



## Village of Shorewood Hills

# 2024 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

### PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

#### Public Survey (7/7 /2023 through 8/10/2023)

- Responses from 183 people
- Input used to develop broad concepts / as a starting point for determining overall direction for recommendations

#### Public Comment Period (12/4/2023 through 1/5/2024)

**Comments from two residents received** (attached). Tentative edits made to updated draft:

- Edits to Accessibility recommendations > Between Parks & Recreation Facilities – make them more accurate/consistent with University Ave Corridor Plan
- Correct McKenna Park service area map to match Community Park classification
- Add bouldering to DD Quarry Park activities
- Add Locust Drive multi-use path to Karl Frantz Park
- Add berry bushes and beehives to top of Bradley Park – already decided not to include fruit trees suggestion from survey; added in Bradley Park Issues & Opportunities
- Add Services Committee to committees list on p 96/97 and to any building alteration project listed in 5-Year Action Plan - Added to:
  - Determine whether to renovate existing community center for accessibility and expanded uses or relocate to another location within the village (e.g., Old Fire Station)
  - Pool building renovations (first floor) - Design
  - Pool building renovations (first floor) - Construction
  - McKenna Park Potential Park Renovation component: Renovate/redevelop boathouse and shelter

#### Other comments:

- Changes to sidewalk along Shorewood Blvd and Bowdoin – good idea beyond the scope of the CORP

## Public Meeting (12/14/2023)

- 12 participants
- Input used to narrow down priority projects list in the Implementation chapter.

Because only one resident not affiliated with a Village committee/Board attended, we can't say that these priorities reflect priorities of the community. We can still use meeting input to narrow down the priority projects list but must recognize that this prioritization comes from a limited sample of people who are already involved in Village decision-making processes.

### Short-term project priorities:

1. Increase general maintenance at Four Corners Park
2. Replace natural play structures at Post Farm Park
3. Replace wooden picnic tables with wheelchair-accessible recycled plastic tables system-wide

### Mid-term project priorities:

1. Expand and/or replace playground equipment at Four Corners Park
2. Improve and expand walking trails at Koval Woods
3. Improve and expand walking trails at DD Quarry Park

### Long-term project priorities:

1. Renovate or relocate the Community Center
2. Add walking path and interpretive signage to Viburnum Triangle
3. Pave trails in natural areas (with materials that still allow infiltration)

## Public Hearing (1/29/2024)

- XX meeting participants (in person and virtual) + 2 written comments submitted
- Input added to Recommendations chapter (General Recommendations) and 5-Year Action Plan (coordination with UW-Madison on Lakeshore Nature Preserve)
- Minor edits to charts, maps, and text

### Key takeaways:

- Aim to balance accessibility and sustainability for expanding and/or paving trails in natural areas, ultimately providing a variety of recreation experiences. Permeable materials are preferred for any new paving projects.
- Think strategically about the golf course and how the community is able to access it. There is strong resident support for The Glen Golf Park's model of community access.
- Importance of ongoing collaboration and coordination with the University, the Madison Metropolitan School District, Blackhawk Country Club, and surrounding communities.
- Bike and pedestrian safety on Village roads is a key factor in park access.

- Strong community support for improved lakefront access and a multi-purpose community center.

### **For Future Updates**

Prioritize wide community engagement – for example, by incorporating input opportunities into existing community events (Arbor Day, summer programming/food carts at Heiden Haus, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc.).

## Village of Shorewood Hills CORP Public Comments Received (December 4, 2023, through January 5, 2024)

12/6/23 – Craig Weinhold

"Between Parks & Recreation Facilities" (pp 53-54)

- Locust Drive is listed as "Separated bike lanes, fill gap in multi-use trail between Burbank Pl/Shorewood Blvd". Perhaps that could be simplified to "10' multi-use trail between Burbank Pl & Shorewood Blvd" to better match the diagram U Ave corridor diagram in Figure 1.
- University Avenue calls for a safer crossing at Midvale, Shorewood Blvd, Marshall Ct/Ridge St. That's fine, but could Madison be tied in? E.g., "Reciprocate improvements made by the City of Madison." Madison right now is adding bike lanes to Midvale Blvd, and we should think about reciprocating on Rose Pl. (note that there is mention of a "Midvale bike path" on page 54, but that I think that might be mistakenly referring to the new bike lanes).
- Missing item: The village needs to rethink the sidewalk along Shorewood Blvd and Bowdoin connecting to the University Houses path:



Understandably, school times on this corridor are chaotic and much of what happens -- e.g., how bikes, peds, strollers weave on and off the sidewalk and in and out of the road and its morning car traffic -- would be sheer suicide in most other settings. Outside of school times, the sidewalk carries a high-enough volume and diversity of wheels and feet.

My initial thought is a 8-10' wide sidewalk. A more robust and playful idea could include elements of a bike training similar to what Windsor has (<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=510157876222305>) -- e.g., turn Bowdoin into a small mini road for kids on their bikes, complete with painted lines, stop signs, turn lanes, etc. Everything you'd expect from a real road. Perhaps it could ultimately circle the entire school.

Other items:

- On page 24, McKenna Park is listed as a Community park with a 1-2 mile service radius. But the park description on page 63 mistakenly shows a 0.25-mile radius of a mini park.
- Dudley Davis Quarry Park has an interesting activity -- Bouldering. I often see groups back there with their climbing mats. It's also the village's informal dog park, but maybe that shouldn't be mentioned.
- Karl Frantz Park will be important for the future Locust Drive multi-use path.
- Bradley Park has a large top that gets a lot of sunshine. I've often thought it might be a good place for beehives and/or berry bushes.

#### **12/19/23 – Charles Field (resident + member of Services Committee)**

On pages 96 and 97 there is reference of which committees should be involved in reviewing the projects discussed in the CORP. I noticed that the Services Committee was noted once, but it should be involved in all considerations that effect the construction, remodeling, or changing of any of the VOSH buildings. As the Codes state, the Services Committee reviews and recommends Village Building construction, improvements, and maintenance.

Therefore, a description of the committee's function should be added and reference to the committee should be added to any building alteration on the 5 Year Plan.

## Public Comments Received Prior to January 29, 2024, Public Hearing

### 1/22/24 – Mary Fish (resident)

Regarding the Shorewood Hills Recreation Plan . . . we really need to prioritize a dog park. It would be well used by residents of all ages and would be a safe place to have human conversation/build community and exercise the many dogs. I read in the proposed plan that a dog park had tentatively been planned for Post Farm Park but had been tabled due to erosion concerns (which I understand). I'm hoping that one of the many other parks might offer a solution.

### 1/25/24 – Cara Lee Mahany Braithwait (resident)

A good compilation of our Village's parks and recreational opportunities. Aspirational in tone. But we need to keep in mind not only first costs but ongoing costs. But that is down the road. Also, I do not agree that plastic anything is a better alternative to wood. Plastic is toxic today and tomorrow. Remember that if we do not think about our future generations, they will never forget us. Henrik Tikkanen

First, I am pleased to see the recommendation to work with the golf course to improve public access. I have always thought walking to University Ave would be a pleasant path option. And I heartily encourage looking at Glenway to better utilize that area. I would like to see more dining options for non-members year-round. It could be a nice place to go for lunch in the summer.

I also like that it clarifies that there are some easy reaches and then harder ones that will require more information on costs/benefits and tax implications.

Page 18 Household income: This should be shown relative to the size of the population. A median chart should be included whenever showing income to tamp down the tails of the data.

Page 20 Housing Tenure is shown starting at 0, as it should be, but ethnicity is deceptive, with a starting point of 75%. If using a bar chart, it should show from 0, or it visually sends an inaccurate message about ethnicity growth. Graphs and tables are pictures of data.

Page 43 The chart showing access levels seems to imply that a large section of residential housing is in a natural area. Perhaps a bit more explanation could help here. A natural area tome is one without houses.

Figure 7 Park Level of Access was vague on what it was showing with the different colors. Perhaps a key would be useful?