

B. Recreation

B-1. Demographic and Park Needs Summary

Total Existing Park Space Includes Tax Exempt Recreation Space

	Children (Under 5)	Children (5-17)	Total Population, Yr 2000	Total Existing Parks (Acres)	Park Demand (7.5 Acres/ 1,000 Persons)	(Over)/ Under Park Demand (Acres)
Planning Area 1	362	753	4,379	85.0	32.8	(52.2)
Planning Area 2	1,287	2,453	13,488	254.1	101.2	(152.9)
Planning Area 3	1,437	3,380	15,114	133.1	113.4	(19.7)
Planning Area 4	1,134	2,944	11,661	283.5	87.5	(196.0)
Planning Area 5	457	1,417	6,979	249.1	52.3	(196.8)
Planning Area 6	525	1,190	5,367	584.5	40.3	(544.2)
Total	5,202	12,137	56,988	1,589.3	427.4	(1,161.9)

*Parenthesis denotes an excess of space

Total Existing Park Space Excludes Tax Exempt Recreation Space

	Children (Under 5)	Children (5-17)	Total Population, Yr 2000	Total Existing Parks (Acres)	Park Demand (7.5 Acres/ 1,000 Persons)	(Over)/ Under Park Demand (Acres)
Planning Area 1	362	753	4,379	59.4	32.8	(26.6)
Planning Area 2	1,287	2,453	13,488	241.5	101.2	(140.3)
Planning Area 3	1,437	3,380	15,114	79.7	113.4	33.7
Planning Area 4	1,134	2,944	11,661	265.7	87.5	(178.2)
Planning Area 5	457	1,417	6,979	10.5	52.3	41.8
Planning Area 6	525	1,190	5,367	553.2	40.3	(512.9)
Total	5,202	12,137	56,988	1,210.0	427.4	(782.6)

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Park Demand by Park Type - Excluding tax exempt park space

	Mini Parks/Tot Lots		Neighborhood Parks		Community Parks	
	Net Area		Net Area		Net Area	
	Existing	Needed	Existing	Needed	Existing	Needed
Planning Area 1	0.0	2.2	10.7	(6.3)	48.7	(22.4)
Planning Area 2	1.2	5.5	10.3	3.2	69.0	11.9
Planning Area 3	2.1	5.5	11.8	3.3	65.8	24.9
Planning Area 4	1.3	4.5	3.0	8.7	261.4	(191.4)
Planning Area 5	0.4	3.1	10.1	(3.1)	0.0	41.9
Planning Area 6	1.1	1.6	12.1	(6.7)	540.0	(507.8)
	6.1	22.4	58.0	(1.0)	984.9	(643.0)

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	Mini Parks/Tot Lots		Neighborhood Parks		Community Parks	
	Net Area		Net Area		Net Area	
	Existing	Needed	Existing	Needed	Existing	Needed
Planning Area 1	1.1	1.1	12.9	(8.5)	71.0	(44.7)
Planning Area 2	3.1	3.6	21.0	(7.5)	69.0	11.9
Planning Area 3	4.2	3.4	21.4	(6.3)	107.5	(16.8)
Planning Area 4	4.4	1.4	11.2	0.5	267.9	(197.9)
Planning Area 5	0.4	3.1	15.1	(8.1)	71.2	(29.3)
Planning Area 6	1.1	1.6	14.3	(8.9)	569.1	(536.9)
	14.3	14.2	95.9	(38.9)	1155.7	(813.8)

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Planning Area 1

<i>Label</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>
18	Bob Fowler Soccer Fields	15.0	C
19	Garnsey Park	7.2	C
31	Legion Park	2.0	N
49	Tezak Park	1.7	N
B	Broadway Greenway	12.5	C
F	Park C	7.0	N
I	Rivals Park	14.0	C
E1	Holy Cross	0.1	M
E2	Cunningham School	2.2	N
E3	St. Joe's Park	8.5	C
E4	Rivals Athletic Club	13.8	C
E7	City Center Plaza	0.2	M
E8	Courthouse Plaza	0.8	M
<i>Total</i>		85.0	

Planning Area 2

<i>Label</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>
2	Andrew B. Barber	0.4	M
5	Bluff Plaza	4.8	N
28	Inwood Golf Course	161.0	R
29	Inwood Park	25.5	C
30	John Leach Park	2.0	N
48	Provena	7.5	C
47	Preservation Park	1.5	N
51	Rockdale School	0.5	M
52	Rotary Playground	2.0	N
57	Spieler Park	0.3	M
67	West Park	30.0	C
A	Bicentennial Park	6.0	C
E5	St. Mary's	3.2	N
E6	Open Space Site 1	0.5	M
E10	Lower Western Ave Greenway	1.5	N
E11	St. Peter's Lutheran	1.6	N
E12	Housing Authority Park 1	2.0	N
E13	West Side Des Plaines River Frontage	0.7	M
E14	St. John's	0.7	M
E15	Old Reedswood School	1.3	N
E16	St. Pat's	1.1	N
<i>Total</i>		254.1	

Planning Area 3

<i>Label</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>
9	Columbia Park	0.2	M
12	Desmond Park	1.5	N
15	Forest Park	11.8	C
17	Forest Play Lot	0.3	M
20	Gottschlag Park	0.3	M
23	Hartman Rec Center	0.8	M
24	Heggie Field	4.3	N
35	Merchant/Manufacturers Park	0.5	M
50	Ridgewood Park	5.0	N
53	Sanchez Memorial	1.0	N
C	Joliet Iron Works	54.0	R
E21	Housing Authority Park Site 4	1.0	N
E23	Housing Authority Park Site 5	2.3	N
E24	Forrest Park School	0.9	M
E25	Holy Cross Baptist	9.0	C
E26	Sanchez Elementary	2.9	N
E27	Gompers Jr. High	18.0	C
E28	A.O. Marshall School	1.6	N
E36	Joliet Central Fields	14.7	C
E37	Spanish Center	0.9	M
E38	St. Joseph	1.8	N
E39	Playground along East Benton	0.3	M
<i>Total</i>		133.1	

Planning Area 4

<i>Label</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>
1	Akin Park	0.4	M
5	Benton Street	0.1	M
10	Crombie Park	1.5	N
16	Gougar Rd Forest Preserve	261.4	R
41	Osgood Park	0.5	M
62	Varnado Park	1.5	N
63	Warren Sharpe	0.2	M
64	Washington Park	0.1	M
E9	Eastside Riverwalk	1.1	N
E17	2nd Baptist Church	0.8	M
E18	Housing Authority Park Site 2	0.4	M
E19	All Nations	2.6	N
E20	Housing Authority Park Site 3	0.5	M
E22	Mt. Moriah	0.7	M
E32	T.E. Culbertson School	3.2	N
E33	Woodland School	0.5	M
E34	Washintgon Jr. High	6.5	C
E35	Housing Authority Park Site 6	0.2	M
E46	Salvation Army	1.3	N
<i>Total</i>		283.5	

Planning Area 5

<i>Label</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>
34	Manningdale	0.4	M
40	Oak Valley Park	4.0	N
56	Singleton Park	2.0	N
H	Park E	4.1	N
E41	Lutheran Social Service	5.0	N
E42	Thompson Instructional Center	6.4	C
E43	Former Joliet East High School	38.1	C
E44	Joliet Country Club	162.4	R
E47	Briggs Street YMCA	26.7	C
<i>Total</i>		249.1	

Planning Area 6*

<i>Label</i>	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Type</i>
3	Barber & Oberwartmann	2.9	N
8	College Park	4.2	N
39	Nowell Park	20.0	C
42	Parkwood	0.5	M
45	Pilcher Park - Includes Bird Haven, Higinbotham Woods, Pilcher Park Nature Center	420.0	R
68	Woodruff Golf Course	100.0	R
G	Park D	5.0	N
L	Tot Lot 2	0.6	M
E29	Ridgewood Baptist Church	2.2	N
E30	Ingalls Park Athletic Club	10.2	C
E31	Belmont Athletic Club	18.9	C
<i>Total</i>		584.5	

B-2. Park Facilities Summary

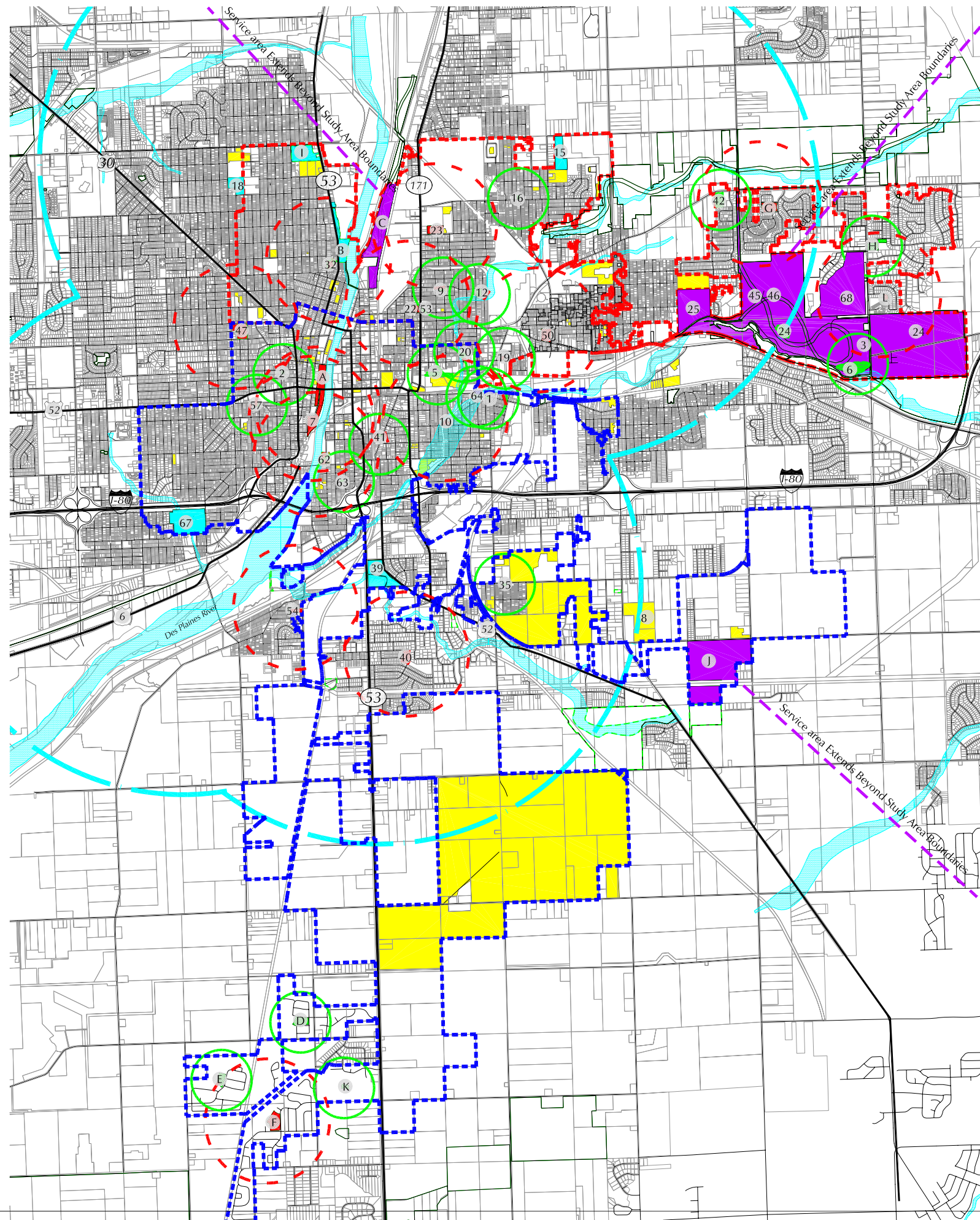
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1	Akin Park	0.4	M													X												4	
2	Andrew B. Barber Park	0.4	M													X													2
3	Barber & Oberwortmann Hort Center	2.9	N														X		X	X	X								6
4	Barr Park	4.2	N										X	X															X
5	Benton Street Playground	0.1	M											X															4
6	Bird Haven Greenhouse & Conservatory	3.0	N														X					X							6
7	Bluff Plaza	4.8	N										X	X															2
8	College Park	4.2	N			X		X					X	X	X	X		X											6
9	Columbia Park	0.2	M											X															3
10	Crombie Park	1.5	N											X															4
11	Cumberland South Park	1.7	N										X	X															X
12	Desmond Park	1.5	N										X	X	X	X													3
13	Douglas-Madison Park	0.4	M											X		X													X
14	Eagle Ridge Park	1.7	N										X	X	X	X		X											X
15	Forest Park	11.8	C			X							X	X															3
16	Forest Preserve east of Gougar Road	261.4	R																										4
17	Forest Play Lot	0.3	M											X															3
18	Bob Fowler Memorial Soccer Fields	15.0	C					X					X																1
19	Garnsey Park	7.2	N			X				X				X															1
20	Gottschlag Park	0.3	M											X															3
21	Hampton Glen	1.8	N										X	X	X			X											X
22	Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields/ Inwood Complex	25.1	C			X		X						X						X	X								X
23	Hartman Rec Center	0.8	M	X					X					X					X	X	X		X						3
24	Heggie Field	4.3	N					X	X				X	X	X	X		X				X							3
25	Higinbotham Woods	238.0	R														X	X											6
26	Highland Park	60.0	R			X							X	X															6
27	Inwood Golf Course	161.0	R								X									X	X	X							2
28	Inwood Park	25.5	C							X			X	X	X	X	X	X				X			X	X			2
29	Jennifer Ann Voots Playground	4.1	N										X	X		X													X
29	Joliet Memorial Stadium	17.5	C																	X	X							X	
30	Joliet Regional Airport	178.0	R																X	X	X								

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30	John Leach Park	2.0	N										X	X	X	X												2
31	Legion Park	2.0	N										X	X				X										1
32	Liberty Park	6.0	N										X	X	X	X												X
33	Longleat Park	0.3	M											X														X
34	Manningdale Playgrounds	0.4	M											X														5
35	Gutierrez Famiy Park (formerly Merchant/Manufacturers Park)	0.5	M										X	X														3
36	Marquette Gardens	3.0	N										X	X	X	X												X
37	Multi-purpose Center	4.1	N	X					X										X	X	X							X
38	Northfield Park	2.0	N										X															X
39	Nowell Park	20.0	C			X				X			X	X	X	X						X						6
40	Oak Valley Park	4.0	N										X	X														5
41	Osgood Park	0.5	M											X														4
42	Parkwood	0.5	M											X														6
43	Pheasant Landing	1.5	N											X	X													X
44	Paul E. Briese Park	6.6	C										X	X	X	X		X			X							X
45	Pilcher Park	420.0	R									X						X										6
46	Pilcher Park Nature Center	2.0	N															X	X	X	X	X						6
47	Preservation Park	1.5	N										X	X	X	X												2
48	Provena St. Joe Inwood Athletic Club Office	7.5	C	X	X		X														X	X	X	X	X			2
49	Richard Tezak Park	1.7	N										X	X	X	X												1
50	Ridgewood Park	5.0	N										X	X														6
51	Rockdale School	0.5	M			X							X	X														2
52	Rotary Playground	2.0	N			X							X	X														2
53	Sanchez Memorial Park	1.0	N										X															3
54	Shimshok Park	0.4	M										X	X		X												X
55	Silver Leaf Park	2.0	N										X	X														X
56	Singleton Park	2.0	N						X				X	X	X	X												5
57	Spieler Park	0.3	M										X	X														2
58	Splash Station Waterpark	20.0	C				X						X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X						X
59	Springwood South Park	2.0	N										X	X	X													X
60	Taft School Park	0.1	M											X														X
61	Thomas Jefferson School Playground	0.1	M											X														X
62	Varnado Park	1.5	N			X							X															4

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63	Warren- Sharpe Playground	0.2	M											X														4	
64	Washington Park	0.1	M										X															4	
65	Waterford Point	2.0	N										X	X	X	X												X	
66	Wedgewood Golf Course	180.0	R								X									X	X	X						X	
67	West Park/ Ferris/ Hudak Grove	30.0	C							X		X	X	X	X	X		X						X				2	
68	Woodruff Golf Course	100.0	R								X									X	X	X						6	
A	Bicentennial Park	6.0	C																									2	
B	Broadway Greenway	12.5	C																									1	
C	Joliet Iron Works Trail	54.0	R																									3	
D	Neighborhood Park A	4.1	N																									X	
E	Neighborhood Park B	3.0	N																									X	
F	Neighborhood Park C	7.0	C																									X	
G	Neighborhood Park D	5.0	N																									6	
H	Neighborhood Park E	4.1	N																									5	
I	Rivals Park	14.0	C																									1	
J	Sugar Creek Forest Preserve	235.0	R																									X	
K	Tot Lot 1	1.4	N																									X	
L	Tot Lot 2	0.6	M																									5	
Tax Exempt Recreation																													
E1	Holy Cross Playground	0.1	M										X	X														1	
E2	Cunningham School Grounds	2.2	N			X							X	X														1	
E3	St. Joes Park	8.5	C											X														1	
E4	Rivals Athletic Club & Haunted Trails	13.8	C	X										X														1	
E5	St. Mary Nativity Church & School Grounds	3.2	N											X														2	
E6	Open Space site #1	0.5	M										X															2	
E7	City Center Plaza	0.2	M													X												1	
E8	Courthouse Plaza	0.8	M													X												1	
E9	Eastside Riverwalk	1.1	N													X												4	
E10	Lower Western Avenue Greenway	1.5	N										X				X	X										2	
E11	St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School Grounds	1.6	N											X														2	

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E12	Housing Authority park site #1	2.0	N						X				X	X														2
E13	West side Des Plaines River frontage	0.7	M										X															2
E14	St. John's Church & School Grounds	0.7	M											X														2
E15	Old Reedswood School playground	1.3	N										X	X														2
E16	St. Pat's Church & School Grounds	1.1	N						X																			2
E17	Second Baptist Church Property	0.8	M											X														4
E18	Housing Authority park site #2	0.4	M										X	X														4
E19	All Nations Grounds	2.6	N										X															4
E20	Housing Authority park site #3	0.5	M						X					X														4
E21	Housing Authority park site #4	1.0	N											X														3
E22	Mt. Moriah Baptist Church grounds	0.7	M										X															4
E23	Housing Authority park site #5	2.3	N						X				X	X														3
E24	Forrest Park School grounds	0.9	M										X	X														3
E25	Holy Cross Missionary Baptist Church grounds	9.0	C										X															3
E26	Sator Sanchez Elementary School grounds	2.9	N										X	X														3
E27	Gompers Jr. High School grounds	18.0	C			X		X					X															3
E28	A.O. Marshall school grounds	1.6	N											X														3
E29	Ridgewood Baptist Church & School grounds	2.2	N					X					X	X														6
E30	Ingalls Park Athletic Club Fields	10.2	C			X																						6
E31	Belmont Athletic Club Fields	18.9	C			X																						6
E32	T.E. Culbertson school grounds	3.2	N						X					X														4
E33	Woodland School	0.5	M						X																			4
E34	Washington Jr. High & Edna Kieth School grounds	6.5	C										X	X														4
E35	Housing Authority park site #6	0.2	M											X														4
E36	Joliet Central Athletic Fields	14.7	C			X		X		X			X															3
E37	Spanish Center grounds	0.9	M											X														3
E38	St. Joseph Church & School Grounds	1.8	N						X					X														3
E39	Playground along East Benton	0.3	M											X														3
E40	Lutheran Social Service Residential Tower Grounds	5.0	N										X					X										5
E41	Thompson Instructional Center	6.4	C										X															5

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E42	Former Joliet East High School	38.1	C			X				X																			5
E43	Joliet Country Club	162.4	R								X																		5
E44	Trailway Girl Scout Center	10.4	C										X																5
E45	Union Grade School grounds	5.9	N			X																							X
E46	Salvation Army	1.3	N						X				X																4
E47	Briggs Street YMCA	26.7	C																										5



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8. Briggs Street YMCA
9. Columbia Park
10. Crombie Park
12. Desmond Park
15. Forest Park
16. Forest Play Lot
18. Garnsey Park
19. Gottschlag Park
20. Gutierrez Family Park (formerly Merchant/Manufacturers Park)
22. Hartman Rec Center
23. Heggie Field
24. Higinbotham Woods
25. Highland Park
32. Legion Park
35. Manningdale Playground
39. Nowell Park
40. Oak Valley Park
41. Osgood Park
42. Parkwood
45. Pilcher Park
46. Pilcher Park Nature Center
47. Preservation Park
50. Ridgewood Park
53. Sanchez Memorial Park
54. Singleton Park
57. Spieler Park
62. Varnado Park
63. Warren-Sharpe Playground
64. Washington Park
67. West Park/ Ferris/ Hudak Grove
68. Woodruff Golf Course

- A. Bicentennial Park
- B. Broadway Greenway
- C. Joliet Iron Works Trail
- D. Neighborhood Park A
- E. Neighborhood Park B
- F. Neighborhood Park C
- G. Neighborhood Park D
- H. Neighborhood Park E
- I. Rivals Park
- J. Sugar Creek Forest Preserve
- K. Tot Lot 1
- L. Tot Lot 2

Quality of Life Action Plan

Joliet Council Districts 4 & 5

City of Joliet, Illinois

Parks & Open Space Classification Map

Council Districts 4 & 5

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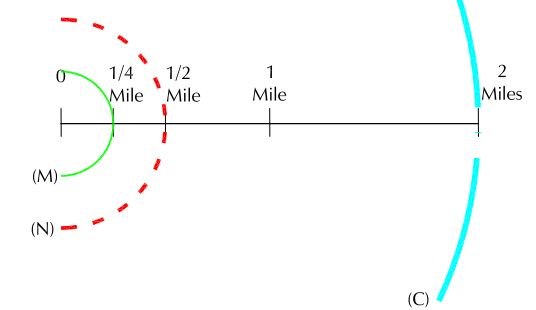
- Council District 4 Boundary
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- Park Outside Council District Boundary
- (M) Mini Park = 0-0.5 Acres or Less, Service Area ¼ Mile
- (N) Neighborhood Park = 1-5 Acres, Service Area ½ Mile
- (C) Community Park = 6 - 40 Acres, Service Area 2 Miles
- (R) Regional Park = 40+ Acres, Service Area, 1 Hour Drive
- (E) Tax Exempt Property Providing Recreational Amenities

* Adapted From Recreation, Park & Open Space Standards & Guidelines, Lancaster, 1990.

** Numbered Parks Refer to Joliet Park District Parks & Facilities List, Winter/ Spring 2007.

*** Tax exempt properties include churches, schools, and properties owned or managed by the City, County, and other institutions (public, private, and non-profit).

Park Service Area Radius



0' 1200' 2400'

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Base map data provided by the City of Joliet

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B-3. Recreation Programs Analysis

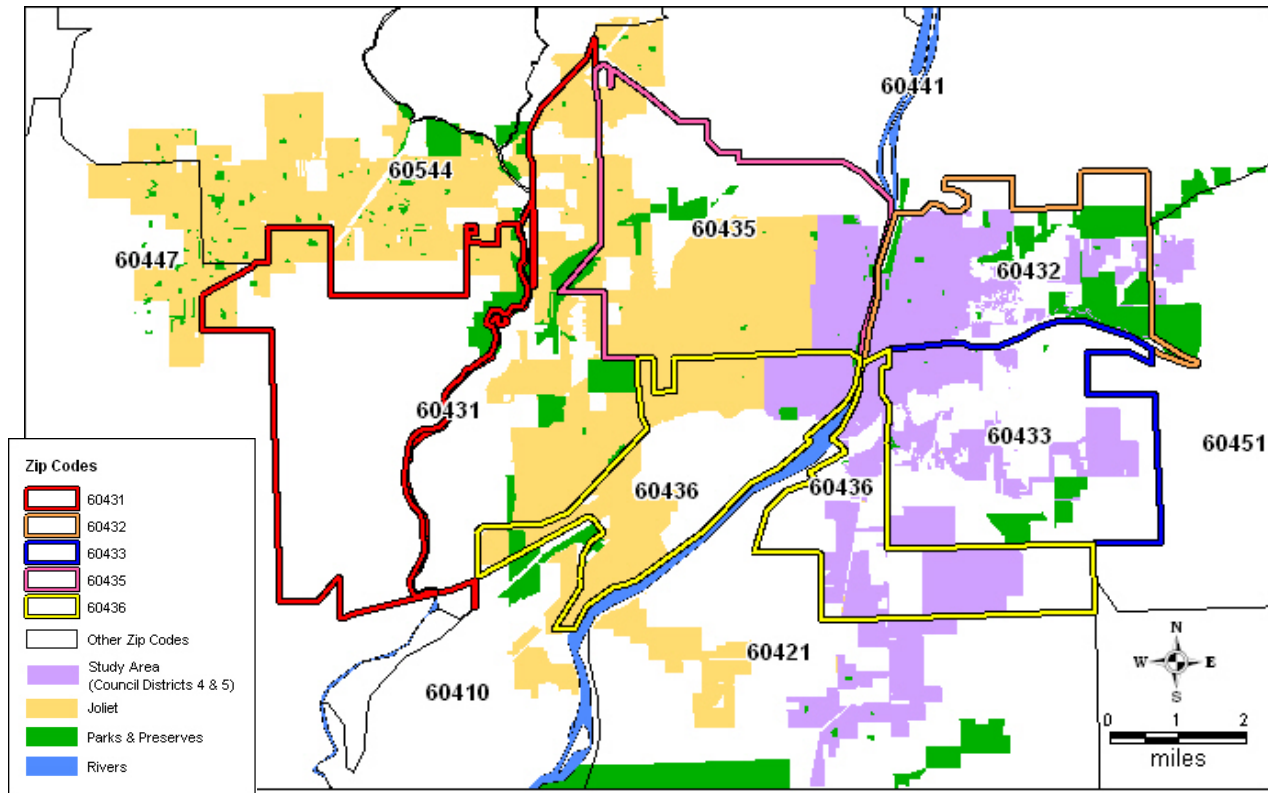
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Facility	Capacity	Indoor/Outdoor	Programs											
			Basketball	Summer Camp	softball/baseball	golf	pool	art	fitness center	dance	Karate	Soccer	Arobics/Weights	Bowling
Hartman (Park District) (serves primarily Latio. community.)		indoor/outdoor	x - age=6-14	x - age=6-14					x	x	x - age=6-11	x- age=5-adult		
Central City YMCA			x - age = 9-11	x							(age: 6-adult)			
Boys and Girls Club (3 sites) (serve age 6-18) Main Building (downtown)	(Ave.125-150/day) (300 with pool)	indoor			x (indoor batting cage)		x	x					x	
Forest Park Community Center			x - age=	x										
Churches		outdoor	x - age=		x									
Joliet Sweet Swingers (First Tee Program)	(Ave. 200)	outdoor				x								
Harvey Brooks Foundation (partner with Christian Youth Camp)		indoor	x - age=8-18 (30 participants)	x										x - age 5-15 (15 participants)
Friends of Community Public Art		indoor						x						
Pilcher Park (Park District) (no lessons or camps)						x								
Peter Claver Community Center											x - age=5-		x-age 13-18	
Karate	limited growth (200 current participation)	indoor									x - age=5-18			
Arobics	growth potential	indoor									x-age=13-18			
Warren Sharp Community Center	100 typical		x	x	x						x	x		

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B-4. Park District Facility Usage Statistics

Joliet Zip Codes, 2000



Usage and Membership by Zip Code

Zip Codes	Estimated Population	Card Holders	% Card Holders	Zip Pop as % total
60431	17,408	2433	14%	14.09%
60432	21,600	654	3%	17.49%
60433	21,877	675	3%	17.71%
60434				
60435	47,117	6623	14%	38.14%
60436	15,531	1793	12%	12.57%
Total	123,533	12,178	10%	

Zip Codes	Inwood Athletic Club 2006				Inwood Athletic Club 2007YTD			
	Usage ¹	%	Individuals	%	Usage	%	Individuals	%
60431	907	27.27%	404	27.28%	3,530	26.11%	1,567	25.11%
60432	106	3.19%	42	2.84%	622	4.60%	298	4.78%
60433	123	3.70%	56	3.78%	502	3.71%	275	4.41%
60434	19	0.57%	7	0.47%	18	0.13%	11	0.18%
60435	1,808	54.36%	793	53.54%	7,130	52.73%	3,303	52.93%
60436	363	10.91%	179	12.09%	1,720	12.72%	786	12.60%
Total	3,326	100.00%	1,481	100.00%	13,522	100.00%	6,240	100.00%

Zip Codes	Inwood Recreation Center* 2006				Inwood Recreation Center 2007YTD			
	Usage	%	Individuals	%	Usage	%	Individuals	%
60431	2,603	29.03%	1,127	27.45%	753	29.20%	387	29.56%
60432	299	3.33%	185	4.51%	125	4.85%	70	5.35%
60433	347	3.87%	183	4.46%	82	3.18%	47	3.59%
60434	11	0.12%	9	0.22%		0.00%		0.00%
60435	4,535	50.57%	2,036	49.59%	1,279	49.59%	655	50.04%
60436	1,172	13.07%	566	13.78%	340	13.18%	150	11.46%
Total	8,967	100.00%	4,106	100.00%	2,579	100.00%	1,309	100.00%

*The Recreation Center is the Ice Arena

Zip Codes	Inwood Multi-Purpose Center 2006				Inwood Multi-Purpose Center 2007YTD			
	Usage	%	Individuals	%	Usage	%	Individuals	%
60431	2,848	31.15%	969	28.53%	863	32.68%	366	32.05%
60432	433	4.74%	181	5.33%	88	3.33%	41	3.59%
60433	330	3.61%	168	4.95%	80	3.03%	50	4.38%
60434	12	0.13%	6	0.18%	3	0.11%	3	0.26%
60435	4,492	49.13%	1,639	48.25%	1,256	47.56%	544	47.64%
60436	1,029	11.25%	434	12.78%	351	13.29%	138	12.08%
Total	9,144	100.00%	3,397	100.00%	2,641	100.00%	1,142	100.00%

Zip Codes	Splash Station			
	2006	%	2007YTD	%
60431	12,762	25.53%	2,356	18.38%
60432	1,505	3.01%	369	2.88%
60433	654	1.31%	493	3.85%
60434	255	0.51%	20	0.16%
60435	33,009	66.02%	8,995	70.17%
60436	1,811	3.62%	586	4.57%
Total	49,996	100.00%	12,819	100.00%

¹ "Usage" is the total number of visits from residents of each zip code, including repeat visits from the same individual. "Individuals" is the number of discrete residents who used the facilities.

Joliet Quality of Life
Parks Analysis



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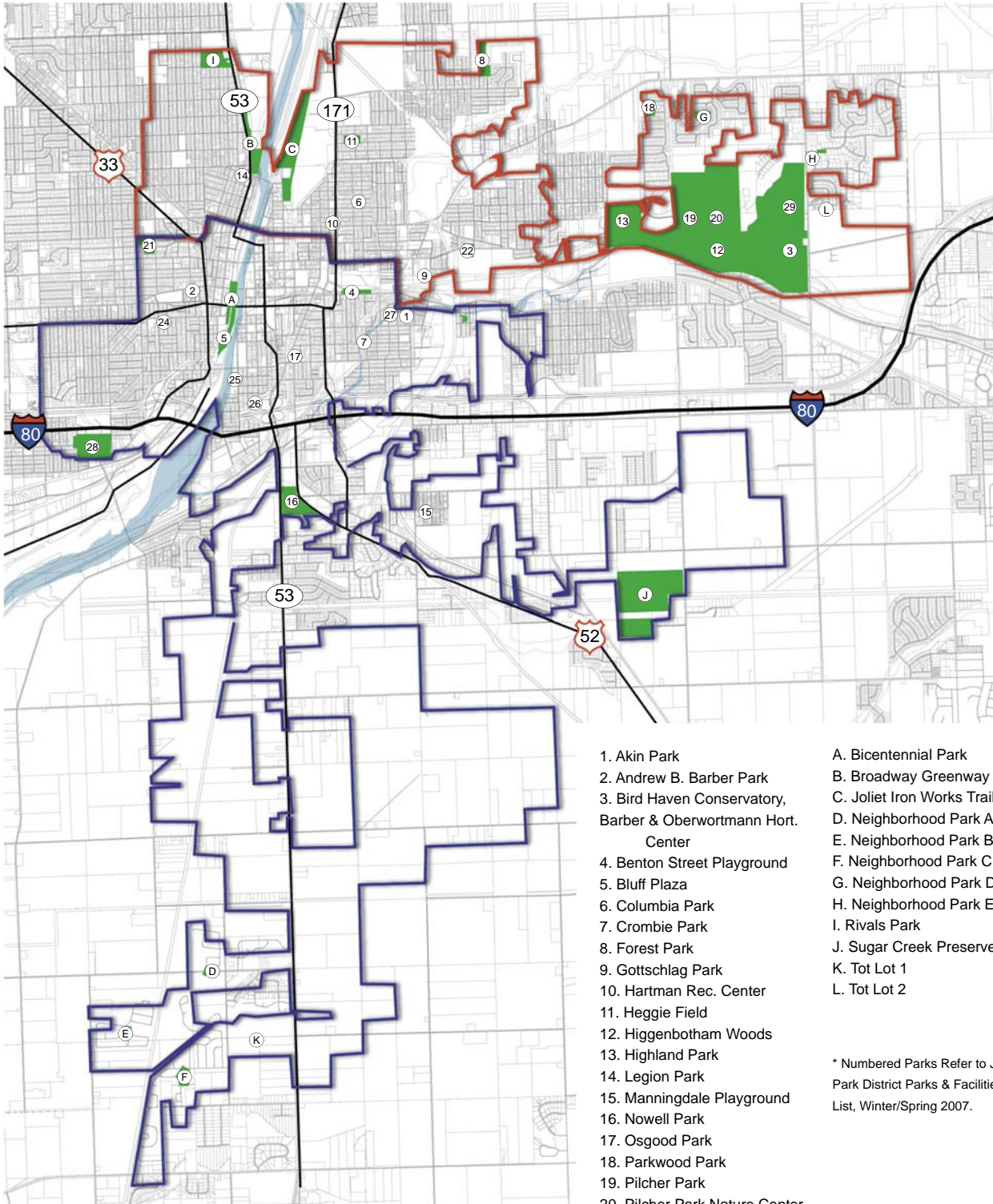
APPROACH

A comprehensive analysis of facilities was conducted for all 43 of Joliet's parks and green spaces in Council Districts 4 and 5. The purpose of the analysis was to provide The Quality of Life Task Force with a complete inventory of facilities in these two council districts, as well as provide recommendations for improvement of the existing parks.

The parks within Council Districts 4 and 5 were evaluated per the National Recreation and Parks Association's *Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines* (1996). Parks were evaluated for size and function relative to the City of Joliet's demographic information. Parks are organized into the following classifications: Mini Park (0-5 acres), Neighborhood Park (5-10 Acres), Community Park (10-40 acres), and Regional Park (40+ acres). The 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities list was considered during the design process. Site reviews of parks facilities were completed by the consultant, city staff, and community members. Disposable cameras and parks survey questionnaires were utilized during the site reviews to document site conditions such as quality of access and recreation facilities. The inventory was analyzed and recommendations for each park were made. Analysis and recommendations of each park are provided in this report.

The consultant wishes to thank those involved for their valuable input, particularly those members of the task force. A copy of the completed evaluation forms is provided in the appendix of this report.

PARKS LOCATION MAP



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|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Akin Park | A. Bicentennial Park |
| 2. Andrew B. Barber Park | B. Broadway Greenway |
| 3. Bird Haven Conservatory,
Barber & Oberwortmann Hort.
Center | C. Joliet Iron Works Trail |
| 4. Benton Street Playground | D. Neighborhood Park A |
| 5. Bluff Plaza | E. Neighborhood Park B |
| 6. Columbia Park | F. Neighborhood Park C |
| 7. Crombie Park | G. Neighborhood Park D |
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| 9. Gottschlag Park | I. Rivals Park |
| 10. Hartman Rec. Center | J. Sugar Creek Preserve |
| 11. Heggie Field | K. Tot Lot 1 |
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| 28. West Park/ Ferris/ Hudak Grove | |
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* Numbered Parks Refer to Joliet Park District Parks & Facilities List, Winter/Spring 2007.

PARKS FACILITIES MATRIX



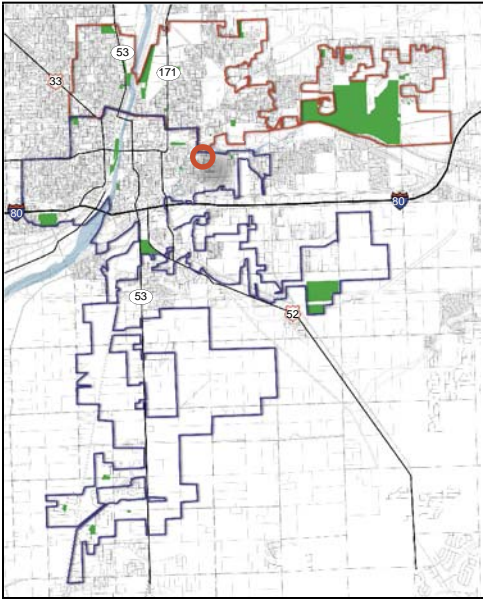
PARK FACILITIES MATRIX

No.	Park Name	Acreage	Type	Rec. center	Ice Arena	Ball Fields	Swimming	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Golf	X-Country ski	Open/Play Area	Play Equip	Shelter	Picnic Area	Natural Area	Hiking Trail	Meeting/Banquet	Concessions	Comfort Station	Gift Shop	Fitness Center	Disk Golf	Horseshoes
1	Akin Park	0.4	M													X									
2	Andrew B. Barber Park Bird Haven Conservatory, Barber & Oberwortmann Hort Center	0.4	M													X									
3	Benton Street Playgrounc	2.9	M											X						X					
4	Bluff Plaza	0.1	M										X												
5	Columbia Park	4.8	M											X											
6	Crombie Park	0.2	M											X											
7	Forest Park	1.5	M											X											
8	Forest Park	11.8	C											X											
9	Gottschlag Park	0.3	M											X											
10	Hartman Rec Center	0.8	M	X										X						X					
11	Heggie Field	4.3	M					X	X					X											
12	Higinbotham Woods	238.0	R											X											
13	Highland Park	60.0	R			X								X											
14	Legion Park	2.0	M											X											
15	Manningdale Playgrounc	0.4	M											X											
16	Nowell Park	20.0	C			X				X				X											
17	Osgood Park	0.5	M											X											
18	Parkwood	0.5	M											X											
19	Plicher Park	420.0	R									X													
20	Plicher Park Nature Center	2.0	M											X											
21	Preservation Park	1.5	M										X												
22	Ridgewood Park	5.0	M										X												
23	Sanchez Memorial Park	1.0	M										X												
24	Spieler Park	0.3	M										X												
25	Varnado Park	1.5	M										X												
26	Warren- Sharpe Playgrounc	0.2	M			X								X											
27	Washington Park	0.1	M											X											
28	West Park/ Ferris/ Hudak Grove	30.0	C							X			X	X						X	X			X	
29	Woodruff Golf Course	100.0	R																		X	X			
A	Bicentennial Park	6.0	N																						
B	Broadway Greenway	12.5	C											X											
C	Joliet Iron Works Trail	54.0	R									X													
D	Neighborhood Park A	4.1	M														X								
E	Neighborhood Park E	3.0	M																						
F	Neighborhood Park C	7.0	N																						
G	Neighborhood Park L	5.0	M																						
H	Neighborhood Park E	4.1	M																						
I	Rivals Park	14.0	C			X																			
J	Sugar Creek Forest Preserve	235.0	R														X								
K	Tot Lot 1	1.4	M																						
L	Tot Lot 2	0.6	M																						

* M = Mini Park N = Neighborhood Park C = Community Park R = Regional Park

** Parks in Italics indicates information unavailable

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Akin Park is a 0.4 acre mini park on the East side of Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

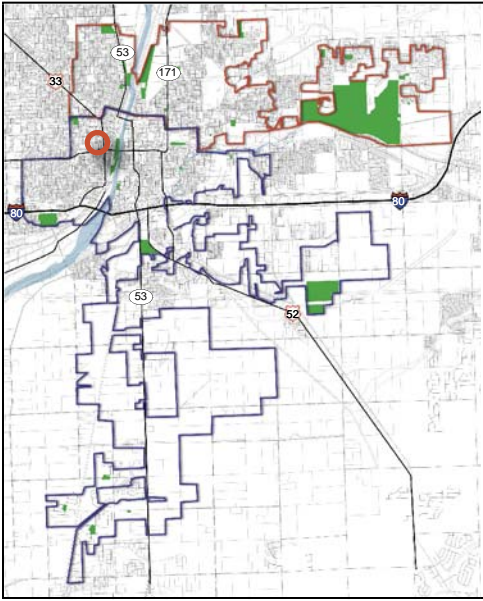
According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Akin Park has picnic areas. This park and facilities were in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Andrew Barber Park is a 0.4 acre mini park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Barber park has a picnic area. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Add (1) picnic table.

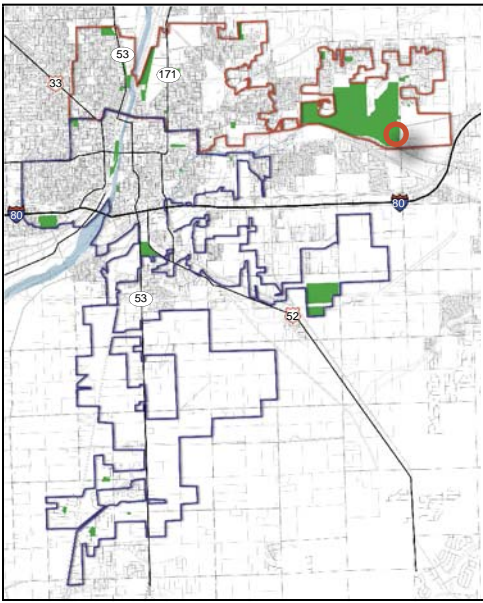
SITE INVENTORY



Bird Haven Park, Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center

Assessment date: none

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Bird Haven Conservatory and Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center are special purpose facilities providing community level passive recreation and conservation opportunities in Pilcher Park, on the East side of Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Bird Haven Conservatory and Barber & Oberwortmann horticultural Center have natural areas, meeting/ banquet facilities, as well concessions and comfort station.

RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

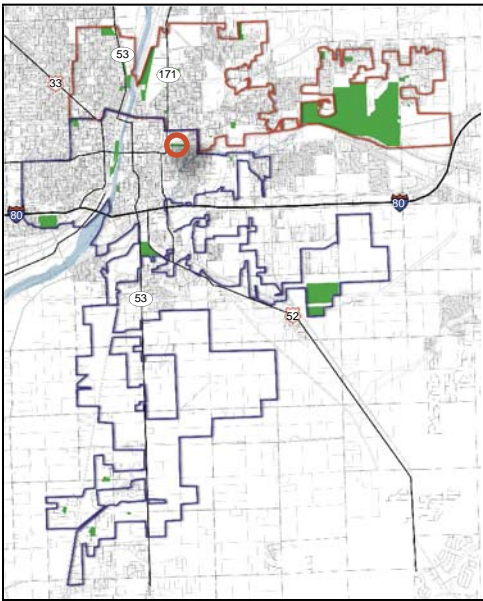
SITE INVENTORY



BENTON STREET PLAYGROUND

Assessment date: March, 2007

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Benton Street Playground is a 0.1 acre mini park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, the playground has play equipment. Picnic areas were also present. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

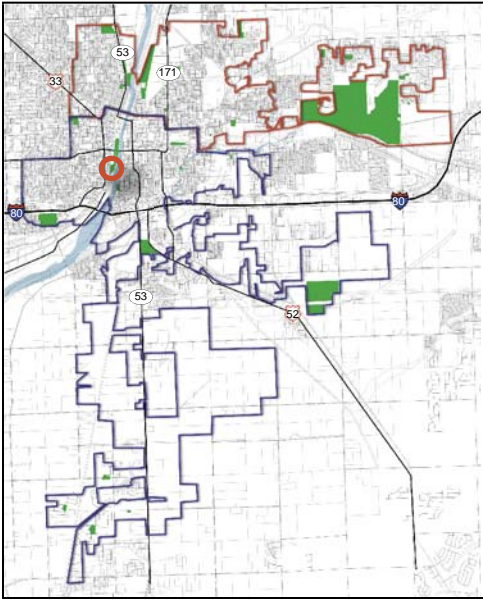
1. Provide an additional entry sign on Youngs Ave.

SITE INVENTORY



Playground

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Bluff Plaza is a 4.8 acre neighborhood park next to bicentennial park in downtown Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Bluff Plaza has an open play area and play equipment. This park was in good condition.

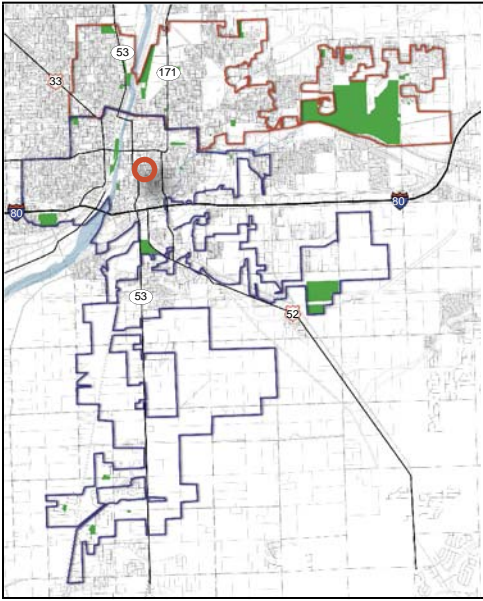
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Replace old play equipment.

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Columbia Park is a 0.2 acre mini park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Columbia Park has play equipment. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

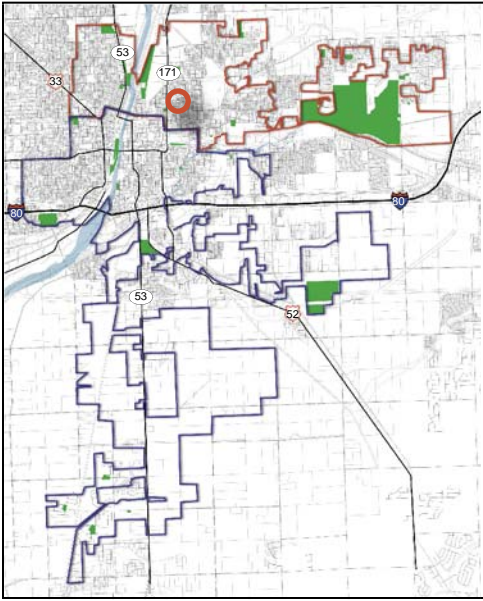
1. Add entry sign.

SITE INVENTORY



Playground

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Crombie Park is a 1.5 acre neighborhood park located adjacent to the river.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Crombie Park has play equipment. This park was in good condition.

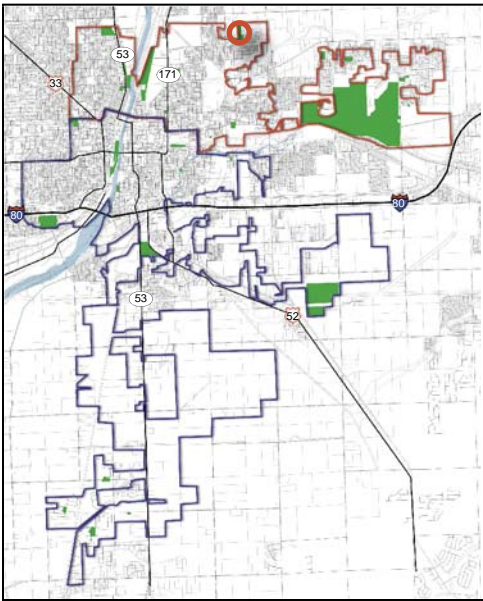
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Add basketball court.
2. Remove graffiti.

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Forest Park is a 11.8 acre community park on the North side of Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Forest park has open play areas, and play equipment. Ball fields were listed on the publication, but were not found. Also rest rooms were present, but pad locked and therefore inaccessible. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

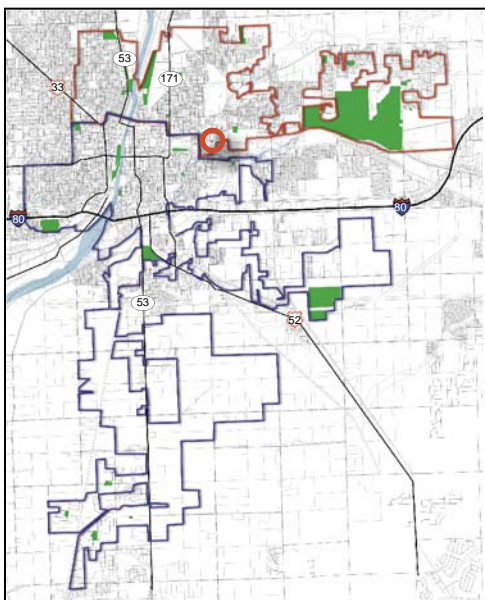
1. Enhance vehicular access with improved paving, lighting and landscape.
2. Replace previously removed pavilion.

SITE INVENTORY



Open Space

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Gottschlag Park is a 0.3 acre mini park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Gottschlag Park has play equipment. picnic areas were also found. Park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

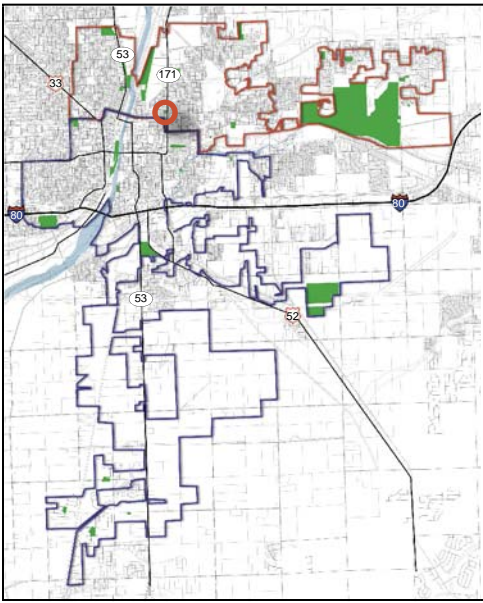
1. Add (1) trash receptacle.

SITE INVENTORY



Sign/ Play Area

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Hartman Rec. Center is a 0.8 acre mini park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

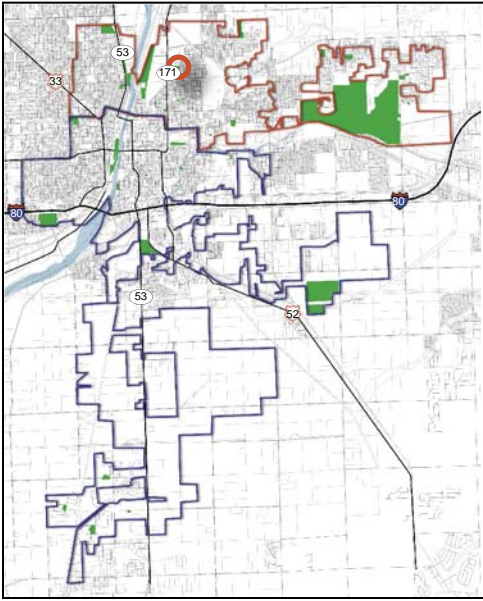
According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Hartman has well used basketball courts, fitness center, play equipment, and a spray water facility opened in 2007. The center also has a meeting hall, concessions and a comfort station. This park is in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Heggie Field is a 4.3 acre neighborhood park on the North side of Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Heggie Field has basketball courts, soccer fields with bleachers, open play areas, play equipment, picnic areas, hiking trails with shelters and a comfort station. This park was in good condition

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Correct the Spanish language part of existing sign.
2. Provide accessible rest rooms.
3. Provide neighborhood friendly lighting.

SITE INVENTORY

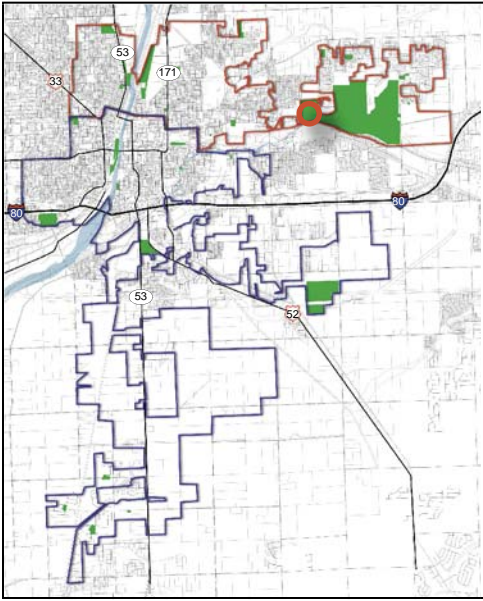


Trails



Signage

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Highland Park is a 60 acre regional park. The park is a part of the larger Pilcher Park system.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Highland Park contains ball fields, open play areas, and play equipment. This park was in good condition.

According to park assessment, no ball fields were present. Existing trails and roads were in poor condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Provide ballfields.
2. Improve trails.
3. Improve roads.

SITE INVENTORY

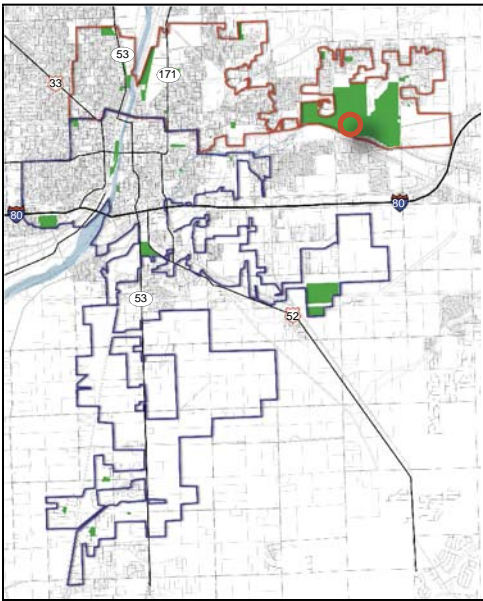


Trails



Entry Drive

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Higinbotham woods is a 238 acre wooded area in Pilcher Park. The woods have hiking trails and large natural areas including fishing areas along the creek.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Higinbotham Woods contains hiking trails and natural areas. This park was in good condition.

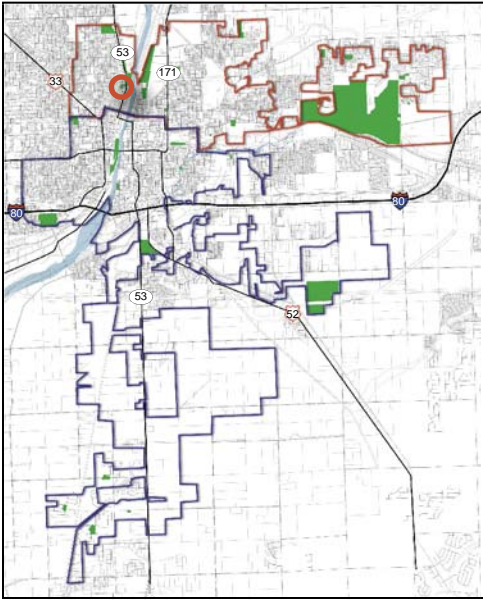
RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



Trails

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Legion Park is a 2.0 acre neighborhood park on the North side of Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Legion Park has open play areas, play equipment, and hiking trails. This park was in good condition.

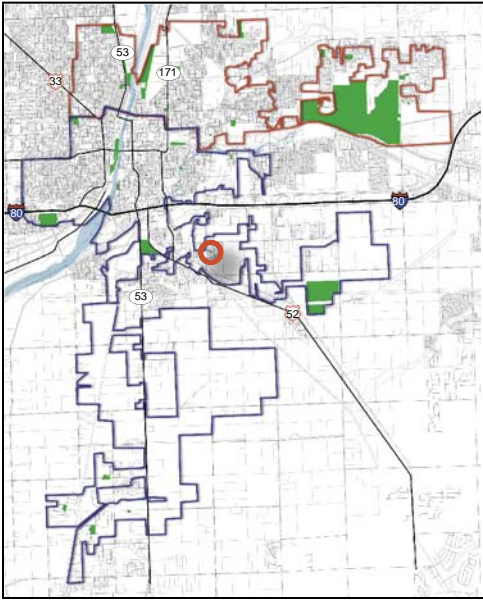
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Add (1) picnic table.

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Manningdale Playground is a 0.4 acre mini park on the Southeast side of Joliet

EXISTING CONDITIONS

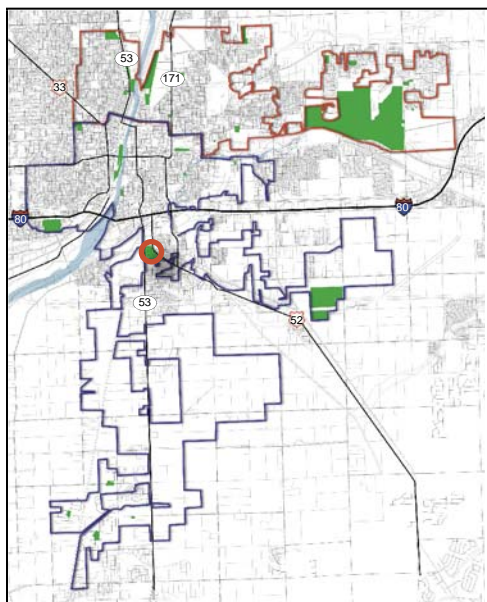
According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Manningdale Playground has play equipment, however none was found upon visiting. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Nowell Park is a 20 acre community park on Joliet's south side. The park is adjacent to a water park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Nowell Park contains ball fields, tennis courts, open play area, play equipment, a shelter and picnic areas, and a spray water facility opened in 2007. The park is also adjacent to and out door water park. This park was in good

RECOMMENDATIONS

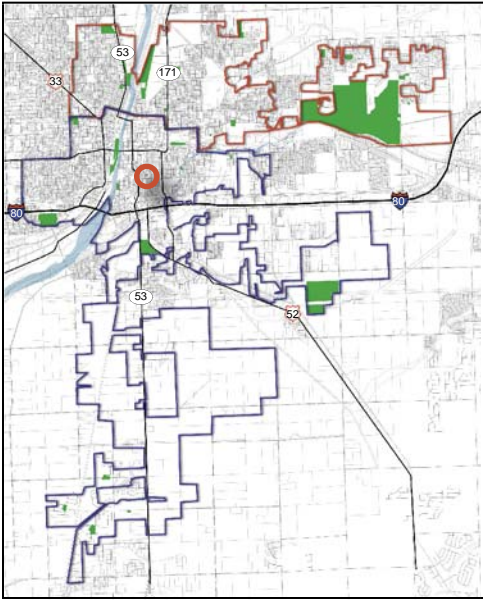
1. Add more parking.

SITE INVENTORY



Nowell Park Facilities

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Osgood Park is a half acre mini park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

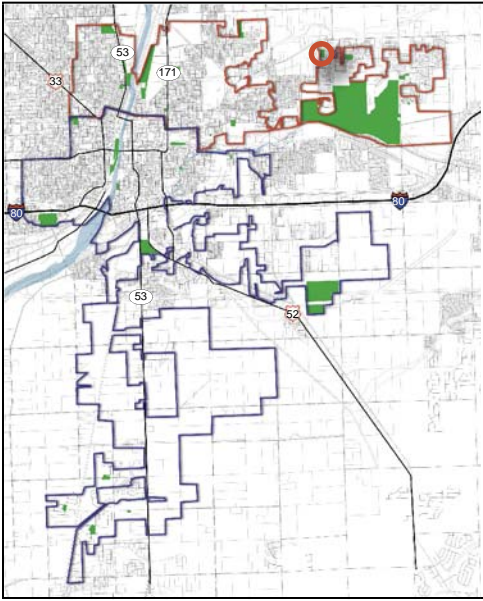
According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Osgood Park has play equipment. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Parkwood Park is a half acre mini park on the Northeast side of Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Parkwood Park has play equipment. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Add picnic areas and benches.

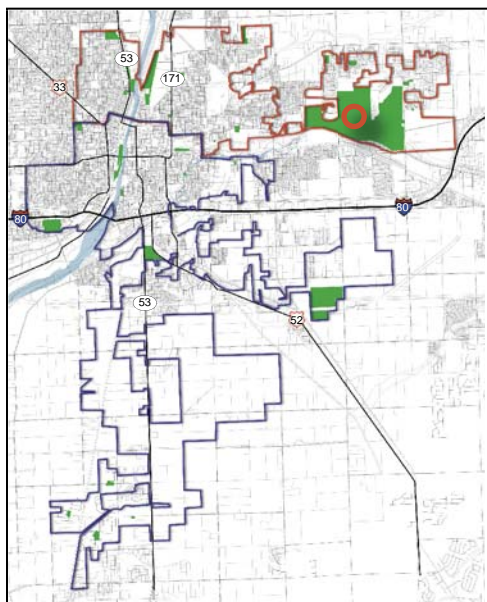
SITE INVENTORY



PILCHER PARK

Assessment date: March, 2007

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Pilcher Park is a 420 acre regional park on the East side of Joliet, that also provides community level recreation facilities to nearby neighborhoods..

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Pilcher Park includes cross-country ski trails in addition to hiking paths. Not listed, but observed in the park were picnic tables. This park was in good condition.

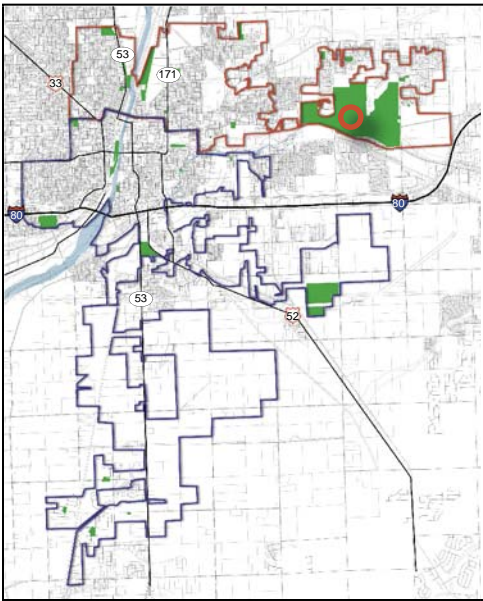
RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



Pilcher Park Facilities

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Pilcher Park Nature Center is located in Pilcher Park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Pilcher Park Nature Center includes hiking trails, meeting facilities, concession areas, a comfort station, and gift shop. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY

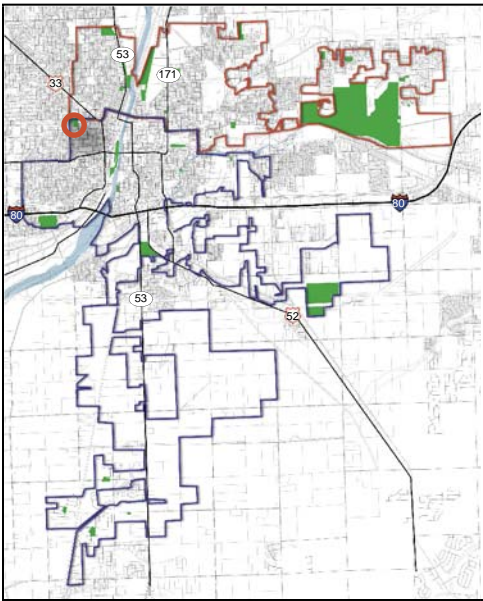


Pilcher Park Nature Center

PRESERVATION PARK

Assessment date: March, 2007

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Preservation Park is a 1.5 acre neighborhood park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

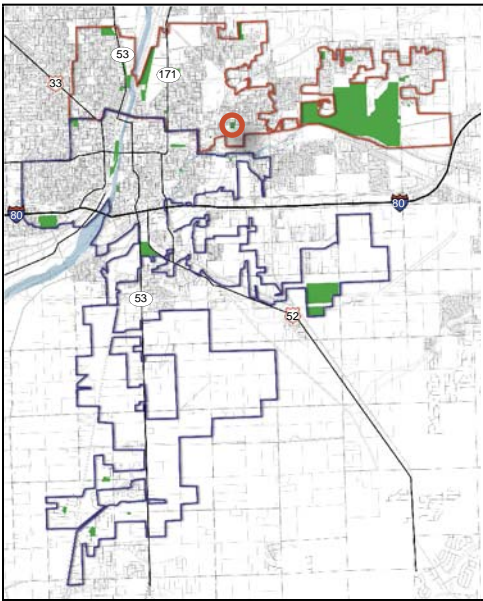
According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Preservation Park has open play areas, play equipment, shelter and picnic area. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Ridgewood Park is a 5 acre neighborhood park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Ridgewood Park has open play areas and play equipment. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Add parking area.
2. Add (1) trash receptacles.
3. Repair treacherous stairs at south end of park.

SITE INVENTORY

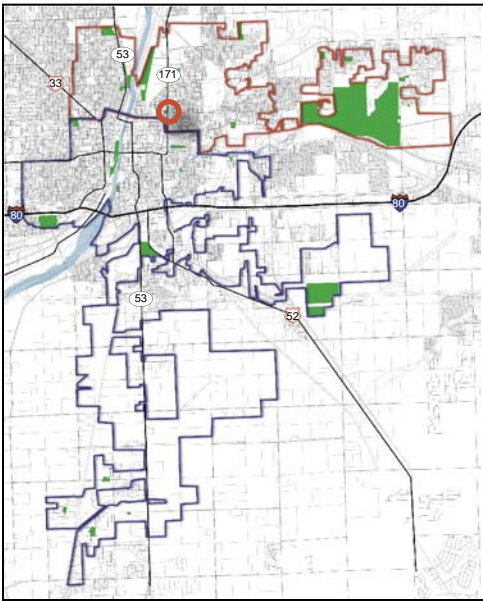


Pilcher Park Nature Center

SANCHEZ MEMORIAL PARK

Assessment date: March, 2007

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Sanchez Memorial Park is a 1 acre neighborhood park next to Hartman Rec. Center.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Sanchez Memorial has an open play area. Construction as begun on a 'spray ground' recreational water feature. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY

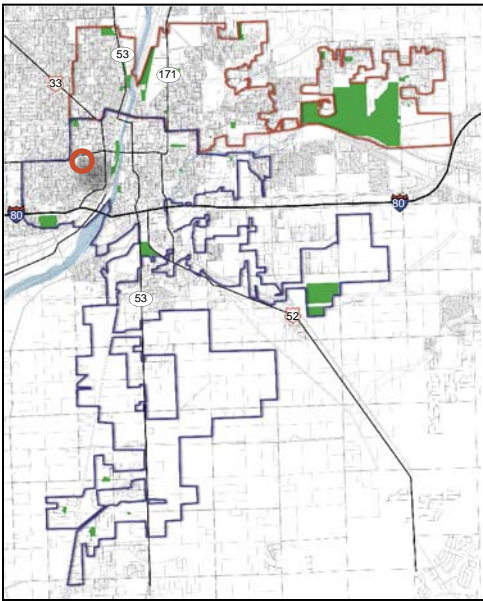


Future Expansion

SPIELER PARK

Assessment date: March, 2007

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Spieler Park is a 0.3 acre mini park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Spieler Park has open play area, and play equipment. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

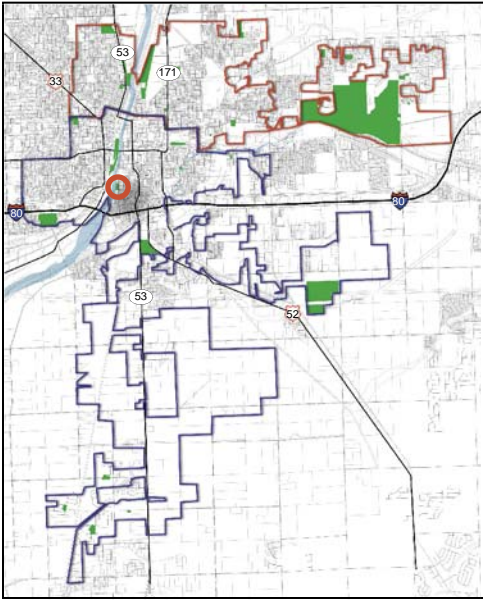
SITE INVENTORY



VARNADO PARK

Assessment date: March, 2007

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Varnado Park is a 1.5 acre neighborhood park.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Varnado Park has ball fields and open play area. This park was in good condition.

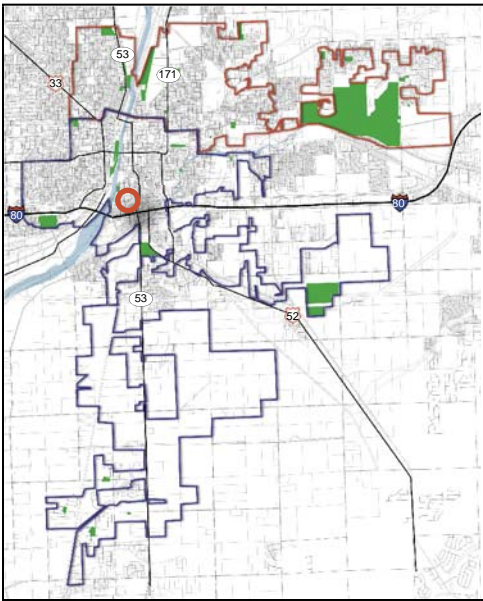
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Repair large pot holes in parking areas.

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Warren-Sharpe Playground is a 0.2 acre mini park in central Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

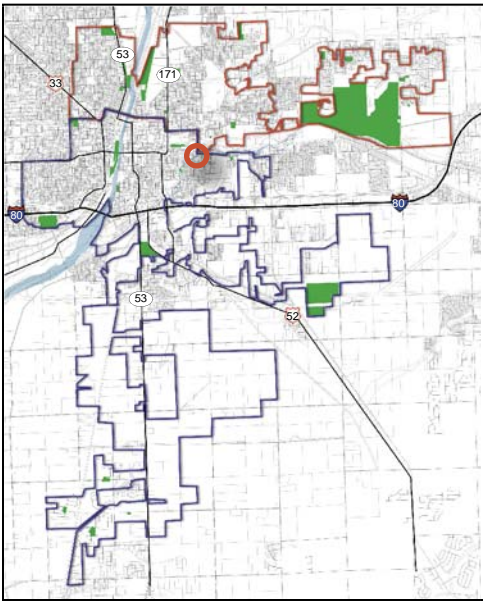
According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Warren Sharpe has play equipment. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Washington Park is a 0.1 acre mini park in central Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, has open play area. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

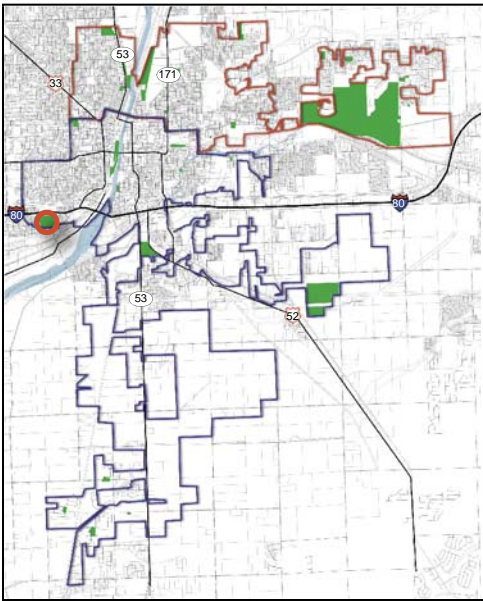
SITE INVENTORY



WEST PARK/FERRIS PARK/HUDAK GROVE

Assessment date: March, 2007

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

West park is a 30 acre community park on Joliet's West side

EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, West Park contains tennis courts, Cross-country Ski trails, open play areas, play equipment, hiking paths, and disk golf, a shelter and picnic areas. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Repair roughts in open field.
2. Cover/ fence off open utility trench.
3. Repair paving on entry driveway throughout park.

SITE INVENTORY

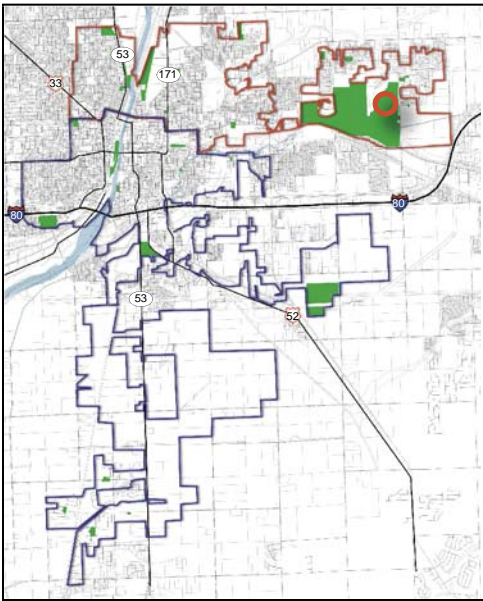


Roughts in Open Areas



Open Utility Trench

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Woodruff Golf Course is a 18 hole, 100 acre golf course on Joliet's East side.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

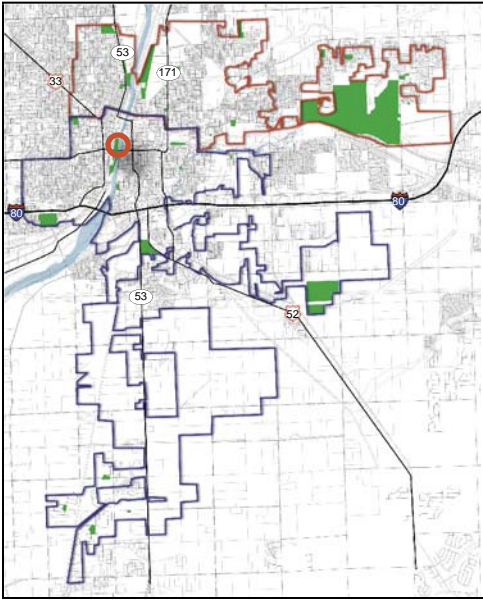
According to the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication, Woodruff has golf, concessions, a comfort station and a gift shop. This park appeared to be in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Bicentennial Park is a 6 acre neighborhood park in downtown Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Trail head park was not listed in the Joliet Parks and Facilities publication. Open space and several seating/ picnic areas exist. The park also has a meandering path. This park was in good condition.

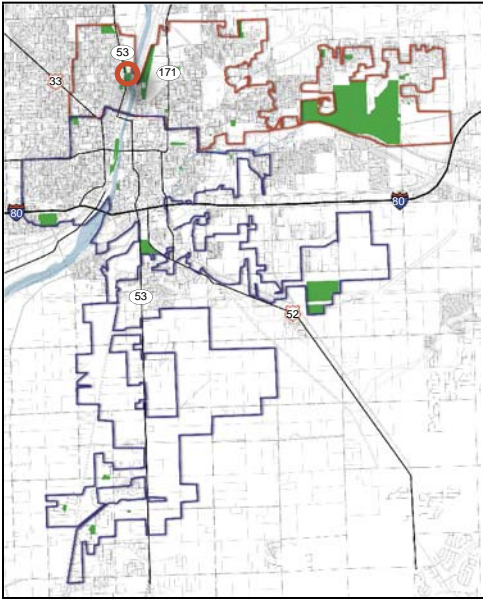
RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



River Walk

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Broadway greenway is a 12.5 acre community park on the North side of downtown.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

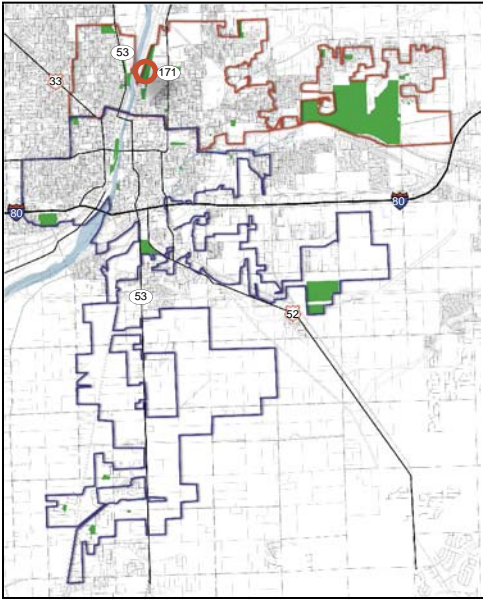
Broadway Greenway was not listed in the Joliet Parks and Facilities publication. The park has trails, open landscaped areas, play equipment and seating/picnic areas. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Joliet Iron Works is a 54 acre regional park in the downtown area of Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Joliet Iron Works was not listed in the Joliet Parks and Facilities publication. The park had cross country ski trails, biking and hiking trails and natural areas. The park also had a small ampatheater. This park was in good condition.

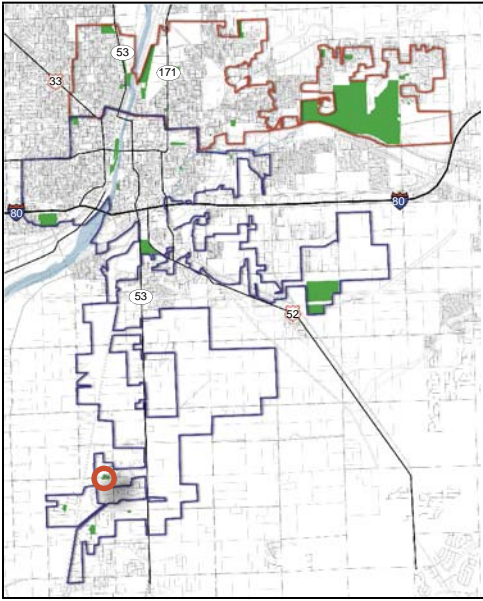
RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



Trail Signage

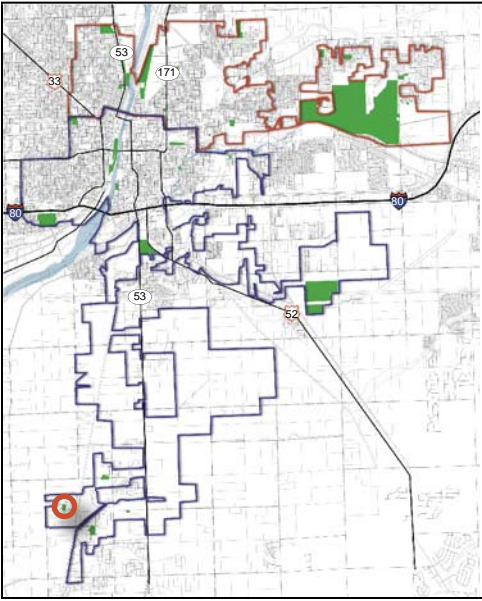
PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Neighborhood Park A is a park planned for a residential development still in construction. Images and facilities planned for the park are unavailable.

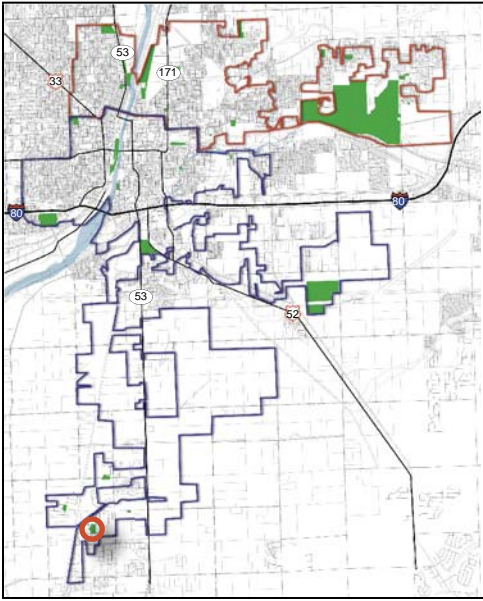
PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Neighborhood Park B is a park planned for a residential development still in construction. Images and facilities planned for the park are unavailable.

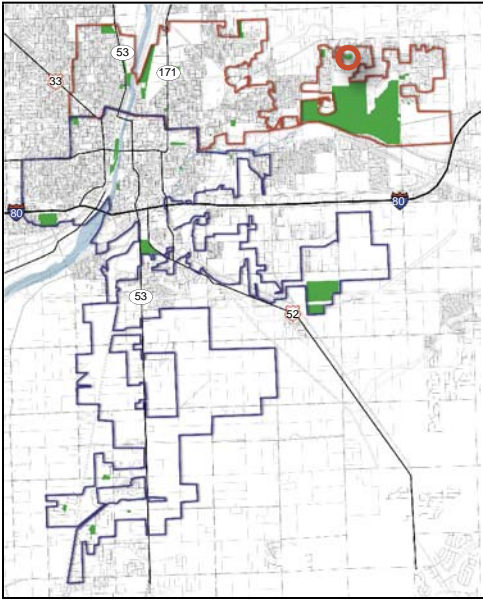
PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Neighborhood Park C is a park planned for a residential development still in construction. Images and facilities planned for the park are unavailable.

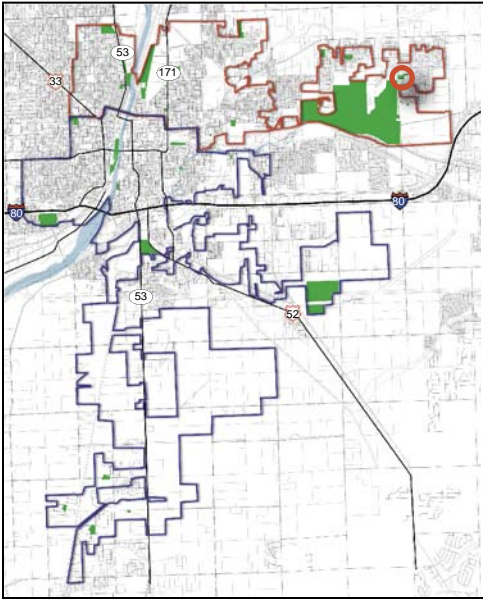
PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Neighborhood Park D is a 9 acre, neighborhood park planned for a residential development still in construction. Images and facilities planned for the park are unavailable.

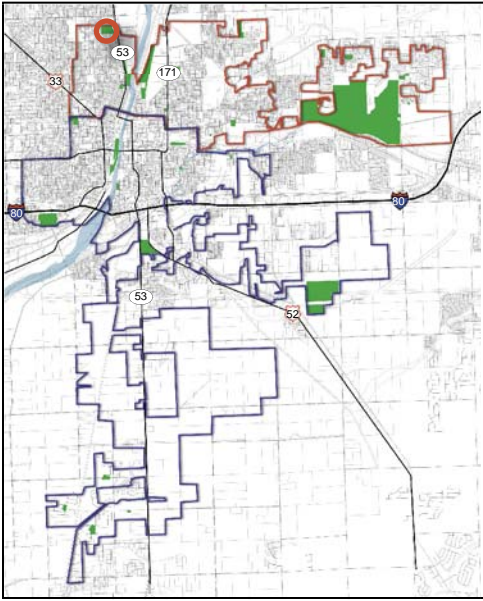
PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Neighborhood Park E is a park planned for a residential development still in construction. Images and facilities planned for the park are unavailable.

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Rivals Park is a 14 acre community park on Joliet's North side

EXISTING CONDITIONS

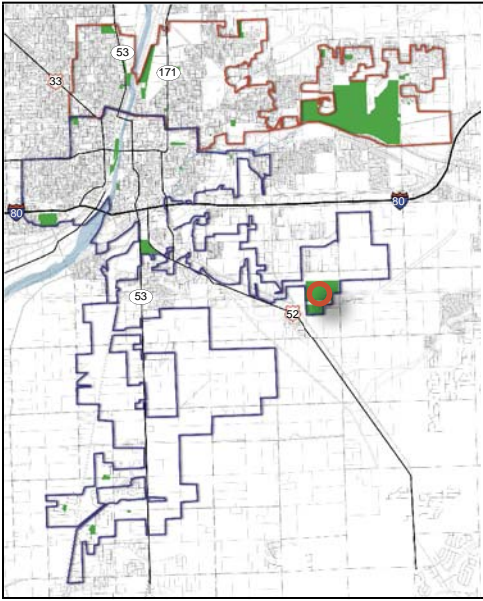
Rivals Park was not listed in the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication. The park had ball fields and picnic areas, in addition to the large wooded preserve. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Sugar Creek Forest Preserve is a 235 acre regional park on the Southeast side of Joliet.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

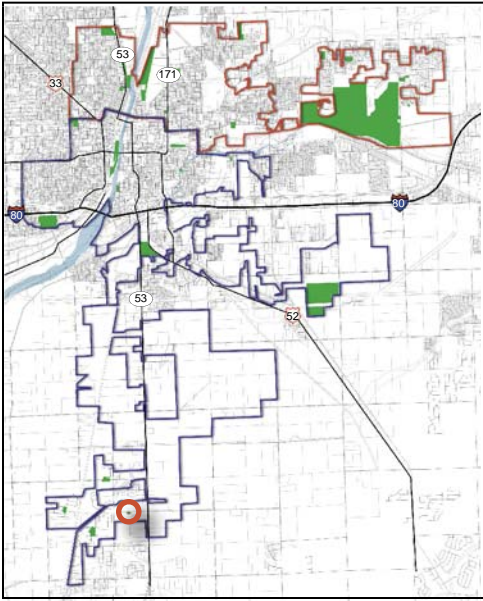
Rivals Park was not listed in the 2007 Joliet Parks and Facilities publication. This park was in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE INVENTORY



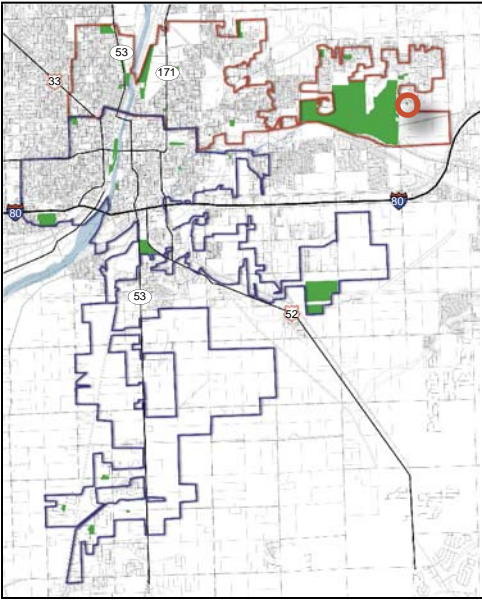
PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Tot Lot 1 is a park planned for a residential development still in construction. Images and facilities planned for the park are unavailable.

PARK LOCATION



GENERAL PARK DESCRIPTION

Tot Lot 2 is a 4.1 acre neighborhood park planned for a residential development still in construction. Images and facilities planned for the park are unavailable.