

Chapter 4

Existing Park, Open Space, and Outdoor Recreation Sites, Facilities, Service Area Delineations, and Natural Areas

INTRODUCTION

This Chapter of the City of Franklin's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update presents a detailed inventory of each of the publicly-owned park, open space, and outdoor recreation sites and facilities located within the City of Franklin. In addition to the sites and facilities owned by the City, the inventory also includes those parks, open space, and outdoor recreation sites and facilities owned by Milwaukee County and the Franklin Public School District. It can be noted that there are no such sites or facilities owned by the Oak Creek-Franklin School District or the Whitnall School District within the City of Franklin. The inventory was originally conducted by Meehan & Company, Inc. in March and April 2000 for the 2002 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and was updated in August 2010 for this Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update. Map 4.1 graphically shows the location of each of the outdoor recreation sites described in this Chapter. Table 4.1 provides a brief summary of the various outdoor recreation sites and the area of each site described in this Chapter. Table 4.1 also presents each of the sites relative to park type (see Chapter 3)--that is, regional/multi-community, community (in park sites), community (in middle school or high school sites), neighborhood (in park sites), neighborhood (in elementary school sites), mini-parks (in park sites), and special parks (in park sites).

The focus of the City of Franklin's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update is the provision of public park, open space, outdoor recreation sites and facilities accessible to all of the residents of the City. However, various privately-owned outdoor recreational facilities are also located in the City of Franklin. These privately-owned outdoor recreational facilities are also very briefly described near the end of this Chapter.

This Chapter also presents a detailed inventory of known "natural area" sites in the City of Franklin and their location.

Table 4.1

**SUMMARY OF PUBLICLY-OWNED PARK, OPEN SPACE, AND OUTDOOR
RECREATION SITES (INCLUDING AREA) IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN: 2010**

SITE NAME	AREA OF SITE (Acres)	PARK OWNERSHIP	LOCATION MAP 4.1 NUMBER
REGIONAL AND MULTI-COMMUNITY PARKS			
Root River Parkway <i>(including Anderson Lake)</i>	2,166.0 (in City of Franklin)	Milwaukee County	R1
Whitnall Park	388.0 (in City of Franklin)	Milwaukee County	R2
Oakwood Park and Golf Course	278.3	Milwaukee County	R3
Milwaukee County Sports Complex	132+/-	Milwaukee County	R4
Crystal Ridge	92+/-	Land is Privately Leased from Milwaukee County	R5
Franklin Park (undeveloped)	164.6	Milwaukee County	R6
Grobschmidt Park (undeveloped)	143.0 (in City of Franklin)	Milwaukee County	R7
SUBTOTAL	3,363.9+/-		--
COMMUNITY PARKS (at Park Sites)			
Lion's Legend Park	38.0+/-	City of Franklin	C1
Froemming Park <i>(Not including land used or proposed to be used by the Milwaukee County Sports Complex; included as a "Community Park" due to its contiguity with the Milwaukee County Sports Complex.)</i>	16.25	Milwaukee County	C2
SUBTOTAL	54.25+/-		--

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COMMUNITY PARKS (at Middle School or High School Sites)			
Franklin High School	76.92(a)	Franklin Public School District	C3
Forest Park Middle School and Franklin Public Schools District Office	40.0(a)	Franklin Public School District	C4
SUBTOTAL	116.92+/-		--
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS (at Park Sites)			
St. Martins (<i>Robinwood</i>) Neighborhood Park	19.2	Milwaukee County (currently leased to Franklin Public School District)	N1
Pleasant View Neighborhood Park (<i>undeveloped</i>)	23.76	City of Franklin	N2
Jack E. Workman Neighborhood Park	12.04	City of Franklin	N3
Southwood Glen Neighborhood Park (<i>County Park Site #59</i>)	8.9	Milwaukee County (currently leased to Franklin Public School District)	N4
Christine Rathke Memorial Park (formerly Quarry View Park, <i>owned by Payne & Dolan and leased to the City for 40 years beginning in 1991</i>)	6.5	Payne & Dolan (currently leased to the City of Franklin)	N5
SUBTOTAL	70.4+/-		--

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NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS (at Elementary School Sites)			
Pleasant View Elementary School	14.11.0(a)	Franklin Public School District	NS1
Ben Franklin Elementary School and adjacent park parcel	12.46(a)	Franklin Public School District	NS2
Country Dale Elementary School	9.76(a)	Franklin Public School District	NS3
Southwood Glen Elementary School	8.76(a)	Franklin Public School District	NS4
Robinwood Elementary School	8.21(a)	Franklin Public School District	NS5
SUBTOTAL	53.30		--
MINI-PARKS (at Park Sites)			
Lions Baseball Field (formerly Ollie Pederson Field)	9.4+/-	City of Franklin	M1
Cascade Creek Park (formerly City Park #4-- located south of the Cascade Heights and Root River Heights developments)	9.0+/-	City of Franklin	M2
Friendship Park	1.58	City of Franklin	M3
Glen Meadows Park (formerly City Park #2 – 35 th Street Park)	1.0	City of Franklin	M4
Dr. Lynette Fox Memorial Park	0.42	City of Franklin	M5
Ken Windl park	6.74	City of Franklin (2.54 Acres) WE Energies (4.2 Acres currently leased to the City of Franklin)	M6
SUBTOTAL	28.14+/-		--

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SPECIAL PARKS			
Franklin Woods Nature Center <i>(formerly Camp Arthur Davidson)</i>	40.0	City of Franklin	S1
Franklin Little League Complex	25.71+/-	Milwaukee County (currently leased by the Franklin Little League)	S2
Meadowlands Park	15.0+/-	City of Franklin	S3
Ernie Lake Park <i>(unofficial name)</i>	14.0+/-	City of Franklin	S4
Mission Hills Neighborhood Wetlands <i>(located north of W. Church Street)</i>	14.0+/-	City of Franklin	S5
Market Square <i>(formerly City Park #3 located in the "Village" of St. Martins)</i>	0.5	City of Franklin	S6
Victory Creek	84.6	City of Franklin	S7
SUBTOTAL	193.81		--
GRAND TOTAL	3,880.72+/-		--

(a) Includes entire school site area including school building and associated off-street parking.

Source: City of Franklin and Meehan & Company, Inc.

REGIONAL AND MULTI-COMMUNITY PARKS

Root River Parkway: The Root River Parkway is an approximately 2,166-acre park (that portion located in the City of Franklin) owned by Milwaukee County. The Root River Parkway is located in the central portion of the City of Franklin extending along both sides of the Root River (see Map 4.1). As indicated on Map 4.1, the corridor extends through the City in a generally north/south direction.

The Root River Parkway is a part of the Milwaukee County Park System and is a "recreation corridor." "Recreation corridors" are defined as trails which are at least 15 miles long and located within areas of scenic, scientific, historic, or other cultural interest. Recreation corridors provide opportunities for such linear outdoor recreation activities as hiking, biking, horseback-riding, nature study, and ski-touring. The Root River Parkway recreation corridor is 22 miles long, of which 8.2 miles are located within the City of Franklin. The entire Root River recreation corridor is intended to provide for a variety of trail activities including biking, hiking, horseback-riding, nature study, and ski-touring. Of the total 22 miles located in the County, about seven miles of trails are located within park and parkway sites. The Root River recreation corridor is very important, since it links significant portions of the greater Milwaukee metropolitan area: the New Berlin corridor, in Waukesha County, on the west; the Underwood Creek corridor on the north; and the Root River corridor, in Racine County, on the south.

The Root River Parkway also includes Anderson Lake (located north of W. Rawson Avenue east of S. 68th Street).

Facilities and amenities currently provided within the Root River Parkway in the City of Franklin include:

- Trails (see the Existing Trails section later in this chapter for more information).
- Picnic areas.
- Natural areas including the Root River Canal Woods (located U.S. Public Land Survey Section 34) and the Root River Wet-Mesic Woods (located in U.S. Public Land Survey Section 35 and 36) in the southern area of the Root River Parkway (also see Table 4.3) and the Root River Parkway Prairie (located in U.S. Public Land Survey Section 27).
- Model Airplane Park.

Whitnall Park: Whitnall Park is a 640.1-acre major park site owned by Milwaukee County and located partially in the City of Franklin (388 acres) and partially in the Village of Hales Corners. Whitnall Park is located south of W. Grange Avenue, north of W. Rawson Avenue, east of STH 100

and west of S. 92nd Street. Whitnall Park is located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Whitnall North Planning Area.

Facilities and amenities currently provided at Whitnall Park include:

- Wehr Nature Center.
- Boerner Botanical Gardens (not within the City of Franklin).
- Natural area consisting of the Whitnall Park Woods located in U.S. Public Land Survey Sections 5 and 8 (also see Table 4.3).
- 18-hole golf course.
- Archery range (not within the City of Franklin).
- Picnic areas.
- Totlots.
- Trails.
- Sled hill.
- Cross-country skiing.
- Camp lodge (not within the City of Franklin).
- Restrooms.
- Maintenance facilities.
- Off-street parking.
- Wetlands.
- Woodlands.

Oakwood Park and Golf Course: Oakwood Park and Golf Course is a 278.3-acre regional park owned by Milwaukee County and located adjacent to the Root River Parkway in the southern, more rural area of the City (see Map 4.1). Oakwood Park is located immediately north of W. Oakwood Road about ½ mile west of S. 27th Street within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Oakwood Park Planning District. The natural area at Oakwood Park and Golf Course consists of a small dry-mesic oak woods of moderate quality, with a large population of black haw, a State-designated special concern species.

Facilities and amenities at Oakwood Park and Golf Course include:

- A regulation 18-hole golf course.
- Clubhouse with pro shop.
- Driving range.
- Picnic/patio area.
- Maintenance and storage facilities.
- Asphalt paved off-street parking area.
- Picnic tables.

- Concession stand.
- Natural area (also see Table 4.3).

Milwaukee County Sports Complex: The Milwaukee County Sports Complex is an approximately 132+/-acre regional public park facility owned by Milwaukee County. The Milwaukee County Sports Complex is located north of the intersection of S. 60th Street and W. Ryan Road (STH 100) (6000 W. Ryan Road) in the southeast quadrant of the City of Franklin (see Map 4.1). The Milwaukee County Sports Complex is located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Froemming Park Planning District.

Indoor facilities at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex include:

- Four (4) indoor soccer/multipurpose fields.
- One (1) indoor in-line hockey rink.
- Four (4) indoor volleyball courts.
- One (1) indoor full size basketball court.
- One (1) indoor basketball practice court.
- Two (2) team rooms.
- Two (2) meeting rooms.

Outdoor facilities at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex include:

- One (1) outdoor stadium field with bleachers.
- Five (2) outdoor soccer fields.
- Two (2) playfields.
- Nine (9) hole frisbee golf course.
- One (1) asphalt paved off-street parking lot with 103 parking spaces.
- One (1) gravel off-street parking area with about 421+/- parking spaces.

Crystal Ridge: Crystal Ridge is a 92+/- acre regional private park located on land owned by Milwaukee County. Crystal Ridge is located along Crystal Ridge Drive northwest of the intersection of W. Loomis Road (STH 36) and W. Rawson Avenue in the northern portion of the City (see Map 4.1). Crystal Ridge is located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Crystal Ridge Planning District.

Facilities and amenities at Crystal Ridge include:

- Ski hill with lift.
- Lodge.

- Tubing hill.
- BMX bicycle track.
- A portion of the Milwaukee County Alpha Mountain-Bike Trail.
- Golf driving range.

Franklin Park: Franklin Park is a 164.6-acre undeveloped major park site owned by Milwaukee County and located north of, and contiguous to, W. Oakwood Road and approximately a ½ mile east of S. 112th Street and a ½ mile west of S. 92nd Street (see Map 4.1). Franklin Park is located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan delineated Willow Edge Planning District. No facilities existed at Franklin Park in the year 2010. The wooded portion of Franklin Park is a former oak savanna, but only the north portion of the wooded area retains this natural resource feature. In the north portion of the wooded area there are large, scattered, open-grown bur oaks, but the understory consists mainly of weeds, with a few prairie species persisting. The south portion of the wooded area has degraded further into a dense shrub land. According to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) the wooded portion of Franklin Park, especially the north portion, would be a prime candidate for oak savanna restoration, which was subsequently initiated in 2010.

Facilities and amenities at Franklin Park include:

- Natural area (also see Table 4.3).

Grobschmidt Park: Grobschmidt Park is a 155-acre undeveloped (for active recreation) major park site located partially in the City of Franklin (143 acres) owned by Milwaukee County and located south of W. College Avenue and west of, and contiguous to, S. 35th Street (see Map 4.1). The northwest corner of the park is partially in the Village of Greendale. Grobschmidt Park is located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Xaverian Neighborhood. Grobschmidt Park contains 80 acres of land consisting of a combination of moderate quality deep and shallow marsh, sedge meadow, shrub-carr, and disturbed dry-mesic woods as well as a restored prairie (also see Table 4.3 for further information on its "Natural Area" classification).

Facilities at Grobschmidt Park include:

- Mud Lake.
- Natural area consisting of the wetlands and upland woodlands described above (also see Table 4.3).
- Nature trails (with access from S. 35th Street).
- On-street parking on S. 35th Street.

COMMUNITY LEVEL PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION LAND

(Community Parks at Park Sites)

Lion's Legend Park: Lion's Legend Park is a 38+/- acre community park owned by the City of Franklin and located southeast of the intersection of W. Drexel Avenue and Schlueter Parkway (see Map 4.1). Lion's Legend Park is located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Civic Center Planning District and has been developed into two phases

Facilities and amenities at Lion's Legend Park Phase 1 (14 acres immediately east of Schlueter Parkway) include:



- One (1) asphalt paved off-street parking lot with three parking spaces.
- Steel and wooden foot bridge across Legend Creek and wetland area.
- Historic "village" buildings of former Town of Franklin including the Whelen School (1851), the Sheehan-Godsell Cabin (1834), the Franklin Town Hall (1856), and the St. Peters Church (1857).
- One (1) baseball diamond with backstop, line fences, and team benches (unlighted).
- Two (2) sand volleyball courts.
- Three (3) tennis courts (unlighted).
- One (1) Bandshell.
- One open-air pavilion (Lions Pavilion) with restrooms and concessions (constructed in 1977).
- One (1) bicycle rack.
- 37 Picnic tables.
- One (1) water fountain.
- Two (2) Grills and Prep Tables (to be provided in 2011).
- One (1) play structure (ages 2-5).
- One (1) play structure (ages 5-12).
- Play Equipment: Three (3) Rock N Rides, One (1) Funnel Ball, One (1) Activity Center, One (1) Aluminum Slide, Four (4) Belt Swings, Three (3) Infant Swings, and One (1) ADA swing.

- Six (6) Park Benches.
- Three (3) Garbage Cans.
- One (1) Dog Station.
- One (1) Paved Walking Trail (1,441 feet).
- Asphalt paved trail system on east side of park.
- Wetlands and woodlands (including a historic oak canopy).

Facilities and amenities at Lion's Legend Park Phase 2 (24 acres immediately east of Phase 1) include:

- Three (3) Dog Stations.
- Five (5) Garbage Cans.
- Four (4) Park Benches.
- One Play Structure (Ages 5-12).
- Play Equipment: One (1) Rock N Ride, Two (2) belt swings, One (1) Infant Swing, One (1) ADA Swing.
- One (1) Volleyball Court.
- Two (2) Tennis Courts.
- One Baseball diamond with backstop, Line Fences & Team Benches.
- Two (2) Grills & Prep Tables.
- One (1) Outdoor Pavilion (Vernon Barg Pavilion) with Indoor Seating Area and Restrooms.
- One Paved Walking Trail (4,267 feet).
- 26 Picnic Tables.
- One (1) asphalt paved off-street parking lot with 53 parking stalls, including two handicapped parking stalls.

Froemming Park: Froemming Park is a 16.25-acre park site owned by Milwaukee County and located southwest of the intersection of S. 51st Street and W. Puetz Road (see Map 4.1). Froemming Park is located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Froemming Park Planning District.

Facilities and amenities at Froemming Park include:

- One (1) softball diamond (unlighted) with bleachers.
- One (1) baseball diamond (unlighted) with bleachers.
- Two (2) tennis courts (unlighted).
- One (1) sand volley ball court.
- Picnic area.
- One (1) open air pavilion with roof and attached restrooms.

- Storage facilities.
- Asphalt paved off-street parking area with 54 parking spaces.
- Two (2) bicycle racks.
- Drinking fountain.
- Picnic tables.
- Telephone.
- One (1) totlot with one (1) play structure, one (1) 4-seat swing set of which 2 seats are for toddlers, and one (1) horizontal climbing apparatus.
- One (1) playfield.
- Park benches.
- Asphalt paved trail.
- Wehr Astronomical Society Observatory.
- Wetland area.

COMMUNITY LEVEL PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION LAND

(Playfields at Middle School or High School Sites)

Franklin High School: The Franklin High School occupies a 76.92-acre site near the southeast corner of the intersection of S. 51st Street and W. Drexel Avenue (8222 S. 51st Street) (see Map 4.1).

Franklin High School is owned by Franklin Public School District. Franklin High School is located within the northwest corner of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Hunting Park Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Franklin High School include:

- One (1) indoor gymnasium with a posted capacity of 1,648 persons.
- One (1) indoor weight room.
- One (1) indoor swimming pool which is 4,575 square feet in area and has a 210,000 gallon capacity.
- One (1) combined football, soccer, and paved track field with bleachers, concession stand, press box, scoreboard, and field lighting.
- One (1) cross country running course.
- One (1) baseball diamond with backstop, bleachers, dugout structures, and scoreboard (unlighted).
- Two (2) playfields (located immediately north of school building and at the far south end of property).
- One shot put enclosure.
- One (1) storage/garage structure.
- One (1) stormwater retention pond (with fishing).
- One (1) bicycle rack.

- Asphalt paved off-street parking.

Forest Park Middle School and Franklin Public Schools District Office: The Forest Park Middle School and the Franklin Public Schools District Office occupies a 40-acre site immediately south of the intersection of W. Forest Hill Avenue and Forest Meadows Drive (8225 W. Forest Hill Avenue) (see Map 4.1). Forest Park Middle School and the Franklin Public Schools District Office are owned by the Franklin Public School District. Forest Park Middle School and the Franklin Public Schools District Office are located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Forest Hills Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Forest Park Middle School include:

- One (1) indoor gymnasium with a posted capacity of 696 persons.
- One (1) large playfield.
- One (1) backstop.
- Two (2) soccer fields (unlighted).
- Three (3) basketball goals.
- One (1) bicycle rack.
- Asphalt paved off-street parking lot with 39 parking spaces located contiguous to playfield.
- Outdoor education center with signage, benches, and a trail.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION LAND

(Neighborhood Parks at Park Sites)

St. Martins (Robinwood) Neighborhood Park: The St. Martins (Robinwood) Neighborhood Park occupies a 19.2-acre site owned by Milwaukee County (currently leased to Franklin Public School District) and is located immediately southwest of the intersection of W. Robinwood Lane and Mission Drive. (see Map 4.1) St. Martins (Robinwood) Neighborhood Park is within the central portion of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Mission Hills Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at St. Martins (Robinwood) Park include:

- Two (2) basketball courts with four (4) goals.
- One (1) softball diamond with backstop.
- One (1) playfield.
- One (1) pavilion with restrooms.
- One (1) totlot with one (1) 4-seat toddler swing set, two (2) climbing apparatuses,

and three (3) benches.

- One (1) asphalt paved playground area.
- No off-street parking area is provided on-site. However, the easterly abutting Robinwood Elementary School site provides adequate asphalt paved off-street parking.
- Lighted asphalt paved path system through the Park's eastern-located active recreation areas.
- Northern and western portions of the site consist of woodlands and wetland area.

Pleasant View Neighborhood Park: The Pleasant View Neighborhood Park occupies an undeveloped 24-acre site owned by the City of Franklin and is located on the south side of and abutting Pleasant View Elementary School south of W. Marquette Avenue and east of Evergreen Street (see Map 4.1). Pleasant View Neighborhood Park is in the southwestern portion of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Pleasant View Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Pleasant View Neighborhood Park include:

- Off-street parking located at the abutting Pleasant View Elementary School.

Jack E. Workman Neighborhood Park: The Jack E. Workman Neighborhood Park occupies a 12.04+/- acre site owned by the City of Franklin northeast of the intersection of W. Forest Hill Avenue and S. Lakeview Drive (see Map 4.1). The Jack E. Workman Neighborhood Park is in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Hunting Park Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Jack E. Workman Neighborhood Park include:



- Two (2) Dog Stations.
- Three (3) Garbage Cans.
- Seven (7) Park Benches.
- One (1) Play Structure (Ages 5-12).
- Play Equipment: Four (4) Infant Swings, One (1) ADA Swing.
- One (1) Volleyball Court.
- One (1) Softball Field with backstop, line fences and team benches.
- One (1) Basketball Court

- with two (2) goals.
- One (1) Tennis Court (unlighted).
- One (1) Wood Pedestrian Bridge.
- Two (2) Picnic Tables.
- One (1) Paved Walking Trail (1,458 feet).
- One (1) 40-foot long walking bridge.
- Wetlands with wetland mitigation.

Southwood Glen Neighborhood Park (County Park Site #59): The Southwood Glen Neighborhood Park (County Park Site #59) occupies an 8.9-acre site owned by Milwaukee County (currently leased to Franklin Public School District) and located between S. 35th Street and Hilltop Lane north of W. Southwood Drive (see Map 4.1). Southwood Glen Neighborhood Park abuts and is north of the Southwood Glen Elementary School. Southwood Glen Neighborhood Park is in the eastern portion of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Southwood Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Southwood Glen Neighborhood Park include:

- One (1) large playfield.
- One (1) softball diamond with backstop.
- Totlot with one (1) 6-seat swing set of which 2-seats are for toddlers, two (2) spring toys, one (1) spring platform, and one (1) play structure.
- One (1) sand volleyball court (in need of repair).
- Picnic areas.
- One (1) picnic table.
- Trash receptacles.
- Off-street parking located at the abutting Southwood Glen Elementary School.

Christine Rathke Memorial Park (formerly Quarry View Park): Christine Rathke Memorial Park is a 6.5-acre park site located east of the intersection of S. 68th Street and Pineberry Ridge (see Map 4.1). Christine Rathke Memorial Park is owned by Payne & Dolan and leased to the City of Franklin for 40 years beginning in 1991. Christine Rathke Memorial Park is located within the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Orchard View Planning Area.

Facilities and amenities at Christine Rathke Memorial Park include:

- One (1) baseball diamond with backstop, line fences and team benches.
- One (1) playfield.
- One (1) Play Structure (Ages 2-5).
- One (1) Play Structure (Ages 5-12).

- Play Equipment: One (1) Rock N Ride, Six (6) Belt Swings, One (1) Infant Swing.
- Picnic area.
- Seven (7) picnic tables.
- Eleven (11) park benches.
- Trash receptacles.
- One (1) Bike Rack.
- One (1) Dog Station.
- One (1) Paved Walking Trail (1,888 feet).
- Picnic Tables (7).
- One (1) Paved Parking Lot with 19 parking stalls.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION LAND

(Playgrounds at Elementary School Sites)

Pleasant View Elementary School: The Pleasant View Elementary School occupies a 14.11-acre site and is owned by Franklin Public School District. Pleasant View Elementary School is located immediately south of the intersection of W. Marquette Avenue and S. 46th Street (4601 W. Marquette Avenue) (see Map 4.1). Pleasant View Elementary School is in the southwestern portion of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Pleasant View Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Pleasant View Elementary School include:

- One (1) indoor gymnasium with a posted capacity of 599 persons.
- One (1) soccer field with soccer goals.
- One (1) playfield.
- One (1) asphalt paved playground.
- One (1) basketball court with two (2) goals.
- One (1) running track.
- Three (3) totlots with three (3) sand boxes and three (3) play structures.
- One (1) funnel ball apparatus.
- One (1) bicycle rack.
- Off-street parking available.
- Outdoor education center.

Ben Franklin Elementary School: The Ben Franklin Elementary School occupies a 12.46 acre site located on the southeast corner of S. 83rd Street south of W. Southview Drive (7620 S. 83rd Street) (see Map 4.1). Ben Franklin Elementary School is owned by Franklin Public School District. The 7.94-acre Ben Franklin School abuts an undeveloped 4.52-acre parcel of land that was formerly known as County Park Site #64 (or Tuckaway Green Valley Park). This property is also owned by

the Franklin School District. Ben Franklin Elementary School is located in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Green Valley Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Ben Franklin Elementary School include:

- One (1) indoor gymnasium with a posted capacity of 550 persons.
- One (1) small playfield.
- One (1) asphalt paved playground.
- Two (2) basketball courts with four (4) goals.
- Two (2) multipurpose play/climbing apparatus.
- One (1) funnel ball apparatus.
- One (1) paved and lighted trail connection to County Park Site #64 (also known as Tuckaway Green Valley Park).
- Two (2) bicycle racks.
- Asphalt paved off-street parking available.

Facilities and amenities on the property formerly known as County Park Site #64 (Tuckaway Green Valley Park) include:

- One (1) soccer field with soccer goals.
- One (1) small wooded area (approximately one acre in area).
- One (1) paved and lighted trail connection to Ben Franklin Elementary School.

Country Dale Elementary School: The Country Dale Elementary School occupies a 9.76-acre site north of St. Martins Road between W. Forest Home Avenue and North Cape Road (7380 S. North Cape Road) (see Map 4.1). Country Dale Elementary School is owned by Franklin Public School District. Country Dale Elementary School is located in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Hales Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Country Dale Elementary School include:

- One (1) indoor gymnasium with a posted capacity of 560 persons.
- One (1) asphalt paved playground.
- Two (2) basketball courts with four (4) goals.
- One (1) softball diamond with backstop (unlighted).
- One (1) backstop.
- One (1) playfield.
- One (1) multipurpose play/climbing apparatus.
- Five (5) climbing bar apparatuses.
- Two (2) geodesic dome type climbing structures.

- Four (4) benches.
- Two (2) red and white balls (mounted on tall poles) play apparatuses.
- One (1) pair of balance bars.
- One (1) bicycle rack.
- Asphalt paved off-street parking.

Southwood Glen Elementary School: The Southwood Glen Elementary School occupies an 8.76-acre site and is owned by Franklin Public School District. Southwood Glen Elementary School is located between S. 35th Street and S. 33rd Street north of W. Southwood Drive (9090 S. 35th Street) (see Map 4.1). The Southwood Glen Elementary School abuts the Southwood Glen Neighborhood Park (County Park Site #59). The Southwood Glen Elementary School is in the eastern portion of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Southwood Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Southwood Glen Elementary School include:

- One (1) indoor gymnasium with a posted capacity of 600 persons.
- One (1) playfield located at the southeast of the school building.
- One (1) basketball court with two (2) goals and one (1) goal located along a driveway.
- One (1) asphalt paved playground with painted floor games and sprinting lane.
- Two (2) totlots with two (2) climbing structures, one (1) sandbox, and three (3) hanging bars.
- One (1) picnic table.
- Three (3) benches.
- Small Southwood Glen "Sunshine Prairie" restoration area with path.
- One (1) bicycle rack.
- Off-street parking available.

Robinwood Elementary School: The Robinwood Elementary School occupies a 8.21-acre site and is owned by Franklin Public School District. Robinwood Elementary School is located immediately south of the intersection of W. Robinwood Lane and Mission Drive (10705 W. Robinwood Lane) (see Map 4.1). Robinwood Elementary School is in the central portion of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Mission Hills Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Robinwood Elementary School include:

- One (1) indoor gymnasium with a posted capacity of 458 persons.
- One (1) soccer field with soccer goals.
- One (1) playfield located on the south side of the site.

- One (1) passive open space recreation area located on the south side of the school building.
- One (1) asphalt paved playground.
- Three (3) play apparatus areas with one (1) multi-functional play apparatus equipment at each.
- One (1) funnel ball apparatus.
- Four (4) hanging bar apparatuses.
- One (1) large picnic table.
- Off-street parking available.

MINI-PARK LEVEL OUTDOOR RECREATION LAND (Mini-Parks)

Lions Baseball Field (formerly Ollie Pederson Field): Lions Baseball Field is a 9.4+/- acre park located at the south terminus of and east of S. 80th Street south of the intersection of S. 80th Street and W. Ryan Road (STH 100) (see Map 4.1). Lions Baseball Field is located in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Willow Edge Rural Planning District. Facilities and amenities at Lions Baseball Field include:

- Two (2) softball diamonds (unlighted) with backstops, bleachers, and benches.
- One (1) enclosed concession stand.
- One (1) storage/garage structure.
- One (1) flagpole.
- One (1) security light pole.
- Off-street gravel parking for 100+/- cars.

Cascade Creek Park (City Park #4): Cascade Creek Park (City Park #4) is a 9+/- acre undeveloped park located southeast of the intersection of S. 60th Street and W. Cascade Drive (see Map 4.1). Cascade Creek Park (City Park #4) is in the southwest corner of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Root River Planning Area.

Facilities and amenities at Cascade Creek Park (City Park #4) include:

- One (1) playfield (open space grass area).
- One (1) short, 5-foot wide asphalt paved path leading into the park from S. 60th Street.
- One (1) Dog Station.
- One (1) Garbage Can.
- One (1) Bench.

Friendship Park (formerly City Park #1--Sharon and Anita Park): Friendship Park (formerly City Park #1--Sharon and Anita Park) is a 1.58-acre park located between W. Sharon Lane and W. Anita Lane east of S. 39th Street (see Map 4.1). Friendship Park is located in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Hunting Park Neighborhood.



Facilities and amenities at Friendship Park include:

- One (1) playfield.
- One (1) Play Structure (Ages 2-5).
- One (1) Play Structure (Ages 5-12).
- Play Equipment: Three (3) Rock N Rides, One (1) Lil Digger, One (1) Blister Bar, Six (6) Belt Swings, One (1) Bar Climber, Four (4) Infant Swings, One (1) ADA Swing.
- One (1) Chin-Up Bar.
- One (1) basketball court with one (1) goal.
- One (1) backstop.
- Nine (9) park benches.
- On-street parking only.
- One (1) Dog Station.
- One (1) Bike Rack.
- Paved Walking Trail (490 feet).
- Two (2) Picnic Tables.
- One (1) Shade Kiosk with Picnic Table.

Glenn Meadows Park (formerly City Park #2--35th Street Park): Glenn Meadows Park (formerly City Park #2--35th Street Park) occupies a 1-acre site on the north side of W. Madison Boulevard between S. 36th Street and S. 37th Street (see Map 4.1). Power lines traverse the site in a north-south direction. Glenn Meadows Park is in the eastern portion of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Pleasant View Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Glenn Meadows Park include:

- One (1) grass playfield (no baseball allowed).

- One (1) asphalt paved basketball court with two (2) goals.
- One (1) play structure (ages 5-12).
- Play Equipment: Two (2) Rock N Rides, One (1) Lil Digger, One (1) Whirl, Two (2) Belt Swings, (One) 1 Bar Climber, (Two) 2 Infant Swings.
- Four (4) park benches.
- One Dog Station.
- One Garbage Can.
- On-street parking only.

Dr. Lynette Fox Memorial Park: Dr. Lynette Fox Memorial Park occupies a 0.42-acre site located southeast of the intersection of S. Harvard Drive and Princeton Pines Court at 6860 South Harvard Drive (see Map 4.1).

Facilities and amenities at Dr. Lynette Fox Memorial Park include:

- One (1) play structure (ages 2-5).
- One (1) play structure (ages 5-12).
- Play Equipment: One (1) Rock N Ride, (Two) 2 Belt swings, One (1) Infant Swing, One (1) ADA Swing.
- Two (2) park benches.
- Two (2) Picnic Tables.
- One (1) Garbage Can.

Ken Windl Park: Ken Windl Park occupies a 6.74 acre site located immediately southeast of the intersection of W. Rawson Avenue and North Cape Road at 11654 West Rawson Avenue (see Map 4.1).

Facilities and amenities at Ken Windl Park include:

- One (1) indoor pavilion with tables, chairs, and a kitchenette.
- One Play Structure (ages 5-12).
- Play Equipment: Two (2) Rock N Rides, Two (2) Belt Swings, One (1) Bar Climber, One ■ (1) Infant Swing, One (1) ADA Swing.
- One Bike Rack.
- Two (2) tennis Courts.
- Eight picnic tables.
- One shade kiosk with picnic table.
- One dog station.
- Three benches.

- Two garbage cans.
- 29 stall paved parking lot.
- Access to City of Franklin Bike & Hiking Trail.

SPECIAL PARKS

Franklin Woods Nature Center (formerly Camp Arthur Davidson): Franklin Woods Nature Center is a 40-acre park site located immediately southwest of the intersection of W. Puetz Road and S. 35th Street (see Map 4.1). Franklin Woods Nature Center is situated along the headwaters of Oak Creek, and contains a natural area that consists of mature dry-mesic hardwoods, lowland hardwoods, and stands of younger growth. The rich and diverse flora includes black haw, a State-designated special concern species. Although the Franklin Woods Nature Center is classified as a Special Park, it also contains play structures and a grass field, which are amenities that would be found within a mini park. Franklin Woods Nature Center is located in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Southwood Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Franklin Woods Nature Center include:

- Natural area (also see Table 4.3).
- Nature trails (crushed stone) including a twelve-box Blue Bird trail.
- One (1) Open air pavilion.
- One (1) crushed stone off-street parking lot with about 14 parking spaces.
- Wetland/stormwater drainage area.
- Woodlands.
- Three (3) Dog Stations.
- One (1) Garbage Can.
- Seven (7) Park Benches.
- One (1) Play Structure (Ages 2-5).
- One (1) Play Structure (Ages 5-12).
- Play Equipment: One (1) Rock N Ride, Two (2) Belt Swings, One (1) Infant Swing.
- One (1) Paved Walking Trail (2,072 feet).
- One (1) Stone Walking Trail (2,096 feet).
- Ten (10) Picnic Tables.
- Four (4) Informational Kiosks.
- One (1) Grass Play Field.
- 26 stall paved parking lot.

Franklin Little League Complex: The Franklin Little League Complex is 25.71-acre park located on the east side of S. 76th Street south of the intersection with W. Puetz Road (see Map 4.1). The Franklin Little League Complex is located in the southwest portion of the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Willow Edge Planning District.

Facilities and amenities at Franklin Little League Complex include:

- Five (5) hardball baseball diamonds with dugout structures and bleachers (lighted) of which two (2) of the diamonds have scoreboards.
- One (1) softball diamond with dugout structure and bleachers (lighted).
- One (1) enclosed concession stand.
- One (1) storage structure/garage.
- Portable restroom facilities.
- Off-street asphalt paved parking facilities for 230 cars of which 87 are unmarked including 28 unmarked spaces situated at the eastern extension of the southeast located parking lot and 59 unmarked spaces located at the southern parking lot. The southeast located parking lot is in disrepair and in need of repaving.
- Off-street gravel parking facilities for 19+ cars located at the northern extension of the northwestern parking lot.

Meadowlands Park: Meadowlands Park is a 15+/- acre passive recreation park located on both sides of S. Redwing Drive south of W. Elm Court (see Map 4.1). Meadowlands Park is in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Woodview Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Meadowlands Park include:

- A 1,156-foot wood-chip walking trail.
- Wetland area.
- One (1) Dog Station.
- Two (2) Benches.
- One (1) Garbage Can.

Ernie Lake Park (unofficial name): Ernie Lake Park (unofficial name) is a 14+/- acre undeveloped park located east of S. Chapel Hill Drive both north and south of Chapel Hill Court East (see Map 4.1). Ernie Lake Park is located in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Mission Hills Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at Ernie Lake Park include:

- Two (2) Dog Stations.
- Three (3) Park Benches.
- Three (3) Garbage Cans.
- One (1) Paved Walking Trail (3,777 feet).
- Natural area consisting of wetlands which are a part of a constructed stormwater retention/water quality basin (also see Table 4.3).

Mission Hills Neighborhood Wetlands: The Mission Hills Neighborhood Wetlands is a 14+/- acre park located on the north side of W. Church Street at its intersection with S. Chapel Hill Drive (see Map 4.1). The Mission Hills Neighborhood Wetlands is located in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Mission Hills Neighborhood.

Facilities and amenities at the Mission Hills Neighborhood Wetlands include:

- Natural area (also see Table 4.3).
- Woodlands.
- Wetlands.
- One (1) Park Bench.
- One (1) Garbage Can.
- One (1) Grass Play Field.

Market Square (formerly City Park #3 in St. Martins): Market Square (formerly City Park #3 in St. Martins) is a 0.5-acre park site located in the "Village" of St. Martins at the north corner of the intersection of Church Street and Franklin Street (see Map 4.1). Market Square is located in the City of Franklin's 1992 Comprehensive Master Plan-delineated Mission Hills Neighborhood and St. Martins Planning District.

Facilities and amenities at Market Square include:

- One (1) open air gazebo.
- Small "village green" area.
- One (1) Gazebo with Concrete Floor & Brick Walkway.
- Seven (7) Picnic Tables.
- One (1) Garbage Can.
- 12 stall paved parking lot.

Victory Creek Special Park: Victory Creek Special Park is a 84.6-acre park site located east of Pleasant View Neighborhood Park and west of South 38th Street in U.S. Public Land Survey Sections

11 and 12. In this CORP update, a 5.7-acre park, known as Pleasant View Special Park in the 2002 City of Franklin Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, has been merged with Victory Creek Special Park. The land for Victory Creek Special Park was acquired by the Conservation Fund as part of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's Green Seams Program. Ownership of the land was transferred to the City of Franklin in 2002.

Facilities and amenities at Victory Creek Special Park include:

- Natural area.
- Woodlands.
- Woodland mitigation, Arbor Day planting site, wetlands, creek, and prairie seeded site.

EXISTING TRAILS

This section identifies the existing trail system within the City of Franklin (i.e., those trails, paths, sidewalks, etc. that are available for use by the general public). This includes trails within easements, paths within public park and school sites, sidewalks within public street right-of-ways, and in some instances the wide paved shoulders within public street right-of-ways. These facilities can and often do vary in length, width, and construction materials. While all of these facilities are generally intended for pedestrian use (walking), and most of these can be used for a variety of recreational uses (hiking, jogging, biking, etc.), some of these can also be utilized for transportation purposes (safe and efficient travel for pedestrians and bicyclists from one destination to another). In this regard, trails, paths, sidewalks, etc. intended for transportation purposes are generally located such that destinations (employment centers, retail centers, recreational centers, etc.) are connected to one another, and that travel along such routes can be achieved safely and efficiently (generally such trails, paths, sidewalks, etc. are identified with special signs or pavement markings, or are designed to separate automobiles from bicyclists from pedestrians).

While the existing trail system within the City of Franklin is in many regards a fragmented system, it is the City's intent to eventually create an interconnected system comprised of trails, paths, sidewalks, and wide shoulders on public streets. An analysis of these existing facilities on Map 7.1 indicates that the City has approximately 49,960 lineal feet of off-road trails (not including paths located within parks), 82,069 lineal feet of sidewalks, and 36,513 lineal feet of wide shoulders.

Milwaukee County Oak Leaf Recreational Trail (formerly the 76 Trail)

The Milwaukee County Oak Leaf Trail System consists of about 108 miles of trails comprised of multiple loops through all the major parkways and parks in the Milwaukee County Park System. The Oak Leaf Trail is composed of about 52 miles of off-road paths, 31 miles of parkway drives, and 25 miles of municipal streets. The Oak Leaf Trail is the gem of the Milwaukee County Park System, and is recognized as one of the premier bicycling facilities in the country. The off-road path portions

of the system are designed to support multiple uses, and on any given weekend day during the warm months one can find large numbers of people participating in a wide variety of trail related recreational activities including in-line skating, walking, jogging, and bicycling. During the winter months, the trails are used by heartier commuters and by cross-country skiers.

In the City of Franklin, the main route of the Oak Leaf Trail extends approximately 4.9 miles in a north/south direction from W. Loomis Road and S. 68th Street to the Milwaukee County Sports Complex at S. 60th Street and W. Ryan Road. In addition, an on-road signed portion of the trail extends to the east for about two and one-half miles along W. Drexel Avenue (from approximately S. 60th Street on the west to S. 27th Street on the east). The off-road portion of the trail is paved, approximately 10 feet wide, and is utilized for both recreational and transportation purposes.



Facilities and amenities associated with the Oak Leaf Trail within the City of Franklin include:

- Four Dog Stations with park benches, garbage cans, and trail signs.
- Two Parking Lots.
- An approximately 4.1 mile long asphalt paved Walking Trail with seven side trails (also asphalt paved) totaling about 0.8 miles providing connections to: the Milwaukee County Sports Complex and Ryan Road; Froemming Park and S. 51st Street; W. Puetz Road; W. Drexel Avenue; W. Rawson Avenue; and two connections to S. 68th Street.
- Four bridges.
- Access to the Root River.

City of Franklin Bike and Hiking Trail

The approximately 1.7 mile City of Franklin Bike and Hiking Trail consists of two segments of crushed limestone trail, approximately 6 feet wide, located along the Wisconsin Electric Power Company right-of-way in the northwest quadrant of the City: an approximately 1.02 mile long north/south oriented segment extending from about W. Swiss Street on the south to Ken Windl Park, located on W. Rawson Avenue (CTH BB) on the north, and an approximately 0.72 mile long

east/west oriented segment extending from W. Spring Street on the east to the Milwaukee/Waukesha County line on the west(see Map 4.1). The Franklin Bike and Hiking Trail is located within the St. Martins Neighborhood. While located within a Wisconsin Electric Power Company utility owned right-of-way, the trail is maintained by the City of Franklin. This trail is primarily utilized for recreational purposes.

Facilities and amenities at the Franklin Bike and Hiking Trail include:

- Three Dog Stations.
- One Park Bench.
- Three Garbage Cans.
- One Stone Walking Trail.
- 20 Trail Gates.
- 10 Trail Signs.

St. Martins Trail

The St. Martins Trail consists of an approximately 2.1 mile long north/south oriented crushed limestone trail, approximately 5 feet wide, extending from about W. Mayer Drive on the north to the Milwaukee/Waukesha County line at W. Loomis Road (USH 45/STH 36) on the south. The St. Martins Trail was developed in cooperation with the Wisconsin Electric Power Company. While located within a Wisconsin Electric Power Company utility owned right-of-way, the trail is maintained by the City of Franklin. The St. Martins Trail is shown as an existing trail in the 2007 Milwaukee County Trails Network Plan. In addition, the St. Martins Trail is an integral part of the 2001 Wisconsin State Trails Network Plan, Segment 37, Franklin to Illinois. According to the 2001 Wisconsin State Trails Network Plan, “This segment begins in the southwest corner of Milwaukee County at the east end of the Muskego Lakes Trail identified by SEWRPC’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan (Segment 40). Part of this segment includes a natural resource/utility corridor proposed as the Waterford-St. Martins Trail. Racine County has developed four miles of this corridor, known as the Waterford-Wind Lake Trail.” This trail is primarily utilized for recreational purposes.

Crooked Creek Walking Trail

The approximately 0.3 mile Crooked Creek Walking Trail is located southeast of the intersection of W. Forest Hill Avenue and S. 44th Street within the existing Crooked Creek subdivision. The crushed limestone Crooked Creek Walking Trail is located within a pedestrian access easement within Outlot 9 of the Crooked Creek Subdivision. This trail is utilized for recreational purposes.

Facilities and amenities at Crooked Creek Walking Trail include:

- One Dog Station.
- One Park Bench.
- One Garbage Can.
- One Stone Walking Trail (1,710 feet, 0.3 mile).
- Wooden Fencing.



Crooked Creek Walking Trail

Milwaukee County Alpha Mountain-Bike Trail – Whitnall Park/Crystal Ridge

The Alpha Mountain-Bike Trail is Milwaukee County's first mountain bike trail. The Alpha Trail is an approximately 3.0 mile trail connecting the Winter Sports Area of Whitnall Park in the Village of Greendale to the Crystal Ridge area of the Root River Parkway in the City of Franklin. The trailhead, located at 6740 South 92nd Street in the Village of Greendale, is near the toboggan hill in Whitnall Park's Winter Sports Area (northeast of the golf course). The trail is operated in cooperation with the Metro Mountain Bikers (MMB) and was designed with the help of the International Mountain Bike Association and the Trail Care Specialist Service. Volunteers of the MMB constructed the trail. In order to accommodate beginner mountain bikers, the trail only has a few steep or rocky segments. According to Milwaukee County, additional mountain bike trails may be developed in the future. This trail is utilized for recreational purposes.

City of Franklin Sidewalk System

Map 7.1 identifies 82,069 lineal feet (15.54 miles) of existing sidewalks that are part of the trail system within the City of Franklin. These sidewalks are scattered throughout the City, but are generally located within newer subdivisions adjacent to public schools (such as Ben Franklin Elementary School, Forest Park Middle School, Franklin High School, Robinwood Elementary School, and Southwood Glen Elementary School), or are located along major roads which had recently been constructed or reconstructed (such as Drexel Avenue and Rawson Avenue). These sidewalks are generally located within the public street right-of-way, are concrete, and are five feet wide. While most of these sidewalks are utilized for primarily recreational purposes, some of these sidewalks are so located that they can also serve transportation purposes (such as those sidewalks

along Rawson Avenue between S. 27th Street and W. Loomis Road, and W. Ryan Road between S. 27th Street and the Root River).

The City's sidewalk policy, as set forth in Section 15-8.0107 of the Unified Development Ordinance, is to generally require sidewalks on both sides of those arterial streets with an urban cross-section, and on one side of those collector and local streets which connect to a public school or park (generally on the side of the street on which the school or park is located). When sidewalks are required, they shall be a minimum of five feet wide and be located within a dedicated public right-of-way or pedestrian access easement.

Other Existing Routes, Paths, and Trails

In addition to the trails and sidewalks noted above, smaller and less formal (but still available for use by the public) paths are located within the City. Examples include paved paths within existing parks such as Christine Rathke Memorial Park, Ernie Lake Park, Franklin Woods Nature Center, Jack Workman Park, and Lions Legend Park.

Furthermore, certain existing public streets which have low traffic volumes (such as within subdivisions), or certain existing public streets with wide paved shoulders within the right-of-way, can sometimes also be utilized by pedestrians, bicyclists, and others in a safe manner. Often referred to as Bike Routes, these locations can sometimes be part of a trail system when accomplished in a safe manner. Examples include Drexel Avenue east of the Root River which has long been identified as part of the Oak Leaf Trail system, and that part of Church Street east of St. Martins Road which does not possess a sidewalk. As previously mentioned in this chapter, the City has 6.92 miles of existing paved shoulders that are part of the overall trail system defined on Map 7.1.

Also, it can be noted that the Rolling Dice Riders Snowmobile Club has designed, built, and maintained a 12.6 mile system of snowmobile trails in the southeastern portion of the City of Franklin from the Root River Parkway on the east to the St. Martins Trail on the west with connections to W. County Line Road and Racine County to the south. This snowmobile trail system connects to the statewide snowmobile system.

FACILITY SERVICE RADII AND SERVICE AREAS OF EXISTING PARK, OPEN SPACE, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION SITES

Based upon the various facility service radii standards set forth in Table 3.2 of Chapter 3, the following maps illustrate the existing service area radii and service areas of each of the existing park, open space, and outdoor recreation sites described earlier in this Chapter as follows:

- Map 4.2 indicates the existing service area radii of existing parks serving as community outdoor recreation facilities.
- Map 4.3 indicates the existing service area radii of existing parks serving as neighborhood outdoor recreation facilities.
- Map 4.4 indicates the existing service area radii of existing parks serving as mini-park outdoor recreation facilities.

An analysis and forecast of various community, neighborhood, and mini-park needs based, in part, upon the service radii exhibited in Maps 4.2 through 4.4, as well as per capita standards (see Chapter 3), are presented in Chapter 5.

PRIVATE PARK, OPEN SPACE, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION SITES

Although the focus of the City of Franklin's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan update is the provision of public park, open space, and outdoor recreation sites accessible to all of the residents of the City, it is recognized that some recreational needs of the community and surrounding areas are being met by various private park, open space, or outdoor recreation sites. When considering such sites for serving the long-term needs of all persons of the community, however, it is important to recognize that such private sites are:

- Not being provided within a comprehensive area-wide outdoor recreation planning framework;
- Cannot be depended upon for the provision of long-term community outdoor recreation need fulfillment; and
- May only be available to certain segments of the community population based upon membership, economic means, and/or religious affiliation.

The various privately-owned park, open space, and outdoor recreational sites which are located in the City of Franklin are indicated in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2
SUMMARY OF PRIVATE PARK, OPEN SPACE, AND OUTDOOR
RECREATION SITES IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN: 2010

NAME	LOCATION	TYPES OF FACILITIES PROVIDED
Croatian Park	9100 S. 76th Street	Soccer fields
Golf Park	11027 S. 27th Street	Indoor golf dome, outdoor driving range
Jubilee Christian Church and School	3639 W. Ryan Road	Playfield and play structure
Faith Community Church	7700 W. Faith Drive	Play structure
Faith Christian Fellowship	11010 W. St. Martins Road	Trail
Fitzsimmons Woods	West of Fitzsimmons Road in U.S. Public Land Survey Section 25	Protected Natural Resources
New Hope Community Church	11321 W. St. Martins Road	Playfield, volleyball
Indian Community School	10405 W. St. Martins Road	Play structures
Polonia Club	10200 W. Loomis Road	Soccer fields
Risen Savior Lutheran Church	9501 W. Drexel Avenue	Playfield, Play structure, trail
Sacred Heart School of Theology	7335 S. Lovers Lane Road	Indoor gymnasium, trail
St. James Catholic Church and Pre-School	7219 S. 27th Street	Playfield
St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and School	7963 S. 116th Street	Indoor gymnasium, two basketball goals, play structure, softball diamond, baseball diamonds, playfield
St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School	6881 S. 51st Street	Playfield and play structures, baseball diamond
Tuckaway Country Club	6901 W. Drexel Avenue	18 hole golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts
Wheaton Franciscan Hospital	10101 S. 27 th Street	Trail

Source: Meehan & Company, Inc. and the City of Franklin

GREENSEAMS PROGRAM

The Greenseams program is an innovative Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) flood management program that permanently protects open space, shorelines, and wetlands containing water absorbing soils. By storing and draining water naturally, Greenseams properties help prevent future flooding while supporting and protecting MMSD's structural flood management projects.

MMSD has hired The Conservation Fund to run the Greenseams program. The Conservation Fund is a national non-profit conservation organization that performs high volume real estate transactions for local land trusts and government agencies throughout the country. Since 2001, The Conservation Fund has acquired over 2,000 acres of flood prone, hydric (water absorbing) soils within the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Approximately 264 acres of those lands are located within the City of Franklin.

By acquiring lands outright and/or purchasing conservation easements, key properties in the Milwaukee, Menomonee, Oak Creek, and Root River watersheds remain undeveloped and permanently protected. Properties are chosen due to their proximity to water, hydric soil composition, environmental corridor and natural area designations, and their connectivity to public spaces.

For more information about the Greenseams program and Greenseams properties in the City of Franklin, check out the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's website and search the word "Greenseams."

MILWAUKEE AREA LAND CONSERVANCY

The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC) is a local conservation organization, founded by local volunteers. MALC's mission is to, "Preserve and protect valuable land and water resources for the benefit of the public, as well as for the wildlife dependent on these resources, in order to maintain quality of life, biological diversity, and natural scenic beauty for future generations." Conservation options available through MALC include; limited development, gifts of land, fair market sale, bargain sale, and conservation easements.

The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC) has permanently protected approximately 70 acres of natural resources in the City of Franklin, about 47.5 acres under MALC ownership and about 22.5 acres under conservation easement, consisting of the following sites.

- Fitzsimmons Road Woods: Fitzsimmons Road Woods is an approximately forty-two (42) acre SEWRPC identified Natural Area located south of W. Fitzsimmons Road in U.S. Public Land

Survey Section 25. Eighteen (18) acres of Fitzsimmons Road Woods is owned by Milwaukee County and is located on the Oakwood Park Golf Course property. The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy holds title to the remaining twenty-four (24) acres, thus maintaining a direct link to the portion of the woodland owned by Milwaukee County. More information about Fitzsimmons Road Woods can be found in Table 4.3, Known Natural Areas in the City of Franklin.

- Carity Prairie: Carity Prairie is an approximately 22.5 acre site located within the Prairie Grass Preserve Subdivision in the City of Franklin. The Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC) partnered with developer Bill Carity to preserve the remnant prairie and restore the sedge meadow complex found at this site. Furthermore, the Carity Prairie is a SEWRPC identified Critical Species Habitat Area for *Gentiana alba* (cream gentian), a Wisconsin designated threatened plant species and located within a secondary environmental corridor.



Cream or Yellow gentian (Gentiana alba)
Source: SEWRPC

NATURAL AREAS IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

As described in Chapter 3, a "*natural area*" is defined as those tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or which have sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant and animal communities believed to be representative of the pre-European-settlement landscape. Natural area sites may be ranked according to several factors, including diversity of plant and animal species and community types present; the structure and integrity of the native plant or animal community; the extent of disturbance from human activity, such as logging, grazing, water level changes, and pollution; the commonness of the plant and animal communities present; the size of the area; any unique natural features within the area; and the

educational and scientific value. Generally, natural areas contain ecosystems consisting of intricately interactive groups of living species existing in conjunction with their environments. These areas serve as living museums of plants and animals. As such, natural areas need to be protected and preserved in order to assure and preserve biological diversity.

Table 4.3 summarizes the natural areas inventory data for the City of Franklin as described by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) in its SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42 titled *A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin* dated September 1997 and the *Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Plan Update for Southeastern Wisconsin* dated April 2009. Table 4.3 provides the natural area name, natural area classification code, general location in the City of Franklin, ownership, its size in acres, description and comments, and a reference number to Map 4.11 of this chapter.

Use of the natural area classification code in Table 4.3 is based upon the Natural Areas, or NA, system traditionally used in Wisconsin to distinguish between natural areas of different quality as having statewide, regional, or local importance--NA-1, NA-2, or NA-3 areas--respectively. Those sites which do not meet the criteria of any NA classification are excluded from the inventory.

Areas designated as NA-1 are of statewide significance. These areas contain excellent examples of nearly complete and relatively undisturbed plant and animal communities which are believed to closely resemble those present during pre-European settlement times. *There are no areas currently designated as NA-1 in the City of Franklin.*

Areas designated as NA-2 are native biotic communities judged to be of lower than NA-1 or statewide significance, but are of a county or multi-county significance. NA-2 areas are often so designated because of evidence of a limited amount of human disturbance. They may also be of the highest biotic quality, but be of less than minimum size for NA-1 ranking. In the future, some NA-2 sites may become of higher significance due to recovery from past disturbance, or because of a sudden substantial decrease in the acreage of a once common type, or after a more detailed inventory is performed. *There are three areas currently designated as NA-2 in the City of Franklin which combined total about 418 acres.*

Areas designated as NA-3 are substantially altered by human activities, but are of local significance. They often contain excellent wildlife habitat, and also provide refuge for a large number of native plant species which no longer exist in the surrounding region due to land use activities. *There are currently 16 areas designated as NA-3 in the City of Franklin which combined total about 800 acres.*

Table 4.3
KNOWN NATURAL AREAS IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

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Root River Canal Woods	NA-2 (RSH)	Section 34	Milwaukee County and private	121	A mixture of good-quality dry-mesic and lowland hardwood forest along the Root River canal. One of the largest intact forested tracts in this part of southeastern Wisconsin. Extends south into Racine County.	1
Root River Wet-Mesic Woods--West	NA-2 (RSH)	Sections 35 and 36	Milwaukee County and private	260	Mixture of medium-aged lowland and upland hardwoods that are recovering well from past disturbance. The ground flora is particularly rich and diverse, including good populations of several rare species. This is an important part of the Root River environmental corridor.	2
Grobschmidt Park Wetlands and Upland Woods	NA-3 (RSH)	Sections 1 and 2	Milwaukee County and private	80	A combination of moderate quality deep and shallow marsh, sedge meadow, shrub-carr, and disturbed dry-mesic woods. Site contains a restored prairie.	3

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Whitnall Park Woods--South	NA-3 (RSH)	Sections 5 and 8	Milwaukee County and private	137	Site consists of several more or less connected strands of dry-mesic upland woods. The area of highest quality is surrounded by golf links. Here, mature red oaks and sugar maples provide a canopy over a representative ground flora that includes two State-designated special concern species: American gromwell and Black haw.	4
Monastery Lake Wetlands	NA-3 (RSH)	Section 8	Private	45	A diverse wetland plant community complex consisting of deep and shallow marsh, sedge meadow, fresh (wet) meadow, shrub-carr, and the last surviving tamaracks in Milwaukee County. The property is subject to a conservation easement.	5
Mission Hills Wetlands	NA-3	Sections 16 and 17	City of Franklin	38	Complex of sedge meadow, shallow marsh, and wet prairie.	6

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Franklin Woods (Puetz Road)	NA-3 (RSH)	Sections 23 and 24	City of Franklin	28	Situated along the headwaters of Oak Creek, this site consists of mature dry-mesic hardwoods, lowland hardwoods, and stands of younger growth. The rich and diverse flora includes black haw, a State-designated special concern species.	7
Fitzsimmons Road Woods	NA-3 (RSH)	Section 25	Milwaukee County and Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC)	42	The south and east portions of this dry-mesic woods are mostly second-growth; the west portion is less disturbed, with larger, mature trees. In the northwest are several ephemeral ponds where the State-designated endangered hop-like sedge is found.	8
Oakwood Park Oak Woods	NA-3 (RSH)	Sections 25 and 26	Milwaukee County and private	22	This is a small dry-mesic oak woods of moderate quality, with a large population of black haw, a State-designated special concern species.	9

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Root River Parkway Prairie	NA-3	Section 27	Milwaukee County	27	Wet-mesic prairie located within the Root River Parkway wetland complex. Characteristic species include big bluestem, saw-toothed sunflower, Virginia mountain mint, prairie cordgrass, leadplant, azure aster, bottle gentian, prairie dock, and slender ladies'-tresses orchid. It is the largest prairie remaining in Milwaukee County.	10
Ryan Creek Woods	NA-3	Section 28	Private	87	One of the larger woodlots remaining in Milwaukee County, this is a dry-mesic woods of varying quality that is recovering from past disturbance. An east-west stream crosses the south end.	11

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Franklin Oak Woods and Oak Savanna	NA-3	Section 29	Milwaukee County	76	The entire site is a former oak savanna, but only the north portion retains this appearance. Here are large, scattered, open-grown bur oaks, but the understory consists mainly of weeds, with a few prairie species persisting. The south portion has degraded further into a dense shrub land. The site was designated the Franklin Savanna State Natural Area in 2004. An intense restoration of this site is being conducted by the Friends of Milwaukee County Parks in conjunction with the Natural Resources Foundation.	12
Elm Road Woods	NA-3 (RSH)	Section 36	Private	20	A small, mostly second-growth woodlot of southern mesic forest and lowland hardwoods. American beech is present at the western edge of its range. Contains good populations of two State-designated special concern species: American gromwell and black haw.	13

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Adams Prairie	NA-2	Section 32	Private	37	Species-rich, high quality wet-mesic prairie and sedge meadow complex.	14
60 th Street Woods	NA-3	Section 27	Milwaukee County	11	Small, but species-rich upland woods.	15
Bike Trail Marsh	NA-3	Section 3	Milwaukee County	3	Good quality shallow marsh.	16
Root River Bike Trail Woods	NA-3	Section 15	Milwaukee County	108	Wet-mesic and dry-mesic woods along Root River.	17
Root River Low and Upland Woods	NA-3	Section 3	Milwaukee County	76	Mostly wet-mesic and floodplain woods along Root River.	18

(RSH) Indicates a "Rare Species Habitat" which identifies the site as a site which supports rare, threatened, or endangered animal or plant species officially designated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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