

# WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN



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# West Salem Wisconsin Outdoor Recreation Plan

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## INTRODUCTION

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### Outdoor Recreation in West Salem

The purpose of this plan is to provide guidance to West Salem for the preservation, future acquisition, development, and improvements of outdoor recreation and open space facilities. The plan provides details of public recreation and open space areas within the Village. The plan will assist West Salem in meeting the present and future outdoor recreational needs of its residents.

The completion of this 5-year Outdoor Recreation Plan followed by the Village's adoption of the plan will make the Village's projects eligible for various state and federal funding programs through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Additionally, the preparation of the plan is an efficient way to plan for the allocation of funds to be placed toward future recreation opportunities in the community.

The inventory of outdoor recreation facilities is included in the document. A survey was presented to the community and over 300 residents responded. That input was used to develop this report and the survey report is included at the end of this document. This level of interest and participation suggests the community values recreation and the work of the Parks Department, the Village, County, Schools, and individuals contributing to the entire system.

Potential projects for the future are identified based on input from staff and long-term planning initiatives regarding future maintenance, upgrades, and priorities for the Village's Park system. The goals and objectives are intended to guide future decisions for investment. They begin on the next page.

West Salem requested that the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission coordinate and prepare this Outdoor Recreation Plan. The Park and Rec Department, A planning Committee, staff, and other units of government recognizing the value of coordinating all outdoor recreational planning. The Village will adopt the Plan before it is effective in the given jurisdiction.



## Goals & Objectives

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**Goal 1:** Continue to maintain and improve the Village's outdoor park and recreation facilities.

**Objectives:** In addition to maintaining existing parks, the community will seek ways to improve existing facilities, upgrade or replace aging equipment, and develop new programming to best meet the needs of all citizens, including children, teenagers, the elderly, and individuals with mobility challenges.

Provide year-round outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities. Partner with the schools, private sector, clubs, County and State to provide access to the best facilities and programs.

Monitor the general overall condition of the Village's outdoor recreation amenities annually and establish an outdoor recreation Improvements Program.

**Goal 2:** Use the Village's financial resources efficiently and enhance outside funding opportunities for park and recreational needs of the community.

**Objectives:** Evaluate and prioritize recreation facility usage and needs. Monitor state and federal grant programs for future park development. Apply for funds if appropriate.

Partner with the schools, private sector, clubs, County and State on project funding where appropriate.

Determine the costs and benefits of all recreational development prior to undertaking the project.

**Goal 3:** Protect and enhance the unique natural resources within West Salem and the area while providing and improving public access to these facilities and the waterways adjacent to them.

**Objectives:** Maintain an awareness of the vulnerability of the Village's valuable natural resources.

Provide facilities that enable recreational users the opportunity to enjoy the Village's natural assets without causing any adverse impacts on these resources.

Maintain the tree canopy by planting new and replacing trees both in the parks and elsewhere in the community.

**Goal 4:** Promote recreation as a way toward better public health and wellness.

**Objectives:** Work with our partners, media outlets, tourism, and others to promote our programming, facilities, events, and other recreational activities for the betterment of our community.





## West Salem Municipal Mission and Priorities

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*“The mission of the West Salem Parks, Tourism, and Outdoor Rec Committee is to permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, park land and recreational opportunities for current and future generations.*

*The West Salem Parks and Recreation Department exists to provide places and recreational opportunities for all people to gather, celebrate, contemplate, and engage in activities that promote health, well-being, community, and the environment.”*

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## West Salem Overview

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### Natural Resources of West Salem

West Salem is located within Wisconsin's Western Upland. This area is in the Driftless Area, an area untouched by glacial. The name 'driftless' comes from the root word drift, also meaning till, and where no glaciers touched, no till could be deposited. The sculpted topography was carved out by glacial melt 11,000 years ago by retreating glaciers. What remains are scenic ridges and valleys that make up the area are now commonly referred to as the "Coulee Region."

**Size and Location:** West Salem, in total, is 3.44 square miles, where 0.02 square miles of that is covered by water. The village runs roughly 5.01 miles from West to East and 1.94 miles North to South. West Salem is surrounded by the Town of Hamilton and the cities of Onalaska and La Crosse 9.3 miles to the Southwest and the Village of Bangor 4.8 miles to the East. West Salem is in La Crosse County located along the La Crosse River.

**Climate:** The West Salem climate is continental, characterized by warm summers, cold winters, and moisture throughout the year. The coldest month of the year is January with an average daily high temperature of 27°F and the warmest month of the year is July with an average daily temperature of 84°F. Throughout the year, West Salem, on average, has 133.6 rainfall days. Annually, West Salem has 27.36 inches of precipitation. Precipitation is defined as rainfall and snow accumulation.

**Soils:** There is considerable variation of soil in West Salem. The most common soil type is Tarr sand on 15-60 percent slopes. The second is Merit silt loam on 20 to 45 percent slopes. The third is Norden silt loam, Hixton silt loam, Churchtown silt loam, and Seaton silt loam (driftless valley), with a slope of 20 to 30 percent and all moderately eroded.

Tar sand is on stream terraces, hills, and pediments. Slope gradients range from 0 to 6 percent. Tarr forms in siliceous pedi-sediment over siliceous sandy residuum from sandstone. Permeability is rapid and consists of very deep, excessively drained soils. Merit silt loam is similar in that it consists of very deep, well drained soils. But Merit silt loam forms in silty alluvium over loamy alluvium underlain typically by siliceous sandy alluvium on stream terraces and pediments. Permeability is moderate in the silty and loamy mantle and moderate to moderately rapid in the stratified sandy substratum.

**Topography:** Within the boundaries of the Village, elevation is fairly consistent and relatively flat. Just beyond the boundaries are dramatic elevation rises which help explain the location of the Village. This surrounding topography is a textbook example of the Coulee Region – the distinctive look caused by the lack of glaciers. Some segments of the village do include such ridges.

**Surface Waters:** West Salem is home to Lake Neshonoc and has several tributaries from the La Crosse River within the Village limits. This lake is 606 acres with the deepest point reaching 11 feet. Lake Neshonoc provides multiple outdoor activities for the residents of West Salem as well as visitors. Neshonoc Lakeside Campground is found on the North side of the lake and obtains bike trail, boat ramp, and lake access. The campground has 284 sites and is open yearly from April to October. Tributaries from La Crosse River present fishing and swimming access.





## Social Characteristics

**Population:** In 2010, West Salem had a population of 4,799, as of 2020, the population has increased to 5,225. According to DOA, West Salem's population is predicted to increase by 2.63% from 2020 to 2022, leaving the total population by 2022 at 5,416. By 2030, the population is said to increase to 5,565 corresponding to MCD.

**Population Age:** According to 2021 U.S. Census Figures, West Salem had a median age of 42.9. This is an increase of 6.8 years since the 2010 Census and is higher than the median age of the State of 39.6, and the Nation of 38.8. The Village's percentage of population 65 years and older is 19.1%. This figure is higher than the State's percentage of 13.7%, and Nation's 16.5%. On the other end of the age scale, the percentage of the Village's population under the age of 20 was 31.6%, which was also higher than the State's 22%, and Nation's 23.1%.

**Disability Characteristics:** According to the 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 9.9% of the population of the Village of West Salem has a disability. Among those 75 and older, 37.4% have a disability. As the median age of the village increases as does the percentage of the population over 65, the percentage of residents with a disability will only increase. This should be kept in mind for outdoor recreation facilities – both assessing the accessibility of current facilities and designing new facilities to be as accessible as possible.

**Median Household Income:** Median household income in West Salem in 2021 was \$64,856 or 96% of the State median household income of \$67,080. Compared to a median income in 2018 of \$56,530, this represents a 4.03% annual growth.

**Urban/Rural:** According to the 2021 Census, there is no data provided for West Salem's' population living in urban and/or rural areas. This is primarily due to the fact that the Village of West Salem is a rural area itself. Its urban counterpart being the City of La Crosse, 13.5 miles due West.

**Land Use:** According to the 2021 Statement of Assessment for La Crosse County, 85.6% of land in West Salem is residential. 12.0% of land is commercial. All other land uses make up 2.3% of land in West Salem

**Employment:** According to the 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the largest sectors of employment in the Village were educational services, and health care and social assistance employed 35.6% of workers, manufacturing employed 13.4%, and retail trade employed 10.8%.



# Review of Recreation Demand

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## Introduction

The planning of outdoor recreation facilities is of utmost importance for the development of healthy and viable communities. Three important parts of recreation planning are:

- (1) Determine the demand for several types of outdoor recreation activity,
- (2) Inventory the existing facilities which accommodate the various types of outdoor recreation activity,
- (3) Evaluate the existing facilities and determine the need for improvements or additions to meet the existing and anticipated recreational demand.

## Recreational Demand

As we progress into a new century, events and issues that influence outdoor recreation in the future are changing. Issues, which will influence future outdoor recreation activities include:

- Land use patterns are shifting,
- Ownership patterns in rural areas are changing,
- Budgets for operation and maintenance of recreation resources are not expected to increase.

In addition, the demographics of the Village are shifting. The Village's median age as of 2021 is 42.9 years old, a 15.9% increase since 2010 (36.1 years old). As people age, recreation activities they participate in may change. The changes in family structure (an increase in single parent families) also change recreation choices.

For guidance on the demand for recreational outdoor activities, a review of the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2019-2023 was conducted. During the development of SCORP, numerous Wisconsin residents were questioned as to how often they participate in various recreation activities. Data is collected at 8 regional levels; West Salem lies in the Mississippi River Corridor. The box to the right indicates the most popular recreation activities in the State with activities bolded indicating the top activities in the Mississippi River Corridor Region.

## Favorite Places to Visit Based on Public Input

Of the people providing input, the majority (67%) selected the quality of trails as one of the top four most crucial factors in determining their favorite property to visit. This is expected, given that many respondents noted their participation in a variety of motorized and non-motorized activities. The following were the next three important factors to determine favorable places to visit:

- Desire to be in a quiet place,
- Good maps, signs, or information about the property, programs and
- The quality of the habitat.

Wisconsinites have historically participated in outdoor recreation at higher rates than the national average. The table to the left shows participation rates of Wisconsin residents for general groupings of





nature-based recreation activities. For comparison, 46% of Wisconsin residents participated in ball sports (golf, tennis, basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, and handball).

77% of respondents believe more outdoor recreational opportunities are needed in the Mississippi River Corridor Region. The opportunity that was most frequently selected as needed in the Mississippi River Corridor Region was more trails for hiking, walking, or running, which was selected by nearly half of respondents.

The Mississippi River Corridor Region is a unique setting lending itself well to various types of outdoor recreation. Trout fishermen are drawn from throughout the Midwest to the many streams draining to the Mississippi River. These same rivers attract paddlers and bluffs are attractive to mountain bikers. The area provides exceptional habitat for many game species, especially deer and turkey. Since the huge success of wild turkey reintroduction beginning in West Salem back in the 1970’s, this region has been a hotbed for spring turkey hunting. The river is a migratory bird flyway which attracts waterfowl hunters during the fall migration as countless birds make their way south. The bluffs are also home to rare plant species and natural communities. With the abundance of nature, this area offers countless avenues to be explored.

These communities are partnering with local citizen groups, raising funds, and developing parks, trails, and access to waterways, attracting visitors year-round. The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LWCF) was enacted by Congress in 1965 “to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States” through outdoor recreation. As of 2022, the LWCF acquired \$932,798 to distribute within the US. (Source: U.S. Department of the Interior)

### Future Recreation Needs

Based on the 2019-2023 SCORP, the Mississippi River Corridor Region rates recreational activities as high, medium, or low relative to needs of the region. The groupings are as follows:

Future Recreation Needs - High	Future Recreation Needs - Medium	Future Recreation Needs - Low
Bicycling – touring/road riding	ATV/UTV riding	Dog sledding/ skijoring
Bicycling – mountain/off road	Bicycling – fat tire/snow	Dog training
Bird or wildlife watching	Fishing – lake from shore	Dog Trialing
Camping – developed	Fishing – ice fishing	Geocaching
Camping – primitive	Four-wheel vehicle driving	Off-highway motorcycle riding
Canoeing or kayaking	Horseback riding	Rock climbing
Cross Country Skiing	Horse cart driving	Sailing, windsurfing, rowing, etc.
Dog Walking	Hunting – migratory birds	Snowmobiling
Fishing – lake from vessel	Hunting – small game	Scuba diving/snorkeling
Fishing – river from vessel	Hunting – turkey	Whitewater rafting
Fishing – stream or shore wading	Motorboating (waterski, tubing)	
Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.	Swimming in lakes and rivers	
Hiking, walking, trail running	Target shooting – archery	
Hunting – big game	Target shooting – firearms	
Nature photography	Trapping	
Nature based education programs		
Picnicking		
Snowshoeing		
Visit a beach, beach walking		



**Definitions**

To assist in the interpretation and implementation of the West Salem Outdoor Recreation Plan, the following terms have been identified.

*Community Park (30-50 acres)* – A park designed to serve several municipalities or neighborhoods and to provide many recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

*Neighborhood Park (5-10 acres)* – A park usually less than 2 acres in size, designed to serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhood.

*Neighborhood Playground* – A facility often provided in conjunction with a community school. It is designed to serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhood and can accommodate a variety of informal or active athletic activities.

*Specialized Recreation Area* – Areas restricted by design to certain uses and may not always be available for use by the public. Golf courses, historic sites, and conservancy areas are examples of specialized recreation areas.

*Open Space* – Primarily land and water that is owned or managed by federal, state, or local governments, or a conservancy organization that is preserved for public use. Examples include wetlands, woodlands, wildlife refuges, prairies/meadows, rock outcroppings, etc.

*Pathways and Parkways* – Spaces that are connections related to travel such as trail or water trail providing connectivity for recreation and/or transportation purposes.

*Recreation Trail* – A travel way established through construction or use and is passable by the following, including but not limited to foot traffic, bicycles, cross country skis, off road recreation vehicles, snowmobiles, etc.

**Recreation Standards**

One accepted way to measure the adequacy of a Village’s Park system is to determine the number of people the system serves or has the capacity to serve. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has set the following “rule of thumb” standards for designing recreation facilities:

<b>Rule of Thumb” Standards</b>
Neighborhood Playground: 2 acres per 1,000 people
Community Park: 5 acres per 1,000 people
Specialized Recreation Area: as needed

These standards are dependent on the physical and cultural features of a given Village. In this Outdoor Recreation Plan, one of the guidelines to be used to determine the adequacy of recreational facilities and areas is the standard of 12 acres per 1,000 people. It has been determined through the planning process that this standard is acceptable to apply in the West Salem recreational planning process.



## Public Participation

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Meeting notes here



## PROPERTY INVENTORY

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### [West Salem Park Guide](#)

The outdoor recreational facilities in this community play a role in increasing the overall well-being and unity of the residents. These spaces are more than just physical structures, they act as sources for social interaction, physical activity, and creating a stronger connection with the natural environment. Some benefits to having well-planned recreational facilities are listed below.

1. **Community Health and Well-being:** Outdoor facilities provide spaces for residents to engage in physical activities, encouraging a healthier lifestyle. They also contribute to the physical and mental well-being of individuals across all age groups.
2. **Community Bonding:** These outdoor spaces serve as meeting points for community members. Parks become sites for family outings, picnics, and gatherings, which can create shared memories and a stronger sense of community.
3. **Economic Impact:** Outdoor recreation facilities contribute economically to the community. They attract visitors and tourists which can help stimulate local businesses.
4. **Conservation:** Outdoor facilities display the natural beauty of our region, showing locals and tourists how important it is to take care of the land. Residents who engage with these spaces often develop a greater appreciation for natural habitats. This can lead to increased awareness and participation in sustainable practices that benefit the environment.

Understanding and appreciating the importance of outdoor recreation facilities is so important for a successful community. What follows is an inventory of nature-based recreational activities available in West Salem. “Nature-based” is defined in the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) as “activities that are related to natural resources and where experiences are enhanced with higher quality natural habitats.”

## West Salem Recreation Facilities & Opportunities

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### Parks

The following pages contain an inventory of our parks and outdoor facilities. For facilities the city owns we have identified: Existing Facilities, Programs, Events & Revenue Generators, Issues, Current Maintenance Program, and Suggested Improvements.



## Village Park (Community Park)

Village Park is located at 121 Mill Street South and covers 4.890 acres. Although this is the smallest community park within the Village limits, it is home to many programs and events throughout the year. During the summer you can find Movies in the Park, Park & Rec Youth Baseball and Softball, and Ice Cream & Jazz in the Park. During the fall there are Trunk-or-Treat and Shelter rentals. The park is home to two separate play structures, two tennis courts, and two drinking fountains. You will also find a gazebo, concession stands, and multiple locations with blenchers and picnic tables.

### Site Analysis Summary

<b>Existing Facilities:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two separate play structure areas - slides, swings, monkey bars, climbing structures, merry-go-round</li> <li>• Gazebo</li> <li>• Bathroom building</li> <li>• Shelter building</li> <li>• Court of Honor</li> <li>• Concession stand</li> <li>• Lighted baseball field</li> <li>• Full court basketball court</li> <li>• Tennis Courts (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Space</li> <li>• Raised flower bed</li> <li>• Paved walking trails</li> <li>• Grill</li> <li>• Drinking fountains (2)</li> <li>• Benches</li> <li>• Bleachers</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Trash receptacles</li> <li>• Park sign</li> <li>• On street parking</li> </ul>
<b>Programs, Events &amp; Revenue Generators:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Egg Hunt (spring)</li> <li>• Movies in the Park (summer/fall)</li> <li>• Trunk-or-Treat (fall)</li> <li>• Winter Wonderland (winter)</li> <li>• Park &amp; Rec Youth Baseball/Softball (summer)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth programming (summer)</li> <li>• Park &amp; Rec Adult Softball (summer)</li> <li>• Ice Cream &amp; Jazz in the Park (summer)</li> <li>• Shelter rental (spring/summer/fall)</li> <li>• Outside community use - June Dairy Days, West Salem Market, Boys &amp; Girls Club</li> </ul>
<b>Issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large main play structure is worn</li> <li>• Dead trees need to be taken down</li> <li>• Basketball court striping is faded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No ADA access to playground</li> <li>• No ADA picnic tables</li> <li>• No bike parking</li> </ul>



Village Park (Community Park) Continued

*Program Details*

<b>Maintenance Program:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>• Trash removal</li> <li>• Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park facility maintenance (gazebo, play structure, shelter, bathroom building, concession stand, baseball field, basketball court, court of honor, walking trails)</li> </ul>

*Improvement Options and Estimate*

<b>Improvements Suggested:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign landscaping</li> <li>• Shelter building updates (windows, sink/water, lighting electrical, fireplace, tables/chairs)</li> <li>• ADA picnic tables</li> <li>• Remove tennis courts</li> <li>• Install pickleball courts in place of tennis courts</li> <li>• Tree removal/replacement</li> <li>• ADA park structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball court resurface</li> <li>• Replace baseball field lights with LED lights</li> <li>• Bike rack</li> <li>• Wheelchair accessible path to baseball field</li> <li>• Baseball field turf</li> <li>• Bike rack</li> <li>• Update baseball concession stand</li> </ul>







## Lion’s Training Facility (Community Park)

Lion’s Park is located at 240 East Avenue and covers 9.333 acres. Lion’s Park is equipped with two batting cages, two meeting rooms, and an open sided roof pavilion. This community park also houses Miller Field with amenities such as concession stands, covered dugouts, and multiple bleachers.

### Site Analysis Summary

<b>Existing Facilities:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enclosed shelter area</li> <li>• Open sided roofed pavilion</li> <li>• Meeting rooms (2)</li> <li>• Kitchen</li> <li>• Bathrooms</li> <li>• Drinking fountain</li> <li>• Large storage shed</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Bleachers</li> <li>• Batting cages with turf (2)</li> <li>• Park sign</li> <li>• Baseball concession area</li> <li>• Bathrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitchen area</li> <li>• Miller Field</li> <li>• Bleachers</li> <li>• Media deck</li> <li>• Covered dugouts</li> <li>• Bleachers</li> <li>• Trash receptacles</li> <li>• Paved parking lot</li> <li>• Gravel parking lot</li> <li>• Lion’s Training Facility</li> <li>• 7 indoor batting cages with turf</li> <li>• Pitching machines &amp; batting cage equipment</li> <li>• Keyless entry security system</li> </ul>
<b>Programs, Events &amp; Revenue Generators:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth programming (spring/summer)</li> <li>• West Salem baseball (spring/summer)</li> <li>• Legion baseball (summer)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter rentals</li> <li>• Outside community use - future facility rental</li> </ul>
<b>Issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run down facility</li> <li>• Main walkway from sidewalk cracks</li> <li>• Gutters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitchen updates</li> <li>• Broken drinking fountain</li> </ul>

### Program Details

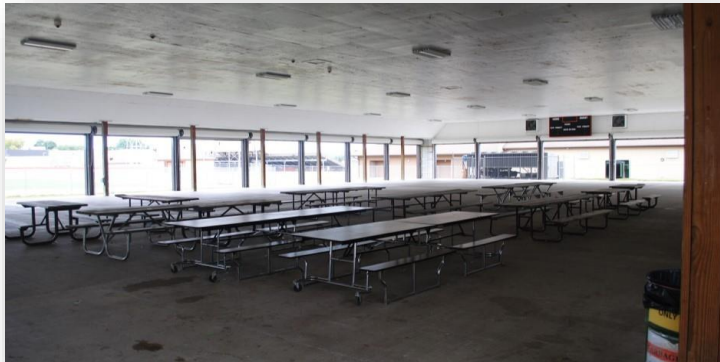
<b>Maintenance Program:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>• Trash removal</li> <li>• Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WS School District baseball field maintenance</li> <li>• Park facility maintenance (enclosed shelter, open air shelter)</li> </ul>



### Lion's Training Facility (Community Park) Continued

#### *Improvement Options and Estimate*

<b>Improvements Suggested:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign landscaping</li> <li>• Enclosed shelter paint</li> <li>• Enclosed shelter floor</li> <li>• Enclosed shelter tables/chairs</li> <li>• ADA Picnic tables</li> <li>• Update drinking fountains</li> <li>• Wall vents</li> <li>• Pull down doors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidewalk/walkway</li> <li>• Gutters</li> <li>• Updated bathrooms</li> <li>• Updated kitchen</li> <li>• Locker / storage for training facility</li> <li>• Shelter updates - tables/chairs, floor mats,</li> <li>• Update windows - ones that can open</li> <li>• New doors on rental side</li> </ul>





## Riverview Park (Community Park)

Riverview Park is located at 940 West Ave. North and roughly covers 10 acres. This community park offers summer activities, such as, Park & Rec Youth and Adult Baseball and field rental. In the spring they also offer West Salem Youth Baseball, Fall High School Baseball, and Fall Soccer. Riverview is equipped with two baseball fields, two batting cages, and plenty of parking.

### Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighted baseball field with covered dugouts</li> <li>Unlit baseball field with covered dugouts</li> <li>Concession stand</li> <li>Batting cages with turf</li> <li>(2) Drinking fountain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benches</li> <li>Bleachers</li> <li>Picnic tables</li> <li>Trash receptacles</li> <li>Park sign</li> <li>Paved parking lot</li> </ul>
Programs, Events & Revenue Generators:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park &amp; Rec Youth Baseball/Softball (spring/summer)</li> <li>Park &amp; Rec Adult Softball (summer)</li> <li>Coulee Christian Baseball (spring)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Salem JV Baseball (spring)</li> <li>Youth soccer (fall)</li> <li>Field rental (spring/summer)</li> </ul>
Issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congested parking for practices and games</li> <li>No restroom area</li> <li>No power to Riverview 2</li> <li>Major puddles on infield after rainstorms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little to no shade for spectators</li> <li>Locks on concession stand are broken</li> <li>No bike parking</li> </ul>

### Program Details

Maintenance Program:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>Trash removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> <li>Park facility maintenance (baseball fields &amp; concession stand)</li> </ul>

Riverview Park (Community Park) Continued

*Improvement Options and Estimate*

Improvements Suggested:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign landscaping</li> <li>• Bathroom structure</li> <li>• New heavy-duty concession stands locks</li> <li>• Re-crown baseball fields/add screenings</li> <li>• Riverview 2 parking</li> <li>• Riverview 2 lights</li> <li>• Riverview 2 scoreboard</li> <li>• Riverview 2 additional seating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riverview 1 gate along 1st base</li> <li>• Replace Riverview 1 lighting with LED lights</li> <li>• Shade awning over bleachers at Riverview 1 and 2</li> <li>• Bike rack</li> <li>• Trees</li> <li>• Shade structure</li> <li>• Baseball field turf</li> <li>• Update interior and exterior of the concession stand</li> </ul>





## Lewis Point Park (Community Park)

Lewis Point Park is located at 950 East Tilson Street and covers 15.02 acres. With a lot of open space, picnic tables, gazebo, and grilling area, this community park is not only the largest community park in the Village of West Salem, but also provides a great habitat for wildlife and aquatic life since the park is also next to Neshonoc Lake. This park does not have offer any events during the year, but Caryn Modawell Memorial Dog Park is within the park limits and is open all year round.

### Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gazebo</li> <li>Open space</li> <li>Grill</li> <li>Benches</li> <li>Picnic tables</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trash receptacles</li> <li>Park sign</li> <li>Paved parking lot</li> <li>Caryn Modawell Memorial Dog Park located within Lewis Point Park</li> </ul>
Programs, Events & Revenue Generators:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	
Issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stairs leading to water are broken</li> <li>No marked trail to the point</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscaping around gazebo</li> </ul>

### Program Details

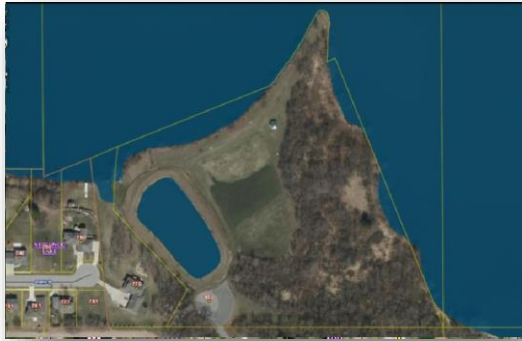
Maintenance Program:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>Trash removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> <li>Park facility maintenance (gazebo)</li> </ul>



### Lewis Point Park (Community Park) Continued

#### *Improvement Options and Estimate*

<b>Improvements Suggested:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign landscaping</li> <li>• Entrance gate</li> <li>• Picnic tables / Benches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trail leading to point</li> <li>• Stairs at the point</li> <li>• Bike playground project</li> </ul>





## Pineview Park (Neighborhood Park)

Pineview Park is located at 725 Faye Drive and covers 2.97 acres. This neighborhood park offers youth programs in the summer as well as soccer in the spring. This park offers a full basketball court, a play structure that includes a four-person merry-go-round. Since the park is set in the center field of Faye Drive, Wagon Drive, and Brickl Road, this space provides a safe environment for families with children. Pineview also provides parking on the fourth side of the park to ensure safety for all.

### Site Analysis Summary

<b>Existing Facilities:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open air shelter</li> <li>• Small storage shed</li> <li>• Play structure area - slides, swings, climbing structures, bucket spinners, merry-go-round, 4-person teeter-totter</li> <li>• Full court basketball court</li> <li>• Trash receptacles</li> <li>• Park sign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open space used for soccer fields</li> <li>• Grill</li> <li>• Drinking fountain</li> <li>• Benches</li> <li>• Bleachers</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Paved parking lot</li> </ul>
<b>Programs, Events &amp; Revenue Generators:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Soccer (spring/summer)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth programming (summer)</li> </ul>
<b>Issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low on woodchips around play structure</li> <li>• Tree roots through play structure</li> <li>• Basketball court striping is fading</li> <li>• Water spigot leaks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No ADA access to playground</li> <li>• No ADA picnic tables</li> <li>• No bike parking</li> </ul>

### Program Details

<b>Maintenance Program:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>• Trash removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> <li>• Park facility maintenance (play structure, shelter, basketball court, soccer fields)</li> </ul>



## Pineview Park (Neighborhood Park) Continued

### *Improvement Options and Estimate*

<b>Improvements Suggested:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign landscaping</li><li>• Benches</li><li>• ADA picnic tables</li><li>• Power to shelter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basketball court resurfacing</li><li>• Water spigot/water fountain</li><li>• Bike racks</li><li>• Trees</li></ul>







## Jim Zanter Park (Neighborhood Park)

Jim Zanter Park is located at 601 Lewis Street and covers 1.108 acres. This neighborhood park offers youth programs in the summer and soccer in the spring. This park has a lot of open space with a full sided play structure, a half-court basketball court with two full sized basketball hoops, and paved walking trails that lead back into the surrounding neighborhoods.

### Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play structure area - slides, swings, climbing structures, bucket spinners</li> <li>• Open space</li> <li>• Half-court basketball court with 2 size hoops</li> <li>• Paved walking trails</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking fountain</li> <li>• Benches</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Trash receptacles</li> <li>• Park sign</li> <li>• On street parking</li> </ul>
Programs, Events & Revenue Generators:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth soccer (spring)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth programming (summer)</li> </ul>
Issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low on woodchips around play structure</li> <li>• Dead trees need to be taken down</li> <li>• Basketball court striping is faded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No ADA access to playground</li> <li>• No ADA picnic tables</li> <li>• No bike parking</li> </ul>

### Program Details

Maintenance Program:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>• Trash removal</li> <li>• Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park facility maintenance (play structure, basketball court, soccer field, walking trails)</li> </ul>



## Jim Zanter Park (Neighborhood Park) Continued

### *Improvement Options and Estimate*

<b>Improvements Suggested:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign landscaping</li><li>• Pour in place surfacing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ADA play structure</li><li>• Bike rack</li></ul>





## Corral Park (Mini Park)

Corral Park is located at 663 Wagon Drive and sits on 0.81 acres of land. This park is equipped with a half-court basketball court, picnic tables, and a play structure. Located between Wagon Drive and Campfire Drive, this park is perfect for families and the public to enjoy a safe environment. The park also provides on-street parking and open space.

### Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play structure area - slides, swings, merry-go-round, climbing structures</li> <li>• Half-court basketball court</li> <li>• Open space</li> <li>• Benches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Trash receptacles</li> <li>• Park sign</li> <li>• On street parking</li> </ul>
Programs, Events & Revenue Generators:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	
Issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All ash trees recently removed</li> <li>• Bushes along property line do not look good</li> <li>• Basketball court striping is faded</li> <li>• No bike parking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No ADA access to playground</li> <li>• No ADA picnic tables</li> <li>• Flooding in playground and basketball court after rain</li> </ul>

### Program Details

Maintenance Program:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>• Trash removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> <li>• Park facility maintenance (play structure &amp; basketball court)</li> </ul>

Corral Park (Mini Park) Continued

*Improvement Options and Estimate*

Improvements Suggested:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign landscaping</li> <li>• Basketball court surfacing</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Trees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove bushes and replace with fence</li> <li>• Splash pad</li> <li>• Drinking fountain</li> <li>• Bike rack</li> </ul>





## Greene Park (Mini Park)

Greene Park is located at 675 Daffodil Street and covers 1.620 acres of land. This park is an open field used for soccer in the summer, spring, and fall. The park can be used for many other activities by the public.

### Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open space used for soccer fields</li> <li>Trash receptacles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On street parking</li> <li>Small storage shed for soccer equipment</li> </ul>
Programs, Events & Revenue Generators:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth soccer (spring/summer/fall)</li> </ul>	
Issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	

### Program Details

Maintenance Program:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>Trash removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> </ul>

### Improvement Options and Estimate

Improvements Suggested:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play structure</li> <li>Bleachers or benches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Picnic tables</li> <li>Open air shelter</li> </ul>



## Bike Trailer Shelter (Mini Park)

This mini park is located at 180 Jefferson Street East and covers 0.24 acres. This open space is home to open air shelters, bike racks, and access to the La Crosse River Trail. This small area where bikers and hikers can stop to take a break and relax. You Will also find bike “fix-it” station and community map.

### Site Analysis Summary

Existing Facilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open air shelter</li> <li>• Bike racks</li> <li>• Open space</li> <li>• Drinking fountain</li> <li>• Benches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Trash receptacles</li> <li>• Park sign</li> <li>• Paved parking area</li> <li>• Bike fix-it station</li> </ul>
Programs, Events & Revenue Generators:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth programming (summer)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

### Program Details

Maintenance Program:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>• Trash removal</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> <li>• Park facility maintenance</li> </ul>

### Improvement Options and Estimate

Improvements Suggested:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic tables</li> </ul>	



## Caryn Modawell Memorial Dog Park (Mini Park)

Caryn Memorial Dog Park is located at 950 East Tilson Street which is also found within Lewis Point Park. This dog park covers 0.17 acres and has many amenities to keep not only your family, but your dog occupied. This dog park does have a fee drop box or users can buy an annual membership, this is so the village can keep up with maintenance and provide updates as needed to the park. You will also see dog play structures, bleachers, and a paved parking lot.

### Site Analysis Summary

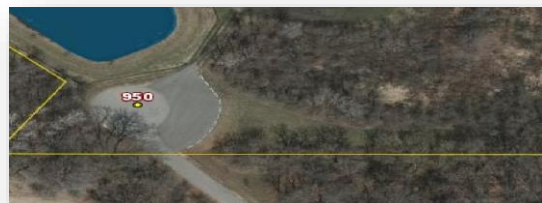
<b>Existing Facilities:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog park fee drop box</li> <li>• Dog play structures</li> <li>• Open space</li> <li>• Pet waste receptacle</li> <li>• Pet waste bag dispenser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches</li> <li>• Bleachers</li> <li>• Trash receptacles</li> <li>• Park sign</li> <li>• Shared paved parking area with Lewis Point Park</li> </ul>
<b>Programs, Events &amp; Revenue Generators:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog park fees</li> </ul>	
<b>Issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog play structures are worn</li> <li>• Holes along fence line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fenced entrance zone—issues shutting gate</li> </ul>

### Program Details

<b>Maintenance Program:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>• Trash/pet waste removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> <li>• Park facility maintenance (play structure, fencing)</li> </ul>

### Improvement Options and Estimate

<b>Improvements Suggested:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete entrance</li> <li>• Dog play structures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence and gate repairs</li> <li>• Fill in holes</li> </ul>



## Well House Park (Mini Park)

Well House Park is located on Buol Road when driving East towards Bangor, Wisconsin. This small plot of land is home to a fenced dinosaur statue. While there is no parking or any other amenities within the park's plot, the statue is a great attraction for families and other residents to walk and/or drive by.

### Site Analysis Summary

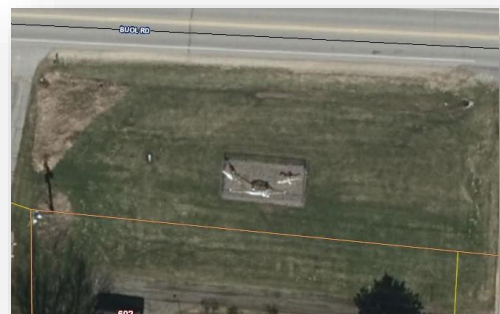
Existing Facilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fenced dinosaur art</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No parking area</li> </ul>
Programs, Events & Revenue Generators:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	
Issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rusting of structures</li> </ul>	

### Program Details

Maintenance Program:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park facility maintenance (dinosaur statues)</li> </ul>

### Improvement Options and Estimate

Improvements Suggested:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painting</li> </ul>	







## Library Park (Mini Park)

New play structures have been added to the area adjacent to the West Salem Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library (part of the La Crosse County Library System) located at 702 Industrial Drive. Library park is a 0.50-acre park.

### Site Analysis Summary

<b>Existing Facilities:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play structure area - slides, swings, climbing structures</li> <li>Benches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trash receptacles</li> <li>Open Space</li> </ul>
<b>Programs, Events &amp; Revenue Generators:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Salem Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library programs (part of the La Crosse County Library System)</li> </ul>	
<b>Issues:</b>	
N/A (new park - no major issues at this time)	

### Program Details

<b>Maintenance Program:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mowing/trimming, tree/shrub care</li> <li>Trash removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Picnic table, bench and sign care</li> <li>Park facility maintenance (play structure &amp; open space)</li> </ul>

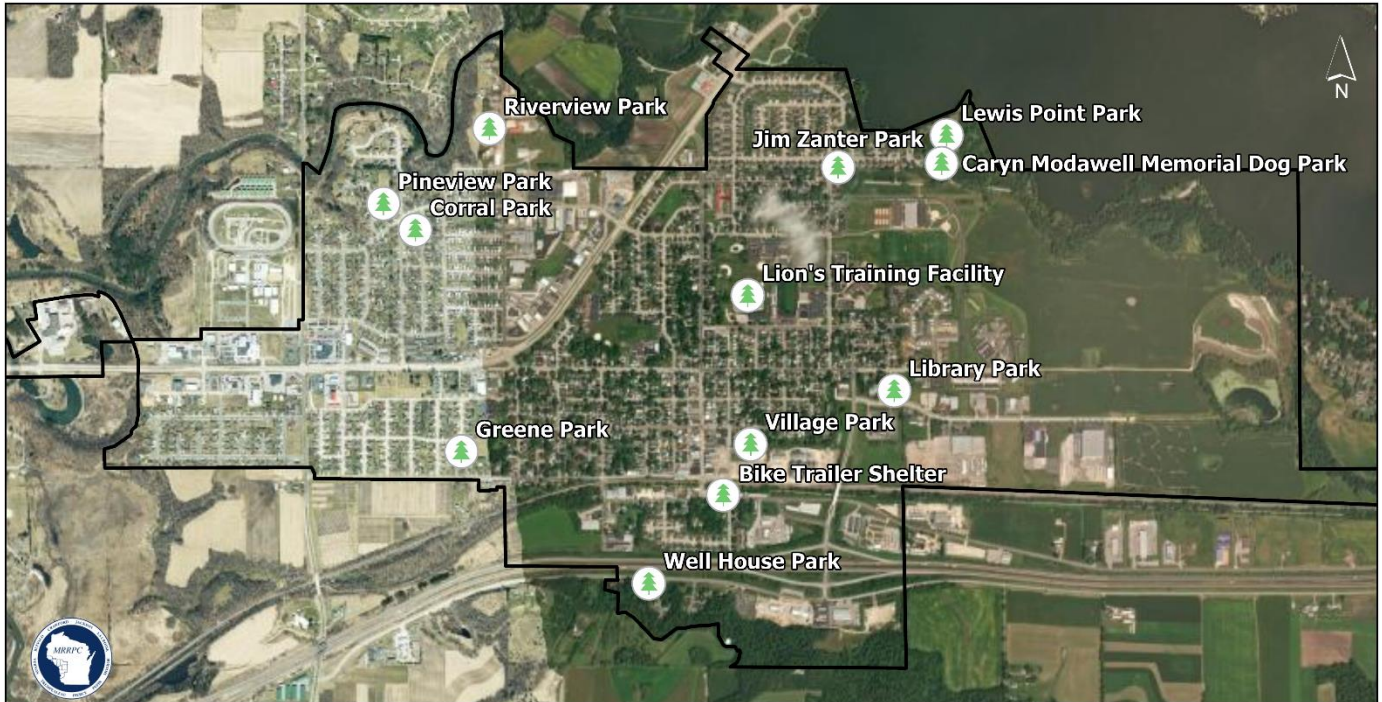
### Improvement Options and Estimate

<b>Improvements Suggested:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign recognizing donor</li> <li>Picnic tables</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trees</li> <li>Additional park equipment</li> </ul>



## Map of Park locations

### Parks in the Village of West Salem



## Public & Private Outdoor Recreation Facilities

These facilities are located within or near the Village but are not directly controlled by the Village. However, they are still relevant to consider when evaluating the overall opportunities for outdoor recreation available to residents.

### Neshonoc Lakeside Campground

Located on the northern edge of Lake Neshonoc south of Highway 16 headed east of West Salem is this [campground](#). One of Western Wisconsin's premier camping destinations, it includes 284 sites, including RV sites, tent sites, and cabins. A variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation exist here, including classic lake activities such as fishing and boating, as well as bike trails. This is a private campground.



### Veteran's Memorial Campground & Park



Located west of West Salem off of Highway 16 is this [campground](#), park, bike and hiking trails and new dog park. The campground is open from April 15 to October 15. This campground is located directly on the La Crosse River and the La Crosse River State Trail, providing an excellent opportunity for bikers and other trail users. There are also canoe facilities. There are over 100 sites at this campground. This campground is administered by La Crosse County.

### La Crosse Fairgrounds / Speedway

The [La Crosse Interstate Fair](#) is sponsored by the La Crosse County Agricultural Society. The Fairgrounds are located in West Salem. The rest of the year the [Speedway](#) is a racetrack that hosts events from April to October. Mainly stock car races are held here – weekly racing every Friday night. Camping is also offered on the site.





## School Recreation Facilities and Areas

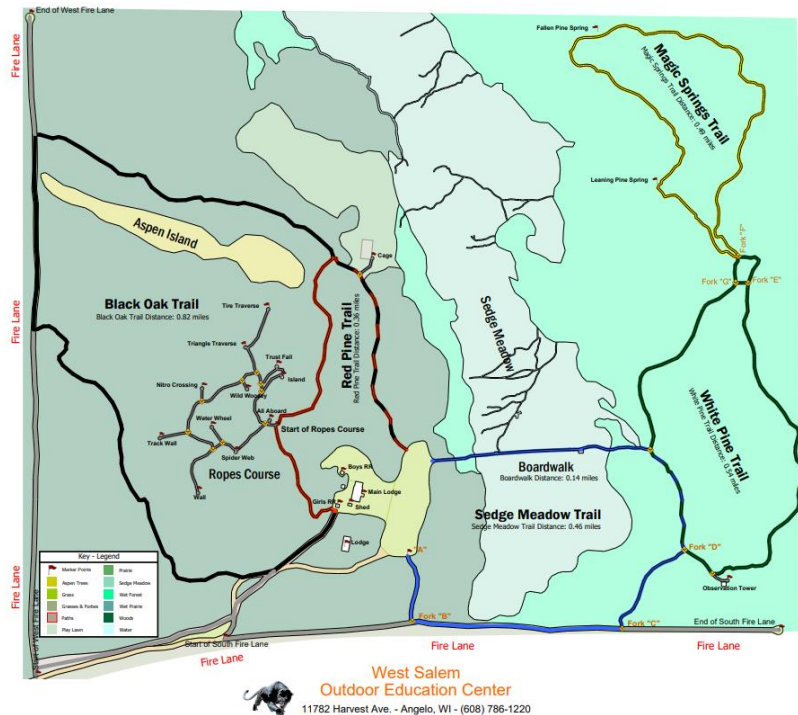
The West Salem School District owns many facilities which support outdoor recreation. These include the athletic fields and playgrounds on school property. They also own the public pool and an education center outside the city.

### The Swarthout Pool

The Swarthout Pool is also managed by the West Salem School District. Swarthout is an outdoor pool open to the public during the summer and is used for general pool recreation and swimming lessons. There are many other facilities operated by the School District which may be used by the public. Of note are the baseball and softball fields. (see next page) For a complete and up to date list about the available facilities, the School District website may be consulted.

### The West Salem Outdoor Education Center

The West Salem Outdoor Education Center, also known as the OEC or School Forest, is an expanse of over 130 acres. The OEC is located 20 miles east of West Salem, near Sparta. This facility is used both by students and educators but is also available to community members. A large number of trails and a rope course are available at the site.



## Other School District Facilities

### WEST SALEM SCHOOL FIELDS



**School District Facilities**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. West Salem Elementary School</li> <li>2. West Salem Middle School / BGC</li> <li>3. West Salem High School</li> <li>4. Heider Center</li> <li>5. Track &amp; Football Stadium</li> <li>6. Varsity Baseball Field</li> <li>7. Swarthout Pool</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. MS Softball Field</li> <li>9. HS JV Baseball Field</li> <li>10. Soccer Fields</li> <li>11. HS Softball Fields</li> <li>12. Panther Den</li> <li>13. Tennis Courts</li> <li>14. Practice Football Fields</li> </ul> |
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# POPULATION, DEMOGRAPHICS, EDUCATION

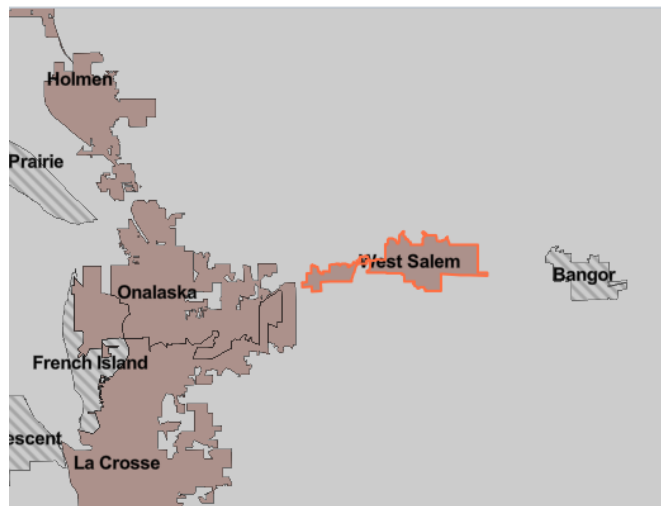
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Population Estimates, July 1, 2022, (V2022)	5,289
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2022)	5,281
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2022, (V2022)	0.20%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	5,277
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	4,799
Persons under 5 years, percent	4.00%
Persons under 18 years, percent	27.70%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	18.90%
Female persons, percent	51.80%
White alone, percent	90.50%
Black or African American alone, percent	0.10%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	0.00%
Asian alone, percent	3.00%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent	0.00%
Two or More Races, percent	5.90%
Hispanic or Latino, percent	2.00%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	89.40%
Veterans, 2018-2022	349
Foreign born persons, percent, 2018-2022	1.80%
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2018-2022	70.50%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2018-2022	\$244,100
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2018-2022	\$1,584
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2018-2022	\$588
Median gross rent, 2018-2022	\$1,111
Households, 2018-2022	2,018
Persons per household, 2018-2022	2.51
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2018-2022	86.80%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2018-2022	4.90%
Households with a computer, percent, 2018-2022	94.50%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2018-2022	91.60%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2018-2022	97.00%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2018-2022	38.40%
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2018-2022	6.70%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	4.10%
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2018-2022	67.90%



Fact	West Salem village, Wisconsin
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2018-2022	62.80%
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000)	13,025
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2017 (\$1,000)	6,257
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2018-2022	18.8
Median household income (in 2022 dollars), 2018-2022	\$79,891
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2022 dollars), 2018-2022	\$38,310
Persons in poverty, percent	4.60%
Population per square mile, 2020	1,577.10
Population per square mile, 2010	1,404.10
Land area in square miles, 2020	3.35
Land area in square miles, 2010	3.42

## ECONOMY

The economy of West Salem, WI employs 2.47k people. The largest industries in West Salem, WI are Health Care & Social Assistance (558 people), Manufacturing (331 people), and Educational Services (323 people), and the highest paying industries are Manufacturing (\$192,673), Construction (\$63,281), and Transportation & Warehousing, & Utilities (\$62,260).





# LOCAL PRIORITIES & OBJECTIVES

## Survey Results Summary







## IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

### West Salem Priorities, Objectives and Action Items for 2024-2029

We have included several guidelines for the implementation of this plan moving forward. First our goals and objectives will serve as a guideline for making good decisions.

Next, we included very specific needs for each publicly owned facility and park in our plan. We will use our goals and community input combined with our partners, available resources to complete as many of these as possible over the life of this plan.

Finally, we will review our survey results and other community input to develop new Trails, Parks, and Facilities that will serve the community for years to come. In many cases this will involve working with our partners like the County, State or others to minimize the impact on our taxpayers.

## PLANNING PROCESS

The West Salem Outdoor Recreation Planning Committee worked with Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC) to develop this plan. Together they created a survey to solicit public input on outdoor recreation facilities and activities offered in West Salem. These surveys were posted on MRRPC's website, West Salem Website, distributed to park programming participants, and local social media outlets.

Information from the survey was taken to develop local priorities and objectives for the future planning of West Salem outdoor recreation facilities. The list of priorities and objectives will be referenced frequently by staff to secure funding for projects. This plan will be reviewed and updated every 5 years to keep priorities and objectives current. Municipalities will be given the opportunity to update local municipal plans and adopt the plan once the planning process is completed.



## APPENDIX A

### Grant/Funding Opportunities

Funding Programs: Funding for recreational development can come from several sources, both public and private. Most funding for this type of development comes from public local funds. Primarily, local funds come from a number of sources including the sale of bonds, allocations from the local tax base, and donations from individuals and organizations. Non-local funding can come from a number of sources, either in the form of a grant or a loan. Currently, the DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and Rural Development (RDA) provide competitive funding relating to outdoor recreation.

#### **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is a main source of funding for outdoor recreation facilities. The Stewardship Program, administered by the DNR, is a fund designed to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, protect land sensitive to environmental degradation, conserve and restore wildlife habitat and protect water quality. As a prerequisite to the following WDNR funding programs, applicants must first submit a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, such as this plan, or a master plan that has been approved by resolution by a local governing unit, or a plan of a higher unit of government. Applicants submitting qualifying comprehensive outdoor recreation plans or master plans may receive eligibility to apply for funding for up to five years. The DNR's priority for funding is land acquisition, followed by facility development.

#### **Rural Development Administration (USDA - Rural Development)**

The USDA provides a loan program, which provides Community Facility Project Loans to applicants with areas of less than 20,000 people, for the purpose of constructing, enlarging, or improving community facilities for health care, public safety, or public services. These loans should be secured with bonds or notes pledging taxes, assessments, or revenues.

There are many Rural Development programs that are different areas of community development that could provide loans, or possibly grants, if criteria are met for income and utility rates, for facilities in the communities that are smaller in size.

#### **Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

This program provides funds for non-traditional projects within programs called the Safe Routes to School Program, Transportation Enhancements, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program. The TAP program provides up to 80 percent reimbursement grants for approved projects that target transportation-oriented pedestrians and bicycle planning and construction projects.



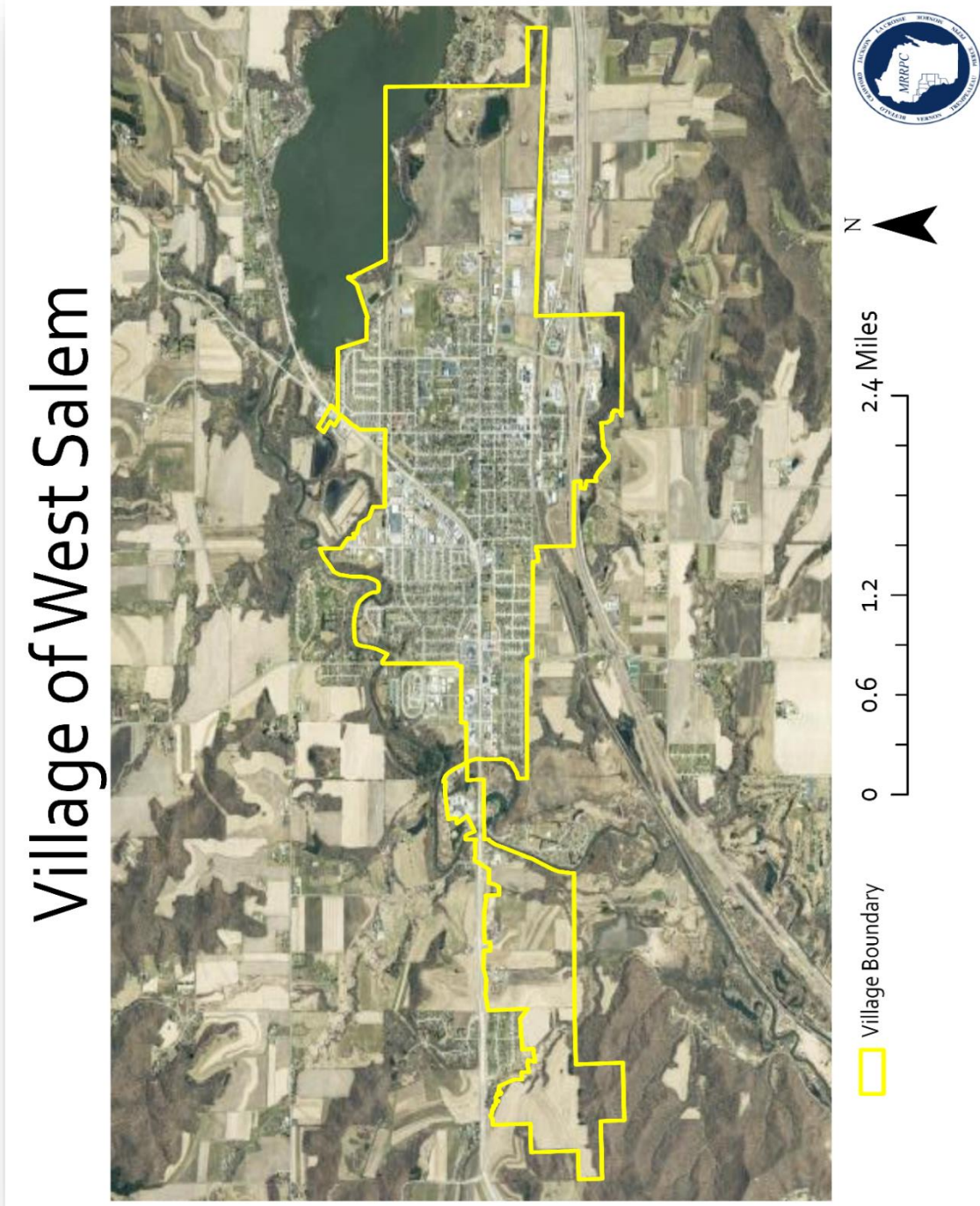
### **Community Development Block Grant, Department of Administration**

This program funds support infrastructure and facility projects for communities. Examples of eligible projects include improvements, repairs, or expansions of streets, drainage systems, water and sewer systems, sidewalks, and community centers.

The Wisconsin League of Municipalities is adding GrantFinder as a new service for their members to identify eligible grants. This Grants database will identify state, federal, corporate and foundation grants available to local governments.

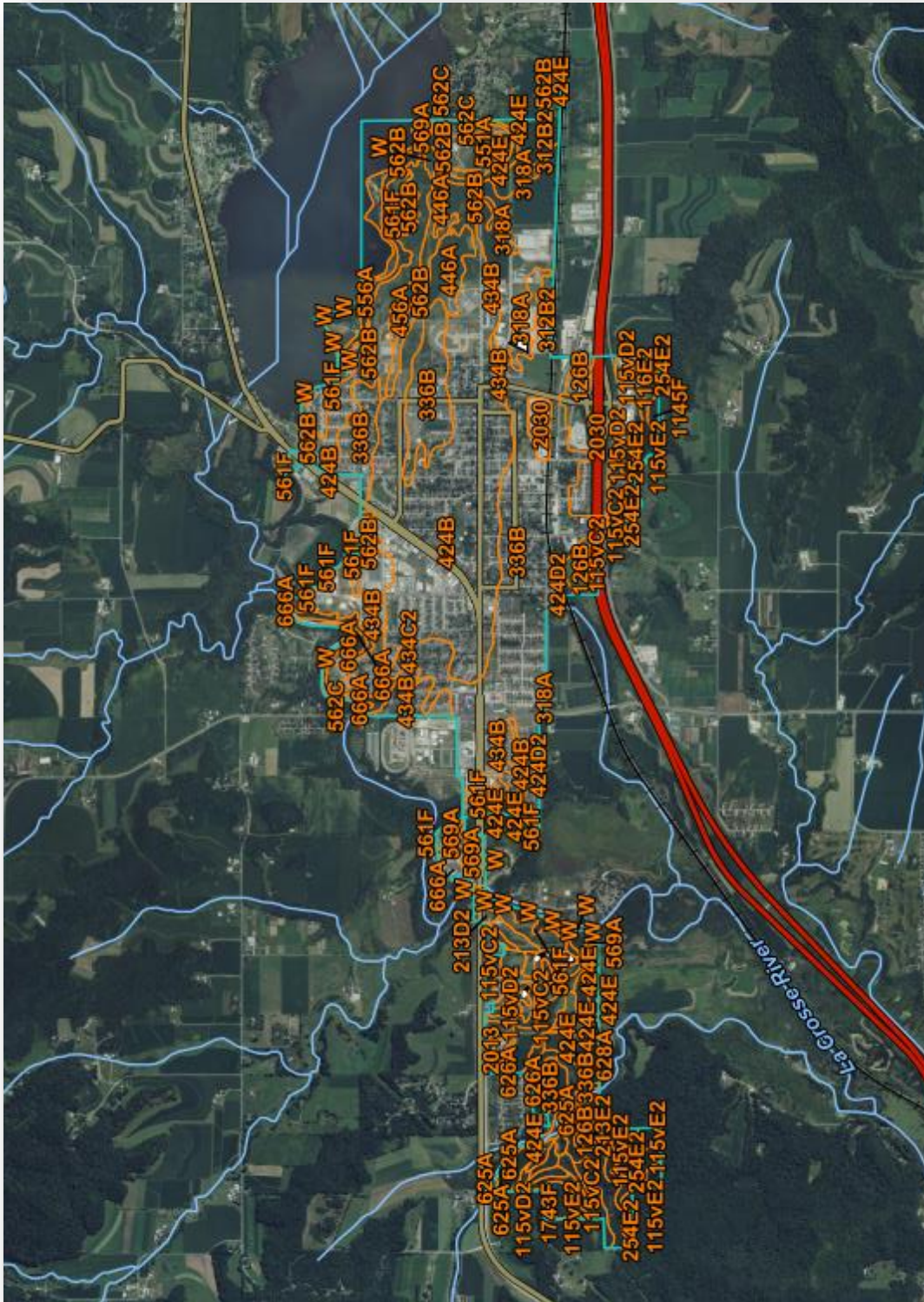
## APPENDIX B: MAPS

### Map West Salem





## Map West Salem Soils (See Table 4)



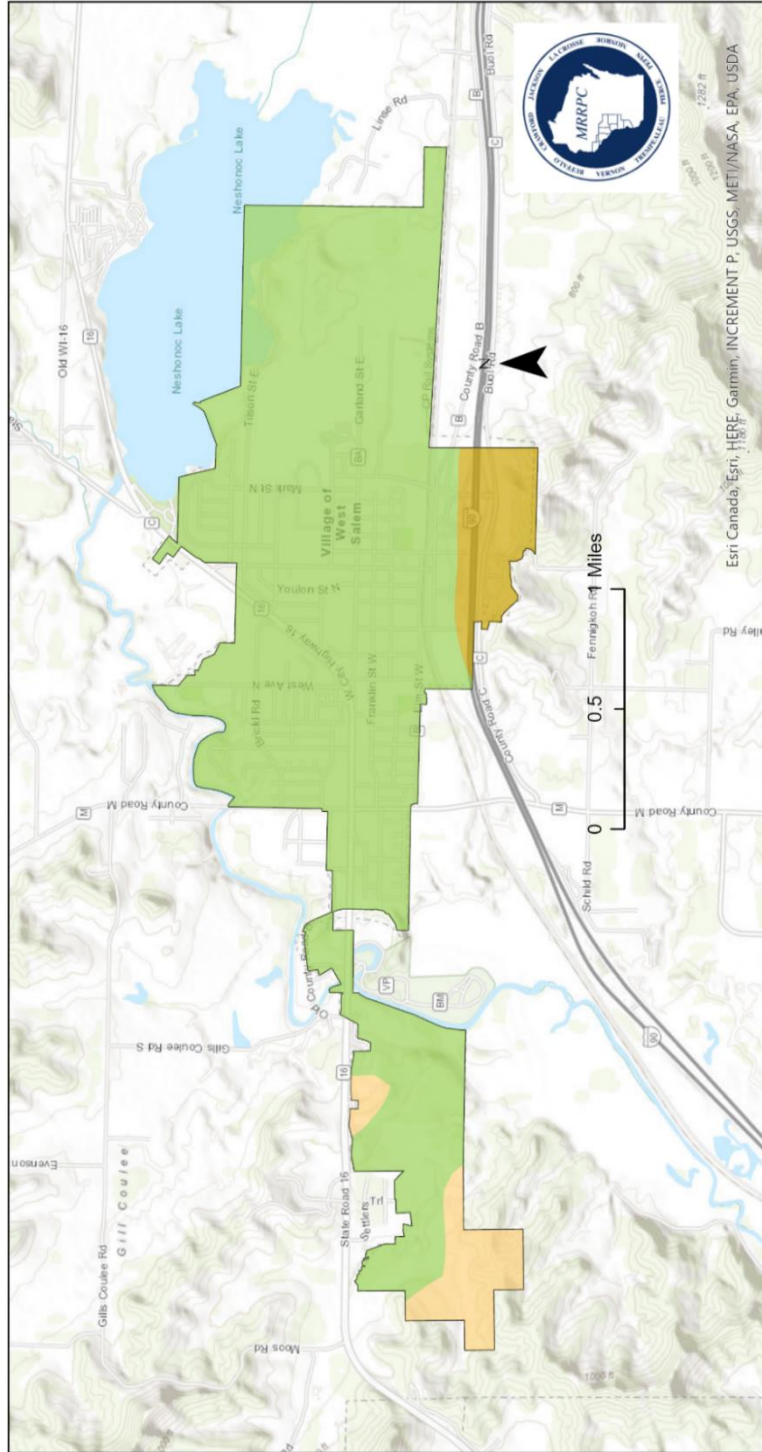
Source: USDA Web Soil Survey, See Table 4 for legend.



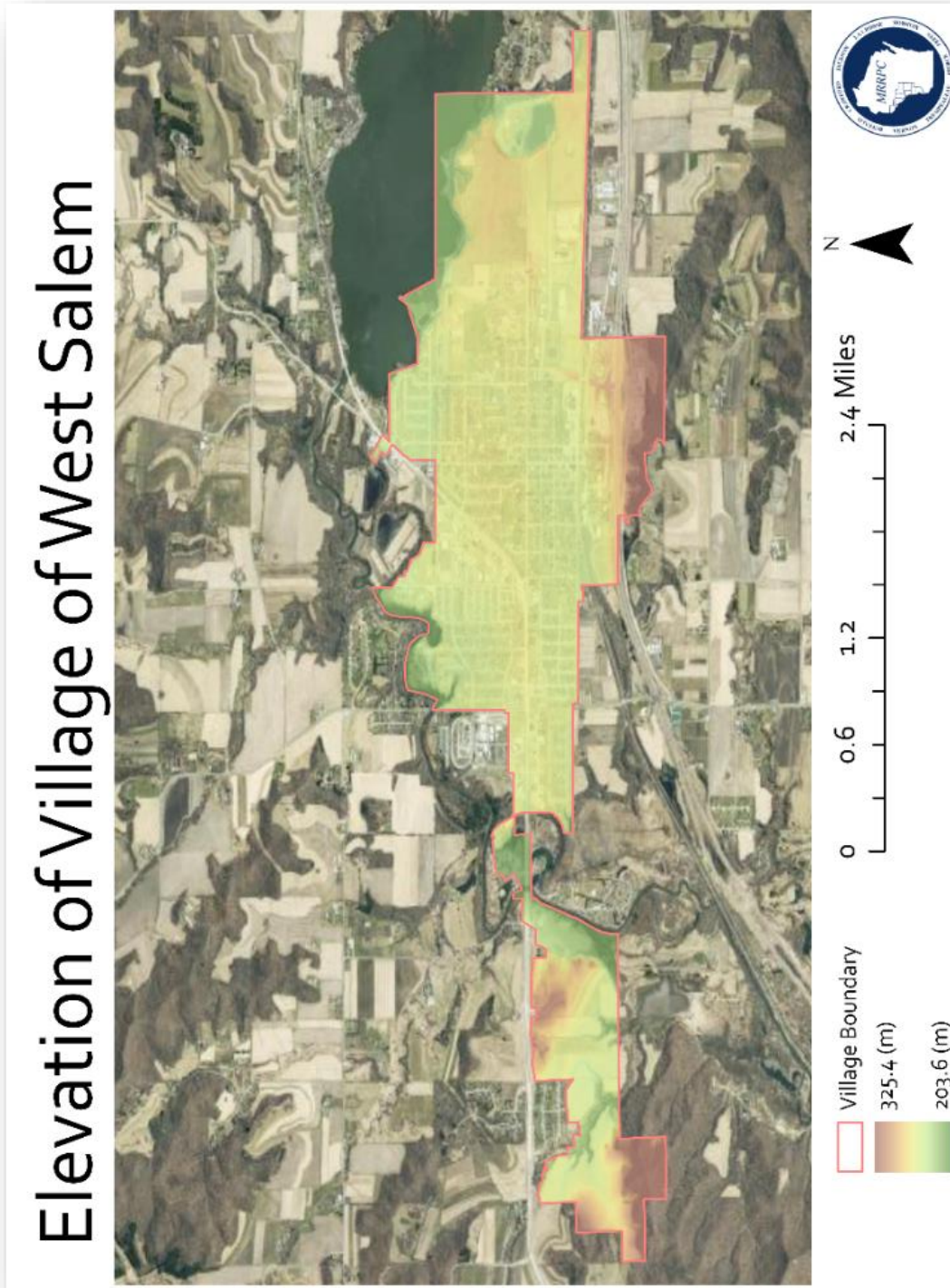
## Map West Salem Land Types

### Land Types of Village of West Salem

- Boone Valleys and Hills
- Rountree Ridges, Tunnel City Hills, and Valleys-South
- Trempealeau Sandstone Hills



## Map West Salem Elevations





## TABLES

Table 1. Population & Future Projections

Municipality	Census 1980 <sup>(1)</sup>	Census 1990 <sup>(1)</sup>	Census 2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Census 2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	Census 2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change (%) 1980 to 2020	Projection 2030 <sup>(2)</sup>	Projection 2040 <sup>(2)</sup>	Projected Change (%) 2020 to 2040
West Salem	3,276	3,611	4,540	4,799	5,277	61.1	5,565	5,790	9.7%
La Crosse County	91,056	97,904	107,120	114,638	120,784	24.6	129,830	131,500	8.9%
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>4,705,642</i>	<i>4,891,599</i>	<i>5,363,715</i>	<i>5,363,675</i>	<i>5,893,718</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>6,375,910</i>	<i>6,491,635</i>	<i>1.8%</i>

Sources: 1) Decennial U.S. Census – U.S. Bureau of Census, 2) Wisconsin Department of Administration – Demographics Service Center

Table 2. Household Population & Future Projections

Municipality	Households					Persons Per Household				
	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	2025 <sup>(2)</sup>	2030 <sup>(2)</sup>	2035 <sup>(2)</sup>	2040 <sup>(2)</sup>	2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	2025 <sup>(2)</sup>	2030 <sup>(2)</sup>	2035 <sup>(2)</sup>	2040 <sup>(2)</sup>
West Salem	2,048	2,127	2,199	2,251	2,300	2.42	2.40	2.38	2.37	2.35
La Crosse County	50,388	51,968	53,262	54,159	54,929	2.71	2.65	2.64	2.65	2.58
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>2,491,980</i>	<i>2,600,528</i>	<i>2,697,887</i>	<i>2,764,510</i>	<i>2,790,309</i>	<i>2.38</i>	<i>2.35</i>	<i>2.33</i>	<i>2.29</i>	<i>2.27</i>

Source: 1) Decennial U.S. Census – U.S. Bureau of Census, 2) Wisconsin Department of Administration – Demographics Service Center





**Table 3. Age Characteristics**

Age	Total	Percent
Under 5 years	202	3.90%
5 to 9 years	689	13.20%
10 to 14 years	414	7.90%
15 to 19 years	347	6.60%
20 to 24 years	117	2.20%
25 to 29 years	130	2.50%
30 to 34 years	366	7.00%
35 to 39 years	249	4.80%
40 to 44 years	354	6.80%
45 to 49 years	238	4.60%
50 to 54 years	301	5.80%
55 to 59 years	530	10.10%
60 to 64 years	290	5.60%
65 to 69 years	377	7.20%
70 to 74 years	257	4.90%
75 to 79 years	70	1.30%
80 to 84 years	126	2.40%
85 years and over	168	3.20%
<b>Selected Age Categories</b>		
5 to 14 years	1,103	21.10%
15 to 17 years	253	4.80%
Under 18 years	1,558	29.80%
18 to 24 years	211	4.00%
15 to 44 years	1,563	29.90%
16 years and over	3,852	73.70%
18 years and over	3,667	70.20%
21 years and over	3,548	67.90%
60 years and over	1,288	24.70%
62 years and over	1,187	22.70%
65 years and over	998	19.10%
75 years and over	364	7.00%
<b>Summary Indicators</b>		
Median age (years)	42.9	(X)
Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	102.4	(X)
Age dependency ratio	95.8	(X)
Old-age dependency ratio	37.4	(X)
Child dependency ratio	58.4	(X)

Source: 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates, S0101 Age and Sex



Table 4. Soil Types &amp; Definitions

Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres	Percent (%)
115vC2	Seaton silt loam, driftless valley, 6 to 12 percent slopes, moderately eroded	52.9	2.4
115vD2	Seaton silt loam, driftless valley, 12 to 20 percent slopes, moderately eroded	73.9	3.4
115vE2	Seaton silt loam, driftless valley, 20 to 30 percent slopes, moderately eroded	22.5	1.0
11600	Churchtown silt loam, 20 to 30 percent slopes, moderately eroded	19.9	0.9
126B	Barremills silt loam, 1 to 6 percent slopes	55.1	2.5
202C2	Lambeau silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, moderately eroded	0.1	0.0
202D2	Lambeau silt loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes, moderately eroded	9.5	0.4
213D2	Hixton silt loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes, moderately eroded	16.9	0.8
21300	Hixton silt loam, 20 to 30 percent slopes, moderately eroded	6.7	0.3
253D2	Greenridge silt loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes, moderately eroded	0.4	0.0
25400	Norden silt loam, 20 to 30 percent slopes, moderately eroded	23.5	1.1
312B2	Festina silt loam, 1 to 6 percent slopes, moderately eroded	47.5	2.2
318A	Bearpen silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes, rarely flooded	24.0	1.1
336B	Toddsville silt loam, 1 to 6 percent slopes	624.4	28.6
424B	Merit silt loam, 1 to 6 percent slopes	438.8	20.1
424D2	Merit silt loam, 12 to 20 percent slopes, moderately eroded	8.4	0.4
424E	Merit silt loam, 20 to 45 percent slopes	46.2	2.1
434B	Bilson sandy loam, 1 to 6 percent slopes	206.2	9.5
434C2	Bilson sandy loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, moderately eroded	13.2	0.6
446A	Merimod silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	30.6	1.4
456A	Bilmod sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes	8.9	0.4
551A	Impact sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	21.0	1.0
556A	Mindoro sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	30.0	1.4
561B	Tarr sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes	6.9	0.3
561F	Tarr sand, 15 to 60 percent slopes	66.7	3.1
562B	Gosil loamy sand, 1 to 6 percent slopes	94.0	4.3
562C	Gosil loamy sand, 6 to 12 percent slopes	6.4	0.3
566A	Tint sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes	0.4	0.0
569A	Newlang muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	12.9	0.6
625A	Arenzville silt loam, channeled, 0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	9.5	0.4
626A	Arenzville silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	5.9	0.3
628A	Orion silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	0.3	0.0
629A	Ettrick silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	2.3	0.1
666A	Absco loamy sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	25.1	1.2
1145F	Gaphill-Rockbluff complex, 30 to 60 percent slopes	4.2	0.2
1743F	Council-Elevasil-Norden complex, 20 to 45 percent slopes, rocky	12.8	0.6
2013	Pits, gravel	7.9	0.4
2030	Udorthents and Udipsamments, cut or fill	90.0	4.1
W	Water	53.6	2.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,179.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>



Source: Soil Report, Land Capability Classification, Web Soil Survey

**Table 5. Employment**

	Total	Percent (%)
<b>Population 16 years &amp; over</b>	3,852	
In workforce	2,531	65.7
Employed	2,472	64.2
Unemployed	59	1.5
Armed Forces	13	0.5
<b>Occupation</b>		
Management & Business	1,197	48.4
Service Industry	314	12.7
Sales & Office	492	19.9
Natural Resources & Construction	170	6.9
Production & Transportation	299	12.1

Source: U.S. Census Data; ACS – 5 Year Estimates Data Profiles

**Table 6. Employment Age Characteristics**

	Total	Percent of Total (%)
<b>Age (Years)</b>	3,852	
16 to 19	279	57.7
20 to 24	117	89.7
25 to 29	130	93.1
30 to 34	366	84.7
35 to 44	603	93.7
45 to 54	539	80.7
55 to 59	530	81.7
60 to 64	290	62.8
65 to 74	634	24.0
75 and over	364	2.2

Source: U.S. Census Data; ACS 5 – Year Estimates Subject Tables (S2301)

## APPENDIX C: ADOPTION RESOLUTION

Village of West Salem La Crosse County, Wisconsin

Resolution No. 24-\_\_-\_\_

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE WEST SALEM OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN, 2024-2029 AS THE OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

**FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, The Village of West Salem Wisconsin, through the West Salem Parks and Recreation Department and an ad hoc plan update steering committee representing various stakeholder groups, in cooperation with Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission, has developed and updated a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan for the Village; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem participated in the plan update; and,

WHEREAS, the plan lists available outdoor recreation facilities and identifies foreseeable outdoor recreation demand for the Village of West Salem; and,

WHEREAS, the plan identifies specific recommendations and priorities for improving the recreational facilities and opportunities within the Village of West Salem; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities are required to have a community outdoor recreation plan on file with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in order to be eligible for certain State and Federal cost-sharing financial aids for the development or improvement of outdoor recreation facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of West Salem Village Board hereby adopts the Village of West Salem Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2024-2029, as the official comprehensive outdoor recreation plan for the Village of West Salem.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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Chairman

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Attest - Clerk



Remove - Other Resources:

<https://www.vil.waunakee.wi.us/337/Comprehensive-Outdoor-Recreation-Plan>

<https://villageofmontfort.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/8.a.-Resolution-2021-01-Adopting-the-Outdoor-Rec-Plan.pdf>

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