



# NOW SHOWING: NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

## Description:

The Northside includes a wealth of parks and open spaces and close proximity to Lake Mendota and Cherokee Marsh. Warner Park is one of the area's biggest assets and making this Park an even more beautiful place that is accessible and interesting to the broad diversity of Northsiders and others in the City was identified as an important neighborhood planning goal.

## Why it's important:

- Warner Park is a wonderful asset that could become more even more accessible and usable to people in the neighborhood.
- Some people on the Northside do not view Warner Park as their place since it primarily offers sports activities but does not have much in the way of passive recreation areas..
- The Northside includes a number of major natural resources, parks and open spaces that are currently disconnected; linking them together with trails and greenway corridors could provide better access for people and wildlife and create greater public awareness and concern about preserving the Northside's natural area's.

## What do you think?

How do you use Warner Park and why do you visit it?

Do you think there would be an increase in wintertime park use if the warming house offered ice-skating rental and concessions and lights were added to the hockey rink? How about groomed cross country ski and snowshoe trails?

Do you have concerns about increased use of Northside parks and open space especially for large external groups such as for Rhythm and Booms, Mallards games and concerts?

## Preliminary Strategies (Place a star on the scale from 1-5 indicating preference)

Consider completing a bikepath/walking trail connection around the perimeter of Warner Park and evaluate path lighting needs to improve safety.



Explore and consider options for making Warner Park more of a winter activities destination with such options as groomed cross country ski and snowshoe trails, ice skating and ski rentals, and a concession stand.



Consider creating more passive enjoyment areas in Warner Park such as along Monterey Avenue where non-native brush could be removed and native perennials, shrubs and trees could be planted; also consider adding floral garden area along Forster Drive, North of the soccer field.



•Evaluate feasibility and consider dredging and filling a portion of the Warner Park lagoon between the larger island and the Southwest shore and install a lagoon aerator to improve circulation; consider installing accessible piers and carp control measures.



Explore and consider creating pedestrian, bike and greenway connections between Cherokee Marsh, Lake View Hill County Park, Warner Park and the Warner Park Beach.

