

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 3:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, AT THE BONNIE NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 W. LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustee and Chair Joyce Harant, Vice President and Vice Chair Laurie Covington and Executive Director Emily Cahill

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant and Alexander Sierra (v)
Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brent Wheeler, Becky Fredrickson, Matt Freeman, Mary Harden, Jacob Kuban, Mike Miller, Colton Sanders and Alicia Woodworth

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Joyce Harant called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MINUTES

2.A. Approval of December 6, 2022 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice President Covington moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022.

Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.A. PPD Carbon Sequestration Presentation

Colton Sanders, Naturalist at Forest Park Nature Center, gave a presentation on the Park District's carbon sequestration. *Please see Attachment A for presentation slides.* Mike Miller explained that the impetus for this presentation came from a Board meeting, where a Trustee asked if the Park District had a program that communicates the effect of climate change on the District and its carbon footprint. This presentation can be considered the first "layer" of that discussion. Sanders shared that in summary, PPD sequesters 4,936.48 metric tons of CO₂, which keeps approximately 555,471.5 gallons of gasoline emissions from remaining in the atmosphere per year.

4.B. Commitment to Environmental Sustainability

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Through discussion, it was determined that the impact analysis document should be modified to include a review for the need for public input.

It was further agreed that this document would be placed on the District's website.

Vice President Covington moved, based on today's discussion, to move the Implementation Guiding Policy Process for Park Development and Changes to the Board for approval on February 22. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried on unanimous voice vote.

4.C. Memorial Tree/Rock Request – Madison Golf Course

Jacob Kuban stated that staff received a request from Lisa Heck in 2022 to place a memorial tree on Tee Box #2 at Madison in honor of Les and Wilma Sutton. Madison Golf Course was their favorite golf course. Originally, staff understood the Sutton's memorial plaque would be added to the "Donor Board" located in the Madison Golf Course pro-shop. After the tree was planted by District staff, it was discovered that Ms. Heck's wishes were for a memorial plaque to be installed near the base of the tree on the golf course, which requires Planning Committee and Park Board approval. Staff has been working with Ms. Heck on the style of memorial plaque to be installed near the Sutton's memorial tree. Staff recommends approval of this request although it did not follow normal approval procedures. The planting of the tree was covered by a donation.

Vice President Covington moved to approve the request to place a memorial tree on tee box #2 at Madison Golf Course. Motion seconded by Executive Director Cahill and carried on unanimous voice vote.

4.D. Potential Land Acquisition

Mike Miller stated that the District was approached by the KDB Group about a 15 acre parcel they own and whether the Park District would be interested in purchasing it before it was put on the market. *Please see Attachment C.* It has mature oak-hickory forest ridgetop and valley and is crucial to the ecological integrity and watershed stability of Forest Park South Nature Preserve. The parcel is part of the “Forest Park” Illinois Natural Areas Inventory site (Category I, III). Development would be visible from Prospect Park and Grandview Drive Park vistas. Private development would require an easement across PPD property. KDB paid \$60,000 for the property. The Committee gave consensus to staff proceed in discussions with the KDB Group in purchasing the land.

5. PENDING BUSINESS

5.A. Outstanding Action Items

Peoria Heights Park/Playground Tour Analysis

Emily Cahill stated that staff would like to have a conversation about what the expectations are about this type of collaboration, and also get a better idea of what the directives would be, especially with parcels that were not created by the Peoria Park District. During discussion, Trustee Harant suggested having a meeting to discuss with President Johnson, herself and staff about what the next step should be for this. In the meantime, staff will finalize the assessment of Peoria Heights Parks/Playgrounds document in preparation for this meeting.

Springdale Savanna Update

Emily Cahill stated that the District has finally received a map and a draft easement. There are many questions about the draft easement and as such, staff has connected City of Peoria legal counsel with Attorney Streeter to develop a draft that addresses staff’s concerns. Once Attorney Streeter reports to the District, staff will work to schedule a meeting with Mark Matuzcak in order to get the management document moving again.

Urban Forest Proposal - PAAR Report

Emily Cahill stated that the District has heard nothing back concerning PAAR’s report. Trustee Harant stated she will send an email to the PAAR and the PHA about their intentions and where they are in their process. If the PAAR report does not come back favorable for an urban forest, she would like to develop a collaborative strategy with the City of Peoria to push it forward. Emily Cahill stated that it would be very helpful for staff to receive prioritized goals and then would work to match resources with those goals and meet expectations. Trustee Sierra stated he would reach out to PHA Chairman Carl Cannon for more information about their Harrison site and this project in general.

Trewyn Park Next Steps

Mary Harden stated that Trewyn Park development has been completed and looks very nice. Emily Cahill stated that a Trewyn Park celebration event will be planned for this spring. Once the date has been set, a calendar invite will be sent. Also, Peoria Grown has completed their move into the Trewyn pavilion.

GOP Playground Update

Mary Harden stated that a meeting was held last week with staff, the all-inclusive playground manufacturer, and representatives from community organizations about the all-inclusive playground at Glen Oak Park. Next step is that once sample playground designs are received from the manufacturer, another meeting will be held to determine the final design.

Donovan Sculpture Garden

Emily Cahill stated that a meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday with David Pittman and Fisher Stoltz about next steps. Currently they are proposing extending each sculpture placement agreement by one year which would be until spring 2024. This would give them time to build in fundraising and more final solidified plan going forward.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Freeman stated that a special meeting today was held with the Peoria Urban Forestry Advisory Board to prepare for the Peoria Park District's presence at the upcoming Peoria Home Show.

Trustee Sierra stated that the Illinois Arts Council Agency is conducting three downstate visits, with the first being in Peoria on February 15 at 3:30 at the Riverfront Museum. The purpose of the visit is for artists, visionaries and art enthusiasts to provide feedback about their individual and collective needs throughout the community.

7. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None given at this time.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 3:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:33 pm, Vice President Covington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Trustee Harant and carried on unanimous voice vote.

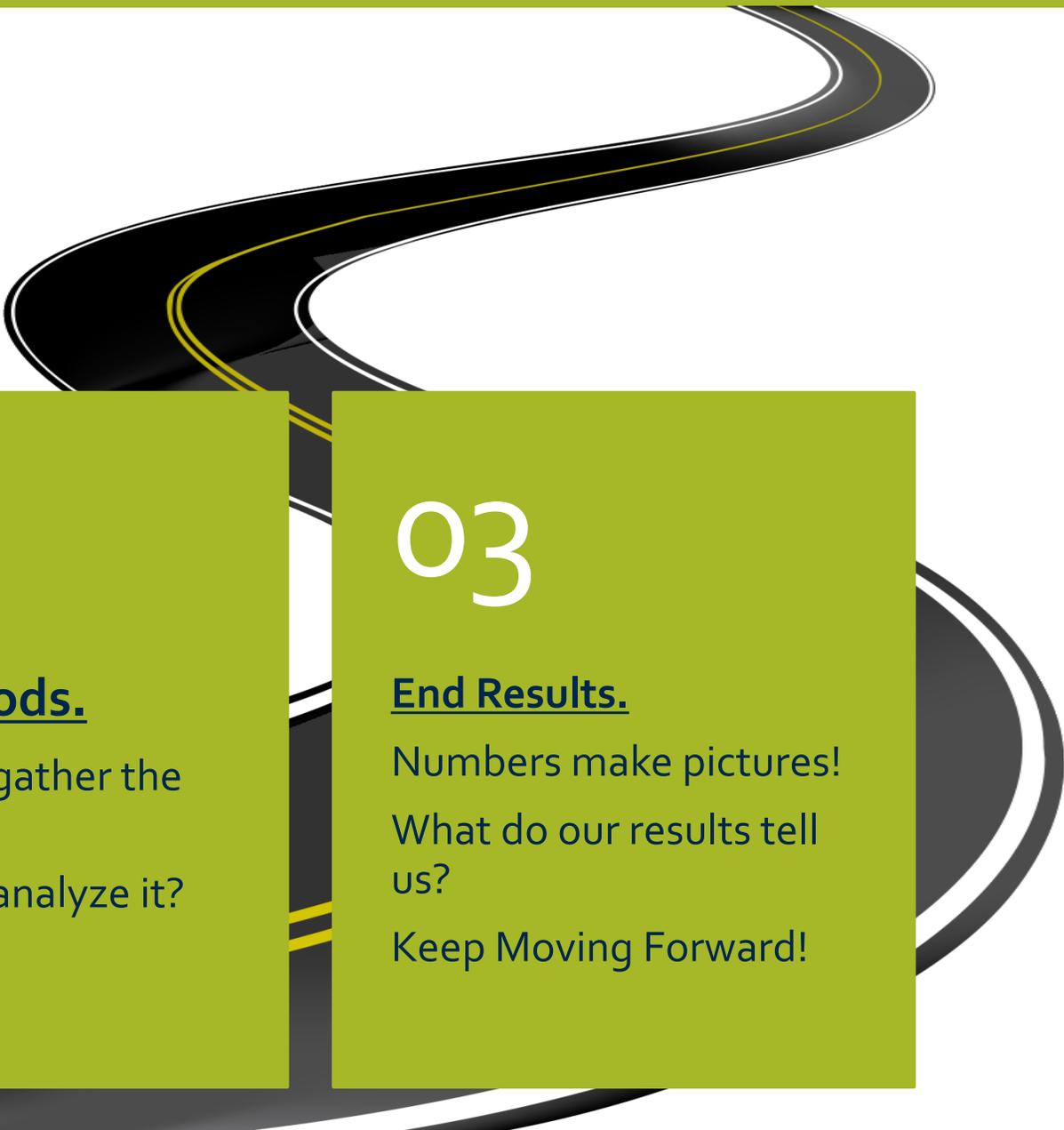
Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board



CARBON SEQUESTRATION IN THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

Colton Sanders

Road Map



01

Introduction.

What is CO₂
Sequestration?

Why does it matter?

02

The Methods.

How did we gather the
data?

How did we analyze it?

03

End Results.

Numbers make pictures!

What do our results tell
us?

Keep Moving Forward!

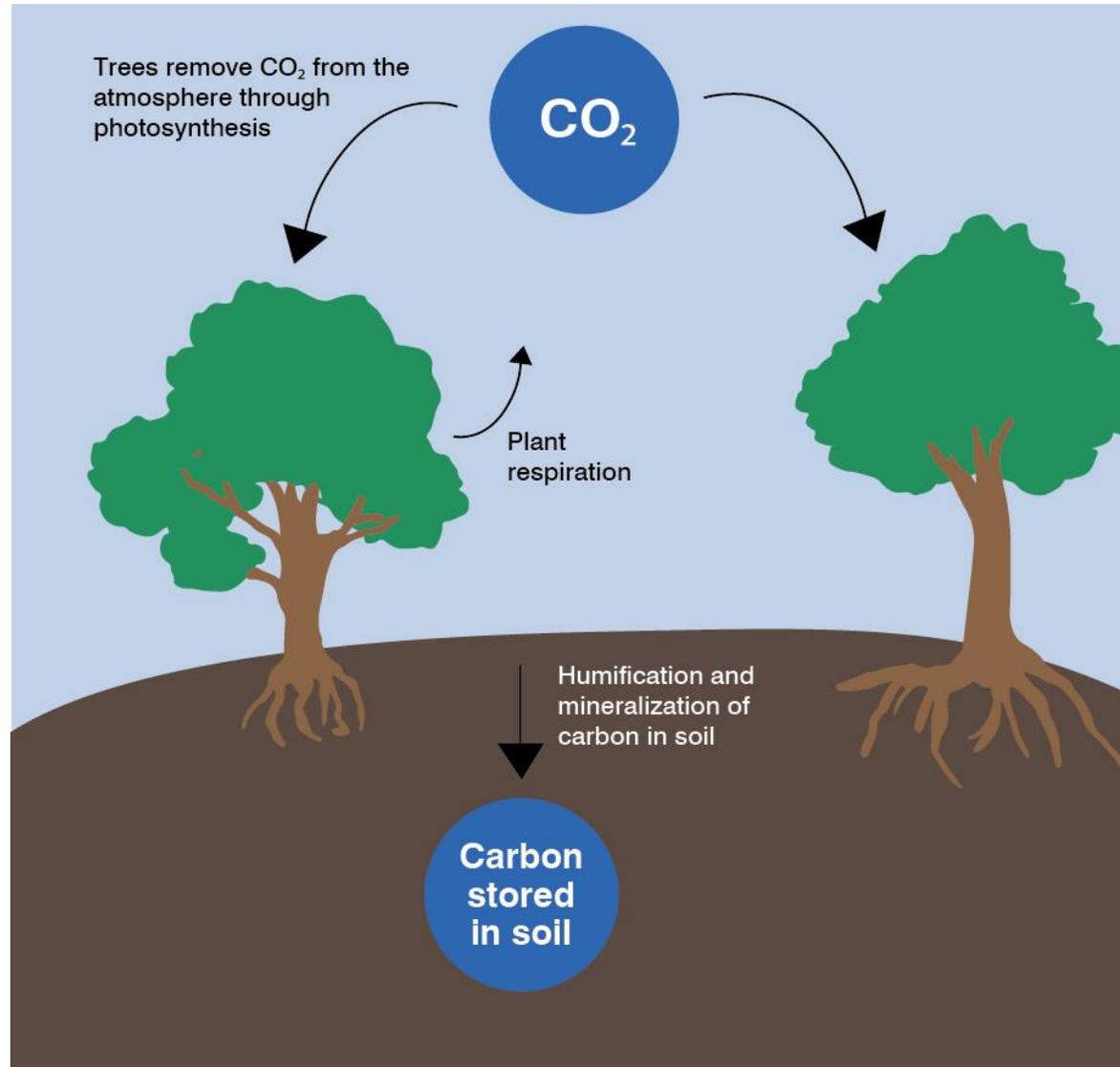
01 –What is Carbon Sequestration?



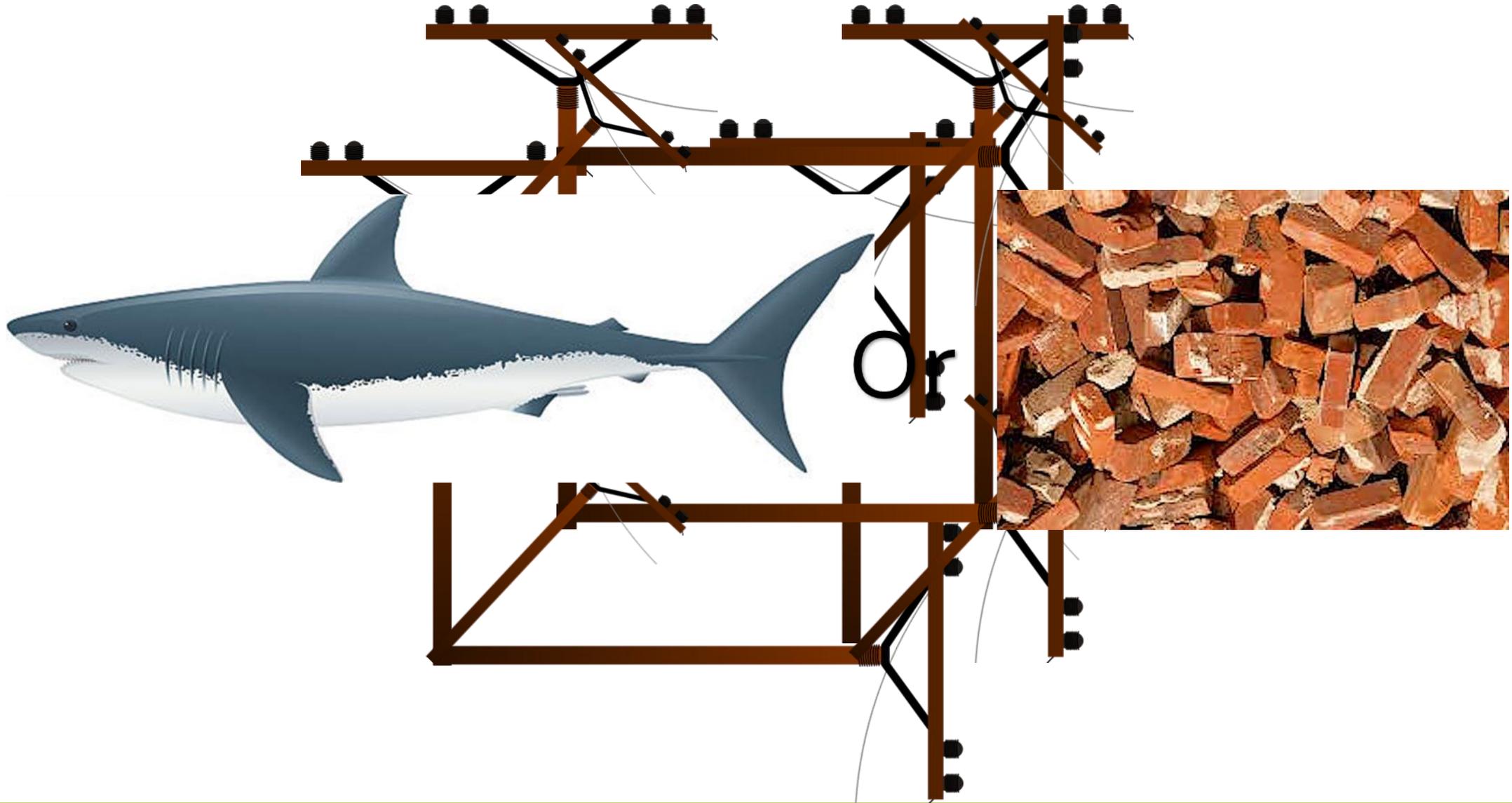
What is carbon sequestration?

Carbon dioxide is the most commonly produced greenhouse gas. Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide. It is one method of reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere with the goal of reducing global climate change. The USGS is conducting assessments on two major types of carbon sequestration: [geologic](#) and [biologic](#).

All Plants Sequester Carbon!



How much is a Metric Ton of CO₂?

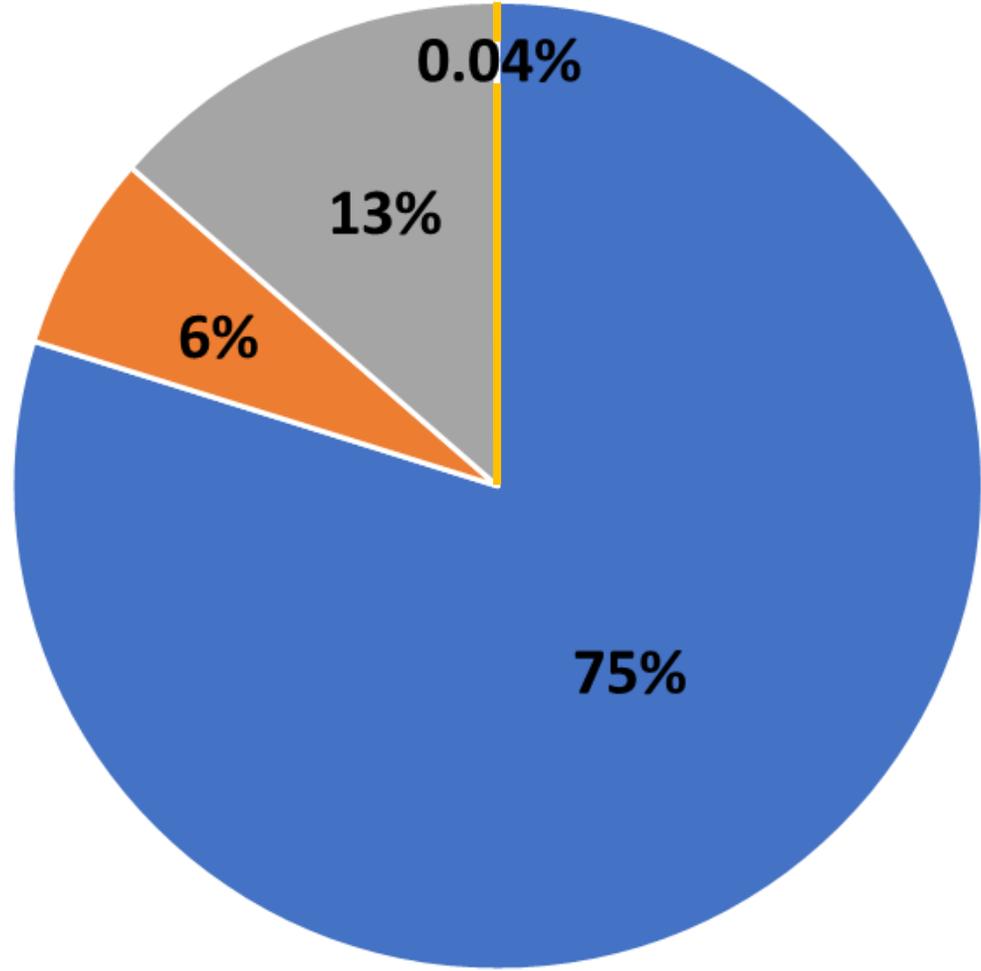


01 – Why does CO₂ Sequestration matter?



01 – Why CO₂ Sequestration?

Cover Types of The PPD



■ Forest ■ Grasland/Shurbland ■ Turf ■ Wetlands

02 - Methods

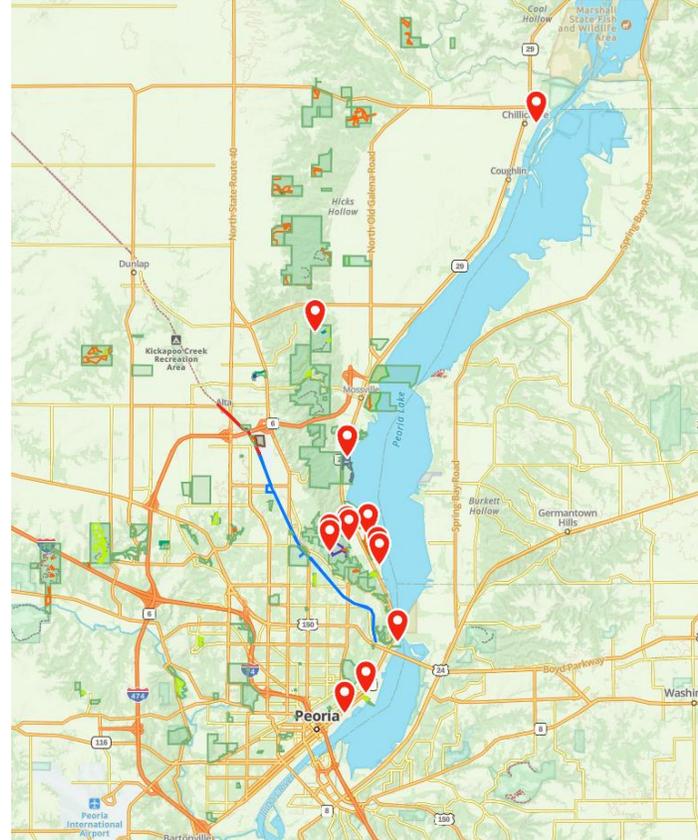


02 – Methods

1. Determined the total acreage of forest, grassland/shrubland, wetland, and turf.

Parcel	Park	SF impervious	SF turf	SF forest	total SF of parcel	CROPLA NO?	SF CROP	Percent impervious	SF direct discharge	City infrastructure used
1314384012	Charter Oak-south	0	0	433,422	433,422			0.00%	636,847	none, County/Charter Oak Rd
1314710011	Charter Oak-south	0	1,843	371,665	373,498			0.00%	0	none, County/Charter Oak Rd
131476015	Charter Oak-south	0	1,200	103,780	104,980			0.00%	0	none, County/Charter Oak Rd
1314351001	Charter Oak-south	0	22,480	52,008	74,488			0.00%	558,875	none, County/Charter Oak Rd
131454018	Charter Oak-Park-Koerner	3,751	0	365,552	373,309			1.01%	373,309	none, County/Charter Oak Rd
		68,710	273,568	4,746,644	5,094,322				0	OrangePrairieRoadSS
1314378011	Charter Oak-tennis court	7,787	156,638	0	203,425			3.83%	0	OrangePrairieRoadSS
1407304021	Chartwell Park	1,487	7,226	0	8,712			17.07%	0	culvert under ParkwoodDr
1407353006	Chartwell Park	5,239	238,636	495,297	745,232			2.03%	0	culvert under ParkwoodDr
1407353003	Chartwell Park	12,829	143,831	157,407	314,067			4.08%	0	culvert under ParkwoodDr
1407356005	Chartwell Park	1,729	7,108	1,182	10,019			17.26%	0	culvert under ParkwoodDr
1433173008	Columbia Park	1,712	34,878	0	36,530			4.68%	0	culvert under McClure
1315126041	Creighton Woods	227	70,377	286,588	357,192			0.06%	0	culvert under Charter Oak Rd
1315253020	Creighton Woods	0	4,881	917,988	924,869			0.00%	0	culvert under Charter Oak Rd
1404200007	Detweiler	123,437	171,490	1,900,437	2,195,424			5.62%	0	culvert under McClure
1404400002	Detweiler	0	9,506	11,699,858	11,709,364			0.00%	0	culvert under McClure
1404400003	Detweiler	0	0	1,111,276	1,111,276			0.00%	0	culvert under McClure
1404200006	Detweiler road	0	0	351,786	351,786			0.00%	0	culvert under McClure
1403000003	Detweiler east	279,377	5,352,320	4,935,451	11,866,348			2.51%	27,136,138	none, State of Illinois n 23
1416328001	Donovan	175	261	0	436			40.17%	0	County-Sherdan Rd, culvert under Sheridan/Glen
1416376003	Donovan	138,037	5,000,404	750,000	5,888,441			2.34%	0	County-Sherdan Rd, culvert under Sheridan/Glen
		510,654	750,000	5,888,441	6,149,095					
1409405010	Forest Park	0	0	228,254	228,254			0.00%	0	none, State of Illinois n 23
1409476013	Forest Park	0	968,376	968,376	968,376			0.00%	0	none, State of Illinois n 23
1409453015	Forest Park	853	0	448,251	449,104			0.19%	1,665,734	none, State of Illinois n 23
1409471013	Forest Park	0	49,619	49,619	49,619			0.00%	0	none, State of Illinois n 23
1409479011	Forest Park	0	30,163	30,163	30,163			0.00%	0	none, State of Illinois n 23
1409473008	Forest Park	0	100,624	100,624	100,624			0.00%	237,402	none, State of Illinois n 23
1409476012	Forest Park	0	62,291	62,291	62,291			0.00%	62,291	none, State of Illinois n 23
1409471016	Forest Park skyline	0	338,461	338,461	338,461			0.00%	0	none, State of Illinois n 23
1410351001	Forest Park skyline	0	358,439	358,439	358,439			0.00%	636,360	none, State of Illinois n 23
1410352024	Forest Park skyline	0	524,462	524,462	524,462			0.00%	524,462	none, State of Illinois n 23
1416251025	Forest Park	0	321,037	321,037	321,037			0.00%	321,037	none, State of Illinois n 23
1416121013	Forest Park	1,076	638,394	700,039	700,039			0.15%	700,039	none, State of Illinois n 23
1416200010	Forest Park riverfront	26,719	0	679,824	706,543	CROPLAN	434,025	3.78%	706,543	none, Illinois River
1414100011	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	37,026	37,026			0.00%	37,026	none, Illinois River
1414100002	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	40,075	40,075			0.00%	40,075	none, Illinois River
1414100003	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	1,004,929	1,004,929			0.00%	1,004,929	none, Illinois River
1414100004	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	501,376	501,376			0.00%	501,376	none, Illinois River
1414100008	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	218,236	218,236			0.00%	218,236	none, Illinois River
1414100005	Forest Park Krauss	3,464	0	307,119	310,583			1.12%	310,583	none, Illinois River
1414100110	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	631,560	631,560			0.00%	631,560	none, Illinois River
1414301011	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	723,532	723,532	CROPLAN	226,004	0.00%	723,532	none, Illinois River
1414301012	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	325,683	347,603			0.00%	347,603	none, Illinois River
1414301014	Forest Park riverfront	0	28,207	675,227	703,434			0.00%	703,434	none, Illinois River
1414760005	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	136,343	136,343			0.00%	136,343	none, Illinois River
1414760006	Forest Park riverfront	1,217	0	27,533	28,750			4.23%	28,750	none, Illinois River
1414200011	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	272,693	534,158	CROPLAN	321,265	0.00%	534,158	none, Illinois River
1414210011	Forest Park riverfront	2,359	0	131,370	133,729	CROPLAN	60,197	1.76%	133,729	none, Illinois River
1414760104	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	636,352	636,352			0.00%	636,352	none, Illinois River
1414760105	Forest Park riverfront	0	0	66,648	66,648			0.00%	66,648	none, Illinois River

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Existing Data (Mike Friberg)

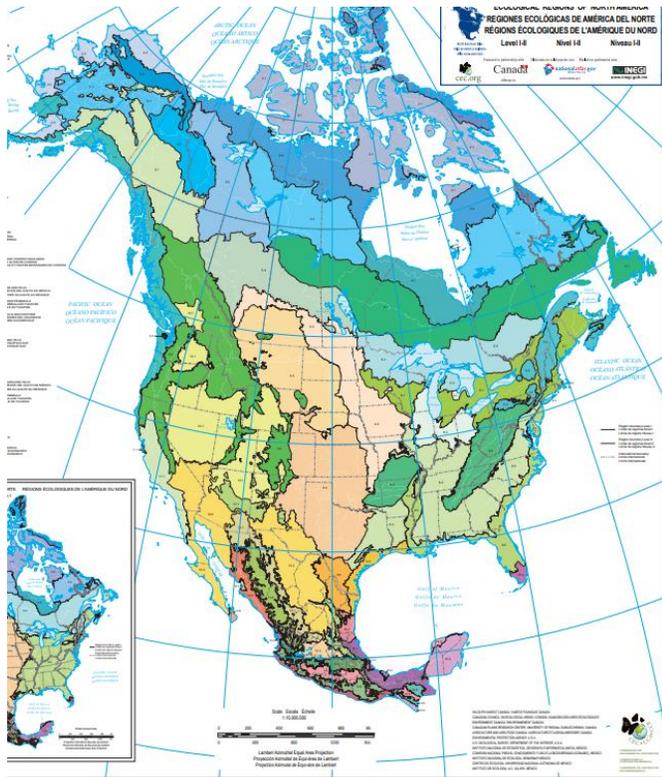
- Turf
- Forest

New Data (Gaia GIS/GPS System)

02 - Methods

2. Determined the Type II Ecoregion of Peoria, IL.

3. Determined the relevant net ecosystem carbon balances (NECBs) rate for said Type II Ecoregion.



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Forest



Grassland/
Shrubland



Wetland



Turf

Peoria, IL -
Southeastern USA Plains

02 - Methods

4. Then multiply the total acres of each cover type by their corresponding carbon sequestration rates.

$$\textit{net ecosystem balance rate} \times \textit{area} = \textit{volume of carbon}$$

(Results Reported in MtC /Yr./Acre)

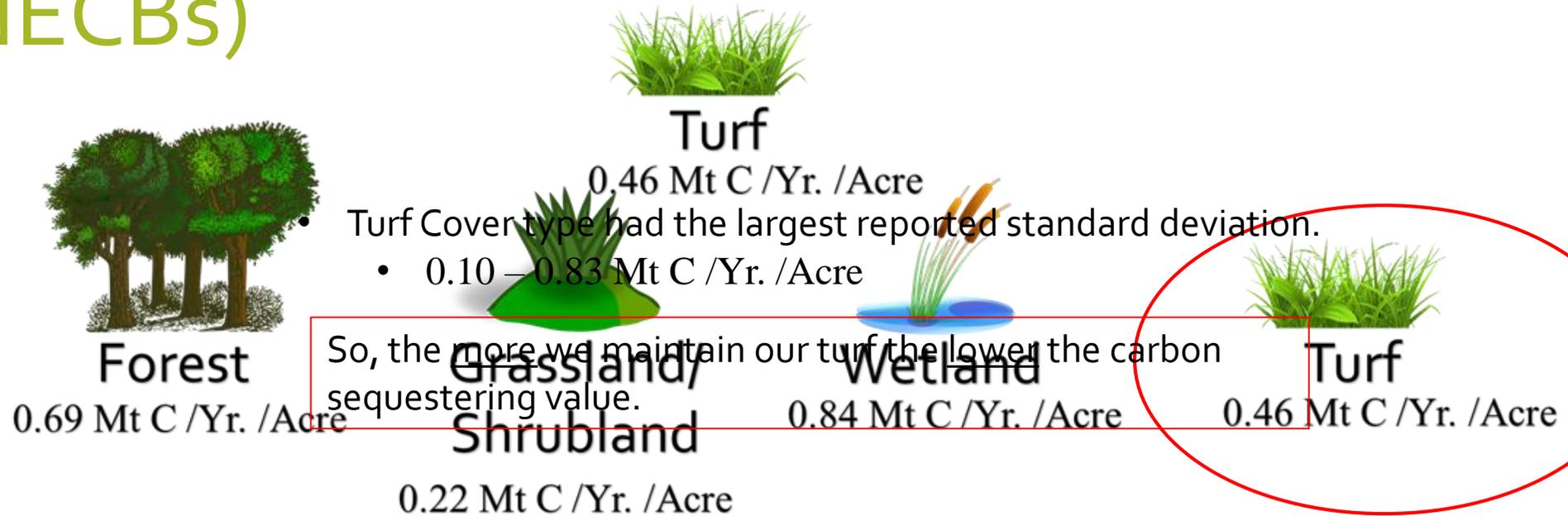
5. Then we summed the four cover types to get the grand total of carbon sequestered.

6. Multiply this volume by the social damage cost per ton of carbon to compute the economic value of the storage service.

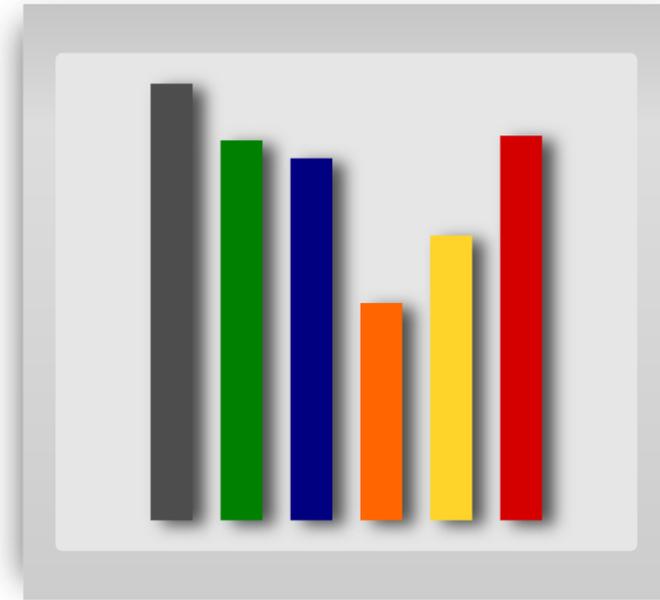
	Social Cost of Carbon		SCC Value (\$/Mt C)	
Grand Total	X	\$40.45 /Mt C	=	Total PPD SCC

The Social Cost of Carbon – is the dollar value of the damage done by each ton of carbon dioxide (CO₂) that is put into the atmosphere. It is considered one of the most important concepts in climate change economics and many regulations have been written using this value.

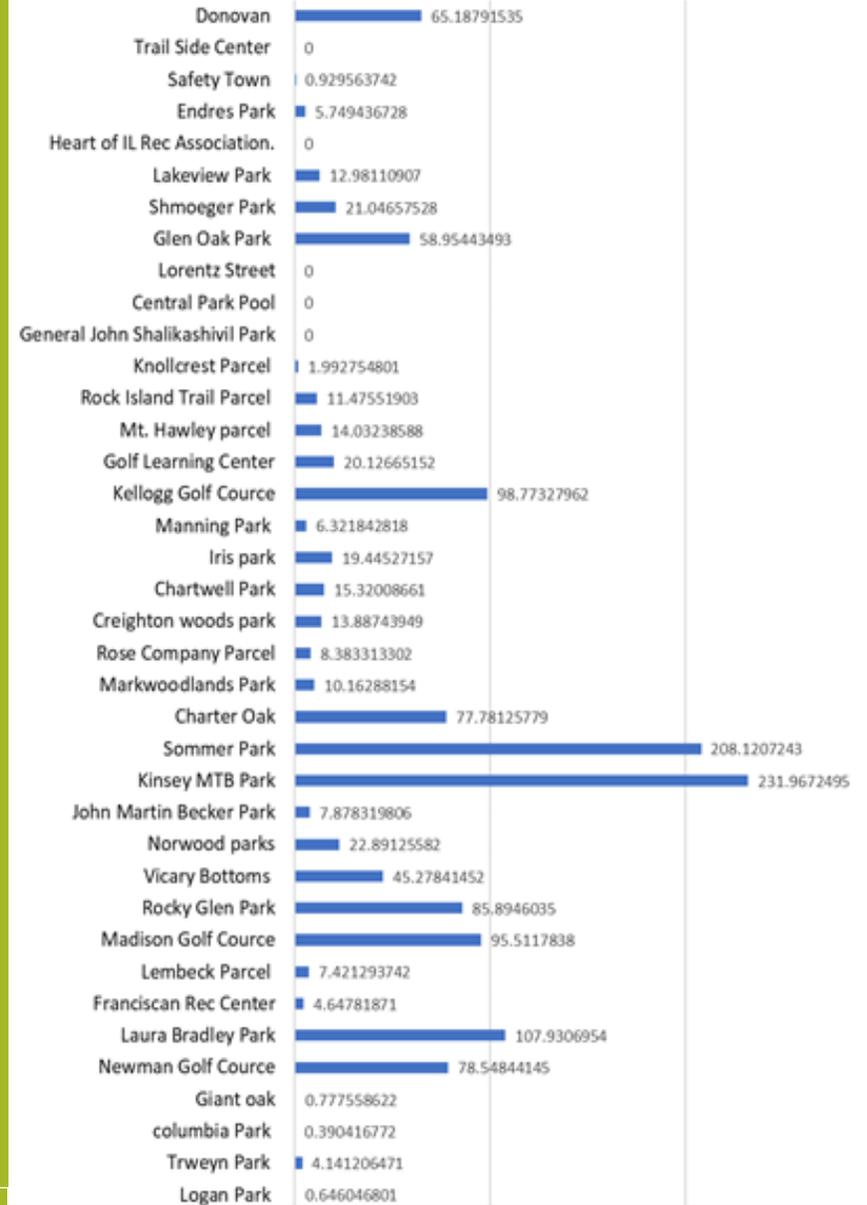
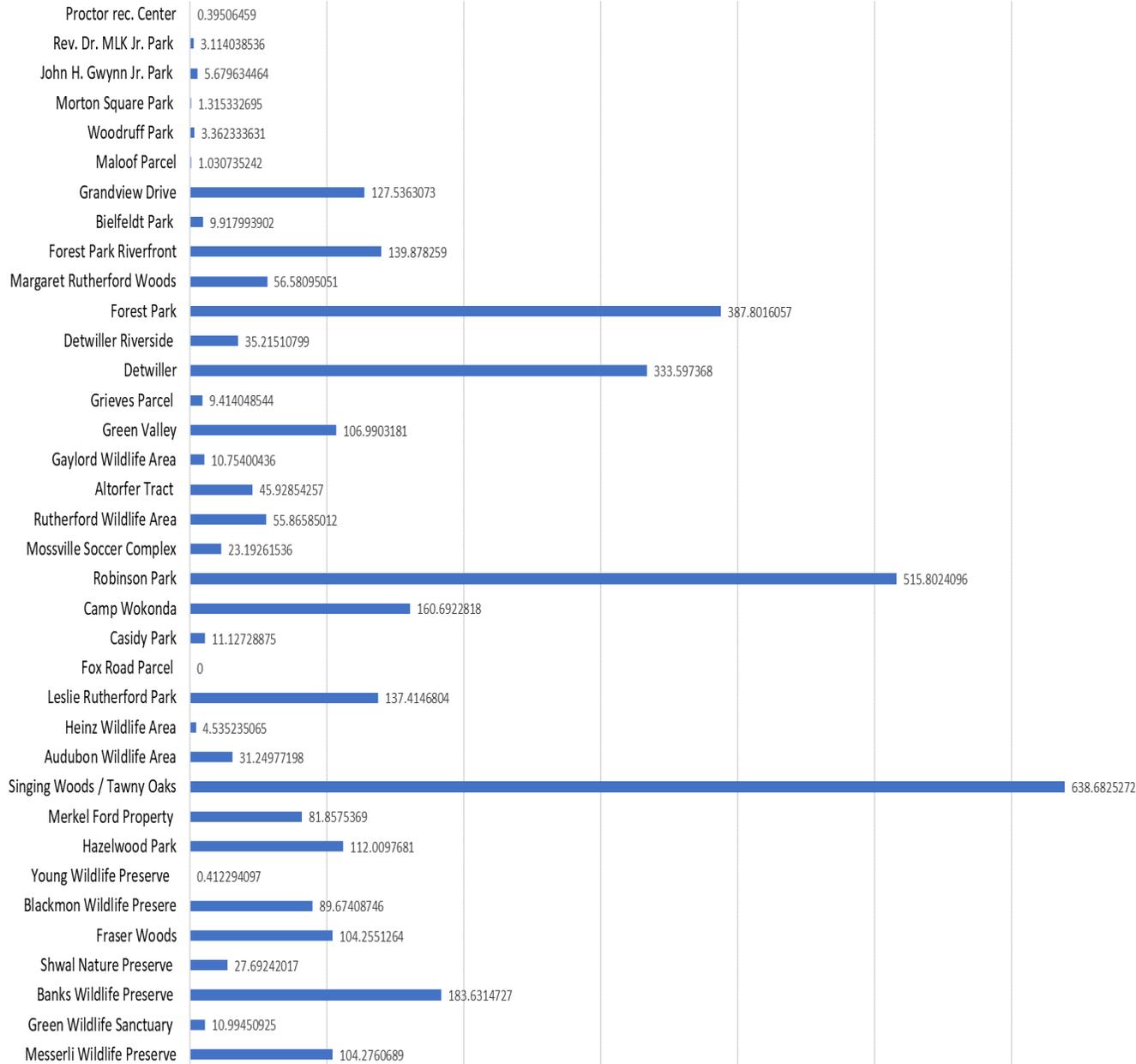
Carbon Sequestration Rates Explained (NECBs)



03 – End Results



Total CO2 Seq. (MtC/Yr./Ac)



The Big 5



1

Signing Woods/Tawny Oaks



2

Robinson Park



3

Forest Park



4

Detweiller



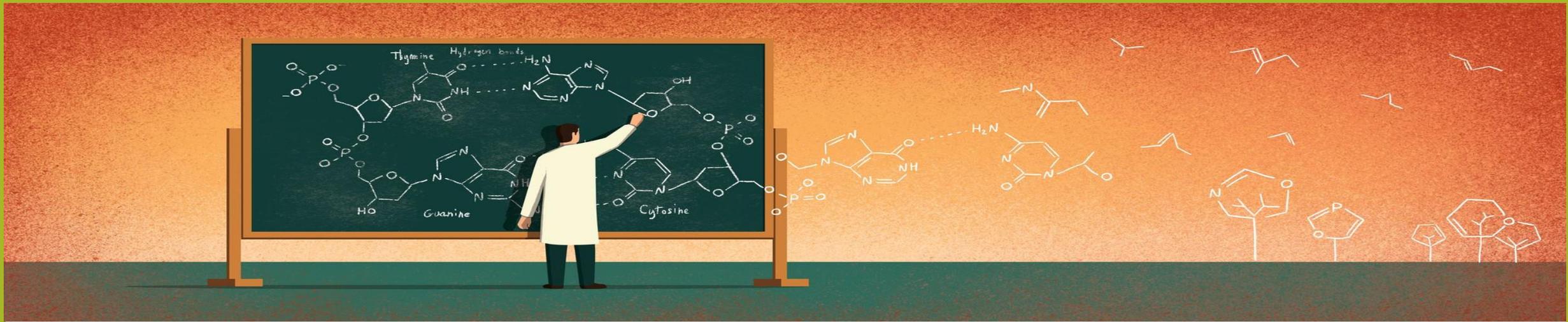
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Kinsey Park





The Big Picture



Putting our Results into Perspective

1 Gallon of Gas Consumed $\approx 8.887 \times 10^{-3}$ Metric Tons of CO₂

PPD Sequesters $\approx 4,936.48$ Metric Tons of CO₂

PPD Saves about 555,471.5 gallons of gasoline emissions from remaining in the atmosphere per year

Moving Forward

- Presenting this to the general public in a more digestible format.
 - Program/Talk/Website
- Tie in positive effects on local wildlife, citizen health, climate health, etc.
- Identify areas to focus and improve on in regards to:
 - Specific land cover?
 - Specific Park(s)?



“When written in Chinese, the word ‘Crisis’ is composed of two characters.

One represents Danger and the other Represents Opportunity.”

- John F. Kennedy

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DATE: 1/26/23

TO: Emily Cahill

FROM: Becky Fredrickson
Superintendent of Planning

SUBJECT: Implementation Guiding Policy –
Process for Park Development & Changes

Background:

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Recommendation:

Staff puts forth for review and comment the attached Implementation Guiding Policy – Process for Park Development & Changes.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDING POLICY: Process for Park Development & Changes to support the Park District's Commitment to Environmental Sustainability Policy, Category #1 – Protection of the Biosphere

The Peoria Park District has developed a park classification document providing guidelines for primary functions of each park along with relative standards for types of amenities and physical elements found within certain park classifications. (Attachment A)

To insure that potential new development on park land will not significantly vary from the park classification guidelines; and that proposed development or changes to parks will have minimal negative impacts to park natural lands, green spaces, and restored green spaces; and that proposed development or changes to parks will support Park District's Commitment to Environmental Sustainability, staff has laid out a process for potential development and changes on park land with numerous steps of data collection and analysis along with several opportunities for public input and the Park Board's action.

GUIDING POLICY PROCESS:

1. Verbal communication by staff with interested entity on proposed development or changes to a park
2. If warranted, verbal communication by staff with Board President and District specific trustees or with full Board during strategy session
3. If it is an external request, then staff will provide entity with the Partnership Process Requirement sheet to help guide them through the process on data collection and analysis (Attachment B)
4. From interested entity, staff will get a written letter of interest stating the following:
 - General scope or idea of program and proposed location
 - Impact to park, surrounding area, neighborhood, parking, egress...
 - Impact to existing PPD programs/operations either in the park or in general
 - Environmental impacts and mitigations
 - Does it fill a need in the community?
 - What is the financial impact to the Park District (cost versus revenue)?
 - Potential liabilities/risk management issues
 - Duration of program/partnership
 - Business Plan (enough detail to show viability of program/partnership)
 - Long term maintenance? Who is responsible? Endowment/Security Deposit? Removal of improvements after partnership ends?
5. Staff will review data provided along with potential positive and negative impacts/relevance to PPD mission
6. If physical improvements/changes are proposed, staff will complete an Environmental Assessment Statement (Attachment C) and a Comprehensive Impact Analysis Form (Attachment D)
7. Staff will take summary of project and data to the Planning Committee for trustee discussion
8. Planning Committee will provide a recommendation to the full board for discussion and next steps
9. If warranted by size, scope, or Board request, public meetings will be scheduled for public input
10. Park Board will take action either approving or not approving the proposed development or changes to the park
11. If approved, staff will negotiate any necessary legal documents for Board consideration and approval to include lease or operating agreements
12. Where applicable, staff will serve as Owner's Representative during construction to ensure project meets approved objectives

Internally Initiated Opportunities:

1. Staff maintains and updates an inventory of all spaces and places in the District, including capital needs which are publicly documented in a five-year capital improvement plan
2. When funding is made available through grant process or donor designation, staff will work with the Board to review opportunities based upon donor/grant intent, need, opportunity to move key District initiatives forward faster than allowed through the annual bond issue process, and impact on overall financial health of the organization
3. If warranted by size, scope, or Board request, public input will be sought prior to final design and bid document execution
4. For internal projects, staff will then initiate final design and bidding documents. Project will proceed with normal Board approvals on proposed design, construction, or materials contracts per policy.

Park Classifications

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The mission of the Peoria Park District is to contribute to healthy and vibrant communities by responsibly using our resources to offer high quality parks, recreation, and education experiences to those who live, work, or play in our District.

In order to ensure the highest quality of service and experience, there is an inherent need to maintain consistency across spaces and places so that we can embody our organization's commitment to equity, inclusion, and environmental sustainability, through resource allocation, while also meeting expectations of our community for what should be in a park district-managed space or place.

The National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines provide definitions for park classifications, but acknowledges that each community is unique in terms of geographical, cultural and socioeconomic make-up. As such each park district should develop its own standards for recreation, parks and open space, with the NRPA definitions as a guide. With its mission and the NRPA guidance as parameters, the Peoria Park District has worked to develop eight different classifications across our vast inventory.

Because of the variety of audiences that each of our parks serve, every park in our system serves multiple functions. For the purposes of this tool, classifications have been made based on a park's primary function and its intended service area. Parks may, over time, shift their primary classification based on the changing needs of the community. With this in mind, park classifications will be reviewed at least every 3 years.

Please note that the Peoria Park District also serves the role of Forest Preserve or Conservation District in Peoria County. In Illinois, Forest Preserve Districts are county-wide agencies that live along side park districts in the municipal realm. Peoria County has no such agency, so the Peoria Park District fills that role, which adds the need for conservation and scenic classifications to the inventory.

PARK TYPES

- **Conservation Space**
- **Golf Course**
- **Neighborhood Park**
- **Recreation Center**
- **Regional Park**
- **Scenic Park**
- **Special Use Property/Park**
- **Urban Plaza**

Conservation Space: A conservation park is a large tract of land which is preserved in its natural state either in perpetuity, or until its development is authorized by the Park Board. Its purpose is to preserve an area from encroachment by residential, commercial, industrial, or other development which would result in adverse environmental impact. This type of park should contain enough land to protect environmentally sensitive areas. For this reason, most new conservation parks will necessarily be located in fringe areas or outside current Park District boundaries.

Within conservation parks, specific areas may be set aside and designated through a formal process as Illinois Nature Preserves.

Golf Course: A golf course is a park used exclusively for the playing of golf. Other temporary uses may be approved by the park board (e.g. running events), but in general public use other than golf is forbidden.

Neighborhood Park: A neighborhood park is pedestrian-oriented, located within walking distance of area homes. They are small, with limited facilities designed to serve local recreational needs. For this reason, parking or automobile-centric facilities are limited. Improvements that may attract large numbers of people are discouraged. Neighborhood “ownership” of these parks is critical to prevention of crime and vandalism.

Standard elements within neighborhood parks may include: playgrounds, swings, shelters, walking paths, basketball courts, pick-up baseball/softball fields, pick-up soccer fields, tennis/pickleball courts, grills, and picnic tables.

Recreation Center: A recreation center is a building for hosting in-door activities, either for specific programs, sports, or “drop-in” recreation. These facilities are staffed during open hours. Recreation Centers can be regional draws or locally community focused.

Regional Park: A regional park provides a pleasant environment for a large number of people who wish to participate in diversified recreational activities. These parks should be able to accommodate multiple interests at the same time, during peak hours. Ideally, these parks should accommodate both active and passive recreation. These parks must be accessible to all District residents, therefore transit, automobile, and alternative transportation must be accommodated. These parks should be able to accommodate users over many hours, thus restrooms and water fountains are essential. Services should be sized to accommodate large numbers of users.

Standard elements within regional parks may include: shelters, restrooms, drinking fountains, adequate parking, playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis/pickleball courts, baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, grills, and picnic tables.

Scenic Park: A scenic park is a park that has a primary purpose of providing scenic views. Facilities may be involved in making the scenic views accessible to users, such as roadways, trails, or walkways. Scenic views are often located in geographically difficult areas, such as bluffs, so erosion and vegetation control is critical to maintaining these parks.

Special Use Property/Park: A special use facility contains types of developments of District-wide interest. These facilities often cater to single, specific uses, and are accessed by automobile or by transit.

A special use park may also be one defined as open land. This type of park would have few or no built amenities, but provide natural areas or open space that can be utilized for passive recreation. These parks may have trails, picnic tables and benches, but are dominated by open areas for the enjoyment of nature, fishing, or other similar activities.

Urban Plaza: An urban plaza is a small park within a built-up area of the city. Urban plazas are a temporary refuge from urban bustle, but may not actually have any of the traditional park amenities beyond seating. These parks are accessed only by foot or bicycle, and no accommodation is made for automobile parking. These parks are at a much smaller scale and level of detail than other parks. Their use should be limited due to the difficulties of maintenance and high cost per square foot of urban real estate.

APPENDIX

Parks by Classification

CONSERVATION PARKS	NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	SPECIAL USE PROPERTY/PARKS
Altorfer	Becker	Bicycle Safety Town
Audobon Wildlife	Bielfeldt	Camp Wokanda
Banks Wildlife	Charter oak	Donovan
Blackmon Wildlife	Chartwell	Galena Marina
Detweiller Riverside	Columbia	Tawny Oaks Visitor Center & House
Forest Park Riverfront	Creighton Woods	Forest Park Nature Center Visitor Center
Forest Park Nature Center	Endres	Lorentz St.
Fraser Woods	Franciscan Rec	Mossville Soccer
Gaylord Wildlife	Giant Oak	Vicary Bottoms
Green Valley	Iris	Central Park Pool
Green Wildlife	Logan	Rock Island Greenway
Grieves	Manning	Rolling River Playground
Heinz Wildlife	Markwoodlands	Sommer Farm
Knollcrest	Martin Luther King	Kinsey Park
Lembeck/Southport	Morton Square	Woodruff Park
Leslie Rutherford	Proctor Rec	Peoria PlayHouse (within GO)
Maloof gift	Schmoeger	Peoria Zoo (within GO)
Margaret Rutherford Woods	Sommer North	Luthy Gardens (within GO)
Messerli	Northtrail	Woodford Farm
Mt. Hawley	Norwood Parks	Betty Ford Farm
Robert Rutherford		Hazelwood Farm
Robinson		Fox/Rt. 91 Farm
Rocky Glen		
Rose Co. parcel		
Shawl Nature Preserve	RECREATION CENTERS	GOLF COURSES
Singing Woods	Franciscan Rec Center	Golf Learning Center
Young Wildlife	Heart of Illinois Special Rec	Kellogg
Young, A. Wildlife	Lakeview Rec Center	Madison
	Logan Rec Center	Newman
	Noble Center	
	Owens Rec Center	
REGIONAL PARKS	Proctor Rec Center	
Bradley	RiverPlex Rec & Wellness Center	
Detweiller		
Glen Oak		
Grand View Drive (also scenic)	SCENIC PARKS	
Gwynn	Grand View Drive	
Lakeview		
Stadium Park		
Trewyn	URBAN PLAZA PARKS	
	Gen. Shalikashvili	

**Potential Public/Private Partnerships
with the
Peoria Park District
General Process /Requirements**

1. Staff meet with interested parties and discuss ideas / walk-thru of site
2. From interested party, get written letter of interest stating the following:
 - General scope or idea of program and proposed location
 - Impact to park, surrounding area, neighborhood, parking, egress...
 - Impact to existing PPD programs/operations either in the park or in general
 - Environmental Impacts and mitigations
 - Does it fill a need in the community?
 - What is the financial impact to the Park District (cost versus revenue)?
 - Potential liabilities/risk management issues
 - Duration of program/partnership
 - Business Plan (enough detail to show viability of program/partnership)
 - Long term maintenance? Who is responsible? Endowment/Security Deposit?
Removal of improvements after partnership ends?
3. Staff to review program/partnership and potential positive and negative impacts/relevance to PPD mission
4. Staff will take it to the Planning Committee or to Strategy Session for trustee discussion

Other requirements when partnering with Park District:

- Specified insurance coverage
- If construction occurs, prevailing wages must be paid to workers
- There will be additional paperwork/forms to be completed if considered a vendor of the Peoria Park District
- Zoning concerns

Comprehensive Impact Analysis

PURPOSE: This form will be completed by staff for the use of the Board of Trustees in the decision-making process concerning proposed developments or changes to parks. This form will help provide an impact analysis of key areas for the District.

Project Name: _____

Proposed Location/Park: _____

Date: _____

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility Impact:

Environmental/Conservation Impact:

Financial Impact:

Health/Wellness/Vibrancy Impact:



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MEMO

DATE: January 18, 2023

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Becky Fredrickson, Superintendent of Planning

SUBJECT: Memorial Tree & Rock

Background

Staff received a request from Lisa Heck in 2022 to place a memorial tree on Tee Box #2 at Madison in honor of Les and Wilma Sutton. Madison Golf Course was their favorite golf course.

Originally, staff understood the Sutton's memorial plaque would be added to the "Donor Board" located in the Madison Golf Course pro-shop. After the tree was planted by District staff, it was discovered that Ms. Heck's wishes were for a memorial plaque to be installed near the base of the tree on the golf course, which requires Planning Committee and Park Board approval. Staff has been working with Ms. Heck on the style of memorial plaque to be installed near the Sutton's memorial tree.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this request although it did not follow normal approval procedures. The planting of the tree was covered by a donation.



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- Tower Park
- Wiley Park
- Lions Park
- Columbus Park
- Poplar Lane Park

Below are Park staff's observations and recommendations.

Tower Park:

Peoria Heights is in the process of replacing existing equipment with new accessible equipment with the help of the fund-raising efforts of St. Thomas school.

Lions Park:

This park has a playground and shelter and is adjacent to the bike trail.

This park was fairly recently updated with new playground equipment and engineered wood fiber for accessibility reasons. However, there are no direct paved accessible paths linking the

asphalt path through the park to the shelter or to the playground. Therefore, people with accessibility issues cannot get to the playground or to the shade structure.

Park staff would recommend installing two accessible paths from the asphalt path, one to the playground and one to the shelter.

Columbus Park:

This park is on a corner lot with a newer playground and engineered wood fiber and an older bench.

Park staff would recommend treating the engineered wood fiber for weeds and unwanted grass, ask the playground manufacturing rep for a site audit to make sure that the fall zones and slide exit areas are adequate, then add additional engineer wood fiber. Staff would also recommend doing a fund raiser or offer a memorial opportunity to obtain a new bench and make it accessible to either the sidewalk or the playground with a short sidewalk or path.

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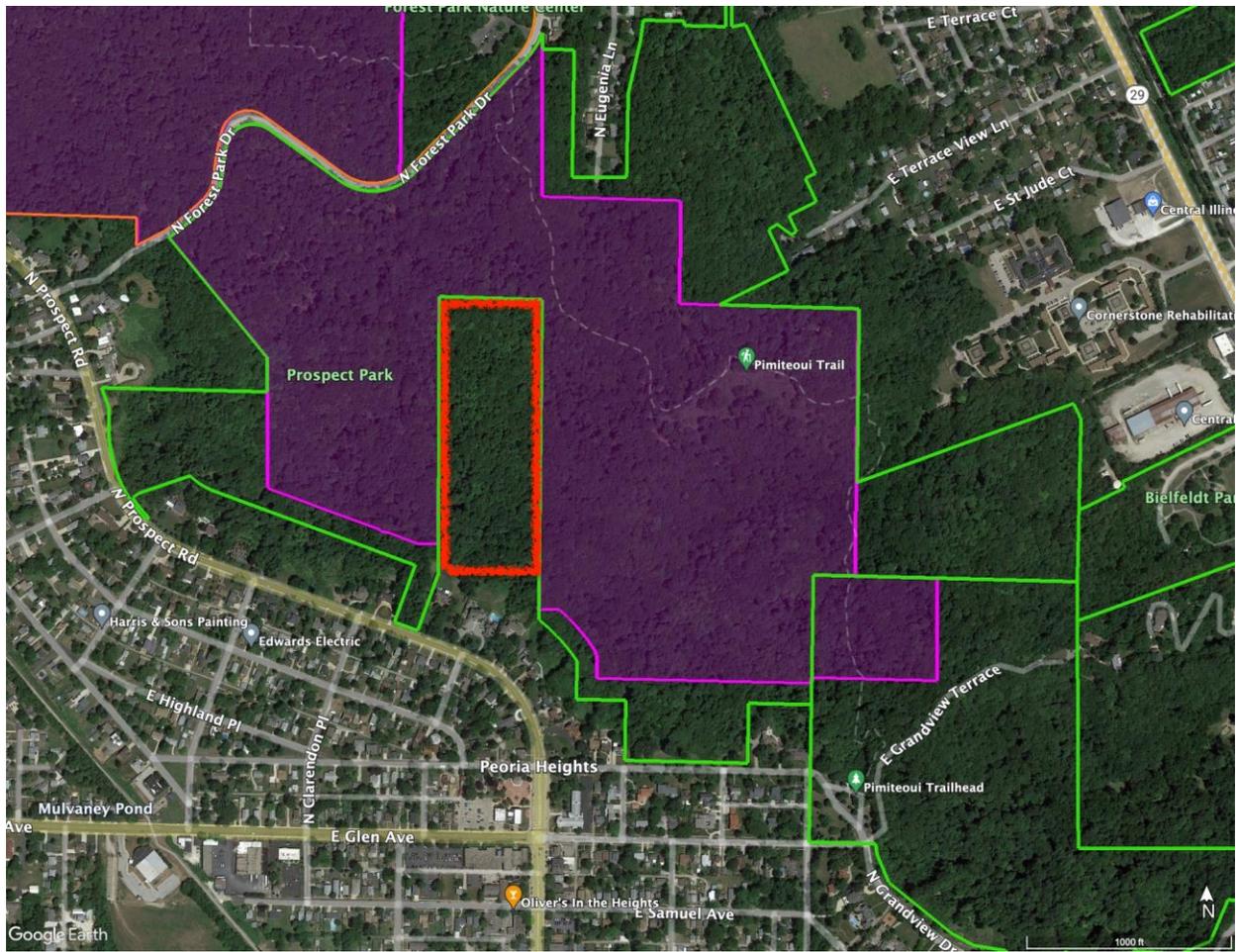
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Staff would recommend complete removal and replacement of the elements in this park for safety and accessibility reasons.

Poplar Lane Park:

This park was installed using an IDNR grant in 2004. It is in the floodplain and due to flooding of the river, the original engineered wood fiber surfacing has been removed and sand with a significant amount of grass and weeds is now the surfacing for the playground. Brandon mentioned the idea of moving the playground west toward the basketball court to try to keep it from flooding, but the estimated \$40,000 to move it was not in the budget.

Staff would recommend doing a fund raiser in 2023, then in 2024 when the IDNR requirements expire, get a cost to relocate the playground equipment to Wiley Park and put a poured in place rubber surfacing under it. The probable cost would be around \$120,000.





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