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City of La Crosse Common Council Members, Board of Park Commissioners, and
La Crosse Area Residents:

With future changes coming to the La Crosse Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, it is an excellent opportunity to share with you a snapshot of the projects that the department is currently involved in implementing. The City of La Crosse prides itself in an aggressive parks plan that allocates significant financial resources toward recreation-focused projects. This incredible funding, coupled with a resounding recreational passion of residents, creates a full slate of new projects annually. These projects span across many different facilities, recreational opportunities, and user groups. The unique natural landscape that La Crosse is home to increases the potential for additional projects and elevates the responsibility of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department to maintain and manage.

As project involvement shows continued growth, the department has engaged in a project overview format that will be released on a semi-annual basis. This project overview will highlight department projects defined in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This overview will provide important information that each of you will find beneficial. This information will also help staff internally in maintaining communication, as these projects involve multiple city departments. Contact information, timelines, and project scopes will be generated for increased public transparency. As key decision makers in the city, this information will assist in the numerous constituent's inquiries. It is my hope that this overview will also aid outside organizations, supplying them with an informational tool that can be utilized in donation requests, committee updates, and public announcements.

This first project overview includes 2017-2019 CIP projects. These project pages detail projects that were recently completed, that are in progress, and projects soon to be beginning. This overview will be available through a digital notebook format allowing the reader to go back through project history. As the department continues to work on this template, new additions and changes will be made to better supply the information requested. Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts and suggestions moving forward. The La Crosse Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department looks forward to continued growth, while serving area residents and their recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

Jay Odegard, CPRP
Interim Director

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Veterans Point Marina

120 Clinton Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Contracted Project Manager: Coulee Region Services, Gary Thurk

Construction Contractor: Water Works Dock & Boat Lifts

Funding Source: Boat Landing Fund #514

Start Date: Winter 2017

Completion Date: Spring 2018

Veterans Point Marina Project Overview

The City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department built a third harbor extension onto the existing Veterans Point Marina to bring the total number of slips to 40.



South Library Park Project

1307 16th Street South

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Dan Trussoni; trussonid@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.4915

Architectural & Engineering: River Architects & City of La Crosse Engineering

Construction Contractor: Fowler & Hammer

Partnership: Longfellow-Trinity Neighborhood Association

2017 Capital Improvement Project Id #247; \$285,000

Start Date: June 6, 2017

Completion Date: Spring 2018

South Library Park Project Overview

South Library Park was annexed from the Library Department to the Parks & Recreation Department and dedicated as a City Park on May 12, 2011. The park is adjacent to the South Community Library. The park originally featured two playgrounds. Funding to improve the park became available in 2017 through the Mayor's Neighborhood Funding program. A new playground was purchased with pour in place surfacing, landscaping, benches, and a shelter were added to the park.



Goosetown Tree Project

Goosetown Neighborhood

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Dan Trussoni; trussonid@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.4915

Construction Contractor: Hoffman & McNamara

Partners: Goosetown Neighborhood

2018 Goosetown Neighborhood Money; \$25,000

Start Date: Spring 2018

Completion Date: Spring 2018

Goosetown Tree Project Overview

Goosetown Neighborhood requested \$25,000 worth of trees be planted in parks and boulevards within their limits. Within the Goosetown Neighborhood limits, 105 trees were planted.

Weigent Hogan Tree Project

Weigent Hogan Neighborhood

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Dan Trussoni; trussonid@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.4915

Construction Contractor: Hoffman & McNamara

Partners: Weigent Hogan Neighborhood

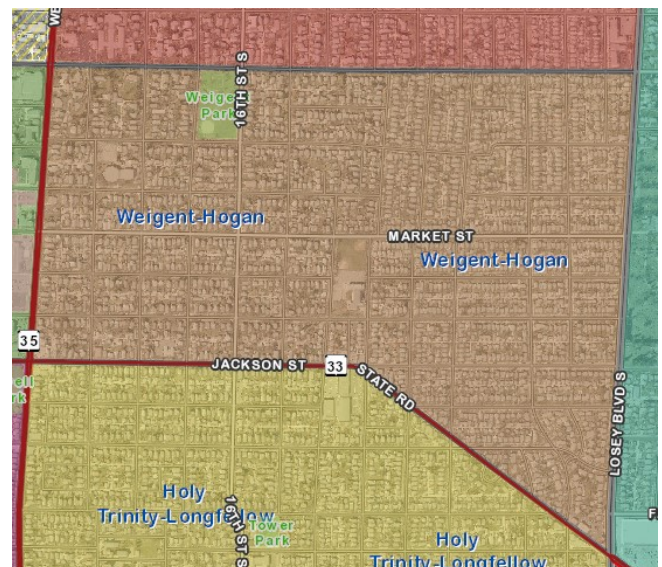
2018 Weigent Hogan Neighborhood Money; \$30,000

Start Date: Fall 2018

Completion Date: Fall 2018

Weigent Hogan Tree Project Overview

Weigent Hogan Neighborhood requested \$30,000 worth of trees be planted in parks and boulevards within their limits. Within the Weigent Hogan Neighborhood limits, 110 trees were planted.



Powell Park Project

1002 West Avenue South

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Dan Trussoni; trussonid@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.4915

Architectural & Engineering: River Architects

Construction Contractor: Fowler & Hammer

Partnership: Powell Poage Hamilton Neighborhood Association

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #257; \$90,405

Other Funding Sources: 2015 CDBG #262 (\$103,713.25); 2016 TID #14, CIP #262 (\$268,286.75)

2017 CIP #257 (\$400,000); Neighborhood Association

Start Date: June 2017

Completion Date: Summer 2018

Grand Opening: Summer 2018

Powell Park Project Overview

Powell Park was established in 1909 and is located at the intersection of West Avenue and Jackson Street. The park underwent significant renovation that included removing the ball field, stadium lighting, and existing playground. The updated park features include a walking trail, new playground with pour-in-place surfacing, landscaping and updated lighting.



Red Cloud Park Project

520 Powell Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Construction Contractor: Klich Electric

2018 TIF-250; \$30,000

Soft Opening: August 2018

Completion Date: October 2018

Red Cloud Park Project Overview

Red Cloud Park was opened in 1953 and is located on the north side of La Crosse. This park is a real family park. There is a playground, shelter, tennis and basketball court, trails, and plenty of open space. In 2018, the park received \$30,000 to upgrade existing and add new lighting.

Red Cloud Park Features Completed:

- Lighting



Houska Park Project

1011 Joseph Houska Drive

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Jared Flick; flickj@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7597

City Engineer Project Manager: To Be Determined

Architectural & Engineering: To Be Determined

2019 Capital Improvement Project Id #22; \$100,000

Start Date: Spring 2019

Completion Date: Fall 2019

Houska Park Project Overview

Plan calls for additional Lighting at the Houska Dog Park, which is located just opposite the outfield fence of the ball field. Other enhancements include soil mitigation on the north section of the dog park. This park was built on an old waste dump and decomposition of materials is occurring and coming to the surface. Capping this material and adding clean fill will make the site more habitable for all using it.

Lueth Park Project

1200 La Crosse Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: Velocity Ventures

Construction Contractor: American Ramp Company, Dirt Monkey LLC

Partnership: Outdoor Recreation Alliance, UW-La Crosse

Sponsorship: UW-La Crosse (\$25,000)

Grant: La Crosse Community Foundation (\$40,000)

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #54

Soft Opening: October 2018

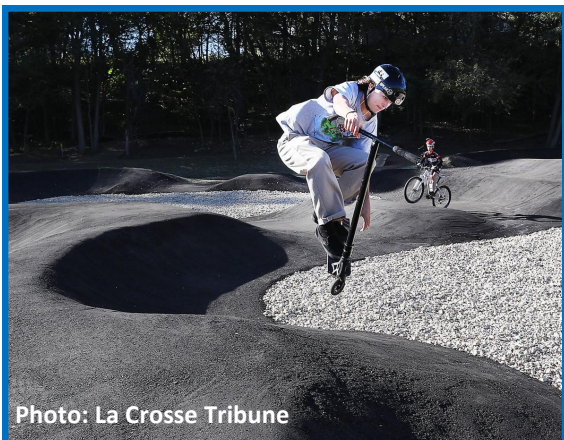
Grand Opening: June 2019

Lueth Park Project Overview

Lueth Park was transformed into the region's first skate park in 1999. While the park continued to be a resource for adventure recreation users, an upgrade was noticed as a priority by the Goosetown Neighborhood Association. Funding was allocated to the project from money the Neighborhood Association received in 2016. The project focused on expanding the bike and skate board amenities and eliminating a underutilized ball field. This project encompassed multiple partners and used a conglomerate of funds. The new trail, skate park, and pump track opened in October. Pollinator plantings and a community art wall will be completed, weather depending, in the spring of 2019. At this time, a grand opening will showcase the park on the 20th anniversary of the skate park.

Lueth Park Features Completed:

- Skate Park Renovation
- Pump Track Construction
- Bike Features & Skill Trail Completed



Lueth Park Features In Progress:

- Pollinator Plantings
- Community Art Wall



Aspen Trail Project

Hixon Forest

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Dan Trussoni; trussonid@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.4915

Construction Contractor: Driftless Trails, LLC

Grant: Recreational Trails Assistance Matching Grant (\$45,000)

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #60

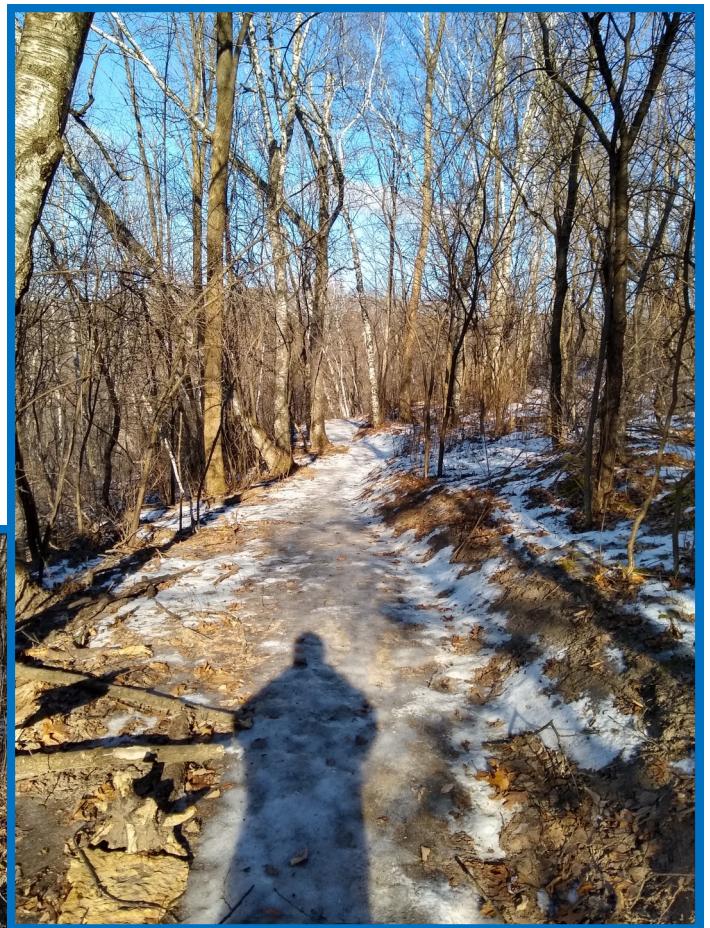
Start Date: August 2018

Completion Date: October 2018

Aspen Trail Project Overview

The Aspen Trail project was a reroute of the old Aspen Trail to remove erosion issues and lessen the amount of maintenance that needed to be done. The old trail was built unsustainably with many portions of the trail exceeding the general rule of 10% grade.

Driftless Trails LLC was contracted to design, flag, and construct the trail using modern sustainability guidelines. The trail runs between the far southeast portion of the Bicentennial Loop and allows access to Bliss Road near the Alpine Inn. The City received the Recreational Trails Assistance grant from the Wisconsin DNR for \$45,000 with a City match of \$45,000.



Walk of Fame Project

Copeland Park

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Jay Odegaard; odegaardj@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7593

City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: River Architects

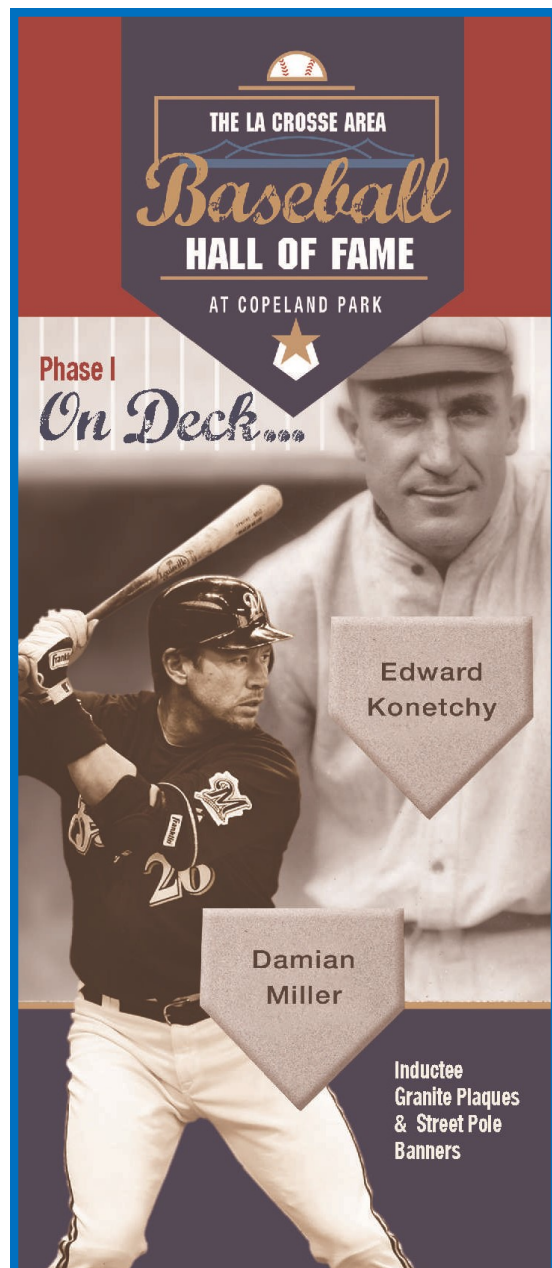
Construction Contractor: To Be Determined

Partnership: Loggers, Jim Geissner

2018 Capital Improvement Project

Copeland Park Walk of Fame Project Overview

The purpose of the La Crosse Area Baseball Hall of Fame is to recognize the significant impact that baseball has made on the La Crosse, Wisconsin area. We seek to commemorate the individuals most closely associated with baseball, its promotion, success, and positive impact on the economy, history, and quality of life in the La Crosse area. Each inductee will be honored with an engraved granite plaque in the shape of home plate, which will be embedded in the sidewalk around La Crosse's Copeland Park.



Vista 2 Trail Project

Hixon Forest

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Dan Trussoni; trussonid@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.4915

Construction Contractor: Driftless Trails, LLC

Partner: Outdoor Recreation Alliance

Sponsor: University of Wisconsin - La Crosse (\$25,000)

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #66 & #53

Start Date: June 2017

Completion Date: July 2018

Vista 2 Trail Project Overview

The Vista 2 (Building Champions Trail) project was a new multi-use trail connecting Vista 1 (Rotary Vista) with the Bicentennial/Educational Loop and ultimately Upper Hixon on the north side of Hixon Forest. The design was done by Driftless Trails LLC, with help from George Arimond and the Outdoor Recreation Alliance. Driftless Trails flagged and constructed the trail. In 2017, the west end of the trail was constructed up to and including the fiberglass bridge that was needed to cross a gully. In July 2018, the rest of the trail was completed. The entire Vista trail allows biking, hiking, and nature observation.

The University of Wisconsin – La Crosse Athletic Club is giving \$25,000 annually to the La Crosse Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to create outdoor recreation opportunities in the community and chose the Vista 2/ Building Champions Trail Project for their 2017 project.



Municipal Boat Harbor Project

1700 Marco Drive

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Jay Odegard; odegardj@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7593

Contracted Project Manager: Coulee Region Services, Gary Thurk

Construction Contractor: McHugh Excavating & Plumbing; Water Works Dock & Boat Lifts

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #23 (\$578,813); #24 (\$104,186)

Start Date: Winter 2018

Completion Date: Summer 2018

Municipal Boat Harbor Project Overview

The City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department regained management of the La Crosse Municipal Harbor in fall of 2017. In 2018 the existing docks were demolished and new sustainable docks were installed. In addition to the new docks electric and water was installed. The harbor currently has 220 slips and three transient boat docks. In 2019 plans for the Harbor include a restroom facility for the 2019 summer boating season.



Willow Trail Project

Marsh

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: City of La Crosse Engineering

Construction Contractor: Winona Mechanical Engineering

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #60; \$75,000

Start Date: November 2018

Completion Date: Winter 2019

Willow Trail Project Overview

Willow Trail is located within the La Crosse River Marsh. The La Crosse River eroded and undercut the trail making it unsafe and subject to collapse. This portion of trail was rerouted and refilled with a sustainable rock to prevent it from future damage of this type.



Ball Field Fence Project

Various Ball Fields

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Jared Flick; flickj@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7597

Construction Contractor: Big Creek Fencing

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #51; \$25,000

Start Date: May 2018

Completion Date: May 2019

Ball Field Fence Replacement Project Overview

Replacement of 30 year old fencing, increased safety. Backstop, dugout, spectator fencing replacement.

Ball Field Fence Replacement Features Completed:

- Carroll Park Center Field Fence

Ball Field Fence Replacement In Progress:

- Houska Park Ball Field

Riverside Park Bandstand Project

100 State Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: River Architects

Construction Contractor: Fowler & Hammer, Inc.

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #44; \$55,000

Additional Funding: Prior Capital Improvement Project Funds

Start Date: August 2018

Completion Date: May 15, 2019

Grand Opening: June 2019

Riverside Park Bandstand Project Overview

The Riverside Bandstand will be receiving a fourth renovation to its 1930 design in 2019. The bandstand was previously renovated in 1962, 1978, and most recently, 1986. The plans for the bandstand are designed to keep much of the existing look while still implementing a new stage, new benches for an audience, as well as making it accessible. This project has been funded through the Capital Improvement Program. Construction on the project began in the fall of 2018, up until Rotary Lights began their setup. Construction will resume in the early spring of 2019 with estimated completion in May.



Badger Hickey Park Project

Palace Street & Charles Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: River Architects & City of La Crosse Engineering

Construction Contractor: Not Yet Bid

Partnership: Logan Northside Neighborhood Association (\$100,000);
Badger Hickey Park Improvement Committee

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #63; \$390,000

Start Date: Spring 2019

Completion Date: August 2019

Badger Hickey Park Project Overview

Badger Hickey Park is located on the north side of La Crosse on the corner of Palace Street & Charles Street. The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department is currently working with the Logan Northside Neighborhood Association and the Badger Hickey Park Improvement Committee to replace the existing playground with a new playground for ages 2-5 and 5-12 installed with poured-in-place surfacing. The park will also undergo significant landscaping alterations and improved lighting throughout.

Badger Hickey Park Features In Progress:

- Playground



Bluffview Park Project

2800 Jackson Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: River Architects

Construction Contractor: H & H Construction

Partnership: Bluffside Neighborhood Association

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #61; \$375,000

Start Date: August 2018

Completion Date: June 2019

Bluffview Park Project Overview

Bluffview Park was established in 1978 with a land swap deal with Logan High School for Swanson Field. In 1979, the tennis courts were constructed. In 1981, the La Crosse Youth Baseball Independent League paid for and constructed two baseball diamonds. Planning started in January 2018 with the Bluffside Neighborhood Association for much needed park updates. Results of the meetings established a need for a new playground, shelter, and walkways for greater access to the park. Future planning will address improvements to the south ball field and existing basketball court. Tennis court lighting was completed in 2017 with a donation from a neighbor, along with resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Bluffview Park Features Completed:

- Playground
- Walkways
- Removal of North Ball Field



Bluffview Park Features In Progress:

- Pour in Place Playground Surface
- Open Air Shelter
- Shelter Lighting
- Walkway Lighting
- Site Restoration
- Ball Field Site Restoration

Cameroon Garden Project

E Veterans Memorial Drive

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Dan Trussoni; trussonid@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.4915

Architectural & Engineering: HSR Associates

Construction Contractor: Market & Johnson

Partners: Riverside International Friendship Garden Committee

Sponsors: Rotary Club La Crosse, Rotary Works Foundation, Individual Donors

Start Date: October 2018

Completion Date: Summer 2019

Grand Opening: Summer 2019

Cameroon Garden Project Overview

Years ago, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration developed a relationship with the Republic of Cameroon. Cameroon is a coastal country in West Central Africa. Over the years, the relationship has grown into an officially recognized “Sister City” with the city of Kumbo, Cameroon. The new Cameroon Garden will be located on the west side of the Convention and Visitors’ Bureau in Riverside Park and will feature a variety of works of art created specifically for the garden.



Fon Sculpture: The FON is the traditional leader of the NSO tribe. The story of the Ngonso and the ongoing narrative that ‘the Fon never dies’ exemplifies the strong role of folklore and oral tradition of the culture. This is the original FON and also the FON of our sister city.

Mami Wata (Mermaid): Mami Wata is a mythical being that is common to all of Cameroon. She is a mermaid of the sea and the river and is a big part of their culture for good and bad.

Turtle and Lizard and Soccer Ball: Sculptural turtles and lizards will be included throughout the pool area and climbing up on the walking stones. Having a turtle, lizard, and a soccer ball puts elements similar to what one would see in Cameroon into our garden in La Crosse.

Sculptural Fireside with an Adult and Two Children: After dinner it is common for mothers to share stories with children while sitting around the fire. They always keep three large rocks in their fire just in case they wish to cook something.

Sculptures of Children Dancing around a Drum: Dancing is a part of the daily culture in Cameroon. In fact, each day, the TV stations play specific dance music for an hour so children can enjoy dance time! In addition, people dance frequently to drum music.

Entryway: There will be a stylized entryway between the Irish garden and the Cameroon garden. In Cameroon, these entryways are common structures found when entering a new space and are often made with square decorative blocks featuring symbolic animals.

Sculpture of Sense Pass King: Sense Pass King is a Cameroon story: A little girl is born, and she grows to have more wisdom and skill than even the king possesses by the time she is two years old – so they call her Sense Pass King. The king plots to destroy her, but she saves the king by balancing on her tiptoe on the edge of a ship and shooting an arrow at a sea monster.

Veteran's Memorial Pool

1901 Campbell Road

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: Ayres Associates

Construction Contractor: Wapasha Construction Company

Partnership: Veteran's Memorial Pool Committee

2019 Capital Improvement Project Id #27

Additional Funding Source: Veteran's Memorial Pool Committee

Start Date: November 2018

Completion Date: Summer 2019

Veteran's Memorial Pool Project Overview

In 1938, the original Municipal Pool was built as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. This pool was closed in early 2016 after significant repairs were required in order to reopen for the 2016 season. The pool remained closed until a new plan was developed for reconstruction. The goal of the Grandview Emerson Neighborhood Association is to fundraise \$500,000 for this project. Several original pieces of the facility are being salvaged to use as memorials to honor the Veterans and community members who made this project possible. Items such as the diving boards, slide, ADA ramp, lap lanes, and the dedication area will be great new features for this pool.

Veteran's Memorial Pool Features To Be Completed:

- Diving Board
- Slide
- ADA Ramp
- Geysers
- Lap Lanes
- Veterans' Dedication Area



Weigent Park Project

1500 Cass Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: City of La Crosse Engineering

Construction Contractor: Midwest Liquidation LLC

Partnership: Weigent Hogan Neighborhood Association (\$180,000)

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #59; \$375,000

Start Date: October 2018

Completion Date: Summer 2019

Weigent Park Project Overview

Weigent Park opened in 1977 on the south side of La Crosse where the old Central High resided. The Parks & Recreation Department purchased the playground directly from Gerber Leisure – Landscape Structure to avoid increasing costs of steel in 2019. The installation and pour-in-place surfacing was sent to bid and was awarded to Midwest Liquidation LLC on December 12, 2018.

Weigent Park

Features In Progress:

- Playground



Springbrook Park Project

3519 Springbrook Way

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: CRS Design (Splash Pad); N/A (Playground)

Construction Contractor: McHugh Excavating & Plumbing, Inc. (Splash Pad); To Be Bid (Playground)

Partnership: Springbrook Clayton Johnson Neighborhood Association; Lee & Janet Allen

2018 Capital Improvement Project Id #57; \$80,000 (Splash Pad)

2019 Capital Improvement Project Id #292; \$325,000 (Playground)

Start Date: May 2018 (Splash Pad); Spring 2019 (Playground)

Completion Date: August 2018 (Splash Pad); Fall 2019 (Playground)

Grand Opening: August 2018 (Splash Pad); Fall 2019 (Playground)

Springbrook Park Project Overview

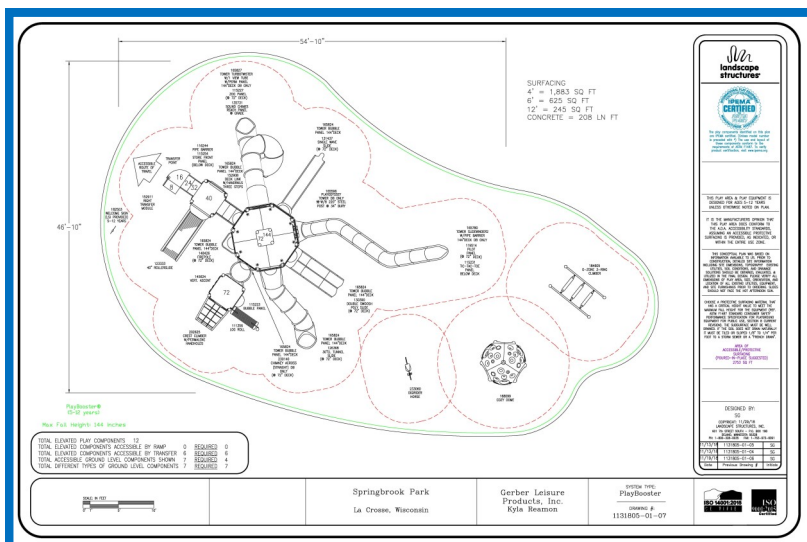
Springbrook Park is located on the south side of La Crosse. This 1.2 acre park has undergone significant upgrades in the last few years; all spearheaded by community members Lee & Janet Allen. In 2016, the Allens collected donations from area businesses and residents to construct an open-air shelter, horseshoe pits, and landscaping. In 2017, the Allens collected funding for a restroom facility and in 2018, the Allens worked with the Parks & Recreation Department to build a splash pad. The Parks & Recreation Department will work with area residents throughout the entire design process to ensure the needs of the community are met.

Springbrook Park Features Completed:

- Splash Pad

Springbrook Park Features In Progress:

- Playground Replacement & Pour In Place Surfacing



Trane All Abilities Park

1500 Chase Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: River Architects

Construction Contractor: Olympics Builders (Shelter)

Partnership: UW-La Crosse, Gundersen Health System, Damon Farber Landscape Architects, School District of La Crosse, La Crosse Area Autism Foundation, Metre, Mayo Clinic Health System

Capital Improvement Project: 2018 #54; 2019 #10 (\$1,000,000)

Start Date: October 2018

Completion Date: June 2019

Trane All Abilities Park Project Overview

Trane Park was named in honor of Reuben Trane and Family, and was developed with a \$35,000 gift from the Trane Company in 1954. The All Abilities Trane Park Project will transform the existing park into a common space where children and adults can play together, regardless of their cognitive, sensory, or physical needs.

For an individual with a physical challenge, finding a park or playground that can be at least partially accommodating has become easier in recent years. However, for an individual with cognitive, sensory or other physical challenges, there remains no park in the state of Wisconsin designed to meet their specific needs. This population is not insignificant - an estimated 12,190 people over the age of 5 have a disability in La Crosse County. That is 12% of the population. Children and adults with special needs benefit from an enclosed play environment where they can safely explore and play with others of varied abilities. The All Abilities Trane Park Project will be designed to be fun and accessible; a community within a community that can bring together individuals of all ages – from toddlers to seniors – and all abilities to experience the simple, everyday joy of outside play. Born out of a need in the community, the Park will provide an environment for those with cognitive, sensory, or physical challenges that encourages growth and socialization through play. It will not only benefit La Crosse County, but create a valued destination for the entire region.

With the All Abilities Trane Park Project, we are sending a clear message to current residents and anyone considering a move to the area – we provide an environment for those with special needs that cannot be found in any other Midwest community. In fact, with this park project, La Crosse can provide its residents with the kind of park that only exists in a handful of communities throughout the nation.



Hoeschler Fountain Project

100 State Street, Riverside Park

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: HSR Associates

Construction Contractor: To Be Determined

Partnership: Jay Hoeschler

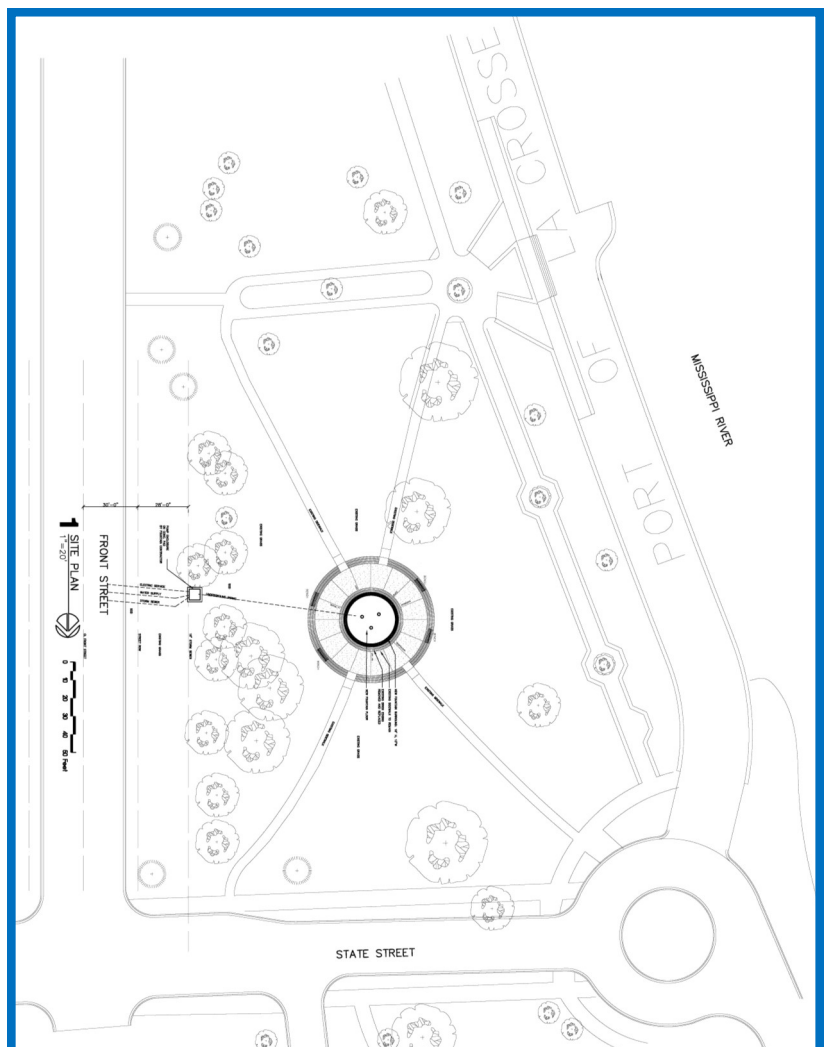
2019 Capital Improvement Project Id #32; \$200,000

Start Date: May 2019

Completion Date: June 2019

Riverside Park Hoeschler Fountain Project Overview

The first fountain was donated to the City of La Crosse by Jake Hoeschler in 1981. In 2003, the fountain was redesigned by Kurt Schroeder of HSR and the Hoeschler family decided to depict the three rivers that converge in La Crosse and, at the same time, seven rivers in the region, Jay Hoeschler said. The design included three big geysers, which rise 15 to 18 feet, representing the Mississippi, La Crosse and Black Rivers, and the smaller geysers on the perimeter represented four other regional rivers, said Hoeschler, a local real estate developer. Brass lettering in the sidewalks radiating from the fountain tells the names of the rivers. The city and the Hoeschlers agreed to spend up to \$100,000, but the project ran to \$125,000. The Hoeschlers will pay about \$75,000 and the city \$50,000, he said. In 2016, the Hoeschler fountain was shut down due to significant weather related deterioration. Funding to replace the fountain has become available in 2019 and the design process is underway with architecture and engineering firm HSR Associated Inc. The fountain is expected to be complete for the summer of 2019.



Driving Range Project

Forest Hills

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City Engineer Project Manager: Greg Kozelek; kozelekg@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7365

Architectural & Engineering: Paragon & Associates

Construction Contractor: Manske & Sons Excavating

Partnership: Kemper Sports Management

Completion Date: Summer 2019

Forest Hills Driving Range Project Overview

This is a partnership project between the City of La Crosse and Kemper Sports. Kemper Sports is the management company contracted by the city to operate Forest Hills Golf Course. The \$160,000 project is fully funded by Kemper Sports and is a requirement of the 20 year management contract recently approved by the City Council. The Driving Range will be an added revenue stream for the golf operations.



Pettibone Park Road Project

301 Pettibone Drive South

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Jared Flick; flickj@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7597

City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: Paragon Associates

Construction Contractor: To be Determined

Partnership: Pettibone Association

2019 Capital Improvement Project Id #30

Funding Sources: \$100,000 (TID); \$100,000 (Pettibone Improvement Fund)

Start Date: Spring 2019

Completion Date: Spring 2019

Pettibone Park Road Project Overview

Pettibone Park is one of La Crosse's oldest parks. All the land on Barron Island was acquired by A.W. Pettibone for \$62,000 in 1901. In July of the same year, Mr. Pettibone deeded Barron Island to the Pettibone Park commission for \$1.00 to oversee that this land would be used as a public park. When the bath house was first constructed in 1976, it had a small parking lot to accommodate the citizens using the beach. Over time the beach, boat club and marina users of the park have grown and the existing parking lot and road path ways no longer can meet the capacity of the users of the park. We will be moving the existing parking lot up to the entrance of the beach house and moving the road way to the west end of the existing parking lot. This will allow for increased safety of beach-goers and will also allow for larger vehicle traffic to access the southern end of Barron Island.

Pettibone Park Features To Be Completed:

- Relocate Pettibone Drive
- Redesign Parking Lot
- Connect Water & Sewer Facilities



Carroll Park Project

1601 Marco Drive

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: Paragon Associates (Phase 2); Makepeace Engineering (Phase 3)

Construction Contractor: Market & Johnson (Phase 2); To be Determined (Phase 3)

Capital Improvement Project Id #238 (2018-Phase 2); #16 (2019-Phase 3)

Start Date: August 2018 (Phase 2); Spring 2019 (Phase 3)

Completion Date: June 2019

Carroll Park Project Phase 2 & Phase 3 Overview

Carroll Park was established in 1976 as a field for High School Baseball, Youth Baseball, and adult softball. The park was named after Robert “Kootch” Carroll who was instrumental in establishing the Stars of Tomorrow Youth Baseball Tournaments along with many years of dedicated service with the Parks department. In 2017, the south field at Carroll Park was established and in 2018, the north field was established. The 2019 scheduled improvements include field lights on the north and south fields, paving of all parking areas, and installation of scoreboards on the north and south fields. Ball fields with a 300’ radius meets standards for national/state/local tournaments. Completion of this project will make the City of La Crosse more attractive to outside tournaments bringing people into town. Clustering of fields will also reduce Parks Maintenance along with staff programming supervision.

Carroll Park Phase 2 Features Completed:

- Infield/Outfield Placement
- Fence Posts
- Irrigation System

Carroll Park Phase 2 Features In Progress:

- Sod Outfield
- Fence Fabric
- Dugouts
- Spectator Area
- Site Restoration



Carroll Park Phase 3 Features To Include:

- Park Field Lighting
- Asphalt Parking Lots
- Scoreboards

Green Island Project

2312 7th Street South

City Parks & Recreation Project Manager: Jared Flick; flickj@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7597

City Engineer Project Manager: Not Assigned at this Time

Project Committee: Ted Knutson (Aquinas); Bill Hehli (UWL); Kim Blum (UWL); Sally Ruud (LTTA); Kevin Roop (Aquinas); Sandra Cleary (Park Board); Ashley Skoczynski (Park Board)

Architectural & Engineering: HSR Associates

Construction Contractor: To Be Determined

2019 Capital Improvement Project Id #19 & #20

Start Date: Spring 2019

Completion Date: Fall 2019

Green Island Park Project Overview

Green Island Park was created in 1980 and the Ice Arena was officially opened in January 1983. Over the last 30 years, the City of La Crosse has enjoyed hockey, figure skating, broomball, and Learn to Skate programs at the Green Island Ice Arena. In January 2018, the Parks & Recreation Department was approached by members of UWL, Aquinas, and LTTA about coming together and creating a large tennis complex that everyone from the community could enjoy. The first location that was explored was the site at Forest Hills. After attending many neighborhood meetings it was determined that an alternate site needed to be established. Green Island affords the community a centralized location for all things athletics. The new design of the site includes an addition to the east side of the Ice Arena that would house the indoor tennis courts. The placement of the outdoor courts will be on what is now the softball field and directly to the west of that will be pickleball courts. The removal of the softball field is in conjunction with the addition of the 3rd ball field at Carroll Park. Park lighting will be included to the outdoor tennis courts as well as both the north and south parking lots to afford more security.

Green Island Park Features to Include:

- 8 Indoor Tennis Courts
- 8 Outdoor Tennis Courts
- 6 Pickleball Courts
- Courts & Parking Lot Lighting



Burns Park Project

702 Main Street

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City Engineer Project Manager: Bob Haines; hainesr@cityoflacrosse.org; 608.789.7394

Architectural & Engineering: To Be Determined

Construction Contractor: To Be Determined

Partnership: Downtown Neighborhood Association, Downtown Mainstreet, Inc.,
Washburn on the Park Apartments, Ho-Chunk Three Rivers House

Committee Members: Courtney Lokken, Jacqueline Marcou, Henry Greengrass, Tracy Little John

2019 Capital Improvement Project Id #13; \$25,000

Start Date: 2020

Completion Date: 2021

Burns Park Project Overview

Burns Park was donated by B. Farnam and Peter Burns. Before being named Burns Park it was known as Seventh Street Park, Main Street Park, and High School Park. In 1903, the City Council named Burns Park in honor of Timothy Burns, who originally owned the land. Burns was known as “the second founder of La Crosse”, he was chairman of the first town board, chairman of the first La Crosse County Board, and the first La Crosse County judge. He was elected the third Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin in 1851 and died in office in 1853. In 1938, a flagpole was placed in the park with a marker bearing the following inscription: “To perpetuate the record of the gift of Burns Park to La Crosse by the Honorable Timothy Burns, Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin, 1851- 1853.” This tablet was erected by his grandchildren in 1938. The “Lyra” Sculpture has been added in the center of the park. Today the park is 1.145 acres and is a quaint open space in historic downtown La Crosse.

The surrounding neighborhood and the Downtown Neighborhood Association have shown interest in revitalizing the park and we have made it our goal to maximize the available park space. The upgrades to this park are an essential piece of the vision of the downtown plan.

