

Parks Master Planning Process

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Committee Charge

Develop a City-wide Parks Strategy prioritizing facility improvements, reconciling competing uses, protecting historic aspects, and providing general design guidelines for new features.

Our Parks

PARK	ACRES
Denison	32.00
Stewart	12.50
McKinney	7.80
Houghton	1.90
Canfield	3.10
Hillvue & William	29.13
Walker	0.19

Other Areas

- Centerway Square
- Civic Center Plaza
- Greenspace next to JT Auto (Bridge Street)
- Achsinessink Memorial (Houghton Circle)
- Veterans Memorial (Park Avenue)

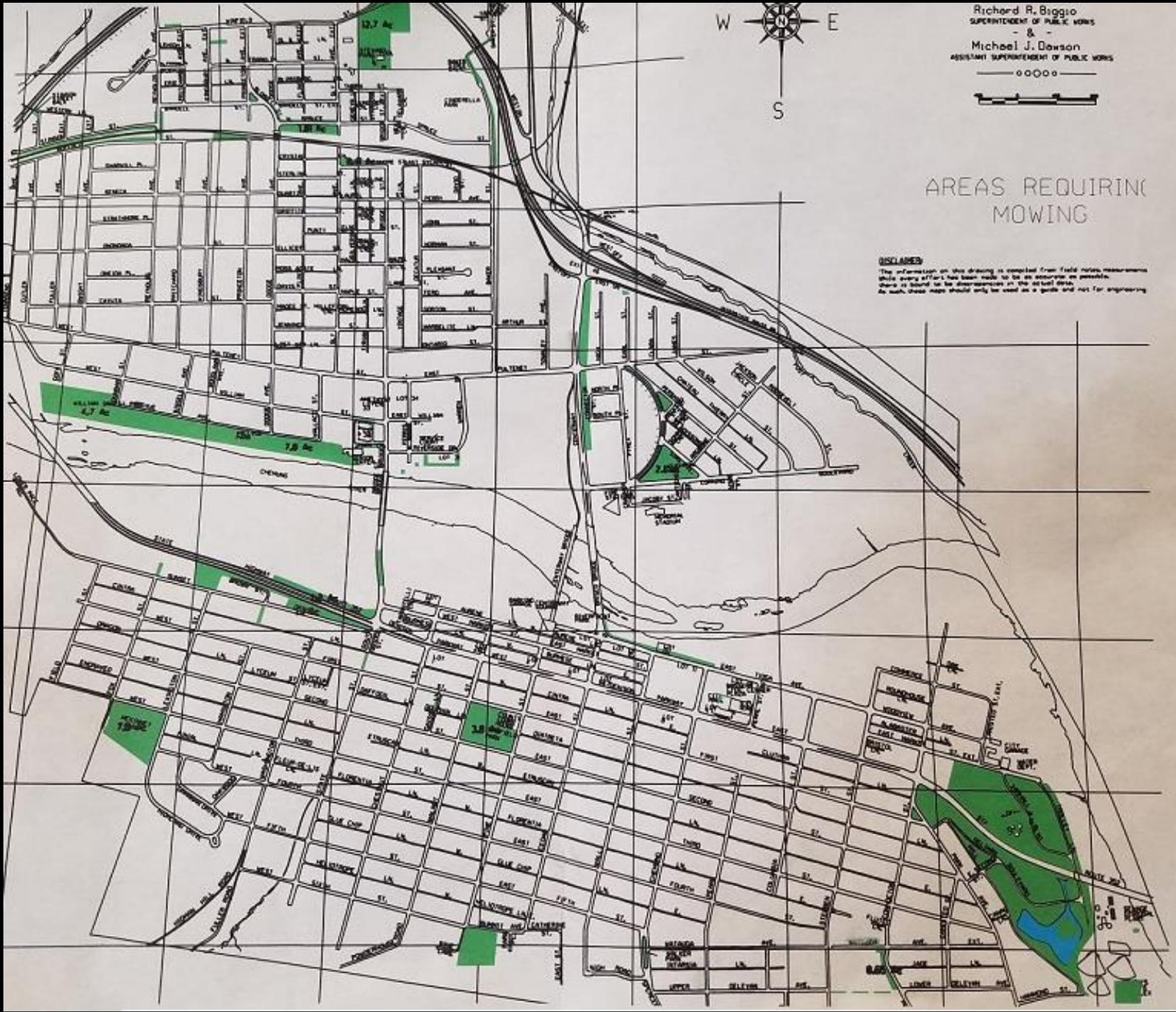


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AREAS REQUIRING MOWING

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The information on this drawing is compiled from field notes, measurements and every effort has been made to be as accurate as possible. There is bound to be discrepancies in the actual field. As such, these maps should only be used as a guide and not for engineering.



Types of Facilities

2 Swimming Pools

1 Ice Rink

9 Pavilions

Gazebo

Pergola

7 Storage Buildings

3 Restroom Facilities

Walking Trail & Paths

Picnic Tables, Benches, Grills

14 Sets of Horseshoe Pits

1 Sand Volleyball Court

6 Tennis Courts

5 Basketball Courts

Disc Golf Course

Fitness Trail

Skate Park

Denison Park Pond

Trees & Landscaping

Playground Equipment

- 8 Composite Climbers
- 10 Other Types of Climbers
- 4 Standalone Slides
- 8 Swing Sets
- 3 Tire Swings
- 1 Spring Animal
- 1 Handicap Accessible Swing Set

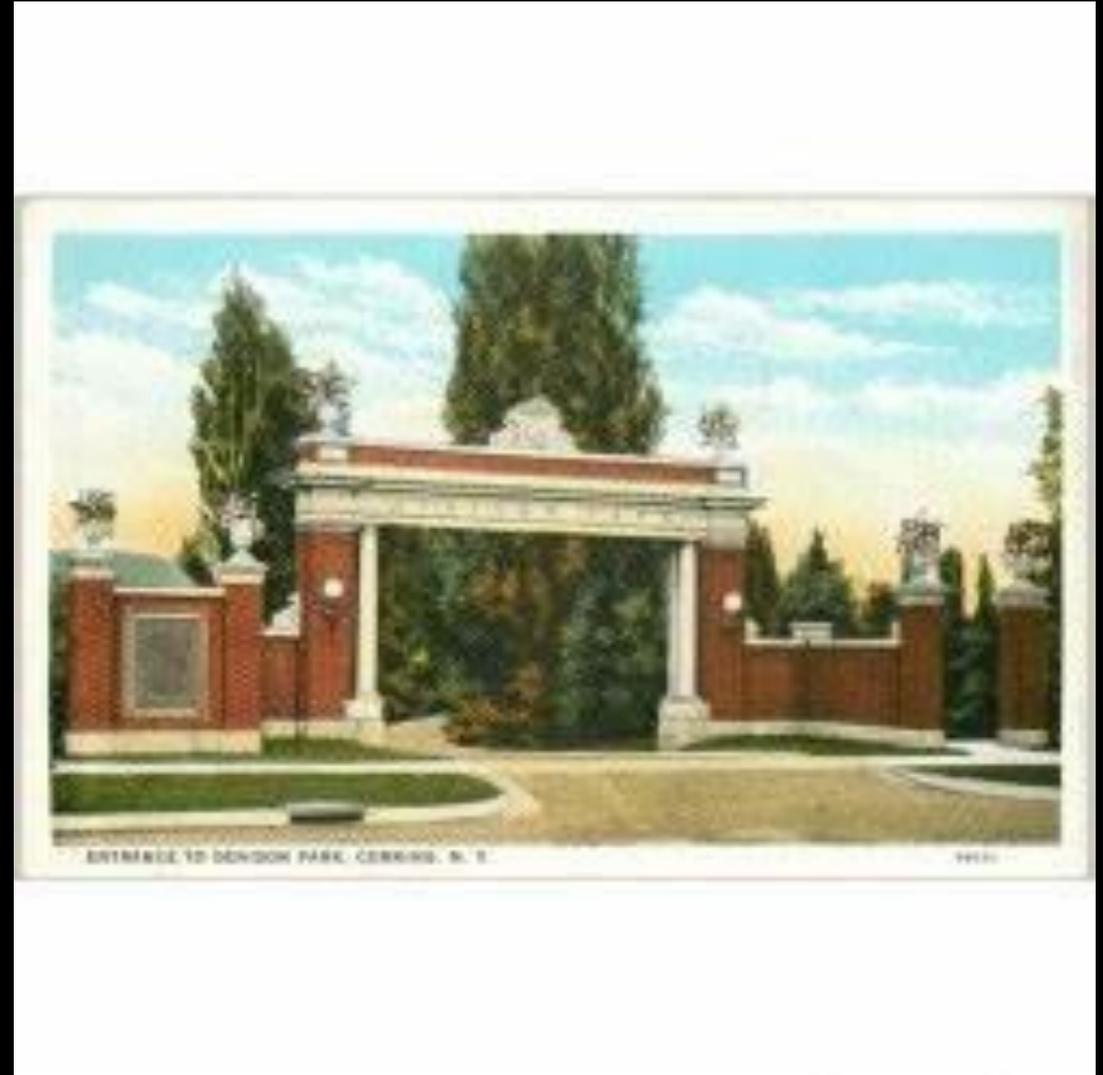
Signage

- Entrance Signage at all Parks
- Playground Rules/Regulations

Historic Assets

Examples of Historic Assets

- Denison Park Arch
- Lighthouse
- Plantings



Issues

- Aging facilities
- Competing uses
- ADA Accessibility
- Requests for new facilities (i.e. dog park, public gardens)
- Soil issues
- Staff to maintain facilities

Things that work well...

- With limited resources, the parks look good
- Lower maintenance items have been purchased in recent years
 - Trees
 - Benches
 - Playground Equipment
 - Garbage Cans
- Regular inspections and maintenance of playground equipment
- Support from the Crystal City Parks Foundation

Things that could improve...

- Continue to implement low maintenance features
- Improve or reduce number of aging facilities
 - Pools
 - Ice Rink
 - Tennis Courts
 - Basketball Courts
 - Horseshoe Pits
 - Volleyball Court
 - Baseball Backstops
 - Building/Restroom Maintenance
 - Playground Equipment
- Long term plan for Denison Pond
- Address Contamination Issues

Ideas which take additional staff commitment...

- With limited staff, we need to be cautious when adding new features which could increase staff workload.
 - Dog Parks
 - Public Gardens
 - Walking Trails
 - Additional Garbage Cans
 - Recycling Receptacles
 - Dog Waste Stations
- Staff commitment should be considered when discussing/implementing new features.

Workforce Reductions

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>FULL-TIME</u>
Personnel & Labor Relations Administrator	1
Engineering Aid	1
Maintenance Worker	2
Automotive Mechanic	1
Laborer	2
Motor Equipment Operator	1
Sign Maintenance Worker	1
Working Supervisor	1
Patrolmen	3
Firefighters	11
Senior Account Clerk/Typist	1
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Buildings & Grounds Supervisor	1
Senior Center Director	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>29</u>

Why the planning process is important

- Builds community consensus for goals and objectives.
- Helps to mitigate competing uses.
- Prioritizes resource allocation.
- Basis for grant applications and partnership agreements.
- Helps guide implementation and improve sustainability.

Sample Process

THE PROCESS



Consultant

- Cost is probably in the \$50,000 - \$80,000 range
- Up to \$32,000 from Corning Enterprises
- \$30,000 in existing funds

Considerations

1. Which parks and other areas are we including in the plan?
2. Do we want the consultant to provide general visioning for the ice rink and pools, or do we want detailed plans?
3. Consultant/RFP
 - A. Do we want to use staff to facilitate some of the public input sessions.
 - B. Do we want a separate final presentation for the City Council?

Rediscover the Parks...

- Walk the parks as a group.
- Look for challenges and opportunities.
- Identify historic assets to be protected.