

Section 2: Mission, Goals, Objectives, & Policies

2.1 Mission

The mission of the CORP as developed by the Parks & Recreation Commission is as follows:

The mission of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is to guide the decisions on park improvement, development, and acquisition, and the collaboration with other entities on and creation of recreation opportunities for the City of Milton's community members. The plan also serves as the City of Milton's CORP for grant purposes.

2.2 Goals, Objectives, & Policies

The Goals, Objectives, and Policies listed below were taken from Chapter 5: Utilities and Community Facilities of the City of Milton Comprehensive Plan adopted on October 6, 2015.

Goals

Maintain the City's high quality of life through access to a wide range of sustainable public services and facilities, coordinating with future land development plans.

Objectives

1. Implement and update the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
2. Preserve attractive areas for eventual park or recreational purposes.
3. Provide parks within walking distance of all new residential areas.
4. Emphasize family-oriented and passive recreation facilities within City parks.
5. Coordinate with other area partners on the joint provision of recreational facilities and services to Milton residents, where feasible and appropriate.
6. Encourage expansion of Rock County parks and recreational facilities in the Milton area.

Policies

1. Follow the recommendations of the City of Milton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan when making park acquisition and development decisions. Update that plan as appropriate to reflect ideas put forth in the City of Milton's Comprehensive Plan.
2. Support the design and development of a regional bicycle and pedestrian trail system within Milton and connecting Milton to Janesville, Jefferson County, and the Ice Age Trail.
3. Use a combination of public park lands; private recreational space; site, neighborhood, and transportation corridor planning; and regulations to achieve permanent community separation between Milton and Janesville.

4. Encourage development of additional County park lands and facilities within the Milton area, particularly southwest of the City to support community separation objectives.
5. Design all parks with multiple access points from surrounding neighborhoods.
6. Coordinate acquisition of park and open space lands with urban growth and development to provide for reasonable acquisition costs and facilitate site planning.
7. Acquire neighborhood parks in developing areas through park land dedication requirements, or through use of fees-in-lieu of dedication.
8. Design park facilities to meet the needs of all residents of the City including special groups such as the elderly, the disabled, and pre-school age children.
9. Work with the School District of Milton, neighboring jurisdictions, YMCA, and Rock County to provide joint park and recreational services and facilities, where feasible and appropriate.
10. Emphasize the development of more family and passive recreational facilities within Milton parks, such as trails, gardens, natural areas, picnicking areas, shelters, wading pools, and sledding hills.