

City of Braidwood
City Council Agenda
City Hall Council Chambers
141 W. Main Street
Braidwood, IL 60408
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

IV. Public Comment

State your full name and spell your last name.

Sec. 2-34. - Public comment. (a) At the beginning of each city council meeting, before action is taken on any item, except for approval of the minutes, there shall be a portion allowed for public comment. Public comment is allowed on any subject matter pertaining to city business and is not restricted to matters on the agenda. (b) No prior registration shall be required for any person giving public comment, but before speaking, the person shall state his name and address. There shall be a three-minute time limit to the public comment of each person, but the mayor may waive such time limit. (Ord. No. 98-16, § 3, 4-28-98; Ord. No. 99-13, § 1, 4-27-99)

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

VI. Reports by City Officials

A. Mayor

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-46 Adopting a Comprehensive Parks Master Plan for the City of Braidwood

B. City Management Consultant

C. Clerk

1. Request a motion to approve the Braidwood Knights of Columbus annual Toostie Roll Drive for 2026

D. Engineer

1. Motion to approve Pay Request #1 to Excel Electric for \$37,324.37 for the Water & Wastewater Plant Standby Generator Replacement

E. City Attorney

1. Requests a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-47 Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor of Braidwood to execute an Emergency Response Reimbursement Agreement with the Braidwood Fire Protection District and Ridgeway Petroleum, Inc.
2. Requests a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-48 Amending the City of Braidwood Subdivision Ordinance as it pertains to the Consolidation of Lots.

VII. Reports by City Commissioners

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Approve Payment of Bills in the amount of \$199,022.07
2. Approve Payroll in the amount of \$105,058.03

3. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-49 Approving an engagement letter with Menard Consulting, Inc. Actuaries & Consultants for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 GASB 75 Actuarial Services
4. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-50 Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor of Braidwood and WIPFLI, LLP regarding an annual audit for fiscal year ending April 30, 2026
5. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 Authorizing the City of Braidwood to open a bank account with Federated Bank for OSLAD Grant Funds

B. Streets and Public Improvements

C. Public Buildings & Property

1. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-51 Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving Quotations from Metropolitan Pump Company for repairs to a Lift Station and Well
2. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-52 Waiving competitive bidding and approving a proposal from Water Well Solutions Illinois, LLC for repairs to Well 3

D. Public Health & Safety

E. Planning & Zoning

1. The next Planning and Zoning is TBA.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Executive Session

- A. Motion to go into executive session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) and (ii) pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11))
- B. Motion to close executive session

XI. Next Meeting

- A. Then next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm
- B. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

XII. Adjournment

All agenda packets are available on the [City of Braidwood Website](#)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, July 28, 2026.
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on July 28, 2026 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on July 28, 2026 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered “Here” or “Present”;

Elected Officials:

Present: Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons

Absent: Liz Dixon, James Mikel

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Consultant Manager Steve Gulden, Police Chief Eric Allen, City Clerk Sarah Weaver, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Hannah Lamore

Absent: None.

Quorum: There being sufficient members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

IV. Public Comment

Swearing-In Ceremony – School Resource Officer

Mayor Lyons introduced Michael Steurer, retired Joliet Police Department officer with 26 years of service, who was sworn in as the City’s new School Resource Officer for Reed-Custer Middle/High School. Officer Stoyer took the official oath of office.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

VI. Reports by City Officials

A. Mayor

- Heritage Corridor Destination Flag & Sign: The City received a flag and sign for participation in Route 66 festivals. Placement will be determined, likely at Royal 66 Park.
- Summerfest Appreciation: Mayor expressed gratitude to Josh Bolatto, volunteers, and staff for their work and community involvement.
- Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Program: Unsafe sidewalks are being replaced, beginning with Eureka Street. Work performed by union labor.

- **Good Neighbor Fund Initiative:** Mayor announced development of the City of Braidwood Good Neighbor Fund, coordinated by Steve and Clerk Sarah, to assist residents facing temporary financial hardship with essential property-related expenses. Donations will be solicited from local businesses, organizations, and residents.

1. Requests a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-45 Prohibiting the sale and distribution of certain intoxicating substances within the City of Braidwood.
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by None, to Approve.
Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

B. City Management Consultant

- **Main Project – Final Design Phase:** Project nearing bid release in September; contractor discussions underway.
- **Town Center Project:** Final design complete; construction documents in progress. Anticipated bid release in September and groundbreaking in October. Staff and council will review pavilion, bench, garbage receptacle, and stage design options.
- **Division Street Engineering Issue:** Culvert installation underway after initial concrete work proved insufficient.
- **Towns of Braidwood – Western Avenue:** Developer performing final lift of asphalt; binder failures and sidewalk transitions being corrected.
- **Right-of-Way Ordinance Development:** City is drafting a right-of-way standards ordinance for utility work, expected for Council consideration in September.
- **Planning & Zoning Commission:** Public hearing scheduled for August 10, 2026 regarding the Parkside Master Plan.

C. Clerk

1. Request a motion for Braidwood Lions Club Candy Day, Friday, October 9, 2026
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

D. Engineer

1. Requests a motion to approve Final Balancing Change Order #3 FY2025 Road Program with PT Ferro Construction in the amount of -\$23,843.10
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
2. Request a motion for the final payout of payment #3 to PT Ferro for the 2025 road project of \$5,897.69
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
3. Requests a motion to approve Change Order #1 to add sidewalk repairs at various locations west of Division Street.
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
4. Requests a motion to approve Change Order #2 to modify Stacey Court Sidewalk in the amount of

\$11,880.00.

Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

- E. City Attorney**
No report.

VII. Reports by City Commissioners

A. Accounts and Finances

- 1. Approve Payment of Bills in the amount of \$299,986.09**
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
- 2. Approve Payroll in the amount of \$97,951.55**
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

B. Streets and Public Improvements

- Storm debris pickup available; residents asked to place branches at curb.
- Road work beginning on five sections throughout town; caution advised.

C. Public Buildings & Property

- Staff completed: 6 meter repairs, 102 locates, 1 hydrant repair, 38 shutoff tags, 4 shutoffs for nonpayment.
- First compressor installation underway at the plant; testing expected soon.

D. Public Health & Safety

Chief Allen gave report:

- Police Department Statistics (July 14–27):
 - 382 calls for service
 - 35 case reports
 - 16 charges
 - 131 traffic stops
 - 77 citations, 102 warnings
 - Compliance checks on various motor vehicles (including RVs, trailers)
- Speed Limit Reduction – Division Street: IDOT approved reduction from 45 mph to 40 mph; signs installed.
- Senate Bill 3336 – E-Bike & E-Scooter Regulation: Effective January 1, 2027. Will define and regulate electric micro-mobility devices; officers will require training to classify devices by wattage, speed, and age requirements. Enforcement challenges noted; safety concerns discussed.

E. Planning & Zoning

1. The next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

VIII. Old Business

Commissioner Wietting:

Solar “Trucks Only” flashing signs installed at Easy Street; additional signs forthcoming.

IX. New Business

None.

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Mayor

City
Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-46

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING
A COMPREHENSIVE PARKS MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD**

WHEREAS, the City of Braidwood (hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is authorized by Section 11-12-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-12-5) to adopt an official Comprehensive Plan affecting regarding parks within the City of Braidwood and within its planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, not less than 15 days prior to the public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission, legal notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the municipality and contiguous unincorporated territory are located giving notice of the time and place thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held the aforementioned public hearing, and recommended that the City’s Corporate Authorities adopt the Comprehensive Parks Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities find that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to adopt the Comprehensive Parks Master Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: COMPREHENSIVE PARKS MASTER PLAN ADOPTED

That Comprehensive Parks Master Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted as the Official Comprehensive Parks Master Plan for the City of Braidwood affecting all property within the City of Braidwood, Illinois, and the unincorporated territory within one and one-half miles from the City boundary.

SECTION 2: CLERK TO FILE WITH THE COUNTY RECORDER

The Deputy City Clerk is hereby ordered to file notice of the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan with the office of the Will County Recorder and Grundy County Recorder.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect

SECTION 4. REPEALER

Any policy, resolution, or ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication, and filing with the City Clerk as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026 with ____ members voting aye, ____ members voting nay, the Mayor voting _____, with ____ members abstaining or passing and said vote being:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioner Elizabeth Dixon	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Warren Wietting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner James Mikel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Todd Lyons	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Dale Walsh	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
Comprehensive Parks Master Plan

Park Site Master Plan Executive Summary

The City of Braidwood and the Braidwood Park District have completed a comprehensive Park Site Master Plan focused on developing policies, projects, and recreational opportunities that enhance residents' quality of life while supporting long-term economic development.

We believe that parks, recreation programs, trails, and community facilities are essential components of a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community. As community leaders, our shared goal is to make Braidwood a place where health, wellness, recreation, and overall quality of life remain at the forefront of our vision for the future.

To advance these goals, the City and the Park District partnered to develop this Park Site Master Plan, creating a strategic roadmap for achieving our community vision. The plan identifies priorities and recommendations that will guide future investments in parks, recreational facilities, trails, open spaces, and community amenities throughout Braidwood.

This master plan will serve as a valuable tool for pursuing grant funding, identifying additional funding opportunities, prioritizing capital improvements, and implementing projects that meet the evolving needs of residents. It reflects input from community members, stakeholders, and local leaders, ensuring that future improvements align with the aspirations of the community.

Our shared commitment is to continue working collaboratively to secure funding, leverage partnerships, and implement the recommendations outlined in this plan. Together, we can create a stronger, healthier, and more connected community for current and future generations.

We encourage you to review the plan and share your feedback as we continue shaping the future of Braidwood.

Sincerely,

Todd Lyons

Mayor, City of Braidwood

Scott Howard

President, Braidwood Park District Board of Commissioners

Braidwood

2026-2031 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS MASTER PLAN

Adopted by the City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District Board of Commissioners **August, 2026**



Braidwood Parks

Braidwood Park District Board of Commissioners

Scott Howard, *President*

Andy Kaminsky, *Vice President*

Rob Grivetti, *Treasurer*

Josh Bolatto, *Secretary / FOIA Officer / Local Election Official*

Ken Hopf, *Commissioner*

City of Braidwood Commissioners

Todd Lyons, *Mayor*

Elizabeth Dixon, *Commissioner of Finance & Accounts*

James Mikel, Jr., *Commissioner of Public Health & Safety*

Warren Wietting *Commissioner of Public Buildings & Property*

Dale Walsh, *Commissioner of Streets & Public Improvements*

Planning Team

RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture, *Planning & Landscape Architecture*

Steve Gulden, *City Management Consultant*

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Introduction

The City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District developed this Comprehensive Parks Master Plan, with input from the local community and staff, to guide asset development decisions over the next five years.

Purpose

The purpose of this Comprehensive Parks Master Plan is to:

- Assess existing parks facilities, open spaces, and recreational needs
- Define strategic, measurable goals and objectives
- Provide an action plan to implement strategies over the next five years

Planning Process

The comprehensive planning process consisted of three key phases: **Analyze, Envision, and Implement.**

The process began in Winter 2026 with an extensive inventory and analysis of Braidwood's parks, open spaces, recreational assets, community demographics, and resident sentiment. During the **Analyze** phase, the planning team evaluated existing conditions and identified strengths and gaps in service. Community comments related to parks and recreation that were collected during a separate planning project for the City were also reviewed during the Analyze phase.

Upon completion of the Analyze phase, the planning team collaborated with staff to identify opportunities and develop alternative strategies. During the **Envision** phase, these strategies were refined and prioritized.

The final **Implement** phase translates these priorities into a practical action plan that outlines recommended initiatives, projects, and implementation steps to be carried out over the next five years and beyond. This action plan serves as a roadmap for enhancing parks, recreation services, and open spaces while ensuring resources are invested strategically and effectively.

How to Use the Plan

This Comprehensive Parks Master Plan will be used by the City and Park District as a guide to implement action items over the next five years. The first two chapters provide recommendations for the City and District's next five years, while the following chapter provides supporting evidence of those recommendations gained through the Analyze Phase. The Action Plan in Chapter Two is a working list that will be updated annually as funding opportunities and project priorities change.

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Chapter One

Envision: Alternative Strategies

Chapter One summarizes the key takeaways identified during the Analyze Phase of the planning process. It provides the background of those takeaways, synthesizing the results of the existing conditions inventory and analysis into justification and background for future action items and the strategies to achieve them.

Chapter Two

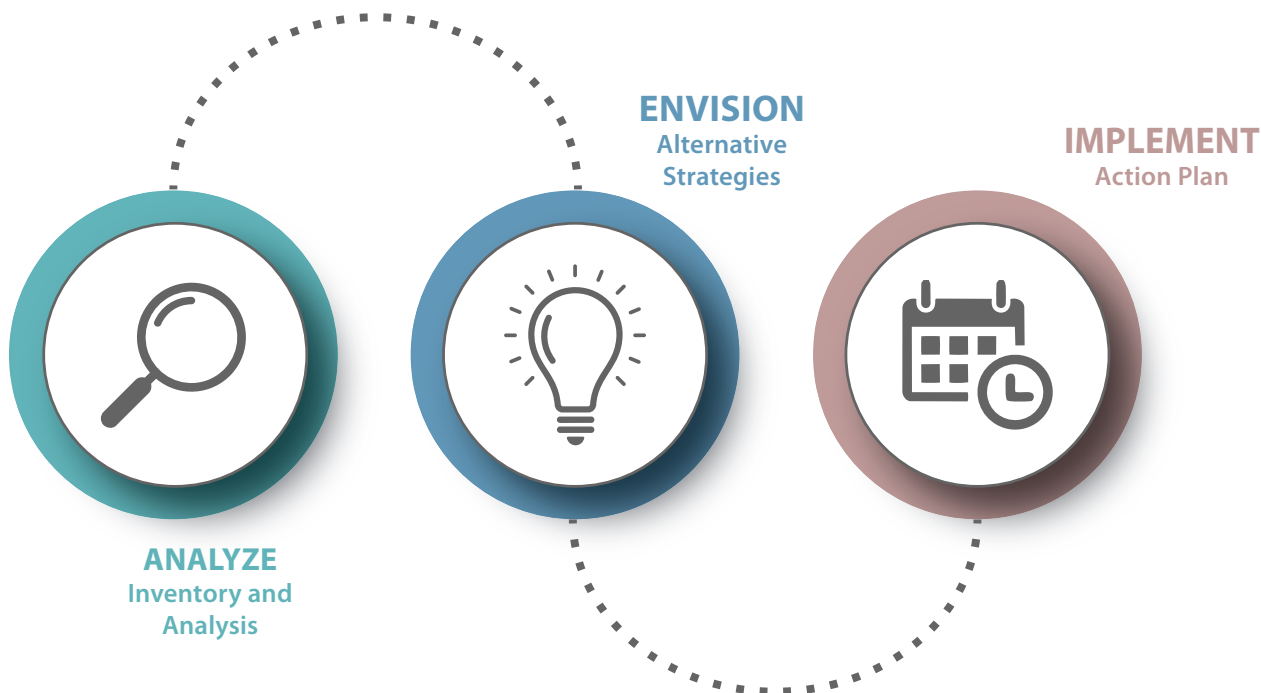
Implement: Action Plan

Chapter Two translates the preferred strategies into a practical and achievable Five-Year Action Plan. The chapter identifies the highest-priority projects, programs, and initiatives needed to advance the vision for parks, recreation, and open space in Braidwood. Each action item includes implementation considerations, potential partnerships, funding opportunities, and a recommended timeline to help guide decision-making and resource allocation over the next five years.

Chapter Three

Analyze: Inventory and Analysis

Chapter Three provides a comprehensive inventory and assessment of Braidwood’s park and recreation assets, including parkland, open space, recreational facilities, schools, and other relevant adjacent land uses. Existing park assets are evaluated based on established size, location, and amenities and compared against established recommendations and benchmarks. This chapter establishes a baseline understanding of the current park system and identifies existing strengths and service gaps.



District Profile

Braidwood's history, governance structure, and community assets provide important context for understanding the City's and Park District's parks and recreation system.

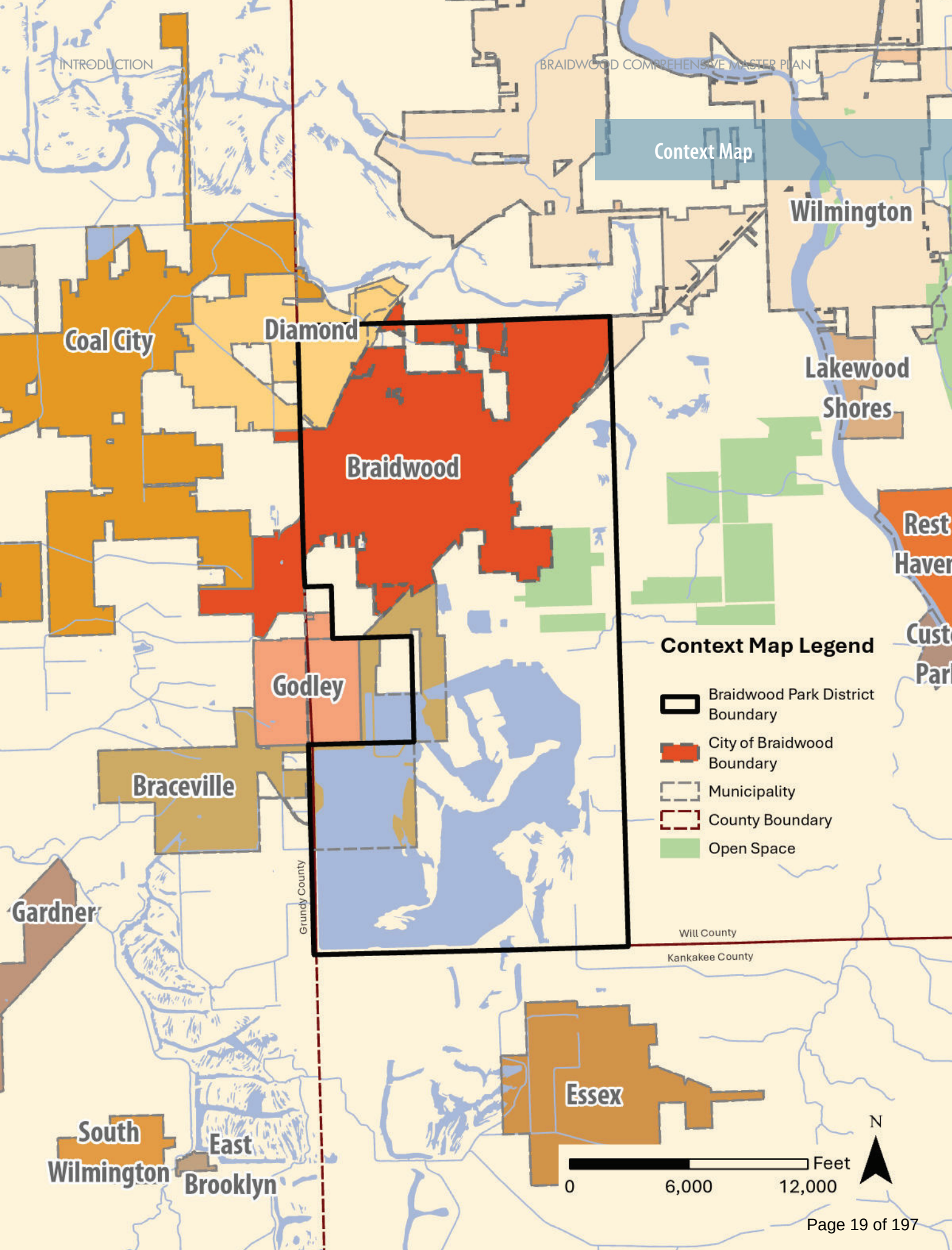
Overview

The City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District work together to provide parks, recreational facilities, open spaces, and amenities for residents and visitors. Collectively, the City and Park District own and manage more than 30 acres of parkland and open space, including mini parks, community parks, special-use facilities, and undeveloped park properties. These resources are supplemented by approximately 80 acres of school open space and more than 315 acres of nearby forest preserve lands.

The City and Park District operate within a network of local and regional partners that support governance, public services, recreation, and community development. These entities include Will County, Reed Township, local school districts, public safety agencies, library districts, and regional organizations involved in transportation, planning, and economic development.

Community History

The City of Braidwood traces its roots to the coal mining industry that fueled the region's growth during the late nineteenth century. Incorporated in 1873, the community developed as a center for mining, transportation, and commerce, attracting residents from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Braidwood was one of the earliest coal mining communities in Illinois and played an important role in the economic development of the region. While its economy and population have evolved over time, Braidwood has maintained its small-town character, strong sense of community, and rich local heritage. Many of the community's historic influences remain visible today through its development pattern, civic institutions, and longstanding community traditions. These historic foundations continue to inform the City's vision for future growth and community development.



Context Map

Wilmington

Coal City

Diamond

Braidwood

Lakewood
Shores

Rest
Haven

Custard
Park

Context Map Legend

-  Braidwood Park District Boundary
-  City of Braidwood Boundary
-  Municipality
-  County Boundary
-  Open Space

Will County

Kankakee County

Grundy County

Braceville

Godley

Gardner

Essex

South
Wilmington

East
Brooklyn

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City Operations

The City of Braidwood operates under a Mayor-Council form of government and is responsible for providing a wide range of municipal services, including public works, infrastructure maintenance, community development, public safety, and administrative services. City staff oversee the day-to-day operations of these functions while working with elected officials, community organizations, and regional partners to support economic development, quality of life, and long-term community planning.

Park District Operations

The Braidwood Park District was established in 1985 following voter approval of a referendum authorizing the creation of a park district within the City of Braidwood. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners elected at large to serve six-year terms. Unlike many park districts, Braidwood operates through a unique volunteer-driven model in which Commissioners perform all administrative functions without compensation. Supported by a small maintenance staff, the District oversees the maintenance and operation of parks, facilities, and open spaces that serve the recreational needs of the community.

Planning

Several planning initiatives guide growth, development, and community enhancement efforts throughout Braidwood. Most notably, the City recently partnered with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to develop a Comprehensive Master Plan that establishes a long-term vision for land use, transportation, economic development, housing, community facilities, and quality of life. Community engagement conducted through the CMAP planning process identified parks, recreation, trails, connectivity, and open space as important priorities for residents and provided valuable input for this Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

CHAPTER ONE

Envision

Alternative Strategies

Overview

This chapter documents the Envision: Alternative Strategies phase of the comprehensive master planning process.

Purpose

The purpose of the Envision phase is to outline the needs that were identified during the Analyze phase of the planning process and community outreach during the 2023 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) comprehensive plan for Braidwood. The phase focuses on building upon the findings, data, and community input established through prior planning efforts and recent analyses to develop a series of preliminary strategies that will guide the City and Park District in future decision making.

The Envision phase consisted of a planning and visioning session by the planning team. Existing conditions, level of service analyses, and community input responses were reviewed in order to identify the apparent open space and recreation needs of the community. The team developed five broad objectives and a variety of preliminary strategies for the City and Park District to consider to accomplish each one. Each strategy considers opportunities for improvement, expansion, or new development, as well as recommendations for maintenance and further study.

The planning team then met with City and Park District staff to review and refine the preliminary strategies. The resulting strategies provide a foundation for evaluating future initiatives and prioritization of investments for the City and Park District.

Chapter Outline

This chapter is organized by objective. Each objective contains justification information that identifies the information source that informed the development of the objective. In addition to this background information, each objective includes a list of actionable strategies that help accomplish the objective. The strategies range from broad, district-wide action to small capital projects at specific park locations.

Objectives

1. Provide in-demand park amenities and replace amenities beyond their useful life and/or in poor condition
2. Improve park and community-wide connectivity through expanded, accessible, and safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
3. Address underserved areas and improve park access equity
4. Preserve and enhance natural areas while maintaining Braidwood's small-town character
5. Expand recreation facilities and programming to meet community needs

OBJECTIVE 1: PROVIDE NEW AND REPLACE OUTDATED AMENITIES

Justification:

- Open house participants identified a lack of desired recreational amenities within existing parks
 - Feedback suggests a need for more diverse recreational opportunities for all age groups
 - Participants expressed interest in both active and passive recreation opportunities within parks
 - Desired amenities include:
 - Splash pad or water feature
 - Outdoor fitness equipment
 - Playgrounds
 - Dog Park
 - Trails
- Open house participants noted general concerns regarding the condition and functionality of existing park amenities in select locations
- National trends show an overall increase in physical activity, with top activities relevant to Braidwood including:
 - Synthetic turf fields
 - Inclusive Play
 - Aquatic Exercise
 - Basketball
 - Soccer
 - Football
- Benchmarks from the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Park Metrics database show a notable deficiency in the following amenities for Braidwood:
 - Playgrounds
 - Tennis and pickleball courts
 - Soccer, lacrosse, and football
 - Volleyball courts
 - Trails
- Currently, all of Braidwood's playgrounds are beyond their useful life and 6 out of the 7 shelters are beyond their useful life

Strategies:

1. Develop a playground replacement priority schedule, based on current playground age and usage:
 - a. Old Smokey Park (1996)
 - b. Lions Kiddie Park (1996)
 - c. Luke H. Goodrich Park (1998)
2. Identify location(s) for in-demand amenities at key park locations (in conjunction with potential park improvements from other needs), including:
 - a. Splash pad
 - i. Town Center (already included in phase one of park master plan)
 - b. Dog park
3. Old Smokey Park
 - a. Pickleball courts
 - i. Town Center (already included in phase two of the park master plan)
 - b. Fitness equipment
 - i. Old Smokey Park
 - ii. Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park

OBJECTIVE 1: PROVIDE NEW AND REPLACE OUTDATED AMENITIES (CONTINUED)

- iii. Lions Kiddie Park
- iv. Luke H. Goodrich Park
- 4. Monitor community use of other recreation providers to confirm and address unmet recreation needs
- 5. Implement Town Center master plan improvements in phased approach
 - a. Construct phase one improvements
 - b. Fund, engineer, bid, and construct phase two improvements
- 6. Develop master plan for Old Smokey Park, with emphasis on:
 - a. Dog park development
 - b. Skate park replacement
 - c. Playground replacement (as noted in strategy #1)
 - d. Parking improvements and expansion
 - e. Continued maintenance of all buildings and picnic shelters on site
 - f. Continued maintenance of trails and paved surfaces
 - g. ADA compliance and access to amenities
 - h. Determine phased approach if needed
 - i. Fund, engineer, bid, and construct improvements
- 7. Develop master plan for Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park
 - a. Determine focus of park (active vs passive use)
 - b. Consider the following amenities:
 - i. Walking path(s)
 - ii. Fitness equipment
 - iii. Small shelter or gazebo
 - iv. Shaded seating area(s)
 - v. Native planting beds
 - vi. Bioswale, rain garden, etc. with educational signage to address stormwater issues on site
 - c. Fund, engineer, bid, and construct improvements
- 8. Develop master plan for Lion's Kiddie Park, with emphasis on:
 - a. Playground replacement
 - b. Picnic shelter maintenance
 - c. Fence replacement
 - d. Accessible routes to amenities

OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

Justification:

- Open house participants consistently identified the lack of sidewalks and walking and biking trails throughout the community
- Residents expressed concerns about safety and accessibility, particularly for children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities
- Community feedback highlighted difficulty walking or biking to parks, businesses, and other destinations due to gaps in the existing network
- There is strong interest in developing connections between neighborhoods, parks, and nearby forest preserves
- Benchmarks from the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) show a notable deficiency of the following dedicated trail types for Braidwood:
 - Hiking trails
 - Bicycle trails
 - Physical fitness trails (stations)
 - Nature / interpretive trails
 - Cross-county trails

Strategies:

1. Expand trail offerings at existing parks (implement as part of identified park master plans)
2. Develop a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle connectivity plan (currently in progress) that reflects community priorities, including:
 - a. Expand sidewalk infrastructure, prioritizing gaps on key corridors and routes identified during CMAP Open House
 - b. Development of a connected trail network linking parks, neighborhoods, and regional destinations (e.g., forest preserves)
 - i. Implement trail connection between Old Smokey Park, Town Center, and Mitchell Street Detention Pond
3. Implement comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle connectivity plan as funding becomes available
 - a. Coordinate with local and regional partners and pursue funding (RTP, Bike Path, and ITEP grants) for phased implementation of priority improvements
4. Enhance user experience, safety, and usability through:
 - a. ADA-compliance
 - b. Traffic calming measures
 - c. Trail and pathway infrastructure (e.g., shared bike lanes, sidewalks improvements, etc.)
 - d. Wayfinding and signage
 - e. New amenities:
 - i. Fitness stations
 - ii. Lighting
 - iii. Shade
 - iv. Restrooms
 - v. Seating areas
 - vi. Bike rack/repair stations

OBJECTIVE 3: ADDRESS UNDERSERVED AREAS AND IMPROVE ACCESS EQUITY

Justification:

- Braidwood parks are centrally located within the City and Park District boundaries, leaving those on the edges with limited access to Braidwood parks
- Approximately 1,900 residents (30% of the population) are without access to a mini, neighborhood, or community park
- All residents within Planning Area 3 are without park access
- Approximately 40% of residents within Planning Area 2 are without park access

Strategies:

1. Improve accessibility within parks by providing accessible, ADA-compliant routes to amenities:
 - a. Route 66 Visitor's Park:
 - i. Paved route to picnic shelter
 - b. Lions Kiddie Park:
 - i. Paved route to picnic shelter; path to ramp up to shelter pad to eliminate lip
 - ii. Paved route to playground and ramp into playground container
 - iii. Ensure engineered wood fiber is maintained to level required for ADA compliance
 - iv. Consider converting surfacing to poured in place rubber or artificial turf when playground equipment gets replaced
 - c. Luke H. Goodrich Park:
 - i. Paved route to picnic shelter, playground, basketball court
 - ii. Provide ramp into playground containers
 - iii. Ensure engineered wood fiber is maintained to level required for ADA compliance
 - d. Old Smokey Park:
 - i. Paved dugout areas with connection to main trail
 - ii. Paved route to the Cleary picnic shelter
 - iii. Provide ramp into playground container
 - iv. Ensure engineered wood fiber is maintained to level required for ADA compliance
 - v. Consider converting surfacing to poured in place rubber or artificial turf when playground equipment gets replaced
 - vi. Consider adding a permanent, accessible tee pad to some of the disc golf holes (would require these holes to remain in these locations)
2. Perform additional community engagement to determine if additional recreational opportunities are needed in the following underserved, high population areas:
 - a. Planning Area 1
 - b. Planning Area 2
3. Identify land acquisition and land swap opportunities and strategies, focusing on:
 - a. Properties with recreation, historic, and/or natural feature significance
 - b. Properties adjacent to existing park space
 - c. Properties in underserved areas of the community

OBJECTIVE 4: PRESERVE AND ENHANCE NATURAL AREAS

Justification:

- Open house participants consistently emphasized the importance of Braidwood's small-town feel, quiet environment, and natural character
- Open space, green areas, and informal natural settings were frequently cited as key community assets, particularly in relation to Shadow Lakes
- Preference for activities revolving around natural resource recreation amenities

Strategies:

1. Develop park improvement/concept plans (in conjunction with potential park improvements from other needs) which:
 - a. Incorporate native landscaping
 - b. Integrate passive recreation opportunities within natural areas
 - c. Incorporate nature-based play elements, green infrastructure, and art installations that reflect local character and landscape
 - d. Reinforce Braidwood's small-town identity
2. Develop a native planting and ecological restoration program or environmental guidelines for Braidwood
3. Evaluate properties as they become available for preservation of natural resources
 - a. Consider acquisition of Diamond Lake property to be maintained for public fishing and boating access

OBJECTIVE 5: EXPAND FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMING

Justification:

- Open house participants consistently expressed a need for indoor recreational facilities, including:
 - Community Recreation Center (multi-generational)
 - Community or civic hub
 - Family entertainment center
 - Fitness facilities and gym space
 - Community pool
 - Indoor/outdoor sports complex
- Open house participants consistently noted the lack of dedicated spaces and indoor and outdoor programs for:
 - Youth
 - Teens
 - Families
 - Seniors
 - Individuals with Disabilities

Strategies:

1. Develop and expand outdoor park programming initiatives to increase year-round recreational opportunities across existing parks for all user groups
2. Conduct a Community Recreation Facility Feasibility Study to evaluate demand, facility type(s), location options, order-of-magnitude costs, and potential phasing strategies for indoor recreation development
3. Explore funding and delivery mechanisms for indoor recreation development, considering:
 - a. Referendum options
 - b. Public-private partnerships
 - c. Grant funding
 - d. Intergovernmental agreements

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CHAPTER TWO

Implement

Action Plan

Action Plan

The Implement chapter outlines the proposed tasks and projects for the City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District over the next five years.

Purpose

This chapter outlines the steps and potential timeline for implementing the Comprehensive Master Plan strategies identified in the Envision phase as described in the previous chapter. Strategies were further refined and finalized with the planning team to develop the action plan. The action plan will guide the City and Park District in implementing the strategies over the next five years. The plan will be periodically re-evaluated and adjusted to reflect completed projects and the community's changing needs.

Because this is a comprehensive master plan and is intended to be a high level guide for the City and Park District, individual master plans for each park property have not been developed as part of the process. However, initial concepts were developed to act as a starting point for each agency when the time comes to develop each master plan in earnest. These initial thoughts should be reviewed and evaluated against community needs at that point in time.

The action plan chapter is organized as follows:

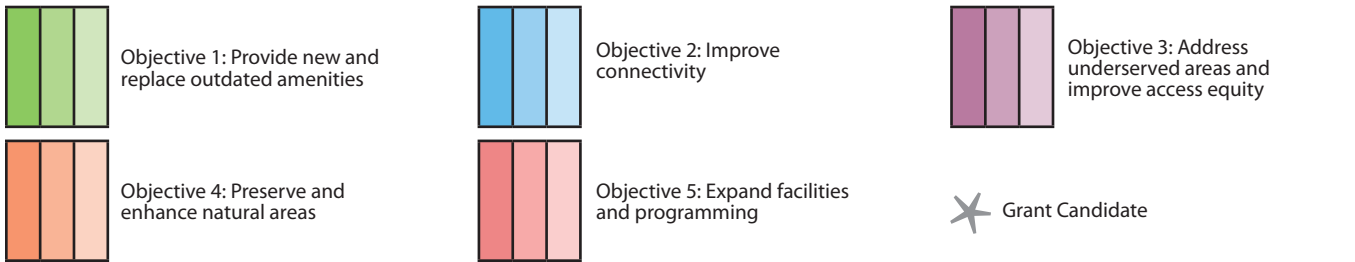
- An at-a-glance Action Plan timeline with each year divided into quarters (Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4) to provide a general idea of when each action or action item step might start or stop within a given year

- A detailed summary of the action items, provided in a year-by-year list in chronological order from 2026 to 2032+
- Concept plans for each park

In addition to the five year timeline, there are two other categories. The first is a Beyond 5 Years category that lists action items that were identified as needs in the community, but do not fit within the next five years due to priority level, costs, or chronological order (i.e., the action cannot be started until other steps are completed). The second is a Reoccurring category. Items in this section are repeatable actions that should occur more than once over the course of the next five years. Some of these items can occur at set intervals (monthly, quarterly, annually, etc.) or on an ongoing basis as specific opportunities arise.

The action items are organized within each year and color-coded based on the objectives identified in the Envision chapter. The action plan contains both capital improvement projects as well as policy and operations items.

The City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District follow a May to April fiscal year.



Year 3: 2028/2029**Year 4: 2029/2030**

May June July Quarter 1	August September October Quarter 2	November December January Quarter 3	February March April Quarter 4	May June July Quarter 1	August September October Quarter 2	November December January Quarter 3	February March April Quarter 4
				★ Secure Funding for Town Center Phase 2 Improvements			Design and Engineer Town Center Phase 2 Improvements
Replace Playground at Lions Kiddie Park (continued)							
Replace Playground at Luke H. Goodrich Park (continued)							
Develop Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Plan (continued)			Adopt Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Plan	Implement Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Plan			
		Perform Community Engagement to Determine if Additional Recreation is Needed					



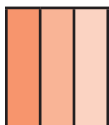
Objective 1: Provide new and
replace outdated amenities



Objective 2: Improve
connectivity



Objective 3: Address
underserved areas and
improve access equity



Objective 4: Preserve and
enhance natural areas



Objective 5: Expand facilities
and programming

★ Grant Candidate

Year 5: 2030/2031

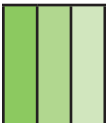
May June July Quarter 1	August September October Quarter 2	November December January Quarter 3	February March April Quarter 4
Design and Engineer Town Center Phase 2 Improvements (continued)		Bid and Construct Town Center Phase 2 Improvements	
			Add Fitness Station and Pickleball Courts at Town Center (as part of Phase 2 Improvements)
★ Secure Funding for Old Smokey Park Phase 1 Improvements			Design and Engineer Old Smokey Park Phase 1 Improvements
		Master Plan Lions Kiddie Park	
			Incorporate ADA Improvements at Old Smokey Park (align with Phase 1 Improvements)

Beyond 5 Years: May 2031+

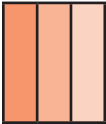
Bid and Construct Town Center Phase 2 Improvements (complete)	Design and Engineer and Bid and Construct Old Smokey Park Phase 1 Improvements	Fund, Design and Engineer, and Bid and Construct remaining Old Smokey Park Improvements	Fund, Design and Engineer, and Bid and Construct Lions Kiddie Park
Master Plan, Fund, Design and Engineer, and Bid and Construct Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park	Incorporate ADA Improvements at Old Smokey Park (align with Phase 1 Improvements)	Incorporate ADA Improvements at Lions Kiddie Park (align with Master Plan Improvements)	Incorporate ADA Improvements at Goodrich Park (align with Playground Replacement)
Conduct Community Recreation Center Feasibility Study	If feasibility study determines a Recreation Center is needed and feasible:		
Conduct Pre-Referendum Campaign for Community Recreation Center	Conduct Referendum for Community Recreation Center	Fund Community Recreation Center	Design and Engineer and Bid and Construct Community Recreation Center

Reoccurring

Monitor Community Use of Other Recreation Providers to Identify Unmet Needs	Identify Locations for In-Demand Amenities at Key Locations (align with Park Master Plans)	Expand Trail Offerings at Existing Parks (align with Park Master Plans)	Enhance User Experience and Safety on Trails
Identify Land Acquisition and Land Swap Opportunities	Incorporate Native Landscaping and Passive Rec into Park Master Plans	Evaluate Properties as they Become Available for Preservation of Natural Resources	Develop and Expand Outdoor Park Programming Initiative



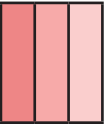
Objective 1: Provide new and replace outdated amenities



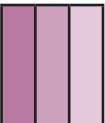
Objective 4: Preserve and enhance natural areas



Objective 2: Improve connectivity



Objective 5: Expand facilities and programming



Objective 3: Address underserved areas and improve access equity



Grant Candidate

Fiscal Year 1

(May 2026 Through April 2027)

Objective 1: Provide new and replace outdated amenities

- ☐ Design and Engineer Town Center Phase 1 Improvements
- ☐ Master Plan Old Smokey Park and Develop a Phased Plan
- ☐ Design and Engineer the Dog Park at Old Smokey Park
- ☐ Bid and Construct the Dog Park at Old Smokey Park
- ☐ Replace Playground at Old Smokey Park (per the Master Plan Improvements)

Objective 3: Address underserved areas and improve access equity

- ☐ Incorporate ADA Improvements at Route 66 Visitor's Park
- ☐ Incorporate ADA Improvements at Old Smokey Park (align with Playground Replacement)

Fiscal Year 2

(May 2027 Through April 2028)

Objective 1: Provide new and replace outdated amenities

- ☐ Bid and Construct Town Center Phase 1 Improvements (continued from Year 1)
- ☐ Replace Playground at Old Smokey Park (per the Master Plan Improvements) (continued from Year 1)
- ☐ Implement Mitchell Street Pond Improvements
- ☐ Replace Playground at Lions Kiddie Park
- ☐ Replace Playground at Luke H. Goodrich Park

Objective 2: Improve connectivity

- ☐ Develop Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Plan

Objective 4: Preserve and enhance natural areas

- ☐ Develop Environmental Guidelines for Braidwood

Objective 3: Address underserved areas and improve access equity

- ☐ Incorporate ADA Improvements at Old Smokey Park (align with Playground Replacement) (continued From Year 1)

Fiscal Year 3

(May 2028 Through April 2029)

Objective 1: Provide new and replace outdated amenities

- ☐ Replace Playground at Lions Kiddie Park (continued from Year 2)
- ☐ Replace Playground at Luke H. Goodrich Park (continued from Year 2)

Objective 2: Improve connectivity

- ☐ Develop Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Plan (continued from Year 2)
- ☐ Adopt Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Plan

Objective 3: Address underserved areas and improve access equity

- ☐ Perform Community Engagement to Determine if Additional Recreation is Needed

Fiscal Year 4

(May 2029 Through April 2030)

Objective 1: Provide new and replace outdated amenities

- ☐ Secure Funding for Town Center Phase 2 Improvements
- ☐ Design and Engineer Town Center Phase 2 Improvements

Objective 2: Improve connectivity

- ☐ Implement Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Plan

Fiscal Year 5

(May 2030 Through April 2031)

Objective 1: Provide new and replace outdated amenities

- ☐ Design and Engineer Town Center Phase 2 Improvements (continued from Year 4)
- ☐ Bid and Construct Town Center Phase 2 Improvements
- ☐ Add Fitness Station and Pickleball Courts at Town Center (as part of Phase 2 Improvements)
- ☐ Secure Funding for Old Smokey Park Phase 1 Improvements
- ☐ Master Plan Lions Kiddie Park
- ☐ Design and Engineer Old Smokey Park Phase 1 Improvements

Objective 3: Address underserved areas and improve access equity

- ☐ Incorporate ADA Improvements at Old Smokey Park (align with Phase 1 Improvements)

Beyond 5 Years

(May 2031 and Beyond)

Objective 1: Provide new and replace outdated amenities

- ☐ Bid and Construct Town Center Phase 2 Improvements (complete)
- ☐ Design and Engineer (continued from Year 5) and Bid and Construct Old Smokey Park Phase 1 Improvements
- ☐ Fund, Design and Engineer, and Bid and Construct remaining Old Smokey Park Improvements
- ☐ Fund, Design and Engineer, and Bid and Construct Lions Kiddie Park
- ☐ Master Plan, Fund, Design and Engineer, and Bid and Construct Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park

Objective 3: Address underserved areas and improve access equity

- ☐ Incorporate ADA Improvements at Old Smokey Park (align with Phase 1 Improvements) (continued from Year 5)
- ☐ Incorporate ADA Improvements at Lions Kiddie Park (align with Master Plan Improvements)
- ☐ Incorporate ADA Improvements at Luke H. Goodrich Park (align with Playground Replacement)

Objective 5: Expand facilities and programming

- ☐ Conduct Community Recreation Center Feasibility Study
- ☐ If feasibility study determines a Recreation Center is needed and feasible:
- ☐ Conduct Pre-Referendum Campaign for a Community Recreation Center
- ☐ Conduct Referendum for Community Recreation Center
- ☐ Fund Community Recreation Center
- ☐ Design and Engineer and Bid and Construct Community Recreation Center

Reoccurring

Objective 1: Provide new and replace outdated amenities

- ☐ Monitor Community Use of Other Recreation Providers to Identify Unmet Needs
- ☐ Identify Locations for In-Demand Amenities at Key Locations (align with Park Master Plans)

Objective 2: Improve connectivity

- ☐ Expand Trail Offerings at Existing Parks (align with Park Master Plans)
- ☐ Enhance User Experience and Safety on Trails

Objective 3: Address underserved areas and improve access equity

- ☐ Identify Land Acquisition and Land Swap Opportunities (see Parcel Acquisitions for Consideration Map at end of chapter)

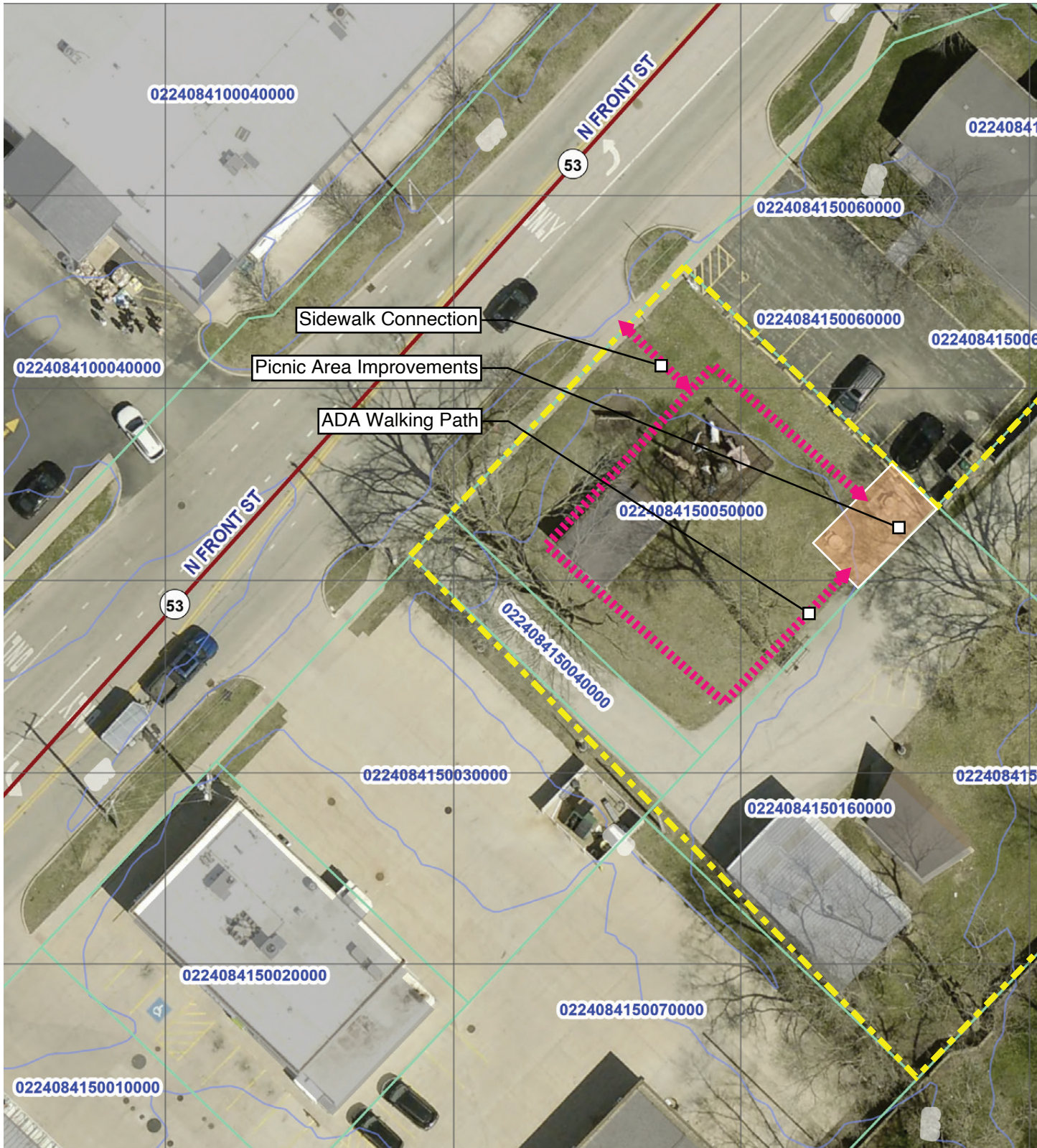
Objective 4: Preserve and enhance natural areas

- ☐ Incorporate Native Landscaping and Passive Recreation into Park Master Plans
- ☐ Evaluate Properties as they Become Available for Preservation of Natural Resources

Objective 5: Expand facilities and programming

- ☐ Develop and Expand Outdoor Park Programming Initiative

Route 66 Visitor's Park (Braidwood Zoo)

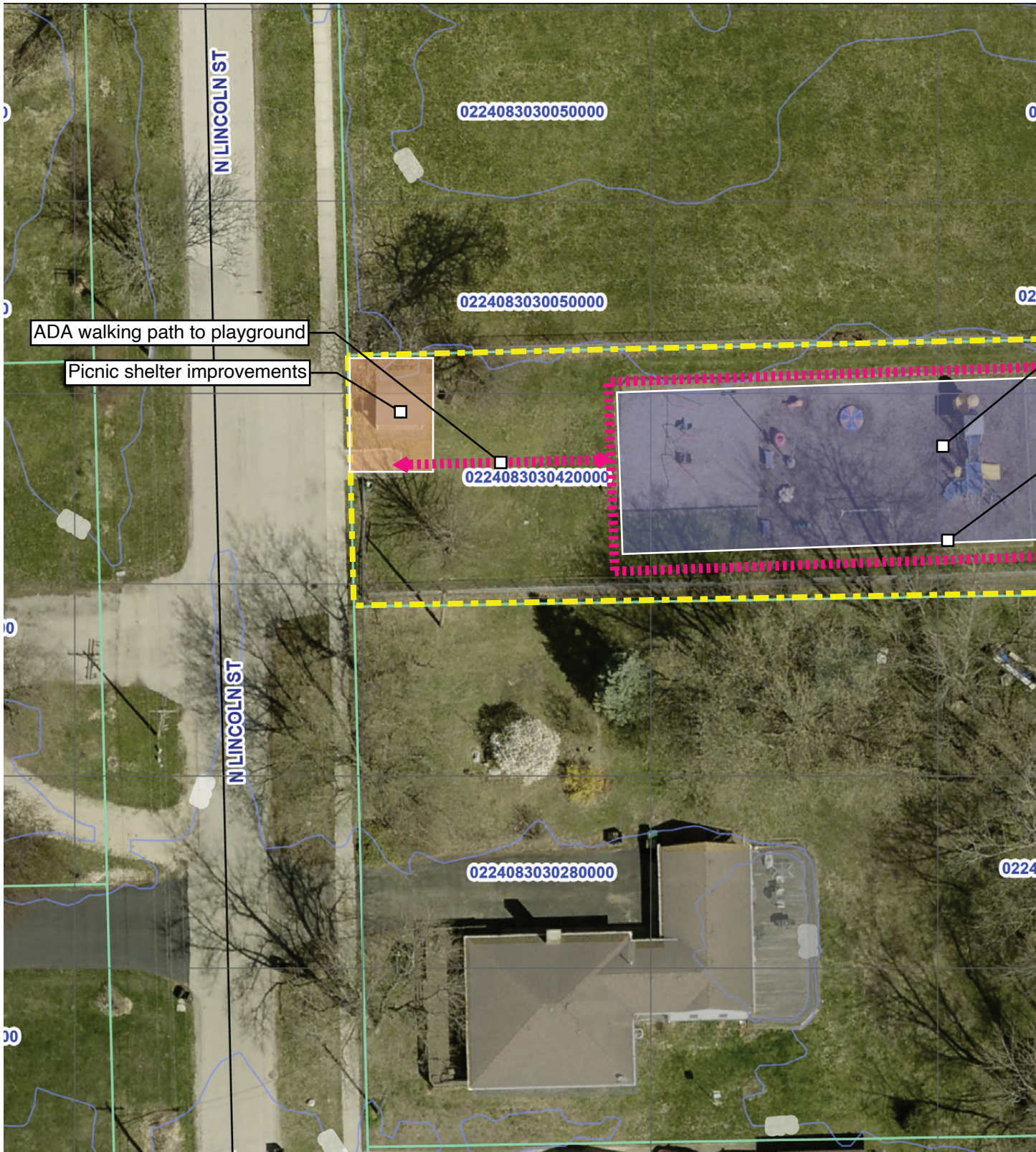


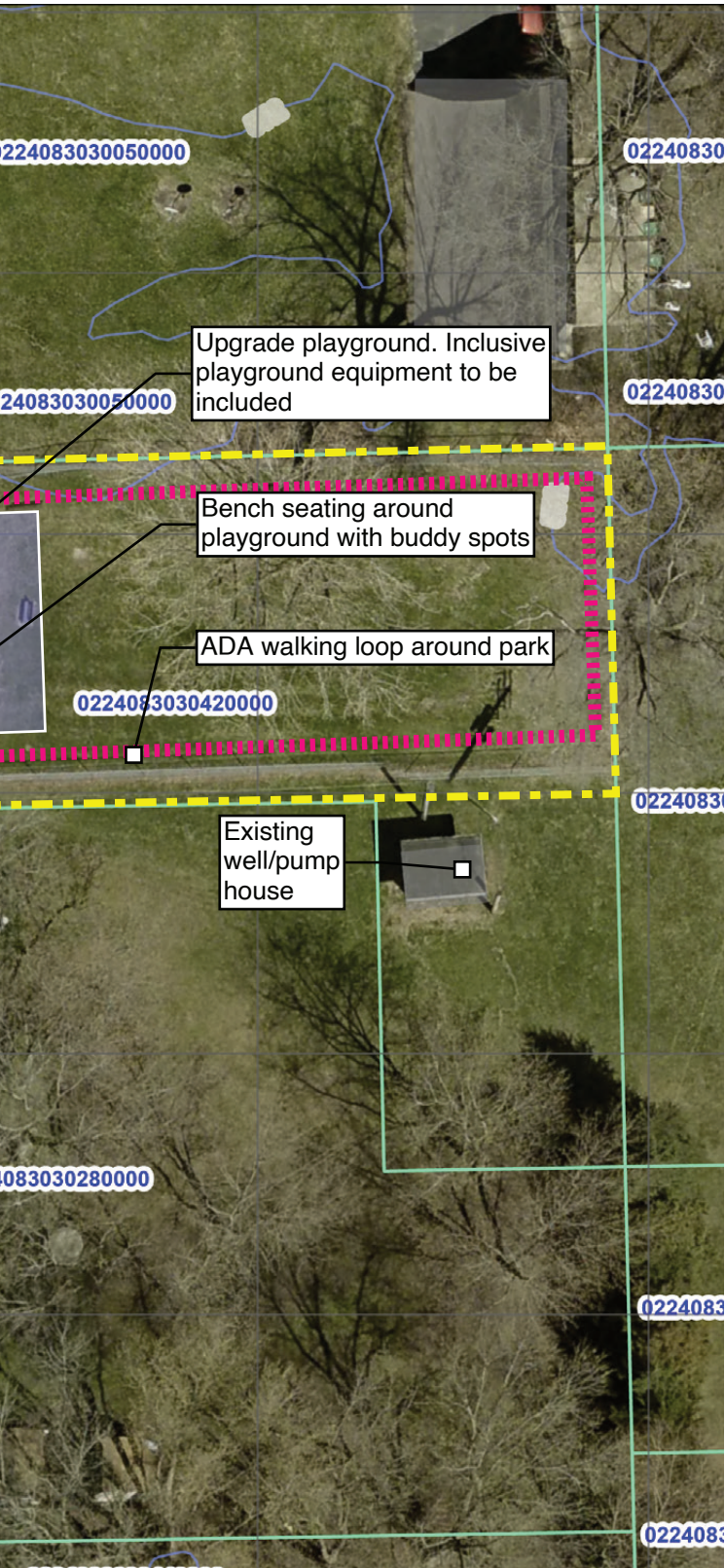


Improvements for consideration:

- ADA compliance
- Walking paths
- Improved picnic table area
- Identify location for in-demand amenities, considering:
 - Fitness stations
 - Route 66 Welcome Area / Rest Area
- Continue maintenance of all buildings and structures on site

Lions Kiddie Park

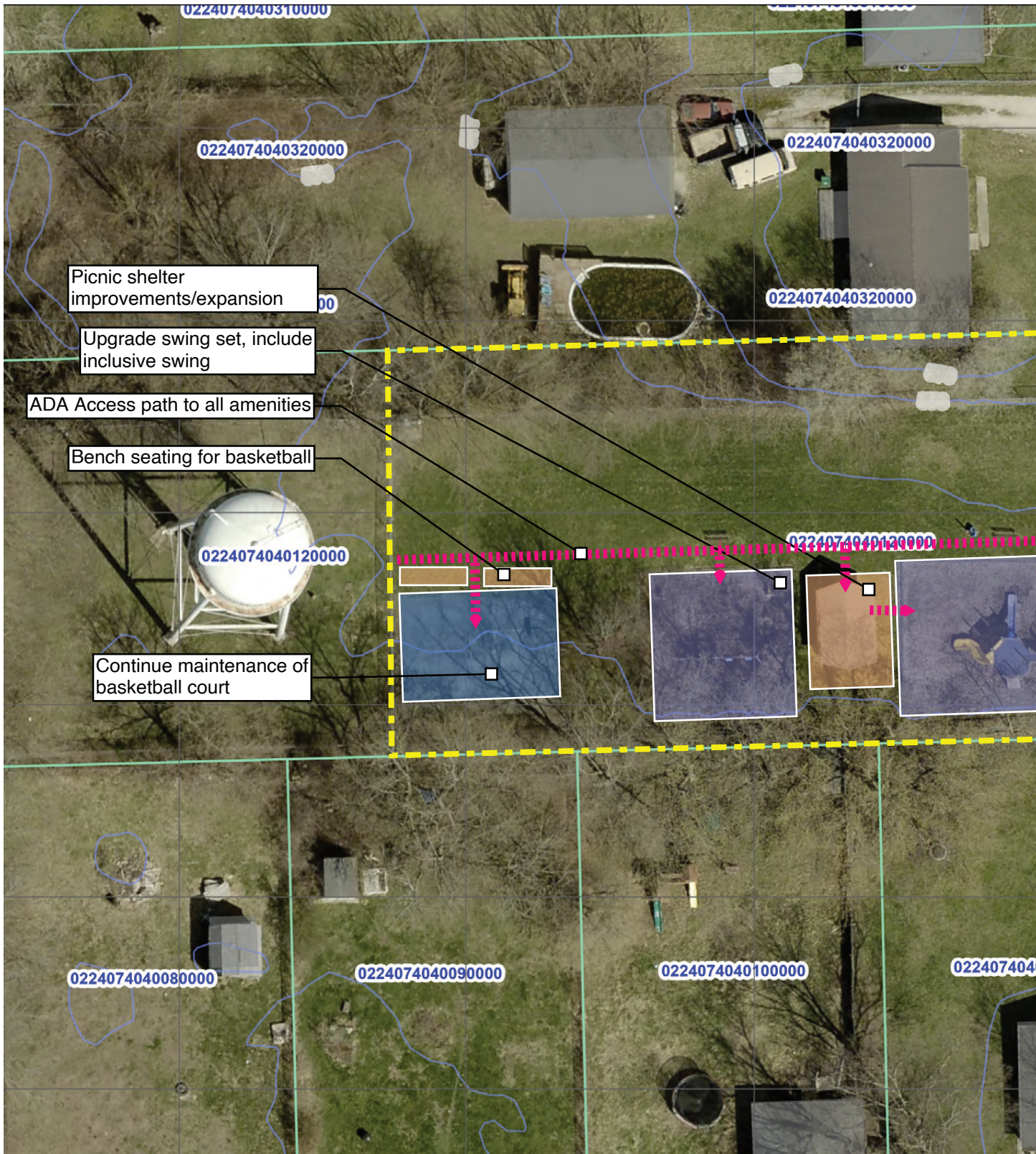


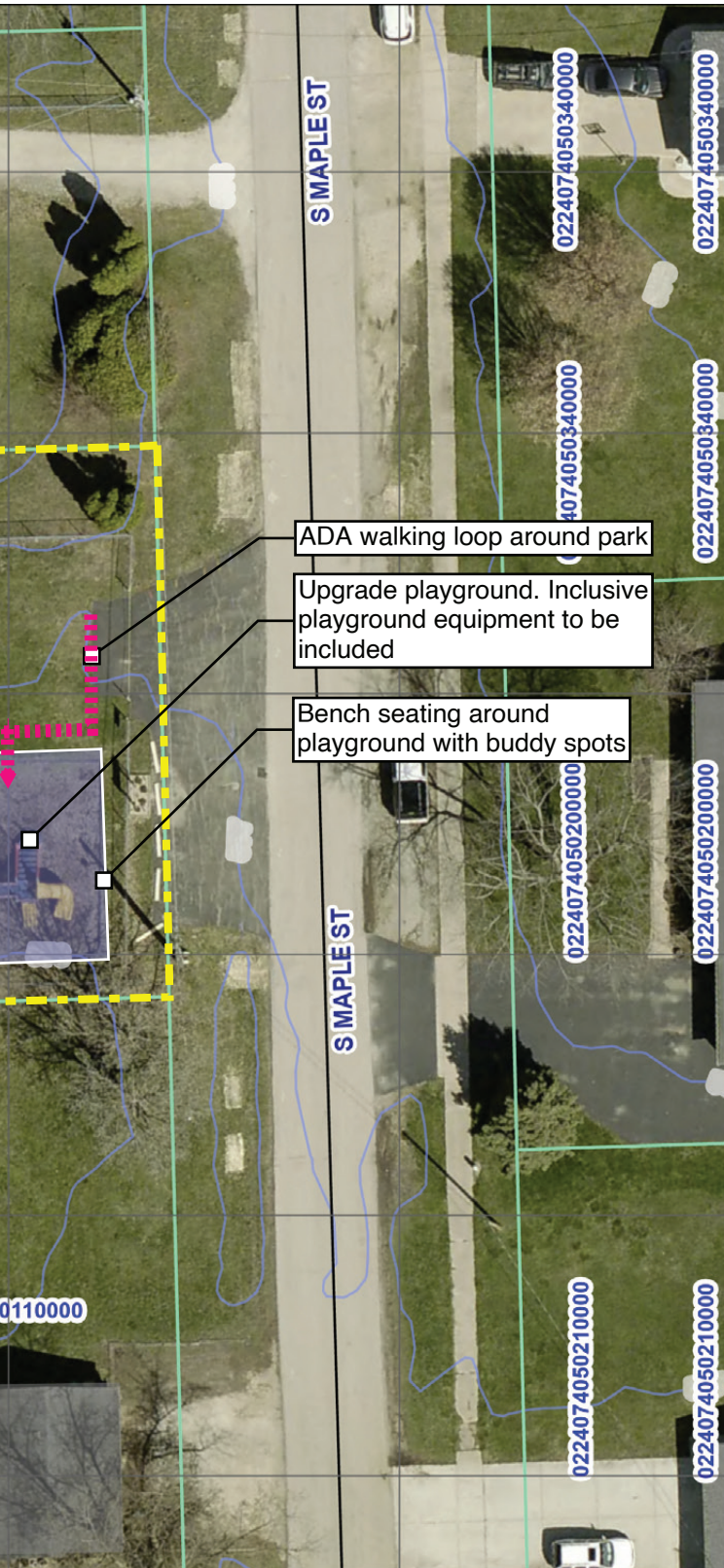


Improvements for consideration:

- Develop a playground replacement priority schedule
- ADA compliance
- Walking paths
- Improved picnic shelter area
- Identify location for in-demand amenities, considering:
 - Fitness stations for parents
 - Seating along paths
 - Upgraded BBQ areas
- Continue maintenance of all buildings and structures on site

Luke H. Goodrich Park





Improvements for consideration:

- Develop a playground replacement priority schedule
- ADA compliance
- Walking paths
- Improved picnic shelter area
- Identify location for in-demand amenities, considering:
 - Fitness stations for parents
 - Seating along paths
 - Upgraded BBQ areas
- Continue maintenance of all buildings and structures on site



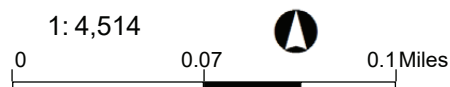
Old Smokey Park



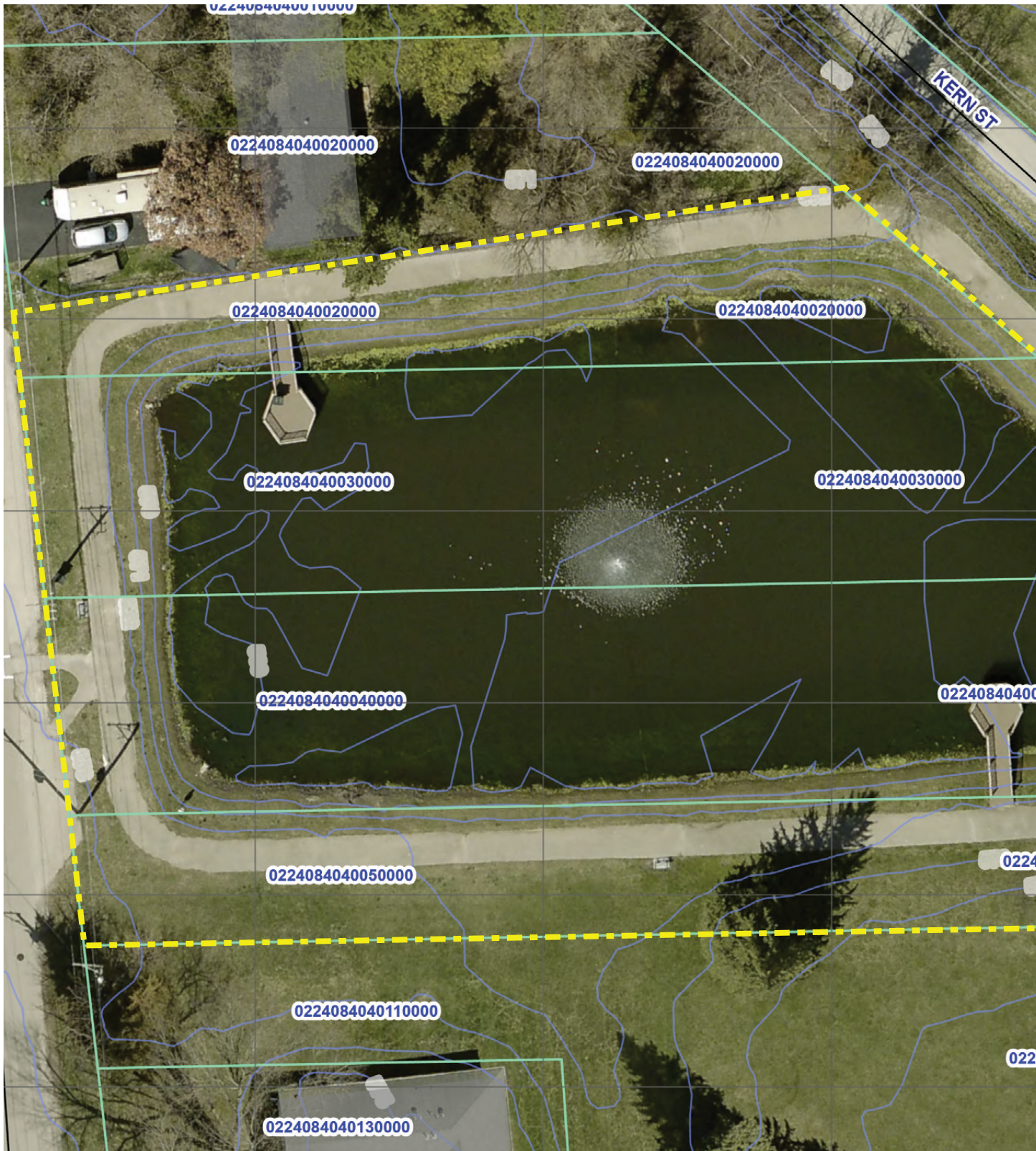


Improvements for consideration:

- Develop master plan for Old Smokey Park
- Develop a playground replacement priority schedule
- ADA compliance
- Improve walking paths and connect all paths
- Improved picnic shelter areas
- Identify location for in-demand amenities, considering:
 - Improved skate park
 - Fitness stations
 - Seating along paths
 - Upgraded BBQ areas
 - Bike racks and repair stations
- Continue maintenance of all buildings and structures on site
- Parking lot reconfiguration and improvements
- Utility access and improvements
 - Extend water and sewer services into the park to support future recreational facilities
 - Upgrade lighting fixtures to address current program needs at the ball fields
 - Evaluate current and future lighting needs
- Stormwater management
 - Review and update previously proposed drainage improvements to reflect current site conditions and needs
 - Implement recommended improvement to enhance stormwater management, mitigate standing water, and improve overall site functionality



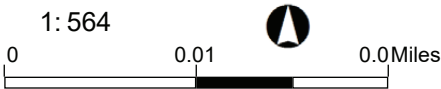
Mitchell Street Detention Pond





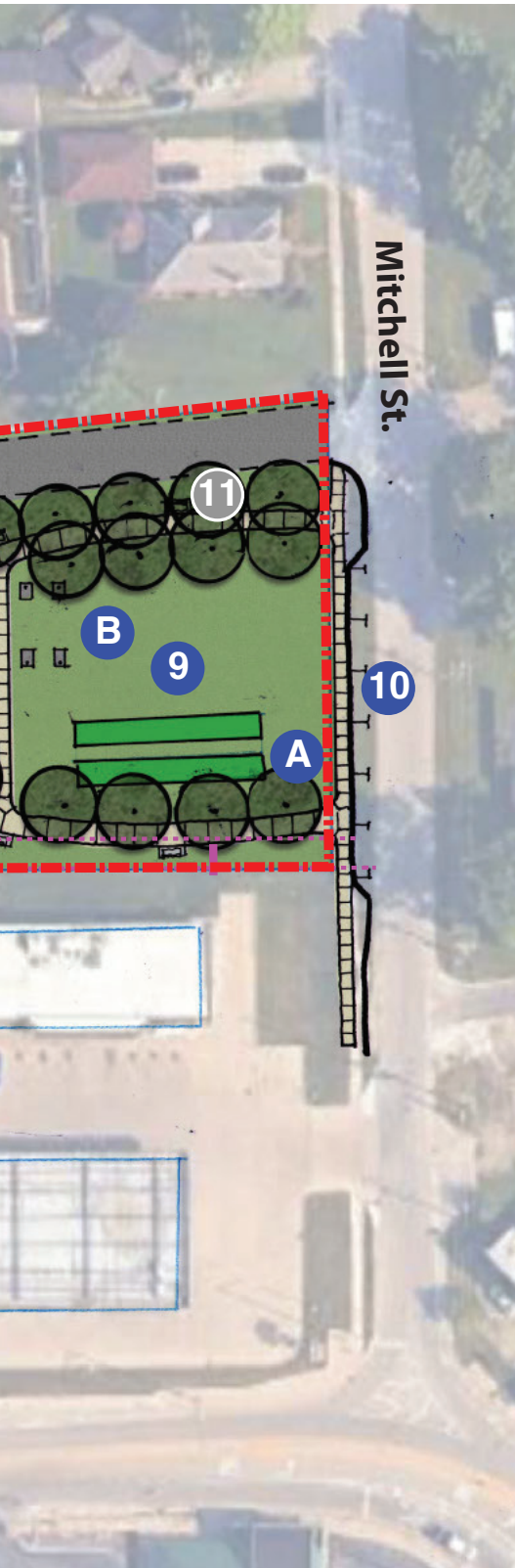
Improvements for consideration:

- Replace fishing piers
- ADA compliance
- Add more benches along walking trail
- Construct trail connection to Town Center site
- Continue maintenance of all structures on site



Town Center





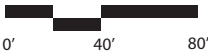
Improvements for consideration:

- Implement Town Center master plan improvements in phased approach
- ADA compliance
- Walking paths
- Identify location for in-demand amenities, considering:
 - Fitness stations
 - Splash pad
 - Pickleball courts

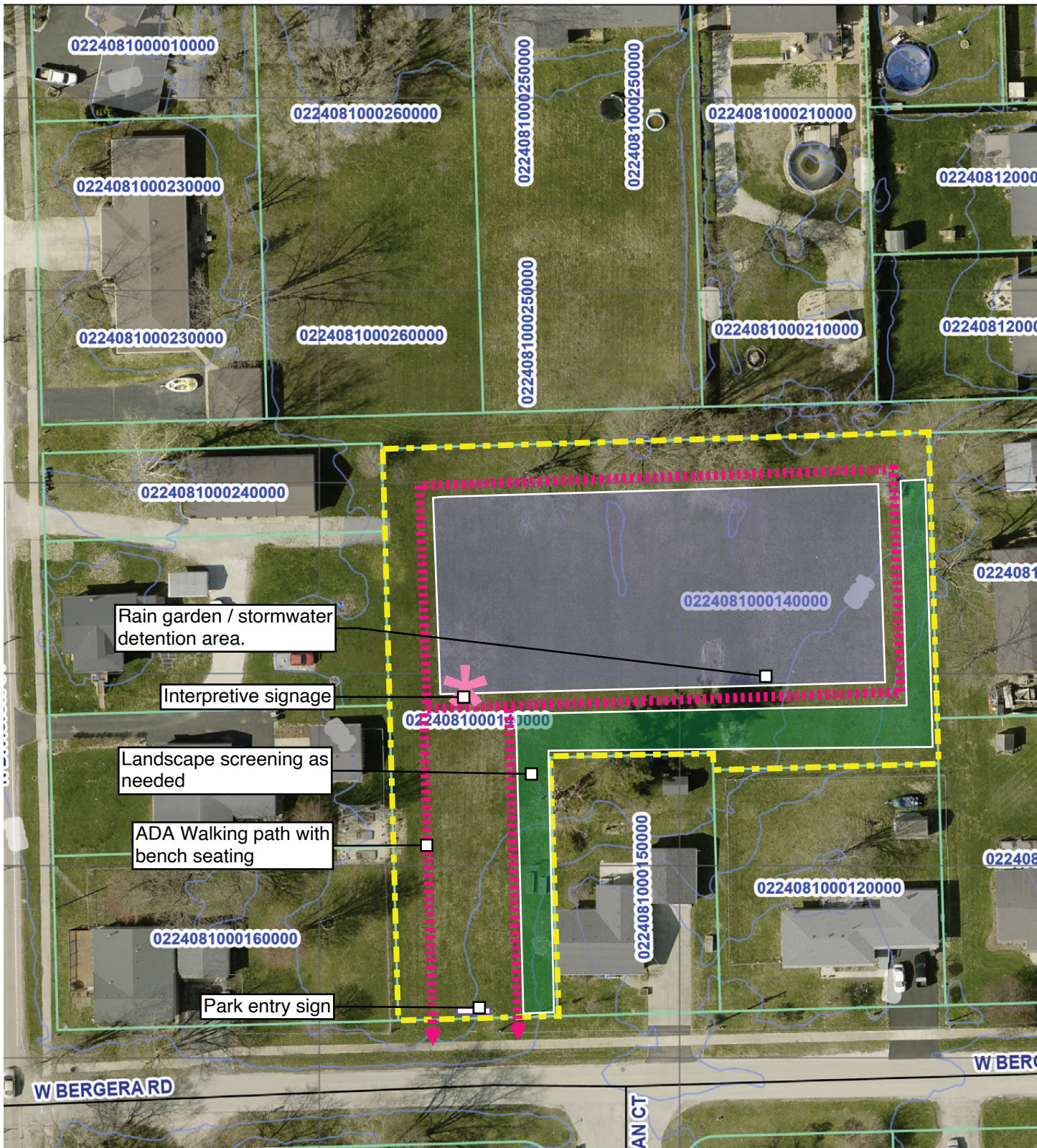
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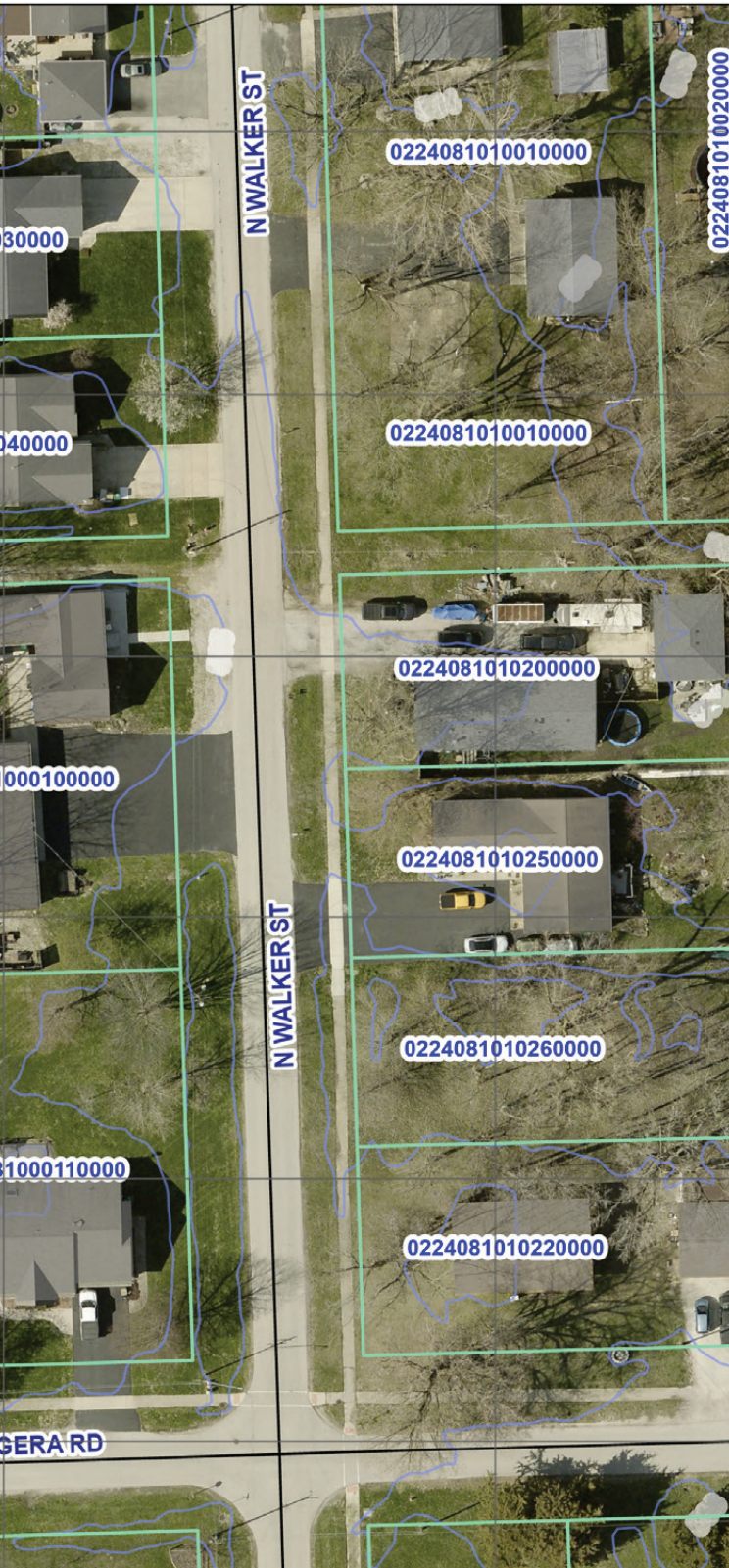
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- 12 NATURALIZED STORMWATER DETENTION
- 13 CONCRETE PAD FOR VENDORS
- 14 ASPHALT PATH
- 15 IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION BY OWNER. NOT INCLUDED IN GRANT
- 16 FUTURE DRIVEWAY EXTENSION AND PARKING LOT
- 17 FUTURE PICKLEBALL COURTS
- 18 FUTURE PATH
- (Y26 OSLAD COMPONENTS)

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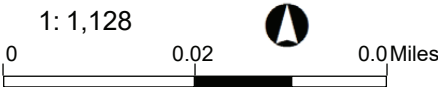
Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park



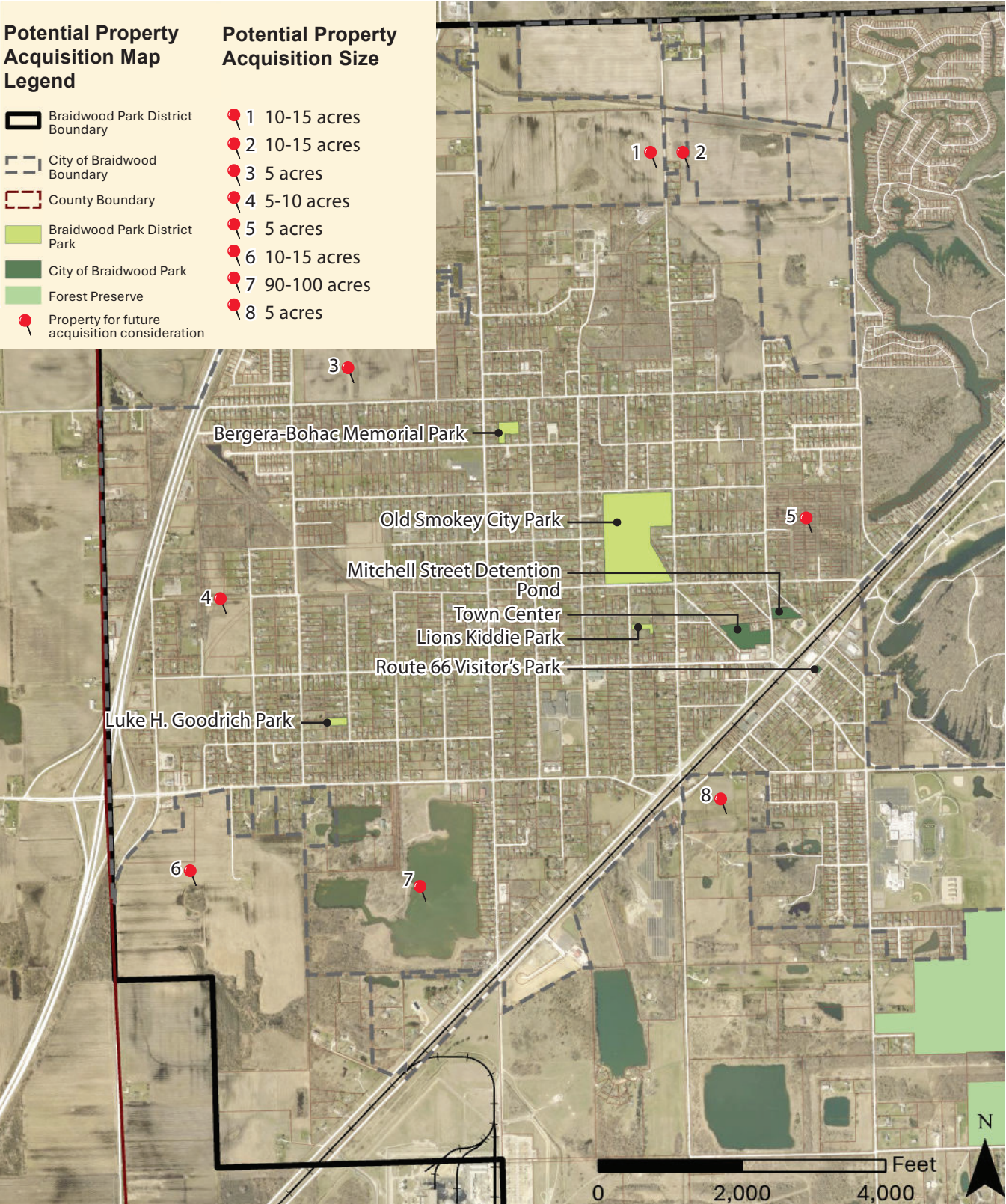


Improvements for consideration:

- Develop master plan for Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park
- ADA compliance
- Walking paths
- Identify location for in-demand amenities, considering:
 - Fitness stations
 - Seating along paths



Parcel Acquisitions for Consideration





CHAPTER THREE

Analyze

inventory & analysis

Overview

The Analyze: Inventory and Analysis Chapter of the report describes and illustrates the existing conditions of parks and recreation offerings in the community. The information in this chapter helps to develop a base-line understanding of the Park District and City's recreation assets.

Purpose

This chapter documents the inventory and analysis accomplished during the Analyze phase of the master planning process. This phase describes the context in which Braidwood's recreation service operates, the services provided, and the patrons that utilize the parks, programs, and facilities. The analysis encompasses both the City of Braidwood and the Braidwood Park District.

This chapter defines the community's demographic context and provides detailed maps of the Park District and City. These maps identify the parks, open space, and other relevant land uses across the area. The chapter also includes the level of service analysis for parks and amenities, benchmarks of open space acreage, and comparisons of recreation amenities against national and state averages. A distribution mapping analysis of the geographic location of parks and amenities is also found in this chapter, along with a summary of community engagement findings.

This information provides insight into how the Park District and City compare to other agencies in terms of parks, open space, trails, and amenities.

Chapter Outline

- Analyze Phase Summary
- Demographics
- Existing Conditions
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- Asset Inventory
 - Park Classifications
 - Parks & Open Space Inventory Matrix
- Level of Service Analysis
 - Acreage
 - Distribution
 - Mini Park Distribution Analysis
 - Neighborhood Park Distribution Analysis
 - Community Park Distribution Analysis
 - Overall Park Distribution Analysis
 - Amenities
 - Amenity Distribution Analysis
- National Trends
- State Trends
- Local Trends
- Community Engagement Summary

Inventory Map

Bergera-Bohac
Memorial Park

Old Smokey
City Park

Lion's
Kiddie Park
Luke H.
Goodrich Park

Reed Custer
Elementary
School

Diamond
Lake

Reed Custer Middle
School

Reed Custer
High School

Braidwood Dunes
and Savanna
Nature Preserve

Mitchell Street
Detention Pond
Town
Center
Route 66
Visitor's Park

Kankakee
Sands
Preserve

Sand Ridge
Savanna Nature
Preserve

Braidwood
Lake

Braidwood
Lake

Inventory Map Legend

-  Braidwood Park District Boundary
-  City of Braidwood Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Braidwood Park District Park
-  City of Braidwood Park
-  Forest Preserve
-  School

Will County

Kankakee County

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Analyze Phase Summary

The following themes revealed themselves through the various inventories and analysis during the Analyze phase of the comprehensive parks master planning process.

Aging Population and Evolving Recreation Needs

Like many Illinois communities, Braidwood is experiencing a gradual population decline while becoming older. Although the overall population is expected to remain relatively stable over the planning horizon, the proportion of active adults and seniors will continue to increase. By 2030, more than one-third of residents are projected to be age 55 or older. Expanding active adult and senior offerings, while ensuring adequate opportunities for families and working-age adults, will be critical for maintaining strong engagement across all age groups.

Limited Park Acreage Supported by Regional Open Space Assets

The City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District manage approximately 31 acres of parkland and open space, which falls below state and national acreage benchmarks for communities of similar size. However, residents also benefit from approximately 80 acres of school open space and more than 315 acres of nearby forest preserve land.

While these additional open space resources provide valuable recreational and natural resource opportunities, they do not replace the need for local neighborhood and community park amenities.

Existing Parks Provide a Strong Foundation but Require Reinvestment

Braidwood's park system provides a variety of recreational opportunities, including playgrounds, courts, ballfields, trails, shelters, and community gathering spaces. Old Smokey Park serves as the community's primary recreation destination and event venue. However, several amenities have exceeded their useful life, including all existing playgrounds, while other facilities require modernization and accessibility improvements.

Community input also revealed strong interest in amenities such as splash pads, pickleball courts, outdoor fitness equipment, dog parks, improved playgrounds, and expanded trail systems, and benchmark analyses confirmed deficiencies in many of these same amenity categories.



Connectivity and Walkability are Community Priorities

Community engagement consistently identified improved connectivity as a top priority. Residents expressed a desire for additional sidewalks, trails, bicycle facilities, and connections between neighborhoods, parks, schools, businesses, and nearby forest preserves. Approximately 30 percent of residents currently lack convenient access to a park, highlighting the need for improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

Recreation Preferences Favor Outdoor and Nature-Based Activities

Local recreation trends indicate strong participation in outdoor activities, including walking, hiking, fishing, swimming, boating, hunting, and bicycling. Residents participate in hunting, fishing, water recreation, and outdoor activities at rates higher than national averages, reflecting the community's connection to nearby lakes, natural areas, and forest preserves. Community engagement also highlighted the importance of preserving Braidwood's small-town character, quiet environment, and access to natural resources. Future improvements should continue to balance active recreation opportunities with conservation, passive recreation, and natural area enhancements.

Opportunity for Expanded Facilities and Programming

Community engagement revealed interest in expanded recreation programming and indoor recreation opportunities. Residents expressed interest in additional programs for youth, families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, as well as facilities such as a community recreation center, fitness space, community pool, and indoor gathering areas.

Partnerships Will Be Essential for Future Success

The Braidwood Park District operates with limited financial and staffing resources, relying heavily on volunteer leadership and partnerships. Continued collaboration between the City, Park District, local organizations, schools, regional agencies, and grant programs will be critical to implementing future improvements and advancing community priorities.

Demographics

The demographics review utilized the Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri) Business Analyst software to gather up-to-date demographic data necessary to gain an understanding of Braidwood and the community's context.

Separate demographic and income reports were generated for the Braidwood Park District and City of Braidwood. Despite the Park District being nearly four times the size of the City physically, the Park District only has approximately 160 more residents, meaning 97.4% of the Park District's population lives within the city limits. The population described in this section refers to the Park District population, unless otherwise noted.

Summary

According to 2025 estimates, the City of Braidwood has a population of 6,078 and the Braidwood Park District has a marginally larger population of 6,239. The population of both agencies is projected to decrease by less than 10 individuals over the next five years. This decline in population is much lower (-0.02%) than the state's population decline over the same period of time (-0.27%).

There are 2,622 households within the Park District and 2,551 within the City limits. According to the US Census, a household "includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence." Although the overall population has decreased since the last census in 2020, the number of households for both Braidwood agencies is on the rise. This indicates that a larger portion of the population is living with at least one other person. Of these households, 65.8% of them are families. A family is defined as a household in which one or more people are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Because the number of families in 2025 is virtually unchanged from 2020, it should be noted that there has been a shift toward more non-family households where more residents are either living alone, with roommates, or other non-family arrangements. In alignment with a shrinking population, family size is also on the decline. Family size for both agencies is projected to shrink from 2.37 in 2025 to 2.31 by 2030.

Age Distribution

With a median age of 43.7, Braidwood has a mature, aging population. According to 2025 estimates, 48.8% of the population is over the age of 45 and will grow to 49.4% of the population by 2030. This is consistent with the rise

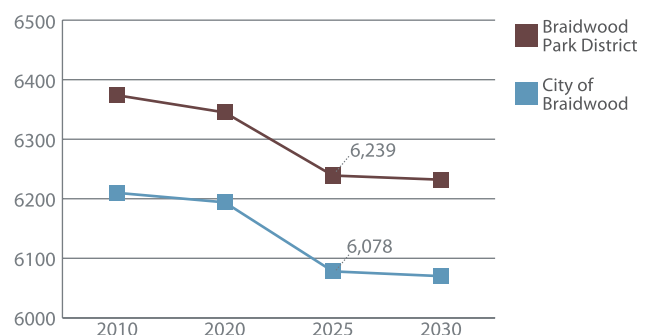
in projected median age of 44.4 by 2030. The active adult population is, and will continue to be, the largest age group in the community.

Race and Ethnicity

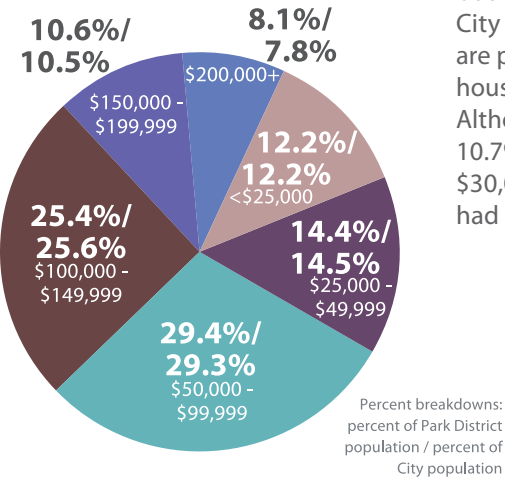
According to Esri, the Braidwood Park District has a diversity index of 34.7. The diversity index captures the racial and ethnic diversity of a geographic area in a single number, 0 to 100, and allows for efficient analysis of diversity throughout the US. The diversity index is "the likelihood that two persons, selected at random from the same area, would belong to a different race or ethnic group." According to demographic estimates, 87.3% of Park District residents indicate their race as "White Alone," which results in a low diversity index. The second largest racial group identifies as "Two or More Races" at 8.9% of the population, followed by "Some Other Race Alone" at 1.9%, "Black Alone" at 1.2%, "Asian Alone" at 0.4%, and "American Indian Alone" at 0.3%. No residents identify as Pacific Islander. The City's racial breakdown is nearly identical. Separately, 8.3% of the Park District population and 8.4% of the City population indicates their ethnicity to be Hispanic. Race and ethnicity are considered two different concepts and are measured separately. Hispanic individuals may report as any race.

Braidwood's racial and ethnic diversity is projected to increase over the next five years, which will result in a higher diversity index.

TOTAL POPULATION

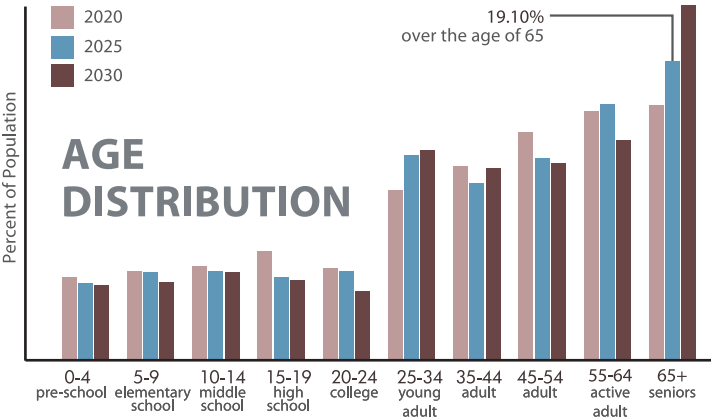
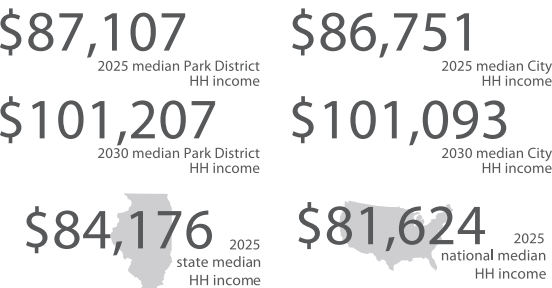


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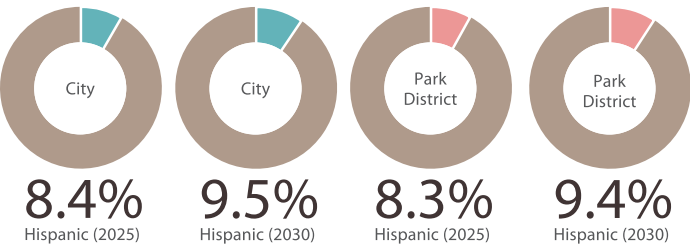


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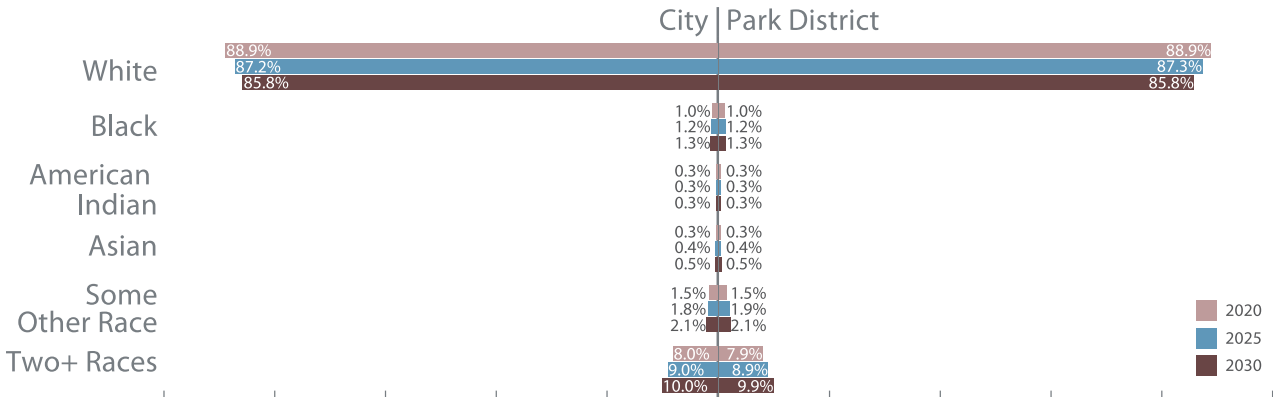
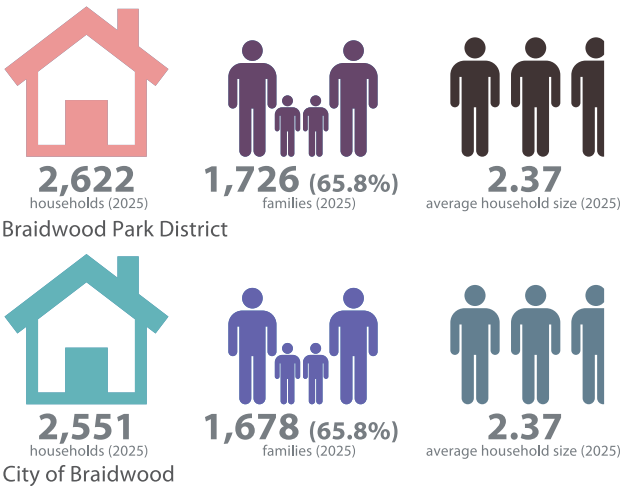
The Braidwood Park District median household income of \$87,107 is higher than both the state and national medians of \$84,176 and \$81,624, respectively. The City median is slightly lower than the Park District’s at \$86,751. Both medians are projected to reach over \$101,000 by 2030. Overall, the percent of Braidwood households in each income group is comparable to the state and national trends. Although lower than the state and national rates (12.1% and 12.5% respectively), 10.7% of Braidwood households fall below the Federal poverty level, which was \$30,000 for a family of four in 2023 (the most recent year the US Census Bureau had published at the time of this report).



RACE / ETHNICITY



TOTAL POPULATION



* Pacific Islander Alone: 0.0% current and projected for both City and Park District populations

Existing Conditions

The first step in the comprehensive planning process is to understand each agency's surroundings and the existing conditions of their assets including land use and open space.

Land Use

According to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) 2020 Land Use Inventory, the City of Braidwood is primarily characterized by single-family residential development, which accounts for nearly half of the community's land area. Transportation corridors, vacant land, and agricultural uses also comprise significant portions of the City's land use pattern, reflecting both its historic development and opportunities for future growth. Commercial activity is concentrated along Illinois Route 53, Main Street, and within the downtown area, while industrial uses are generally located near major transportation corridors and the community's railroad corridor. Parks, open spaces, and natural resource areas contribute to the community's recreational and environmental resources.

Open Space Providers

The City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District benefit from a variety of open space providers that complement the parks and recreation opportunities available within the community. These resources include City and Park District properties, school open spaces, forest preserve lands, and natural areas located throughout and around the community.

The map to the right displays public and private open spaces within Braidwood, as well as institutional facilities.

City and Park District Open Space

The City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District collectively own and manage over 31 acres of parkland and open space, including mini parks, community parks, special-use facilities, and undeveloped park properties. Destinations include Old Smokey Park, Route 66 Visitor's Park, Lions Kiddie Park, Luke H. Goodrich Park, Town Center, and Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park.

Forest Preserve and Natural Resource Open Space

Residents have access to more than 300 acres of nearby forest preserve and conservation lands, including the Braidwood Dunes and Savanna Nature Preserve, Sand Ridge Savanna Nature Preserve, and Kankakee Sands Preserve. In addition, Braidwood Lake and other nearby open water bodies offer opportunities for fishing, boating, wildlife observation, and other outdoor activities. Together, these properties represent a significant portion of the publicly accessible open space available to Braidwood residents.

School Open Space

Reed-Custer Elementary School, Reed-Custer Middle School, and Reed-Custer High School provide approximately 80 acres of school open space within the community. These facilities include athletic fields, playgrounds, and open space areas that supplement the City's parks and recreation system.

Inventory Map

Bergera-Bohac
Memorial Park

Old Smokey
City Park

Lion's
Kiddie Park
Luke H.
Goodrich Park

Reed Custer
Elementary
School

Diamond
Lake

Mitchell Street
Detention Pond
Town
Center
Route 66
Visitor's Park

Reed Custer
Middle
School

Reed Custer
High School

Braidwood Dunes
and Savanna
Nature Preserve

Kankakee
Sands
Preserve

Sand Ridge
Savanna Nature
Preserve

Grundy County

Braidwood
Lake

Braidwood
Lake

Will County

Kankakee County

Aerial Map Legend

-  Braidwood Park District Boundary
-  City of Braidwood Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Braidwood Park District Park
-  City of Braidwood Park
-  Forest Preserve
-  School

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Park Summaries

Overview

The planning team toured parks and open spaces owned by the City of Braidwood and the Braidwood Park District in February 2026 as part of the inventory and analysis process to evaluate the community's outdoor recreation offerings. Park context, access routes, overall condition, and other site observations were documented. The following summary highlights key findings, while the pages that follow provide detailed observations for each park and open space.

Mini Parks

- Route 66 Visitor's Park (Braidwood Zoo)
- Lions Kiddie Park
- Luke H. Goodrich Park

Community Parks

- Old Smokey Park

Special Use Properties

- Mitchell Street Detention Pond

Undeveloped Parks

- Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park
- Town Center

Key Findings

The February 2026 park visits revealed a park system that provides valued recreational opportunities and community gathering spaces, anchored by Old Smokey Park and complemented by several neighborhood-scale parks and special-use facilities. Overall, the parks were found to be in fair to good condition, with many amenities remaining functional and well-maintained. However, several key facilities, including playgrounds, shelters, paved paths, and accessibility features, have reached or exceeded their useful life and may require reinvestment or replacement. The visits also highlighted opportunities to improve ADA accessibility, expand trail and sidewalk connections, enhance park amenities, and activate undeveloped park properties.



Route 66 Visitor's Park (Braidwood Zoo)



Park Context

Route 66 Visitor's Park, or the Braidwood Zoo, is owned and operated by the City of Braidwood. It is located near downtown and is situated between commercial to the northwest and southwest and single family residential to the northeast and southeast.

Overall Condition

The park is in good to fair condition overall. The picnic shelter does have some peeling paint but is in good condition otherwise. Parking lot paving is in fair to good condition with some cracking that comes with age and wear but is not disruptive to drivers or pedestrians. There is minor washout / erosion around the light pole closest to the bandshell and the yard hydrant. Turf is in good condition throughout the park.



General Observations

The site has electrical and water access. There is site lighting along the east edge of the parking lot, lights and GFI receptacles in the shelter and bandshell. There is a yard hydrant present on site. The enclosed building contains storage space, restrooms, and a kitchenette, but is only open to the public during special events.

Park Access

Pedestrians can access the park from the northwest or northeast via sidewalk. The park is also accessible by vehicle via the one-way flow parking lot. The entry is at the southwest corner of the park from Highway 53. Angled parking is available, with the lot exiting to the northeast onto Oak Street.

Amenity Access

Physical access is limited to the enclosed building, bandshell, and one game table. The picnic shelter, second game table, and animal sculptures do not have a paved accessible route to them.

Park History and Additional Social Context (provided by Park District)

The park is a tourist stop for those traveling along the old Route 66 route. The city submitted an OSLAD grant for the park in 2013. Although awarded the grant initially, the IDNR ultimately rescinded funding but the city moved forward with constructing the park.

Lions Kiddie Park



Park Context

Lions Kiddie Park is located on N Lincoln Street in a single-family residential neighborhood. It is owned and maintained by Braidwood Park District.

Overall Condition

The park is in fair condition overall. The shelter is well-maintained. The playground equipment is in poor condition. It is noticeably aged and the structure is missing a climber and the access point has been boarded off. The wood fence along Lincoln is failing with several posts leaning. The chain link fence around the rest of the park is in good condition.



General Observations

There is a bump-out along Lincoln Street for parking. There is electrical on-site, with a light pole in the middle of the playground container. The park is enclosed by chain link fence on three sides and a short split rail wood fence on the west side. There are benches located throughout the park, with one located in the use zone of the bucket swings. The park is the size of a residential lot.

Park Access

The park is accessible by vehicle on N Lincoln Street and by foot via sidewalk. There is a concrete walk a short distance into the park, but it does not lead directly to any of the amenities.

Amenity Access

Although the playground is intended to be an inclusive playground and includes a special wheelchair swing, there is not an accessible route to any of the features. In addition, there is no access ramp into the playground container. The picnic shelter does not have a paved access path and the concrete pad is not flush with the finished grade.

Park History and Additional Social Context (provided by Park District)

The park was funded, in part, by the local Lions Club. The playground has been expanded in the last 5 years, but the primary play structure is the original play structure and is beyond its useful life.

Luke H. Goodrich Park



Park Context

The park is owned and maintained by Braidwood Park District. It is located in a single-family residential neighborhood.

Overall Condition

The park is in overall good condition. There is some vandalism present on the picnic shelter in the form of marker/painted words on the wood posts. The concrete pad is in fair to poor condition with a crack running across the center of the pad. The playground equipment is aged, but in fair condition. There is turf growth in the engineered wood fiber. The recently installed basketball court is in excellent condition.



General Observations

There is a city water tower located in the back of the park. It is fenced off, but the city requires a clear access route to the tower. Therefore, all park improvements are located in the southern half of the park. The park is the size of a residential lot.

Park Access

There is paved off-street parking available along S Maple Street. There is a paved driveway apron into the park that is roped off and is intended for city use only. Pedestrian access is limited. There is a sidewalk along the east side of Maple Street, but no striped pedestrian crossing at the intersections or near the park.

Amenity Access

There is no paved access to any of the recreation or site amenities in the park. There are no ramps into the playground containers. There are a couple of benches mounted in the lawn near the two playground containers, but no paved pad that provides an accessible transfer point to the benches.

Park History and Additional Social Context (provided by Park District)

The city requires vehicular access to the water tower located in the back corner of the park.

Old Smokey Park

Park Context

The park is owned and operated by Braidwood Park District. It is located in a single-family residential neighborhood. It is the largest park in the park district's offerings. The Park District administrative building is in the former residence located in the northeast corner of the park site.



Overall Condition

Overall, the park is in good to fair condition. The condition of amenities ranges as updates have occurred on a case-by-case basis. The ballfields are maintained and programmed by the local little league affiliate. In addition to the three fields, this group also funded and installed two batting cages. The baseball/softball amenities are all in good to excellent condition. The basketball courts were recently sealed and restriped, putting them in the good to excellent condition category. The various shelters and support buildings throughout the site are all in good condition as well. The paved parking lot off of W 2nd Street is in good condition. The gravel parking lot off of W 1st Street is in fair condition but requires regular maintenance to prevent rutting and erosion during wet periods. The asphalt path throughout the park is in varying condition – some segments have been recently sealed while others exhibit deep cracking and are in need of replacement. The playground and skate park are both aged and beyond their useful life.

General Observations

The site contains varying geography from north to south. There is a shallow drainage swale that runs in a diagonal across the northeast corner of the site. The sledding hills are located in the north end of the park and provide some topographic interest for the disc golf course that runs through the park. There are large, mature shade trees located throughout the site and a butterfly garden located at the north end of the site near the north vehicular access point. The ballfields are lit. Access to the enclosed building is limited and available for rental only.

Park Access

The park is accessible by both vehicle and foot. The road into the park from the north is primarily used by service vehicles and those renting the enclosed building. Overflow parking for special events is accessed from the north as well. There is a paved pedestrian trail directly adjacent to this entry point. The trail continues across the park and connects to the southeast corner of the park. The primary paved parking lot in the center of the park is accessed from W 2nd Street on the west side of the park. The lot is not striped but parking bumpers indicate parking spaces. There is also sidewalk access from the neighborhood to the west. The largest vehicular access point and parking lot is the gravel lot at the south end of the park off of W 1st Street. The Park District controls access to this lot during winter and extended periods of wet weather in order to minimize the amount of rutting and erosion in the lot. There are pedestrian access points at either corner at the south end of the park that connect to the trail system that runs through the park. Finally, there is one final pedestrian access point at the east end of the park where 2nd Street terminates.

Amenity Access

There are numerous amenities within the park, with mixed accessibility status. The trails, courts, and skate park are all accessible. All of the buildings and shelters, with the exception of the Cleary shelter at the southeast corner of the park, have accessible routes to them. The batting cages, ballfield dugouts and spectator areas, and playground all lack paved access. In addition, the playground container does not have a ramped entry in to the play container. The disc golf course does not have any accessible tees and the sled hill does not have any clear accessible route to the top.

Park History and Additional Social Context (provided by Park District)

This park is the site of Braidwood's large summer festival. Overflow parking is needed to accommodate the number of visitors. The Park District office was located in the small storage building near the large pavilion until the residence and outbuildings in the northeast corner of the park were donated to the park district. The skate park is closed in the winter to limit wear and tear.

Mitchell Street Detention Pond



Park Context

The detention pond is owned and operated by the City of Braidwood and is located between Mitchell Street and Kern Street.

Overall Condition

The overall condition of the site is fair to poor. The loop trail pavement is in fair condition, but there is noticeable pavement failure at the pedestrian crossing. The wood docks are in good condition, and the fountain is in excellent condition.

General Observations

The detention pond takes up a majority of the site. There are two wood docks on the pond on the north and south shores. There are several benches located around the loop path.

Park Access

Access to the park is limited to the west end of the park along Mitchell Street. There is no parking available on site, but there is a bump-out along Mitchell Street for parking. There is a sidewalk on the west side of Mitchell Street with a pedestrian crossing to reach the pond.

Amenity Access

Benches are placed off of the trail in the turf and therefore do not provide an accessible transfer point.

Park History and Additional Social Context (provided by Park District)

Patrons do fish the pond, although the city does not stock the pond. The site is a popular site for walkers. Previously, the site was fenced off but the fence was difficult to maintain and became unsightly.

Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park



Park Context

This property was donated to the Braidwood Park District and is located on W Bergera Road. It is located in a single-family residential neighborhood.

Overall Condition

The site is currently undeveloped. The turf is in good condition, but there are possible drainage issues. The Park District noted that the site does hold water after heavy rain events.

General Observations

The site is generally flat. There is an electric pole at the front corner of the site with a guy wire that extends into the site. The site is narrow at the access point along the road and widens behind the house to the east.

Park Access

Because the property is a residential lot, there is no off-street parking available. The site is accessible to pedestrians via a sidewalk along W Bergera Road.

Amenity Access

There are no recreation or site amenities located on the property.

Park History and Additional Social Context (provided by Park District)

In addition to the land, the donor also provided a sign to be installed at the park. A small trust was established to help fund improvements. A master plan for the park has yet to be developed.

Town Center



Park Context

Town Center is owned by the City of Braidwood. The property is located in the downtown area behind the Casey's and is currently undeveloped.

Overall Condition

The property is in good to excellent condition overall.

General Observations

The site is relatively flat with a drainage swale running east-west through the center of the site where North Street terminates. The large southern parcel is turf. There are a few large, mature trees located on the northern parcels.

Park Access

Because the site is undeveloped, there is no designated entry point to the park. The property does not have any designated parking, although drivers can access the site by parking in the Casey's parking lot and accessing the site via the easement west of the building. There is also a sidewalk along Mitchell Street to the east that grants access to the full eastern frontage of the property.

Amenity Access

There are no recreation or site amenities on the property.

Park History and Additional Social Context (provided by Park District)

A master plan has been completed for the property. The City was awarded an OSLAD grant for fiscal year 2026 for the first phase of the project.

Asset Inventory

As a part of the planning process, the planning team referenced the guidelines outlined by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) - Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines Manual.

NRPA recommends creating a park classification system to serve as a guide for organizing an agency's parks. Park, Recreation and Greenway Classification Guidelines are expressions of the minimum amount and development of land a community should provide for different classifications or types of parks, open space, and greenway.

Mini park, neighborhood park, community park, large urban park, and sports complexes are the five classifications for parks recognized by the NRPA. Commonly, school parks serve similar functions as neighborhood parks and large urban parks and sports complexes are included in the community park category.

These categories are based on size, function, and use. Mini parks are the smallest and most limited in function, while community parks are typically the largest parks of a system and serve a variety of functions for the community. Other open space categories recognized by the NRPA are natural areas; trails, corridors, or linear parks; and special use. Undeveloped parks are sites not yet developed for meaningful access. This category is recognized for planning purposes but is not an NRPA category.

These classifications are vital to a comprehensive level of service analysis. In the park and open space matrix on the following pages, amenities were quantified to understand the Park District and City's total recreational offerings.

Active Parks

In addition to these classifications, NRPA provides additional recommendations based on type of park use. Mini, neighborhood, and community parks are considered active parks due to the variety and types of recreation amenities they typically provide. These active parks are designed to meet day-to-day resident recreation needs compared to other park types which are more specialized or have more limited functions.

These classifications are vital to a comprehensive level of service analysis. In the park and open space matrix on the following pages, amenities were quantified to understand Braidwood's total recreational offerings.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

	<i>Classification</i>	<i>General Description</i>	<i>Location Criteria</i>	<i>Size Criteria</i>	<i>Park District (BPD) and City (COB) Parks</i>
Active Parks	Mini Park	Mini Parks meet the need for a walkable, drop-in recreation experience. Appropriate elements in these parks include playgrounds, picnic areas, and seating. These parks usually do not include parking and are used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.	Less than 0.25 mile distance in a residential setting.	0.18 acres to 0.72 acres	Route 66 Visitor's Park (Braidwood Zoo) (COB), Lions Kiddie Park (BPD), Luke H. Goodrich Park (BPD)
	Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active and passive recreation and community gathering spaces. Elements in these parks often include playgrounds, picnic areas, sports fields and courts, and trail systems. Neighborhood Parks serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood.	0.25 to 0.5 mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	N/A	None
	Community Park	Community Parks focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs serve a broader purpose than the Neighborhood Park. These parks preserve unique landscapes and often serve the community as gathering places and general athletics locations. Elements in these parks include playgrounds, pavilions, trails and path systems, and multiple sport courts and fields. These parks may also preserve unique landscapes and open spaces.	Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 0.5 to 3 mile distance.	23.83 acres	Old Smokey Park (BPD)
	Natural Area	Conservation and wildlife areas, wooded areas, and waterways that are maintained for the most part in their natural state.	Service radius is unlimited.	N/A	None
	Special Use	Special use facilities focus on meeting specialized community-wide needs. These spaces include indoor and outdoor areas and are designed for limited recreation or operational activities. Examples include golf courses, nature centers, and museums.	No applicable standard.	1.13 acres	Mitchell Street Detention Pond (COB)
	Trail / Linear Park	These spaces effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment. Development typically includes a path system and may have supplemental recreation development such as shelters and furnishings.	Resource availability and opportunity.	N/A	None
	Undeveloped Park	Lands owned by the agency, but not yet developed with any amenities to provide meaningful access to the site such as trails, seating areas, and other passive and active recreation amenities.	No applicable standard.	1.31 acres to 3.58 acres	Town Center (COB), Bergera-Bohac Memorial Park (BPD)

Park & Open Space Matrix

The following matrix is the combined inventory of the Park District and City's parks and open spaces, grouped by park classification. This table also includes information on the park size and available amenities for each of the owned and maintained sites at the time of the comprehensive master planning process to present a complete review of both agencies' outdoor recreation offerings.

This matrix also notes amenities beyond their useful life, indicated in red. These are amenities that have aged beyond the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) useful life criteria which sets expected lifespans, in years, for recreation amenities and provides evaluation criteria for assessing amenity condition. Amenities that are beyond their useful life are deducted from the amenity total and should be evaluated for maintenance or replacement.

Certain amenities included in the matrix do not have standardized or universally accepted definitions, and therefore cannot be consistently benchmarked across agencies. These amenities are identified in the table with an "X" to indicated their presence at a site, rather than being counted numerically. In contrast, amenities that are clearly defined and commonly benchmarked within the parks and recreation industry are quantified and reflected as numeric totals. This distinction ensures clarity in reporting while maintaining consistency with industry standards for comparison and analysis.



Owner	SPORTS COURTS AND AMENITIES
Owner - COB (City of Braidwood) / BPD (Braidwood Park District)	Basketball Court (hoops)
	Volleyball Court
	Pickleball Court
	Tennis Court
	Tennis Court with Pickleball Overlay
	Baseball Field
	Softball Field
	Cricket Pitch
	Lacrosse Field
	Football / Rugby Field
	Futsal Court
	Soccer Field
	Multipurpose Synthetic Turf Field
Running Track	
Golf Driving Range (stations)	
Golf Course (holes)	

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Mini Park Acreage

[illegible]

Community Park Acreage

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Special Use Acreage

[illegible]

Undeveloped Park Acreage

[illegible]

AMENITIES AT CURRENT STANDARDS

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5	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Acreage information was derived from GIS data obtained from Will County GIS Department.

all text in red indicates an amenity is beyond its useful life.

*one picnic shelter is fully enclosed and only available for use via rental

SPORTS COURTS AND AMENITIES	
Basketball Court (hoops)	
Volleyball Court	
Pickleball Court	
Tennis Court	
Tennis Court with Pickleball Overlay	
Baseball Field	
Softball Field	
Cricket Pitch	
Lacrosse Field	
Football / Rugby Field	
Futsal Court	
Soccer Field	
Multipurpose Synthetic Turf Field	
Running Track	
Golf Driving Range (stations)	
Golf Course (holes)	

Park & Open Space Matrix (Cont.)

Golf Course (holes) Disc Golf (holes) In-line Skating Rink Skate Park	LAWN GAME AMENITIES												WINTER AMENITIES		WATER-BASED AMENITIES					NATURAL FEATURES		
	Baggo Set	Bocce Court	Chess/Checkers Tables	Football Table	Gaga Ball Pit	Horseshoe Pit	Ping Pong Table	Shuffleboard Court	Ice Skating Rink	Sled Hill	Boat Launch	Fishing Area	Splash Pad	Swimming Beach (linear feet)	Swimming Pool	Creek / River / Open Water	Natural Area	Community Gardens				
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Level of Service Analysis

This level of service analysis evaluates how well the Braidwood Park District and City of Braidwood's parks, facilities, and amenities are serving the current needs of the community. Level of service is evaluated through four different methods.

The development of a level of service standard for parks and recreation began in the 1980s with development of levels of service for other infrastructure such as water, stormwater drainage, sewer systems, and transportation. These benchmarks provide agency officials with the ability to respond to growing communities, evolving demographics, and changing needs. It is important to note, however, that these benchmarks are not strict rules that all communities should follow. These level of service benchmarks are simply another gauge for agencies to use when determining future needs and services.

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), the level of service is a quantification of the park and recreation delivery philosophy and policy of a community. Its basic utility is in meeting a legal and/or economic requirement of quality service and equity. As a basic rule, a level of service benchmark should:

- Be practical and achievable
- Provide for an equitable allocation of park and recreation resources throughout a community with equal opportunity access for all citizens
- Reflect the real-time demand of the citizens for park and recreation opportunities

The level of service standard uses four measurements to help a community evaluate the comprehensiveness and equability of their current park and recreation offerings. These are:

1. **Acreage:** A calculation of the minimum amount of land required to provide all of the recreation activities and facilities required to support such activities
2. **Distribution:** An evaluation of how equitably park and open space sites are placed throughout the community, as well as how accessible existing sites are to residents
3. **Amenities:** A calculation of the minimum number of amenities and facilities required to meet state and/or national averages
4. **Square Footage:** A calculation of the minimum number of indoor square footage required to provide all of the recreation programs and services (inventory and analysis of indoor recreation facilities was not performed as part of this planning effort)





Level of Service (LOS) guidelines for parks and recreation agencies are developed by state and national agencies, including the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). The use of level of service standards for parks and recreation began in the 1980s, following similar approaches used for other public infrastructure such as water, sewer, and transportation systems. These benchmarks help communities plan for growth, changing demographics, and evolving recreation needs. They are not intended to be strict requirements, but rather planning tools that help agencies evaluate existing conditions and identify future needs.

Historically, level of service analyses focused primarily on total park acreage, often using a national standard of 10 acres per 1,000 residents. Over time, park and recreation professionals recognized that this approach did not account for differences in community character, facility types, amenities, or geographic distribution. As a result, the NRPA now recommends using community-specific benchmarks rather than relying solely on national averages.

To support this approach, NRPA developed Park Metrics, an online benchmarking tool that allows park and recreation agencies to compare their systems with similar agencies based on factors such as population, budget, staffing, and services offered. Park Metrics includes thousands of data points from over a thousand agencies nationwide, providing more relevant and meaningful comparisons to inform local planning decisions.

The level of service analyses included in this comprehensive master plan reference NRPA guidance, Park Metrics benchmarks, and applicable local and regional standards established by the State of Illinois and the planning team.

Acreage

Acreage Level of Service benchmarks are calculations of the recommended amount of land required to provide all of the recreation activities and facilities required to support such activities.

The NRPA's population ratio method (acres/1,000 population) emphasizes the direct relationship between recreation spaces and people is the most common method of estimating an agency's level of service for parkland and open space. In addition to the baseline of 10 acres per 1,000 population used in this analysis, Park Metrics benchmarks are also used to understand how the Braidwood Park District and City of Braidwood compare to agencies of similar population size. Because the Braidwood Park District has a larger population size, the Park District population size was used for the analysis. Any reference in this section to Braidwood Park District is intended to include the City of Braidwood as well.

Based on the NRPA benchmark of 10 acres per 1,000 population, 62.39 acres of Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Park space is recommended for the Braidwood Park District. The table to the right designates these park assets as "Active Recreation Areas." With 25.24 acres of active recreation area, Braidwood is 37.15 acres under the recommendation compared to this benchmark. Braidwood currently has a Level of Service of 4.05 acres per 1,000 population, which is lower than the NRPA recommended 10 acres per 1,000 population.

In addition to the provided 25.24 acres of active recreation space, the Braidwood also has 1 Special Use property and 2 Undeveloped Properties with a total acreage of 6.02, bringing the total open space acreage to 31.26 acres. This

leaves Braidwood 31.13 acres below the national benchmark. When including all of these properties, Braidwood has an overall Level of Service of 5.01 acres per 1,000 population. When all public open space within the Park District boundary is taken into account, Braidwood's residents have access to open space well above the national recommendation. Public schools and the Forest Preserve District of Will County contribute an additional 394.14 acres of open space, pushing the level of service to 68.18 acres per 1,000 population.

The Park Metrics database was referenced to understand how Braidwood compares to agencies across the nation with similar population sizes. Park Metrics provided information on the following Level of Service benchmarks:

- Total Number of Parks
- Total Acres Maintained
- Acres of Parks per 1,000 Residents

The City of Braidwood owns and/or maintains 3 park and open space sites. The Braidwood Park District owns and/or maintains another 4 park and open space sites. Together, these 7 properties total 31.26 acres. This matches the reported median for number of parks (7) but is well below the median 109.00 acres maintained by similarly sized agencies across the Midwest as reported by Park Metrics.

Level of Service Analysis: 10 acres / 1,000 population**OWNED / LEASED ACTIVE RECREATION AREAS**

Classification	Acreage (Total)	Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage above / below recommendation (acre)	Acreage above / below recommendation (%)
Mini Park	1.41	0.23	3.12	0.50	-1.71	45.20%
Neighborhood Park	0.00	0.00	12.48	2.00	-12.48	0.00%
Community Park	23.83	3.82	46.79	7.50	-22.96	50.93%
Total Active Recreation Areas	25.24	4.05	62.39	10.00	-37.15	40.46%

Recommended acreage is based off the existing Park District population of 6239

ALL BPD / COB MANAGED OPEN SPACE

Classification	Acreage (Total)	Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage above / below recommendation (acre)	Acreage above / below recommendation (%)
Mini Park	1.41	0.23	3.12	0.50	-1.71	45.20%
Neighborhood Park	0.00	0.00	12.48	2.00	-12.48	0.00%
Community Park	23.83	3.82	46.79	7.50	-22.96	50.93%
Natural Areas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Special Use	1.13	0.18	0.00	0.00	1.13	N/A
Greenways	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Undeveloped Parcels	4.89	0.78	0.00	0.00	4.89	N/A
Total BPD/COB Open Space	31.26	5.01	62.39	10.00	-31.13	50.10%

Recommended acreage is based off the existing Park District population of 6239

ALL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Classification	Acreage (Total)	Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage above / below recommendation (acre)	Acreage above / below recommendation (%)
BPD Total Parks & Open Space	31.26	5.01	62.39	10.00	-31.13	50.10%
School Open Space	79.50	12.74	0.00	0.00	79.50	N/A
Forest Preserve Open Space	314.64	50.43	0.00	0.00	314.64	N/A
Total Public Open Space	425.40	68.18	62.39	10.00	363.01	681.84%

Recommended acreage is based off the existing Park District population of 6239

Level of Service Analysis: Park Metrics Benchmark**OWNED / LEASED ACTIVE RECREATION AREAS**

Classification	Acreage (Total)	Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Park Metrics Average Acreage	Park Metrics Average Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage above / below benchmark (acre)	Acreage above / below benchmark (%)
Total Active Recreation Areas	25.24	4.05	87.97	14.10	-62.73	28.69%
Total BPD/COB Managed Open Space	31.26	5.01	87.97	14.10	-56.71	35.53%

Recommended acreage is based off the existing Park District population of 6239

Distribution

Planning areas are used to analyze park distribution, land acquisition, and park facility redevelopment needs. Planning areas are delineated by major pedestrian barriers, including major roads or highways, railroad corridors, and extreme natural features.

Not only is the quantity of park and open space important, but the location and geographic distribution of the parks also offers an indication of how well a parks and recreation agency is serving its residents. By understanding where parks are located in relation to residential development, community leaders can see who is underserved. This analysis may reveal the need for acquisition to expand service or may show that Park District and City are serving their residents well and should focus on maintaining or updating existing assets.

Methodology

In the Braidwood Park District, I-55 and the railroad tracks serve as the main pedestrian buffers, creating three planning areas. Because the City of Braidwood is contained within the Park District boundary (with the exception of two commercial properties), the Park District boundary was used for the distribution analysis.

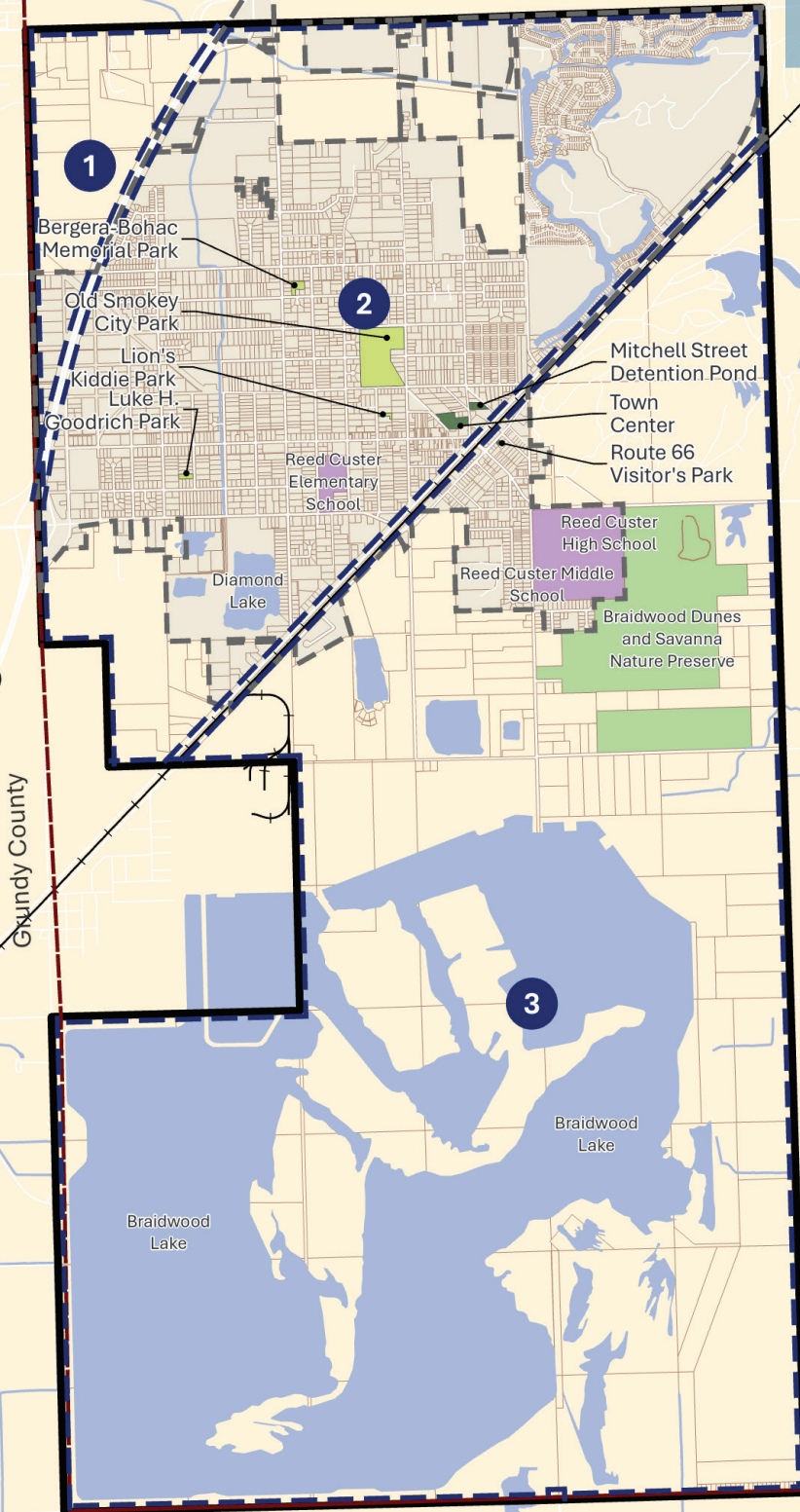
After dividing the district into planning areas, the geographic distribution of the parks and open spaces was analyzed. A service area, illustrated with an orange halo, was created around each park. The shape of each service area is determined by analyzing the real distance – a quarter-mile, half-mile, or one-mile distance – one has to travel to access the park. The size of the service area is dependent upon the park classification.

The table on page 65 notes the various service area distances for Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks. Special Use and Undeveloped Parks are not included in this analysis. Service area buffers for Mini and Neighborhood Parks were clipped to the planning area boundaries in which the park is located. Planning area boundaries are considered barriers to safe or comfortable pedestrian access and Mini and Neighborhood Parks are walk-to or walkable destinations. For Community Parks, the boundaries were not clipped because these parks are seen as drive-to destinations.

Finally, overlaying service area maps and other related maps reveals which areas are most and least served by the existing park system. The most served areas are illustrated by the dark orange while the least served areas are illustrated by the lack of orange. The orange service area buffers overlap to form a gradient that illustrates the degree to which residents are served. The darker the orange, the better these residents are served. Residents who fall within the darker or opaque orange areas are served by multiple parks and their amenities. Demographics for each planning and service area further informed the level of service analysis.

Planning Area Map

Planning Area	Population
1	50
2	5,494
3	695

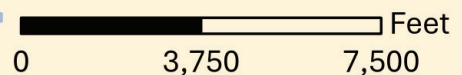


Planning Areas Map Legend

- Braidwood Park District Boundary
- City of Braidwood Boundary
- County Boundary
- Planning Areas
- Braidwood Park District Park
- City of Braidwood Park
- Forest Preserve
- School

Will County

Kankakee County



Mini Parks

Planning Area	Population Served	Population Not Served
1	0	50
2	1,511	3,983
3	262	433

Mini Park Level of Service Map Legend

-  Braidwood Park District Boundary
-  City of Braidwood Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Planning Areas
-  0.25-Mile Service Area
-  Braidwood Park District Park
-  City of Braidwood Park
-  Forest Preserve
-  School

Mini Park Distribution Analysis

Mini Parks meet the need for a walkable, drop-in recreation experience. Appropriate elements in these parks include playgrounds, picnic areas, and seating opportunities.

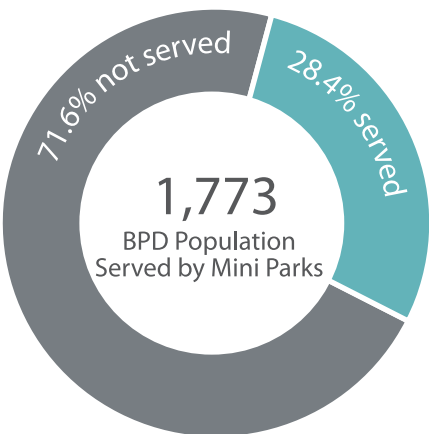
The purpose of the Mini Park Distribution Analysis is to determine which planning areas are underserved by the existing Mini Park system. Currently, the City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District maintain three Mini Parks: Route 66 Visitor’s Park, Lions Kiddie Park, and Luke H. Goodrich Park.

The Mini Park service area map illustrates a 0.25-mile walkable service area (shown in dark orange) around each existing Mini Park.

This plan also illustrates a 0.25-mile service area for Neighborhood and Community Parks as these parks can also serve the function of a Mini Park for those residents within a 0.25-mile distance from the park. According to NRPA’s Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, Mini Park service areas do not include residents who must cross a planning area boundary to reach the park and so service areas are truncated at all planning area boundaries.

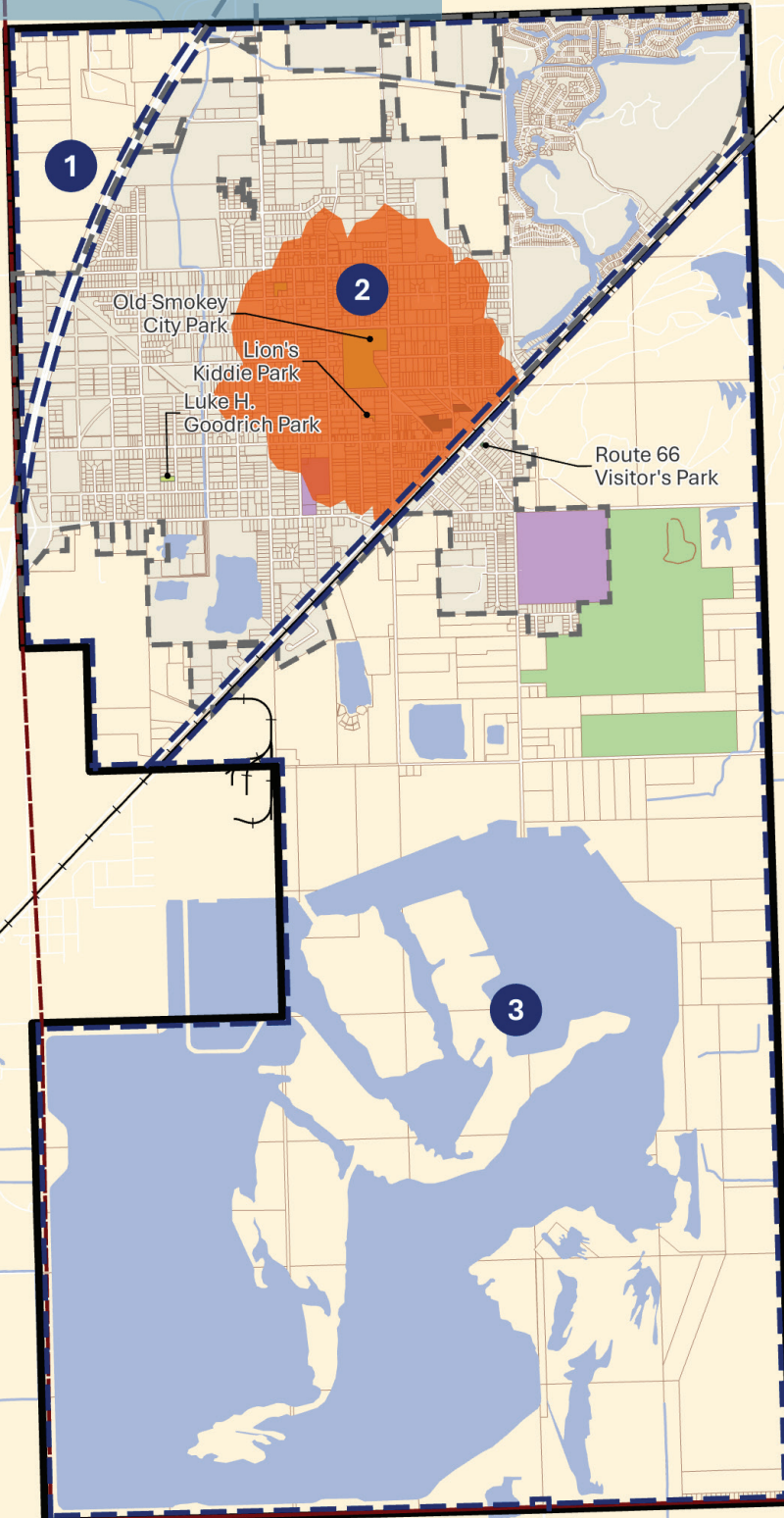
The map to the left illustrates the 0.25-mile service area reach for Mini and Community Parks. Mini Park service is concentrated within Planning Area 2, where three of the City’s and Park District’s four active parks are located. In Planning Area 2, approximately 1,511 residents are within a 0.25-mile walkable service area, while 3,983 residents remain unserved. Although Planning Area 3 contains fewer residents overall, approximately 262 residents are served, representing a greater proportion of the planning area’s population served than in Planning Area 2. In Planning Area 1, no residents are located within a Mini Park service area.

Overall, approximately 1,773 residents, or 28.4 percent of the population, have access to a Mini Park within a 0.25-mile walking distance.



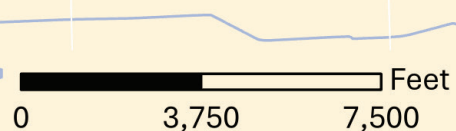
Neighborhood Parks

Planning Area	Population Served	Population Not Served
1	0	50
2	1,813	3,681
3	0	695



Neighborhood Park Level of Service Map Legend

- Braidwood Park District Boundary
- City of Braidwood Boundary
- County Boundary
- Planning Areas
- 0.5-Mile Service Area
- Braidwood Park District Park
- City of Braidwood Park
- Forest Preserve
- School



Neighborhood Park Distribution Analysis

Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active and passive recreation and community gathering spaces.

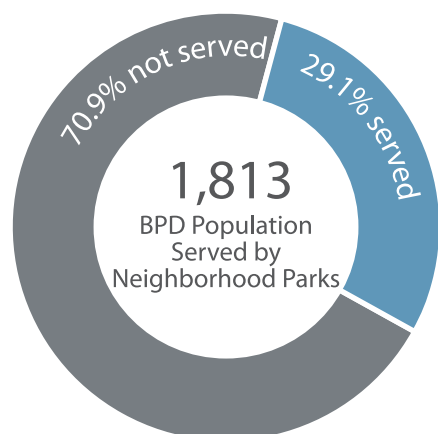
The purpose of the Neighborhood Park Distribution Analysis is to determine which planning areas are underserved by the District's existing Neighborhood Park land holdings. Currently, the City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District do not classify any of their parks as Neighborhoods Parks. However, Community Parks can also serve the function of a Neighborhood Park for those residents within a 0.5-mile distance from the park.

The Neighborhood Park service area map illustrates a 0.5-mile walkable service area (shown in dark orange) around Old Smokey Park.

According to NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, Neighborhood Park service areas do not include residents who must cross a planning area boundary to reach the park and so service areas are truncated to all planning area boundaries.

The map to the left illustrates the 0.5-mile service area reach for Old Smokey Park. Service is concentrated within Planning Area 2, where approximately 1,813 residents are within a 0.5-mile walkable service area, while 3,681 residents remain unserved. Planning Areas 1 and 3 do not have residents located within a Neighborhood Park service area.

Overall, approximately 1,813 residents, or 29.1 percent of the population, have access to Old Smokey Park within a 0.5-mile walking distance.



Community Parks

Planning Area	Population Served	Population Not Served
1	0	50
2	3,634	1,860
3	414	281

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Old Smokey City Park

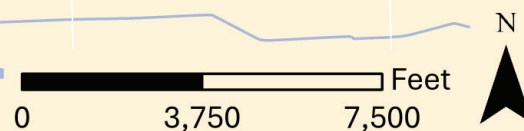
Lion's Kiddie Park

Luke H. Goodrich Park

Route 66 Visitor's Park

Community Park Level of Service Map Legend

-  Braidwood Park District Boundary
-  City of Braidwood Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Planning Areas
-  1.0-Mile Service Area
-  Braidwood Park District Park
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Community Park Distribution Analysis

Community Parks focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. These parks may preserve unique landscapes and often serve as event and recreational team sport spaces.

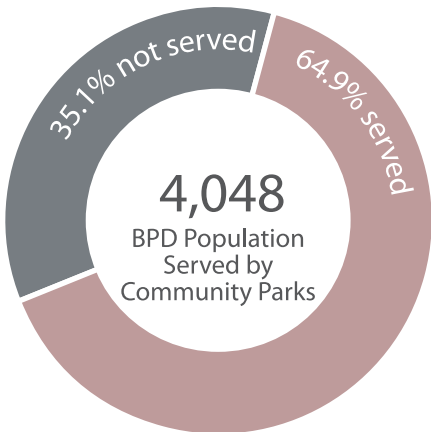
The purpose of the Community Park Distribution Analysis is to determine the location of gaps in Community Park service area coverage. Currently, the City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District have one Community Park, Old Smokey Park.

The Community Park service area map illustrates a 1.0-mile service area (shown in dark orange) around Old Smokey Park.

Unlike Mini and Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks are considered drive-to recreation destinations and so service areas are not limited to the boundary of the planning area in which they are located. These drive-to destinations often cover multiple planning areas and are regional destinations for residents.

The map to the left illustrates the 1.0-mile service area reach for Old Smokey Park. Service is concentrated within Planning Area 2, where approximately 3,634 residents are within a 1.0-mile walkable service area, while 1,860 residents remain unserved. Planning Area 3 has approximately 414 residents served and 281 residents not served. In Planning Area 1, no residents are located within a Community Park service area.

Overall, approximately 4,048 residents, or 64.9 percent of the population, have access to a Community Park within a 1.0-mile walking distance.



Overall

Planning Area	Population Served	Population Not Served
1	0	50
2	3,924	1,570
3	414	281

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2

Old Smokey
City ParkLion's
Kiddie ParkLuke H.
Goodrich ParkRoute 66
Visitor's Park

3

Overall Park Level of Service Map Legend

-  Braidwood Park District Boundary
-  City of Braidwood Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Planning Areas
-  0.25-Mile Service Area
-  Braidwood Park District Park
-  City of Braidwood Park
-  Forest Preserve
-  School

0 3,750 7,500 Feet

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Overall Park Distribution Analysis

The Overall Service Area Analysis illustrates the District-wide deficiencies for Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Park assets combined.

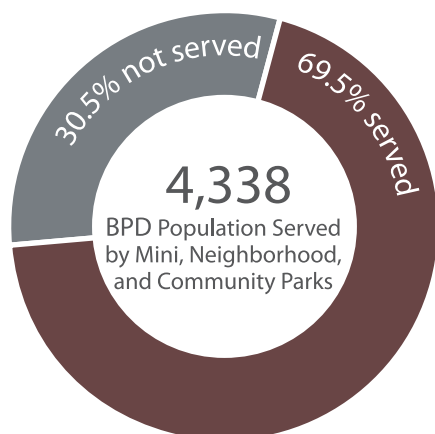
The purpose of the Overall Park Distribution Analysis is to develop a District-wide understanding of the location, distribution, and level of service for all existing Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks. Natural Areas, Special Use facilities, Parkways, and Open Space Detention land holdings are not included in this analysis.

The overall service area map illustrates the service areas for all Mini (0.25-mile), Neighborhood (0.5-mile), and Community Parks (1.0-mile).

Per NRPA Guidelines, the Mini and Neighborhood Park service areas are truncated at the boundaries of the individual planning areas in which they reside. Community Parks are considered drive-to destinations and service areas are not truncated to the planning area boundaries.

The map to the left illustrates the cumulative reach of the City's and Park District's active parks. Planning Area 2 has the highest level of service, with approximately 3,924 residents served and 1,570 residents not served. Planning Area 3 has a similar level of service, with 414 residents served and 281 residents not served. Planning Area 1 remains unserved, with no residents located within the combined park service areas.

Overall, approximately 4,338 residents, or 69.5 percent of the population, have access to a Mini, Neighborhood, or Community Park within the recommended service area distances. Approximately 1,901 residents, or 30.5 percent of the population, remain outside the service areas of the City's and Park District's active parks. Although the existing park system provides access to a majority of residents, opportunities remain to improve park access outside of the City center, particularly in the southern portion of the City and Park District and west of Interstate 55.



Amenities

In addition to park acreage and distribution, another measure of Level of Service is the total recreation amenities available to residents. These benchmarks come from the Illinois Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Park Metrics.

SCORP Comparison

Based on the Illinois SCORP, Braidwood meets or exceeds the average number of amenities for 7 of the 40 amenities outlined in the chart below (excluding pickleball). Amenities that meet or exceed the benchmark are identified by black or green text in the “Above/Below benchmark” column.

Items with red text noted in the “Above/Below benchmark” column are below the state average. The five amenities furthest below the average and most applicable to Braidwood are:

- Tennis courts: -3.1
- Playgrounds: -2.5
- Physical fitness trails (stations): -1.4
- Soccer fields: -1.1
- Volleyball courts: -1.1

	Braidwood Park District / City of Braidwood			Illinois SCORP Average		Comparison	Ranking
	Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Existing # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet IL Average	IL Average # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Above / Below benchmark	Highest to Lowest
WATER-BASED FACILITIES							
Fishing Pier / Docks / Access	2	2	0.32	2.5	0.41	-0.5	17
Boat Launch Ramps / Access	0	0	0.00	0.7	0.12	-0.7	14
Canoe only access areas	0	0	0.00	0.2	0.04	-0.2	24
Marina Slips	0	0	0.00	1.7	0.27	-1.7	6
Swimming Pools	0	0	0.00	0.2	0.03	-0.2	26
Swimming Beaches (linear ft.)	0	0	0.00	105.7	16.94	-105.7	1
Spray Grounds / Splash Pads	0	0	0.00	0.2	0.03	-0.2	25
TRAILS							
Multi-Use Trails (Miles)	1.75	1.75	0.28	1.0	0.16	0.7	37
Hiking Trails	0	0	0.00	2.9	0.46	-2.9	3
Bicycle Trails	0	0	0.00	0.6	0.10	-0.6	16
Physical Fitness Trails (Stations)	0	0	0.00	1.4	0.22	-1.4	8
Nature / Interpretive Trails (Miles)	0	0	0.00	0.3	0.05	-0.3	18
Cross-Country Trails	0	0	0.00	2.5	0.40	-2.5	5
Snowmobile Trails	0	0	0.00	0.7	0.11	-0.7	15
Ski Trails	0	0	0.00	1.1	0.18	-1.1	10
OUTDOOR DAY USE FACILITIES							
Dog Parks	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.01	0.0	32
Picnic Shelters	7	1	0.16	1.3	0.21	-0.3	21
Playgrounds	3	0	0.00	2.5	0.40	-2.5	4
Interpretive Centers	0	0	0.00	0.1	0.01	-0.1	28
OUTDOOR SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES							
Basketball Courts	5	5	0.80	1.6	0.25	3.4	41
Volleyball Courts	0	0	0.00	1.1	0.17	-1.1	12
Pickleball Courts	0	0	0.00	ISD	ISD	ISD	
Tennis Courts	0	0	0.00	3.1	0.49	-3.1	2
Baseball Fields	3	3	0.48	1.6	0.26	1.4	40
Softball Fields	0	0	0.00	0.9	0.14	-0.9	13
Football Fields	0	0	0.00	0.3	0.05	-0.3	19
Soccer Fields	0	0	0.00	1.1	0.18	-1.1	11
Field Hockey	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	34
Running Tracks	0	0	0.00	0.3	0.05	-0.3	20
Golf Driving Range	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	34
Golf Course (9-Hole Course)	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.01	0.0	33
Golf Course (18-Hole Course)	0	0	0.00	0.1	0.01	-0.1	31
Frisbee Golf	1	1	0.16	0.0	0.01	1.0	39
Skate Park	1	1	0.16	0.1	0.02	0.9	38
Ice Rinks	0	0	0.00	0.2	0.04	-0.2	23
Bocce Court	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	34
Horseshoe Pits	0	0	0.00	1.5	0.24	-1.5	7
Shuffleboard courts	0	0	0.00	0.3	0.05	-0.3	22
Archery Ranges	0	0	0.00	0.1	0.02	-0.1	27
Rifle Pistol Ranges	0	0	0.00	0.1	0.01	-0.1	28

Additionally, the last column on the right ranks the amenities compared to the state average where 1 represents the furthest below the average. This benchmark comparison only counts District and City amenities that are at current standards (not beyond their useful life). By replacing aged assets, the Braidwood may be able to meet or exceed some of these comparisons.

Other public, private, and quasi-private open space within the Park District boundary also provide recreational amenities for the community. While these assets are not included in the analysis, they may be providing additional recreation opportunities for Braidwood City and Park District residents who have access to them.

Park Metrics Comparison

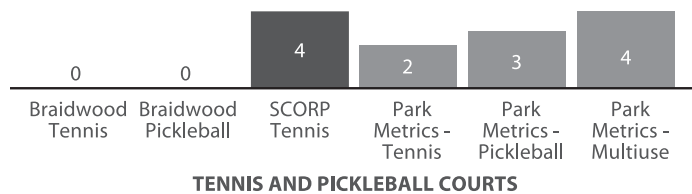
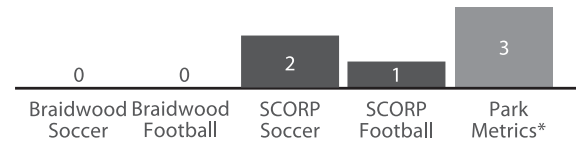
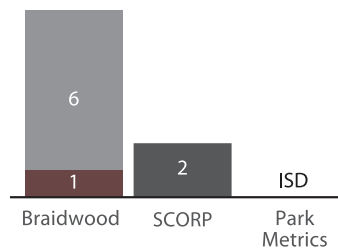
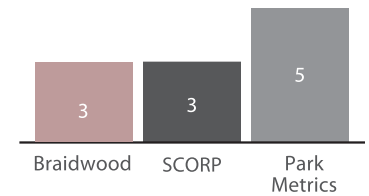
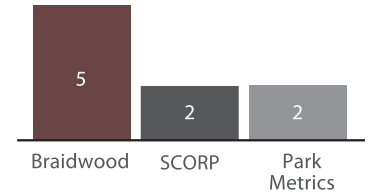
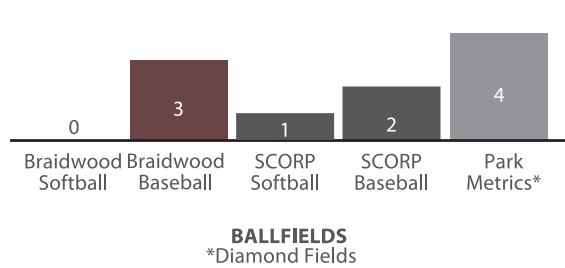
In addition to the SCORP averages, the planning team referenced NRPA's Park Metrics to identify how Braidwood compares to other public recreation providers with similarly sized populations. Park Metrics provided information about the total population per amenity for 20 different recreation outdoor amenity types. The table compares the total number of District- and City-owned and managed facilities to these agencies.

Because Park Metrics is a collection of self-reported data rather than a recommendation of number of amenities, this benchmark compares the Braidwood to averages without prioritizing specific amenities. While these benchmarks provide numerical comparisons between Braidwood and other recreation providers, they are not considered recommendations.

For both SCORP and Park Metrics, not all recreation amenities are appropriate or feasible for every community. Each amenity noted as above or below benchmark should be considered in conjunction with local context such as actual usage records and community input to determine if meeting these benchmarks is in alignment with community interests.

	Braidwood Park District / City of Braidwood			Park Metrics Facility Median	Comparison	Ranking
	Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Existing # of Facilities per population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet Park Metrics median	Above / Below Median	Highest to Lowest
OUTDOOR DAY USE FACILITIES						
Playgrounds	3	0	0.00	4.2	-4.2	2
Fitness Zones/Exercise Stations	0	0	0.00	1.0	-1.0	9
Dog Park	0	0	0.00	0.9	-0.9	12
Skate Park	1	1	0.16	0.8	0.2	19
Golf Course - 18-holes	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.0	16
Golf Course - 9-holes	0	0	0.00	0.9	-0.9	11
Driving Range Stations	0	0	0.00	6.6	-6.6	1
Disc Golf Course	1	1	0.16	1.0	0.0	18
Ice Rink	0	0	0.00	0.8	-0.8	15
Community Gardens	0	0	0.00	1.3	-1.3	8
Swimming Pools	0	0	0.00	1.0	-1.0	9
Splashpads	0	0	0.00	0.8	-0.8	14
OUTDOOR SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES						
Basketball Courts	5	5	0.80	1.9	3.1	20
Pickleball Courts	0	0	0.00	2.7	-2.7	4
Tennis Courts	0	0	0.00	1.9	-1.9	6
Multiuse Courts - Tennis/Pickleball	0	0	0.00	3.3	-3.3	3
Volleyball Courts	0	0	0.00	1.4	-1.4	7
Diamond Fields - Softball/Baseball	3	3	0.48	3.9	-0.9	13
Rectangular Fields - Soccer/Lacrosse/Football	0	0	0.00	2.2	-2.2	5
Synthetic Turf Rectanqular Fields	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.0	16

SCORP - Park Metrics Key Comparison Graphics - All Amenities Level of Service (LOS)



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Amenity Distribution Analysis

The location and distribution of amenities is an important factor in an agency’s level of service. Just as parks themselves should be equally distributed, so should the recreational amenities available to residents.

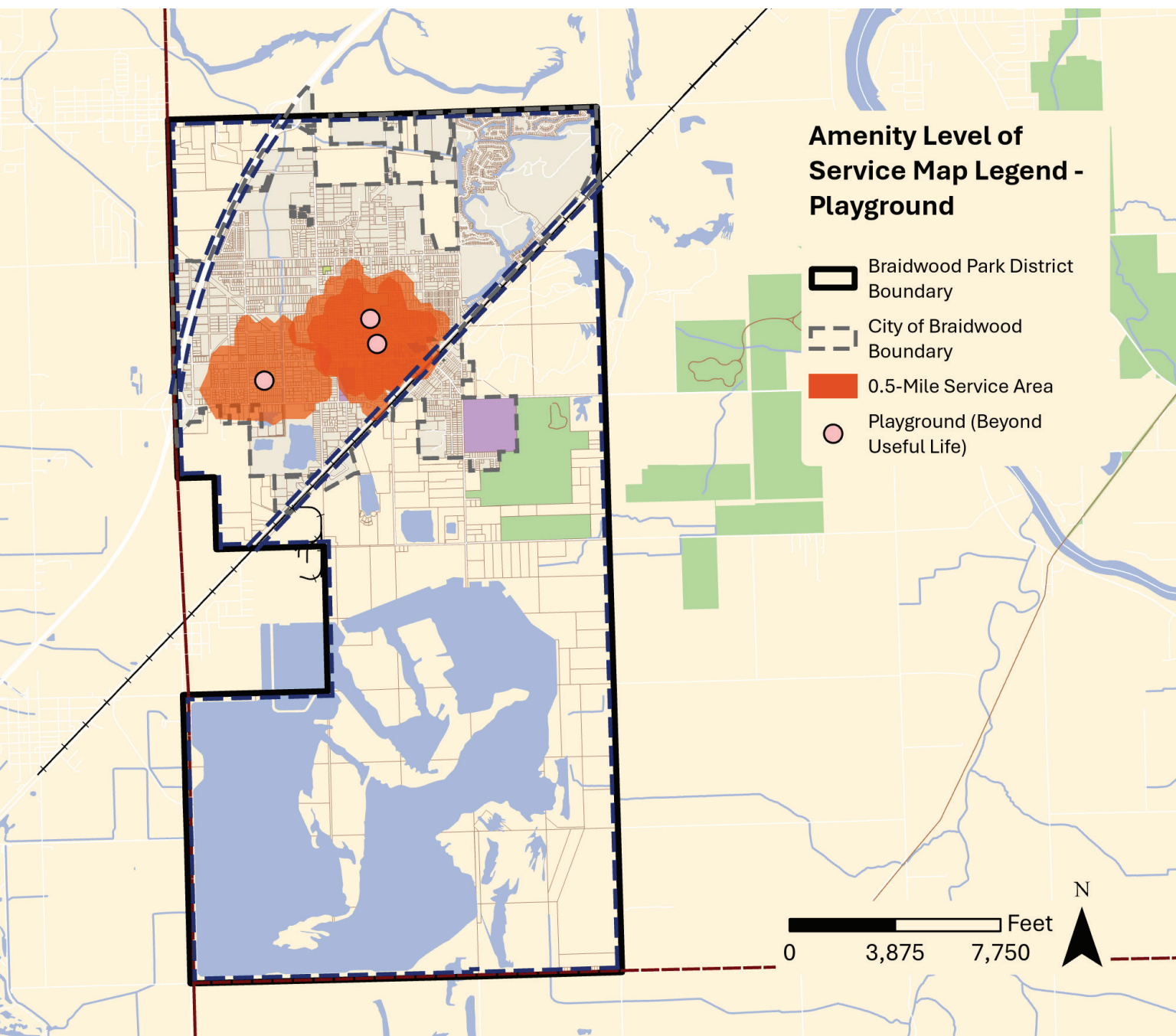
The NRPA established service areas for each park classification and individual recreation amenity in its 1990 and 1996 publications of the Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. These service area standards were referenced in conjunction with the 2025 Distinguished Agencies Standards Manual (DASM), which provides additional guidance related to amenity distribution and population-based levels of service to support consistent, industry-recognized evaluation of park and recreation systems.

The amenity service area table below describes the recommended service areas for each amenity based on NRPA guidance and, where applicable, DASM recommendations,

and lists the number of each amenity owned and operated by the City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District. The maps on the following pages illustrate the service area coverage for individual amenities. Each dot represents an amenity location, and the surrounding orange halo illustrates the applicable service area. The darkest shades of orange indicate the overlap of multiple amenity service areas, while the lightest shade represents coverage by a single amenity.

In addition to service area coverage, each amenity is evaluated based on its level of service per population, using DASM benchmarks where available to compare existing quantities to recommended standards.

Amenity	Service Area	COB/BPD Amenities
Playground	0.5-mile	3
Basketball Court	0.5-mile	5
Baseball Field	0.5-mile	3

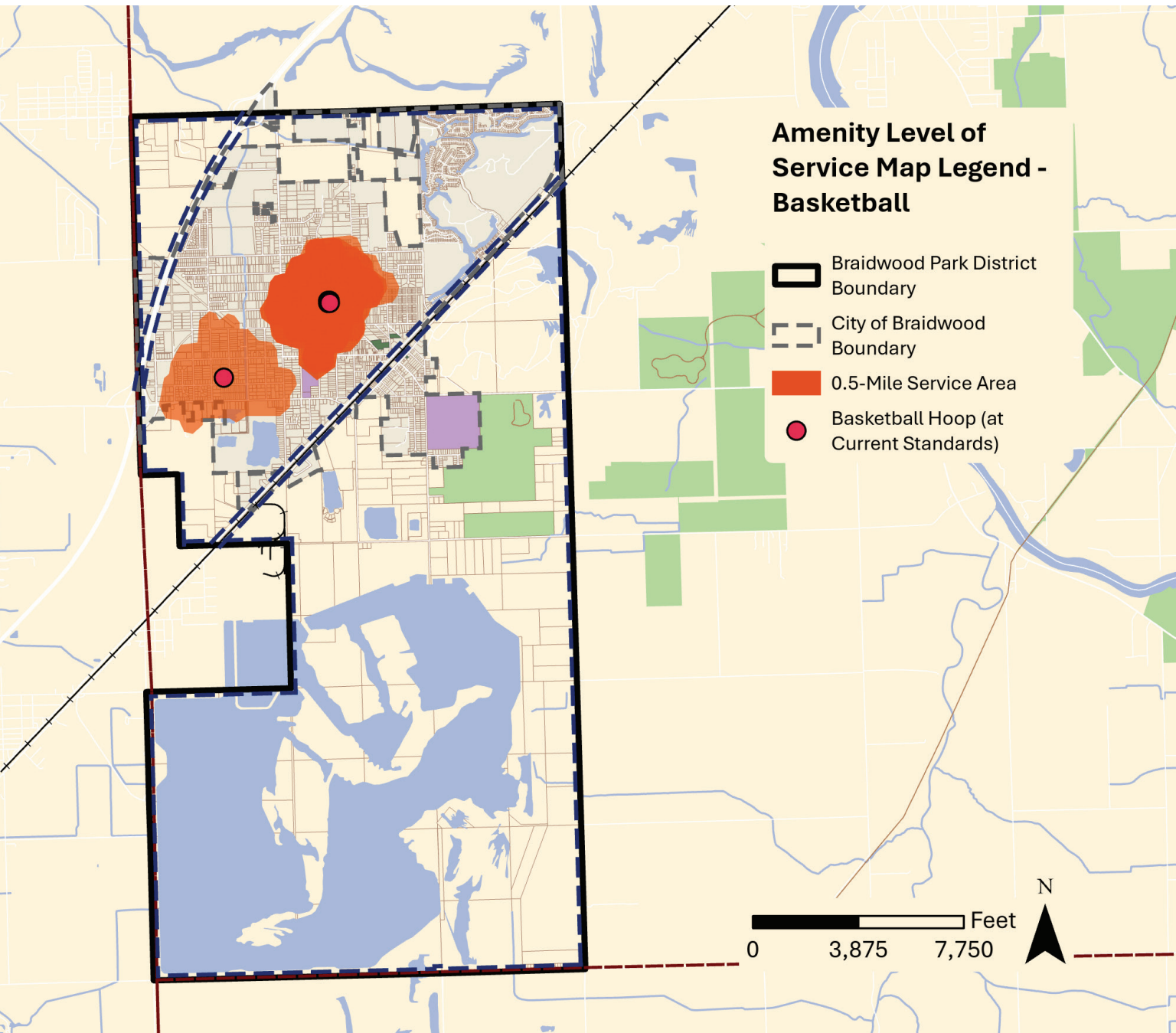


Playground

0.5-Mile Service Area

NRPA recommends utilizing a 0.5-mile service area for playgrounds while DASM does not currently provide a recommendation on the service area for playgrounds. The City and District have adopted a 0.5-mile service area for playgrounds.

The City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District have 3 playgrounds, or 1 playground per 2,080 population. DASM does not currently provide a recommendation on the number of playgrounds.



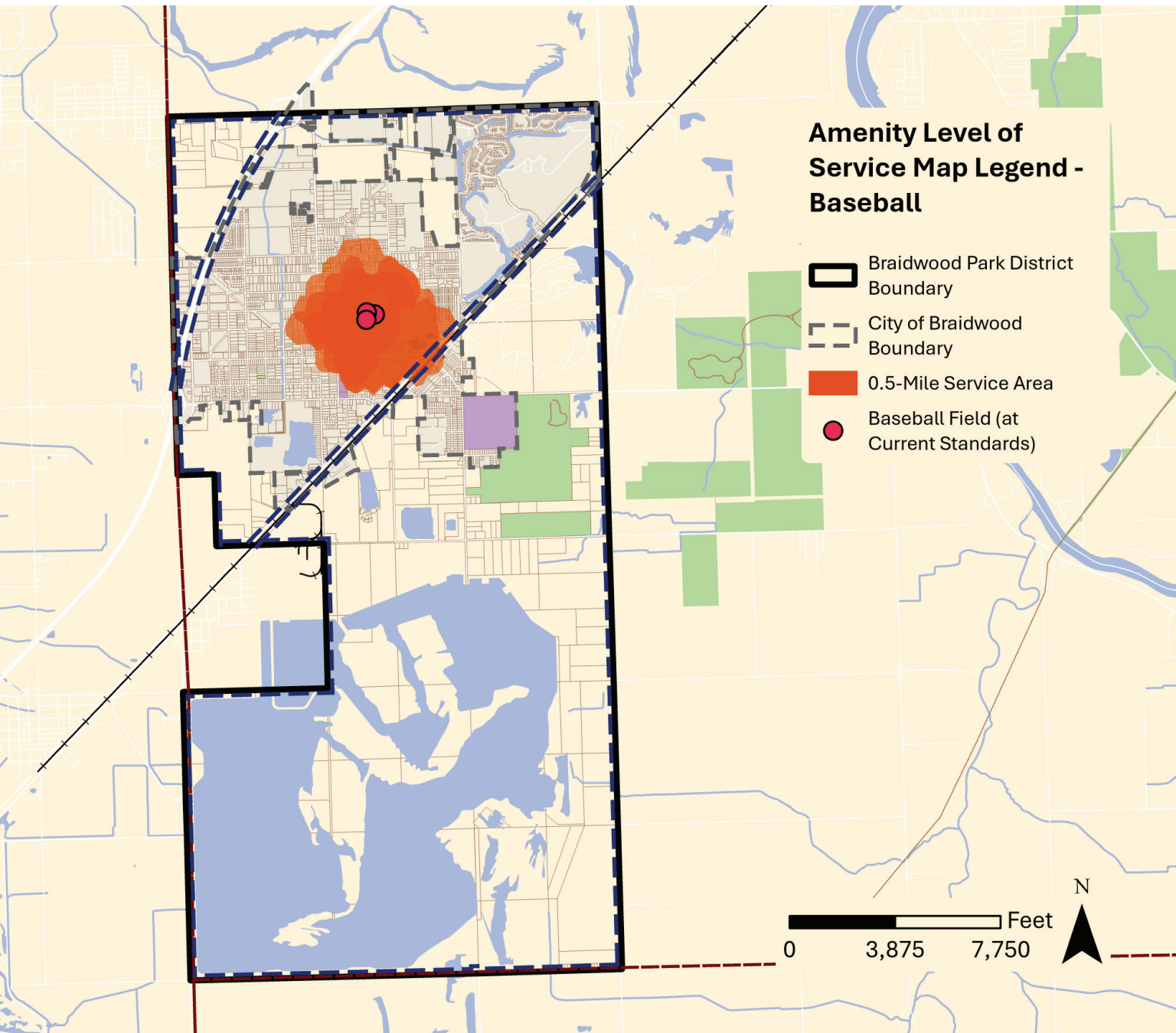
Basketball

0.5-Mile Service Area

NRPA and DASM recommend utilizing a 0.25-mile to 0.5-mile service area for basketball courts. The City and District have adopted the 0.5-mile service area.

Based off the DASM recommended level of service of 1 court per 5,000 population, DASM recommends 1.2 basketball courts for the City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District. The City and District exceed this recommendation with 5 basketball courts (or 1 court per 1,248 population).

**The map and level of service calculations consider both full-courts and half-courts as one basketball court.*

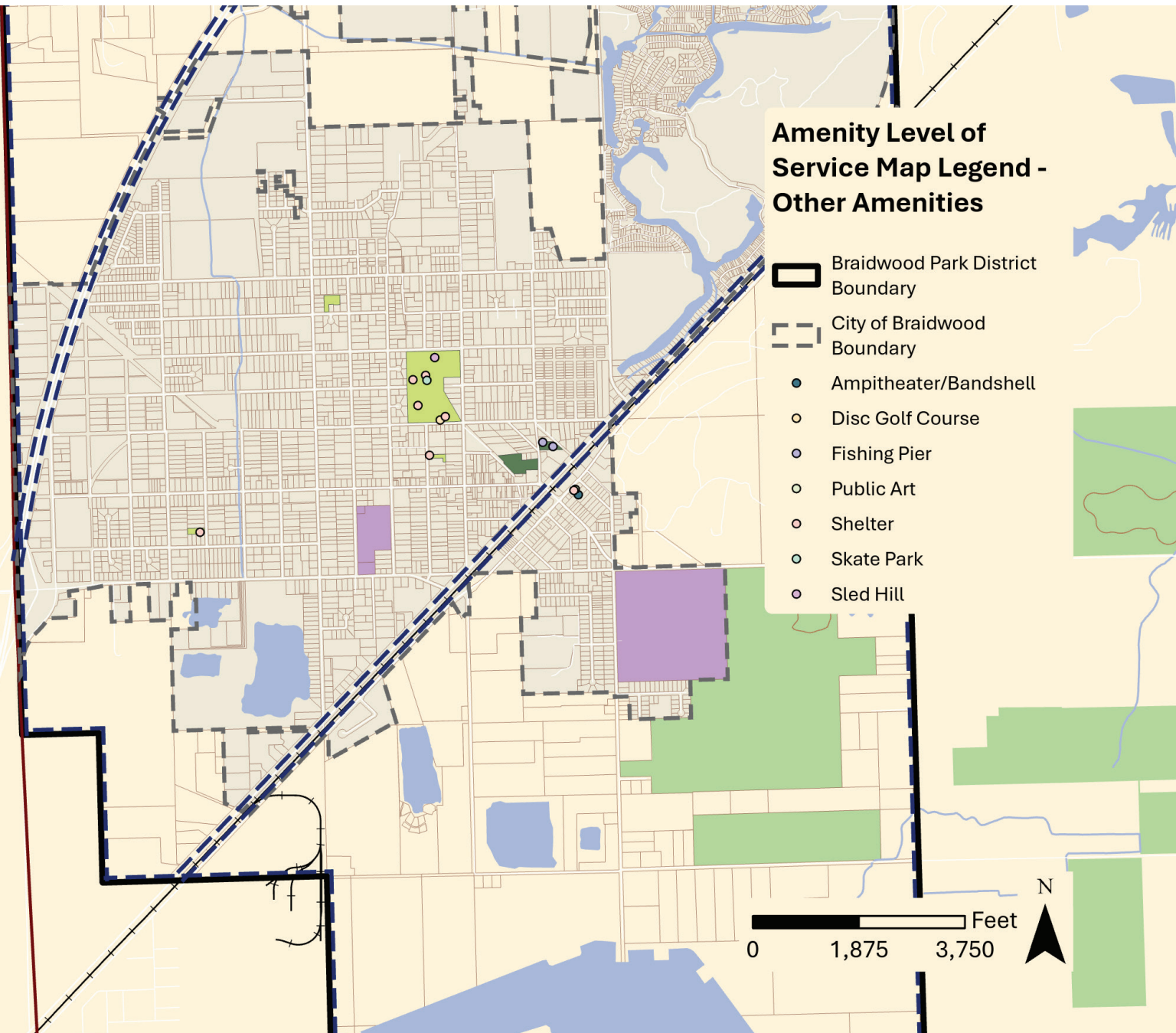


Baseball

0.5-Mile Service Area

NRPA recommends utilizing a 1.0-mile service area for baseball fields and a 0.25-mile to 0.5-mile service area for softball/youth ballfields. DASM recommends utilizing a 0.25-mile to 0.5-mile service area for softball/youth ballfields and does not provide a distance service recommendation for baseball fields. The City and District have adopted a 0.5-mile service area for baseball fields as they inventory all baseball fields and softball/youth ballfields under the singular category of baseball fields.

Based off the DASM recommendd level of service of 1 unit per 3,000 population for softball/youth fields, DASM recommends 2.1 baseball fields for the City of Braidwood and Braidwood Park District. The City and District exceed this recommendation with 3 baseball fields (or 1 field per 2,080 population).



Other Amenities

The above map illustrates the locations of additional recreation amenities within the City of Braidwood and the Braidwood Park District that are not individually evaluated using NRPA or DASM service area standards. While these amenities may not have established service area recommendations from NRPA or DASM, they still contribute to the overall recreational system within the City and District.

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National Trends

Derived from the statistically valid surveys facilitated by the Sports and Fitness Industry Association with the Physical Activity Council and the Outdoor Foundation, the following data will help inform the planning team's recommendations.

The Physical Activity Council (PAC) is a partnership of seven major trade organizations in U.S. sports, fitness, and leisure activities. These organizations are the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), the National Golf Foundation (NGF), Outdoor Industry Association (OIA), the International Health, Racquet, and Sports Club Association (IHRSA), the Tennis Industry Association (TIA), the United States Tennis Association (USTA), and Snowsports Industries America (SIA).

The PAC produces an annual Sport, Fitness, & Recreational Activities Topline Participation Report providing information on participation, inactivity, spending, aspirational participation and projections. The 2025 report compiled and analyzed 18,000 online interviews collected in 2024. These surveys were then weighted against a total population of 308,888,845 ages 6 and older. The following variables were used: gender, age, income, household size, region, and population density.

Other research incorporated in this chapter references the Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report, created by the Outdoor Industry Association and Outdoor Foundation. These partner organizations research and publish the annual topline report which tracks American outdoor recreation trends with a focus on youth, diversity, and the future of the outdoors.

In addition to these studies, this chapter references Active Network, a national software company that utilizes recreation data to study market trends.

Sports and Fitness Participation

For the eleventh consecutive year, physical activity in the U.S. has increased, and for the first time since SFIA began tracking participation, the rate has reached 80%. This means about 247.1 million Americans participated in at least one activity during 2024. This is a 6.8% increase from 2019. Comparing participation rates from 2015 to 2024 shows the greatest percent of growth by participation in outdoor sports (10.2%). Fitness sports (6.9%), racquet sports (6.6%), team sports (5.2%), winter sports (2.1%), and water sports (2.1%) all also increased in participation over the last ten years. While categories have generally grown or maintained participation from year to year, individual sports and team sports had participation decreases in the 2019 - 2022 year ranges. Participation in both has been increasing since 2021-2022 and team sports has exceeded the 2015 trend, experiencing a lower overall decline compared to individual sports. Individual sports saw a greater decrease in participation that started prior to 2019 and 2024 levels are still below 2015 and 2019 numbers despite the last two years of growth. The trend of all seven categories' participation increases since 2022 indicates a growing prioritization of physical activity and healthy lifestyles amongst Americans.



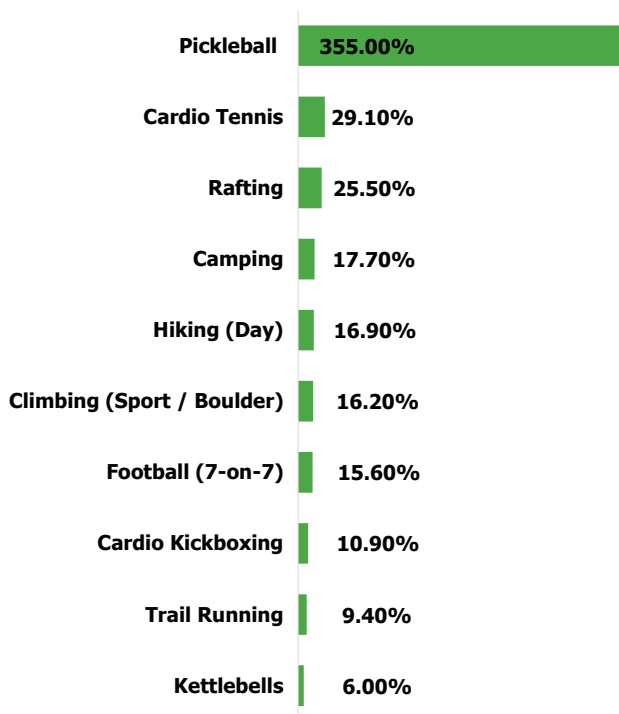
The data collected suggests that Americans are continuing to add high-calorie burning exercise and outdoor activities to their existing routines. The most popular activity category continues to be fitness sports followed by outdoor sports, individual sports, team sports, racquet sports, water sports, and winter sports.

Core participation is active or organized participation in a sport or activity on a regular basis which indicates commitment and dedication to an activity compared to casual or intermittent participation. Core participation in 2024 was the highest it has been in the last five years, indicating a healthy and growing sports and recreation industry. The number of core participants increased to over 170 million Americans in 2024. Based on core participation, the top ten activities in 2024 defined by core participation, were:

Walking for Fitness (50+ times / year)	76,316,000
Free Weights (Dumbbells / Hand Weights) (50+ times / year)	29,684,000
Running / Jogging (50+ times / year)	24,005,000
Weight / Resistance Machines (50+ times / year)	17,967,000
Hiking (Day) (8+ times / year)	16,966,000
Stationary Cycling (Recumbent / Upright)	16,689,000
Free Weights (Barbell) (50+ times / year)	14,996,000
Yoga (50+ times / year)	13,907,000
Elliptical Motion / Cross-Trainer (50+ times / year)	12,716,000
Bodyweight Exercise & Bodyweight Accessory-Assisted Training (Calisthenics) (50+ times / year)	11,804,000

In addition to referencing the current most popular activities by measuring core participation, the Overview Report also lists the growth of activities over one-, three- and five-year periods. These predictions can be used to recognize ongoing recreation trends and predict future areas of growth.

Racquet sports had the largest growth from 2023 to 2024 at 9.4%, followed by team sports at 8.1%. Racquet sport growth can largely be attributed to unusually high growth in pickleball (45.8%) and tennis (8.0%). Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport for the fourth consecutive year with an estimated 19.8 million total participants. Growth trends in the team sports category included growth in 20 of the 24 included sports with a high growth rate in wrestling (8.6%). The top ten core growth activities over the past three years are:



As evidenced by the above lists, 2024 participation was concentrated in the fitness activity category which included seven of the ten activities, and outdoor sports category (two of ten activities). The remaining one activity is classified into both the fitness activity and outdoor sports categories. Growth trend activities represented a more diverse group of categories. Activities from outdoor activities (4), racquet sports (2), fitness activities (2), water activities (1), and team sports (1) are all represented in the top ten core growth activities.

These trends reveal that active people are increasingly looking for nontraditional health and recreation options that offer a fun physical, emotional, and mental experience. While the largest amount of growth is being seen in less

traditional sectors, many class-based group fitness and exercise programs, as well as health club-based activities and team sports have increased in popularity over the last three years, as almost all included activities have increased participation.

Of the twenty-four Team Sports activities, twenty increased in total participation from 2023 to 2024, with wrestling increasing the most at 8.6%. Basketball, Football (flag), Football (tackle), Football (7-on-7), Gymnastics, Softball (slow-pitch), and Track and Field all also saw significant growth, over 7% in each activity in the last year.

15 of the 17 Individual Activities saw increased participation in 2023. Trail Running experienced the greatest total participation growth, 8.5%, followed by Roller Skating (2x2 wheels) (7.4%) and Roller Skating (inline wheels) (7.3%).

2023 - 2024 total participation increased in 14 of the 23 Outdoor Activities. The greatest increases were for Bicycling (BMX) (5.8%) and Climbing (Sport/Boulder) (5.1%).

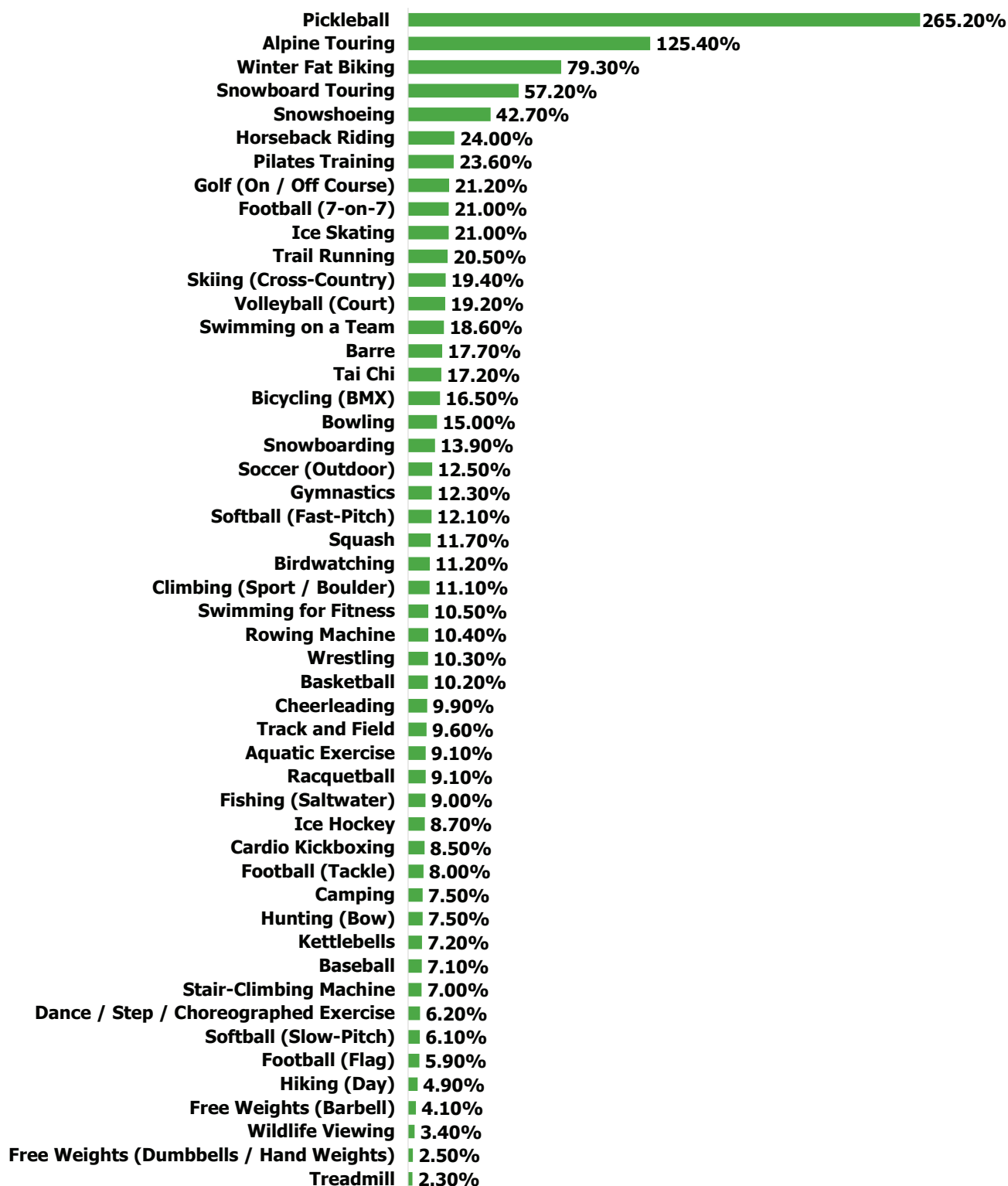
Over the last year total participation in racquet sports increased dramatically with five of the seven included activities seeing growth. The majority of category growth can be attributed to pickleball which experiences a 45.8% increase in participation. In addition to the abnormally high pickleball growth, other racquet sports activities had growth rates consistent with other category high growers with the two highest being Tennis (8.0%) and Squash (6.4%).

13 of the 14 water activities saw an increase in total participation over the last year. The largest increases were in Stand Up Paddling (6.6%) followed by Surfing (5.9%).

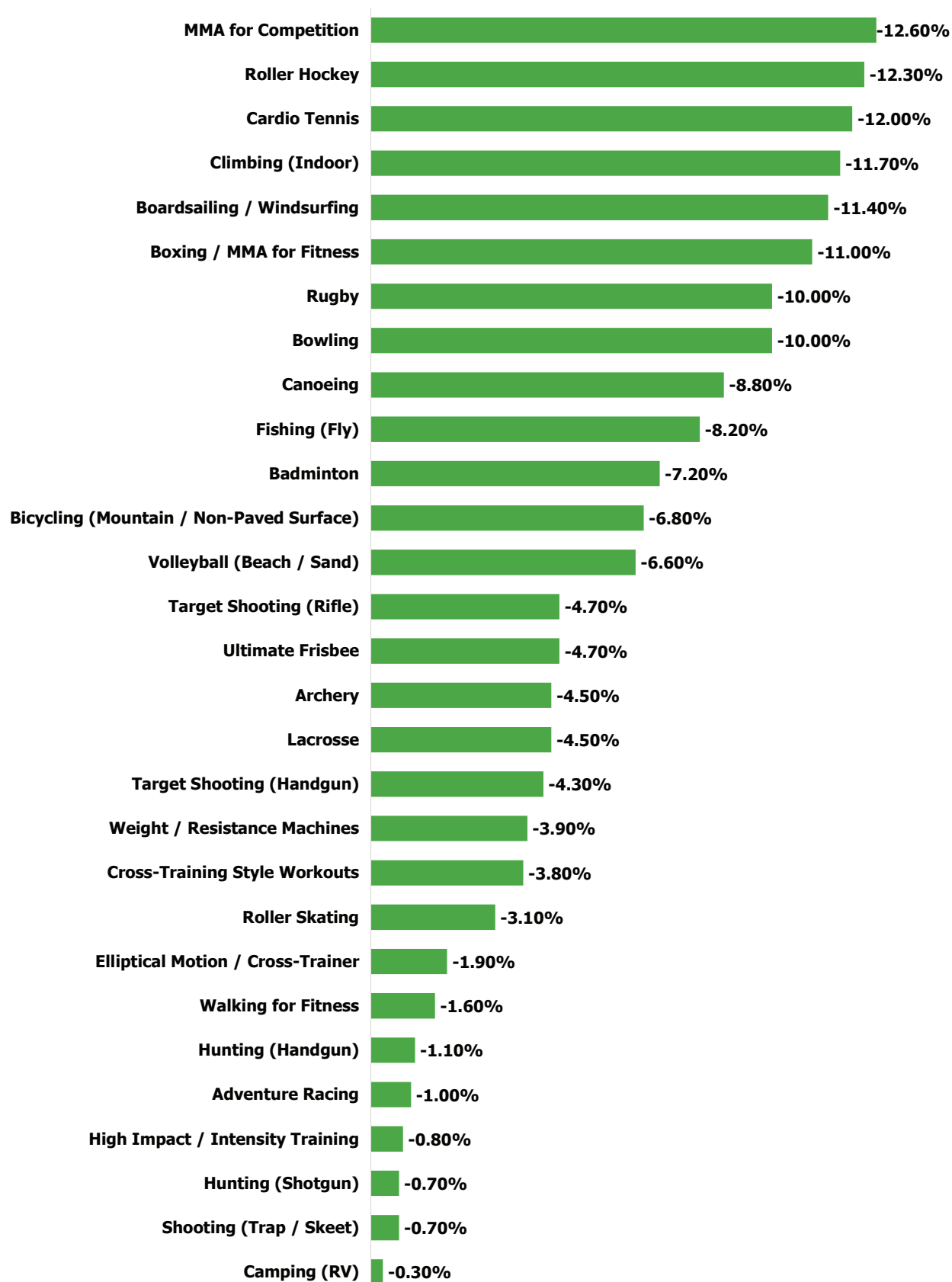
Six of the nine winter sports increased in total participation from 2022 to 2023. The greatest growth was seen for snowboarding (9.3%), then Sledding/Saucer Riding/Snow Tubing (6.6%), and Snowmobiling (5.9%).

The Fitness Activities category is further divided into three subcategories: aerobic activities, conditioning activities, and strength activities. Aerobics is the largest subcategory with 14 activities, 12 of which increased participation from 2023-2024. The greatest increase was in Stationary Cycling (Group) (6.0%), followed by Running/Jogging (5.7%). Boot Camp Style Training, Swimming for Fitness, and Aquatic Exercise also all increased by over 4%. Four of the five Conditioning Activities have grown in the last year with the greatest increase in Yoga (9.9%), then Pilates Training (8.7%). The Strength Activities subcategory includes 4 activities which all increased in total participation. These are Kettlebells (7.7%) followed by Weight/Resistance Machines (4.8%), Free Weights (Dumbbells/Hand Weights) (4.4%), and Free Weights (Barbell) (4.1%).

Three-year growth trends indicated that the following activities saw steady or increasing participation from 2021 to 2023 among participating ages 6+ and are likely to continue to provide opportunities to engage more people in the future:



These same growth trends also indicate which activities have been trending down in participation:





Outdoor Sports & Participation

The Outdoor Industry Association is a collective of outdoor industry leaders which publishes an annual trends report. According to the most recent Outdoor Foundation Topline Report, published in 2025, over half the U.S. population (58.6%) participated in one or more outdoor sport or activity in 2024. A record number of people, 181.1 million, went on at least outdoor recreation outing over the course of the year. This represents an increase in participant base of about 32 million people, but frequency of individual participation is generally declining across the last thirteen years. 2025 recorded an average number of 65 outings per participant which is slightly higher than 2023, but still about 22 fewer outings than recorded in 2012. This overall trend of increasing overall participation but decreasing quantities of outings suggests a shift towards more casual participation.

Growth was most concentrated amongst the youth (6-12) and senior (65+) age groups (+5.6% and 7.4%) and participants identifying as black and hispanic (12.8% and 11.8%). Households with high incomes over \$100,000 also increased participation (10.7%), as did non-college educated high school graduates (11.2%).

The Outdoor Foundation Topline Report identified the most popular activities as walking for Fitness, 115M participants, and Hiking, 63M participants. The activities most likely to attract new participants included Hiking, Camping, Fishing, Bicycling, and Running and it was determined that people who are participating in longer duration activities such as camping and backpacking are most likely to engage in multiple outdoor activities.

Engaging Inactives

An “inactive” person is defined by the Physical Activity Council as one who does not participate in any of the sports/activities covered in the PAC Overview Report. In 2024, 61.8 million (20%) Americans were inactive. This is the lowest inactivity has been since tracking began and the seventh consecutive year of inactivity decline. Inactivity went down for all eight age groups from 2024 to 2025 and inactivity at every age group was significantly lower in 2024 than it was in 2019, pre-pandemic. By age, the youngest groups, 6-12 and 13-17, recorded the greatest declines of over 10% each. While their overall activeness is increasing, Americans over 65 have the largest rate of inactivity, reflecting the trend that people generally become less active as they age.

In order to understand how to engage inactives in sports and activities, the PAC survey lists “aspirational” activities that inactives are interested in participating in. Aspirational activities are becoming more varied between age groups but swimming for fitness and camping made the top ten

list for all age groups in 2024. Running / jogging made the list for all age groups except 55-64 and 65+. Working out with weights, working out using machines, or working out using weight resistance machines made the list for all age groups except 6-12. All age groups show interest in some outdoor activities such as hiking, or fishing, in addition to camping.

Active adults, as well as inactives, also tend to be interested in social programs and sports leagues as well as active recreation. Active Network recommends the following activities for adult recreation programs:

- Sports – Broomball, Inner Tube Water Polo, Pickleball, Wallyball
- Exercise – Beyond Zumba, Dance Buffet (multiple styles of dance in a single program), Kettlebells, Outdoor Yoga, CrossFit
- Technology – Beginner's Guide to iPad, Social Media, Digital Photography
- Entertainment – Karaoke, Improv, Murder Mystery Dinners, Speed Dating, Wii for Seniors
- Art – Cooking, Drawing/Painting, Jewelry Making, Mixed Media Arts, Pottery, Quilting
- Professional/Other – Languages, Estate Planning, Self-Publishing, finances
- Other - Life skills, Brain fitness, Writing, Backyard agriculture

Many agencies are “branding” their active adult programs for younger populations instead of the traditional seniors to encourage long-term participation.

Health and Wellness Market Trends

In addition to the above participation studies, professional organizations track market sector trends to better understand what consumers are seeking in the health and fitness industry. The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) conducts an annual international survey among practitioners in the commercial, clinical, community, and corporate fitness industries called the Worldwide Survey of Fitness Trends. In their predictions for 2025, the majority of trends in the top 20 are related to programming (7) , digital technology (4), and training modalities (4) with all three evenly represented in the top ten with three inclusions each. The final represented trend in the top ten list is categorized as special populations. Two of the top 20 trends reported are new to the list compared to the previous year, with the remaining eight carried over from 2024. The top 10 trends for 2025 are:

1. Wearable technology (activity trackers, smart watches, heart rate monitors, GPS trackers, and smart eyeglasses)
2. Mobile Exercise Apps (track exercise activity and allow users to receive performance feedback)
3. Fitness Programs for Older Adults (safe, age-appropriate exercise for older, retired adults)
4. Exercise for Weight Loss (includes aerobic activity, strength training, and accompany dietary changes to create a caloric deficit)
5. Traditional Strength Training (exercise incorporating weighted equipment which focuses on technique to manage muscular fitness)
6. High-intensity interval training (HITT consists of repeated exercises of short, near maximum intensity effort followed by rest periods)
7. Data-driven training technology (technology that uses data to track and understand physiological responses)
8. Exercise for Mental Health (physical activity and exercise to boost mood and improve mental health)
9. Functional fitness training (exercise that uses strength, endurance, balance, and other training types that apply to daily living activities)
10. Health/wellness coaching (health and lifestyle programs based in behavioral science for industry professionals)

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State Trends

Data from the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is used to compare District/Department amenities to other Park Departments and Districts in the state of Illinois.

The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is prepared as a five-year document by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to maintain Illinois' eligibility to participate in the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program. Its purpose is to "evaluate the outdoor recreation needs of Illinois citizens and determine how best to meet these needs, considering the state's natural resources, recreational lands and facilities, and socioeconomic factors."

The 2021-2025 SCORP identified Illinois' continued low ranking of per capita supply of outdoor recreation land and facilities compared to the rest of the nation. As a result, park and recreation agencies throughout Illinois consistently plan for and achieve a high level of excellence with the recreation opportunities they provide to their communities and land acquisition remains a high priority where possible.

Recreation Facilities and Park Lands Inventory

There are about 1.5 million acres of outdoor recreation land in Illinois ranging from federal and state lands to schools and private commercial lands. Municipal agencies, which include park and recreation departments, park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, and county-level park departments, provide an estimated total of 350,900 acres of parks. They also own 195,800 acres of natural areas and lease/manage another 15,600 acres of open space.

The state itself offers over 470,000 acres of open space throughout the state, through the IDNR. State lands include parks, fish and wildlife areas, conservation areas, and recreation areas to name a few. Federal lands include the 280,000-acre Shawnee National Forest and ten National Wildlife Refuges sites throughout the state. Other recreation providers include schools, non profits, and private entities that provide unique outdoor recreation opportunities for the people of Illinois. The lands managed by these providers were not included in the SCORP.

Top Activities

Based on the 2020 Illinois Community Recreation Facilities and Park Lands Inventory, the top five trends across the state by importance for activities to be made available to Illinois residents are pleasure walking, scenic drives, swimming in an outdoor pool, picnicking, and bicycling (road) as determined by the Illinois resident responses. These results align with the reported preference for investment in trail development and maintenance and the high participation in trail activities such as pleasure walking and running/jogging which had the highest frequency for median participation/year among resident responses. The continued and increasing popularity in pickleball and wildlife/bird watching as well as the decreasing participation in many categories from the 2014 results is likely due to the aging populations in communities across the state.

According to the survey, municipal parks or county preserves are used as critical, close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities and provide a variety of activities for programming/events, sports, trail systems, and play. State parks are typically tourism destinations and are significant conservation sites mostly used for wildlife and water activities such as tent camping, vehicle camping, hiking, motor boating, and water skiing. Federal locations in Illinois consist mostly of water bodies and are primarily used for sailing, water skiing, and motor boating. Private recreation locations may offer a variety of activities such as athletic fields, walking tracks, playgrounds, campgrounds, and hunting areas.

The importance of providing outdoor recreation opportunities close to residents' homes or neighborhoods has continued to increase with most of the surveyed activities reported to be taking a more localized form. While this may be partially attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, previous surveys have also shown greater participation at localized locations for most activities.

Funding Priorities

Public recreation providers identified their top funding priorities for two categories: Outdoor Recreation and conservation efforts and Facilities. For outdoor recreation and conservation, the top three priorities were "maintain existing parks/recreation areas," "provide environmental/conservation programs," and "develop/improve existing land/water open spaces." The top facility priorities were "inclusive/ADA programs/facilities," "community/regional parks," and "neighborhood parks."

Attitudes about Outdoor Recreation

Respondents were asked to rate the various factors they considered to be important when making decisions about engaging in outdoor recreation opportunities. Top contributing

factors to respondents' decisions to participate in outdoor recreation activities include "to have fun," "exercise/keep healthy," "spend time with family and friends," and "experience nature and/or the outdoors."

Survey respondents indicated that "health and fitness," "area inclusion"/service for all people, and "quality of life and economic development" are important aspects of parks and recreation. Additionally, over 70% of residents agreed with the importance of all of the other resources listed in the survey including "maintenance," "health and fitness," "area inclusion" (access for all people,) "quality of life and economic development," "trails and greenway development," "wildlife habitat protected and restored," "conservation education," "public access to lakes, rivers, and streams," and "land acquisition - outdoor rec." The top reported concerns regarding parks and recreation were "facilities are clean," "parking available," "increased accessibility," and "educational activities needed."

Outdoor Recreation Priorities

Priorities identified by the IDNR are listed in the 2021-2025 State of Illinois SCORP as:

- Improving Health and Wellness
- Access to Parks and Recreation
- Natural Resources and Conservation Management
- Funding and Economic Development

Local Trends

Local recreation trends were derived from the Sports and Market Leisure Potential and Recreation Expenditures Report from the Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri).

This data is based on national propensities to use various products and services, applied to the local demographic composition of Braidwood. Usage data was collected by Growth for Knowledge Mediamark Research and Intelligence, LLC (GfKMRI) in a national survey that was representative of U.S. households. Market Potential Index (MPI) measures the relative likelihood of the adults in the specified area to exhibit certain consumer behaviors or purchasing patterns compared to the U.S. as a whole. An MPI of 100 represents the U.S. average.

The following are the top 10 activities based on number of participants for both the City and the Park District:

	Activity	Number of Participants: Park District	Number of Participants: City
1	Walking for Exercise	1,657	1,620
2	Attend Sports Event	1,076	1,049
3	Swimming	874	853
4	Hiking	852	831
5	Weight Lifting	732	716
6	Fishing (fresh water)	586	568
7	Cornhole	543	529
8	Bicycling (Road)	478	469
9	Jogging or Running	474	463
10	Bowling	462	450

The number of MPIs over 100 for both the Braidwood Park District and City of Braidwood are higher than typical, which speaks to a very active community. Most communities have scores over 100 for approximately 12-15 activities, but Braidwood has 19 activities with an MPI over 100. Eighteen of the nineteen activities are identical between the Park District and City populations. This bodes well for program expansion in the future, particularly in outdoor recreation-oriented activities.

Because the MPI indicates likely participation, these results indicate good potential for further expansion of recreation activities. There may be opportunities to grow some program areas in parks. This growing interest in participation is a growing trend occurring in park and recreation systems nationwide.

Braidwood Park District

Product/Consumer Behavior	Expected # of Adults/HHs	Percent	MPI
Participated in hunting with a rifle in last 12 months	246	4.9%	153
Participated in water skiing in last 12 months	83	1.7%	139
Participated in power boating in last 12 months	305	6.1%	138
Participated in bow hunting in last 12 months	118	2.3%	138
Participated in hunting with a shotgun in last 12 months	152	3.0%	132
Participated in archery in last 12 months	142	2.8%	125
Participated in fresh water fishing in last 12 months	586	11.7%	122
Participated in motorcycling in last 12 months	158	3.1%	115
Participated in cornhole in last 12 months	543	10.8%	114
Participated in canoeing or kayaking in last 12 months	401	8.0%	111
Participated in Frisbee in last 12 months	161	3.2%	111
Participated in salt water fishing in last 12 months	185	3.7%	109
Attend sports event in last 12 months	1,076	21.4%	107
Participated in jet skiing in last 12 months	85	1.7%	107
Participated in swimming in last 12 months	874	17.4%	107
Participated in football in last 12 months	144	2.9%	103
Participated in indoor/outdoor rowing in last 12 months	93	1.9%	103
Participated in target shooting in last 12 months	237	4.7%	103
Participated in walking for exercise in last 12 months	1,657	32.9%	102

City of Braidwood

Product/Consumer Behavior	Expected # of Adults/HHs	Percent	MPI
Participated in hunting with a rifle in last 12 months	238	4.9%	152
Participated in water skiing in last 12 months	81	1.7%	139
Participated in power boating in last 12 months	298	6.1%	138
Participated in bow hunting in last 12 months	115	2.4%	138
Participated in hunting with a shotgun in last 12 months	148	3.0%	132
Participated in archery in last 12 months	139	2.8%	125
Participated in fresh water fishing in last 12 months	568	11.6%	121
Participated in motorcycling in last 12 months	154	3.1%	116
Participated in cornhole in last 12 months	529	10.8%	114
Participated in canoeing or kayaking in last 12 months	392	8.0%	111
Participated in Frisbee in last 12 months	157	3.2%	111
Participated in salt water fishing in last 12 months	180	3.7%	108
Attend sports event in last 12 months	1,049	21.4%	108
Participated in jet skiing in last 12 months	83	1.7%	107
Participated in swimming in last 12 months	853	17.4%	107
Participated in indoor/outdoor rowing in last 12 months	92	1.9%	104
Participated in football in last 12 months	140	2.9%	103
Participated in walking for exercise in last 12 months	230	4.7%	102
Participated in golf in last 12 months	398	8.1%	101

Community Engagement Summary

On November 30, 2023, CMAP conducted a community open house to engage residents and gather feedback on community strengths, challenges, and priorities for the future of Braidwood.

Overview

As part of the planning process, the project team reviewed community input gathered through the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Braidwood Comprehensive Plan public engagement process, including a community open house attended by more than 100 residents. The findings provided valuable insight into community priorities, existing strengths, and opportunities for future investment in parks, recreation, and open space.

Common Themes

Community Character and Quality of Life

Residents consistently identified Braidwood's small-town character, quiet environment, strong sense of community, and low crime rate as some of the community's most valued assets. Participants expressed a desire to preserve these qualities while continuing to enhance amenities and services that contribute to the community's quality of life. Popular recreational activities included fishing, boating, swimming, walking, and spending time at Braidwood Lake, Shadow Lakes, and other natural areas throughout the community.

Connectivity and Trail Improvements

Improved connectivity emerged as one of the most common themes throughout the engagement process. Residents expressed a desire for additional sidewalks, safer pedestrian routes, expanded walking and bicycling facilities, and stronger connections between neighborhoods, parks, schools, businesses, and nearby natural areas. Many participants also identified the need for trail connections to forest preserves and other recreational destinations, along with improvements to overall walkability throughout the community.

Parks and Recreation Amenities

While residents generally viewed the existing park system positively, many identified opportunities to expand recreational amenities and improve existing facilities. Frequently requested improvements included splash pads, playgrounds, outdoor fitness equipment, dog parks, and expanded trail systems. Community members also expressed interest in additional open space and recreational opportunities that would serve a wider range of ages and interests.





Facilities and Programming

Community members expressed strong interest in expanded recreation programming and indoor recreation opportunities. Desired facilities included a community recreation center, community pool, fitness facilities, indoor gathering spaces, and multi-generational recreation opportunities. Residents also identified a need for additional family-oriented activities, youth and teen programming, community events, and facilities and programs that serve seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Key Takeaways

Overall, community input indicated that residents value Braidwood's existing parks, open spaces, and community character but would like to see improved connectivity, expanded recreational amenities, enhanced programming opportunities, and additional recreation facilities. These themes helped inform the goals, recommendations, and implementation strategies presented throughout this Comprehensive Parks Master Plan.



Braidwood Knights of Columbus Council # 1574

The Knights of Columbus are holding the annual tootsie roll drive on Sept. 18, 19 and 20th, 2026. We would like to have permission to collect donations in Braidwood on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for volunteers to standing at the 4 way stops in Braidwood at Division and 113 and at Reed Road the 4 Way. Stops, and at the Lights if possible we will ask Berkots permission to stand there on Fri., Sat. and Sunday. We are asking for the City Councils approval to perform this annual fund drive. The tootsie roll funds are used to help people with Intellectual Disabilities. Please list this activity for the agenda on August 11th City Council meeting and let me know if you need more info. My Phone is 815-671-7665. Thank You.

William C Pohl
Tootsie Roll Chairman
Knights of Columbus # 1574

August 7, 2026,
24-R0582.04

To: Mayor and City Council
City of Braidwood
141 West Main Street
Braidwood, IL 60408

Attn: Mr. Steve Gulden, City Administrator

RE: Pay Request #1
Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Standby Generator Replacement

Mr. Gulden:

We have reviewed Estimate of Payment #1 from Excel Electric for work completed to date on the above referenced project. It is our opinion that the work completed is in substantial conformance with the plans and specifications. We therefore recommend payment as follows:

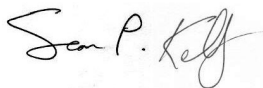
Total Earned to Date.....	\$41,471.52
Less 10% retention.....	\$4,147.15
Total Due Estimate No. 1 - Partial.....	<u>\$37,324.37</u>

Original Contract Amount.....	\$803,500.00
Additional Work / Changes to Date.....	<u>\$0.00</u>
Remaining Contract Balance (including retainage)	\$766,175.63

Therefore, we recommend that the City Council authorize the release of funds in the amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents (\$37,324.37) at this time to the contractor, **Excel Electric, Inc.**

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Sean P. Kelly, P.E., CFM
Senior Project Manager
(815) 412-2704
skelly@reltd.com

Cc: Bryan Wellner, City Attorney
Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC

Encl.
Payout Summary
Pay Request#1

8/7/2026

Pay Request Contract Total (eligible)	\$41,471.52
Additional Work Total (eligible)	\$0.00
Pay Request Total (eligible)	\$41,471.52
Pay out requested	\$41,471.52
Retainage (10%)	\$4,147.15
Payout #1 Total	\$37,324.37
Current Payment Amount	\$37,324.37
Outstanding Balance including retainage	\$766,175.63
Outstanding Retainage Balance	\$4,147.15

Application and Certificate for Payment

TO OWNER:	PROJECT:	APPLICATION NO:	Distribution to:
CITY OF BRAIDWOOD 141 WEST MAIN STREET BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408	CITY OF BRAIDWOOD GENERATOR 895-897 North School Street Braidwood, IL 60408	1	OWNER ☐
FROM CONTRACTOR:	VIA ARCHITECT:	CONTRACT FOR:	ARCHITECT ☐
EXCEL ELECTRIC, INC. 24 SANGMEISTER ROAD FRANKFORT, IL 60423		07/31/2026 Electrical	CONTRACTOR ☐
		CONTRACT DATE:	FIELD ☐
		PROJECT NOS:	OTHER ☐
		INVOICE NO: 132302	

CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

Application is made for payment, as shown below, in connection with the Contract.
AIA Document G703™, Continuation Sheet, is attached.

1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT SUM \$ 893,500.00
2. NET CHANGE BY CHANGE ORDERS \$ 0.00
3. CONTRACT SUM TO DATE (Line 1 + 2) \$ 893,500.00
4. TOTAL COMPLETED & STORED TO DATE (Column G on G703) \$ 44,474.52

5. RETAINAGE:

- a. 10 % of Completed Work
(Columns D + E on G703) \$ 4,147.15
- b. 0 % of Stored Material
(Column F on G703) \$ 0.00

Total Retainage (Lines 5a + 5b, or Total in Column I of G703) \$ 4,147.15

6. TOTAL EARNED LESS RETAINAGE \$ 37,324.37
(Line 4 minus Line 5 Total)

7. LESS PREVIOUS CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT \$ 0.00
(Line 6 from prior Certificate)

8. CURRENT PAYMENT DUE \$ 37,324.37

9. BALANCE TO FINISH, INCLUDING RETAINAGE \$ 766,175.63
(Line 3 minus Line 6)

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS
Total changes approved in previous months by Owner	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total approved this month	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
NET CHANGES by Change Order	\$	0.00

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The undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief the Work covered by this Application for Payment has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents, that all amounts have been paid by the Contractor for Work for which previous Certificates for Payment were issued and payments received from the Owner, and that current payment shown herein is now due.

CONTRACTOR: _____ **Date:** 07.30.2026
By: _____

State of: Illinois
County of: Will

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of _____

Notary Public: _____
My commission expires: February 03, 2030



ARCHITECT'S CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

In accordance with the Contract Documents, based on on-site observations and the data comprising this application, the Architect certifies to the Owner that to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief the Work has progressed as indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is entitled to payment of the AMOUNT CERTIFIED.

AMOUNT CERTIFIED \$
(Attach explanation if amount certified differs from the amount applied. Initial all figures on this Application and on the Continuation Sheet that are changed to conform with the amount certified.)

ARCHITECT:

By: _____ **Date:** _____

This Certificate is not negotiable. The AMOUNT CERTIFIED is payable only to the Contractor named herein. Issuance, payment and acceptance of payment are without prejudice to any rights of the Owner or Contractor under this Contract.

Continuation Sheet

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In tabulations below, amounts are in US dollars.

Use Column I on Contracts where variable retainage for line items may apply.

APPLICATION NO: 1

APPLICATION DATE: 07/31/2026

PERIOD TO: 07/31/2026

ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NO:

A ITEM NO.	B DESCRIPTION OF WORK	C SCHEDULED VALUE	D WORK COMPLETED		E THIS PERIOD	F MATERIALS PRESENTLY STORED (Not in D or E)	G TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE (D+E+F)	H BALANCE TO FINISH (C - G)	I RETAINAGE (If variable rate)
			FROM PREVIOUS APPLICATION (D + E)						
1	Bond	8,171.00	0.00		8,171.00	0.00	8,171.00	0.00	817.10
2	Mobilize	2,000.00	0.00		500.00	0.00	500.00	1,500.00	50.00
3	Submittals/Closeouts	9,600.00	0.00		2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	7,200.00	240.00
4	Demolition Labor-WTP	20,800.00	0.00		1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	19,600.00	120.00
5	Demolition Materials-WTP	30,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
6	Demolition Labor-WWTP	22,200.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	22,200.00	0.00
7	Demolition Materials-WWTP	30,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
8	Concrete Pads Labor-WTP	13,600.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	13,600.00	0.00
9	Concrete Pads Material-WTP	12,354.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	12,354.00	0.00
10	Concrete Pads Labor-WWTP	10,800.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	10,800.00	0.00
11	Concrete Pads Material-WWTP	11,900.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	11,900.00	0.00
12	Switchgear & Feeders Labor-WTP	34,400.00	0.00		5,450.00	0.00	5,450.00	28,950.00	545.00
13	Switchgear & Feeders Material-WTP	22,700.00	0.00		5,230.00	0.00	5,230.00	17,470.00	523.00
14	Switchgear & Feeders Labor-WWTP	32,600.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	32,600.00	0.00
15	Switchgear & Feeders Material-WWTP	23,500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	23,500.00	0.00
16	Generator Install Labor-WTP	34,400.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	34,400.00	0.00
17	Generator Install Material-WTP	11,800.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	11,800.00	0.00
18	Generator Install Labor-WWTP	32,800.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	32,800.00	0.00
19	Generator Install Material-WWTP	11,200.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	11,200.00	0.00
20	SWITCHGEAR-Heisel WTP	6,620.00	0.00		6,620.00	0.00	6,620.00	0.00	662.00
GRAND TOTAL									

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APPLICATION NO: 1
 APPLICATION DATE: 07/31/2026
 PERIOD TO: 07/31/2026
 ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NO:

A ITEM NO.	B DESCRIPTION OF WORK	C SCHEDULED VALUE	D WORK COMPLETED		E THIS PERIOD	F MATERIALS PRESENTLY STORED (Not in D or E)	G TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE (D+E+F)	H BALANCE TO FINISH (C – G)	I RETAINAGE (If variable rate)
			FROM PREVIOUS APPLICATION (D + E)						
21	GENERATOR-Cummins WTP	210,185.00	0.00		11,900.52	0.00	11,900.52	198,284.48	1,190.05
22	GENERATOR-Cummins WWTP *	211,870.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	211,870.00	0.00
		803,500.00	0.00		41,471.52	0.00	41,471.52	762,028.48	4,147.15
	GRAND TOTAL	803,500.00	0.00		41,471.52	0.00	41,471.52	762,028.48	4,147.15

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-47

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD TO ENTER
INTO AND FOR THE MAYOR OF BRAIDWOOD TO EXECUTE AN
EMERGENCY RESPONSE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
WITH THE BRAIDWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND
RIDGEWAY PETROLEUM, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Braidwood (the “City”) is a municipality in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, under Article VIII Section 1(a) of the Illinois Constitution, the City is authorized to enter into contracts for a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, after being available for public inspection with the City Clerk for at least a week prior to the date of this Ordinance, the City hereby finds that it is a public purpose and benefit to the City to enter into the Emergency Response Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Braidwood, Braidwood Fire Protection District, and Ridgeway Petroleum, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION

The Emergency Response Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Braidwood, Braidwood Fire Protection District, and Ridgeway Petroleum, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit A (collectively referred to as the “Agreement”), is hereby approved by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Braidwood and the Mayor or two Commissioners for the City of Braidwood are hereby authorized to sign such Agreement.

SECTION 2: SEVERIBILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication, and filing with the City Clerk as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026 with ____ members voting aye, ____ members voting nay, the Mayor voting _____, with ____ members abstaining or passing and said vote being:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioner Elizabeth Dixon	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Warren Wietting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner James Mikel, Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Todd Lyons	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Dale Walsh	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Emergency Response Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Braidwood, Braidwood Fire Protection District and Ridgeway Petroleum, Inc.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMERGENCY RESPONSE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2026 (“*Effective Date*”) by and between City of Braidwood, an Illinois municipal corporation (“**City**”), the Braidwood Fire Protection District (“**BFPD**”), and Ridgeway Petroleum, Inc., an Illinois Corporation, d/b/a Mastodon Mart (“**Owner**”)(collectively, the Owner and the City are the “**Parties**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Owner operates Mastodon Mart at property generally located at 515 W Coal City Road, Braidwood, IL 60408 (“**Subject Property**”); and

WHEREAS, as part of Mastodon Mart’s operation, the Owner requested a variance to install a 125 foot tall high rise sign (hereinafter referred to as the “**Sign**”) located on Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, due to the exceptionally tall high Sign, any emergencies related to the high rise sign will require the City and BFPD to incur extraordinary expenses related to the response for such emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for the City’s willingness to permit the Sign, the Owner agrees to reimburse the City and BFPD for any costs and expenses as a result of any emergency involving the Sign.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the sufficiency of which parties hereby acknowledge, the City, BFPD, and City agree as follows:

Section 1. Recitals and Exhibits. The foregoing recitals are incorporated as though fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. Reimbursement. The Owner agrees to reimburse the City and BFPD for any costs and expenses related to any calls for police or fire service, emergencies, or rescue efforts involving the Sign. The City and/or BFPD shall send an invoice to Owner setting forth the related costs and expenses, and the Owner shall pay such invoice within thirty (30) days after receiving the invoice.

Section 3. General Provisions.

A. **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by, and enforced in accordance with, the internal laws, but not the conflicts of laws rules, of the State of Illinois. Venue for disputes arising from or related to this Agreement, the Development, or the Subject Property will be in the Illinois Circuit Court for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois.

B. **Binding.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by each respective Party’s successors, assigns, personal representatives, heirs, and legatees.

C. Assignment. The Owner may not assign, convey, transfer or otherwise alienate any of the Owner's rights or obligations under this Agreement without the City's prior written consent.

D. Interpretation. This Agreement will be construed without regard to the identity of the party who drafted the various provisions of this Agreement. Moreover, each and every provision of this Agreement will be construed as though all Parties to this Agreement participated equally in the drafting of this Agreement. As a result of the foregoing, any rule or construction that a document is to be construed against the drafting party is not applicable to this Agreement.

E. Amendments and Modifications. No amendment or modification to this Agreement will be effective until it is reduced to writing and approved and executed by all Parties to this Agreement in accordance with all Requirements of Law.

F. Changes in Laws. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, any reference to the requirements of law will be deemed to include any modifications of, or amendments to, the requirements of law that may occur in the future.

G. Authority to Execute. The City and BFPD hereby warrant and represent to each other Party that the person(s) executing this Agreement on its behalf have been properly authorized to do so by each respective Party. The Owner hereby warrants and represents to the City and BFPD that it has the full and complete right, power, and authority to enter into this Agreement and agree to the terms, provisions, and conditions set forth in this Agreement and to bind the Subject Property as set forth in this Agreement, that all legal actions needed to authorize the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement have been taken, and that neither the execution of this Agreement nor the performance of the obligations assumed by the Owner will (a) result in a breach or default under any agreement to which the Owner is a party or to which it or the Subject Property is bound or (b) violate any statute, law, restriction, court order, or agreement to which the Owner to the Subject Property are subject.

H. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer upon any other person, entity, company, or organization, any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

I. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will constitute an original document, which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

Signature Page to Follow

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed on the Effective Date.

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD,
An Illinois Municipal Corporation,

BRAIDWOOD FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT,

By: _____
Todd Lyons, its Mayor

By: _____
Charles Boyd, President

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Sarah Weaver, City Clerk

Teri Post, Secretary

RIDGEWAY PETROLIUM, INC.
an Illinois Corporation, d/b/a Mastodon Mart,

By: _____
Dave Smith, its President

Subscribed and sworn before me on this

_____ day of _____, 2026

Signature of Notary

Seal:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-48

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AS IT PERTAINS TO
THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Braidwood ("City") is an Illinois municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by the Illinois Municipal Code to establish reasonable standards of design for subdivisions and for re-subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined in order to protect the general safety and welfare of the residents of the City, it is in the City's best interest to amend certain provisions of the City's Code of Ordinances (the "Code") for the purpose of regulating the consolidation of lots within the City's planning jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS

That the Recitals to this Ordinance and Exhibits are adopted by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDED

That the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended to delete and replace Section 74-2 with the following:

Sec. 74-2. - Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alley means a strip of land, smaller than a minor street, along the side of or in the rear of properties intended as access to these properties.

Building setback line means the line indicating the minimum horizontal distance between the property line and buildings, either at the front or side of the lot.

Contractor means person(s) hired to construct and install required improvements for the subdivision.

Crosswalk way means a public right-of-way, 15 feet or more in width between property lines, which provides pedestrians access to adjacent properties.

Cul-de-sac means a street having one open end and being permanently terminated by a vehicle turnaround.

Easement means a grant by a property owner of the use, for a specific purpose or purposes, of a strip of land by the general public, a corporation or a certain person.

Improvement, public improvement means any sanitary sewer, storm sewer, drainage ditch, water main, roadway, parkway strip, sidewalk, planting strip, cross walkway, off-street

parking areas, or other facility for which the city may ultimately assume the responsibility for maintenance and operation or which is constructed for general public use or benefit.

Lot means a portion of a subdivision or other parcel of land intended for transfer of ownership or for building development.

Minor street means a street intended primarily as access to abutting properties.

Primary street means a street of considerable continuity which serves or is intended to serve as a major traffic artery connecting large areas.

Public street means all primary, secondary, and minor streets which are shown on the plat and are dedicable.

Secondary street means a street supplementary to the primary street system providing intercommunication between this system and smaller areas and streets.

Street means a street which serves or is intended to serve as a vehicular and pedestrian access to abutting lands or to other streets.

Street width means the shortest distance between lines of lots delineating the street.

Subdivision means a division of any tract or parcel of land into five or more lots or other divisions of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of transfer of ownership or for building development, or, if a new street is involved, any division of such parcel; provided, however, that the division of land into parcels of more than five acres, not involving any change in street lines or public easements, shall not be deemed a subdivision within the meaning of this chapter. The terms include re-subdivision, consolidation, and, where appropriate to the context, shall relate to the process of subdividing or to the land subdivided. Application for permit to construct two or more dwellings on a parcel or tract of land or to construct one or more additional dwellings on a parcel or tract of land where one or more dwellings already exist shall be construed as a building development envisioning future transfer of ownership and shall be regarded as a subdivision. For purpose of administration of this chapter, a parcel or tract of land shall be deemed to have the boundaries and dimensions given in the current maps of record of the county.

SECTION 3. CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDED

That the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended to delete and replace Section 74-41 with the following:

Sec. 74-41. - Subdivision plat approval procedures.

(a) A plat of subdivision meeting the requirements of this chapter shall be filed with the city for approval. The fee for a plat of subdivision, including consolidations and re-subdivisions, shall be \$750.00, except for a conforming subdivision, re-subdivision, or consolidation of five lots or less when the fee shall be \$350.00, which shall be paid at the time of filing. The owner must provide a site plan showing the topography of all lots and adjoining lot areas certified by an Illinois licensed surveyor or civil engineer. If the flow of surface water will be changed as a result of construction in the subdivision, the site plan shall show how provision has been made for collection and diversion of such surface waters into public areas, drains, or the stormwater drainage system. The site plan must use generally accepted engineering practices so as to reduce

the likelihood of flood damage to adjoining properties or the flow of stormwater to adjoining properties.

(b) A plat of subdivision shall be reviewed by the plan commission for their recommendation to the city council. The city council has the power to approve all plats of subdivision, whether conforming or requiring variations.

(c) If a conforming subdivision does not involve the construction of new streets, water mains, sanitary sewers, or storm sewers, and involves less than five lots, or if a conforming consolidation involves less than five lots and is consolidating into a smaller quantity of lots, the subdivision shall be processed as follows: the plan chair shall administratively review the plat of subdivision, in consultation with the city engineer, with no public hearing, public notice, meeting, or vote of the plan commission being required. After review, the plat shall be forwarded to the city council for final action with a recommendation by the Plan Chair. The city council may approve the plat by motion action at a regular city council meeting.

(d) For all subdivisions involving a variation, five or more lots, or the construction of new streets, water mains, sanitary sewers, or storm sewers; the subdivision shall be processed as follows: the plan commission shall review the plat of subdivision, in consultation with the city engineer, at a public meeting. If a variation is requested, then notice of a public hearing shall be provided as required by the Braidwood Zoning Code for zoning hearings. After review, the plat of subdivision shall be forwarded to the city council for final action. The city council may approve the plat of subdivision by motion action at a regular city council meeting, with any plat of subdivision requiring a variation to be approved by ordinance.

(e) After approval of the city council, the plat of subdivision shall be recorded by the city attorney, with the owner responsible for all costs and expenses of recording. No plat of subdivision shall be recorded until all fees due the city are paid, and no building permits shall be issued until all costs and expenses of recording are paid.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, provision or section of this Ordinance, or any part thereof, shall be held to be unconstitutional, unenforceable or void, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability or any remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, provisions or sections of this Ordinance, in addition to, but not in lieu of any other civil remedies which may be available to the City of Braidwood.

SECTION 5. REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts thereof which conflict with any term, condition, provision or section of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in effective after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026 with ____ members voting aye, ____ members voting nay, the Mayor voting _____, with ____ members abstaining or passing and said

vote being:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Commissioner Elizabeth Dixon	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Commissioner Warren Wietting	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Commissioner James Mikel	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Mayor Todd Lyons	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Commissioner Dale Walsh	_____	_____	_____	_____
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APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Computer Check Proof List By Dept
8/11/2026

<u>Fund/Department</u>	<u>Dept Total</u>
Total for 00 - I Liability	NCPERS AFLAC
Fund 01 - General Fund	\$ -
Employee's deduction	
Total for Dept 00:	\$ 50,686.44
Total for Dept 50: Administration	20,254.64
Total for Dept 51: Zoning	2,728.97
Total for Dept 52: Police Dept	10,440.82
Total for Dept 53: Street Dept	10,417.42
Total for Dept 55: ESDA	1,073.08
Total for Dept 57: Public Property & Buildings	202.92
Total for Dept 58: Recreation/Town Center	437.25
Credit for Departments	
Subtotal for Fund 01	\$ 96,241.54
Fund 02 - Enterprise Fund	
Total for 00 - I Liability IEPA Loan Payable	\$ -
Total for 13 - Capacity Use Fees	
Total for 22 - Special Assessment	\$ -
Total for 26 - Garbage	\$ 53,125.00
Total for 70 - Water Dept	\$ 17,785.04
Total for 71 -Sewer Dept	\$ 4,341.48
Liability Insurance	\$ -
Fund 03 - Motor Fuel Tax	181.72
Fund 05 - Debt Service	
Fund 08 - Liability Audit	\$ 11,029.00
Fund 09 - Liability Insurance	\$ -
	-
Fund 13 - TIF 3	\$ 2,126.25
Fund 16- Capital Projects	\$ 32.99
Fund 20 - Police Forfeiture	\$ -
TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS:	\$ -
Manual Check Total	Wescom and Postmaster
	\$ 14,159.05
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 199,022.07

Accounts Payable

To Be Paid Proof List

User: cmiroballi@kasperekcpa.com
Printed: 07/27/2026 - 4:26PM
Batch: 00008.07.2026 - 07-27-2026 Manual Postage

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Amount	Quantity	Payment Date	Task Label	Type	PO #	Close PO	Line #
Account Number	Description					Reference			
POSTMASTER									
POSTMAS3									
690425255	7/27/2026	925.63	0.00	07/27/2026				No	0
02-70-525-000 Postage									
690425255 Total:		925.63							
POSTMASTER Total:		925.63							
Report Total:		925.63							

Accounts Payable

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User: mcuevas@kasperekcpa.com
Printed: 08/03/2026 - 1:13PM
Batch: 00001.08.2026 - 08/03/2026 Manual Run

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Amount	Quantity	Payment Date	Task Label	Type	PO #	Close PO	Line #
Account Number	Description		Reference						
WESCOM									
WESCOM									
20260604	8/3/2026	13,233.42	0.00	08/03/2026				No	0
01-52-512-000 Dispatch services				June 2026 Dispatching Services					
20260604 Total:		13,233.42							
WESCOM Total:		13,233.42							
Report Total:		13,233.42							

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User: mcuevas@kasperckpa.com
 Printed: 08/06/2026 - 10:18AM
 Batch: 00002.08.2026 - 08/11/2026 AP Run

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Amount	Quantity	Payment Date	Task Label	Type	PO #	Close PO	Line #
Account Number	Description		Reference						
ALLEGRA COAL CITY ALLEGRC									
147703	8/11/2026	191.38	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-50-527-000 Printing				Water shut off labels					
	147703 Total:	191.38							
147789	8/11/2026	1,271.34	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-525-000 Postage				Water bills					
	147789 Total:	1,271.34							
ALLEGRA COAL CITY T		1,462.72							
AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES AMAZON									
144T-C37C-KGVQ	8/11/2026	42.90	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-52-529-000 Supplies				Deodorizer					
	144T-C37C-KGVQ Total:	42.90							
17TF-JNH6-3R1L	8/11/2026	118.76	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-50-529-000 Office Supplies				Paper cups/toner/binder clips/rubber bands					
17TF-JNH6-3R1L	8/11/2026	26.66	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-53-529-000 Miscellaneous Supplies				Weed eater string					
17TF-JNH6-3R1L	8/11/2026	35.99	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-51-529-000 Supplies - Office				Black toner					
	17TF-JNH6-3R1L Total:	181.41							

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1K79-LP4T-VWC6	8/11/2026	36.69	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-52-529-000 Supplies				paper Towels					
1K79-LP4T-VWC6	8/11/2026	36.69	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-50-529-000 Office Supplies				paper Towels					
1K79-LP4T-VWC6 Total:		73.38							
1LWX-47PI-363D	8/11/2026	143.98	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment				Toner Cartridges					
1LWX-47PI-363D Total:		143.98							
1MF7-CHJK-XXW1	8/11/2026	188.20	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-52-529-000 Supplies				Roll Paper					
1MF7-CHJK-XXWP Total:		188.20							
1TQQ-GQV7-VWQ	8/11/2026	85.00	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-53-552-000 Tools/Equipment				Barrel pump					
1TQQ-GQV7-VWQ	8/11/2026	84.99	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment				Barrel pump					
1TQQ-GQV7-VWQ	8/11/2026	55.85	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-50-529-000 Office Supplies				Bulletin board					
1TQQ-GQV7-VWQY Total:		225.84							
1XX3-3CTR-FN7V	8/11/2026	235.86	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-52-529-000 Supplies				Bankers box/hallpoint pen/shoe covers/storage box					
1XX3-3CTR-FN7V Total:		235.86							
AMAZON CAPITOL SER		1,091.57							
B&F CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICES INC									
BFCNST									
72482	8/11/2026	300.00	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-51-427-005 Zoning Inspectors				26-4873 Downey Residence					
72482 Total:		300.00							

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72565	8/11/2026	300.00	0.00	08/11/2026	26-4895 Joly Residence				No	0
01-51-427-005 Zoning Inspectors										
72565 Total:		300.00								
72576	8/11/2026	959.33	0.00	08/11/2026	1138067 SFR Quinta Residence				No	0
01-51-427-005 Zoning Inspectors										
72576 Total:		959.33								
B&F CONSTRUCTION C		1,559.33								
BEAVER CREEK GOLF CARTS										
BEAVERCR										
52110	8/11/2026	425.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Passenger golf cart rental				No	0
01-52-512-500 Misc - expenditures										
52110 Total:		425.00								
BEAVER CREEK GOLF C		425.00								
BEXSON, JEFFERY										
BEXSON										
25-4598 Final	8/11/2026	50.00	0.00	08/11/2026	82 Fossil Cove Final				No	0
01-51-427-005 Zoning Inspectors										
25-4598 Final Total:		50.00								
25-4610 Rough	8/11/2026	50.00	0.00	08/11/2026	891 EZ St rough				No	0
01-51-427-005 Zoning Inspectors										
25-4610 Rough Total:		50.00								
BEXSON, JEFFERY Total		100.00								
BOB'S ADVANCED AUTO & TIRE PARTS										
BOBSADV										

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166682	8/11/2026	96.48	0.00	08/11/2026	Engine oil/oil Filter				No	0
01-52-537-000 Maintenance-Vehicles										
166682 Total:		96.48								
166727	8/11/2026	145.51	0.00	08/11/2026	Engine oil/oil Filter/Moa				No	0
01-52-537-000 Maintenance-Vehicles										
166727 Total:		145.51								
166834	8/11/2026	197.07	0.00	08/11/2026	oil/Freon				No	0
01-55-537-000 Maintenance-Vehicles										
166834 Total:		197.07								
166967	8/11/2026	706.01	0.00	08/11/2026	Steering Shaft				No	0
01-55-537-000 Maintenance-Vehicles										
166967 Total:		706.01								
BOB'S ADVANCED AUT		1,145.07								
C/O WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP, ENGLEWOOD ELECTRIC										
ENGLEWOOD										
735604	8/11/2026	67.57	0.00	08/11/2026	AC-DC MOV SU				No	0
02-71-515-001 Utilities- Gas/Electric										
735604 Total:		67.57								
C/O WESCO RECEIVABLE		67.57								
CASEYS GENERAL STORE INC										
CASEYS										
7-26	8/11/2026	-30.81	0.00	08/11/2026	Rebate and Fee				No	0
01-52-542-003 Fuel - Gasoline										
7-26	8/11/2026	837.33	0.00	08/11/2026	Fuel 06/24-07/23/2026 Water				No	0
02-70-542-003 Fuel - Gasoline										
7-26	8/11/2026	597.49	0.00	08/11/2026	Fuel 06/24-07/23/2026 Street				No	0
01-53-542-003 Fuel - Gasoline										

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7-26	8/11/2026	1,475.34	0.00	08/11/2026	Fuel 06/24-07/23/2026 Police				No	0
01-52-542-003 Fuel - Gasoline										
7-26 Total:		2,879.35								
CASEYS GENERAL STO		2,879.35								
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY CINTAS										
8408465298	8/11/2026	47.51	0.00	08/11/2026	First aid/Street				No	0
01-53-529-000 Miscellaneous Supplies										
8408465298 Total:		47.51								
8408465299	8/11/2026	77.17	0.00	08/11/2026	First aid/water				No	0
02-70-529-000 Office Supplies										
8408465299 Total:		77.17								
CINTAS FIRST AID & SA		124.68								
City of Braidwood Federal Forfeiture FORFEIT										
FY27	8/11/2026	50,686.44	0.00	08/11/2026	Federal forfeiture money owed				No	0
01-00-207-200 Due to Federal Forfeiture Fund										
FY27 Total:		50,686.44								
City of Braidwood Federal		50,686.44								
COM ED COMED										
7-26 #2	8/11/2026	81.63	0.00	08/11/2026	3898591222 0 CALEB&CEMETA 6/15-7/20/26				No	0
02-71-515-001 Utilities- Gas/Electric										
7-26 #2	8/11/2026	111.78	0.00	08/11/2026	2292512222 897 N ENGLISH 6/16-7/16/26				No	0
02-70-515-001 Utilities - Gas/Electric										
7-26 #2	8/11/2026	58.40	0.00	08/11/2026					No	0

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03-53-515-001 Utilities - Gas/Electric 7-26 #2	8/11/2026	120.59	0.00	08/11/2026	0628962000 141 W MAIN-LIT 6/15-7/15/2026				No	0
03-53-515-001 Utilities - Gas/Electric 7-26 #2	8/11/2026	2.73	0.00	08/11/2026	1035771222 141 W MAIN-LIT 6/15-7/15/2026				No	0
03-53-515-001 Utilities - Gas/Electric					3766379000 IL-53 Metered 6/15-7/15/2026					
7-26 #2 Total:		375.13								
COM ED Total:		375.13								
COMCAST BUSINESS COMCTV										
8-26 #2	8/11/2026	35.01	0.00	08/11/2026					No	0
01-52-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions 8-26 #2	8/11/2026	329.81	0.00	08/11/2026	8771 20 016 0213670 7/26-8/25/2026				No	0
01-50-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions					8771 20 016 0223745 7/27-8/26/2026					
8-26 #2 Total:		364.82								
COMCAST BUSINESS To		364.82								
CORE & MAIN LP COREMAIN										
UC22832	8/11/2026	411.35	0.00	08/11/2026					No	0
02-70-553-000 Water Meter/Installation UC22832	8/11/2026	383.42	0.00	08/11/2026	Check 37217/37128 paid same invoice				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment UC22832	8/11/2026	-6,870.04	0.00	08/11/2026	Check 37217/37128 paid same invoice				No	0
02-70-517-000 Repairs - Water					Check 37217/37128 paid same invoice					
UC22832 Total:		-6,075.27								
Z452560	8/11/2026	10,744.00	0.00	08/11/2026					No	0
02-70-620-002 Infrastructure Improvements					IPERL 4WHL/Point Wired HR LD/ Point TC SP HR					
Z452560 Total:		10,744.00								

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	CORE & MAIN LP Total:	4,668.73								
D'ORAZIO FORD DORAZIO 234817 01-52-537-000 Maintenance- Vehicles	8/11/2026	890.70	0.00	08/11/2026	AC Repairs		No		No	0
234817 Total:		890.70								
D'ORAZIO FORD Total:		890.70								
DTW INC DTW 11748 01-50-512-003 Other Professional Services	8/11/2026	279.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Multiple server update/Planning with Sarah		No		No	0
11748 Total:		279.00								
11768 01-50-512-003 Other Professional Services	8/11/2026	272.80	0.00	08/11/2026	Followup with Remit/Setup new user/Archive former emple		No		No	0
11768 Total:		272.80								
DTW INC Total:		551.80								
EJ EQUIPMENT INC EJEQUIP P55850 01-53-537-000 Maintenance- Vehicles	8/11/2026	3,333.12	0.00	08/11/2026	Handgun hose/bracket/hose supply		No		No	0
P55850 Total:		3,333.12								
EJ EQUIPMENT INC Tot		3,333.12								
FISHER AUTO PARTS-C.CASSIDY										

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FISHER										
311-660916	8/11/2026	122.81	0.00	08/11/2026	Wire braid Hose/Flare Swivel				No	0
02-70-537-000 Maintenance - Vehicles										
311-660916 Total:		122.81								
311-660950	8/11/2026	47.96	0.00	08/11/2026	Diesel exhaust fluid				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment										
311-660950 Total:		47.96								
311-661303	8/11/2026	85.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Wire braid Hose/Flare Swivel				No	0
01-53-536-000 Maintenance - Equipment										
311-661303 Total:		85.00								
FISHER AUTO PARTS-C		255.77								
FREE PRESS										
FREE										
31195	8/11/2026	44.80	0.00	08/11/2026	Legal Notice July 22				No	0
01-51-528-000 Publishing										
31195 Total:		44.80								
FREE PRESS Total:		44.80								
GRIVETTI JR, ROBERT										
GRVETTIR										
5/21/2026	8/11/2026	65.85	0.00	08/11/2026	Work Shirts				No	0
02-70-506-000 Uniforms										
5/21/2026 Total:		65.85								
GRIVETTI JR, ROBERT T		65.85								
GULDEN & ASSOC CONSULTING										

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GULDENAC INV-000128 01-50-512-003 Other Professional Services	8/11/2026	10,796.00		0.00 08/11/2026 July Consulting				No	0
INV-000128 Total:		10,796.00							
GULDEN & ASSOC CON		10,796.00							
HAWKINS INC HAWKINS 7501583 02-70-562-101 Chemicals-Water 7501583 02-71-562-102 Chemicals-Sewer	8/11/2026 8/11/2026	1,167.15 3,284.00		0.00 08/11/2026 150 CYL Chlorine 0.00 08/11/2026 Ferric Chloride				No	0
7501583 Total:		4,451.15							
7510915 02-70-562-101 Chemicals-Water	8/11/2026	236.25		0.00 08/11/2026 Water Chem				No	0
7510915 Total:		236.25							
HAWKINS INC Total:		4,687.40							
HERITAGE FS INC HERITAGE 32020725 01-53-542-000 Fuel - Diesel	8/11/2026	253.00		0.00 08/11/2026 Diesel Fuel				No	0
32020725 Total:		253.00							
HERITAGE FS INC Total:		253.00							
HYSEL, PAMELA HYSEL 473756 01-52-535-001 Maintenance-Building	8/11/2026	185.00		0.00 08/11/2026 Cleaning/ Police				No	0

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473756 01-50-535-000 Maintenance - Building	8/11/2026	165.00	0.00 08/11/2026 Cleaning/ City Hall				No	0
473756 Total:		350.00						
473757 01-52-535-001 Maintenance-Building	8/11/2026	185.00	0.00 08/11/2026 Cleaning/ Police				No	0
473757 01-50-535-000 Maintenance - Building	8/11/2026	165.00	0.00 08/11/2026 Cleaning/ City Hall				No	0
473757 Total:		350.00						
HYSEL, PAMELA Total:		700.00						
ILLIANA ATTACHMENTS								
ILLIANA INV0882	8/11/2026	313.00	0.00 08/11/2026 74 Blade kit				No	0
01-53-536-000 Maintenance - Equipment								
INV0882 Total:		313.00						
ILLIANA ATTACHMENT		313.00						
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE								
ILSTATEP 20260604987	8/11/2026	81.00	0.00 08/11/2026 IL13941S				No	0
01-52-512-003 Other Professional Services								
20260604987 Total:		81.00						
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE		81.00						
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority ILTOLLWY VN5709683461	8/11/2026	23.90	0.00 08/11/2026 Kyle Cragg CDL drive				No	0
01-53-507-000 Training								

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VN5709683461 Total:		23.90							
Illinois State Toll Highway		23.90							
IMAGETEC L.P. CHECK#									
IMAGETEC									
INV11374	8/11/2026	678.93	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0
01-52-536-000 Maintenance-Equipment				8/1-10/31/26 copier					
INV11374 Total:		678.93							
IMAGETEC L.P. CHECK		678.93							
JAKE THE STRIPER									
JAKESTRP									
19490	8/11/2026	150.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Artwork	No			0
01-50-512-003 Other Professional Services									
19490 Total:		150.00							
JAKE THE STRIPER Total		150.00							
JM Custom T-Shirts									
JMCMTSHT									
860	8/11/2026	449.14	0.00	08/11/2026	Koosties	No			0
01-50-530-001 National Night Out Expenses									
860 Total:		449.14							
JM Custom T-Shirts Total		449.14							
JOHN KASPEREK CO INC									
KASPJ									
4196	8/11/2026	988.85	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0

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				Description		Reference			
01-50-512-001 Accounting Services 4196	8/11/2026	988.85	0.00	July Consulting 08/11/2026				No	0
01-51-512-001 Accounting Services 4196	8/11/2026	988.85	0.00	July Consulting 08/11/2026				No	0
01-52-512-001 Accounting Services 4196	8/11/2026	988.85	0.00	July Consulting 08/11/2026				No	0
01-53-512-001 Accounting Services 4196	8/11/2026	988.85	0.00	July Consulting 08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-512-001 Accounting Services				July Consulting				No	0
4196 Total:		4,944.25							
JOHN KASPEREK CO IN		4,944.25							
KANKAKEE VALLEY CONST CO INC KKKVALLY									
1773	8/11/2026	569.80	0.00	08/11/2026 Commercial Surface				No	0
02-70-517-000 Repairs - Water									
1773 Total:		569.80							
KANKAKEE VALLEY CO		569.80							
LRS,LLC LRS									
RD11474646	8/11/2026	53,125.00	0.00	08/11/2026 Disposal Service 7/1-7/31/2026				No	0
02-26-584-000 Garbage Service Charges									
RD11474646 Total:		53,125.00							
LRS,LLC Total:		53,125.00							
MENARDS BRADLEY MENARDS									
43315	8/11/2026	149.00	0.00	08/11/2026 Water cooler				No	0
01-53-529-000 Miscellaneous Supplies									

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43315 Total:		149.00							
MENARDS BRADLEY T		149.00							
MENARDS MORRIS MENARDSM 78957	8/11/2026	453.85	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-53-529-000 Miscellaneous Supplies				Degreaser/car wash/carplugs					
78957 Total:		453.85							
MENARDS MORRIS Tot		453.85							
MIDWEST SALT MIDWESTS 481135	8/11/2026	3,467.47	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-567-001 Salt				Coarse Salt					
481135 Total:		3,467.47							
MIDWEST SALT Total:		3,467.47							
NICOR GAS NICOR 7-26 #2	8/11/2026	72.78	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-57-515-001 Utilities-Depot/FP/Rte66/AL				3914527 07-47-80-9521 4 112S CENTER 6/26-7/28/26					
7-26 #2	8/11/2026	63.85	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-57-515-001 Utilities-Depot/FP/Rte66/AL				11-66-17-1660 2 15IN FRONT 6/22-7/22/26					
7-26 #2	8/11/2026	66.29	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-57-515-001 Utilities-Depot/FP/Rte66/AL				22-43-55-8455 6 111NCENTER 6/22-7/22/26					
7-26 #2 Total:		202.92							
NICOR GAS Total:		202.92							

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OMEGA INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY INC OMEGAIND 171023	8/11/2026	521.94	0.00	08/11/2026 Sewer Chemicals				No	0
02-71-562-102 Chemicals-Sewer									
171023 Total:		521.94							
OMEGA INDUSTRIAL S		521.94							
PAYCOR INC PAYCOR INV07341944	8/11/2026	157.60	0.00	08/11/2026 Payroll Processing				No	0
01-50-512-003 Other Professional Services									
INV07341944	8/11/2026	157.60	0.00	08/11/2026 Payroll Processing				No	0
01-52-512-003 Other Professional Services									
INV07341944	8/11/2026	157.60	0.00	08/11/2026 Payroll Processing				No	0
02-71-512-000 Other Professional Services									
INV07341944	8/11/2026	157.60	0.00	08/11/2026 Payroll Processing				No	0
01-53-512-003 Other Professional Services									
INV07341944	8/11/2026	157.60	0.00	08/11/2026 Payroll Processing				No	0
02-70-512-000 Other Professional Services									
INV07341944 Total:		788.00							
PAYCOR INC Total:		788.00							
RIVERSIDE WORKFORCE HEALTH RIVERMED 139146-00	8/11/2026	77.00	0.00	08/11/2026 Drug screen				No	0
02-71-508-000 Testing									
139146-00	8/11/2026	77.00	0.00	08/11/2026 Drug screen				No	0
01-53-508-000 Testing									
139146-00 Total:		154.00							

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SISTEK 167749 01-53-536-000 Maintenance - Equipment	8/11/2026	152.01	0.00	08/11/2026	Cooltemp/bulb/blade/shield				No	0
167749 Total:		152.01								
167840 02-71-552-000 Tools/Equipment	8/11/2026	96.28	0.00	08/11/2026	Belt				No	0
167840 Total:		96.28								
167898 02-70-536-000 Maintenance - Equipment	8/11/2026	96.28	0.00	08/11/2026	Belt				No	0
167898 Total:		96.28								
167934 02-70-536-000 Maintenance - Equipment	8/11/2026	308.55	0.00	08/11/2026	Blade/sheave				No	0
167934 Total:		308.55								
SISTEK SALES INC Total		653.12								
SPRINGBROOK SOFTWARE INC SPRBRK INV-024616 02-70-536-000 Maintenance - Equipment	8/11/2026	1,287.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Civic Pay				No	0
INV-024616 Total:		1,287.00								
SPRINGBROOK SOFTW		1,287.00								
STORINO, RAMELLO & DURKIN LAW STORINO 95429 01-50-510-000 Fees - Engineering	8/11/2026	793.95	0.00	08/11/2026	General Labor and Employment				No	0
95429 Total:		793.95								

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STORINO, RAMELLO & D		793.95								
SURF INTERNET SURFINT Aug-26	8/11/2026	7.33	0.00	08/11/2026	Internet services				No	0
02-70-515-001 Utilities - Gas/Electric										
Aug-26 Total:		7.33								
SURF INTERNET Total:		7.33								
TELETECH COMMUNICATIONS INC TELETECH 112509	8/11/2026	259.70	0.00	08/11/2026	Phones 6/1-6/30/2026				No	0
01-50-514-000 Telephone										
112510	8/11/2026	259.70	0.00	08/11/2026	Phones 6/1-6/30/2026				No	0
01-52-514-000 Telephone										
112510 Total:		259.70								
112511	8/11/2026	142.94	0.00	08/11/2026	Phones 6/1-6/30/2026				No	0
02-70-515-001 Utilities - Gas/Electric										
112968	8/11/2026	260.27	0.00	08/11/2026	Phones 7/1-7/31/2026				No	0
01-50-514-000 Telephone										
112968 Total:		260.27								
112969	8/11/2026	260.27	0.00	08/11/2026	Phones 7/1-7/31/2026				No	0
01-52-514-000 Telephone										
112970	8/11/2026	143.16	0.00	08/11/2026					No	0
112969 Total:		260.27								

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02-70-515-001 Utilities - Gas/Electric				Phones 7/1-7/31/2026					
112970 Total:		143.16							
TELETECH COMMUNIC		1,326.04							
T-MOBILE									
TMOBILE									
7-26	8/11/2026	15.47	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0
02-70-514-000 Telephone				6/21-7/20/26 Phone Water					
7-26	8/11/2026	15.48	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0
01-53-514-000 Telephone				6/21-7/20/26 Phone Streets					
7-26	8/11/2026	15.47	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0
02-71-514-000 Telephone				6/21-7/20/26 Phone Sewer					
7-26	8/11/2026	838.33	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0
01-52-514-000 Telephone				6/21-7/20/26 Phone Police					
7-26	8/11/2026	46.42	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0
01-50-514-000 Telephone				6/21-7/20/26 Phone City Hall					
7-26 Total:		931.17							
T-MOBILE Total:		931.17							
TYREE, BRADY									
TYREE.B									
G90086	8/11/2026	58.38	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0
02-70-506-000 Uniforms				Clothing reimbursement					
G90086 Total:		58.38							
TYREE, BRADY Total:		58.38							
US BANK									
USBANK1									
0983	8/11/2026	192.23	0.00	08/11/2026		No			0
01-50-530-005 Summerfest Expenses				Walmart					

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0983 Total:		192.23								
2227 01-52-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	18.18	0.00	08/11/2026	Adobe				No	0
2227 Total:		18.18								
3185 01-53-620-002 Infrastructure Improvements	8/11/2026	1,050.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Alexander				No	0
3185 Total:		1,050.00								
3427 01-52-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	4.53	0.00	08/11/2026	Adobe				No	0
3427 Total:		4.53								
3700 01-52-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	-122.89	0.00	08/11/2026	Firewalls.com				No	0
3700 Total:		-122.89								
4142 01-50-525-000 Postage	8/11/2026	12.45	0.00	08/11/2026	USPS				No	0
4142 Total:		12.45								
*** 5075 02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment	8/11/2026	29.99	0.00	08/11/2026	Sherwin Williams				No	0
5075 Total:		29.99								
5213 01-52-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	23.52	0.00	08/11/2026	Adobe				No	0
5213 Total:		23.52								
5388 01-50-507-000 Training	8/11/2026	50.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Brake Time				No	0
5388 Total:		50.00								

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5449 01-52-512-500 Misc - expenditures	8/11/2026	105.91	0.00	08/11/2026	Hridaya				No	0
5449 Total:		105.91								
5895 01-52-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	1,878.49	0.00	08/11/2026	Firewalls				No	0
5895 Total:		1,878.49								
6139 01-52-507-000 Traveling & Training	8/11/2026	175.00	0.00	08/11/2026	PSI				No	0
6139 Total:		175.00								
7091 01-50-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	614.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Google				No	0
7091 Total:		614.00								
8075 01-52-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	21.39	0.00	08/11/2026	Adobe				No	0
8075 Total:		21.39								
8098 01-50-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	256.67	0.00	08/11/2026	Adobe				No	0
8098 Total:		256.67								
8246 01-50-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions	8/11/2026	29.74	0.00	08/11/2026	Google				No	0
8246 Total:		29.74								
8450 01-52-506-002 Uniforms/ Union	8/11/2026	127.98	0.00	08/11/2026	Galls				No	0
8450 Total:		127.98								
8725 01-52-506-002 Uniforms/ Union	8/11/2026	151.85	0.00	08/11/2026	Off Grid Warehouse				No	0

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8725 Total:		151.85								
9665	8/11/2026	5.34	0.00	08/11/2026	Adobe				No	0
01-52-526-000 Dues/Subscriptions										
9665 Total:		5.34								
US BANK Total:		4,624.38								
VESTIS										
VESTIS										
6030541255	8/11/2026	69.22	0.00	08/11/2026	Utility street				No	0
01-53-512-003 Other Professional Services										
6030541255 Total:		69.22								
VESTIS Total:		69.22								
WATER PRODUCTS AURORA										
WATPROD										
337499	8/11/2026	1,090.00	0.00	08/11/2026	curb bix repari/ brass nipple/saddke tee				No	0
02-70-517-000 Repairs - Water										
337499 Total:		1,090.00								
WATER PRODUCTS AUR		1,090.00								
WEX BANK										
AMOCO										
114070679	8/11/2026	265.22	0.00	08/11/2026	Fuel 06/26-07/25/2026 Police				No	0
01-52-542-003 Fuel - Gasoline										
114070679	8/11/2026	11.58	0.00	08/11/2026	Fuel 06/26-07/25/2026 Fees and Rebate				No	0
01-52-542-003 Fuel - Gasoline										
114070679	8/11/2026	170.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Fuel 06/26-07/25/2026 ESDA				No	0
01-55-542-000 Fuel - Gasoline										

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Account Number				Description		Reference			
	114070679 Total:	446.80							
	WEX BANK Total:	446.80							
WEX BANK CIRCLEKN 113953236	8/11/2026	342.49	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-52-542-003 Fuel - Gasoline				Fuel 6/24-7/23/2026					
	113953236 Total:	342.49							
	WEX BANK Total:	342.49							
WHITMORE ACE HARDWARE WHITMORE 229662	8/11/2026	39.99	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-517-000 Repairs - Water				Rainsuit					
	229662 Total:	39.99							
229881	8/11/2026	39.99	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment				marking wand					
229881	8/11/2026	39.99	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-71-552-000 Tools/Equipment				marking wand					
	229881 Total:	79.98							
274057	8/11/2026	32.99	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
16-71-620-002 Infrastructure Improvements				Cable Tie					
	274057 Total:	32.99							
274086	8/11/2026	89.98	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment				Flex handle					
	274086 Total:	89.98							
274106	8/11/2026	21.99	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0

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Account Number				Description		Reference			
02-70-517-000 Repairs - Water				Battery					
274106 Total:		21.99							
274108	8/11/2026	88.68	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment				Brush/paint/scrubber					
274108 Total:		88.68							
274134	8/11/2026	7.59	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-517-000 Repairs - Water				Couple GALV					
274134 Total:		7.59							
274138	8/11/2026	47.53	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment				Nipple Galve					
274138 Total:		47.53							
274162	8/11/2026	17.99	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-53-529-000 Miscellaneous Supplies				Trim line					
274162 Total:		17.99							
274169	8/11/2026	14.55	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-517-000 Repairs - Water				Nipple Galve					
274169 Total:		14.55							
274186	8/11/2026	67.98	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-53-538-000 Tree Trimming				Bypass loppr/pruner					
274186 Total:		67.98							
274207	8/11/2026	53.76	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
01-53-529-000 Miscellaneous Supplies				Lockwash/washer/bolts					
274207 Total:		53.76							
274232	8/11/2026	8.59	0.00	08/11/2026				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment				starter cord					

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274232 Total:		8.59								
274236	8/11/2026	29.99	0.00	08/11/2026	Lock plug				No	0
02-70-552-000 Tools/Equipment										
274236 Total:		29.99								
WHITMORE ACE HARD		601.59								
WILL COUNTY RECORDER										
WCRECRDR										
R2026045951	8/11/2026	99.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Recording Lien 346 W Hickory				No	0
02-70-512-000 Other Professional Services										
R2026045951 Total:		99.00								
R2026045952	8/11/2026	99.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Recording Lien 144 N Hickory St				No	0
02-70-512-000 Other Professional Services										
R2026045952 Total:		99.00								
WILL COUNTY RECORD		198.00								
WIPFLI LLP										
WIPFLCPA										
3322068	8/11/2026	11,029.00	0.00	08/11/2026	Final Billing #5				No	0
08-00-512-000 Professional Services										
3322068 Total:		11,029.00								
WIPFLI LLP Total:		11,029.00								
Report Total:		184,863.02								

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EMPLOYEE	HOURS		EARNINGS		GROSS	TAXES	DEDUCTIONS	NET PAY
	REG	OT	CODED	OT				
COMPANY TOTAL								
	2,990.75	41.75	10.25 CompU 305.00 FTO 60.75 Old InTime 1.00 OT Adjudic 2.00 OT Brd Mtg 3.00 OT Court 1.50 OT Invest 120.00 OT Sp Actv 2.00 Pager 13.00 Person 8.50 Sick 90.50 Vac	342.12 CompU 457.50 FTO 2,196.69 Old InTime 49.92 OT Adjudic 80.70 OT Brd Mtg 219.15 OT Court 109.58 OT Invest 7,032.11 OT Sp Actv 200.00 Pager 366.31 Person 260.05 Sick 2,956.87 Vac	105,058.03	6,445.90 SOC 1,507.51 MED 9,775.68 FITWH 4,617.80 IL	323.01 457Roth 24.61 AFLAC Pre 250.00 DD 75.00 DD1 3,397.66 DefComp 757.48 IMRF EE 1,151.20 IMRF EE 2 138.03 IMRF ER 209.78 IMRF ER 2 208.41 IMRF POS 390.57 LibertyAT 299.12 LibertyPre 4,350.43 PDPension 15,384.99 PolMatch 768.20 RHFP 134.53 Union 150 620.26 UnionAdmin	69,960.66 Net Pays 43

	105,058.03	22,346.89	12,750.48	69,960.66
TAXABLE WAGES			RATE%	EMPLOYER LIABILITY
SOCER	103,966.10		6.20	6,445.90
MEDER	103,966.10		1.45	1,507.51
SOC	103,966.10			
MED	103,966.10			
FITWH	94,309.33			
IL	93,439.13			
UNEIL	6,221.68			
				7,953.41

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-49

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH
MENARD CONSULTING, INC. ACTUARIES & CONSULTANTS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GASB 75 ACTUARIAL SERVICES**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER

The Corporate Authorities for the City of Braidwood hereby approves the Engagement Letter with Menard Consulting, Inc. Actuaries & Consultants for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 GASB 75 Actuarial Services, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and authorizes the Mayor for the City of Braidwood, or his designee, to sign any necessary paperwork the carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. REPEALER

Any policy, resolution, or ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication, and filing with the City Clerk as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026 with ____ members voting aye, ____ members voting nay, the Mayor voting _____, with ____ members abstaining or passing and said

vote being:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioner Elizabeth Dixon	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Warren Wietting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner James Mikel	_____	_____	_____	_____

Mayor Todd Lyons _____

Commissioner Dale Walsh _____

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Exhibit A

Menard Consulting, Inc. Engagement Letter

Exhibit B
CMS Proposal

Menard Consulting, Inc.
728 N. Briar Hill Lane, Unit 2
Addison, IL 60101
Tel: (630) 962-4858
www.MenardConsult.com

MC, Inc.
Menard Consulting, Inc.
Actuaries & Consultants

July 28, 2026

Ms. Elizabeth Dixon
Commissioner of Accounts and Finance
City of Braidwood
141 W. Main Street
Braidwood, IL 60408

RE: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 GASB 75 Actuarial Services

Dear Ms. Dixon:

Menard Consulting, Inc. ("Menard") appreciates the opportunity to provide actuarial consulting services to the City of Braidwood ("Client") in connection with GASB 75 financial reporting requirements. This is the agreement for the project.

Project Scope & Fees

The following services will be provided at the fees indicated.

Services

- Prepare actuarial valuation report under the Alternative Measurement Method
- Discussion(s) re. the Actuarial Report
- Discussion(s) with Auditors re. Actuarial Report
- Valuation Update & Consultation with Auditors in Off Valuation Years

Fees

- Fiscal Year 2026 GASB 75 Valuation: **\$2,000**
- Fiscal Year 2027 GASB 75 Roll Forward: **\$300**

Professional fees will be invoiced upon delivery of the report. Invoice payment is due and payable within 30 days. Fees are all-inclusive of professional service time and expenses.

You will not be charged more than the amounts quoted above unless there is a signed Addendum to this Engagement Letter.

Ms. Elizabeth Dixon
July 28, 2026
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MC, Inc.

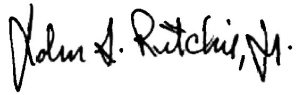
General Business Terms for this engagement are attached and are incorporated into this Engagement Letter by this reference.

This Engagement Letter, together with the General Business Terms, constitute the entire agreement between the City of Braidwood and Menard Consulting, Inc. with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all other oral and written representations, understanding, or agreements relating to the subject matter hereof.

Please indicate your agreement by signing the signature page of this letter and returning it.

Sincerely,

Menard Consulting, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John A. Ritchie, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Ritchie, ASA, MAAA

Ms. Elizabeth Dixon
July 28, 2026
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MC, Inc.

AGREEMENT

The services and terms described in the foregoing Engagement Letter dated July 28, 2026 to provide GASB 75 related Actuarial Services for the City of Braidwood and the attached General Business Terms are hereby acceptable. We agree to the terms specified herein.

Accepted and Agreed: **City of Braidwood, Illinois**

By: _____
(Print)

(Signature)

Title: _____

Date: _____

GENERAL BUSINESS TERMS

1. Services

It is understood and agreed that Menard Consulting, Inc.'s services may include advice and recommendations, but all decisions in connection with the implementation of such advice and recommendations shall be the responsibility of, and made by, the Client. In connection with its services hereunder, Menard Consulting, Inc. shall be entitled to rely on all decisions and approvals of the Client.

2. Payment of Invoices

Properly submitted invoices where payment is not received within thirty (30) days of the invoice date shall accrue a late charge of the lesser of 1.0% per month or the highest rate allowable by law, in each case compounded monthly to the extent allowable by law. Without limiting its rights or remedies, Menard Consulting, Inc. shall have the right to halt or terminate its services entirely if payment is not received within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. Menard Consulting, Inc. shall also have the right at their discretion to waive any late charges accrued.

3. Term

Unless terminated sooner in accordance with its terms, this engagement shall terminate on the completion of Menard Consulting, Inc.'s services hereunder. This engagement may be terminated by either party at any time by giving written notice to the other party not less than thirty (30) days before the effective date of termination.

4. Ownership

- a) Menard Consulting, Inc. Technology. Menard Consulting, Inc. has created, acquired, or otherwise has rights in, and may, in connection with the performance of services hereunder, employ, provide, modify, create, acquire or otherwise obtain rights in various concepts, ideas, methods, methodologies, procedures, processes, know-how, and techniques (including, without limitation, function, process, system and data models); templates; generalized features of the structure, sequence, and organization of software, user interfaces and screen designs; general purpose consulting and software tools, utilities and routines; and logic, coherence, and methods of operation of systems (collectively, the "Menard Consulting, Inc. Technology").
- b) Ownership of Deliverables. Except as provided below, upon full and final payment to Menard Consulting, Inc. hereunder, the tangible items specified as deliverables or work product in the arrangement letter to which these terms are attached (the "Deliverables") shall become the property of the Client. To the extent that any Menard Consulting, Inc. Technology is contained in any of the Deliverables, Menard Consulting, Inc. grants the Client, upon full and final payment to Menard Consulting, Inc. hereunder, a royalty-free, fully paid-up, worldwide, non-exclusive license to use such Menard Consulting, Inc. Technology in connection with the Deliverables.
- c) Ownership of Menard Consulting, Inc. Property. To the extent that Menard Consulting, Inc. utilizes any of its property (including, without limitation, the Menard Consulting, Inc. Technology or any hardware or software of Menard Consulting, Inc.) in connection with the performance of services hereunder, such property shall remain the property of Menard Consulting, Inc. and, except for the license expressly granted in the preceding paragraph, the Client shall acquire no right or interest in such property. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the parties acknowledge and agree that (a) Menard Consulting, Inc. shall own all right, title, and interest, including, without limitation, all rights under all copyright, patent and other intellectual property laws, in and to the Menard Consulting, Inc. Technology and (b) Menard Consulting, Inc. may employ, modify, disclose, and otherwise exploit the Menard Consulting, Inc. Technology (including, without limitation, providing services or creating programming or materials for other clients). Menard Consulting, Inc. does not agree to any terms that may be construed as precluding or limiting in any way its right to (a) provide consulting or other services of any kind or nature whatsoever to any person or entity as Menard Consulting, Inc., in its sole discretion, deems appropriate or (b) develop for itself, or for others, materials that are competitive with those produced as a result of the services provided hereunder, irrespective of their similarity to the Deliverables.

5. Limitation on Warranties

This is a Services Engagement. Menard Consulting, Inc. warrants that it shall perform services hereunder in good faith. Menard Consulting, Inc. disclaims all other warranties, either express or implied, including, without limitation, warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

6. Limitation on Damages and Indemnification

- a) The Client agrees that Menard Consulting, Inc. and its personnel shall not be liable to the Client for any claims, liabilities, or expenses relating to this engagement for an aggregate amount in excess of the fees paid by the Client to Menard Consulting, Inc. pursuant to this engagement, except to the extent finally judicially determined to have resulted primarily from the bad faith or intentional misconduct of Menard Consulting, Inc. In no event shall Menard Consulting, Inc. or its personnel be liable for consequential, special, indirect, incidental, punitive or exemplary loss, damage, or expense relating to this engagement.
- b) The Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Menard Consulting, Inc. and its personnel from all claims, liabilities, and expenses relating to this engagement, except to the extent finally judicially determined to have resulted primarily from the bad faith or intentional misconduct of Menard Consulting, Inc.
- c) The provisions of this Paragraph and Paragraph 9 shall apply to the fullest extent of the law, whether in contract, statute, tort (such as negligence), or otherwise. In circumstances where all or any portion of the provisions of this Paragraph are finally judicially determined to be unavailable, Menard Consulting, Inc.'s aggregate liability for any claims, liabilities, or expenses relating to this engagement shall not exceed an amount which is proportional to the relative fault that Menard Consulting, Inc.'s conduct bears to all other conduct giving rise to such claims, liabilities, or expenses.

7. Cooperation

The Client shall cooperate with Menard Consulting, Inc. in the performance by Menard Consulting, Inc. of its services hereunder, including, without limitation, providing Menard Consulting, Inc. with reasonable facilities and timely access to data, information, and personnel of the Client. The Client shall be responsible for the performance of its personnel and agents and for the accuracy and completeness of all data and information provided to Menard Consulting, Inc. for purposes of the performance by Menard Consulting, Inc. of its services.

8. Force Majeure

Menard Consulting, Inc. shall not be liable for any delays or non-performance resulting from circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts or omissions or the failure to cooperate by the Client (including, without limitation, entities or individuals under its control or any of their respective officers, directors, employees, other personnel, and agents), acts or omissions or the failure to cooperate by any third party, fire or other casualty, act of God, strike or labor dispute, war or other violence, or any law, order, or requirement of any governmental agency or authority.

9. Limitation on Actions

No action, regardless of form, relating to this engagement may be brought by either party more than one year after the cause of action has accrued, except that an action for non-payment may be brought by a party not later than one year following the date of the last payment due to such party hereunder.

10. Independent Contractor

It is understood and agreed that each of the parties hereto is an independent contractor and that neither party is, nor shall be considered to be, an agent, distributor, partner, fiduciary, or representative of the other. Neither party shall act or represent itself, directly or by implication, in any such capacity in respect of the other or in any manner assume or create any obligation on behalf of, or in the name of, the other.

11. Confidentiality and Internal Use

- a) The Client agrees that all services hereunder and Deliverables shall be solely for the Client's informational purposes and internal use and are not intended to be and should not be used by any person or entity other than the Client.
- b) To the extent that, in connection with this engagement, Menard Consulting, Inc. comes into possession of any proprietary or confidential information of the Client, Menard Consulting, Inc. will not disclose such information to any third party without the Client's consent, except (a) as may be required by law, regulation, judicial or administrative process, or in accordance with applicable professional standards, or in connection with litigation pertaining hereto, or (b) to the extent such information (i) shall have otherwise become publicly available (including, without limitation, any information filed with any governmental agency and available to the public) other than as the result of a disclosure by Menard Consulting, Inc. in breach hereof, (ii) is disclosed by the Client to a third party without substantially the same restrictions as set forth herein, (iii) becomes available to Menard Consulting, Inc. on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Client which Menard Consulting, Inc.

believes is not prohibited from disclosing such information to Menard Consulting, Inc. by obligation to the Client, (iv) is known by Menard Consulting, Inc. prior to its receipt from the Client without any obligation of confidentiality with respect thereto, or (v) is developed by Menard Consulting, Inc. independently of any disclosures made by the Client to Menard Consulting, Inc. of such information.

12. Assignment

Except as provided below, neither party may assign, transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations hereunder (including, without limitation, interests or claims relating to this engagement) without the prior written consent of the other party. Menard Consulting, Inc. may, without the consent of the Client, assign or subcontract its rights and obligations hereunder to (a) any affiliate or related entity or (b) any entity which acquires all or a substantial part of the assets or business of Menard Consulting, Inc.

13. Waiver of Jury Trial

Menard Consulting, Inc. and the Client hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all rights to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether in contract, statute, tort (such as negligence), or otherwise) relating to this engagement.

14. Entire Agreement, Amendment and Notices

These terms, and the engagement letter to which these terms are attached, including exhibits, constitute the entire agreement between Menard Consulting, Inc. and the Client with respect to this engagement, supersede all other oral and written representations, understandings, or agreements relating to this engagement, and may not be amended except by written agreement signed by the parties. In the event of any conflict, ambiguity, or inconsistency between these terms and the engagement letter to which these terms are attached, these terms shall govern and control. All notices hereunder shall be (i) in writing, (ii) delivered to the representatives of the parties at the addresses first set forth above, unless changed by either party by notice to the other party, and (iii) effective upon receipt.

15. Governing Law and Severability

These terms, the arrangement letter to which these terms are attached, including exhibits, and all matters relating to this engagement (whether in contract, statute, tort (such as negligence), or otherwise), shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois (without giving effect to the choice of law principles thereof). If any provision of such terms or arrangement letter is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, such provision shall not affect the other provisions, but such unenforceable provision shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary to render it enforceable, preserving to the fullest extent permissible the intent of the parties set forth herein.

16. Survival and Interpretation

The agreements and undertakings of the Client contained in the arrangement letter to which these terms are attached, together with the provisions of Paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 hereof, shall survive the expiration or termination of this engagement. For purposes of these terms, "Menard Consulting, Inc." shall mean Menard Consulting, Inc. and its subsidiaries; all of their partners, principals, members, owners, directors, staff and agents; and in all cases any successor or assignee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-50

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD TO ENTER INTO AND FOR
THE MAYOR OF BRAIDWOOD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AND WIPFLI, LLP REGARDING
AN ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026**

WHEREAS, the City of Braidwood (the “City”) is a municipality in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, under Article VIII Section 1(a) of the Illinois Constitution, the City is authorized to enter into contracts for a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Braidwood is required to perform an annual audit and file such audit report with the Comptroller for the State of Illinois (65 ILCS 5/8-8-3);

WHEREAS, WIPFLI, LLP is an audit and accounting firm that performs annual audits for Illinois municipalities and is familiar with the audit requirements of the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, WIPFLI, LLP performed the annual audits for the City of Braidwood for more than five consecutive years;

WHEREAS, the City of Braidwood Corporate Authorities were satisfied with the audit report and related services performed by WIPFLI, LLP;

WHEREAS, after being available for public inspection with the City Clerk for at least a week prior to the date of this Ordinance, the City hereby finds that it is a public purpose and benefit to the City to enter into the agreement set forth in the letter from WIPFLI, LLP dated July 28, 2026 and its Professional Services Terms and Conditions, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to provide for the City’s annual audit requirements for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION

The letter from WIPFLI, LLP dated July 28, 2026 and Professional Services Terms and Conditions (collectively referred to as the “Agreement”) attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby approved by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Braidwood and the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to sign such agreement.

SECTION 2: SEVERIBILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication, and filing with the City Clerk as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026 with ____ members voting aye, ____ members voting nay, the Mayor voting _____, with ____ members abstaining or passing and said vote being:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioner Elizabeth Dixon	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Warren Wietting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner James Mikel, Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Todd Lyons	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Dale Walsh	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
WIPFLI letter

July 28, 2026

Mayor and Board of Commissioners
City of Braidwood
141 W. Main Street
Braidwood, IL 60408

Dear Mayor and Board of Commissioners:

Wipfli LLP ("Wipfli") is pleased to serve as the independent auditors for City of Braidwood ("Client") for the year ended April 30, 2026. This letter, together with the attached Wipfli LLP Professional Services Terms and Conditions, confirms the terms of our engagement and is collectively referred to herein as the "Letter" or the "Engagement Letter."

Fees

Our fees and expenses for this engagement will be billed as work progresses, and progress billings may be submitted. Based upon our discussions with representatives of Client, the fee for this engagement will be \$\$52,500 for financial audit and \$2,500 for the CYEFR audit. Our fee has been determined based on our understanding obtained through discussions with you regarding your preparedness for the engagement and your current operations. To the extent we encounter circumstances outside of our expectations that warrant additional procedures and time, we will communicate that fact and advise you of options and the additional fees necessary to complete the engagement. We will also charge our actual direct travel expenses (if any) plus a technology and administration fee equal to six percent (6%) of our professional fees. We expect payment of our billings within 30 days after submission.

Our fees for the services described below are based upon the value of the services performed and the time required by the individuals assigned to the engagement. Our fee estimate and completion of our work are based upon the following criteria:

1. Anticipated cooperation from Client personnel
2. Timely responses to our inquiries
3. Timely completion and delivery of client assistance requests
4. Timely communication of all significant accounting and financial reporting matters
5. The assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement

If any of the aforementioned criteria are not met, then the fees may increase. Interim billings will be submitted as work progresses and as expenses are incurred.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Client, as of and for the year ended April 30, 2026.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether Client's financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether Client's financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP and report on the fairness of the supplementary information, referred to in the second paragraph of this section, when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they could influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

The objectives also include reporting on:

- Internal control over financial reporting and compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and award agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

The *Government Auditing Standards* report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states that (1) the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance, and (2) the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Our report will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with GAAS and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions.

Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") provide for certain required supplementary information ("RSI"), such as management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A"), to supplement Client's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to Client's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies Client's financial statements. We will subject the supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS, and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS, the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

An audit includes an evaluation of the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as an evaluation of the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, to assess whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. To express an opinion, we are required to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of waste and abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* does not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting waste or abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or government regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

In performing our audit, we will consider and conclude whether, based on the audit evidence obtained, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, which raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of cash, receivables, loan balances, and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We may also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may submit an invoice for responding to this inquiry.

Audit Procedures – Internal Control

In the conduct of our audit, we will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control-related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Client's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, including grant agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management acknowledges and understands its responsibility for (1) designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; (2) following laws and regulations; (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements; and (4) ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. Management is also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements. Management's responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

Management is also responsible for making available to us drafts of financial statements, all financial records, and related information and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). Management is also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which it is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from management about the financial statements and related matters.

Management is responsible for adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management is responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Management is also responsible for informing us of its knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, management is responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations. Management is also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, or abuse that we report.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with GAAP. Management agrees to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. Management also agrees to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Management's responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

We cannot perform management functions or make management decisions on behalf of Client. However, we may provide advice and recommendations to assist management in performing its functions and fulfilling its responsibilities. We may advise management about appropriate accounting principles and their application, but the responsibility for the financial statements remains with management.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Client's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to Those Charged with Governance. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report or, if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or withdraw from this engagement.

We expect to also issue the following report as further described in the Audit Scope and Objectives section of this letter:

- A report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*.

If during our audit we become aware that Client is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards established by the Auditing Standards Board ("United States") and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

If Client intends to reproduce or publish these financial statements or any portion thereof, whether in paper or electronic form, subsequent to anticipated year-end filings, and make reference to our firm name in connection therewith, management agrees to provide us with proofs in sufficient time for our review and written approval before printing. If in our professional judgment the circumstances require, we may withhold our approval. Client agrees to compensate Wipfli for the time associated with such review.

Client acknowledges and agrees that any advice, recommendations, information, or work product provided to Client by Wipfli in connection with this engagement is for the sole use of Client and may not be relied upon by any third party. Wipfli has no liability or responsibility to any third parties as a result of this engagement.

Management Assistance

Assistance to be supplied by Client personnel, including the preparation of schedules and analysis of accounts, will be discussed with an authorized member of management or those charged with governance. Timely completion of this work will facilitate the completion of our engagement.

Engagement Administration

Professional and certain regulatory standards require us to be independent in both fact and appearance. Any discussions that you have with Wipfli personnel regarding employment could pose a threat to our independence. Therefore, we request that you inform us immediately prior to any such discussions so that we can implement appropriate safeguards to maintain our independence.

Other Services

We may prepare a draft of your financial statements and related notes. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, management will be required to review and approve those financial statements prior to their issuance and have a responsibility to be in a position in fact and appearance to make an informed judgment on those financial statements. Further, you are required to designate a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing our services.

Management agrees to assume all management responsibilities for these services; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Annual Information Filings

We will prepare and submit after your approval the Annual Financial Report required by the State of Illinois' Comptroller Office. We will also prepare a Report on TIF District's compliance.

Conclusion and Approval to Proceed

If the terms above of this Engagement Letter are acceptable to you and the services outlined are in accordance with your requirements, please return a signed copy of this Letter to us.

We look forward to our continued association with you and your staff and appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions about the work we are to perform or any other aspect of the services we can provide.

Wipfli LLP

Wipfli LLP

ACCEPTED: CITY OF BRAIDWOOD

By: _____

(Print Name and Title)

Date: _____

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Wipfli LLP
Professional Services Terms and Conditions

1. Terms and Conditions and Related Engagement Documents

These Wipfli LLP Professional Services Terms and Conditions ("Terms and Conditions") apply to and govern Wipfli LLP's provision of services to You. For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, any reference to "Wipfli," "We," "Us," "Our," or similar is a reference to Wipfli LLP, and includes any subsidiaries or subcontractors of Wipfli LLP, and any reference to "Client," "You," or similar is a reference to the party or parties that have engaged Us to provide services, and the parties ultimately responsible for Our fees and expenses.

These Terms and Conditions may be appended to or incorporated into an engagement letter outlining the delivery of specific services by Us to You, and in that case such engagement letter and any appendices thereto and these Terms and Conditions form the entire agreement between You and Wipfli with respect to the services described therein, and supersede and merge all prior or contemporaneous agreements and understandings (oral or written) between or among the parties regarding the subject matter thereof, including prior proposals of Wipfli regarding the engagement or services, understandings, and agreements (oral or written) between the parties relating to the subject matter, including, without limitation, the terms of any request for proposal issued by Client or the standard printed terms on any purchase order issued by Client and any non-disclosure or confidentiality agreement between Wipfli and Client dated prior to the date of the engagement letter. No modification, amendment, supplement to, or waiver of these Terms and Conditions shall be binding upon the parties unless made in writing and duly signed by both parties. To the greatest extent reasonably possible, the provisions of these Terms and Conditions, any engagement letter, its appendices, any other exhibit, attachment, schedule, or other document referenced in or by the engagement letter, shall be read together and harmonized to give effect to the parties' intent. In the event of a direct conflict among the express provisions of the foregoing, the engagement letter shall be given controlling effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where Wipfli provides services, support, and advice not covered by an engagement letter, these Terms and Conditions shall apply, including with respect to any such services, support, or advice performed or provided prior to the execution of an engagement letter related to those services.

2. Change Orders

Unless an engagement letter specifies otherwise, services that fall outside the agreed-upon scope of Wipfli's engagement under any engagement letter shall be covered by a Change Order, or, if the nature and amount of such services are not material to the overall engagement, shall be delineated and included on Wipfli's invoice for such services. A "Change Order" means a mutually agreed-upon change in the scope of work or services, schedule, or the time for Wipfli's performance of the work or services under an engagement letter, or a change in the fees or the basis of the fees to be paid to Wipfli by Client, which is reduced to a writing that is executed or otherwise acknowledged by an authorized representative of each for Wipfli and Client. Services performed under a Change Order shall be subject to these Terms and Conditions.

3. Commencement and Term

Our engagement will commence when acceptance of these Terms and Conditions and any related engagement letter is delivered to Wipfli through execution thereof by a duly authorized representative of Client and shall continue until the services contemplated under the engagement letter are Complete (as reasonably determined by Wipfli), unless earlier terminated by either party as provided herein. Each person executing an engagement letter or Change Order on behalf of a party represents and warrants to the other that he or she has all power and authority to bind the party on whose behalf he or she is executing the same. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Complete" means the delivery by Wipfli of the report or other deliverables contemplated by the engagement letter, or where no deliverables are contemplated, three (3) months after the last date of services rendered by Wipfli with respect to the services at issue. Notwithstanding the foregoing, services, support, and advice provided by Wipfli in respect of an engagement after the termination of such engagement shall be governed by these Terms and Conditions.

4. Termination of Services

Wipfli's services may be terminated as follows: (i) by either party immediately upon written notice to the other if either party hereto becomes the subject of voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or other insolvency proceeding, (ii) by Wipfli or Client if either party defaults in the performance of any of its covenants and agreements and such default is not cured within thirty (30) days after notice from the other party specifying the nature of such default, and (iii) by Wipfli or Client with or without cause upon providing thirty (30) days' written notice. Wipfli has the right to terminate services with immediate effect if We determine applicable professional standards require Us to do so, if Client does not in a timely manner provide Us with information reasonably requested by Us to perform the contemplated services, refuses to cooperate with Our reasonable requests for assistance in connection with the delivery of Our services, or misrepresents any material facts. Our withdrawal will release Us from any obligation to complete the services and will constitute

termination of Our engagement. Termination of Our engagement shall have no effect on either party's obligation to pay any amount due and owing with respect to such periods prior to the effective date of such termination and Client agrees to compensate Us for Our time and out-of-pocket expenses through the effective date of termination.

5. Fee Estimates and Expenses

An engagement letter may set forth specific fee amounts, hourly rates, or certain ranges for Wipfli's fees in respect of the services contemplated by the engagement letter. Where Wipfli provides an estimate of fees, Client acknowledges that Wipfli provides fee estimates as an accommodation to Client. These estimates depend on various assumptions, including without limitation: (a) anticipated cooperation from Client personnel; (b) timely responses to Our inquiries; (c) timely completion and delivery of Client assistance requests; (d) timely communication of all significant accounting and financial reporting matters; (e) the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement; and (f) where applicable, the assumption that Client's hardware platform/computer system will, at the commencement of the services, be fully operable as intended and designed, functioning as necessary and available to Wipfli without material restriction for the duration of the services. Unless otherwise indicated in an engagement letter, fee estimates shall not be construed as or deemed to be a minimum or maximum fee quotation. Although Wipfli reasonably believes suggested fee ranges are accurate, Wipfli's actual fees may vary from its fee estimates.

Unless otherwise agreed in an engagement letter, a technology and administration fee of six percent (6%) of professional fees will be added to all invoices, along with any direct travel expenses incurred. The technology and administration fee is in lieu of other direct expenses and charges which might otherwise apply. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the cost of software and software licenses or subscriptions and similar miscellaneous tools provided or acquired specifically for Client or for Client's use in connection with the performance of services may be invoiced separately.

6. Payment of Fees and Expenses

All invoices are due and payable within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. All business or commercial accounts will be charged interest at the lesser of one percent (1%) per month or the maximum rate permitted by law, except where prohibited by law, on the balance due to Wipfli that is outstanding over thirty (30) days. At Our discretion, services may be suspended if Client's account becomes overdue and services will not be resumed until Client's account is paid in full. Client acknowledges and agrees that We are not required to continue services in the event of a failure to pay on a timely basis for services rendered. Client further acknowledges and agrees that in the event Wipfli suspends or terminates services as a result of Client's failure to pay as agreed on a timely basis for services rendered, Wipfli shall not be liable to Client for any damages that occur, whether direct or indirect, foreseen or unforeseen, and whether or not the parties have been advised of the possibility of such damages, and Client agrees to indemnify and hold Wipfli harmless against any such damages or claims.

7. Engagement Staffing

Wipfli expressly reserves the right to replace, in Our reasonable discretion, any of Our team members as necessary to provide quality and timely service to Client. From time to time, and depending upon circumstances, Wipfli may use third-party service providers, such as independent contractors, specialists, or vendors to assist Us in providing professional services. These parties and their personnel may be located within or outside the United States. We may also use personnel from other Wipfli-related entities (including Wipfli Advisory LLC and its wholly owned subsidiary based in India and its contractors in the Philippines). We remain responsible to Client for the supervision of all independent contractors, service providers, entities, and personnel who assist Us in rendering professional services hereunder and for protecting the confidentiality of Client information. Client hereby consents and authorizes Us to disclose Client information to the foregoing parties for the purpose of providing services to Client.

8. Confidentiality, Information Security and Electronic Information Storage

The performance of services by Wipfli may result in the parties having access to information that is confidential to one another, including, without limitation, source code, documentation, specifications, databases, system design, file layouts, tool combinations, development methods, or business or financial affairs, which may incorporate business methods, marketing strategies, pricing, competitor information, product development strategies and methods, customer lists, customer information, and financial results (collectively "Confidential Information"). Confidential Information may include information received from third parties, both written and oral, that each party is obligated to treat as confidential.

Confidential Information shall not include any information that (i) is already known by the receiving party or its affiliates, free of any obligation to keep it confidential; (ii) is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the receiving party or its affiliates; (iii) is received by the receiving party from a third party without any restriction on confidentiality; (iv) is independently developed by the receiving party or its affiliates without the use of the

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disclosing party's Confidential Information; (v) is disclosed to third parties by the disclosing party without any obligation of confidentiality; or (vi) is approved for release by prior written authorization of the disclosing party.

Except as permitted hereunder and necessary for the performance of services hereunder, without the advance written consent of the other party or as required by law, regulation, legal process, or to comply with professional standards applicable to a party, neither party shall disclose to a third party Confidential Information of the other party. Each party agrees to maintain at least the same procedures regarding the Confidential Information of the other as it maintains with respect to its own Confidential Information. Each party may use the Confidential Information received from the other party only in connection with fulfilling its obligations under this agreement. The parties further agree that expiration or termination of this agreement, for any reason, shall not relieve either party, nor minimize their obligations with respect to Confidential Information, as set forth herein.

Wipfli will ensure that it maintains appropriate policies, procedures and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of Client Confidential Information. In addition, We will ensure that Our agreements with all third-party service providers contain appropriate provisions to protect Client Confidential Information. We may use electronic media to transmit Client Confidential Information, and such use in itself will not constitute a breach of any security or confidentiality obligation. Client acknowledges that Wipfli has no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or electronic data once it has been transmitted, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by Us. You consent to Our use of electronic devices and applications in the delivery of Our services.

Wipfli is committed to protecting personal information that can be linked to specific individuals, including health information ("Personal Data"). Any Personal Data provided to Us by Client to receive Our services will be kept confidential and not disclosed to any third party not described above (parties providing Us assistance in rendering professional services) unless necessary to deliver services, expressly permitted by Client, or required by law, regulation, legal process, or to comply with professional standards applicable to Wipfli. Client is responsible for obtaining, pursuant to law or regulation, consents from parties that provided Client with their Personal Data which will be obtained, used, and disclosed by Wipfli to render services, and Wipfli may rely on the representation that Client has obtained such consents. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Client acknowledges that Wipfli may collect, use, and disclose certain administrative Personal Data (such as contact information and Internet activity) to administer the contract between the parties and in accordance with Wipfli's Privacy Statement (as applicable) available at www.wipfli.com/privacy-statement.

9. Intellectual Property Rights, Client Records, Wipfli Workpapers; Use of Deliverables and Drafts

Wipfli acknowledges that all Client materials, data, or other information provided to Wipfli to permit Wipfli to perform services ("Client IP") belongs to and shall remain the property of Client. Client acknowledges that proprietary information, documents, materials, management techniques, and other intellectual property (collectively "Wipfli IP") are a material asset to Wipfli and source of services We perform for Client and others and were developed prior to performing services for Client. Client acknowledges that Wipfli LLP and/or Wipfli Advisory LLC or their affiliates (together "Wipfli Entities") owns all right, title and interest in Wipfli IP including enhancements thereto produced or developed by Wipfli throughout the duration of this engagement, excluding any pre-existing ownership right of Client and without implying any ownership interest in any Client IP, all of which shall remain the property of Client. Upon completion of the services and full payment by Client of all related invoices, the Wipfli Entities grant to Client a perpetual paid-up license to use or modify, for internal purposes only, any deliverable produced by Wipfli and actually delivered to Client (including embedded Wipfli IP), provided that any use or modification of such deliverable, other than for the purposes stated in the related engagement letter, is not authorized. In addition, Client shall not alter or remove any of the Wipfli Entities' trademarks, copyright registration marks, patent, or other intellectual property notices applicable to any of Wipfli Entities' goods, products, services, marketing material, or advertising media and shall not in any way alter any of the Wipfli Entities' products. Neither party shall acquire any right, title, or interest in or to the other party's code, data, business processes, or other information to which such party may have access during the term of the engagement hereunder. All such code, data, business process, and other information shall be solely and exclusively the property of the originating party.

Client's original documents, data, books, and records are the property of Client, and it is Client's responsibility to maintain all such materials. Wipfli has no responsibility to do so unless specifically undertaken by Wipfli in an engagement letter. Workpapers, documentation, and files created by Us in the course of providing services are the property of Wipfli. We will retain workpapers, documentation, and files pursuant to Our record retention policy. In the event We are required to respond to a subpoena, court order, government regulatory inquiry, or other legal process related to Client or its management (other than a matter in which Wipfli is named as a party) for the

production of workpapers, documents, files and/or testimony relative to information We obtained and/or prepared during the course of rendering services, We will, to the extent permitted by law and applicable professional standards, notify You of the matter, but You agree We have no obligation to You in the event We determine We are obligated to provide documents or other information. You agree to compensate Us for all time We expend in connection with such response, at Our regular rates, and to reimburse Us for all related out-of-pocket costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, that We may incur. Any services under this paragraph will be deemed a separate engagement subject to these Terms and Conditions.

Client agrees that Wipfli may use Client's name and logo in experience citations and in proposals, work product and deliverables provided or directed to Client pursuant to the engagement letter or otherwise. Notwithstanding any other provision of the engagement letter or these Terms and Conditions, and except as prohibited by law, Wipfli may use the information received under the engagement letter, including tax return information, in an aggregated and anonymized manner, to develop, enhance, modify and improve technologies, tools, methodologies, services and offerings, and/or for development or performance of data analysis or other insight generation. Information developed in connection with these purposes may be used or disclosed to You or current or prospective clients to provide them services or offerings. In no event will We use or disclose the information in a way that would permit Client to be identified by third parties without Client's express consent. With respect to tax return information, Client may request in writing a more limited use and disclosure than the foregoing. The foregoing consent is valid until further notice by Client.

10. Third-Party Software, Technology Tools and Related Products and Limitations Thereon

Wipfli may use software, technology tools, or related products ("Third-Party Products") to deliver services to Client. Where Wipfli uses Third-Party Products or is engaged to provide services related to the selection, implementation, or use of Third-Party Products, Wipfli will employ commercially reasonable efforts to research, learn, and assist Client in the selection, implementation, and use of such Third-Party Products. However, Wipfli shall not be held liable for any issues, errors, or malfunctions related to or arising from the Third-Party Products not directly caused by Wipfli's fraud or willful misconduct. Client acknowledges that Wipfli does not have control over the functionality, performance, or availability of Third-Party Products and cannot assure or make any representation that the Third-Party Products are free from defects, malware, viruses, trojan horses, and similar risks. Consequently, Wipfli disclaims any warranties or guarantees, express or implied, regarding the performance, reliability, or results obtained from the use of Third-Party Products, and Client acknowledges that the use of such Third-Party Products is subject to the terms of any end user agreement associated with each of the Third-Party Products and accepts such terms. Where Client is provided access to Third-Party Products by Wipfli, Client will: 1) use and access such Third-Party Products only for the purpose for which they were provided access; 2) not tamper with, modify, or alter such Third-Party Products; and 3) comply with all reasonable instructions from Wipfli in respect of such access.

11. Allocation of Risk and Limitation of Liability

In no event will Wipfli or Client be liable to the other for claims of punitive, exemplary, consequential, special, incidental, or indirect damages, whether or not a party was advised of the possibility of such damages, regardless of whether they were foreseeable, and regardless of whether such damages arise under a theory of contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise. Wipfli's liability for all claims, damages, and costs of Client arising from Wipfli's services performed under an engagement letter, Change Order, or otherwise shall be limited to the amount of fees paid by Client to Wipfli for the specific services which give rise to the claim for damages or, in the case of services provided in respect of an engagement which spans a period of more than twelve (12) months, the fees paid by Client to Wipfli in the twelve (12) months preceding the event giving rise to the claim. The limitation of liability in the preceding sentence shall not apply in the event of Wipfli's fraud or willful misconduct or where disallowed by applicable law, regulation, or professional standards applicable to the services performed under these Terms and Conditions. Because Wipfli will rely on Client and its management for the accuracy of the representations made to Wipfli to perform services, and except where indemnity is disallowed by applicable law, regulation, or professional standards applicable to the services performed under these Terms and Conditions, Client holds harmless and releases Wipfli and its owners and employees from all claims, liabilities, losses, and costs of any kind arising which arise from: (i) a knowing misrepresentation, withholding, or concealment of information by Client or its management; or (ii) a wrongful act by Client or a member of Client's management or ownership group.

12. Dispute Resolution; Choice of Law and Statute of Limitations

If any dispute arises regarding the subject matter hereof or services provided by Wipfli to Client, and such dispute cannot be resolved through informal negotiations and discussions, prior to resorting to litigation, the parties will try in good faith to settle the dispute by non-binding mediation administered by

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the American Arbitration Association under its applicable rules for resolving professional accounting and related services disputes. Either party may request mediation, and costs of any mediation proceeding shall be shared equally. IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, WIPFLI AND CLIENT HEREBY AGREE NOT TO ELECT OR REQUEST A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUE TRIABLE BY RIGHT OF JURY AND WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY FULLY TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY SUCH RIGHT SHALL NOW OR HEREAFTER EXIST WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES, THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, OR ANY CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, OR OTHER ACTION ARISING THEREWITH.

Client acknowledges and agrees that its sole and exclusive remedy with respect to any and all claims in respect of services rendered by Wipfli LLP shall be against Wipfli LLP and no other entity or person, including without limitation Wipfli Advisory LLC. In furtherance of the foregoing, Client hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted under law, any and all claims and causes of action for any breach of contract, tort, or other claim against such other parties and each of their respective representatives arising under or based upon any legal theory, except in the event of common law fraud or intentional misconduct.

The parties agree that any dispute arising out of Wipfli's services or these Terms and Conditions shall be governed by the laws of the state of Illinois, without regard to conflict of laws principles. Except for an action by Us to collect payment of Our invoices, Wipfli and Client agree that no claim arising out of services rendered by Wipfli shall be filed after the earlier of the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, or in the case of any report or deliverable issued by Wipfli under the engagement letter, no later than two years from the date of such report or deliverable (or if no report or deliverable is issued, two years from the date of any related engagement letter).

13. Sanctions Compliance

In connection with Wipfli's engagement to provide services, You represent, warrant and covenant as follows: (a) You are not located, ordinarily resident, or incorporated in any jurisdiction subject to comprehensive U.S. economic sanctions (currently, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Crimea and Russia-occupied regions of Ukraine); (b) You are not and are not owned or controlled by or acting on behalf of or for the benefit of a person or entity subject to sanctions by the US, UK or EU, including any person designated on any sanctions lists; (c) You are not otherwise a person to whom a United States-based business is prohibited or restricted from providing services under applicable laws including sanctions and trade control laws; (d) You are not and are not owned or controlled by or acting on behalf of or for the benefit of a person or entity currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or otherwise excluded from participation in any federal, state, or local process, and (e) You will not violate or cause Wipfli to violate any applicable laws, whether criminal or otherwise, including anti-corruption, anti-money laundering laws, economic sanctions and trade control laws, in connection with the services provided by Wipfli. You further agree to promptly notify Wipfli in writing if You or any individual acting for You becomes subject to any such debarment or exclusion during the term of this engagement. Wipfli reserves the right to terminate this engagement immediately upon learning of any such debarment or exclusion.

14. Regulatory Matters and Impact On Independence

Where Wipfli is (a) providing services to an entity that is registered with the SEC or an affiliate of such registrant; or (b) providing services to an entity or affiliate that is subject to professional standards more stringent than those which exist under the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct, any provision of these Terms and Conditions which would be prohibited by such professional standards or deemed to impair Wipfli's independence relative to Client under such professional standards shall not apply to the extent necessary to avoid such prohibition or independence impairment, it being the intent of Wipfli and Client to ensure Wipfli and Client's compliance with applicable professional standards in respect of Wipfli's engagement by Client and to ensure, where appropriate and necessary, Wipfli's independence from Client.

15. Certain Sales (and Similar) Tax Responsibilities

To the extent applicable, Client shall pay and be solely and exclusively liable for all sales, use, ad valorem, excise, or other taxes or governmental charges imposed on the installation, implementation, licensure, or sale of goods or services by Wipfli or third parties to Client.

16. Severability

The provisions of these Terms and Conditions shall be severable, so that the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions; provided that no such severability shall be effective if it materially changes the economic benefit of these Terms and Conditions to either party.

17. Independent Contractor Status and Non-Exclusivity

The relationship between Wipfli and Client is solely and exclusively that of independently contracting parties. No right of exclusivity is granted, guaranteed, or implied by Wipfli by entry into an engagement letter or the

performance of services. Client acknowledges that Wipfli regularly performs the same or similar services as are being provided hereunder to third parties.

18. Insurance

Wipfli will carry and maintain in force at all times during the term of its engagement with Client appropriate insurance coverages, including policies covering professional liability errors and omissions, cyber liability, general liability, automotive liability, and worker's compensation.

19. Notices

All notices required to be given to either party hereunder shall be in writing and sent by email or traceable carrier to each party's address (including an email address) indicated on any engagement letter, or such other address as a party may indicate by at least ten (10) business days' prior written notice to the other party. Notices shall be effective upon receipt. A copy of such notice shall be provided to wipfli-legal@wipfli.com.

20. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures

Any document contemplated hereby may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same document. Each party hereto agrees that any electronic signature of a party to any document contemplated hereby is intended to authenticate such writing and shall be as valid and have the same force and effect, as a manual signature.

21. Assignment

These Terms and Conditions and related engagement letters and agreements shall be binding on the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Neither party may make assignment thereof without the prior written consent of the other party, except that Wipfli may assign its rights and obligations hereunder without approval of Client to an entity that acquires all or substantially all of the assets of Wipfli or to any subsidiary, affiliate, or successor in a merger, acquisition, or change of control of Wipfli; provided that in no event shall such assignment relieve Wipfli of its obligations hereunder or under any applicable engagement letter.

22. Force Majeure

Either party may suspend (or, if such suspension continues for more than thirty (30) days, terminate) its obligations (except the obligation to pay for services previously rendered) hereunder or under any engagement letter or Change Order if such obligations are delayed, prevented, or rendered impractical or impossible due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, events generally understood to be "Acts of God."

23. Alternative Practice Structure

Wipfli LLP operates in an alternative practice structure with Wipfli Advisory LLC (and its respective subsidiary entities) in accordance with the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct and applicable law, regulations, and professional standards. As part of that alternative practice structure, and in connection with this engagement, We will lease from Wipfli Advisory LLC certain of its professional and administrative staff. These individuals will be under the direct control and supervision of Wipfli LLP, which is solely responsible for the performance of Our engagement. Such professional staff are subject to professional standards and contractual agreements between Wipfli LLP and Wipfli Advisory LLC requiring confidential treatment of all client information. Wipfli Advisory LLC also maintains custody of the files relating to this engagement. By signing an engagement letter, You consent to Us sharing Your confidential information in connection with this engagement or prior engagements with Wipfli Advisory LLC.

"Wipfli" is the brand name under which Wipfli LLP and Wipfli Advisory LLC and its respective subsidiary entities provide professional services. Wipfli LLP is a licensed independent CPA firm that provides attest services to its clients, and Wipfli Advisory LLC provides tax and business consulting services to its clients. Wipfli Advisory LLC and its subsidiary entities are not licensed CPA firms. In these Terms and Conditions, "Wipfli" means Wipfli LLP unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

A private fund managed by New Mountain Capital holds an interest in Wipfli Advisory LLC. We will consider any financial interests held by New Mountain Capital in You or Your affiliates, or financial interests held by You or Your affiliates in New Mountain Capital, for purposes of evaluating Our independence pursuant to professional standards. You agree to disclose any such financial interest to Us prior to the commencement of Our work and, to inform Us immediately in writing should such a financial interest arise following the commencement of Our work or execution of this agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD TO OPEN A
BANK ACCOUNT WITH FEDERATED BANK FOR OSLAD GRANT FUNDS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RESOLUTION

The City of Braidwood is hereby authorized to open an interest bearing account with Federated Bank, and the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute any documents to carry out the intent of this Resolution. The intended purpose of the account is to deposit OSLAD grant funding.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect

SECTION 3. REPEALER

Any policy, resolution, or ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication, and filing with the City Clerk as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026 with ____ members voting aye, ____ members voting nay, the Mayor voting _____, with ____ members abstaining or passing and said

vote being:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioner Elizabeth Dixon	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Warren Wietting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner James Mikel. Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Todd Lyons	_____	_____	_____	_____

Commissioner Dale Walsh _____

APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-51

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND APPROVING QUOTATIONS FROM METROPOLITAN PUMP COMPANY FOR REPAIRS TO A LIFT STATION AND WELL

WHEREAS, the City of Braidwood (“City”) is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-3-8 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/2-3-8) authorizes the City to purchase services and equipment for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities for the City of Braidwood have determined that it is necessary and expedient to waive the competitive bidding procedures and approve the quotations as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS INCORPORATED

The recitals set forth hereinabove shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS

The Corporate Authorities for the City of Braidwood hereby:

- A. waives the competitive bidding procedures by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote; and
- B. approves two quotations from Metropolitan Pump Company in the following amounts:
 - i. \$51,920.00 to repair well #5, as set forth in the quotation attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
 - ii. \$65,990.00 to repair the Light House Cove lift station electrical/controls upgrade, as set forth in the quotation attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- C. authorizes the Mayor for the City of Braidwood, or his designee, to sign any necessary paperwork the carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

Any policy, resolution, or ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication, and filing with the City Clerk as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026 with ____ members voting aye, ____ members voting nay, the Mayor voting _____, with ____ members abstaining or passing and said

vote being:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioner Elizabeth Dixon	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Warren Wietting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner James Mikel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Todd Lyons	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Dale Walsh	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Exhibit A

Well 5 Quotation

Exhibit B

Light House Cove Lift Station quotation

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TO: Mr. Rob Grivetti - Braidwood Public Works

PROJECT: Light House Cove Lift Station
Electrical / Controls Upgrade
Braidwood, IL.

We are pleased to provide this REV1 QUOTATION for the following equipment and services for the subject project.

Braidwood, IL. - Light House Cove Lift Station Controls Upgrade:

QTY	Description
1	Freestanding Stainless Steel, NEMA 3R Enclosure containing the following:
1/L	Climate Control Devices (Heater, Cooling Fans, Insulation, T-Stats)
1	SE Rated Manual Transfer Switch (Fuses Included)
1	Generator Receptacle with Back-Box & Angle Adaptor (Matching Previous Projects)
1	Enclosure Interior Light & Caged Alarm Light
1	Transformer (240 Volt, 3 Phase Primary / 120/240 Volt, 1 Phase Secondary)
1	120 Volt Convenience Outlet
1	Pump Control Panel Including the following:
1	Enclosure, Painted Steel, NEMA 3R (including sub-panel & Non-Fused Disconnect)
1	MicroLogix 1400 PLC with Memory Module and LMSII Control Program
1	Touchscreen, 7" LCD Color
1	Ethernet Switch Including Patch Cables
1/L	Intrinsically Safe Circuitry & Components
2	Motor Starter Assemblies (Breakers, Contactors & Overloads For Existing 25.2 FLA Motors)
1/L	Circuit Breakers, Fuse Blocks, Distribution Blocks, Terminal Blocks, Lugs
1/L	Power Supplies, Relays, Timers, Operator Switches, Operator Lights, ETMs
1/L	UPS Battery Back-up
1/L	Heater with T-Stat
1/L	Cellular Modem, Antennas, Surge Suppressors, Connectors, Cable & Reboot Relay
1	Surge Arrestor
1	Float Back-up Module
1	Submersible Transducer
4	Float Switches
1/L	Start-up / SCADA Integration / Training
1/L	Freight to Braidwood
1/L	Submittals / Operation Manuals

Your COST for the described equipment and services is:

\$65,990.00

Notes & Clarifications:

* The monthly charge will be \$50 for (1) Cellular to MetroCloud Service (250 tags / 5 Minute Polls)

Not Included: Installation, Conduit, Wire, Pumps, Monthly MetroCloud Service, Permits, Fees, Special Licenses, Bonds, Allowances, Bypass Pumping and Anything not listed.

TERMS: Net 30 days from date of invoice. All invoices are payable in full when due, with no retainage allowed.

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REV1 - QUOTATION

PROJECT:

Well #5 Upgrades
Braidwood, IL.

TO: Mr. Rob Grivetti - Braidwood Public Works

We are pleased to provide this REV1 QUOTATION for the following equipment and services for the subject project.

Braidwood, IL. - Well #5 Upgrades:

QTY	Description
1	4" Krohne Flow Meter WATERFLUX 3000 Compact Version, 4" DN100, Inline Type, Zero Inlet & Outlet Runs, NSF61 Converter IFC-100W Compact Version, AL Housing, 120 VAC, 1/2" NPT Cable Entry, 4-20mA
1/L	4" Powder Coated Piping, SS Hardware & Gaskets
1	Variable Frequency Drive with Fused Input Disconnect & Bypass Contactor ABB ACH580 6 Pulse, NEMA 1, Rated 30 HP, 88 Amps, 240 Volt, 3 Phase
1/L	Control Panel Components 1 MicroLogix 1400 PLC with Memory Module 1 Touchscreen, 7" LCD Color Including Retro-Fit Plate 1 Ethernet Switch Including Patch Cables 1/L Cellular Modem, Antennas, Surge Suppressors, Connectors, Cable & Reboot Relay 1/L Power Supplies, Terminals, Din Rail, Zip Ties
1/L	Installation Labor 1/L Control Component Installation 1/L Flow Meter & Piping Installation 1 Variable Frequency Drive Installation (Conduit & Wire Included) 1/L Cellular Antennas Installation
1/L	Start-up / PLC Programming / HMI Graphics / SCADA Integration / Training
1/L	Freight to Braidwood
1/L	Submittals / Operation Manuals

Your COST for the described equipment and services is:

\$51,920.00

Notes & Clarifications:

* The monthly charge will be \$50 for (1) Cellular to MetroCloud Service (250 tags / 5 Minute Polls)

Not Included: Well Pump, Feeder Breaker, Monthly MetroCloud Service, Permits, Fees, Special Licenses, Bonds, Allowances, Bypass Pumping and Anything not listed.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-52

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND APPROVING
A PROPOSAL FROM WATER WELL SOLUTIONS ILLINOIS, LLC
FOR REPAIRS TO WELL 3**

WHEREAS, the City of Braidwood (“City”) is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-3-8 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/2-3-8) authorizes the City to purchase services and equipment for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities for the City of Braidwood have determined that it is necessary and expedient to waive the competitive bidding procedures and approves the proposal as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS INCORPORATED

The recitals set forth hereinabove shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS

The Corporate Authorities for the City of Braidwood hereby:

- A. waives the competitive bidding procedures by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote; and
- B. approves the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A from Water Well Solutions Illinois, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$39,980.00 to make repairs to Well 3; and
- C. authorizes the Mayor for the City of Braidwood, or his designee, to sign any necessary paperwork the carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

Any policy, resolution, or ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, publication, and filing with the City Clerk as provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026 with ____ members voting aye, ____ members voting nay, the Mayor voting _____, with ____ members abstaining or passing and said vote being:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioner Elizabeth Dixon	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Warren Wietting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner James Mikel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Todd Lyons	_____	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Dale Walsh	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Exhibit A

Well 3 Proposal from Water Well Solutions Illinois, LLC

Water Well Solutions Illinois, LLC

1505 Frontenac Road
Naperville, IL 60563
www.wwssg.com



PROPOSAL TO:

Date: 8/3/2026

Company: City of Braidwood

Job Name:

Address:

Well 3 VFD Replacement

City:

Attention: Rob Grivetti

Phone: 815-791-0755

Email: rgrivetti@gmail.com

Fax:

Qty	Description	Unit Price	TOTAL
	<u>Well 3 VFD Replacement</u>		
1	ABB ACH580 200 HP 460 Volt NEMA 1 Variable Frequency Drive	\$35,500.00	\$35,500.00
8	Crew labor to remove existing Cerus Titan P Series VFD, Install ABB, wire, program and test.	\$460.00	\$3,680.00
1	Expidited shipping cost "Same Day PickUp and Delivery"	\$800.00	\$800.00

NOTE ON MATERIAL PRICES: The material prices noted above are based on current market prices. The price and other materials are volatile. Therefore, we must reserve the right to adjust the above material prices based on market pricing the date your order is signed and returned to us. In order to hold the current pricing, it will be necessary to immediately order the materials. Further, Water Well Solutions will bill for the materials so ordered at the same time. Your signature below constitutes agreement to be billed for those materials ordered and is your further agreement to pay, within 30 days of invoice date, for those materials ordered.

Total Amount Proposed **\$39,980.00**

CLIENT	WATER WELL SOLUTIONS ILLINOIS, LLC
The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. Water Well Solutions is authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made within ten (10) days of invoice date.	All material is guaranteed to be specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs, will be executed only upon written orders and will become an extra charge over and above this proposal. All agreements are contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other insurance.
BY: _____ DATE: _____	BY: _____ DATE: _____