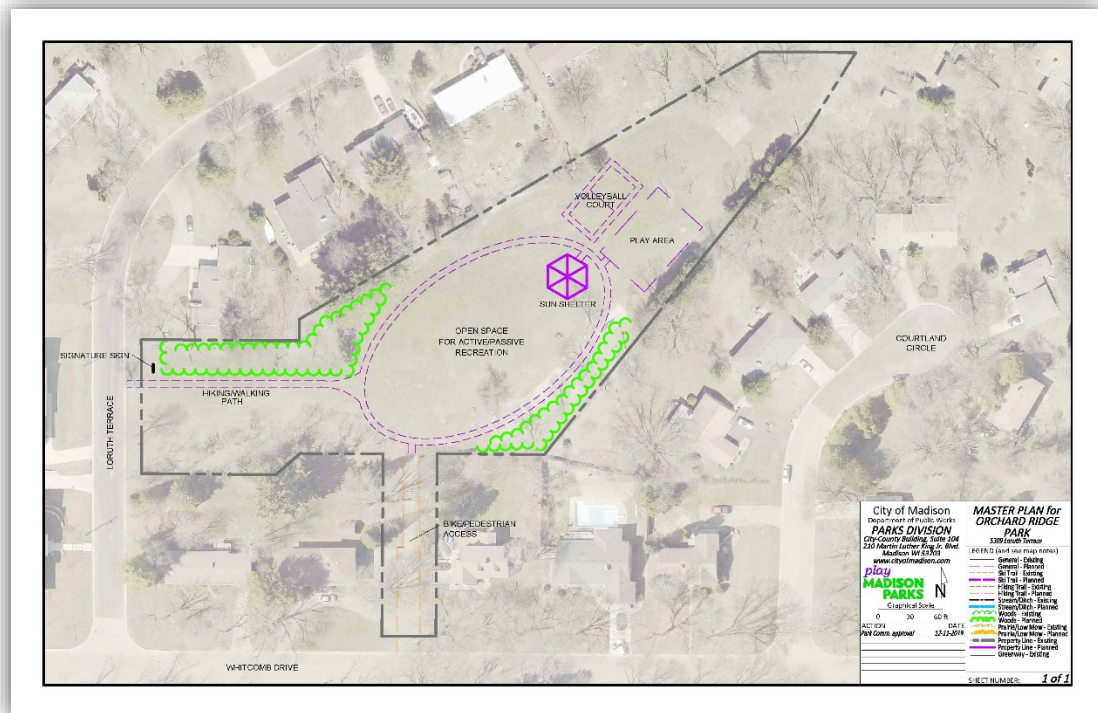


# Orchard Ridge Park Master Plan

5214 Whitcomb Dr.

City of Madison Parks Division

Madison, WI



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## INTRODUCTION

Orchard Ridge Park is a 2.68 acre park located on the southwest side of Madison at 5214 Whitcomb Drive. Classified as a mini park, the service area for Orchard Ridge is 1/4 mile. The nearest developed parks to this location are Flad Park to the south, Sherwood Forest and Sunridge Parks to the west, and Orchard Ridge Valley Park to the north. Odana Hills and Zook Parks, along with Odana Hills Golf Course, are also nearby and to the north, but these properties are separated from the neighborhood by Highway 12/18 (see Exhibit 1).

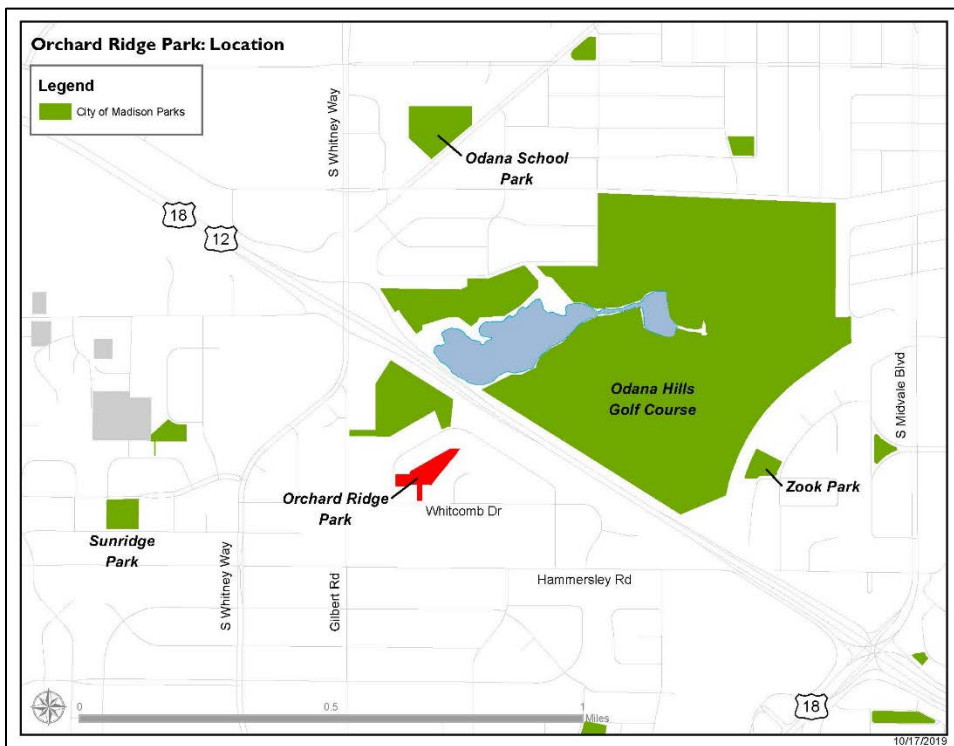


Photo: Location of Orchard Ridge Park

## HISTORY

The land which Orchard Ridge Park occupies has a long history as a crop production field on agricultural property. In 1952, the first parcel was dedicated as public parkland for the Orchard Ridge plat development (see Exhibit 2). An additional parcel was dedicated in 1953. Orchard Ridge Park and the surrounding neighborhood are part of the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association (see Exhibit 3).



Photo: Orchard Ridge Park, circa 1937



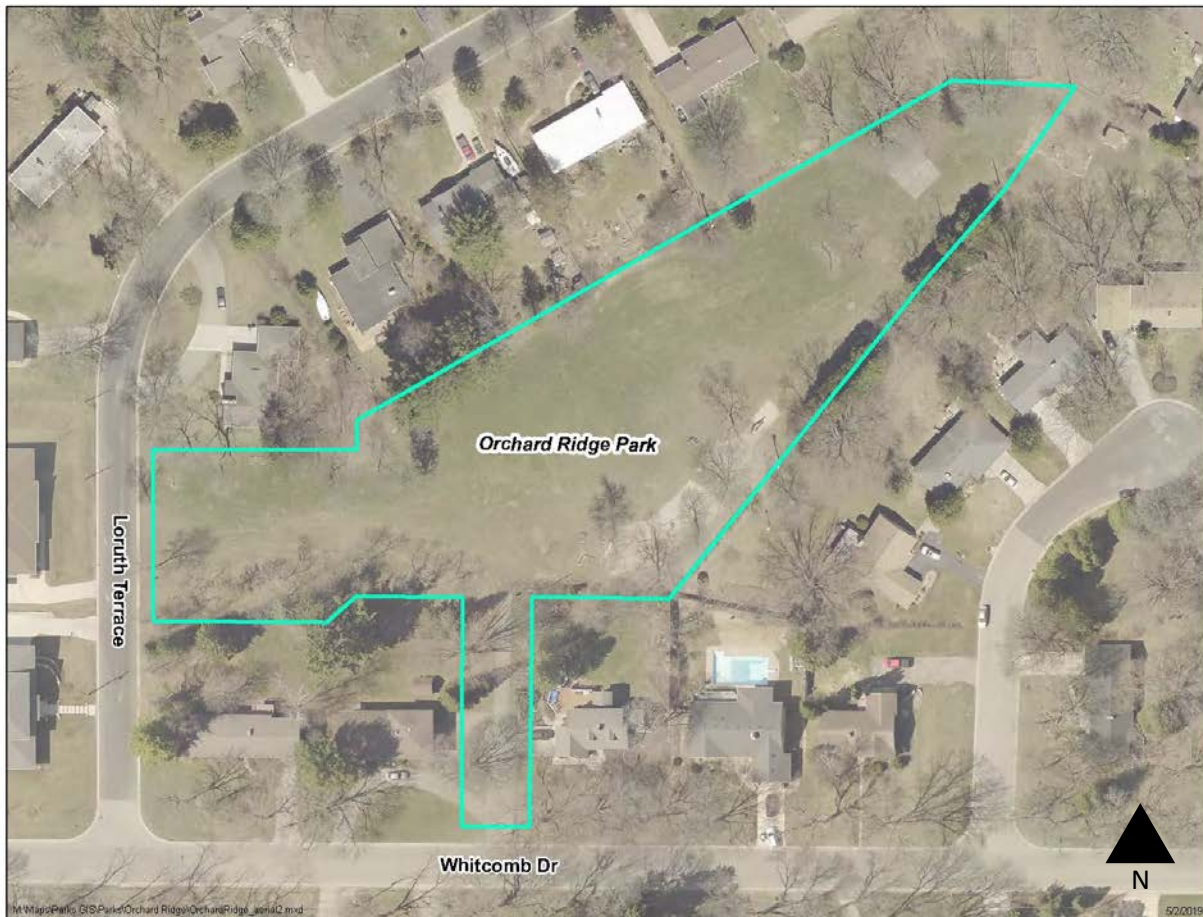


Photo: Aerial view of Orchard Ridge Park, circa 2018.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Orchard Ridge Park is an existing developed park, consisting of 2.68 acres of mowed turf and recreational amenities. The parcel slopes from south to north in a gentle fashion, which can be seen on the Topography Map (see Exhibit 4). The potential exists for stormwater run-off during precipitation events due to steep conditions south of the parcel, which directs water northwards and into the park.

Access to Orchard Ridge Park is via frontage on Loruth Terrace or a multi-use paved path from the south. This path originates on Whitcomb Drive and reaches the park through a narrow portion of City-owned land. An easement was granted to the adjacent residential properties in 1953 which permits them to use this portion of the park for vehicular and pedestrian travel to access their garages.

Existing amenities in the park include play equipment, a half basketball court, a backstop, open lawn spaces, and an assortment of benches. The majority of the existing play equipment was installed in 1996 and is reaching the end of its serviceable life. Pea gravel is currently being used as the safety surfacing material.

The half basketball court, located in the northeast corner of the park, includes lighting. Similar to the existing play equipment, the age of the basketball court and associated lighting have reached the end of their useful life.



The backstop, located just south of the basketball court, is in serviceable condition, though based on feedback is rarely used. The open lawn areas are routinely used as an informal practice field for children's soccer teams and as a gathering space for large neighborhood association-sponsored events.

A majority of the park area features slopes less than 5% as shown in the Slope Analysis Map (see Exhibit 5). There are slightly steeper areas along the southern and eastern borders. The dominant soil on site is Dodge Silt Loam; typical characteristics of this soil include 6-12% slopes, a well-drained profile, and evidence of erosion.



Photo: View of Orchard Ridge Park from Loruth Terrace.

Existing trees on the property were evaluated and identified by Parks staff (see Exhibit 6 for an Existing Vegetation Inventory). This survey identified crabapple (*Malus* sp.) as the dominant species on site. These crabapple trees are reaching the end of their natural life span and are in varying stages of decline. Other common species include Colorado Spruce (*Picea pungens*), Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*), and Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*). Understory replanting efforts are advised in order to maintain and expand quality and diversity of the tree canopy in Orchard Ridge Park. Efforts to do so have occurred over the past few years and have continued through the fall of 2019.

## **CURRENT USES AND MAINTENANCE PRACTICES**

Neighbors of Orchard Ridge Park currently use the park as a space for walking, as the local streets lack sidewalks, and bring children and grandchildren to use the play equipment. A children's soccer team utilizes the open space for informal practice several times a week during the summer months. The Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association has been hosting a large 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival in the park for over 50 years. Featuring a parade, picnic, and lawn sports/activities, the festival is a major focal point of the neighborhood, involving several hundred people each year.



Current maintenance practices are limited to 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**

The master plan process included two public input meetings, a pop-up booth, a meeting with the neighborhood association board, and a community survey, which is consistent with the adopted [Park Master Plan Policy](#).

### Public Input Process

The first public input meeting was held on June 13, 2019 (see Exhibit 7 for the results of the community design activity from the first public information meeting). The public input meeting provided history, background, and context for the site and elicited neighborhood input on the park and potential amenities. To gather additional feedback, a community survey was created to gauge the desire for specific amenities that are typically offered within mini parks while also identifying seasonal usage patterns and demographic information. This survey was mailed to approximately 1,466 addresses of within ¼ mile of the park and made available online. The results of the survey were then compiled and analyzed (see Exhibit 8). A pop-up booth was hosted in conjunction with the neighborhood association's Fourth of July event on July 4, 2019, to provide information regarding the master planning process and gather feedback from festival attendees.

After analyzing the input received at the first public input meeting, pop-up booth, and the community survey, two master plan design concepts were created. These master plans were provided for the community to review and comment on at a second public input meeting which was held on July 18, 2019 (see Exhibit 9 for the presentations provided at both public input meetings). The majority of the public input meeting participants expressed a preference for the final proposed master plan for Orchard Ridge Park.

### Proposed Park Amenities

The proposed park master plan took into consideration the usage patterns, existing park amenities, and public input received by Parks staff. The top desired amenities identified through the master planning process included new play equipment, a sand volleyball court, preservation of open space, and activities which appeal to a wide range of age groups. The neighborhood also requested that the half basketball court and associated lighting be removed. The proposed amenities include one additional recreational amenity for a mini park than what is identified in Table 4.2 Typical Park Facilities by Park Classification of the 2018-2023 Park and Open Space Plan (see Exhibit 10). The additional park amenity (a sun shelter) was considered due to the large neighborhood events held in this park. The proposed amenities included in the master plan are shown on Exhibit 11 and include the following:

#### *Play Area*

Replacing the existing play equipment with updated structures and play surfacing was identified as a priority at all public input meetings. In the community survey, nearly four out of five respondents rated new play equipment as an important or very important amenity to include at Orchard Ridge Park. Several residents suggested including an adult fitness component to serve the maximum age range possible.



### *Volleyball Court*

Strong support was received for the inclusion of a volleyball court during all staff-led public outreach efforts, especially the first public input meeting and pop-up booth. At the first public input meeting, both groups of neighbors participating in the community design activity specifically designated a sand volleyball court on their activity boards.

### *Sun Shelter*

An open-sided sun shelter with picnic tables is included in the proposed master plan in response to requests from park users. Located near the play equipment, a sun shelter affords neighbors a shaded seating area from which to supervise children, a space to hold informal gatherings (a feature currently lacking in the neighborhood per public input responses), and a useful amenity for formal neighborhood association events. In the community survey, three-quarters of respondents thought a sun shelter was important or very important to include in the master plan.

Based on input received during the planning process, staff heard that access to electricity at or near the shelter would be beneficial. The Parks Division has not established standards for when electrical service could be incorporated into a mini park; this request will be evaluated further at a later date.

### *Open Space for Active/Passive Recreation*

The center of the park will be left as an open area for pick-up ball games, picnicking, or other activities requiring level and flexible use space. Measuring at approximately 0.6 acres, this space will accommodate the current usage patterns, e.g. informal youth soccer practices and neighborhood association events, while providing maximum opportunities for other active and passive recreation opportunities. Over half of all community survey respondents rated the preservation of the existing open space as very important.

### *Hiking/Walking Paths*

An accessible route of travel from Loruth Terrace and from the existing path off of Whitcomb Drive will be provided to the sun shelter and play area. This path also creates a loop within the park which surrounds and defines the open space area. Beyond providing a visual boundary to the open space, this loop also provides an opportunity for walking or children's bike riding in a neighborhood that is lacking in public sidewalks. In the future, hopscotch and a four-square court can be added to the pavement to provide an additional recreational opportunity.

The availability of walking paths was strongly supported by residents in all staff-led public input meetings, the pop-up booth, and comments received via email and phone. Hiking or walking paths, in general, were rated as important or very important by nearly seven out of ten community survey respondents.

### *Tree Plantings*

As the existing trees in Orchard Ridge Park continue to age and decline, additional trees should be planted as replacements to maintain the tree canopy. This effort is underway and should continue, with the goal of improving species diversity, aesthetics, wildlife habitat, and shade opportunities.





## Exhibits

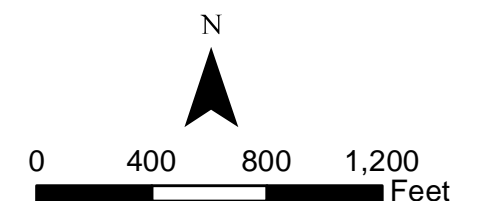
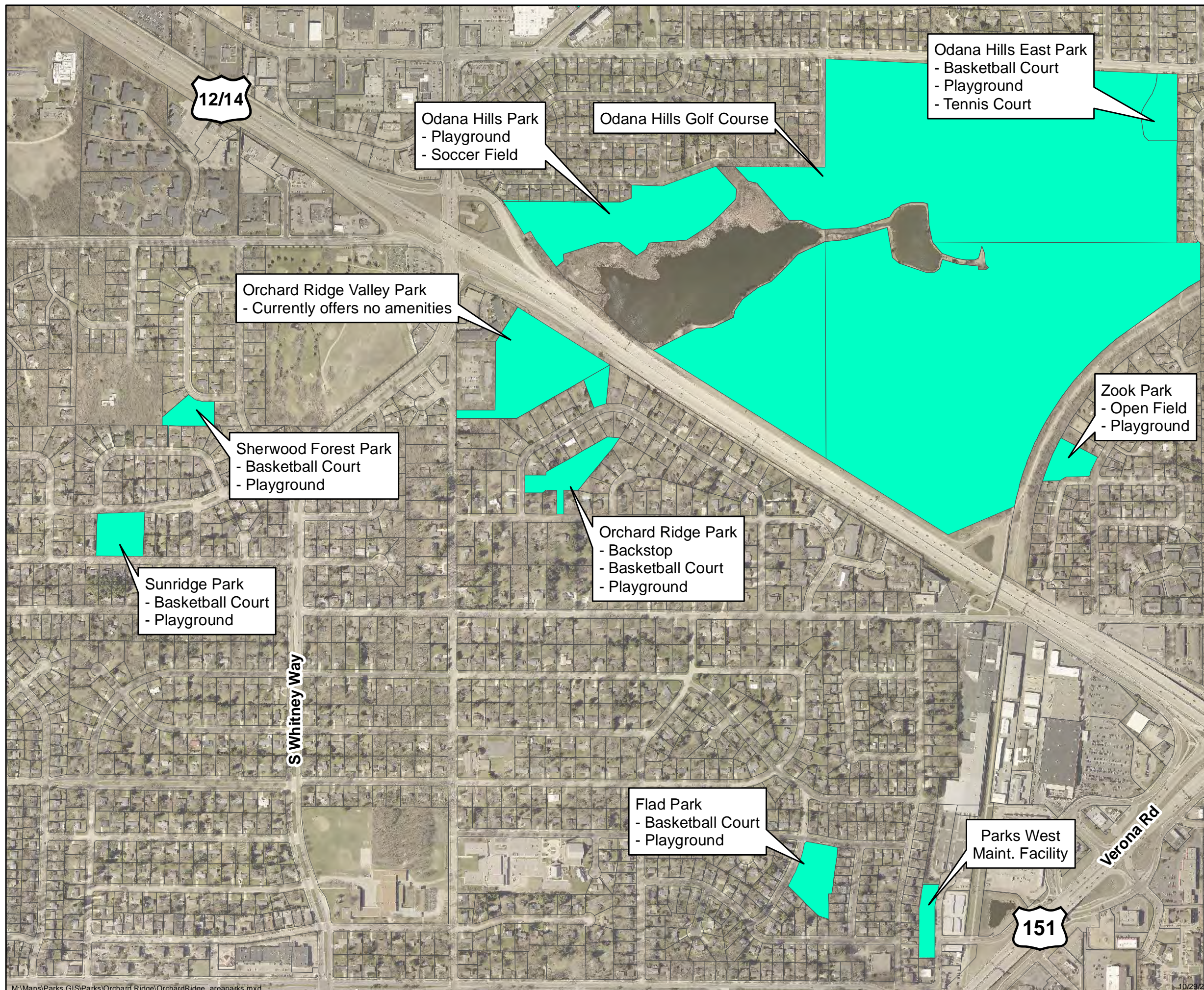
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## Exhibit 1: Adjacent Parks Map

### Legend

-  City of Madison Park
-  Ownership Parcels





PLAT OF  
**SECOND ADDITION**  
TO  
**ORCHARD RIDGE**

PART OF  
SE 1/4, NE 1/4, SEC. 31, T7N, R9E  
MADISON, DANE CO., WISCONSIN

RUSSELL C. DOOLITTLE, JR.  
REGISTERED ENGINEER



SCALE: 1" = 100'

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STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF DANE ) S.S.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BY THE ORDER AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JOHN C. MCKENNA, JR., HENNING K. JOHNSON AND MARVEL E. JOHNSON I HAVE MADE A SURVEY AND PLAT OF "SECOND ADDITION TO ORCHARD RIDGE" WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4-NE 1/4 OF SECTION 31, T7N, R9E, CITY OF MADISON, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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I ALSO CERTIFY THAT THE WITHIN PLAT IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE DIVISIONS MADE BY ME AND THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 236 OF REVISED STATUTES OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, 1951, IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.

*Robert H. Keller*  
ROBERT H. KELLER  
WITNESSES  
*Margaret A. Doolittle*  
MARGARET A. DOOLITTLE  
SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 21st DAY OF April, 1952. MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan 1, 1955  
*Robert C. Doolittle, Jr.*  
RUSSELL C. DOOLITTLE, JR.  
REGISTERED ENGINEER

STATE OF WISCONSIN ) S.S.  
COUNTY OF DANE )  
AS CLERK AND TREASURER RESPECTIVELY OF THE CITY OF MADISON WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THERE ARE NO UNPAID TAXES OR UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON ANY OF THE LANDS INCLUDED IN THIS PLAT ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS.

*Eldon L. Noel*  
ELDON L. NOEL  
WITNESSES  
*Neva L. Vinger*  
NEVA L. VINGER  
SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 25th DAY OF April, 1952.  
*Nea L. Noel Winter*  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE CO., WISCONSIN

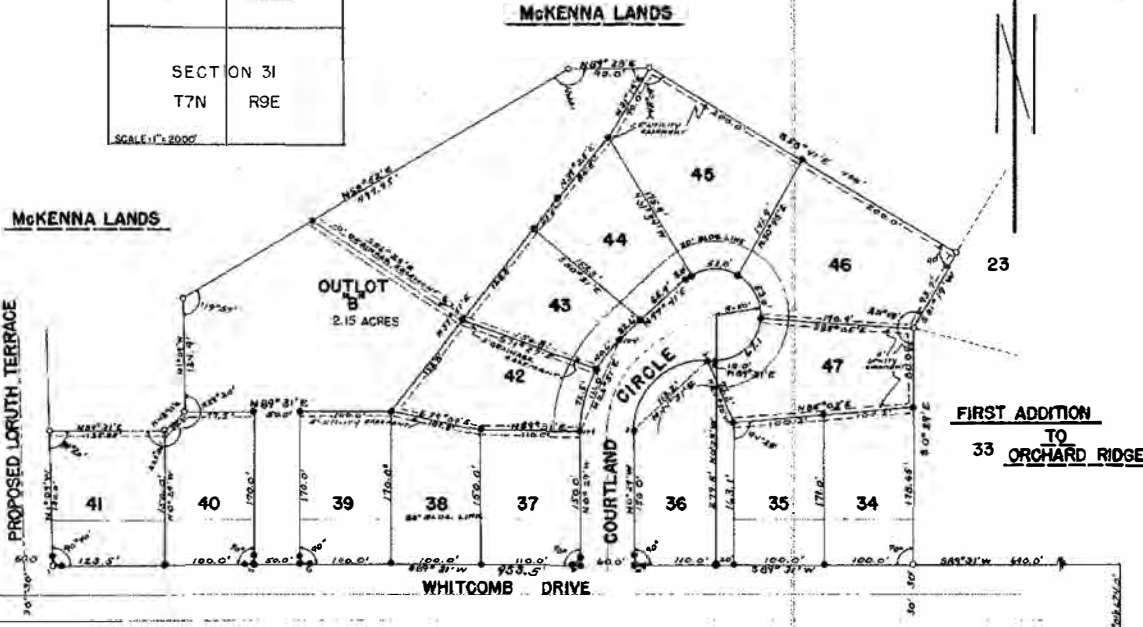
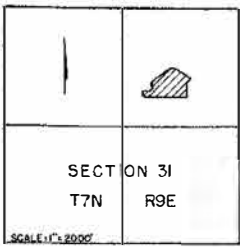
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STATE OF WISCONSIN ) S.S.  
COUNTY OF DANE )  
*M.E. Smithback*  
M.E. SMITHBACK  
TREASURER OF DANE COUNTY.  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THERE ARE NO UNPAID TAXES OR UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON ANY OF THE LANDS INCLUDED IN THIS PLAT ACCORDING TO MY RECORDS.  
*Wm. S. Hobbs*  
Wm. S. HOBBS  
WITNESSES

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 25th DAY OF April, 1952.  
*Meredith Day*  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE CO., WISCONSIN  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Feb. 27, 1955

THIS PLAT IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AS DOCUMENT NUMBERED 23372 IN VOLUME NUMBERED 227 OF MISCELLANEOUS ON PAGE 265.

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*Wm. S. Hobbs*  
Wm. S. HOBBS, JR., REGISTER OF DEEDS



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STATE OF WISCONSIN ) S.S.  
COUNTY OF DANE )  
AS OWNER I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE CAUSED THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL C. DOOLITTLE, JR., REGISTERED ENGINEER, TO BE SURVEYED, DIVIDED, MAPPED AND DEDICATED AS SHOWN.

*Robert H. Keller*  
ROBERT H. KELLER  
WITNESSES  
*Margaret A. Doolittle*  
MARGARET A. DOOLITTLE  
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME THIS 21st DAY OF April, 1952, THE ABOVE NAMED JOHN C. MCKENNA, JR., TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE PERSON WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED SAME.  
*Robert H. Keller*  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE CO., WISCONSIN

STATE OF WISCONSIN ) S.S.  
COUNTY OF DANE )  
AS AGENT FOR THE MORTGAGEE, THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, I, Wm. S. Hobbs, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL C. DOOLITTLE, JR., REGISTERED ENGINEER, WERE SURVEYED, DIVIDED, MAPPED AND DEDICATED AS SHOWN.

*Wm. S. Hobbs*  
Wm. S. HOBBS  
WITNESSES  
*James C. Randall*  
JAMES C. RANDALL  
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME THIS 21st DAY OF April, 1952, THE ABOVE NAMED Wm. S. Hobbs, AGENT FOR THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK, TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE PERSON WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED SAME.  
*James C. Randall*  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE CO., WISCONSIN  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES August 17, 1957

STATE OF WISCONSIN ) S.S.  
COUNTY OF DANE )  
RESOLVED THAT A PLAT KNOWN AS "SECOND ADDITION TO ORCHARD RIDGE" WHICH HAS BEEN DULY FILED FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 236, WISCONSIN STATUTES, 1951.

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL ON THE 24th DAY OF April, 1952.  
*Clotilde*  
CLOTILDE  
CITY CLERK

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME THIS 21st DAY OF April, 1952, THE ABOVE NAMED HENNING K. JOHNSON AND MARVEL E. JOHNSON, TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE PERSONS WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING OWNERS INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED SAME.

*Robert H. Keller*  
ROBERT H. KELLER  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE CO., WISCONSIN  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan 1, 1955



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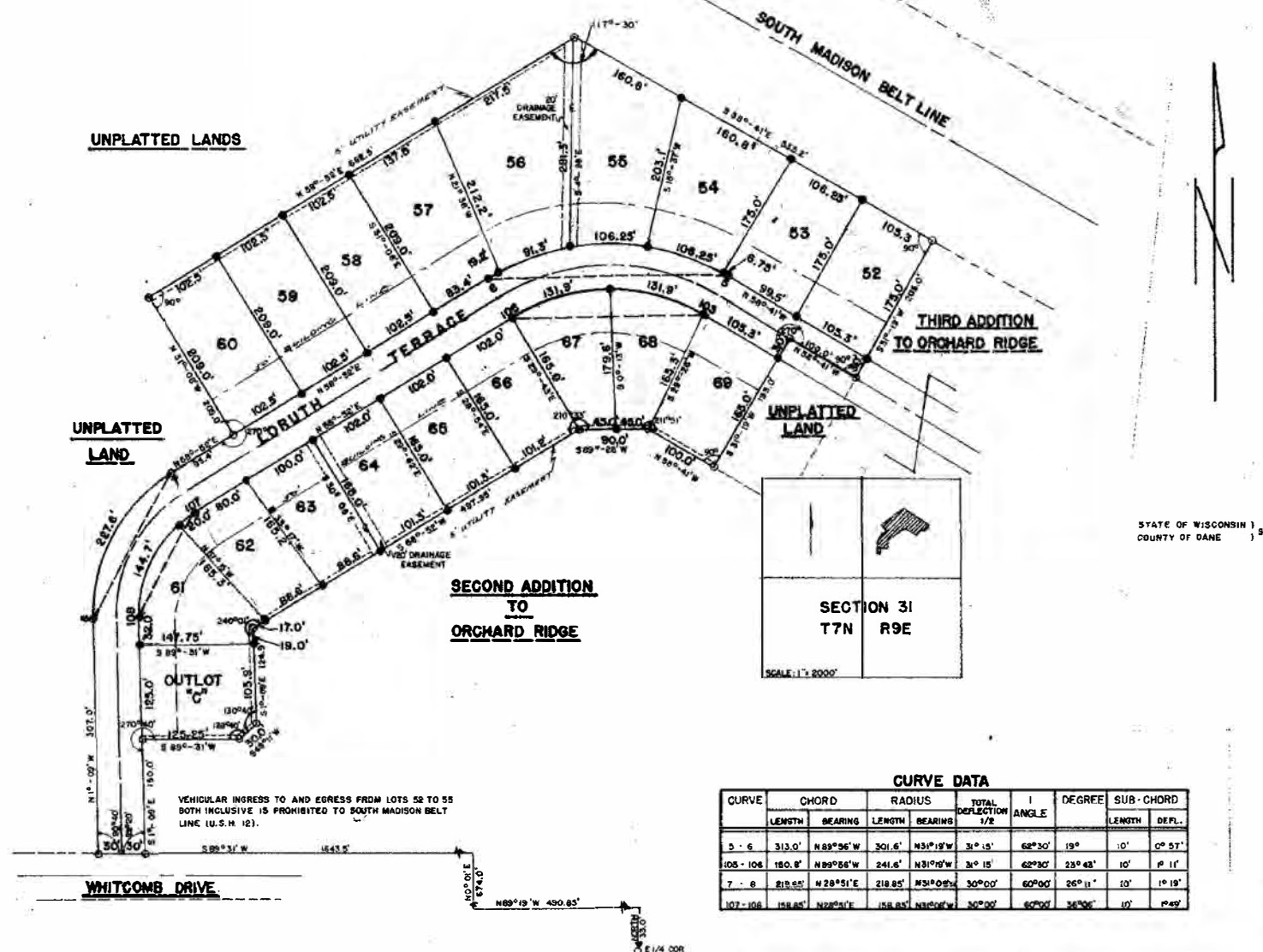
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REGISTERED ENGINEER  
1953



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STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF DANE ) ss

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BY THE ORDER AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JOHN G. MCKENNA JR. AND MARIAN G. MCKENNA I HAVE MADE A SURVEY AND PLAT OF "FOURTH ADDITION OF ORCHARD RIDGE" WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4, SEC. 31, T7N, R9E, CITY OF MADISON, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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*Margaret A. Doolittle*  
MARGARET A. DOOLITTLE  
WITNESSES  
*R. W. ALBERS*  
R. W. ALBERS

*Russell G. Doolittle, Jr.*  
RUSSELL G. DOOLITTLE, JR.  
REGISTERED ENGINEER

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 24th DAY OF July, 1953. MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1955.  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
My Commission Expires Jan. 16, 1955

*R. W. Albers*  
R. W. ALBERS  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE CO., WISCONSIN

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF DANE ) ss  
AS OWNERS WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE HAVE CAUSED THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL G. DOOLITTLE, JR., REGISTERED ENGINEER, TO BE SURVEYED, DIVIDED, MAPPED AND DEDICATED AS SHOWN.

*Robert V. Keller*  
ROBERT V. KELLER  
WITNESSES  
*Helen C. Ziltener*  
HELEN C. ZILTENER

*John G. McKenna, Jr.*  
JOHN G. MCKENNA, JR., OWNER  
*Marian G. McKenna*  
MARIAN G. MCKENNA, OWNER

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME THIS 24th DAY OF July, 1953, THE ABOVE NAMED JOHN G. MCKENNA, JR., AND MARIAN G. MCKENNA TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE PERSONS WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED SAME.

*Robert V. Keller*  
ROBERT V. KELLER

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 3, 1955.

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF DANE ) ss  
RESOLVED THAT A PLAT KNOWN AS "FOURTH ADDITION TO ORCHARD RIDGE" WHICH HAS BEEN DULY FILED FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 236, WISCONSIN STATUTES, 1951.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL ON THE 24th DAY OF July, 1953.

*R. W. Albers*  
R. W. ALBERS, CITY CLERK

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF DANE ) ss  
AS CLERK AND TREASURER RESPECTIVELY OF THE CITY OF MADISON WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THERE ARE NO UNPAID TAXES OR UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON ANY OF THE LANDS INCLUDED IN THIS PLAT ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS.

*Alb. Tansky*  
ALB. TANSKY  
WITNESSES  
*Thomas J. Schwartz*  
THOMAS J. SCHWARTZ

*Walter G. Hunter*  
WALTER G. HUNTER, ASST. CITY TREAS.  
*Walter A. Hunter*  
WALTER A. HUNTER

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 24th DAY OF July, 1953.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1955.

*Neval L. Van Winter*  
NEVAL L. VAN WINTER  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE CO., WISCONSIN

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF DANE ) ss  
I, JOHN D. WILLIAMS, TREASURER OF DANE COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THERE ARE NO UNPAID TAXES OR UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON ANY OF THE LANDS INCLUDED IN THIS PLAT ACCORDING TO MY RECORDS.

*John D. Williams*  
JOHN D. WILLIAMS  
WITNESSES  
*John Johnson*  
JOHN JOHNSON

*John D. Williams*  
JOHN D. WILLIAMS, TREAS.

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 24th DAY OF July, 1953.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1955.

*John Johnson*  
JOHN JOHNSON  
NOTARY PUBLIC, DANE CO., WISCONSIN

THIS PLAT IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AS DOCUMENT NUMBERED 858312 IN VOLUME NUMBERED 260 OF MISCELLANEOUS ON PAGE 522.

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*Walter C. Riley, Jr.*  
WALTER C. RILEY, JR.  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
By *Walter C. Riley, Jr.* Deputy



## Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Profile: Land Use Map

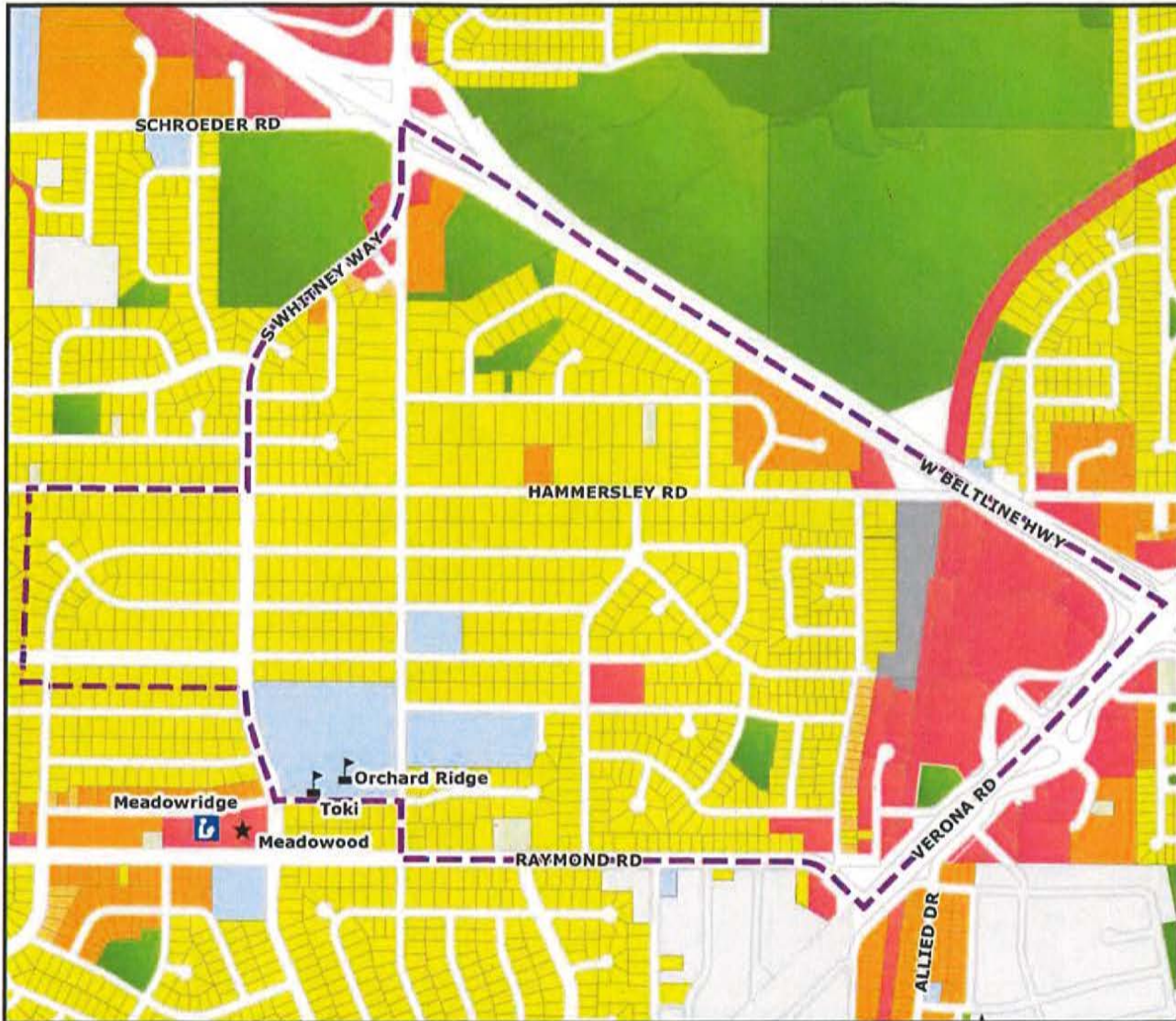
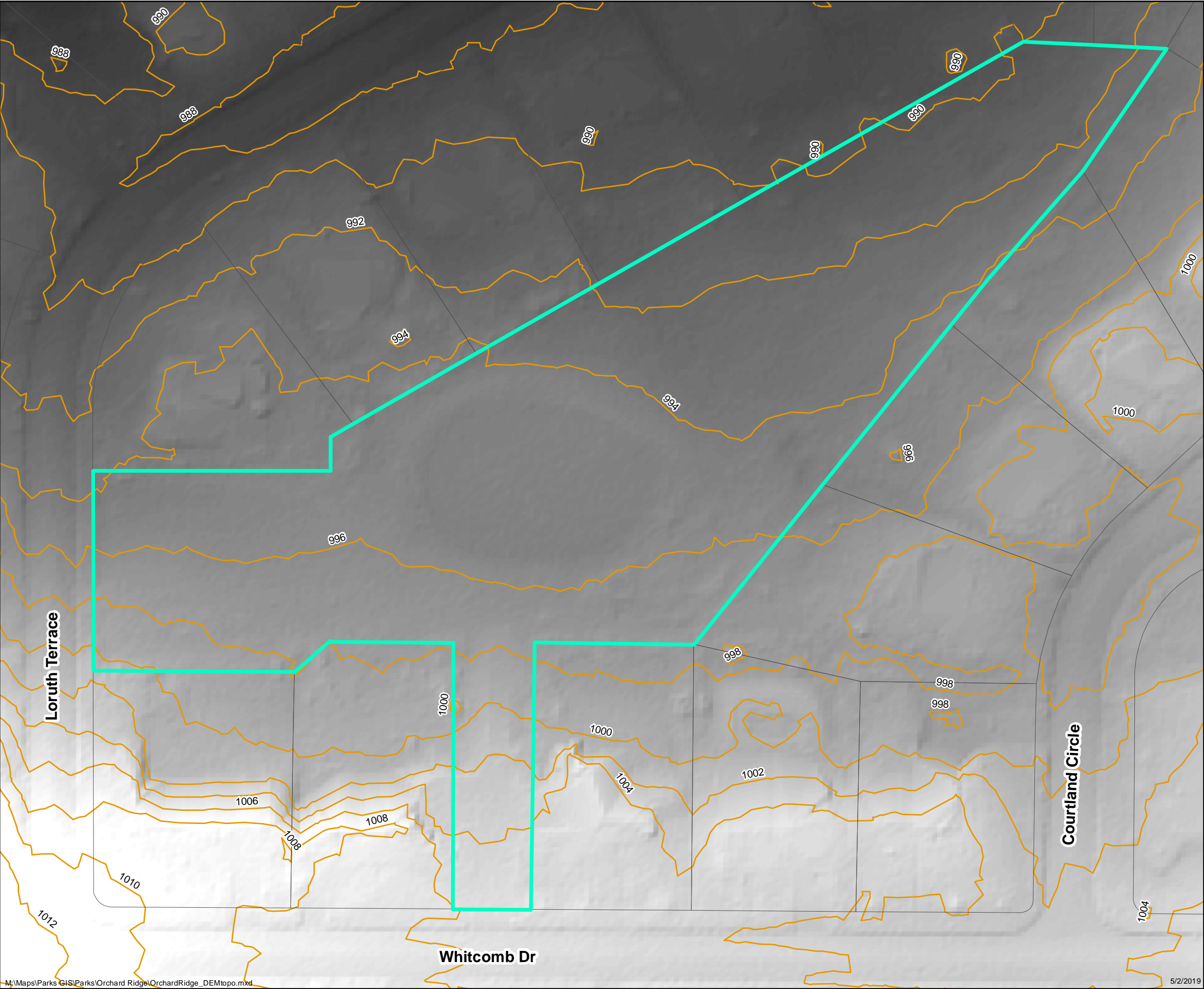







Exhibit 4: Topography Map



Legend

-  Orchard Ridge Park
-  Ownership Parcels
-  2' Contours

Elevation  
- High  
- Low

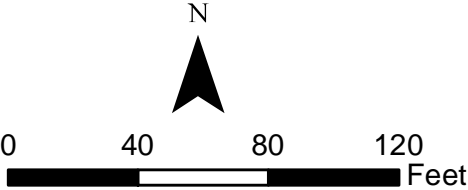
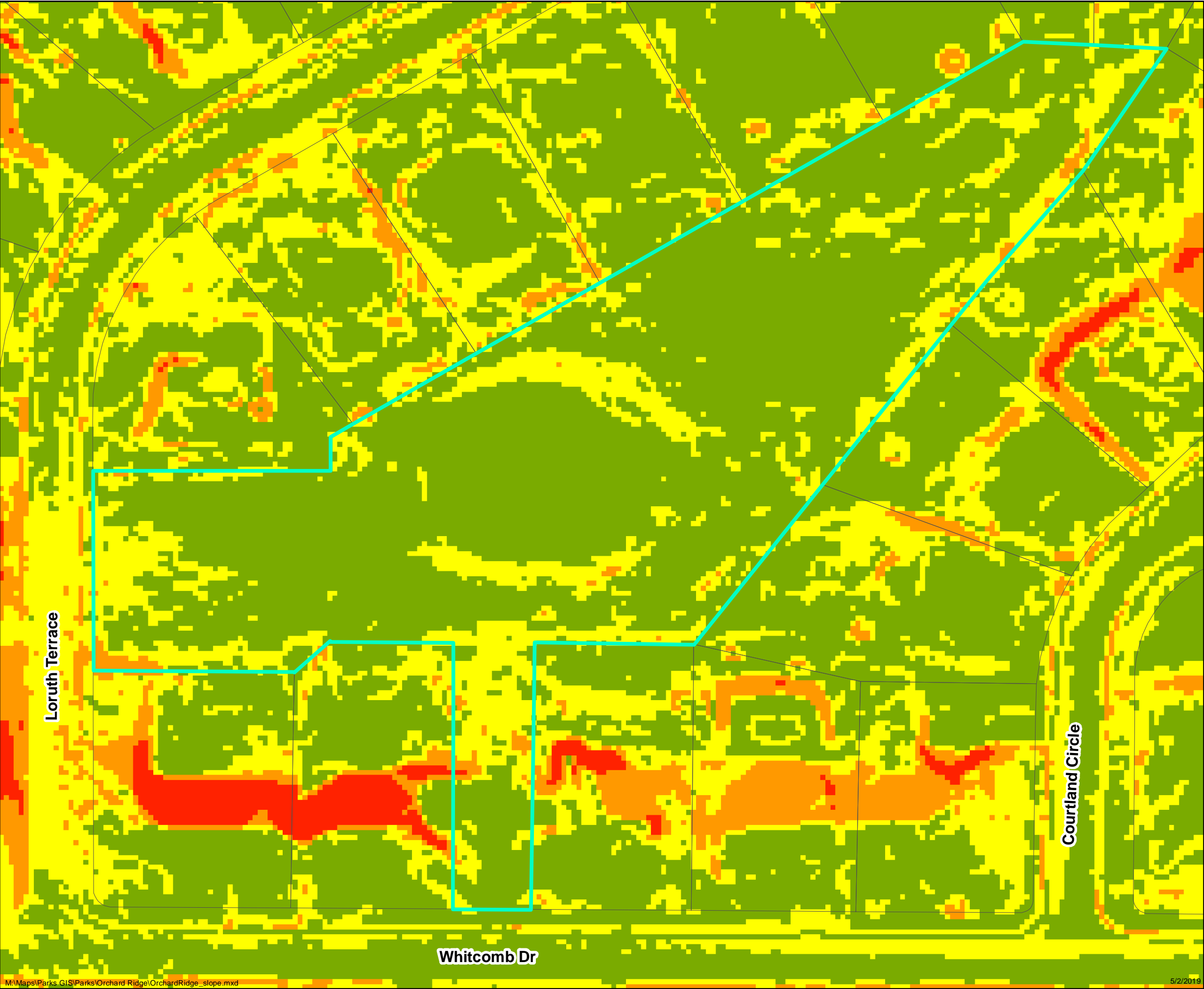




Exhibit 5: Slope Analysis Map



Legend

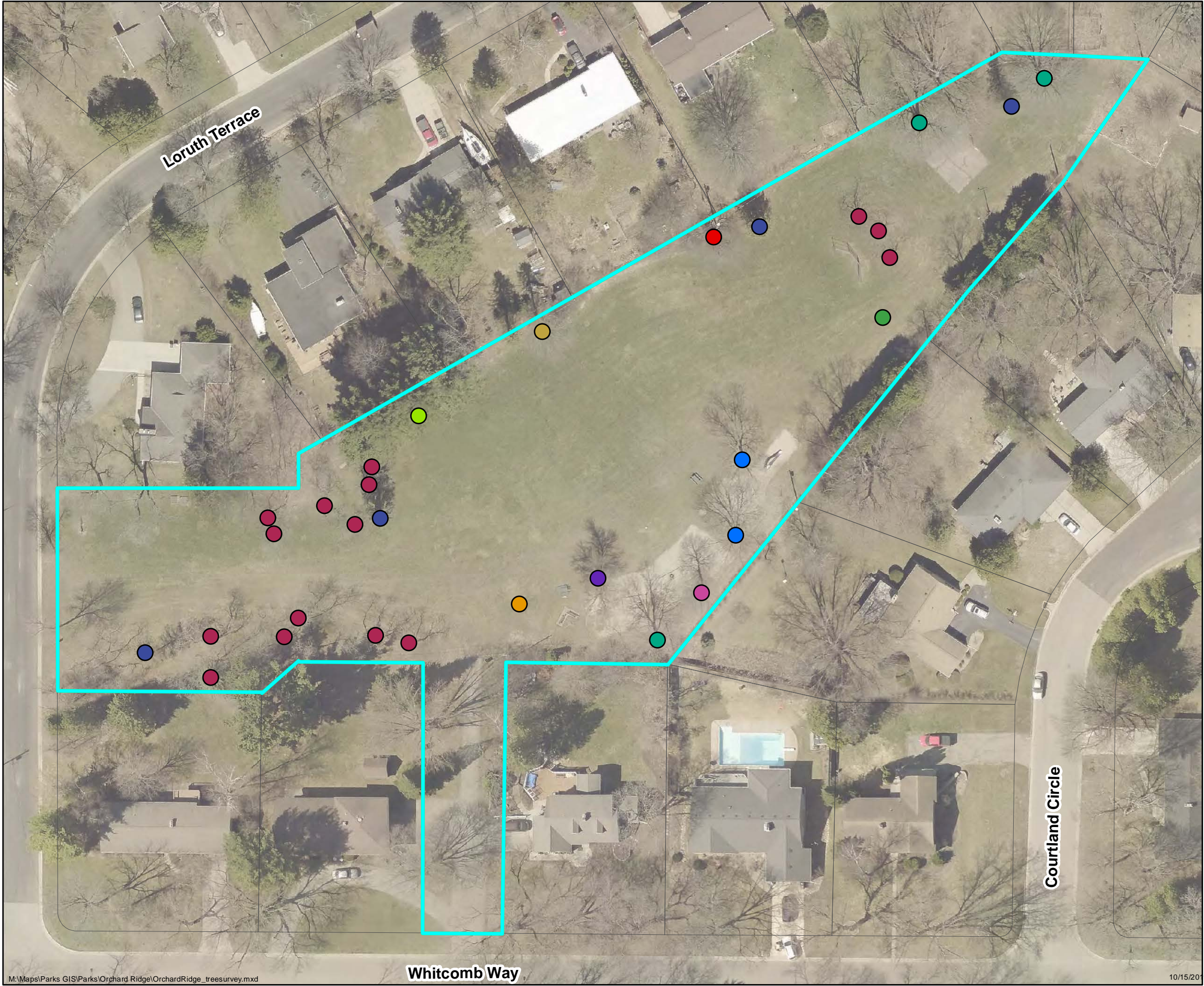
- Orchard Ridge Park
- Ownership Parcels

Slope (in %)

- 0
- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-20
- 21-100



Exhibit 6: Existing Vegetation Inventory

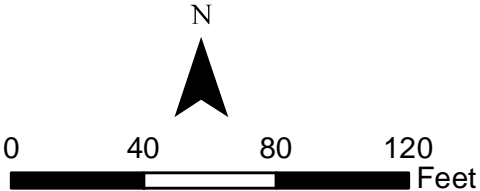


Legend

- Orchard Ridge Park
- Ownership Parcels

Tree Species

- Acer rubrum
- Acer sp.
- Catalpa speciosa
- Celtis occidentalis
- Fraxinus sp.
- Malus sp.
- Morus sp.
- Picea pungens
- Prunus serotina
- Tilia sp.
- Ulmus americana 'Jefferson'



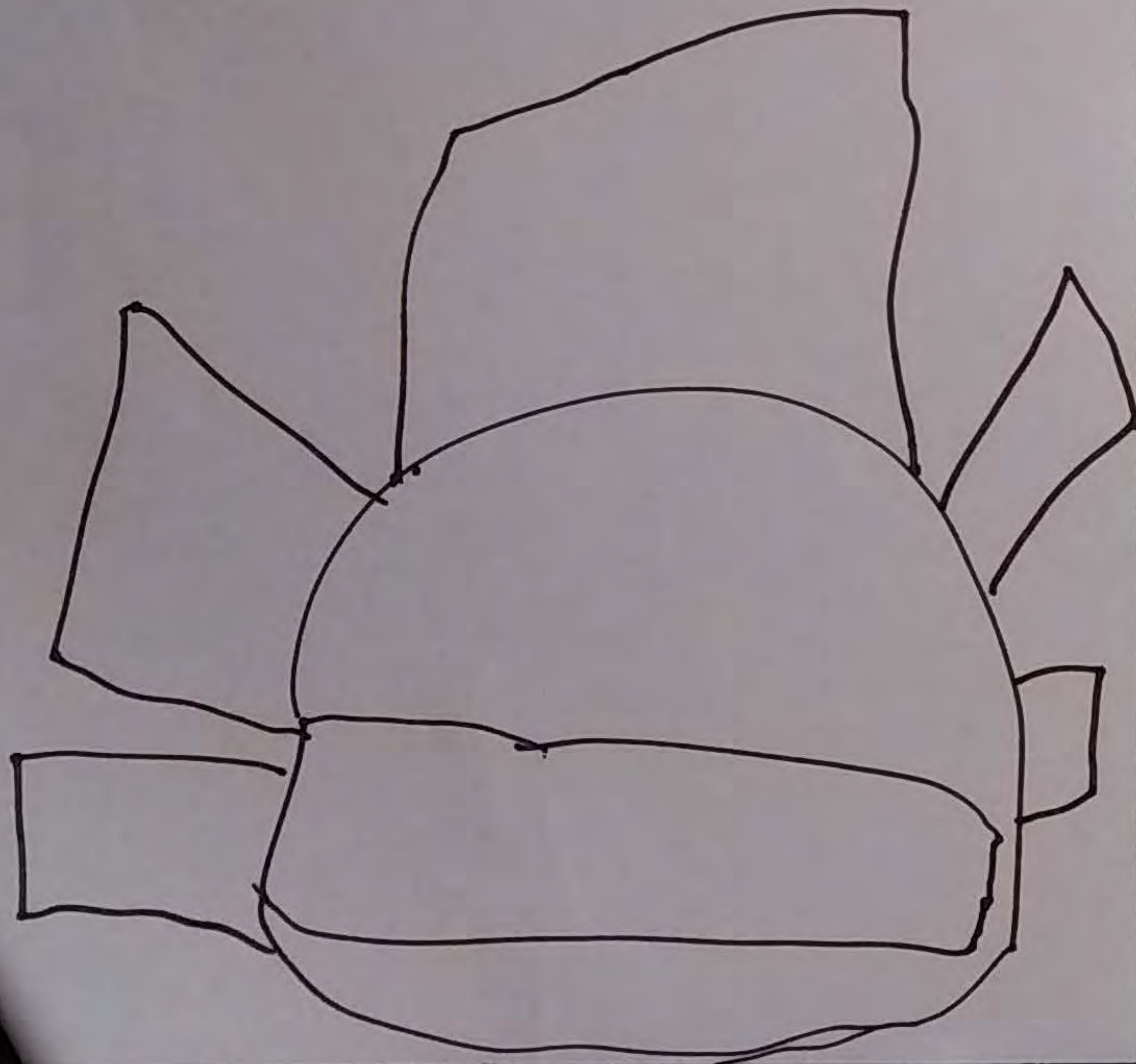




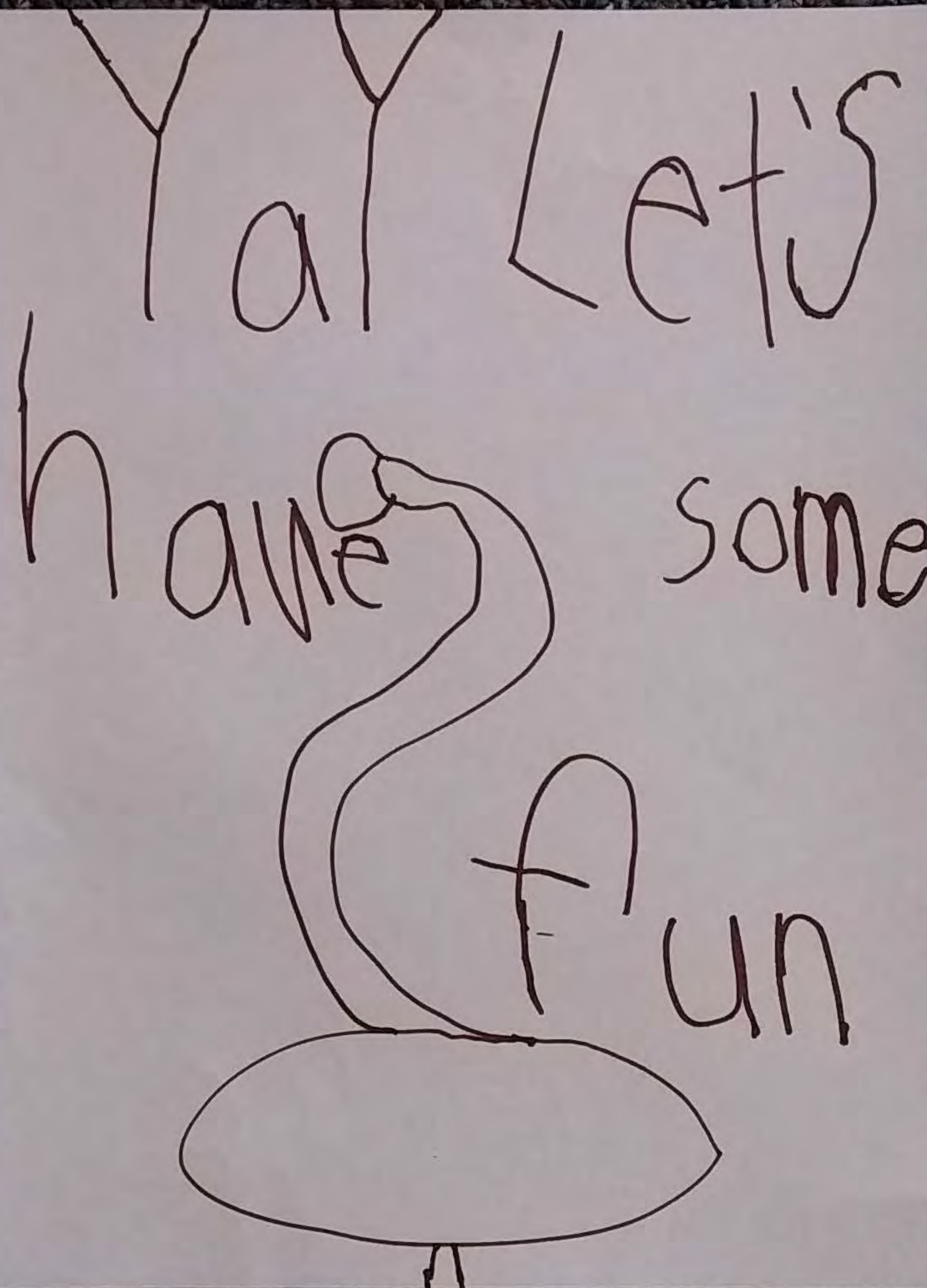








(A MERRY-GO-ROUND)



(A PLAYGROUND SPINNER)

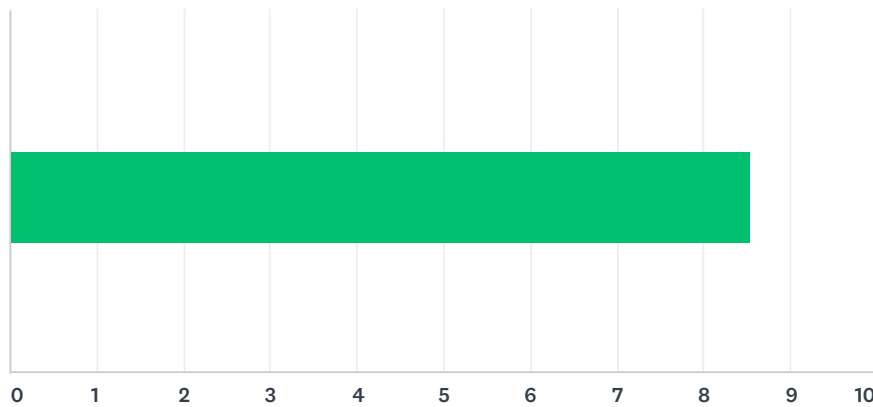
- volley ball  
 soccer field  
 adult fitness  
 Shelter/picnic table/<sup>water fountain</sup>  
 butterfly/rain garden with benches  
 & trees
- Trail — Compacted gravel adult parcours/  
 Stations —  
 good for strollers
- WATER FOUNTAIN (DRINKING)
  - electricity for Ben shelter. (solar panel?)

ADDITIONAL IDEAS



## Q1 How important are public parks and open spaces to your quality of life?

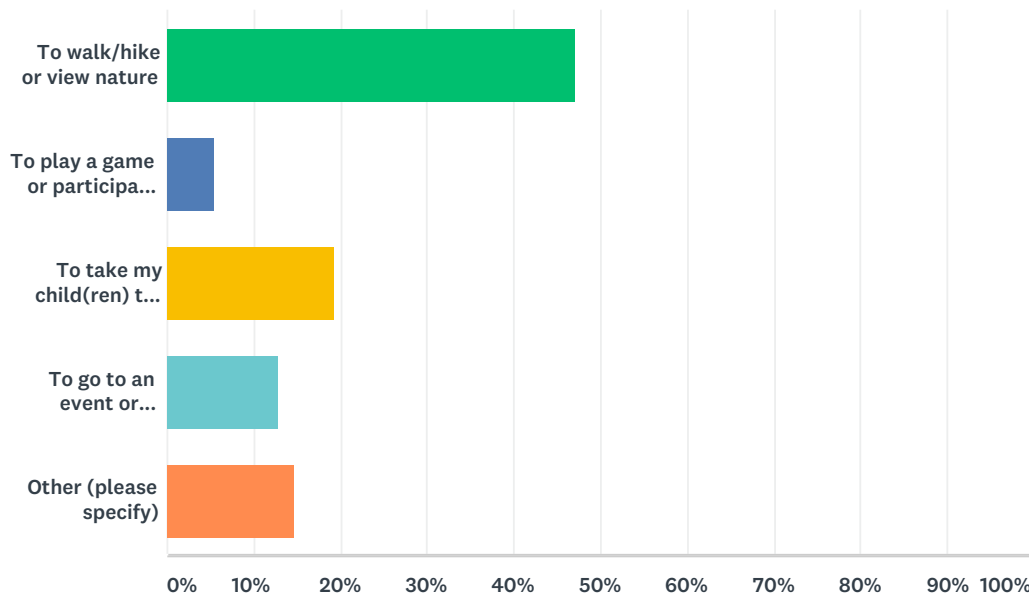
Answered: 105 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	9	897	105
Total Respondents: 105			

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

Answered: 108 Skipped: 0



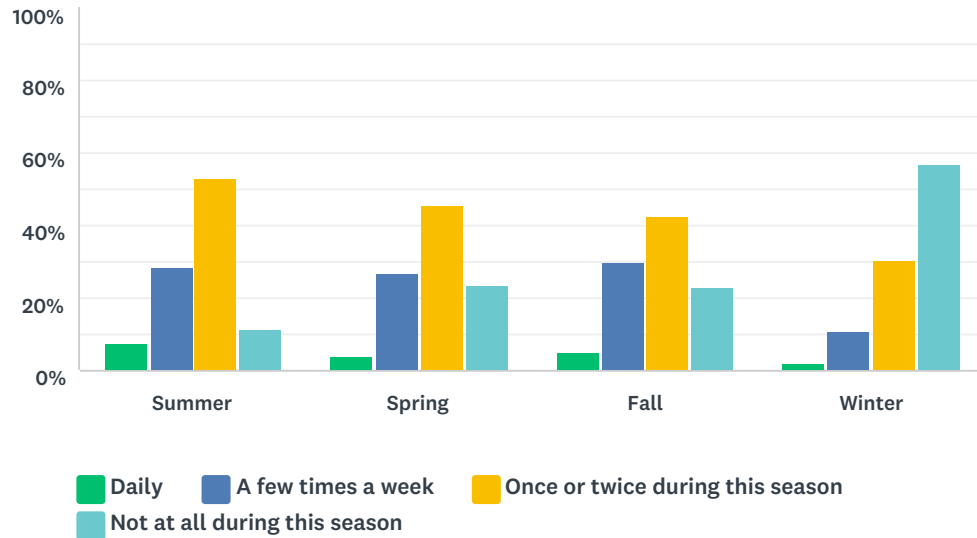
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
To walk/hike or view nature	47.22%	51
To play a game or participate in a field sport	5.56%	6
To take my child(ren) to a playground	19.44%	21
To go to an event or festival	12.96%	14
Other (please specify)	14.81%	16
TOTAL		108



# ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN SURVEY

## Q3 How often do you visit Orchard Ridge Park in the below seasons? PLEASE CHECK A BOX FOR EACH SEASON.

Answered: 106 Skipped: 2



	DAILY	A FEW TIMES A WEEK	ONCE OR TWICE DURING THIS SEASON	NOT AT ALL DURING THIS SEASON	TOTAL
Summer	7.55% 8	28.30% 30	52.83% 56	11.32% 12	106
Spring	3.88% 4	27.18% 28	45.63% 47	23.30% 24	103
Fall	4.81% 5	29.81% 31	42.31% 44	23.08% 24	104
Winter	1.96% 2	10.78% 11	30.39% 31	56.86% 58	102



# ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN SURVEY

Q4 Please write two (2 to three (3 adjectives which describe how you feel when you think about the current condition and availability of amenities in Orchard Ridge Park. (How do you feel in this space?

Answered: 97      Skipped: 11

Of the 96 respondents who answered this question, 54% provided negative answers (using descriptors such as dated, lacking, limited, and ho-hum), 24% provided neutral answers (such as ok, plain, ambiguous), and the remaining 22% provided positive answers (for example, secluded, peaceful, and open).

Q5 Please write two (2 to three (3) adjectives which describe how you would LIKE to feel when you think about the condition and availability of amenities in Orchard Ridge Park. (How would you like to feel in this space?)

Answered: 90      Skipped: 18

90 survey respondents provided input on how they would like to feel; these results are summarized below in the form of a word cloud. The most common 50 adjectives are displayed. The size and prominence of the adjective in the graphic is determined by the number of responses received in the survey. If a particular adjective was included in many responses, it will be displayed in a larger font and be positioned more prominently.





## Q6 What do you feel is the best aspect of Orchard Ridge Park?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 9

Of the 99 survey participants who answered this question, 33% mentioned the location as the best aspect of Orchard Ridge Park, 37% called out the open space or trees, 20% voted for a specific facility or aspect of the park, and the remaining four answers were unclear and thus not categorized.

## Q7 What do you feel is the biggest drawback of Orchard Ridge Park?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 15

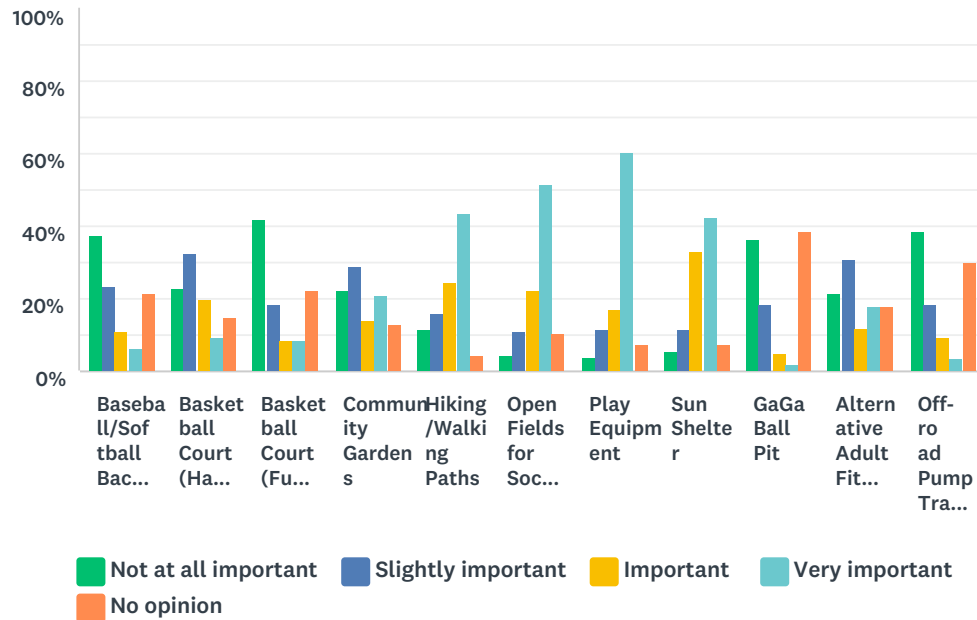
Of the 93 responses to this question, 31% were concerned with a general lack of amenities in the park. 17% mentioned the outdated feel of the existing playground and 18% stated visibility issues related to the location or access points of the park. Approximately 8% of respondents noted a lack of and desire for walking paths, both in the park and the surrounding neighborhood. Another 8% had negative comments regarding the condition of current amenities (excluding the playground equipment) or park in general. The remaining 24% had comments related to other perceived drawbacks, such as noise from the nearby highway or presence/absence of dogs in the park, or had no concerns to mention.



# ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN SURVEY

Q8 Please select and rank the recreational amenities below on how important you feel it is that they be included in the Orchard Ridge Park master plan.

Answered: 108 Skipped: 0



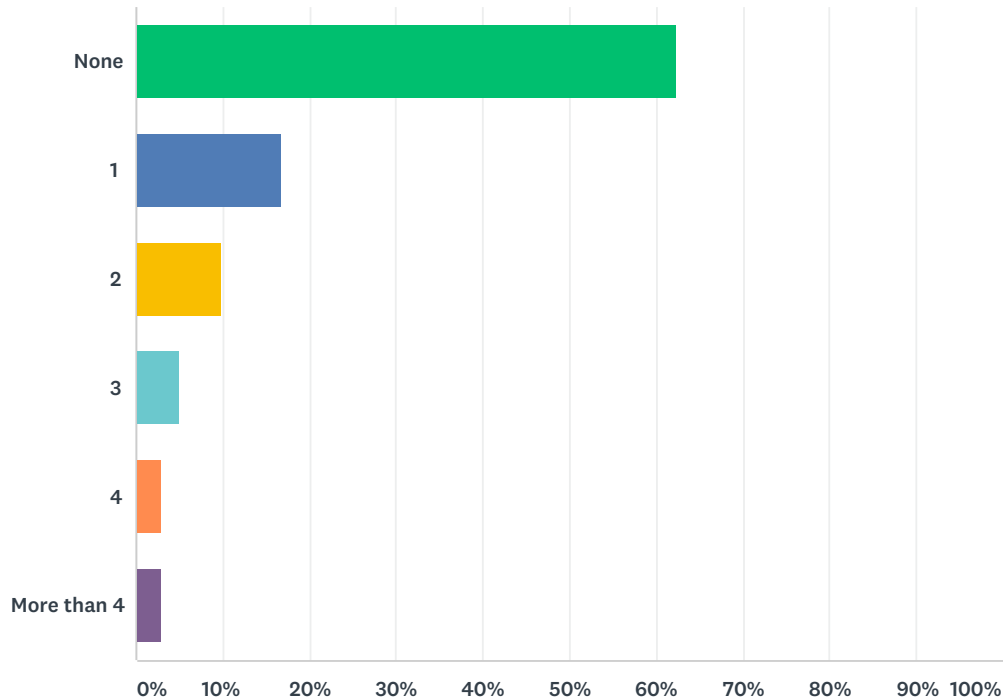
	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Baseball/Softball Backstop	37.38% 40	23.36% 25	11.21% 12	6.54% 7	21.50% 23	107	2.51
Basketball Court (Half Court)	22.86% 24	32.38% 34	20.00% 21	9.52% 10	15.24% 16	105	2.62
Basketball Court (Full Court)	42.06% 45	18.69% 20	8.41% 9	8.41% 9	22.43% 24	107	2.50
Community Gardens	22.64% 24	29.25% 31	14.15% 15	20.75% 22	13.21% 14	106	2.73
Hiking/Walking Paths	11.32% 12	16.04% 17	24.53% 26	43.40% 46	4.72% 5	106	3.14
Open Fields for Soccer, Frisbee, Football, Catch, etc.	4.67% 5	11.21% 12	22.43% 24	51.40% 55	10.28% 11	107	3.51
Play Equipment	3.77% 4	11.32% 12	16.98% 18	60.38% 64	7.55% 8	106	3.57
Sun Shelter	5.66% 6	11.32% 12	33.02% 35	42.45% 45	7.55% 8	106	3.35
GaGa Ball Pit	36.54% 38	18.27% 19	4.81% 5	1.92% 2	38.46% 40	104	2.88
Alternative Adult Fitness Equipment	21.50% 23	30.84% 33	12.15% 13	17.76% 19	17.76% 19	107	2.79
Off-road Pump Track/Bicycle Playground	38.32% 41	18.69% 20	9.35% 10	3.74% 4	29.91% 32	107	2.68



# ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN SURVEY

## Q9 If you are a parent/guardian, how many children live in your HOUSEHOLD (aged 17 or younger only)?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	62.38%	63
1	16.83%	17
2	9.90%	10
3	4.95%	5
4	2.97%	3
More than 4	2.97%	3
TOTAL		101



## Q10 Please share any additional comments or concerns regarding the Orchard Ridge Park master plan development.

Answered: 55   Skipped: 53

1) Regarding the play area "ground cover", I like that we have pebbles or pea gravel. I strongly dislike the use of shredded tires for playground ground and do not want that in our park. It causes our hands, feet, and clothes to get covered in black residue, which also spreads onto the equipment, faces, etc.

I hope we replace the metal slide; my toddler often slips on the steps. I'd kind of like to keep the old jungle gym climber for the retro feel, if we consider keeping any existing pieces.

If we do a sand volleyball court, how do we maintain it?

2) With the lack of sidewalks in our section of the neighborhood, this park is even more important as a safe place and destination for children and families. We are also separated from the other parks and schools in the neighborhood by two very busy streets (Hammersly and Gilbert) which means that we need something in this section of the neighborhood to serve needs.

We've noticed in just this year an increase in the number of people using the park, and an increasing number of families in our section of the neighborhood. Demand is there!

We love that soccer teams are scheduling practice in the park - let's encourage that and preserve open space while also adding amenities.

3) I love the green open space! I use the park daily, not always by being physically in the space but by the visual relief of open space.

Thank you for your work on this project!

4) It would be nice to have walking paths or sidewalks running through the park, and to allow on-leash dog [sic] on those routes for walking/jogging.

5) The park is too small to be a destination - focus should be on families in neighborhood who walk to the park and providing new facilities not already available at Flad Park or schools.

6) We have so many parks/schools for children but nothing that really speaks to vast number of older adults. It would be nice to have an intergenerational place that serves young and old.

7) Teen age GANGS don't need another place to hang out! Give your money to the police to fix the jail or to the Parks dept. to help the golfers.

8) We have lived near the park for over 40 years and my children all used the park. I suggest that with a limited budget, as much as possible be dedicated to an awesome playground so this park will be a destination for children. A youth-sized soccer field would also make this park a family destination. Due to the overall setting of this park, I do not believe it is suited to many other uses. However, the lack of busy streets makes it an ideal place for children to play. Making this a destination playground would be a big plus for the neighborhood.

9) a couple long-term residents should take care of their dogs not to let them wander off their properties into the park to poo and chase children.

10) There are very few sidewalks on this end of Orchard Ridge. We desperately need safe places to walk for exercise. Installing walking paths in OR Park and the adjacent OR Park should be number one priority. Benches and vegetation along the path are also important.



- 11) I would prefer not having buildings as this may bring in criminal element to area.
- 12) It is very important, as a parent and care provider for toddlers and young children that there be wood mulch or other natural material as the fall surface. Please I request you do NOT put in tire mulch. Thank you for the consideration.
- 13) On Whitcomb Dr we are a mix of seniors (several senior living apartment complexes), as well as young families with school age kids. I would like a park that has places around the perimeter where I could sit and (hopefully) enjoy children playing, where I can meet and interact with some friendly dogs and their humans, a picnic pavilion to have small group picnic/mfg [sic] with friends, some equipment like the slanted boards with a hold in the middle that you throw bean bags into (means cornhole).
- 14) I would really like to see a path going around the park, especially since we don't have any sidewalks it would be a great place to teach kids to ride a bike and roller skate.
- 15) No tire mulch (too hot), would like sand volleyball court, play equipment for all kid ages
- 16) We very much enjoy the annual 4th of July Parade/Party/Picnic. Kids love the sandbox but it's in bad shape.
- 17) I like that the park is used for practice of soccer or any sport. Especially nice to see children (young) use the park.
- 18) A swing for children and adults would be nice. Maybe some trails for walking. Possibly a nice garden. Thank you.
- 19) Ok as is.
- 20) ORP is small- keep it in open space- do not jam it up with other venues that take away from the look of the park. If you need to provide more amenities develop the open space on the north side of Loruth Terrace into ORP North...please!
- 21) I appreciate this
- 22) Safety for those of us who live on the park is my #1 concern~ Keep it a small neighborhood park.
- 23) It is very dangerous not to have sidewalks in the neighborhood. Mothers with babies are walking their strollers down the street with cars passing within a few feet of them.
- 24) As a child growing up in a small town I was very into nature. Now I live in a 2nd fl. apt. I do like very much but do not feel close to nature, etc. as I did as a child growing up. The new and improved Orchard Ridge Park would enrich my life.
- 25) One observation re:access- since Hammersly, Gilbert, and Whitcomb do not have sidewalks, and are busier streets (esp. Gilbert and Hammersly), access for kids w/out parents is a concern. There is no cross walk nearby. It would be awesome to encourage community prairie restoration or something that has a nature focus; we also love the idea of a bicycle course- something unique that this park could offer that others don't!
- 26) I like the general setup. Just needs updating badly.
- 27) It's in need of some serious redevelopment. I wouldn't mind seeing tennis courts or a shelter there. Get rid of the old backstop and add some trees. It need to feel more welcoming and up to date with other parks I've visit around Madison.
- 28) I'm watching and listening to ideas/plans. Thanks for this opportunity!
- 29) My children used to skate at the park in the 1960's-70's
- 30) It's a good green space!
- 31) Please don't ruin a peaceful park.
- 32) Maybe more "specific plan" than master plan, but: please keep the tire swing (as happened at Elver Park. My granddaughter and I think the new playground is awesome but without the tire swing it makes the one at Orchard Ridge even more valuable). Padding, around and under play equipment: is there a way to get the "cushion" at Elver Park without the nauseating chemical smell?



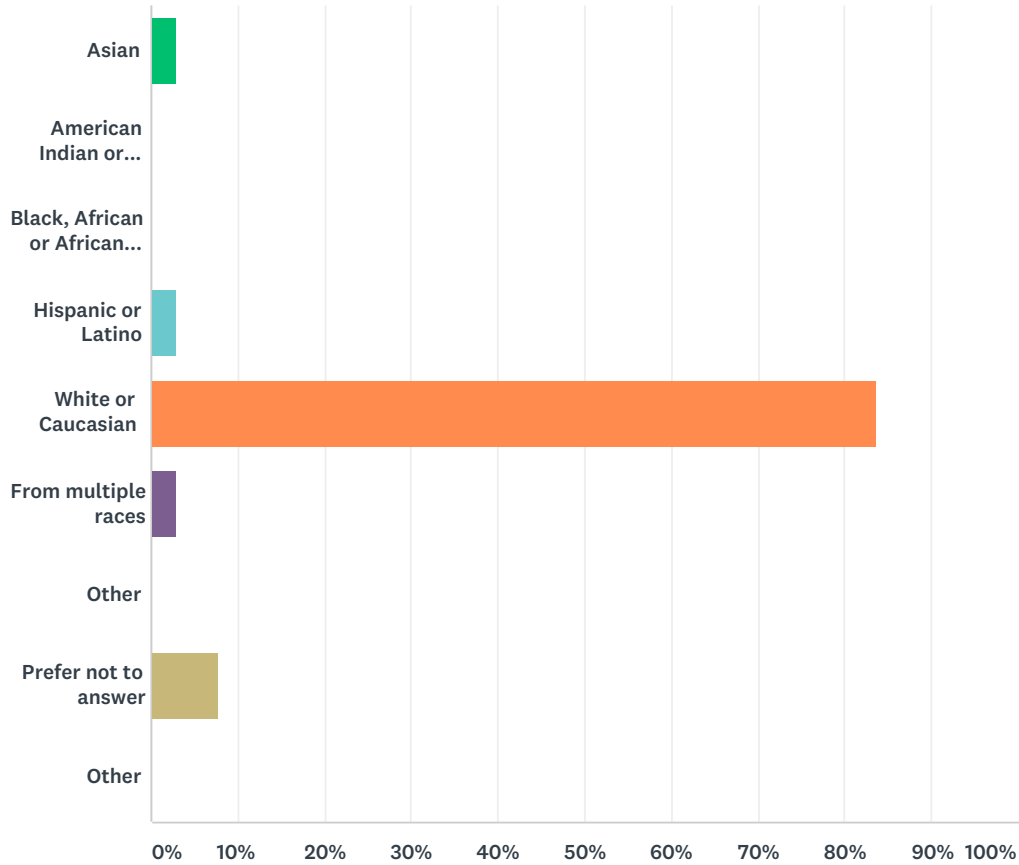
- 33) We moved to the neighborhood a few months ago. We have only walked through the park once so we don't have enough experience to answer most of the questions. General impressions are that the current park amenities are geared to youth and families which is great. We would also like to see more walking paths and amenities to appeal to retired adults.
- 34) Thanks for considering investing in our neighborhood park! We love the 4th of July party there!
- 35) I just want a park that everyone of all ages can go
- 36) The skating rink s/b filled in and the water pumped out. There is water in the basement of the building I live in. Please fix ASAP.
- 37) I think the park could use some lighting at night. It has great space that should remain for activities such as soccer & baseball.
- 38) We are excited to see some improvements happen! Thank you for taking into account the thoughts of the residents in this area.
- 39) Thank you for taking an interest in what feels like a forgotten parking our very wonderful neighborhood.
- 40) We do have grandchildren who use the park, whenever they visit.
- 41) Safe playground equipment for a variety of ages
- 42) We're very excited about this process!
- 43) Fruit trees!! The homes in Orchard Ridge have plenty of room for their own gardens if they want to garden, and no one from outside the neighborhood uses that small park, so we really don't need to waste space on community gardens. Fruit trees would be accessible to everyone in the neighborhood, would be a great addition to the park, and bring people together when the trees are flowering and again when the fruit is ripe.
- 44) maybe a picnic table to be added would be nice
- 45) This is very exciting
- 46) I am concerned about any use in this park that would be noisy to the point of disturbing the residents surrounding the park as there is no buffer. I don't live next to the park myself.
- 47) Grand kids
- 48) Don't have minor children anymore, so don't use the park as much anymore
- 49) We enjoyed this park when our children were younger. But many times chose Flad Park due to their updated play equipment.
- 50) It needs to draw in all the ages of the community. As of now it is pretty useless.
- 51) I live only a few blocks away (on the dead-end side of Hempstead Road), but it's a very roundabout path to get from my house to the park. I'd love to see more connections THROUGH the neighborhood to the shared/public green space.
- 52) Haven't seen it.
- 53) I feel that adults without children are often disregarded in park amenities and would love to see a shelter, fitness course, and a dog-friendly park with water fountains for people and their dogs.
- 54) I don't think it needs to change much, personally. I like that it's quiet and kid-friendly. I think some playground equipment upgrades and a paved walking path to access more of the park w less weeds and mosquitoes. It's a great park that needs some minor improvements.
- 55) I hope something is developed to encourage older adult/adult use with activities for adults and neighbors to meet, picnic and congregate. Outdoor exercise equipment, a shelter and activities to attend would all be very welcome! :)



# ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN SURVEY

## Q11 OPTIONAL: How do you identify your race?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 4



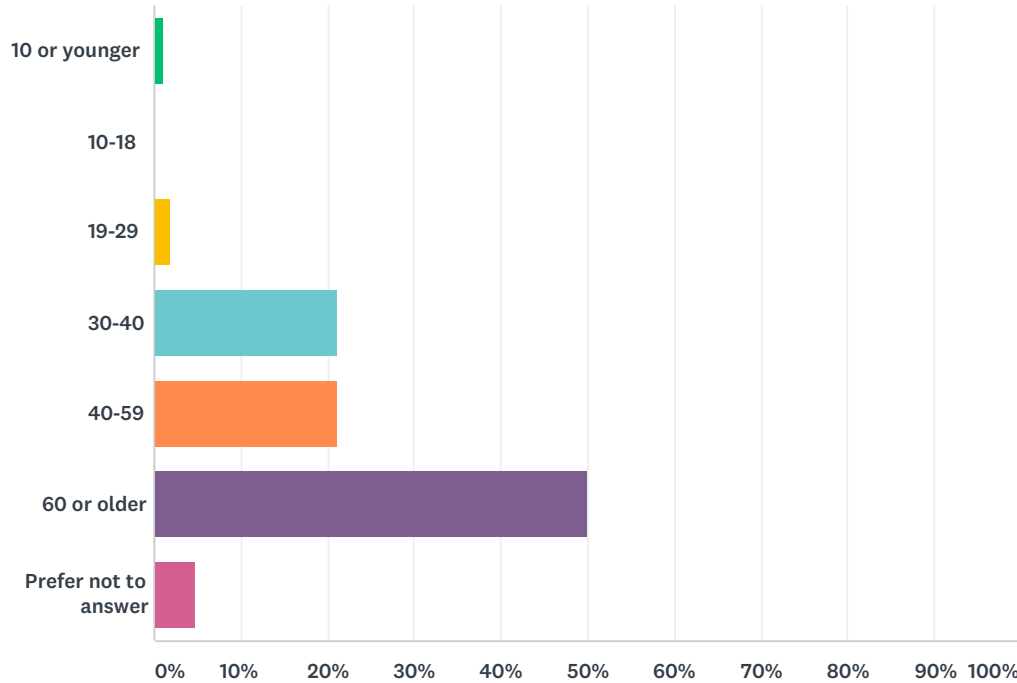
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Asian	2.88%	3
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.00%	0
Black, African or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	2.88%	3
White or Caucasian	83.65%	87
From multiple races	2.88%	3
Other	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	7.69%	8
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		104



# ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN SURVEY

## Q12 OPTIONAL: What is your age?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 4



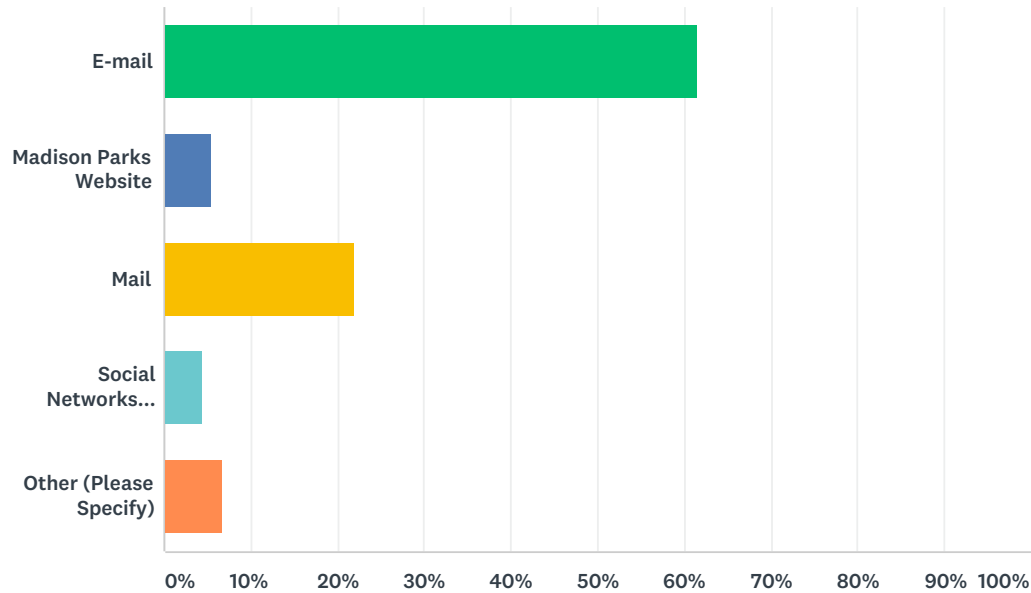
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
10 or younger	0.96%	1
10-18	0.00%	0
19-29	1.92%	2
30-40	21.15%	22
40-59	21.15%	22
60 or older	50.00%	52
Prefer not to answer	4.81%	5
TOTAL		104



# ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN SURVEY

## Q14 OPTIONAL: How would you most like to receive additional information regarding this project?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
E-mail	61.54%	56
Madison Parks Website	5.49%	5
Mail	21.98%	20
Social Networks (Facebook, Twitter)	4.40%	4
Other (Please Specify)	6.59%	6
TOTAL		91



## ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #1  
Toki Middle School  
6-13-2019

## INTRODUCTION

Sarah Close, City of Madison Parks Division



## WELCOME

Thanks for coming, we're looking forward to working with you to design Orchard Ridge Park! We want to hear your thoughts and ideas, so to make sure everyone has an equal chance to speak...

- We will take all comments/questions at the end of the presentation.
- Do not interrupt others while they are speaking.
- No disparaging remarks about others' comments.
- If you are not comfortable speaking tonight, please call, email, or take our community survey.

*Don't forget to sign in and grab an IClicker!*

## IClickERS – REAL TIME POLLING

- Push orange button to turn on
- When poll is opened, choose response with A-E buttons
- Display will show a "v" when your response is received
- You can change your answer until the poll closes



### Troubleshooting:

- Display says "Closed" – Poll is closed
- Clicker isn't working – Push power button to turn off; turn on again
- Clicker still isn't working – push and hold power button for two seconds, then press A twice to reconnect to receiver.
- Clickers turn off after 10 minutes; Push power button to turn back on.



Practice  
question!



HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT A  
PARK OR 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

## TONIGHT'S GOALS

What are we talking about?  
Location of Orchard Ridge Park and introduction to master planning process

What is there now?  
Site inventory and analysis

How will the park be developed?  
Design exercise

Now what?  
Gathering public input/comments, creating draft plan(s), follow-up public information meeting





## 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!

## MASTER PLANNING

A master plan does NOT:

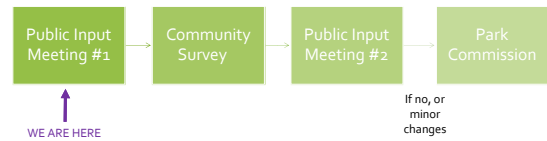
- Specify specific materials or finishes
- Designate exact locations
- Contain construction drawings (which include information like dimensions, colors, products, quality requirements, etc. )



Not a blueprint!

Questions NOT answered by a master plan: Who is going to build it, when (exact date), and how much will it really cost?

## MASTER PLAN PROCESS



## ZOOMING IN...

Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association

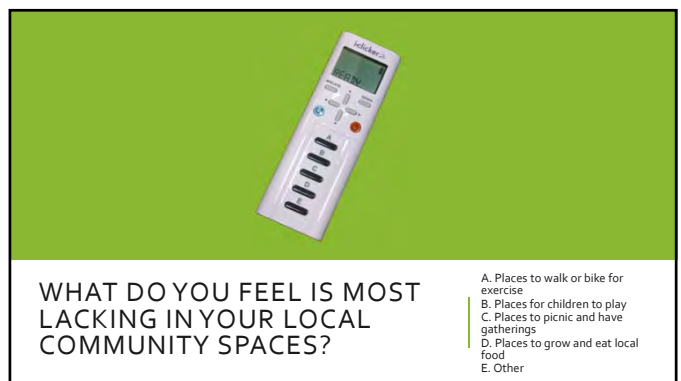
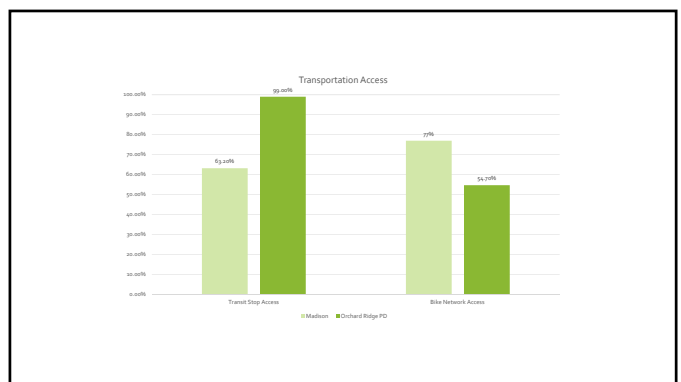
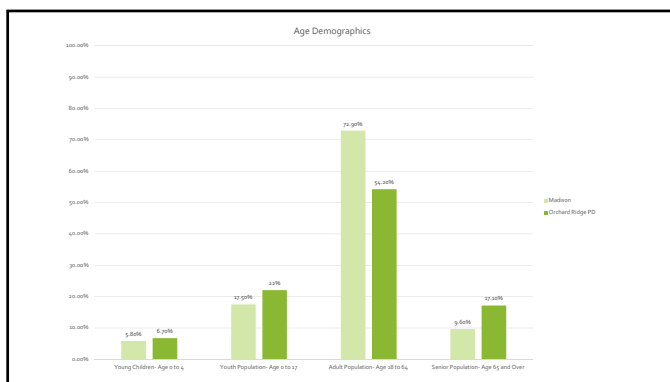
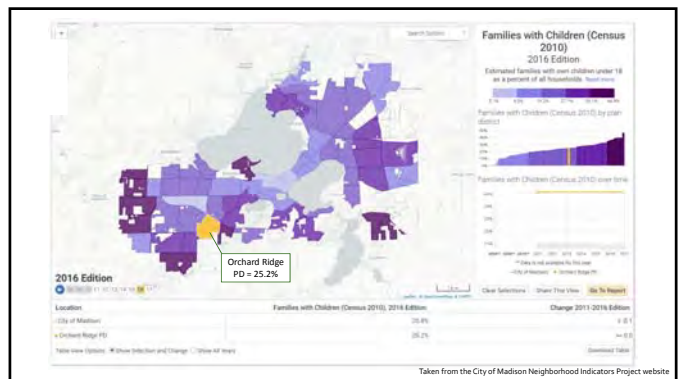
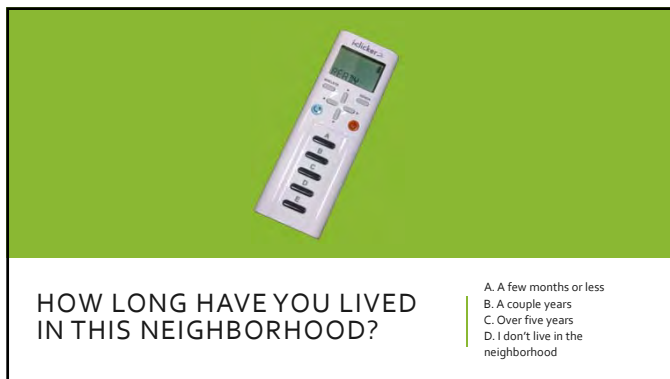
Existing Park & Recreation Opportunities

Orchard Ridge Park

ORCHARD RIDGE NA









## ORCHARD RIDGE PARK

- Location
- History
- Existing Conditions
  - Aerial
  - Site Photos
  - Topography and Slope
  - Soils
  - Vegetation



I HAVE VISITED ORCHARD RIDGE PARK.

A. Yes  
B. No

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## HISTORY

- Parcel dedicated to the City of Madison in 1955 as part of the Orchard Ridge development
- Long history as agricultural property
- No significant or suspected archaeological artifacts/buildings on site

Orchard Ridge Aerial Photo 1937



Orchard Ridge Aerial Photo 1955





Orchard Ridge Aerial Photo 1968



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

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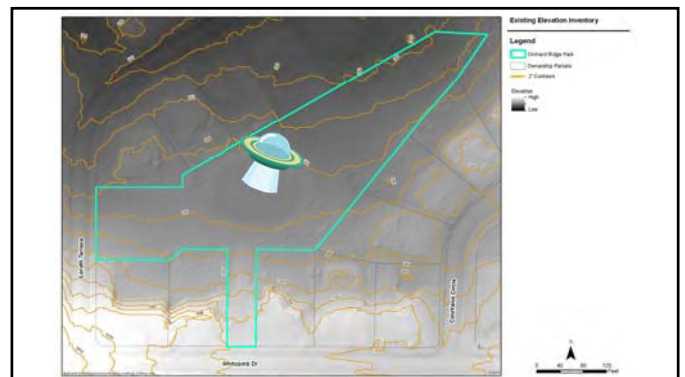
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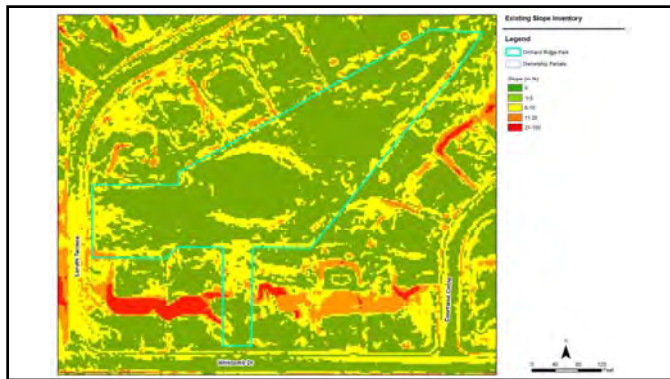
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- Primarily ornamental trees
- Trees evaluated by Parks staff



Get ready to design!

**WHY DO YOU TYPICALLY VISIT PARKS/OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS?**

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

**DESIGN YOUR PARK!**

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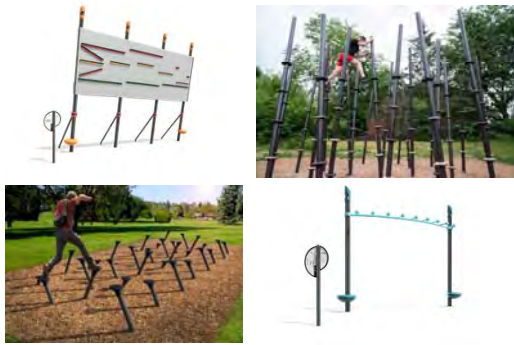
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Quick presentation/summary to the entire group.



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## G A G A B A L L



## B I K E P L A Y G R O U N D



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Quick presentation/summary to the entire group.



## NEXT STEPS

- Gathering public input
  - Be sure to contact us with comments and take/submit the Community Survey!
- Madison Parks will analyze public input and site conditions
  - What do residents want and what can the site provide?
- Public Input Meeting #2
  - Day and time to be announced, aiming for middle of July
  - Conceptual plans will be presented for public review and voting!

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# ORCHARD RIDGE PARK MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #2  
Toki Middle School-  
Cafeteria  
7-18-2019

## INTRODUCTION

Sarah Close, City of Madison Parks Division



## WELCOME

Thanks for coming, we're looking forward to working with you to design Orchard Ridge Park! We want to hear your thoughts and ideas, so to make sure everyone has an equal chance to speak...

- We will take all comments/questions at the end of the presentation.
- Do not interrupt others while they are speaking.
- No disparaging remarks about others' comments.
- If you are not comfortable speaking tonight, please call or email.

*Don't forget to sign in and grab an IClicker!*

## IClickERS – REAL TIME POLLING

- Push orange button to turn on
- When poll is opened, choose response with A-E buttons
- Display will show a "V" when your response is received
- You can change your answer until the poll closes



### Troubleshooting:

- Display says "Closed" – Poll is closed
- Clicker isn't working – Push power button to turn off; turn on again
- Clicker still isn't working – push and hold power button for two seconds, then press A twice to reconnect to receiver.
- Clickers turn off after 10 minutes; Push power button to turn back on.

Practice  
question!



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE  
FLAVOR OF ICE CREAM?

- A. Vanilla
- B. Chocolate
- C. Cookies and cream (Oreo)
- D. Strawberry
- E. Other



## TONIGHT'S GOALS

- Recap of the previous Orchard Ridge Park meeting
- Master planning process and site inventory and analysis
- What did we hear?
  - Iclickers
  - Design exercise results
  - Community Survey
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Popup
  - ORNA Committee
- Review and discuss master plan concepts
- Now what?

## MASTER PLANNING

What is it?

A master plan:

- o Is a forum for public input
- o Provides a common vision for future management/development of a property through a public consensus building process
- o Analyzes site inventory and suitability (What is there now and what can we do with it?)
- o 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!

## MASTER PLANNING

A master plan does NOT:

- o Specify specific materials or finishes
- o Designate exact locations
- o Contain construction drawings (which include information like dimensions, colors, products, quality requirements, etc. )



Not a blueprint!

Questions NOT answered by a master plan: Who is going to build it, when (exact date), and how much will it really cost?

## MASTER PLAN PROCESS



I ATTENDED THE FIRST ORCHARD RIDGE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING.

A. Yes  
B. No

## ORCHARD RIDGE PARK

- o Location
- o History
- o Existing Conditions
  - o Aerial
  - o Topography
  - o Vegetation





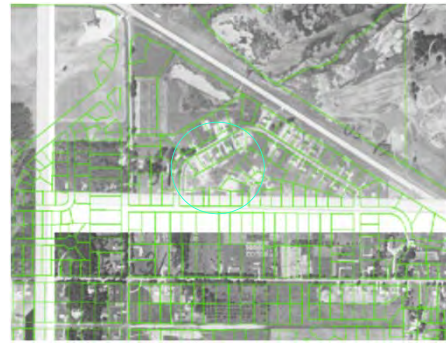
## HISTORY

- Parcel dedicated to the City of Madison in 1955 as part of the Orchard Ridge development
- Long history as agricultural property
- No significant or suspected archaeological artifacts/buildings on site

Orchard Ridge Aerial Photo 1937



Orchard Ridge Aerial Photo 1955



Orchard Ridge Aerial Photo 1968

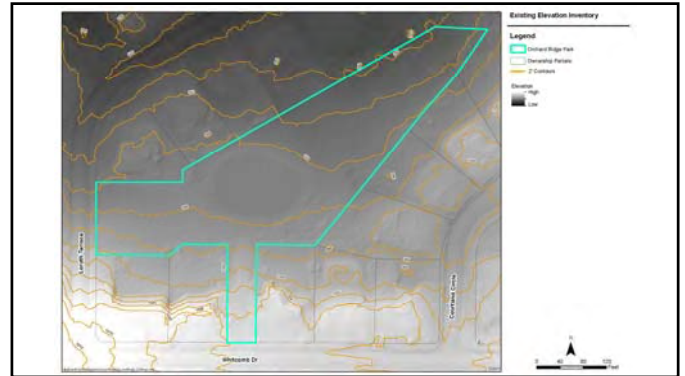


## EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Aerial
- Topography
- Vegetation



# AERIAL



# VEGETATION

- Primarily ornamental trees
- Trees evaluated by Parks staff

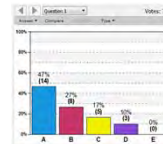


WHICH OF THESE ANIMALS DO YOU THINK WOULD WIN IN A 100 METER DASH?

- A. Giraffe
- B. Lion
- C. Hammerhead shark
- D. Great Hornbill
- E. Green Anole

## CLICKER RESPONSES

How often do you visit a park or outdoor recreation area?



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

How long have you lived in this neighborhood?

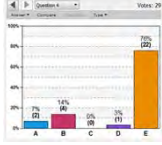


- A. A few months or less
- B. About a year to two years
- C. About three to five years
- D. Over five years
- E. I don't live in the neighborhood



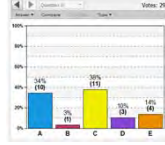
## I CLICKER RESPONSES

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. All of the above.

Why do you typically visit parks/outdoor recreation areas?



- A. To walk/hike or view nature
- B. To play a game or participate in a field sport
- C. To take my children to a playground
- D. To go to an event or festival
- E. Other

## DESIGN YOUR PARK!

Questions to ponder:

- What's been your best experience of a public space?
- What do you want to experience in Orchard Ridge Park?
- What design elements would support that experience?

Design Activity in Groups

- Work for about 20 minutes

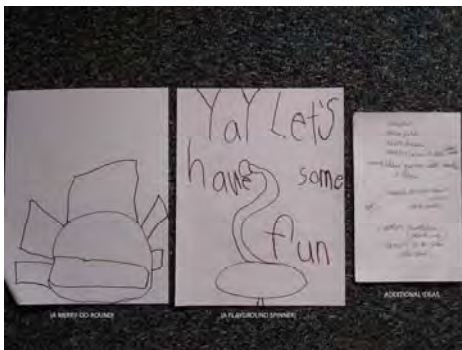
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- Sun shelter
- Play equipment
- Sand volleyball
- Drainage issues
- Seating
- Pollinator/native plants
- Water, electric hookups
- Walking paths
- Open space



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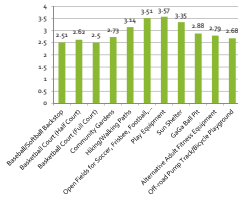
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- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Only hot cereals
- D. Unsure

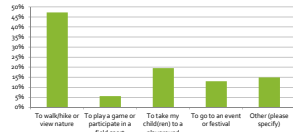


## COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please select and rank the recreational amenities below on how important you feel it is that they be included in the Orchard Ridge Park master plan.



Why do you typically visit parks/outdoor recreation areas?



## COMMUNITY SURVEY

What do you feel is the best aspect of Orchard Ridge Park?



- Presence of park
- Open green space
- Lots of potential
- Great location
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party
- Quiet, restful, small neighborhood park feeling

Overall, we like that the park exists, where it's located, and approve of the needs the park currently meeting. (Doing a solid job of meeting the neighborhood's basic needs from a park standpoint.)

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

What do you feel is the biggest drawback of Orchard Ridge Park?



- Amenities are limited and dated
  - Limited play equipment for children
  - Not provided for a range of ages
- Lack of safe places to walk (in park and in neighborhood in general)
- Not enough shade, seating
- Street frontage limited, access difficult/confusing

Neighbors would like the park to better provide basic comforts and support activities for a wider range of ages.

## POP-UP EVENT

- Accessible park for all
- Activities for more age ranges
- Bike racks
- Trees/shade/landscaping
- Open green space
- Updated amenities
- Seating/gathering areas
- Access



## ORNA MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

- Park that primarily serves those who live in the Orchard Ridge neighborhood
  - Gap in community gathering space, formal and informal. Provide a small pavilion/meeting area/performance space? Shade and electrical hookup.
  - Social and community-building space for all ages
  - Pathway and benches
  - Upgraded playground equipment that accommodates wider age range
  - Maintain adequate open space for formal and informal activities, sports, festival
  - Landscaping/natural beauty
  - Amenities or features relating to arts or other interest points
  - More input needed on basketball court, would it see more use if in better shape?
  - Entrance/exit on east side of park? For better access by residents.
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- Keep building on momentum to work towards park improvements.
  - Maintenance!



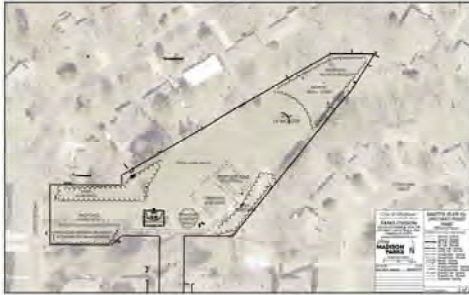
I WOULD RATHER BE THE  
WORLD'S MOST \_\_\_\_\_  
PERSON.

- A. Famous  
B. Attractive  
C. Clever  
D. I'd rather never lose my keys again.



## MASTER PLAN OPTIONS – LET'S DISCUSS

Master Plan Option 1



## MASTER PLAN OPTIONS – LET'S DISCUSS

Master Plan Option 2



## COMMON THEMES

- Sun Shelter with electric hookup
- Paved walking paths
- Play area
- Open space
- Sand volleyball court
- Stormwater management
- Tree plantings
- No-mow meadow/landscaping areas

Master Plan Option 1  
(Select A on the iClicker)



Master Plan Option 2  
(Select B on the iClicker)



## NEXT STEPS

- Board of Park Commissioners
  - Approval of Master Plan
  - Aiming for meeting on 9/4/2019
- Funding

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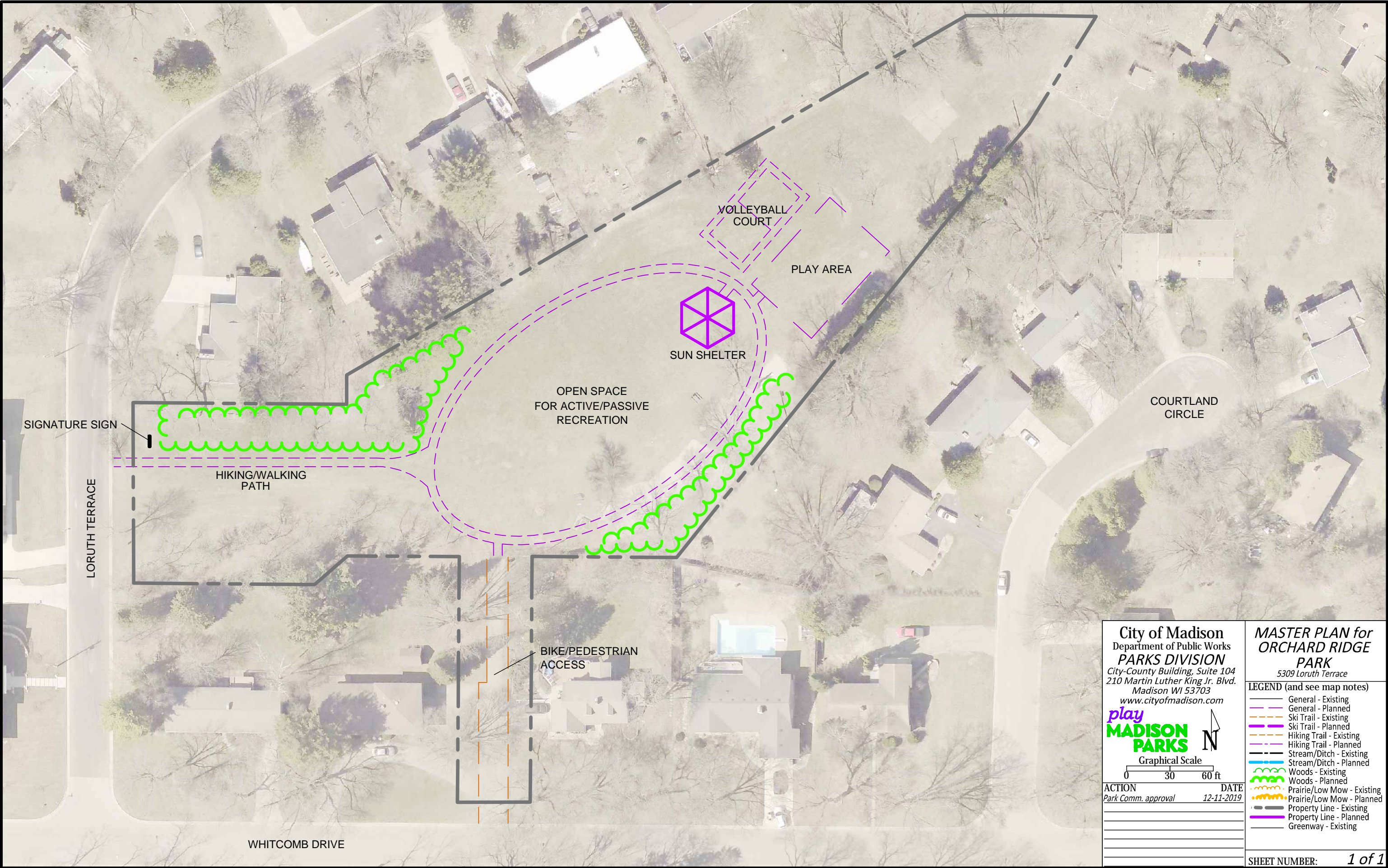
City of Madison Comprehensive Plan

<https://imaginemadisonwi.com/document/comprehensive-plan-adopted>

Dane County Park and Open Space Plan

<https://parks-lwrp.dane-county.gov/Information/Planning-Development/Parks-Open-Space-Plan>





SIGNATURE SIGN

LORUTH TERRACE

HIKING/WALKING  
PATH

OPEN SPACE  
FOR ACTIVE/PASSIVE  
RECREATION

SUN SHELTER

VOLLEYBALL  
COURT

PLAY AREA

BIKE/PEDESTRIAN  
ACCESS

COURTLAND  
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Graphical Scale  
0 30 60 ft

ACTION	DATE
Park Comm. approval	12-11-2019

**MASTER PLAN for  
ORCHARD RIDGE  
PARK**  
5309 Loruth Terrace

LEGEND (and see map notes)

- General - Existing
- General - Planned
- Ski Trail - Existing
- Ski Trail - Planned
- Hiking Trail - Existing
- Hiking Trail - Planned
- Stream/Ditch - Existing
- Stream/Ditch - Planned
- Woods - Existing
- Woods - Planned
- Prairie/Low Mow - Existing
- Prairie/Low Mow - Planned
- Property Line - Existing
- Property Line - Planned
- Greenway - Existing

SHEET NUMBER: 1 of 1