

**Brief Snapshot of Trails and Parks in Winnebago County Towns
for July 25, 2006 Plan Commissioner Network meeting @ Town of Clayton
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Town of Algoma					
Town owned & maintained parks and trails	Other parks and trails	Plans for future trails/parks	Governing body (if any)	Budget	Local issues
<p>Paved shoulders along Omro road for 2 miles. Well used, nice</p> <p>Town Hall Woods – 4 acres, w/trails, clearing buckthorn</p> <p>Playgrounds at Town Hall, Kewaunee street neighborhood park</p>	<p>Sheldon Nature Preserve conservancy – w/ school system – many trails for public use, with some parking</p>	<p>Plans for parks in new subdivisions – provisions in parkland ordinance to do conservation subdivisions, and to build</p> <p>Looking at trails in subdivisions (eg Old Apple Acres). Some easements exist for trails, but they not very desirable; also looking at a footbridge between subdivisions to connect.</p> <p>Looking at pavilion at town hall, shared cost w/ fire department</p> <p>Steinhilber wetland (Brooks lane) - 33 acres were donated; there is a master plan for board walk and overlook, which was denied by town board due to neighbors concerns (see local issues).</p> <p>There is a town-wide plan for parks/trails</p>	<p>Parks committee is advisory to town board (since ~1993)</p> <p>Committee has membership from the plan commission and the pre-planning committee</p> <p>Parkland ordinance</p>	<p>Parks has a budget and they need to go to town board for approval for more than 2K.</p> <p>Budget has 2 separate funds: the town budget funds ‘old’ (existing) parks for maintenance, and a segregated fund from parkland dedication ordinance fees is used for new development.</p>	<p>Top 10 reasons for not building parks/trails -- littering, beer parties, teenagers, vandalism, trespassing, fear, etc.</p> <p>Difficult to convince developers to build trails/parks</p> <p>No one wants them, not cost effective</p> <p>Algoma did not create links between all of their subdivisions for foot/bike traffic – difficult to do when done, immediate neighbors don’t want them</p> <p>Difficult to get town board support when they only hear from the naysayers</p>

Town of Black Wolf					
Town owned & maintained parks and trails	Other parks and trails	Plans for future trails/parks	Governing body (if any)	Budget	Local issues
None	Black Wolf Boat Landing (county) at Nagy Park	Looking at potential for using 'old fire lanes' as a public park with access to the water Proposed bike path from Oshkosh to Fond du Lac identified in the ECRPC plan – not started yet. A new subdivision (w/in 3-miles of Oshkosh) may have a trail	None	Money is put into a reserve account for park development and/or trail	Residents would like to see a trail or bike path – local need has been identified. Now there is no designated or safe place to walk/ride.

Town of Clayton					
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Friendship trail (town maintains) Backbone trails that connect subdivisions with golf courses Trailhead Park w/ new playground equipment Clayton Park	Wiowash trail (county maintains)	New roads or construction or repair requires trails If new fire station will have trails There is a long range plan in the Town Comprehensive Plan	Greenspace committee – appointed by Town Board, 2 co-chairs and a supervisor. Subdivision ordinance w/ trails (~ 3 years) Cooperates/communicates with adjacent towns.	Clayton Park has a budget to upgrade playground equipment, maintenance, handicapped swings, climbing equipment etc. Committee has leeway to spend Impact fees for greenspace	Town of Neenah wants to extend the Neenah trail up to JJ, but the challenge is how to do it now when it won't be developed for 15-20 years. Potential concerns with security at JJ Keller etc. Potential historical wagon trail on one property Constantly fighting with developers to convince them to put trails in – developers say people don't want them Parks/trails naysayers joined the Greenspace committee in order to block progress.

Town of Menasha					
Town owned & maintained parks and trails	Other parks and trails	Plans for future trails/parks	Governing body (if any)	Budget	Local issues
<p>Parks: Butte des Morts, Palisades, Fritsch, Roy Kuehn, Fritse, Schildt, Glenview, Strohmeyer, Kippenhan, Westfield, O’Hauser, Wittmann</p> <p>Trestle Trail – connections to Friendship Trail</p>		Parks and Open Space Plan	Parks and Recreation Department and a Parks Commission (7 member appointed by board)	<p>Town budget</p> <p>Friends of the Parks fund – allows donations to be given without going through town budget process</p> <p>Trestle trail paid for by private donations, grants, capital campaign</p> <p>Enterprise fund for facilities</p> <p>Pavilion rental pays for upkeep</p>	Recent Act 477, June 2006, eliminates impact fees and fees in lieu of land. May create land the community doesn’t need, and then creates the maintenance of that land.

Town of Neenah					
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<p>Mahler Park w/ shelter</p> <p>CB Trail rest stop and mini-park, plantings, map kiosks</p> <p>CB Trail, benches</p> <p>South Park Trail to Mahler park – connects City of Neenah trails, safety for kids</p> <p>‘Off road trail’ through Keating park to connect to woodside acres</p>	CB Trail	<p>When re-paving or re-stripping roads they ‘designate’ trail</p> <p>No firm day to day plan. They have a long-range plan, but many of the roads are controlled by city, state etc.</p>	<p>Park Board (7 member)</p> <p>Trail committee (appointed)</p> <p>Subdivision trail ordinance in place</p>	<p>CB maintenance budget comes from county; work with T. Menasha to clear snow on CB.</p> <p>Benches etc come from Town budget</p> <p>Park board grant to Rotary to pay for bike racks and to create trail</p> <p>Small fund with</p>	<p>Land fragmented by annexation makes it hard to connect trails</p> <p>People don’t understand they live in the town</p> <p>Working with other municipalities can be a challenge sometimes</p>

Cummings lane – connects to City of Neenah trail systems				dedication fees	
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Town of Nekimi					
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Fireman's park at town hall w/ shelter		<p>Proposed Nekimi town park at the Vulcan quarry site – reclamation plan – 80 acres – 15 years</p> <p>One other area desired, but can't buy the land – in Ring</p> <p>Parks/trails are in the Town Comp Plan for future development</p> <p>Have subdivision ordinance, but no trail requirements in it</p>	Planning Commission	Currently no funds set aside now	<p>Resident demand doesn't appear to exist</p> <p>Acquiring land is a challenge</p>

Town of Omro					
Town owned & maintained parks and trails	Other parks and trails	Plans for future trails/parks	Governing body (if any)	Budget	Local issues
'Informal' park next to old town landfill, gate is closed, used mainly for dog-park, hay cropping	<p>DNR Land</p> <p>County boat launch – Lake Butte des Morts park and boat landing</p>	Brief text in comp plan; one potential park on the land use map for consideration	<p>Plan commission – appointed a recreation sub-committee in 2006– very new</p> <p>Their general charge is to look at what should the Town be doing re: parks, trails, recreation</p>	Fees in lieu of parkland dedication; developers would rather pay (\$400 per buildable lot - \$200 for purchase, \$200 for maintenance) than dedicate land	<p>A map would be helpful re: parkland recreation; developers may then be more interested in dedicating land.</p> <p>How to protect wildlife and sanctuary areas</p>

Town of Oshkosh					
Town owned & maintained parks and trails	Other parks and trails	Plans for future trails/parks	Governing body (if any)	Budget	Local issues
None	County – Asylum Point Park Wiowash Trail	2 landfills (county) that have public use potential after reclamation 1 quarry with potential for public use after reclamation Parks/trails are mentioned in the Town plan, but no formal recreation plan exists	None	None	Working to protect Asylum point as state owned or publicly owned land May need a boat launch at end of Wiowash trail Most of the residents have large lots or lake lots so they already have easy access to recreational land – no need for more parks/trails. Also, proximity of county parks provides recreational opportunities for residents

Town of Rushford					
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Sen road – park/trail – connects with the Waukau County Park on Delhi road	DNR land USFWS land County Eureka Boat landing	No future plans; they don't hear from residents that there is a need	Formed an ad hoc group to develop Sen road, but then haven't needed to meet since		No funding available to do more

Town of Utica					
Town owned & maintained parks and trails	Other parks and trails	Plans for future trails/parks	Governing body (if any)	Budget	Local issues
None	DNR, USFW lands around Waukau Creek	No plans, currently no interest by residents	Used to have a park committee, but it 'fizzled'		Park behind Town hall (w/ a baseball diamond) was developed but it is never used

Town of Vinland					
Town owned & maintained parks and trails	Other parks and trails	Plans for future trails/parks	Governing body (if any)	Budget	Local issues
None	Wiouwash trail County park on Y gets used (not in Vinland) – County park serves the need of the residents	No plans yet, however may come up with comp planning	Plan Commission		None

Town of Winchester					
Town owned & maintained parks and trails	Other parks and trails	Plans for future trails/parks	Governing body (if any)	Budget	Local issues
Town park – at town hall Friendship trail w/ Clayton	DNR Rat River Wildlife Area	No future plans for trails/parks	Park committee is a sub-cmte of Town board	Part of the town budget, town approval needed for decision No impact fees	Desire to buy more land near the park

Town of Wolf River					
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None	Boom Bay Boat landing DNR Rat River Wildlife Area Boom Bay park (Boom Bay Heights improvement association) Delttox marsh, dikes, get used for trails	None	None at this time, but considering one for the Hwy 10 trail as Winchester works on their segment	None at this point	New Subdivisions on west side of river have property set aside for a park, but the subdivision hasn't materialized yet (only a few lots have been developed in 7-8 years) More people moving into Boom bay are hiking/biking along county roads; potential for widening shoulder for trail use