

**Bayfield Outdoor Recreation Plan Review Addendum  
January 5, 2023**

In accordance with the City’s Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP), the Parks and Recreation Committee conducts its annual review of the plan in January to identify accomplishments and adjustments to the plan. The ORP will not be changed. After its adoption by the Committee at the January meeting, this addendum will be posted on the City’s website as a public record and reference of the review. These annual reviews will be referenced when the ORP is updated in 2025- 2026. The Plan Implementation Table is also revised to incorporate new actions. A list of 2023 priorities has been derived from this table for the purpose of guiding the Committee’s 2023 activities.

Year	Page	Unit Name/Heading	Accomplishments
		<b>Big Ravine Preserve</b>	
2022		Big Ravine Preserve	Reconstructed the boardwalk and stone steps above the “waterfalls”
			Conducted additional maintenance at the lower end of the School Trail
			Initiated slope stabilization at the School Trail by planting native plants in the spring. Initiated coordination with Bayfield School Buildings and Grounds Supervisor to address roof outflow that is causing erosion on the slope. Requested a restoration plan from Bay Area Environmental Consultants for stabilizing and restoring the hillside.
			Implemented invasive species control and planted native species at the Iron Bridge “viewshed” at the start of the Gil Larsen Trail.
			Implemented “Adopt-a-Trail” program with Bayfield Area Trails volunteers. Volunteers conducted routine maintenance and certified chain sawyers cut several trees that had fallen across the trail.
			Replaced damaged trail signs and installed new signs at School Trail.
			Continued coordination with Rick Erickson at the Bayfield School regarding Ojibwemowin language signage on the trail system, with the goal to implement in 2023.
2021		Big Ravine Preserve	The connecting trail from the Gil Larsen Trail to the east side of the school was constructed in summer 2021.
			A connecting trail (Hemlock Heights) from the bottom of the Ravine to the West Rim Trail was completed in 2021.
			4 lots west of N. Broad St. along the East Rim Trail were donated to the City by Emeline Larson in 2021. A memorial bench with plaque will be placed in spring 2022.
			Sections of boardwalk were added or replaced with help of Northland College Students during fall of 2021.
			The Gil Larsen Trail was extended beyond the Pine Bluff connecting point.
			Wayfinding signage was installed throughout the trail system
			Native plantings were completed in the Iron Bridge viewshed led by Bay Area Environment Consulting and volunteers
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	<b>6</b>	<b>Cooper Hill Park</b>	
2022	6	Cooper Hill Park	Removal of the "old" play equipment accomplished. New equipment has been purchased and will be installed in spring 2023. Until new equipment is installed, it is unknown what else should be done to further enhance the park. The weed control and wood chips will help immensely with the future use of this park.
2021	6/8	Cooper Hill Park / East Dock Park	Beside routine maintenance that was taken care of by Public Works, a large volunteer effort was organized to place wood chips - specially prepared for playground use - throughout the play areas in the park.
	6/8	Cooper Hill Park / East Dock Park	Volunteers repaired a number of playsets in the parks and Public Works has ordered replacements for some of the pieces. The equipment is aging and removals may become necessary as the replacement plan unfolds.
	6/8	Cooper Hill Park / East Dock Park	A phased plan for replacing the playground equipment has been initiated. This effort is being led by Molly Carrier and the Parks & Rec playground subcommittee. Vendor quotes have been obtained and fundraising is underway!
	<b>7</b>	<b>Dalrymple Campground</b>	
2022	7	Dalrymple Campground	Add sites: Land clearing was completed on the west side of the park to make room for three additional camping sites. Final work to make the sites ready for use will be completed in the spring of 2023.
	<b>8</b>	<b>East Dock Park</b>	
2022		East Dock Park	Several improvements were completed in conjunction with the harbor restoration project: 1) the entire shoreline along the park edge was protected by new rip rap break wall/berm; 2) a new concrete sidewalk was installed to connect the parking lot with the fishing pier; 3) the volleyball net was replaced.
			The playground subcommittee initiated fundraising for equipment replacement.
2021		East Dock Park	The construction company that is currently performing harbor improvements adjacent to the park has agreed to repair and renew the sand volleyball court that sits at the east end of the park. This facility was badly in need of rejuvenation.
	<b>9</b>	<b>Halvor Reiten Park</b>	
2022		Halvor Reiten Park	A new Dock L has been installed to replace the previous dock that was damaged by storms back in 2018. Additional riprap was placed around the dock as reinforcement. At present, the dock is accessed via natural foot path along the spit. This path will be monitored to determine if any other improvements are needed.
			The rain garden was maintained by volunteers to sustain the desirable native species and discourage invasive species.
2021		Halvor Reiten Park	Signage with park hours and rules, including the prohibition of fires was installed on the post of the park pavilion.
	<b>10</b>	<b>Jake's Island View Park</b>	
2021		Jake's Island View Park	During the process of planning the Waterfront Walk renovation, it was decided that adding a "platform" overlooking the harbor would not add value and would cause more costs and maintenance than desired. This item should be crossed out in the plan.

			Upon closer review, it was determined that there is a nearby handicap parking spot on Manypenny Ave. that meets this purpose. This item should be crossed out in the plan.
	<b>11</b>	<b>Memorial Park &amp; Annex</b>	
2021			Through memorial donations all four benches will be replaced with new ones that match those installed in Memorial park by the Civic League. These will all have memorial plaques attached.
2022			With funding from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, community donations, and City general funds, the waterfront walk way through these parks was completely renovated including: 1) recontouring the slope by the gazebo; 2) repaving to a 5 ft. width; 3) adding sidewalks at the south end near the marina building; 4) installing 4 memorial benches. A recognition plaque will be installed by the gazebo in spring 2023.
	<b>11</b>	<b>Rain Gardens</b>	
2022			With funding from the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund, a rain garden design and maintenance training was conducted by MetroBlooms from Minneapolis on 6/11/22 at the Courthouse rain gardens. The participants maintained the rain gardens, removing undesirable species and adding wood mulch. In addition to maintaining the rain gardens, the purpose was develop volunteer capacity and encourage private landowners to use green infrastructure.
			A local volunteer, using hand tools, improved the drainage “inlet” to the Courthouse rain gardens to improve water flow into the rain gardens: this should be augmented by public works in 2023.
	<b>11</b>	<b>Turning Point Fountain Park</b>	
	<b>12</b>	<b>Washington Ave. Lake Access &amp; Restrooms</b>	
2021		Restrooms @ Wash. Ave	Restroom doors were replaced.
	<b>14</b>	<b>Waterfront Walking Corridor</b>	
2022			See notes under Memorial Park and Annex regarding renovation of the waterfront walk.
			The City Plan Commission is leading a wayfinding plan, to be completed in 2023. Implementation will depend upon funding.
			A map of potential memorial bench locations was developed and approved by the Parks & Rec. Committee at the 6/2/22 meeting. The primary locations identified for benches are 1) along the walkway by the marina; 2) Turning Point Fountain Park.
	<b>16</b>	<b>Trails Network</b>	
2022			Through participation as a member of the Bayfield Area Trails Committee (BATs), we expressed support for the restoration of the Brownstone Trail. Landmark Conservancy purchased the Maki property at the end of 2022 for the purpose of restoring the trail.
			The Parks & Rec. Committee considered a conceptual proposal from a subcommittee of the BATs Committee to develop a foot trail

			connecting along the City’s west side from the cemetery to Brownstone Trail. The subcommittee has received feedback and may return with new alternatives that avoid conflicts with private residences.
<b>Year</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Unit Name/Heading</b>	<b>Plan Updates/Additions</b>
		<b>Turning Point Fountain</b>	
2022	4	Turning Point Fountain Park	The addition of benches suitably placed would be a great addition if there is room for them.
		<b>Wash. Ave. Lake Access</b>	
2022	12		Consider implementing a fee for kayak launching by commercial operators.
2021	12		Consider changing the name of Washington Avenue Lake Access to Washington Avenue Beach. At their 1/5/23 meeting, the P&R Committee passed a motion to retain the “Lake Access” name due to concerns about increasing use in an already congested location.
2021	12		Prior to renewing the lease with Trek and Trail on 12/31/23, review the terms to ensure the City’s needs/concerns are addressed. Topics could include restroom use and maintenance and enhanced public access to and from the beach. Add this to the implementation table.
		<b>Waterfront Walking Corridor</b>	
2022	14		The Committee discussed installing one or more memorial benches at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. “overlook” location. It was determined that a platform structure would need to be constructed to expand the site, created a level location, and avoid conflicts with snowplowing. This platform is not viewed as a high priority at this point in time.
	14		A memorial bench map was developed and approved by the Committee at the 6/2/22 meeting. Beyond this, we may continue to monitor for opportunities to add more benches along the west side of the waterfront walk- away from the water side - since so many people use the current benches. Coordinate the placement with PWD for maintenance's upkeep/mowing/snow removal, etc.
2021	14		Develop a simple design plan for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. “overlook” in order to accept memorial donations. This would include bench(es) and donations of bricks (similar to BHA). Add to the implementation table.
		<b>Other Topics</b>	
	15	Soccer Field	The field is no longer maintained by the school district as the lease agreement was terminated in 2021. The City now maintains these fields, including keeping the area mowed. The Committee encourages use of the soccer field for recreational purposes.
	17	Second District Park	Remove this park for the following reason: replacing and maintaining existing playground equipment in East Dock and Cooper Hill parks is the top priority. This is already beyond the City’s financial capacity, and adding more equipment cannot be supported financially.
	18	New Heading	Add Section VI: Policies and Procedures. 1. Permitting: Special events require a permit at least 45 days in advance of the proposed activity. The Committee may choose to waive the fee if the proposed activity is

			a public event and/or it advances the Committee's mission to support recreation, health and wellness in Bayfield.
18/1 9	Memorial Donation Opportunities		<p>Here is a list of opportunities for making donations for memorials in the City parks (benches, trees, walkways, &amp; other infrastructure):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. overlook: bench; expanded concrete or brick pad;</li> <li>● Identify other bench locations along the Waterfront Walking Corridor</li> <li>● Replacement trees at East Dock Park; in front of the wall near Bayfield on the Lake condos;</li> <li>● Benches at Turning Point Fountain</li> <li>● Benches at Korseberg Park</li> <li>● Memorial bench replacement at Halvor Reiten Park</li> <li>● Memorial bench at Washington Ave. Beach</li> </ul>
18	Implementation Table		Add a standard date for park clean up: recommend the first and second Saturdays in May.