



Description

Downtown has a diverse collection of recreational opportunities for residents, visitors, and tourists. Lake Monona and Lake Mendota, large and small parks, grounds of civic buildings, urban plazas, and bike paths provide many recreational opportunities. This approach considers potential ways to expand recreational opportunities in the future, which becomes more important as Downtown continue to intensify

Comprehensive Plan Drivers

- Provide adequate and accessible park, recreation and open space facilities for the enjoyment and use of all segments of the City's population. Distribute facilities and design service areas so that all parts of the City have comparable access to park resources.
- Maintain and where possible, increase pedestrian access to the City's lakes and lakeshores.
- Create and maintain an integrated system of readily accessible, linked parks and open spaces to provide recreational opportunities for downtown residents, users and visitors.

Public Comment Drivers

- Easily accessible and linked parks and open spaces.
- Celebrate the lakes by expanding recreational opportunities and public access to & along the lakefronts.
- Expand bicycle trails, routes & connections.
- Mixing businesses with parks & redefining what parks are (urban open space & plaza etc) - More creative uses to make parks more successful and vital to downtown.

