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MEMORANDUM:

To: Community Life, Infrastructure, and Public Property (CLIPP) Committee
From: Fred Heider, AICP
Re: Kronenwetter Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) – Plan Introduction
Date: For February 3, 2025

Enclosed are some documents for your review:

- Outdoor Recreation Plan Description & Planning Process;
- Gaps and Needs in our existing recreation opportunities – from SCORP
- DRAFT questions for Village-wide survey;

I will be at the February CLIPP Committee meeting. We will discuss the above documents.

The plan website is:

ncwrpc.org/village-of-kronenwetter-outdoor-recreation-plan-2026-2030/

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Outdoor Recreation Plan Description & Planning Process

Outdoor Recreation Plans (ORPs), also called **comprehensive outdoor recreation plans (CORPs)** are 5-year plans created for counties, cities, villages, or towns to 1) identify outdoor recreation needs that affect the future of outdoor recreation in the community, and 2) establish DNR eligibility to apply for *nature based* and now: *active recreation based* capital improvement grants. Sometimes maintenance activities are listed in an ORP, which assists the local government with budgeting, but are not usually capable of receiving grants.

All listed nature-based and active outdoor recreation projects become eligible for competitive federal and state outdoor recreation grant money when this ORP is adopted by local municipality resolution. This requirement can be found in Chapter NR 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code for the following programs: Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF), Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP), Urban Green Space Program (UGS), and Urban Rivers Grant Program (URGP).

The Village of Kronenwetter ORP process:

1. Community Life, Infrastructure and Public Property (CLIPP) Committee introduction to ORP planning process. **(Winter 2024-2025)**
2. An overall description of the county's demographics will be updated by NCWRPC.
3. An assessment of the existing recreation system. **(Spring/Summer 2025)**
 - NCWRPC updates assessment & requests assistance from Village staff.
4. Outdoor recreation needs established based upon public input. **(Spring 2025)**
 - CLIPP Committee decides how to gather public input with NCWRPC staff consultation.
Possible ways to receive public input:
 1. Informal survey of staff observations;
 2. Survey the broad public and outdoor recreation groups;
 3. Public meetings.
5. CLIPP Committee creates goals and objectives based upon public input to be used as guidelines in formulating the outdoor recreation plan projects.
 - Committee creates goals & objectives (facilitated by NCWRPC). **(Spring/Summer 2025)**
6. Create recommendations for improving the recreation system over the next five years.
 - NCWRPC & Kronenwetter staff create initial project list. **(Summer 2025)**
 - CLIPP Committee revises and approves project list.
7. Public review of Draft ORP – CLIPP Commission approves plan for public review. Village advertises public review period. NCWRPC provides Draft ORP on website for the ORP. **(Summer 2025)**
8. CLIPP Committee approves plan for Village Board adoption by resolution. **(Summer/Fall 2025)**

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GAPS AND NEEDS IN OUR EXISTING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

In developing the following statewide needs and gaps in our recreation opportunities, the department incorporated information from:

- The SCORP recreation participation survey question regarding needed recreation opportunities in residents' home county (Appendix 6).
- Recreation Opportunities Analysis, which identified recreation needs for each of the eight regions of the state (Appendix 8).
- The SCORP survey of county park directors, which asked about needs at the county level (Appendix 4).
- The SCORP Advisory Team and department staff.

Statewide Recreation Needs:

Places near population centers

Because of the inverse distribution of our population and public lands as well as the limited amount of time people have to participate, there is a very large need to provide more places for people to participate in outdoor recreation near where they live. In particular is the need to provide opportunities for residents to visit places after work or for a couple of hours on a weekend. Places that provide opportunities for hiking, all types of bicycle riding, dog walking, picnicking, and different water-related activities such as fishing, canoeing and kayaking are likely to be heavily used.

Trails

By nearly every measure, the largest need throughout the state is for more trails that enable people to experience natural settings, visit the vibrant downtowns of our cities and villages, commute to work, and access favorite sites. All types of trails are in demand – hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, snowmobiling, ATV/UTV and motorcycle riding, and 4WD vehicle trails.

Water access – shoreline and boat launches

Lakes, streams and rivers are a defining feature of Wisconsin. From the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River, from the thousands of inland lakes and the tens of thousands of miles of flowing water, residents and visitors have been drawn to the water's edge to fish, hunt, launch any manner of watercraft, bird watch and beach walk. Access to water remains a universal need throughout the state.

Camping opportunities

With a large cohort of retirees travelling in RVs combined with an adventurous younger generation, demand for camping has grown in recent years and is likely to remain popular for years to come. Given the divergence in desired experiences – some campers wanting access to hot showers and WiFi while others wanting neither – recreation providers will need to collaborate and coordinate on providing the camping experiences best suited to different public lands.

Statewide Recreation Needs: (cont.)

Dog parks and exercise areas

Taking care of a dog has many benefits, not the least of which is the exercise people get in walking their pets. With the steady rise in dog ownership (75% of people in their thirties own a dog) and an urbanizing population has come an increasing demand for places to walk, play with, socialize and train our canine friends. Many municipal and county dog parks are among their most visited properties.

Target shooting ranges

Many hunters and shooting sports participants live in rural areas or belong to gun clubs and practice their craft on their or the club's property. However, as our population continues to urbanize there is a growing need for places where people can practice gun and archery marksmanship and safety. By their nature, firearm ranges generate considerable sounds and siting new ranges has been a challenge in more populated areas of the state.

Statewide Policy Needs:

Better understand place-based recreation and associated outcomes

The survey conducted for this SCORP on recreation participation generated considerable data on which outdoor activities residents pursue and how often (see Appendix 6). What is not well known is where these "participation days" actually take place – that is, where, when, and why they occur at different places. Questions for which more detailed, property-specific, place-based data are needed include:

- How many people visit the place or property?
- When and what are the patterns of visitation?
- What recreation activities do they pursue?
- How far do visitors travel to reach the property and why did they visit the particular property (as opposed to other options)?
- What would improve their satisfaction?
- What are the economic, health, and social benefits associated with their visit?

With a more complete understanding of property use and the features and attributes that draw people, agencies can make more informed decisions about what types of recreation facilities to build and maintain at different places. And the public can better understand their "return on investment."

Better understand the nature-based recreation preferences of our diversifying population

Data are needed on the recreation preferences of our changing population. For a range of reasons, people of varying ages, residential settings, incomes, and social, racial, ethnic and cultural identities participate in different types of outdoor activities in different places. More information is needed on the types of activities and settings sought by the diversity of Wisconsin residents. In addition, data on how and where to most effectively provide quality experiences for people with varying backgrounds and cultures are needed.

Enhance and stabilize funding for outdoor recreation

Funding for conservation and recreation is derived from many sources and the overall total has fluctuated considerably from year to year. This has complicated efforts to plan, develop, and maintain recreation facilities. Some states have implemented funding sources that provide a more stable source of money for conservation and recreation projects. In addition to more consistent funding, there is a need to broaden the network of people and sources that help pay for the management of public lands in the state.

Expand collaborations among recreation providers

Each recreation provider has unique capabilities and their lands offer different types of experiences, features, facilities, and opportunities. There would be substantial benefit in continuing and expanding collaborations among federal, county and local governments. Focus should be placed on identifying ways to coordinate recreation experiences in each region of the state, minimizing duplicative efforts, and maximizing the benefits of recreation investments.

Together, providing well-planned, safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities that visitor's value will increase support for local communities and businesses, strengthen tourism, respond to evolving demographic and visitor needs, reduce user conflicts and improve natural settings.

Regional Recreation Needs (high needs identified in the Recreation Opportunities Analysis – see Appendix 8)

Great Northwest Region

ATV/UTV riding
 Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
 Bird or wildlife watching
 Camping - developed and primitive
 Canoeing or kayaking
 Fishing
 Four-wheel vehicle driving
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
 Hunting - big game
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)
 Off-highway motorcycle riding
 Swimming in lakes and rivers

Western Sands Region

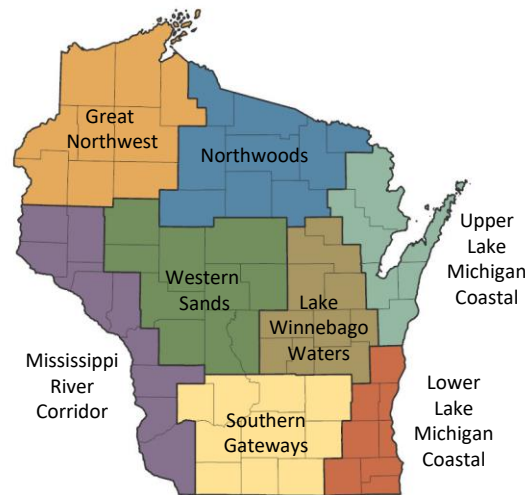
Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
 Bird or wildlife watching
 Camping - developed and primitive
 Canoeing or kayaking
 Cross country skiing
 Dog walking
 Fishing
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
 Horseback riding
 Hunting - big game
 Picnicking
 Snowshoeing
 Swimming in lakes and rivers

Mississippi River Corridor Region

Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
 Bird or wildlife watching
 Camping - developed and primitive
 Canoeing or kayaking
 Cross country skiing
 Dog walking
 Fishing
 Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
 Hunting - big game
 Nature photography
 Participating in nature-based education programs
 Picnicking
 Snowshoeing
 Visiting a beach, beach walking

Northwoods Region

ATV/UTV riding
 Bicycling – bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
 Camping – developed and primitive
 Canoeing or kayaking
 Fishing
 Four-wheel vehicle driving
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
 Hunting – big game
 Off-highway motorcycle riding
 Participating in nature-based education programs
 Snowmobiling



Southern Gateways Region

ATV/UTV riding
 Bicycling – bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
 Bird or wildlife watching
 Camping – developed and primitive
 Canoeing or kayaking
 Fishing
 Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)
 Picnicking
 Snowshoeing
 Swimming in lakes and rivers

Upper Lake Michigan Coastal Region

Bicycling – bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
 Bird or wildlife watching
 Camping – developed and primitive
 Canoeing or kayaking
 Fishing – all types
 Hiking, walking, trail running or backpacking
 Horseback riding
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)
 Visiting a beach, beach walking

Lake Winnebago Waters Region

Bicycling – bicycling touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
 Bird or wildlife watching
 Camping – developed and primitive
 Canoeing or kayaking
 Cross country skiing
 Dog walking
 Fishing
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
 Hunting – big game
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)
 Nature photography
 Participating in nature-based education programs
 Picnicking
 Swimming in lakes and rivers
 Visiting a beach, beach walking

Lower Lake Michigan Coastal Region

Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking
 Bird or wildlife watching
 Camping - primitive
 Canoeing or kayaking
 Cross country skiing
 Fishing
 Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)
 Nature photography
 Picnicking
 Snowshoeing
 Swimming in lakes and rivers



Village of Kronenwetter Outdoor Recreation Survey 2025

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Help plan outdoor recreation in the Village of Kronenwetter!

The Village is updating their Outdoor Recreation Plan, which sets the Village's recreational direction for the next 5 years.

Survey may take about 10 minutes.

Please take the following survey by April 1, 2025 to provide your input!

Smart Phone Users: Turning your phone to landscape for a wide screen will make questions appear better. Enjoy!



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* 1. Which recreational activities did you participate in during 2024?

(Choose all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Events / Festivals / Fairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (RV) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking / Dog park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (primitive) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Skiing / Snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting / Trapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Downhill Skiing / Snowboarding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing / Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery / Sport Shooting | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis / Pickleball | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking / Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV / UTV / OHM Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Usage | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball / Softball / T-ball | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inline Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Watching / Nature Viewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching / Letterboxing | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter fat biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (tent or pop-up camper) | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving for Pleasure | |

Other (please specify)

2. What potential outdoor recreational opportunities should be developed in the **Village of Kronenwetter**?

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* 3. How often do you use the following parks?

	I don't use this park.	Occasionally	Monthly	Weekly
Friendship Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gooding Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Norm Plaza Memorial Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seville Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buska Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Towering Pines Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal Center Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 4. Please rate your satisfaction with the following parks:

	I don't use this park.	Very Satisfied	Good	Fair	Poor
Friendship Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gooding Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Norm Plaza Memorial Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seville Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buska Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Towering Pines Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal Center Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. (Optional) Any comments about the above parks?



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* 6. What type of **water enthusiast** are you?

(Choose one.)

- Not at all.** (I'm not interested in water recreation at all, not even with friends.)
- Casual user.** (I like to use the water, but only do so occasionally.)
- Enthusiastic.** (I access or go on the water regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)
- Avid.** (I am always on the water or ice every chance I get.)

7. How do you use the water?

(Choose all that apply.)

- Aesthetically (shore use, walking or sitting along the water)
- Canoe / Kayak / Row boat
- Boating / water sport (motorized)
- Swimming
- Fishing (shore use)
- Fishing (row boat or motor boat)
- Ice fishing (walking or driving vehicle/ATV/snowmobile/etc. on ice)
- Snowmobiling / ATVing / etc. on the ice

Other (please specify)

8. (Optional) Any improvements needed to public boat landings or water access points in Kronenwetter?



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* 9. What type of **bicyclist** are you?
(Choose one.)

- No way, no how.** (I'm not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)
- Interested but concerned.** (I like riding, but don't do it regularly. I'm generally concerned that my route is not safe to ride, so I don't ride often. I definitely do not ride when the weather is bad.)
- Enthusiastic and confident.** (I feel comfortable sharing the road with motor vehicles, but I prefer to ride on separate facilities like bike lanes. I may or may not ride in inclement weather.)
- Strong and fearless.** (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)

10. (Optional) Any comments about **bicycling in Kronenwetter**?

* 11. What type of **snowmobile** enthusiast are you?
(Choose one.)

- Not at all.** (I'm not interested in snowmobiling at all, not even with friends.)
- Casual user.** (I like to snowmobile for fun, but **only** do so occasionally, **OR only** on my own land.)
- Enthusiastic.**
(I access or go on snowmobile routes regularly.)
- Avid.** (I am always on a snowmobile every chance I get - all winter long.)

12. (Optional) Any comments about **snowmobiling in Kronenwetter**?

* 13. What type of **motorized vehicle** (ATV / UTV / Off-Highway Motorcycle) enthusiast are you?

(Choose one.)

- Not at all.** *(I'm not interested in motorized recreation at all, not even with friends.)*
- Casual user.** *(I like to use motorized vehicles for fun, but **only** do so occasionally, **OR only** on my own land.)*
- Enthusiastic.** *(I access or go on motorized routes and trails regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)*
- Avid.** *(I am always on a motorized vehicle every chance I get - all year long.)*

14. (Optional) Any comments about **motorized vehicle usage** in Kronenwetter?



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Demographics

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15. (Optional) Do you have any other concerns or comments?

Demographic information will be used to compile a picture of respondents and will NOT be used to identify you in any way. Respondents will be kept anonymous.

16. What is your age?

- Younger than 30
- 30 through 44
- 45 through 59
- 60 through 78
- Greater than 78

17. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to respond

* 18. Do you live in the **Village of Kronenwetter**?

- No
- Yes