

Glenway Woods Management and Sustainability Plan

Emphasis for Park Management Objectives



Development of a Habitat
Management Plan



More Intentional and
Maintained Trail Network

Priorities for Visitor Activities and Amenities at Glenway Woods



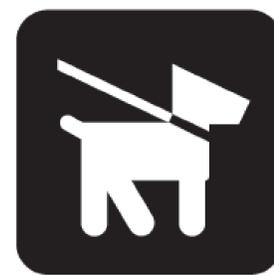
Improved
Wayfinding



Information
Kiosks



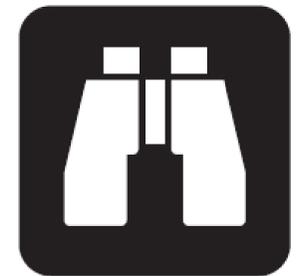
Nature
Play



On-Leash
Dog Walking



Natural Surface
Trails



Birding/Wildlife
Watching

Trail uses will include hiking, dog walking on-leash), running, and mountain biking. Mountain bike trails will be separate from hiking/walking/running trails.

Vision

Glenway Woods will be a resilient natural space for outdoor recreation, providing connections with nature and community.

Goals

1. Protect and Enhance the Natural and Cultural Resources of Glenway Woods.
2. Foster Intentional and Diverse Outdoor Recreation Opportunities at Glenway Woods.
3. Develop Community Partnerships and Promote Equitable Access.

Management Objectives

- 1.1: Conduct a Cultural and Natural Resources Inventory.
- 1.2: Develop a Habitat Management Plan.
- 1.3: Conduct Habitat Restoration.

- 2.1: Identify and Map Existing Conditions.
- 2.2: Define Appropriate Use.
- 2.3: Build and Manage and Sustainable Trail System with Formal Access Points.
- 2.4: Provide Information for Accessibility, Interpretation, and Wayfinding.

- 3.1: Share and Promote Information.
- 3.2: Address Barriers to Access and Inclusivity Through Community Engagement.
- 3.3: Foster Ongoing Community Involvement
- 3.4: Engage in Active Relationships to Sustain a Welcoming Environment.

Goal 1 - Protect and Enhance the Natural and Cultural Resources of Glenway Woods.

Management Objective 1.1: Conduct a Cultural and Natural Resource Inventory.

Strategy 1.1.1: Complete initial inventories of endangered, sensitive, or unique biological and cultural resources by January 2024. This shall include wetland delineation, research of Natural Heritage Inventory and Wisconsin Historical Society records, archaeological surveys, and multi-taxa species surveys.

Management Objective 1.2: Develop a Habitat Management Plan.

Strategy 1.2.1: By December 2024, develop a habitat management plan that will protect natural and cultural resources in a manner that supports potential recreational opportunities. This plan will include a 5-year work plan for habitat restoration and a section on invasive species prevention and control.

Management Objective 1.3: Conduct Habitat Restoration.

Strategy 1.3.1: Begin implementing the habitat management plan by 2025 and complete the 5-year work plan therein by 2030.

Goal 2 - Foster Intentional and Diverse Outdoor Recreation Opportunities at Glenway Woods.

Management Objective 2.1: Identify and Map Existing Conditions.

Strategy 2.1.1: The Madison Parks Division (Parks) will take into consideration the regional context of other parks and recreational opportunities located in the neighborhood bounded by University Avenue, Allen Street, Lake Wingra, and Midvale Boulevard.

Management Objective 2.2: Define Appropriate Use.

Strategy 2.2.1: Parks will endeavor to complement surrounding recreational assets such as The Glen and the Southwest Commuter Path through natural and inviting transitions and uses.

Strategy 2.2.2: Working with the public and considering the natural environment of Glenway Woods, Parks will determine the appropriate uses for the parcel.

Management Objective 2.3: Build and Manage a Sustainable Trail System with Formal Access Points.

Strategy 2.3.1: Design and build purpose-built access points at key locations in a sustainable fashion.

Strategy 2.3.2: Provide multiple access points to the Southwest Commuter Path and The Glen Golf Park, provide one sustainable access point to Forest Hill Cemetery that respects the cultural resources found there.

Strategy 2.3.3: Reduce the number of access points and actively work to abandon those that are causing erosion or other environmental issues.

Strategy 2.3.4: Develop a set of trail criteria designed to fit each of the specific uses intended for the Glenway Woods Trail System.

Goal 2 - Foster Intentional and Diverse Outdoor Recreation Opportunities at Glenway Woods.

Strategy 2.3.5: Make trail sustainability an inherent component of the habitat management plan for Glenway Woods. Trail sustainability will be defined in three ways: 1. Environmental Sustainability – the trail will provide for resource protection; 2. Social Sustainability – the trail will meet the desired user outcomes (experience and associated benefits); Economic Sustainability – trails will be built in such a manner that Parks and the community can bear the long-term costs of maintaining them.

Management Objective 2.4: Provide Information for Accessibility, Interpretation, and Wayfinding.

Strategy 2.4.1: Provide the following accessibility information at the trailheads for each trail – length of trail or trail segment, type of trail surface, typical and minimum trail tread width, typical and maximum trail grade, and typical and maximum trail cross slope.

Strategy 2.4.2: Provide necessary wayfinding signage to allow visitors to navigate Glenway Woods.

Strategy 2.4.3: Work with community partners to develop interpretive signs to deepen the public understanding of this resource.

Goal 3 - Develop Community Partnerships and Promote Equitable Access

Management Objective 3.1: Share and Promote Information.

Strategy 3.1.1: Educate current and all potential Madison Parks patrons through various modalities and methods on the opportunities available at Glenway Woods.

Management Objective 3.2: Address Barriers to Access and Inclusivity Through Community Engagement.

Strategy 3.2.1: Utilize best practices for community engagement, including those outlined in the RESJI Public Participation Guide, in the development and implementation of the Management and Sustainability Plan.

Strategy 3.2.2: Engage targeted groups and encourage ownership through ongoing programming and activities.

Strategy 3.2.3: Develop programming opportunities for local and other community members by engaging stakeholders in a variety of platforms.

Management Objective 3.3: Foster Ongoing Community Involvement.

Strategy 3.3.1: Land management practices will involve the community for volunteer stewardship opportunities for the maintenance and care of the park.

Management Objective 3.4: Engage in Active Relationships to Sustain a Welcoming Environment.

Strategy 3.4.1: Conscientiously develop and nurture relationships with community partners, intentionally connecting with under-represented groups.

Strategy 3.4.2: Provide the opportunity for collaboration with partners in the development and growth of diverse programming (e.g. FUN [Friends of Urban Nature], Friends of Lake Wingra, Birding Groups, etc.).

Strategy 3.4.3: Create a welcoming environment that creates a sense of belonging for all by being meaningfully involved in developing, programming, and using the parks system.

**What Opportunities Do You Think This Draft Framework Provides for
Glenway Woods and the Community?**

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What Concerns Do You Have For These Proposals?