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Parks, Open Space and Trails

Master Plan Update

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Perinton has evolved from a primarily agricultural community into a largely suburban residential community, interspersed with remaining farms and open space. During this evolution, town leaders had the foresight not only to develop local parks, but also to preserve open space lands for recreation and conservation. Since the 1970s, the Town of Perinton has set aside nearly 1000 acres of land for parks, open space, and trails. Like its parks, trails are a strength for Perinton; the Town has been named a top 10 “Trail Town USA” by the American Hiking Society and the National Park Service. The existing network of parks, open space lands and trails provides residents and visitors with a wide range of amenities, including sports fields, playgrounds, nature areas, community garden space, and a Community Center building that serves as a hub for community programs and events.

The Perinton Recreation and Parks Department (Recreation and Parks) has been in operation for over 50 years and works with several partner organizations to manage programs and facilities that serve over 46,500 residents and visitors. In 2009 Recreation and Parks conducted a thorough inventory and assessment of all its facilities. The 2009 Comprehensive Parks and Open Space Master Plan (Master Plan) guided Recreation and Parks in its annual allocation of funds and resources for facility maintenance and improvements. Over time, due to changes in the town’s demographics as well recreational demands, Recreation and Parks felt the need to update its Master Plan. In 2018 Recreation and Parks decided to undertake this update to its Master Plan.

Unlike the 2009 Plan, this 2018 update applies a wholistic approach to assessing the town’s recreation and parks overall system in addition to each of its individual parks. This Master Plan update is centered around five interconnected principles that guide the assessment of the functionality of the Department, each park and the recreational programming. The five principles are

Identity, Connection, Service, Environmental Stewardship, Funding

By conducting a wholistic assessment through the lenses of these principles, Recreation and Parks developed a stronger understanding of how each planned improvement aligns with the greater master plan. The overarching goal is to positively impact the overall health and efficiencies of the Town’s park system, resulting in a proactive approach to achieving the Department’s vision for the Town’s recreation and parks system.

In this Master Plan update, Recreation and Parks’ overall functionality is determined by how well it is currently addressing each of the five guiding principles. In other words, how well does the community identify with the Department? How well are the parks, trails and open spaces connected? Can Recreation and Parks improve its service to the community? Is Recreation and Parks acting as a good steward of the environment, and how reliable are the sources of funding for the Department? Answers to these questions, as well as many others, were obtained through data research and input from the recreation and parks staff as well as the community of Perinton. To better understand the community’s perspective, several public meetings were held, focus group meetings were conducted, and a survey was conducted. All recommendations for future improvements provided herein are based on public input as well as direct input from Recreation and Parks’ staff.

Recommendations are organized in a master matrix that presents goals for each park or property and examines potential costs and specific benefits of each project or policy as well as identifying the most pertinent user groups that could help form partnerships to ensure the success of the recommendation. Additionally, specific details and recommendations for each park are set forth in a *Park Sheet*. The individual park summary sheets are intended to be easily portable and act as quick reference guides to each park or open space. Each sheet includes an aerial photo map of the property, a summary of important features, and a set of goals related to each organizing principle used in the written report.

The following is a summary of the five principles as they apply to the Perinton Recreation and Parks Department and facilities including a few recommendations.

Identity is that by which the Recreation and Parks Department is recognized. Recreation and Parks' identity is informed by the department's mission or vision statement and is expressed by the quality of its products such as park facilities, trails, and programs. As an organizing principle, *Identity* defines the way the department fits into the community's network of services and gives visibility and cohesion to its work.

The Perinton Recreation and Parks Department has established its own strong identity by providing excellent service, open communication, and an active social media presence. For the immediate future, it is recommended that Recreation and Parks focus on enhancing its website to include a page tailored to each park with details regarding park features, amenities, and programs. The website could also include a web map of the entire town park system.

Connection describes how park facilities, trails, waterways, roads, and habitat corridors relate to each other physically, as well as how they, the Recreation and Parks staff, connect or relate their services and programs to the local community. Connection exists at multiple spatial and organizational levels.

The Town of Perinton has established very strong social, programmatic, and physical connections throughout the community. It has a very strong hiking trail system, known as the Crescent Trail, as well as access to multiple shared-use bicycle/pedestrian paths. These paths connect almost all of the Town's parks with one another.

The Town should continue connecting with local constituents and partners to learn the community's needs and desires for recreational programs. With regard to improving its trail system, a Perinton-specific app or a direct link to an existing regional app regarding trails would be well used by all local hikers, joggers, and bikers. Recreation and Parks should also leverage its assets by continuing to foster cooperation between several local organizations regarding the ongoing maintenance of various parks, open space areas, and trails.

Service speaks to the core of the Recreation and Parks Department. It crosses many scales, including spatial, temporal, and social. In practical terms, it describes the operational tasks of the department, including acquiring and managing properties, building and maintaining amenities within the parks, and creating opportunities for recreational and educational experiences. Tailoring services to the changing needs of a community requires a high level of organization, communication, and adaptability.

Perinton's Recreation and Parks Department successfully administers a large number of popular recreation and education programs, the majority of which are held at the Perinton Community Center. Residents express appreciation for the high-quality parks available to them, and for the extensive walking trails. With

each park facility, open space area, and trail, Recreation and Parks faces continuous need for physical and programmatic changes and improvements that meet the ever-changing needs of the community. At the same time, the Department is strongly committed to maintaining the facilities it already has, many of which have significant infrastructure that needs updating due to its age. Every year Recreation and Parks acts on the immediate improvements that can be achieved in the short term while they plan for the larger and more involved improvements that will take some time to achieve. For example, the Department has investigated developing a dog park, and based on direct input from the community, the town recently authorized an area for dogs to be off leash at Spring Lake Park, effectively meeting the community's needs for a dog park.

Recently the DeWitt open space land became available for public use. A concept plan was created to illustrate the potential for developing mountain bike trails, among other features. The full concept plan is located in Appendix D.

Environmental Stewardship is an increasingly important organizing principle. Stewardship is expressed in various forms depending on the nature of a property, but in every case the goal is to protect and manage parks and open spaces so that future generations find them in as good, if not better, health than today. Acts of stewardship can range from purchasing development rights to reducing mowing and pesticide use.

The Town of Perinton has been forward-thinking about conservation for decades. Beginning in the 1970s, the Town has proactively acquired properties, designated them "Open Space" and pursued conservation easements to protect natural areas and farmland from development. These open space properties have largely been maintained as "nature areas", with development limited to hiking trails and simple parking areas in most cases. In addition to its ongoing conservation and stewardship efforts and programs, Recreation and Parks should consider developing a sustainability plan applicable to all, or most, of its park facilities and open space lands.

Funding is a critical organizing principle because a park system cannot function without it. A reliable and fluid revenue stream is critical to turning dreams into reality. Revenue streams can come from a variety of sources, such as local taxes, programming fees, and grant funds. In addition to making use of such funding sources, Recreation and Parks works extensively with partner organizations to provide stewardship and programming. Recreation and Parks has established a proven track record of partnering with local not-for-profit organizations when maintaining its various facilities. It should employ the same approach to establishing partnerships for capital campaigns for specific projects or ongoing funding for continuous maintenance. Obtaining funding for community parks and trail projects can be challenging, and grants and assistance programs are constantly changing, both in terms of availability and application requirements. Opportunities discussed here should therefore be viewed as a starting point in the search for funding.



CONTEXT

Since its founding in the early 19th century, the Town of Perinton has rapidly evolved from being primarily forested to a thriving agricultural and shipping community, and in recent decades to largely suburban. Early farming settlements in the flat areas of Egypt and Perinton Center were quickly eclipsed as the Village of Fairport grew up around the newly built Erie Canal in the 1820s. The combination of rich farmland and easy shipping by both canal and railroad turned the village into a center of industry by the mid-19th century.

Until the mid-20th century, much of the Town of Perinton remained agricultural, but booming demand for suburban housing and office parks in the 1950s and 60s began the town's transformation from rural open space to a mosaic of homes, plazas, and parks. Concern over the loss of open space led to the adoption of conservation and historic preservation ordinances in the 1970s and 80s.



Fairport 1930



Fairport 1970



Fairport 2012

In recent years, as Perinton's population continues to grow, it also ages; the percentage of residents over the age of 65 has risen from 11.6 in the year 2000, to 18.3 in 2015. Median age was 39.3 years in 2000 and was 45.2 in 2015. Detailed demographic information can be found in the Town of Perinton's 2011 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Since the 1970s, the Town of Perinton has had the foresight to acquire and set aside nearly 1000 acres of land for parks, open space, and trails. Trails are a particular strength for Perinton; the town has been named a top 10 "Trail Town USA" by the American Hiking Society and the National Park Service. Spread out across what is now a suburban community, this network of parks and trails provides residents and visitors with a wide range of amenities, including sports fields, playgrounds, nature areas, community garden space, and a 67,500 square foot Community Center building, which serves as a hub for community programs and events.

The management of these properties is a true public-private partnership. The Perinton Recreation and Parks Department (Recreation and Parks) has been in operation for over 50 years and has evolved into a dynamic and complex department serving over 46,500 residents and visitors. Through collaboration with the non-profit Crescent Trail Hiking Association (CTHA), the Perinton Department of Public Works, the Village of Fairport, Fairport Central School District, and others, Recreation and Parks currently manages 20 parks and open spaces and provides over 2,300 recreation and education programs. Recreation and Parks' close partnership with the CTHA provides residents with access to over 40 miles of trails crossing a mosaic of state, county, town, and private lands. The majority of these are maintained and stewarded by CTHA volunteers.

In 2009 Recreation and Parks developed a Comprehensive Parks and Open Space Master Plan, which inventoried the town's park and open space properties and facilities and recommended specific capital improvements to certain buildings and other amenities. This provided Recreation and Parks with an understanding of what they had and created an organized "to do list" for the future. Over the years, Recreation and Parks discovered that, although helpful, this type of "master inventory" was not enough, as it did not address all aspects of the Department or its parks and recreational system. This 2018 Master Plan update goes beyond providing a "physical inventory" and list of "necessary capital improvements". This Master Plan is a meaningful and useful resource that reflects the complex framework of Perinton's park system and recreational programs. The initial assessment of each system is supported by a set of recommendations and implementation steps to act as a "play book" for enhancing and maintaining Perinton's recreational programs, parks, trails, and open spaces.

This Master Plan update consists of three components:

- *A written Master Plan document*
- *Individual "at-a-glance" graphic summary information sheets for each property ("Park Sheets")*
- *A recommendations matrix that organizes goals by property*

This plan update is structured as a set of interconnected recommendations specific to the character of Perinton and the Recreation and Parks Department. The mission and character of the Department is multi-dimensional and integrates values that are deeper than a simple list of facilities and programs. The entire parks and recreational system functions as a set of five interconnected "principles". These principles are:

Identity, Connection, Service, Environmental Stewardship, Funding

Each principle is an essential part of the success of the department. Each depends upon, and builds upon, the others. When all principles are fully engaged, the department is actively realizing its mission and purpose. Each part of the Master Plan update is organized around these principles. This document is divided into sections that further describe each principle, assess the department's current success in addressing issues relevant to that principle, and provide recommendations for improvements. From this assessment, specific projects have been identified and are further developed to fully appreciate the implementation steps necessary for full execution and achievement. The individual park summary sheets are intended to provide easily portable and shareable quick reference guides to each park or open space. Each sheet includes an aerial photo map of the property, a summary of important features, and a set of goals related to each organizing principle used in the written report. The recommendations matrix presents goals for each property according to each organizing principle and examines potential costs and specific benefits of each project or policy. This is intended to provide for quick and easy review of all recommendations and the effort required for each one.



CURRENT CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Identity

Description

A department's Identity is that by which the department is recognized. It is informed by the department's mission or vision statements and sense of direction and expressed by quality of products such as parks/facilities, trails, and recreational programs. As an organizing principle, Identity defines the way the department fits into the community's network of services and gives visibility and cohesion to its work.

All organizations, public and private, benefit from a strong, recognizable identity. Many municipal departments operate quietly, providing valuable resources to residents, business, and visitors, some of whom do not fully understand or appreciate the level of effort necessary to operate and maintain the various municipal systems that add to their quality of life. In a relevant way, municipal town staff do not just work for the community; *they are the community*. While conducting regular day-to-day activities, there are always opportunities to generate local pride, excitement, and personal investment (emotional and financial) throughout the community.

With a strong sense and presentation of identity the resources a department provides become more apparent and easier to access. Identity helps amplify public commitment and passion, and where there is commitment, there are both funding and volunteer power.

The external presentation of identity can be strengthened through graphic and visual cues such as logos, signature colors and hardscape materials, themed signage, and signature plants repeated throughout the town. Identity is also carried through social media platforms, including websites, Facebook, Instagram, and other platforms.

Existing Conditions

The Perinton Recreation and Parks Department has established its own strong identity by providing excellent customer service, informing the community of its many programs, events, and facilities through the use of a dedicated website, a Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter, and through direct communication with its many partners, such as the Fairport Central School District, Crescent Trail Hiking Association, and other not-for-profits, as well as local and state agencies. Active members of the community have indicated that they appreciate the professionalism and dedication of the Recreation and Parks staff.

Recreation and Parks currently has a strong social media presence, which allows easy public alerts and event publicity for social media-savvy residents. The department's enthusiasm for its work is clearly expressed via its posted events and programs. Additionally, the use of online registration for programs is not only convenient but also streamlines the process of enrollment for both residents and the department.

The recreational and educational programming the department provides is very diverse and is well advertised. However, during this planning process it was noted that many residents are not aware of all of the parks and open spaces available to them. Despite an active social media presence as well as monthly

newsletter, quarterly recreation programs brochure, and other formal means of communication, local residents are still learning about all that the Department has to offer.

While Recreation and Parks' website serves as a good platform from which to obtain information regarding park events and programs, or how to reserve a facility or field, specific details about the characteristics and value of each park and open space is not easily available. Apart from the 2009 Master Plan and Park Brochure, the website provides little information about each of the town's 20 parks and open spaces. Pages dedicated to the Community Garden and the Crescent Trail system do provide sufficient information for an interested resident to find and make use of these amenities, but even in these cases an injection of imagery and graphic mapping could increase the sense of excitement.

There is a strong opportunity for Recreation and Parks to celebrate their town-wide parks and open space system via their social media platforms. By updating and enhancing its website and Facebook page and other social media platforms, the department will increase its identity locally and regionally and will also encourage stronger connections between its users and facilities and programs, thus amplifying its overall identity.

Another attribute that contributes to the Recreation and Parks identity is its gateway and trail signage. The department has carefully considered its use of graphic logos on all of its signs and embraces the Town of Perinton's logo as a way of visually strengthening its identity as an integral part of the Town. Most parks and open spaces currently have gateway signs that are stylistically consistent and use the logo to clearly identify the parks with the Town of Perinton. However, these signs are not always oriented or located for high visibility to approaching drivers. This makes it difficult for new visitors to find some parks, or park entrances. For example, Perinton Park is clearly marked and easy to locate, but its entrances are not where the first-time visitor expects. In other cases, such as White Brook Nature Area, identifying signs are oriented parallel to the roadway, making them difficult to read in enough time to safely negotiate the turn into the driveway.

With respect to existing trail signage, in some locations trails are clearly marked and inviting, while in other locations trail crossings are obscure. In many cases, trail safety and use would be improved by increasing signage visibility with a better location, larger sign, or graphically enhanced sign. A current and ongoing project by the CTHA will continue to make improvements in this direction (see Connection).



Existing signage at White Brook Nature Area entrance

Recommendations

1. Enhance the department's website to include descriptions and summary information of all amenities for each park and open space. Consider using an interactive web map to help users find the parks, open spaces and their amenities.
2. Expand Recreation and Parks publications to include a town-wide parks and open space map, a brochure for each park and/or a brochure for a collection of similar parks.
3. Create standard design elements/guidelines that would establish visual continuity across multiple parks as improvements are made in the future.



Stylistically consistent gateway signs connect parks with the town of Perinton

Connections

The organizing principle of Connection is about how parks, trails, waterways, roads, and habitat corridors relate to each other physically, as well as how they connect or relate their services and programs to the local community. The principle of connection addresses how a recreation and parks department establishes social and healthy lifestyle connections for all users. Connections exist (or fail to exist) at multiple spatial and organizational levels, such as the individual park, the town-wide park system, and within the regional system.

At a regional level, parks and trails fit into a system or web far beyond the boundaries of one municipality's jurisdiction. Physical/visual, organizational, and working partnerships, which may be formed at a regional level across multiple jurisdictions, benefit both the department and community allowing for stronger partnerships and access to a larger collection of resources. At the **park-system** level, physical connections between several parks and between several features within one park act as a thread strengthening the overall system. Additionally, recreational programs provide social and cultural connections between the community and the park or facility in which the programs are facilitated. These physical, social/cultural, and organizational connections contribute to the overall park system itself, and when a connection is missing, becomes weak, or fails, the entire system suffers.

The principle of Connection is directly related to Identity in that lack of connectivity deteriorates identity whereas strong connections strengthen and build Identity. In this case, visual connectivity via wayfinding signage adds value to each park, trail, or open space as well as to the quality of the overarching recreation and parks system. Forging and sustaining connections, be they physical, temporal, or emotional, brings value to a park system as a whole, by making it more useable. Poor or missing connections can therefore detract from an overall parks system by reducing visibility of individual parks and open spaces, and by making properties appear less special than they truly are. For example, attractive and well-maintained signs are visual signals that tell visitors they are in a place that is cared for and matters. These and other "cues to care" can promote trail and park stewardship by users, because people tend to value places that they can see that others value (see Identity).

At the individual park level, connections can be planned and enhanced between elements within one park property. This is the most obvious level of connections for park users. Park ownership is a mosaic within the Town of Perinton. In Perinton there are County, Town, and Village parks available to all residents. Cooperation and physical connection between all of the parks, regardless of municipal ownership, benefits both the community at large, and respective resource managers.

Current Conditions

Since its inception, the Recreation and Parks Department has understood the principle of Connection and has worked to foster connections at all levels throughout its system. The town has maintained a robust and flexible recreational program structured to serve all levels of recreationalists, from newborns to senior citizens, establishing social connections throughout the community for generations (see, Service). The Department has nurtured a very strong connection to its constituents, listening and learning from them about their personal and family recreational interests and needs, and its system of recreational programs

has constantly evolved to meet these needs. Through its strong recreational system, the Department continues to strengthen the community's social and cultural connections at a personal level for each person who participates in its programs. Without a doubt, these social connections contribute to the local quality of life and community health. The success of the recreational programs is coupled with the wide variety of parks, trails and open space lands available for program activities.

In addition to a robust recreational programming system and a very healthy variety of parks and open space lands, including a state-of-the-art Community Center, the Town of Perinton has an unusually strong trail system that runs through and connects to a majority of the parks. This nationally recognized trail network includes connections to regional multi-use trails, including the Erie Canalway Trail and the Rochester Syracuse & Eastern (RS&E) Trolley Trail, also called the Perinton Hikeway-Bikeway. These multi-use trails also connect to the Crescent Trail, a 35-mile system of natural hiking trails, which crosses both public and private properties by making use of easements. Visitors and Perinton residents therefore have access to an incredible circuit of shared-use bicycle and pedestrian trails.

Recreation and Parks has maintained a strong working relationship with the Crescent Trail Hiking Association (CTHA), which is a well-established volunteer group that maintains some 35 miles of trail using all volunteer labor. The CTHA has collaborated with Recreation and Parks since its inception. Ensuring that this strong working relationship continues to the next generation is critical to the continued success of the trail system in Perinton.

One of the primary methods of connecting the community to its recreational parks system is through signage (see Identity). Perinton's parks are generally well identified, and ongoing efforts to increase trail signage have made enjoying the well-developed trail network throughout the town much easier, but navigability along trails, between trails, and from park to trail can still be somewhat challenging to those unfamiliar with the area. A comprehensive town-wide wayfinding signage system could more completely weave the parks and trails systems together.

Navigability can be measured by a few basic criteria, such as successful recovery of location and orientation (i.e. where am I and which way am I facing), ability to successfully perform wayfinding tasks, and how well the navigator can accumulate wayfinding experience in the space (i.e. the navigator's ability to form a mental map of the area). Examples of important components of wayfinding systems include named landmarks, directional signs indicating which way to turn for a particular destination, informational signage to help in choosing a destination, trail blazes to prevent hikers from losing their way, and mile markers to help orient trail users within trail sections.

The Crescent Trail is broken out into a complex set of segments and sections with few trail sections individually identified by name or number. Trail segments are designated as "main", "loop", "branch", "connecting", or "access path" trails, and these designations are indicated by colored blazes. These blazes, while helpful, are limited in their usefulness by the lack of accompanying map or descriptive signage. Further differentiation such as numbered intersections or named trail loops could add value to the current trail marker system. Inclusion of simple maps at major intersections or GPS coordination with an app could further improve users' ability to orient themselves at intervals during a hike.

Since 2015, the CTHA has added approximately 250 simple directional signs at trailheads, junctions, road crossings, and other key points. In the summer of 2017, CTHA added kiosks for posting localized natural

area and trail-related information at three major trailhead locations, with the intention of continuing to add kiosks as funding permits. This signage project has also included updating trail markers within the Crescent Trail system. Over time, unfortunately, in some locations signs have suffered from vandalism, and CTHA reports approximately 10% have needed replacement.

In addition to physical signage, interactive web-maps and mobile apps can provide valuable information to trail and park users. There are several existing apps provided by a range of organizations near Perinton. These should be evaluated for local accuracy and relevance, so that Recreation and Parks and the CTHA can decide whether to partner with existing resources or create a new app specific to Perinton's parks and trails. As navigational tools, mobile apps have the advantage of showing a user's current location at any point during a hike or ride. An app could also provide an easy way for people to understand the location of specific parks relative to other neighborhoods, the village, or other parks. One option would be to develop a unique Perinton Recreation and Parks App. Another would be to use an existing app, adding content specific to Perinton.

Downloadable / printable maps can serve as an intermediate resource. In addition to expanding park-specific information available on the Recreation and Parks Department website, the department could also distribute a variety of maps suitable for navigating or choosing a destination. Over the past several years, numerous trail connections have been added to the system. These connections have been mapped and added to the Town's Geographic Information System of trails, which will allow updates to publicly available trail maps and data. Recreation and Parks and the CTHA intend to update these GIS based resources in 2019. Once these mapping projects are completed, it will be possible to assess opportunities and establish priorities with regard to desired future connections.

Recommendations

1. Continue with reliable feedback loop with local constituents and partners to learn communities needs and desires for recreational programs.
2. Create a unified comprehensive wayfinding system using the existing Recreation and Parks graphic style designated for park entry / gateway signs. This includes adding more directional signs, facility identification such as building / shelter name signs, and maps (see, Identity).
3. Continue to update Town's GIS based trail data to include new connections as needed. Update publicly available maps at regional, town and individual park scales.
4. Create a series of brochures for recommended hikes, and provide information at trailheads describing trail segment length, conditions, and level of difficulty, allowing users to assess whether a hike is within their own capability.
5. Develop a new app or link to an existing app that easily locates Perinton's trails, open spaces, and parks with directional guidance.

6. Foster organizational cooperation between local jurisdictions regarding the maintenance of local parks and recreational programming.



Crescent Trail signage at Bushnell's Basin



Newly installed information kiosk at White Brook Nature Area



Crescent Trail directional signage at Howell Road Park

Service

The principle of service crosses many scales, including spatial, temporal, physical, and social. Maintenance, for example, includes routine, everyday activities, annual or seasonal tasks, occasional repairs, and scheduled upgrades. Recreation and parks improvements might be as small as adding a new walkway or new educational program, or as large as acquiring a new property or constructing a community center. Providing robust, all-season recreational programs as a service involves various levels of tasks, from program development and coordination with the local school district to scheduling classes and events and planning for the long term as well as the next day. To some extent, the principle of service speaks to the core or heart of existence for the Recreation and Parks Department. It includes acquiring and managing properties, building and maintaining amenities within the parks, and creating opportunities for structured recreation and education such as organized sports, classes, events, or childcare.

A municipal department should tailor its services to meet the demands of its community. The staff should establish strong connections to their community, and through strategic outreach, stay informed about who uses their resources and what their future users may be (see Connection). These important factors (including age, income, recreational interests) help shape the mix of programs and facilities needed to meet the demands of the community. Regardless of what the service consists of, a high level of organization is required to consistently provide high quality service at all levels. This includes employing systems that are flexible and nimble enough to adjust with changing needs, and analyzable so that the need for change is easily observed.

Existing Conditions

A public survey conducted during this planning process provided valuable information about how the parks are perceived by users. One of the most revealing questions simply asked respondents to indicate their three favorite parks or open spaces, and comment on their reasons. Among survey respondents, smaller, more highly visible parks with active recreation opportunities such as softball fields or playgrounds were most often listed as “favorites”. High quality playgrounds were most frequently cited as reasons for favoring a particular park. Several comments express appreciation for open spaces and walking opportunities, yet open space properties were not frequently chosen as “favorites” by this sample of residents. As discussed under “Identity”, many respondents commented that they had “never heard of these parks” but were interested in visiting them now that they had a list. These results are consistent with an unevenness in the visibility of properties, both in terms of available information, and of literal visibility from nearby roads and neighborhoods.

Programming Services

For well over fifty years, the Perinton Recreation & Parks department has provided a wide variety of recreation and education programs for all ages, ranging from dance, music and arts, to science, personal finance, first aid, dog obedience, foreign language, and meditation classes. With the notable exception of sports, nature, and teen-specific social programs, the vast majority of these take place at the Perinton Community Center (PCC). Additional programs, including karate, rock climbing, horseback riding, golf, and skating are provided through partnerships with outside private and public organizations.

Over the years, in response to local sociodemographic changes such as families with two working parents, the type and location of programs changed to meet the community's needs and desires. Perinton's programming services have not only met the immediate contemporary desires and needs as expressed by the community but have forecasted and responded to recreational trends as they emerge. This has been achievable due to the strong communication and connections the department has cultivated with the community. Currently, even in the era of private gyms, traveling sports clubs, and over-scheduled families, Perinton's program attendance can well exceed 15,000 attendees in one year, which is a significant achievement for a town of approximately 46,500 residents. The program attendance is currently tracked through a digital registration system, which is used as one of several resources to spot trends, allowing the department to shift its energies and resources in appropriate directions. Tracking revenues and expenses has also helped the department pinpoint areas of potential cost savings while understanding which programs are desired by the community.

Facility Services

The Town of Perinton has the responsibility of maintaining 20 parks and open space lands for approximately 46,500 residents to use and enjoy. Many of the parks, though well used for decades, are in relatively good condition. Residents have frequently expressed their appreciation for having access to high quality parks and natural areas and open spaces (see Appendix C). Their expressed concerns have mainly focused on signage, use conflicts within certain parks (due to high demand), condition of playgrounds, condition and location of sports facilities, and trail connections. Less obvious to many park users are the maintenance and repair needs of "invisible" existing infrastructure such as underground utility lines. Although most park facilities and fields are in decent condition, some need upgrades, repairs, or replacement sooner than later. As a companion to this Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan update, the Department has commissioned a thorough Facility Assessment Plan, which details maintenance and improvement needs with a focus on building infrastructure.

Below is a summary description of each park and open space, including existing conditions and potential capital improvement needs. More detailed information on park conditions and facility-specific recommendations is provided in individual park summary sheets, which can be found in Appendix A of this report. Each park summary sheet provides a quick reference map, park description, and key recommendations. These can be used as a field resource for staff, as a public information resource, and as part of record-keeping. An Implementation Matrix located in Appendix B provides an organized "at-a-glance" set of goals for capital improvements with cost estimates for each park and open space property.

Ayrault Road Boat Launch

Ayrault Road Boat Launch is located off of Ayrault Road in the northwest quadrant of Perinton and is an access point for small watercraft appropriate to the Erie Canal. It provides both docks and a boat ramp, and has parking designed to accommodate boat trailers. This is an easily accessed point for those who enjoy kayaking or canoeing on the Erie Canal. Although this boat launch is not connected to other parks or trails by land, boaters can access other parks along the canal such as Bushnell's Basin. During the summer months, this small boat launch is often overcrowded, which points to a possible need for additional facilities. Facility upgrades needed include an ADA compliant access path to the docks, upgrades to parking lot lighting, and addressing concerns with parking (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Ayrault Road Boat Launch in Fall



Beechwoods trail

Beechwoods

Beechwoods is located off High Street Extension in the northeast quadrant of Perinton and consists of 22.8 acres. Beechwoods is one of the smallest and oldest open space properties in Perinton. It provides easy access to nature trails through lowland forest and stream habitat. Amenities are limited to trails and two small parking areas appropriate to the small size of the preserve. An ongoing project will clear trees damaged by storms and add new trees in the fall of 2019 (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

Bushnell's Basin Docks

Bushnell's Basin is located off of Pittsford-Victor Road (Route 96) in the southwest quadrant of Perinton. It is not a traditional park, but a one-acre public boat dock and canoe launching area on the Erie Canal. The location has a rich history as a boatyard, warehouse district, and commercial center dating back to the early 19th century and is still home to several local business and restaurants. The dock facilities and restroom

building at Bushnell's basin were recently updated and are largely in very good condition. Ice damage to the floating docks sustained during the winter of 2017-18 necessitated their removal until major repairs could be done. Restoration of the dock facilities is currently under way and will be completed in 2019. This park is well-liked and frequently used, and because of its location away from the main downtown area of Fairport, it retains its own identity within the Town of Perinton. This special park is frequently visited by Perinton residents, especially those from adjacent neighborhoods, as well as visitors from neighboring communities. Although it is small, Bushnell's Basin is one of only three Town parks where camping is allowed (reservation permit required) (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Bushnell's Basin dock area in 2016



Center Park East

Center Park East, located off of Ayrault Road in the northeast quadrant of Perinton, is an approximately 45-acre property designated as both park and open space. It offers soccer fields and is one of the more popular places for off-leash dog walking, which is allowed on open space properties. Amenities are limited, but its proximity to Center Park West and the Community Center, as well as the Trolley Trail, which have several amenities, allows users access to amenities in those parks. Parking lot improvements with new striping for designated parking spaces are scheduled to occur in the near term. Other facility needs include new water lines (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

Center Park West

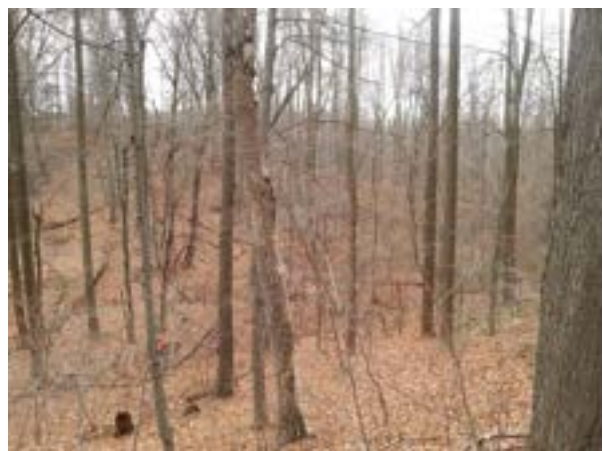
Center Park West is accessed from Ayrault Road and consists of approximately 49 acres adjacent to the Perinton Community Center (PCC). It is well used by organized sports teams, particularly for soccer. This park hosts soccer fields for multiple age groups, which are in high demand from spring through fall seasons. Center Park West connects directly to the PCC and associated amphitheater, as well as to the RS&E Trolley Trail. This major trail connection allows off-road biking and walking between the park and the Village of Fairport. Camping is allowed at Center Park West, by reservation. Similar to Egypt Park, the wetlands on the property provide an opportunity for passive environmental education. Updating the playground is a goal in the next few years. Over the years, the community has indicated a desire for swings for young children to be added. Other facility needs include new water lines, restroom updates, and repairs to sidewalks (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Center Park West

DeWitt Property

The DeWitt property, which has recently been opened for public use is located off Turk Hill Road in the southeast quadrant of Perinton. It consists of 56.4 acres of diverse landscape and terrain. The Crescent Trail crosses the eastern side of the property, and there are several spontaneous hiking and off-road biking trails as well. The trails on this property are well used, and at times the heavy use has negatively impacted the trails. The site would better realize its full potential with a master plan that accommodated multi-use trails. This document includes a concept plan that illustrates possible improvements, including well-defined mountain biking and multi-use trails, multi-use playing fields, parking area, park shelter, and restroom facilities, rustic picnic areas, and a designated archery practice area (see Appendix C). For additional information, see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B.



DeWitt Property in winter

Egypt Park

Egypt Park is located at the intersection of Pittsford-Palmyra Road (Hwy 31) and Victor Road in the southeast quadrant of Perinton. Operated through a lease agreement with the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm, it is one of the Town's most popular parks and is very heavily used. A new playground, which replaced the old tennis courts, is very popular with parents of young children. The RS&E Trolley Trail connects directly with Egypt Park, making it relatively accessible by active transportation (hikers, runners, and bicyclists). The park shelter was updated in 2012. A multi-use playing field is currently not used much because of poor drainage that causes it to be wet throughout the warmer seasons. Additionally, a small wetland area near the parking lot provides an opportunity for passive environmental education for visiting families to enjoy. The bathroom facility needs immediate replacement or renovation in the next 1-5 years, and parking lot improvements are needed as well (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Egypt Park Playground

Fellows Road Park

Fellows Road Park is located off Fellows Road at the intersection of Whitney Rd, in the northeast quadrant of Perinton. It is one of Perinton's hardest-working parks, from a service perspective. It consists of 33.5 acres, is very popular among residents, and includes two park shelters, and several areas for active recreation. Particularly popular facilities include softball fields, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and beach volleyball courts. A fitness trail provides an opportunity for focused outdoor exercise. The playground facility is well used and often cited as a "favorite". The community building at Fellows Road Park is well used by many local groups and families all year but is in need of replacement or renovation in the next 1 – 5 years. Water lines at Fellows Road are in need of replacement, as are the tennis courts. New sidewalks are needed along Whitney Road and Fellows Road. An area near the northern edge of the park, which was formerly used for outdoor ice skating, has significant drainage issues. Once this is resolved, the area could become more useful for organized sports (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Garnsey Arboretum

Garnsey Arboretum is located off Garnsey Road in the southwest quadrant of Perinton. It is not highly visible and is not intended for active recreational use. The property's low-lying, flood-prone character limits development options. Opportunities for passive recreation are also limited due to the close proximity of the residential neighbors. Members of the community have commented that they feel uncomfortable using the space, as it feels like entering someone else's back yard. Adding defined paths and other natural elements could provide cues that this space is intended for public use. Additionally, thoughtful additions to the plant collection, with a focus on moisture-loving plants appropriate to the site conditions, could increase the property's value as an arboretum (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Garnsey Arboretum in fall



Hart's Woods

Hart's Woods is located near Moseley Road, in the northwest quadrant of Perinton, and is accessed from Clarkes Crossing to the south, or from the Minerva DeLand School property to the north. Hart's Woods has been recognized as a unique setting and is registered as a National Natural Landmark. Though small at ten acres, it is a rare undeveloped remnant Beech-Maple-Oak forest, with 80-90 ft. canopy and some individual trees of 2 feet DBH and 250 years of age. Herbaceous understory vegetation is reportedly recovering since the addition in 2012 of a new official trail system. The site is mainly used by nearby residents and by the neighboring Minerva DeLand School. A 2013 field inspection by the National Park Service found the woods to be in satisfactory condition and recommended a "quiet" management strategy in which there is little active maintenance and little advertisement. For an ecologically significant site of only ten acres, this approach makes sense as it avoids excessive impacts from too many visitors (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

Horizon Hill Conservation Area

Horizon Hill is located off of Garnsey Road in the southwest quadrant of Perinton and is a favorite location for hikers. This area provides 73.5 acres of naturalized open space with access to several trails. A desire for some trail improvements has been expressed by members of the community. This interest in trail improvements should be balanced with a policy for light maintenance for safety with little to no interruption of the natural setting (see Park Sheets, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

Howell Road Park

Howell Road Park is located off Howell Road in the northeast quadrant of Perinton. It consists of 208.6 acres of open, undeveloped fields and woodlands on both sides of Howell Road, with sections of the Crescent Trail running through it. Surrounded by residential neighborhoods, the park is an incredible resource. Recently, residents have voiced a desire for a playground and some athletic groups have indicated an interest in practice fields. Recreation and Parks will consider lower cost development options of the park for the near future, including a sports practice field. New practice fields would use only a fraction of the total acreage, thus leaving significant undeveloped acreage, keeping maintenance costs low. Proposed designs should consider impacts to nearby neighbors, including light, noise, and increased traffic (see Park Sheets, Appendix A: Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

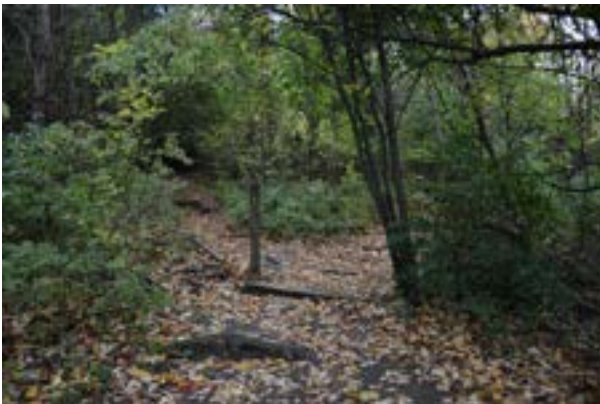


Howell Road Park



Indian Hill

Indian Hill is located off of Pittsford-Palmyra Road (Hwy 31) in the southeast quadrant of Perinton. This open space consists of approximately 35 acres and is primarily wooded. This area is known for its trails. Trails within Indian Hill connect with other sections of the Crescent Trail, allowing users options for longer hikes. A direct open space connection is formed between the Indian Hill, Thayer Hill, and Dewitt Open Space Properties through the Town's ownership of development rights on private property. It appears that some trails in Indian Hill suffer from erosion and encroaching vegetation. Improvements to trailhead signage and parking would make Indian Hill more inviting for hikers (see Appendix A).



Indian Hill trails



Kreag Road Park

Kreag Road Park is located on Kreag Road at I-490 in the southwest quadrant of Perinton and is another well-used park that is quite popular with many residents. It consists of 9 acres and includes, among other features, 1 playground, 1 picnic shelter, 2 tennis courts, pickleball courts, and 2 softball fields, which are in high demand even though the tree line infringes slightly upon standard outfield size, 1 basketball court, and access to various trails including the Crescent Trail, although, several of the trail connections are somewhat obscure. Docks, which were installed in 2009, provide access to the Erie Canal. In the near-term, attention should be given to updating the playground, which is well used. The basketball court is in need of reconstruction and new poles. Aging shuffleboard courts need to be restored or removed. There is a need for constructing ADA-compliant restroom facilities. Reconfiguring the parking lot to reduce traffic conflicts during times of high use is a possible long-term goal (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Kreag Road Park dock



Kreag Road Park shelter

Mason Valley

Mason Valley is located off Broadmoor Trail in the southeast quadrant of Perinton. It consists of 39.3 acres of natural area, including constructed wetlands, and is surrounded by residential development. Mason Valley Open Space is primarily used by Crescent Trail hikers and neighborhood residents (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

McCoord Hannan Woods

McCoord Hannan Woods is located between Garnsey and Kreag Roads in the southwest quadrant of Perinton. It consists of 29.2 acres which includes some of the steepest terrain in Perinton. Similar to Indian Hill and Horizon Hill, McCoord Hannan Woods is well-known by hikers in Perinton and surrounding communities. Access points for the trails in McCoord Woods are mainly located on private property and are open to hikers based on local homeowner's permission (see Park Sheets, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

Perinton Community and Aquatics Center

The Perinton Community and Aquatic Center (PCC) sits up high off of Turk Hill Road in the northeast section of town and provides an indoor central gathering place for all town residents. The PCC is the only indoor recreational facility for the town and is connected to Center Park East & West, and as such, is the

“central hub” for the town’s recreational and parks system. The PCC offers a wide variety of programs for all ages and interests. A significant percentage of all programs offered throughout the year are located at PCC. Of the approximately 2,417 programs offered annually, 2,384 or 98% are held at the PCC. The PCC includes a six-lane, 25-yard pool and indoor water park, a full gymnasium, fitness center, fitness track loop, a 55+ Senior Center, several flexible meeting rooms, and a community gathering space centrally located in the building overlooking the aquatic center. The building also houses Perinton’s town offices.

In addition to the indoor gymnasium and pool, there is a small outdoor playground adjacent to the building for young children. Center Park West includes an amphitheater, which hosts an outdoor concert series during the summer. The 2017 Facilities Assessment Plan includes specific recommendations for improvements to the PCC. Additionally, the Department reviews universal accessibility to the facility and makes improvements as needed (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Perinton Community Center and Amphitheater

Perinton Park

Perinton Park is located off of Fairport Road / Church Street, with entrances from O’Connor Road, in the northwest quadrant of Perinton. It is a favorite among local residents and offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities from passive picnicking to camping to an active game of basketball. It is also a very popular location for events, such as the 4th of July Party in the Park, Fairport Regatta, and several 5K Run fundraisers. Perinton Park is 43.6 acres and provides direct access to the Erie Canal and the



Canalway Trail, including overnight boat docking. It includes a heated building, park shelter, 6 tennis courts, a beach volleyball court, a basketball court, playground, and wide-open, easily accessed picnic areas. The section nearest the canal is owned by the New York State Canal Corporation and is leased to the Town. In 2019, the Hudson River Valley Greenway will install trailhead facilities such as welcome signage and bicycle parking in the state-owned portion of Perinton Park, as the Erie Canalway Trail becomes part of the 750-mile Empire State Trail. Town park infrastructure

update needs include reconstruction of tennis and basketball courts and associated fences, water line upgrades, replacing or removing the building skylight, rebuilding crew docks, and updating the lower parking lot (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

Potter Park

Potter Park, located in the Village of Fairport, is owned by the Village and operated by Recreation and Parks through a lease agreement. It is a neighborhood park that is easily accessed by residents in the surrounding village neighborhoods. Potter Park is the site of the Lion's Den Teen Center, which offers several programs and a safe place for all teens to gather. The Community Garden, established in 2011 on the site of a WWII Victory Garden, and now a dominant feature of the park, has been wildly successful over the past six years. Perinton has partnered with the local food bank to allow residents who rent garden beds to donate surplus produce to local food banks. Basketball and pickleball courts have recently been updated. The athletic fields at Potter Park are not as well used as those at other locations, due in part to direct impacts to the adjacent neighborhood. Updates to building doors and ramp are priority projects (see Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Lion's Den Teen Center, Community Garden, and Playground at Potter Park

Spring Lake Park

Spring Lake Park is tucked down behind Whitney Road West, in the northwest quadrant of Perinton. It is very popular with dog owners and is the site of a newly approved designated off-leash dog-play area. This new improvement is a direct outcome of feedback received from the community while developing this plan. Further clarification of guidelines and criteria for the dog section is a priority.

Some users have indicated that they perceive Spring Lake as “the forgotten park”. In the recent past, due to its location down along Irondequoit Creek, Spring Lake Park was underutilized and somewhat in need of attention. Priority projects include restroom updates, a fishing cleaning station, new/redesigned sidewalks, reconstruction of parking, addition of a new shelter, and conceptual planning for reuse of the old park operations building located near the park entrance. The softball fields located in the back of the park are poorly drained and subject to flooding as well as frequent dog use. Additionally, much of the playground equipment is in need of replacement.

One of the unique features of Spring Lake Park is how it is nestled alongside Irondequoit Creek. The creek offers opportunities for fishing and simple enjoyment of nature. The stream bank, however, is eroding in many locations and needs to be restored and stabilized. A 2009 restoration project area has suffered from overuse, in part by dogs enjoying access to the water. Riparian areas are currently impacted by invasive vegetation, which reduces habitat quality but may be contributing to bank stabilization and should therefore be removed with careful planning for restoration (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



Spring Lake Park

Thayer Hill

Thayer Hill is located off Pittsford-Palmyra Road (Hwy 31) in the southeast quadrant of Perinton and is a 68-acre open space with trails that are currently among the only trails available, if unofficially, for equestrian use. Thayer Hill has potential for well-designed mountain bike and equestrian trails in the future. Designs should consider the needs of different trail user groups, such as potential use conflicts, appropriate access points, and adequate parking (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).

White Brook Nature Area

The main access point to White Brook Nature Area is located off of Aldrich Road in the southeast quadrant of Perinton. This is one of the town’s most popular open space areas. The Nature Center building provides a hub for visitors and is used for nature education programs for children. It is a very popular indoor space, which is available for use by all and can be reserved for special events. The extensive trails located in this area serve many families for favorite hikes and nature walks. Due to the popularity of the trails, the community has indicated a desire for access to bathrooms during daylight hours in all seasons. Priority infrastructure projects include urgent repairs to water utilities, addition of outdoor water source and restroom for public use, expanded outdoor seating area to accommodate expanded outdoor classroom programming, and addition of sand box, vegetable garden, and fire pit. As a natural open space, this area provides opportunities for conservation surveys conducted or overseen by the Perinton Conservation Board

and other partners with Recreation and Parks (see Park Sheet, Appendix A; Implementation Matrix, Appendix B).



White Brook Nature Area



Trail Connections

In a suburban community like Perinton, where the average commute is 20 minutes and more than 80% of commuters travel by car, a robust multi-use trail system with connections to regional trails is an amenity that can contribute significantly to public health, environmental quality and quality of life. Making additions to the existing trail system is a particular opportunity for meaningful improvement to the town's already robust parks and open space network, as well as an opportunity for residents to make practical use of a town-wide multi-modal system.

Many of Perinton's trails are designated for hiking, which is primarily recreational. Use of these trails is about enjoying the journey, rather than about reaching a destination. In contrast, the utility of a multi-use trail can be limited when the number of meaningful destinations it reaches is low. Both recreational and health value of a shared-use trail is amplified when functional destinations are an option by the simple fact that more people can choose to walk or bike to their destination instead of driving.

Examples of major destinations in Perinton that could have better bicycle access include schools, particularly Fairport High School. East-West connections between neighborhoods on opposite sides of the Erie Canal are somewhat limited and could be enhanced by the addition of a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian bridge. In addition, while the majority of parks and open spaces are connected by the Crescent Trail system, these are designated for hiking only. Creating additional safe bicycle connections between parks would increase opportunities for alternative healthy connections between parks and open spaces in Perinton.

It is noted that the 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Town of Perinton recommended shared-use trails in the following locations, which should be given consideration over the longer term:

1. Old Post Road to Erie Crescent and Minerva Deland Jr. High School—this short section could bridge the gap between the cul-de-sac at the end of Old Post Road and Oxbow Road, crossing the powerline easement and could include any needed improvement along Oxbow Road to provide a continuous north-south path for non-motorized transportation.

2. Powerline Right-of-Way, Erie Canal to Center Park—a shared-use path that takes advantage of the existing powerline that runs East-West through the town could provide safe, dedicated bicycle and pedestrian travel between public schools, and between nearby neighborhoods. This section would be beneficial on its own but could become doubly important if connected to a section on the west side of the Erie Canal.
3. Powerline Right-of-Way, Pittsford line to Erie Canal—this trail section could potentially create a “short-cut” connection between the villages of Fairport and Pittsford. A complete direct connection would require the construction of bridges at the canal and at Interstate 490.
4. Turk Hill road between Crescent Trail access points—this segment would be of best use for pedestrian travel, as the Crescent Trail itself is not open to bicycles. It would, however, create a safer link between major sections of the Crescent Trail.

In addition to connections within the Town of Perinton, trail connections to wider regional networks are desirable, as they can provide the longer distances sought by many users. The presence of the 350-mile Erie Canalway Trail is a strong asset, making Perinton a stop on the planned Empire State Trail that, when complete, will provide some 750 miles of continuous bicycle and pedestrian routes. Hiking trail connections via the Crescent Trail currently exist to Victor’s Seneca Trail, Pittsford’s Cartersville Trail, and through Monroe County’s Powder Mills Park to the Auburn Trail. A new section of trail linking Spring Lake Park to Channing H. Philbrick Park in Penfield will soon provide a connection to regional trails reaching as far as Irondequoit Bay. With time and continued planning efforts, connections could eventually be created to hiking and bicycle trails as far off as the Finger Lakes, and even to the North Country and Appalachian National Scenic Trails. Such connections have the potential to provide economic benefits to the Town of Perinton by encouraging ecotourism in the region.

Trail users note that while the trails in Perinton are in good condition, they are perceived by some as underused. Because trail use varies by location, and in some cases by time of day, hikers on less popular sections may seldom see one another. These trends in interest and perception can likely be addressed through improvements in identity and programming (See also Identity, Service, Environmental Stewardship). For example, expanded maps and information could convey greater excitement about the trails. Similarly, expanded environmental education outreach programs could help create interest among kids (see also Environmental Stewardship).

Recommendations

1. Address immediate facilities maintenance needs, including:
 - Replace and upgrade electrical service at Park Operations facility
 - Updates and repairs to water lines at several parks
 - Updates to restroom facilities at several parks
 - Repairs and updates to buildings, such as new doors and loading docks
 - Updates to tennis and basketball courts
 - Sidewalk updates and repairs
 - Playground updates where needed
 - Improved outdoor lighting at some locations

2. Improve sports facilities and fields at Kreag Road, Fellows Road and Center Parks. Potter Park is considered marginal for sports, due to space and drainage issues. Cost estimates for such improvements are included in the Recommendations Matrix (Appendix B).
3. Conduct an annual informational campaign blitz during Spring to remind residents of the town policy regarding dogs on- or off-leash when in a park or open space property.
4. Develop designated locations for mountain biking and equestrian trails, ensuring proper, sustainable design of both trails and related facilities. For example, equestrian trail heads should have trailer-friendly parking, and potable water sources. Consider previous recommendations for a bike skills area (see concept design for Dewitt Property). Establish user stewardship programs and/or guidelines, including rider safety education with respect to hunting.
5. Increase multi-use trail connections to improve overall local and regional connectivity, and to provide varied distances to accommodate all recreational enthusiasts, including cyclists (see also Connection).
6. Increase signage relating to bike routes, responsible trail use, and private property lines.
7. Address the need for highly visible hunting-specific signage/blazes to improve safety and reduce concerns about conflict among park and trail users in locations where hunting is permitted. This includes temporary signage during hunting season, and property line markers that are visible at dusk and by moonlight, so that hunters are able to avoid accidentally straying onto private property.
8. Identify opportunities to ensure all facilities are convenient and universally accessible.
9. Continue with the current on-going, user-friendly system for program evaluation. Continue streamlining the Department's ability to adapt services to local community interests and needs. Program evaluation can cover popularity and participation, cost vs. revenue, redundancy/overlap/conflict and continuity across programs, etc. (see Funding).
10. Continue maintaining a spatial (GIS) database for program and progress analysis, record-keeping and ease of producing maps for park users, volunteer groups, burn prescriptions, etc.
11. Continue participating in the National Recreation and Park Association's Park Metrics resource.
12. Development of Howell Road Park has been a low priority due to limited funding for several years. Recent comments from the community indicate that some degree of development would be appreciated, even if the full master plan cannot be implemented at once. A phased approach combined with transparent fund-raising efforts would increase the value of Howell Road Park while at the same time demonstrating responsiveness and commitment by Recreation and Parks. Possible lower-cost improvements could include the following elements.
 - a) Driveway/parking area: The current driveway and parking area are located on the east side of the park and have gravel surfaces. These can be improved to asphalt, if needed, in conjunction with improvements to overall conditions at the park. If amenities are developed on the west side, an additional parking area on the west side should be considered.

- b) Trailhead signage: New signage at each trailhead would unify the trail system and accurately identify each entry to the existing trails. New signage could include a “you are here” symbol on a map of the full trail system as well as other relevant information about the natural systems throughout the trails and parks.
- c) Picnic tables and/or benches: Simple furnishings are all that is needed to signal that the park is a place for people, providing visitors convenient amenities. Picnic tables and/or benches on the west side would make it easier for visitors to make informal use of the park for activities such as picnicking or kite or model aircraft flying.
- d) Develop sports practice fields.
- e) Children’s garden / nature play area. This type of playground is appropriate for a less formally developed park, uses easily available and replaceable natural materials that are far less expensive than formal play equipment, and encourages creative and collaborative play by allowing children to build and change the playground to suit whatever game they can invent. Features of a nature play area could include tunnels, logs, hills, gardens, moveable materials, and creative play such as a “fairy woods” where children and families can build fairy houses out of natural materials. Regardless of the elements included, the garden/playground must be designed such that it does not invite direct comparison to more traditional playgrounds, which suit a different type of play activity. The design could be adaptable, so that as the park itself becomes more formal, the Children’s Garden can evolve with it. If this is pursued, care should be taken to locate the garden to avoid conflict with hunting activity.
- f) Disc golf course: Some residents have expressed an interest in Disc Golf. While it is certainly not a sport without expense, the costs associated with constructing and maintaining a disc golf course can be much lower than those associated with a high-quality soccer field, for example. Howell Road Park may be a good candidate site, because it offers both open and wooded conditions for players to negotiate. If this is pursued in the future, care should be taken to design for minimal environmental impact or disturbance.

The estimated cost for these recommended improvements can be found on the Implementation Matrix located in Appendix B.

13. Recommended trail improvements:

- Additional connections and multi-use sections, particularly along powerline rights-of-way
- Improvements for increased shared use, including off-road biking, jogging, and equestrian use.

Environmental Stewardship

Environmental stewardship is an increasingly important organizing principle as it supports the underlying health of the land we enjoy and depend upon. Stewardship is expressed in various forms depending on the nature of a property, but in every case, the goal is to improve the way in which we inhabit our parks and undeveloped lands (or open spaces) so that the next generation enjoys our parks and open spaces in as good, if not better, health than when we enjoyed them. Environmental stewardship principles should critically inform all maintenance and capital improvement practices.

In an open space or natural area, stewardship begins with conservation and protection, which means knowing what state of health the ecosystem is in and understanding how to shepherd it in a direction of better health. This might entail the removal of aggressive non-native plants, or the restoration of natural wetland hydrology, planting of trees, stabilization of stream banks, or any other effort to support the ecological function of a place.

In a highly developed park with many sports fields, buildings, playgrounds, or parking areas, there are still many opportunities for environmental stewardship. These range from environmentally sensitive design of new facilities to sustainable operations practices. Examples include reducing or eliminating unnecessary use of harmful chemicals, capturing and using stormwater for irrigation, reestablishing and promoting native plant growth, reducing mowing, improving lighting efficiencies and reducing light pollution, and using renewable energy sources.

Existing Conditions

The Town of Perinton has been forward-thinking and committed to conservation for decades, choosing, for example, to protect open space and agricultural lands before they are converted to private development. Practices such as no mow meadows, and green infrastructure facilities for stormwater management have been incorporated into the Recreation and Parks operations where possible. As parks building facilities are renovated or replaced in the future, the Town will have additional opportunities to incorporate green building practices such as energy efficient design, water-efficient fixtures, and use of local, low VOC, and recycled building materials into the public building amenities it provides. Several facility updates are anticipated in the coming years, ranging from replacing restroom buildings to upgrading multi-purpose park buildings. Each project can bring the Town another opportunity increasing public awareness of its commitment to sustainability.

By setting aside approximately 800 acres of undeveloped land as publicly accessible open space, the Town of Perinton has effectively communicated to the community that *our natural resources matter*. This designation originated as a way of allowing recreational use of public lands without officially dedicating them as parks, which gives the town greater flexibility concerning the management of these properties. Perinton open space lands are rich in ecological diversity and varied topography, ranging from mature remnant forests to young successional woodlands and from established wetlands and streams to old fields recently taken out of agriculture.

With the goal of allowing hunting as a recreational sport and wildlife management practice in a healthy and safe manner, Recreation and Parks oversees a limited number of annual hunting permits which allow

hunting by residents of the Town of Perinton on designated Town properties. This serves the dual goal of allowing recreational hunting on local lands, while actively managing the overpopulation of deer, and other wildlife, in the absence of major predators. This Wildlife Management Program is approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and is modeled after the statewide program run by NYSDEC.

As previously discussed, Perinton has over 40 miles of trails, many of which traverse through open space lands. Recreation and Parks has effectively partnered with the Crescent Trail Hiking Association, which has an active volunteer trail stewardship group that contributes to the annual maintenance of many trails as well guided hikes. CTHA currently offers monthly guided hikes, sometimes by guest leaders. These hikes could be expanded as part of a growing environmental education program, with guides including naturalists, geologists, or anthropologists, for example, to promote awareness and respect for the environment.

Recreation and Parks continues to establish new stewardship partnerships. New endeavors in 2018 include the following:

- The Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges will provide watercraft stewardship for the prevention of aquatic invasive species introduction from June to October at the Ayrault Road Boat Launch
- Researchers from SUNY Geneseo and the University at Buffalo will include sites at Horizon Hill Conservation Area in an ongoing National Science Foundation-funded study of oak forest change in western New York

With the robust set of natural, financial, and human resources it has assembled, Perinton Recreation and Parks has an opportunity to be a leader in sustainability, and in environmental and science education. Continuing this tradition and seeking new ways to build upon it will strengthen Perinton's commitment to environmental stewardship which will keep Perinton's parks and open space healthy and strong for future generations. Ways of advancing this goal include:

Recommendations

1. Pursue small-scale and location-specific ideas for enhancing opportunities to observe surrounding natural habitats. One example might be creating the songbird observatory at White Brook Nature Area suggested by the CTHA.
2. Create a Sustainability Plan that includes an assessment of the environmental function of all park properties and open space lands and identifies goals for increasing environmental performance and reducing potential environmental impacts from maintenance activities. Examples of goals might include reducing energy use by a specified amount, reducing water use, increasing wildlife habitat quality, or capturing and reusing stormwater.
3. Create a green infrastructure policy. The term "green infrastructure" originally referred to woodlands and other green space, but is now commonly used to describe bioretention and other designed stormwater treatment facilities as well. The Town can make stated goals with regard to both types.

4. Identify specific opportunities for low-impact design, for example creation of stormwater Best Management Practices that are beautiful, interesting, and educational. Sites where poor drainage is currently problematic may present such opportunities.
5. Continue to use outdoor classrooms to enhance environmental and nature programs in partnership with Fairport Central School District and/or other local school systems. This can be as simple as designating areas for kids to explore and study, or as complex as a designed and structured outdoor teaching space.
6. Continue to partner with local conservation groups to create natural community inventories for open space lands and park properties, including botanical and wildlife surveys.
7. Create restoration plans for natural areas where appropriate, including assessment of invasive species impacts and evaluation of control measures needed.
8. Improve communication about Perinton's natural resources, and promote volunteer opportunities for local conservation, restoration, and maintenance efforts (see Identity). Consider creating task-specific volunteer crews, i.e. prescribed burn crew, citizen pruners, etc.
9. Create a "priority properties" analysis for future property acquisitions. Look for ways to create corridors and larger habitat blocks, and pursue future properties with the goal of increasing natural connections and wildlife corridors.
10. Consider creating a dedicated Natural Areas Management program, including an on-staff manager, to provide long-term direction specific to open space.
11. Assess and improve the design of trails to reduce soil erosion and other environmental impacts.

Funding

Every strong recreation and parks system is backed by a budget, which is usually financed via local municipal taxes and programming fees. Without adequate financial resources, a park system is just a dream. Critical to turning dreams into reality is a reliable and fluid revenue stream that matches the parks department's estimated budget that covers daily operational and programming costs, capital improvements, and program development. Partnerships with outside organizations can also allow departments to stretch available funding. Developing a healthy mix of revenue streams that include local taxes, programming fees, and grant funds from private and public (local, state, and federal) agencies takes time and a commitment of human resources.

Existing Conditions

Perinton's Recreation and Parks Department has established a healthy and impressive track record for managing its forever changing budget. The department has not only grown in the facilities and services offered over the last 10 years but has recalibrated its programming to meet the needs and desires of its customers. Shifts in preferred recreational sports, changing demographics and changing patterns of family lifestyles have led the department to make changes in the parks facilities, hours of operation, and programming offered. All of this impacts the budget, which affects the revenue stream.

The Recreation and Parks Department has established a healthy mix of revenue streams, which includes local taxes, programming fees, NYS grant funds, private funding from local not-for-profit groups, and volunteer support. Below is a representation of the various revenue sources for the department:

Facility rentals and programming fees:

Revenues generated by facility rentals and recreation program fees cover a significant percentage to the department's overall operating costs, which allows the department to grow its robust recreational programs.

Private resources:

The Perinton Pride Fund is a citizen-based endowment fund, administered by the Rochester Area Community Fund. It accepts tax deductible donations as contributions to parks and recreation programs throughout the county. This private organization uses its funding to support public programs, capital improvements, and stewardship efforts.

Local volunteers:

Volunteers of all ages can make significant contributions to parks maintenance and programming, both through financial donations and by other means such as organizational skills or labor contributions.

Existing public partners and volunteer groups in Perinton include:

- Bird Association of Rochester
- Boy and Girl Scouts of America
- Crescent Trail Hiking Association
- Fairport Club / Travel Sports Organizations
- Fairport Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)
- Fairport Central School District

- Fairport Garden Club
- Fairport Lions Club
- Fairport Rotary
- Finger Lakes Institute – Watercraft Steward Program
- Trails Roc

Recommendations

1. Build upon wellness programs related to healthy recreational activities occurring in parks and trails. Trails are a strength for Perinton, and could be emphasized in seeking funding.
2. Investigate the possibility of developing a non-profit Perinton Parks Foundation
3. Continue and strengthen volunteer coordination
4. Evaluate programs to find the breaking point between what should be done by outside organizations like sports leagues and what should be directly through the department.
5. Seek and build new partnerships with local vendors. For example, partner with local food trucks to bring food carts into parks, with associated licensing, etc. to add amenities with minimal output by the department.

Potential funding sources

Obtaining funding for community parks and trail projects can be challenging, and grants and assistance programs are constantly changing, both in terms of availability and application requirements. Opportunities discussed here should therefore be viewed as a starting point in the search for funding. The following reference table (Table A) includes many potential funding sources that are described subsequently in greater detail.

Table A: Potential Funding Sources

Funding Source	Category	Relevant Project Type(s)
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)		
Recreational Trails Program \$5,000–\$100,000	State	Acquisition, development and maintenance of trails. Apply through CFA.
Parks Matching Grants Program	State	Program for the acquisition or development of parks and recreational facilities. Apply through CFA.
Historic Preservation Grant Programs	State	A matching grant program to improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore properties listed on the National or State Registers of Historic Places.
Heritage Areas Program	State	A matching grant program for projects to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures, identified in a management plan approved by the Commissioner.
Land and Water Conservation Fund Program <i>A cap for grant awards is established annually</i>	State	A matching grant program for the acquisition, development and/or rehabilitation of outdoor park and recreation facilities.
Regional Funding Sources		
The Greater Rochester Health Foundation	Regional	Community health and prevention projects and programs.

Private Funding Sources		
The Corning Incorporated Foundation	Private	The Corning Incorporated Foundation supports educational, cultural, and community service projects. Requires non-profit status.
Captain Planet Foundation \$500-\$2,500	Private	Hands-on environmental education programs for K-12 youth that help develop cooperation and planning and problem solving skills. Eligibility requires that projects be student-led and student initiated.
American Forests: Global ReLeaf, American ReLeaf, Community ReLeaf Programs	Private	Tree planting and planting and forest regeneration projects.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Private	Projects that improve the health and health care of all Americans. Promotes active living, including non-motorized transportation.
The Conservation Alliance Fund	Private	Protects wild places for their Habitat and Recreational Value. Project criteria are narrow, and recipients must have 501 (c)3 status.
American Hiking Society's National Trails Fund	Private	Acquisition, constituency building campaigns, and traditional trail work projects. Applicants must be members of AHS' Alliance of Hiking Organizations. \$500 to \$5,000 per project. Funding must be received by a 501(c)3.
Scott's Miracle-Gro Company's Gro1000 Grassroots Grants	Private	Up to \$1,500 Garden and green space beautification projects that involve and engage neighborhood residents. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING SOURCES:

New York State's [Consolidated Funding Application \(CFA\)](#) is a streamlined resource through which applicants can access multiple financial assistance programs that are made available through various state agencies. The CFA offers the opportunity for local governments (and other eligible applicants) to submit a single grant application to any appropriate agencies that may have resources available to help finance a given proposal. All submitted CFAs are also reviewed by the applicant's [Regional Economic Development Council](#), which may elect to endorse the proposal as a regional priority project. Several grant resources have been made available that may be appropriate funding opportunities for implementation of active transportation efforts, including the Environmental Protection Fund's (EPF) Municipal Grant Program, EPF

Recreational Trails Program, Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, and the Environmental Facilities Corporation's Green Innovation Grant Program.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has compiled a table of [Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities](#). This includes various programs funded by the FAST Act, which is the successor to MAP-21.

The Recreational Trails Program is now funded under the FAST Act's Transportation Alternatives umbrella. Funds may be used for all kinds of trail projects. Examples of trail uses include hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles. An important provision of the new bill allows the Governor of a state to opt out of the recreational trails program if the Governor notifies the U.S. Secretary of Transportation no later than 30 days prior to apportionments being made for any fiscal year.

PRIVATE FUNDING SOURCES:

There are a number of non-profit organizations and for-profit businesses that offer programs that can be used to fund trail and park related programs and projects. Nationally, groups like the American Hiking Society are involved in funding for hiking trails, the preservation of natural areas and the protection of hiking experiences. Locally, Wegmans and Excellus have a strong track record of supporting health-based initiatives and may be resources for partnership or sponsorship. Parks & Trails New York (PTNY) is an advocacy group whose website provides information on funding opportunities.

The American Hiking Society National Trails Fund provides micro-grants in amounts from \$500 to \$3000 to members of the Alliance of Hiking Organizations. National Trails Fund grants have been used for land acquisition, constituency building campaigns, and traditional trail work projects. Since the late 1990s, the American Hiking Society has granted nearly \$200,000 to 42 different organizations across the US. Applications are accepted annually with a varying deadline.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seeks to improve the health and health care of all Americans. One of the primary goals of the Foundation is to "promote healthy communities and lifestyles." Calls for grant proposals are issued as developed, and multiple communities nationwide have received grants related to promotion of trails and other non-motorized facilities.

The [Greater Rochester Health Foundation](#) administers a competitive grant program to implement community health and prevention projects. The grant focus topics and cycles may vary from year to year, pedestrian-related projects and programs may frequently be well suited for these opportunity grants.

APPENDICES

A. Park Information Sheets

B. Implementation Matrix

C. DeWitt Property Concept Plan

APPENDIX A

Year Opened: 1972
Resource: Park & Open Space
Acres: 22.8

Beechwoods Park



Special Features:

Beechwoods is a pocket nature area within a residential area. It provides opportunities for neighbors to hike and explore nature and serves as a wildlife habitat patch. There are two small parking areas and a system of trails.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Parking: 2 Parking Lots
Walking trails

Natural Resources

Wetlands: Present
Water Body: Thomas Creek

Trail Access

Trails: Townwide Bike Route

Projects:

- Trail map/markers and interpretive signage
- Assess and monitor forest condition
- Add bicycle racks
- Continue maintaining trails

Identity

- Consider keeping publicity low due to park size
- Check official trail markers

Connection

- Consider adding bicycle parking

Service

- Continue to maintain trails

Environmental Stewardship

- Keep management “quiet”
- Conduct ecological assessments

Funding

- Seek new and continue existing local partnerships

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.15



Year Opened: 1989
Resource: Park & Open Space
Acres: 120.0

Center Park



Special Features:

Center Park is located next to the Perinton Community Center. The RS&E Trolley Trail runs through, dividing the park into East and West sections. There are natural wetlands, soccer fields, a 5K cross country trail course, play equipment, and an amphitheater, which is often used for outdoor concerts in the summer. Center Park East, as a designated Open Space, provides a popular off-leash dog play area.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Picnic Shelter: Updated 2016
Amphitheater: Updated 2012
Seasonal Concession Area: 1
Restrooms: 2
Parking: 2 Parking Lots
Playground: 1 - Updated 2001
Off-leash Dog Area

Natural Resources

Wetlands: NYS DEC
Stream

Trail Access

Trails: RS&E Trolley Trail
Townwide Bike Route
Sports Fields/Courts
Soccer: 6 - Updated 2012
2 Youth
4 Standard

Programs

Special Events
Concert Series
Outdoor Movies
Youth Soccer
Adult Drop-in Soccer

Projects:

- Update water lines and restroom fixtures
- Update electrical service to amphitheater vending area
- Add year-round storage at amphitheater
- Repair sidewalks
- Update playground
- Add shade near all fields
- Add bicycle racks

Identity

- Increase advertising
- Increase signage
- Increase wayfinding

Connection

- Improve path from trails
- Add bicycle parking

Service

- Update swings/playground
- Consider adding shade structures near sports fields
- Update water lines and add drinking fountains

Environmental Stewardship

- Wetland floral quality assessment
- Additional tree planting
- Stormwater treatment

Funding

- Park Fees
- Program Fees
- Town Taxes

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.16



Year Opened: 1974
Resource: Park
Acres: 16.3

Egypt Park



Special Features:
Egypt Park combines natural areas and active play. It is located on the RS&E Trolley Trail, adjacent to Lollypop Farm / Humane society of Greater Rochester, making it a bicycle destination. The farm themed playground was installed in 2015. There is also a park shelter, multi-use field, and restroom.

Facilities/Playgrounds
Picnic Shelter: Installed 2012
Restrooms: 1 - Installed 1974
Playground: Installed 2015
Outdoor Lighting: Updated 2012
Parking: 1 Parking Lot

Trail Access
Trails: Crescent Trail
Townwide Bike Route
RS&E Trolley Trail

Sports Fields/Courts
Multi-purpose: 1 Field

Natural Resources
Water Body: White Brook
Undeveloped Land: 8.3 Acres

- Projects:**
- Upgrade or replace restroom building
 - Add accessible path to restroom
 - Consider adding short boardwalk / platform
 - Create stormwater education program
 - Add signage to Trolley Trail
 - Add bicycle racks

Identity

- Consider interpretive signage about history of Egypt

Connection

- Add signage to bike/pedestrian trail

Service

- Update restroom facilities
- Connect paths to restroom
- Consider split-rail or other buffer along north edge
- Address culvert drainage onto field

Environmental Stewardship

- Consider adding wetland edge platform for environmental education
- Introduce understory trees in select area
- Add bicycle parking

Funding

- Seek local partnerships
- Focus efforts on restroom upgrade

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.18

Year Opened: 1974
Resource: Park
Acres: 33.5

Fellows Road Park



Special Features:

Fellows Road Park is a neighborhood park focused on active recreation. It has public tennis, pickleball, basketball, beach volleyball courts, softball fields, multi-purpose playing fields, playground equipment, and an exercise trail. There are two park shelters, a restroom building, and a small indoor facility (main building).

Facilities/Playgrounds

Community Building: Built 1978
Restrooms: Updated 2014
Shelters: 2, 2017
Gazebo: 1, 1985
Outdoor Lighting: Updated 1983
Playground: Updated 2009
Parking: 1 Parking Lot

Trail Access

Trails: Townwide Bike Route

Sports Fields/Courts

Baseball/Softball : 3 - Updated 1983
Basketball : 2 Full, 1 Half Court - Updated 1983
Tennis: 4 - Updated 2015
Pickleball: 4 - Shared with Tennis
Volleyball: 2
Multipurpose/Soccer: 1
Exercise Trail: 1 - Updated 2014

Programs

Special Events
Summer Playgroup program

Projects:

- Update water lines
- Rebuild tennis courts
- Construct new, or remodel, indoor facility (main building)
- Replace restroom facility
- Add trees in east and south areas of fitness trail

Identity

- Add sign at corner of Whitney Rd. and Whippetree Rd.
- Add park name / welcome signs at each neighborhood entrance

Connection

- Improve bicycle and pedestrian access from village and existing trails
- Update sidewalks on Whitney Rd and Fellows Rd
- Consider adding benches on fitness trail

Service

- Update or replace building & restrooms
- Update water lines
- Address drainage in former ice rinks
- Reconstruct tennis courts
- Update outdoor lighting

Environmental Stewardship

- Increase “green” stormwater management
- Consider ways to reduce mowing
- Plant additional trees
- Consider green building practices

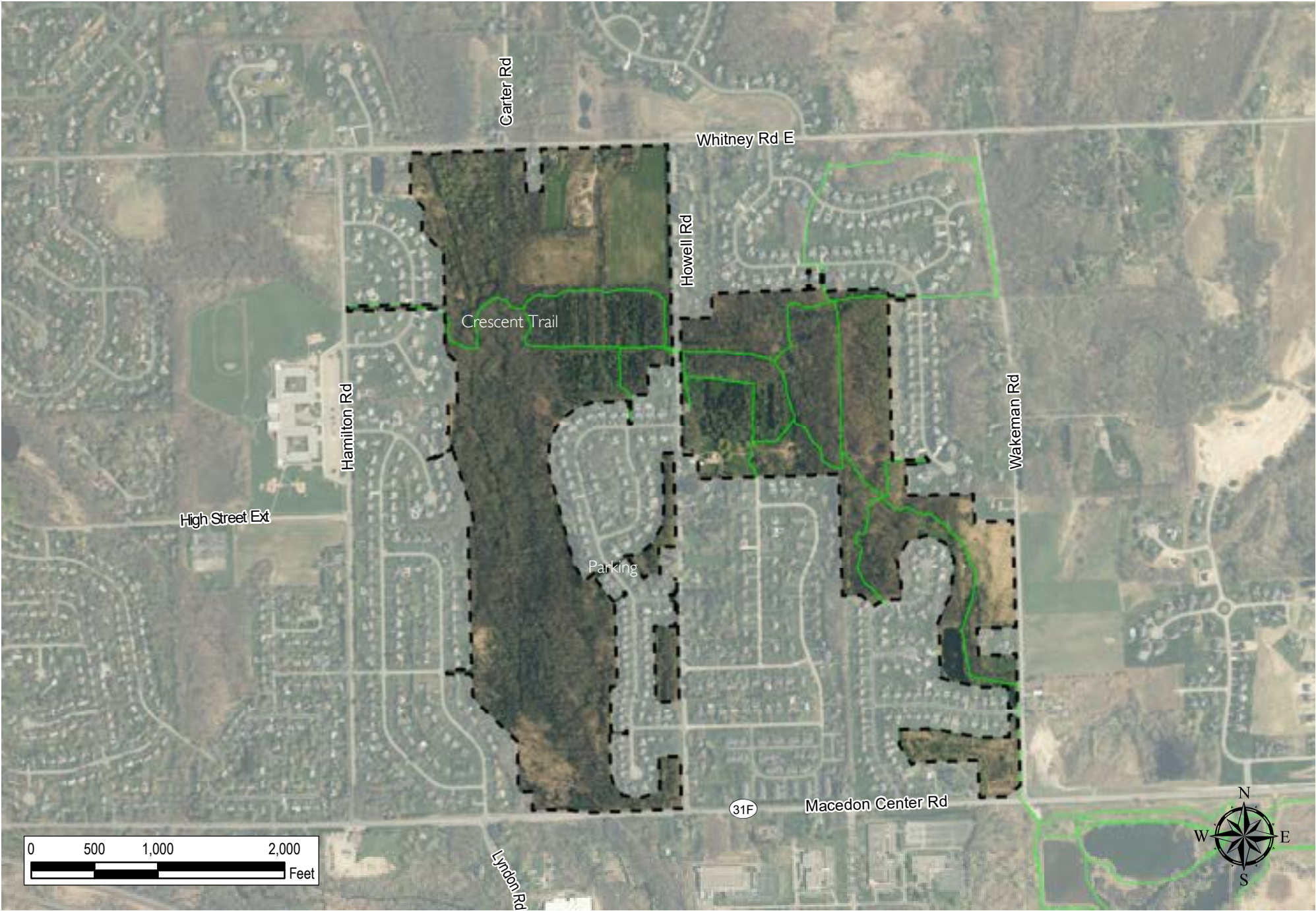
Funding

- Focus fundraising on building upgrades and sports fields

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.18

Year Opened: 1992
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 208.6

Howell Road Park



Special Features:

Howell Road Park is a large open space area with wooded nature trails and open fields. The Crescent Trail has several paths within Howell Road Park.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Undeveloped Land

Natural Resources

Water body: Thomas Creek

Wetlands: Present

Woodlands: Present

Trail Access

Trails: Crescent Trail

Townwide Bike Route

Programs

Wildlife Management Program

Projects:

- Create sports practice facilities on undeveloped land
- Create nature play area and nature walk programs in wooded area
- Begin ecological restoration, especially along stream bank
- Improve parking and trail head signage
- Add disc golf course

Identity

- Develop signage
- Add name sign at existing parking

Connection

- Close sidewalk gaps within pedestrian system
- Add trail head signage
- Continue to update wayfinding

Service

- Add driveway/parking area on west side
- Add picnic tables and benches on west side
- Consider children's garden/natural play area
- Create sports practice fields
- Create disc golf course

Environmental Stewardship

- Conduct ecological assessment & create restoration plan
- Build any new facilities to high environmental standard

Funding

- Seek local partners

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.20

Year Opened: 1970
Resource: Park
Acres: 9.0

Kreag Road Park



Special Features:
Kreag Road Park is a neighborhood park focused on active recreation. It has public tennis courts, basketball, and softball fields, playground equipment, and access to the Erie Canal. The park has a picnic shelter and a restroom facility. The Crescent Trail system runs through the park and connects with nearby Bushnell's Basin.

Facilities/Playgrounds Picnic Shelter: New 2016 Restrooms: 1 - Updated 1999 Playground: 2001 Parking: 1 Parking Lot Docks: Present	Trails: Crescent Trail Townwide Bike Route
Natural Resources Erie Canal	Sports Fields/Courts Basketball: 1- Updated 2011 Softball: 2 - Updated 2010 Tennis: 2 - Updated 2011 Pickleball: 2 - Shared with Tennis
Trail Access	Programs Open Tennis

- Projects:**
- Rebuild basketball courts
 - Add wayfinding and trail map signage
 - Adjust ballfield layout
 - Update restroom facility
 - Add paths to boat docks and restroom building

Identity

- Consider adding welcome signage at docks

Connection

- Improve pedestrian experience at freeway underpass toward Bushnell's Basin, to the extent possible
- Add signage about nearby connections

Service

- Reconstruct basketball court / poles
- Construct new ADA compliant restroom facilities
- Add path to docks
- Restore or remove shuffleboard courts

Environmental Stewardship

- Possible future parking redesign would create an opportunity for sustainable design

Funding

- Focus fundraising on basketball court, restrooms, and future updates to playground

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.21

Year Opened: 1992
Resource: Park & Open Space
Acres: 43.6

Perinton Park



Special Features:

Perinton Park is a neighborhood park with the additional interest of the Erie Canal and Canalway Trail. It offers tennis and volleyball courts, play equipment, a building for events, and shady picnic areas. It can be easily reached by car, by foot, by bicycle, or even by boat.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Community Building:
Installed 1992
Picnic Shelter: Installed 1992
Restrooms: 1 - Updated 2017
Playground: Updated 2013
Outdoor Lighting: Updated 1992
Parking: 2 Parking Lots
Docks: Updated 1993

Natural Resources

Erie Canal
Large Trees

Trail Access

Trails: Townwide Bike Route
Erie Canal Trail

Sports Fields/Courts

Basketball: 1 - Installed 1992
Tennis: 6 - Updated 1989
Volleyball: 1 - Updated 2014
Multi-purpose Court: Shared with Basketball

Programs

Open Tennis
Tennis Instruction (Adult)
Fishing Derby
Perennial Plant & Seed Swap
4th of July Party in the Park
Fairport Regatta
Overnight boating
Camping
5K Fundraiser Events

Projects:

- Update parking and add bicycle racks
- Update crew docks
- Update water lines
- Reconstruct tennis and basketball courts
- Add wayfinding signage from Church Street

Identity

- Planned improvements will contribute to identity

Connection

- Add signage on Hwy 31 to clarify entrance

Service

- Update lower parking area
- Replace basketball and tennis courts
- Update water lines
- Update building skylight

Environmental Stewardship

- Add bicycle parking
- Update interpretive signage at docks
- Address bank erosion
- Increase green stormwater features

Funding

- Seek new and continue existing local partnerships

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.23

Year Opened: 1990
Resource: Park
Acres: 10.0

Potter Park



Special Features:

Potter Park is a neighborhood park in the Village of Fairport. It is home to the Potter House, which serves a community center operated by the Village of Fairport, to the Lions Den Teen Center, and more recently to a community garden. In addition, the park offers playground equipment, tennis courts, basketball, soccer, and little league baseball fields.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Historic Home ca. 1858
Teen Center: Installed 1991
Restrooms: 2 - Teen Center building & can be accessed directly for park use
Playground: 1 Installed 2011
Outdoor Lighting: Updated 2011
Parking: 1 Parking Lot
Community Garden: Updated 2016
Trail Access
Townwide Bike Route

Sports Fields/Courts

Basketball: 4
Soccer: 1
Softball: 4 - Updated 2013
Tennis: 2 - Updated 2009
Pickleball: 2
Programs
Lions Den Teen Center
Community Garden
Open Tennis
Summer Playground Program

Projects:

- Address drainage or repurpose soccer field
- Improve baseball field layout and/or fencing to reduce issues with foul balls
- Add bicycle racks
- Address building maintenance projects such as door replacement

Identity

- Park is owned by Village of Fairport

Connection

- Consider locating more recreation and education programs in Potter Park buildings

Service

- Address soccer field drainage
- Upgrade baseball field fencing

Environmental Stewardship

- Add bicycle parking
- Reduce energy use in buildings where possible

Funding

- Leverage local partnerships

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.23

Year Opened: 1969
Resource: Park
Acres: 40.5

Spring Lake Park



Special Features:

Spring Lake Park provides both active recreation and nature access. A portion of the park has been designated as an off-leash dog play area. Amenities include playground equipment, softball field, trail access and fishing opportunities in Irondequoit Creek.

Facilities/Playgrounds

- Restrooms: 1 - Updated 2012
- Playground: 1 - Installed 2001
- Off-leash Dog Area: Designated 2017
- Outdoor Lighting: Installed 1976
- Parking: 2 Parking Lots

Natural Resources

Creek Access

Trail Access

Trails: Townwide Bike Route

Sports Fields/Courts

Softball: 1 - Installed 1991

Projects:

- Add new shelter
- Address invasive species removal
- Improve fishing amenities and provide resilient creek access
- Redesign / replace sidewalks
- Update restrooms
- Upgrade parking areas

Identity

- Add directional signage at nearby intersections
- Add interpretive signage about Irondequoit Creek
- Clarify guidelines for dog area

Connection

- Fill sidewalk gaps to improve connection to trails

Service

- Add fishing clean station
- Update sidewalks
- Add new shelter
- Reuse old operations building
- Update parking

Environmental Stewardship

- Remove invasive vegetation
- Assess stream bank condition and create restoration plan
- Address parking lot runoff to creek

Funding

- Focus fundraising efforts on parking, shelter, stream bank stabilization

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.24



Year Opened: 1990
Resource: Park
Acres: 1.0

Ayrault Road Boat Launch



Special Features:

Ayrault Road Boat Launch provides access for trailered watercraft to the Erie Canal and parking. Additionally, there are docks that can be used for fishing.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Parking: Parking Lot, includes trailer parking

Docks: Present

Boat Ramp

Natural Resources

Erie Canal

Trail Access

Trails: Townwide Bike Route

Projects:

- Add welcome signage
- Add informational signage
- Add ADA compliant path to dock
- Update parking lot light fixtures

Identity

- Add Recreation and Parks welcome signage

Connection

- Consider adding map signage

Service

- Upgrade parking lot lights
- Add ADA compliant path to dock

Environmental Stewardship

- Reduce mowing where possible

Funding

- Seek and continue partnerships

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.14

Year Opened: 2011
Resource: Park
Acres: 1.0

Bushnell's Basin Docks



Special Features:
The Bushnell's Basin Docks provide short term and overnight docking, allowing visitors to access the historic Bushnell's Basin business district from the Erie Canal. In addition to docks, the park offers seating options, upgraded restroom facilities, and a camping area.

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| Facilities/Playgrounds
Restrooms: 1 - Installed 2011
Outdoor Lighting: Updated 2011
Docks: Installed 2011 | Programs
Overnight boat docking
Camping |
| Natural Resources
Erie Canal | |
| Trail Access
Trails: Crescent Trail | |

- Projects:**
- Provide information for visitors and boat tourists about other parks, trails, and community points of interest
 - Add varied seating options
 - Continue to maintain facilities

Identity

- Continue established branding and signage

Connection

- Improve pedestrian connection to Erie Canalway Trail

Service

- Continue to maintain new facilities

Environmental Stewardship

- Consider adding interpretive signage about canal ecology

Funding

- Partner with local business association and other interested groups

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.15

Year Opened: 2017
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 56.4

Dewitt Property



Special Features:

The Dewitt open space property has recently been added to the Perinton Parks System. The Crescent Trail currently runs through part of the property. Numerous other opportunities exist for adding amenities and these will be carefully considered in coming years. Wonderful views and rolling valleys offer interesting terrain to explore.

Facilities/Playgrounds:

Trail Access

Natural Resources:

Meadow/Forest

Trails:

Crescent Trail

Trails within park

Projects:

- Construct parking area and restroom facility
- Create trail network for hiking and mountain biking
- Develop multi-use fields and archery practice area
- Install picnic shelters in key gathering locations

Identity

- Add signage and wayfinding
- Add rules to be "good neighbors"

Connection

- Enhance connection to Crescent Trail

Service

- Add restrooms and utilities for day and night activity on multi-use field
- Add mountain biking facilities

Environmental Stewardship

- Maintain viewing areas
- Locate bike trails to avoid damage to natural valleys and ridges
- Locate vehicular area near Turk Hill entrances only

Funding

- Identify hiking, cycling, and sporting groups that may want to partner financially

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.17



Year Opened: 1975
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 26.4

Garnsey Arboretum



Special Features:
Garnsey Arboretum is a more formal open space tucked within a residential neighborhood. It offers opportunities for passive recreation and enjoyment of its tree collection.

Facilities/Playgrounds
Undeveloped Land
Natural Resources
Water Body: Cross Canal
Arboretum: Present
Trail Access
Trails: Townwide Bike Route

- Projects:**
- Improve signage
 - Add trail designed to welcome visitors into space
 - Improve public information and educational opportunities within park
 - Develop collection
 - Add select seating locations

Identity

- Improve signage, create obvious entrance
- Improve public information
- Create educational signage regarding collection

Connection

- Advocate for sidewalks on Rte 250 to provide access via Crescent Trail

Service

- Add clear trail to make public feel welcome
- Improve collection curation to create more valuable resource

Environmental Stewardship

- Improve collection to include variety of native plants for wildlife, esp. birds; highlight positive qualities of each

Funding

- Cultivate community partners

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.19

Year Opened: 1969
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 11.5

Hart's Woods



Special Features:

Hart's Woods is an ecologically significant forest patch, and has been designated as a National Natural Landmark. It provides irreplaceable habitat and affords opportunities for environmental education.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Undeveloped Land

Natural Resources

Water Body: Creek

Forest

Trail Access

Trails: Within Park

Projects:

- Environmental assessment and restoration plan in accordance with any NPS requirements
- Consider invasive species management and native introduction
- Continue to manage for light use
- Continue to encourage users to stay on trails

Identity

- Continue to manage "quietly" to protect overuse

Connection

- Continue to manage "quietly"

Service

- Partner with school's for education programs

Environmental Stewardship

- Opportunity for environmental education
- Assess ecological condition and create restoration plan as needed

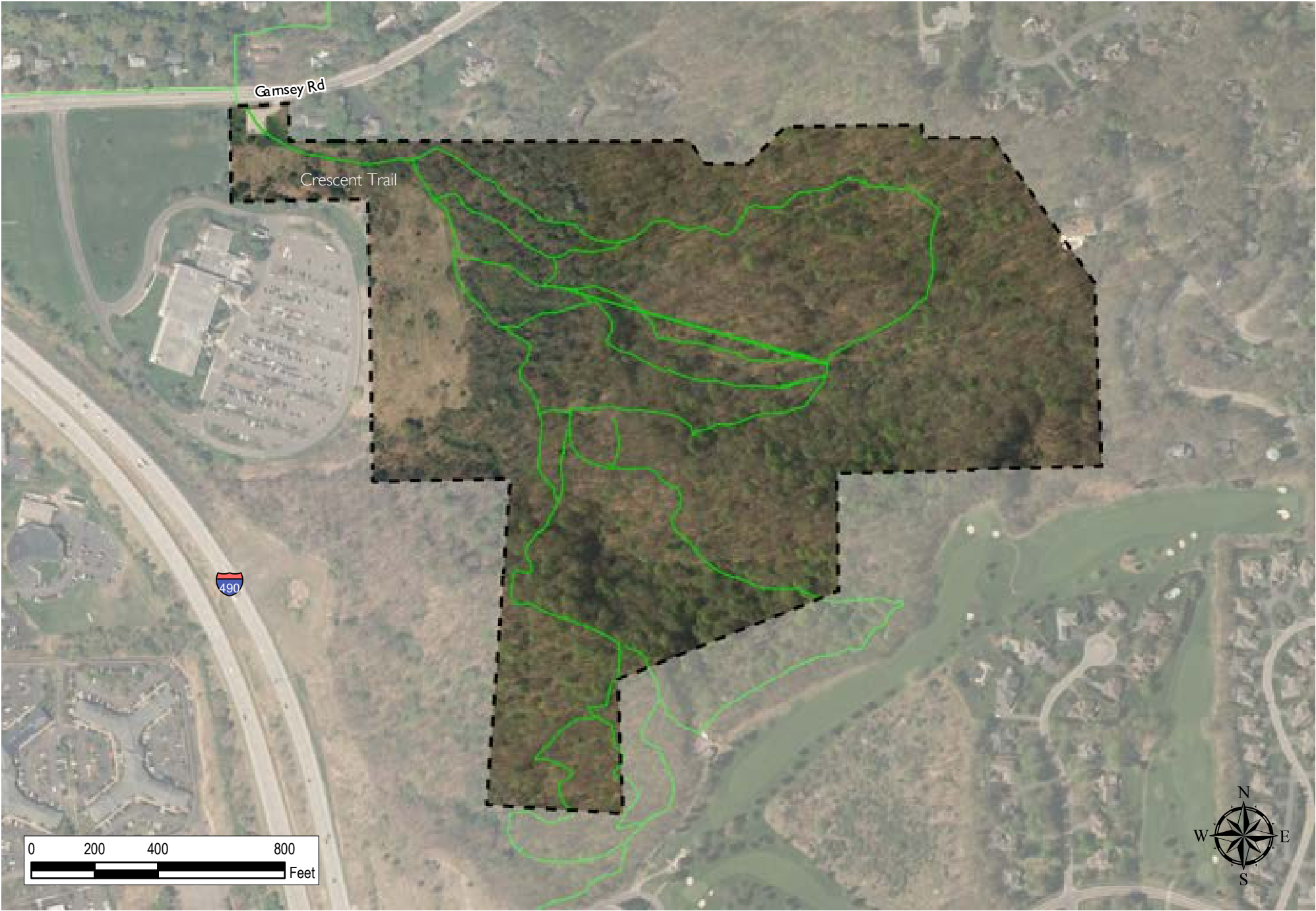
Funding

- Monitor condition and evaluate need for fundraising

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.19

Year Opened:
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 73.5

Horizon Hill Conservation Area



Special Features:
Horizon Hill is a wooded open space that offers a system of hiking trails, which are part of the Crescent Trail.

- Facilities/Playgrounds**
Parking: 1 Parking Lot
Information Kiosk: 1

Natural Resources
Meadow/Forest

Trail Access
Trails: Crescent Trail
Townwide Bike Route
- Programs**
DEC-approved Wildlife Management Program

- Projects:**
- Perform ecological assessments and tailor management plan
 - Continue to improve wayfinding and signage
 - Add picnic tables / seating to trailhead
 - Monitor and remove invasive species

Identity

- Increase signage/wayfinding
- Add trail and park system map at parking lot

Connection

- Continue to increase information available

Service

- Consider adding picnic tables at trail head parking area

Environmental Stewardship

- Conduct ecological assessment and create management plan

Funding

- Continue to partner with local conservation groups

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.19



Year Opened: 1988
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 35.0

Indian Hill Conservation Area



Special Features:

Indian Hill is an open space that offers hiking trails through woodlands and open fields. These trails are part of the Crescent Trail System, and connect to other open space properties. Indian Hill is connected to both Thayer Hill and the Dewitt Property by public trail sections that cross private lands whose development rights are owned by the Town of Perinton.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Parking: 1 Parking Lot

Natural Resources

Meadow/Forest

Trail Access

Trails: Crescent Trail

Townwide Bike Route

Projects:

- Increase public information availability
- Continue to improve wayfinding and signage
- Create ecological assessment and tailor management plan
- Update parking area
- Remove invasive vegetation along trails
- Address trail surface erosion

Identity

- Improve signage/wayfinding
- Consider educational signage
- Reorient entry signage for greater visibility

Connection

- Consider park system maps at trail head
- Enhance connection to nearby Thayer Hill and Dewitt properties

Service

- Update parking

Environmental Stewardship

- Perform ecological assessment and create management plan
- Consider introducing nature programs or self guided information trail

Funding

- Continue to partner with local conservation groups

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.20

Year Opened: 1994
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 39.3

Mason Valley



Special Features:

Mason Valley is a pocket nature area surrounded by recent residential developments. It can be accessed from the neighborhood or via the Crescent Trail, which runs through it. Additionally, it contains an interesting constructed wetland.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Undeveloped Land

Natural Resources

Wetlands: Present

Water Body: White Brook

Trail Access

Trails: Crescent Trail
Townwide Bike Route

Projects:

- Create environmental assessment and tailor management plan
- Improve public access points
- Consider interpretive signage for the wetland
- Continue to upgrade wayfinding and signage

Identity

- Improve signage/wayfinding

Connection

- Create/improve public access point

Service

- Improve pedestrian safety at trail crossings

Environmental Stewardship

- Perform ecological assessment and create management plan
- Opportunity for environmental education, citizen science

Funding

- Continue to partner with local conservation groups.

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.21



Year Opened: 1970s
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 29.2

McCoord Woods



Special Features:

McCoord Woods is a much loved natural area within a residential neighborhood. It offers forested hiking trails with steep terrain, which are part of the Crescent Trail System. It can be accessed by the neighborhood or via the Crescent Trail.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Undeveloped Land

Natural Resources

Meadow/Forest

Trail Access

Trails: Crescent Trail

Projects:

- Continue to improve signage and wayfinding
- Create ecological assessment and tailor management plan
- Continue to maintain trails

Identity

- Continue to improve signage and wayfinding
- Consider adding interpretive signage

Connection

- Include information within Horizon Hill parking area

Service

- Continue to maintain trails
- Consider adding small parking area off Little Spring Run

Environmental Stewardship

- Perform ecological assessment and create management plan

Funding

- Continue to partner with local conservation groups

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.22



Year Opened: 1989
Resource: Public Facility
Acres: 120.0

Perinton Community Center



Special Features:

The Perinton Community Center and Aquatics Center serve as a hub for the community, with hundreds of public recreation and education programs available. It features classroom spaces, indoor exercise facilities, a gymnasium, indoor walking/running track, and indoor swimming/water play facilities. It also houses the Perinton Recreation and Parks Department offices.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Community Center: Built 1997
Parking: 3 Parking Lots
Playground: 1 - Installed 2017

Trail Access

Trails: Crescent Trail
RS&E Trolley Trail
Townwide Bike Route

Programs

Special Events
Indoor Sports
Exercise
Aquatics Programs
Education Programs

Projects:

- Add auxiliary gym
- Continue to expand user groups
- Increase sustainable energy use practices

Identity

- Continue to promote programming

Connection

- Improve path from trails

Service

- Continue to maintain facilities
- Add auxiliary gym

Environmental Stewardship

- Increase “green” stormwater treatment
- Seek ways to reduce energy use, e.g. motion sensing lights, energy efficient appliances, doors, windows
- Plant additional trees

Funding

- Program Fees
- Town Taxes

For additional information, see Master Plan Document, p.22

Year Opened: 1994
Resource: Open Space
Acres: 68.0

Thayer Hill



Special Features:

Thayer Hill is a natural area that offers hiking trails through the naturally regenerating woodlands. The Crescent Trail runs through it and connects to nearby Indian Hill Conservation Area. Thayer Hill is a popular bird watching location.

Facilities/Playgrounds

Undeveloped Land

Natural Resources

Meadow/Forest

Trail Access

Trails: Crescent Trail
Townwide Bike Route

Programs

DEC-approved Wildlife Management Program

Projects:

- Increase publicity
- Create environmental assessment and management plan
- Increase signage
- Add trailhead improvements
- Add small parking area

Identity

- Make choices about the best use of this space, then advertise
- Improve signage and access

Connection

- Consider adding parking
- Enhance connections to Indian Hill and Dewitt properties

Service

- Consider dedicated/designed mountain bike and/or equestrian trails, with associated facilities

Environmental Stewardship

- Conduct ecological assessment, determine restoration potential, best use

Funding

- Continue to partner with local conservation groups

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.25



Year Opened: 2001
Resource: Park & Open Space
Acres: 196.0

White Brook Nature Area



Special Features:

White Brook Nature Area features open areas and trails for hiking and wildlife observation. The Nature Center, located off of Aldrich Road, serves as a gathering point for visitors and nature education programs.

Facilities/Playgrounds

- Nature Center: Built 2001
- Picnic Shelter: Built 2001
- Restrooms: 1 - Updated 2001
- Outdoor Lighting: Installed 2001
- Parking: 1 Parking Lot

Natural Resources

- Wetlands: Present
- Water Body: White Brook

Trail Access

- Trails: Crescent Trail
- Townwide Bike Route
- Boardwalk Path

Programs

- Nature Camps
- Wildlife Management Program

Projects:

- Repair / improve water utilities
- Create outdoor water source and restroom for public use
- Expand nature explorers program for multiple age groups
- Create ecological assessment and tailor management plan
- Expand outdoor seating area
- Consider uses for existing barn

Identity

- Continue to improve signage/wayfinding
- Realign entry sign to increase visibility

Connection

- Consider filling sidewalk gaps on Rtes 31 and 46 to RS&E Trail @ Egypt Park
- Clarify link from RS&E to Crescent Trail @ Mason Rd

Service

- Repair / update water utilities
- Expand existing environmental education programs
- Expand outdoor seating and add fire pit
- Increase public restroom access

Environmental Stewardship

- Conduct ecological assessment and create management plan

Funding

- Cultivate community partners

For additional information, see
Master Plan Document, p.25

APPENDIX B

PARK NAME		PROJECTS				TIMEFRAME				COST				BENEFITS				POTENTIAL PARTNERS						
Park Name	Recommendations	Short Term Action 0-3 Years	Medium Term Action 3-7 Years	Long Term Action 7+ Years	Continuous Action	Cost Estimate	Safety Benefit	Increased Activity / Play Benefit	Sustainability Benefit	Cost Benefit	Sports Teams	Hobbyists	Dog Walkers	Young Families	Trail Users / Hikers	Seniors	Cyclist Groups	Accessibility Groups						
Center Park & Perinton Community Center	Repair sidewalks	X				\$5,000 - 50,000	+				+			+	+	+								
	Upgrade playground		X			\$50,000 - 150,000	+	+						+										
	Reduce mowing on east side in areas of low use				X	Cost Savings			+	\$\$\$		+			+									
	Add shade structures and / or trees near playing fields		X			\$5,000 - 15,000	+				+	+		+		+		+						
	Replace Park Operations electrical service	X				tbd	+											+						
	Replace Park Operations concrete floor	X				tbd	+																	
	Replace Park Operations docking system	X				tbd	+																	
	Upgrade utilities to allow winter use of restrooms			X		\$20,000 - 100,000	+	+			+	+		+	+	+	+	+						
Fellows Road Park	Update water lines	X				tbd	+							+		+		+						
	Address drainage on former skating area		X			\$1,500 - 5,000			+		+			+										
	Replace or renovate main building/community center		X			\$250,000-450,000	+	+			+			+		+		+						
	Add trees in east and south areas near fitness trail	X				\$0 - 2,000	+	+	+		+	+		+	+	+								
	Reconstruct tennis courts		X			\$200,00 - 400,000		+			+			+										
	Replace restroom building near field #3	X				\$150,000 - 250,000		+	+		+			+			+	+						
Howell Road Park	Create sports practice fields	X				\$25,000 - 50,000		+			+			+										
	Increase and improve signage	X				\$2,500 - 10,000	+				+	+	+	+	+									
	Assess / monitor condition of creek and young forest areas				X	\$5,000 - 10,000			+			+		+										
	Add natural play area		X			\$5,000 - 25,000		+	+					+										
	Add parking on west side		X			\$50,000 - 200,000		+			+			+	+									
Beechwoods	Monitor and protect condition of forest and stream				X	\$5,000-10,000			+			+		+										
	Add interpretive and trail map signage	X				\$2,500 - 10,000			+			+	+	+	+									
	Add bicycle racks		X			\$1,500 - 5,000			+					+			+	+						
Perinton Park	Add directional signage to parking from Church Street	X				\$1,000 - 2,500	+	+				+		+		+								
	Renovate parking and add bicycle racks	X				\$25,000 - 50,000	+		+					+		+	+	+						
	Repair or replace building skylight	X				\$500 - 5,000	+	+						+		+								
	Upgrade water lines	X				\$10,000 - 50,000 /each	+	+			+			+		+								
	Plan for reconstruction of tennis and basketball courts			X		\$300,000 - 900,000		+			+			+		+		+						
	Repair / replace crew docks		X			\$10,000 - 60,000	+				+													

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Park Name	Recommendations	Short Term Action 0-3 Years	Medium Term Action 3-7 Years	Long Term Action 7+ Years	Continuous Action	Cost Estimate	Safety Benefit	Increased Activity / Play Benefit	Sustainability Benefit	Cost Benefit	Sports Teams	Hobbyists	Dog Walkers	Young Families	Trail Users / Hikers	Seniors	Cyclist Groups	Accessibility Groups		
Spring Lake Park	Update restroom facilities	X				\$10,000 - 50,000														
	Create concept plan for reuse of old park operation building	X				\$15,000 - 30,000														
	Add new shelter for 60 people		X			\$150,000 - 250,000														
	Update parking area(s)		X			\$10,000 - 150,000														
	Update / redesign sidewalks		X			\$25,000 - 75,000														
	Provide resilient creek access / fishing clean station	X				\$10,000 - 25,000														
	Remove invasive vegetation				X	\$5,000 - 25,000														
Potter Park	Improve ball field fencing on west side	X				\$5,000 -20,000														
	Improve drainage of, or repurpose soccer field		X			\$2,500 - 10,000				\$\$\$										
	Address concerns with building ramp	X				\$10,000 - 25,000														
	Add bicycle parking	X				\$1,500 - 5,000														
	Replace basement double doors	X				\$5,000 - 8,000														
Hart's Woods	Continue with quiet management strategy				X	No Cost Change														
	Monitor floristic quality				X	\$5,000 - 10,000														
	Continue to educate users on the importance of staying on trails				X	\$1,000 - 5,000														
	Selectively remove non-native vegetation when discovered				X	\$1,000 - 5,000														
	Consider introducing appropriate native plants				X	\$2,500 -5,000														
Ayrault Road Boat Launch	Upgrade signage		X			\$1,000 - 2,500														
	Upgrade parking lot lighting		X			\$15,000 - 35,000														
	Add ADA compliant pathway to dock	X				\$1,000 - 5,000														
Bushnell's Basin Docks	Introduce local trail / park map signage	X				\$1,500 - 5,000														
	Add varied seating options		X			\$5,000 - 15,000														

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Garnsey Arboretum	Install low maintenance pathway		X			\$5,000 - 20,000												
	Add informational signage	X				\$1,000 - 2,500												
	Update plant collection				X	\$5,000 - 15,000												
	Add seating to select locations	X				\$5,000 - 15,000												
	Update public information / educational use				X	\$500 - 1,500												
Horizon Hill Conservation Area	Continue to upgrade signage / information at parking lot				X	\$2,500 - 5,000												
	Add picnic tables / seating at trail head	X				\$5,000 - 20,000												
	Conduct floristic / ecological assessment of forest		X			\$5,000 - 10,000												
	Monitor and remove invasive plants				X	\$5,000 - 25,000												
Kreag Road Park	Add ADA compliant restroom facilities		X			\$100,000 - 300,000												
	Add informational and directional signage to Bushnell's Basin	X				\$2,500 - 10,000												
	Reconstruct basketball court		X			\$25,000 - 50,000												
	Adjust ballfield locations to address outfield dimensions		X			\$5,000 - 25,000												
	Add path from boat docks to restroom building	X				\$5,000 - 10,000												
McCoord Hannan Woods	Assess ecological integrity of forest patch				X	\$5,000 - 10,000												
	Include directional information at Horizon Hill	X				\$1,500 - 5,000												
	Add signage directing to Kreag Road Park, Horizon Hill	X				\$1,500 - 5,000												
	Create natural area management plan		X			\$5,000 - 15,000												
Dewitt Property	Develop mountain bike terrain park		X			\$50,000 - 100,000												
	Develop hiking trails, picnic areas, and archery area		X			\$50,000 - 100,000												
	Develop play fields	X				\$50,000 - 100,000												
	Develop parking areas	X				\$150,000 - 350,000												
	Develop restroom facility			X		\$150,000 - 300,000												

Park Name	Recommendations	Short Term Action 0-3 Years	Medium Term Action 3-7 Years	Long Term Action 7+ Years	Continuous Action	Cost Estimate	Safety Benefit	Increased Activity / Play Benefit	Sustainability Benefit	Cost Benefit	Sports Teams	Hobbyists	Dog Walkers	Young Families	Trail Users / Hikers	Seniors	Cyclist Groups	Accessibility Groups
Egypt Park	Upgrade or replace restroom building	X				\$50,000 - 250,000												
	Add bicycle parking	X				\$2,500 - 15,000												
	Improve accessible pathways to restrooms	X				\$5,000 - 10,000												
	Create accessible nature education boardwalk/platform		X			\$50,000 - 150,000												
	Add signage at Trolley Trail	X				\$1,500 - 5,000												
Indian Hill Conservation Area	Update parking area			X		\$25,000 - 100,000												
	Add trail and park system maps at trailhead	X				\$2,500 - 15,000												
	Assess ecological condition and plan for management	X				\$5,000 - 10,000												
	Remove invasive vegetation along trails				X	\$2,500 - 20,000												
	Address trail surface erosion	X				\$5,000 - 25,000												
Mason Valley	Assess ecological condition and plan for management	X				\$5,000 - 10,000												
	Continue to upgrade wayfinding and signage				X	\$1,500 - 5,000												
	Consider interpretive signage at wetland		X			\$2,500 - 10,000												
	Improve public access points		X			\$5,000 - 25,000												
Thayer Hill	Add small parking area		X			\$20,000 - 50,000												
	Add signage	X				\$1,500 - 5,000												
	Increase public information	X				\$1,500 - 5,000												
	Conduct ecological assessment	X				\$5,000 - 10,000												
White Brook Nature Area	Repair / upgrade water utilities	X				tbd												
	Provide outdoor water source and public restroom	X				tbd												
	Expand outdoor seating area and add fire pit	X				\$2,500 - 10,000												
	Use existing ecological surveys for resource assessment	X				\$1,500 - 5,000												
	Expand existing environmental education programs				X	\$1,500 - 5,000												
	Consider developing a songbird observation area	X				\$2,500 - 20,000												

APPENDIX C

DEWITT PROPERTY

