

Copernicus Park Master Plan

Public Workshop Summary

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Copernicus Park Public Workshop Visioning Matrix						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(Priority One) Total: 34	(Priority One) Total: 23	(Priority One) Total: 23	(Priority One) Total: 7	(Priority One) Total: 7	(Priority One) Total: 6	(Priority One) Total:
Remove basketball court, to alleviate security and drug issues. (15)	Full detention pond east of fill on 20th Street (15)	Keep sledding, soccer area. (10)	Deer crossing sign on 20th. (7)	Maintain woodlands. (9)	Improve lock, more natural, flowers around creek. (4)	Park recreation will impact our property taxes.
1/2 court basketball, lower hoop for younger children. (15)	Water retention needed, safety needs to be main concern. (4)	Community Garden, Vegetable, Flowers. (7)	Security is top priority	Enhance the natural areas of the park	Restroom in park. (1)	No current H.O., County above city residents.
Convert basketball court into a tennis court. (4)	No retention pond in Park. (2)	Keep green space. (3)	Superior and pistol basketball court.	Buckthorn eradication project.	New street name, S 20th street becomes Copernicus Way. (1)	
Replace Basketball court with children facilities.	French drain system. (1)	Activities for all ages, baseball, soccer, etc. (1)			Improve pavements on paths.	
Relocate basketball court, because it is too close to toddler playing area.	No dry pond in park.	Exercise stations. (1)			Add, and improve trash cans.	
Split court in half by installing benches back to back.	Do not take precious park space for retention ponds.	Natural flooding area. (1)				
Keep Basketball court, older kids need recreational areas as well.		More activities for kids to do, besides just a playground.				
Convert basketball court into a or outdoor court.		Running path.				
		Replace sand with rubber mats.				
		More open, not designated "play" areas.				
		Gravitate towards younger children.				
		More seating, benches, etc.				



Feedback From The Community Summarized And Talled In A Visioning Matrix.

Priorities From The Matrix Guided the Park's Goals & Objectives.

2. Copernicus Park Goals & Objectives

Goal:
Mitigate localized flooding in the neighborhood.

- Objectives:
- Incorporate new stormwater infrastructure into the Park as an amenity that will not compromise park programming.
 - Implement best management practices into stormwater infrastructure to improve the water quality.

Goal:
Promote environmental, economic and social sustainability.

- Objectives:
- Maintain approximately 60% of the overall park areas as woodlands.
 - Eradicate buckthorn in woodland area.
 - Restore Oak Creek to stabilize the banks and enhance water quality.
 - Encourage the use of native landscape plantings throughout the park.
 - Involve Milwaukee County Parks during design and implementation of park improvements to ensure improvements align with operations and maintenance budgets.
 - Plan for present and future needs of the Park users by providing adaptable activities and programming.

Goal:
Improve community and park safety.

- Objectives:
- Address community concerns about the basketball court by re-purposing or removing the existing basketball court.
 - Provide adequate lighting throughout park.
 - Consider safety precautions related to water levels when designing stormwater improvements.
 - Maintain open views within the park.
 - Evaluate the need for wildlife crossing signage adjacent to woodland areas.
 - Implement the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other standards that will improve the Park's safety for all.

Goal:
Develop an identity for Copernicus Park.

- Objectives:
- Enhance Park entrances with improved signage and landscape treatments.
 - Identify a focused design theme to unify all Park improvements.
 - Use consistent design standards for repeating elements such as site furnishings and lighting to create a cohesive identity and reinforce the park boundaries.

Goal:
Enhance park with a variety of activities and programming for all age and interest groups.

- Objectives:
- Incorporate both active and passive recreation opportunities.
 - Provide a mix of court and field activities such as half-court basketball, tennis, volleyball, soccer, baseball, ice skating, sledding that accommodate the largest number of users.
 - Develop programming for four season use of the Park.
 - Integrate education into overall design theme.
 - Add interpretive signage for environmental and sustainable awareness.
 - Encourage community activities within the Park by providing social gathering spaces.
 - Incorporate art into the park.
 - Expand existing system of paths within the park to allow for more connections and uses.

Goal:
Create a precedent for collaborative projects involving the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County Parks.

- Objectives:
- Partner with Milwaukee County Parks to implement recommendations of Copernicus Park Master Plan once adopted.
 - Promote a collaborative dialog to make resources available to upgrade parks to benefit city residents.

3. Neighborhood Flood Complaint Map



How Many Home Are Affected By The Flooding?

The City Received Calls Regarding The Homes Highlighted In Blue.