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# LOGANSPORT PARKS and RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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# INTRODUCTION

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose behind any planning document is to provide a framework in which to complete important tasks. Having a plan allows decision makers to more easily determine where they are, where they want to go, how they will get there, and how they will know when they've arrived. A specific emphasis of this update is to provide more statistically valid data based on the City's population and demographics to inform facility and programming improvements. In addition, more robust data within the Park Agency Profile and Community Profile chapters demonstrates the need for additional funding, staff, and resources to meet the community's needs and operate to adequate levels as compared to similar communities.

The parks master plan was finalized and adopted by the Logansport Park Board on Insert Date.

## **GOVERNMENT**

**Mayor** - Chris Martin

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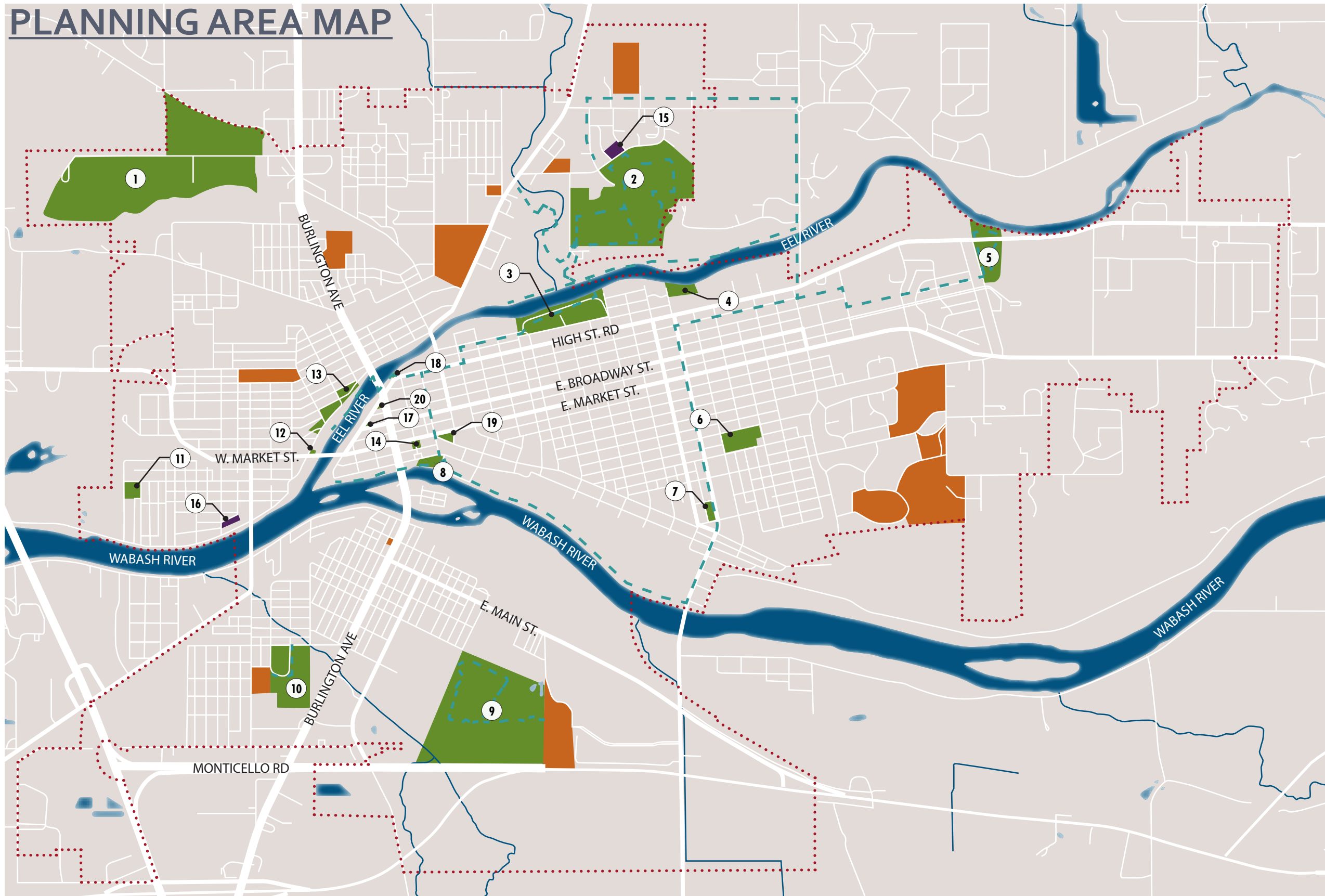
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# PLANNING AREA MAP

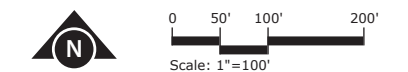


## PARKS

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## LEGEND

- ..... Logansport City Limits
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- Parks Buildings
- - - Trails



### PLANNING AREA

The Logansport Parks System is contained within the Corporate Limits of the City of Logansport. All public input including Surveys are based on the Corporate Limits. Consideration of regional influences have been considered but not included in the data. The Parks Department recognizes that many non-residents also utilize the amenities provided. This factor has been reflected within the goals.



## VISION

*"Your First Choice in Outdoor Recreation"*

*Leading with progressive stewardship and community engagement, creating safe, inviting, and well-equipped spaces where people of all ages and abilities thrive.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"Fostering Community Well-being"*

*Logansport Parks & Recreation is committed to building a vibrant and healthy community for future generations through accessible recreational facilities and programs that promote physical health, social engagement, conservation, and cultural appreciation.*

## VALUES

**Collaboration:** *We believe in the power of teamwork and cooperation, working together toward a common goal to achieve greater impact and success.*

**Integrity:** *We uphold the highest standards of honesty, ethics, and accountability in all our actions, earning the trust and respect of the community we serve.*

**Inclusiveness:** *We are committed to creating an environment where all individuals feel welcome, valued, and represented, fostering diversity and belonging.*

**Stewardship:** *We responsibly manage and allocate resources, including taxpayer money, ensuring efficient and effective use for the benefit of present and future generations.*

**Safety:** *We prioritize the well-being and security of our community, maintaining safe equipment and spaces that promote health, enjoyment, and peace of mind.*

**Innovation:** *We embrace new ideas and forward-thinking approaches, continuously seeking and implementing innovative solutions to enhance the quality and relevance of our services.*

**Communication:** *We foster open, transparent, and proactive communication, engaging with stakeholders to understand needs, share information, and build trust.*

**Education:** *We are dedicated to fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth, empowering individuals with knowledge, skills, and opportunities to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to our community.*



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# PARK AGENCY PROFILE

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## PARKS DEPARTMENT LOCATION

The Park Department operations are conducted at:

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Logansport, IN 46947

(574) 753-6969

[www.logansportparks.com](http://www.logansportparks.com)

<https://www.cityoflogansport.org/departments/parks-recreation/>

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*Park Superintendent*

Janet Fawley

*Administrative Assistant*

Kelly Smith

*Recreation Director*

Kara Yax

*Dykeman Park Golf Course Superintendent / Pro*

Dean Vietti

*Maintenance Superintendent*

Kevin Price

## PARK DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS

Descriptions of Park Department Divisions have been included for those unfamiliar with the varied functions and position responsibilities of each Park Department Divisions and Staff.

### Parks Superintendent

The Parks Superintendent is primarily accountable to the Logansport Parks & Recreation Board. The principal purpose of the job is to be responsible for planning, organizing, directing, and controlling all activities of the Parks and Recreation Department, including the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and maintenance of city parks, recreational facilities, including golf course and swimming pool. The Parks Superintendent also develops and implements policies, procedures, and practices to accomplish objectives as determined by the Parks Board that maintain programs for the public.

The Parks Superintendent's level of authority is such that they implement policies and programs with activities reviewed for adequacy of professional judgment, compliance with policies, and achievement of results consistent with objectives. The Parks Superintendent operates with only nominal direction and appreciable latitude for independent action and decisions commensurate with demonstrated ability, following broad policy guidelines, department objectives, and applicable laws, rules, and ordinances. Error in judgment could have substantial impact on public acceptance

of programs and efficient operation of other City departments, and could result in legal and fiscal liability for the City.

The Parks Superintendent's primary work environment is performed in an office setting and in community meeting rooms. Some responsibilities require driving a vehicle to various parks and program locations in order to visit / inspect both indoor and outdoor sites.

#### Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant is accountable to the Parks Superintendent. The principal purpose of the job is to perform responsible and complex secretarial and administrative assistance duties. This position oversees and administers day-to-day activities and functions of the Parks Department Office.

The Administrative Assistant position requires someone who works cooperatively and effectively with the public and other employees in a very busy and sometimes stressful office environment. The Administrative Assistant is required to maintain extensive filing systems, processes claims, maintain budgetary and payroll accounts for the department, assist with department budget preparation and control, prepare requisitions and purchase orders, and order office supplies as needed.

#### Maintenance Superintendent

The Maintenance Superintendent is accountable to the Parks Superintendent. The principle purpose of the job is to supervise the duties of the Parks Maintenance Staff by planning, organizing, directing, and implementing a comprehensive parks maintenance program that includes preventive maintenance, repair, construction, supply/inventory control, maintenance management system, administration, and short and long range planning.

#### Recreation Director

Accountable to the Parks Superintendent, the Recreation Director oversees and leads recreation programs, facilities, events, and related services. The position is also responsible for the supervision of part-time and seasonal recreation staff. The Recreation Director directly supervises assigned recreation employees and contract program instructors and is responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and evaluation for the recreation division. This position carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws. Responsibilities include interviewing, hiring, and training employees; planning, assigning, and directing work; providing feedback and coaching employees, appraising performance; and resolving issues.



### Golf Course Superintendent / Pro

Under the direction of the Parks Superintendent, the Golf Course Superintendent / Pro provides staff assistance and professional support to the Parks Board, Parks Superintendent, and other officials as applicable. Work is performed in a progressive, team driven environment that values strong leadership and organizational commitment. The Golf Course Superintendent / Pro facilitates the operation and administration of the objectives of the Parks and Recreation Department, supervises and mentors the golf programs including marketing programs, lessons, pro shop management, and related golf course operations. Collaboration and employee empowerment are used to achieve the goals and objectives of the Golf Course operations. The Golf Course Superintendent / Pro must be able to work successfully in a team-oriented atmosphere that provides citizens and employees with accurate information, excellent customer service and human relations skills which supports the department's mission. They must be creative, innovative, and flexible, using conflict resolution skills while assisting with the overall operations of the department.

### Golf Course Maintenance

Under the direction of the Golf Course Superintendent / Pro and the Assistant Golf Superintendent, Golf Maintenance Staff performs all maintenance directly related to the daily routine care, preventive maintenance and the extraordinary care of the Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course and its associated facilities, grounds, and structures. Extraordinary skills required of the Golf Maintenance Staff include engine repair, turf management, irrigation equipment management, tree care, and large and small equipment operations. In addition, Golf Maintenance Staff are required to perform custodial duties at the golf course, its buildings, vehicles and equipment. As of 2006, the "cost recovery" model has brought about the need for the Golf Course Superintendent / Pro to oversee clubhouse operations. Under the direction of the Golf Course Superintendent / Pro, the clubhouse staff will be responsible for maintaining the tee times, collect fees, operate clubhouse concessions, provide clean golf cars to customers, selling merchandise as well as custodial tasks within the clubhouse. Skills required of those

that work at the clubhouse include computer operations, custodial skills, money management, and a positive presentation for the public.

### Parks Maintenance

Under the direction of the Maintenance Superintendent, the Parks Maintenance Staff performs all maintenance directly related to the daily routine care, preventive maintenance, and the extraordinary care of the department's twenty (20) parks and associated facilities, grounds, and structures. Extraordinary skills required of the parks maintenance staff include engine repair, carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical, roofing, masonry, tree and lawn care, and large and small equipment operations. In addition, Parks Maintenance Staff are required to perform custodial duties within each of the parks, their buildings, vehicles, and equipment.

Parks Maintenance Staff are also responsible for providing support to the recreational activities and the large community events. They spend many hours in preparation for events such as Squeal on the Eel, and Taste of Cass County. In addition to "polishing" the parks and facilities for these special events, the Parks Maintenance Staff move picnic tables, set up temporary shelters, and provide stand-by technical support during these events. As an event winds down, the Parks Maintenance staff dismantles the event facilities and returns the park to its original condition.

The Logansport Parks Maintenance Staff has constructed two of the three playgrounds newly installed in the last five years. In addition, the staff inspects/audits the playgrounds for safety concerns, recommends upgrades, and documents these concerns.





## THE PARK LAW

The Logansport Parks Board, by Ordinance No. 97-42, operates under the Third Class City Park Law. The State statute (I.C.36-10-3) establishes the executive department of public parks in First Class Cities/Towns and provides that the Board of Parks and Recreation shall have exclusive government, management, and control of all parks and recreation areas within the City/Town, subject only to the laws of the State. A copy of Ordinance No. 97-42, passed and dated Dec. 29, 1997, can be found in the Appendix of this document.

## LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The Logansport Parks Board was established in 1979 and re-established by Ordinance #97-42 in November of 1997 (see Chapter 8 - Appendix). The Parks Board is made up of five (5) members, four (4) of whom are appointed by the Mayor and one (1) who is appointed by the School Board from its membership. The members each serve 4-year staggered terms. The Parks Board hired a Park Superintendent and prepared its first Master Plan in 1981.

Name, Position	Term Expires
Dave Smith, President	January 2026
Jason Crittendon, Vice President	May 2024
Ammon Tuitavuki, Secretary	January 2025
Mike McCord, Member, LCSC Rep.	Annual
Sam Tocco, Member	January 2024

The Parks Board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers on the 3rd floor of City Hall. At this time, the Board makes policy and operational decisions, approves requests for use of park facilities, receives updates on departmental activity and approves the annual budget. The meetings are open to the public.

## RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL CORPORATION

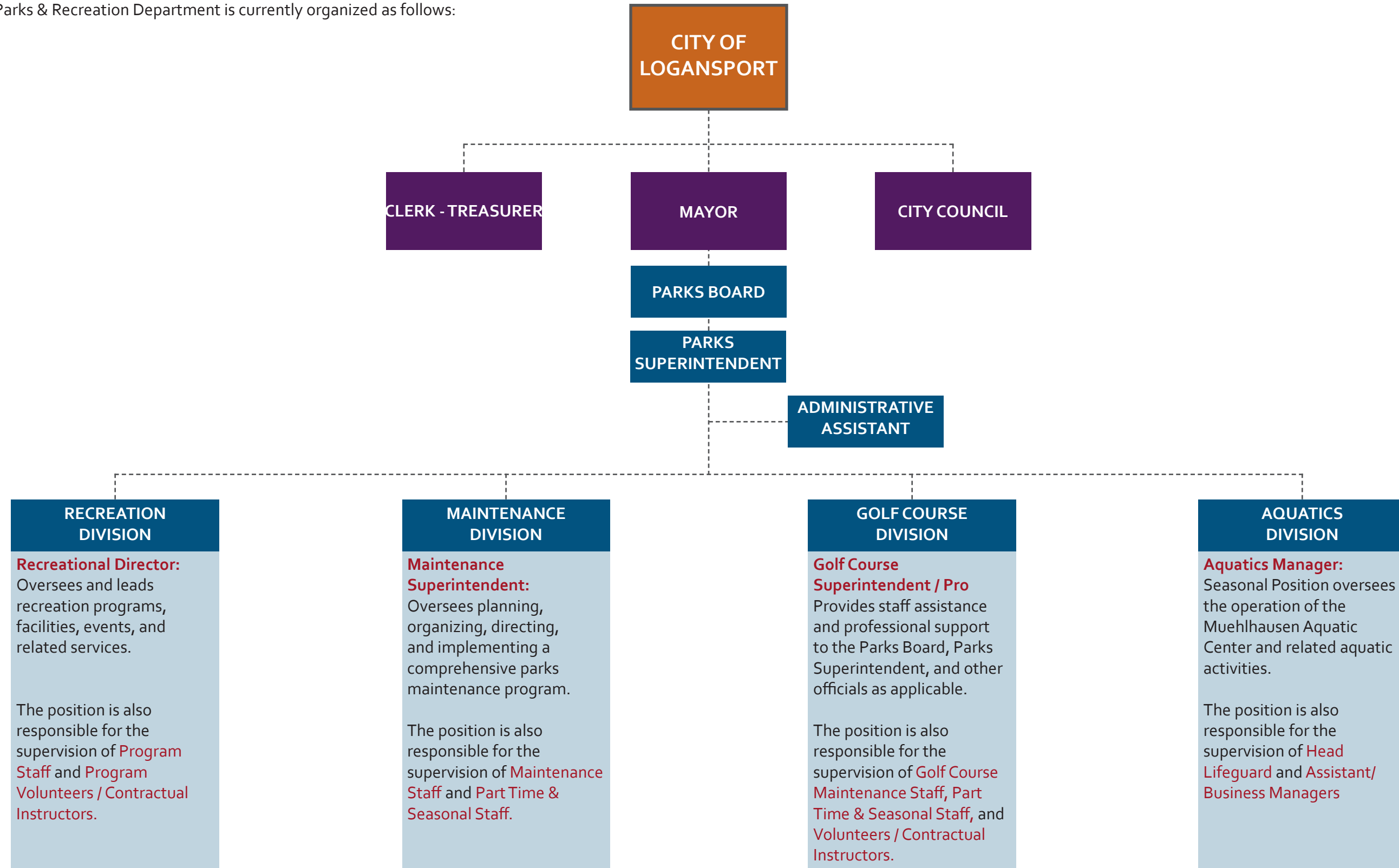
Currently, the Logansport Park and Recreation Board utilizes the law allowing a school board appointed member to serve on the Park and Recreation Board. The Parks and Recreation Department also has an informal cooperative agreement with the Logansport Community School Corporation for sharing each entity's facilities throughout the year. This is done verbally with mutual benefit from this shared generosity. This partnership between the two entities needs to be continually nurtured to maximize mutual benefits in the areas of programming and facilities.

## LOGANSPORT PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION, INC.

A non-profit Park Foundation for Logansport Parks & Recreation was incorporated in February 2008. It is a 501c3 non-profit organization. A seven-member Board of Directors manages the Foundation to assist the Park Department in land acquisition, park program enhancements, greenway connections and stewardship of natural and cultural resources.

### ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

The Logansport Parks & Recreation Department is currently organized as follows:





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# **FACILITIES AND PROGRAM INVENTORY**

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# FACILITIES INVENTORY

## PURPOSE

This chapter serves to inventory all land, locations, facilities, trails, amenities, and programs that the Parks Department oversees and maintains.

It is meant to be used as a means of information on the current conditions of each park, including how ADA Accessible each park is, in order to better formulate recommendations for future improvements to better serve the Logansport community and beyond.



# Parks Inventory

## Features Summary

**167**  
Acres of  
Golf Course

**205**  
Acres of  
Park Land

**6.7**  
Miles of Trails



**7**

Open  
Natural  
Areas



**14**

Shelters



**1**

Dog Park



**11**

Playground  
Locations



**1**

Aquatic  
Play Area



**10**

Basketball  
Courts



**4**

Natural  
Multi -  
Purpose  
Fields



**6**

Baseball /  
Softball  
Fields



**2**

Pickleball  
Courts

# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROPERTIES AND AMENITIES:

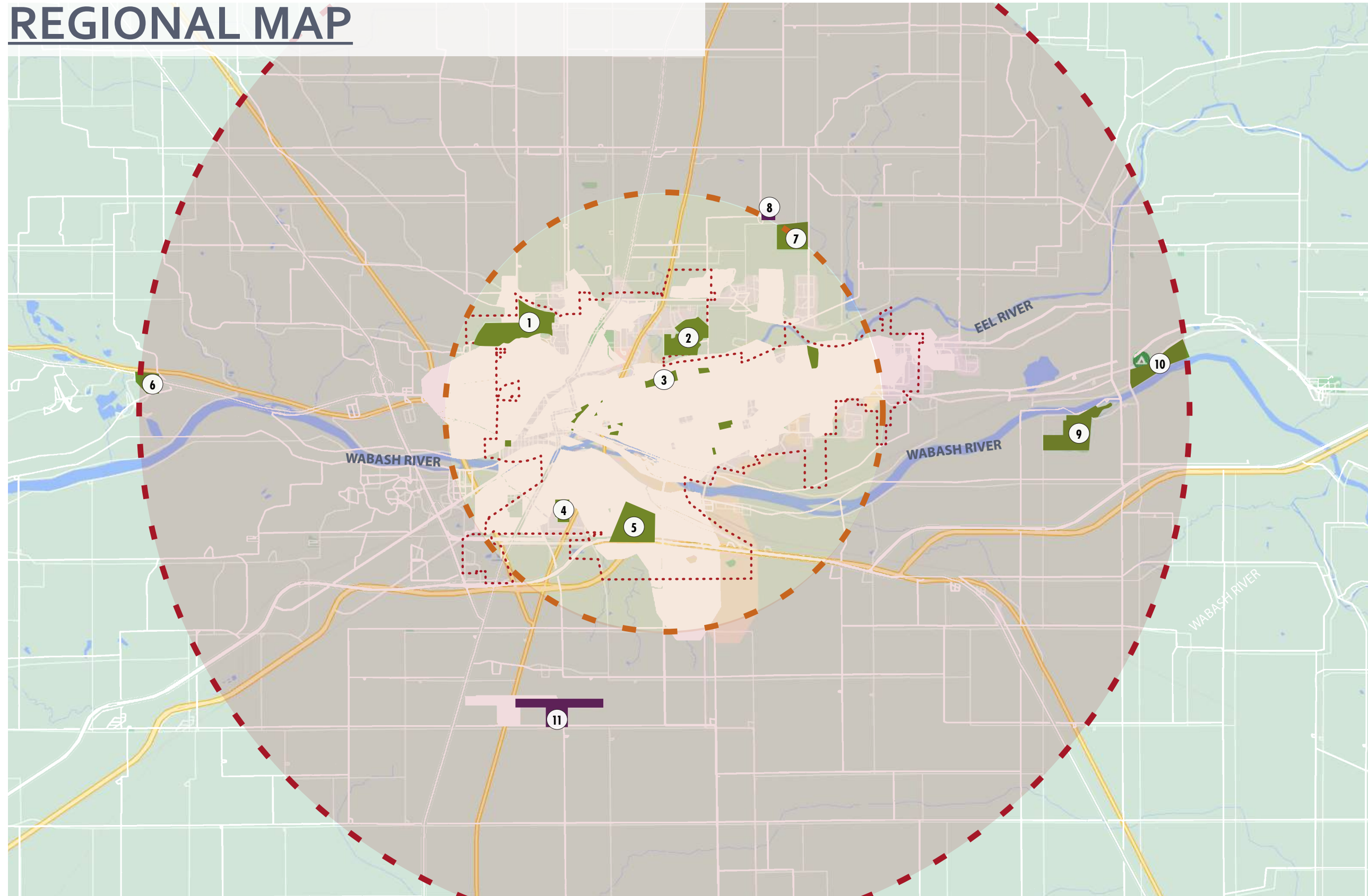
## FACILITIES

## PARKS



\*\*This chart documents the presence of an amenity, not the quantity.

# REGIONAL MAP



## LEGEND

1. Dykeman Park and Golf Course
2. Huston Park
3. Riverside Park & Cass County Dentzel Carousel
4. Fairview Park
5. Flory Nature Preserve
6. France Park
7. Aim High Sports Park
8. Cass County Fairgrounds
9. Logansport Golf Club and Event Center
10. Tall Sycamore Campground
11. Logansport / Cass County Airport

## LEGEND

- Logansport City Limits
- 5 Minute Drive
- 10 Minute Drive
- Parks / Greenspace
- Buildings

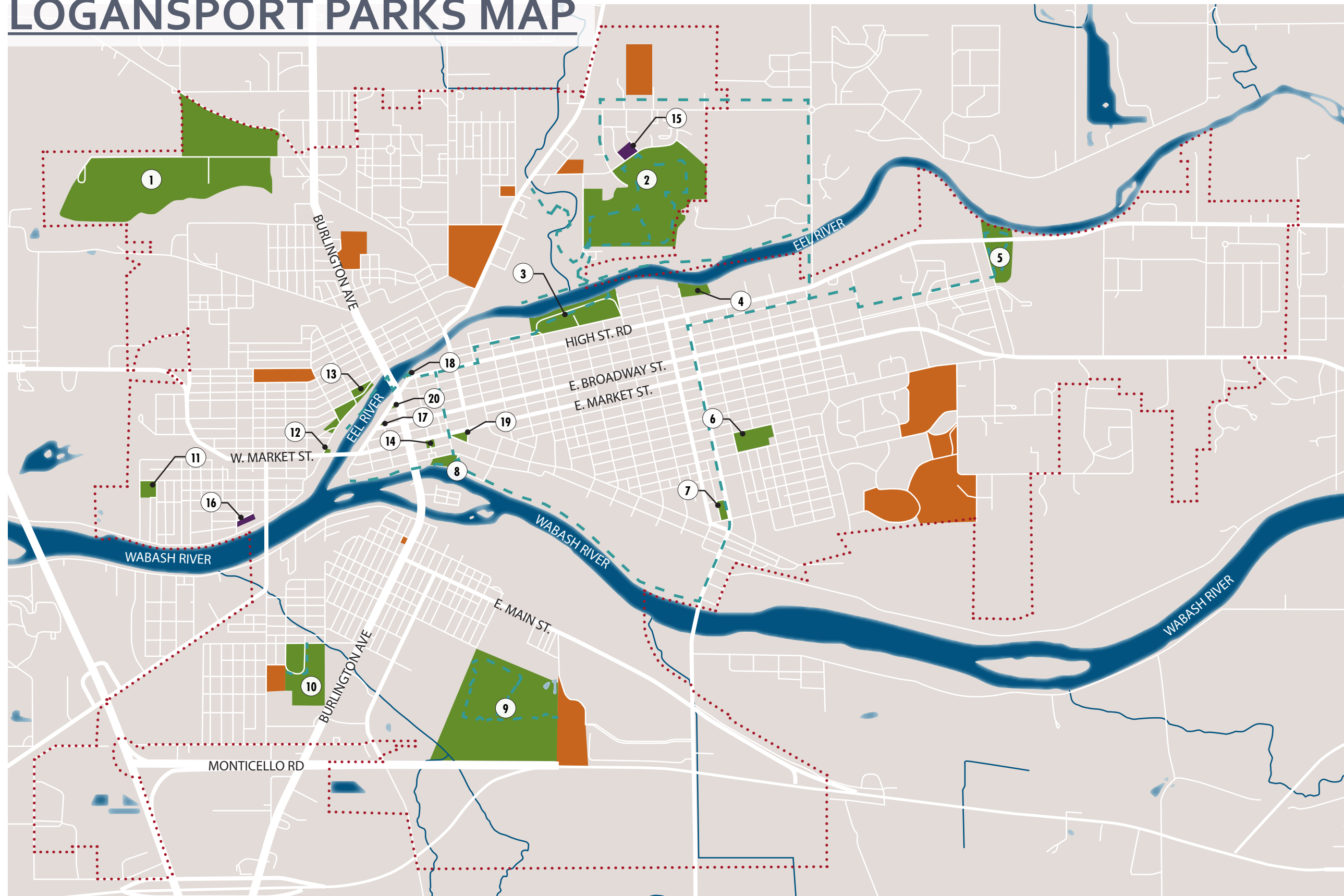


**LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION - REGIONAL MAP**  
5 YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN





# LOGANSPORT PARKS MAP

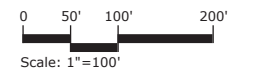


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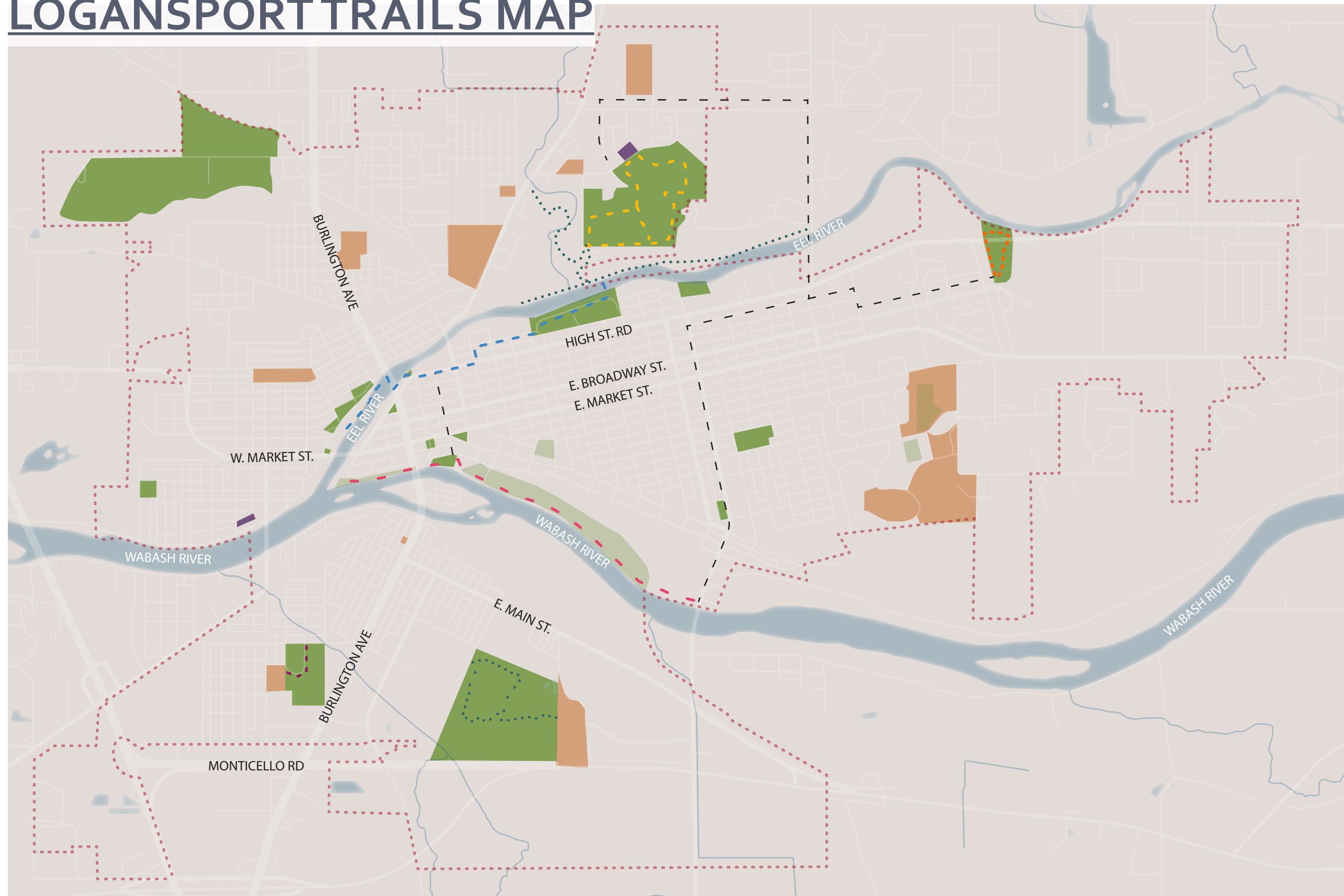


### LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION - FACILITIES MAP

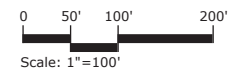
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# LOGANSPORT TRAILS MAP



- LEGEND**
- Logansport City Limits
  - Greenspace
  - Parks
  - Parks Buildings
  - Schools
  - Huston Trails
  - Eel River Run
  - Little Turtle Waterway
  - Spencer Park Loop
  - Fairview Park Loop
  - Trails Not Maintained by Parks
  - Sidewalk Trails (NOT MAINTAINED BY PARKS)



## LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION - FACILITIES MAP

5 YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN



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# BISHOP PARK

ADDRESS: 1718 Jefferson St. Logansport, IN 46947

SIZE: 5 Acres

Bishop Park is a small, 5 acre park located on the southeast side of Logansport. As a neighborhood park, its amenities provide some important items for the community



- (A) Picnic Pavilion
- (B) Basketball Court
- (C) Play Field
- (D) Playground
- (E) Water Fountain

### Park Amenities:

A chain link fence on the east and south edges of the park provides families a more defined boundary to keep children within. It currently has a small picnic pavilion, a high school regulation basketball court, a composite playground structure, a swing set, and a good size open field for athletic play. The picnic pavilion will seat approximately 18-24 people at its 3 picnic tables with 2 trash cans. The basketball court is large enough for regulation high school play, and is in fair condition. The playground is a "Game Time" composite structure which was built in 2005 and is in good-fair condition. The Game Time swing set is in good condition and provides 2 sling-type seats, and 2 bucket swing seats for toddlers. The playground area is surrounded by commercial playground borders, with Engineered Wood Fiber surface material. The athletic field is large enough for soccer, softball, or football and is in fair condition. It is mowed regularly, with little turf maintenance or lines drawn for athletic competition. An ADA accessible drinking fountain connects only to the south sidewalk, but not the amenities within the park. On street parking is the only parking available, and there is no handicap parking designated on the street. The sidewalk inside the park is not regulation handicap because it has a dirt section between the street and the east boundary of the park.

### Park Features:

Landscaping in Bishop Park is very sparse. A single tree near the picnic pavilion is the only shade that is naturally available. The only flowering landscaping is within the planter "box" where the Bishop Park sign is located. It is a very flat area that drains well and is very rarely saturated from rain or snow. The change in elevation to the north of park does not cause any drainage or flooding issues.

### Park Inventory:

- Chain link fencing on the east and south sides of site
- Small pavilion structure
- 3 Total picnic tables
- 2 Total trash cans
- Large, open field with 1 football goal post on the south side
- 2 Swing seats
- 2 Infant bucket swing seats
- 1 Basketball court
- 1 Large composite structure (Game Time)
- Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) play surface with plastic trim

### Public Comment:

- Concerns about graffiti and a need for removal
- Need for more organized parking
- Desire for improvement of basketball court conditions
- Desire for improvement of the large playing field turf

### Opportunities:

- Replace current small shelter
- Repair basketball court
- Set up routine maintenance plan for playing field
- Implement new RTF sports grade turf into field
- Add permanent soccer goals
- Designate disability parking spaces
- Repair sidewalks for accessibility

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- 1 ADA-accessible drinking water fountain (note that it is only accessible via the south sidewalk, not within the park)
- No accessible parking
- The only sidewalk on-site does not connect to any street sidewalk
- Basketball court and playground are not ADA-accessible





# BURKHART PARK

**ADDRESS:** 503 E Market St. Logansport, IN, 46947

**SIZE:** 1 Acre

Located at the three-way intersection of Erie Avenue, 5th Street, and Market Street, Burkhart Park is a corner pocket park with a prominent billboard and significant grade change between roads, resulting in a large retaining wall. The land was donated to the City of Logansport by the Burkhart Sign Company and has seen a decrease in use due to the development of nearby park amenities.

### Park Features:

Burkhart Park was donated to the City of Logansport by the Burkhart Sign Company during the 1990's. At the time, the land was needed during the Iron Horse Festival and other downtown events. The festival used Erie Avenue as its venue, and so it was valuable to the community. Now that Logansport has open space around the Iron Horse Depot (Little Turtle Waterway, the LTW Commons, and the Farmer's Market Lot), downtown activities no longer take place at this location.

This piece of downtown land has very little to offer in the way of green space. While normal precipitation may keep it green, it has no water access to ensure its continued vegetation. It offers no shade, or a place to sit. The vegetation is weedy and overgrown with little value.



### Park Amenities:

Less than 1 acre, Burkhart Park is a corner lot located at the three-way intersection of Erie Avenue, 5th Street, and Market Street in downtown Logansport. It is a simple corner of green land that contrasts the surrounding concrete and asphalt terrain, adding some value to the park. It has a small granite marker with its name, a wall of limestone bricks on the north and east sides, and necessary raised fencing along Market Street acts as a barrier to the steep grade change. The wall is in poor condition and fencing is in good condition. Due to recent construction, previous ornamental plants have been removed and only three trees remain near the east side of the park. The park has no paths through the park, so it is entirely inaccessible to a wheelchair. The most prominent aspect of the park is the large billboard on the east side of the site.

Burkhart Park, despite its size, is full of opportunity for a green space in a relatively gray portion of downtown. It requires a redesign, amenity repair, and amenity addition with thoughtful consideration to the lack of on-site utilities. If repurposing the park is not an option, returning the land to the Lamar Advertising Company should be considered.



### Public Comments:

- No public comments have been made

### Opportunities:

- Redesign the park as a planted space / green space for passersby
- Return the land to the Lamar Advertising Company

### Park Inventory:

- Small park signage
- Wall at north and east sides
- Large advertisement sign
- Fencing along park at Market Street

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- No paths through park
- The adjacent sidewalk has recently been replaced, adding width and making the area more accessible







# DUNWOODY PARK

ADDRESS: 16-18th St, Logansport, IN 46947

SIZE: 3 Acres

Dunwoody Park is a 3-acre piece of undeveloped land located along the Eel River at the north end of 18th Street. It has 1 picnic table and trash can, a great deal of open lawn space, and a small, wooded area w/ natural trails. River access is limited to a foot path down to the water's edge. There is no water or electricity, paved parking or pathways. This park is named after Steve Dunwoody, a 10-year-old boy who became locally known for saving a drowning girl over 50 years ago.



### Park Features:

Dunwoody Park is a little bit of green space for a residential neighborhood on 18th Street. There are no businesses around this park, and so it is most prominently used by the neighborhood. The lawn provides a wide open space for activity, and the river's edge is filled with old trees and lots of honeysuckle, alanthus, and other invasive species. The old trees are a great wildlife habitat for many birds including Bald Eagles and Woodpeckers. The wooded lot, which was donated to the Parks in 2003, has a series of deer trails, but no man-made trails. It is such a small area that you can view the edges from the opposite side of the lot. Dunwoody Park has always been included in the Eel River flood plain of Logansport. However, it has not been actually flooded for these last 25 years. When the dam was removed at Riverside Park in 2021, there was a definite decrease in the river's elevation, and is probably no longer in the flood plain. A formal study is being conducted by the City's Planning Department with results being available by the end of 2024.

### Park Inventory:

- 1 Picnic table
- 1 Trash can
- Open lawn space
- Small wooded space with nature trails
- River access is limited to foot path

### Public Comments:

- Desire to open up access to the Eel River

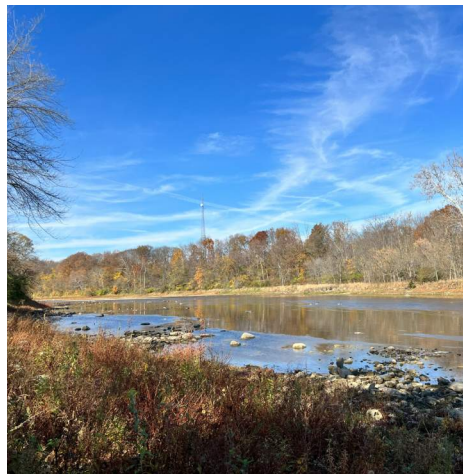
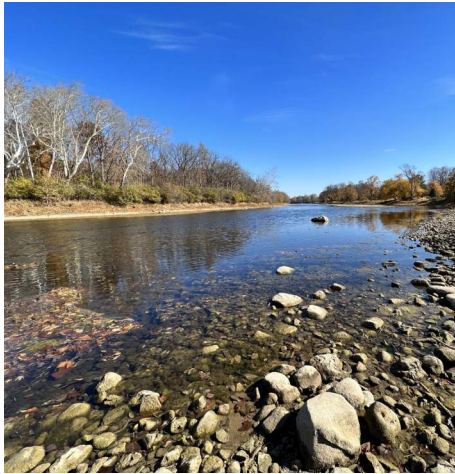
### Opportunities:

- Make connections to Spencer Park, Riverside Park, and Little Turtle Waterway
- Incorporate water-based amenities such as kayaking, canoeing, and tubing
- Research and provide educational pieces about the park's importance to the community

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- No paved parking or pathways
- No access sidewalk





## DYKEMAN PARK

**ADDRESS:** 190 Eberts RD., Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 5 Acres

Dykeman Park is a large community park that is divided into 2 operational functions. For the purposes of this presentation, we are discussing the park on the west end of the park past the golf course. The golf course has its own budget, staffing, and specific issues that are addressed in the next park description.

### Park Programs:

- Park in a Box
- Earth Day 2024



### Park Amenities:

Dykeman Park-West is a 3-5 acres that are located between several large ravines, on open space with lots of trees of all species. This park has a large indoor/outdoor picnic shelter that has three sections for use. The 2 outer sections may be closed off and utilized as "indoor" sections with 6 picnic tables, a fireplace, windows, lighting and electricity in each area. Between the indoor sections is a large outdoor area that holds approximately 8 picnic tables and also has electricity and lighting. A pathway to the pavilion makes it ADA accessible. One grill is available for the entire pavilion that is not accessible. A restroom with a men's & women's side is available for park users. Each restroom has only one stall and sink. Neither restroom is ADA accessible. Drinking water access is available through a hose bib at the pavilion but is also not ADA accessible. Water in this park is not city water but operates from its own well.

Dykeman Park -West also has the "Dykeman Dinosaur" playground built in 2002, and is made up of 3 individual pieces including a ladder & slide, a dinosaur climber, and a "Tyrannosaurus" swing set with 2 belt swings. The Playground uses recycled lumber borders to contain the Engineered Wood Fiber safety surfacing.

Vehicle access to this area is from the paved road, Eberts Road. It eventually becomes an asphalt loop that turns back around in short order. Parking in this park is a stoned area without a designated ADA accessible parking spot. It is separated from the golf course by a split-rail fence and a dog waste station. The grounds also have a Native American concrete marker with little identifying information.

### Park Features:

Dykeman Park-West is maintained by the "Parks" General Fund and staffing and is located between several large ravines, with lots of hardwoods. All water drains well and eventually follows the path of the ravines. Flooding is not an issue in this part of the park. The woods associated with this area are considered old growth, with lots of trees down, and a nature trail that loops around to the perimeter of the property. The forest is not well-maintained, so trees that have fallen eventually decompose into natural compost. Honeysuckle & other invasives are prevalent throughout the property. The most western point is an open area in which recreational camping could be held.

### Park Inventory:

- Entry pillars and signage
- Indoor/outdoor picnic shelter
  - Rentable rooms
  - Picnic tables
  - 2 Trash cans
  - Working electricity
  - 2 Fire places
  - 1 Grill
- Aged playground
  - Dinosaur climber
  - Slide and ladder
  - 2 Swing seats
  - Surrounded by recycled lumbar trimming
- 1 Overgrown sandbox
- Park is accessible by trail from neighboring houses
- 1 Dog waste station
- 2 Total restrooms
- 1 Drinking fountain
- 1 Native american monument plaque

### Public Comment:

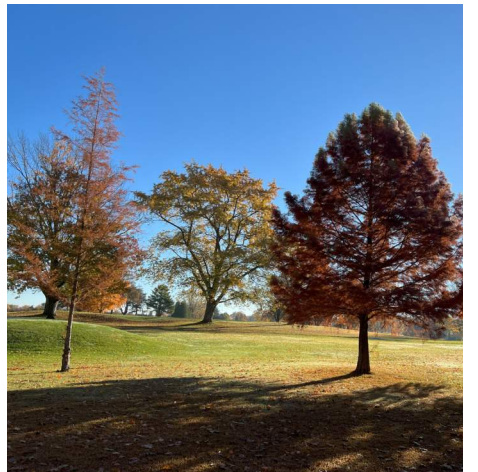
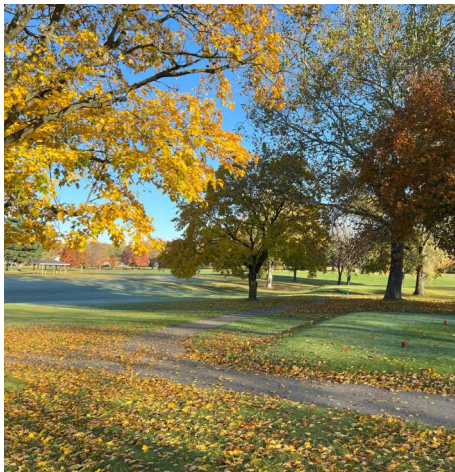
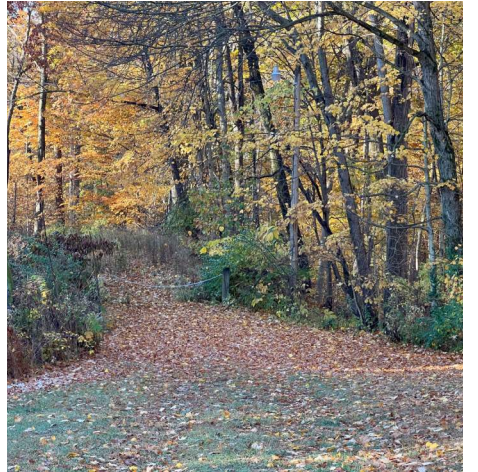
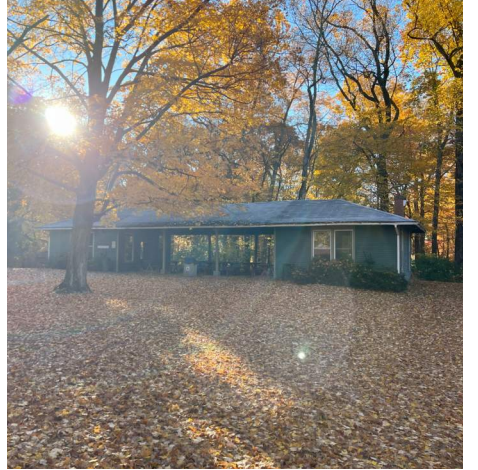
- Need for the road surface to be improved

### Opportunities:

- Partner with local organizations such as the Boy/Girl/Eagle Scouts
- Remote location is suitable for a nature center
- Potential site for Earth Day activities
- Repave road and provide ADA Accessibility
- Construct new restrooms to address current restroom issues in 2024

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Restrooms are ADA compliant; no ADA path to get to restrooms
- Drinking fountain not accessible



# DYKEMAN PARK MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

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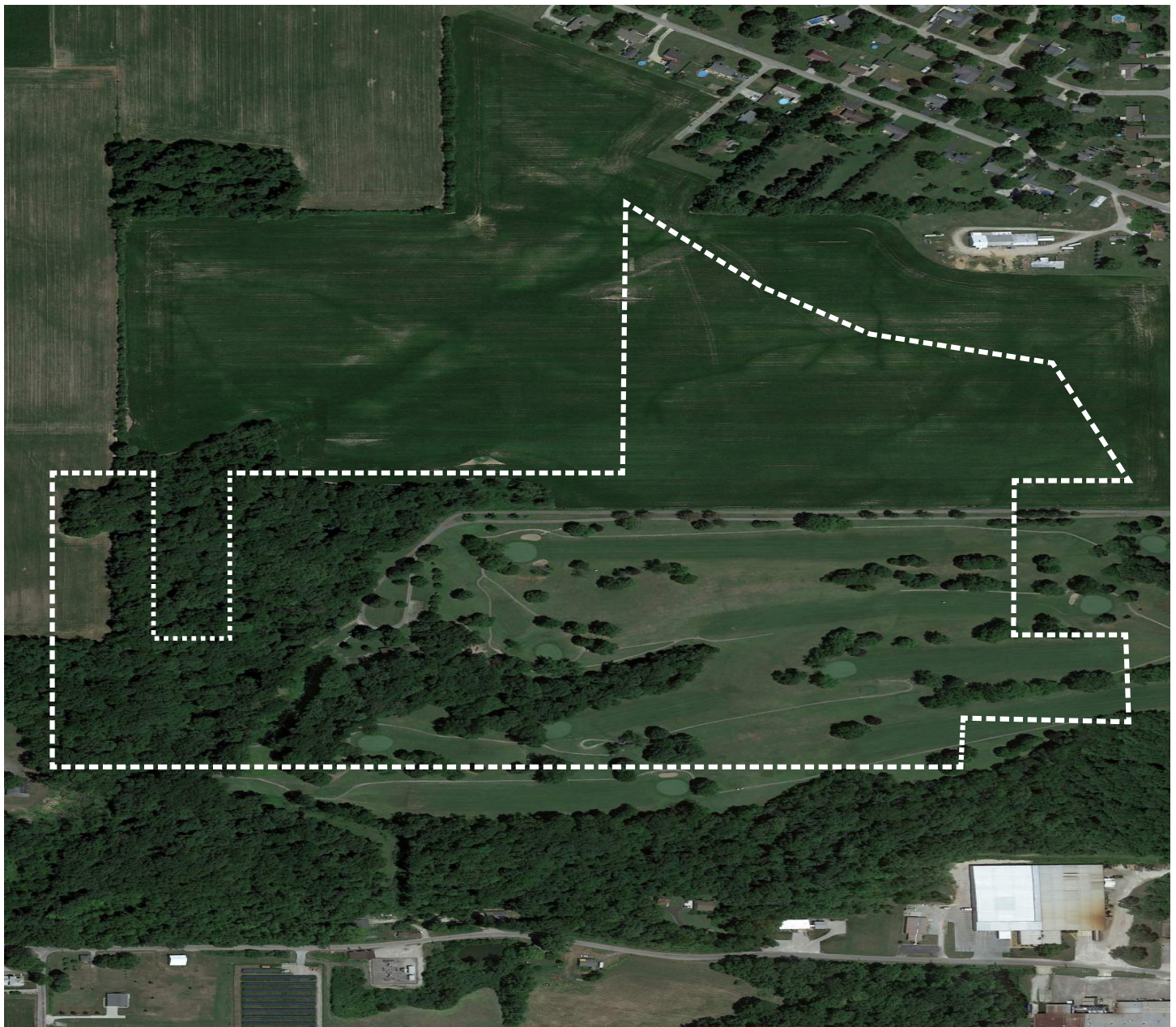
**ADDRESS:** 101 Eberts RD. | 574-753-0222

**SIZE:** 167 Acres

Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course is a 167 acre 18-hole golf course which was established in 1926. There is a clubhouse for the course where people check in to play, access golf carts, purchase food at the concession, as well as other course merchandise in the Pro shop. 3 cart barns store both course owned carts as well as approximately 60 privately owned carts. One cart barn currently stores the maintenance and turf equipment required to maintain the course. In addition, the maintenance staff have a chemical storage barn and a large maintenance shop which also stores additional equipment.

## Park Amenities:

Along with the 18 holes, a putting green is available along with a driving range that can serve approximately 10 persons at a time. Cart paths and rain shelter is also an important amenity to the course. The course is fully irrigated through a system that begins at the pump house on the southeast corner of the course near Logansport Utilities water tanks. There are 3 irrigation pumps operating the system, and has been operational since the mid-80's.





## Park Features:

Dykeman Park plays to a par 70, at 6185 yards using the longest tees. When using the shortest tees, it plays to a par 73 measuring 5347 yards. Dykeman Park's two sets of nine holes vary in terrain, the front being a relatively flat par 34 and the original back nine consisting of rolling hills and plays to a par 36. All eighteen holes are lined with beautiful mature trees and include a number of challenging dog-legs. Men, women, and juniors may play either using a golf cart or walk with a pull cart.

Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course hosts a number of tournaments including the Logansport City Championship (since 1928), the Cass County Championship (since 1949), and the Two-Man Invitational (since 1965). The Golf Course is a great venue for corporate outings like the Memorial Hospital Golf Tournament and the Chamber of Commerce Outing. In addition, golfers may join the Men's Association or the Ladies' League which both play regularly.

The Dykeman Golf Course has a great many of old growth trees and shade, but we lost over 300 trees during a 10 year period from the Dutch Elm disease and the Emerald Ash Borer. In the fall of 2022, 135 new trees with great variety were planted throughout the course. It is expected we will plant even more trees in another 5 and 10 years. The turf has constant attention and maintenance and is in wonderful condition. When rain dumps more than 2" -3" of water on the course, flooding takes place at the base of the driving range and in the fairway of hole #3, along with several bunkers(sand traps) throughout the course. In general, play is able to continue regardless of that flooding.

Unlike other courses, in 2006, the City of Logansport changed course operations by becoming the service provider without a golf pro. The course Superintendent (who traditionally oversaw only the condition of the golf course) became the course manager and oversaw ALL operations at Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course. In addition, the course was put on 100% cost recovery through its revenue. Most years the course has been successful with that model, but the high cost of maintenance equipment, golf carts, chemicals and labor has made it necessary to spread the expenses over 4 years at a time. In addition, appropriations from the City Council for capital expenses has become necessary.



## Park Inventory:

- 18 Hole golf course; established in 1926
  - Used for sledding in winter
- Fencing in front of 2 golf maintenance buildings (1- chemical storage, 1- equipment storage & maintenance)
- 3 Cart barns
- Clubhouse with flagpole includes:
  - Restrooms (not ADA compliant)
  - Check-in for play & cart
  - Concession stand
  - Pro shop with merchandise for sale
- Pump house (southeast corner of course near hole #1) with irrigation pumps
- Irrigation
- Driving Range

## Public Comments:

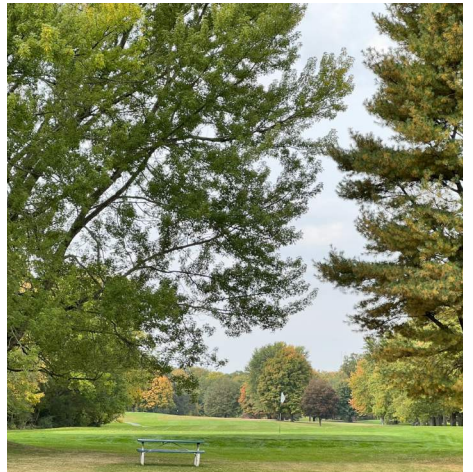
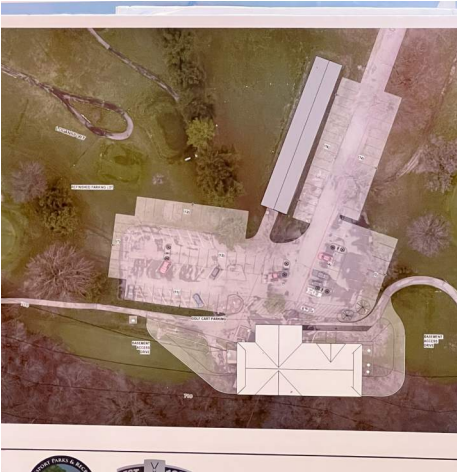
- Concern primarily from golfing community
- New clubhouse needed
- Concern over cart path repavement
- Desire for driving range to be enlarged
- Desire for expanded practice facilities

## Opportunities:

- Provide a new clubhouse for 100th anniversary in 2026
- Repave cart paths in 2024
- Plant additional new trees
- Upgrade course irrigation systems

## ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Restrooms are ADA compliant; no ADA path to get to restrooms
- Drinking fountain not accessible



# FAIRVIEW PARK

**ADDRESS:** 810 Sam Tocco Ln, Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 20 Acres

Fairview Park is 20 acres of land located on the south side of the City of Logansport. It is a fairly flat piece of ground and is ideal for the many activities that take place at Fairview Park. Three baseball fields and an open field that is used for soccer and football are part of the athletic competition brought to Fairview Park. The park has a large fully inclusive playground which was completed in 2023. It also has 3 picnic shelters and a basketball court. A large restroom has been available since 2005. Parking is plentiful.



- (A) Shelter/Stage
- (B) Shelter
- (C) Baseball Field
- (D) Basketball court
- (E) Playground
- (F) Green Space

## Park Amenities:

### Fairview Park Playground- Smiles for All

This playground was completed in the Spring of 2023 and was built through a partnership with the Logansport Community School Corporation, the Logansport Redevelopment Commission, Cass County Community Foundation, and the City of Logansport. This playground was built by the community during a Live United Day in the Fall of 2022. It was built with the purpose of providing an inclusive playground for the community- SMILES FOR ALL. Its primary age group is 5-12 years of age and has both Poured-in-Place and Engineered Wood Fiber Safety Surfacing. The playground equipment includes a musical station, a spinner, a net climber, and a swing set with 4 bays of 8 swings. The Game Time composite structure is a series of ramps to several play features, and then the structure leads children to the large triple slide and climbing structure. This structure is ADA compliant along with the single bay swing. Parking is also compliant for ADA Accessibility. This playground has been recognized as a National Demonstration Site of Playcore, and has the signage to allow playground users to provide information about their experience to the website National Demonstration Site Program.

### Picnic Shelters

The oldest shelter is located on the northwestern part of the park and will accommodate up to 48 people with 8 picnic tables. The Security Federal Savings Bank Community Pavilion was built by students of the Century Career Center's Building Trades Class in the Spring of 2023. Security Federal Savings Bank helped with the cost of construction. The Grand Industrial Pavilion was recently completed by their employees and will be named for their contribution. Both pavilions are ICON steel structures 30' X 22' with wood under the roof, then a steel blue roof. These shelters both will hold up to 36-40 persons with 6 picnic tables. The Security Federal Savings Bank Shelter is ADA accessible at this time.

### Restrooms

The restroom, which was built in 2005, is fully accessible. The Women's side has 5 stalls, 2 sinks, 2 hand dryers. The Men's side has 2 stalls and 3 urinals, 2 sinks, and 2 hand dryers. A drinking fountain is located adjacent to the restroom and is also ADA accessible. The restroom doors are on automatic lock mechanisms from 10 pm to 6 a.m., and have reduced vandalism significantly. The parking lot is marked with handicap accessible parking spots.

### Athletic Fields

Since the park opened in 1938, baseball has been the major activity with Steinman Field operated by the Babe Ruth League, and Crain and Metz Fields operated by the Cal Ripken League.

Each of the baseball fields is leased by the organizations mentioned above for the cost of their own electricity and water usage, as well as their own upkeep of the fields, fences, signs, and buildings. Field lighting has become an issue to the leagues due to the significant expense for the short period time the field is in use (April, May, & June). The park also has a large athletic field that is used for soccer and football.

## Park Features:

### Natural Landscape

Fairview Park is located on a large deposit of limestone. That makes for planting trees and construction into the ground more challenging. The trees that are in place – especially the large ones – were planted with limestone being broken apart before the tree is planted. In addition to the limestone, a small tributary – Goose Creek- to the Wabash River runs along the eastern edge of the park. In exceptionally heavy rains, that creek moves very fast and will flood over its banks into the park. A small, wooded area on the south side of the park is filled with invasives such as cottonwoods, box elders, honeysuckle, and Callery pear trees.

### Man-Made Environment

The primary man-made structure adjacent to the park is Fairview Elementary School, influencing activity at Fairview Park during the school year. Parents picking up their children in the mornings and afternoons form a vehicle waiting line through the park to get their children to and from their school day. The school buses drive through the park as well. The older school children use the park playground for supervised recess multiple times per day. In warmer weather, Gym classes use the open field for activities and special events.

In 2023, the City of Logansport completed construction to provide safe roads and sidewalks to/from Fairview Elementary School. As a result, sidewalks surrounding the school have been replaced with new concrete, curbs, ADA ramps, and paint markings. Sidewalks into the park from Biddle Street are in good condition. No sidewalks, with the exception of the SFSB Community Pavilion and playground, are available within the park. The parking lots have significant wear and must be re-coated & re-stripped to include ADA compliant parking stalls.

### Partnerships

We have always depended upon our partnerships at Fairview Park to get things done. The baseball leagues and the school have always been our partner and will continue this symbiotic relationship. Partnerships formed in the last year with the Cass County Community Foundation, Security Federal Savings Bank, and Grand Industrial have been solidified in regards the things we're doing at Fairview Park, and its important to keep them informed and continue to ask for their help in the future. The United Way of Cass County has also been instrumental in our efforts there by gathering volunteers for Live United Day that made such a difference in building our new playground.

### Park History

On December 5, 1928, May Lux deeded 28 acres to the Municipal Electric Light Department for the tidy sum of \$8,000. This land is Fairview Park. The naming of Fairview really is no mystery. In the Pharos Tribune dated November 14, 1928, Mrs. Sylvester Hinkle, a south side resident, sought a recreation site for the children of Logansport. She was successful.



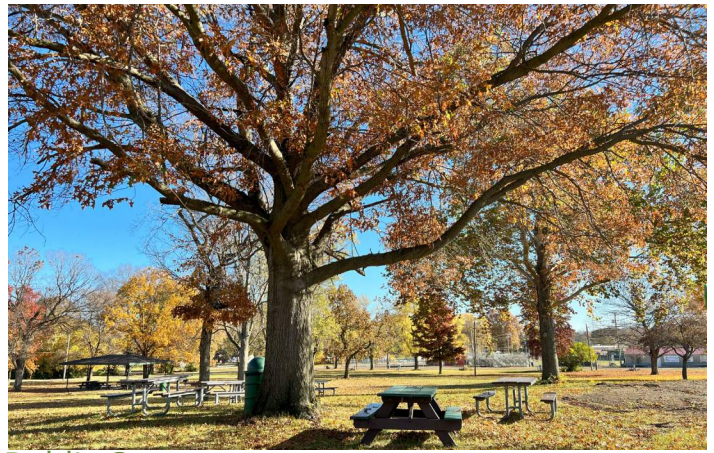
Leading a delegation to city hall, a beaming Mrs. Hinkle requested the land be called Fairview Park. Originally, Fairview Park was to have a natural lake 250 feet by 100 feet in size with a depth anywhere from 1 to 4 feet for swimming and boating. The natural stream running through the park was to be diverted once the area was cleared. To plant 152 trees, twenty men with dynamite blasted holes in the existing limestone rock.

Four park gateways were built by the Civil Works Administration in 1934, using rocks from the Fairview property. They still exist today. Two of these original gateways are located at Riverside, at the Race Street and the 10th Street entrances. One at the entrance to Dykeman Park and at Fairview Park. It is fair to note that Spencer Park is not mentioned in the "New Gateways" article, but in 1935, the Parks Department announced that "new dressed boulder gateway pillars" had been erected at Spencer Park. As for baseball, it seems that games (softball included) have been played at the Fairview Park diamond as early as 1932. A 1938 aerial map of the park reveals that present day Steinman Field was indeed there. Steinman Field was officially dedicated at the July 4 fireworks display in 1970. Mayor Martin E. Monahan recommended the name to honor Jim Steinman who "had served as a member of the police department for nearly 20 years at the time of his death, and devoted much of his on-duty and off-duty working hours to working with juveniles. As for the small field, games have been played there as early as 1949. It became Crain field in June 1958 and was touted as "the first lighted Little League field in Indiana". Don Crain was a coach, a mentor, and a Little League player agent in Logansport for many years. He was one of the original organizers for youth baseball and girls athletics. Thanks to the tenacity of James Metz and other dedicated volunteers, the

additional dirt field became an outstanding asset to the community. Mr. Metz found a way to recycle a gently used fence, received donated soil and grass, and organized the work to be completed. The park was there first, then baseball, then the school. Thanks to Mrs. Lux for the land, Mrs. Hinkle for the name, the Civil Works Administration for the gateways, and the volunteers for the ball fields. Fairview Park remains a Logansport gem with picnic, baseball, and recreational facilities for all.

### Park Inventory:

- Large shelter with picnic tables
  - Used for concerts
- 2 Shelters with seating for 32 people:
  - Security Federal Savings Bank community pavilion (ADA compliant)
  - Grand Industrial community pavilion
- 3 Baseball fields (fenced for Ticket Access)
  - Batting cages
  - Restrooms near fields
  - Power stations near fields
- 1 Basketball court
- Playground
  - Musical equipment
  - 1 Net climber
  - 4 Swing bays (8 swings)
  - 1 Spinner
  - 1 Composite structure
  - 1 Play sign
- Dog waste stations
- Open green space to the south with football goal post
- Elementary school to the west



### Public Comments:

- Desire for more picnic tables and benches located closer to the playground
- Desire change of restroom's outer aesthetics
- Need for repaved basketball court

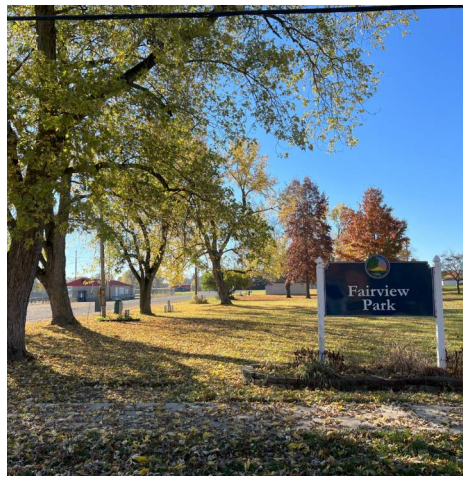
### Opportunities:

- Provide additional benches and picnic tables near playgrounds
- Provide fencing around playgrounds to keep children with disabilities safe
- Fully repair restrooms
- 2028 100th Anniversary

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Parking to restroom and playgrounds is ADA accessible
- Composite play structure and one bay swings meet ADA criteria
- Walks from parking ADA accessible
- Walks to the Security Federal Savings Bank shelter is ADA accessible
- Access to park from ADA path





# FLORY MEMORIAL

**ADDRESS:** 81 3<sup>rd</sup> St. , Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** <.25 Acres; Triangular Pocket Park

The Flory Memorial is a triangular pocket park of less than .25 acres located at the intersection of 3rd Street, High Street, and Eel River Avenue.

## Park Amenities:

Flory Memorial features a memorial stone for Wilmer Flory with variety of seasonal day lilies throughout the planting area. There is no interior accessibility due to a curb around the planted area. Sidewalks with ADA ramps surround the site. Water may be accessed by way of a hose bib is located in this park.

## Park Features:

### Natural landscape

This memorial pocket park features the day lilies that Mr. Flory helped to cultivate. A single tree helps to keep the pocket park a little shady. Each of the lilies have a marker indicating their common and scientific name.

As a pocket park in the middle of the city, it is in a totally man-made environment. It is a small sacrifice to beauty that this park is where it is.

One of the County Commissioners, Ruth Baker, made it a point to keep this park clean, and should definitely be considered a partner of this park. It is important to consider finding other partnerships to maintain the Flory Memorial.

## Park History:

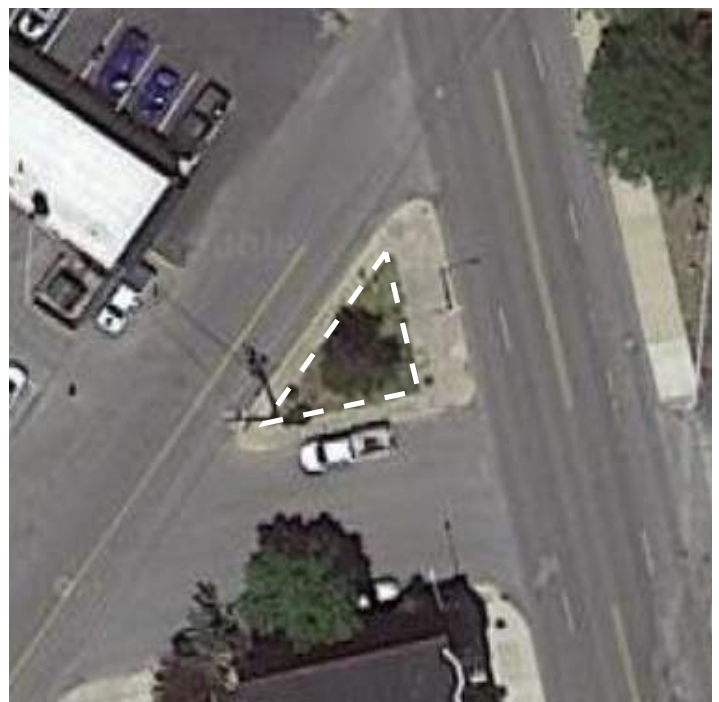
This park was dedicated to Wilmer Flory. This garden contains several cultivars hybridized by Wilmer Flory. Mr. Flory, a Logansport native was a science teacher, horticulturist, city councilman and a founder of the American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society. In his life-time he hybridized 31 Daylily cultivars. He received many honors and awards. More information is available at the Cass County Historical Society.

## Opportunities and Challenges:

- Potential to feature park as an "Adopt a Spot" sponsored location

## ADA Accessibility Notes:

- No interior accessibility due to curb around planted area
- Sidewalks with ADA ramps surround site
- Memorial intentionally placed at edge of walkway.





# FLORY NATURE PRESERVE

**ADDRESS:** 547 Clay St. , Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 33 Acres

The Flory Nature Preserve is a 33 acre site, located on the south side of Logansport between Camp Wildwood, the local Girl Scout camp, and the Ivy Tech Community College Campus.

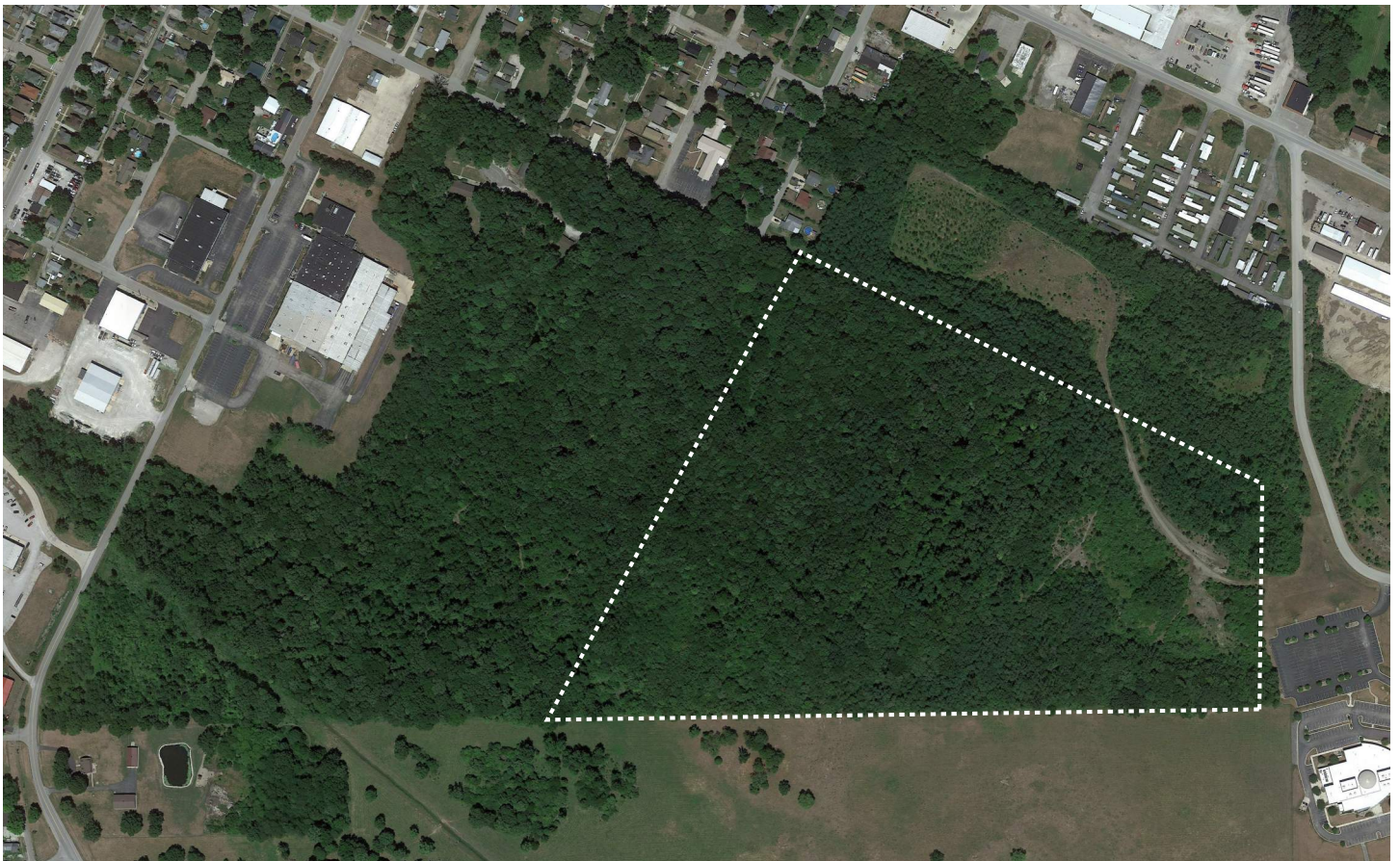
## Park Features:

The Flory Nature Preserve is a nature preserve because people aren't using it. For those that want to go into it, they will find a great variety of 30-50 year old trees that are overgrown, with broken limbs and branches. There is also a lot of honeysuckle, alanthus, honey locust trees, & box elders....all undesirable invasive species. There is not collection of water, because it drains very well all year long. There is no grass in this area at all.

Its location between Camp Wildwood and Ivy Tech Community College means that there are potential partnerships to be gained. An effort by the current administration to build a disc golf course in these woods is underway, and they are working to forge a partnership with the Ivy Tech and the possibility of using their parking lot.

## Park History:

As the City's former waste disposal site, or dump, it has clearly never been cleaned up. A Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Assessment has been completed. The soil will need to be covered over to make this site more user friendly, and evidence of its former history should be removed. It is in the Parks inventory, but has no priority for its use at this time. One citizen for approximately 5 years did his own vegetation cleanup, and then held the Flory 5 K through the woods to encourage the community to see what he was able to see. Unfortunately, he was not able to be successful at this effort and it has been dormant since.



### Park Inventory:

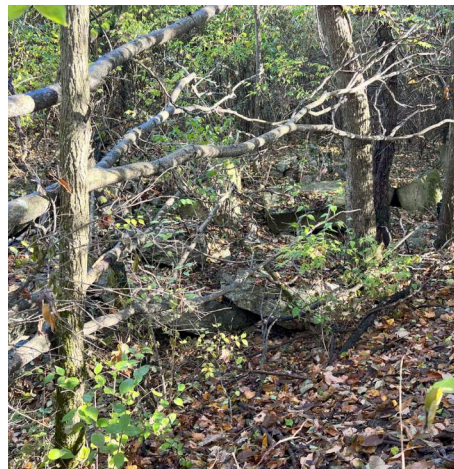
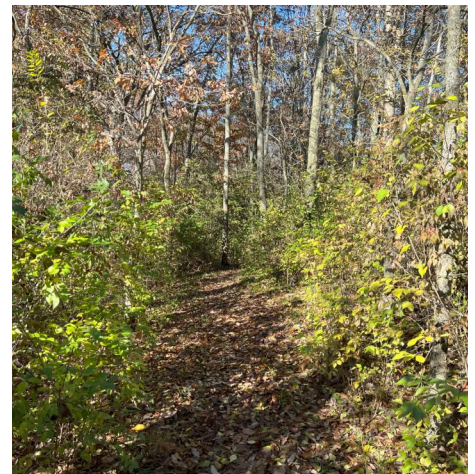
- East of the Girl Scout's Camp Wildwood
- Overgrown drive; not maintained
- No parking available; Ivy Tech parking lot off limits
- Trail head located at Ivy Tech parking lot
- Cannot access by foot; blocked off
- Former city trash disposal site - listed as a brownfield site

### Opportunities:

- Potential future site for disc golf
- Implement a free facility to accommodate Logansport and Cass County Youth
- Partner with Ivy Tech to utilize parking space
- Partner with disc golf enthusiasts for assistance with construction and maintenance

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- No paved trails
- Lack of parking and ADA parking stalls



# HERITAGE PARK

ADDRESS: 415 E. Market St. Logansport, IN 46947

SIZE: 5 Acres

Heritage Park is a 5-acre area in downtown Logansport. The land was made available when buildings were removed many years ago. Its key amenities include an historical fountain with interpretive signage, a monument honoring the immigrants of Logansport and Cass County, murals overlooking the park on private property, picnic tables, and benches. The remainder of the land has been cleared of the former Salvation Army building and a gazebo. In addition, the raised landscape beds were removed when the Melbourne Avenue Stormwater Project installed new sidewalks along Melbourne Avenue. Removal of these amenities was done in preparation of future development.

This downtown area is currently in a state of transition, and work to make the area more appealing and accommodating to is being done as this report is being published, with more being planned.



- (A) Monument
- (B) Fountain
- (C) Farmer's Market

## Park Features:

Along with the fountain and the statue, the park has 10 crabapple trees. The park also includes 2 topiaries and a flower bed along the Market Street sidewalk.

The Immigrant Statue was dedicated at Heritage Park on November 20th, 2020 as a tribute to the immigrants that have come to the City of Logansport. The statue was a project of the Italian-American community of Logansport and the late Kathy Dingo. It was created in Italy from Carrara marble. The statue celebrates the great heritage of immigration that helped to build this community, and welcomes and honors our new immigrants from across the globe that join us in this community day after day in search of a better life.

This park is highly maintained and has no invasives. Drainage is good, and flooding is not an issue.

The Heritage Park Fountain was installed without additional plumbing, so it requires maintenance staff members to add water to the fountain manually on a weekly basis. It will soon need to be removed from its location and fully serviced at some point in the near future, due to its leaks and its apparent weakening of its welds and patches.

Heritage Park sits adjacent to the Logansport Farmer's Market lot immediately to the west of the park. The Farmer's Market Lot is NOT a function of the Logansport Parks & Recreation Department, nor is the lot the responsibility of the Parks Department. However, an alternate setup and location of the Heritage Park Fountain may be considered as the Farmer's Market determines its future course in this area.

Due to the location of the Iron Horse Depot and the Heritage Park Fountain, this park along with the Depot has been designated as the Iron Horse Historic Preservation Overlay District. This requires approval by the Logansport Historic Preservation Commission to make any changes to the artifacts, buildings, and/or the design of this area. It then needs approval by the City Council to make those changes.

A drinking fountain and hose bib were removed due to a leak. Due to the uncertainty of the potential development of the area, it has not been replaced. A drinking fountain will be included in the new development surrounding the Iron Horse Depot.

## Park History:

The fountain was built by the J.W. Fiske Iron Works of New York City. From the 1930's until the 1970's, this fountain was located in front of the old Cass County Courthouse. In the 1970's, it was removed during the construction of the present-day courthouse. In the 1990's, the fountain was discovered in a state of disrepair where it had been stored in a local barn. Students of the Century Career Center (formerly El-Tip-Wa) started the restoration of this magnificent fountain. The restoration was then completed in 2002 by Tim Grigsby at the T.M. Morris Manufacturing Plant. Several local organizations and businesses made generous contributions for this fountain to be enjoyed by the people of Logansport.

## Park Inventory:

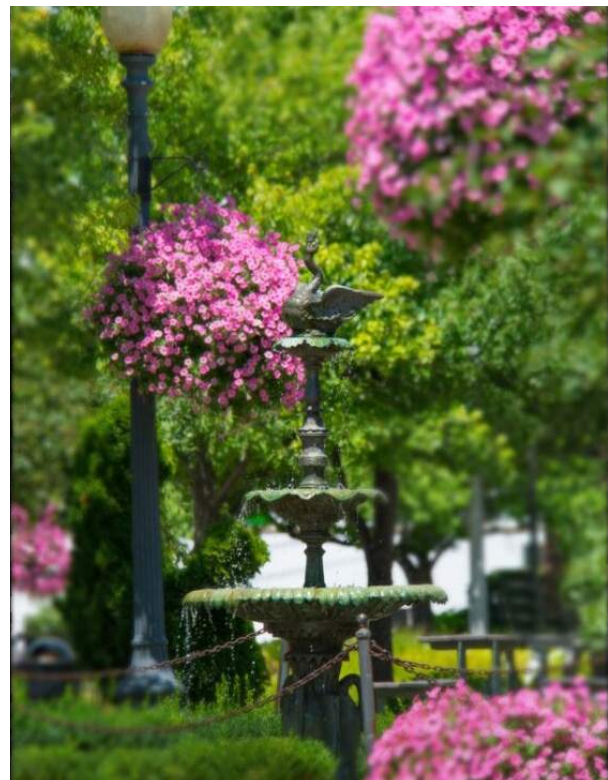
- 1 Honorary fountain with interpretive signage
- 1 Honorary monument; immigration statue
- 4 Murals overlooking park on private property
- 4 Benches
- 1 Trash can

## Opportunities Summary:

- Farmer's Market Programming
- Development of an iconic structure
- Restroom & other site amenities
- Potential splash pad location

## ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Accessible main pathway through park





# HUSTON PARK

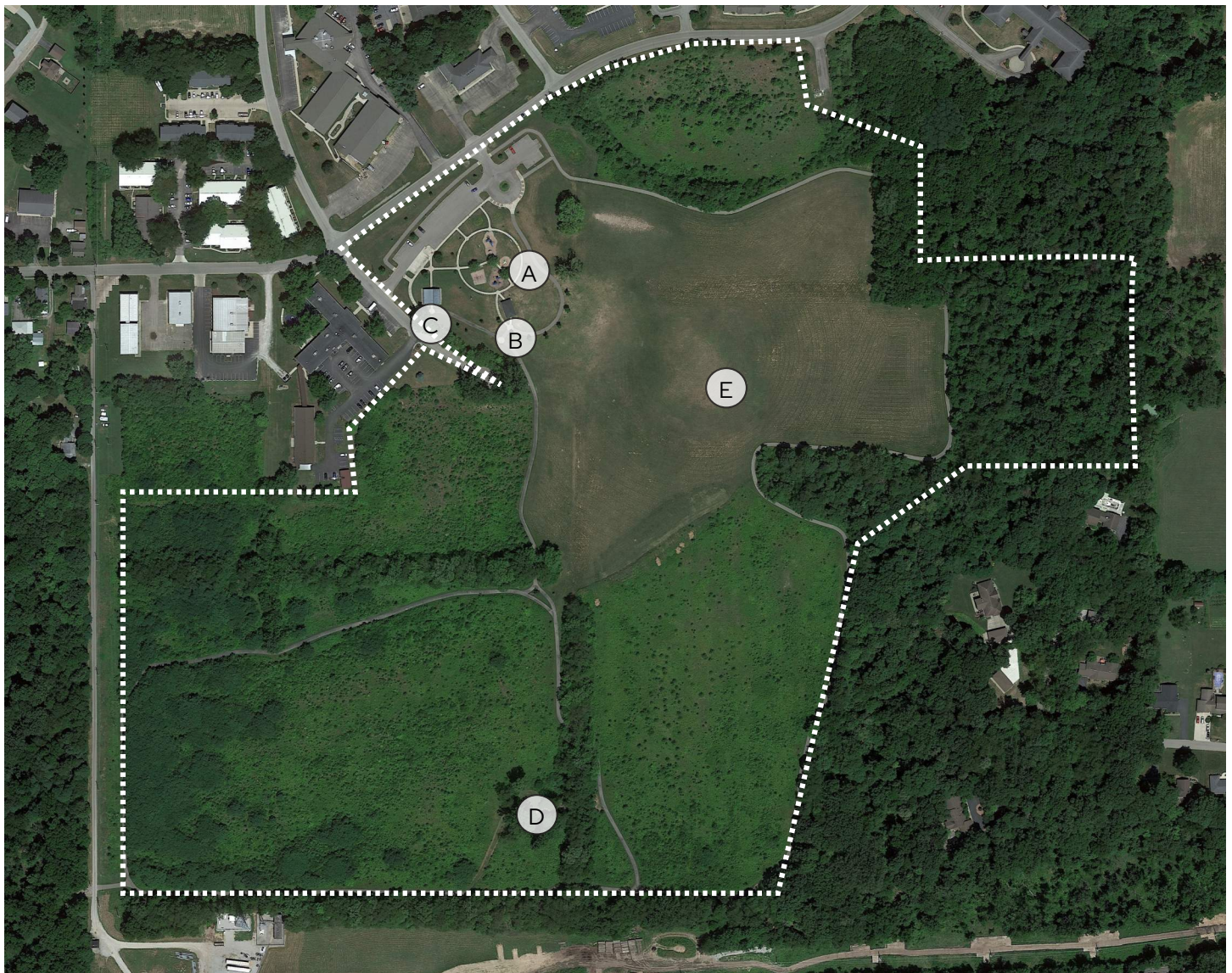
ADDRESS: 1721 Smith St, Logansport, IN 46947

SIZE: 80 Acres

Huston Park, an 80-acre piece of land on the north side of Logansport was developed and dedicated in the Fall of 2014. It has 2 composite playground structures for each age group with benches, a flag pole, a 2-bay swing structure, a spinner and all use Engineered Wood Fiber as the safety surface. Huston Park has a large ADA accessible restroom structure which is seasonally locked from 10 p.m.-6 a.m. using magnetic locks, the McNamy Family Pavilion that is also ADA accessible, 1.7 miles of paved trail with location markers and benches, the historic Wilson Cemetery, and the 20-acre Mike Anderson Auto Group Athletic Complex. Approximately 55 acres of the property is grasses & meadows and other invasives and has yet to be developed. The perimeter of the property is wooded except for the entrance area. Parking for approximately 50 vehicles is available at the entrance and is ADA accessible to the sidewalks, trails, restrooms, playground and pavilion.

The Huston Park Trail is connected to the Hervey Preserve and the River Bluff Trail via the "Sims Family Connector", all of which are owned by Logansport Memorial Hospital Foundation.

- (A) Playground
- (B) Pavilion
- (C) Restroom
- (D) Wilson Cemetery
- (E) Athletic Field



### Natural Features:

While Huston Park has a lot of developed area with turf grasses, landscape trees, and woods along the paved trail, there is a lot of land that is growing naturally. 2 fields are growing an abundance of invasive species including Bradford Pears, Honey Locusts, Box Elder, and Honeysuckle. In addition, wild raspberries and blackberries are abundant in these meadow areas.

Frequent visitors to the park are a large herd of deer that roam the entire area north of the Eel River. People regularly see 5-10 deer at a time in the open fields of Huston Park.

The soils of Huston Park leave something to be desired. They are very sandy with little topsoil. It makes the water drain off, but it does nothing to retain moisture for growth of turf and trees. The landscape trees planted around the playground and shelter have grown extremely slow, and look almost like they did when planted 10 years ago. Installation of an irrigation system will be essential to create athletic turf throughout this park in the future.

### Park History:

Huston Park was named for the Huston Family that donated the 80 acres of land to the City of Logansport in 2007. The family patriarch was Harry Huston, and he and his wife, Dorothe raised their children Sam, Tom, & Mike in Logansport. They attended Logansport High School and went on to be very successful in their chosen careers. The family of Harry and Dorothe wanted to honor their parents through this gift.

The people that worked to fund the development of Huston Park were the original members of the Logansport Parks & Recreation Foundation, a newly formed 501c3 non-profit organization. Their original purpose was to raise the necessary funds and develop Huston Park. The original cost of development was \$1.5 million with \$400,000 from the Land & Water Conservation Fund. LWCF dollars requires the deed for the land to say that "Land acquired with LWCF assistance must be developed and used for outdoor recreation in perpetuity."

The original vision of the park was to create a place for more soccer and football fields for the community. With the growing popularity of soccer on the national and world stage, it is just as important today as 10 years ago that we follow through with that vision for the City of Logansport.

The historic Wilson Cemetery, located towards the south side of the park, has several graves within its wrought iron fence. An informational sign about General Walter Wilson and his family is posted for visitors to read. The cemetery is the responsibility of Clay Township to maintain.



### Park Inventory:

- Dedicated fall 2014
- 1 Playground area with flag pole
  - 2 Composite structures
  - Two bay swing frame with 1 swing seat and 1 infant bucket swing seat
  - 3 Benches within playground
  - 2 Rock climbers
  - 1 Spinner / merry-go-round with handle (Game Time)
- 1 Little library box
- 1 Pavilion with picnic benches; McNamy family pavilion
- 1 Restroom building with vending machines
- 1.7 Mile trail with markers
  - Connects to hospital trails
- Way finding signage
- Memorial signage
- Wayfinding Signage to Regional Trails
- Historic "Wilson" cemetery in the park with wrought iron fence
- 20 Acre athletic field; Mike Anderson Auto Group Athletic Complex
- 55+/- Natural meadow area not developed

### Public Comments:

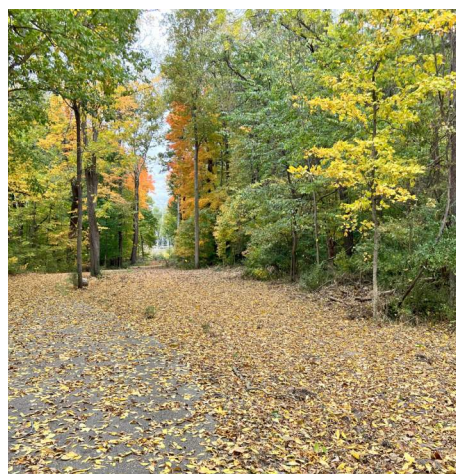
- Need for additional trash receptacles
- Desire for new playground equipment
- Desire for an amphitheater
- Desire for pickleball courts

## Opportunities:

- Add a nature themed playground
- Build pickleball courts / complex
- Add complex for multiple sports
- Accommodate family fitness amenities
- Work with Logansport Redevelopment Commission to improve park services and amenities

## ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Spinner seats are ADA compliant
- Paved pathway to pavilion is ADA accessible
- Paved pathway to restroom is ADA accessible
- Parking lot has ramp to sidewalk





## JEAN COLE PARK

**ADDRESS:** 178 E. Broadway St, Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 0.25 Acres

Jean Cole Park, a ¼ acre triangular “pocket park” is located at the intersections of Broadway, Eel River Avenue, and 2nd Street. It is a very simple park with an Italian marble water fountain, landscaped with hydrangea bushes, cotoneaster bushes, and landscaped evergreens. There is no turf within the park, but pink & black rock covering the ground surface. Annual flowers that are also “downtown flowers” are annually placed in barrels within and on the sidewalk surrounding the raised area. A hose bib is available on site for watering vegetation and adding water to the fountain. Only a paver walkway and step allow for public access to the water fountain.

### Park Amenities:

Jean Cole Park’s location is at a very busy intersection and is rarely visited by the community. The water fountain is its sole feature and is viewed regularly with little thought or notice as people drive by this structure in their day-to-day travels through the city. It has been designed to require very little day-to-day maintenance. The grass along the sidewalk does require weekly mowing, which is performed by Park’s Maintenance crews. The water fountain itself is not attached to a self-feeding apparatus to keep the water levels at a specific height, therefore it requires a weekly check on the water level.

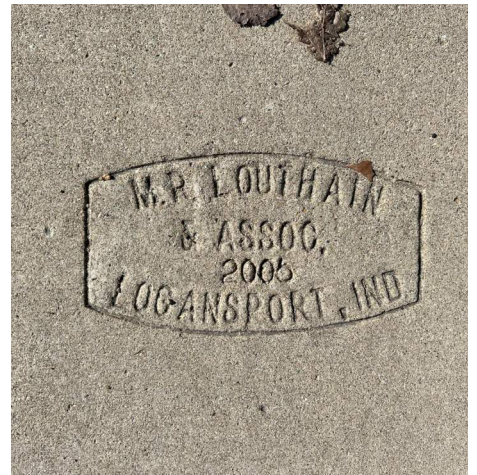
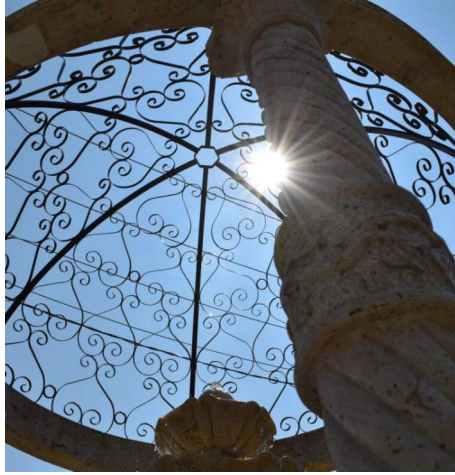
### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- No interior accessibility due to curb at entrance
- Sidewalks with ADA ramps surround site



**Park History:**

Jean Cole Park was -of course- named for Jean Cole, who still makes her mark on our community. Jean Cole has made her life's personal mission to beautify the City of Logansport through flowers and art. She has done this work for many years, even back into the 1980's. Jean is a well-loved fixture of the City of Logansport, and this tribute is small compared to her passion for beauty. The City of Logansport's Christmas Tree was located in this spot until it was ravaged by disease and insects. When that tree was removed, 'Logan's Landing, the local Main Street organization, raised the funds, and installed the Italian marble fountain and its landscaping. It has been in this location since 2008.



# LITTLE TURTLE WATERWAY TRAIL

**ADDRESS:** 401 E. Melbourne Ave, Logansport, IN  
46947  
**SIZE:** 1 Acre

Little Turtle Waterway is a linear park that sits between downtown Logansport and the Wabash River. The park and trail are named for Chief Little Turtle, who made a significant impact on this area when settlers first came to the confluence of the Wabash & Eel Rivers. It was this community's way to honor the Native Americans who helped to develop this land. This 5-acre park provides the community with a 1.8 mile trail, winding along the Wabash River with beautiful views of the water and the wildlife that lives within it. Trail amenities include commercial benches, authentic benches made of limestone, historical information, 3 different murals, pillars with a seat wall, and an Indiana Department of Natural Resources Public Access Site for boats to enter the river. The trail and the drinking fountains are fully accessible.



### Park History:

The Little Turtle Waterway plaza, lawn and trail were developed by the Little Turtle Waterway Corporation in 1988 with Mercedes Brugh leading the charge. It began with a Hometown Indiana grant that placed the old signal bridge at its original location, with the gift of the land by Conrail Rail Corporation, and another grant from the State of Indiana to build what we know today as the Little Turtle Waterway. Over the years various sections of trail, and other improvements were developed with the help of state and local funds.

The park and trail are surrounded with a great variety of trees and warm season grasses with wildflowers. The LTW Hardcore Corps regularly volunteers to work at beautifying the park and trail by removing invasives and planting desirable trees and other landscape vegetation. They also conduct an annual prescribed burn of the warm season grasses to maintain their hardiness.

The park runs adjacent to a railroad line that is a "shortline" that utilizes the track in this area approximately once or twice a week. The entrance into the park crosses the tracks from Melbourne Avenue into the plaza. For those that want to know about the history portrayed on the granite insets in the pathway, a guidebook is available at the Office of the Logansport Parks & Recreation Department. In addition, there is also a "key" document to find who purchased which brick and where it can be found.

### Park Inventory:

- 1.8 Mile paved trail along Wabash river
  - 1 Stone bench, 4 stone seats
  - 4 Steel benches
  - 1 Drinking fountain
  - 3 Mural areas
  - Installed pillars with seat wall
- IDNR public access site to Wabash river
- Overlook over the river (plaza and lawn)
  - Overlook includes monumental features and artful structures including:
    - Functions as an outdoor museum with granite insets which provide stories told in stone; associated guide book available at park office
    - Pathway access to the river



### Public Comments:

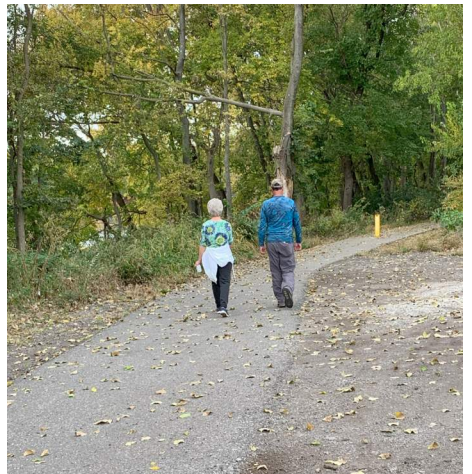
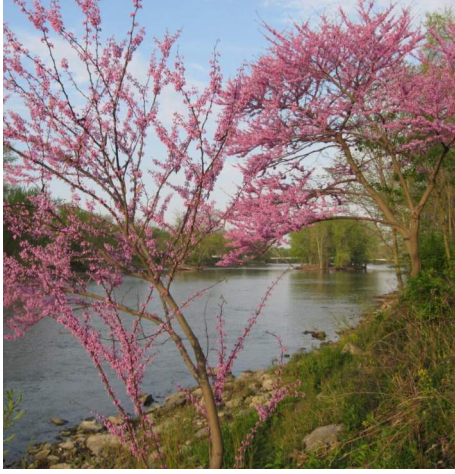
- Need for public restrooms
- Need for more trash cans and benches along trail
- Desire for more parking at the 18th Street Trailhead
- Desire for addition of wider mow strips along sides of trail
- Concern for personal safety and acknowledgment of nearby homeless population
- Need for camera surveillance under 3rd Street Bridge due to graffiti and vandalism
- Uneven pavement on all trails due to tree root growth

### Opportunities:

- Incorporate mowing strips along trails into current maintenance routine
- Repair / re-pave and seal trail pavements
- Open a restroom to the public within the Iron Horse Depot
- Reconnect to Eel River Run Trail

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- River only accessible with route including stairs
- Paved trails are fully accessible



# LITTLE TURTLE WATERWAY PLAZA

ADDRESS: 414 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Logansport, IN 46947

SIZE: 4 Acres

The heart of the Little Turtle Waterway is the lawn and the overlook plaza along Melbourne Avenue. It is considered the gathering area for downtown events. The plaza serves as an outdoor museum that tells the story of Logansport's history and the struggles of those that came before us. It shows park users this history with many artistic features such as the Crane Statue, the granite insets along the walkway, and the carved limestone feature of the State of Indiana showing the Wabash River and its watershed. Even the wall inserts show the elements of the earth....rain, wind, sun, the moon, water, etc. The plaza walkway features memorial bricks purchased by individual supporters of the park and trail. Even though it's not handicap accessible, the steps down to the waters edge provide the park user access to touch the water and the life that lives within it. The plaza itself is fully accessible.

## Park Inventory:

- "Welcome greeting" to future expanded park area that will include a restroom in Iron Horse Depot, games, concessions, concert area, and a splash pad in 2024
- Originally placed along Melbourne Avenue when moved from railroad tracks along Cole Hardwood
- Moved to current location during construction of Melbourne St. Stormwater project in 2022
- 1 Water fountain at plaza
- Plaza walkway features bricks purchased by supporters
- 1 Art feature of 2 cast bronze cranes with grasses; dedicated in 2006
- 1 Art feature of State of Indiana showing the Wabash River watershed

## Public Comments:

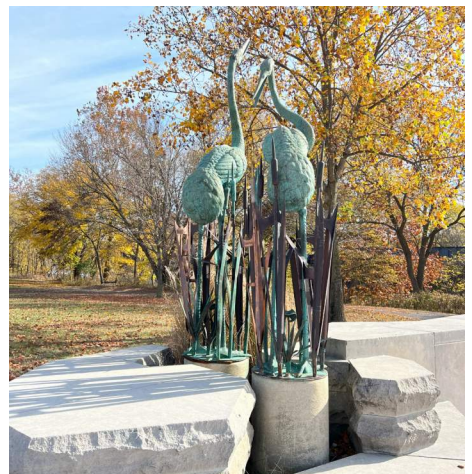
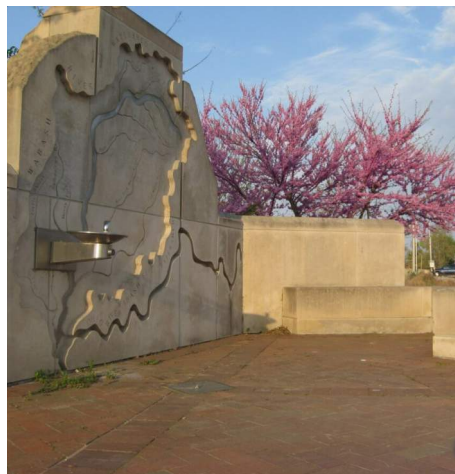
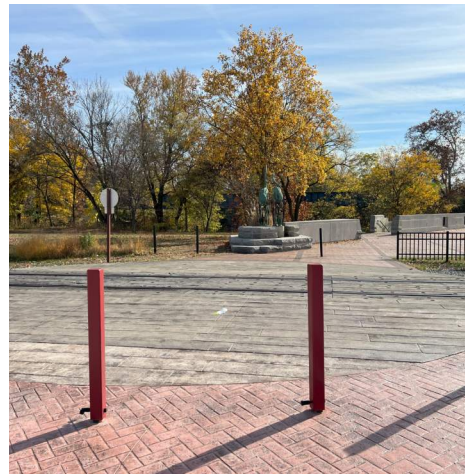
- Concerns over unkept conditions

## ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Plaza is accessible
- Iron Horse Depot has ADA Ramp
- Railroad crossing has accessible pavement

- (A) Signal Bridge
- (B) Plaza
- (C) Stair Water Access
- (D) The Depot





# MAINTENANCE BUILDING

**ADDRESS:** 720 W. Wabash Ave., Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 1 Acre

The Parks Maintenance Area and Buildings are located at the intersection of Wabash Avenue and Cicott Street on the west side of the city. The Maintenance facility consists of 2 buildings and 2 fenced-in outdoor storage areas, a shared parking lot, and a stoned lot for work trailers. Employees start their day by parking in the parking lot shared with the adjacent church. 4 large work trailers are stored on the stoned lot that is not locked behind a fence. Employees enter the locked fenced-in area through a gate. All park vehicles are stored in this fenced-in paved lot.

## General Information:

The 1st of 2 maintenance buildings includes the office of the Maintenance Superintendent, a small restroom, a 16' long lunch table and chairs, storage shelves & employee lockers, and a large area with 2 equipment lifts-one for vehicles and one for mowers and utility vehicles. This area is heated for ease of work in the cold season months. This maintenance facility has 5 bays for vehicle storage – 2 in the heated area, and 3 in the cold storage area.

The fenced-in paved lot in front of the 1st maintenance barn holds the following items outdoors: all the pick-up trucks used by staff, the backhoe, the 1-ton dump truck, the lift for high work, barrels, and an ORV diesel tank filled regularly by our vendor.

The 2nd of 2 maintenance buildings is called the “Wood Shop” because this is the location of table saws, lathes, the drill press, and other wood working equipment and supplies. The Wood Shop also is the storage area for the skid steer, the tractor, the utility vehicle, and many other equipment items used in the parks themselves.

The remainder of the fenced-in storage area is used to store the aluminum picnic tables that are put out for special events, park equipment that is waiting for repairs (picnic tables, grills, trash cans and barrels) and/or equipment delivered and waiting for installation (playground pieces, shelter kits, drinking fountains, etc.). The paved lot shared with the church also has a dumpster used by the parks staff, and a dumpster used by the church. Either or both of the dumpsters are frequently used by the public as their trash deposit area which takes away our ability to take care of the trash in the parks.





### Park Inventory:

- Fenced building
- Working on better security
- Small parking lot
- Next to old school (church)
- City built play and church maintains
- Big dumpster out back
- Wood shop
- Trailers
- Bobcats
- Parking lot shared, allowed to store trailers
- River views

### Public Comments:

- Past concerns with appearance of fence despite existing privacy screens

### Opportunities:

- Natural materials storage area
- Additional fencing for trailer storage
- Move to another location to build a larger facility to meet storage needs



# MELBOURNE PARK

**ADDRESS:** 1317 W. Melbourne Ave. Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 5 Acres

Melbourne Park is a 5 acre neighborhood park on the far west side of Logansport, north of the Wabash River. Melbourne Park's main feature is a softball field and the associated building. The building contains a concession stand, press box, and restrooms which are not ADA accessible. The softball field has field lighting, fencing, and 2 dugouts. In addition, the park has a basketball court with 2 goals. The playground was built during the pandemic of 2020 and is a Little Tikes composite structure and a pole spinner. The swing set has 2 sling seats and 2 toddler bucket seats. The entire playground is surrounded by commercial plastic borders that contain the Engineered Wood Fiber safety surfacing. The playground sign indicates to users the age level user to be 5-12 years old. There are 2 picnic tables, 3 recycled wood benches, and 1 trash can. The gravel parking is not ADA accessible, and there is no ADA accessible path to the playground or the basketball court.



- (A) Softball Field
- (B) Basketball Court
- (C) Playground

### Park History:

Melbourne Park is one of our newer parks. In the late 90's, it was established when homes in the area were demolished and up for tax sale. Through many fundraisers, the Cherub League parents built the concession stand & restroom, the fencing, dugouts, and the field. The Cherub League held softball games for girls who were 7-9 years of age. The Cherub League was a successful organization in this location until 2021, when they decided they needed to join the Girls Pixie League now located at the Aim High Field near the 4-H Fairgrounds. Since this organization has left, the field has been mostly unused except for the occasional practice by travel teams.

The park has several larger trees, but is mostly grass covered. It drains well, and the turf is fairly healthy. Melbourne Park is located in a residential neighborhood with families of low to medium income. The neighborhood is somewhat removed from the regular traffic of people traveling throughout Logansport. A person has to be intentional about going into this neighborhood since that's the only reason to be there. A set of train tracks border the west side of the neighborhood, with Logansport Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant on the other side of the tracks. The odors of the wastewater plant as well as the Tyson Pork plant permeate the area which makes it undesirable to live in this area at those times.

Sidewalks are in fair condition within the neighborhood, but are non-existent around the park itself. The streets are in fair condition with on-street parking available throughout the neighborhood.

### Park Inventory:

- 1 Basketball court with 2 picnic tables
- 1 Softball field
- 2 Dugouts
- Concessions / restroom building
- 1 Playground
- New composite structure (little tikes)
- Two bay swing set with 2 swing seats and 2 infant bucket swing seats
- Mulch play surfacing
- Plastic trim around swings
- 3 Total wooden benches
- 1 Trashcan
- 1 Playground sign
- Informal gravel parking

### Public Comment:

- Few comments in general
- Concerns about lack of community attention and use
- Concern for age of amenities and broken items

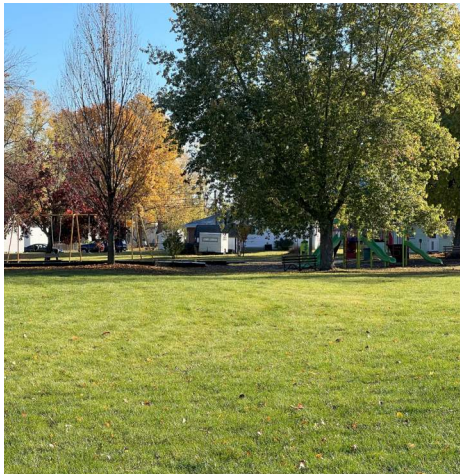
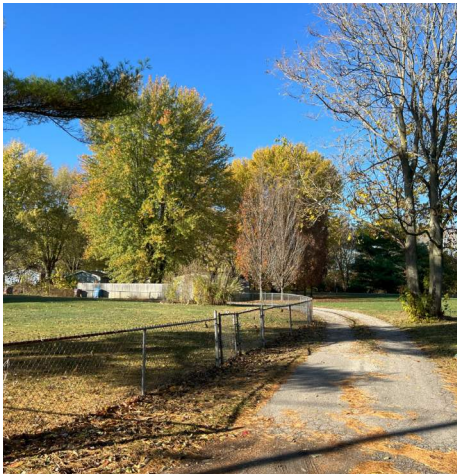
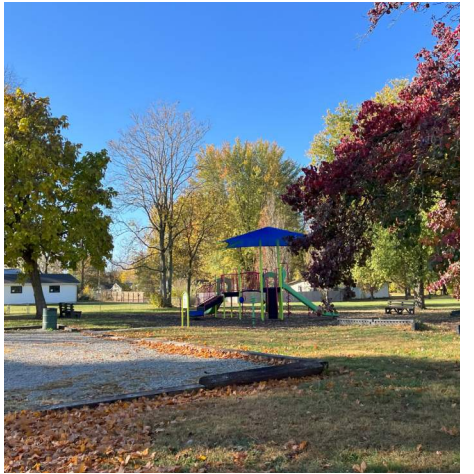
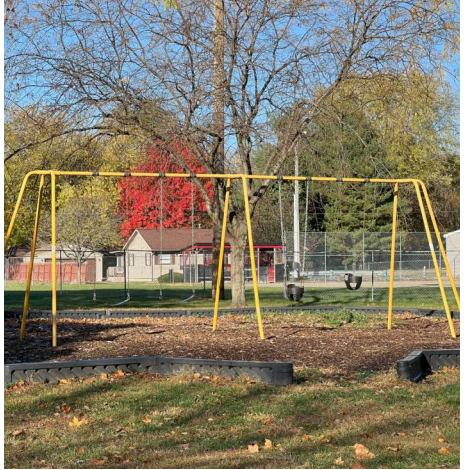
### Opportunities:

- Location for new pickleball courts
- May be repurposed for residential development

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- No ADA Parking
- Gravel lot not accessible
- Playground does not have Engineered Wood Fiber
- No accessible paving





# MEMORIAL PARK

**ADDRESS:** 200 W. Market St., Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** <.5 Acre

Memorial Park is a < .5 acre pocket park that was probably a place that was opened up when the Market St. Bridge was built long ago. It is called Memorial Park because of the single granite monument marker that says: "In memory of our fathers by Mary E Miller Tent No. 34 of the Civil War 1861-1865," erected in 1936. A flag pole for the American flag stands immediately behind the marker.

## Park Inventory:

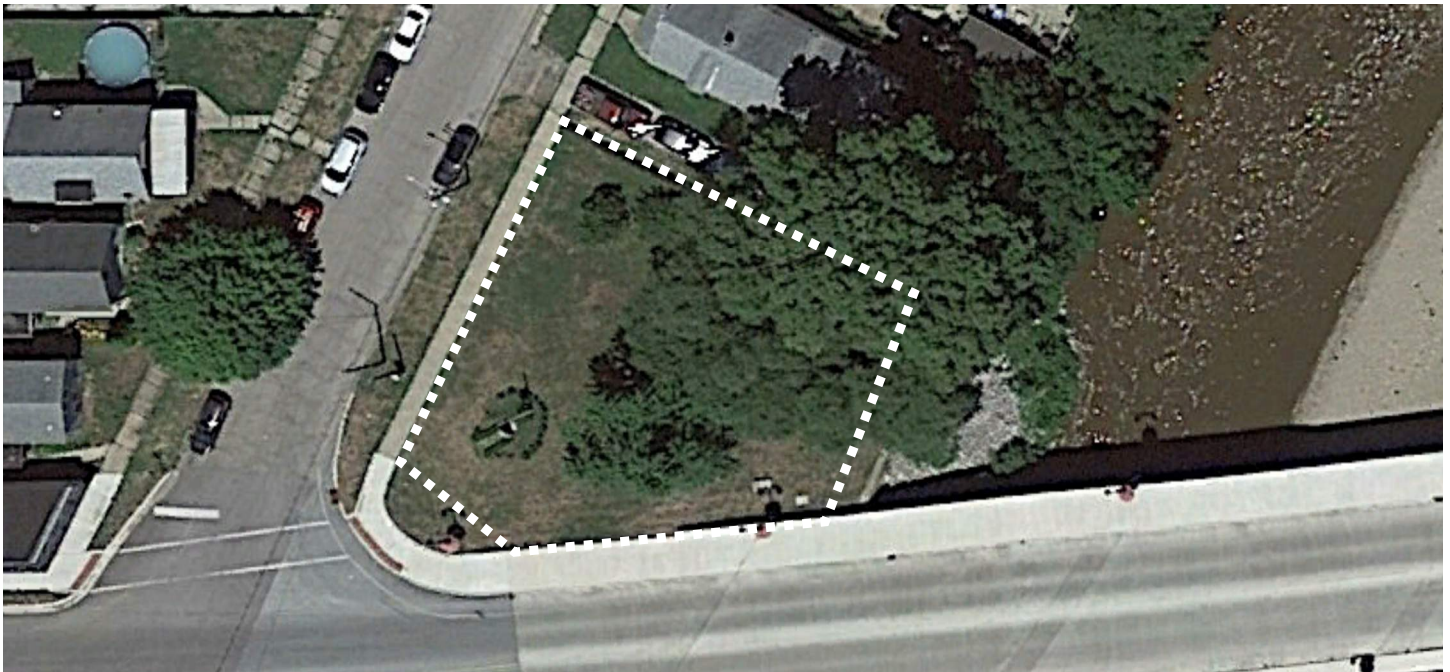
- 1 Flag Pole
- 1 Monument - "In Memory of Our Fathers" By Mary E. Miller, Tent no. 34 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. Erected in 1936
- 2 Marker Monuments
- 1 Streetlamp
- Boxwoods and a Ginkgo Tree
- Next to Vehicular Bridge
- Wall with rail overlooking Eel River

## Opportunities:

- Repurpose Ginkgo tree into sculpture at the end of its life
- Incorporate a dog waste station for passersby

## ADA Accessibility Notes:

- No pathways into the park
- No access to sign or memorials



# MUEHLHAUSEN AQUATIC CENTER

**ADDRESS:** 721 N. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 1 Acre

The primary feature of Muehlhausen Park is the Muehlhausen Aquatic Center. This facility has served the community since its original construction in 1955. It has had several updates over the years to the pool facility, with its most recent improvements done in 2015. At that time, the pool size was reduced from an Olympic sized pool.

## Amenities:

The pool has a max capacity of 278 people. It still maintains 8 lanes, but is considerably shorter in length. A new water slide was installed along with a splash pad with multiple water features. The pool itself is surrounded with an 8' black vinyl coated chain link fence and has appropriate signage on the outside and the inside of the fence. The bathhouse is original, but was painted in 2015 with aquatic themed murals on all the exterior and interior concrete surfaces. The electrical systems were upgraded in 2015. Water systems are to be addressed before the season opens in 2024. The pump house and sand filter were also upgraded in 2015 and has enough storage area for the necessary chemicals required for the pool's sanitation system. When the pool is open, there are 2 dozen lounge chairs surrounding the pool, a set of stairs to enter the water, and a battery-operated ADA accessible lift chair that can be used as necessary. Several benches and picnic tables with umbrellas are also available.

## Park Programs:

- Opening Day - Aquatic Center
- Dive in Movie
- End of Summer Pool Party
- Swim Lessons
- Party Rentals
- Bike Rodeo
- Library Passes

- (A) Splash Pad
- (B) Pool
- (C) Bathhouse



### Park Inventory:

- Signage
- Outdoor pool (not Olympic sized) with black vinyl coated chain link fence
- Shower house with boys and girls changing areas, basket room, and first aid station
- Water slide, steps, tower (installed 2015)
- 1 Splash pad with multiple water features
- 2 Benches near pad
- 1 Picnic table near pad
- Angled parking

### Public Comments:

- Need for changing stalls
- Desire for a 2nd water slide and a lazy river
- Desire for total floor and plumbing replacement in the bathhouse
- Desire for a longer season, and longer daily hours
- Concern for bathhouse restroom cleanliness

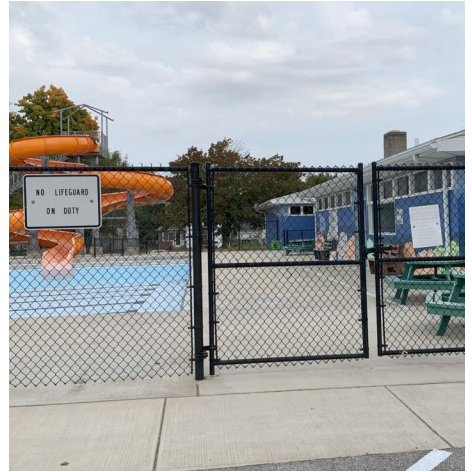
### Opportunities:

- Address plumbing issues such as need for hot water and improved water pressure and fixtures
- Increase maintenance of restrooms

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Area reserved for ADA parking only
- Battery-operated ADA accessible lift chair for pool access
- Walkway to bathhouse is ADA accessible
- Walkway to picnic shelter from parking is ADA accessible
- Restrooms in bathhouse not ADA accessible







# MUEHLHAUSEN PARK

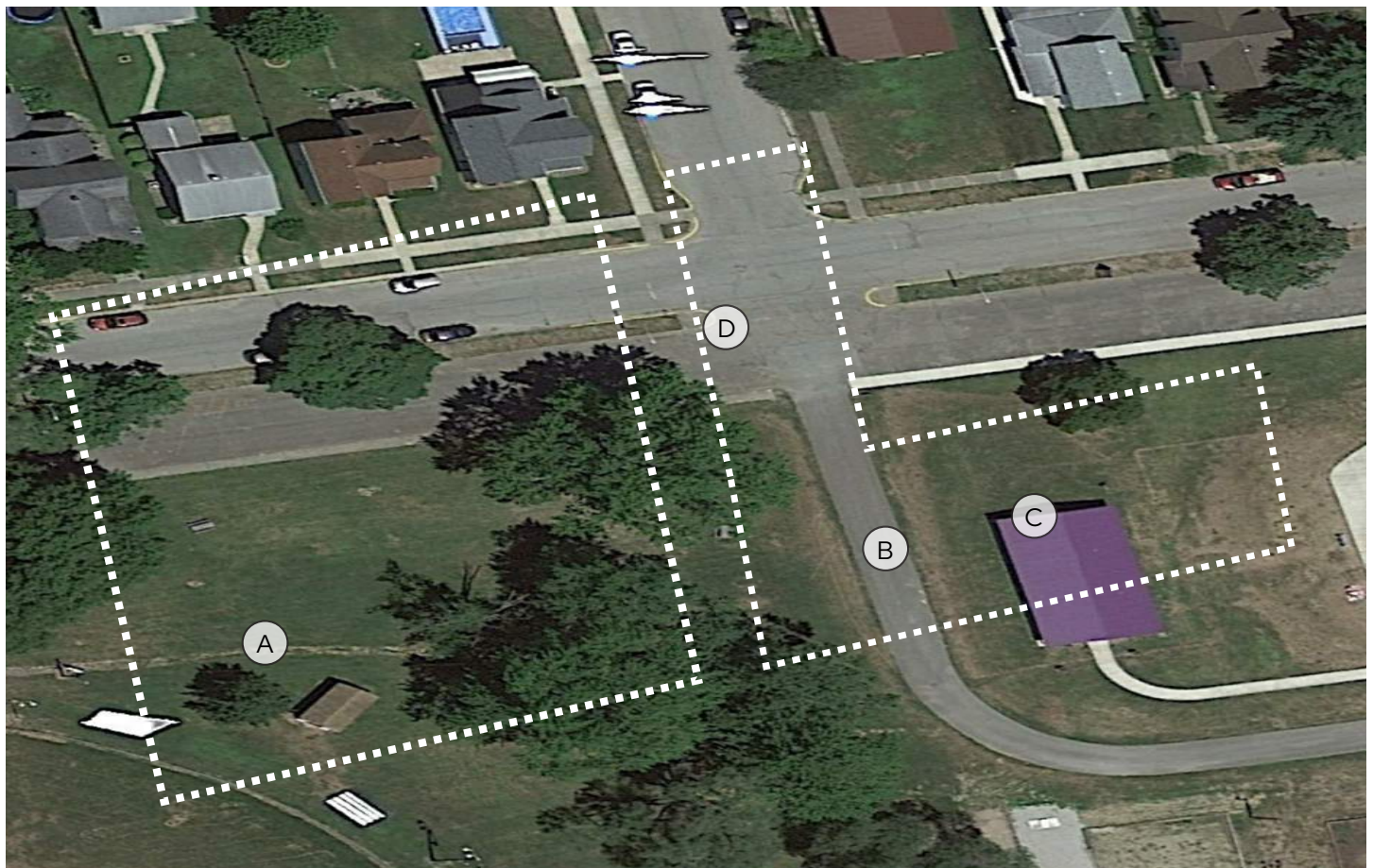
**ADDRESS:** 1900 Wright St., Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 4 Acres

This 4 acre park is centrally located within the City of Logansport. It is surrounded by a residential neighborhood with homes that are for the lower end of middle income. The park has a playground, corn hole, basketball courts, the community aquatics center, a shelter, and the new dog park. There is an abundance of parking, plenty of shade from trees, and a sidewalk that surrounds the perimeter of the park. All of the facilities have been built up approximately 8-10 feet above the street level.

- (A) Wright St. Bark Park
- (B) Playground
- (C) Basketball Courts
- (D) Picnic Shelter

As of February 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, demolition and construction work on the Muehlhausen Park Playground has begun. The work has been scheduled to be completed by the end of March.



### Park Amenities:

Muehlhausen Park is a popular park year – round. Many people use its rectangular format for getting their walk in, or walking their dogs. The park has beautiful trees, good turf, and good driving surfaces. Since it sits up 8-10 from the street level, it drains very well, and does not flood. Invasive vegetation is kept to a minimum due to its high volume of defined amenities.

The neighborhood is generally a quiet area of the community, but has tolerated the noise coming from the pool, basketball courts, and from the former softball field, now the bark park. The most regular special event that takes place at Muehlhausen Park is the annual Logansport Police Department’s Bike Rodeo for Kids. The obstacle course easily fits into the angled parking on Smead Street, so no streets are closed for the event. The water tower in the park is an iconic structure, for which many people call it “Tower Park”. The water tower is owned and maintained by the Logansport Utilities. Fencing around the tower is also maintained by the utilities. However, the Parks Maintenance Staff mow the grass at the tower’s base.

### Playground & Courts

The Muehlhausen Playground is a “Game Time” composite structure with Engineered Wood Fiber safety surfacing contained by commercial plastic borders. The playground has a spinner and a saucer-type swing, which are both ADA accessible. It is brand new in the spring of 2024. It also has a 2-bay swing structure with 2 belt swings and 2 toddler bucket seats. Two concrete corn hole game sets (4 holes) are also available for use.

The basketball courts are not regulation, but they each have 2 basketball goals, a set of bleachers, and the asphalt is in good condition with good lines. A fence is on the east and south side of the courts. There is lighting that automatically comes on and off during the spring, summer, & fall.

### Accommodation

The picnic shelter in Muehlhausen Park has 12 picnic tables which can accommodate 75 persons comfortably. Angled parking is available at the pool level and along Smead Street. Additionally, the restrooms have been rehabilitated as ADA accessible family-style restrooms. The walkway to the restrooms also makes the entrance area into the dog park ADA accessible. There is no accessible pathway within the park. Bleachers are set up on the outside of the fence for onlookers to watch the fun.

### Wright Street Bark Park

The Wright Street Bark Park is opening during the Spring of 2024 on southwest corner of Muehlhausen Park (the former softball field) . This has been requested in public surveys for the last 2 Master Plans, and the community helped with the fundraising to make this happen. The park will feature 2 separate large and small dog areas surrounded by a 5’ black vinyl coated chain link fence with a gated entrance area. Inside the play area will be a total of 6 benches, 2 drinking fountains with access for canines, a shade structure that spans over each area, creative signage for interest and rules, and a dog waste station for maintenance of the play areas.



## Park Inventory:

- Angled parking along Smead street & 21<sup>st</sup> st.; Parallel parking along wright street & 19th street
- Wright street bark park on southwest corner of park (former softball field). Dedicated spring 2024
  - 5' Black vinyl coated chain link fence with entrance area; separate large and small dog areas.
  - Signage
  - 6 Benches
  - 2 Drinking fountains with access for canines
  - 1 Shade structure
  - 2 ADA accessible family-style restrooms
  - 1 Dog waste station
- Large shelter
  - Charcoal grill included
  - 12 Picnic tables
  - 2 Trash cans
- 2 Basketball courts with bleachers
  - 1 Trash can
- 4 Scattered picnic tables
- 1 Dumpster
- 1 Composite structure with mulch play surfacing and wooden trim
- 2 Bay swing structures with 2 swing seats & 2 infant bucket seats
- 2 Corn hole courts
- 1 Dog waste station
  - Near sidewalk and steps into park
- Stairs into park at southwest corner
- Water tower & fencing belongs to logansport utilities

## Public Comments:

- Need for restrooms outside of pool bathhouse
- Want for new a playground
- Concern over general maintenance and property upkeep

## Opportunities:

- Repurpose restrooms in old softball press box in 2024
- Replace current playground in 2024





# PATRIOT PARK

**ADDRESS:** 133 W. Wheatland Ave, Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 5 Acres

Patriot Park is 5 acres of Eel River riverfront property that is a neighborhood park. Its amenities include basketball courts with fencing around them, a drinking fountain, picnic tables, a trash can, a composite "Miracle" playground and a swing set.

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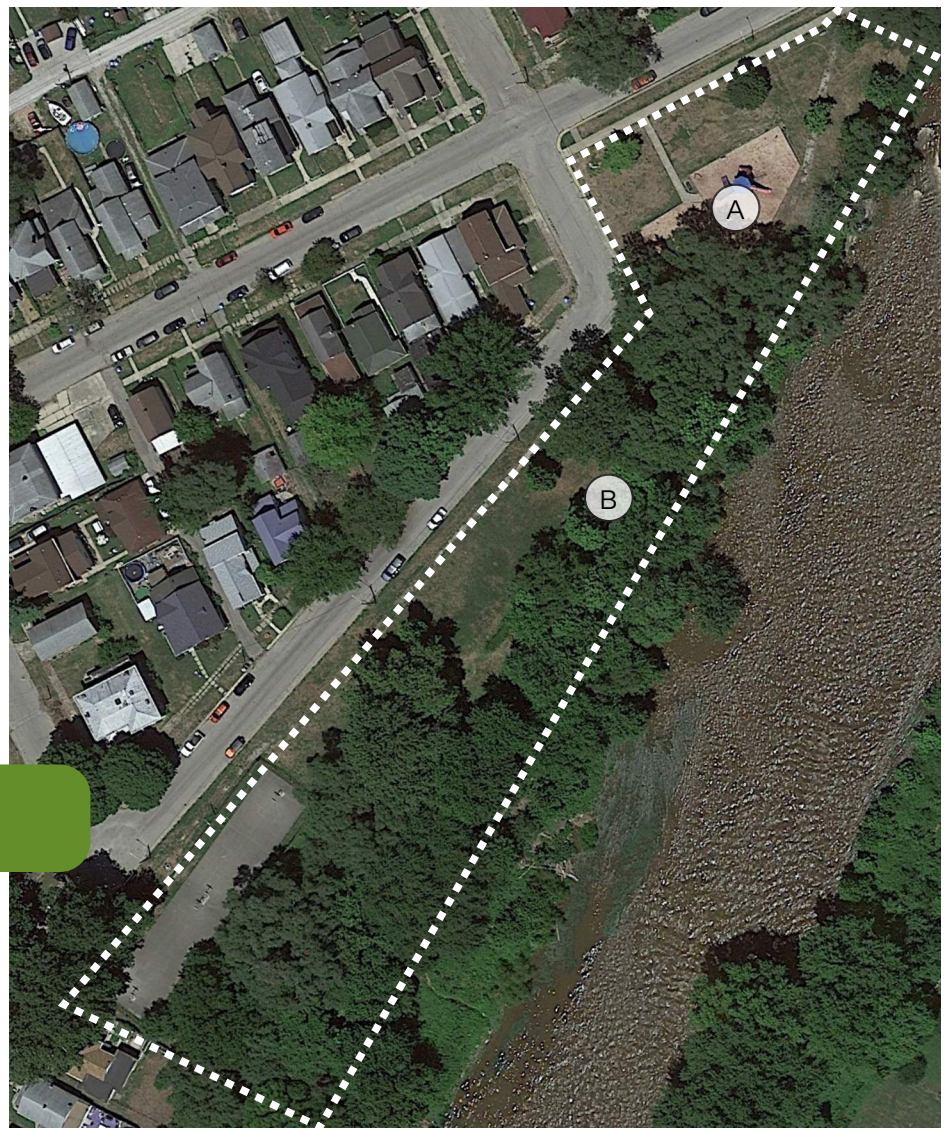
- Fencing along eel river
- Stone entry sign
- 2 Basketball courts with fencing
- 1 Playground
  - 1 Two bay swing set with 2 swing seats and 2 infant bucket swing seats
  - Mulch play surfacing with wood trim
  - Play sign
  - 1 Composite Structure
    - Double slide
    - 2 Tube slides
    - 1 Climber
    - 1 Rock wall
    - 2 Talk tubes
    - 1 Hanging spinner
    - Stair platform
- 1 Bench
- 2 Total picnic tables
- 1 Water fountain
- 1 Trash can
- 1 Dog waste station

## ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Composite structure not ADA accessible
- Play surfacing currently missing some edging
- No part of the park is ADA accessible

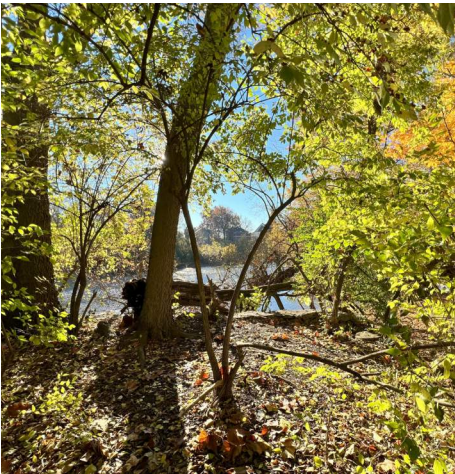
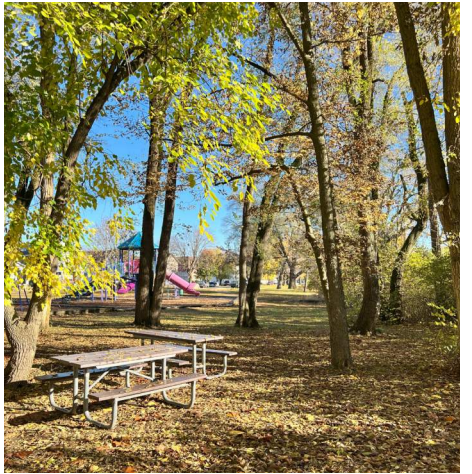
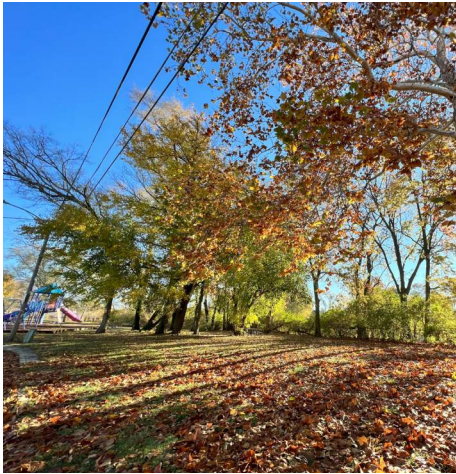
## Opportunities:

The Logansport Parks Board was asked by the current administration to determine 5 parks for repurposing, and Patriot Park was one of those parks. The title of the park has recently been handed over to the Logansport Redevelopment Commission for them to complete any project specifications that will be required. As we move forward, we will be removing the playground that is not compliant with playground safety standards. We will also be removing the fencing around the basketball courts, picnic tables and trash cans in favor of the new residential homes to be constructed in this location.



**Patriot Park Land is targeted for repurposing in 2024.**

- (A) Playground
- (B) Basketball Courts



## PENMAN SERVICE CENTER

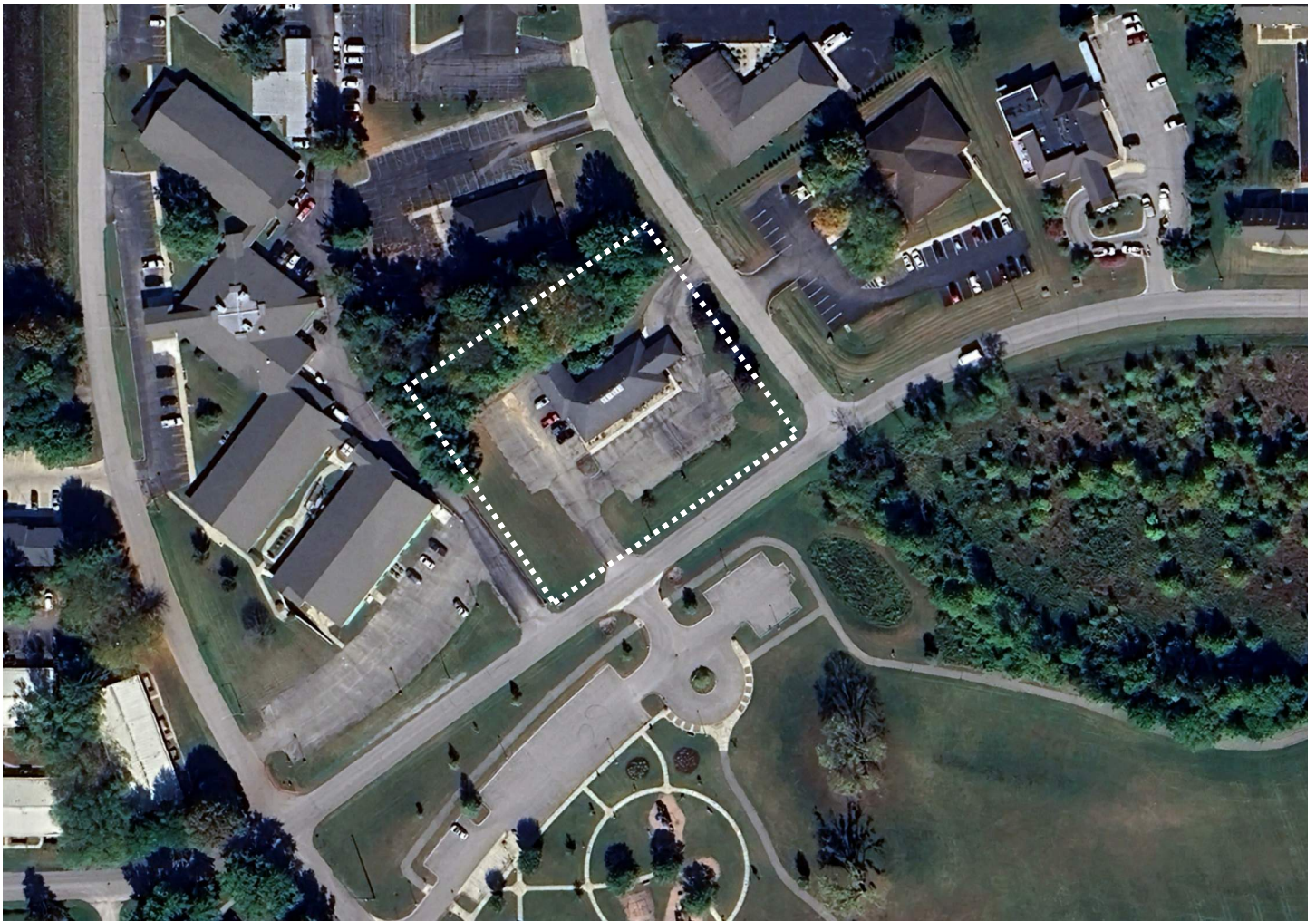
**ADDRESS:** 1701 Dividend Dr, Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 1.59 Acres

The Penman Service Center serves as the office of the Logansport Parks & Recreation Department. The building was built in 1992 and donated by Doctors Jeffrey Penman and Connie Owens in 2007 for recreation purposes. Visitors may enter the building using the ADA Accessible ramp, or the ADA Accessible double doors under a vehicle portico. It has 4 office rooms, a conference room with a table for 8-10 persons, and a large screen computer/monitor, an office work station, and an employee kitchenette. As visitors enter at the east end, they are able to see the Community Room that can seat 40-50 people, men's and women's ADA accessible restrooms, and kitchenette w/ serving counter, refrigerator, microwave, and sink. The building also has a basement with 4 office cubicles, a storage area, sink & restroom, none of which are ADA accessible. The building also has a 3-bay garage which is used for storage of vehicles and program supplies and equipment. The parking lot will hold up to 30 vehicles, and is ADA accessible.

### Programs:

- Galentine's Day Celebration
- Art Classes
- Private party rentals



### General Information:

The Penman Service Center sits directly across Smith Street from Huston Park. It provides a mediocre view of the Huston Park parking lot, restrooms, and playground area. The Penman parking lot regularly serves as an overflow for the Huston Park parking lot.

The Community Room is regularly rented out for private parties. It also provides a great location for some park programs. The kitchenette in the Community Room is a new feature that is hoped to increase the number of rentals in this building.


The office area houses the Parks Administrator, the Recreation Director, the Administrative Assistant, and the Summer Recreation staff person. All offices are equipped with computers and the necessary connections, and landline telephones for additional communications.

The Conference Room is available for staff meetings, Executive Parks Board Meetings, meetings with consultants and vendors, and meetings of the Logansport Parks & Recreation Foundation. It is ideal for groups to hold teleconference meetings because multiple people can be on the call.

Landscaping for the building is simple and low maintenance with ornamental grasses, large boulders and weed barrier fabric with river rock covering it.

### Opportunities:

- Newer solar panels for more efficient source of electricity
- Use as event location for Huston Park - based events
- Use as additional storage space
- Use as additional staff programming space



Spring Break  
Art Classes  
with Heidi Kitchel

March 25-27  
Penman Building 1701 Dividend Drive  
10-11am Ages 5-10 years  
11:30-12:30am Ages 11-16 years  
Cost:35

Register:  
[www.logansportparks.com](http://www.logansportparks.com)  
Questions: 574-753-6969 pr  
[parksinfo@cityoflogansport.org](mailto:parksinfo@cityoflogansport.org)

The poster features a photograph of children painting on easels and the City of Logansport logo in the top right corner.



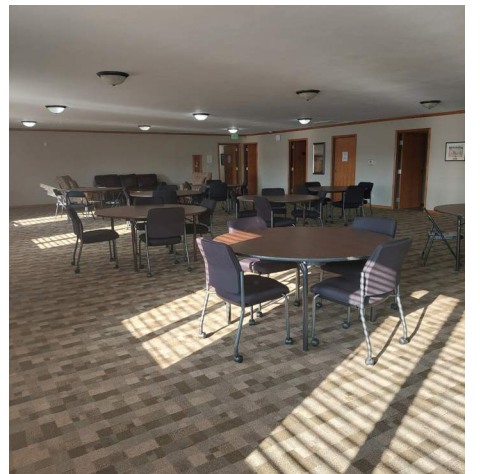
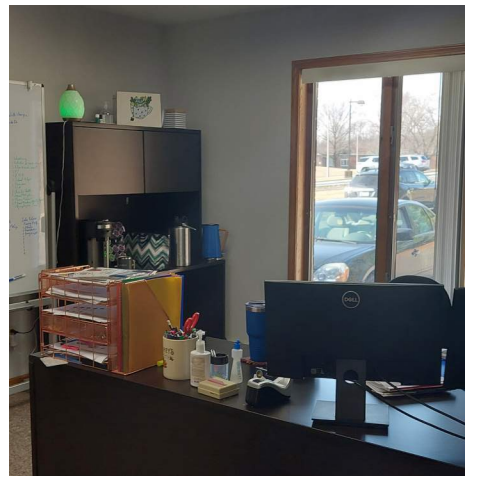
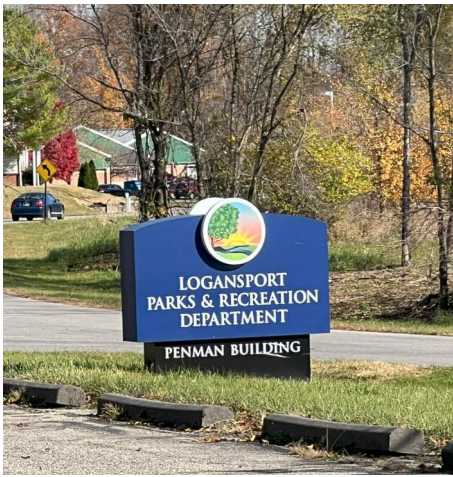
Galentine's  
DAY CELEBRATION

THE FUN INCLUDES:  
CRAFT WITH HEIDI KITCHEL  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
DRINKS PROVIDED BY SCOOTER'S

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 6-8PM  
1701 DIVIDEND DRIVE  
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REGISTER:  
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The poster is decorated with pink hearts and features logos for Red Lobster, the City of Logansport, and a smiley face with a lightbulb.





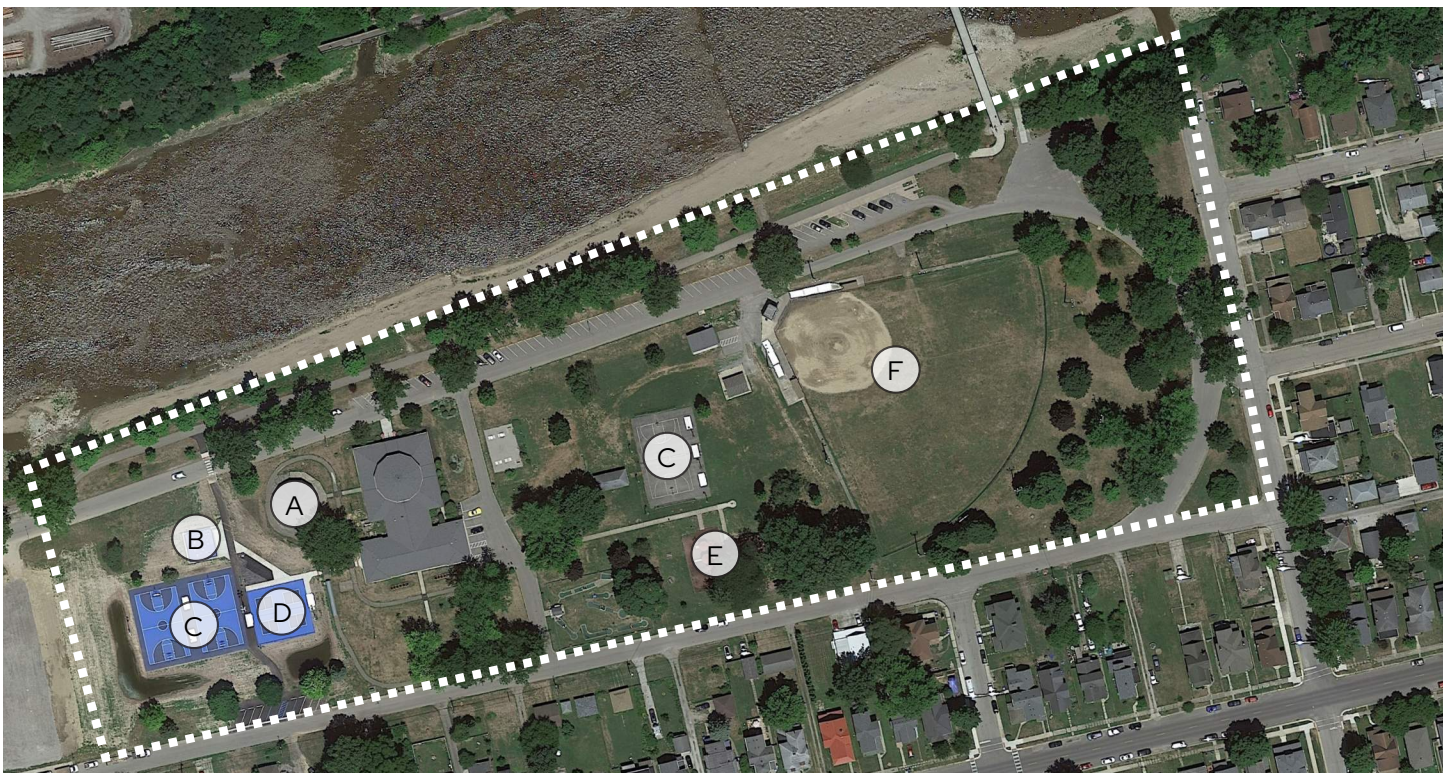
# RIVERSIDE PARK

**ADDRESS:** 1212 Riverside Dr., Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 13 Acres

Riverside Park, a 13 acre community park is located along the Eel River. The park is enormously popular by residents and visitors alike. Many people come to Riverside Park to visit the historic Cass County Dentzel Carousel or the train they operate, and stay for the playground, the miniature golf course, or the scenic view along the Eel River Run trail. The Cole Bridge also gives people a chance to cross the river for a longer walk on the River Bluff Trail. The park is also home to the Cass County Men’s Softball League. Park users have access to a total of 3 basketball courts, 2 pickleball courts, the NFC Fitness Court sponsored by Logansport Memorial Hospital, the McCord Pavilion (formerly the location of the Dentzel Carousel) a restroom and the Tyson Foods Concession Stand. Many families rent the McHale Complex for parties or reunions. Parking is generally not an issue during ordinary days, but when the crowds are at the park for the Squeal on the Eel or July 4th, parking is at a premium.

- (A) McCord Pavilion
- (B) NFC Fitness Court
- (C) Basketball Courts
- (D) Pickleball Courts
- (E) Playground
- (F) Softball Field



## Park Amenities:

### Entrance & the Eel River

Both the East and West ends of Riverside Park are defined by the 1934 gateways built by the Civil Works Administration using rocks from the Fairview Park property. Entering the park from the 15th Street east gate, the one-way traffic takes you to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Public Access Site to the Eel River. Parking for boat trailers is available to the east of the ramp. The Cole (pedestrian) Bridge is available for visitors for an overhead view of the Eel River and a path to the River Bluff Trail. The Eel River Run, inside Riverside Park provides trail users a continuous trail from Riverside Park to the River Bluff Trail, and on to Huston Park Trail through the Hervey Preserve.

### Playground

The playground was built in 1999. It is a composite Miracle structure that has 3 center stage units at different heights, with slides and climbing structures attached to it. The playground also has 2 swing sets with 2 bays each, 4 sling seats, and 4 bucket toddler seats. It is due for replacement. Both playground areas are surrounded by wood borders which hold in the Engineered Wood Fiber(EWF).

### Riverside's Sports Activity Areas

Riverside Park is home to the Cass County Men's Softball Organization. They have held their games and practices at the Riverside Softball field for over 30 years. They complete an annual lease and pay for their own electricity, maintenance, improvements, and a small annual fee for the Parks Department to mow their outfield. They also operate the Tyson Foods Concession Stand during their season and use their revenue to help offset their costs.

The Miniature Golf is leased to a private vendor that pays an annual fee, their own electricity costs, as well as any improvements that the vendor does.

The old basketball court is still used by futsal users, and less competitive basketball users. The fence on either end of the court is in disrepair, but will be removed if/when the court is removed.

The new basketball, pickleball and NFC Fitness Courts are all used heavily. There are organized basketball tournaments put on by multi-cultural promoters that take place 2-3 times each summer. The pickleball courts are regularly having competitions amongst their players maybe 2-3 times each year. Regular groups of pickleballers play on Saturday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Thursday evenings. Rules were established in 2023 that someone was to play no more than 1 hour if there were people waiting to play. We haven't been told of any complaints regarding this rule.

The National Fitness Campaign's Fitness Court was installed in 2022. It is sponsored by Logansport Memorial Hospital and their Foundation for 5 years. It has been difficult to program this site, and it has been difficult to keep children from abusing and vandalizing the "wrap".

The Logansport Parks also has installed concrete corn hole boards for recreational play along the center road of the park. Providing the corn bags has been challenging, and no solution has been determined.

### Restrooms & Drinking Fountains

Riverside's restrooms were rebuilt in 2018. The women's side has 5 stalls, 2 sinks, 2 hand dryers and a baby-changing drop-down table. The men's side has 2 stalls, 2 urinals, 2 sinks, 2 hand dryers, and a baby-changing drop-down table. The restroom doors are on automatic lock mechanisms from 10 pm to 6 a.m., and have reduced vandalism significantly.

In addition, a family-style restroom is available to the sports court area on the outside of the McHale Complex. It has a stool, a urinal, a sink, and a hand dryer. This restroom is able to be open during the winter months because of heating units from the McHale Complex. The restroom door is on an automatic lock mechanism from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

There are 2 drinking fountains in the park – one near the playground, and one on the outside of the McHale Complex.

### Cass County Dentzel Carousel, McHale Complex, and McCord Pavilion

Logansport's Cass County Dentzel Carousel has a 99-year lease with the City of Logansport and the Logansport Parks & Recreation Department to own and operate both the carousel and the outdoor train and tracks. Cass County Dentzel Carousel operates independently from the Logansport Parks Department. Contact information is the address at 1208 Riverside Dr., and phone number is 574-753-8725. They manage daily hours during the summer months, and rentals during the other 9 months of the year. Its maximum capacity is 100 persons. The facility is "climate controlled" not air conditioned. The attached McHale Complex is managed separately from the carousel by the Logansport Parks & Recreation Department throughout the entire year. The McHale Complex is air-conditioned and is set up to seat 108 persons (maximum capacity is 200) and provides a catering-level service kitchen, restrooms, and a small stage. The Old Carousel Pavilion, now named the McCord Pavilion, can seat up to 75 persons outdoors within the train tracks. All of these facilities are ADA accessible.

#### Park History:

Logansport's Cass County Dentzel Carousel is a 100+ year-old hand-carved masterpiece by Gustav A. Dentzel. The Cass County Dentzel Carousel consists of forty-three hand-carved Dentzel animals. In 1987, the Cass County Dentzel Carousel was declared a National Historic Landmark-- the only National Historic Landmark in Cass County. These animals are a part of a menagerie that represents the third oldest carousel in America, a set of irreplaceable wooden masterpieces.

#### Park Inventory:

- Pillars at east & west entrances
- IDNR public access site to eel river
- Carousel building attached to 108 capacity seated indoor pavilion, "McHale complex", with (catering-level service) kitchen & restrooms, with small stage
- Round picnic shelter with seating capacity of 75; "McCord pavilion"
- Concession building with Tyson signage
- Restroom; built in 2018
- Trash cans
- Grills and picnic tables
- Playground; built in 2018
  - 2 Swing sets with 4 belt seats and 4 infant bucket seats
  - 1 Composite structure
- Corn hole
- Small putt putt area leased to private vendor
- 3 Basketball courts with bleachers
- 1 Fitness court by the National Fitness Campaign, sponsored by Logansport Memorial Hospital
- 2 Pickleball courts with fencing & bleachers
- 1 Softball diamond
- 2 Drinking fountains



#### Public Comments:

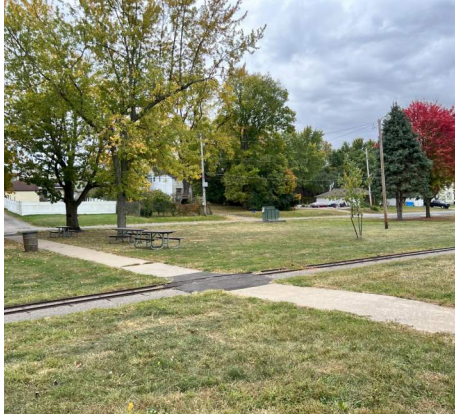
- Large focus on replacing current playground
- Desire to improve river access and views
- Desire for more seating and picnic tables
- Want for more amenities; pickleball courts specifically
- Want additional picnic pavilions
- Want a dedicated space for musical events
- Improve conditions of amenities on the east side of the park
- Concern over restrooms and reoccurring vandalism

#### Opportunities:

- Extend ramp to water's edge for improved access
- Work with Cass County Government to provide kayak concessions extending along the river
- Work with the Board of the Cass County Dentzel Carousel to collaborate events
- Apply for Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant to add the desired amenities

#### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Both drinking fountains are ADA accessible
- Carousel is ADA accessible
- Full-service restroom is ADA accessible
- West end courts, picnic pavilion, & restroom are ADA accessible, with ADA accessible parking
- McHale & McCord pavilions are ADA accessible
- Playground surfacing is Engineered Wood Fiber



# SPENCER PARK

**ADDRESS:** 3319 E High St Rd, Logansport, IN 46947

**SIZE:** 18 Acres

Spencer Park, one of the oldest parks in Logansport, is 18 acres large and is located along the banks of the Eel River. Visitors are greeted with beautiful and historic stone pillars at the beginning of its circular driveway. It has 7 picnic pavilions with adequate parking, 2 playground areas, a full-service restroom, 2 drinking fountains, a gazebo and flagpole, and a local public access site to the Eel River. Other recreational amenities include a shuffleboard court, horseshoes, and an old court for tennis or pickleball.



- (A) Historic Pavilion
- (B) Gazebo
- (C) 5-12 Playground
- (D) 2-12 Playground
- (E) Concession Stand-Style Shelter

The Lower Shelter at Spencer Park is being updated beginning the week of February 19, 2024 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2024. Columns will have new concrete footings.

## Park Amenities:

### Playgrounds

The south side playground is a composite structure which is “ship” themed and was installed in 2003. In addition, it has a 4-bay swing set with 2 infant bucket seats and 6 sling seats. It also has a ground-level alligator & a hippo to play in and around. The south playground is built for 2-12 years old. The north side playground has a large net climber and musical chimes and was installed in 2021. This park is built for 5–12-year-olds. Both playgrounds are surrounded by commercial plastic borders that hold in the Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) safety surfacing using distances and depths accepted by the commercial playground industry. An ADA accessible drinking fountain is located next to the north playground.

### Picnic Pavilions

Spencer Park has 5 small shelters with a capacity of 20-25 people each, a concession stand-style shelter which has a capacity 15-20 people, and a large shelter along the Eel River with a capacity of 200 people. Each shelter has picnic tables and charcoal grills, along with adequate parking. The only shelter at this time that is ADA Accessible is the northern most shelter along High Street, although a parking spot has not been designated. In the case of the Eel River Shelter, parking is limited on the same level, but more is available at street level. All of its parking is a stone-covered lot, so this parking is not ADA accessible. The Eel River Shelter has an ADA accessible drinking fountain and benches that overlook the Eel River. The gazebo, which is often used for weddings, is located at river level, with no provisions for handicap access.

### Restrooms

A new restroom with a storage garage was built in this park in 2019. The storage garage is used for holiday displays used for Christmas In the Park. The women’s side has 3 stalls, 2 sinks, a baby-changing drop-down table, and hand dryers. The men’s side has 2 stalls, 2 urinals, 1 sink, a baby-changing drop-down table, and hand dryers. The entrance area also has a wall-hung drinking fountain with a bottle filler. The restroom doors are on automatic lock mechanisms from 10 pm to 6 a.m., and have reduced vandalism significantly. The restroom is completely ADA accessible, and includes a walkway from the parking lot. It does not have a designated parking spot for the restroom.

Eel River access is provided at a location on the lower east end of the park. It is only a stone-covered ramp, with some efforts to have a smooth entry/exit to the river. Other amenities in the park include the Shuffleboard Court, horseshoe posts, a storage garage that houses the holiday displays for Christmas In the Park

Besides the use of the various shelters in the park, many people use the circular driveway to get daily walks into their active lifestyle. Many people also walk their canines, and so there are 2 dog waste stations located along the driveway. The driveway measures .48 miles.



### Park History:

Samuel Spencer, who was the president of the Logansport Railway Co, purchased the old fair grounds and eventually deeded the land on December 7, 1892 to the City of Logansport for the purpose of establishing a public park. Spencer Park was named after Samuel Spencer. The Spencer Park Grand Opening took place on Sunday, May 23, 1909. The lower pavilion on the Eel River is a stick-built Victorian Shelter which was built in 1905. The park had a well patronized roller-skating rink, and eventually the Cass County Dentzel Carousel was located in Spencer Park from 1919-1949.

### Park Inventory:

- Pillars at entry, & at other unused entrances on south side
- South side playground
  - Ship themed
  - 4 Bays swing set; 2 infant bucket seats, 6 sling seats
  - Ground-level alligator & hippo
- North side playground
  - Large net climber (2021)
  - Musical chimes
  - Drinking fountain
- 5 Shelters with picnic tables and grills; capacity of 20-25 people each
- 1 Concession stand-style shelter; capacity 15-20 people
- 1 Large shelter along eel river; capacity 200 people
  - Limited parking
  - Drinking fountain
  - Gazebo
  - Benches overlooking river
- Local public access site to eel river
  - Restroom (2019)
- Shuffle board
- Horseshoe areas
- Walking loop; 1/2 mile
- Restrooms with drinking fountain & storage garage (used only for Christmas hut)
- Dog waste stations throughout park
- Gravel parking lot along north side of High Street, near the historic shelter and river access



### Public Comments:

- Over 40 comments wanting to keep existing shelter at the Lower Pavilion
- Concerns for aging of all infrastructure
- Desires for more group-based amenities
- Negative feedback on the net climber
- Dislike of 'weeds' along riverbank due to scenery disruption

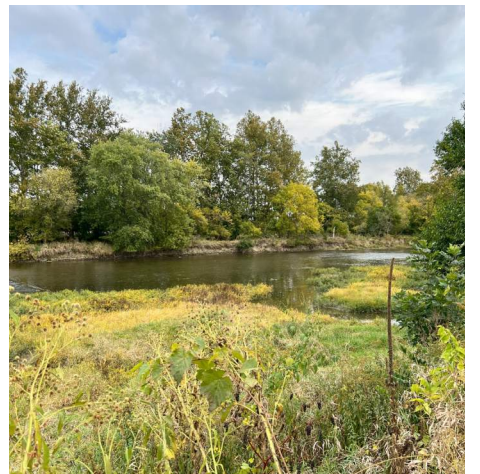
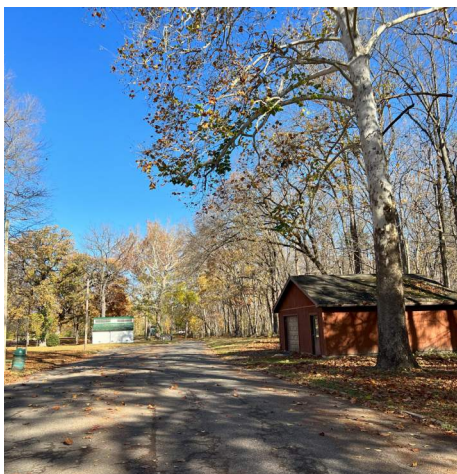
### Opportunities:

- Build updated pavilions
- Update existing infrastructure
- Use appropriated funding for a new playground structure
- Connect with public to gather amenity input
- Educational campaign on bank stabilization and wildlife.

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- Both playgrounds feature commercial plastic borders and Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) safety surfacing.
- Both drinking fountains are ADA accessible
- Shelter #5 (located along High St.) is the only ADA accessible shelter.
- No disabled parking spot allocated near shelter #5
- Parking on north side of High St. is stone-covered and not ADA accessible
- No ADA access to gazebo at river level
- Restroom is ADA accessible
- Eel river access via stone-covered ramp





# STONEWALL PARK

ADDRESS: 400 High Street, Logansport, IN 46947

SIZE: 0.14 Acre

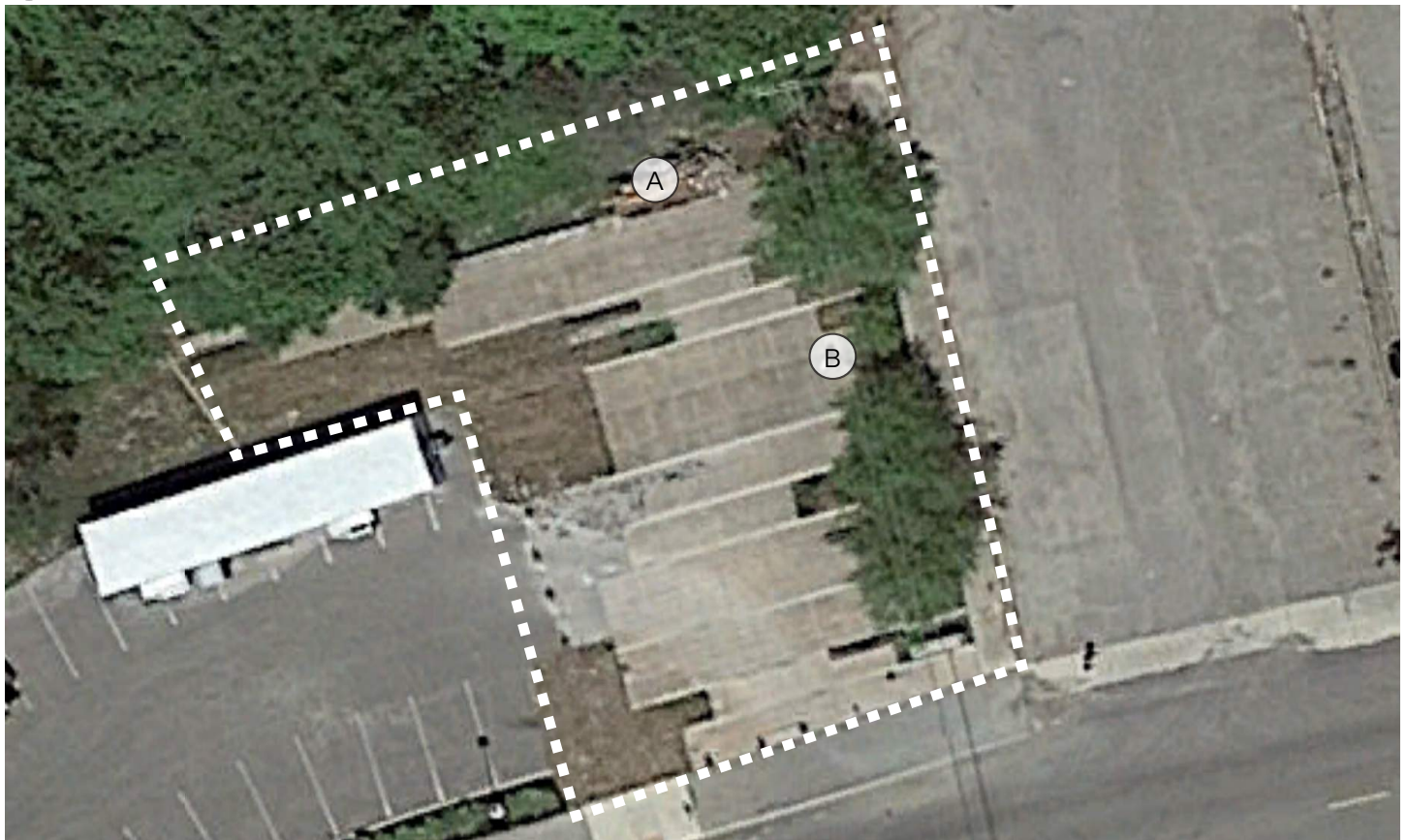
Stonewall Park, a small pocket park of less than 1 acre, was established in 2012 as the downtown trailhead of the Eel River Run. It's primary amenities include the large limestone rock with the park's name on it, solid wood benches and a seat wall, a connected parking lot primarily used by the employees of the Cass County Jail, and wayfinding and informational signage associated with the Eel River Run Trail. Its most significant feature is the artwork entitled "Orange Grasses" created by Jack Brubaker.

## Park Features:

- Art feature with uplighting: "Orange Grasses" by Jack Brubaker
- Seating / resting areas with benches and seat wall
- Connected parking lot
- Wayfinding and informational signage for Eel River Run trail

(A) Art Feature

(B) Eel River Run Signage



### Park Amenities:

Stonewall Park is located on the Eel River, and faces south at the intersection of High Street and 4th Street. Buildings surrounding Stonewall Park include the Cass County Jail and the Eel Township Trustee Office to the south, and to the east is the Gray Mill's storage facility. It is also very close to the historical signage for the Wabash & Erie Canal's aqueduct that crossed the Eel River in the 1870's.

Stonewall Park has several river birch trees on the east boundary, warm season grasses behind the "orange grasses", along with trees that are part of the view of the Eel River. Most of the surface is concrete and limestone with very little green space. Although it is on the Eel River, flooding has not been an issue even though the Eel River's water elevation is sometimes treacherous after a lot of rain in the area. The sidewalks leading to Stonewall Park are all complete and direct pedestrians and bicyclists through the downtown Logansport area. 4th Street has recently changed from a one-way street going south, to a 2-way street so traffic goes both north and south. The original plans for trails in Logansport always made a point that looking either direction on 4th Street, we should have something prominent to look at, and the Orange Grasses fulfill that goal for the north end of 4th Street very well.

In 2019, a property dispute took place with the County regarding Stonewall Park. The park included the land where the parking lot now stands, and the county needed the land and the access into that land for their employee parking. It was eventually agreed that the city would give up the land for the parking lot and the County would restore the remainder of the park to its original design as close as possible. The City is still waiting for the completion of that work, although some of it has been done.

### Public Comments:

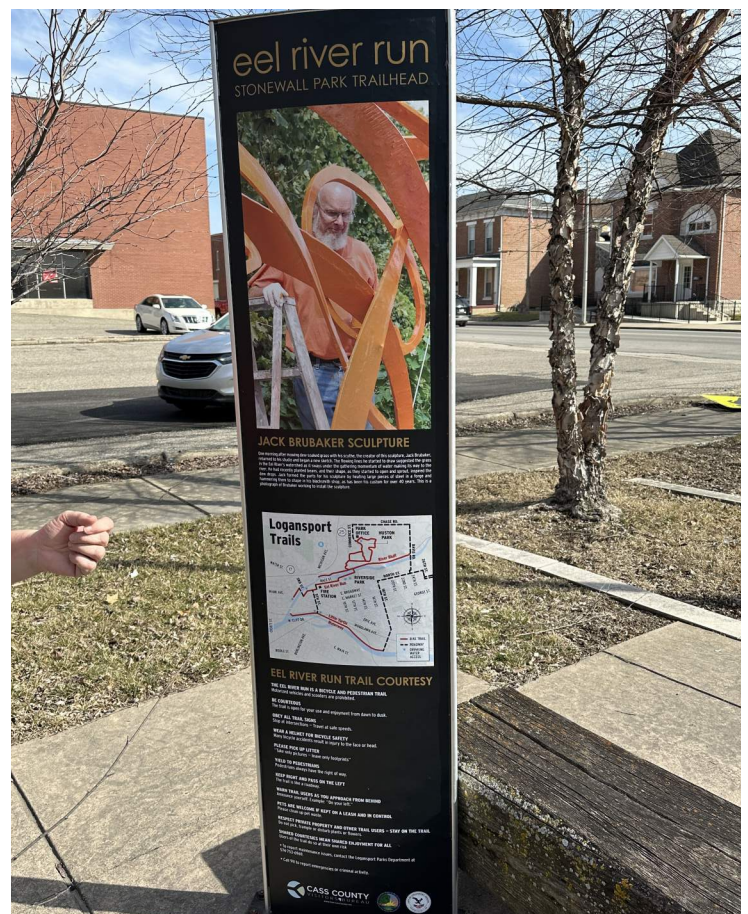
- Few comments made about this park overall
- Concerns with park name and relation to 1969 Stonewall Inn riots in New York

### ADA Accessibility Notes:

- No ADA walkways within park
- Sidewalks along street with ADA ramps
- Curb facing parking lot

### Opportunities:

- County held responsible for restoration of park including ADA walkways, a drinking fountain, and landscaping





## CURRENT PROGRAMS

### Rentals:

- Dykman Park
  - Upper Pavilion with 10 picnic tables, 2 fireplaces, playground, restrooms.
- Fairview Park
  - Football/Soccer Field
  - Lower Pavilion (smaller) with 6 picnic tables
  - Security Federal Savings Bank Community Pavilion with 6 picnic tables, near playground, & restrooms (accommodates 50 people)
- Heritage Park
  - Gazebo
- Huston Park
  - McNarny Family Pavilion with 8 picnic tables
- Little Turtle Waterway
  - Greenspace
  - Plaza
- LU Veterans Freedom Park
  - Full Park
- Melbourne Park
  - Softball Field
- Muehlhausen Aquatic Center
  - Pool Rental
- Muehlhausen Park
  - Pavilion
  - Softball Field
- Penman Service Center
  - Community Room
- Riverside Park
  - Basketball Court
  - Cornhole Beanbags & Court
  - McCord's Pavilion
  - McHale Complex Pavilion
  - Pickleball Courts
- Spencer Park
  - 5 Pavilions
- Whole Park Full Day Event Rentals
  - Cass Co Community Stage
  - Fairview Park (Whole Park)
  - Heritage Park (Whole Park)
  - Huston Park (Whole Park)
  - Little Turtle Waterway (Whole Park)
  - Muehlhausen Park (Whole Park)
  - Riverside Park (Whole Park)

### Programs:

- Swim Lessons
- Youth Sports Lessons
  - Jr. Golf Camp
  - Tennis
- Passes
  - Seasonal Pool Passes
- Fitness
  - Yoga in the Park
- Art
  - Art Classes
- Vendors
  - July 4th Vendor Stalls
  - Mobile Food Vendor Permits

## 2024 SPECIAL EVENT LINE-UP

**Thursday, February 8-Galentine's Day Celebration**

1701 Dividend Drive Logansport, 6-8pm

**Monday, March 25-Park in a Box**

1721 Smith Street, Logansport 10-11am

**Friday, March 29-Park in a Box**

190 Eberts Road, Logansport 10-11am

**Monday, March 25-27-Art Classes**

1701 Dividend Drive, Logansport 10am-12:30pm

**Monday, April 8-Solar Eclipse Viewing Party**

1721 Smith Street, Logansport 2-3:30pm

**Saturday, April 20-Earth Day**

190 Eberts Road, Logansport 10am-12pm

**Thursday, May 9-Daddy/Daughter Dance**

912 South Cicott Street 6-7:30pm

**Thursday, May 16-Ribbon Cutting Wright Street Bark Park**

1900 Wright Street, Logansport 11am-12pm

**Saturday, May 18-Wright Street Bark Park Grand Opening**

1900 Wright Street, Logansport 10-11:30am

**Tuesday, June 4-Opening Day Muehlhausen Aquatic Center**

721 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Logansport 10am-6pm

**Wednesday, June 5-Park in a Box General Public**

Logansport 9-10am

**Wednesday, June 5-Park in a Box Groups**

Logansport 10:30-11:30am

**Wednesday, June 12-Park in a Box General Public**

Logansport 9-10am

**Wednesday, June 12-Park in a Box Groups**

Logansport 10:30-11:30am

**Wednesday, June 19-Park in a Box General Public**

Logansport 9-10am

**Wednesday, June 19-Park in a Box Groups**

Logansport 10:30-11:30am

**Saturday, June 22-Dive in Movie**

721 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Logansport 8-10pm

**Wednesday, June 26-Park in a Box General Public**

Logansport 9-10am

**Wednesday, June 26-Park in a Box Groups**

Logansport 10:30-11:30am

**Thursday, July 4-July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

1212 Riverside Drive, Logansport 2-11pm

**Wednesday, July 10-Park in a Box General Public**

Logansport 9-10am

**Wednesday, July 10-Park in a Box Groups**

Logansport 10:30-11:30am

**Wednesday, July 17-Park in a Box General Public**

Logansport 9-10am

**Wednesday, July 17-Park in a Box Groups**

Logansport 10:30-11:30am

**Wednesday, July 24-Park in a Box General Public**

Logansport 9-10am

**Wednesday, July 24-Park in a Box Groups**

Logansport 10:30-11:30am

**Wednesday, July 31-Park in a Box General Public**

Logansport 9-10am

**Wednesday, July 31-Park in a Box Groups**

Logansport 10:30-11:30am

**Sunday, August 4-End of Summer Pool Party**

721 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Logansport 12-4pm

**Saturday, October 19-Howl at the Moon**

1721 Smith Street, Logansport 7-9pm

**Monday, October 14-Park in a Box**

1212 Riverside Drive, Logansport 5-6pm

**Wednesday, October 16-Park in a Box**

190 Eberts Road, Logansport 10-11am

**Monday, October 14-16- Art Classes**

1701 Dividend Drive, Logansport 5-7:30pm

**Thursday, November 7-Mother/Son Nerf War**

912 S Cicott Street, Logansport 5:30-7pm

**Saturday, December 7-Breakfast with Santa**

1212 Riverside Drive, Logansport 9-11:30am

# FACILITY FEES

## Logansport Parks and Recreation Board 2024 Facility Rental Fees

Park/Facility	Period of Use	Deposit	2024 Fee	w/Non-Profit Discount
<b>All Outdoor Open Air Pavilions</b>	Full Day	None	\$90.00	\$70.00
	Hourly	None	\$22.00	\$20.00
•Dykeman Park			\$22.00	\$20.00
•Fairview Park (#1,#2,#3)			\$22.00	\$20.00
•Huston Park			\$22.00	\$20.00
•McCord Pavilion (Riverside)			\$22.00	\$20.00
•Muehlhausen			\$22.00	\$20.00
•Spencer Park Upper Pavilions and Gazebo	<i>No electric outlets</i>		<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
•Spencer Park Lower Pavilion			\$22.00	\$20.00
<b>Muehlhausen Park (formerly Tower Park)</b>				
<b>Pool Rental Minimum 2 hours (30 people or under)</b>	Hourly	None	\$75.00	\$65.00
<b>Pool Rental (Additional Lifegaurds) (31-45 people)</b>			Additional \$25.00	Additional \$25.00
<b>Pool Rental (Additional Lifegaurds) (46-100 people)</b>			Additional \$50.00	Additional \$50.00
<b>Penman Service Center-Community Room</b>	Hourly	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$30.00
<b>Riverside Park</b>				
McHale Complex				
Choose a 4 Hour Block: A) 8-12p B) 1-5p C) 6-10p	4 hours	\$125.00	\$210.00	\$175.00
Any 4 hour period on weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 pm	4 hours	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$120.00
Full Day	8 am - 10 pm	\$125.00	\$500.00	\$375.00
Basketball Court (per court)	Full Day	None	\$90.00	\$70.00
	Hourly	None	\$20.00	\$18.00
Pickleball Court (per court)	Full Day	None	\$90.00	\$70.00
	Hourly	None	\$20.00	\$18.00
Cornhole Courts (Minimum 2 hours)	Hourly		\$10.00	\$10.00
Bean Bag Rental (included)	Hourly	\$10.00		
<b>Picnic Table Rental Fee for public events</b>	Full Day	\$10.00/table		
<b>Little Turtle Waterway</b>				
Choose a 4 Hour Block: A) 8-12p B) 1-5p C) 6-10p	Hourly	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$175.00
	Full Day	\$210.00	\$570.00	\$390.00
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS WITH ALCOHOL</b>	Full Day	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>WHOLE DAY PARK RENTALS</b>			\$570.00	\$390.00
<b>FULL DAY PAVILION OR WHOLE DAY PARK RENTALS ARE FROM 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM</b>				

## ACCESSIBILITY AND UNIVERSAL DESIGN

The City of Logansport, Indiana Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan 2013 can be found in the Appendix of this document. The Logansport Parks and Recreation Department plans on adapting and improving access to all of its facilities as the needs and requirements of the population evolve. Annual assessments are conducted for accessibility of facilities. Older facilities are brought into compliance on an annual basis based on replacement schedules and priority.

This section will note the successes, challenges, opportunities, and priorities for accessibility throughout the parks. In general, new park additions have focused on creating accessible amenities, but many parks have not received any upgrades and thus are not as accessible. This section can be used as a roadmap for prioritizing equal access to parks in Logansport.

### Successes

Logansport Parks and Recreation is committed to playing an extensive role in building an equitable community through its parks, facilities, and programs. Since the creation of the previous master plan, Logansport Parks and Recreation has invested in a multitude of different accessibility improvements for disabled individuals. These improvements include:

- Construction of new Riverside Park restrooms, including 2 ADA paved parking spaces
- Construction of accessible Spencer Park Restroom
- Accessible walkway & drinking fountain installed in Spencer Park
- Accessible walkways, restroom, and parking installed at Riverside Park.
- Accessible pavilion and playground installed at Fairview Park
- Improved sidewalk conditions of Fairview Park & Burkhart Park (work done by the City of Logansport)

### Challenges

#### Parks

- Patriot Park and all pocket parks are not accessible aside from city sidewalks adjacent to the parks. Note that some pocket parks are so small that accessibility is not a concern.
- No accessible sidewalks are provided at Burkhart, Dunwoody, Jean Cole, Melbourne, and Memorial Parks.

#### Playgrounds

- Only 5/10 Playgrounds are accessible

#### Nature / Trails

- No ADA accessible trails at Flory Nature Preserve
- No accessibility from LTW Plaza to lower trail
- No parks with water access have ADA Accessible routes.
- Very few paved/ADA trails and walkways within parks.

#### Facilities

- No ADA restrooms in Muehlhausen Aquatic Center
- No ADA water fountain at Dykeman Park & Golf Course
- Dykeman Park and Golf Course have ADA fountains and restrooms but no accessible pathways to these facilities
- Only 6/15 parks provide ADA parking (this number doesn't include pocket parks with no parking at all)

### Opportunities

#### Parks

- In general, access to parks can be improved in terms of parking and accessible routes within parks.

#### Playgrounds

- Recent investment in Fairview Park has provided an accessible playground. This success can be used as a blueprint for other city parks.

#### Nature / Trails

- Spencer Park has an asphalt road to a gravel lot adjacent to the shoreline that could be repaved to meet ADA accessibility requirements

#### Facilities

- Muehlhausen Aquatic Center has accessible pool lifts and parking but no accessible restrooms. There is opportunity to study potential renovations to these restrooms.



## Priorities

### Accessible Routes

Priority should be given to accessible routes within parks to essential amenities. There are two parks (Dykeman Park & Dykeman Golf Course) with ADA-compliant restrooms and no accessible pathway connecting to parking and other amenities. Creating accessible walkways in these scenarios will not only contribute to the general accessibility of the parks but will also allow these accessible restrooms to be used. These are relatively inexpensive actions that will double the accessibility of the parks. As parks are renovated and updated, accessible routes should be integral to design.

### Parking

Parking is another priority in accessibility across all parks. More developed parks with amenities should be prioritized, and smaller pocket parks are not as prioritized.

### Other Priorities

All parks that do not contain Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) in play areas should have it installed, with accessible routes to these playgrounds. Playgrounds that currently have EWF should be inspected and topped off if necessary.

### ADA Public Notice

28 CFR PART 35, Section 35.106 of the Title II Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires a public entity to disseminate sufficient information to applicants, participants, beneficiaries, and other interested persons to inform them of the rights and protections afforded by the ADA and this regulation. Methods of providing this information include, for example, the publication of information in handbooks, manuals, and pamphlets that are distributed to the public to describe a public entity's programs and activities; the display of informative posters in service centers and other public places; or the broadcast of information by television or radio. In providing the notice, a public entity must comply with the requirements for effective communication in §35.160. The preamble to that section gives guidance on how to effectively communicate with individuals with disabilities. Currently, the Logansport Parks website does not display ADA Accessibility notes in the parks descriptions or the amenities list. The trails map does not note whether trails are paved or not. All current maps and descriptions should be updated do accommodate these shortcomings. The website should also consider accessibility feature plugins such as Userway or WAH (as seen on the Logansport City Website). Social media should be used to direct new park users to this information regularly via links and promotions.

### Designation of an ADA Coordinator

The ADA Coordinator designated by the City of Logansport is Mr. Jacob Pomasl, Deputy Mayor.

Jacob Pomasl, Deputy Mayor

Email: [deputymayor@cityoflogansport.org](mailto:deputymayor@cityoflogansport.org)

Phone: (574)-753-2551

The Logansport Park & Recreation Department complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination in the provision of services, programs or facilities to individuals with disabilities

### Grievance Procedures

Grievances may be directed to:

Jacob Pomasl, Deputy Mayor

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# ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE SHEET



## ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT of 1968 (As Amended); SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended); AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (As Amended)

The Logansport Parks and Recreation Board (Applicant) has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.

SIGNATURE *David Smith*  
APPLICANT PRESIDENT

DAVID SMITH  
(President's printed name)

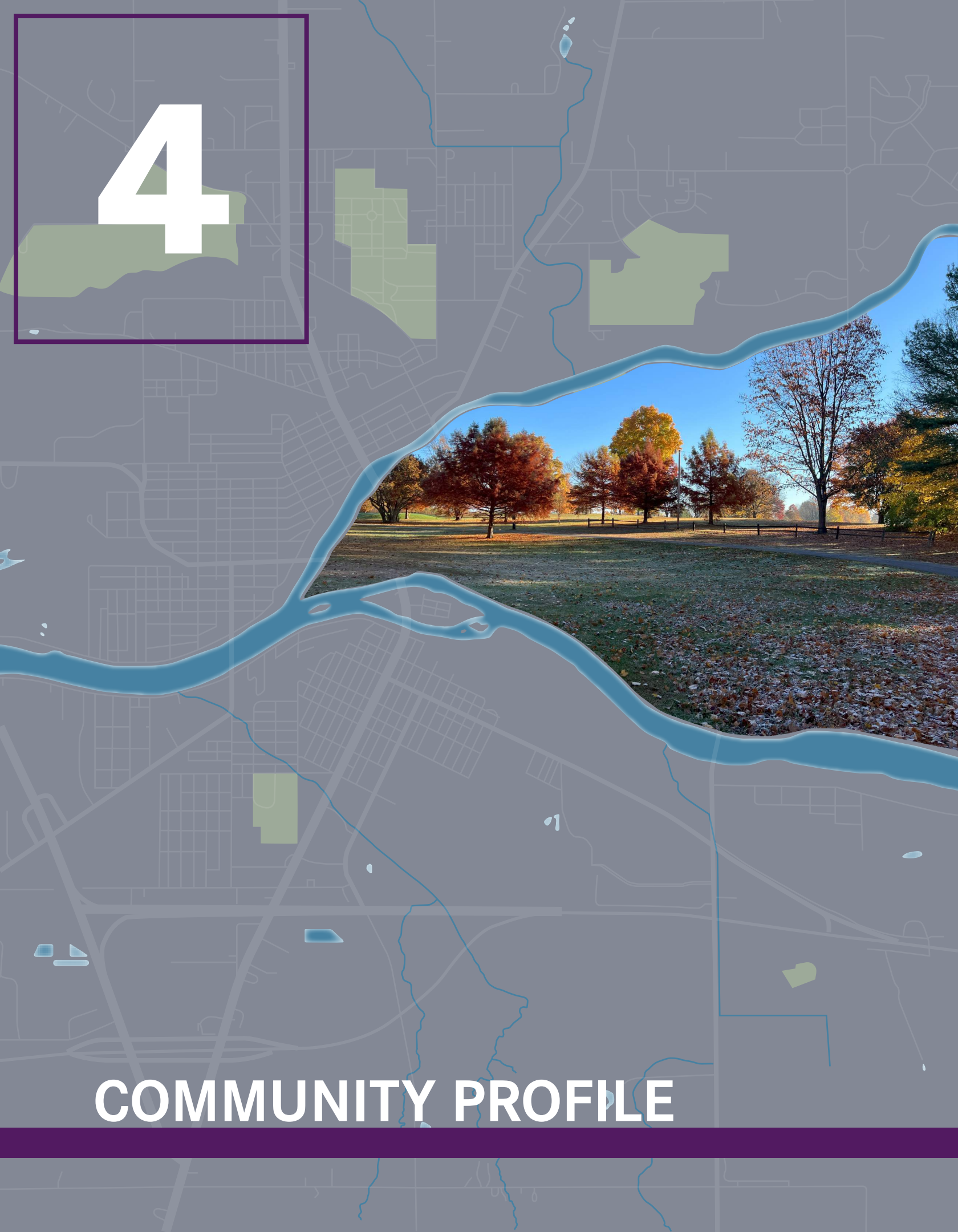
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PARKS ADMINISTRATOR

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# COMMUNITY PROFILE

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## LOCATION OF LOGANSPORT

Logansport lies in the Wabash River valley amid gently rolling hills, farmlands, and woodland. The city is located at the junction of the Eel River and Wabash River, which affords many recreational opportunities.

Distances from Logansport, Indiana:

City/Location.....	Miles
Indianapolis, IN.....	70
Cincinnati, OH.....	185
Chicago, IL.....	130
Detroit, MI.....	245

## HISTORY OF THE CITY OF LOGANSPORT

### History

Logansport, Indiana is the county seat of Cass County and is in northern Indiana at the junction of the Wabash and Eel rivers. Logansport's name is derived from a combination of the Shawnee warrior James Logan (better known as "Captain Logan") who served as a scout for US forces during the War of 1812 and the transportation history associated with the Wabash and Erie Canal (contributing to the "port" in the name).

Logansport has a diverse transportation history that involves boats, trains, and automobiles. As mentioned above, the Wabash and Erie Canal reached the city in 1837. The canal linked the Great Lakes to the Ohio River via an artificial waterway. This provided traders with access all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. It was the longest canal ever built in North America at over 460 miles long. Many train routes ran through Logansport and it was the site of the 1935 Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Ladies Auxiliary conventions. Logansport still has two active railroads, a switch yard, and a small, refurbished depot downtown to this day. In terms of the automobile industry, the Historic Michigan Road runs through Logansport (one of the earliest roads in Indiana and its first "super highway" that ran from Madison to Michigan City via Indianapolis).

### Social Renewal

In 2009, Logansport was designated a Preserve America Community by former First Lady Laura Bush. The Preserve America initiative is a direct result of Executive Order 13287, "Preserve America." Preserve America Community designations reflect communities that:

- Protect and celebrate their heritage.
- Use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization.
- Encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism program.

Of note, there is no funding that comes along with this designation; however, Logansport has Logan's Landing (a nonprofit that focuses on development of the downtown area), the City of Logansport Economic Development Organization (CLEDO - a nonprofit that focuses on development outside of the downtown area), and the Logansport-Cass County Chamber of Commerce (forum for local business leadership) all working toward both preservation and revitalization projects and initiatives. As a result, Logansport has been intentional with its focus on community revitalization over the years. Additionally, Logansport Re-Imagined was developed when a group of volunteers participated in the

Hometown Collaboration Initiative offered through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Purdue University and Ball State University.

Logansport Re-Imagined encourages a community-wide movement of reimagining Logansport's future and working together to create a uniquely better community.

## TRANSPORTATION LINKS

### Highways

Four major highways directly serve Logansport:

- US 24/ Hoosier Heartland Corridor (HHC)
- US 35
- SR 29
- SR 25

The Hoosier Heartland Corridor provides a continuous four-lane divided highway from Interstate 65, north of Lafayette, to Interstate 75 near Toledo, OH. The Hoosier Heartland Corridor's western terminus provides a direct connection to Indiana's major north-south interstate, I-65. The Corridor's eastern terminus is the major commercial corridor that links Logansport, Delphi, and Lafayette.

### Public Transportation

Beginning in September of 2015, Cass Area Transit and the City of Logansport trialed a public bus route. This route ran from Monday-Friday and made a total of 9 stops within Logansport, some of which included Fairview Park, Memorial Hospital, and numerous grocery stores.

Today, Cass Transit provides the largest rural transportation service in the state of Indiana.

Rides are offered for free Monday-Saturday on the Logansport City Bus.

Shared rides are also offered by Cass Area Transit.

This service can be reserved 24 hours in advance by calling **574-753-5555**. More information can be found at [casscountyonline.com](http://casscountyonline.com).

### Rail

Logansport has an extremely rich history in rail travel and still has an active switchyard and rail car repair yard, TRANSCO. There are currently two active lines and a few abandoned lines running through Logansport. The strong rail history of the area also means that there are plenty of existing, unused rail spurs throughout the community as well.

#### **Active Rail Lines**

- *A&R Line*: Between Logansport and France Park.
- *Logansport and Eel River Shortline*: Runs from the northwest side of the city, wrapping around to the west side. This line is only about 1 mile in length, and is a switching and terminal railroad. The line interchanges with Norfolk Southern, Toledo Peoria & Western, and US Rail Corporation.
- *Winamac Southern*: Runs from the southwest across the Wabash River, along the south end of downtown and continuing southeast back across the Wabash River, along the south end of downtown and continuing southeast back across the Wabash River. This is another short line railroad, which connects to Kokomo and Bringhurst. This line hauls primarily outbound grain and inbound agricultural supplies. The line connects with the Toledo, Peoria, and Western railroad at Logansport and with the Central Railroad of Indianapolis at Kokomo. It is operated under lease by the US Rail Corporation.
- *Norfolk Southern*: Runs diagonal from the southwest along the north side of the Wabash River. This line provides Class I rail service on the Detroit-St. Louis mainline. This line has the most potential for providing rail opportunities for future industrial operations.

#### **Abandoned Rail Corridors**

- Conrail Railroad: Heads north from the north side of town and comes from the east, ending north of downtown, just west of 6th Street. The City and Conrail should consider long-term strategies for the rights of this corridor for trail-way connectivity.

### Air

The closest municipal airport to Logansport is the Logansport/Cass County Airport, adjacent to the industrial park on the south side of the city. The airport's location and size make it usable for private planes, but is not a feasible option for any significant air service to Logansport.

The closest large airports include the Indianapolis Weir Cook International Airport and Fort Wayne International Airport, both of which are under a two hour drive.

## TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Accessibility

Logansport is very accessible from other parts of the state and region due to the presence of US 35, US 24 (HHC), and local air and rail facilities as well as the proximity of US 31.

### Existing Roadway Network

The existing local roadway network, including the radial network of state and federal highways, provides for efficient travel through and around the City. As growth occurs, the Hoosier Heartland Corridor will enhance future mobility. The existing network will be further enhanced by the requirement for frontage roads along the HHC and other major highway routes where considerable growth is forecast.

### Local Air Facilities

The air facilities in and near Logansport offer potential for assisting local economic development efforts by providing accommodations for many types and sizes of aircraft.

### Rail Corridors

The remaining active railroads offer additional opportunities for the movement of goods into and out of Logansport. Rail corridors that have been or will be abandoned offer other opportunities for utilities corridors, alternative transportation and recreation, for example.

## TRANSPORTATION CONSTRAINTS

### Abandoned Railroads

As railroad corridors are abandoned, Logansport loses this option for shipping goods into and out of the community. The rail industry's uncertain future limits opportunities for associated development.

### Major Highways

While major highways enhance a community's accessibility to and from other places, locally they present a barrier, making it potentially difficult to cross from one side to another. Monitored crossover points in combination with frontage roads provide safe, efficient, and convenient movement of people and goods within the community. One instance in which a local road has a constraining impact on the local community is Old Kokomo Pike (CR 50 E). This road is located in the path of the intended runway extension at Logansport Municipal Airport.

### Rivers

The Wabash and Eel Rivers, while certainly community assets, present impediments to north-south vehicular traffic. While there are a number of existing crossing points, the cost of providing additional crossing points as the community grows will continue to rise. As Logansport continues to grow, the benefit of having additional crossing points may outweigh the costs of construction.



## EDUCATION

The Logansport School Corporation is the elementary and secondary public school system for the City and fringe. Currently, no private/parochial-schooling alternatives are available locally. In total, this primary school district serves a student population of greater than 4,000.

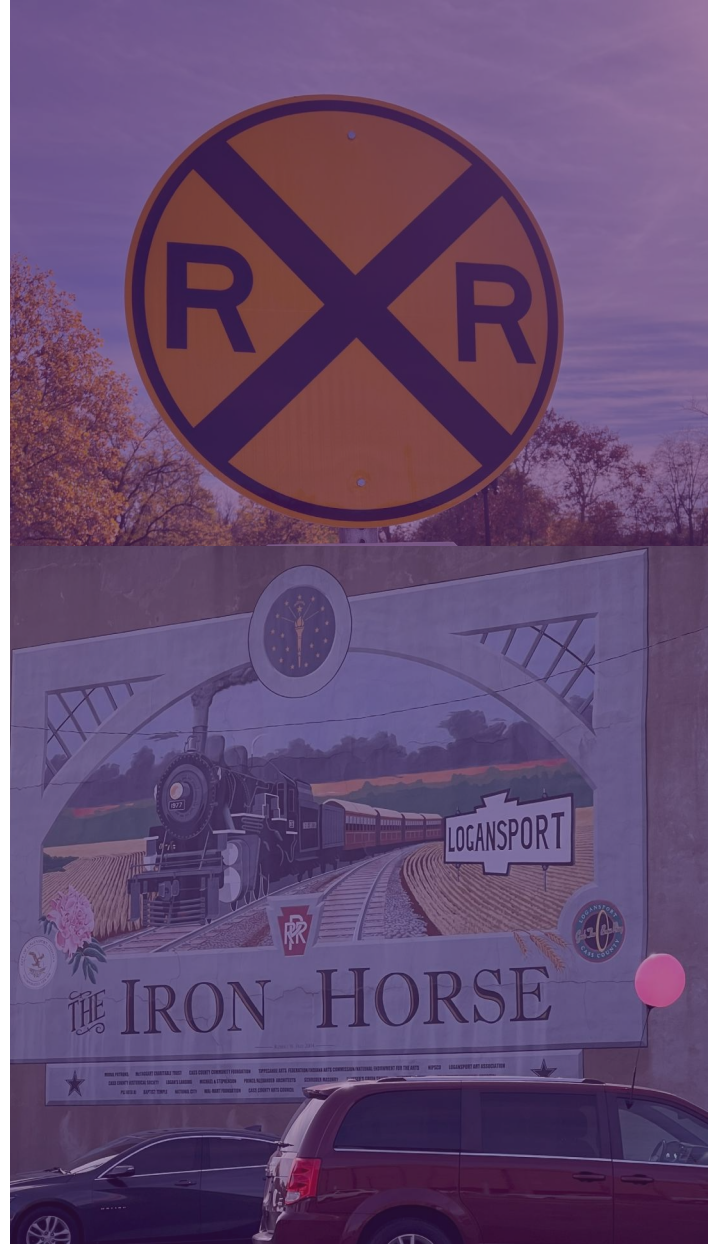
The Century Career Center as part of the LCSC curriculum, provides quality Career & Technical Education programs to high school students from seven surrounding school corporations. Century Career Center offers nine college and career pathway choices along with a selection of fifty-five program options for students in grades 9-12.

Vocational training and higher education opportunities are available through a number of colleges and universities within a 75-mile radius.

## MAJOR INDUSTRIES

According to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the following is the list of Major Employers in Logansport:

1. Tyson Foods
2. Logansport State Hospital
3. Memorial Hospital Outpatient
4. Logansport Memorial Hospital
5. Advance Harness & Assembly
6. Small Parts, Inc
7. Walmart Supercenter
8. Matthew-Warren Inc.
9. Peak Community Services Inc.
10. Dilling Group Inc.



## MAN MADE RESOURCES

### Infrastructure

Infrastructure may be defined as the facilities and services needed to sustain industrial, residential, commercial, and all other land use activities. It includes water treatment and distribution systems, sewer collection and treatment systems, utilities such as natural gas and telecommunication facilities, streets and roads, and public facilities such as firehouses, parks, and schools. Community development occurs most efficiently when located where supporting infrastructure is available or can be provided in a reasonable and fiscally responsible manner.

There are some areas within Logansport's planning jurisdiction that are not served by public water or sewer systems; therefore, residents and some businesses must rely on individual water wells and/or sanitary septic systems.

### Water

Logansport Utilities (LU) provides potable water from a well field sourced by an underground aquifer. Total pumping and treatment capacity is approximately 10 MGD. Total peak demand is approximately 7.3 MGD. The average daily usage is approximately 4.7 MGD. Some of the individual domestic water supplies for the greater Logansport population consist of 40 individual wells. Given the high water table in this general area, the supply is readily available at relatively moderate depths.

### Wastewater Treatment

The City of Logansport is provided with wastewater treatment with a design capacity of 9 MGD, while the peak capacity is 18 MGD. Theoretically, the wastewater treatment plant can reliably treat 9 MGD per day, 365 days/year. The actual 2023 flow average was 6.55 MGD, which is 73% of design capacity. If the wastewater treatment plant was consistently at 85% or above design capacity, IDEM may demand an upgrade to the plant to be in compliance for state permitting.

Industry expansion wise, it's not necessarily flow requirements, but organic and inorganic loadings and the ability to consistently reduce those loadings that will determine whether a municipality can expand a collection system to include new customers. This is especially true for nutrient loadings: ammonia nitrogen, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus.

### Storm Water

Logansport Utilities' stormwater system has 20 miles of stormwater piping maintained by their water collection and distribution department. A storm water board oversees decisions regarding the city resident's stormwater rates for maintenance and improvements. The board also has financial bonding request ability. The current city water collection system runs approximately with 78% of stormwater runoff combined with sewer flows to the wastewater treatment plant for treatment

### Summary of Man-Made Features

In summary, the presence or unavailability of infrastructure influences potential growth areas. The following points are relevant for making planning decisions for Logansport:

Potable water provided by LU's well field sourced by an underground aquifer.

Potential expanded stormwater collection and wastewater treatment capacity.

Electricity, within Logansport Utilities' service territory, is provided by a local utility: outside of LU service territory electricity is provided by Duke Energy, Nipsco, REMC, etc

The City is wired (telephone, fiber optics) for technology.

### Infrastructure Opportunities

Municipal (Public) water collection, water distribution, and wastewater treatment: Communities that feature public, treated water supply and wastewater collection and treatment systems have greater opportunities for a broader array of development options and intensity levels. Where such services and systems already exist, higher residential densities and greater nonresidential development options can be supported without major new infrastructure investment. If expansion and addition of NEW water lines or stormwater collection systems are required, potential investment is needed.

The City is currently in the process of completing their Complete Sidewalk network and Complete Streets program. This network of sidewalks helps to connect the regional trail system. **Sidewalk connections can be seen in Chapter 3, Logansport Trails Map.**



### **Infrastructure Constraints**

Logansport Utilities supports growth and economic development in Logansport and Cass County while following federal, state, and regulatory territory restrictions and protocols. Any plans or forecast for the expansion of Logansport borders need to consider adding timelines and budgeting for new utility infrastructure needed for water collection, water distribution, and wastewater treatment services. The electric utility is distributed and maintained by Logansport Utilities, in the city and surrounding areas assigned to LU's service territory and purchased from Duke Energy. The electric service territory is the geographic area within LU is authorized and required to provide electric transmission and distribution service. Service territories are determined and maintained by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. If new development for Logansport is outside of the LU electric service territory, electric services will be provided by the electric service company that serves that territory (ie: Duke Energy, Nipsco, REMC, etc.)

### **Recreational Influence**

Sponsors of large events work with the city to hold their events. These include:

Squeal on the Eel, is sponsored by Tyson Foods and promotes a BBQ competition and is held at Riverside Park. It is held the 3rd Saturday in June and also has a car show, vendors, music and a large concert.

Taste of Cass County, sponsored by Logan's Landing and promotes local eating establishments, is held at Little Turtle Waterway, the Ironhorse Museum, and Heritage Preservation Park. It is held the 2nd Saturday of August and also includes vendors, food, adult beverages, and music.

The Light Up Logansport Parade is overseen by the Mayor's office, and takes place on the day after Thanksgiving in November. It is an annual holiday tradition which utilizes Broadway 4th Street, and Market Street.

Christmas In The Park is sponsored by the Logansport Parks & Recreation Foundation & Department. This program provides the community with a month-long holiday light drive through display. It takes place in Spencer Park, and begins the day after Thanksgiving, and ends the day after New Years Day.

These events attract many visitors to the community and provides recreational activities for city residents during their operations throughout the year.

There are also other man-made structures and sites that have tourist and recreational potential. These Include:

The Cass County Dentzel Carousel, operated by the Cass County Carousel Board and currently housed at the McHale Community Complex in Riverside Park.



The Cass County Historical Society located at the former Salin Trust Bank Building in downtown Logansport, and the Jeroloman-Long Museum on Market Street;

The Logansport Farmer's Market located at the corner of 4th and Market Streets during the summer & fall months;

The Mary Max Theaters, located on Lexington Road on the east side of Logansport;

Logansport Roller Rink, located on 2600 block of Market Street;

Logansport Art Association, located on Front Street along the Eel River;

The Historical State Theater, located in downtown Logansport on Market Street;

The Iron Horse Museum, which is on 4th and Melbourne Ave, and will soon be the site of restrooms for the downtown area along with railroad memorabilia.

## NATURAL FEATURES

Natural features largely determine the potential of an area for park development. Within the Logansport area, there still remain areas of steeper slopes, floodplain, and shallow bedrock, which, due to their uniqueness, could be used for park or open space.

### **Physiography**

Logansport is nearly centrally located in Cass County, which is generally a flat plain. Low relief and a few abrupt changes characterize the physiography of the area. South of Logansport, the land form is relatively flat and includes several creeks and numerous small drainage ways. From Logansport to the north, the land form has considerably more topographic relief and is dissected by the Eel and Wabash Rivers, numerous creeks and drainage ways, and a large area of glacial deposits. The greatest relief is along the Wabash River Valley to the west of Logansport.

### **Soils**

In Logansport, there are five distinct soils map units (or associations), each with its own unique natural landscape. Each map unit typically consists of one or more major soils, for which it is names, and some minor soils. The soils in the various map units vary widely in their potential for supporting major land uses. The general characteristics of the five individual soils map units in the greater Logansport area are presented here. The first three of these soils map units are nearly level to strongly sloping soils (zero to 18 percent slopes) that are very poorly to well

drained. They have glacial till as the underlying material and are generally well suited to farming. They are also generally suited to residential and urban development in sloping areas but are poorly suited in nearly level and depressional areas. The Cyclone - Fincastle soils can be found primarily south of the Wabash River. The Russell - Miami soils are found generally along the Wabash River and its tributaries. The Riddles - Rensselaer - Crosier soils can be found generally in the north-central part of the greater Logansport area.

The next map unit includes nearly level to moderately sloping soils that are very poorly to well drained. These soils have sand and gravelly sand as the underlying material, and are generally well suited to farming. These soils are generally suited to residential and urban development in sloping areas but are poorly suited to residential and urban development in nearly level and depressional areas. Rush - Kosciusko soils are generally found in the river valleys.

The last soils map unit includes nearly level to moderately sloping soils that are well and very poorly drained. It is made up mostly of soils that have limestone as the underlying material. These soils are generally suited to farming but generally poorly suited to residential and urban development. New Glarus - Millsdale soils are found along river channels.

### **Topography**

To a great extent, Logansport's topography has given the city its shape. The Eel and Wabash Rivers flow through the city and divide it into three areas.

The topography of Logansport is gently rolling with areas of steep slopes along the north side of both the Eel and Wabash Rivers and the northwest section of the city. Dykeman Park includes some of the steep slope areas.

Elevation ranges from 600 to 650 feet above sea level south of the Eel River to 700 feet above sea level north of the Eel River.

### **Floodplain**

Understanding the floodplain and its role in the environment is a very important aspect of community development. Floodplain, as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is generally limited to the major waterways in the Logansport area and can specifically be found along the Eel River and its tributaries and along the Wabash River and its tributaries. Floodplain lands should not be considered for intensive land use

development and are typically more suited for agricultural, natural open space, and passive recreational uses that do not utilize permanent structures. FEMA administers an insurance program that targets already developed floodplain land in order to provide insurance coverage to existing development. Communities that participate in the program must establish and enforce regulations for floodplain development that limit potential loss in the event of a flood. A participating community may have an insurance program revoked if floodplain regulations are not enforced and development of the floodplain proceeds. This could be devastating on a personal and community-wide level. In Logansport, floodplain regulations are included in zoning and subdivision regulations.

Park land adjacent to rivers and waterways plays a significant role in holding flood waters. The flood capacity within these public lands greatly reduces the potential damage on the built environment of public/private structures and property.

The removal of the dam on the Eel River in the year of 2021, along Riverside Park has made a significant difference in the flood potential of the area.

Consequently, a new study has been commissioned in December 2023 by the City of Logansport Planning Department to establish new floodplain maps for insurance and regulation purposes.

### **Drainage**

Logansport and Cass County are drained by the Wabash and Eel Rivers and their tributaries. The Wabash River enters the central part of Cass County from the east and flows to the west through Logansport. Beyond Georgetown, it turns sharply to the southwest and leaves the County. Its primary tributary included the Eel River. The Eel River also enters the County from the east and flows generally to the southwest, converging with the Wabash River in downtown Logansport.

Cass County's topography is relatively flat, except near the rivers and major streams where defined drainage patterns have evolved. In some areas, the relatively flat horizon, coupled with a relatively high water table, produces drainage problems significant enough to have warranted the construction of an elaborate system of ditches and field tiles to collect excess water and convey it to the natural streams and rivers. This has enabled local farmers and other landowners to productively use land that otherwise might have been unusable due to excessive moisture.

Through the City's drainage board, Logansport has jurisdiction over the legal drainage issues within its corporate limit. Cass County has established a system of legal drains over which it has some jurisdiction for the overall safety of County residents. In Cass County, the Board of County Commissioners also holds the responsibility for being the County Drainage Board. As such, it must over-see the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of the legal drains. In Logansport and Cass County, natural and man made drainage ways function as a unified system to allow excess surface water to drain in an orderly manner. Some drainage ways meander back and forth between the two jurisdictions, which can present unique maintenance problems.

Cooperation between the City and the County is imperative to ensure that the legal drain system and other waterways remain free from obstruction and sedimentation. Methods of improving communication and cooperation between the Storm Water Management Board and the County Drainage Board should be investigated. This will maintain the design flow capacity of the drainage system and stem the destruction of property from flooding.

## **NATURAL FEATURES OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Soils**

The soils in the Logansport area are generally free of characteristics that would stand in the way of growth and development.

### **Topography**

Topography is widely level to gently rolling. However, there are steeper areas rising out of the bottomlands along the rivers and streams. In combination, these features provide a very attractive backdrop to local development.

### **Floodplain**

Floodplain can be identified along the rivers and their many tributaries. When left undeveloped, they can provide green ways to link many areas of the City and the County. Some opportunities may exist, or develop over time, for light recreational development that does not include permanent structures.

### **Drainage**

Cass County, generally, has a relatively high water table. There are methods available to drain excessively wet land for development or it can be left alone to provide habitat for native flora and fauna.

## NATURAL FEATURES CONSTRAINTS

### Soils

Certain soils can present problems for development in some areas of the City. Muck soils will not support development without some level of mitigation usually involving removing the muck soil and replacing it with better soil. In some areas of the Logansport area, soil depth to bedrock may be shallow. This can make utility line extension costs rise dramatically and increase septic installation expenses.

### Topography

Steep slopes in the Logansport area are generally limited to the areas that rise out of the river and stream bottomlands. Excessive slopes present development limitations.

### Floodplain

Floodplain along the rivers and their tributaries presents limitations for development that involves permanent structures. These areas may frequently become inundated, presenting danger to life and property. Due to the Eel River Dam's removal, there has not been significant impact on the parks within these bodies of water.

### Summary of Natural Features

In summary, the natural environment plays a role in determining the development carrying capacity of the land. The floodplain in particular includes areas to be avoided for most kinds of development. Locally, the following natural environment factors relate to the pattern of future development:

Unstable soils exist, but they are typically out of the path of growth.

Topography is generally conducive to a wide variety of development patterns; extreme topography is limited.

The floodplain will have limited impacts to land development; the areas of flooding concern are fairly narrow and well defined.

Wetlands will have limited impacts to land development in the immediate Logansport area.

### Drainage

Even for those areas that can be drained, sometimes the drainage structures exact limitations upon the use of the land.

### Climate

The kinds of recreational activities that are available in a city are directly affected by climate. Logansport is cold in the winter but quite hot in the summer. In the winter the average temperature is 29 degrees F, and the average daily minimum temperature is 21 degrees. In summer the average temperature is 73 degrees F, and the average daily maximum is temperature is 85 degrees.

Average annual precipitation is 37 inches. Sixty-two percent of this amount usually falls between April and September. Average seasonal snowfall is 21 inches.

The average relative humidity is about 65 percent. The percentage of possible sunshine is 70 in the summer and 45 in the winter. The prevailing wind is from the southwest.

With the wide seasonal extremes of temperatures that occur in the Logansport area, both winter and summer sports activities are possible for local residents.

### Vegetation

The Emerald Ash Borer has gone through Logansport, as it has in most of the state. The impact of this has caused the Parks Department to lose over 200 trees from this destructive insect. Dykeman Park Golf Course has made a significant effort to revegetate by planting a variety of 135 trees in 2022. More efforts should be made in other parks to replace these lost trees.

*Community Profile text has been provided by Logansport Parks and Recreation.*

## DEMOGRAPHICS

All demographic data was obtained from Esri in February 2023. Esri specializes in delivering the world’s most powerful mapping and spatial analytics software available.

### Population

Logansport’s population peaked at the 1920 Census (21,626) and has been experiencing a decline (for the most part) ever since; however, the population only declined by .4% between the 2010 and 2020 US Census years, marking the smallest population decline between two Census years in its history. Projecting ahead, it is estimated Logansport’s population will continue to decrease slightly (2.2%) by 2027.

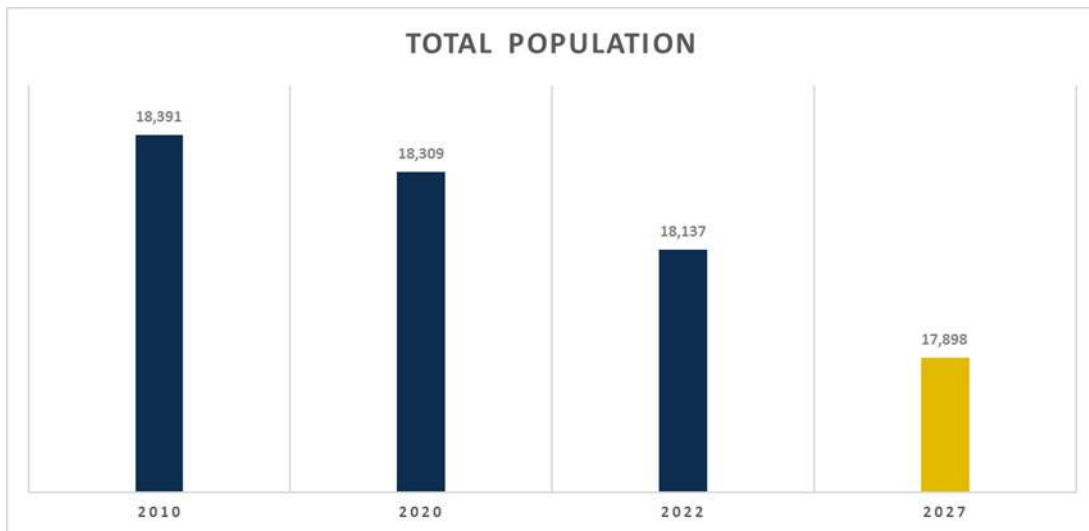


Figure 1: Logansport Population

### Age Segmentation

Logansport’s median age is 36.8, an increase of 2.4 years since the 2010 Census. This trend is supported by the fact that almost half (49%) of Logansport’s population is over 35 years old, and that trend is projected to continue over the next five years as the majority of the population (52%) is expected to be over 35 years old. Family programming and opportunities will continue to be an important service to provide given the large age segment of 35 to 59 year olds and the projected stable youth (under 19 years old) population.

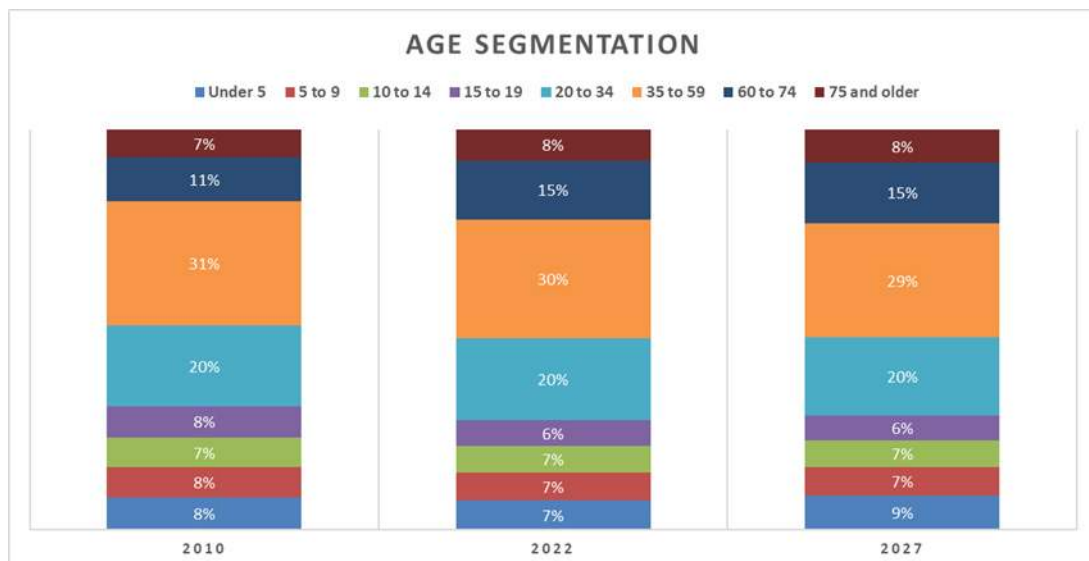


Figure 2: Age Segmentation Breakdown (2010-2027)

## Race and Ethnicity

Logansport is diversifying and is much more diverse than the state average (84.2% White). Additionally, diversification trends are supported by an increasing Hispanic ethnicity population. It should be noted that ethnicity is recorded separately from race as people who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race. Tyson Foods, the world's second-largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef, and pork has a Logansport facility and employs a diverse workforce, adding to the social fabric of the city. Population trends support the notion the parks department should work closely with local industries when planning recreational services, experiences, programs, and more.

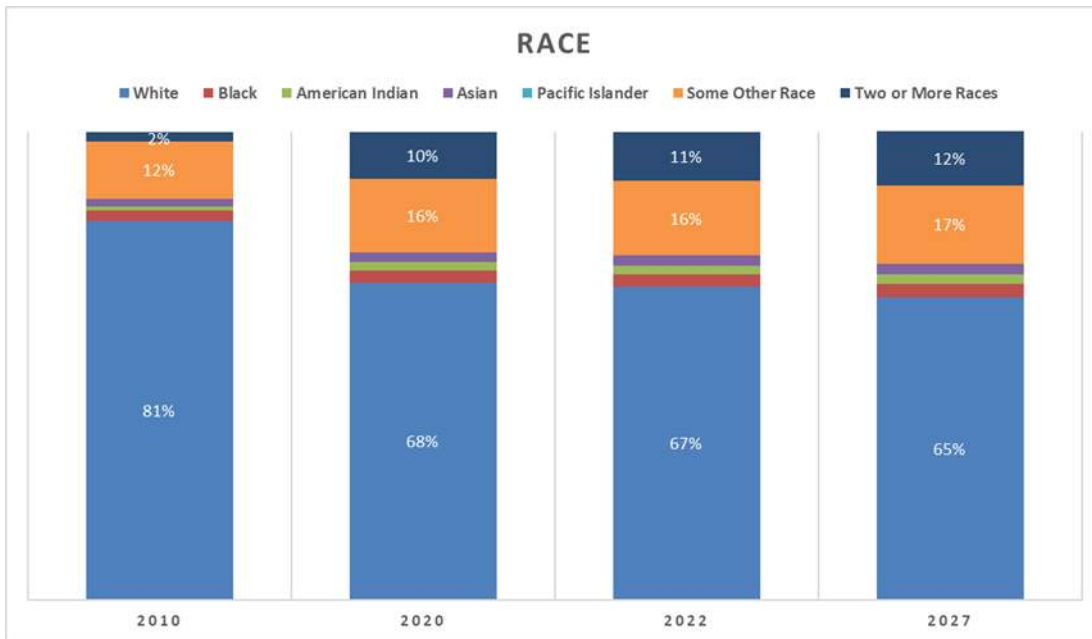


Figure 3: Race Statistics (2010-2027)

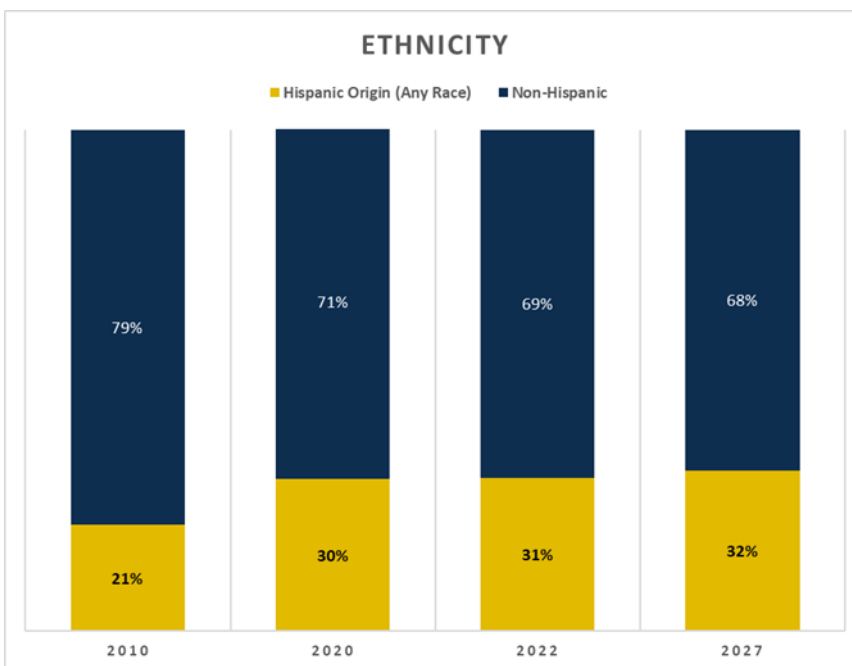


Figure 4: Ethnicity Statistics (2010-2027)

### Household Characteristics

Interestingly, as Logansport’s population has declined in recent years, the number of total households has actually increased. However, the average household size has decreased and is projected to continue decreasing. This means there are fewer people living in households, but there is still demand for newer housing to accommodate those living on their own. This can also be indicative of families moving to the area with fewer children, the Logansport population aging and kids moving away, or other familial trends. These trends have a direct impact on parks department marketing (for one thing) because there are more households to communicate with and less concentrations of people to assist with word-of-mouth marketing.

Household Statistics				
Characteristic	2010	2020	2022	2027
Total Households	6,851	6,994	6,953	6,889
Avg. Household Size	2.60	2.56	2.55	2.54

Figure 5: Household Statistics (2010-2027)

### Household Income

Logansport’s median household income is \$45,869, a figure well-below the median household income for the entire state of Indiana (\$58,235); however, the city’s median household income is projected to increase by nearly 16% over the next five years. The largest household income category in the city is the \$50,000-\$74,999 range. Even though household income is projected to increase, the relative comparison to the state average indicates caution should remain when assessing future spending power and willingness to pay for recreation services.

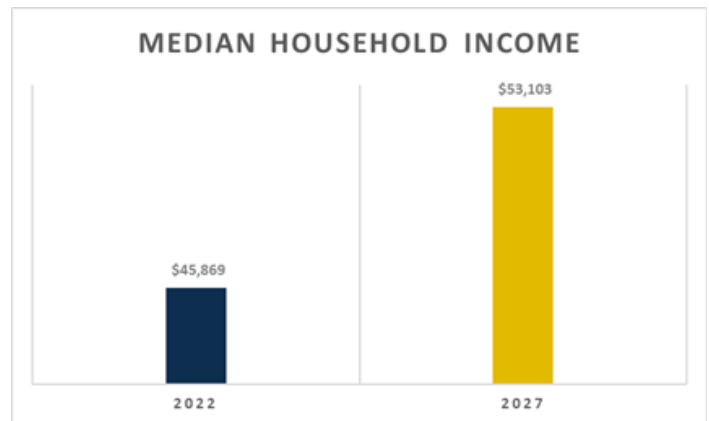


Figure 7: Household Income by Category (2020-2027)

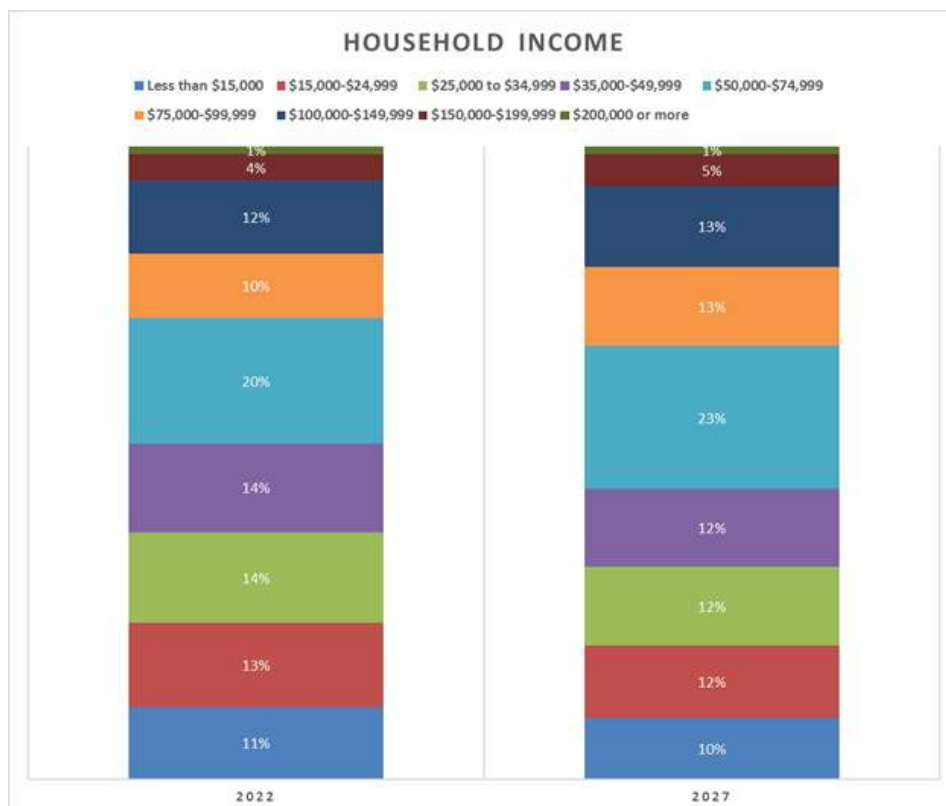


Figure 7: Household Income by Category (2020-2027)

## Poverty

A grassroots movement including United Ways, corporations, nonprofits, and foundations from 23 states (and the District of Columbia) produces research that focuses on how to improve life across the country for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) populations. ALICE represents the growing number of individuals and families who are working but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, and technology.

Each ALICE Report uses standardized measurements to quantify the cost of a basic household budget in each county in each state, and to show how many households are struggling to afford it.

ALICE households earn more than the federal poverty level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county (the ALICE Threshold). For Cass County, 12% of households are in poverty, but 40% are considered ALICE households. Logansport is situated in mostly Eel Township, with minor parts in Clay, Noble, and Washington Townships. This means the largest ALICE population is concentrated in the park department’s planning boundaries.

Figure 8 shows Cass County’s ALICE households by township, with the top-five percentages in red on the left and Eel Township highlighted on the map to the right for reference. These statistics reinforce the need for more assets, amenities, and opportunities within the urban center of the city and the department should be a leading partner in providing recreational services and forming partnerships that enhance access to amenities, quality of life features, and needed services.

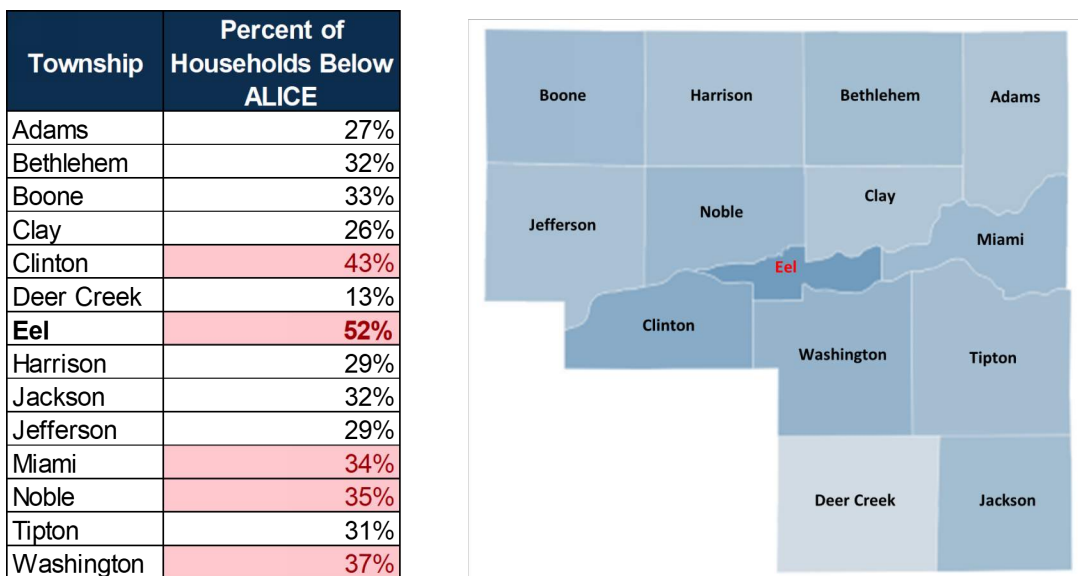


Figure 8: Cass County ALICE Population by Township (left) and Overall Township Map (right)

## Educational Attainment

Logansport’s largest educational attainment category for the population 25 years and older is a high school degree, followed by those with some college, but no degree. Approximately 18% of the population does not have a high school diploma or equivalent, a statistic much higher than the state average of nearly 10%.

Educational Attainment (25+ Years Old)	
Level	2022
Less than 9th Grade	9%
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	9%
High School Graduate	34%
GED/Alternative Credential	8%
Some College, No Degree	19%
Associate Degree	10%
Bachelor's Degree	9%
Graduate/Professional Degree	3%

Figure 9: Educational Attainment Statistics (2022)



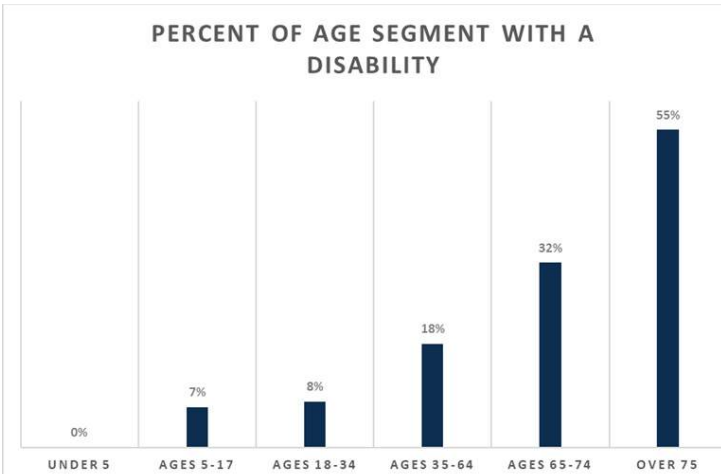


Figure 10: Disability Statistics (2022)

### Disability Status

Approximately 16% of the civilian noninstitutionalized population reports having a disability, a statistic slightly higher than the state average of 14%. Over half (55%) of all those older than 75 residing in Logansport report having a disability. The percentage decreases for the 65-74 year old population with 32% reporting having a disability. These numbers reflect a high disability status for the Logansport population as it ages, a fact that necessitates an increased focus on facility accessibility and providing recreation facilities and amenities with all abilities in mind.

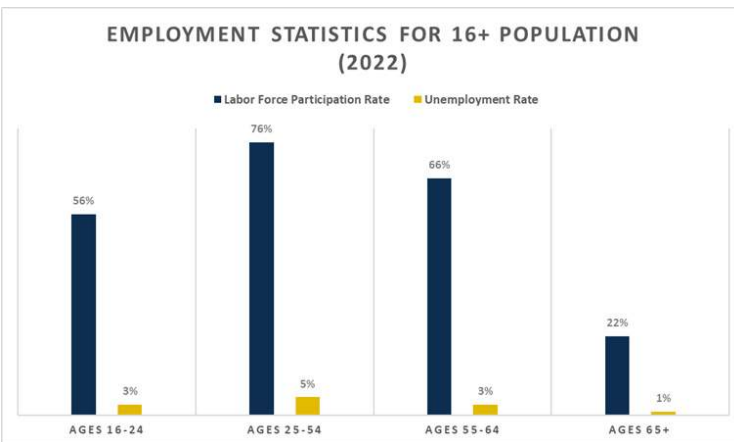


Figure 11: Employment Statistics (2022)

### Employment

Logansport's overall unemployment rate is 2.7%, slightly below the state average of 3%. Logansport's largest employed age segment (25-54) is also the largest unemployed age segment overall. These statistics support the idea of continual investment in employee recruitment, training, and retention to keep workforce unemployment levels below the state average.

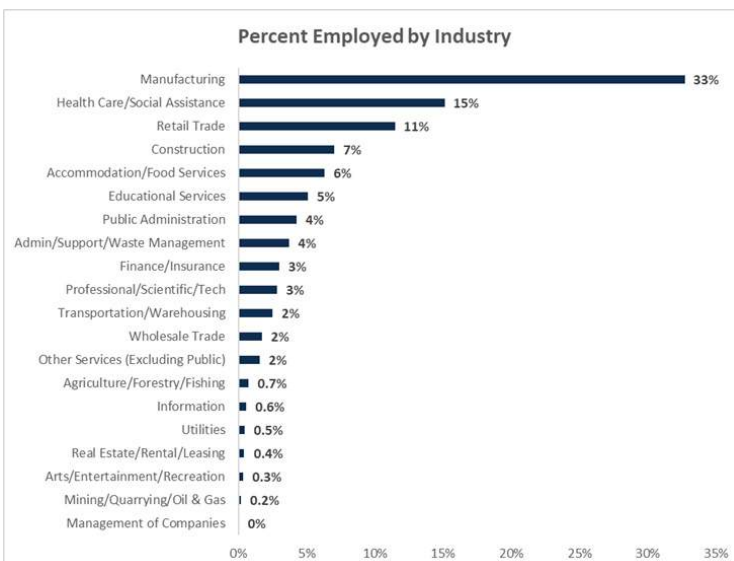


Figure 12: Industry Composition (2022)

### Industry and Occupation

Logansport's top five leading industries combine to represent 73% of all industries within the city, with the manufacturing industry employing 1/3 of the entire population.

## MARKET POTENTIAL INDEX

Esri's Market Potential data measures the likely demand for a product or service in an area. A Market Potential Index (MPI) compares the demand for a specific product or service in an area with the national demand for that product or service. A value of more than 100 represents higher demand, and a value of less than 100 represents lower demand. For example, a service with a score of 125 translates into being 25% higher than the national average.

MPI scores were pulled for three categories:

1. Exercise/Personal Health Activities
2. Sport Activities
3. Outdoor Activities

### Exercise/Personal Health Activities

All recorded activities score below the national average. However, the activities with the highest scores include walking for exercise, swimming, and yoga. When examining the expected population participation though, approximately half (51%) of the Logansport population is expected to participate in those three activities (walking for exercise – 28.2%, swimming – 14.1%, and yoga – 9%).



Figure 13: Exercise/Personal Health Activities MPI Scores for Logansport

### Sport Activities

Most sport activities score below the national average with the exception of volleyball. Although not necessarily synonymous with experienced parks and recreation program trends, these statistics indicate sports programming in general may not be a robust core program area to pursue for the parks department.

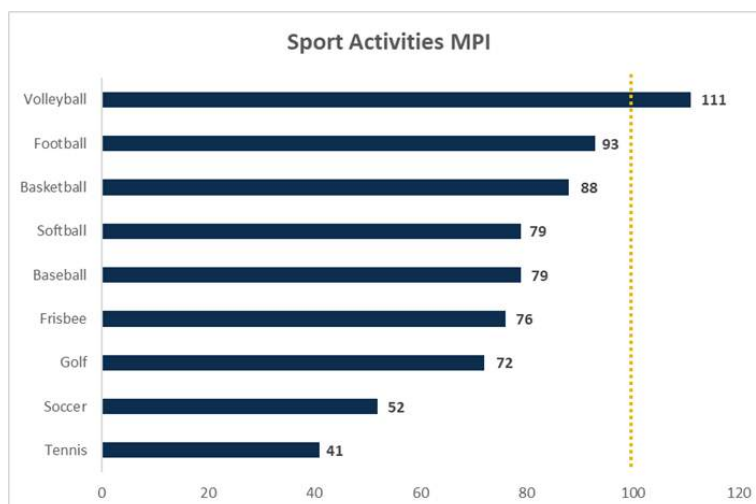
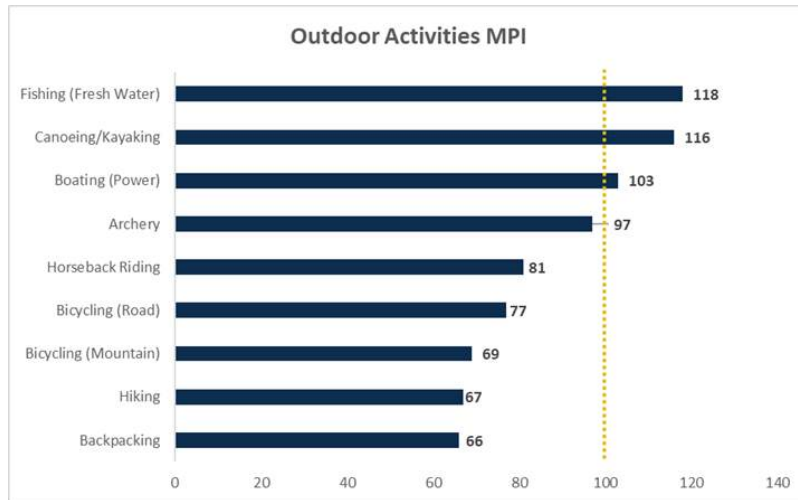


Figure 14: Sport Activities MPI Scores for Logansport

## Outdoor Activities

Three outdoor activities score above national averages including freshwater fishing, canoeing/kayaking, and power boating. These statistics reinforce the idea of potentially increasing and leveraging water access and riverside parks in and around Logansport.



**Figure 15: Outdoor Activities MPI Scores for Logansport**

## SPENDING POTENTIAL INDEX (SPI)

Esri’s U.S. Consumer Spending data is based on the latest Consumer Expenditure Surveys (CEX) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Spending Potential Index (SPI) compares the average amount spent locally for a project to the average amount spent nationally. Like the MPI score, an index of 100 reflects the national average.

SPI scores were pulled for two categories:

1. Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions
2. Sports, Recreation, and Exercise Equipment

### Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions

Logansport residents exhibit below average SPI index scores for all spending categories within Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions and Sports, Recreation, and Exercise Equipment topics. These trends may have major implications for the parks department as both spending power and willingness to pay/spend may be influential factors on department fees for services and programs. This also translates to marketing efforts because residents’ willingness to spend on recreational activities may be low, but there is still spending occurring meaning the parks department needs to compete to be the leading destination for those dollars.

Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions	
Activity	SPI
Tickets to Theatre/Operas/Concerts	59
Admission to Sporting Events, excl. Trips	59
Fees for Participant Sports, excl. Trips	56
Membership Fees for Social/Recreation/Health Clubs	56
Tickets to Parks or Museums	55
Fees for Recreational Lessons	50

**Figure 16: Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions SPI Scores for Logansport**

Sports, Recreation, and Exercise Equipment	
Activity	SPI
Hunting and Fishing Equipment	79
Water Sports Equipment	67
Bicycles	60
Other Sports Equipment	57
Exercise Equipment and Gear, Game Tables	55
Rental/Repair of Sports/Recreation/Exercise Equipment	49
Camping Equipment	44
Winter Sports Equipment	37

**Figure 17: Sports, Recreation, and Exercise Equipment SPI Scores for Logansport**

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION METHODOLOGY

Public participation was achieved through a variety of methods to ensure a diverse and representative dataset. For this Master Plan update, several methods of public input were used: Parks and Facilities Inventory & Analysis, a Parks and Recreation Staff / Park Board Kickoff Session, a Statistically Valid Survey, Public Open Houses, Online Community Survey, Stakeholder Input Sessions, and regular Parks and Recreation Staff / Park Board input. Summaries can be found below with more complete information and proof of advertisement in the Appendix of this document. These results are used in Chapter 6-Action Plan

## SUMMARY OF ALL EVENTS

Events were divided into two categories, in-person events and surveys. Surveys were conducted via physical mail as well AS online while public input sessions took place at Riverside Park's McHale Complex on June 13th, 2022. Several staff engagement events took place through October 2022 All data gathered from these events and surveys is located in Chapter 8-Appendix

## STAFF ENGAGEMENT

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### PARKS AND FACILITIES INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

The Parks Department and Planning Team conducted site visits for inventory and analysis:

- October 2022 - full documentation of all facilities via site visits with notes and photography.
- Supplemental site visits as needed from October 2022 - March 2024

### PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF / PARK BOARD KICKOFF

The Planning Team led a half-day of input meetings that included the following:

- Review of Inventory Maps for all facilities.
- Input Session topics specifically catered to the Staff and Park Board.
- Discussion of the overall planning process, timelines, and goals of each step.

### PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF / PARK BOARD

The Planning Team has been providing updates and review of "next steps" with the Staff and Board throughout the process.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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### STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

The Parks Department and Planning team **worked together to craft, send, and document a statistically valid survey through a third-party consultant: ETC Institute.** The survey was released on March 8th, 2023 and accomplished the following:

- **Survey was the baseline** public input method and provided a starting point for a slightly modified version that became the Online Public Survey.
- A goal of 300 completed surveys - 303 received.
- Overall results were documented in a full report and made available online.
- Various data was documented to assist with additional input and use during the following public input such as open houses, online survey, etc.

An executive summary and results of this survey can be found in Chapter 8-Appendix



## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

Based on an alternated version of the Statistically Valid Survey, the Planning Team executed and documented the results of an online survey that was available to the public through the end of August, 2023. Park users were the primary responders. The Parks Department helped promote the survey through community outreach, their website, and their social media platforms.

### YOUTH SURVEY

This document provides a snapshot of the entire online survey offered to Logansport Students at the Logansport Intermediate School and the Logansport Junior High School in December 2023. A total of 730 students completed the survey. It was issued 11/29/2023, and concluded on 12/14/2023.

### PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Parks Department and Planning team worked together to facilitate a public open house at Riverside Park's McHale Complex at 5 p.m. the day of June 13<sup>th</sup>, following 3 Stakeholder sessions held that same day. The event included:

- Refreshments and handouts.
- Presentation boards outlining the Statistically Valid Survey results.
- Interactive Facility and Programming boards.
- Spanish-speaking interpreter.
- Interactive activities related to Parks for children.

### STAKEHOLDER INPUT SESSIONS

The Parks Department and Planning team worked together to facilitate 3 sessions with 3 different Stakeholder groups that included a variety of voices from throughout the community. Discussion included:

- Presentation boards outlining the Statistically Valid Survey results.
- Various discussion and input based on targeted topics **resulting from the Statistically Valid Survey.**

The input meetings began at 9A.M. and ended at 2:30P.M., with each session lasting approximately 1.5 hours.

### Final Public Meeting

The Parks Department and Planning team worked together to facilitate a final public meeting at the City Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m. the day of March 13<sup>th</sup>, and a Parks Board meeting followed at 5:30 p.m. The event included:

- Presentation boards outlining the draft master plan.
- Interactive goals, mission statement, vision, and values boards.
- Public Comment

25 community members were in attendance.





## ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

The following ranking of Facility Features from High to Low Priority was gathered from a public input survey that went public along with the statistically valid survey so that those who were not selected through the mail could participate. The chart below compiles all of the data from the survey into one digestible place.

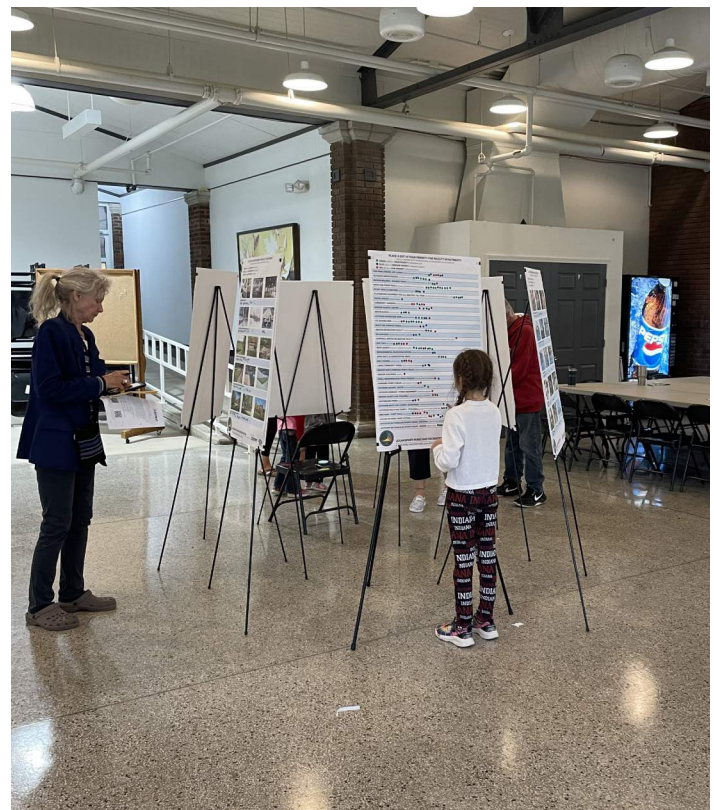
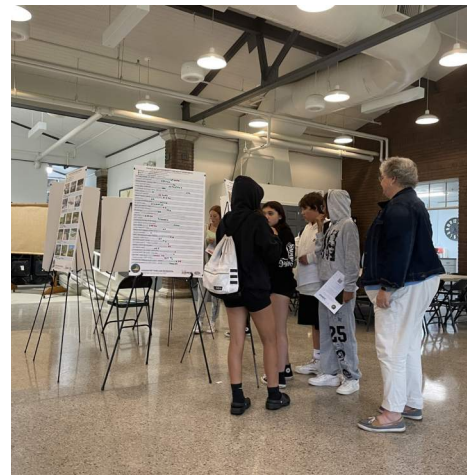
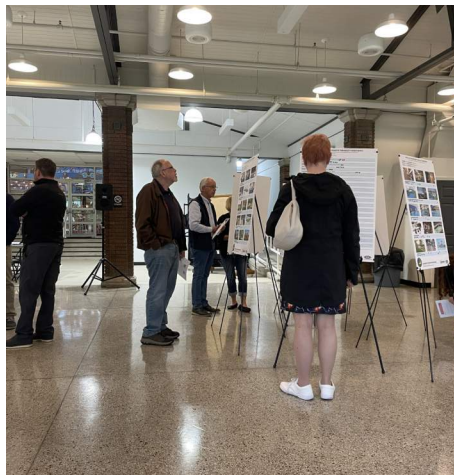
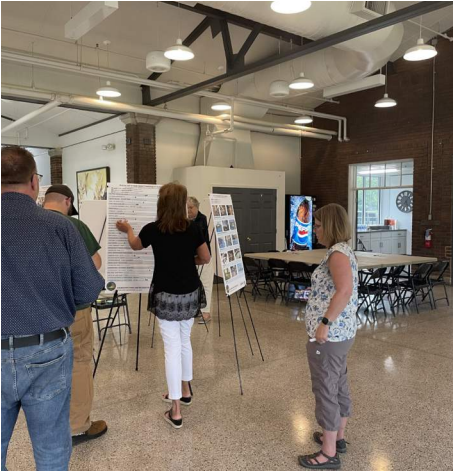
PUBLIC INPUT ONLINE			
FACILITY FEATURES (376 RESPONDENTS)	High (80+)	Medium (50-79)	Low (1-49)
Outdoor Amphitheater	117		
Water Access	111		
Dog Park	100		
Multi-Use Paved Trails	99		
Outdoor Adventure Park	84		
Picnic Areas & Shelters	80		
Social Spaces		79	
Indoor Aquatic Center		73	
Ice Skating Rink		72	
Community Garden		71	
Splash pads		71	
Diamond Sports Field		69	
Downhill Winter Recreation Facility		55	
Playground Equipment for ALL		53	
Indoor Walking / Jogging Track			49
Golf Course			47
Boat Launch			41
Disc Golf			40
Outdoor Aquatic Center			40
Indoor Multi-Purpose Sport Field			39
Indoor Recreational Facility			30
Open Space & Conservation Area			29
Indoor Gym Space			28
Multi-Use Unpaved Trails			26
Large Community Park			21
Indoor Courts for Pickleball			20
Environmental Educational Center			19
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts - Pickleball			19
Skateboard Park			17
Small Neighborhood Park			16
Outdoor Rectangular Sports Field - Soccer			15
BMX Park / Pump Track			12
Soccer on Hard Court (Futsal)			12
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts - Basketball			8
Outdoor Exercise / Fitness Equipment			5
Outdoor Rectangular Sports Fields - Football			1

## 1st PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE RESULTS

The following comments were gathered at the June 13, 2023 event at McHale. A “#” next to the comment indicates the total number of people (via a tally system) who chose the amenity, facility, or program as important to them and/or their family. The chart below compiles all of the data from the event into one digestible place.

Public Engagement Event; June 13, 2023			
1. Place a dot(s) next to the FACILITIES that you would like to see in the future Logansport Parks. (Green - High Priority; Blue - Medium Priority; Red - Low Priority)	High (Green)	Medium (Blue)	Low (Red)
Dog Park (Fenced, Off-Leash)	9	4	6
Outdoor Amphitheater	10	9	1
Indoor Walking / Jogging Track	22	6	4
Multi-Use Paved Trails	20	1	2
Picnic Areas and Shelters	14	8	0
Playgrounds Equipment for all abilities / all ages	15	5	0
Social Spaces	10	6	0
Community Garden	8	0	14
Indoor Aquatic Center	8	5	8
Water Access	13	6	2
Outdoor Adventure Park	14	8	2
Ice Skating Rink	8	5	14
Multi-Use Unpaved Trails	6	7	3
Indoor Recreation Facility	4	3	8
Splash Pads	14	9	1
Downhill Winter Recreation Facility	2	13	4
Disc Golf	6	5	19
Boat Launch	14	10	2
Environmental Education Center	4	9	2
Open Space & Conservation Areas	13	4	5
Golf Course	3	4	14
Large Community Parks	9	8	0
Indoor Multi-Purpose Sports Fields	11	2	1
Indoor Gym Space	0	0	1
Small Neighborhood Parks	0	2	1
Diamond Sports Fields	1	0	1
Outdoor Aquatic Center	2	0	0
Outdoor Exercise / Fitness Equipment	0	0	1
Indoor Courts for Pickleball	1	0	2
Skateboard Parks	0	2	1
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts - Basketball	2	0	1
Outdoor Multi-Use Courts - Pickleball	3	0	0
BMX Park / Pump Track	2	0	4
Soccer on Hard Court (Futsal)	2	2	2
Outdoor Rectangular Sports Fields - Football	0	1	2
Outdoor Rectangular Sports Fields - Soccer	5	1	3

# 1st PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE



## STAKEHOLDER INPUT SESSION 1

### Session 1 (9-10:30):

- Liquor from event center in the parks
  - Open container laws??
- Dog park, needs rules and regulations because some dogs haven't been around other dogs before.
  - Funding privately for the softball field repurpose
- Are Logansport parks safe?
  - Little turtle water way is scary
    - Safety, one way in and one way out, security problems or camera problems
    - Added signs for being watched
    - Delphi is not that far from them
    - Suicide, murder, at Spencer at Irtww
  - Police don't get a lot of calls, no one is there.
    - Riverside park drugs
    - Police don't patrol / show up around the parks, maybe park near the parks and not gas station.
    - Purchase old police cars and park near parks and schools.
    - Bike patrol but they don't understand community policing
- Is alcohol prohibited in the parks?
- Use social media to promote park features
- Is the safety perception due to the new demographic?
- HUGE VANDALISM PROBLEM, ESP. BATHROOMS
- A lot of poverty causes issues with the parks?
- Is the system too broad?
  - Concrete prevents vandalism??
- Free tagging walls for street art, controlled vandalism.
- Jan relies on the y for events and do we need to hire a retired police man
- Riverside needs lighting
- More activity means not a lot crime or vandalism
- Kara's programs needs more support.
- Foodtrucks?!
- Schools integrated into the parks systems
  - How do we go about this? We need to better connect and prioritize students in the parks.
  - Day camp?
  - Using the girls Scouts camp
  - Berry patch connected to the high school for outdoor education
- The city pool lifeguards act as a form of childcare.
- Spencer park pavilion
  - We need to take care of the children
  - Historic preservation is significant because there aren't pavilions like it anymore
  - People have memories there but have not been there since they were little
  - To renovate the whole pavilion will take too long and take too much money
  - Misinformation and ignorance on the actual conditions of the pavilion.
  - It will not just be gone, there are a bunch of opportunities to upgrade it all.

## STAKEHOLDER INPUT SESSION 2

### Session 2 (11-12:30):

- Partnerships that can bring a lot to help the community grow.
- Parks department's priority should
- FFA opportunities
- Recreational programs every day in the summers for kids, parents, families in the parks
- The students in the community love the identity of the community.
- SAFETY
  - Perception versus reality
  - Rumors and one or two incidents cause the whole community to not go to the parks
  - Schools police officers patrol the parks?
  - Logansport parks and schools are safe and a lot of people don't understand
- Park ranger?! Police presence or someone with authority to volunteer to patrol
- "if you see something, say something"
- Dog park
  - Funding campaign to pay for the park
- "where two rivers meet"
  - Use the rivers to our advantage.
  - Access to the rivers and homes on the rivers?
  - Transportation on the water, pollution.
- Riverside park – trackless train.
- Little turtle water way
  - No restrooms and no one downtown do not let you go.
- Total number of parks to maintain – too many parks
  - But what do we do without them?
- Riverside is the foundation park
  - Too many pocket parks?
  - All the money is spent on maintenance.
  - The venue and amphitheater serves a lot of different people and can maybe take away other areas.
- Schools plan far in advance, parks system needs to know if they should be involved with them.
  - September or October.
  - Migrant community out of Jasper Indiana could be integrated in the programs as well.
- Community calendars
- Drug free community grants
  - Use for program funding
  - Youth services alliance partnership and they will pay for youth activities
  - 10 year grant to keep kids away from drugs and alcohol
  - They can help with security and cameras in well lit areas.
- Transportation – work with transit
- Free walls and give them spaces to hangout.
- Reach out to children to see what THEY want.
  - Best way to get input from them; at riverside
  - Give them questions for when school starts in august.
  - Start surveying the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade groups every year for their input.
- Dances?
  - Shaperones.
- Iu kokomo
  - Has programs within the city.
- Libraries
  - Summer reading programs

- Who is in charge of the libraries.
- The y, a lot of kids are at the y
  - Kids get dropped off
- Volunteering
  - Most kids work multiple jobs
- Signage??
  - Are the rules posted at every park for the community rules
- Skating rink
  - Officer presence

## STAKEHOLDER INPUT SESSION 3

### Priorities Group (1-2:30):

- Riverside park
  - DNR needs to approve and rezone
  - Dr sweeten about fish habitat
  - Look at changing the floodplain
  - The roundabout taking away from store front areas.
  - Loves taking the road out of the park.
  - Carousel not being used.
- Safety
  - Does the survey have clarifying questions about safety
  - Add to the survey: safety questions
- Instagram being boosted
  - Reaching people who are going around the area
- Safety with department heads
  - Police on bikes
- Huston and Michigan avenue
  - Camps – shut down
- East of Ittww
  - Homeless people camping – death and drugs in the river
- The trains bring in travelers that will camp around woods
  - Can get scary at night
- Getting rid of parks??
  - In the 5 year plan
- Add Burkhart park
- Mayor is looking at patriot park.
- The maintenance team taking good care of the plant beds
- Flory cant be given away.
- “4 main parks”
- 5 year masterplan is having communication issues
  - Should be appropriating funding and the plans
- SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!!!!!!!
  - THE LOGANSPORT REIMAGINE PLANS GOT 7,000 RESPONSES.
- Spencer park shelter
  - It needs to be taken down
  - The amount of money that will need to go into it will be way too much, might as well build something new and save a few items from it.
  - People do not come around for the pavilion.
- Partnerships
  - Use franklin’s facilities
- Renting temporary facilities to prove the need

- Ice skating rink would be well appreciated.
- Looking at apartments and enhancing downtown.
- Name park typologies.
  - Identifying what the parks are used for to determine what the park needs.
- E sports for free wifi
- Futsal??

## YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS AND FINDINGS

This document provides a snapshot of the entire online survey offered to Logansport Students at the Logansport Intermediate School and the Logansport Junior High School in December 2023. A total of 730 students completed the survey. It was issued 11/29/2023, and concluded on 12/14/2023.

**Q1 How do you currently find out about programs & activities offered by LPRD? Please select all that apply. (720 Answered)**

- Word of Mouth- 41%
- Facebook - 32%
- Email- 25%
- Posted fliers 19%
- Other: Other responses include teachers at school, parents and other social media

**Q1 Conclusion: Efforts to provide information to students (ages 10-14) through school, social media and direct emails are working, and should be enhanced. A printed parks guide was also a trusted source of information, but we have resisted providing that piece due to cost and environmental concerns regarding wasting paper. It may be something to consider in the future.**

**Q2 From the list of activities listed below, please select the activities you are involved in. Please select all that apply. (677 Answered)**

- Arts 28%
- Basketball 27%
- Soccer 24%
- Computer Games/Internet 23%
- Shopping 21%
- School Activities (not athletics) 19%

Q3 From the list of activities listed below, please select up to four (4) activities you would like to see Logansport Parks and Recreation provide. (694 answered)

- Basketball 26%
- Soccer 25%
- Arts 23%
- Football 16%
- Watch Movies 15%
- Parkour 15%
- Computer Games 13%
- Volleyball 13%
- Running 12%
- Ice Skating 12%
- Shopping 12%

Q2 & Q3 Conclusion: The activities that students would like, are the same activities they would like us to provide more of. It suggests that they aren't going to put themselves into doing something that they will be uncomfortable with. It would be appropriate for us to introduce other activities/program ideas during programs they are already comfortable with. OR, we can presume that the things that kids enjoy already are being provided through other agencies or the schools. Perhaps our direction should be providing things that ARE NOT available through others...finding a different path?

Q4 What is the main reason you do not participate in Logansport Parks and Recreation programs? This question is limited to one response. (665 answered)

- Nothing I am interested in 21%
- Not aware of programs 19%
- Other Responsibilities/no time 12%
- Cost 10%
- Age Limits 6%
- No experience/instruction to the activity 6%

Q4 Conclusion: Even a little more promotion of our programs & facilities would increase participation by students. Utilizing the information in Q1, we know where to put more efforts - Facebook and Email. This survey is the start of providing activities that Logansport students would be interested in being a part of. We should do this survey more frequently.



**Q5 What mode of transportation is available to you to get to programs or parks? Please select all that apply. (622 answered)**

- Parents 67%
- Walk 33%
- Bike 28%
- Carpool w Friends 18%
- Personal Vehicle 14%

**Q5 Conclusion: Provide programs when parents are available to get their children to the park OR provide some transportation for students to get to different places. For example.... kids on the west side, meet at Fairview Park at Noon, and the bus would transport them to the Aquatic Center, then pick them up at 4 and return them to Fairview Park? Maybe create a route of pick up's and drop offs?**

**Q6 Where do you spend most of your free time? Please select your top three locations. (633 answered)**

- Home 78%
- On computer/video games 31%
- Watching TV 27%
- Friend's House 25%
- School(extracurricular) 16%
- Church 13%
- YMCA 12%
- Riverside Park 9%
- Logansport Trails 2%

**Q6 Conclusion: Again, developing a transportation system to activities &/or parks would be ideal to get students out of their homes and into our parks.**

**Q7 Why do you go to the places identified in the previous question? Please select all that apply. (625 answered)**

- Enjoyment 65%
- Friends are there 49%
- Location 28%
- Available transportation 19%
- Cost 16%

**Q8 Do you visit the parks and recreation facilities... (527 answered)**

- With an adult 41%
- With friends 29%
- I do not visit park & recreation activities 26%
- By yourself 4%

**Q7 & Q8 Conclusion: We need to tap into groups of kids...go with school grade groups?**

**Q9 Please select all of the locations you have visited in the last year. (571 answered)**

- Riverside Park 73%
- Spencer Park 49%
- Huston Park 44%
- Fairview Park 42%
- Eel River Run 22%
- Little Turtle Water Trail 20%
- YMCA-not park facility 35%

Q9 Conclusion: When I look at these numbers, I see that these students are using the trails. Perhaps a walking club would be an activity that encourages and reinforces a habit of walking or running. Students are using Huston Park for soccer as well as trails.

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**Q10 Please select the top three (3) recreation facilities, other than those located at school, you feel are most important to you and your friends. (594 answered)**

- Open Space/Natural areas 33%
- Outdoor basketball courts 32%
- Trails 26%
- Outdoor swimming pools 24%
- Rectangular athletic fields 23%
- Neighborhood Parks(< 10 acres) 20%
- Community Parks(10+ acres) 15%

Q10 Conclusion: Complete the soccer complex at Huston Park; enhance & improve our basketball courts, enhance and improve our trails; Provide a great aquatic center for kids (bigger slides, lazy river, climbing activities over the water) Make our smaller neighborhood parks more relevant to the youth activities, perhaps build a "teen" playground somewhere? An indoor "park" would also be an ideal for youth to gather and be together in a supervised atmosphere.

**Q11 What level of school are you currently in? (584 answered)**

- Intermediate, Middle or Jr. High 97%
- Elementary School 3%

**Q12 Please select all of the following you have access to at your home. (585 Answered)**

- Internet 87%
- Smart phone 78%
- Computer 72%
- Video Game System 71%
- Cable/Satellite TV 61%
- Tablet 52%

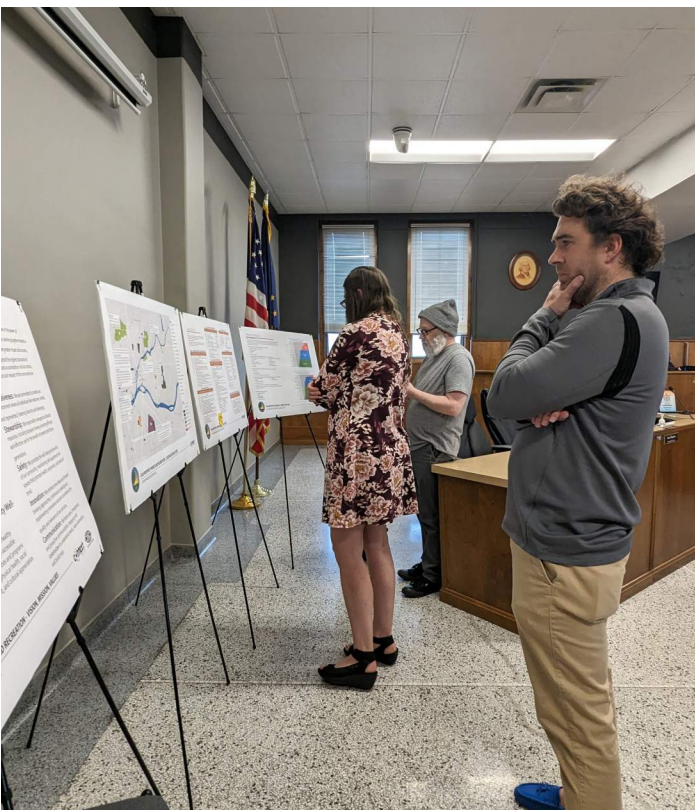
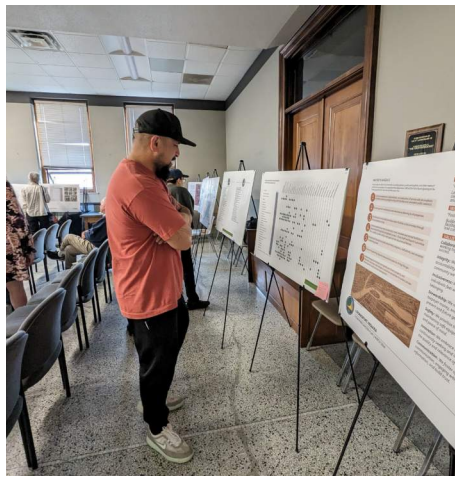
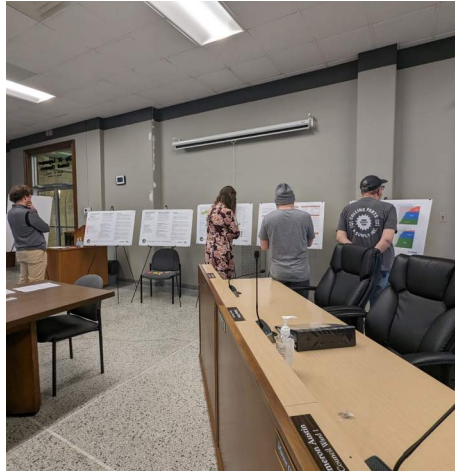
## 2nd PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE RESULTS

The following comments were gathered at the March 13, 2024 event at City Council Chambers. There were 25 residents in attendance. The chart below compiles all of the data from the event into one digestible place.

Public Engagement Event; March 13, 2024	
	Votes
1. Place a dot next to the Vision Statement you would like to see in the new master plan.	
Proposed Vision 1: "Transforming Communities"	3
Proposed Vision 2: "First Choice in Recreation"	9
2. Place a dot next to the Mission Statement you would like to see in the new master plan.	
Current Mission Statement	3
Proposed Mission 1: "Enriching Lives Through Recreation"	2
Proposed Mission 2: "Fostering Community Well-being"	8
3. Write any extra comments about Vision/Mission statements on a post-it note.	
"Please don't leave out education in the mission statement, and future generations and natural heritage. It's why I'm moving to Logan"	
4. Additional Comments	
"Will Dentzel Dr be closed?"	



## 2nd PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE





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# PLAN OF ACTION

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# Accomplishments

## Introduction

When considering a Plan of Action, it is important to summarize the accomplishments of Logansport Parks and Recreation since the last Master Plan. This gives a better idea as to what was addressed in the previous master plan and what may need to be addressed in the future.

### **Logansport Parks & Recreation Department Accomplishments 2018-2023**

#### **2018**

- Completion of 2018-2023 Master Plan Update
- Penman Building was dedicated as the Parks Service Center and Community Room
- Construction of new Riverside Park restrooms, including 2 ADA paved parking spaces
- New website for the Park @ logansportparks.com
- Parks Administrator Mark Vendl resigned; Janet Fawley hired as Parks Administrator August 1st.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Christmas In the Park
- Closed and disassembled the skate park at Riverside Park due to the structure's lack of safety compliance.
- Received a "Quality of Life" Award from the Cass County/Logansport Chamber of Commerce

#### **2019**

- Demolition of old restrooms at Spencer Park in preparation for new restroom construction.
- PGA Junior League was organized
- Completed a Huston Park Phase 2 study, including a new dog park
- Established "Parks Make Life Better" promotional campaign
- Applied for the Land & Water Conservation Fund to make improvements to Riverside Park; verbal confirmation of award came in October.
- Little Turtle Waterway Plaza and Lawn had to be closed while the Melbourne Avenue Stormwater Project was under construction for 2 years. It also required the LTW Signal Bridge at the Melbourne Street Entrance to be removed. The LTW Trail remained open.
- Funds were raised through a crowdfunding campaign to install 12 surveillance cameras on the Little Turtle Waterway Trail, Huston Park Trail, and the River Bluff Trail(owned by Logansport Memorial Hospital). Cameras installed.
- Spencer Park Restroom construction was completed. Dedication held in late June.
- Trail Marker signs fabricated and installed.
- Recreation Director (as opposed to current Program Director) was established with new job description and new hire.
- Department experienced a land dispute with Cass County regarding Stonewall Park.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year for Christmas in the Park

#### **2020**

- Established contract with Civic Rec to provide software to accommodate our facility reservations and program activity registrations. Public launch took place in May.
- Established availability of credit card processors for the public to use their credit cards for registrations and reservations.
- Penman Building Community Room was freshly painted, and the smartboard was relocated to the conference room.



- Established Dykeman Clubhouse Advisory Committee – Renovate or rebuild?
- Installed kiosks at each picnic pavilion to notify public of upcoming rentals, rules, and other programs
- Lots of program activities were cancelled due to COVID;
- Established trial Mobile Food Vendor program.
- A new playground was constructed in Melbourne Park.
- COVID provided motivation for golfers to take advantage of golfing, to give us the best year we've had in many years.
- Received National Fitness Campaign Grant Award to build the NFC Fitness Court at Riverside Park.
- Muehlhausen Aquatic Center staff went to great lengths to accommodate the public during COVID.
- The first "Doggy Days" were held at Muehlhausen Aquatic Center on the last day of operations.
- Established an Assistant Golf Superintendent position at Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course to be hired in 2021.
- BINGO program was discontinued due to COVID. Department found other BINGO program to support financially.
- The Dog Park project for Huston Park is moving forward. Trying to work with Humane Society board members to get it going. Must reduce the price from \$750,000 to less than \$300,000.
- A new spinner was installed at Huston Park playground through Live United Day.
- Mural work was completed at LTW Trail by LHS Art Club students;
- Spencer Park Gazebo was painted, and landscaping cleaned up.
- Basketball Courts at Muehlhausen Park have been repaved and lines painted.
- Parks Board supported the removal of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Dam by the Logansport Municipal Utilities at Riverside Park
- Established Carolyn Holcomb Memorial Garden at Muehlhausen Aquatic Center.
- City Council appropriated \$135,000 from CEDIT funds for necessary equipment for the golf course. Additionally, Logansport Municipal Utilities will pay the Golf Managers wages in lieu of paying taxes (PILOT) in 2021.
- Italian Heritage Sculpture was installed at Heritage Park, dedicated in the fall of 2020.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas In the Park was held, but had reduced displays, and no personnel working at the gate with respect to COVID precautions, and COVID financial limitations for sponsors. Counting vehicles was done through traffic counter systems.

## 2021

- Removed "Earth Care Castle" (an 18-year-old playground) from Spencer Park; New spider rope-climbing structure was installed in its place. An ADA accessible walkway was also installed.
- Concrete cornhole courts installed at Riverside and Muehlhausen Parks
- Rehabbed shuffleboard court at Spencer Park.
- Completed the remodel of the McHale Complex Kitchen.
- Established a formal partnership with Logansport Memorial Hospital and Foundation for \$50,000 over five years for the NFC Fitness Court.
- Determined the old Salvation Army Building/Welcome Center was surplus and was demolished for the future development of the area. Was paid for by the "Unsafe Building Fund"





- Logansport Parks & Recreation Foundation held its first golf outing to start fundraising for the Dykeman Clubhouse Rebuild. Proceeds were \$13,375.
- Produced a video about playground safety, especially the new spider climber at Spencer Park- Kyle Smith was the videographer/producer.
- New HVAC units were installed at McHale Complex in Riverside Park.
- Old Carousel Pavilion was updated w/ power wash, removal of iron bars, repainted and new picnic tables installed. It was renamed the McCord Pavilion in honor of McCord's Do-It-Best Center's donations to get this project completed.
- Alcohol exceptions were expanded by Parks Board Resolution, and the City Council.
- Cole Fountain at Jean Cole Park became operational after several years of being disabled
- Logansport Municipal Utilities Water Plant was demolished at the west end of Riverside Park.
- New ADA accessible drinking fountain is installed at the lower pavilion at Spencer Park
- LTW Trail under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge was renovated during INDOT's 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge Project.
- Through the Cass County Community Foundation, a new display for Christmas in the Park was purchased, as well as a new portable sound system that can be used outside.
- Tyson Foods sponsored the upgrade of the concession stand at Riverside Park, and it now bears their name.
- Wabash River Greenway Regional Trails Plan is presented to the public in September.
- The Golf Maintenance Facility was renovated to accommodate a new equipment lift.
- A new rain shelter has been built for the golfers at Dykeman Park Golf Course.
- LTW Gateway/Signal Bridge is relocated by Logansport Municipal Utilities in front of The Depot on 4th Street.
- The 10th Street Dam on the Eel River and the water tower at the west end of Riverside Park are removed by the Logansport Municipal Utilities.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas In the Park is held at Spencer Park.

## 2022

- Riverside Park's McHale Complex improvements are completed, including new windows on the east and west ends of the building, and the transformation of office space into a lounge.
- Completion of Riverside Park Improvement Project with LWCF grant to install NFC Fitness Court, 2 basketball courts, 2 pickleball courts, walkways, restroom renovation, lighting and parking. Grand Opening and ribbon cutting event was held.
- Fairview Playground construction was completed by the end of November.
- Little Turtle Waterway Plaza and Lawn was rehabbed and reopened following the completion of the Melbourne Avenue Stormwater Project along with the relocation of the LTW Gateway to 4<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the Depot.
- First ever "Squeal on the Eel" Festival hosted by Tyson Foods at Riverside Park.
- First Mother-Son Nerf War at National Guard Armory sponsored by the Department.
- Trail Cameras were upgraded with a new server headquarters at Logansport Memorial Hospital.
- Began promotional "Fawley's Footnotes" to blog about current processes and projects and future goals.
- Return of "Breakfast With Santa" at McHale Complex with McDonald's as primary sponsor.
- Completed a concept design of a new clubhouse for the Dykeman Park Golf Course.



- Produced a video to inform and encourage potential donors about the Dykeman Clubhouse Fundraising efforts. Kyle Smith was the videographer/producer.
- Riverside electricity access enhanced by Logansport Municipal Utilities.
- 135 new trees were planted at Dykeman Park Golf Course through a private donation.
- First summer with new program, “Park-in-a-Box”
- Vandalism at Riverside Park Restroom was severe and devastating, but community donations helped cover the cost of repairs.
- More presence on social media including Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in the Park held at Spencer Park.

## 2023

- Dykeman Clubhouse Fundraising began in earnest; goal of \$3 million is set.
- Plans for a dog park have shifted from Huston Park to Muehlhausen Park’s former softball field. A Patronicity Grant is applied for, a crowdfunding campaign is established, and \$80,000 was raised to build the dog park in 2024.
- 2024-2028 Master Plan Update begins. Three surveys are issued to the public with great response rates. Focus/Stakeholders groups meet, and an open house is held for public input. Goal for first draft’s completion is November 15, 2023; Final draft’s deadline is April 15, 2024.
- Dykeman Park Golf Course acquires new software for online bookings, and marketing and communications
- Spencer Park’s lower shelter along the Eel River requires attention. Safety concerns require the structure be closed to the public. Parks Board determines after a great deal of public comment to stabilize the structure.
- Fairview Playground is fully dedicated with a ribbon cutting of the new Grand Entrance, “Smiles For All”, provided by the Cass County Community Foundation.
- 2 new ICON shelters are constructed at Fairview Park. One structure is named Security Federal Savings Bank Community Pavilion. The second is named Grand Industrial Community Pavilion. Design & size will be duplicated in other parks.
- Completed the renovation of the restrooms at the McHale Complex at Riverside Park.
- Installed new water line at Riverside Park after failure of existing water line.
- Regular work on eradication of invasive vegetation at several parks.
- Demolition of Muehlhausen Softball Field began for Wright Street Bark Park installation in 2024.
- Stonewall Park driveway completed by County; New landscaping and lighting completed around the Orange Grasses Sculpture. More work to be done in 2024.
- Replaced signage at Eel River Run Trailheads at Riverside Park and Stonewall Park.
- Cass County Government agrees to cover the costs (\$300,000) of repaving the Dykeman Park Golf Course cart paths in 2024
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in the Park is held at Spencer Park.

# Needs Analysis

## What is a Needs Analysis?

A needs analysis tallies results from public input, park inventories, benchmark comparisons, and park board/staff input. These results are distilled and condensed into common themes, and from these themes, underlying issues emerge and are identified. These issues are placed in a priority based on financial and other constraints and then translated into the Plan of Action.

## Issues from Public Input (listed from most to least prioritized)

- Program Advertisement/Communication
- Park Transportation
- Park Safety
- Fees
- Program Scheduling

## Investment Needs from Public Input (listed from most to least prioritized)

- Improving/Maintaining Existing Parks (Spencer Park in particular)
- Dog Park
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Indoor Walking/Jogging Track
- Paved Trails
- Picnic Areas
- All Abilities/Ages Playground Equipment
- Social Spaces
- Community Gardens
- Indoor Aquatic Center
- Water Access
- Outdoor Adventure Park

## Issues from Board, Staff, City Officers (listed from most to least prioritized)

- Park Safety
- Youth Outreach
- New Programming
- Public Outreach, Advertising, and Communication

## Investment Needs from Board, Staff, City Officers (listed from most to least prioritized)

- Community Partnerships
- Dog Park
- Park Restroom Upgrades
- Skate Rink
- Spencer Park Pavilion

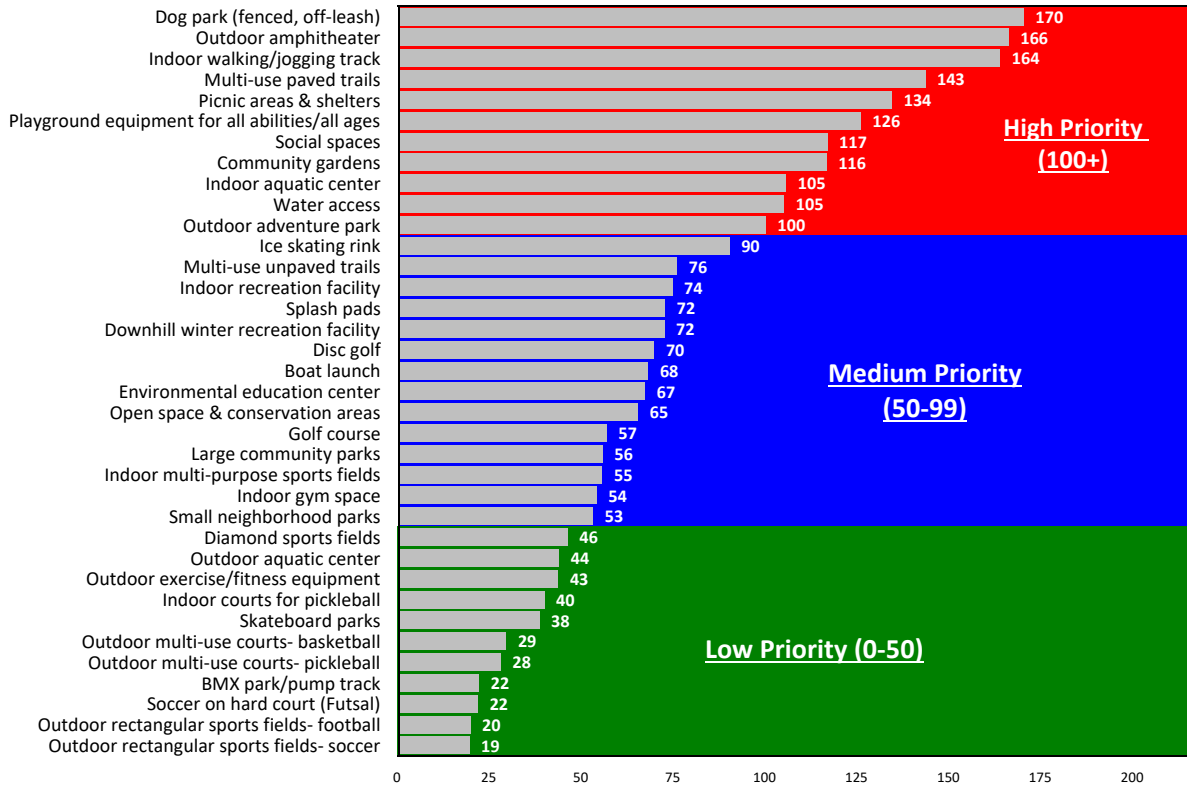
## Issues from SWOT Analysis

- Accessibility within all parks, including parking and sidewalks within parks
- General maintenance on existing park structures (graffiti removal, repainting, updating)
- Graffiti & crime deterrents

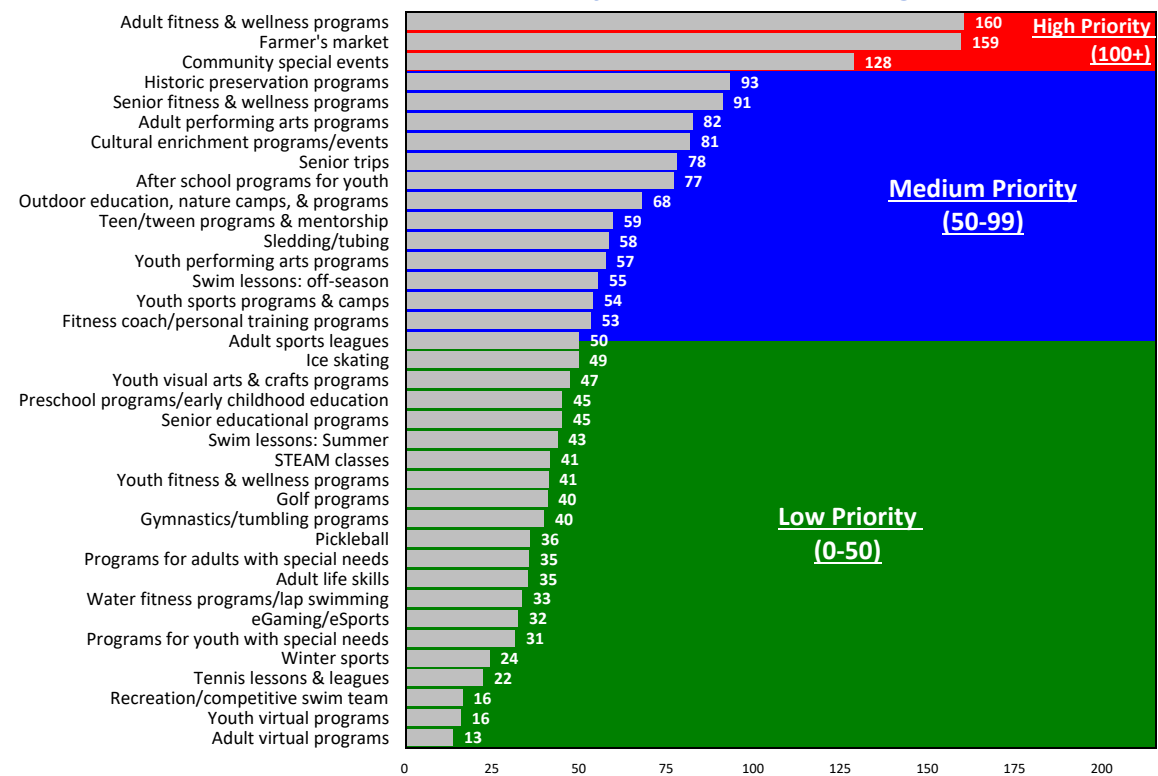
## Overarching Themes from All Input

- **Communication/Access**
- **Safety**
- **Amenity Repair**
- **New Amenities**
- **New Programming**

## Top Priorities for Investment for Facilities/Amenities Based on the Priority Investment Rating



## Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating



## Implications of Demographics

### Overview

Demographic data mostly echoes the sentiment from public input and is dissected below. Fees and service pricing correlate with economic data and this should be used when considering pricing, programs, and budgets.

### System Investment and Accessibility

Given the fact Logansport encompasses the township with the largest percentage of ALICE households (Eel Township with 52% ALICE households), there is a need to expand park access, focus on ADA and infrastructure improvements, and develop additional programs and services to reach the surrounding population. This has direct implications for redeveloping park sites and creating a simultaneous strategy to revamp existing park amenities and features. Identifying ways to continually inject both operational and capital dollars into the system will be paramount over the next five years.

### Service Pricing

In general, SPI scores and household income statistics indicate a lower tolerance (and expectation) to spend on recreation goods and services. This is an important trend for Logansport because recreation pricing must align with community realities. It will be beneficial to develop a pricing tier based on cost recovery targets associated with the degree of public vs individual good related to a particular program, event, or service. Any pricing philosophy will need to be associated with a community educational component so residents understand the transparency behind pricing. Additionally, identifying funding sources in addition to program fees will be critical for system enhancements and development.

### Accessibility

Like many communities, there is a strong need for ADA accessibility compliance in new and existing infrastructure. Typically, new infrastructure improvements adhere to ADA guidelines better with today's requirements and practices in place. ADA compliance issues typically relate to older infrastructure and bringing things "up to standard." With over half of the 75+ population and nearly a third (32%) of the 65-74 population reporting having some sort of disability, and not to mention all other age groups reporting having a disability to some degree, improving the existing system will remain a large community need. Projects that remove barriers to access related to ambulatory accessibility, auditory accessibility, cognitive accessibility, and visual accessibility (among others) will continue to improve the service provision provided to the Logansport community.

### River/Water Access

As highlighted by the MPI scores, there may not be a large interest in sports-related activities within Logansport, although those services should and will be offered to some degree. However, the parks department should focus on creating and leveraging water access in riverfront and nearby parks and trails/pathways. As a city with its namesake paying homage to the surrounding rivers, enhancing water access will provide additional recreational opportunities while also providing new ways to promote the Preserve America Community designation it received in 2009. Water access and recreational opportunities can be a win-win for the parks department and the city's overall economic development strategies.

## CITY'S BENCHMARK COMPARISON

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) compiles data from municipalities and parks and recreation agencies across the country annually. NRPA's Park Metrics provides insights into "average" statistics in terms of park land provided per 1,000 residents, trail miles, full-time equivalents (FTEs), budget allocation, and much, much more. This comparison provides a baseline understanding of Logansport Parks & Recreation ("Logansport") in terms of how it relates to agencies of similar scope. All metric standards represent the median statistic based on the NRPA's park and recreation agency performance benchmarking tool. It should also be noted that this process is self-selected, meaning park and recreation agencies choose to participate and upload their own information.

For each benchmark category, the median metric is presented based on agency characteristic. For the purposes of this benchmark, metrics for all cities, service population below 20,000 people, maintain 10-19 parks, and maintain less than 250 acres are listed to provide additional lenses to view benchmark metrics.

An important distinction is made for this benchmark analysis. The Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course is not included in the benchmark analysis. The golf course is not included because it is a special use facility that caters to a specific audience. Although a public asset, the financials, acreage, and full-time equivalent (FTE) calculations associated with the golf course would skew the benchmark results. Additionally, the golf course is operated out of a non-reverting fund whereas this benchmark analysis focuses on the base department functions.

### PARK LAND AND TRAILS

In terms of park land and trails, Logansport aligns with benchmark ranges. The number of residents served is very similar to the benchmark range. The number of acres available per 1,000 residents is also similar to the benchmark range. As noted above, the acreage represented in the benchmark does not include the Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course's 167 acres. In terms of trail mileage available to residents, Logansport aligns with the benchmark range's average.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Residents per Park	1,511	2,000	1,200	2,200	2,000
Acres of Park Land per 1,000 Residents	11.3	11.2	12.9	10.9	5.1
Miles of Trail*	6.7	15	3	10	3

\*Trail miles are a combination of paved and unpaved.

### OUTDOOR FACILITIES

In terms of outdoor facilities tracked and measured by NRPA, Logansport offers youth baseball and softball fields, multi-purpose rectangular fields that can be used for both soccer and football, basketball courts, playgrounds a swimming pool, and a dog park. In terms of a level of service (LOS), Logansport tends to have a high level of service compared to agencies that offer the same amenity. Additionally, Logansport provides amenities not tracked by NRPA such as pickleball courts, shelters, and a splash pad. These are amenities that all help add to the Logansport level of service, even if a national benchmark comparison cannot be made. When examining outdoor amenities offered by agencies of similar size and scope, seemingly "missing" outdoor amenities within the Logansport infrastructure portfolio include community gardens, multi-use courts, and dedicated soccer fields. These features may warrant inclusion in the Logansport park system, but further public engagement and analysis is required.

The percentages in the chart below represent the percentage of agencies that offer this type of outdoor facility/amenity based on the benchmark characteristic. The numbers in the chart represent the LOS metric (i.e., 1 facility/amenity for every X number of people).

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Baseball Diamond (Adult)	-	58%	45%	48%	45%
	-	20,000	8,000	15,800	11,400
Baseball Diamond (Youth)	3	83%	78%	82%	77%
	6,000	7,000	3,100	5,800	4,600
Basketball Courts	10	90%	86%	91%	85%
	1,800	7,000	3,800	8,200	5,300
Community Gardens	-	55%	40%	41%	37%
	-	29,000	8,800	20,000	14,700
Cricket Fields	-	15%	1%	8%	3%
	-	103,000	-	66,000	55,800
Dog Parks	1	75%	44%	61%	46%
	18,000	43,000	11,100	28,900	18,300
Field Hockey Fields	-	4%	2%	5%	4%
	-	38,600	-	15,000	20,400
Football Fields	-	40%	26%	34%	24%
	-	30,000	8,000	18,000	12,300
Lacrosse Fields	-	11%	4%	10%	5%
	-	36,300	7,100	13,700	14,800
Multi-Purpose Fields (Natural)	4	70%	60%	70%	66%
	4,500	9,500	4,400	9,000	7,000
Multi-Purpose Fields (Synthetic)	-	21%	3%	15%	11%
	-	46,000	13,000	24,600	30,500
Multiuse Courts	-	49%	46%	46%	47%
	-	16,500	5,400	14,200	10,300
Outdoor Ice Rink	-	18%	21%	15%	14%
	-	16,900	8,000	12,200	8,000
Outdoor Pickleball Courts	2	-	-	-	-
	9,000	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Swimming Pool	1	-	-	-	-
	18,000	-	-	-	-
Outdoor Tennis Courts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Overlay Fields	-	9%	6%	8%	8%
	-	21,400	8,700	10,700	10,600
Playgrounds	11	95%	96%	99%	96%
	1,600	3,400	2,000	3,700	3,100
Shelters	14	-	-	-	-
	1,300	-	-	-	-
Soccer Fields (Adult)	-	48%	35%	44%	39%
	-	14,000	8,000	10,600	11,400
Soccer Fields (Youth)	-	55%	52%	53%	45%
	-	7,400	3,500	7,100	4,000
Softball Diamond (Adult)	1*	73%	51%	62%	55%
	18,000	13,300	5,700	11,200	9,300
Softball Diamond (Youth)	2	67%	62%	60%	59%
	9,000	11,700	5,300	8,000	7,600
Sprayground/Splashpad	1	-	-	-	-
	18,000	-	-	-	-

\*Operated by Cass County Men's Softball

## INDOOR FACILITIES

Indoor recreation facilities provide guaranteed access and program space regardless of weather conditions. Currently, Logansport does not have any dedicated indoor recreation spaces like the ones tracked by NRPA benchmarks. Logansport does, however, have the McHale Complex at Riverside Park, Penman Building, and areas at the golf course that can be reserved for private use.

In terms of typical indoor facilities offered by organizations in similar size and scope as Logansport, community centers and recreation centers are most common, albeit a low number is required for Logansport based on LOS benchmarks.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Aquatics Centers	-	30%	15%	30%	24%
	-	57,300	11,400	39,700	23,600
Arenas	-	6%	4%	4%	4%
	-	68,200	6,100	16,700	12,900
Community Centers	-	64%	51%	55%	57%
	-	28,200	8,500	22,400	14,000
Indoor Ice Rinks	-	13%	6%	6%	8%
	-	56,100	8,000	12,000	11,000
Nature Centers	-	29%	10%	18%	9%
	-	102,000	11,800	33,600	22,200
Performance Amphitheaters	-	43%	16%	30%	21%
	-	64,800	9,300	33,600	26,000
Recreation Centers (including gyms)	-	71%	49%	54%	58%
	-	34,000	9,100	22,900	15,300
Senior Centers	-	50%	25%	37%	30%
	-	68,200	13,000	31,800	24,000
Stadiums	-	18%	11%	12%	13%
	-	78,300	9,100	31,000	24,500
Teen Centers	-	18%	8%	13%	14%
	-	74,600	14,400	23,300	25,300

## GENERAL PROGRAMMING

Logansport has a small programmatic portfolio and has just recently begun enhancing offerings. In terms of potential programming to add, health and wellness education, performing arts, racket sports, and team sports are offered by a large percentage of agencies of similar size and scope.

The percentages in the chart below represent the percentage of agencies that offer this type of recreation programming based on the benchmark characteristic.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Aquatics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	78%	55%	65%	61%
Cultural Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	64%	40%	57%	53%
eSports/eGaming	<input type="checkbox"/>	14%	7%	8%	7%
Fitness Enhancement Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	87%	67%	80%	79%
Golf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51%	22%	39%	28%
Health and Wellness Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	83%	67%	79%	76%
Individual Sports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	79%	64%	75%	72%
Martial Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	63%	39%	52%	57%
Natural and Cultural History	<input type="checkbox"/>	61%	37%	56%	43%
Performing Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	68%	40%	62%	51%
Racquet Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	76%	60%	66%	65%
Running/Cycling Races	<input type="checkbox"/>	49%	41%	43%	39%
Safety Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	72%	62%	67%	69%
Social Recreation Events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	90%	83%	86%	88%
Team Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	92%	85%	88%	89%
Themed Special Events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	92%	83%	89%	87%
Trips and Tours	<input type="checkbox"/>	63%	43%	55%	54%
Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	65%	43%	56%	52%



## TARGETED PROGRAMS

When examining targeted recreation programs, senior programs, summer camps, and after school programs are most offered by similar-sized agencies; however, the prevalence of offering targeted programs in general is low among agencies of similar size and scope across the country. If Logansport were to add a focus area, summer camps would appear popular across the country.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
After School Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	58%	47%	43%	50%
Before School Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	14%	16%	15%	17%
Full Daycare	<input type="checkbox"/>	6%	4%	4%	6%
Preschool	<input type="checkbox"/>	30%	25%	32%	32%
Programs for People with Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	65%	36%	58%	45%
Specific Senior Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	83%	65%	79%	72%
Specific Teen Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	69%	46%	64%	56%
STEM Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	57%	40%	52%	47%
Summer Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	82%	61%	81%	74%

## STAFFING

The national median for the number of full-time equivalents (FTE) for all cities is 54. This means that the median city agency has approximately 112,000 staff hours available across full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees. However, when examining benchmark communities, Logansport's 13 FTE are more in alignment with agencies that serve a similar population size and maintain a similar number of park acres, but this figure is much lower based on the number of park sites within the system. Based on community population, Logansport's FTE is lower than benchmark metrics.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	13	54	12	31	19
FTEs per 10,000 Residents	7	10.1	11.3	8.9	10.6

## BUDGET METRICS

Logansport's 2023 budget is approximately \$1,100,000, a figure like agencies that serve a similar population, but lower than systems that manage a similar sized system. Comparatively speaking, Logansport has a low operating expenditure per capita, per acre, and per FTE figure. Logansport generates a low revenue per capita amount compared to benchmarks which translates into a lower cost recovery percentage. Fees generated through programs and rentals go into the Parks Non-Reverting Operating Funds, which helps provide ongoing programs and pays for general facility maintenance.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Annual Operating Expenditures	\$1.1M	\$5.9M	\$1.2M	\$3.3M	\$2M
Operating Expenditures per Capita	\$57	\$104	\$117	\$89	\$102
Operating Expenditures per Acre	\$5,000	\$8,500	\$8,200	\$6,800	\$15,800
Operating Expenditures per FTE	\$80,000	\$103,000	\$102,000	\$106,400	\$93,000
Revenues per Capita	\$2.50	\$22	\$35	\$24	\$27
Revenue as a Percentage of Operating Expenditures (Cost Recovery)	4%	19%	25%	23%	25%

## DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES

When examining the distribution of operating expenditures, Logansport aligns well with benchmark metrics with the exception of capital expenses. Most agencies have a separate capital improvement plan (CIP) that is funded outside of the normal operating budget. The CIP is also usually associated with a different funding source(s). Currently, Logansport carries a capital outlay budget line within its operating budget which is the reason why the Capital Expense (Not in CIP) metric below is much higher than benchmark metrics.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Personal Services	52%	56%	50%	55%	52%
Operating Expenses	25%	37%	42%	38%	40%
Capital Expense (Not In CIP)	23%	5%	6%	5%	6%
Other	-	2%	2%	2%	2%

## SOURCES OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES

In terms of sources for operating expenditures, Logansport is realistically funded almost entirely from the general fund. A non-reverting fund is used to leverage earned/generated revenue through program fees and charges, but the overall budget percentage attributed to this earned income is low.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
General Fund Tax Support	96%	67%	62%	62%	65%
Earned/Generated Income	4%	20%	24%	22%	22%
Dedicated Levies	-	6%	7%	8%	7%
Other Dedicated Taxes	-	3%	1%	2%	2%
Grants	-	2%	3%	2%	2%
Sponsorships	-	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other	-	1%	2%	3%	1%

## CAPITAL BUDGET

Capital spending varies greatly from park agency to park agency. The national median statistic for capital improvement spending is approximately \$9.9 million over a five-year period for all cities, but that figure decreases dramatically based on agencies of similar size and scope to Logansport. Based on capital expense actuals from 2018-2022, Logansport spent approximately \$700,000 on park capital improvement projects, an amount well below the median for agencies of similar size and scope.

Metric	Logansport	All Cities	<20,000 Population Served	10-19 Parks Maintained	<250 Acres Maintained
Five-Year Capital Budget Spending	\$700K	\$9.9M	\$1M	\$5M	\$2M

## DISCUSSION AND IMPLICATIONS

### Operating Support

Logansport is operating a park system that is relatively underfunded compared to industry benchmarks. More operational investment is warranted based on expenditures per acre, per capita, and per FTE. Additionally, there is a low cost recovery percentage based on existing program fees and charges. More programmatic opportunities to generate earned income is necessary. Diversifying funding sources will also be important for Logansport as most of the department’s funding is from the general fund. A popular trend in the parks and recreation industry includes identifying other dedicated funding sources beyond the general fund such as dedicated levies, tourism dollars, food and beverage taxes, and the like.

### Capital Support

As shown by the LOS metrics, Logansport offers many outdoor amenities, trail miles, and park acres that align well with industry benchmarks; however, five-year capital spending trends appear to be underfunded based on agencies similar in size and scope. With a relatively large infrastructure portfolio, it will be imperative for Logansport to identify additional capital monies for system reinvestment as infrastructure ages. Additionally, considerations for park land consolidation/repurposing should be discussed to reduce both the operational and capital support burden on the system.

### Programming Opportunities

Comparatively speaking, Logansport does not offer a program portfolio commensurate with industry benchmarks. As mentioned earlier, recreation programming is a relatively new function within the department and it will be important to continue growing this focus by identifying core program areas most salient to the Logansport population. Additionally, developing indoor recreation space will become more important as the system grows. Dedicated indoor space will allow for program expansions and the implementation of new programmatic opportunities.

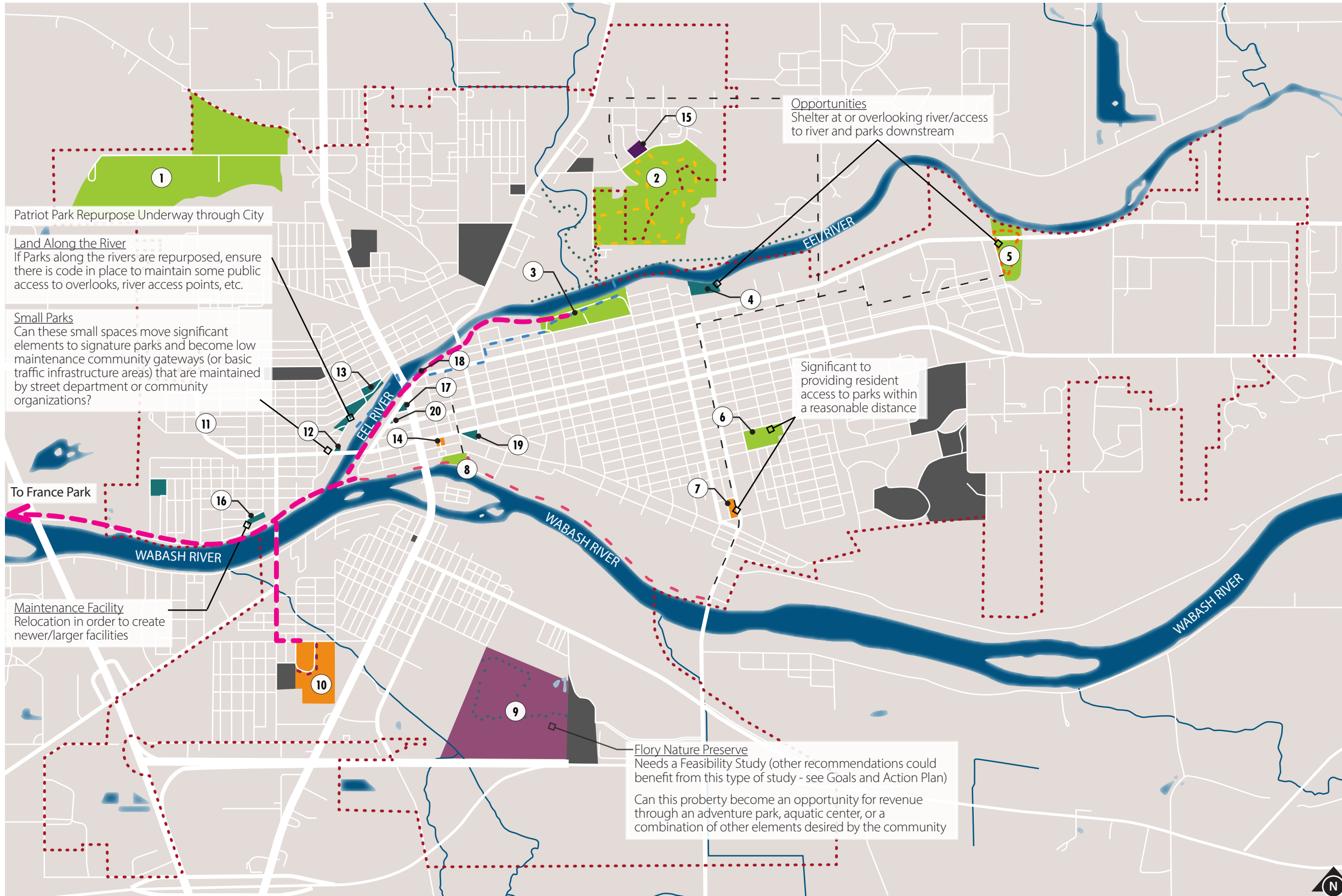
# Priority Goals

## Introduction

These goals are also listed later in this chapter under specific sub-categories, but these goals should be the most prioritized in the next 5 years.

### Goals

- Execute the most current design of the overall park (preferably via a bond to limit phasing) (see Chapter 8 - Appendix for plan)
- Improve connectivity and programming at Dykeman Park
- Integrate Heritage Park into LTW Commons Park
- Redevelop Melbourne Park and require a minimum amount of greenspace for public access (ex. playground with small lawn area)
- Expand & Connect Trails throughout city and beyond
- Emphasize connectivity through the river and trail corridors by completing a River Master Plan
- Organize and promote park-centric volunteer opportunities
- Partner with the public to advocate for the prioritization of more funding and staff positions



**PARKS**

1. Dykeman Park
2. Huston Park
3. Riverside Park
4. Dunwoody Park
5. Spencer Park
6. Muehlhausen Park
7. Bishop Park
8. Little Turtle Waterway
9. Flory Nature Preserve
10. Fairview Park
11. Melbourne Park
12. Memorial Park
13. Patriot Park
14. Heritage Park
15. Penman Service Center (Office)
16. Maintenance Building
17. Jean Cole Park
18. Stonewall Park
19. Burkhart Park
20. Flory Memorial

**LEGEND**

- ..... Logansport City Limits
- School Buildings
- Parks Buildings, To Remain
- Signature Parks
- Parks To Be Repurposed
- Parks To Be Enhanced
- Designated for Future Development
- Huston Trails
- Eel River Run
- Little Turtle Waterway
- Spencer Park Loop
- Fairview Park Loop
- ..... Trails Not Maintained by Parks
- Sidewalk Trails (NOT MAINTAINED BY PARKS)
- Possible Trail Connections



**LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION - Facilities Plan**  
5 YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN



# PLAN OF ACTION

## PURPOSE

The following pages form the recommended 5-year Action Plan for Logansport Parks & Recreation. These goals have direct correlation with the overarching themes from all input collected as well as SWOT Analysis. Within each goal, strategies are subdivided by general timeframes.

## HOW TO USE THIS INFORMATION

These strategies are provided to provide a roadmap for future developments. As seen in Goal 1, this action plan should be revisited on a quarterly basis. This provides flexibility as funding sources change, park conditions change, and community involvement evolves.

## GOAL 1: GENERAL PARKS SYSTEM STRATEGIES

Continual assessment, improvement, and evaluation of service with an emphasis on better connecting programming with facilities and consistent public outreach.

## STRATEGIES

### 1-3 YEARS

- Finalize updated vision, mission, value statements and related branding to raise awareness and promote advocacy
- Establish and annual Park Board Retreat (including Parks Staff, and Parks Board and Foundation members) in spring (start in 2024) to review progress, revisit ongoing action and studies/ plans/ etc., and celebrate success empower and use the agenda
- Revisit 5-Year master plan goals and action items on a quarterly basis (to continue to better connect programming to facilities)
- Public Outreach – build more system advocacy/ support
- ADA – Full system evaluation update (previous from 2013)
- Develop a fully detailed asset inventory (could be in conjunction with a full City asset inventory)
- Program expansion and planning through better facility utilization and partnerships
- New or Renovated Restrooms, and additional Shelters on a capital projects timeline
- Improve public access to the Rivers (consider a partnership with Planning and others for a Riverfront Master Plan)
- Promote multi-generational health and wellness
- Collaboration with Visitors Bureau
- Feasibility Studies for potential major projects such as a new Maintenance Facility, Flory Nature Preserve, and a potential Recreation Center (benefits include partnership exploration, detailed cost estimates, and funding / phasing strategies)
- Establish revenue philosophies – funding sources (capital and operational) and cost recovery
- Revise / Establish fee schedules (user fees and rentals)
- Consider new and/ or alternate strategies for staff hiring and retention
- Apply for more grants and utilize the demographic, benchmarking, and other resources within the 5-Year master plan
- Unify Planning documents for future development
- Park Classification Map and Consolidation Study
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED, pronounced SEPTED) study and analysis
- Partner with the public to advocate for more funding and staff positions

## GOAL 2: MAINTENANCE

Improve general maintenance and maintenance planning for all properties.

### STRATEGIES

#### 1-3 YEARS

- Establish a staffing standard based on similar provider metrics and data from this master plan
- Use a manpower study or work order system study to better track maintenance and deferred maintenance
- To ensure annual funding, complete the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) document required by the Planning Department, and followed up by the Common Council of the City of Logansport
- Provide in-house and outside educational opportunities
- Develop volunteer position descriptions and provide regular volunteer opportunities
- Revise the standard cleaning protocol and better implement for all park restrooms
- Provide more trash cans throughout the entire park system
- Establish a complete trail maintenance program that includes asphalt sealant, repair &/or replacement, mowing, edging, trimming, trash removal, graffiti removal, mural additions, etc.
- Audit / Analysis of existing security lighting and camera use
- Organize and promote park-centric volunteer opportunities

#### 3-5 YEARS

- Repair/replace asphalt surfaces including courts, parking lots, and driveways, and roads
- Repair and replace lighting in all parks
- Adopt Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) standards

#### 5+ YEARS

- Construct a larger maintenance facility (based on a feasibility study)

## GOAL 3: FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Provide new or renovated amenities and/or facilities as documented through the completed surveys

### STRATEGIES

#### 1-3 YEARS

- Soccer Fields at Huston Park
- Stage or Amphitheater – multiple locations
- Improved Public access to the Eel and Wabash Rivers
- Ice Skating Rink (temporary setup in a Signature Park)
- Disc Golf Course
- Additional Shelters (per new standard model)
- Roadmap and Start Feasibility Studies (noted as a part of other goals)
- Complete Dog Park at Muehlhausen Park
- "Park in a Box" Van for mobile Programming

#### 5+ YEARS

- Indoor aquatics
- Outdoor Adventure Park
- Community Gardens
- Recreation Center (Multi-Organizational use)
- Nature Center
- Additional Trails

#### 3-5 YEARS

- Indoor Park w/ walking track, basketball courts, skate park, game room, concession stand, indoor playground, party room, and social areas
- Complex of pickleball courts, 4-6 courts
- River Overlooks/ Social Space (Dunwoody Park and/ or Spencer Park)
- Fitness Equipment along Trails
- Include fencing around all new playgrounds

# GOAL 4: ENHANCE SIGNATURE PARKS

Enhance and Improve the Community's most cherished and storied facilities as documented through the completed surveys – Parks Staff and Board to prioritize the 1-3 year, 3-5 year, and 5+ year goals at the 2024 Annual Retreat

## STRATEGIES

### RIVERSIDE PARK

- Execute the most current design of the overall park (preferably via a bond to limit phasing) (see Chapter 8 - Appendix for plan)
- Continue and Build the Success of Major Events: Squeal on the Eel, July 4th, Cass County Carousel, Concerts
- Add an Amphitheater and Shelters
- Enhance the small boat launch
- Train enhancement
- Miniature Golf Enhancement and/ or Expansion

### DYKEMAN PARK AND GOLF COURSE

- Improve connectivity and programming
- Improve the overall functionality of the golf course by installing new cart paths
- Purchase new carts on a regular basis;
- Design and Construct a new clubhouse & pavilion for the Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course
- Establish fundraising Goal
- Establish persons to serve on fundraising committee
- Work with city to develop financial strategy and construction method
- Create a design for the clubhouse, the pavilion, parking, and other amenities
- Construct and Open the new facilities for the 100th anniversary (proposed to be a BOT process)
- Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course in 2026 - potential of "legacy" golf tournament?
- Golf course needs to remain on a path for long-term independent financial sustainability
- Trail connections to other parks? (link along main drive back to Dykeman pavilion and Boy Scout trails in the woods)
- Address aging irrigation system
- Explore potential land acquisition strategies for property to the north – driving range, etc.

### SPENCER PARK

- Amphitheater
- Renovated and/ or new Shelters
- Add a Playground Feature
- River Access Improvement

### MUEHLHAUSEN PARK

- Continue ongoing improvements – Dog Park (with old press box restrooms) and new Playground

### LITTLE TURTLE WATERWAY

- Enhance Plaza Lawn to host small to medium events
- Enhance Main Lawn to host small to medium events



# GOAL 5: PUBLIC OUTREACH

Promote and educate the public about Parks programs, staff activity, and successes in addressing issues

## STRATEGIES

### 1-3 YEARS

- Building strong relationships within existing resources and partnerships
- Parks security and safety
- Communicate available programs
- Park processes and rules
- Deferred maintenance log
- Utilize and promote City translation services
- Promote updated Mission, Values, Vision, and update marketing materials

### BUDGET FOR

- Signage - replacements and new graphic-type
- Signage - better messaging through additional graphic-type signage (to address language barriers, etc.)
- Social media
- Online advertising
- Banners
- Printed programs
- Calendar(s)
- School collaboration/ distribution of information

# GOAL 6: PROGRAMS

Enhance Programming Opportunities and Activities for All Age Ranges

## STRATEGIES

### 1-3 YEARS

- Utilize the Youth Survey (2023) to identify opportunities and better plan programming for each age range
- Family Fitness Night encouragement w/ special events
- Collaborate and Program with the Cass County Carousel (promote more consistent year-round hours)
- Continue Community Calendar coordination and overlay with Partners and Similar Providers (established in 2023)
- Program with the Cass County Carousel – perhaps work with them to provide year-round consistent hours to the community
- Themed Evening Events
- Event employee(s)
- Expanded Earth Day Celebration
- Adult Fitness & Wellness through a walking club and use of the NFC court at Riverside Park
- Continue existing annual special events such as Daddy-Daughter Dance, Christmas in the Park, etc.
- Additional Programming for: Dykeman Shelter, Fairview, Bishop Park
- Explore future opportunities for Burkhart Park
- Add inclusive and/or adaptive program opportunities

### 3-5 YEARS

- Sports programming
- Partner and collaborate with LCSC, YMCA, Youth Service Alliance, Special Olympics, and Senior Center
- Complete a Youth Survey regarding their program needs
- Restroom / Gathering Areas at Signature and secondary level parks
- Mentorship Program (and 1-2 staff members)
- Classes: Home School, STEAM

### 5+ YEARS

- Afterschool drop-in (recreation center for ages 10-14)
- Preschool activities
- Outline goals and opportunities for programs for a potential future recreation and nature centers

# GOAL 7: PARK CLASSIFICATION & BEST LAND USE

Explore strategies for the best and highest use of each property, and potentially repurpose underutilized or redundant properties for public/ private redevelopment and/ or private development

## STRATEGIES

### 1-3 YEARS

- Classify properties as a part of this Master Plan and utilize this classification strategy in the future (see map, this chapter)
- Establish City Standards (through collaboration with Planning) for the inclusion of greenspaces and maintaining views and sidewalk access to overlooks (and small boat launches, etc.) for properties along riverfront that may be redeveloped and/ or sold for private development (ex. Patriot Park)

### 3-5 YEARS

- Melbourne Park – redevelopment opportunities – collaborate with all City Departments
- Dunwoody Park – collaborate with all City Departments
- Burkhart Park – redevelop as a unique property to the system as an urban pocket park that become an anchor to a potential downtown district

## ADDITIONAL STUDIES NEEDED

These additional studies are recommended to further inform the above goals and strategies. They are also noted in Goal 1.

- **Unify planning documents**
- Develop a fully detailed asset inventory
- Feasibility studies for potential major projects
- ADA system evaluation update
- Park classification map and consolidation study
  - Consolidation study could include leasing agreements, access easements, etc.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED, pronounced SEPTED) study and analysis
- River Master Plan

# Future Action Steps For 2024-2028

Logansport Parks Department strives for constant and continued progress in providing equitable and high-quality recreation programming and park locations. Based on the previously listed goals and strategies, the following action steps chronologically describe achievable steps to improve Logansport Parks. The list below shows major action steps and the following pages include more detailed descriptions of these steps.

## YEARLY ACTION STEPS

- Upgrade Park Lighting
- Maintenance Of Trails, Park Signage, And Outdoor Sports Equipment
- Hire More Staff At All Levels
- Plan For And Install 'Christmas In The Park' Holiday Displays For Thanksgiving Through New Years
- Plan Following Year Program Enhancements As Requested By The Public In Public Feedback

### PRIMARY ACTION STEPS FOR 2024

- Complete current projects such as; Wright Street Bark Park, repair and stabilization of Historic Spencer Shelter, ADA accessibility of Stonewall Park (responsibility of Cass County).
- Adding park signage to Bishop, Dunwoody, Riverside, and Spencer Parks.
- Updating maintenance equipment
- Planning 2025 program enhancements as requested by the public in public feedback
- Completing application to Land & Water Conservation Fund for Riverside Park improvements.

### PRIMARY ACTION STEPS FOR 2025

- Begin ADA assessment update
- ADA drinking fountain installed at South Spencer Park
- Contract to design repurposed Burkhart Park
- Complete construction of new Dykeman Park Clubhouse; Work to complete amenities and furnishings in and outside of building

### PRIMARY ACTION STEPS FOR 2026

- Complete ADA assessment update
- ADA drinking fountain installed at Muehlhausen Shelter
- Add electric access at Huston Park for vendors
- Provide leased ice skating rink at the upgraded farmer's market

### PRIMARY ACTION STEPS FOR 2027

- Begin construction of pickleball complex
- Develop soccer complex at Huston Park
- Install fitness equipment along trails
- Construct trail connections to regional trails

### PRIMARY ACTION STEPS FOR 2028

- Upgrade park lighting
- Maintenance of trails, park signage, and outdoor sports equipment
- Hire more staff at all levels
- Plan for and install 'Christmas In The Park' holiday displays for Thanksgiving through New Years
- Planning following year program Enhancements as requested by the public in public feedback



## Logansport Parks & Recreation Department Future Action Steps for 2024-2028

### 2024

- HIRE MORE STAFF AT ALL LEVELS
- Fairview Park Restroom renovation, including reroofing.
- Fairview Park Security Cameras
- Park Signage for Riverside, Dunwoody, Spencer & Bishop Parks
- Replace 2011 Chevy Silverado
- Replace John Deere Utility Vehicle
- Purchase new mower and mowing attachment
- Replacing Muehlhausen Playground
- Repurposing Muehlhausen Softball Field into the Wright Street Bark Park
- Replacing water lines and water heaters at Muehlhausen Aquatic Center
- Purchasing 24 picnic tables
- Extensive repair and stabilization of historic Spencer Shelter on Eel River
- Install 3 new picnic shelters at Spencer Park; remove old structures.
- Install new picnic shelter at Bishop Park
- Renovate Bishop Park Basketball Court with new asphalt, paint and goals; will paint multi-sport lines on asphalt.
- Replacing solid wood benches with new logs at Riverside and Stonewall Park Trailheads
- Completion of ADA accessibility of Stonewall Park by Cass County
- ADA accessible drinking fountain to be installed at Little Turtle Waterway Plaza(along trail)
- Complete development of Little Turtle Waterway Commons on the north side of Melbourne Avenue, including repainting of LTW Signal Bridge, new ADA sidewalks and lawn space, lighting game court, splashpad, and renovation of historic depot into ADA accessible restroom facility.
- Completing application to Land & Water Conservation Fund for Riverside Park improvements.
- Planning 2025 Program enhancements as requested by the public in public feedback
- Reopening of complete circle of displays for 8<sup>th</sup> year of Christmas In the Park at Spencer Park
- City makes annual contribution to Clubhouse project
- Cart paths at Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course to be completely groundup, new stone base, new asphalt to be completed in late summer.
- Following completion of cart paths, install new sponsorship signage at each tee box.
- Establish Contractor and Financial arrangements for construction of clubhouse
- Construction on the Dykeman Clubhouse to begin in late Fall
- Building a nature playground at Huston Park
- Replace through purchase a 2020 Fairway Mower, Greens Sprayer, and a heavy-duty utility vehicle

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- Expansion of cold storage for golf maintenance equipment
- Replace batteries on 25 golf carts
- Make annual loan payment on 12 golf carts

## 2025

- HIRE MORE STAFF AT ALL LEVELS
- Begin ADA Assessment Update
- ADA Drinking Fountain Installed at South Spencer Park
- Playground replacement at South Spencer Park
- Sport Court improvements at Fairview Park
- New Pavement for Roads/Parking Lots at Dykeman Park West
- Seal Coat parking lot at Huston Park
- Install new fencing around Bishop Park/Basketball Court
- Upgrade park lighting annually
- Improve public access to the Eel River at Spencer Park
- Replace the Penman Service Center Roof, gutters, and solar panels
- Replace scheduled vehicles annually
- Replace Spencer Park Infrastructure
- Attachments for Heavy Equipment
- Heavy Machinery Trailer
- Replace water tank trailer
- Purchase snow removal equipment w/ cab for Ventrac
- Maintain up to date park signage annually
- Annually plan for and install Christmas In the Park holiday displays for Thanksgiving through New Years
- Replace Mondopad @ Penman Conference Room
- Build Pole Barn for CITP storage at Spencer Park
- Planning 2026 Program enhancements as requested by the public in public feedback
- Annual maintenance on trails as scheduled
- Contract to design repurposed Burkhart Park
- Maintain permanent outdoor sports equipment annually
- City makes annual contribution to Clubhouse project
- Make annual loan payment on 12 golf carts
- Purchase used mini-excavator and small frontend loader
- Replace current irrigation with upgrade, including 3 new pumps and pumphouse
- Complete construction of new clubhouse; work to complete amenities and furnishings in and outside of building



## 2026

- HIRE MORE STAFF AT ALL LEVELS
- Complete ADA Assessment Update
- ADA Drinking Fountain Installed at Muehlhausen Shelter
- Playground Replacement at Huston Park
- Sport Court improvements at Spencer Park
- New Pavement for Roads/Parking Lots at Fairview Park
- Seal Coat parking lot at Penman Service Center
- Install new fencing around the Fairview Playground
- Upgrade park lighting annually
- Add electric access at Huston Park for vendors
- Complete necessary repairs at the Spencer Park lower shelter
- Replace scheduled vehicles annually
- Replace John Deere Tractor
- Replace mowers with multipurpose equipment
- Maintain up to date park signage annually
- Construct new maintenance facility on “Public Works Campus”
- Planning 2027 Program enhancements as requested by the public in public feedback
- Annually plan for and install Christmas In the Park holiday displays for Thanksgiving through New Years
- Annual maintenance on trails as scheduled
- Begin construction of Riverside Park Improvements with LWCF Grant &/or bond to include river overlooks, widening of the Eel River Run, improving public access site, enhanced parking to/from Cass County Dentzel Carousel and other areas of the park, new playground and splashpad, large amphitheater/stage, and picnic pavilions.
- Construct Burkhart Park per 2025 design
- Construct Splashpad at Fairview Park
- Contract to conduct a feasibility study for an indoor recreation center with aquatics
- Determine location and contract to design pickleball complex
- Work with CC Visitor’s Bureau to install wayfinding signage to destination parks
- Maintain permanent outdoor sports equipment annually
- Provide leased Ice Skating Rink at the upgraded Farmer’s Market
- City makes annual contribution to Clubhouse project
- Open New Clubhouse at Dykeman Park Golf Course
- Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course with recognitions, golf outings, VIP’s participating, and other activities
- Complete golf car loan for 12 carts

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## 2027

- HIRE MORE STAFF AT ALL LEVELS
- ADA Drinking Fountain Installed at the East Trailhead of LTW
- Playground Replacement at Bishop Park
- New Pavement for Roads/Parking Lots at Spencer Park
- Install new fencing around the Fairview Courts
- Upgrade park lighting annually
- Establish formal crosswalk on High Street at Spencer Park
- Construct Trail Connections to regional Trails
- Replace scheduled vehicles annually
- Attachments for Heavy Equipment
- Maintain up to date park signage annually
- Planning 2028 Program enhancements as requested by the public in public feedback
- Annual maintenance on trails as scheduled
- Annually plan for and install Christmas In the Park holiday displays for Thanksgiving through New Years
- Complete construction of Riverside Park Improvements with LWCF Grant &/or bond to include river overlooks, widening of the Eel River Run, improving public access site, enhanced parking to/from Cass County Dentzel Carousel and other areas of the park, new playground and splashpad, large amphitheater/stage, and picnic pavilions.
- Begin construction of pickleball complex
- Maintain permanent outdoor sports equipment annually
- Develop Soccer Complex at Huston Park
- Provide leased Ice Skating Rink at the upgraded Farmer's Market
- Install fitness equipment along trails
- City makes annual contribution to Clubhouse project

## 2028

- HIRE MORE STAFF AT ALL LEVELS
- ADA Drinking Fountain Installed at Melbourne Park
- Selective Playground updates
- New Pavement for Roads/Parking Lots at Muehlhausen Park
- Install new fencing around the Muehlhausen Park Playground
- Upgrade park lighting annually
- Construct Trail Connections to regional Trails
- Replace scheduled vehicles annually
- Replace Skid loader
- Replace mowers with multipurpose equipment

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- Maintain up to date park signage annually
- Planning 2029 Program enhancements as requested by the public in public feedback
- Annual maintenance on trails as scheduled
- Annually plan for and install Christmas In the Park holiday displays for Thanksgiving through New Years
- Complete construction of pickleball complex
- Build indoor recreation center if approved in 2026
- Maintain permanent outdoor sports equipment annually
- Provide leased Ice-Skating Rink at the upgraded Farmer's Market
- Install fitness equipment along trails
- Begin work on the 5-Year Master Plan for 2029-2033
- City makes annual contribution to Clubhouse project
- Complete financial responsibilities for the Clubhouse Project (close out bond)

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# Funding Resources

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Many are the demands on local government to fund the variety of programs provided to the public sector. Following, is a brief description of the principal resources available to the Parks and Recreation Board for implementing programs for recreational purposes.

## **NRC — Non-Reverting Capital Funds**

Non-Reverting Capital Fund Accounts are created for the purpose of acquiring land or making specific capital improvements. All proceeds from the sale of Parks and Recreation Department property and equipment plus special user fees as established by the Parks and Recreation Board shall be deposited into this capital fund.

## **NRO — Non-Reverting Operations**

Non-Reverting Operating funds are created for park purposes from which expenditures may be made by appropriation by the Parks and Recreation Board. All receipts from program participation, event admissions, concessions, rentals, sales of merchandise and food, user fees from golf operations and revenue generated by park operations throughout the park system and rental fees from enclosed facilities shall be deposited into said special non-reverting operating fund.

## **CP — Civil City Personnel**

Each year a significant portion of the Civil City budget is devoted to personnel expenses. These expenses include base salaries, overtime pay, longevity pay based on number of years employed, medical and life insurance benefit coverage, and PERF (Public Employee Retirement Fund) contributions.

## **CO — Civil City Operations**

In addition to the annual appropriation for personnel expenses, the Park Department receives each year from Civil City funds a budget amount for operations for the upcoming year. This money is used to cover maintenance costs associated with park upkeep, departmental office operating expenses, and costs associated with promoting and running the recreation program and special events.

## **COIT — County Option Income Taxes**

Adopted by county councils, city councils and towns, this income tax raises funds for new spending for all local units except schools.

## **CEDIT — County Economic Development Income Taxes**

Revenue raised by CEDIT must be used for economic development projects or public capital projects.

## **CBDG — Community Block Development Grant**

The Community Development Block Grant program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The CBDG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1209 general units of local government and States.

## **CBF — Cumulative Building Fund**

A Cumulative Building Fund may be established by the Board to provide money for building, remodeling, and repair of park and recreation facilities; or for the purchase of land for park and recreation purposes.

## **SA — City Special Appropriation**

The City may also, from time to time, appropriate money toward Park Department projects and improvements from other town revenue sources. These sources might include money from the Town's Community Development Block Grant budget (CBDG). Also, funds needed to match grant requests are sometimes appropriated from a City matching funds line item.



### **GD — Gifts and Donations**

Donations of money, land, and time are important resources to the Park Department. Many recreation activities and special events would not occur if such donations were not received from individuals, service clubs, and businesses. Also, land donations to the park system have been received since early in the history of the Park Department and, where advantageous, these land donations should be encouraged and received by the Park Board.

### **GOB — General Obligation Bonds**

General obligation bonds, which are retired by tax money, provide a funding source for implementation of large scale projects or improvements. The Park Board can not exceed a set percentage (2%) of the assessed valuation of the taxing district. Public hearings must be held and approval is required by the City Council.

### **RIF — Recreation Impact Fees**

A Recreational Impact Fee Ordinance allows for the new housing developments to assist in the funding of facilities (based on identified recreational standards) to serve that particular population growth. This funding source is not to be used for current facility deficiencies.

### **HIF — Highway Impact Fees**

Similar to the Recreation Impact Fee funding source, the City's Highway Impact Fees can be used for trail development within road right-of-ways.

### **LWCF — Land and Water Conservation Funds**

Administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation, these funds are used most predominantly for park development of outdoor recreation facilities. These grant funds can be utilized to finance up to 50% of the cost of eligible projects and are awarded annually. To qualify for LWCF funds, a city/town must have a park and recreation board established in accordance with state statutes and have an approved Park and Recreation Master Plan.

### **MAP-21 — Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century**

Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years 2013 and 2014, MPA-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. Under MAP-21, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) will receive about \$780 million for projects such as bike/pedestrian facilities; safe routes for non-drivers; conversion of abandoned railroad corridors for trails; community improvement; and environmental mitigation activities, as well as others.



### **IHT — Indiana Heritage Trust**

The Indiana Heritage Trust was created to fund the purchase of natural areas for public use. Funded by the sale of environmental license plates and donations, the money is used for land acquisition. A Project Committee reviews the proposed projects submitted to the Heritage Trust Committee, which in turn recommends approval by the Governor. The Trust Committee members are appointed by the governor and legislative leaders. A portion of the Heritage Trust funds is available to the Division of Outdoor Recreation for the purchase of land that meets established criteria. Projects could include greenways and land for trails.

### **RTP —Recreational Trails Program**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Federal transportation funds benefit recreation by making funds available to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The RTP funds come from the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use: fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-highway light trucks.

### **HPF — Historic Preservation Fund Program**

Each year, the U.S. Congress appropriates approximately \$37 million to the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). The HPF provides matching grants to encourage private and non-federal investment in historic preservation efforts nationwide, and assists State, local governments, and Indian tribes with expanding and accelerating their historic preservation activities nationwide. HPF grants serve as a catalyst and "seed money" for preserving and protecting our nation's irreplaceable heritage for this and future generations.

### **Hoosier Riverwatch Water Monitoring Equipment Grants**

Equipment grants are available for volunteer groups interested in monitoring the water quality of local rivers and streams. The grants, administered by the DNR's Hoosier Riverwatch, will help as many as 60 groups establish education and river stewardship programs throughout the state. Non-profit groups, public agencies, environmental clubs and schools are among those eligible for grants. Since 1996, approximately 155 volunteer groups have received equipment and have started monitoring local waterways. This year, 10 grants are reserved for elementary schools to encourage participation in stewardship among young people.

### **LARE — Lake and River Enhancement**

The goal of the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Lake and River Enhancement Section is to protect and enhance aquatic habitat for fish and wildlife, to insure the continued viability of Indiana's publicly accessible lakes and streams for multiple uses, including recreational opportunities. This is accomplished through measures that reduce non-point sediment and nutrient pollution of surface waters to a level that meets or surpasses state water quality standards. To accomplish this goal, the LARE Program provides technical and financial assistance for qualifying projects.

### **UFC — Urban Forest Conservation Grants**

The Urban Forest Conservation (UFC) Grants are intended to help communities develop long term programs to manage their urban forests. Grantees may conduct any project that helps to improve and protect trees and other associated natural resources in urban areas. Community projects that target program development, planning and education are emphasized. Projects funded in the past include activities such as conducting tree inventories, developing tree maintenance and planting plans, writing tree ordinances, conducting programs to train municipal employees and the public, purchase or development of

publications, books and videos, hiring consultants or city foresters, etc. Certified Tree Cities may spend up to 20% of the grant funds on demonstration tree planting projects. Local municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and state agencies are eligible to apply for \$2,000 to \$20,000.

### **OG — Other Grants**

Other grant sources, besides the traditional recreation related ones sponsored by the state and federal government, exist for park improvement projects. Also, there are urban forestry grants available and grants from the Indiana Arts Commission that can be related to park and recreation projects. Private companies are also often sponsors of foundations and grant programs that may be related to an aspect of park and recreation such as tree planting, aid to handicapped persons, or programs for disadvantaged youth. Companies also sometimes sponsor volunteer programs to the community with their employee or executive resources.

### **Funding Sources**

Indiana Department of Transportation  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation  
Indiana Committee for the Humanities  
Indiana Arts Commission  
Indiana Department of Aging and Community Services  
Indiana Federal Property Program  
Indiana Department of Commerce  
Indiana State Board of Health  
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Armed Services  
U.S. Department of Education  
President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports  
Green Thumb, Inc.  
The Nature Conservancy  
Acres, Inc.  
The Trust for Public Land  
National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources  
Fish America Foundation  
Capital Fund Drive Campaign  
Memorial Giving  
Deferred Giving  
Public-Private Partnerships  
Private Philanthropy  
Park Foundations and "Friends" Groups

*The aforementioned funding sources are not intended as an exhaustive list of available sources. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Parks and Recreation Board will continue to research various federal grant-in-aid programs and private sector resources that could be utilized in the development of park and recreation projects.*

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## BOARD RESOLUTION ADOPTING MASTER PLAN

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## PARK BOARD ACCEPTANCE LETTER

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ADA/ABA ACCESSIBILITY SIGN-OFF SHEET



ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:

ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT of 1968 (As Amended); SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended); AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (As Amended)

The Logansport Parks and Recreation Board (Applicant) has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.

SIGNATURE *David Smith*  
APPLICANT PRESIDENT

DAVID SMITH  
(President's printed name)

SIGNATURE *Janet E. Fawley*  
PARKS ADMINISTRATOR

Janet E. Fawley  
Parks Administrator's printed name)

DATE 3/26/24

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