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**GREEN SPACE,
OPEN SPACE, &
NATURAL AREAS**

A. Parks and Trails Goals and Objectives

Parks, trails, and open space provide communities with many benefits. Having these resources available can promote health and well being, benefit the economy, and contribute to creating a socially active community. This section of the comprehensive plan aims to analyze Goodview's existing parks and trails to identify a series of goals and objectives to invigorate the community's parks, trails and recreation offerings for residents and visitors alike.

Goodview understands the importance of investing in parks, trails, and outdoor amenities. The below goals and objectives strive to improve recreation amenities for all to provide a healthy active lifestyle.

Goal 1: Offer quality, amenity-rich parks, trails, open space and recreation opportunities in the City of Goodview.

Objectives:

- Diversify recreational amenities.
- Identify opportunities to incorporate public art, history, and education in key parks and trail intersections.

Goal 2: Provide accessible recreational opportunities to accommodate people with varying abilities and the various age groups represented in the community.

Objectives:

- Provide a variety of activities and experiences that can be enjoyed by and with people of all ages and abilities.
- Allow people of multiple generations, abilities, and backgrounds to enjoy access to the park and trails system.

Goal 3: Encourage the incorporation of outdoor recreational amenities into the design of new subdivisions and development sites.

Objectives:

- Review opportunities for nature/interpretive trails, water access points, or unique views, where allowed, as part of new development.
- Require access to open space in newly developed neighborhoods.
- Encourage recreational opportunities to be available in newly developed neighborhoods.
- Require the pedestrian connectivity of new development to the existing fabric of the community.

Goal 4: Ensure that existing parks and trails are connected to the larger non-motorized network within the community.

Objectives:

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- Provide safe pedestrian access to public parks and spaces in the community.
- Ensure that the community can safely walk, bike, and roll to park locations without the use of a car.

Goal 5: Provide new connections to trails located within the region.

Objectives:

- Install linkages in the pedestrian network where they are currently missing, particularly between residential areas and existing parks.
- Install new connections to the trail system in Winona.

B. Existing Parks and Trails

Goodview's quality recreation facilities create a great sense of community pride, are heavily valued by residents, and attract visitors to the area. The desire for more recreational opportunities was a theme from the public input survey results. A map of existing open spaces, and parks can be found in Illustration 7-1.

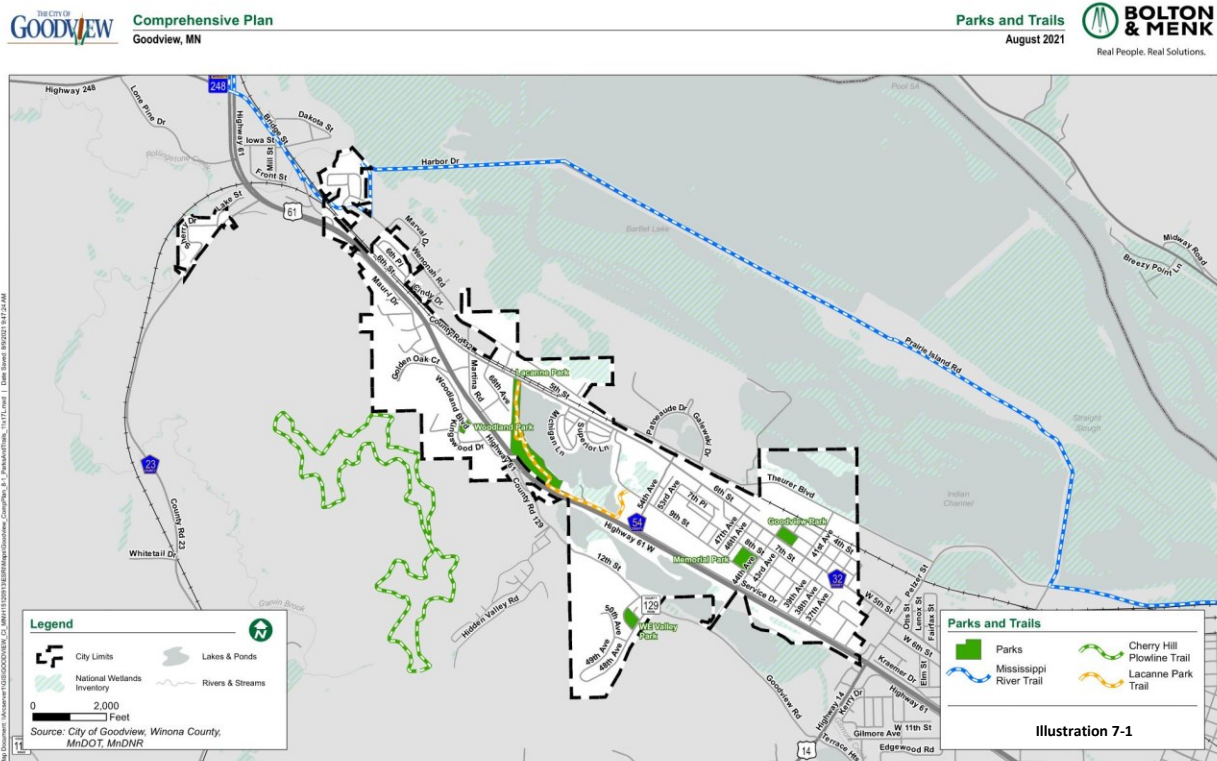


Illustration 7-1—Parks and Trails in Goodview Map

Goodview Park:

Goodview Park is located at 6th Street and 44th Avenue.

The park features ball fields, tennis courts, pavilion, pickle ball courts, and playground equipment. The park is well used by the community.

Michael LaCanne Memorial Park:

Michael LaCanne Memorial Park is located at 6280 Highway 61 on the northerly side of the community. The park is located at Lake Goodview and includes features such as changing and restrooms, pavilions and shelter structures, soccer fields, a basketball court and a walking and bike bath, playground equipment, and sand beach for swimming.

The walking path extends around the south side of the park connection from 6th Street to 9th Street.

Memorial Park:

Memorial Park is located at 9th Street and 44th Avenue. The building features playground equipment, ball fields, horseshoe pits, and tennis courts.

WE Valley Park:

WE Valley Park is located at 48th Avenue and Pine Court and was developed to serve the residential development in the area. The park includes a ballfield and playground equipment.

Woodhaven Park:

Woodhaven Park is located at Woodland Boulevard and Kingswood Drive and was developed to serve the residential development in the immediate area. The park includes a ballfield, pavilion, and playground equipment.

C. Proposed Parks and Trails

Priority should be given to extend the popular LaCanne Memorial Park trail east into the fabric of the community.

Priority should be given to connection to the Winona bike/pedestrian network.

The key constrain to this connection is a safe crossing at Highway 14. Presently a path exists on 5th Street terminating at Pelzer Street. Connection of the system within Goodview should connect to the intersection that is already equipped with a pedestrian crossing.

Other alternatives.

Sidewalk inventory.

Gaps/linkages map from transportation.

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Priority should be given to extending a connection to the Mississippi River Trail bikeway. This can be accomplished by working with surrounding partners.

The Cherry Hill trail system is within the Bronk Unit of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The trail system is located outside of the City limits of Goodview in the bluffs to the west of the community. The system is a draw to bicycling travelers and could be a tourism attraction for the community providing economic benefit to the community for those traveling into the region for recreation.

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