

Master Plan Schedule of Improvements (cont.)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
VETERANS PRAIRIE						
Implement Prairie Maintenance Plan	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Install Wildlife Observation Platform (wood structure)	\$40,000					
Install Practice U-6 & Half Court Soccer Fields		\$20,000				
Install ADA Accessible "natural" Trail			\$20,000			
Install District Signs, Benches etc				\$12,000		
CARNATION PARK						
Implement parking and lighting improvements	\$65,000					
Implement prairie maintenance & habit plan		\$25,000				
Install canoe/kayak launch		\$15,000				
Install trail to train depot		\$30,000				
Renovate fishing pier			\$80,000			
Install drinking fountain			\$15,000			
Install District signs, bike rack, benches etc				\$12,000		
Install native shoreline improvements					\$35,000	
PARK WEST						
Prepare Master Plan for Sports Complex	\$35,000					
Sports field development	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$30,000			
Conduct an outdoor pool feasibility study		\$10,000				
Install close loop to existing trail		\$10,000	\$65,000			
Install District Signs, bike racks, benches etc			\$12,000			
Develop batting cages				\$35,000		
Improve amphitheater seating / access					\$30,000	
NASH RECREATION CENTER						
Renovate Lobby and public spaces	\$70,000					
Develop north open space into multi-use park	\$400,000					
Install outdoor drinking fountain		\$15,000				
Install District signs, bike racks, benches etc		\$12,000				
BLACKHAWK CENTER						
Plan to be included with Park West Improvements	\$10,000					
Install Emergency Safety Generator		\$20,000				
MAINTENANCE SHOP						
Upgrades to meet EPA Standards	\$15,000					
Landscape enhancements		\$15,000				
Drain tile through west yard		\$2,000				
Bulk Materials Storage Structure			\$20,000			
Purchase Land				\$10,000		
Signage with Plantings				\$5,000		
Pave Maintenance Lot						\$10,000
YEAR	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
ANNUAL TOTAL EXPENSE	\$794,500	\$490,000	\$352,500	\$367,000	\$142,000	\$12,000

Master Plan Summary

The overall study of the Oregon Park District based on national and state criteria showed no major deficiencies for parks or recreation programs. The master plan does, however, identify several improvements and changes that will maintain the high level of satisfaction stated by the residents in surveys. The park improvements recommended are based on prioritized needs, sustainability of existing programs, and future trends.

With respect to acquisition, survey information cited public support for preservation of open space along Rock River and improvements necessary to meet state standards for size, land areas, and program development. Park West provides significant opportunity for development of a regional sports complex serving Oregon and surrounding communities.

In summary, the Oregon Park District is one of the largest providers of recreational activities for both residents and visitors to Ogle County. The quality of life is greatly enhanced by the programs and activities provided by the Park District. Having recognized the changes in demographics, user needs, and opportunities, the Oregon Park District has the necessary tools and experience to satisfy these needs.

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