

CHAPTER 9: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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The Community Facilities element of the Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide at least one objective, policy, goal, map, or program for municipal facilities, including:

- Sanitary Sewer Service Facilities
- Solid Waste Disposal Facilities
- On-site Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- Recycling Facilities
- Telecommunications Facilities
- Cemeteries
- Health Care Facilities
- Child Care Facilities
- Police Facilities
- Fire Facilities
- Rescue Facilities
- Libraries
- Schools
- Streets
- Parks Facilities
- City Hall

Additionally, the Community Facilities element provides information on future timetables for expansion or rehabilitation of existing facilities, and information on new facilities. The subsequent sections in this chapter provide a compilation of data collected from City of New Berlin staff, the City website, and the Waukesha County Comprehensive Plan.

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FACILITIES

New Berlin maintains a large network of sanitary facilities, consisting of approximately 183 miles of gravity sewer mains and 9 lift stations with force mains, which are constantly maintained and improved as new development and redevelopment occurs. New Berlin utilizes an annual Capital Improvement Program to ensure that proper maintenance and upgrades to the sanitary system take place. New Berlin works with



developers to make certain that when new development is proposed that new infrastructure is properly sized and constructed to fit within the current sanitary sewer system. For more information on Sanitary Sewer Service Facilities, see Chapter 8 of this plan.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Beginning in March 2015, the City of New Berlin contracted with Advanced Disposal to provide services to all residential units (defined as a single family residence or a dwelling unit within a multi-family building having four or fewer units) in the City of New Berlin. This resulted in a savings to residents for garbage and recycling services.

Prior to this city-wide collection contract, New Berlin residents were required to contract directly with a licensed solid waste disposal company.

There is no facility within the City of New Berlin that accepts hazardous waste. However, there are free hazardous waste drop-off sites in the Cities of Franklin, Muskego, and Waukesha, and the Village of Menomonee Falls. There are no plans at this time to construct new solid waste disposal facilities within the City of New Berlin.

ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Waukesha County, under the authority in Chapter 145.20, Wisconsin Statutes, is the governing body for the administration of private sewage systems. This responsibility is assigned to the Department of Parks and Land Use, Environmental Health Division, as the government unit that provides assurance of compliance with State Statutes, Administrative Codes and County Ordinance by verification of soil and site conditions, plan review, permit issuance, on-site inspection at time of installation and an enforceable maintenance tracking program.¹

RECYCLING FACILITIES

The City of New Berlin Recycling Center is located at 3711 S. Casper Drive. The center accepts antifreeze, brush, cans, clothing, computers and peripheral equipment, corrugated cardboard, dirt and sod, glass,

¹ Waukesha County

household mail, magazines, motor oil, newspaper, plastic bottles, scrap metal, and yard waste.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Waukesha County, the City of New Berlin produced 20,584 tons of solid waste in 2005, 7,376 tons of which were recycled. This amounts to recycling rate of 36%, which is slightly higher than the county-wide rate of 35% in that year. The City does not intend to expand the existing Recycling Center or construct new facilities during the life of this Plan.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

In an effort to ensure the development of a high level of telecommunications service in southeastern Wisconsin, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) adopted "A Wireless Antenna Siting and Related Infrastructure Plan" in 2006. This plan is the wireless plan for the City of New Berlin and the rest of the seven county SEWRPC region.

There are numerous telecommunication service providers in the region, providing four basic types of service.

- Voice Transmission Services – including "Plain Old Telephone Service" (POTS), Cellular Wireless, Satellite Wireless, Packet-based Telephone Networks, and Internet Voice Services
- Data Transmission Services – including Internet, ATM-Frame Relay, and 3G Cellular Wireless Networks
- Multimedia Services – including Video, Imaging, Streaming Video, Data, and Voice
- Broadcast Services – including AM/FM radio, satellite radio and television, terrestrial television, and cable television

As of 2006, there were 276 cellular tower antennas in the County, including 15 in the City of New Berlin.

Since 2006, one additional cellular tower has been constructed. A second tower was approved in October 2015 and is pending construction.

Wireless Networks

As of 2006, wireless networks have taken two forms, WiFi and WiMAX. WiFi has been in public use since the late 1990's. It allows users to connect to the internet at remote locations known as 'hot spots,' which are typically found in airports, coffee shops, hotels, schools, etc. at connection speeds up to 54 megabites per second.

WiMAX is a new system implemented in 2006. It extends the range of 'hot spots' from 300 feet to up to 30 miles. While WiFi will continue to provide low cost, high speed access for end users, WiMAX will provide enhanced service for business development and local government use. The SEWRPC telecommunications plan recommends two levels of wireless networks, utilizing both WiFi and WiMAX, with WiMAX serving as a backhaul network plan.

CEMETERIES

The City of New Berlin is home to Highland Memorial Park, a 70 acre cemetery established in 1928. Highland Memorial Park is located at 14875 W. Greenfield Avenue. Historical cemeteries that are still accepting burials include Holy Apostles, New Berlin Center, and Sunnyside. Historic cemeteries that are not accepting burials include German Reformed and German Evangelical Reformed.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

There are no hospitals located within the City of New Berlin. Rather, New Berlin residents are served by five hospitals in Waukesha County. These include:

- Waukesha Memorial Hospital, Waukesha – 400 beds
- Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls – 208 beds
- Elmbrook Memorial Hospital, Brookfield – 166 beds
- Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, Oconomowoc – 130 beds
- Rogers Memorial Hospital, Oconomowoc – 90 beds
- Children's Hospital Facility – outpatient facility
- Oconomowoc Aurora Hospital

In addition, a number of hospitals are also available in nearby Milwaukee County.

The Moorland Reserve Medical campus located at Moorland Road and Beloit Road provides the community with state of the art urgent care, primary care, specialty clinics and forthcoming emergency services. Completed in 2008, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin provides pediatric urgent care services, primary care and specialty care within approximately 75,000 square feet. Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin opened an approximately 130,000 square foot medical facility in 2013. This facility provides urgent care, primary care and specialty services to the community. An addition that will be completed in 2016, will add 24 hour emergency care to this facility.

CHILD CARE FACILITIES

The Bureau of Regulation and Licensing is charged with the regulation of child care centers, residential child care facilities, and private child welfare agencies in the State of Wisconsin. Licenses are granted in three categories of child care:

- Family child care (up to 8 children)
- Group child care (9 or more children)
- Day camps (seasonal child care, oriented to the outdoors)

The City of New Berlin is home to four licensed family child care facilities, sixteen licensed group child care facilities, and one licensed day camp.

POLICE FACILITIES

The New Berlin Police Department was first established in 1964. Since that time, law enforcement services in New Berlin have expanded to include the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin State Patrol, and the New Berlin Police Department. The New Berlin Police Department is headquartered at 16300 W. National Avenue (Figure 9.1).

Of the Police Department's four divisions (investigation, patrol, support services, and training), the patrol division is the largest division, and provides 24-hour police protection for the city. Four units are housed within the patrol division:



Figure 9.1. New Berlin Public Safety Building, constructed in 1999.

Source: City of New Berlin.



Figure 9.2. Fire Station #1
Source: City of New Berlin

- Bike Unit
- Canine Unit
- Honor Guard Unit
- Motorcycle Unit

FIRE AND RESCUE FACILITIES

The New Berlin Fire Department has four fire stations:

- Fire Station #1: 16260 W. National Avenue (built in 1991);
- Fire Station #2: 1711 S. Sunny Slope Road (built in 1964, renovated in 1995);
- Fire Station #3: 5120 S. Racine Avenue (built in 2009);
- Fire Station #4: 5161 S. Sunny Slope Road (built in 1968, renovated in 1999);



Figure 9.5. Fire Department Training Tower
Source: City of New Berlin

Figures 9.2 through 9.4 provide photos of some of the fire stations. The Fire Department also has a training tower (Figure 9.5), located at 3845 S. Casper Drive (built in 1991). The Department headquarters is located at 16300 W. National Avenue (Figure 9.2).

The New Berlin Fire Department is part of the Waukesha County Trunked Radio System. The Department includes full-time staff, paid-on-call professionals, and civilian employees.

Fire Prevention and Inspection

The Bureau of Fire Prevention and Inspection consists of firefighters and paramedics whose primary responsibilities are responding to all fire and rescue emergencies. In addition, they perform all fire inspections of public buildings, organize fire safety education/public relations events, assist businesses with disaster planning, and inspect fuel tanks, along with numerous other administrative tasks.



Figure 9.6. New Berlin Public Library
Source: City of New Berlin

LIBRARIES

The New Berlin Public Library, located at 15105 Library Lane, is a member of the Waukesha County Federated Library System (Figure 9.6). The library moved into its current building upon the building's completion in 2005. The library is part of the New Berlin City Center along with residential, retail, and office developments. It is anticipated that the current library system can adequately serve the City's population over the life of the Plan.

SCHOOLS

The boundary of the New Berlin School District coincides with the City of New Berlin municipal boundary with the exception of three fringe neighborhoods located within the Elmbrook, West Allis, and Muskego School Districts (see Figures 9.8). The district is comprised of seven public schools (five elementary schools and two middle/high schools) and no charter schools with a total enrollment of 4,667 students. The district's schools include the following (also see Figure 9.7):

- Eisenhower Middle/High School – located at 4333 S. Sunnyslope Road; grades 7-12; enrollment 1,234
- New Berlin West Middle/High School – located at 18695 W. Cleveland Avenue; grades 7-12; enrollment 1,078
- Elmwood Elementary School – located at 5900 S. Sunnyslope Road; grades PK-6; enrollment 550
- Orchard Lane Elementary School – located at 2015 S. Sunnyslope Road; grades PK-6; enrollment 288
- Poplar Creek Elementary School – located at 17401 W. Cleveland Avenue; grades PK-6; enrollment 462
- Ronald Reagan Elementary School – located at 4225 S. Calhoun Road; grades PK-6; enrollment 616

The School District employs a staff of 583 full and part-time individuals, including 314 teachers and 107 teacher assistants/paraprofessionals.

The organization Great Schools (greatschools.net) rates schools and school districts on a scale of one to ten (with ten being the highest) by examining standardized test scores. Great Schools assigned the New Berlin School District a rating of 9. The New Berlin School District spends an average of \$10,797 per pupil, which is higher than the State of Wisconsin average (\$9,903), and has a pupil-to-staff ratio of 10.5:1.

Number of Schools	
Grade Level	# of Campuses
Early Childhood	4
Elementary Schools (K-6)	5
Middle/High Schools (7-12)	2
Total Schools	7

Student Population	
Grade Level	# of Students
Early Childhood	39
Elementary	2,384
Middle (6-8)	722
High (9-12)	1,625
Total Enrollment	4,770

Employees	
Title/Category	# of Staff
Teachers	314
Administrators	20
Instructional Support/Professional	33
Teacher Assistants/ Paraprofessionals/	107
Technology Aides	9
Service Trades	58
Food Service	42
Total Number of Employees	583

Professional Staff	
Topic	Fact
Master's/ Doctorate Degrees	Fifty-three percent of the professional staff members have master's degrees and one percent hold doctorate degrees.
Pupil/Staff Ratio	10.5 : 1

Data as of September 2008

Figure 9.7. School District Overview.
Source: New Berlin School District

In addition to the public school system, there are three private elementary schools in the City of New Berlin:

- Holy Apostles Grade School – located at 3875 S. 159th Street; grades PK-8; enrollment 466
- Star of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran School – located at 3700 S. Casper Drive; grades PK-8; enrollment 196
- Heritage Christian School – location at 3500 S. Glen Park Road, grades 7-12, enrollment ~250
- Heritage Christian School – location at 1500 S. West Lane, grades PS-6, enrollment ~300
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Post-secondary education is available to New Berlin residents at a number of locations in Waukesha County. Associate or bachelor degrees are available at Waukesha County locations from the following institutions:

- Cardinal Stritch University
- Carroll University
- Keller Graduate School of Management
- Ottawa University
- University of Phoenix
- University of Wisconsin-Waukesha
- Upper Iowa University
- Waukesha County Technical College

MBA degrees are available from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee through classes at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha. The University of Phoenix and the Keller Graduate School of Management also offer masters degrees at locations within the county.

The University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension offers learning opportunities and outreach in partnership with Waukesha County.

New Berlin School District Boundaries

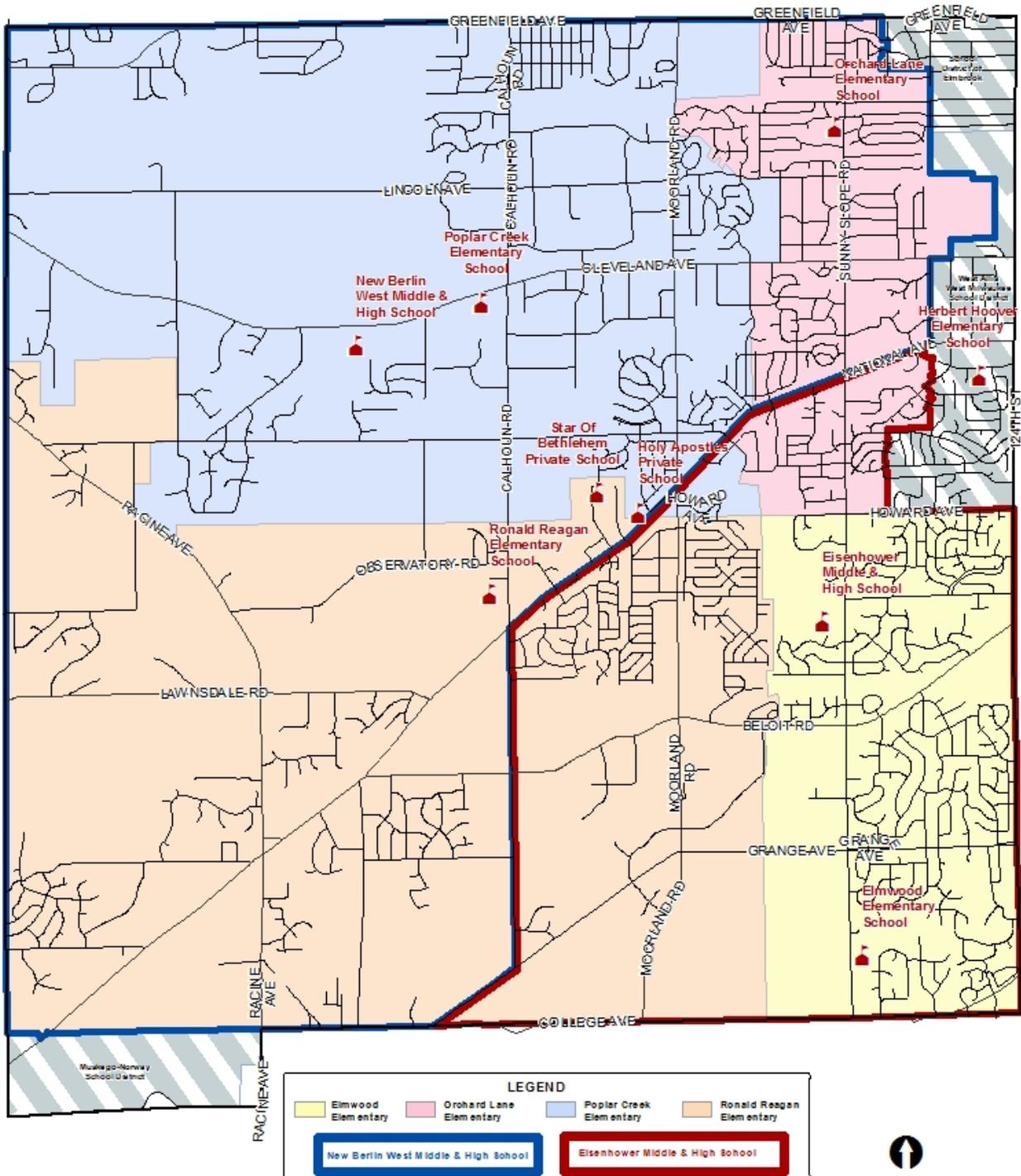


Figure 9.8. District Boundaries for Elementary and Secondary Schools.

STREETS

The City of New Berlin Streets Department manages snow plowing, street repair, street sign maintenance, and stormwater management. City streets are maintained by the Street Department by patching potholes and minor repairs to prolong the life of the road. The City funds road repair and reconstruction projects through state and federal grants, county funds, and city-wide taxes.

The Department currently has equipment that is stored outside due to the size of existing facilities. The equipment base has expanded as a result of the Department's more recent management of stormwater, which requires different types of equipment. In addition to the need for equipment storage, street department mechanics may need additional space due to acquiring the maintenance of fire equipment.

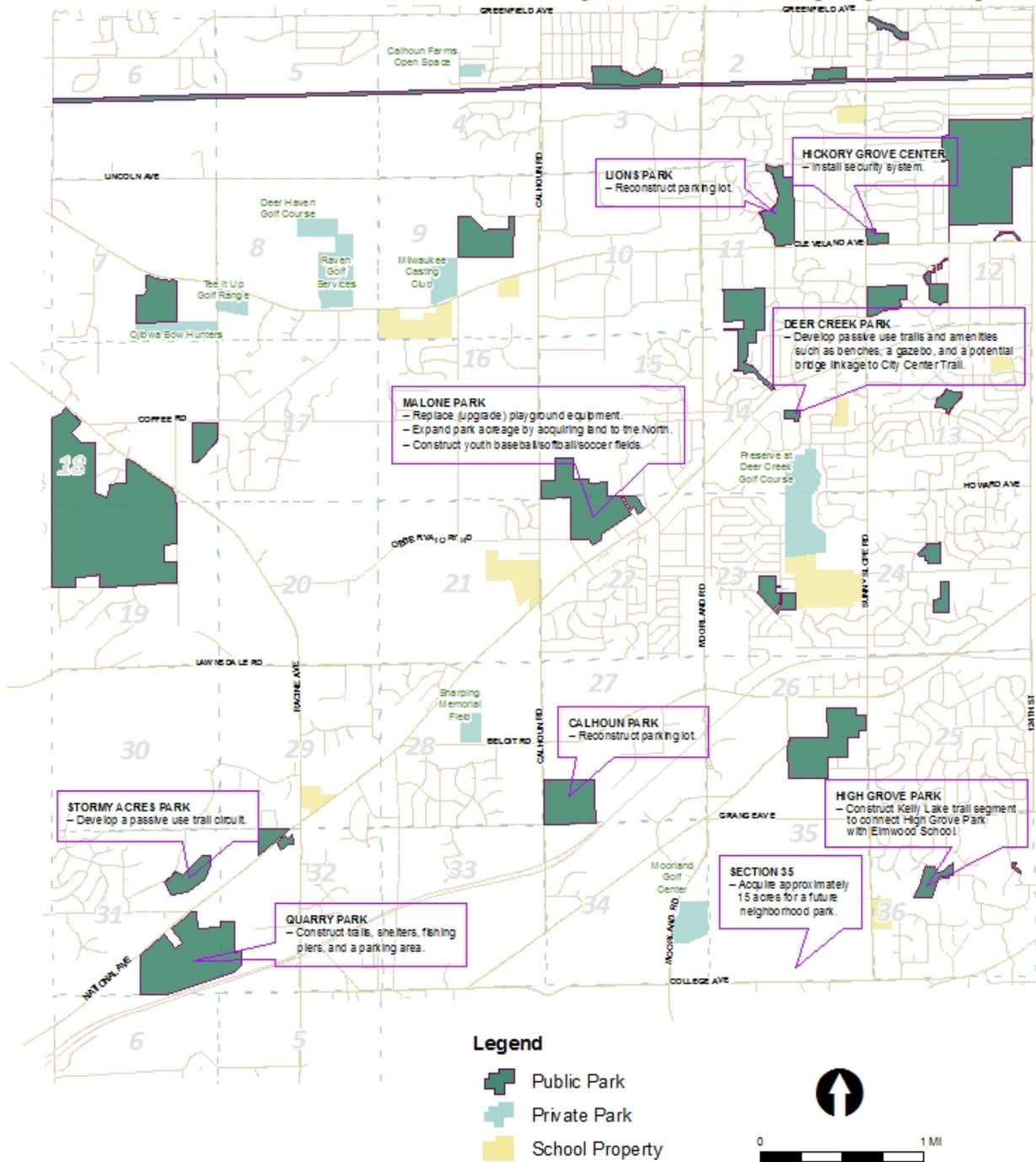
In 2015, the City of New Berlin contracted with Barrientos Design & Consulting to complete an analysis of the current municipal facilities – specifically regarding the facilities supporting Streets, Parks and Utilities. The study looked at options and provided recommendations for a more efficient use of municipal land, consolidation of facilities and efficiency of operations. A copy of the plan is available for reference at City Hall.

PARK FACILITIES

The New Berlin Park and Open Space Plan was adopted by the Common Council on April 13, 2010. The WDNR requires Park and Open Space Plans to be updated every five years in order to remain eligible for certain grants. An update of the Plan should be initiated. The following map (Figure 9.10) and charts (Figure 9.11 and 9.12) are the recommended short-term actions, 2010 – 2014.

PROPOSED SHORT TERM ACTIONS (1-5 YEARS)

City of New Berlin Park & Open Space Plan Update



May 2015

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2020

City of New Berlin, Wisconsin

Figure 9.12. Proposed Short Term Actions from the Park & Open Space Plan – Updated May 2015 based on items completed since initial plan adoption in 2009.



PARK ACTION PLAN: 2010 - 2014

SHORT TERM ACTIONS: 1 TO 5 YEARS

ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS

Malone Park	Reconstruct tennis and basketball courts Replace (upgrade) playground equipment Construct youth baseball/softball complex Construct youth soccer fields
Calhoun Park	Replace (upgrade) playground equipment (north side) Reconstruct parking lot Construct Bridge and Recreational Trail Revisit current lease agreement with Waukesha County
Valley View	Replace playground equipment (near shelter no. 1) Reconstruct tennis courts
High Grove Park	Construct Kelly Lakes trail segment
Hickory Grove Center	Install security system
Lion's Park	Reconstruct parking lot

DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT PARKLAND

Quarry Park	Construct trails, shelters, fishing piers and parking/staging area
Stormy Acres Park	Develop a passive use trail circuit
Deer Creek Park	Develop passive use trails and amenities such as benches, a gazebo and (potentially) a bridge linkage to City Center and future City Center Trail
New Special Use Facilities	Research, plan, and explore public/private partnerships for the following special use facilities: <i>Youth Sports Complex (outdoor)</i> <i>Splashpad / Water Playground</i> <i>Aquatic Center</i>

PARK EXPANSION (NEIGHBORING ACREAGE)

Malone Park	Expand park acreage by acquiring land to the north
Historic Park	Expand park acreage by acquiring undeveloped land to west (land transfer of the fire station site to the City and Historical Society)

Figure 9.11. Park Action Plan, pg 1 of 2.
Source: New Berlin Park & Open Space Plan

PARKLAND & OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION OR DEDICATION

Section 35

Plan for a Neighborhood Park within the central portion of this section to best serve adjacent residential areas. This multi-use neighborhood park should include a minimum of 15 acres of developable land for active uses such as soccer, baseball/softball, basketball, playground, and picnic area with shelter.

Efforts to preserve, protect, and promote passive use (trails) of the C-1 and C-2 Conservancy Areas is desired, as well as a pathway system to provide the neighborhood and community with safe access to school, park, and residential development, and enjoyment of the natural environment.

Linear parkways which preserve open space, and provide connectivity within this area should be developed. The linear parkways and neighborhood park should be integrated with the Tess Corners Water Resource Storage Basin to take advantage of this water resource.

TRAILS

High Grove Park

Develop recreational trail circuits affiliated with this park site (developed and vacant)

Quarry Park

Develop recreational trail circuits affiliated with this park site (developed and vacant)

Stormy Acres Park

Develop recreational trail circuits affiliated with this park site (developed and vacant)

Figure 9.12. Park Action Plan, page 2 of 2.
Source: New Berlin Park & Open Space Plan

CITY HALL

The New Berlin City Hall is home to several municipal departments, including:

- Assessor's Office
- City Clerk's Office/Human Resources/Community Relations Department
- Information Technology
- Finance
- Mayor's Office
- Recreation
- Emergency Management
- Department of Community Development
 - Planning Services
 - Inspection Services
 - Engineering Services
 - Water Resources Management
 - GIS/LIS

These departments require storage for critical records and archived files. To accommodate the need for storage, the City has implemented an electronic records management system. The majority of the paper files have been scanned and are available electronically using the SIRE FileCenter software.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Implement the short-term Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan recommendations.
- Initiate an update to the Park & Open Space Plan. The New Berlin Park and Open Space Plan was adopted by the Common Council on April 13, 2010. The WDNR requires Park and Open Space Plans to be updated every five years in order to remain eligible for certain grants.