

## **X. Capital Improvements for Specific Sites**

Capital improvements to a park are the addition of labor and materials that improve the overall value and usefulness of that park. Capital improvements are designated and funded individually through segregated municipal funds. Routine maintenance, on the other hand, is considered to be the routine repair and upkeep of existing park facilities, such as painting a shelter building. Routine maintenance of park facilities does not appreciably increase the value or usefulness of the park, and is traditionally funded through the Park Department's operations budget. Non-routine maintenance of park facilities, such as upgrading a toilet facility to be barrier free, usually would be considered a capital improvement.

Most projects can be easily identified and categorized, but some will be difficult. When a project falls on the borderline between capital improvement and maintenance, the overall cost will become the determinant. Projects with a high cost, such as seal coating roads or parking lots, will be categorized as capital improvements.

The capital improvements system for each park is a combination of several types of projects. These projects are ranked according to their importance and priority in the overall development of the park. Generally, capital improvements are ranked in the following manner:

1. Improvements to existing facilities
  - a. Correct health and safety hazards
  - b. Meet ADA guidelines and standards
  - c. Upgrade deficient facilities
  - d. Modernize adequate but outdated facilities
2. Installation of facilities as deemed appropriate and necessary through community response (public hearings, survey results)
3. Development of new facilities as deemed necessary through comparison to NRPA park and recreation standards.

Specifically, improvements to existing facilities will rank the highest in the capital improvements program, while new facilities are usually ranked lower, according to their relative need in the park. Improvements that correct health and safety hazards are *always* the highest-ranking priority. Improvements that are deemed necessary through comparison to national park and recreation standards are usually ranked the lowest.

**Village of Weston**

**Capital Improvements**

5	Reconstruct Sand Volleyball Court	\$500
6	Install park trees/landscaping	\$5,000
Total		\$90,800

<b>Yellowbanks Park</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	Finish construction of disc golf course	\$50,000
2	New play stucture near shelter #2	\$400,000
3	Upgrade pit toilets to septic system	\$60,000
4	Reconstruct sand volleyball court	\$500
5	Install park trees/landscaping	\$5,000
6	Construct canoe boat landing	\$1,000
Total		\$516,500

<b>Kellyland Park</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	Install fall zone around merry-go-round	\$300
2	Reconstruct sand volleyball court	\$500
3	Install park tree/landscaping	\$5,000
Total		\$7,800

<b>Sandhill Meadows Park</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	Install fall zone around merry-go-round	\$300
2	Reconstruct volleyball court	\$500
3	Install park trees/landscaping	\$5,000
Total		\$5,800

<b>Robinwood Park</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	Install fall zone around merry-go-round and play structure	\$500
2	Install horseshoe pits	\$250
3	Construct sand volleyball court	\$500
4	Install park trees/landscaping	\$5,000
Total		\$6,250

**Table 10-1a  
Village Park Projects Continued**

<b>Weston Elementary School Ice Rink</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	New siding, windows and soffitt	\$10,000
2	Pave parking lot	\$12,500
Total		\$22,500

<b>Eau Claire River Trail</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	Pave parking lot off of Ryan Street	\$5,000
2	Trail signage	\$1,000
3	Construct restrooms/shade structures	40,000
4	Install park trees/landscaping	\$5,000
Total		\$51,000

<b>Aquatic Center</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	Insulate and heat Mechanical Room	\$20,000
2	Install trees/landscaping	\$5,000
Total		\$25,000

<b>Machmueller Park</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	Construct volleyball court	\$500
2	Construct horseshoe pits	\$250
3	Install park trees/landscaping	\$5,000
Total		\$5,750

<b>Williams Park</b>		
Priority	Project	Cost
1	Reconstruct Sand Volleyball Court	\$500
2	Pave Parking Lot	\$3,000
3	Install park trees/landscaping	\$5,000
Total		\$8,500