



Waterways and Parks Commission

Agenda

7:00 p.m., July 27, 2022

City of Eau Claire

North Conference Room – City Hall

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.**
4. **Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda**
5. **Business Agenda Items**
 - a. The 2023 - 2027 Capital Improvement Plan, presented as the document on file in the Office of the City Clerk and open to public inspection during normal business hours, is recommended for approval by the Waterways and Parks Commission. (Steve Plaza)
 - b. Recommendation for approval of easement at Jeffers Park for Xcel Gas and Electric (Leah Ness)
6. **Discussion and Direction**
 - a. Future Agenda Items
 - b. Update on 2022 & 2023 Parks Capital Improvement Projects
 - c. Announcements
7. **Adjournment**

Ellen Faulkner, Chairperson

c: News Media

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Waterways and Parks Commission

Minutes

May 25, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm by Vice-chairperson Jessica Schoen
2. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present: Christopher Johnson, Kate Beaton, Jessica Schoen, Charlotte Hudgins, Kirk Dahl, Joe Maurer, Megan Holmes, Meredith Ball
 - b. Members Absent: Gina Keenan, Ellen Faulkner, Emily Anderson
 - c. Staff Present: Steve Plaza, Lane Berg, Christien Huppert and Ryan Petrie
 - d. Others Present: Julie Pangallo, Jo Ellen Burke, B.J. Hollars, John Dunn
3. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting, April 27, 2022.
 - a. Kirk Dahl made a correction to the minutes, he noted that the motion to recommend approval of the rezoning; motion was seconded by a different member. Motion to approve the minutes by Kirk Dahl. Seconded by Kate Beaton and motion passed.
4. Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda: None
5. Business Agenda items
 - a. Recommendation on Permanent Encroachment to Sculpture Tour of Eau Claire for the exhibits.
 - i. Presented by Christien Huppert. Huppert reported the permanent encroachments for the future locations for the Sculpture Tour throughout the city.

Julie Pangallo with Visit Eau Claire, noted the growth to allow for sculptures and go into new locations. This would allow for the permanent locations for the future. She noted that the locations Carson Park, along Water Street/Menomonie Street and other locations for future. 42 sculpture were installed last week at their locations with a total of 81 sculptures would be the largest in the country. Steve Plaza noted the commission is only looking at the city parks and trails. Kirk Dahl noted the one within the Carson Park to be relocated to a different location.
 - ii. Christopher Johnson made a motion to recommend the permanent encroachment to Sculpture Tour of Eau Claire locations. Kate Beaton seconded the motion and motion passed. (Megan Holmes abstained)
 - b. Recommendation on Public Art Application Request for Owen Park
 - i. Presented by Steve Plaza. Plaza spoke about a public art request for a 9' x 12' mural proposed at Owen Park for recommendation to allow for the public art request. He noted that the park was built two years at Owen Park. This recommendation would be forward to the City Council.

Jo Ellen Burke, chairperson of the Public Art Council noted about murals; noted about the murals throughout the area. She spoke about the proposed mural and the design regarding the concept. Also, noted the location along the trail and near the playground and parking lot. She noted that the mural would be up to 10 years and creative asset to the park.

B.J. Hollars spoke about the proposed mural and spoke with the director about the Great Outdoors. He noted the Eau Claire can be the officially home for the Great Outdoors movie.

- ii. Kate Beaton made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed mural at Owen Park. Christopher Johnson seconded and the motion carried. (5-1) (Megan Holmes & Meredith Ball abstained)
- c. Presentation of Aerial Deer Survey Results
 - i. Presented by John Dunn, retired DNR employee spoke about the aerial deer survey results noted the summary. The deer aerial survey was taken place on March 4th. This survey was started in annual in 2013, noted seven different study areas. He noted the numbers are actually deer counting; not the number of deer in the city. He noted about 500 deer total within the city limits. Also, noted deer density per square mile and the numbers have increased significantly.

6. Discussion and Direction

- a. Future Agenda Items: skate park presented; received report floodplain with stormwater management plan. Plant community with the deer management plant.

- b. Announcements

Steve Plaza noted Pat Williams spoke about dog parks, three dog parks – she passed away. Playgrounds have been installed at McDonough Park and playground installed at the ribbon cutting is on June 16th Newall Park in Shawtown Park. Presented about the Special Events.

- c. The next scheduled meeting for the Waterways and Parks Commission will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

- i. Motion to adjourn by Meredith Ball, seconded by Joe Maurer. All Commissioners present voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

STAFF REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Capital Improvement Plan

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: July 27, 2022

From: Steve Plaza

Description: 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Location: N/A

Background: The proposed Capital Improvement Plan is a five-year plan created with careful planning by the City staff. When adopted, a capital improvement plan is used to direct ongoing capital investments to achieve strategic goals of the City.

Justification: A capital project is deemed as such when the end project holds a value of at least \$5000 and possesses a useful life of greater than one year.

Proposed Motion: I move that the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) presented as the document on file in the Office of the City Clerk and open to public inspection during normal business hours, is recommended for approval by the Waterways and Parks Commission.

Proposed Location: N/A

Facilities Features: N/A

Storm Water: N/A

City of Eau Claire Park and Open Space Master Plan: N/A

City Comprehensive Plan: N/A

Financial: N/A

LAWCON: N/A



Fund 450-Parks & Recreation

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

450-Expenses

Proposal Name	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
450-001: Parks & Recreation-Half Moon Lake Endothol Treatment	\$132,800	\$92,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$225,600
450-002: Parks & Recreation-Carson Park Restroom	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
450-003: Parks & Recreation-Northwest Community Park	\$0	\$481,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$481,500
450-004: Parks & Recreation-Playground Replacement	\$0	\$228,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$348,000
450-005: Parks & Recreation-Outdoor Hockey Rink Upgrades	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
450-006: Parks & Recreation-Sport Court Replacement	\$95,000	\$0	\$57,000	\$0	\$63,000	\$215,000
450-007: Parks & Recreation-Wilson Park Water Feature	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
450-008: Parks & Recreation-Princeton Valley Park	\$420,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$420,000
450-009: Parks & Recreation-Owen Park Well Pump Refurbish	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$155,000
450-010: Parks & Recreation-Mt. Simon and Riverview Parking	\$0	\$480,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$480,000
450-011: Parks & Recreation-Irrigation Systems	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
450-012: Parks & Recreation-Surveillance Equipment	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000
450-013: Parks & Recreation-Archery Park	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$220,000
450-014: Parks & Recreation-Neighborhood Park Sign Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
450-015: Parks & Recreation-Turf Replacement at Carson Park	\$0	\$0	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	\$550,000
450-016: Parks & Recreation-Owen Park Band Shell	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$525,000	\$575,000
450-017: Parks & Recreation-Park Master Plan New Plank Hill	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
450-018: Parks & Recreation-Fairfax Park Shelter & Amenities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$240,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,840,000
450-019: Parks & Recreation - Inventory Software System for Parks & Blvd. Trees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
450-020: Parks & Recreation - Portable Bleachers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
450-021: Parks & Recreation-Cason Park Historic Grandstand Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,920,000	\$2,120,000
450-022: Parks & Recreation-Parks and Forestry Building	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,300,000	\$11,300,000
450-023: Parks & Recreation-Replace Bathhouse Half Moon Beach	\$0	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
450-024: Parks & Recreation-Replace Mt Simon Baseball Fences	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,100	\$49,100
450-025: Parks & Recreation-Riverview North Pavilion Renovation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$1,147,800	\$1,537,300	\$837,000	\$910,000	\$16,182,100	\$20,614,200

450-Revenue

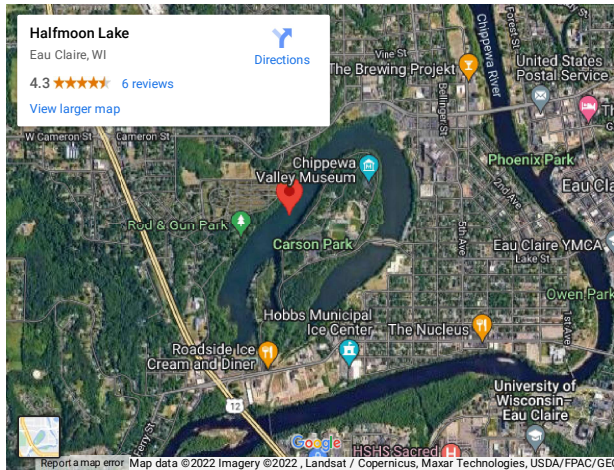
Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$720,000	\$961,500	\$0	\$640,000	\$15,220,000	\$17,541,500
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$282,800	\$92,800	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$700,000	\$1,325,600
Transfer from General Fund	\$95,000	\$333,000	\$67,000	\$160,000	\$262,100	\$917,100
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$100,000	\$570,000	\$0	\$0	\$670,000

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Intergovernmental: State Aid	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Promissory Notes-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$1,147,800	\$1,537,300	\$837,000	\$910,000	\$16,182,100	\$20,614,200



450-001: Parks & Recreation-Half Moon Lake Endothol Treatment

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Other
Useful Life: 10 Years
Category: Recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-001

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$82,800	\$42,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,600
Intergovernmental: State Aid	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$132,800	\$92,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$225,600

Description

Ongoing endothall treatments at Half Moon Lake. Early spring treatments of endothall prevent the growth of invasive aquatic species such as curly-leaf pondweed. The City will seek to utilize DNR grant funding to finance up to \$200,000 of the total costs.

Justification

Maintaining Half Moon Lake's water quality requires ongoing herbicide treatments.

This project is consistent with the Waterway Plan, Park and Open Space Plan, and supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, and #6.

This project meets

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces

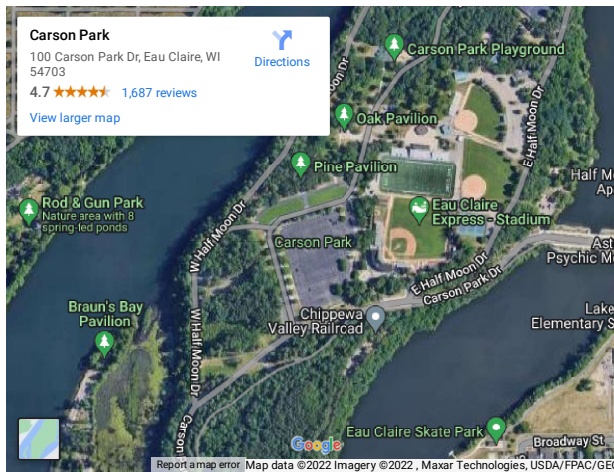
Goal #4 Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-002: Parks & Recreation-Carson Park Restroom

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset-Replacement

Useful Life: 50 Years

Category: Non-Recurring

Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-002

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

Description

Restrooms near the Carson Park play area need replacement.

Justification

Play area restrooms are aged and in need of infrastructure upgrades. Sites also have ADA challenges. In addition, this restroom location is out of sync with the use and traffic patterns in the area. Maintenance access is difficult and park users generally don't know where the facility is in the park.

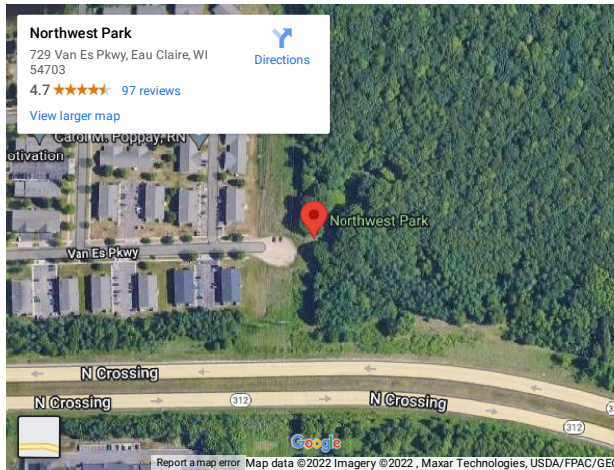
This request is consistent with the goals of the City's Park & Open Space Plan and the City's strategic goals and objectives #2.

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces



450-003: Parks & Recreation-Northwest Community Park

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Asset-New
Useful Life: 50+ Years
Category: Non-Recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-003

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$0	\$481,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$481,500
TOTAL	\$0	\$481,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$481,500

Description

This project contemplates the development of a park on the city's northwest side. Approximately 110 acres of woodland located north of the North Crossing and west of the Chippewa River were acquired between 1999 and 2001.

Justification

This project supports the expansion of city recreation space and recreation opportunities.

This request is consistent with the goals of the City's Park & Open Space Plan and the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, #5, and #6.

This project meets these goals by providing additional recreational access for residents and a functional space to engage with City amenities.



450-004: Parks & Recreation-Playground Replacement

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset - Replacement

Useful Life: 20 Years

Category: Recurring

Priority Level: 4

Sources

450-004

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$228,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$348,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$228,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$348,000

Description

The goal is to provide playgrounds that meet ASTM standards, and provide more accessibility, replacement of aging play structures is imperative. The useful life of outdoor play equipment is 15-20 years. We have 10 playgrounds in our system that were installed in the 1990s. In addition, obtaining suitable replacement parts for these structures is difficult because they are obsolete as industry standards continue to change and improve.

Justification

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, #5 and #6.

This project meets

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces

Goal #4 Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-005: Parks & Recreation-Outdoor Hockey Rink Upgrades

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset - Replacement

Useful Life: 20 Years

Category: Recurring

Priority Level: 1

Sources

450-005

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000

Description

This project will replace the hand-build hockey rink in Pinehurst Park with a dasher board system on footings to reduce maintenance and the setting of the boards.

Justification

The outdoor rinks currently have lumber dasher boards and chain link fencing above the boards. The lumber requires a large amount of maintenance to withstand the weathering it is exposed to, and the chain-link fencing fails and requires a lot of time to maintain and replace.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, and #6.

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open space

Goal #4 Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-006: Parks & Recreation-Sport Court Replacement

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset - Replacement

Useful Life: 25 Years

Category: Non-recurring

Priority Level: 4

Sources

450-006

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from General Fund	\$95,000	\$0	\$57,000	\$0	\$63,000	\$215,000
TOTAL	\$95,000	\$0	\$57,000	\$0	\$63,000	\$215,000

Description

Replace basket ball and multi purpose court Sundet Park and Cameron Park.

Justification

A comprehensive audit of 13 basketball courts was completed in 2013, to develop appropriate repair programs with a 20-year maintenance budget. Some court conditions are beyond repair and will require re-surfacing because cracks and uneven surfaces can create hazards.

This request is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Park and Open Space Plan, and the current City's strategic goals and objectives #2 and #6.

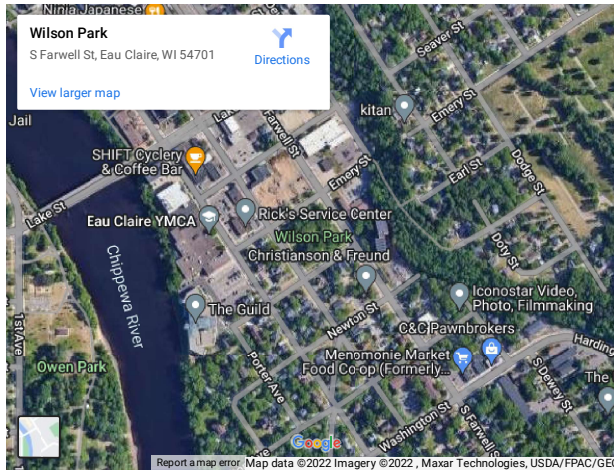
Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-007: Parks & Recreation-Wilson Park Fountain

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Asset - Replacement
Useful Life: 25 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-007

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

Description

Replace the fountain at Wilson Park with a new one. The project creates a new fountain that eliminates the need to chemically treat the water and eliminates the confined space required to maintain it.

Justification

The fountain had a drain failure in 2018 and was decommissioned until it could be replaced with one that can be more efficient to maintain.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, and #6.

This project meets these goals by creating a functional community space for residents.



450-008: Parks & Recreation-Princeton Valley Park

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Infrastructure - New
Useful Life: 50 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 1

Sources

450-008

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$420,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$420,000
TOTAL	\$420,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$420,000

Description

This project will provide a neighborhood park and associated amenities to the northeast area of the community. This park will be placed in the Princeton Valley neighborhood, along with the existing trail system, and will include a playground, basketball court, and benches. Community input has helped inform the amenities and design of the space.

Justification

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, and #6.

This project will provide neighborhood park-level amenities to a neighborhood currently lacking nearby access to such amenities.

This project meets

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces

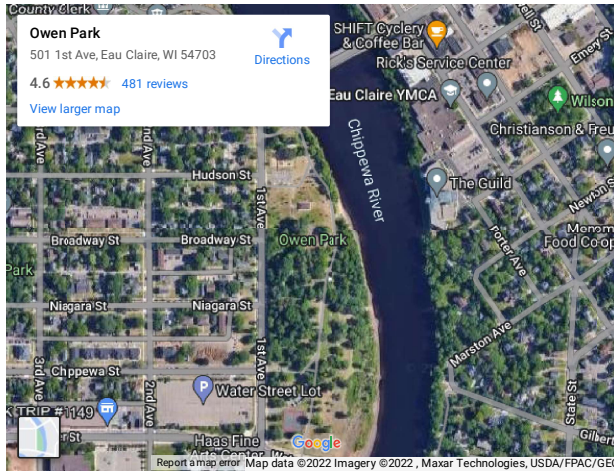
Goal #4 Develop connect neighborhoods

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-009: Parks & Recreation-Owen Park Well Pump Refurbish

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: City Facility - Upkeep
Useful Life: 10 Years
Category: Recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-009

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$155,000

Description

The City's high capacity wells are in need of maintenance to ensure proper functioning.

Justification

This project supports enhancing existing recreational opportunities by refurbishing wells that are used to redirect groundwater away from Owen Park.

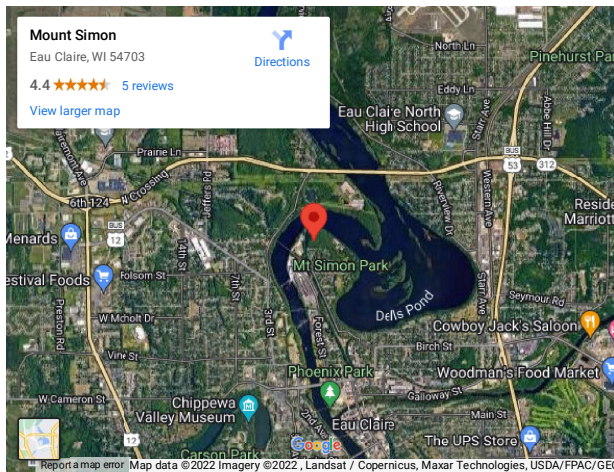
This request is consistent with the goals of the Eau Claire Waterways Plan and the City's strategic goals and objectives #6.

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-010: Parks & Recreation-Mt. Simon and Riverview Parking

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Infrastructure - Replacement
Useful Life: 25 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-010

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$0	\$480,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$480,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$480,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$480,000

Description

To pave, stripe, and have stormwater management to the parking lots in Mt. Simon and Riverview Parks. In Mt Simon Park, the parking area is adjacent to the Hillside Pavilion, near the boat landing. In Riverview Park, the parking area is adjacent to the North Pavilion.

Justification

The gravel parking lots that serve the park users in Mt. Simon Park & Riverview Park are both currently out of compliance with City Ordinance. These lots are well used by boaters and park users and currently, there are no delineations of parking spaces. Parking would be more efficient with a paved and striped parking lot. At Mt. Simon, this will also provide a safer area for vehicles towing boat trailers.

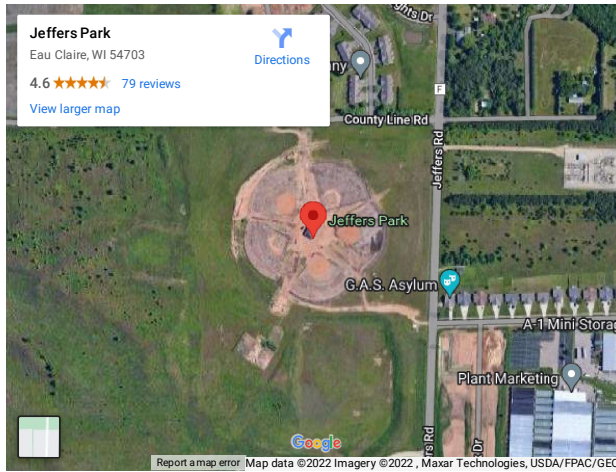
This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2.

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces



450-011: Parks & Recreation-Irrigation Systems

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Asset - New
Useful Life: 30 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-011

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000

Description

This capital program provides for irrigation systems at the Miracle League Field and common spaces at Jeffers Park.

Justification

Further development and use of Jeffers Park. A more robust irrigation system will maintain healthier and safer turf for community enjoyment.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #3 and #6.

This project meets

Goal #3 Utilize Technology to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-017: Parks & Recreation-Surveillance Equipment

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Asset-New
Useful Life: 10 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-012

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000

Description

Installation of I.T. equipment and infrastructure to allow for thorough surveillance of City park facilities. Installation of cameras, alarms, etc.

Justification

Technology can be a useful way to deter the vandalism of public facilities. Vandalism is both expensive to remove and can deter people from using park facilities, reducing engagement between residents and making parks less fun.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #3, #4, and #6.

This project meets
Goal #3 Utilize technology to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness
Goal #4 Develop connect neighborhoods

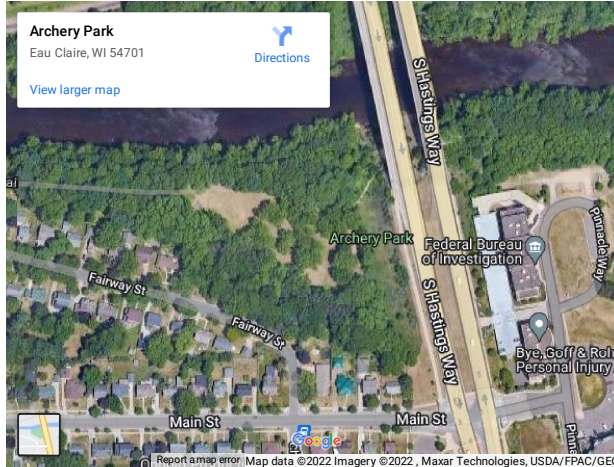
Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people





450-013: Parks & Recreation-Archery Park

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset-Replacement

Useful Life: 45 Years

Category: Non-recurring

Priority Level: 3

Sources

450-013

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$210,000	\$10,000	\$250,000

Description

Future upgrades to Archery Park, including improving the roadway into the park, enhancing parking options, and adding a canoe/kayak launch and picnic space with visibility to the river.

Justification

This project supports the Water Plan, Park and Open Space Plan, and City strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, and #6.

This project meets

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces

Goal #4 Develop connect neighborhoods

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-014: Parks & Recreation-Neighborhood Park Sign Replacement

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset-Replacement

Useful Life: 50 Years

Category: Recurring

Priority Level: 4

Sources

450-014

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000

Description

The City currently has many neighborhood park signs throughout the community which needs yearly maintenance. These signs are made out of various types of wood requiring different levels of maintenance. This project replaces the wood signs with composite (recycled plastic) signs that require little to no maintenance. Replacements would be phased using a predetermined number of signs each year until all neighborhood park signs are changed over.

Justification

Every winter City staff refurbishes wood neighborhood park signs as time allows. These signs are removed from their posts, sanded, and painted by staff at the Central Maintenance Facility. The signs are inconsistent in size, font, and design. The Signage Master Plan will be followed to bring some uniformity to the neighborhood park signs and greatly reduce our sign maintenance requirements.

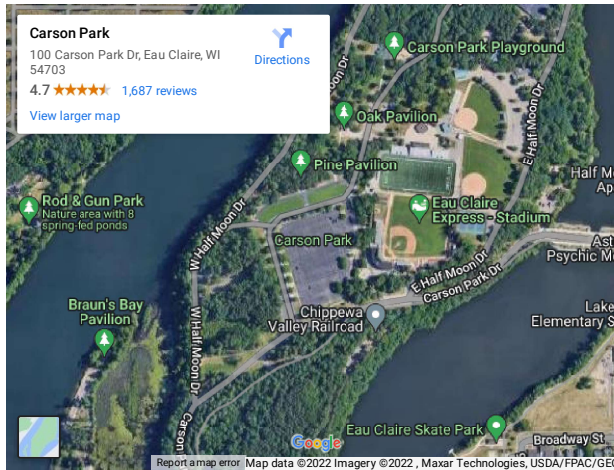
This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #3.

This project meets this goal by utilizing technology to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness.



450-015: Parks & Recreation-Turf Replacement at Carson Park

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset-Replacement

Useful Life: 10 Years

Category: Recurring

Priority Level: 3

Sources

450-015

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	\$550,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	\$550,000

Description

Carson Park Football Field has synthetic turf which needs to be replaced every 10 years. The current turf was replaced in 2015 and needs to be replaced by 2026 for performance and safety standards.

Justification

To maintain safety and performance standards, a synthetic turf field will need to be replaced every 10 years.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, and #6.

This project meets

Goal #1 - Support and grow the region, Promote downtown development

Goal #2 - Provide excellent recreational parks and open space

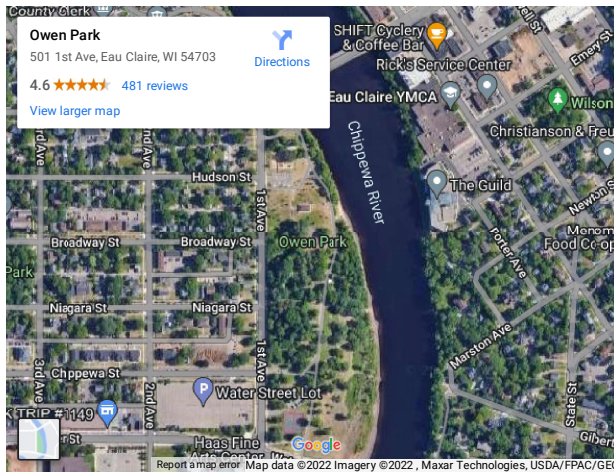
Goal #4 - Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 - Organize special programs for neighborhoods



450-016: Parks & Recreation-Owen Park Band Shell

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Asset-Upkeep
Useful Life: 25 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-016

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$525,000	\$575,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$525,000	\$575,000

Description

Ameresco performed a study on all City facilities and noted that the bandshell at Owen Park needs repairs. Since the bandshell is adjacent to the river it floods most springs, creating more damage. The following items were listed in the study: wood frame, stucco finish, steel door, concrete foundation and basement, wiring, and decorative lighting. The shell leaks when it rains and the entire structure needs to be improved including upgrades to electrical systems to accommodate new technology. This will help perform an engineering study of the shell and begin the repairs.

Justification

Without proper maintenance of the bandshell, it may deteriorate to the point of being unusable. The Parks and Rec staff currently make repairs when needed but the "bones" of the structure need major repairs. This structure is on the Historical Register and great caution needs to be followed to ensure proper restoration of the facility. The goal is to preserve the historical feel of the bandshell but update it to accommodate current and future needs. The 100th birthday of the structure will be in 2038 and it is our goal to have it last for another 100 years.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2.

This project meets

Goal #1 - Support and grow the region, Promote downtown development

Goal #2 - Provide excellent recreational parks and open space

Goal #4 - Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 - Organize special programs for neighborhoods



450-017: Parks & Recreation-Park Master Plan New Plank Hill

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Other

Useful Life: <5 Years

Category: Non-recurring

Priority Level: 4

Sources

450-017

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Promissory Notes-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000

Description

Complete a Master Plan for a new city park adjacent to Forest Hill Cemetery on or near Plank Hill. A Master Plan process for a future city park adjacent to Forest Hill Cemetery on or near Plank Hill would engage with the Community Services Department, the Waterways & Parks Commission, the Eastside Hill, and Third Ward neighborhoods, and the broader community to explore a Community Park on or near Plank Hill north of Harding Avenue, south of Forest Hill Cemetery and west of Flynn School. The focus could include a plan for maintenance of the existing nature trails and sledding hill, plus potential new amenities. Plank Hill is the most central high-elevation (930+ feet above sea level, equal to Mount Simon) location in the city, with potential for enhanced views of downtown, the Chippewa River, UW-Eau Claire, and the Third Ward and Eastside Hill Neighborhoods.

Justification

The designation of a city park in this area was included both in the 2018-2022 Park, Open Space & Recreation Facilities Plan and the 2021 Work Plan for the Plan Commission.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2.

This project request meets

Goal #2 - Provide excellent recreational parks and open space

Goal #4 - Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 - Organize special programs for neighborhoods



450-018: Parks & Recreation-Fairfax Park Shelter & Amenities

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Dawn Comte
Type: Infrastructure-New
Useful Life: 30 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 4

Sources

450-018

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$240,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,840,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$240,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,840,000

Description

In the 2009 Fairfax Pool Master Plan, an area south of the pool was designed as a winter recreation area. This project will bring year-round recreation activity, including a rental/event space. The addition of a hockey rink will be a full-sized boarded space that will have a concrete floor and an open-air roof overhead that allows an extended skating season. In the summer, the space will be used for in-line hockey, a possible rain site for tennis programs, and other creative programming opportunities. A four-season shelter with a kitchen is also included in this project.

Justification

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2. To provide the accessible infrastructure that corresponds with community surveys and master-planning initiatives.



450-019: Parks & Recreation - Inventory Software System for Parks & Blvd. Trees

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Other

Useful Life: 10 Years

Category: Non-recurring

Priority Level: 4

Sources

450-019

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$60,000

Description

The City Forestry Division oversees over 30,000 boulevard trees and our current system does not place them on the City's GIS and tracking each tree's care is difficult to establish. We would like to have a tree inventory system specially developed to track trees. We could also track trees in our park system.

Justification

Re-establishing an ESRI GIS-based tree inventory program to manage tree assets throughout the Community, including Parks, Cemeteries, Public Spaces, and Boulevards. Inventory will allow for tracking of planting, health, and maintenance of individual trees, and the continued management of Emerald Ash Borer, Street Project reconstructions, diversification efforts, and canopy coverage goals.

Strategic Plan Goals & Objectives: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.



450-020: Parks & Recreation - Portable Bleachers

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Asset-New
Useful Life: 25 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 1

Sources

450-020

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000

Description

Since the early 1960's the parks department has been moving the bleachers used for the Carson Park Baseball Field to the outfield for use at the football field in the fall conversely we move them back to the baseball field when weather conditions are favorable. In moving these bleachers our staff is asked to be placed in tight and high quarters either assembling or disassembling each unit. Moving these bleachers increase our staff's risk of injury, we contently repair the bleachers themselves because of the moving process to make sure they are staff to use. This process along with the age of the bleachers will make moving the current bleachers unsafe for staff and users. Our crew of 4-6 people spends 5 days moving these bleachers to the football field and 5 days moving them back to the baseball field.

Justification

We propose to purchase 3 portable bleachers with a 2' raise to use for the extra seating for fall baseball. Each section would seat 330 people for a total seating capacity of 990 spectators. This operation of placing the

bleachers is a one or two-man operation and could be accomplished in the morning. Since these bleachers are easily transported we could use them for other special events throughout the town for a fee.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #3 and #6.

Goal #2 - Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces, using infrastructures, connect neighborhoods and people

Goal #3 - Utilizing technology to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness

Goal #6 - Review special events strategies and policies



450-021: Parks & Recreation-Cason Park Historic Grandstand Improvements

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: City Facility-Upkeep
Useful Life: 25+ Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 1

Sources

450-021

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,920,000	\$2,120,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,920,000	\$2,120,000

Description

The Carson Park Historic Grandstand and Baseball Field were built in the 1930's. Since that time the field and stadium have been used every summer for the residents and visitors to Eau Claire. Many Major League Players have played inside the with the most famous being Henry (Hank) Aaron. Although the turf playing field is in excellent condition the historic brick grandstand and its structure have not seen any improvements since the 1930's.

Justification

Ameresco did a study of the grandstand and its mechanical systems and the following needs to be repaired to continue to use this facility for the next 100 years.

This request is consistent with the City's strategic goals and objectives #1, #2, #4, #6

Goal #1 Support and grow regional economy, Promote downtown development

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces

Goal #4 Develop programs that strengthen neighborhoods

Goal #6 Review special event strategies and policies



450-022: Parks & Recreation-Parks and Forestry Building

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Infrastructure-New
Useful Life: 25+ Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-022

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
G.O. Bonds-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,300,000	\$11,300,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,300,000	\$11,300,000

Description

The space at the CMF is becoming more crowded and bringing in/out our larger pieces of equipment is becoming more difficult. We are proposing to construct a large storage building and parks/forestry offices for our forestry and parks staff and maintenance equipment. The site could possibly be at our brush site so the forestry staff can marshal their brush loads and the beginning and end of the day. A central location would help bring in all of our equipment to one site to help for inventory, maintenance, and less time retrieving equipment throughout the year.

This request includes the equipment if we want to continue to run a brush site:

With the continued operation of the brush site, having operational equipment to run the site is imperative;

A. Truck Scale (\$80-100K)- This will allow for a gravimetric system of costing tipping fees. Charging per pound for brush or other green solid waste will recoup a more actual cost of operations for grinding. Allowing a "Seasonal Pass" for grass clippings and leaves will still be operationally effective.

B. 3 Yard End Loader (\$200-250K)- (Cat 926/ Deere 544) Having a dedicated loader for material handling at the brush site will allow for a cleaner, safer environment, allow for quicker turnaround on composting, and allow for a strategically located piece of equipment for other Departmental needs (snow plowing, storm clean-up, street sweeping staging and hauling).

C. Soil Screen/ Trommel (\$75-200K)- A trommel will limit the regrinding of woody material- saving costs- and also allow for compostable material to be screened to a more uniform size, also speeding up the composting process. Trommel can also be used for soil reclamation from stump grindings- reducing the need for further dumpsites for green waste.

Justification

Purchase and build a site sufficiently large for housing the majority of Parks and Forestry Operations and Equipment with adequate space for a marshaling yard and brush/ green waste site. The current brush site property is slated for neighborhood development. Space for operations at 910 Forest St is no longer functional nor adequate- compromising safety, requiring more organization and tracking, and increasing response time. Having the brush site and the operational facility combined will allow for better security, better response time, and a cohesive, organized place to keep track of materials, equipment, and workflow.

This request is consistent with the goals of the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #3.

Goal #2 Maintain and repair infrastructure

Goal #3 Utilizing technology to maximize efficacy and effectiveness



450-023: Parks & Recreation-Replace Bathhouse Half Moon Beach

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Infrastructure-Replacement

Useful Life: 25+ Years

Category: Non-recurring

Priority Level: 1

Sources

450-023

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

Description

The bathhouse at Half Moon Beach was constructed in the early 1980's and has deteriorated over the 32 years of operation. The fixtures and plumbing are inadequate for its current needs and mold is becoming more prevalent over the years. Even though our staff maintains the facility to the best of our abilities the bathhouse will need to be replaced. We have water intrusions through our walls and the foundation is moving and the blocks are crumbling.

Justification

Half Moon Beach has become more popular over the past years with the onset of COVID and people wanting to be outdoors. Our current bathhouse is degrading has mold and plumbing issues and the foundation is settling and blocks are crumbling. I have attached a study Ameresco completed on the bathhouse in 2019 that has more detail on the improvements that are needed. Just to get the bathhouse to its current level of a functioning restroom is estimated to cost \$250,000 in 2027. If we want to enhance the structure and provide indoor meeting

rooms, snack bar, and cooling space, making it a 12-month rentable space the cost will be significantly higher and a design and study would need to be done.

This request is consistent with the City's strategic goals and objectives #1, #2, #4, #6.

Goal #1 - Support and grow the region, Promote downtown development

Goal #2 - Provide excellent recreational parks and open space

Goal #4 - Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 - Organize special programs for neighborhoods



450-024: Parks & Recreation-Replace Mt Simon Baseball Fences

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset-Replacement

Useful Life: 20 Years

Category: Non-recurring

Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-024

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,100	\$49,100
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,100	\$49,100

Description

The fences at Mt. Simon Baseball Field are in need of replacement - they are becoming a safety hazard and are the original fences placed in the 1980's. These fields are used every day through the summer months for practices or games for our Pony League. The schools are also beginning to use the fields as well. Staff is spending more time repairing the fences each summer to make them playable and safe.

Justification

The fence is in need of replacing in Mt. Simon Baseball Park staff are spending more time in repairs each summer to make them safe.

This request is consistent with the City's strategic goals and objectives #1, #2, #4, #6

Goal #1 - Support and grow the regional economy

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open space

Goal #4 Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 Provide special programs for residences and visitors



450-025: Parks & Recreation-Riverview North Pavilion Renovation

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset-Replacement

Useful Life: 25 Years

Category: Non-recurring

Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-025

Itemization Description	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000

Description

The pavilion in Riverview Park is one of our most popular pavilions to rent. Although the location is beautiful the pavilion itself does not have enough power to plug in more than 2 crock pots and the concrete foundation is deteriorating. We receive complaints that the electrical needs for the shelter are inadequate (only 15 amp breakers) and the concrete is a tripping hazard.

Justification

We plan on increasing the power to the pavilion to accommodate our current demand and re=pour the concrete floor to make it a safe area to gather.

This request is consistent with the City's strategic goals and objectives #1, #2, #4, #6

Goal #1 Support and grow the regional economy

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreation and open spaces

Goal #4 Develop programs and strengthen neighborhoods, Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 Review Special Events strategies and policies



MEMORANDUM

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



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CLAIRE**

TO: Steve Plaza, Parks and Forestry Manager

FROM: Leah Ness, PE, PTOE
Deputy City Engineer 

DATE: July 21, 2022

SUBJECT: Recommendation for approval of an easement at Jeffers Park for Xcel Gas and Electric

Please place an item on the next Waterways & Parks Commission agenda to discuss and make a recommendation on the above-referenced item.

The City has received a request from Xcel Energy for relocation of a high-pressure gas main and electrical distribution. The high-pressure gas project is currently underway along CTH F in Chippewa County; the project is relocating the gas equipment to the west side of Jeffers Road. The electrical distribution location change is a result of roadway changes on Jeffers Road to the south of County Line Road and the addition of a multi-use path.

With potential future development in the area, the intersection of County Line Road and Jeffers Road has been laid out with potential roundabout control. This will reserve a larger footprint for the intersection should a roundabout be constructed. The easement request from Xcel aligns with the potential future design at this location.

The Plan Commission will review this easement request at their meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022. If approval is recommended, City Council would then review a resolution to grant the easement at the Tuesday, August 9, 2022, Legislative Session.

City staff recommends approval of the easement agreement.

Attachments: Gas Project Information, Map

WHEATON NATURAL GAS PROJECT



INFORMATION SHEET
FEBRUARY 2022
WISCONSIN

Overview

We are installing two miles of natural gas line and a regulator station which regulates natural gas pressure in the Town of Wheaton and City of Eau Claire for the Wheaton Natural Gas Project. The natural gas line will be installed in County Road F, north of 30th Avenue in the Town of Wheaton and South of County Line Road in the City of Eau Claire.

This work is our commitment to system revitalization, allowing us to continue to provide you safe, reliable service. It also accommodates and supports growth and enhances resiliency during extreme cold weather.

Schedule

Construction is anticipated to being in spring 2022 and completed in fall 2022. Please note that the project schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or other factors.

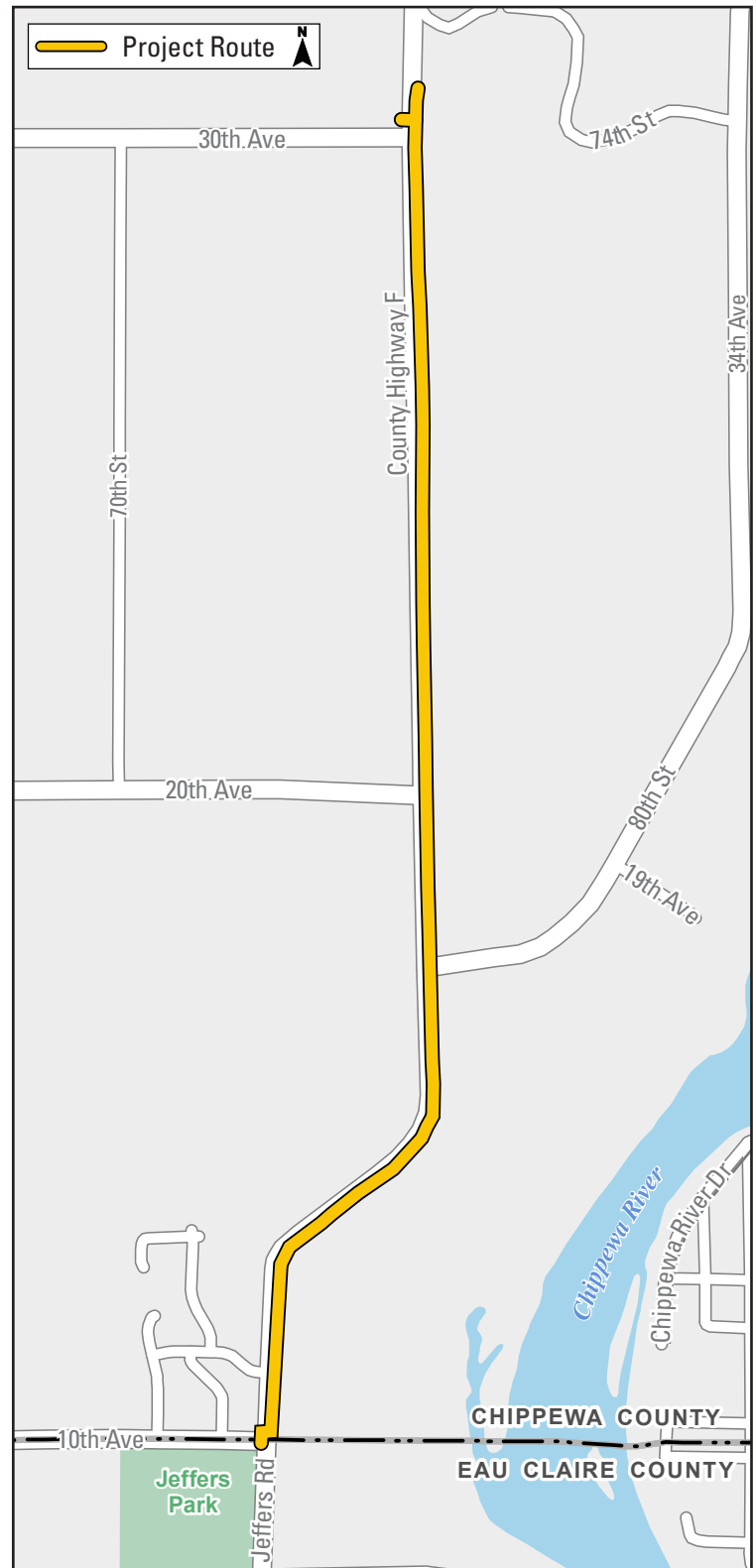
Construction

We will install the natural gas line in two ways. Open trenching involves digging a trench and placing the line in the trench. Boring uses a bore machine to create an underground pathway through which the line is pulled or drilled.

During construction, you may notice:

- Marking of utility lines and utility survey holes.
- Road closures.
- Traffic control.
- Parking restrictions.
- Potential access changes.
- Construction noise.

We work to reduce construction-related inconveniences and will temporarily restore work areas following natural gas line installation. Final restoration will occur when conditions allow.



This map is a graphic and may not show exact locations.

WHEATON NATURAL GAS PROJECT



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Safety overview

Public safety is at the foundation of all we do. The safety of the public around Xcel Energy's natural gas system influences every decision we make. We take a proactive approach to public safety by implementing safety measures before, during and after construction.

The project has been designed to meet federal and state standards and safety requirements for installing, maintaining and operating natural gas infrastructure.

Learn to recognize a natural gas leak

If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, leave your home or business immediately. Once you are safely away, call **911**, then Xcel Energy at [800-895-2999](tel:800-895-2999).

It is important to know how to recognize potentially dangerous natural gas leaks, so use your senses. Signs of a natural gas leak include:

- A "rotten egg" or sulfur-like odor, although it may smell differently to you.
- Hissing, whistling or roaring sounds outside near the natural gas line or inside near an appliance.
- Dirt spraying into the air or continuous bubbling in a pond or creek.
- Unexplained dead or dying vegetation.

Natural gas construction safety

During construction and installation of the natural gas line, we protect your safety by:

- Implementing a corrosion prevention system designed to eliminate metal loss.
- Verifying pipe weld integrity by an independent third party.

Once the natural gas line has been installed and prior to putting it into service, the following steps are taken:

- Internal inspection of the natural gas line with state-of-the-art equipment.
- Performance of internal pressure tests to verify the line's integrity.

During the lifetime of the natural gas line, the following occurs:

- Internal inspection of natural gas lines regularly with "in-line" inspection technology.
- Conduct annual hazard patrols and leak surveys.
- Continuous remote monitoring (24/7) of the natural gas line and facility operations by Xcel Energy's staffed gas control center.

Call before you dig

A common cause of natural gas incidents results from improper or unauthorized digging near underground utilities. Prior to digging, call **811** or visit diggershotline.org to have buried utility lines located and marked.

Locating buried lines before digging prevents potentially dangerous natural gas conditions that result from digging into or nicking a buried gas line.

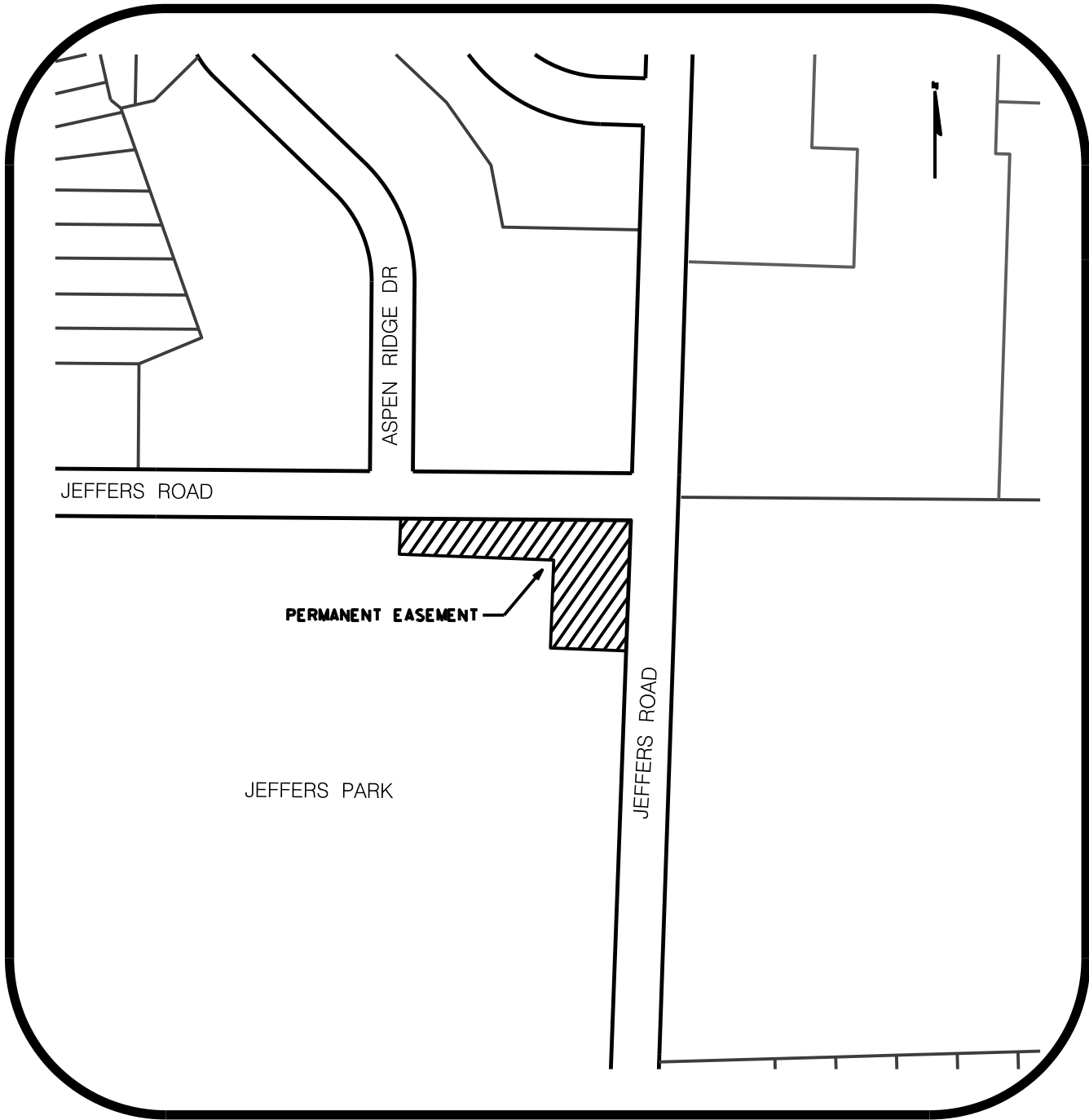


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July - August 2022 Special Events

Event	Day/Date	Location
Food Truck Fridays	Friday, July 8	Riverfront Terrace
Farmer's Market	Wed/Thu/Sat, May 7 - October 29	Phoenix Park
Artist's Market	Saturdays, May 28 - October 15	Phoenix Park
Municipal Band Summer Concerts	Wednesdays, May 30 - July 27	Owen Park
Sounds Like Summer Concerts	Thursdays, June 2 - August 25	Phoenix Park
Eau Claire Express Post-Game Fireworks	Fridays, July 15, July 29, and August 5	Carson Park
Praise in the Park	Sundays, June 5 - August 28	Phoenix Park
Mindful Movement in the Park	Mon/Tue/Wed, June 6 - August 17	Phoenix Park
Tuesday Night Blues	Tuesdays, June 7 - August 30	Owen Park
Love Eau Claire Camp	Mon-Thu, June 27 - July 22	Cameron Park
Carson Park Experience	Monday, July 4	Carson Park
Fireworks Display	Monday, July 4	Carson Park
Dance for David	Saturday, July 9	Phoenix Park
Walking (& Biking) Into History	Various dates	Carson Park, Forest Hill, Downtown
US National Kubb Championship	Thu-Sun, July 7-10	Soccer Park
LE Phillips Senior Center Water Street Mile	Saturday, July 9	Water Street
MCHS Safety Camp	Tuesday, July 12	Carson Park
Drums on the Chippewa	Wednesday, July 13	Carson Park
Eau Claire Maker's Market	Saturdays, July 16, August 13	Owen Park
Fierce Freedom Justice Run	Wednesday, July 20	Carson Park
Tinkergarten	Mon-Thu, July 25 - August 23	Rod & Gun Park
Family Fun Night	Saturday, August 6	Haymarket Plaza
Zumba in the Park	Wednesday, August 10	Phoenix Park
US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championships	Thu-Sun, August 11-14	Carson Park
NAFA Nationals	Thu-Sun, August 11-14	Carson Park
WCWTU Silent Auction	Tuesday, August 16	Phoenix Park
A Grand Evening on the Bridge	Wednesday, August 17	Grand Ave Bridge
Family Fun Fest	Saturday, August 20	Owen Park
Team Hope Run/Walk	Saturday, August 20	Carson Park
Kids Play Event	Saturday, August 20	Carson Park
We Care Eau Claire Backpack Event	Monday, August 22	Phoenix Park
North Husky Cross-Country Invite	Saturday, August 27	City Wells
Little Buckshot Run	Tuesday, August 30	Carson Park