

**XI. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

In order to implement the recommendations contained in the Action Plan section of this plan, and thereby implement the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the Village of Weston must make a commitment to adopt the programs, acquire needed parklands, develop needed recreation facilities, and maintain the park system in a safe and cost effective manner. The recommendations contained in the Action Plan may seem overwhelming, but they are critical elements in developing a park and recreation system that will meet the current and future needs of Village residents. The overall cost of implementing these recommendations is relatively high, but the village could reduce their impact on the Village budget by 1) adopting a “phasing” plan for park acquisition and development, and 2) adopting a balanced funding mechanism for park acquisition, development, and operation.

The Village should “phase” into the full implementation of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Phasing will allow the cost of acquisition and development to be spread over a period of years, and will allow the Village Board and staff to become familiar with the park and recreation system and gradually increase staff and resources to manage it. Phasing will also give the Village some time to assess the benefits and success of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan to generate interest and support among Village residents. Specifically, the Village should adopt the following general phasing guidelines:

- Upgrade/replace existing park facilities to meet current health and safety standards, ADA access standards, ASTM playground safety standards, and other appropriate state and local building codes.
- Acquire additional parklands to meet current and future recreation needs.
- Expand and/or develop existing parklands to meet current and future recreation needs.
- Develop future parklands to meet future recreation needs as the surrounding neighborhoods develop.

The Village should develop a balanced funding mechanism for acquiring, developing, and managing the Village park system. This mechanism should include 1) general funds (local tax levy), 2) land dedication (or payment in lieu of land dedication), 3) impact fees, and 4) grant-in-aid programs. Implementing a balanced funding mechanism will help the Village utilize all available funding for the park system, and thereby reduce impact and the local tax levy. Specifically, the Village should adopt the following prioritized funding mechanism guidelines:

1. Land Acquisition
  - a. Land dedication
  - b. Payment in lieu of dedication
  - c. Grant-in-aid programs
  - d. General funds

2. Park Development – to meet existing needs
  - a. General funds
  - b. Grant-in-aid programs
3. Park Development – to meet future needs
  - a. Impact fees
  - b. Payment in lieu of dedication
  - c. General funds
4. Park Operations and Maintenance
  - a. General funds

**Summary**

The Village of Weston should follow these guidelines in implementing the recommendations in the Action Plan. The Village should adopt the following implementation plan:

1. Meet the existing recreation needs of the community (as identified in the Recreation Needs Analysis section) by:
  - a. Developing additional facilities in existing parks utilizing general funds and grant-in-aid funds.
  - b. Acquiring and developing a new community park utilizing grant-in-aid funding and general funds.
  - c. Acquiring and developing a Village-wide multi-purpose trail system (Eau Claire River Trail) utilizing grant-in-aid funding and general funds.
2. Meet future recreation needs of the community by:
  - a. Acquiring and developing new neighborhood parks utilizing impact fees, payment in lieu of dedication funds, and general funds.
3. Operate and manage the Village park system by utilizing general funds.

**TABLE 11-1  
Budget Summary**

<b>ACQUIRE NEW PARKS</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>UNIT COST</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>COMMUNITY PARK</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,000</b>

Develop existing parks (See Appendix A for park development costs.)

<b>VILLAGE PARKS</b>	
<b>PARK</b>	<b>COST</b>
<b>KENNEDY PARK</b>	<b>\$ 90,800</b>
<b>WILLIAMS PARK</b>	<b>\$ 8,500</b>
<b>YELLOWBANKS</b>	<b>\$ 516,500</b>
<b>KELLYLAND PARK</b>	<b>\$ 7,800</b>
<b>SANDHILL MEADOWS PARK</b>	<b>\$ 5,800</b>
<b>ROBINWOOD PARK</b>	<b>\$ 6,250</b>
<b>WESTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ICE RINK</b>	<b>\$ 22,500</b>
<b>EAU CLAIRE RIVER TRAIL</b>	<b>\$ 51,000</b>
<b>WESTON AQUATIC CENTER</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>
<b>MACHMUELLER PARK</b>	<b>\$ 5,750</b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 739,900</b>
<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT COST</b>	<b>\$ 1,939,900</b>
<b>POTENTIAL GRANT ELIGIBILITY</b>	<b>\$ 969,950</b>

Land acquisition and development costs are eligible for up to 50% grant funding through ADLP (See Appendix B).