the trail from the east side of 3rd Street (between High & Jackson Streets).

<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	1	2,300' multi-use asphalt trail with elevated timber boardwalk.
	2	Benches (metal)
	2	Paw Pals pet stations

**CITY OF MOSINEE
COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

COMMUNITY RECREATION STANDARDS AND NEEDS

The City of Mosinee recreation system is composed of facilities which differ in function, location, size, and extent of service area. One of the generally accepted rules of thumb for identifying the amount of public open space needed in the community is 12 acres per 1,000 people. Using this standard, it appears that a city the size of Mosinee would require about 52 acres of park and recreation space. Mosinee currently has approximately 91 acres in park and recreation facility space.

While technically the standard is met, additional factors such as the amount of usable land, the use of park facilities by residents of surrounding areas, the location of parks, increasing population and an aging population all impact on the need for additional park space. Clearly, the City needs to identify and develop additional park and recreational space.

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ACTION PROGRAM

This is a prioritized list of projects of the Park and Recreation Commission formulated as a result of public input. The special projects are in addition to the ongoing need for maintenance of existing facilities.

1. RIVER PARK DEVELOPMENT

This park, with 27 acres of land is the largest park in Mosinee. It is a linear park with over 3,400 feet of frontage on the Mosinee Flowage of the Wisconsin River. Development is limited because 85% of the park is located in a floodplain.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City undertake the following the activities with respect to the future development of River Park:

- a. Develop an updated Master Plan for the park to identify future facility improvements.
- b. Develop a plan for addressing restoration of the shoreline within the park.
- c. Develop and define a boat parking lot area within the park.
- d. Continue to work cooperatively with local service organizations such as the Mosinee Area Action Club to complete facility improvement projects within the park.

2. EDGEWOOD PARK DEVELOPMENT

The 2009 Master Plan for the park calls for the construction of a second full-sized soccer field, two tot-sized soccer fields, two picnic shelters, a second children's play area, a restroom/concession stand facility and a connection to the Wisconsin Riverwoods Multi-use Trail. With the rapid growth of soccer, the construction of a second regulation soccer field is currently being completed and the field should be ready for play in the fall of 2011.

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City proceed with the development of Edgewood Park in accordance with the 2009 Master Plan.

3. HIKING-BIKING-CANOEING TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

This proposal calls for the development of safe, accessible, multi-use trails to provide citizens an opportunity to view the natural beauty within the City. Proposed trails include:

- A hiking/biking trail from Flanner Road to Main Street.

- The extension of the Wisconsin Riverwoods Multi-use Trail from Chuck’s Boat Landing along the Wisconsin River to Edgewood Park and then west to Rangeline Road.
- Completion of a hiking/biking trail through River Park along the Mosinee Flowage. Portions of this trail should be paved to make it handicap accessible. This trail, along with sidewalks or bike lanes on West Main Street and Range Line Road would provide a safe, scenic "loop" connecting Edgewood Park, Dessert Park, Chuck's Boat landing, River Park, Zych Park and the Mosinee Youth Baseball Fields.
- A marked canoe trail from Miller's Bottom to the Canoe Portage Park and/or River Park. This two-mile Wisconsin River trail would explore wild river shoreline within the City limits. Completion of the trail would require acquisition of all or part of the Miller's bottom area along with development of a canoe landing, picnic area and some parking.

4. RIEDEL-REDMOND NATURE PRESERVE PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City improve the trail accessibility and drainage within the park area. The Commission also recommends that the City develop a clear entrance area to the park that is regularly mowed.

5. “ADOPT-A-PARK” PROGRAM REVITALIZATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City revitalize the “Adopt-A-Park” Program by undertaking the following steps:

- a. Contact current community organizations that have “adopted” a park to ascertain the future projects/improvements that the groups would like to complete at their “adopted” park.
- b. Promote the importance of the “Adopt-A-Park Program and inform the public of the parks that are currently available for “adoption”.
- c. Provide adoption organizations with the resources needed to complete projects/improvements at their “adopted” park.

6. RANGER PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Parks & Recreation Commission recommends that the City complete a study for converting the former Ranger Station facility into a recreational use such as a park shelter.