

Country Grove Park Master Plan

7353 East Pass

City of Madison Parks Division

Madison, WI



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INTRODUCTION

Country Grove Park is a 43.84 acre park located on the west side of Madison at 7353 East Pass. Classified as a community park, the park focuses on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. The nearest developed parks to this location are Sandstone Park to the east and Manchester Park to the northeast. Glacier Crossing Park and Ice Age Ridge Park are also nearby and to the west, but mainly serve as connections to the Ice Age Trail and have minimal amenities. Chavez Elementary School is located adjacent to the east side of the park and provides additional recreational space and amenities.

About 22 acres of the park are greenways used for stormwater management and conveyance and managed by the Engineering Division. Much of that 22 acres include mapped wetlands by the WDNR and mapped floodways by FEMA leaving the potential for park amenities very limited in those areas.

There are two driving factors to initiate the master planning process. In 2020, additional parkland was dedicated via the Fred-Maple Grove Drive Plat. The dedication expanded the park to the east, adding 5.11 acres of usable park amenity space and 7.23 acres of greenway within the park boundary. The Parks Division also has identified a need for a shelter building to be added to the southwest area of the parks system. Parks leadership evaluated parks in the area and determined Country Grove Park as a suitable location for such amenity. In addition to evaluating existing park uses, the goal of the master plan process was to identify a suitable location within the park for a shelter building and identify park amenities for the new expanded park area.



HISTORY

The land which Country Grove Park occupies has a long history as a crop production field on agricultural property. The city acquired the park property through parkland dedication included in a series of neighborhood plats from 1993-2000.



1968



2000



2014

Photos: Historical Aerial Photography from Dane County DCi Map

EXISTING PLANNING DOCUMENTS

There is no known adopted master plan for Country Grove Park on file.

CURRENT USES AND MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Soccer/Open Play Field

There are three soccer fields located in the park. The largest field is located closest to East Pass while the two fields to the west are smaller in size. The fields are heavily used by the Madison Area Youth Soccer Association (MAYSA) for practices. All three fields are typically reserved multiple nights per week during the spring, summer, and fall. Due to the heavy use, the fields are shifted within the open turf area throughout the year in order to maintain good turf conditions. When the fields are not reserved they are available for open play of soccer or other activities.

Basketball Court

There is one full-court basketball court located in the northwest corner of the park near East Pass. The existing asphalt pavement is in good condition. The court does not get reserved, however parks staff has observed the court being used often while on-site and neighborhood feedback indicates it is well used.

Playground Area

The existing playground was installed in 2017. The expected lifespan of the playground is 20-30 years. During that time typical maintenance, such as replacing broken parts and safety surfacing will be performed. The playground area also includes a small seating area with a structure for a fabric shade. The year of installation of the structure is unknown. The fabric shade is installed every spring and removed every fall by city crews. If the structure would need to be replaced, it would be preferable to replace with a permanent shade that does not require yearly installation.

Drinking Fountain

The drinking fountain is located adjacent to the paved path just off of East Pass. The fountain is in good condition. The water supply requires yearly winterization by city crews.

Paved Path

The paved path begins at the intersection of East Path and Woodstone Drive and goes through the park to Rockstream Drive, adjacent to Chavez Elementary School. A bridge is used to span the floodway area. This path provides a critical connection for the surrounding neighborhoods as many children use it to go to and from school. Alternative routes using street right-of-ways add considerable length to travel routes for pedestrians and bikers from east to west.

The western section of path was re-aligned and re-paved in 2021 to provide improved drainage to the area.

Backstop

The backstop is located on the eastern end of the open play field. While not typically reserved, residents have indicated the backstop receives informal use for baseball, softball, and kickball. The backstop is in excellent condition.

Maintenance Practices

Current maintenance practices include turf mowing, tree trimming/removals as necessary, and regularly scheduled play equipment inspections and upkeep. This property will be maintained in accordance with the [City of Madison Adopted Land Management Plan](#).

MASTER PLAN PROCESS AND PUBLIC INPUT

Master Plan Process

This process consisted of two public input meetings and a public survey. The timeline for this process was as follows:

- October 26, 2022 – Public Input Meeting #1
- January 27-February 12, 2023 – Online Community Survey
- February 16, 2023 – Public Input Meeting #2
- April 19, 2023 – Board of Park Commissioners informational review
- May 17, 2023 – Board of Park Commissioners potential adoption of the master plan

Public Input

Public Input Meeting #1

Public Input Meeting #1 was held virtually via Zoom. Parks presented background information about the park, presented a draft master plan, and listened to community feedback. Presentation Materials can be found in Appendix 1. A summary of feedback can be found in Appendix 2.

Online Community Survey

After the first public input meeting, Parks created an online survey to receive additional input input. The link to the survey was included on postcard notifications for the second public input meeting. In total, the survey had 155 responses. Some strong themes were support for adding a shelter to the park, a general lack of amenities in the park, and admiration of the existing paved path and bridge. All responses can be viewed in Appendix 3.

Public Input Meeting #2

Public Input Meeting #2 was held virtually via Zoom. Parks reviewed background information about the park, presented the results of the community survey and a summary of comments from Public Input Meeting #1. A revised draft master plan was also presented for community feedback. Presentation Materials can be found in Appendix 1.

MASTER PLAN PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The master plan was developed by incorporating feedback received during the public engagement process with the expertise of parks staff to balance resident wants and needs with the present and future resources of the Parks Division. Specific improvement items are identified as numbers shown on the master plan graphic. Existing amenities which are not identified for improvements are expected to remain in place on typical maintenance and replacement schedules.

#1 – Single-track Mountain Bike Trails

In 2020 parks completed the Madison Bike Adventure Trail plan. The plan identified Country Grove Park as an integral trail connection on the west side of the city. The trails will have width that varies from just a little wider than your shoulders, up to a track that is just wide enough for two bikes to pass. Many single-track trails are open to one-way travel and wind their way through the best terrain that the landscape offers. Some trails also offer challenge elements.

The trails proposed for Country Grove Park will be in or adjacent to the greenway areas and connect to the west, northeast, and southeast. A potential connection to the southwest was removed from the plan due to neighborhood concerns and feasibility issues related to the narrow width of the greenway section.

#2 – Prototype Shelter Building

Parks has identified a need for a shelter building, including restrooms, in this area of the city. Country Grove Park was selected for the shelter due to the location, space available, and status as a community park. Through the master plan process parks studied suitable location options for the shelter. Ultimately, the location proposed is north of the existing paved path and adjacent to East Pass.

The proposed location is in close proximity to the existing play area, while still allowing the soccer fields the maximum amount of space to rotate fields. It also presents the most ideal location for a vehicle access point to accommodate a small parking lot and drop-off for shelter users. The access point would align with Grove Circle in order to limit the amount of conflict points to East Pass. An access point at this location may include pedestrian crossing improvements to East Pass.

The proposed shelter location will require removal of the existing basketball court. A new basketball court location is identified in item #4.

#3 – Sand Volleyball Court

The sand volleyball court will be located between the existing playground and the proposed shelter building. This amenity was added to the plan after interest was shown at the PIM #1. The location close to the shelter provides allows for the court to be used in conjunction with a gathering.

#4 – New Court Area

This area is proposed as the location for a new basketball court to replace the existing court which will be removed as part of construction of the shelter building. In addition, the area has been sized to include a mini-pitch/futsal court. The exact size and number/types of courts will be evaluated based on neighborhood input and recreational trends at the time of construction.

#5 – Path Connection

Provide a formalized path connection from the paved path to the soccer fields/backstop area. This path may be paved or gravel. Currently there is a desire path in this location.

#6 – New Court Area

Parks has identified the need for additional racquet sport facilities in this area of the park system. The proposed court area is location near Rockstream Dr. and is sized to accommodate either two tennis courts or six pickleball courts. The exact type of court will be evaluated based on neighborhood input and recreational trends at the time of construction.

#7 – Community Patio

The proposed community patio will be located along Rockstream Dr. and provide a gathering space on the east side of the park. The space will include a sun shelter structure and a selection of permanent outdoor yard games. Selections may include corn -hole, ping pong table, ladder toss, etc. Selections will be made with neighborhood input at the time of construction.

#8 – Open Field Area

The proposed open field area would provide space for informal recreation in the area surrounding the community patio.

#9 – Non-mowed / Natural Area with Natural Surface Paths

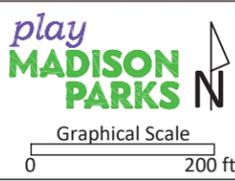
Results of the community survey indicated a desire for more natural areas and walking paths in the park. The proposed area will include native grasses and forbs along with walking paths and benches for nature viewing. The walking paths will be either mowed turf or a natural aggregate surface. The location adjacent to the greenway



LEGEND

- Floodway Boundary
- 1% Annual Flood Chance Boundary
- 0.2% Annual Flood Chance Boundary
- ↔ Existing Path
- ↔ Proposed Path
- ↔ Proposed Natural Surface Path
- ↔ Proposed Vehicle Access
- ↔ Proposed Single Track Trail

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ACTION	DATE
Board of Park Comm.	05/17/2023

**MASTER PLAN for
 COUNTRY GROVE
 PARK**
 7353 East Pass
 SHEET NUMBER: **1 of 1**

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COUNTRY GROVE MASTER PLAN EFFORT



Public Meeting #1
Virtual Meeting
10/26/2022

INTRODUCTION

Adam Kaniewski, City of Madison Parks Division Landscape Architect
Ann Freiwald, City of Madison Parks Division Planning and Development Manager
Eric Knepp, City of Madison Parks Division Superintendent



WELCOME

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Practice question!



HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT A PARK OR AN OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA?

- A. Multiple times per week
- B. About once or twice a week
- C. Once or twice a month
- D. A few times a year
- E. Other



HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT COUNTRY GROVE PARK?

- A. Multiple times per week
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- C. Once or twice a month
- D. A few times a year
- E. Other

TONIGHT'S GOALS

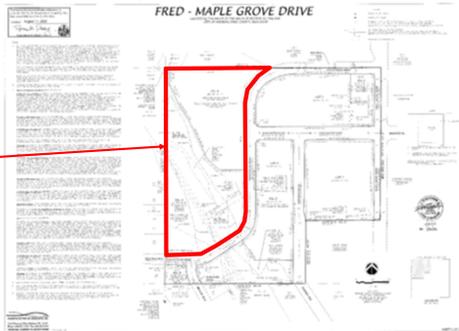
- Why Now?
Review why the master planning process has been initiated
- What are we talking about?
Introduction to the master planning process
Site inventory and analysis
- Proposed draft master plan review
- Now what?
Gathering public input/comments, preparing plan revisions, follow-up public information meeting

WHY NOW?



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Country Grove Park Expansion Area



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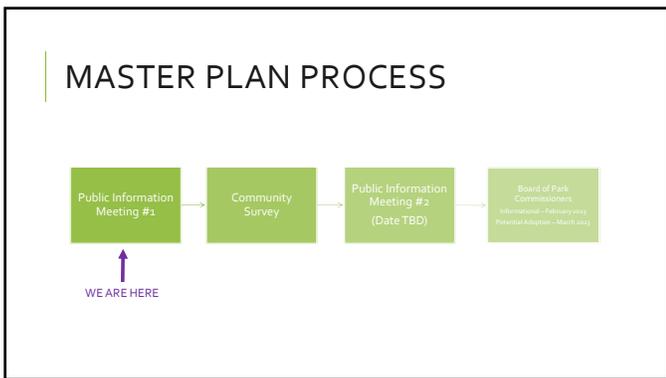


MASTER PLANNING

- What is it?
A master plan:
- Is a forum for public input
 - Provides a common vision for future management/development of a property through a public consensus building process
 - Analyzes site inventory and suitability (What is there now and what can we do with it?)
 - Provides programming (aka activities), development, and resource protection *recommendations*
- Questions answered by a master plan: What is going to happen, where-ish, when-ish, and about how much will it cost?
A 10,000 foot view!

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- A master plan does NOT:
- Specify specific materials or finishes
 - Designate exact locations
 - Include a planting plan or tree management plan
 - Contain construction drawings (which include information like dimensions, colors, products, quality requirements, etc.)
- Questions NOT answered by a master plan: Who is going to build it, when (exact date), and how much will it really cost?



WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD DO YOU LIVE IN?

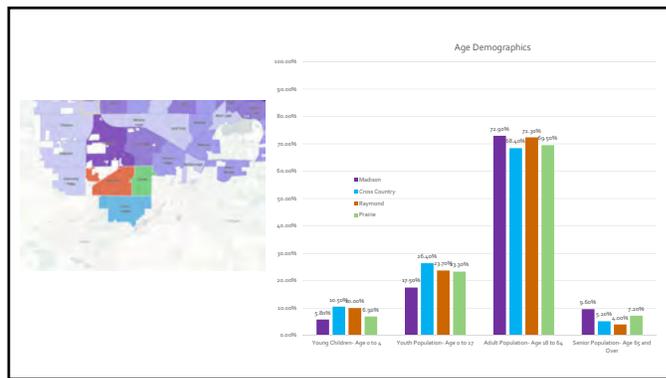
- A. Stone Meadows
- B. Glacier Ridge
- C. Country Grove
- D. Other

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

- A. Two years or less
- B. Three to five years
- C. Five to 10 years
- D. Ten years or more
- E. I was born in this neighborhood

THROUGH THE YEARS...

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WHY DO YOU TYPICALLY VISIT PARKS/OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS? (CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY)

- A. To walk/hike or view nature
- B. To participate in an organized field sport match or practice
- C. To play a pick-up game/field sport
- D. To take my child(ren) to a playground
- E. To go to an event or festival
- F. Other



WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS MOST LACKING IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY SPACES?

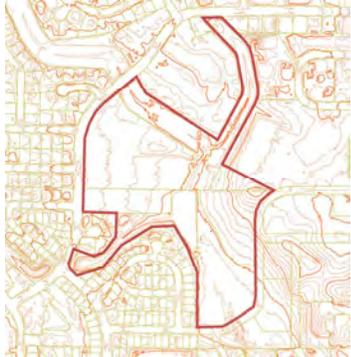
- A. Places to walk or bike for exercise
- B. Places for children to play
- C. Places to picnic and have gatherings
- D. Places to grow and eat local food
- E. Places for organized field sport matches or practices
- F. Other

EXISTING CONDITIONS

- o Aerial
- o Topography
- o Floodplain
- o Greenway
- o Existing Uses
- o Surrounding Area Park Amenities



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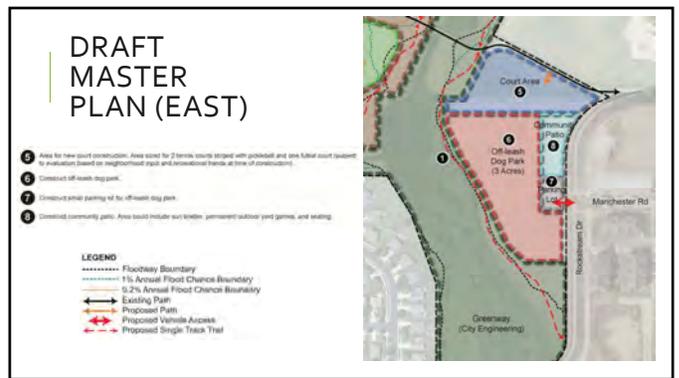
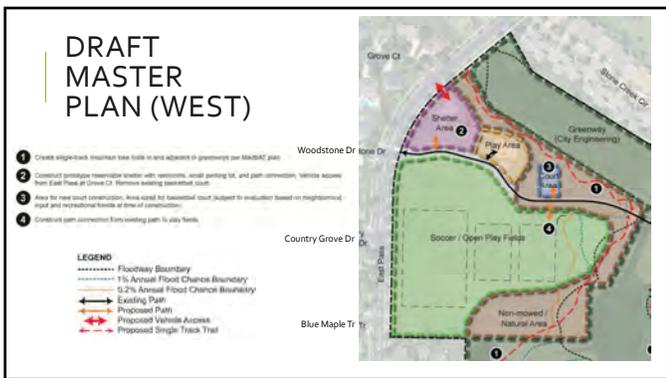
Legend

- 1% Annual Flood Chance - IFL Determined
- FEMA Floodline
- Zone X - 2% Annual Flood Chance

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City Engineering Greenways



DOG PARK



COMMUNITY PATIO



Singletrack Bike Trails

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PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Please use the "raise hand" feature if you wish to provide comments



NEXT STEPS

- Community Survey
- Gathering public input
 - Be sure to contact us with comments
 - Madison Parks will analyze public input and site conditions
 - What do residents want and what can the site provide?
- Public Input Meeting #2
 - Date To Be Determined
 - Revised plans will be presented for public review!

Watch the City Parks "Project Portal" website for the Community Survey and project updates!
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/country-grove-park-master-plan>



COMMENTS?

If you have additional comments, staff are available to listen to your comments. You may also email or call with your comments.

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COUNTRY GROVE MASTER PLAN EFFORT



Public Meeting #2
Virtual Meeting
2/16/2023

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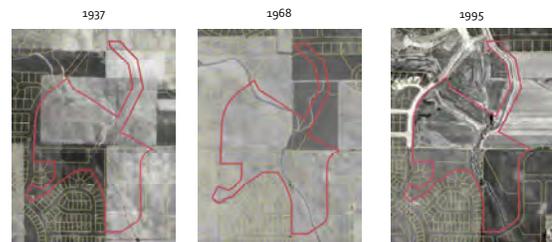
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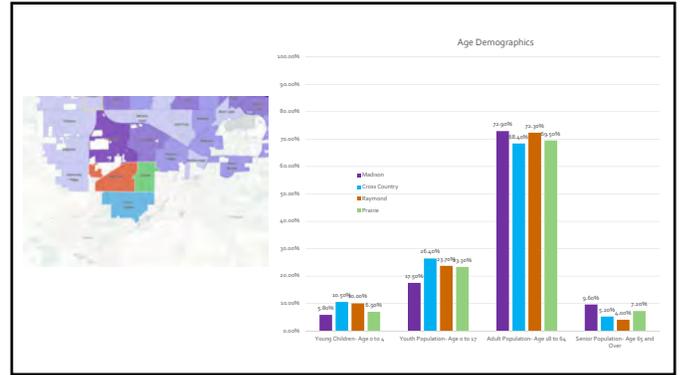
MASTER PLAN PROCESS



THROUGH THE YEARS...

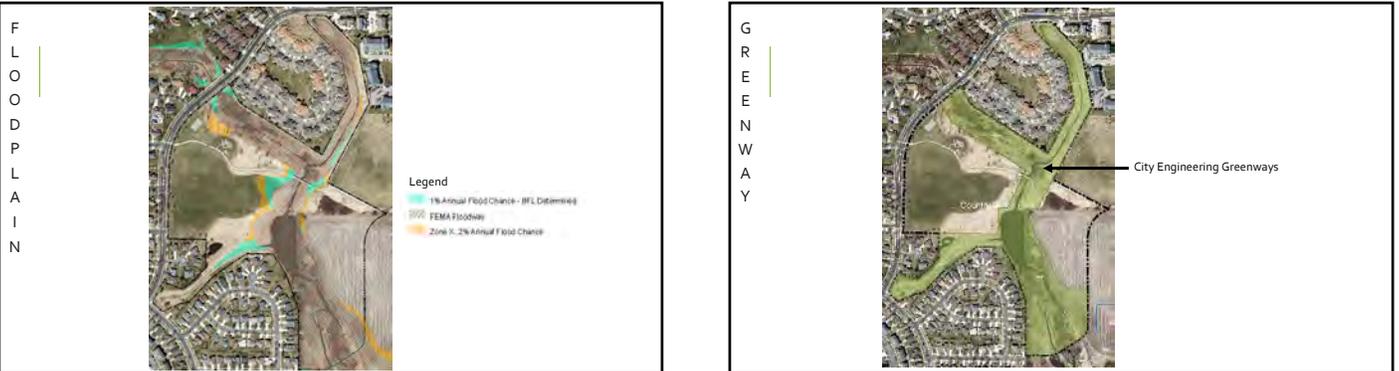
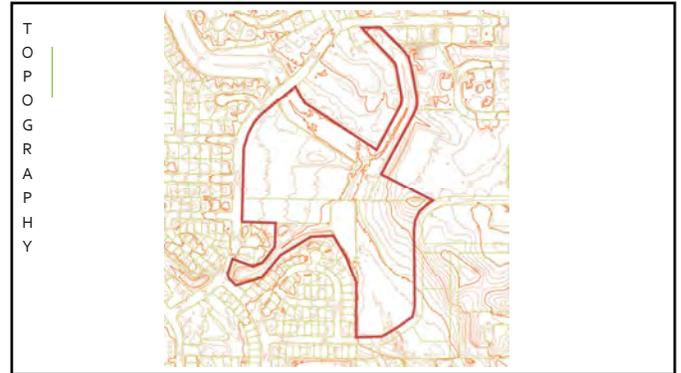


THROUGH THE YEARS...



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SURROUNDING AREA PARK AMENITIES



PUBLIC INPUT – MEETING #1

Draft Master Plan Proposed Park Amenities/Uses and Comments

- o Dog Park
 - General support. However, some concern about traffic.
- o Tennis/Pickleball
 - Happy that tennis courts are being included. Would like to explore dedicated pickleball courts.
- o Singletrack Bike Trail
 - Commenters had numerous concerns, but also are open to the idea of them.
 - Concerns about trails routed behind residential back yards and next to Chavez School.
 - Concerns about noise from the trail and safety.
 - Concerns about intersections of the trail with other uses, such as walking on the existing paved path.
- o Soccer
 - The existing park works very well for the soccer club. Mini Pitch/Futsal court would be a great addition
- o Shelter
 - Full support for a shelter with restrooms.



PUBLIC INPUT – MEETING #1

Resident Ideas for Potential Other Park Amenities/Uses

- o A few disc golf baskets for practice
- o Interest in a community garden
- o Sand volleyball court
- o Winter ice rink
- o Par-course or outdoor body-weight "gym"
- o Skate park
- o Outdoor rigging for yoga silks
- o "American Ninja Warrior" style outdoor course



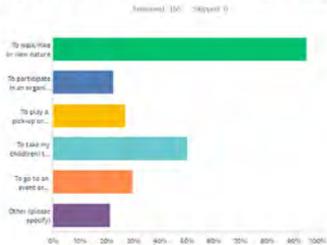
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 How important are parks and open spaces to your quality of life?
Provide a number on a sliding scale with 0 = NOT IMPORTANT and 10 = EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q2 Why do you typically visit parks/outdoor recreation areas?



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q3 How often do you visit Country Grove Park in the below seasons? (Please check a box for each season)



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q4 What do you feel are the best aspects of Country Grove Park?

wide open space, walking, biking, trail, soccer fields, elementary school, basketball courts, beautiful kids, near school, community, open fields, stream, lots paved, walking trail, open green space, play, bridge, creek, area, fields, playground, walking path, think, space, love, bridge, trail, open space, fields, playground, soccer park, running, nice, also, path, bike path, neighborhood, big open walk, large open spaces, location, open, good, connecting, sports, home, large, enjoy, close, proximity, house, nature, central location, green space, soccer fields, playground, playground, kids

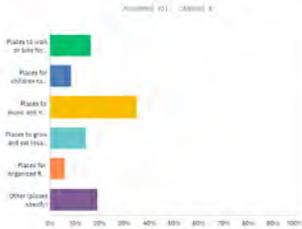
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q5 What do you feel are the biggest drawbacks of Country Grove Park?

dogs, East Pass, space, kids, enough, underutilized, lot, seating, people, pickleball courts, limited, none, area, pavilion, restrooms, basketball court, shade, soccer, lack, little, bathrooms, facilities, park, court, shelter, fields, trees, soccer fields, much, parking, soccer, needs, covered, trash, street, picnic tables, lack, lighting, activities, tennis court, playground, picnic

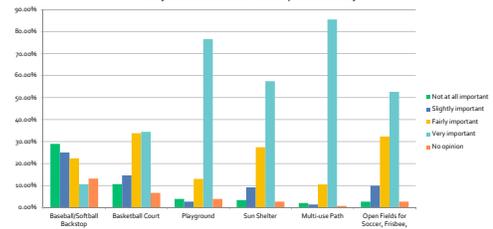
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q6 What do you feel is most lacking in your local public community spaces?



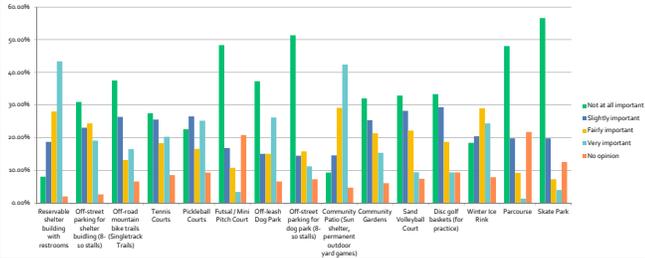
COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Please rank the amenities below based on how important you feel it is that they remain at Country Grove Park. Please check a box for only one column for each park amenity.



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Please rank the amenities below based on how important you feel it is that they are added at Country Grove Park. Please check a box for only one column for each park amenity.



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q9 After reviewing the Draft Master Plan for Country Grove Park, please indicate how you feel about the amenities being proposed. Provide a number on a sliding scale with 0 = DO NOT LIKE AT ALL and 10 = LOVE IT.



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Q10 Comments. Please share any additional comments or concerns regarding the Country Grove Park Master Plan.

proposed Verona Dog parks leash dog park pickleball courts off-leash dog park
 basketball court people Maybe shelter another community patio large tennis new trails
 open tennis court amenities neighborhood nice tennis courts dogs much
 love see good single track seems put space really will many need
 kids, use instead dog park near park lot area lot
 plan pickleball think street courts master plan love East Pass
 parking lots Country Grove Park see futsal already play
 pickle ball courts bathrooms mountain bike trails also walking make
 community sure nearby stay add games prefer Looks great NONE community garden
 dog park close dedicated

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Country Grove Park Master Plan List of Master Plan Improvements

1. Update signage and restroom from west to east adjacent to greenhouse per Master Plan
2. Construct portable restroom shelter with restroom, small parking lot, and path connection. Vehicle access from East Pass at Grove Dr. Remove existing basketball court
3. Add sand volleyball court to the west of the existing playground
4. Area for new youth construction. Area open for basketball court and may include additional construction to maximize based on neighborhood input and recreational needs at time of construction
5. Reconnect path connection from existing path to park fields
6. Add 2 disc golf baskets to the edges of the existing mowed play field area. It is recommended to place baskets in the vicinity of the shelter to avoid conflict with the more frequently used soccer fields
7. Create 10 new court construction. Courts to be either Tennis or Pickleball in the location of approximately four former youth basketball courts based on neighborhood input and recreational needs at time of construction
8. Construct community paths. Area could include an shelter, permanent outdoor game, and walking
9. Small mowed open field area
10. Non-mowed / undisturbed area with native grasses and trees as well as 10000 tree mowed paths and benches through the area for future walking



DRAFT MASTER PLAN (WEST)

1. Create single-track mountain bike trails in and adjacent to greenhouse per Master Plan
2. Construct portable restroom shelter with restroom, small parking lot, and path connection. Vehicle access from East Pass at Grove Dr. Remove existing basketball court
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DRAFT MASTER PLAN (EAST)

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PUBLIC INPUT – MEETING #1 play MADISON PARKS

Resident Ideas not Incorporated Into Plan

- oCommunity Garden
 - o While parks is willing to provide land for these, gardens in the Madison area are run by Rooted Wisconsin. Please contact Rooted if you are interested in a garden at Country Grove Park. If there is enough interest, we will work with Rooted to find a location.
- oWinter ice rink
 - o While we are proposing a new shelter as part of the plan, our prototype shelters do not include any indoor heated space. Parks only maintains winter ice rinks where a warming shelter is close by. (Ever has these amenities)
- oSkate park
 - o Parks currently has one skate park located at McPike Park and currently does not have plans for another location. However, parks has worked with volunteers to develop an "all wheel spot" at Warner park and would be open to doing so at Country Grove Park if volunteers come forward.
- oOutdoor rigging for yoga silks and "American Ninja Warrior" style outdoor course
 - o While private properties may wish to install these types of equipment, they can also guarantee supervision of the equipment. Since parks has no way of guaranteeing equipment being used with supervision and by only experienced users, our policy is to avoid these types of "extreme" equipment.
- oParcourse
 - o Equipment such as playgrounds or exercise/fitness equipment require regular inspections and maintenance so parks prefers to limit equipment to one location within a park.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Please use the "raise hand" feature if you wish to provide comments

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Country Grove Park Master Plan

List of Master Plan Improvements

- 1 Create emergency evacuation bike trails in and adjacent to greenways per MADPOT plan
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- 3 Add sand volleyball court to the west of the existing playground.
- 4 Area for new court construction. This space for basketball court and new potential court(s) on existing sand on neighborhood east and recreational forest at time of construction.
- 5 Construct path connection from existing path to play fields.
- 6 Add 2 disc golf baskets on the edges of the existing wooded play field area. It is recommended to place baskets in the vicinity of the boundary to avoid conflict with the most frequently used access trails.
- 7 Area for new court construction. Courts to be either "Soccer or Pickleball" in the location of an existing basketball court.
- 8 Construct community path. This would include a path for jogging, walking, and playing.
- 9 Small wooded open field area.
- 10 Non-mowed natural area with native grasses and herbs to add an outdoor wood stacked path and benches through the area for future viewing.

DRAFT MASTER PLAN (WEST)

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN (EAST)

- Area for new sport/commercial Courts to be either Tennis or Pickleball in the Region of approximately two tennis courts (subject to evaluation based on neighborhood need and recreational benefit at time of construction)
- Central community park. Area could include sun shelter, pavilion/outdoor gym/games, and seating
- Small fenced open field area
- Non-mowed/maintained area with native grasses and trees as well as other new mowed paths and benches through the area for urban setting

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NEXT STEPS

- Gathering public input
 - Be sure to contact us with additional comments
 - Madison Parks will revise the plan based on tonight's comments
- Board of Park Commissioners
 - April 19th – Informational Item
 - May 17th – Consideration for Adoption

Watch the City Parks "Project Portal" website for project updates!
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/country-grove-park-master-plan>

COMMENTS?

If you have additional comments, staff are available to listen to your comments. You may also email or call with your comments.

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Summary of Public Comment Period at PIM #1 – Country Grove Master Plan

Questions or Clarifications

- What size are the parking lots envisioned to be?
 - Parks currently envisions 8 to 10 stall parking lots for the shelter area and dog park.
- Will the shelter include water and electricity?
 - Yes, there will be a restrooms, a drinking fountain, and electricity included in the shelter.
- What are the hours of the park system?
 - All Madison Parks are open from 4am-10pm daily
- Do volunteers assist with Dog Park clean-up?
 - Yes, typically volunteer groups assist with occasional clean-up's in city dog parks.
- Is a traffic study needed with more park development?
 - Typically no. Park uses are not typically intense enough to warrant a traffic study. However, Parks will work with Traffic Engineering and will complete one if it is deemed necessary.
- Are any changes to the playground being proposed with the master plan?
 - No, the playground is planned to remain as is. This playground was last replaced in 2017. All playgrounds in the system are on a rotating replacement schedule, this one included. The typical lifespan of a playground is 20-25 years.
- Will there be lighting in park?
 - Yes. Since the park is open until 10pm, the shelter and parking areas will include some lighting for users to find their way to their cars after dark. Additionally, lighting the tennis, pickleball, and/or futsal courts would be a possibility. Improvements in lighting technology in recent years has made the impact of lighting on surrounding areas significantly less.
- What if I am interested in a community garden?
 - Parks does provide land for some community gardens. However, those gardens are managed by Rooted Wisconsin. If residents are interested in starting a community garden, they should contact Rooted for assistance in organizing a group. From there, Parks works with Rooted to determine an appropriate location.
- What type of building would be at the Community Patio?
 - The building would be a metal structure with a roof and open sides, Parks refers to these as sun shelters. These types of shelters are reservable, but do not provide electricity or water.

Comments on draft master plan proposed uses (Parks will evaluate and potentially incorporate into a revised plan)

- Many supported the dog park. Consider adding agility/play pieces. However, there was some concern about the dog park bringing traffic.
- Many seem happy that tennis courts are being included. Suggestion to explore dedicated pickleball courts was noted by numerous commenters.
- Numerous commenters have concerns about the single-track bike trail, especially in locations where the route goes behind residential back yards and next to Chavez School. Residents are

concerned about noise from the trail and safety. There are also concerns about intersections of the trail with other uses, such as walking on the existing paved path. One commenter was in full support of the trails and others had concerns, but said they could still be open to them.

- Would like a focus on pollinators in natural areas of the park.
- A member of the soccer club which uses the park commented that the park works very well for them and the club will be excited to hear about a potential futsal court.
- Full support for a shelter with restrooms. One commenter suggested to incorporate grills.

Comments on potential other uses (Parks will evaluate and potentially incorporate into a revised plan)

- Would like to see some disc golf baskets be placed. Not a full course, just a few baskets for practice. This sentiment was echoed in numerous comments.
- Interest in a community garden.
- Adding a sand volleyball court was suggested and seconded by numerous commenters.
- Ice rink in the winters.
- A parcourse or outdoor body-weight “gym”.
- Interest in a skatepark.
- Outdoor rigging for yoga silks.
- “American Ninja Warrior” outdoor course.

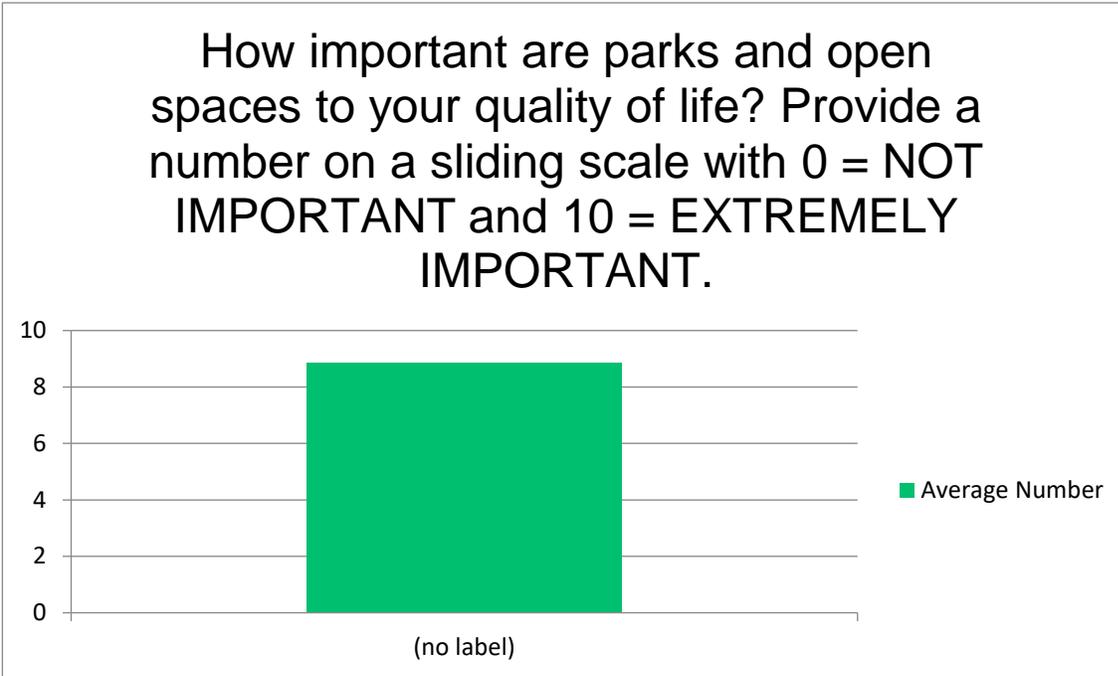
Comments on traffic adjacent to parkland

- There are existing concerns with the amount of traffic on East Pass and park users crossing the street. More development of the park increases these concerns. Numerous comments echoed these concerns. These concerns are not within Parks control to address. Alder Wehelie acknowledged the concerns and will work to address them with the appropriate city agencies.

Community Survey Responses

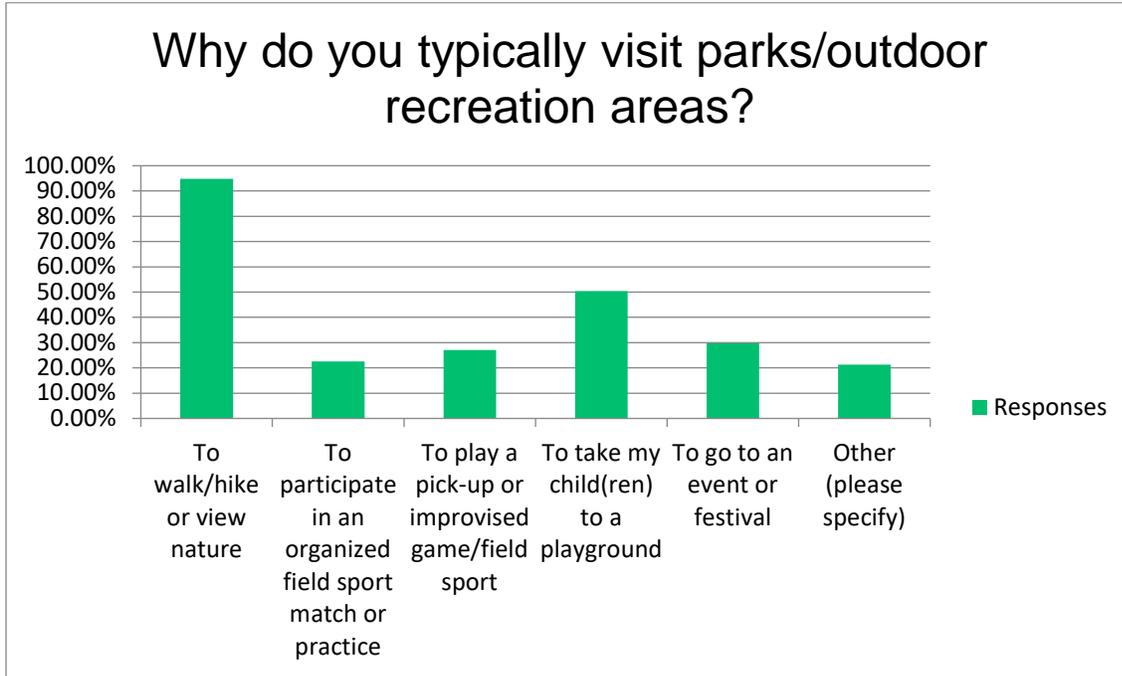
Question #1

How important are parks and open spaces to your quality of life? Provide a number on a sliding scale with 0=NOT IMPORTANT and 10=EXTREMELY IMPORTANT



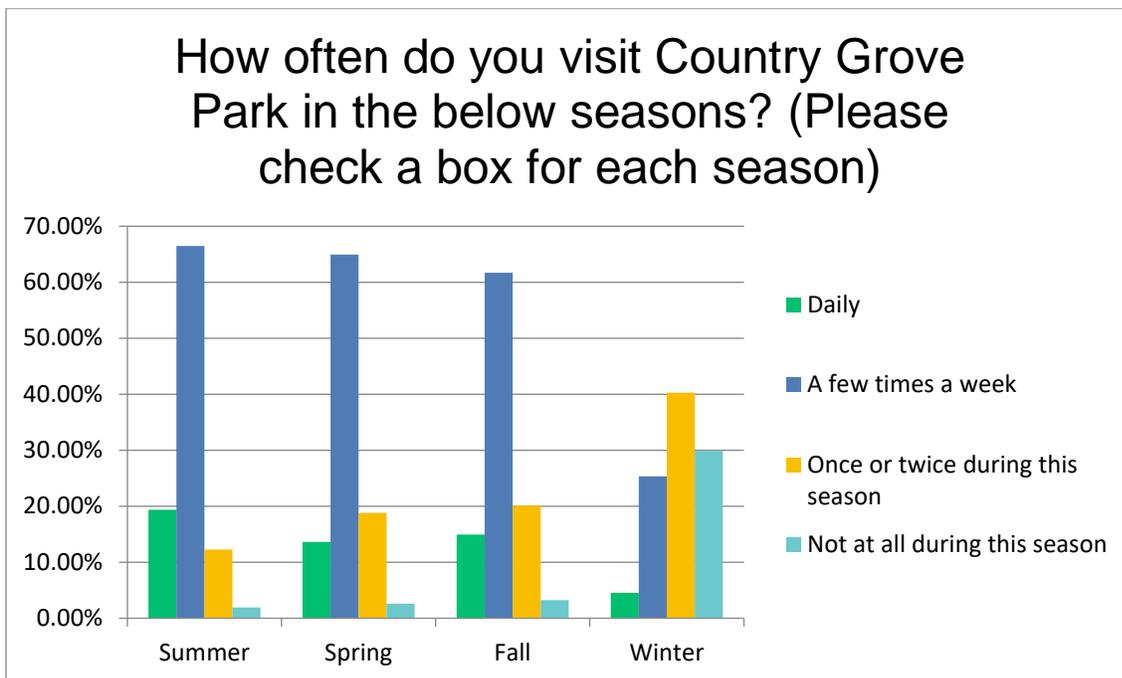
Question #2

Why do you typically visit parks/outdoor recreation areas?



Question #3

How often do you visit County Grove Park in the below seasons?



Question #4

What do you feel are the best aspects of Country Grove Park?

- Paved walkway through to the other side of the park.
- Playground
- Upgraded park is nice. Field space is large
- Open space and stream
- Playground for various ages, walking path through park
- the open fields, the playground/jungle gym, and the basketball court
- The walking trail over the bridge.
- I like that it is very close to the neighborhood, and that it is connected to a well used path.
- The sporting events that occur during good weather.

The green space except when the parks department doesn't get around to mowing down the weeds that head out and spread more weed seeds. Like this past summer.

- It is a larger park than Manchester Park.
- Well-maintained soccer fields and variety of soccer field sizes
- Open space, soccer fields, baseball backstop, nice play set
- Community gathering space, nice walking/biking trail.
- Limited attractions for outsiders
- walking trail, pond, playground
- The walking path through the park. The open space. The playground.
- Playground for kids.
- Great playground
- Large open green space within densely populated neighborhood
- The playground and wide open field, we love that it's now on-leash friendly
- Green space, trail that connects up with Chavez Elem., walking paths and biking paths.
- Lots of large open spaces, close proximity to homes and school
- Good location (near school, in neighborhood), water/bridge, playground for kids
- Lots of space to develop, the open soccer and softball field don't offer much compared to the draft plan that was shared!
- Lovely bridge & views, great playground, open space
- Wildlife near the bridge

Playground for the kids

Spacious for a suburban park

- Wide open space
- Large open space
- Bike trail
- The path through the park is good for running, neighborhood children enjoy the playground

- Location, open space, playground
- The walking paths
- Large amount laying fields; the nature walk and bridge; creek; location
- Beautiful park that could have a lot of amenities specially public bathroom
- Proximity to my house
- soccer fields, playground equip
- Walking distance to our home.
- Walking path, basketball courts, space
- I think there's room for improvement. I think think it would be used more if there was a pickle ball court and a ice skating rink. There needs to be more things to do for all times of the year.
- Walking/bike trail. Field and playground for kids. Stream and pond that attracts birds (geese, ducks, heron, hawk).
- The walking/biking trail.
- Open space, playground, walk to school
- The playground is very nice. And I love the access to the elementary school
- Playground and walkway across the bridge. Soccer fields are pretty great too.
- Playground, shaded pavilion, clean, lots of surrounding grass
- The peace and quiet.
- The prairie space, the walkability and convenience, the families coming together.
- Playground, bridge over the creek
- Beautiful path to walk, bridge, natural spaces
- Big open space, good area for athletic fields.
- The people who come there. Other kids and families.
- It is a simple space. Large enough for soccer kids groups and neighbors at the same time.
- The playground, the paved path, the picnic tables, that there are garbage receptacles nearby, the bridge that goes over the little stream
- Central location. Size. Open.
- Walking path
- Playground, clean, nice walking path
- It's flat and easy to walk.
- Close by and open space with a very natural setting
- It's location to my home. The creek running through it and the walking path.
- Open, doesnt get super busy or crowded. Walking distance from my home.
- Walking pathways
- Proximity to my house and the elementary school with the path between east pass and maple grove
- Open space, the bridge and creek, the playground
- Location
- the open space
- Large open spaces
- openness
- It's big, open and quiet.

- paved walking trail, open green space.
 - I like the natural looking aspect of the whole area with the bridge and path. I also think the playground with two different age levels of equipment is very important, it's one of the best playgrounds in the area.
 - The bridge and the nature around it and the playground "is really fun" (said our 10-yr old).
 - Playground, walking trails.
 - Community, bike path, soccer fields, improved playground
 - The variety of activities held there
 - Open greenspace
 - The openness and ability to enjoy the nature.
 - Not crowded and safe area
 - Proximity to my condo and convenience
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- It's got some nice open spaces and a decent playground.
 - well managed soccer field, playground and nature around it
 - Central location to the surrounding neighborhoods, lots of green space, not overly cluttered
 - Lots of space for further improvements
 - I like the playground, the open fields, and the fact that a footpath connects to Chavez elementary, which has a different playground. I like that my son can walk or bike to school through the park. I also appreciate that it's safe
 - We love the open space for soccer, we love playing basketball, and the playground. We also enjoy having the path to Chavez.
 - The stream, the wetlands, and the path. Adding more trees, nature paths and such would be great.
 - The playground, the big open fields for sports, the path to Chavez
 - Playground
 - Park path and fields
 - Open fields
 - very nice, open park, with waterflow
 - It backs up to the spillways. Plenty of room.
 - Close to home and school
 - large open space convenient to neighbors
 - large, fields are nice except when the city decided to put signs up saying to reserve to call a number - why can't we just play in the field with the kids without the sign in the middle??
 - The bike path with a direct connection to Chavez Elementary school. The playground. The bridge/creek. the wide open space is so wonderfully flexible, we've played baseball, frisbee, flown kites, snow shoed, and played soccer in that space. My kids love the water fountain.
 - Playground and open field
 - Playground, basketball courts, wide open grassy spaces and waste bins.
 - space to run
 - Right now that it has a lot of wide open space and good paths around it.
 - Convenient, walkable

- the space and proximity to my house
- Location - walkable from home. Playground is small but nice. It's a quiet park - not too busy, can feel "private." Close to Chavez Elementary. Low car traffic around the park.
- The bridge, soccer fields, playgrounds and basketball court
- Plenty of open space, next to river/pond, near neighborhoods, basketball hoops
- walking paths and basketball courts
- very close to my house
- the large open green space; location and bike path
- Proximity, open space, sports areas, playground
- big open sports fields, path running through to the school, water fountain
- Walking trail, Open space, playing fields, playground
- The open spaces and greenway.
- It is a nice open space where people can play and gather. Madison offers many parks that increase the quality of life for residents.
- Distance from main roads, playground for kids, open spaces for multiple uses, waterway & prairie to explore
- Central location.
- Twisty slide
- wildlik
- Wide open spaces with areas to spread out and take in sights/sounds of nature. Walking path is in very good shape.
- Walking trail
- the slides and swings
- The new playground and the trail.
- Long walking trail with bridge that connects the elementary school to the rest of the neighborhood.
- Playground
- The bridge and walking path.
- Walking path
- space
- Walking path, playground, food trucks (pre-2020), bridge, connecting neighborhood, community sports
- Playground
- Good paths and lots of open space
- walking trails, open spaces
- Parks add so much to a neighborhood, but CGP is a bit boring.
- Large green space to do many different things. Close to home
- Nice area to walk through near my home
- The bridge and open fields
- Walking path. Also just nice to have green space in the neighborhood
- Location, proximity to home, enjoy the path and bridge area
- Able to walk to from neighborhood
- Open green space
- Its walkability and multiple uses. The bridge and pond are also beautiful.

- The connecting trail to the neighborhood, sport fields, playground
- Open spaces and nice equipment
- A safe place for kids to play.
- Wide open spaces
- Nice trail and playground
- open and clean, safe
- Location; it's our neighborhood park. Plenty of space for children to play, including space for multiple organized and informal sports at once.
- The playground is nice. Well maintained.
- The walking trail and nature preserve (pond area)
- Openness of the area.
- The stream that runs along the back

Question #5

What do you feel are the biggest drawbacks of Country Grove Park?

- No trail that loops around the boundary of the park.
- No shelter. Very few benches and picnic tables.
- There is no shelter and no bathrooms
- Not enough sports activities
- No trash cans, no bathrooms, very little seating, very little shade
- lack of trees/ shade.
- Lack of lighting at night. Not much developed on the east of the park.
- I think there is not a lot around it for people to do if they aren't interested in the playground and soccer. There aren't too many places to sit or trees for shade.
- I feel that putting a bike path along side the drainage ditch so close behind Parker Hill Drive will make a quiet neighbor not as desirable. Also trash will start showing up and noise will be unwelcome. There alot of Bike paths very close by already.
- It is not located near a main traffic artery.
- Lack of restrooms
- No restrooms, very little shade
- Lacks restroom, lacks adequate trash receptacles, increase diversity of possible activities.
- Lame playground, poor drainage on basketball court, lack of maintenance in greenway (fallen trees), poorly reconstructed path, adjacent traffic
- dogs, no bathroom, no shelter
- No lighting. Sometimes traffic/parking on East Pass oozes into neighborhoods, but it's not that bad.
- No restrooms
- The tendency for area residents to treat it as an off-leash park
- No Bathrooms
- No spaces for mountain biking
- Too few mature trees, tons of open mowed space for soccer and baseball that are rarely used outside of a few weekends a year, no bathrooms or shelters
- No bathrooms
- No restroom, lacks shade options for hot sunny days, no pavilion for large gatherings
- Crowded

Trash

- No parking

No bathrooms

No shelter

- Not a lot of amenities to draw people there
- Permanent puddle on bike trail between East Pass and the playground
- Nothing
- Lack of trees

- Limited things to do at the park
- Not enough trees, small and unshaded play gym, no restrooms or garbages, no covered structures
- No Public bathroom
- The baseball field is not kept up well.
- no toilet NO REGULAR GARBAGE CAN AVAILABILITY IN ALL SEASONS
- None yet. Still to be completed. If they didn't allow pets on a leash.
- Too much open space
- It doesn't have enough diverse things for people of all ages to do. Such as pickle ball and ice skating.
- No real picnic area or restroom facilities.
- Lack of restrooms and lack of picnic areas.
- none
- No trees!
- Currently, not much else to do!
- No real bathroom
- I would like a skating rink.
- Underutilized space (very excited about the plan), not much shade.
- No bathrooms!
- Soccer fields
- Lack of woodland and wetland.
- Not a lot to do there other than go to a playground and maybe play soccer. Lots of unused space.
- Some of the drainage from the lawnspace is not good. Can be weedy.
- Lack of bathrooms, needs more picnic tables, not a lot of shade
- Not really utilizing the space well.
- Wasted space and no parking
- Limited parking
- Few trees.
- No Pickle Ball courts! It's getting so popular, it's hard to find an open court.
- No bathroom.
- No bathrooms, limited covered areas
- No tennis courts
- No shelter, no shade, no bathrooms, no bubbler
- Lacking activities
- could have a bigger playground and play fields for other spots such as tennis court
- No trash bins
- not allowed to bring dogs there
- There needs to be more trees!
- not much to do there in winter. could have more activities in spring, summer, fall (underutilized)
- No substantial shelter, only one water fountain
- Needs more shade and more picnic seating.
- No shelter.

- Not enough picnic tables
 - Parking during peak activities (soccer) and the people that are inconsiderate & unsafe to those walking/crossing the street.
 - None
 - None
 - somewhat small area if volleyball games are in process
 - Need for a set of many lighted pickleball courts - 8 or more
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- It's mostly geared for soccer and little kids. Not much going for it at this point in time.
 - no public restroom or shelter
 - Lack of lighting. Especially an issue in the months when daylight is shorter.
 - Lots of unused space. Adding Pickleball courts would be great!
 - No restrooms, water fountain is a little gross, not lighted at night.
 - Playground is small, basketball area is old and worn, and there are not many amenities
 - Lots of soccer fields that aren't very pretty.
 - No shade trees
 - On street parking for soccer. Suggest that a formal parking lot be created similar to elver park.
 - No toilet
 - Basketball courts are bad
 - Who cleans up the debris in middle badger creek, and the greenways and water flows?? Often see trash, plastic bottles, a bicycle....etc. I am willing to volunteer to pick up trash in greenway. Will the city provide bags, and pick up????
 - Not enough trees
 - Need more facilities like tennis court / badminton court any outside sports activity
 - basketball court isn't big enough for multiple people who just want to play with kids, people use the fields as off-leash dog area, playground is small and kids get bored.
 - no shelter/bathroom - that would open it up for spending a whole afternoon there with picnics. There are also no trees which would provide much needed shade in the summer.
 - Lack of mature trees
 - No shelter, no sand volleyball, no disc golf, no tennis/pickleball courts
 - No shade, no bathrooms, no electricity
 - I wish there were more to do. More benches, more trees to sit under, picnic tables and a pavilion.
 - Limited community options
 - limited seating, limited coverage and not utilizing space within the park
 - Playground is small/easy for older kids. No restrooms. No trails. No shelters/not much shade.
 - Lots of unused open space, too many soccer fields.
 - Tennis courts would be nice, or another basketball court, pavillion with restrooms would also be very nice
 - n/a
 - It needs bathrooms and pickleball courts
 - parking is on a busy street - East Pass

- no toilets, no shelter
- would love some sort of natural adventure park with non-tradition park equipment to climb and explore.

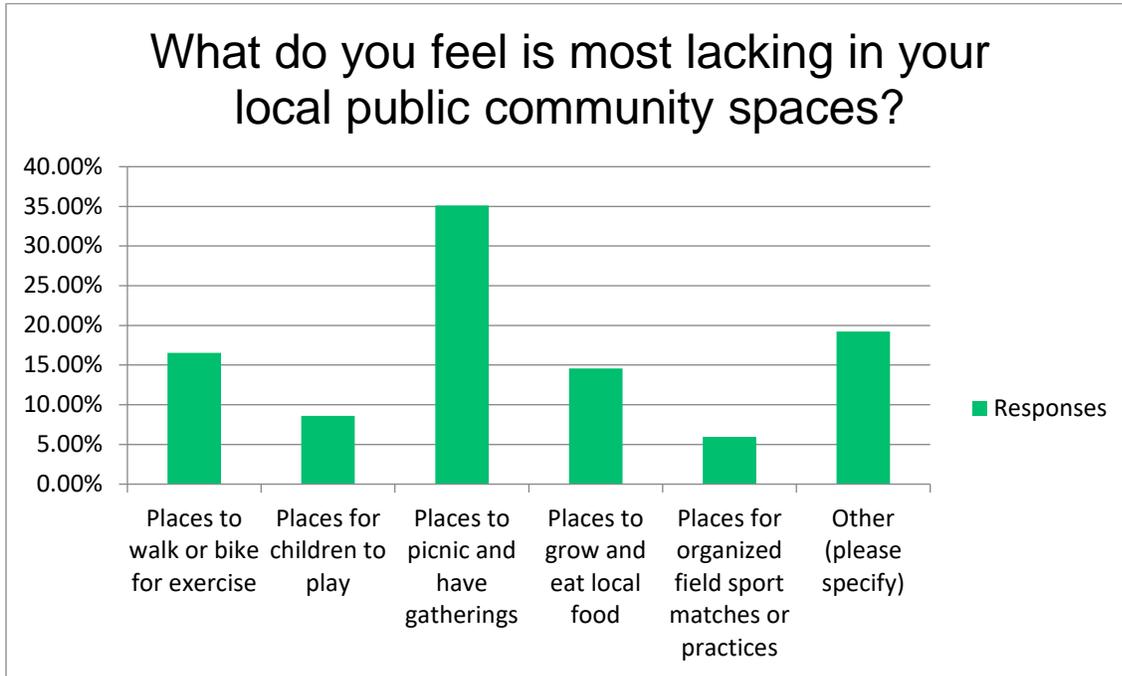
would also be nice to have a larger covered pavilion for shade

- Limited picnic facilities. Picnic table is rarely covered by shade provided by awning.
- Parking and lack of activities.
- Vandals have knocked over the portable bathroom and trash/recycle bins in addition to leaving garbage laying around. This is difficult to prevent, though signage or an installed security camera may help discourage this behavior.
- Lack of bathrooms
- Lack of shelter and bathrooms.
- No bathroom
- Lack of bathroom facilities. Lack of shelter or shade and sitting areas. Lack of lighting along walking path and basketball court (needs resurfacing).
- Lack of bathrooms/shaded space
- No tennis court
- No restroom
- Small park with limited number of features.
- No bathroom. Limited picnic tables. Limited to no shade. No shelter. Exercise activities
- No bathrooms. There is an area that floods on the path. Only one garbage can. Only two picnic tables and the umbrella only covers the picnic tables for a short part of the day.
- Lack of bathrooms, drainage issues
- no dogs allowed off leash
- Distance from home, iciness in winter
- No facilities
- No pickleball court
- people parking on the grass to use headlights to play basketball
- Parking during soccer season, people don't pay attention to the parking signs. The city needs to paint the curbs yellow, people notice that more. Currently someone who lives in the neon neighborhood paints them.
- No bathrooms besides the porta potty or shelter
- Could use some more walking paths--paved or unpaved
- The street lines on East Pass are a bit too much. I preferred the road when it didn't have so many white lines and marking.
- No pavilion
- Cars often don't slow down around the park area. Some issues with weeds in fields; not enough landscaping or shaded areas. Restroom facilities would be nice.
- Too much car traffic causing hazard to walker/bikers trying to cross East Pass, especially later in afternoon/early eve, and during planned activities at the park.
- Traffic, illegal parking during soccer events
- Lack of parking for soccer and other users that do not live close. Having year-round recepticals for dog waste is also needed.
- Not a lot of shade, no bathrooms
- Total space

- None
- Do not allow dogs off leash
- Lack of shelter
- would like to have my dog be able to play there
- Lacks adult-oriented sports courts. Lacks off-leash dog area.
- The playground can get a little crowded in the summer.
- no bathrooms or pavillion
- Underutilized ... The soccer fields take up a lot of space.
- no comment

Question #6

What do you feel is most lacking in your local public community spaces?

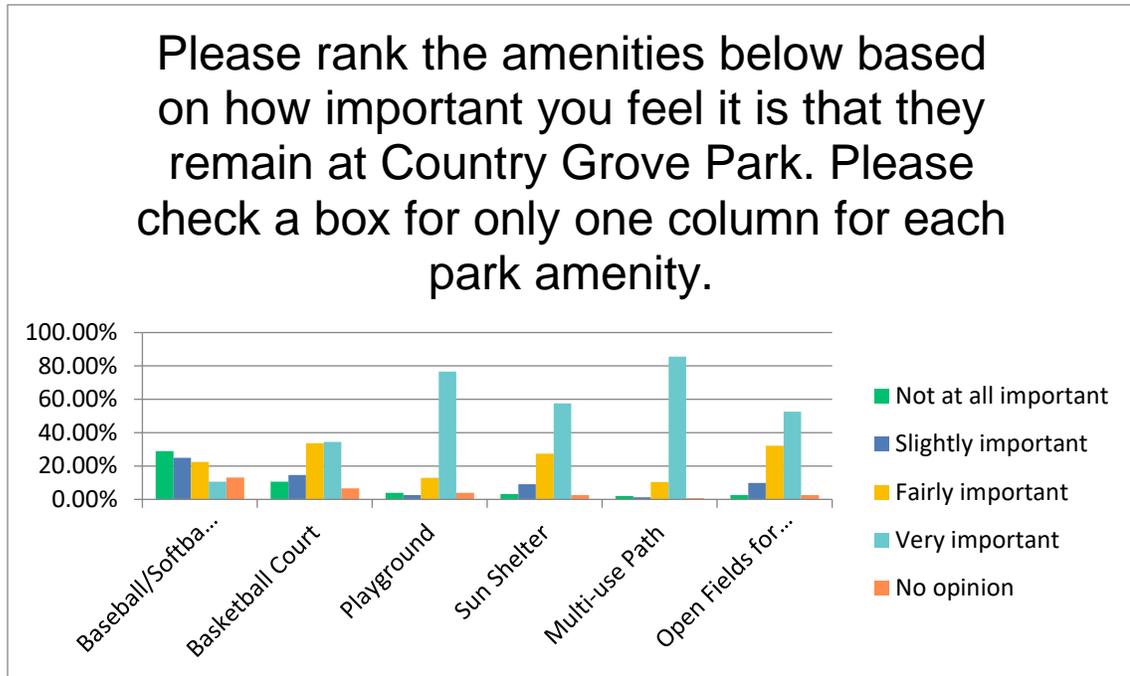


- No dog areas
- You can exercise without having a Bike Path.
- Public restrooms
- Ok as is
- Pickleball courts and bathrooms
- Places for dogs to run close to your home
- Activity spaces like pickleball or skating rink
- 1)lack of year round garbage pick up, 2)lack of toilets, 3)noxious weeds along walk way
- Our community does not have enough pickle ball courts and ice skating rinks nearby.
- Tennis courts, dog park, better shelter
- Overall it's a good park
- Pickle Ball courts
- Pickleball courts
- Off leash dog park/excessive areas
- Places for dogs to play
- dog park, pickleball court, tennis court
- None
- Tennis or pickleball courts
- Shade trees. We prefer to play at playgrounds with some shade in the summer and Madison parks are often lacking in trees.
- Tennis courts
- Trees

- Lack of tennis/pickleball courts
- Pickleball and dog parks
- pickleball courts
- Easy access to pond
- Dog friendly space
- Another walking path would be nice to complete the circuit
- Walking access to off-leash dog area

Question #7

Please rank the amenities below based on how important you feel it is that they remain at Country Grove Park. Please check a box for only one column for each park amenity.

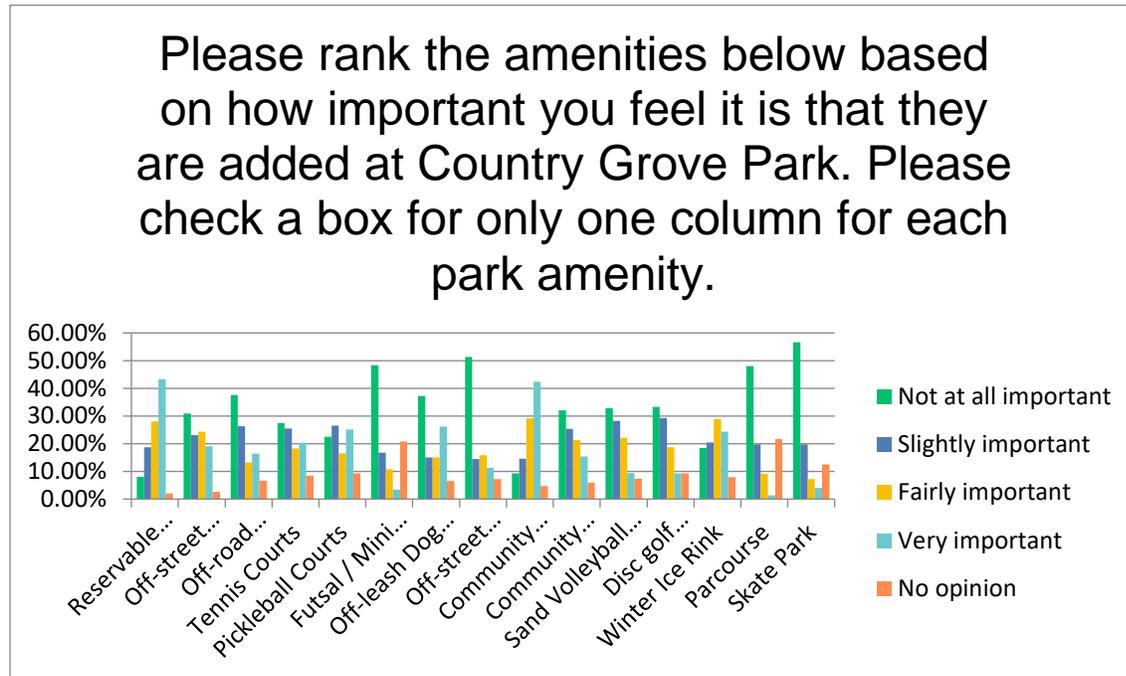


- Off leash dog area would be amazing
- Toilets
- Shelter building with restrooms not needed
- The multi-use path is a major way children get to Chavez Elementary. Some open fields are great! It is just most of the park is for baseball and soccer when we have HUGE facilities just to the south. Seems like a waste.
- Allow pets on a leash.
- I like the path that's in the park now. I don't see people using the softball fields but the soccer fields are used a lot.
- Shelter/bathroom
- Disc golf practice baskets. Relatively cheap and last a long time. Popular sport
- what about a few picnic tables or shelter for gathering
- need tennis court, pickleball courts, dog park
- Natural looking landscape
- Add pickleball courts!
- I don't know if there's enough space, but I would love to see a tennis or pickleball court or two if possible...perhaps replacing the baseball backstop. Mostly the park is used for soccer games and basketball, but I never see anyone playing baseball there.
- Need tennis courts
- See comments above.

- Needs pickle ball courts
- Need to have space for Tennis court and badminton court as soccer field take most of the space
- the current location of baseball backstop is too close to the marsh/creek. it's easy to loose balls there
- The sun shelter would be better if it covered more than 10 square feet. I wouldn't even consider that a sun shelter.
- the park allows for multi-use options
- Dog Friendly Space is important
- I only use the open field for walking in the snow when the sidewalks or other paths are too icy.
- would like to be able to take my dog off leash
- Nearby tennis courts seem rarely in use, but nearby pickleball courts are often full to overflowing. Would be nice to have some in Country Grove park.

Question #8

Please rank the amenities below based on how important you feel it is that they are added at Country Grove Park. Please check a box for only one column for each park amenity.

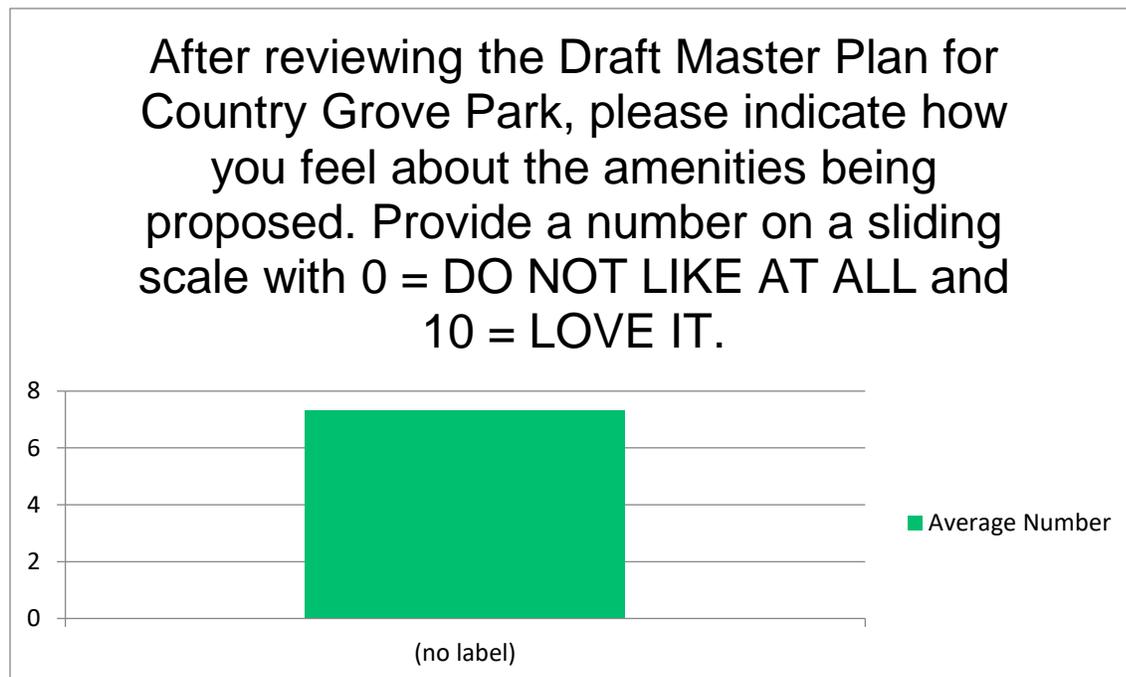


- Dog park, tennis courts, sand volleyball, ice rink, and community area all sound like fun ideas.
- We care about the restrooms much more than the reservable shelter building
- Shelter and restrooms not needed
- Badger Prairie Dog Park is within one mile of Country Grove Park. It feels redundant to add in yet another dog park when there is one so close by.
- I would love for there to be a bit of an urban forrest put in. A beer garden or some social space would be nice. Although there is a small skate park down in Verona, this might be a nice feature.
- I am very interested in having a pickle ball court or two because of how popular it is right now. An ice skating rink in the winter would also be very nice.
- Even if the shelter is not fancy but has restrooms, that would be nice.
- Please do not build a shelter. We do not need more traffic at the park.
- I don't think the off-leash dog park is a necessity, but I would use it if it was available
- Anything that would make the park a destination, like a dog park or reservable shelter, should have at least some parking
- i'd imagine that the mountain bike trail could be used as a snowshoe trail, which would allow for additional wintertime use at the park.
- Please DO NOT put in a dog park, there's another one a mile away. Please put in courts for pickleball.

- I think restrooms and a sun shelter are very important, but I don't know that a big reservable shelter is necessary.
- There's plenty of street parking around the East Pass side of the park, please don't waste space on parking lots
- It is important to us that this remain a walkable or bikeable community park - we are not interested in adding car traffic.
- Would love to see a splashpad on this site
- Please have a volleyball court!!!
- These ideas are great! Too hard to choose what would be good at the park. There is a close dog park nearby so I don't think it is really needed. Also plenty of street parking in the neighborhood that I would hate to remove green space for a parking lot
- A splash park would be nice for the summer.

Question #9

After reviewing the Draft Master Plan for Country Grove Park, please indicate how you feel about the amenities being proposed.



Question #10

Please share any additional comments or concerns regarding the Country Grove Park Master Plan.

- It doesn't add any further dedicated walking trails.
- I like the proposed plan but think the community patio should be near the shelter area and not near the dog park area. I would prefer a sand volleyball court instead of a futsal court. I have seen the current basketball court frequently used by those in the neighborhood and feel it should be included in the master plan.
- Year round trash cans should be available
- Let's get some lighting. Overall looks fine but details would be nice
- I'm personally most interested in having more shaded/gathering areas and places where kids can ride bikes.
- I feel that not building area #6 and #7 are not necessary. There is a dog park just across Country Grove with parking already.
- We are worried about the off-leash dog park because in our experience the dogs will run around the entire park.
- Fitting in a backstop for baseball and softball seems doable. A lot of families in the neighborhood have kids that play baseball and softball.
- I strongly object to an off-leash dog park at this park.
- This is not a park to add a shelter and restrooms. It will only draw traffic and more crime to the area. Simple improvements to what we have would suffice.
- The proposed dog park, seems like a very bad idea; it doesn't seem possible to mitigate dog manure running off into mill creek as the proposed area borders and slopes into the creek and will be partially underwater during heavy rains and spring thaws. There is a dog park in the Dane county park less than a mile away. A disc golf practice area or any other use would be ecologically better and provide an amenity not available in the area. There is no need for parking that would bring additional traffic to the area.

The single track (or paved) bike trail is a great idea and should be considered for the spillways continuing even further north from the park between east pass to hwy PD and hwy PD further north towards Raymond Rd.

- Community safety is #1. We don't want criminals ruining the park and surrounding community.
- I've never visited Country Grove Park, but absolutely would if there was an off-leash dog park!
- What is planned for the court areas? How many courts?

Will the courts be lit? Are there wind blocks proposed for the courts? Plans for bathrooms? Thanks!

- The plan looks alright to me, though I would prefer more space devoted to single track. The parking spaces as-is on the plan look good—it's not worth taking away from the remaining open spaces to add much more.
- Considering that Chavez also has huge, mowed playfields already, could the city consider options that are more park-like (trees, paths) and less "suburban soccer" like? I noted this above, but those fields are almost never used right now. This plan

adds in different options for play (tennis, pickle ball, futsal), but nothing new for actual nature.

- The MBAT mountain bike addition is awesome at Aldo Leopold as well as the pump track.
- I'm thrilled about this plan! Thank you for all your work!
- This neighborhood has already been made to feel more urbanized by the addition of large multifamily units near Chavez elementary. This plan continues the urbanization of the area by adding many more courts and structures to the area. Would prefer more natural features at lower cost.
- Park is very well used by organized sports but not much else for people to do there besides take small children or play basketball. Very underutilized outside of that.
- Thanks for the work on this.
- Children's play structure could be much larger/better (more options for movement, more colorful and unique) and have shade and more seating like tables and benches. A splash pad would be awesome!
- NONE
- Mountain bike trails and dog park seem unnecessary for a relatively small park. The space that a dog park takes up could be used for multiple other things. There is a dog park very close in Verona. Dog parks are loud and this is a quiet neighborhood.
- no mountain bike trail at all
- I like most of the Master Plan for Country Grove Park. I'm not sure if the single track mountain bike trails are necessary since there are mountain bike trails at Quarry Park which is nearby.
- I am against having an off-leash dog park. There is a dog park very close (Badger Prairie Dog Park), so we don't need another one. There are already enough people in The 85 that walk dogs (many unleashed) in Country Grove Park and don't pick up after their dog. For those of us who like to walk and don't own a dog, a dog park is just nasty! If you are going to have children play areas nearby, a dog park is even more incompatible with the use plan.
- I think it looks great and would be a welcome addition to the neighborhood!
- Lots of wildlife in current waterway, cranes, deers, migratory birds, concerned this will displace them, dog park, pickleball courts, single track.
- I would love a skate park to be added.
- Can't wait to see the changes. Thanks for all your hard work!
- Would love to see a sand volleyball court
- No dog park plz. No parking lots.
- Generally love the master plan. Especially tennis court and dog park. Would love to see updated playground equipment with more shade.
- Would love bathrooms/shelter!!
- Very excited. I do think a skate park would be the next thing on my list to include but not at the expense of the things already listed on the plan.
- The amenities are too much/ not needed. I am particularly opposed to the shelter. It will bring unwanted/unneeded traffic. A simpler park is a better park.
- Really looks great!
- Looks great! Additional trails would be awesome.
- A community pool on the West side would be great
- Dedicated 4 Pickle ball courts. Tennis is seldomly played any more compared to Pickle ball. 2 pickle ball courts on a Tennis court is a waste of space, when 4 pickle

ball courts fit in area less than 2 tennis court. Maybe, 4 pickle ball courts and one Tennis court striped for Pickle ball.

- Designated pickle ball courts preferred rather than pickle ball courts on a tennis court.
 - Thrilled to see a dog park being added!!
 - Bathroom is the biggest missing piece currently! All the other proposals are amazing extras! Looking forward to enjoying the new amenities!
 - Please build tennis courts :)
 - could we also have an ice rink? that'd be awesome for kids.
 - i don't understand the map and where exactly the dog park and parking lot are in relationship to the current park and pond. Can you make this a little clearer please? Is there a change in the size of the current park area (i.e. is it being made smaller?)
 - We're worried that adding a shelter and certain amenities will make the park busy and make us feel more unsafe.
 - Need to keep the exiting paved path between East pass and Rockstream. Tennis courts and Pickleball courts are needed. Dog park is needed. The park rarely gets used in winter - an ice skating rink (or for pickup hockey) and using the mountain bike trails for snowshoeing would be great to attract more people to the park during the winter.
 - I think shelter area (2) and court area (3) should be switched. It would be nicer to have the shelter farther from the street. And probably an unpopular opinion, but I'm not a big fan of the dog park. I think it's going to attract to many people, especially with the parking lot for it. I'd rather see a dog park in another park further from a residential area. I'd like more space for use by people such as community gardens or the addition of alternative amenities such as an ice rink or other sports dedicated areas. Though I don't personally use the outdoor sports areas I think a wider variety of those would be more useful than an off leash dog park and I would be more open to the parking lots to accommodate users of these courts.
 - Love the tennis courts, dog park and community patio. Hoping the path and bridge stay.
 - Thank you!
 - We live on Grove Circle and the Master Plan puts the parking and outlet directly across from the circle outlet. That would cause difficulty entering and exiting the circle. Maybe offset the egress into the parking.
 - Seems ambitious for a small area and could result in congestion and overlapping usage/conflicts.
 - The Draft looks good.
 - (1) no dog park, there is another one nearby
- (2) put the pickleball closer to East Pass
- So excited that all of this is being considered. However, this is near a school, so I do think the off-leash dog park would need to be appropriately fenced in so that dogs can't escape.
 - I don't think there is a need for a community patio, The pickleball and tennis courts also seem like they wouldn't be used much. Would prefer more nature of gardening options. Dog park seems ok.
 - Great ideas to begin! Love creating the community area with games and seating. Would love to see tennis courts, new basketball court, keep soccer fields, and possibly have a community garden. I would want to make sure the dog park is properly fenced for safety of others

- I like the community garden and ice rink ideas instead of tennis courts/ patio.
- Provide offstreet parking for 100 cars with a driveway on east pass. Require all soccer players and their spectators to use it. On street parking for soccer is a major hazard.
- Unclear what courts there will be. Like the expanded space
- enough planned parking?? lots of cars park on East Pass today for soccer practice, games, etc. Adding a shelter is good, but how will the city accommodate parking???
- Tennis court and building for community events will be good
- It seems that single-track trails have been prioritized over walking path/multi-use trails. I would like to see more of the latter.
- LOVE the dog park option
- Overall it looks great minus the dog park and parking lot; there is a large dog park close by in Verona and the Ice Age trail nearby for animals to have more space to explore.
- I would prefer this plan without the community patio.
- I love the ideas of improved basketball courts and a new shelter, community patio, off leash dog park, and tennis courts with pickleball.
- any major source of permeant electricity? for a music festival or food cart gathering
- PLEASE don't build more parking lots! There is already so much street parking. You could already park hundreds of cars within 2-3 blocks of the parks and that doesn't even include the Chavez elementary lots which sit empty evenings and weekends. Parking is the dumbest use of this space!!!!
- Put in more pickle ball courts w/lights than tennis courts. Its the most rising and popular among sports enthusiasts
- The mt bike path seems unnecessary - it's a small area and not very hilly. I don't know what is considered a "permanent outdoor yard game," but most things don't last very long in the elements - that seems like something that will look nice the first year and then rapidly be misused and begin to decay.
- Would love a play area for kids on both sides of the park, but other than that fantastic plans
- If there is need for a dog park for residents in the immediate area then great, otherwise there is a good size dog park about a half mile away just south of Cross Country road.
- Not sure having an off leash dog park near the community patio is such a good idea. Seems like a problem waiting to happen.
- Because of the increasing popularity of pickleball, dedicated courts in our area of the city are very very important. We now have to go to Verona or Garner Park to play and those are so packed you can hardly get on with a reservation system.
- Food carts used to be here pre-Covid. Hope they return this summer.
- I don't think the neighborhood needs a designated dog park. plenty of space near by, ice age trail is very close, so is the verona dog parks.
- I feel like there doesn't need to be a dog park since there is a very large one very close by at Badger Prairie. I like moving the courts away from the street and adding a pavilion with restrooms.
- I'd much rather see expanded walking/running trails than mountain bike paths. I feel the Parks department is catering to the small but vocal biking community. Also I don't see a need for an off leash dog park. There is one near by at Cross Country Park. It would be better to provide walking access from the Country Grove neighborhood from Cross Country Road.

- I think it's important that this remain a neighborhood park and not necessarily become a destination for folks from outside of the surrounding neighborhoods. Parking is already challenging during youth soccer games and two 8-10 stall parking lots seems like it won't help much and is a waste of space. As a dog owner, I'm not sure what we'd gain in adding another dog park in this area besides a perk for the rental company across the street: being that far back on Rockstream is sort of a weirdly accessible area for most folks who live in surrounding neighborhoods. Also, we already have Badger Prairie and Prairie Moraine dog parks in close proximity.
- It is apparent that a lot of thought and planning has been expended to create the draft plan. I am encouraged that investments are proposed to make significant improvements and applaud the effort to solicit input from residents in the area.
- With the Verona dog park so close seems like overdoing it to have an additional dog park. I do appreciate the distance between the dog and kids areas.
- Tennis and pickleball courts would be nice - none nearby.
- Dog park doesn't need to be so big, there is another dog park nearby. Would rather focus on playground and games for children and families. Like basketball, biking and tennis, volleyball and pickleball would be nice.
- needs more wooded area
- Would like to see development of tennis/pickle ball courts.
- None
- What is Futsal? Is this necessary? Maybe put a basketball hoop. I see kids shooting hoops, but not actual games at the current one. What about a backboard for tennis practice. There is none currently in town.
- Would love the shelter, new multi use courts and would love some disc golf baskets or small course. A dog park seems a bit much. There is already one so close, just down the street in Verona.
- This is great. Having all those apartments go up was not fun. But this park eases the pain. Please have a volleyball court and a tennis court would be nice.
- I would like to see the basketball court remain (and somewhat near east pass), as it is used frequently.
- none
- I don't think a dog park is a good use of space
- Concerned about proximity of off leash dog park to part of Rockstream sidewalk/path to Chavez and other kid playgrounds. Maybe the parking lot is the only part close to the opening?
- Na
- dog park could be bigger instead of trying to everything in a small space
- Hoping the single track path will be usable for walkers wanting to get off the pavement for a bit
- Not sure we need off road bike trail. Many others nearby.
- Plenty of dog parks close-by. I oppose a dog park area.
- Have strong feelings about how to deal with heavy car traffic at times on East Pass. Traffic combined with parking along both sides of East Pass make it tough to cross safely at times. During planned games, activities, most don't go to crosswalk but try to cross between cars. Perhaps only allow parking on one side of East Pass?

Please, no off road mountain bike trails. I would not want these going along my

backyard so why would I want others to put up with it. Greenway is often wet for a couple days after rain with standing water at times. This would also draw more cars as people drive to access trail.

- I love the addition of futsal to the park. Not something I would have thought about but really really think is needed for Madison.
- N/a
- N/A
- Instead of so much area for mountain biking, more trails for walking.
- i see there is an off leash area for pups love that
- I'd love to see some traffic-calming work on the roads that adjoin the park. Parking lots will help to slow traffic, so I'm in favor of parking on either side, but more should be done to make park access safer for children on foot. Raised crosswalks that serve as speed humps, for example, would be useful.
- Looks great! I didn't know this was being planned so I was glad to get a notification in the mail. Would definitely utilize the park more with all the new changes.
- I think most of the streets in the area allow for plenty of parking. Is a parking lot really the best use of the park space?