

# GREENDALE PARK & RECREATION AD HOC COMMUNITY TEAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

# Greendale Community Recreational Space Study Public Engagement Results

Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting
September 21, 2023









### Public Participation Opportunities

- Public Engagement Session
- Community Survey
- Ad/Hoc Committee
- Focus Group Meetings



## Participation Details

### Community Engagement Session

- Hosted July 12<sup>th</sup>
- 70+ individuals participated
- Presentation, mapping activity, comment forms, prioritization board voting

### Online Public Survey

- Hosted July 17<sup>th</sup> August 7<sup>th</sup>
- 637 individuals participated
- Questions about levels of park use, current conditions, future needs

### Focus Groups

- Hosted July 19<sup>th</sup>
- 22 individuals participated
- Senior Citizens, Community Organizations, Outdoor Sports, Indoor Sports







### Contextual Plan Information

### Parkland Standards

- Measured in "acres per 1,000 residents"
- 2023 NRPA average/standard: 10.8 acres per 1,000 residents
- Recommended to maintain existing standard and level of service

		Number of Municipal&			
Municipality	2022 Population	School District Owned Parks	Residents Per Park	Total Acres	Acres Per 1,000 People
Village of Greendale	14,815	20	740.75	225.1	15.2

### Contextual Plan Information

### • Future Parkland Needs Analysis: 2033

			2033 Total Acres	2033
	2023		Needed to Meet	Additional
	Acres Per	Greendale Park	Projected	Acres Needed
2023 Total	1,000	Acreage Standard Per	Population	to Meet
<b>Active Acres</b>	Residents	1,000 Residents	Standards*	Standards
225	15	15	225	0

Note: Active acres include the total land area within all existing Neighborhood and Community Parks, Special Use Areas, and School District facilities.

<sup>\*</sup>Population Projection in 2033: 15,020

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2023 Total	1,000	Acreage Standard Per	Population	to Meet
<b>Active Acres</b>	Residents	1,000 Residents	Standards*	Standards
225	15	15	228	3

Note: Active acres include the total land area within all existing Neighborhood and Community Parks, Special Use Areas, and School District facilities.

<sup>\*</sup>Population Projection in 2043: 15,206



# Public Feedback Analysis: Questions for Discussion

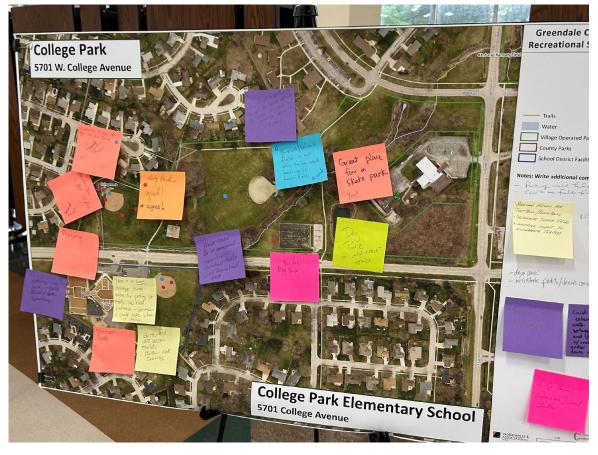
- •Does any of the input surprise you?
- •Where do you see trends or areas of consensus in the input?
- Does any of the input give you ideas for plan recommendations?

# Key Community Engagement Session Feedback (Overview)

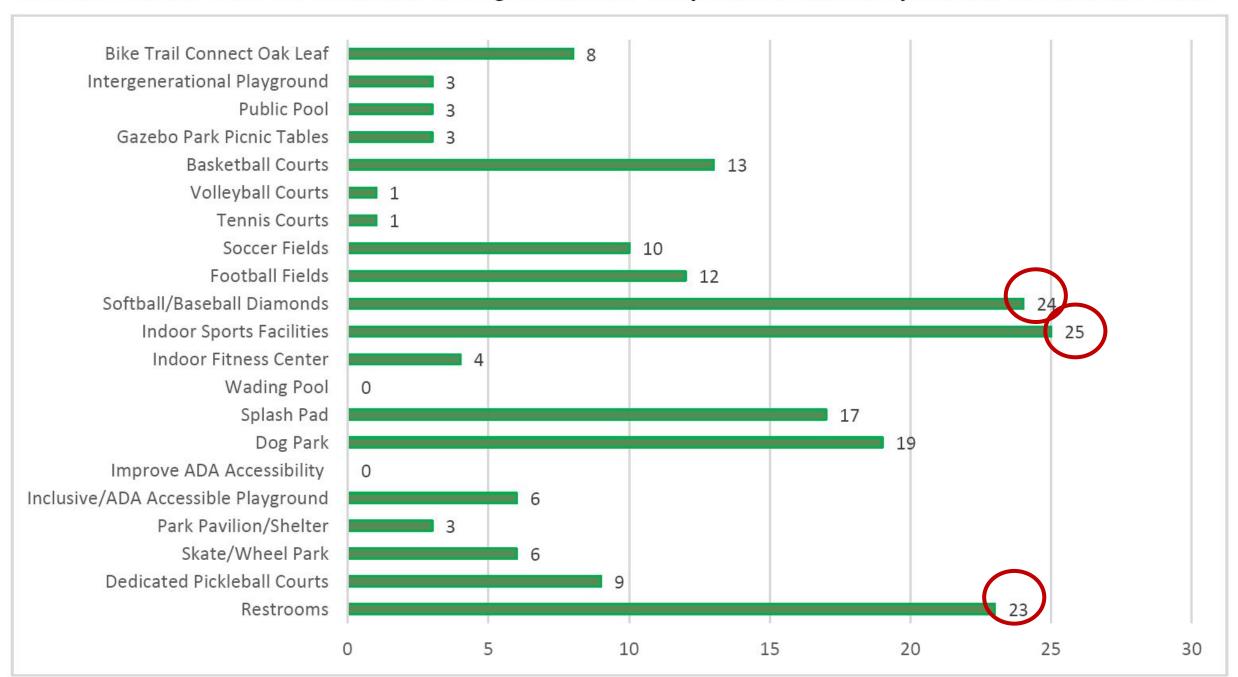
#### • Desire for:

- More restrooms in existing parks
- An indoor sports facility
- Additional softball/baseball diamonds
- Creation of a dog park
- Installation of a splash pad
- Improved outdoor playfield quality & maintenance

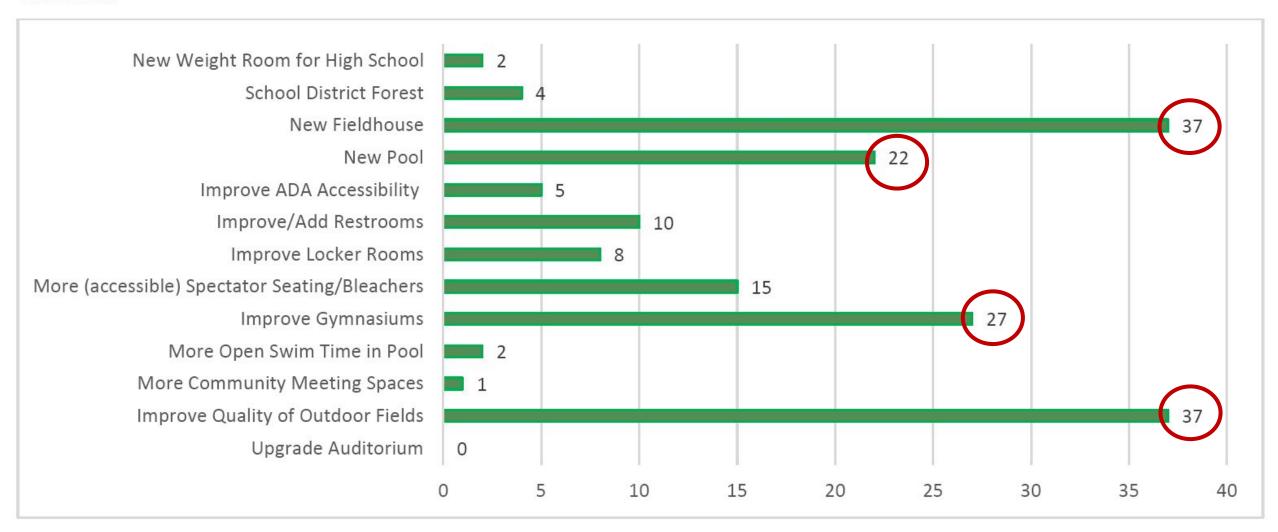




Question 1: Please distribute dot stickers among the facilities that you think should be prioritized in Greendale Parks.



Question 2: Please distribute dot stickers among the facilities that you think should be prioritized in School District Facilities.



### Key Focus Groups Feedback (General)

- Overall feedback on Park & Rec system is favorable
- Great school district, trail system, and nearby resources draw in families
- Concern w/lack of available space to support growing programs/activities

- 84<sup>th</sup> & Grange + old tennis courts at 51<sup>st</sup> & College identified as underutilized sites
- New/updated bathrooms at park locations was a common future improvement item

## Key Focus Groups Feedback (Site Specific)

- Community Center Park lacks spectator seating
- Daffodil & Edgerton Parks lack playground equipment
- Gazebo Park needs electrical & infrastructure improvement; bathrooms & concessions desired at this site

- Elementary School gyms are undersized & lack spectator seating
- Brinkman Field lacks spectator seating, bathrooms & outfield need improvements, and pegs for bases are a safety concern

## Key Focus Groups Feedback (Site Specific)

- High School:
  - Existing gym space is limited & not large enough
  - Fieldhouse w/4 basketball courts,
     4 volleyball courts & indoor track desired
  - Outbuilding w/team room, concessions & bathrooms desired
  - Larger concessions desired

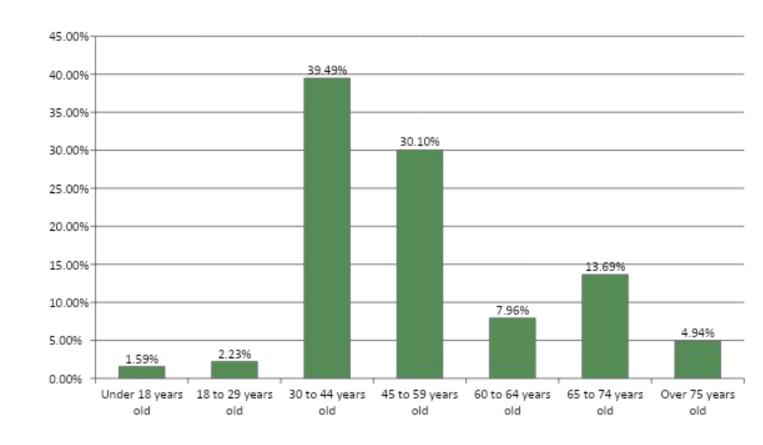
- Pool:
  - 8 lanes & diving well needed
  - Locker rooms w/multiple entrances is a safety concern
  - Floor surface & filter issues need to be addressed
- Fit/Dance area not
   ADA-accessible & concrete floor
   below mats is a safety concern

# Key Focus Groups Feedback (Additional New or Improved Amenities)

- Accessible playground elements
- Interactive opportunities for exploring Greendale
- Outdoor amphitheater/band shell
- Splash pads
- Hockey rink
- Facility use, coordination & wayfinding

- Indoor gym/fitness center for public use (multipurpose spaces & kitchen)
- Improved or turf outdoor field/grass areas & field lighting
- Adequate, safe parking at all sites
- Storage shed for athletics

- 92% of the 637 respondents were Village residents
- Only 3.82% of respondents were age 29 or younger
- 50% of respondents have a Greendale School District student in their household



- Residents indicate strong approval of the quality and variety of Greendale Parks and Recreation program offerings (over 75% indicated excellent and good ratings)
- Highest demand for more programs for:
  - Middle school aged children (11 14)
  - Teenagers (14 18)

• Top regular park activities reported by respondents included:

- Jogging/walking (72%)
- Hiking/Trail walking (61%)
- Biking (48%)
- Dog Walking (45%)
- Playground Equipment Use (41%)

\*Note that survey respondents were primarily over 30 years of age



- Most frequented Park Facilities:
  - Community Center Park (43%)
  - Daffodil Park (36%)
  - Gazebo Park (32%)
  - Greendale High School Fields (32%)

- Least frequented Park Facilities:
  - Sherwood Park (2%)
  - Edgerton Park (3%)
  - Lions Park (12%)

### Top 3 Amenities Requested at Each Village Outdoor Park & Recreation Facility:

- College Park
  - Signage, bike racks, trails
- Community Center Park
  - Public grills, trails, fitness equipment
- Daffodil Park
  - Playground equipment, picnic tables, signage

- Edgerton Park
  - Signage, trails, playground equipment
- Gazebo Park
  - Restrooms, picnic tables, bike racks
- Lions Park
  - Signage, trails, restrooms
- 43<sup>rd</sup> & Ramsey
  - Trails, signage, playground equipment

- Top 3 Amenities Requested at Each School District Outdoor Park & Recreation Facility:
  - Canterbury Elementary
    - Satisfied with conditions, ADA accessible facilities, drinking fountains
  - Canterbury Woods
    - Trails, satisfied with conditions, Signage
  - College Park Elementary
    - ADA accessible facilities, basketball courts, drinking fountains
  - Greendale High School
    - Fitness equipment, ADA accessible facilities, basketball courts

#### Greendale Middle School

Basketball courts, bike racks, satisfied with conditions

#### Highland View Elementary

 Satisfied with conditions, ADA accessible facilities, drinking fountains

#### Jaycee Park

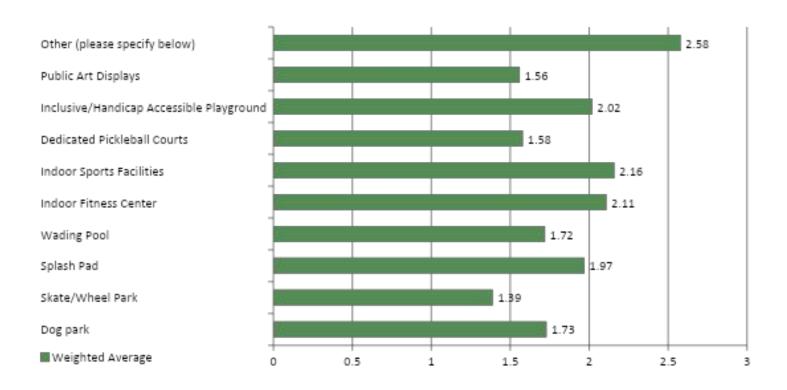
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#### • 84<sup>th</sup> & Grange

Pavilion or shelter, public grills, signage

- Key trends from School District Indoor Recreation facility quality questions:
  - Improved parking is needed at College Park Elementary School and Greendale Middle School
  - Greendale Middle School scored low in respondents' assessment of the facility's ability to host events, provide enough spectator seating, and provide adequate parking
  - The High School scored low in respondents' assessment of the pool, spectator seating, and ability to host events
  - Strong satisfaction with the Community Learning Center facility

### Most requested type of specialized recreation facility:



- Top three facilities:
  - "Other"
    - Swimming Pool
    - Multi-purpose fieldhouse
    - Public Restrooms
    - More baseball/softball fields
  - Indoor Sports Facility
  - ADA Accessible Playground

- Key bicycle and pedestrian network gaps identified:
  - Connection between Root River Greenway/Oak Leaf Trail and Village Center
  - Improve east/west connections from the westside neighborhoods across 76<sup>th</sup>
     Street to the rest of the Village
  - Safety and improved network connections to Southridge (Loomis, Broad Street)
  - Need for more pedestrian-scale lighting on Village trails



# THANK YOU!