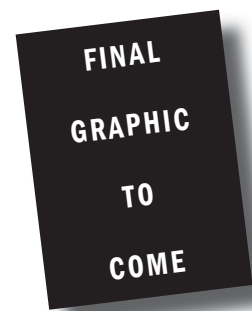


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Summary...

The findings of this study and its subsequent recommendations are intended to define the Village parks and natural resource areas; evaluate their value in variety, quantity and frequency, as well as their quality and conditioning. Compare those findings to the National Park & Recreation Associations recommended standards. Analyzing the findings, then make recommendations to repair, replace, and or provide new facilities to meet national standards and community goals. The location, size, composition, desirability, environmental importance, community needs, feasibility, and sustainability are given priority to these findings. This assessment gives clear and accurate resolution to challenges found by the national standards analysis.

The Village of Shorewood, at this time, has adequate park and open space lands (by area) for its population according to the NRPA Matrix; however, the majority of park land is within the floodplain of the DuPage River. This riverfront is a very valuable natural resource, but it is a limited resource as true accountable park land for it is used almost exclusively as passive recreation, and its limitations during chronic wet conditions.

The DuPage River Corridor's will provide a catalyst for the future open space and economic development in the heart of the community. Cities throughout the Chicagoland Area with riverfront access and riverwalks are icons to the region for the quality of life provided, and the ability to generate economic revenue. The investment in to a riverwalk should without question take a precedence with the Village.

Findings of this report are to be consistent with NRPA standards, despite a great investment into the acquisition of this corridor, the Village remains deficient in actual amenities provided to meet this national average. It is the recommendation that the Village continue with highest priority to acquire the missing pieces of waterfront parcels along the DuPage River and initiate the preparation of a riverfront masterplan to implement a riverwalk. Apply for additional grant funding to support acquisition of land, redevelopment of existing facilities, and construction of the trail corridors and the acquisition of Phase I properties, through purchase, donations, gifts, and grants.

Thank You...

Hitchcock Design Group would like to give special thanks for the opportunity to work with such a talented and visionary team of leaders. It is a pleasure to produce this study for the Village of Shorewood. We hope this study provides guidance and direction to the future of the Village Parks and Recreation and natural resource areas. We would like to thank the Village administrators and staff for their diligent correspondence, coordination, and providing invaluable experience, knowledge and historical information. We are honored to have worked with leaders of such dedication, vision, and passion to ensure their community's safety, welfare, and quality of life. We would extend our services to the Village of Shorewood for any future actions to achieve such goals set forth from the Village of Shorewood...
Thank you

