

# Goals for Shorewood Hills Parks and Open Space

## **Overall Goals:**

1. Promote biodiversity
2. Maintain the health of Shorewood Hills trees
3. Protect Lake Mendota water quality
4. Provide recreational opportunities
5. Permanently protect and preserve parklands

## Goal details:

### **Goal 1: Promote Biodiversity:**

**Preserve, restore and establish native biological communities in the natural areas of the parks of the Village of Shorewood Hills, with the aim of achieving appropriate diversity of plants and animals.**

Native plants enrich our lives by beautifying Shorewood Hills, holding the soil, and slowing storm water run-off. Once established, they require little maintenance if not disturbed. Furthermore, they support birds and other animals that enrich our lives.

#### **Objectives:**

- A. Carry out a biological assessment of the plants and animals in the Shorewood Hills parks.
- B. Eliminate non-native and invasive species from parks.
- C. Restore parks, as necessary, with appropriate native plant species.
- D. Promote appropriate animal diversity.
- E. Monitor and maintain both natural and reintroduced appropriate biodiversity in the Shorewood Hills parks.
- F. Educate Village residents about biodiversity including invasive non-native plant species, native species, and restoration rationale.
- G. Support the Village Forester so that he/she can oversee maintenance and restoration of parks.

#### **Objective details and selected policies:**

- A. **Carry out a biological assessment of the plants and animals in the Shorewood Hills parks.**

#### Topography and Soil

##### *Previous assessments:*

There have been several previous assessments. Important to the biological assessment is the topography (see the Village of Shorewood Hills Existing Land Use in Appendix 1) and the soil survey of the Shorewood Hills (available from the Forester).

#### Plants

##### *Previous assessments:*

There have been several partial assessments of the plants of the Shorewood Hills parks. Many of the older canopy trees of the Shorewood Hills natural areas are oaks (red, white, black and a few bur), although hickory and a variety of other native trees are also common. The oak forest of Eagle Heights Woods in the adjacent Campus Natural Areas (CNA) continues into Koval Woods and on into McKenna Park. A survey of the plants of Eagle Heights Woods, a good quality oak forest, is available on the Friends of the Campus Natural Areas Web Site ([www.uwalumni.com/fcna](http://www.uwalumni.com/fcna)). Most of the Shorewood Hills parks have had trouble with non-native and invasive species, such as honeysuckle and buckthorn, which invade the shrub and middle forest layers. In some park areas honeysuckle and buckthorn have been removed. In addition, garlic mustard continues to grow, at least in small numbers, in almost all the Village Parks. Kathie Brock did a Shorewood Hills garlic mustard map that indicated where garlic mustard occurred in the late 1990s. In several of the parks a combination of disturbance, garlic mustard, and dense non-native shrubs has killed most of the native woodland understory of the park. When David Koehler and his team did a plant survey in 1999 before beginning the restoration of Reese Woods, they found few desirable species. Lack of an understory layer leaves the ground susceptible to erosion and the invasion of undesirable aggressive and non-native species.

*Policies:*

Develop a vegetation map of each park including trees, shrubs, and native plants. For natural areas, note canopy trees and interesting native plants. Note problem areas of the parks that lack desirable species.

Animals

*Previous assessments:*

The diversity of animals in the Village of Shorewood Hills is partially due to the proximity to the mostly wooded Campus Natural Areas (CNA). Since the oak forest of Eagle Heights Woods continues into Koval Woods and on into McKenna Park, the animal life in Shorewood Hills is similar to the animal life of the CNA. As a part of CNA planning, a biological assessment of the CNA is underway. Assessments of the animals including mammals of the CNA are published on the Friends of the CNA Web Site ([www.uwalumni.com/fcna](http://www.uwalumni.com/fcna)). A systematic bird survey has been carried out in the adjacent CNA. Most of the birds found in the CNA, except some of the marsh and grassland birds, are found in the Village of Shorewood Hills because the woodland birds follow the woodland corridor into Shorewood Hills. The CNA Checklist includes 253 species of birds, more than 72% of which can be expected in Shorewood Hills (see the Checklist in Appendix 3). The CNA has 81 probable and confirmed species of breeding birds, 57 of which nest regularly. Probably 70% of species that nest in the CNA try to nest at least some years in Shorewood Hills.

*Policies:*

Continue to gather information on animal life in the Village of Shorewood Hills, cooperating if possible with the people carrying out the CNA surveys.

**B. Eliminate non-native and invasive species from the parks.**

*Previous efforts:*

For almost a decade the Village of Shorewood Hills has tried to eradicate garlic mustard, and to a lesser extent, honeysuckle and buckthorn (see history section). Unfortunately, garlic mustard, although much reduced in all areas, is still present. In areas where honeysuckle and buckthorn have been removed there is frequently a problem with resprouts and new seedlings from the seeds of previous years.

*Policies:*

1. Continue to monitor and remove garlic mustard when it occurs from all Village parks.
2. Continue to monitor and remove honeysuckle and buckthorn from previously cut areas in Village parks.
3. As appropriate, remove the remainder of uncut honeysuckle and buckthorn from Village parks. This may have to be done gradually with replacement because of issues with neighbors and/or a lack of other vegetation in the area.
4. Ensure (education, monitoring) that Village residents remove garlic mustard from their yards as required by the 1998 Village ordinance. Develop a list of undesirable plant species that aggressively spread into adjacent lands including parks. Encourage Village residents through education and outreach to remove from their yard other invasive non-native species, especially honeysuckle and buckthorn.
5. Stop resident and contractor dumping in the parks through education, and if necessary, fines. Dumping and driving on trees roots and park property compacts the soil and kills trees and other vegetation. Dumping also introduces into the parks non-native species present (as seeds or roots) in the dumped material, kills any native species present, and creates disturbed ground that provides an opportunity for invasive species to become established.

**C. Restore the natural areas of parks, as necessary, with appropriate native plant species.**

*Previous efforts:*

After the removal of non-native and undesirable species, it was necessary to replant some areas. In Reese Woods a plan is in place and there has been extensive successful planting in order to restore it to oak savanna/woodland vegetation. After the clearing of non-native shrubs and trees in Four Corners Park in early 1998, native understory shrubs were planted in spring 1998 and savanna/woodland species seeds were planted in fall 1998. In 2000 a few plants were planted in Koval Woods. Partial plans were developed for Post Farm Park and the Quarry portion of Dudley Davis Quarry Park in 2001 and native plants were planted in these parks in 2003.

*Policies:*

1. The Parks Committee should identify an appropriate restoration model, savanna, oak or mesic forest, for each park. This should be based on the current vegetation, the site characteristics, and the usage and nature of the park. See the detailed discussion in Appendix 2 about the advantages and disadvantages of oak woodland, mesic forest, and oak savanna restoration.
2. Develop a restoration plan for each park. The Parks Committee should approve restoration plans before restoration begins.
3. Plant native plants and seeds that are appropriate to the area and the community type chosen (savanna, forest).

**D. Promote appropriate animal diversity.**

*Previous efforts:*

Some Village residents feed the birds or put up bird houses. Previous park planners have included trees and shrubs that are attractive to birds and other wildlife.

*Policies:*

1. When possible, consider animal life when making park plans. For instance, as much as possible, avoid creating holes in continuous woodland areas and corridors like the one along Lake Mendota. When possible, avoid cutting trees and shrubs from May 15 to July 15 to avoid destroying birds' nests and animals' homes.
2. Leave dead trees and fallen wood when they are not a safety hazard.

**E. Monitor and maintain both natural and reintroduced appropriate biodiversity in the Shorewood Hills parks.**

*Previous efforts:*

Reese Woods has been burned several times to maintain appropriate diversity. Other park areas are checked for invasive species annually.

*Policies:*

1. Map and maintain native plantings as necessary.
2. Keep high quality areas free of invasive species.
3. Keep track of native plants, both planted and existing, and try to avoid disturbing sensitive species.
4. Avoid, if possible, or monitor and minimize the impact of construction and other disturbances in park natural areas.
5. Continue to gather data on the animals of Shorewood Hills.

**F. Educate Village of Shorewood Hills residents about biodiversity including invasive non-native plant species, native species, and restoration rationale.**

*Previous efforts:*

In the spring of 2003 Mark Wegner organized a series of five lectures on trees and animals. Previous Foresters have had lectures and presentations. In addition, the Forester has created a section of the Village Web Site that provides information on invasive species, parks and restoration efforts. The Garden Club conducts educational programs about biodiversity issues.

*Policies:*

1. Hold workshops that educate Shorewood Hills residents about non-native species, native species, and restoration.
2. Continue to develop the Village Web Site and link it to other Web Sites with appropriate information.
3. Produce printed material to hand out to Village residents.
4. Cooperate with the Garden Club and other groups to educate Village residents.

## **G. Support Village Forester so that he/she can oversee maintenance and restoration of parks.**

### *Previous efforts:*

The Parks Committee has worked to have the Forester's salary increased to levels comparable with other Village employees and with foresters of similar experience holding equivalent positions in other municipalities. In addition, there has been an attempt to get tree maintenance and park maintenance as line items in the Village budget.

### *Policies:*

1. Keep a qualified Village Forester by paying him/her a salary appropriate to his/her expertise.
2. Support the Village Forester with encouragement, money and volunteer labor.
3. Minimize complaints by educating and informing residents. Promote communication between residents and members of the Parks Committee about parks policies.
4. Encourage applications for grants to further Village parks goals.

## **Goal 2: Maintain the Health of Shorewood Hills Trees.**

Most residents believe that trees are one of the Village's main assets. Without the tree canopy, the Village would look like any other middle-aged suburban community. Tree health is consequently a major concern. For many years Professor Chuck Koval, a resident and generous volunteer, served as Forester, monitoring and caring for tree health in Shorewood Hills. At the time he retired, the Village established and funded the full time position of Forester/Horticulturist. A major duty of the Forester/Horticulturist is to protect trees and restore native landscapes.

### **Objectives:**

- A. Control oak wilt and other contagious tree diseases.
- B. Remove hazardous trees and trim trees to protect resident safety (this is done by an outside contractor).
- C. Develop and implement a plan for planting.
- D. Educate villagers about tree care and the Village Tree Ordinance.
- E. Develop a "valuable tree" labeling program on private land to acquaint residents with the history and value of trees on their property.
- F. Get funding to achieve the above goals.

### **Objective details and selected policies:**

#### **A. Control oak wilt and other contagious tree diseases.**

##### *Previous efforts:*

Oak wilt is an apparently native tree disease that has periodically infected and killed Village trees. Most recently, in fall 2000 an oak wilt cluster developed on the edge of the Campus Natural Areas and Shorewood Hills. This oak wilt infestation has killed oaks in Eagle Heights Woods, private yards, and Koval Woods. The Campus Natural Areas refused to treat or remove the trees, but said that Shorewood Hills could trench along the border in order to prevent transmission by root grafts.

The new Tree Ordinance (see Goal 2D) requires the removal of infected oaks on public and private land because oak wilt threatens nearby oaks. Root trenches were installed in Koval Woods and infected oaks were removed. In fall 2002 three trees in Koval Woods were treated with a fungicide to protect them from oak wilt.

##### *Policies:*

1. Monitor Village trees for oak wilt and other contagious diseases.
2. Keep abreast of best methods of treating tree diseases.
3. Ensure that Village residents handle diseased trees appropriately to minimize additional infections.

#### **B. Remove hazardous trees and trim trees along streets to protect resident safety.**

##### *Previous efforts:*

In 1999 a hazard tree assessment was made that identified about 200 hazardous trees in the Village. Subsequently, about 10 hazardous trees were removed each year. In 2002 the forester recommended a reassessment of the hazard trees to prioritize removal of those considered most hazardous. This will occur in 2003.

*Policies:*

1. Keep the hazard tree assessment current.
2. Remove hazardous trees as necessary to protect safety. In park areas, consider wildlife needs in natural areas and human safety near areas used by humans such as recreational areas and trails.
3. Trim trees along streets on a regular basis to keep them healthy and so that they will not become hazardous.

**C. Develop and implement a plan for planting.**

*Previous efforts:*

In general, as the trees lining the streets have died or been removed because they are hazardous, the Village has tried to replace them when money was available. When many streets had only one or two types of trees, all planted at the same time, they sometimes were all affected by the same stresses. The death of a group of trees can diminish property values, as when Shorewood Hills lost its American elms.

*Policies:*

1. The Village Forester needs to develop strategies for planting new trees before the old trees become hazardous and have to be removed. Selective proactive planting increases tree variety and enables streets to have trees of different ages, ensuring the long-term attractiveness of the neighborhood.
2. When trees are replaced, a variety of trees should be planted to minimize the risks from species specific diseases.

**D. Educate Village residents about tree care and the Village Tree Ordinance.**

*Previous efforts:*

In 2001 the Village Forester, Mark Wegner, developed a Tree Ordinance. This Ordinance, with the support of the Parks Committee, was passed by the Village Board. The Tree Ordinance requires the removal of trees with contagious diseases from public and private land. The Tree Ordinance also protected Village owned trees from damage by requiring protective measures whenever construction occurs. Finally, it required the removal of invasive alien species from both public and private land.

In the spring of 2003 Mark Wegner, the Village Forester, organized a series of five lectures on trees funded by an Urban Forestry Grant. Previous Foresters have also held lectures and presentations. In addition, the Forester has created a section of the Village Web Site that provides information on trees. The Garden Club conducts educational programs about landscaping, including trees.

*Policies:*

1. Hold workshops that educate Shorewood Hills residents about trees and the Tree Ordinance.
2. Continue to develop the Village Web Site and link it to other Web Sites with appropriate information.
3. Produce printed material to hand out to Village Residents.
4. Cooperate with the Garden Club and other groups to educate Village residents.
5. Continue to update the Tree Ordinance.

**E. Develop a “valuable tree” labeling program on private land to acquaint residents with the history and value of trees on their property.**

*Previous efforts:*

Although Shorewood Hills does not do this, other areas like Maple Bluff have labeled their trees.

**F. Get funding to achieve the above goals.**

*Previous efforts:*

The Village Forester has received annual Urban Forestry Grants and other funds for the Village to maintain its trees. Recently the Village Board has allocated money for tree maintenance and combating oak wilt. In 2002 the Village Board established a line item in the budget to fund tree maintenance.

*Policies:*

1. Continue to get grant money when possible.
2. Increase Village funding for annual tree maintenance as a line item in the Shorewood Hills budget until basic tree maintenance needs are met.

### **Goal 3: Protect Lake Mendota Water Quality.**

All residents of the Village have a responsibility for water quality. Minimizing erosion and storm water run-off are essential if we are to both protect the Lake Mendota watershed and maintain healthy parks. With the help of environmental consultant Steve Apfelbaum of Applied Ecological Services, the Village, with the cooperation of Blackhawk Country Club, implemented environmentally friendly strategies to prevent storm water from flooding and/or moving directly into the Lake. In 2003 a series of rain gardens was installed to the south of the Country Club parking lot. Berms were planned in 2003 for the south side of the golf course. These strategies should encourage infiltration and prevent fertilizer-tainted water from flowing directly into Lake Mendota.

#### **Objectives:**

- A. Increase cooperation among committees with responsibilities for waterfront property, i.e., the Waterfront Committee, the Parks Committee, Public Works, the Blackhawk Country Club Liaison Committee, and the Village Crew.
- B. Maintain vegetation on steep hills and parks near Lake Mendota.
- C. Educate Village residents about erosion and run-off.
- D. Require boaters using the marina and boathouse to remove zebra mussels and other contaminants from their boats as soon as they remove their boat from the lake. Use signs to educate boaters about this responsibility.

#### **Objective details and selected policies:**

- A. Increase cooperation among committees with responsibilities for waterfront property, i.e., the Waterfront Committee, the Parks Committee, Public Works, the Blackhawk Country Club Liaison Committee, and the Village Crew.**

##### *Previous efforts:*

Over time Shorewood Hills has increased the number of committees dealing with the waterfront and parks in order to meet Village needs. Unfortunately, the responsibilities and authorities of the committees are not always clearly delineated.

##### *Policies:*

1. Increase communication and cooperation among all Village parties dealing with the waterfront.
2. Create a document that clarifies responsibilities for essential tasks.

- B. Maintain vegetation on steep hills and parks near Lake Mendota.**

##### *Previous efforts:*

In recent years the Village has made some effort to remove honeysuckle, buckthorn, and garlic mustard at the Marina. However, much of the bluff edge in the Village parks remains dominated by honeysuckle and buckthorn. This dense brush shades out understory plants while failing to adequately hold the soil, resulting in erosion on the steep slopes along Lake Mendota. Further inland much of the honeysuckle, buckthorn, and garlic mustard has been eliminated. As a result, the ground cover in Marina, Bigfoot, and McKenna Parks is healthier and better able to prevent erosion and absorb storm water.

However, 99% of the property along Lake Mendota is private. Thus in order to control erosion and storm water, the Village has to work with private landowners.

##### *Policies:*

1. Replace honeysuckle and buckthorn in the parks on the bluff edges with plants that will hold the soil more effectively.
2. Maintain or establish native understory plants on all slopes in parks near the Lake. Monitor new disturbances and ensure that native understory plants are reestablished in disturbed areas.
3. Work with private landholders to maintain or establish appropriate vegetation near Lake Mendota.

### **C. Educate Village residents about erosion and run-off.**

#### *Previous efforts:*

Since most of the lake edge property is private and most storm water flows from private land, it is essential that Village residents be involved in protecting Lake Mendota. In order for residents to help protect Lake Mendota, they need to be informed and motivated. In 2000 and 2001 the Village Storm Water Task Force held a series of open meetings on storm water and made its minutes widely available, increasing awareness of these issues. The Garden Club has had lectures about rain gardens.

#### *Policies:*

1. Educate Village residents about the importance of their actions to the health of Lake Mendota. Emphasize that they can help by simple actions like minimizing fertilizer and salt use and on site infiltration measures. Use a variety of methods including
  - a. Workshops or lectures (Forester, Garden Club, or Village).
  - b. Articles in the Shorewood Hills Bulletin and on the Web Site.
  - c. Outreach to landowners near the Lake (printed material, personal contact).
2. Get Shorewood Hills residents involved in steps to save the lake such as park planting, trash cleanup, or storm drain monitoring.

### **D. Require boaters using the marina and boathouse to remove zebra mussels and other contaminants from their boats as soon as they remove their boat from the lake. Use signs to educate boaters about this responsibility.**

#### *Previous efforts:*

Zebra mussels are new to the Madison lakes, so many people are not aware of them. Zebra mussels kill native species and damage human property. Most lakes in Wisconsin do not yet have zebra mussels, so by carefully washing off their boat, owners can protect the environment and human property elsewhere in the state.

## **Goal 4: Provide Recreational Opportunities.**

The Village has always been concerned about active recreational opportunities for local children. Before 1962 when the Shorewood Hills School was integrated into the Madison School system and ultimately into the Madison School District, recreational opportunities were organized by a recreation director in conjunction with the local school, then serving children through grade 8.

After World War II, the director's position was replaced by a Village Recreation Committee. Other committees were then added to manage the tennis program and the Village Pool. The Garden Club assumed responsibility for community gardens.

With the exception of the Village Pool, which provides recreational opportunities for all residents, activities for young children have been clustered in Four Corners Park. Older children and adults are more likely to find opportunities in Post Farm Park which includes the Pool. By agreement with the School District the Village owns and maintains two tennis courts, the Heiden House and the ice rink on the school grounds.

#### **Objectives:**

- A. Cooperate with the Recreation Committee and other Village Committees to fulfill resident needs for recreation.
- B. Develop communication and decision making processes where lines of authority and responsibility are clear (Recreation Committee, Garden Club, Pool Committee, Waterfront Committee, Public Works Committee).
- C. Develop a recreation policy and set of priorities that will aid the Board of Trustees in making budget allocations. The policy should be flexible and reflect the demographics and interests of Village residents.
- D. Develop and maintain active recreational facilities in a manner consistent with safeguarding the parks' natural and historic resources, i.e., trees, native plants and animals, Indian mounds, and shorelines.

## **Objective details and selected policies:**

### **A. Cooperate with the Recreation Committee and other Village Committees to fulfill resident needs for recreation.**

#### *Previous efforts:*

In 1991, under the leadership of the Parks Committee, a Park Charette was held to gather Village opinions about parks and recreation. The resulting plan, "Park, Open Space, & Outdoor Recreation Plan," focused its recommendations on Post Farm Park. In the 1990s the play equipment at Four Corners Park was replaced. Most recently, a sand volleyball court was created at Post Farm Park. In 2002 Mark Wegner, the Village Forester/Horticulturist, carried out a Village parks and recreation survey. Unfortunately, the rate of response to the survey was low.

#### *Policies:*

1. In cooperation with the Recreation Committee, develop methods to determine what Shorewood Hills residents want for recreation.
2. When recreational facilities are upgraded, they should be equipped for people with disabilities where feasible.

### **B. Develop communication and decision making processes where lines of authority and responsibility are clear (Recreation Committee, Garden Club, Pool Committee, Waterfront Committee, Public Works Committee).**

#### *Previous efforts:*

There has been confusion about responsibilities for parks facilities. Although Post Farm Park itself is the responsibility of the Parks Committee, the Recreation Committee, Pool Committee, Village Crew, Tennis Committee and Garden Club have played major roles in decision-making in this park.

#### *Policies:*

1. Increase communication and cooperation among all Village parties dealing with recreation.
2. Create a document that clarifies responsibilities for essential tasks.

### **C. Develop a recreation policy and set of priorities that will aid the Board of Trustees in making budget allocations. The policy should be flexible and reflect the demographics and interests of Village residents.**

#### *Previous efforts:*

The current Parks Committee knows of no Village recreation policy or set of priorities to guide budget allocations.

### **D. Develop and maintain active recreational facilities in a manner consistent with safeguarding the parks' natural and historic resources, i.e., trees, native plants and animals, Indian mounds, and shorelines.**

#### *Previous efforts:*

The new Tree Ordinance requires all building projects near Village trees to be inspected by the Village Forester to ensure that the Village trees are properly protected. In addition, in principle all construction in parks is supposed to be approved by the Village Forester/Horticulturist and/or the Parks Committee to ensure trees and native vegetation are not destroyed.

#### *Policies:*

1. Maintain existing recreational facilities while following the guidelines noted below.
2. Notice of all construction in parks should be sent to the Village Forester/Horticulturist and the Parks Committee.
3. Before the project begins, the Village Forester should inspect any proposed construction site in the parks to ensure trees, historic resources, and valuable native plants are preserved, and if necessary (at the Forester's discretion), during and after construction to see that trees and native plants were protected.
4. If necessary, replant areas disturbed by construction in order to prevent erosion and the entry of invasive species.

## **Goal 5: Permanently Protect and Preserve Parklands:**

### **Preserve the Shorewood Hills parks for perpetuity and increase parklands as land becomes available.**

The Shorewood Hills parks enrich the Village life by providing recreational opportunities, green space, and places for contemplation. These areas need to be preserved for future Shorewood Hills residents.

#### **Objectives:**

- A. Ensure that all areas now designated as parklands remain protected parklands in perpetuity. For those parks with more limited uses, ensure that any new uses of the park conform to the park category (natural area, mixed, or recreational) and do not violate the limitations (for example no tennis courts built in natural areas).
- B. Establish park boundaries.
- C. Increase the total amount of parklands in every category whenever possible.

#### **Objective details and selected policies:**

- A. **Ensure that all areas now designated as parklands remain protected parklands in perpetuity. For those parks with more limited uses, ensure that any new uses of the park conform to the park category (natural area, mixed, or recreational) and do not violate the limitations (for example no tennis courts built in natural areas).**

##### *Previous efforts:*

Some of the parks were designated for use as park only when they were acquired or donated, including all of Four Corners Park, Koval Woods, and Bigfoot Park. Portions of the Dudley Davis Quarry Park including Reese Woods, McKenna Park, Bradley Park, and the Oak Way Lots are specified as park use only. The unspecified portions of the four parks and Post Farm Park, the Marina, Blackhawk Country Club, the Tally Ho Walkway, and the Shorewood Hills Entrance Park have no limitations on their development or use.

##### *Policies:*

1. Pass a Village of Shorewood Hills ordinance to permanently restrict the use of the current parks to park uses only.
2. Establish a policy that declares the natural area parks, Dudley Davis Quarry Park, Koval Woods, Oak Way Lots, and Bigfoot Park, to be natural areas for passive enjoyment, rather than recreational areas.

#### **B. Establish park boundaries.**

##### *Previous efforts:*

The blending of the Village parks into backyards creates the illusion that both the parks and the yards are larger than their actual area. However, in many cases neither the residents nor the Village of Shorewood Hills knows the location of the park boundaries. As a result, residents place equipment and mulch piles in the parks and Village personnel do not know which areas they are responsible for maintaining.

##### *Policies:*

1. If possible, determine the locations of park boundaries using existing stakes.
2. If necessary, survey some of the parks where boundaries are an issue.
3. Mark the park boundaries with permanent markers.

#### **C. Increase the total amount of parklands in every category whenever possible.**

##### *Previous efforts:*

As the Village grew, additional parks were donated or purchased to meet Shorewood Hills needs. Today, except for Blackhawk Country Club, most areas are built on or preserved as parks. However, a few lots remain in the Village. Some of these have good quality natural areas and add to the green space and feeling of openness in Shorewood Hills.

##### *Policies:*

1. Acquire additional parklands as they become available.
2. Consider, when the Country Club lease expires in 2025, converting Blackhawk Country Club to a park if the Village of Shorewood Hills has grown more than 20% since 2000.