

# Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Existing Conditions

Recommendations

Future Park Recommendations

Action Plan



# Parks and Recreation

## **Mission Statement**

The Wahoo Parks and Recreation portion of the Comprehensive Development Plan will create a tool for the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council for developing priorities regarding the improvement of existing facilities and the expansion of the overall parks system.

## **Process**

During the discussions about an updated Comprehensive Plan for the city there was a desire expressed to go into greater detail with regard to the park and recreation system than had been included in previous versions of the Comprehensive Development Plan. This desire for greater detail led to the idea of developing a Park and Recreation portion of the Plan. The development of the Park and Recreation portion occurred under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Director and the Comprehensive Development Plan Steering Committee, with the assistance of a special focus group made up of the Park and Recreation Commission, Park and Recreation Department staff and the athletic directors of the two school systems, as well as the ideas and comments that came out of the Town Hall meetings and various other focus groups. The Community Trails Plan that was created by the National Parks Service for the City of Wahoo was also consulted as parks and trails should go hand in hand with the development of the community.

The focus group meeting identified the good and bad points of each park and the recreational system as a whole, assisted in locating future recreational areas and trails throughout Wahoo's jurisdiction, and helped to assign priorities to such facilities through a dollar designation exercise. This process helped to show the current and future recreational service areas in a graphic format.

Based upon public input, current conditions, notable deficiencies, and future growth projections of Wahoo, a proposed parks and trails map has been created along with a list of recommendations for each existing and proposed park and recreational facility.

Wahoo Parks and Recreation Department manages eight outdoor facilities and two indoor facilities. This section has a listing of the condition and capacity of all these facilities along with photos of the facilities. Table 46 lists the national accepted standard criteria for various types of parks and recreation facilities.

**TABLE 46: PARKS AND OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATIONS**

| Classification                       | General Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Location Criteria/<br>Service Area                                                                                       | Size Criteria                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mini-Park                            | Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Less than a ¼ mile distance in residential setting.                                                                      | Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.                                                                 |
| Neighborhood Park                    | Basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.                                                                                                                 | ¼ to ½ mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.                             | 5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.                                              |
| School-Park                          | Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use.                                                                         | Determined by location of school district property.                                                                      | Variable – depends on function.                                                                            |
| Community Park                       | Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.                                                                                                          | Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhood and ½ to 3 mile distance. | As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.                                    |
| Large Urban Park                     | Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. | Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.                              | As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal. |
| Natural Resource Areas               | Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.                                                                                                                                    | Resource availability and opportunity.                                                                                   | Variable.                                                                                                  |
| Greenways                            | Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.                                                                                                                                                                                 | Resource availability and opportunity.                                                                                   | Variable.                                                                                                  |
| Sports Complex                       | Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.                                                                                                                    | Strategically located community-wide facilities.                                                                         | Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.          |
| Special Use                          | Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.                                                                                                                                                                            | Variable – dependent on specific use.                                                                                    | Variable.                                                                                                  |
| Private Park/<br>Recreation Facility | Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.                                                                                                                                                      | Variable – dependent on specific use.                                                                                    | Variable.                                                                                                  |

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## MINI PARKS (2) – BEL AIRE PARK AND KENNEDY PARK

### Condition and Capacity Report - Bel Aire Park

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                                                                                |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                                                                      |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           | X    |      |          |    |      | Turf dry (non-irrigated); deciduous trees throughout; well maintained                |
| Play Areas                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Fair amount of open ground for simple games                                          |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      |      |          |    |      | No formal field at this location not enough space                                    |
| Sports Courts                    |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Basketball Poll and concrete pad, no need for additional courts                      |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | No sidewalks or trails on park property, small park trails not needed                |
| Play Equipment                   |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Climber, swings, merry-go-round, older equipment may need replacing                  |
| Structures                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Picnic shelter, simple metal structure and concrete pad, sufficient for size of park |
| Picnic Facilities                |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Two picnic tables and a trash can                                                    |
| Drinking Water                   |           |      |      |          | X  |      | No access to water on the premises                                                   |
| Restrooms                        |           |      |      |          |    |      | No permanent facilities, small park not needed                                       |
| Parking                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | On Street parking in residential neighborhood, specific facilities are not needed    |
| Lighting                         |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | No lights other than street lights                                                   |
| Benches                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | No benches on site, could use some near play equipment and basketball court          |
| Signage                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | none                                                                                 |

### Condition and Capacity Report - Kennedy Park

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                                                |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                                      |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           | X    |      |          |    |      | Turf dry                                             |
| Play Areas                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Some open greenspace not all city owned              |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location                                |
| Sports Courts                    |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Tennis Court, Basketball Court, need resurfacing     |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                                |
| Play Equipment                   |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Playstructure                                        |
| Structures                       |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                                |
| Picnic Facilities                |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                                |
| Drinking Water                   |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                                |
| Restrooms                        |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                                |
| Parking                          |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location, other than on street          |
| Lighting                         |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                                |
| Benches                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | Could use some seating near playstructure and courts |
| Signage                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location                                |



Condition and Capacity Report - Placek Park

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                                                                |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                                                      |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           | X    |      |          |    |      | Turf dry                                                             |
| Play Areas                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Large open greenspace, maybe room for practice soccer/football field |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location                                                |
| Sports Courts                    |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Basketball Court                                                     |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                                                |
| Play Equipment                   |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Playstructure, and three sets of swings                              |
| Structures                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Wood frame picnic shelter with concrete pad, building                |
| Picnic Facilities                |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Picnic tables and grills                                             |
| Drinking Water                   |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Water spigots                                                        |
| Restrooms                        |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Permanent Restrooms                                                  |
| Parking                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Crushed rock parking lot                                             |
| Lighting                         |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Several pole lights                                                  |
| Benches                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Could use more seating near playstructure                            |
| Signage                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location                                                |

Condition and Capacity Report – Smith Park

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                                          |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                                |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           | X    |      |          |    |      | Turf dry                                       |
| Play Areas                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Open greenspace throughout                     |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Sports Courts                    |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Two basketball courts                          |
| Walks/Trails                     |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Sidewalks along roads                          |
| Play Equipment                   |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Large playstructure and swings                 |
| Structures                       |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Brick Picnic shelter with fire place           |
| Picnic Facilities                |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Picnic tables, grills                          |
| Drinking Water                   |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Restrooms                        |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Permanent restrooms attached to picnic shelter |
| Parking                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Paved parking lot                              |
| Lighting                         |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Several pole lights, picnic shelter has lights |
| Benches                          |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Benches surrounding the playstructure          |
| Signage                          |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |





**SCHOOL PARKS (2) – WAHOO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ST. WENCESLAUS ELEMENTARY**

**Condition and Capacity Report – Wahoo Elementary School**

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                                     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                           |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) | X         |      |      |          |    |      | Turf dry, not well defined                |
| Play Areas                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Large paved multipurpose play areas       |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location                     |
| Sports Courts                    |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | 2 Basketball Courts                       |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                     |
| Play Equipment                   |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | 2 Playstructures, and four sets of swings |
| Structures                       |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                     |
| Picnic Facilities                |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                     |
| Drinking Water                   |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                     |
| Restrooms                        |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                     |
| Parking                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Paved parking lot                         |
| Lighting                         |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                     |
| Benches                          |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                     |
| Signage                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | School sign                               |

**Condition and Capacity Report – St. Wenceslaus Elementary School**

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                                          |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                                |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           |      |      |          |    |      | No greenspace                                  |
| Play Areas                       |           |      |      |          |    |      | Only immediately surrounding the playstructure |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location                          |
| Sports Courts                    |           | X    |      | X        |    |      | One basketball pole in parking lot             |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Play Equipment                   |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | One Playstructure                              |
| Structures                       |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Picnic Facilities                |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Drinking Water                   |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Restrooms                        |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Parking                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Paved parking lot                              |
| Lighting                         |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Benches                          |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                          |
| Signage                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | School sign                                    |



Condition and Capacity Report – Aquatic Center

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                              |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                    |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           | X    |      |          |    |      | Turf dry                           |
| Play Areas                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Open greenspace                    |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location              |
| Sports Courts                    |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location              |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location              |
| Play Equipment                   |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location              |
| Structures                       |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Bath house, Concession stand       |
| Picnic Facilities                |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location              |
| Drinking Water                   |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Drinking fountain                  |
| Restrooms                        |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Permanent restrooms                |
| Parking                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Paved parking lot                  |
| Lighting                         |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Pool area is lit                   |
| Benches                          |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Lounge chairs surrounding the pool |
| Signage                          |           |      | X    |          | X  |      |                                    |

Condition and Capacity Report – Sam Crawford Field

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|-----------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                   |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           | X    |      |          |    |      | Turf irrigated                    |
| Play Areas                       |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location             |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Baseball Field                    |
| Sports Courts                    |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location             |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location             |
| Play Equipment                   |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location             |
| Structures                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Concession stand                  |
| Picnic Facilities                |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location             |
| Drinking Water                   |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Drinking fountain                 |
| Restrooms                        |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Permanent Restrooms               |
| Parking                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Paved parking lot                 |
| Lighting                         |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Ball field and parking lot is lit |
| Benches                          |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Bleachers for watching games      |
| Signage                          |           |      | X    |          | X  |      |                                   |

Condition and Capacity Report - Cook Park (sledding hill)

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                                      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                            |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           | X    |      |          |    |      | Turf dry (non-irrigated)                   |
| Play Areas                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Sledding Hill                              |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                      |
| Sports Courts                    |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                      |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                      |
| Play Equipment                   |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                      |
| Structures                       |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                      |
| Picnic Facilities                |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                      |
| Drinking Water                   |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                      |
| Restrooms                        |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                      |
| Parking                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location other than on street |
| Lighting                         |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | None at this location specific to the park |
| Benches                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location, might be useful     |
| Signage                          |           |      |      |          | X  |      | None at this location                      |

## SPORTS COMPLEXES (1) – HACKBERRY PARK

### Condition and Capacity Report - Hackberry Park

| Park Component                   | Condition |      |      | Capacity |    |      | Notes                                                      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|----------|----|------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                  | Poor      | Fair | Good | Under    | At | Over |                                                            |
| Vegetation (Trees, shrubs, turf) |           | X    |      |          |    |      | Turf portions of fields irrigated, rest of park is dry     |
| Play Areas                       |           | X    |      | X        |    |      | Small area near fields                                     |
| Sports Fields                    |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | 1 Baseball, 3 Softball fields                              |
| Sports Courts                    |           |      |      | X        |    |      | None at this location                                      |
| Walks/Trails                     |           |      |      |          |    |      | None at this location                                      |
| Play Equipment                   |           |      | X    |          | X  |      | Small playstructure for use during games by small children |
| Structures                       |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Concession Stand and Batting Cages                         |
| Picnic Facilities                |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Picnic Tables and a Shelter                                |
| Drinking Water                   |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Drinking fountain near fields                              |
| Restrooms                        |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Permanent Restrooms                                        |
| Parking                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Crushed rock parking lot                                   |
| Lighting                         |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Baseball field and parking lot are lit                     |
| Benches                          |           | X    |      |          | X  |      | Bleachers for watching games                               |
| Signage                          |           |      |      | X        |    |      | None at this location                                      |





## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Introduction

Recommendations for the Wahoo parks and recreation system are based upon a number of factors, including:

- National standards,
- Regional opportunities and plans,
- Identified needs and desires of the City of Wahoo

Community input has shown that Wahoo residents who attended the focus group workshops and town hall meetings are somewhat satisfied with the amount and quality of the existing facilities, programs, and activities available, but there is definitely room for improvement and expansion. Recommendations are provided for existing and proposed parks, and additional recreation opportunities such as expanded indoor facilities and/or a new sports complex.

These recommendations are the initial means by which the Parks and Recreation Plan can be incorporated into the community. Such recommendations may change over time, but will provide a basis for developing individual park master plans/layouts and developing the City's Parks Action Plan. Implementing such recommendations will improve and expand park and recreation facilities and activities for all residents of the City of Wahoo and the surrounding area.

Figure 18: Existing and Proposed Parks and Facilities shows the location of existing and proposed parks, and trails. Figure 19: Existing and Proposed Service Areas also shows existing and proposed parks, along with the service areas for mini-parks, neighborhood parks, and community parks. Park locations are centralized inside the service areas. Locations of the proposed parks as shown on the maps are approximate. Parks are shown in the general area where the facilities may be located. These proposed locations may shift or be altered when the planning and development of subdivisions or roadways becomes more detailed. Likewise, the type of a park may change based upon changing situations.

### Required and Optional Facilities, Amenities, and Services

When the city chooses to expand the parks system and add a new area the following table needs to be consulted prior to developing the park master plan/layout. This table will give the city a guide as to what should be put in the park based on the type of park that is being built. These required and optional facilities and amenities for all park classifications are listed in Table 47 and are divided into three categories, including:

- Park and Recreation Facilities, such as play structures and basketball courts
- Park and Recreation Amenities, such as security lighting and drinking fountains
- Park and Recreation Services, such as reservation requirements and maintenance

TABLE 47: REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL FACILITIES, AMENITIES, AND SERVICES

| Facilities, Amenities, and Services    | Mini-Park | Neighborhood Park | Community Park | School-Park | Special Use Facility | Sports Complex | Trail/Greenway |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Park and Recreation Facilities</b>  |           |                   |                |             |                      |                |                |
| Play Equipment/Structures              | R         | R                 | R              | R           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Open Play Area                         | R         | R                 | R              | R           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Soccer Fields                          | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Softball Fields                        | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Baseball Fields                        | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Paved Multi-use Areas                  | O         | R                 | R              | R           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Tennis Courts                          | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Basketball Courts                      | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Volleyball Courts                      | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Multi-Purpose Trails                   | O         | R                 | R              | R           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Picnic Facilities (shelters)           | R         | R                 | R              | O           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Special/Unique Features                | O         | R                 | R              | O           | O                    | R              | O              |
| Natural Areas                          | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Trees/Shaded Areas                     | R         | R                 | R              | R           | O                    | R              | R              |
| Special Use Facilities                 | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | R                    | O              | O              |
| Swimming Pool                          | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Aquatic Center                         | NA        | NA                | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Wading Pool                            | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | NA             | NA             |
| Ice Skating Rink                       | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | NA             | NA             |
| Amphitheater/Outdoor Gathering Area    | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | NA             | O              |
| Arboretum/Botanical Gardens            | NA        | O                 | O              | NA          | O                    | O              | O              |
| Fine Arts Facility/Public Art Displays | NA        | NA                | O              | NA          | O                    | NA             | O              |
| Community Center or Indoor Rec.        | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Camping Facilities (RV facilities)     | NA        | NA                | NA             | NA          | O                    | NA             | NA             |
| Dog Park                               | NA        | NA                | O              | NA          | O                    | NA             | O              |
| Horseshoes                             | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Disc/Frisbee Golf                      | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Roller Hockey                          | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Football/Rugby Field                   | NA        | NA                | O              | O           | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Outdoor Exercise Circuit               | NA        | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Skating Facility (in-line/skateboard)  | NA        | O                 | O              | NA          | O                    | O              | O              |
| High-Risk Area                         | NA        | NA                | O              | NA          | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Golf Course                            | NA        | NA                | O              | NA          | O                    | O              | O              |
| Youth Sports Complex                   | NA        | O                 | O              | NA          | O                    | O              | NA             |
| Competitive Sports Facility            | NA        | NA                | O              | NA          | O                    | O              | NA             |

| Facilities, Amenities, and Services (continued)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mini-Park | Neighborhood Park | Community Park | School-Park | Special Use Facility | Sports Complex | Trail/Greenway |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Park and Recreation Amenities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           |                   |                |             |                      |                |                |
| Security Lighting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | O/R*           |
| Activity Lighting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | O         | O                 | R              | O           | O                    | R              | NA             |
| Public Telephones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | O         | O                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | O              |
| Off Street Parking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | O         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | O/R*           |
| Bike Racks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | O/R*           |
| Restrooms                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | O         | R                 | R              | R           | O                    | R              | O/R*           |
| Drinking Fountains                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | O/R*           |
| Benches                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | R              |
| Picnic Tables                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | O         | R                 | R              | O           | O                    | R              | O              |
| Signage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | R              |
| Information Kiosks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | NA        | NA                | O              | NA          | O                    | O              | O              |
| ADA Accessibility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | R              |
| <b>Park and Recreation Services</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                   |                |             |                      |                |                |
| Security**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | R              |
| Emergency Telephone Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Reservations for Facility Use (shelters, group picnics, sports leagues, for-profit use)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | NA             |
| Activities/Facilities for Groups, Companies Teams                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | NA        | O                 | R              | O           | O                    | R              | O              |
| Special Events (programs, concerts, fairs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | O         | O                 | O              | O           | O                    | O              | O              |
| Facilities and Grounds Maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | R         | R                 | R              | R           | R                    | R              | R              |
| R - Required Facility/Service<br>O - Optional Facility/Service<br>NA - Not Appropriate<br>* Optional for Greenway, Required for Trail<br>** May include, but not limited to, police patrols, private security, neighborhood watches, park design to eliminate hidden places, structure design and lighting, and/or location markers on trail. |           |                   |                |             |                      |                |                |
| Note: This does not preclude the addition of other unlisted facilities and services as optional.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |                   |                |             |                      |                |                |

Required and optional facilities, amenities, and services are to serve as a guide for the City of Wahoo. It is the responsibility of the city to determine which facilities, amenities, and services are or are not feasible in existing and proposed parks. The required facilities are recommended for existing parks, but due to physical limitations and space constraints they may not be added. In proposed parks, future demand for certain facilities, amenities, and services and the recreational preferences of users may change over time. Therefore, these guidelines may change or be revised to respond

to the future demand of Wahoo residents. Each park will be looked at individually to determine the physical capacity of providing basic requirements and to determine needs and wants of residents served by that park. Each park is different and this difference will be considered when determining which facilities will be included in each park. The city shall strive to provide the basic requirements in all of its parks and careful consideration shall be given to each proposed park and trail through the city's approval of such facility.

Even though the list of facilities, amenities, and services is extensive, it is likely other items not listed will be requested to be included in the park and recreation system. Each new facility and service requested shall be analyzed according to public demand, site/location criteria, operating implications, and other relevant criteria.

## **PARK RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **All Park and Recreation Facilities**

Regardless if it is a new facility or an existing facility the Parks Department should have a master plan for each individual site. The master plan should consist of a layout drawing of the facility either technical or non-technical, and a listing of all the amenities included in the site. These master plans should be developed with public input particularly if the plan is for a new facility or for the renovation and/or the expansion of an existing facility. When compiling the master plan for a site refer back to Table 47 to see if the site is or will have all the required amenities listed and what optional amenities might be possible for the site.

The Parks and Recreation Department shall develop uniform facility identification for all applicable sites. This should include but not be limited to site name signage, and a cohesive color palate for equipment. Having these sites easily identifiable as Wahoo City Parks and maintaining them to the highest quality will give the residents a sense of pride for their parks system and encourage them to assist with the upkeep of the parks.

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to making all its sites ADA accessible and providing ADA capable facilities were possible. Such facilities might include paved walking trails, and ADA designed play equipment.

All park and recreation facilities shall have some form of pedestrian connectivity to adjacent residential areas and possibly to the parks system as a whole. 8 to 10 foot wide paved hiker/biker trails are preferred for connectivity of the parks system while 4 foot wide sidewalks are sufficient for connecting residential neighborhoods to the sites.

### **Mini-Parks**

It is the goal of Wahoo to provide the required facilities and services where possible in existing and proposed parks. Two mini-parks have been proposed, both within

existing residential neighborhoods currently underserved by the existing parks system. Additional mini-parks are not recommended because many new single-family homes end up offering their own play equipment and facilities that act in a similar manner as mini-parks.

As general guidelines, mini-parks should strive to include the following:

- A site between 2,500 square feet to one acre
- A service area of a maximum ¼ mile radius
- A site with a less than 4% slope
- A site that takes advantage of vegetation and other natural resources of the area
- A site that is located in residential areas

### Existing Mini-Parks

#### **Bel Aire Park (12<sup>th</sup> and Hickory)**

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities where feasible.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Continue to provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

#### **Kennedy Park (12<sup>th</sup> and Locust)**

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Resurfacing of existing courts
- Expansion of Park into adjacent greenspace
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities where feasible.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Continue to provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

### Proposed Mini-Parks

#### **M-1 (4<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore)**

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

#### **M-2 (10<sup>th</sup> and Orange)**

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities where feasible.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).



## Neighborhood Parks

It is the goal of the City of Wahoo to provide the required facilities and services where possible in existing and proposed neighborhood parks. There are four proposed neighborhood parks, these are to be built as they are needed due to the expansion of the city. Neighborhood parks should be the backbone for the cities park and recreation system comprising the vast majority of park space within the city.

As general guidelines, neighborhood parks should strive to have the following:

- a site of approximately five to ten acres
- a service area with a maximum ½ mile radius
- not more than 50% of the site should have a slope greater than 4%
- a site that takes advantage of vegetation and other natural resources of the area
- a site located in primarily residential areas

## Existing Neighborhood Parks

### **Placek Park (15<sup>th</sup> and Broadway)**

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Add seating around and near play equipment.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

### **Smith Park (4<sup>th</sup> and Beech)**

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

### **Wahoo Public School-Park** (See also School-Parks)

- Develop joint use agreements between the school district and city that would establish rules and criteria.
- Work with the school district to develop park master plan/layout with public input.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities and rules of play.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

## Proposed Neighborhood Parks

### **N-1 (In new south development)**

- Work with developer to create a park master plan/layout with public input.
- Suggested amenities would include soccer fields and sand volleyball courts
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

**N-2 (adjacent to Wahoo Public School)**

- Work with the school district to develop park master plan/layout with public input.
- Suggested amenities would include a toddler play area and natural resource area.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

**N-3 (CR-L and CR-16)**

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

**N-4 (1/2 mile west of Hackberry on CR-L)**

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

**Community Parks**

It is the goal of the City of Wahoo to provide the required facilities and services where possible in existing and proposed parks. The only proposed Community Park is to upgrade Hackberry Park from a sports complex into a community park by making additions to the facility as shown in *Table 47*.

As general guidelines, community parks should strive to have the following:

- a site of approximately 30 to 50 acres
- a service area with a maximum three mile radius, typically a one to two mile radius
- surrounding land uses are primarily residential
- located adjacent to arterial or collector street(s)

**Proposed Community Park****Hackberry Park (8<sup>th</sup> and Hackberry)**

- Review and alter existing park master plan/layout with public input, currently Hackberry is listed as a Sports Complex but would change classification if improvements were made.
- Suggested changes to old master plan include removing the golf course and driving range and replacing with a Frisbee golf course, restored prairie/wetland, camping sites, and nature trails.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

### Special Use Facilities

It is the goal of the City of Wahoo to provide the required facilities and services where possible in existing facilities. There are two proposed special use facilities, an additional indoor facility and a dog park. Both are shown on Figure 18 in specific locations however could be placed anywhere the city deems to be feasible.

As general guidelines, special use facilities should strive to have the following:

- size of the site is variable
- a service area that is community-wide
- surrounding land uses are variable

### **Existing Special Use Facilities**

#### **Cook Park (18<sup>th</sup> and Linden)**

- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

#### **Saw Crawford Field (5<sup>th</sup> and Orange)**

- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

#### **Wahoo Aquatic Center (4<sup>th</sup> and Orange)**

- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

#### **Wahoo Civic Center (3<sup>rd</sup> and Linden)**

- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

#### **Wahoo Senior Center (3<sup>rd</sup> and Linden)**

- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

## Proposed Special Use Facilities

### Dog Park

- Develop park master plan/layout through public input, might be able to be included in with a proposed Sports Complex directly south of Lake Wanahoo site, or within the Hackberry Park expansion, or as a separate site east of town.
- Suggested amenities include fencing, walking trails, and benches.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

### Sports Complexes

It is the goal of the city to provide the required facilities and services where possible in existing and proposed sports complexes. There is one proposed sports complex located south of the future Lake Wanahoo, utilizing some land that lies within the floodplain and would not be suitable for building.

As general guidelines, sports complexes should strive to have the following:

- size of the site is greater than 25 acres
- a service area that is community-wide
- surrounding land uses are variable
- adjacent to arterial or collector street(s)
- Adequate parking and accessibility

### Existing Sports Complexes

#### **Hackberry Park (8<sup>th</sup> and Hackberry)**

- Rehabilitate recently purchased land adjacent to the park
- Review and alter existing park master plan/layout with public input, by expanding and making improvements that would upgrade the site from a sports complex to a community park.
- Suggested amenities include:
  1. Additional baseball/softball fields
  2. Additional batting cages
  3. Sand volleyball courts
  4. Basketball/tennis courts
  5. Open/multipurpose field space
  6. Frisbee golf course
  7. Maintenance facility
  8. Larger restroom/concession facility
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

## Proposed Sports Complexes.

### SP-1 (south of Lake Wanahoo)

- Acquire property for future athletic field development.
- Develop park master plan/layout through public input.
- Provide for competition size fields.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with adjacent residential development with trails.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See *Table 47*).

## School-Parks

The guidelines for school-parks are listed in Table 47: Required and Optional Facilities and Services. For the proposed school-parks, it is the goal of the city to work with the school district to provide the required facilities and services where possible. Adjacent land to the proposed school sites may be required to supply required facilities and services to fulfill provisions of a neighborhood park without building an additional park.

As general guidelines, school-parks should be constructed as neighborhood parks or in conjunction with neighborhood parks and should strive to have the following:

- size of the site is variable (typically around five acres)
- service area is variable (typically ½ mile radius)
- a site that takes advantage of the trees and other natural resources of the area
- located primarily in residential zoned areas

Sites that include schools should be large enough to accommodate school needs and neighborhood park uses, where feasible. A committee of city personnel and representatives of the school district should be established to discuss joint use facilities, joint maintenance possibilities, and joint improvement possibilities to maximize community use of facilities. The committee should also establish a process whereby new schools that may fall under formal joint use agreements are planned and designed jointly by the school district and the city. Master plans for each school park should be developed through public input by such committee.

## **Proposed School-Parks.**

(See Neighborhood Parks, N-2)



## ACTION PLAN

The following Action Plan will be utilized to pursue needed updates to the Wahoo Park and Recreation system. The plan is divided into two separate areas long term objectives and short term objectives. On a yearly basis the Park and Recreation Board shall review the existing action plan and alter it to fit the current needs of the city. This might include moving items from being long term objectives to being short term objectives, or adding new objectives, or even removing objectives that are no longer needed. The Park and Recreation Board reviewed the proposed objectives and made a determination on which are short term and which are long term.

### Short Term

Short term objectives are those that the board determined to be the most needed, and therefore should have the most emphasis placed on implementation. For every objective listed as short term there needs to be a strategy in place to make that objective happen: Such as a list of grants to apply for, or fundraiser ideas, or drawing up a master plan, or budgeting money for it in the nearest fiscal year.

### Short Term Objectives

#### Kennedy Park

- Pursue adjacent campus property for park expansion.
- Develop master plan/layout by expanding and making improvements that would upgrade the site from a mini-park to a neighborhood park.
- Provide aesthetic and identification amenities.
- Provide ADA accessibility and ADA facilities where feasible.
- Connect park with trails as part of the master trail plan.
- Provide basic requirements that are feasible and optional additions that are desired (See Table 47)

#### Expansion of the Civic Center

- Develop design plans for an addition and renovation
- Suggested amenities include:
  1. Gym
  2. Walking/jogging track
  3. Fitness space (cardio and weight training)
  4. Multit-purpose space
  5. Office/administrative space

Placek Park

- Add some general bench seating around the play equipment

Hackberry Park

- Review and alter existing master plan/layout by expanding and making improvements that would upgrade the site to a community park
- Suggested amenities include:
  1. Additional baseball/softball fields
  2. Additional batting cages
  3. Sand volleyball courts
  4. Basketball/tennis courts
  5. Open/multipurpose field space
  6. Frisbee golf course
  7. Maintenance facility
  8. Larger restroom/concession facility

**Long Term**

Long Term objectives are those that the city would like to implement but are a lower priority than the short term objectives. Items placed in the Long Term category are there for the purpose of being moved up to the Short Term list in future years or if a unique opportunity were to present itself the city would be ready to respond with additional objectives.

**Long Term Objectives**

N-1 Heritage Park

- Acquire land in the new south housing development
- Build with suggested amenities to include soccer fields, and sand volleyball courts

SP-1 Lake Wanahoo Sports Complex

- Acquire land south of the Lake Wanahoo Dam
- Build with competition quality and sized fields

Dog Park

- Acquire land (could be part of an expansion to Hackberry Park, a portion of a new sports complex south of the Lake Wanahoo Dam, incorporated with any of the new neighborhood parks, or be its own park site)
- Build suggested amenities include fencing, walking trails, and benches

New Park Developments – May become short term if development occurs in the parks respective areas or an unanticipated opportunity is presented to the city.

M-1 Mini Park

- Acquire land northeast of Downtown
- Build

M-2 Mini Park

- Acquire land in the southwest part of Wahoo
- Build

N-2 Neighborhood Park

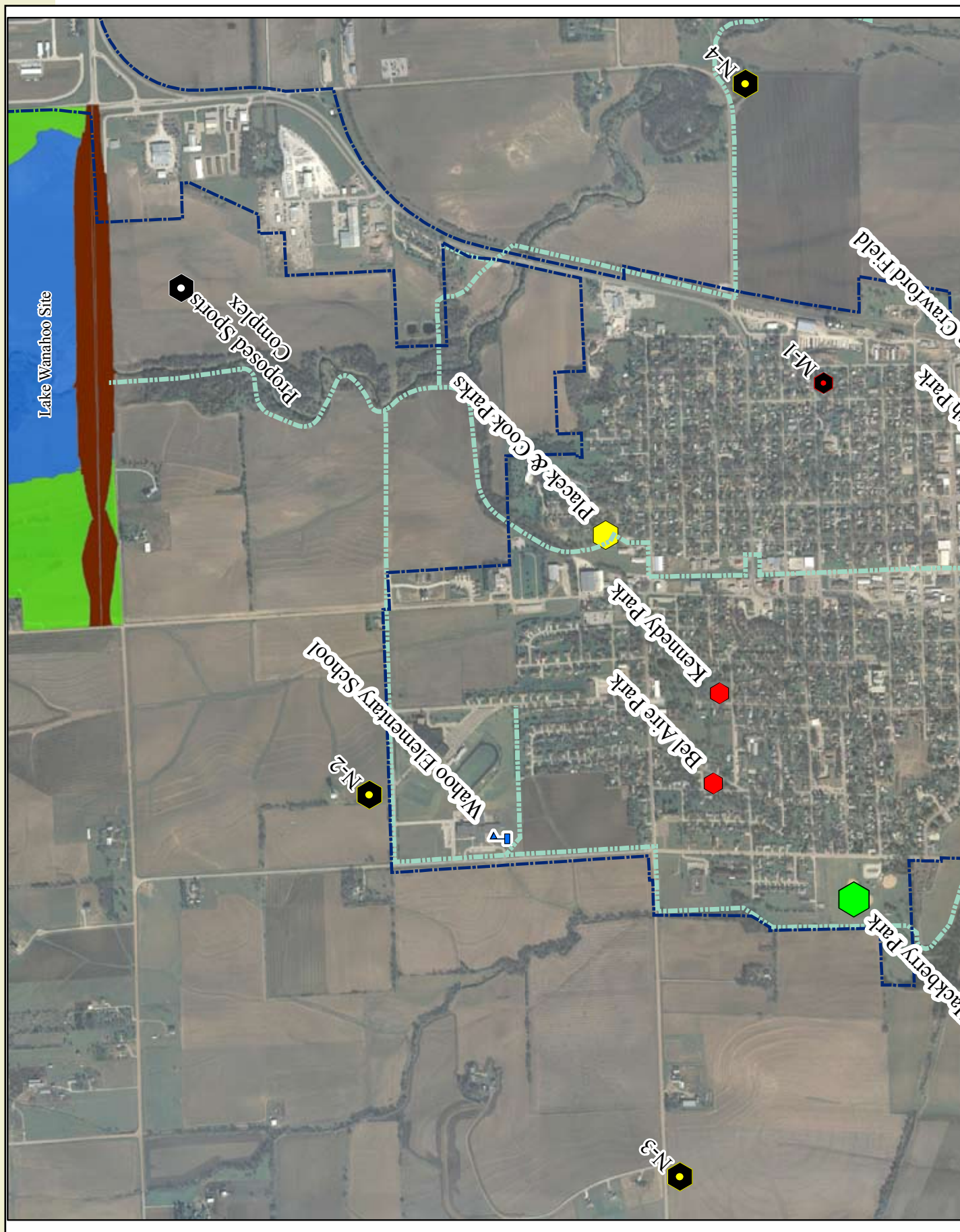
- Acquire land adjacent to Wahoo Public School Complex
- Build with suggested amenities to include a toddler play area, and a natural resource area that could be used by the school as an outdoor classroom

N-3 Neighborhood Park

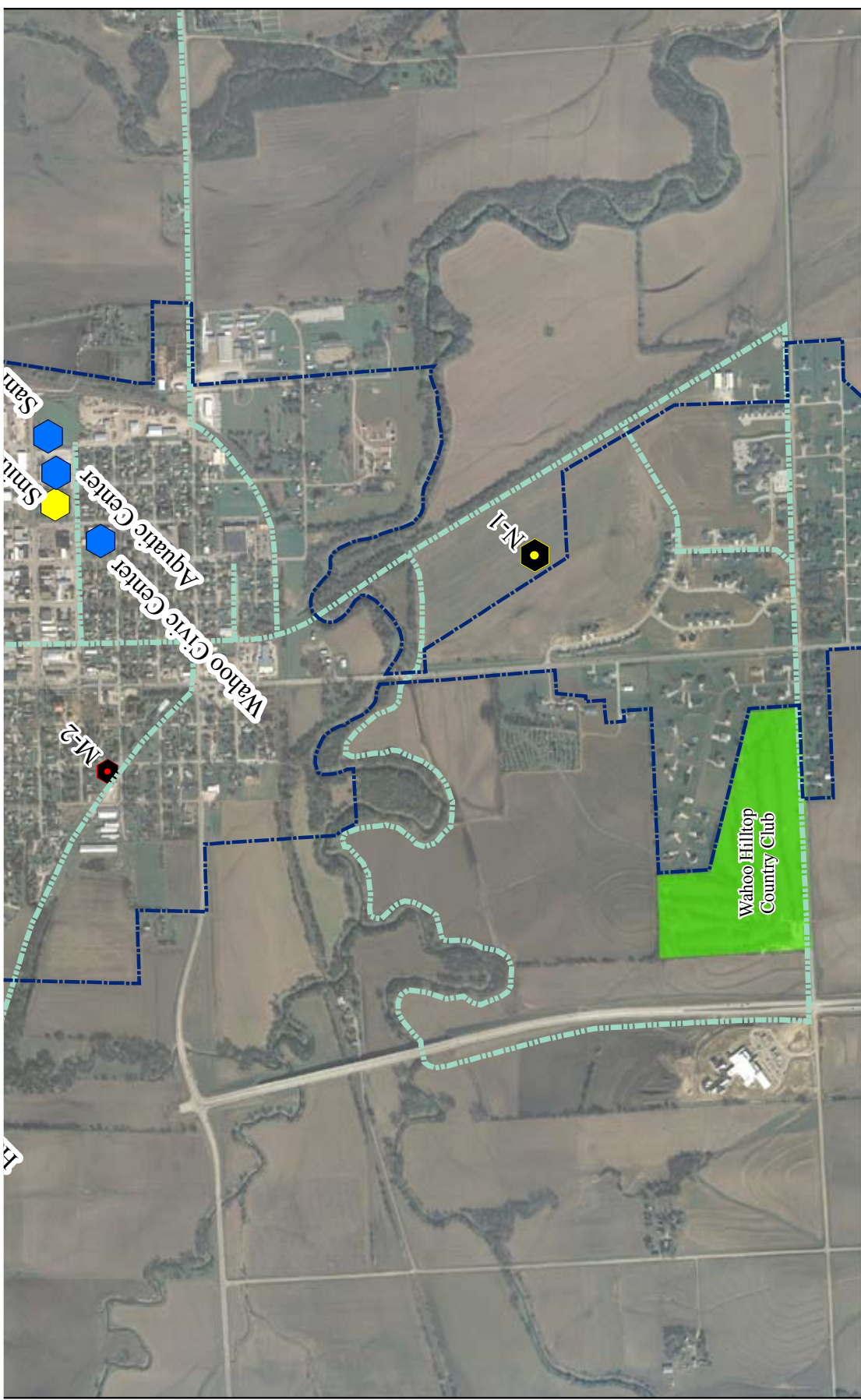
- Acquire land approximately ½ mile west of town south of County Road L
- Build

N-4 Neighborhood Park

- Acquire land approximately ½ mile east of town near the County Road L and County Road 16 intersection
- Build

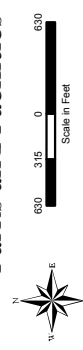






# City of Wahoo Saunders, County Nebraska Existing and Proposed Parks and Facilities

- Legend**
- Existing Community Park
  - Existing Neighborhood Park
  - Existing Mini Park
  - Existing Public School with Playground
  - Proposed Neighborhood Park
  - Proposed Mini Park
  - Other Existing Rec Facility
  - Other Proposed Rec Facility
  - Other Non-Municipal Rec Area
  - Proposed Trails
  - Corporate Limits



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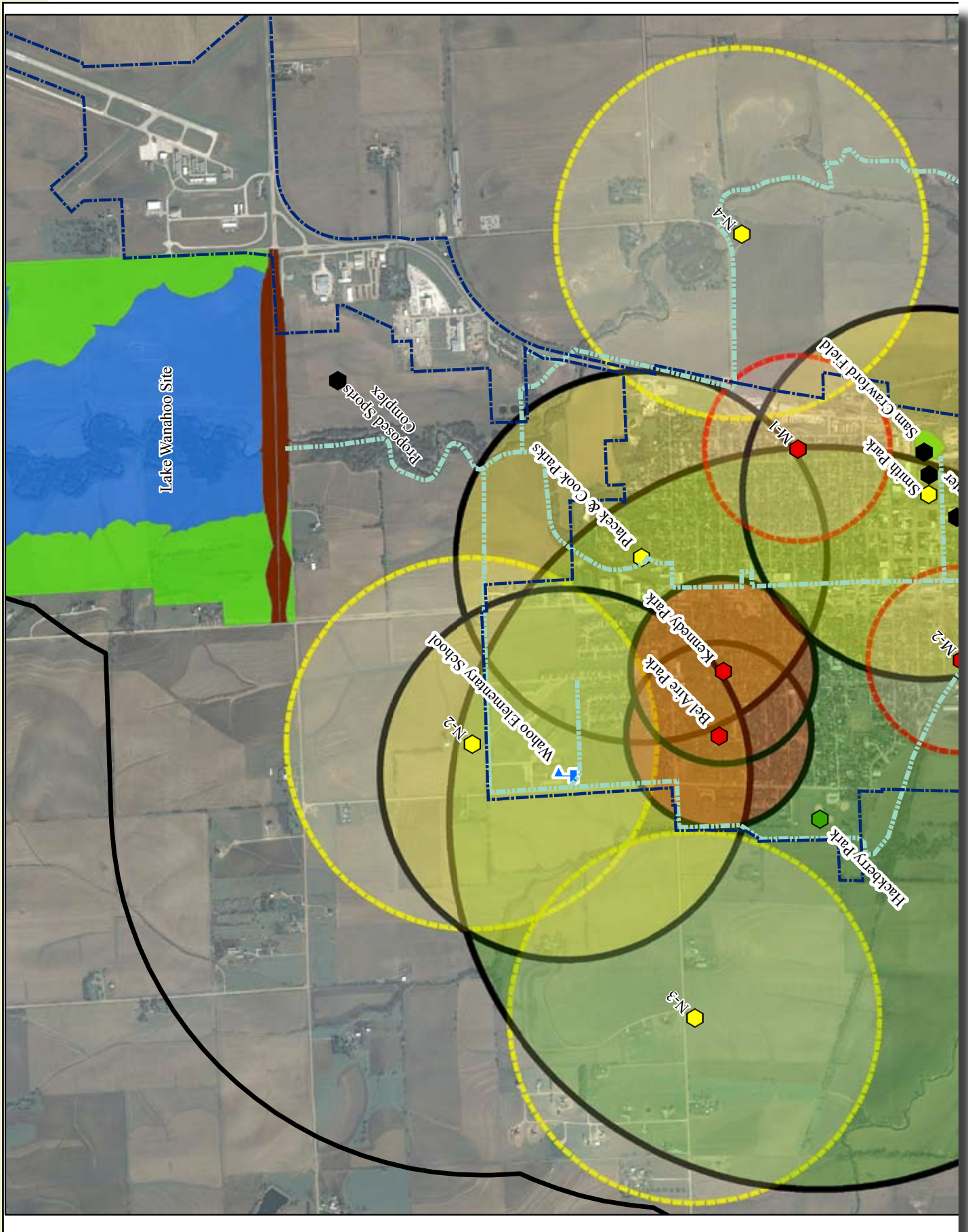
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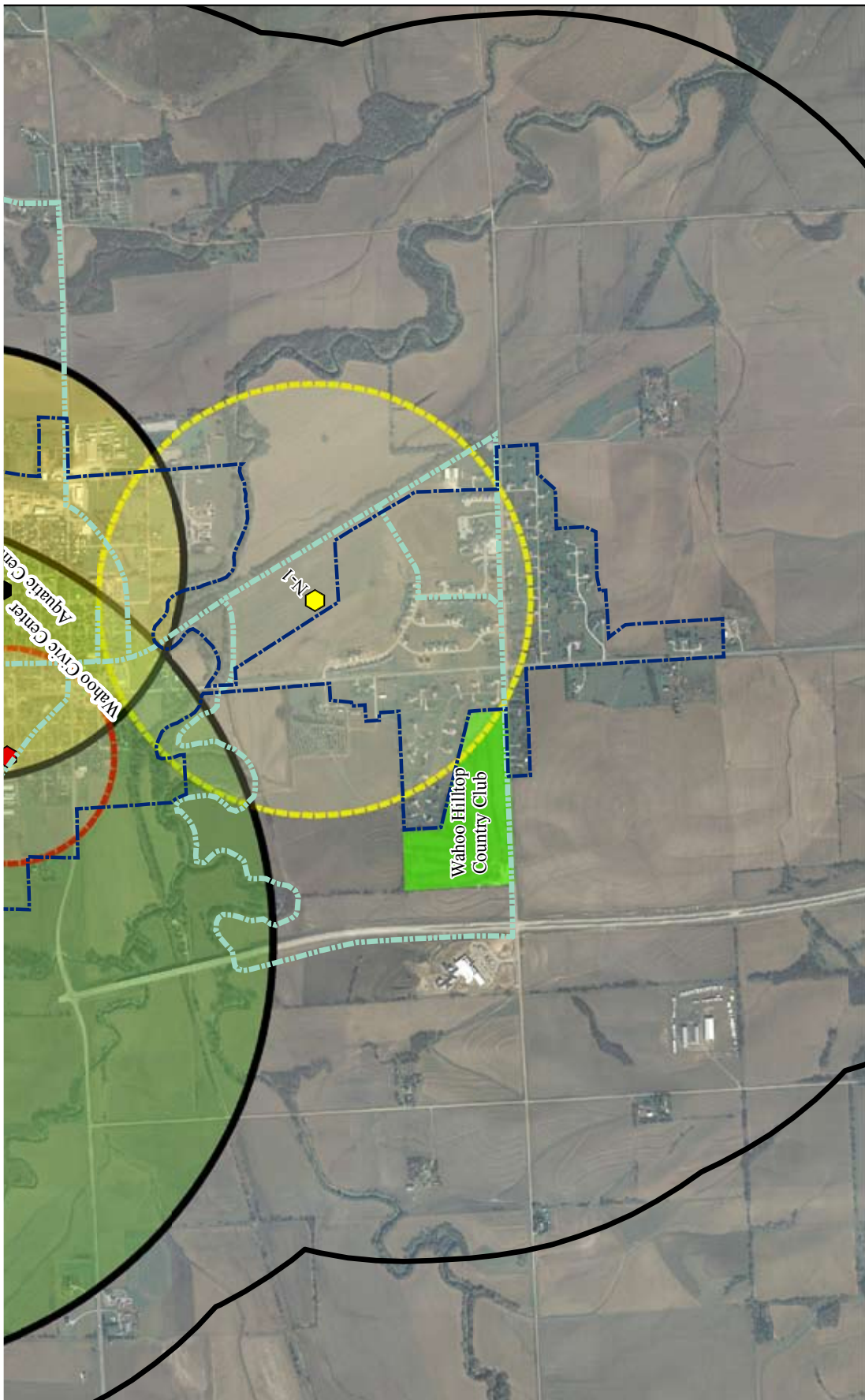
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FIGURE 18: EXISTING AND PROPOSED PARKS AND FACILITIES





### City of Wahoo

Saunders, County Nebraska

## Existing and Proposed Park Service Areas

#### Wahoo Parks and Rec Facilities

- Community Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Mini Park
- Other Facility
- ▲ School Site
- Other Rec Facility
- Proposed Trails

#### Park Service Areas by Status

- Existing Community Park
- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Existing Mini Park
- Proposed Neighborhood Park
- Proposed Mini Park

- Corporate Limits
- 1-Mile ETJ

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