



## PLUM CREEK COUNTY PARK MASTER PLAN

*Spend your time on the shores of Lake Laura, wandering in the tallgrass prairie, or wading in the Creek that inspired Laura Ingalls Wilder in her Little House on the Prairie series.*

15191 110th Street, Walnut Grove, MN 56180

Adopted by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners on May17th, 2016.

**Mission Statement**

In partnership with our Citizens, Plum Creek County Park provides a quality park and recreation experience which respond to the changing needs and desires of the region. We strive to preserve, enhance, and protect our open spaces to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations in a safe and secure environment.

**Vision Statement**

Plum Creek County Park pledges to:

- Provide Stewardship of the Parks natural, cultural, and historical resources.
- Provide an excellent outdoor experience for our citizens to pursue recreational needs in a leisure environment.
- Provide the highest standard of excellence in public service through cooperative partnership with our community.

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## Introduction

### Implementing Agency

The Redwood County Environmental Office is responsible for the overall direction and management of the Park. We maintain a full time park supervisor onsite who ensures the parks day to day operations run smoothly. The Redwood County Parks and Trails Committee provides direction and feedback to the Environmental Department on new initiatives. The Committee serves as a first stop for major projects and ideas at the park. All major projects or policy shifts are recommended by the Parks and Trails Committee and approved by the Redwood County Board of Commissioners. The Parks budget is set each year by the Redwood County Commissioners, after recommendations have been made by the Environmental Office and the County Administrator. The Parks expenses are all handled through the County. All revenue generated by the park go to the County and help pay for the parks expenses.

### History

Approved by the County Planning Commission in 1968, Plum Creek County Park officially opened in 1969 to the public. The Park has expanded over the years and now covers 215 acres and features camping, hiking, a 9-hole Frisbee disc course, playgrounds, picnic facilities, swimming and fishing opportunities. Seven grants were awarded to the county to help acquire and develop this park. The Park is managed by a full time Park Manager, and is overseen by the Redwood County Environmental Office. The Ingalls Wilder Museum in close by Walnut Grove assists in the operation of the park by handling most of the camping reservations.



## Goals of masterplan

- Identify existing assets and underutilized resources
- Create an outline for future activities and improvements
- Identify existing and potential partners
- Recognize short, mid, and long term priorities
- Foster community input and engagement through the master planning process to guide future development and operation of the Park
- Prepare a working document as a deliverable within applications for future park and trail legacy funding and any other type of funding

## Regional Classification and Significance

### Natural Resource-Based Regional Park Classification

#### Provides a High-Quality Outdoor Recreation Experience

*Places a priority on providing facilities/amenities that are relevant to existing/common user groups and also serve to broaden the appeal of outdoor recreation to new or expanded populations. Park serves as a destination unto itself, attracting regional users and (potentially) drawing tourists from outside the regional area. Premium is placed on quality of experience to encourage visitors to return time and again. Provided facilities/amenities must be consistent with, or expand upon, previous listing of desirable/appropriate facilities.*

Plum Creek County Park offers a wide range of first class recreational opportunities. Overall, the parks recreational features are well used and consistently engage its visitors in the natural beauty and historic nature of the park.

Recreational activities available at the park:



- Pleasurable hiking opportunities with two different trail systems. Mostly flat terrain makes the trails accessible to a wide variety of people.
- Lake Laura offers the one of the only body of water in Southwest Minnesota that remains swimmable throughout the warm summer months. The lake is utilized extensively throughout the summer by citizens in the region as well as those who are travelling through the area.
- Fishing opportunities at Lake Laura.
- Newly installed boat access ramp for easy access to the lake for non-motorized boats.
- Playground equipment throughout the park.
- A lakeside pavilion overlooking Lake Laura which allows groups of people to gather near the lake as well as ample wildlife viewing opportunities.
- A 9 hole disc golf course which has been delicately placed into the prairie landscape.

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- A self-guided walking tour of the lower park (“When the Prairie Whispers”) offers individuals the opportunity to identify a wide variety of tree species
- There is ample opportunity for wildlife viewing throughout the entirety of the park.

### Preserves a Regionally-Significant and Diverse Natural or Historic Landscape Overview

*Places a priority on preserving regionally-important landscapes with unique land features that add value and character to the site. Emphasis is also placed on land parcels with water features (lakes, rivers, and streams) and/or historically/culturally-significant lands. Lands exhibiting ecologically rare plant communities and high quality wildlife habitat are a priority. Continuity and connectivity with natural landscapes and habitats extending beyond the park into a larger open space context, especially those that may be protected by other means, is also an important added value to be strived for. Man-made features, such as restored quarry sites and naturally-shaped ponds, may also be desirable if unique and aligned with an outdoor recreation theme. Lands must be suitable for and large enough to accommodate desired recreational uses.*

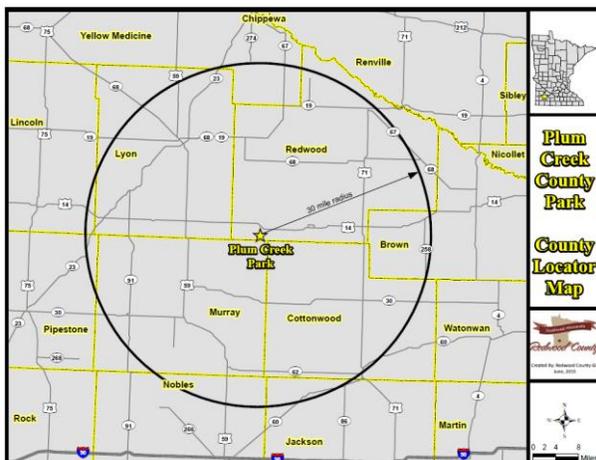
Tallgrass prairie once dominated the landscape in Southwest Minnesota. At the time of European settlement, tallgrass prairie covered approximately one-third of Minnesota. Today, less than 2% of the original prairie landscape remains. Plum Creek County Park contains many acres of natural grassland, and there is the potential for further restoration activities. The park serves as a significant reserve for area wildlife.



Lake Laura provides important ecological functions in a landscape where draining rather than retention has been the focus for over a century. The lake also serves as one of the only waterbodies in the region which is swimmable in the hot summer months.

The Park also provides public access to Plum Creek, made famous by the book, *On the Banks of Plum Creek*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Plum Creek meanders through the park, allowing individuals to catch a glimpse of what it was like for the Ingalls family when they were settling in this new land.

### Well-located to serve a Regional Need and/or Tourist Destination



*Places priority on special recreational features being located in or close to a densely settled, rapidly growing, and/or an established regional center or well-established tourist destination. By vehicle, optimal travel distance is less than 10 miles by driving distance. (Using radius is of limited value in many cases since natural (e.g., rivers, lakes) and built (e.g., roadways systems) land features greatly affect the ease of access.) Connectivity to the park via local, regional, or state-level trails also factors into the rating under this criteria.*

Plum Creek County Park is located in the southwest corner of Redwood County, and is in close proximity to Cottonwood, Murray, and Lyon counties. The park is easily accessed, being about

45 minutes north of US Interstate 90, 20 minutes east of MN Hwy 59, and 20 minutes west of MN Hwy 71. The Park has a steady draw of tourists due to its connection with the stories of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

The park is within 30 miles of several other parks, including, Lake Shetek State Park, Camden State Park, Alexander Ramsey Park, Garvin County Park, and Mound Creek County Park. Plum Creek County Park is centralized in a growing recreational destination.

Two trails are currently planned for the park. The Casey Jones State Trails is a Minnesota Statutorily designated State Trail, and is planned for future construction. The County has also planned an extensive trails system throughout Redwood County. Part of this trail will go through Plum Creek Park, and connect the park with the city of Walnut Grove and the rest of the County.

### **Fills a Gap in Recreational Opportunity within the Region**

*Places a priority on areas in which a high quality outdoor recreational opportunity of a similar nature is not otherwise available within the region and/or within a reasonable distance. Fills a discernible and critical gap in an area with a recreation opportunity shortage. Complements (and does not duplicate) recreational opportunities otherwise available in the region, especially those provided by nearby state parks.*

Fishing, Swimming, Camping, Disc Golf, and Hiking are the most popular activities at Plum Creek County Park. There is not another swimming beach that maintains water suitable for swimming throughout the summer in Redwood County, or the greater area.



The stories that were told about this place by Laura Ingalls Wilder in the Little House on the Prairie series bring in people from far away. Nowhere else is there public land that allows individuals to access and engage with the Plum Creek environment that was described in Wilder’s books.

Over the past one hundred years the prairie landscape that used to occupy all of Southwest Minnesota has been slowly replaced by farms. Currently,

there are just a slim percentage of prairies remaining in the state. Plum Creek County Park allows individuals to experience a little taste of what the prairie ecosystem was like before western settlement.

The Park also has a variety of other ecosystems present within it. It is a great place to view wildlife and get some exercise. There is no other public land available for general recreational purposes in the general area. Plum Creek Park fills a necessary gap in the recreational and cultural resources available to those passing through the area.

### **Community and Regional Destination**

Plum Creek County Park features some of the best camping amenities available in Southwest Minnesota, the historic Plum Creek, and the beautiful Lake Laura. Plum Creek County Park attracts visitors from all

over the Country who come to see the place made famous by the Little House on the Prairie, and beautiful Southwest Minnesota.

### Facilities

- Campsites
  - o 65 sites with camper hookups
  - o 4 tent sites
- Lakeside Shelter
- Lower Park Gazebo
- Upper Park Shelter
- Bathhouses
  - o Two Campground Bathhouses
  - o Lake Laura Bathhouse
- Restrooms
  - o Upper Park
  - o Lower Park
  - o Lower Park Gazebo
- Maintenance Shed
- Playgrounds
  - o Campground
  - o Lower park x 2
  - o Upper Park
- Hiking trails
  - o Lake Laura
  - o Plum Creek
- Softball fields
  - o 2 softball fields
- Sand Volleyball Courts
  - o 2 volleyball courts
- Basketball Court
  - o 1 court near the upper shelter
- Disc Golf
  - o 9 holes of disc golf
- Main Office

### Wilder Pageant

The Wilder Pageant grounds sit under a mile away from Plum Creek County Park. The Wilder Pageant is a family-oriented outdoor drama based on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder in Walnut Grove. It is a live performance each night with all characters from the Walnut Grove area. Laura narrates the story, reflecting on her life in Walnut Grove in the 1870's.



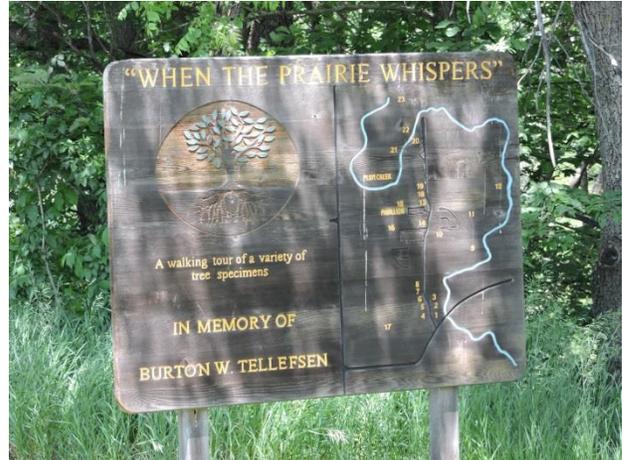
The Wilder Pageant is presented every July on the banks of Plum Creek west of Walnut Grove. The Hillside amphitheater has been developed to allow for extensive lighting, sound, and special effects. The Pageant brings thousands of people into the area every year.

### Programming

Currently, the Parks main programming feature is, *When the Prairie Whispers*. *When the Prairie Whispers*, is a self-guided walking tour that was established after the untimely death of Burton W. Tellefsen (Uncle Bud). Uncle Bud spent much of his life planting trees in the park, leading to a diverse array of species available for viewing by the public. The walking tour guides visitors to several of the species Uncle Bud planted, and assists visitors in identifying those species.

The Park also has several types of “leagues” that make use of its grounds. Volleyball, softball, baseball, and disc golf leagues all meet throughout the summer to utilize the parks recreational spaces.

Future programming is in the initial planning stages. Our idea is to work with various other agencies, and individuals such as the Department of Natural Resources, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Minnesota Master Naturalists, area Scouts, and area Residents. By teaming up with these various entities, we hope to offer a diverse array of programming to the public.



## Partnerships

- The City of Walnut Grove, MN: Walnut Grove serves as the parks champion. Residents of the city keep a close eye on the park, and serve as one of its greatest advocates. There is no formal partnership with the City, just a long standing and close working relationship.
- The Ingles Wilder Museum: The Museum assists the park by being the point of contact for campsite rentals. The museum also keeps on hand relevant information pertaining to the park.
- Area II: Area II is the entity responsible for the establishment of Lake Laura. The lake was created as a water retention project to assist in local flooding. Area II is a nonprofit organization formed by a joint powers agreement of 10 Minnesota counties. The organization is funded by the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources. Area II still manages the impoundment and ensures it is maintained properly. Improvements and maintenance of the dam retaining Lake Laura are funded by Area II.

## Ongoing improvements

Every year several picnic tables are brought in to have boards replaced. The Park has approximately 90 picnic tables. Average cost per year for new treated wood is \$1,000 – \$1,200.

Additional 10.1 acres of land was purchased in 2016 with the hope of expanding the campsites.

A new boat access was installed in 2015 to allow for easier access to Lake Laura.



In the spring of 2016 campground bathrooms showers were renovated, we expanded sewer hookups at 6 campsites, and upgraded 6 campsites to 50 amp service.

## Setting and Regional Context

### Location of site and system

Plum Creek County Park is located in the southwest corner of Redwood County, and is in close proximity to Cottonwood, Murray, and Lyon counties. The park is easily accessed, being about 45 minutes north of US Interstate 90, 20 minutes east of MN Hwy 59, and 20 minutes west of MN Hwy 71. The Park has a steady draw of tourists due to its connection with the stories of Laura Ingalls Wilder. The park is within 30 miles of several other parks, including, Lake Shetek State Park, Camden State Park, Alexander Ramsey Park, Garvin County Park, and Mound Creek County Park. Plum Creek County Park is centralized in a growing recreational destination.

Plum Creek Park consists of an Upper and a Lower Park. Both the Upper and the Lower Park are accessed off 110<sup>th</sup> street in Walnut Grove, MN. 110<sup>th</sup> street is easily accessed by going south off of State Hwy 14 onto County Hwy 20 and following the signs. The park is a 5 minute drive from the nearby city of Walnut Grove. The Park currently contains 205 acres, consisting of Lake Laura, Plum Creek, wetlands, prairie, and forest land.

### Surrounding parks and Trails

#### County and State Wildlife and Recreation areas

Plum Creek Park is located about 2 miles southwest of Walnut Grove, MN. Plum Creek Park will be one of two regional parks in Redwood County, the other being Ramsey Park in the City of Redwood Falls. Redwood County is also home to numerous State Wildlife Management Areas, and 2 State Natural Areas. Outside of the County but located nearby is the Upper Sioux Agency State Park, Camden State Park, Lake Shetek State Park, and Fort Ridgley State Park.



#### State Trails

There are currently two (2) statutorily designated state trails in Redwood County. This includes the Casey Jones State Trail which is planned to stretch from Split Rock Creek State Park to Redwood Falls while passing through the Park, and the Minnesota Valley State Trail which is planned to stretch throughout the Minnesota River Valley.

### How Plum Creek Park compliments these other facilities

Plum Creek Park is positioned nicely to compliment the other public lands in the area. In conjunction with Ramsey Park in Redwood Falls, Redwood County would have two exquisite parks for individuals to visit. Plum Creek Park is unique from most of the other public lands in the area in that it is a place available for general recreation in the prairie and not in the river valley. This provides a distinct experience for individuals who may come out to see the river valley as well. Geographically Plum Creek

Park is positioned nicely between several state parks and allows individuals to see a lot of different areas without a large distance of nothing in between.

## Site Information

### Existing and Proposed Boundaries.

The existing park boundaries will most likely hold stable over the coming years. Possible expansion would be to the north and east of the lower park.



### Landforms and Site Resources

Plum Creek Park has many natural resources that contribute to its beauty and regional draw. The two resources that clearly stand out are Plum Creek and Lake Laura. Drawing its fame from the little house on the prairie series by Laura Ingalls Wilder, Plum Creek is beautiful little creek that makes its way through the park. Other parts of the park are dominated by prairie and a wide variety of tree species.

### Site Limitations or Conditions Affecting Acquisition or Development

The existing size of the park is adequate for current use; however, if desirable adjoining land becomes available the County will investigate the opportunity for reasonable expansion. Preferable adjacent property would be that which allows for expansion of the campground or land that adds habitat and natural resources that would further the recreational use of the park.

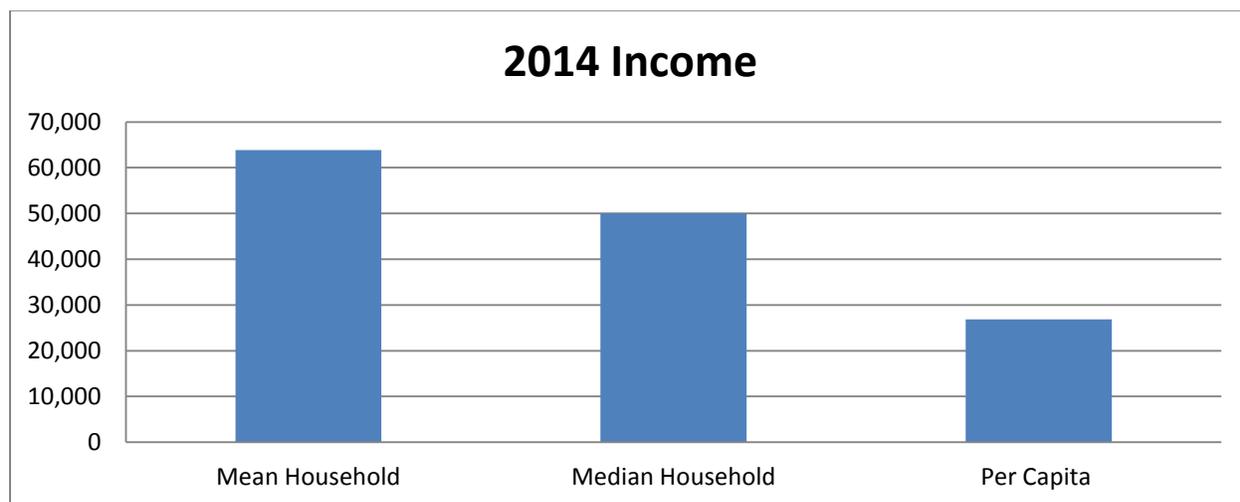
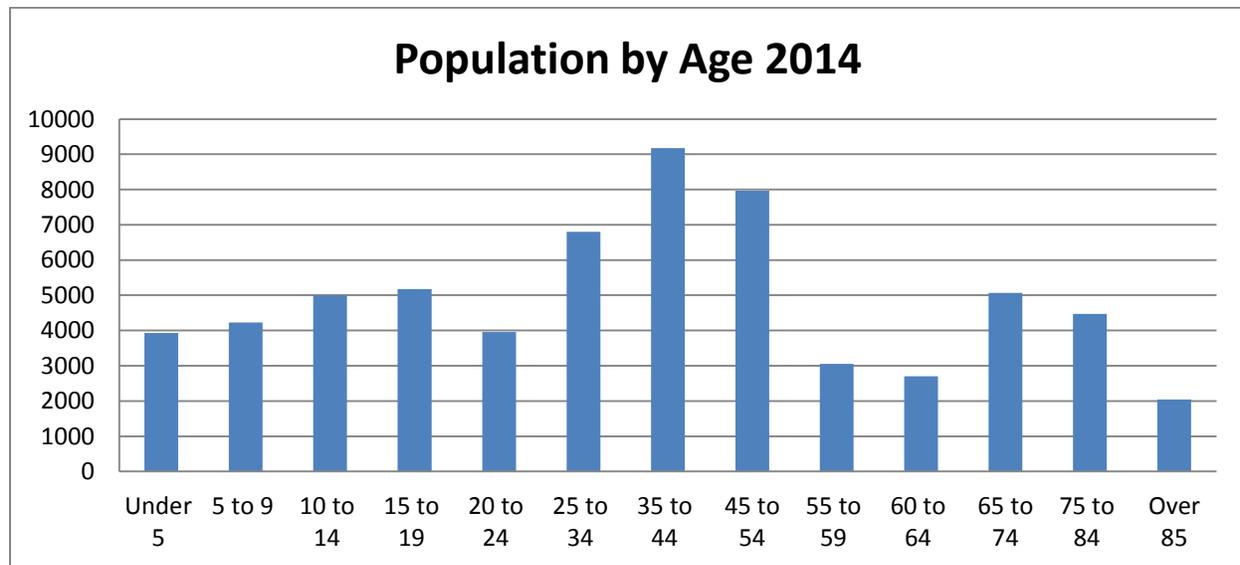
However, Plum Creek Park is nearing the largest that it may get. Neighboring farmland does not go for sale often, and demands a hefty price tag per acre. Possible land acquisition to the north and east of the lower park will be explored as opportunities arise.

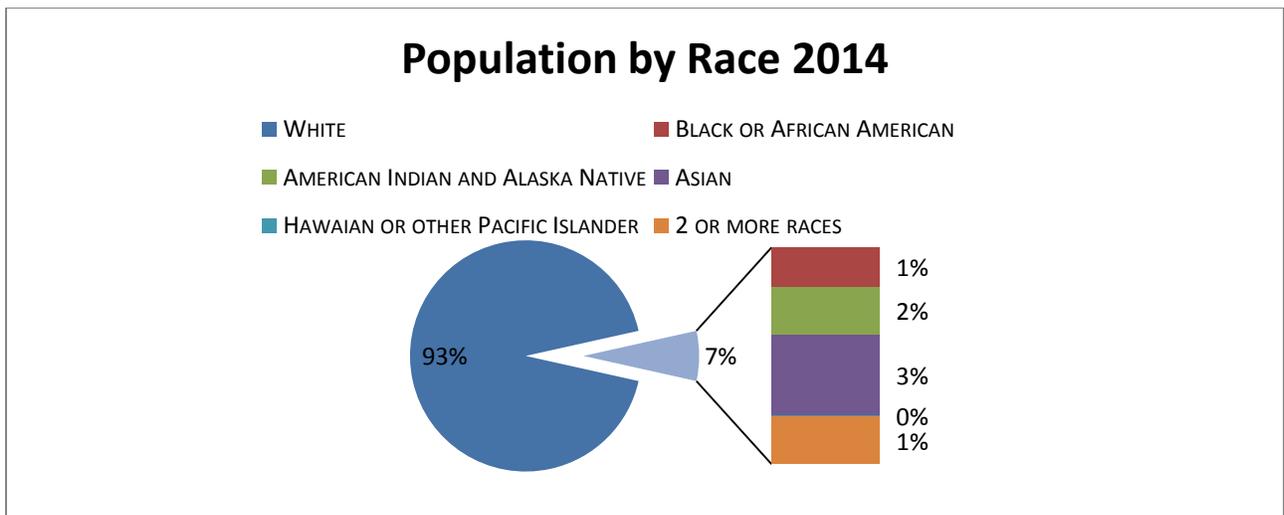
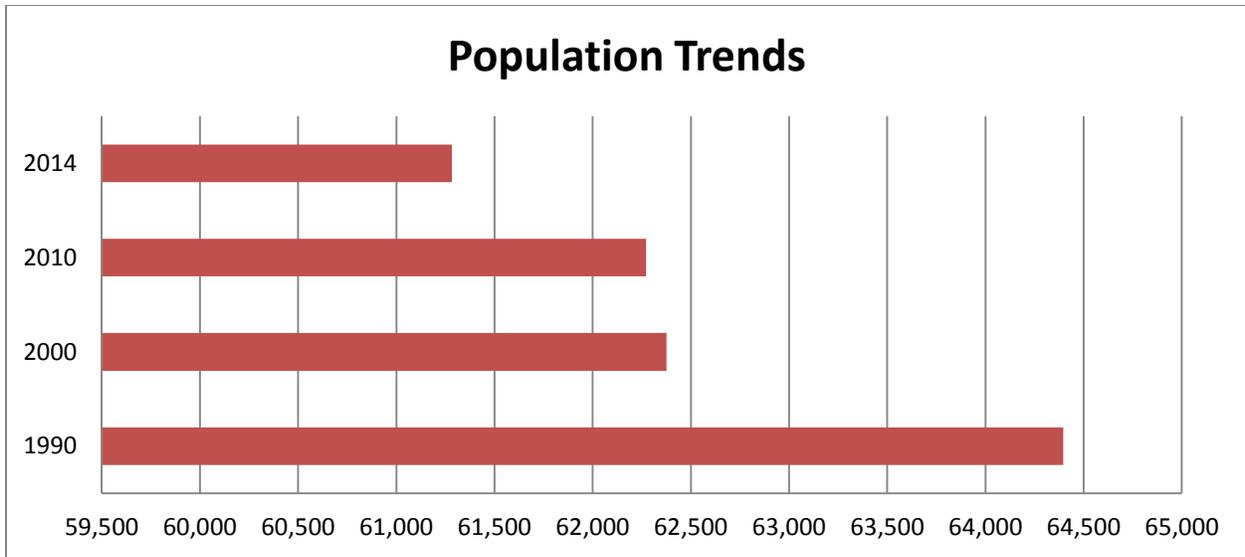
Development at the park is hindered by economics, and space. Current land use and development has been done nicely and various activities have the space needed. Caution will be taken in future development that we are not putting too many uses in too small of a space.

## Vision, Trends, and Public Values

### Demographics

Below are several graphics highlighting the Parks main user’s demographic statistics including population, age, race, and income. Statistics were compiled from the US Census Bureau. In an effort to obtain accurate demographics of the Parks users, statistics from Cottonwood, Lyon, Murray, and Redwood counties were compiled. This represents the majority of the actual draw of the park, and realistic service area.





## Recreational Activity in the Region

According to a 2015 study (Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report 2015), running, jogging, trail running, bicycling, camping, and fishing are the most common recreation activities performed.

During the warmer months there is a lot of activity in Plum Creek County Park. The campsites remain at capacity for the majority of the summer, and there is a waiting list for the seasonal sites. Individuals take great pride in the campsite area, and small communities within the camp seem to form from year to year. Seasonal campers range from those who live very close by to some who travel great distances.



Overnight camping is also very popular in the Park.

Fishing is a popular activity at the Park. Lake Laura supports a diverse population of species with seemingly stable populations. Throughout the summer, there are constantly people utilizing this resource for enjoyment as well as sustenance.

The trail system is utilized throughout the summer. There are two separate loops that create two distinct experiences for hikers. The trails do not present a difficult hiking experience, so they are accessible for all ages.

The Disc Golf course is used consistently throughout the summer. Local disc golfers have held tournaments at the Park for several years. In general reviews of the course are overwhelmingly positive, with the only complaint being that individual's wish it had additional holes to play. Reviews posted to online sites are very favorable to the course.



The additional recreation facilities at the park, including the softball fields, volleyball courts, and basketball court are utilized by leagues throughout the summer months. Volleyball league brings over 60 people out to compete. However, there are opportunities for increasing the use of these facilities.

### **Minnesota River Valley Master Planning**

Redwood and Renville Counties are working together on the design of a Recreation and Conservation Master Plan for the Minnesota River Valley. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is also working on a plan with the same focus. These plans are focused on making the Minnesota River Valley a destination for people. With the possible increase in individuals visiting the river valley, Plum Creek Park will also see increased usage. The stories of Laura Ingalls Wilder are well known, and folks would enjoy the opportunity to come see the area. The Park will need to plan on how to best position it to attract a possible influx of new visitors to the area. Plum Creek Park is uniquely positioned to do that.

### **Community Engagement and Input**

Several different community engagement strategies were used to help guide the priorities and development strategy at the park. Informally, the Redwood Counties Parks and Trails Committee members conducted a lot of outreach one on one with members of the public. This information was brought to the full committee and incorporated into this plan.



Photo by Tom Merchant

Formally, the Redwood County Environmental Office conducted a public meeting in nearby Walnut Grove. Attendance at the meeting was great, and the community was very helpful in identifying the needs of the park. Individuals offered constructive criticisms and advice on how to make the park better. Several members of the community shared information they had gathered in discussion the previous season with out of town campers and park users. Written surveys were also handed out at the meeting. We received some good feedback with this method, as it allowed individuals to voice an opinion without talking in front of a crowd.

We also conducted an online survey. We had decent participation in the online survey. It was the best method for collecting demographic information of the individuals providing input.

We will also continually collect information from the public and incorporate that into our Master Plan. Plans are in place to increase the amount of formal surveying that we conduct in order to get this information. Additional input will be incorporated into this plan as warranted and needed.

## Community Feedback

Utilizing the feedback gained from the Community, our Parks and Trails Committee was able to list and prioritize the needs of the park into this Master Plan. A summary of feedback is provided below.

### Infrastructure

- Focus first on updating all existing infrastructure before investigating any new elements
- The beach bathhouse and the bathrooms in the lower park need work
- Improve the landscape around beach bathhouse
- Build and maintain camper cabins
- Expand campsites, and increase number of campsites available for weekend rental (not seasonal)
- Build primitive campsites
- Build a fishing pier
- Install speed bumps in campground
- Build a large shelter in the Upper Park.
- Trails to connect the park and Walnut Grove
- Pave the trail around Lake Laura.



Photo by Tom Merchant

### Activities

- Improve the volleyball courts to encourage tournaments and leagues to play there
- Improve the basketball court near the main entrance, or possibly install a new court by the campground
- Install a volleyball court next to the campground
- Find a way to easily rent canoes and kayaks for individuals to paddle on Lake Laura
- Increase the disc golf course to 18 holes
- Encourage boy scouts and girl scouts to utilize the park

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- Encourage archery competitions to utilize areas of the park
- Encourage regional baseball tournaments to utilize the fields
- Increase accessibility in the winter to allow for increased winter activities
- Plow down to the lake and keep a parking area open for ice fishing opportunities.

### Other

- The park is the only lodging available in the area, we should make sure we are fully utilizing this opportunity to bring people to the park and providing them a way to stay in the area.
- Keep prohibiting ATV's, snowmobiles, and motorized boats.

### Demographics of survey takers

- Gender - 60% Female 40% Male
- Age - 5% 18-24 25% 25-34 15% 35-44 15% 45-54 35% 55-64 5% 65-74
- How often do you visit the park?
  - o 5% several times a week 40% once a week 20% every couple of weeks
  - 10% once a month 25% couple times a year

## Development Plan

The following is an outline of currently identified goals for Plum Creek Park. The goals have been identified through the public participation process and are in accordance with the vision outlined in this plan. It is the intention that this development plan undergoes continual updating and changes as needed to maintain park priorities and adapt to changing financial opportunities. The main focus is to maintain and update existing infrastructure and add new infrastructure when able. This development plan should also be kept onsite at the Park and available for public review and input.

### SHORT-TERM GOALS

Short-term goals are those that are of immediate interest. These are intended to occur in the next 1-2 years. They are listed in order of priority.

1. Campground Improvements
  - Renovate the showers at the campground. Design to be durable, easy to clean, and visually appealing.
  - Connect the six (6) sites located to the east of the Main Office to the campground septic system.
  - Update 11 campsites to 50 amp electrical service.



2. Update Swimming Beach Bathhouse

- Install new and improved lighting in the bathhouse
- Install vandal proof mirrors in the bathhouse
- Redo the landscaping surrounding the building



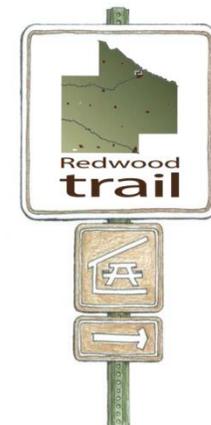
3. Connect the Upper and Lower Parks with a walking trail.

- Design the trail to limit the use of existing roadways.
- Trail will also avoid the current maintenance trail behind the maintenance building.
- Trail will be designed with aesthetics in mind and not solely as a conduit to other sections of the park.



4. Improve the existing basketball court

- Resurface the existing basketball courts
- Make sure the nets on the basketball hoops are maintained and kept in good shape



5. Replace Disc Golf Signs

- Current signs have become deteriorated
- Replace with new long lasting signs with color and diagram of hole

6. Install trail signage throughout the park

- Trailhead indicators along with reassuring trail markers will be placed on the Lake Laura and Plum Creek trails.
- A master trail sign will be located near the Main Office
- Distance indicators will be placed on each trail
- Signs should be designed to be consistent with the eventual redwood trail signs

7. In cooperation with the MN DNR, construct a floating fishing pier on Lake Laura

- Working with the MN DNR and Area II, a floating pier will be designed and installed to allow access further into Lake Laura
- The fluctuating nature of the Lake will be taken into account
- The design shall be such that the pier will be easy to maintain and store in the winter



8. Develop a winter activity plan

- Work with Redwood County Highway Department to keep access to the park throughout the winter months open.
- The Parks and Trails Committee will develop a winter activity schedule at the park.
- All activities will be examined, such as skating, skiing, sledding, ice fishing, snowshoeing, etc.
- Adequate facilities may also include a warming house.



9. Primitive camping sites

- Primitive camping sites (tent only, no hookups, more sheltered) shall be placed south of the lower park.
- Sites shall be sized and arranged to maximize the primitive feel of the site.
- Basic restroom facilities will be installed.



10. Camper Cabins

- 4-10 camper cabins will be installed in the newly purchase 10 acre expansion.
- Camper cabins will contain 4-6 beds, a seating area, and an covered porch
- Additional required utilities will be installed prior to the addition of camper cabins.
- Additional bathhouse may need to be built to accommodate the camber cabins.

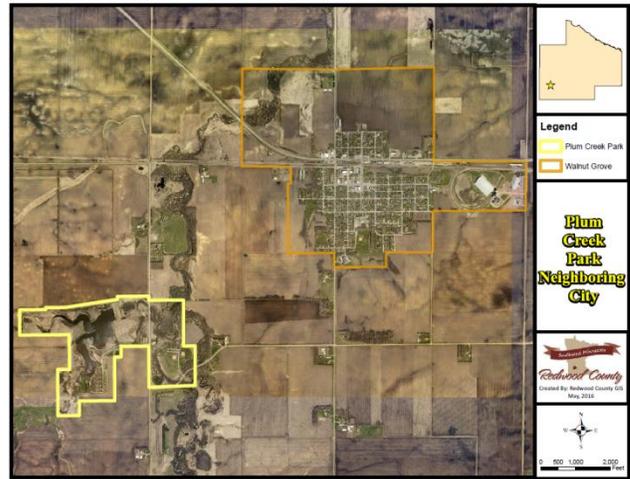


## MID-TERM GOALS

Mid-term goals are intended to occur in the next 2-5 years. Goals are listed in order of priority.

1. Campsite expansion
  - Campground will be expanded into the newly purchased 10 acre expansion
  - Additional required utilities will be installed prior to expanding the actual camping pads
  - Campsites will be sized consistently with the existing sites to maintain a uniform appearance throughout the park

2. Work with the City of Walnut Grove to construct a path connecting the park and the city
  - City staff have already identified possible trail locations
  - Work with the city to provide support as needed to install trail.



3. Install a self-service kayak/canoe rental station
  - Install a boat rental station which would allow individuals to access Lake Laura
  - Utilize a payment station that would take a credit card and hold the number until the individual returns the boat to prevent theft



4. Expanded accessibility
  - The park will be examined to ensure that it facilitates accessibility by as many individuals as possible
  - Where identified, structures that facilitate accessibility will be installed

5. Fitness Course
  - A fitness course which accommodates a wide variety of ability will be installed on the lake Laura trail system
  - The course will offer activities for all skill levels from beginner to advanced
  - Equipment will be chosen with durability and low maintenance in mind



6. Disc Golf course expansion

- Disc Golf course will be expanded an additional 9 holes to create an 18 hole course.
- A professional designer will be brought in to guide the redesign of the course.
- Course will take advantage of underutilized space in the park.
- Course will showcase the beauty of the park.

7. Bathroom Replacement

- The vault style bathrooms near the upper shelter and by the ballpark will be replaced with new vault style bathrooms.
- Bathrooms will be designed to fit in with the aesthetics of the park and include outside landscaping.
- Placement will ensure that odors will not affect any nearby existing use.



8. Add volleyball court near the campground

- Install a volleyball court near the campground to provide easier recreation access to campers
- Possibly use the newly purchased land for installation.



9. Roof Replacement

- Roof will be replaced at the upper shelter.
- The side roof will be replaced at the swimming beach bathhouse.
- Roof will be replaced at the lower park gazebo.
- The material chosen for the replacement will be steel, in order to ensure a long life.
- Color will match the existing look of the buildings.

## LONG-TERM GOALS

Long-term goals are intended to occur in the next 5-10 years. Goals are listed in order of priority.

1. Work with the City of Walnut Grove to construct a path connecting the park and the Laura Ingalls Wilder family dugout site which is owned and maintained by the Gordon Family
  - Work with the city to provide support as needed to facilitate this trail connection
2. Build an additional campground bathhouse
  - An additional bathhouse will be installed prior to the addition of any additional campsites.
  - Bathhouse to be designed to maintain the visual character of the campground.

3. Campsite expansion

- Campground will be expanded into the newly purchased 10 acre expansion.
- Additional required utilities will be installed prior to expanding the actual camping pads.
- Campsites will be sized consistently with the existing sites to maintain a uniform appearance throughout the park.

4. New playground

- An additional playground will be installed in the expanded campground.
- Playground will take advantage of the newest playground equipment and facilitate play for a variety of ages.



5. Bicycle off road / obstacle course

- A bicycle course will be installed that allows users to experience a variety of terrain.
- A qualified consultant will be utilized to design and place the course.



6. Skate Park

- The installation of a skate park will be reevaluated at this time
- If deemed viable, a skate park that provides a variety of obstacles will be installed.

7. Zip Line over Lake Laura

- A zip line over lake Laura will be installed that traverses the lake from east of the beach to the beach area.
- At this time, a qualified consultant will be utilized to ensure all safety standards are met.



## Ecological Stewardship Plan

### Geology

According to the Redwood County Comprehensive Water Plan, a thick mantle of glacial drift covers almost all of Redwood County. Along the Minnesota River Valley in the northeast portion of the county, glacial drift is absent and Precambrian rock formations are exposed. The thickness of the drift is highly variable ranging in depth from less than 100 feet in the west central portions of the county to more than 150 to 250 feet in the rest of the county. The drift has sand and gravel lenses, which serve as local aquifers. Cretaceous bedrock and sandstone lie beneath the glacial drift throughout much of the county. In the southwest part of the county, the cretaceous formation is 10 to 400 feet thick; it thins out to the east and west and is absent in the areas along the Redwood River from Seaforth to the western border of the county.

Redwood County is primarily a glacial till lowland with an average elevation of 1,100 feet above sea level. A predominant feature of the extreme southwestern portion of the county is the Coteau des Prairies, which ascends to an elevation of approximately 1,450 feet. Many tributaries of the Cottonwood River originate in this region, which is characterized by steep slopes and deep ravines. The rapid decrease in elevation from the Coteau to the lowland areas of the Cottonwood River leads to serious annual flooding during times of snow melt and heavy rainfall. North of the Cottonwood River the terrain is nearly level.

### Vegetation

Plum Creek County Park contains a diverse landscape of both prairie and forest. Overall vegetative health is positive, but invasive species are present.



## Fish and Wildlife

Lake Laura supports a variety of fish species including bullhead, crappie, bluegill, carp, sunfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, and perch. Other wildlife in the park includes Whitetail deer, turkeys, hawks, eagles, and many other small mammal and bird species.

## Water Resources

### Plum Creek

Plum Creek achieved national attention from the Laura Ingalls Wilder book, *On the Banks of Plum Creek*. Plum Creek is a 35.4 mile long stream which begins approximately 5.5 miles southwest of Plum Creek County Park, and eventually empties into the Cottonwood River 7.5 miles to the northeast. The cottonwood river becomes a State Water Trail east of where Plum Creek empties in.

### Lake Laura

Lake Laura was created in 1978 as a water control project on a tributary of Plum Creek. Lake Laura is 23 acres in size with a maximum depth of 21 feet and water clarity up to 5 feet. The Lake levels can fluctuate greatly throughout the spring, summer, and fall depending on rain events. The Lake supports a variety of fish species and contains a swimming beach. Unlike other area waters Lake Laura remains swimmable throughout the summer months.



## Balancing Human Use and Ecological Protection

It is the goal of this plan to ensure that new development of the park is done in harmony with the ecological needs of the area. Ensuring the Parks natural beauty is protected as development occurs will ensure that people will continue to travel many miles to spend time in beautiful Southwest Minnesota.

## Research Plan

It is the goal of this plan, that Redwood County will continually assess the use and changing trends of activities in the Park.

The overall quality and knowledge of the Park and its users can be improved by adhering to *The Protocol for Visitor County's and Site Intercept Surveys*, as outlined in Section 6 of the *Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*. This will be our guide for developing and carrying out research on park visitors. The County is also interested in partnering with Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (and potentially other partners) to develop and implement new research tools over time.

Initially we plan conduct a variety of research, including:

1. End of the year camping statistics
2. Daily visitor counts
3. Vehicle counters
4. Surveys
5. Ongoing research and analysis of park trends nationally, and regionally
6. Individual in person surveys

## Implementation, Management, and Sustainability Plan

### Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure

The County will seek to ensure that all future remodeling and new construction fits the overall feel and vision for the Park as outlined in this document. An emphasis should be placed on maintaining the existing infrastructure in lieu of new construction. Before new construction takes place, the County should ensure that the fiscal resources are in place to maintain the new facilities into the future.

### Energy efficient building/easy maintenance/recycled materials

All building improvements should seek to reduce the long term operations and maintenance costs. This is to be accomplished by continually being innovative in the repair and construction practices. When possible, local materials and labor is preferred.

### Water conservation

Water conservation in and around the parks facilities should be a focus during current operations and eventual expansion of the park. Items such as low flow systems and automatic shutoffs should be installed where feasible. All additions of impervious surfaces should be offset with water retention areas to allow for natural infiltration.



### Accessibility

The County is committed to ensuring everyone has the ability to enjoy what Plum Creek Park has to offer. Where possible, improvements will be made to ensure that existing facilities meet the needs of all people, and that new construction will be as accessible as conditions allow.

### Programing

The Park should develop ongoing program activities. Innovative and engaging programs are a great way to introduce new people to the Park. Partners such as school groups, conservation groups, MN DNR, and others should be sought out to assist in program activities. There is surely a plethora of talented and knowledgeable individuals in the area who would enjoy sharing their skills with others.

## Marketing

The Park should increase its marketing campaign to continually bring in new people. A focus should be on the parks natural resources and its connection to Laura Ingalls Wilder. The Park benefits greatly from the Ingalls Wilder Pageant during the summer, and should utilize that time to showcase the parks beauty and encourage people to come back at other times. Advertisements in the regional tour guides and increased dissemination of Park flyers could also aid in bringing new people to the Park.

## Local Funding

As in the past, local sources of funding will be sought out for ongoing projects. Local clubs (Loggers Club) have always donated time and labor to various projects around the park, and this will most likely continue.

## Operations and maintenance

Currently Operations and maintenance are the responsibility of the Redwood County Environmental Department. The Park has a long term manager who is on site and conducts the day to day operations of the Park. The Park also has employs seasonal workers to assist throughout the warmer months. If the Park expands, the County will need to consider the additional work that is necessary to maintain and run the Park. The addition of winter activities will also present an expanded workload.

## Ecological Stewardship

The long-term success of the park will depend on maintaining and enhancing the natural beauty of the Park. Local residents as well as travelers are attracted to natural areas to escape. It is a focus of the Park to continually strive to be a local leader in ecological stewardship. The park contains one of the only standing waterbodies that stays swimmable throughout the year.

## Prescribed Burning

Before European settlement, fire was a major part of the prairie landscape. The plants and animals that reside here adapted and flourished with the periodic fires. Fire helps to fight back invasive species, encourage new growth, kill off woody encroachment in the prairies, and improve diversity. A routine prescribed burning regiment should be established for the park. Initially, prescribed burns should take place every 3-5 years.



## Invasive Species

The park should undergo an invasive species inventory and a plan should be developed to remove existing invasive species. A variety of methods can be utilized to effectively fight invasive species, including mechanical, chemical, and biological methods. Which method or combination of methods utilized will depend on the species and its abundance.

## Projected Operations and Maintenance Costs

### Expenses

The 2015 budget for Plum Creek County Park is \$130,092. Below is a cost breakdown using an inflationary rate of 1.6% through 2030 for the basic ongoing operations of the park.

2015 budget	\$130,092
2020 projection	\$140,838
2025 projection	\$152,471
2030 projection	\$165,065

### Revenue

The projection for Plum Creek County Park Revenue through camping and miscellaneous fees for 2015 is \$65,000. Below is a breakdown using an inflationary rate of 1.6% through 2030 for the projected revenue of the Park (with current number of campsites).

2015 budget	\$65,000
2020 projection	\$70,369
2025 projection	\$76,182
2030 projection	\$82,474

### Cost Factors

The following is an estimation of the average amount spent on major expenses. This is not necessarily representative of the entire budget, but is meant to reflect the general ongoing expenditures.

Utility Costs	\$15,500
Labor	\$70,000
Maintenance	\$19,000
Supplies	\$1,000
Improvements	\$5,000

### Improvement costs

Improvement costs estimates are just that – estimates. The costs are estimated using 2015 dollars, and are meant to be conservative estimates. Each project would undergo a more specific and defined cost estimation prior to advancement.

These costs should not be used in an official capacity for evaluating project feasibility. Costs and goal prioritization is meant to provide a guideline for project phasing and continued development of the park. This list is subject to change on a year by year basis as budgets and priorities evolve.

<b>Short Term Goals 1-2 years</b>		
<b>Goal #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost Range</b>
1	Renovate showers in bathhouse	\$3,000 - \$6,000
2	Update electrical system to 50 amp service 22 sites	\$20,000 - \$22,000
3	Provide sewer hookup to 6 remaining sites	\$1,000 - \$3,000
4	Update Swimming Beach Bathhouse	\$1,500 - \$4,000
5	Connect Upper and Lower park with a new trail	\$5,000 - \$15,000
6	Improve the existing basketball court	\$3,000 - \$7,000
7	Replace signs on Disc Golf Course	\$2,000 - \$2,500
8	Improve trail signage (markings, maps, overview)	\$2,000 - \$4,000
9	Develop winter activity plan / infrastructure	\$3,000 - \$15,000
10	Construct Floating Pier on Lake Laura	\$10,000 - \$12,000
11	Develop Primitive Camping Sites	\$3,000 - \$8,000
12	Construct Camper Cabins	\$6,000 - \$15,000 / cabin
<b>Mid Term Goals 2-5 years</b>		
<b>Goal #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost Range</b>
1	Expand disc golf course to 18 holes	\$2,000 - \$8,000
2	Expand accessibility throughout the park	\$3,000 - \$10,000
3	Add additional Campsites	\$5,000 - \$12,000 / site
4	Outdoor fitness course	\$5,000 - \$15,000
5	Install self-service kayak / canoe rental station	\$10,000 - \$20,000
6	Construct new bathhouse	\$50,000
7	Install new volleyball court near the campground	\$7,000
8	Install a fitness course	\$15,000 - \$25,000
9	Replace bathrooms (upper shelter, softball fields)	\$10,000 - \$15,000
10	Install Steel Roofs (upper shelter, bathhouse, gazebo)	\$10,000
<b>Long Term Goals 5-10 years</b>		
<b>Goal #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost Range</b>
1	Add additional Campsites	\$5,000 - \$12,000 / site
2	New Bathhouse(s)	\$30,000 - \$100,000
3	Off Road / obstacle bicycle course	\$25,000
4	New Playground	\$50,000
5	Skate park	\$20,000
6	Primitive camp sites	\$5,000
7	Zip Line over Lake Laura	\$25,000

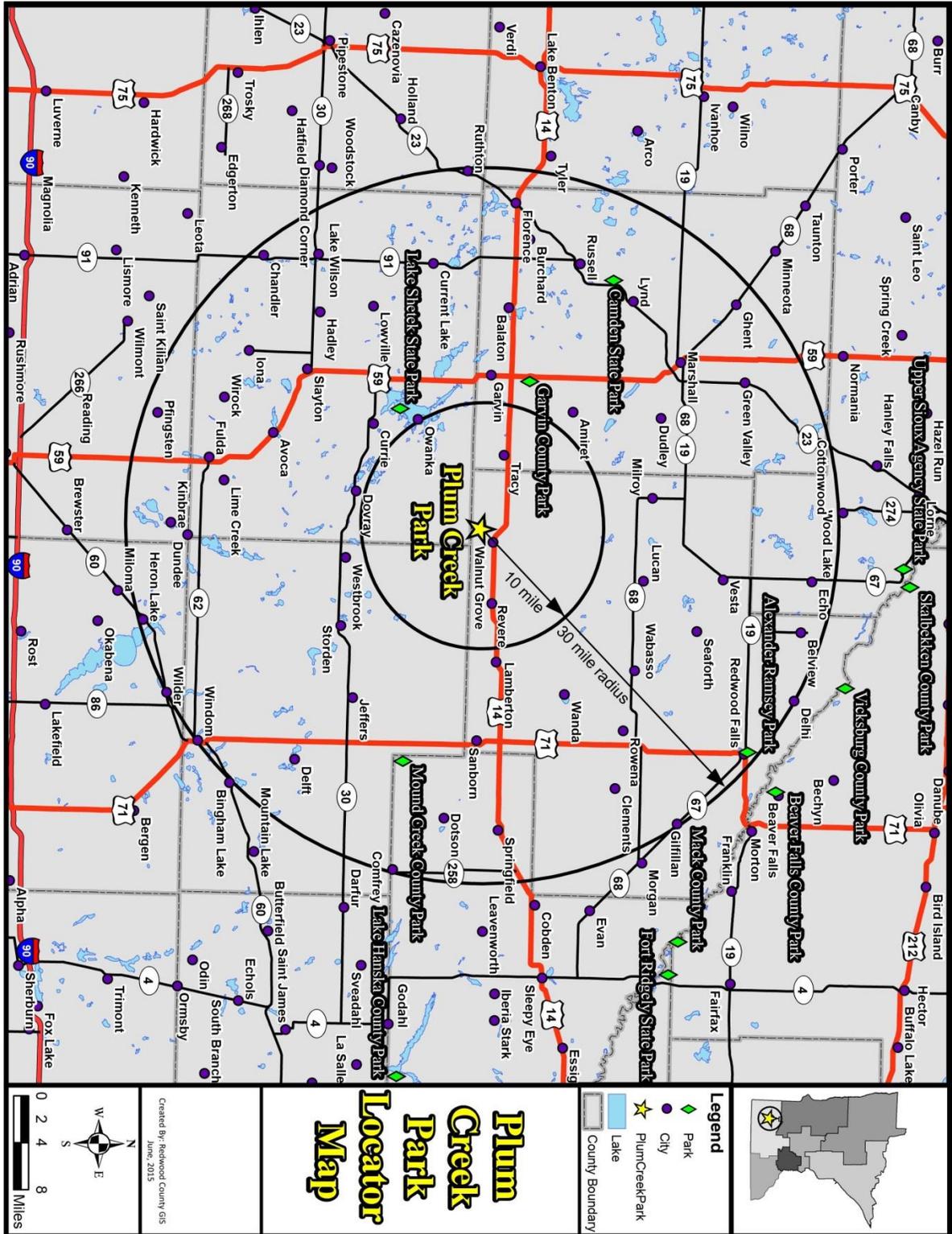
## Master Plan Revisions and Updating Procedures

This master plan is a dynamic and changing document. This plan should be reviewed annually and revised as necessary. Some reasons for revision may include:

1. Users show preference for new activities which the park does not currently offer.
2. Change in circumstances in regards to existing uses
3. Existing facilities need to be redone or updated to meet users' needs
4. Park needs additional capacity to meet demand
5. Parks and Trails Committee deems an aspect of the plan is inadequate or incorrect

Any substantial changes to this plan will undergo an appropriate public participation process to gather input from the citizens of Redwood County.

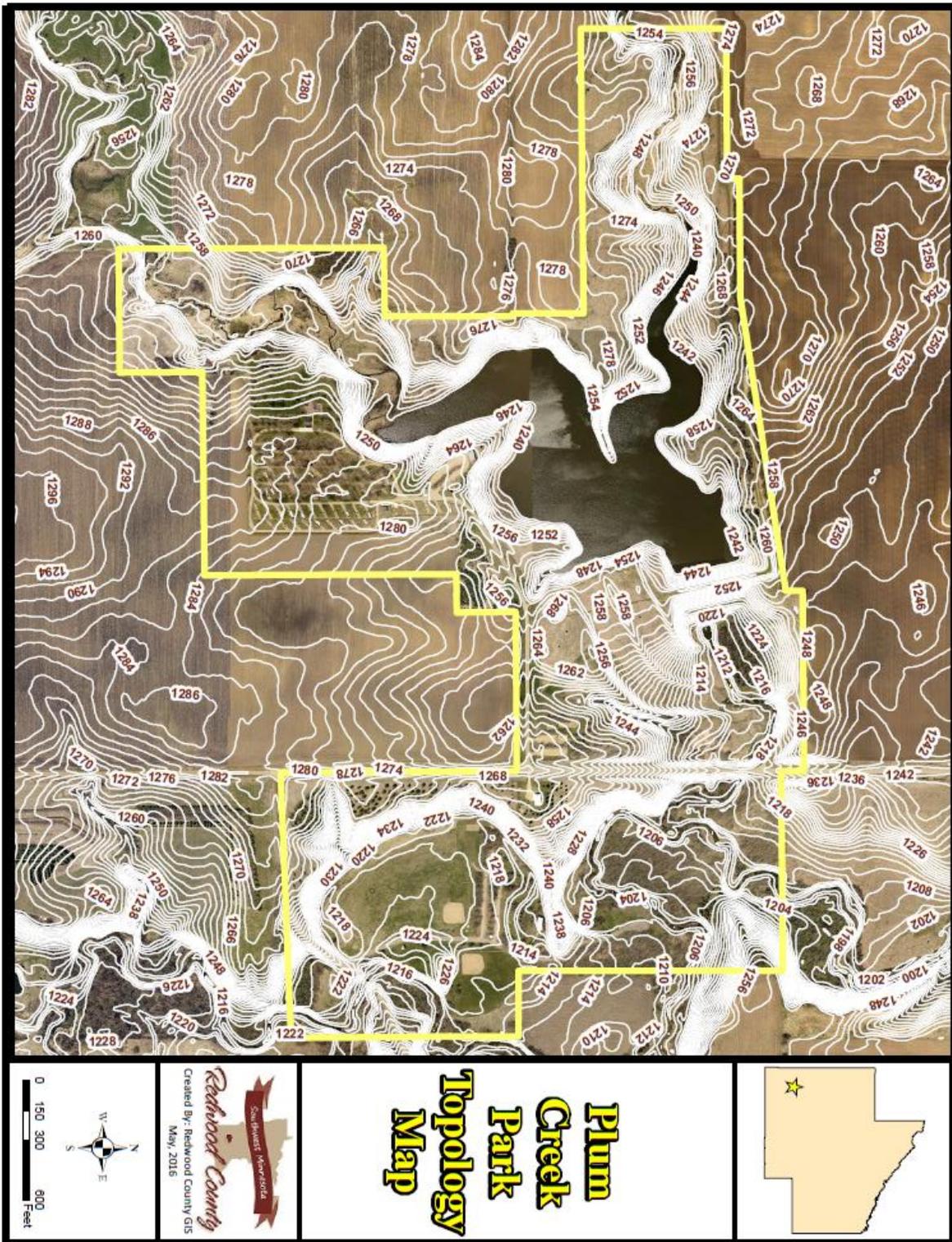
## Appendix 1: Locator Map



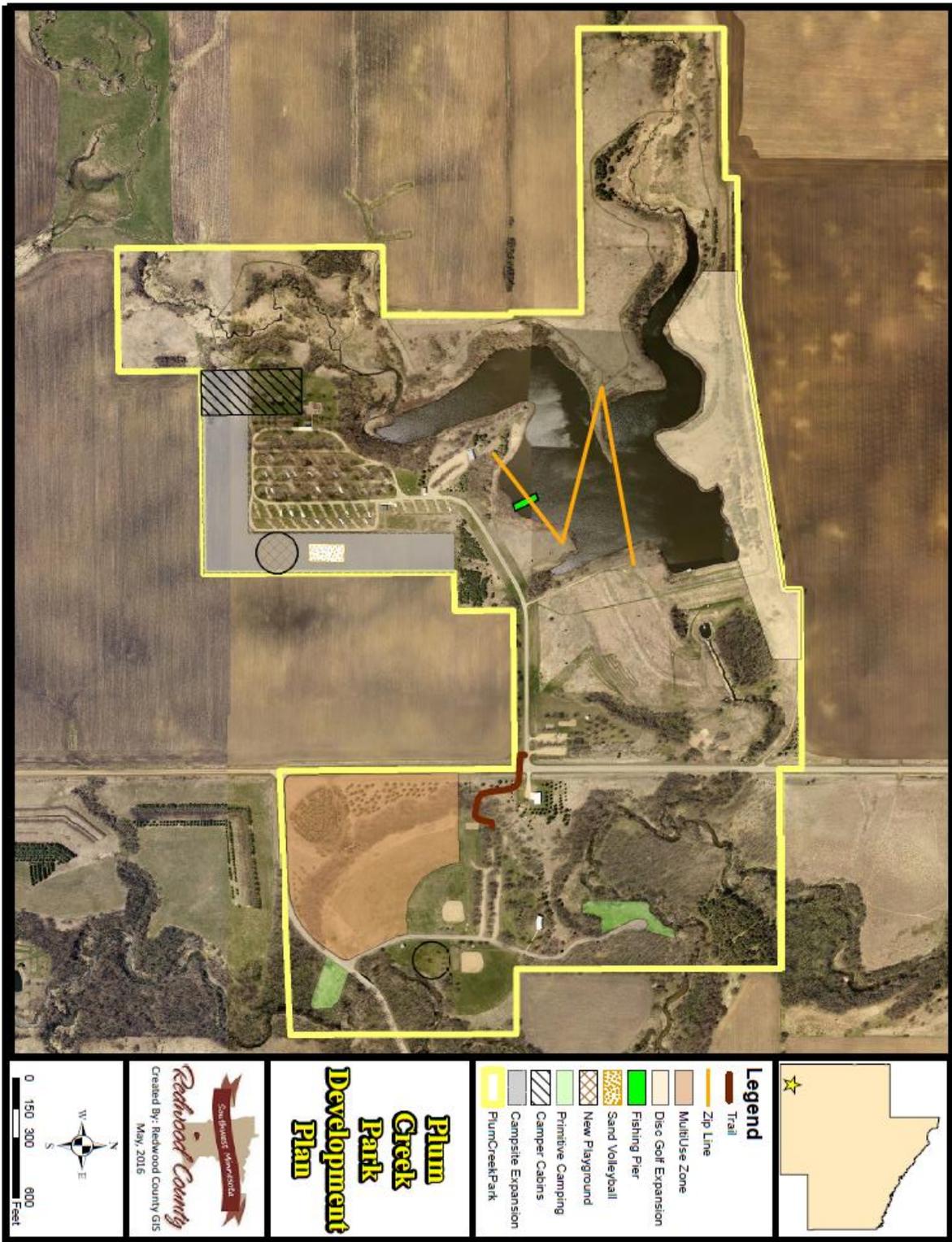
## Appendix 2: Park Boundaries



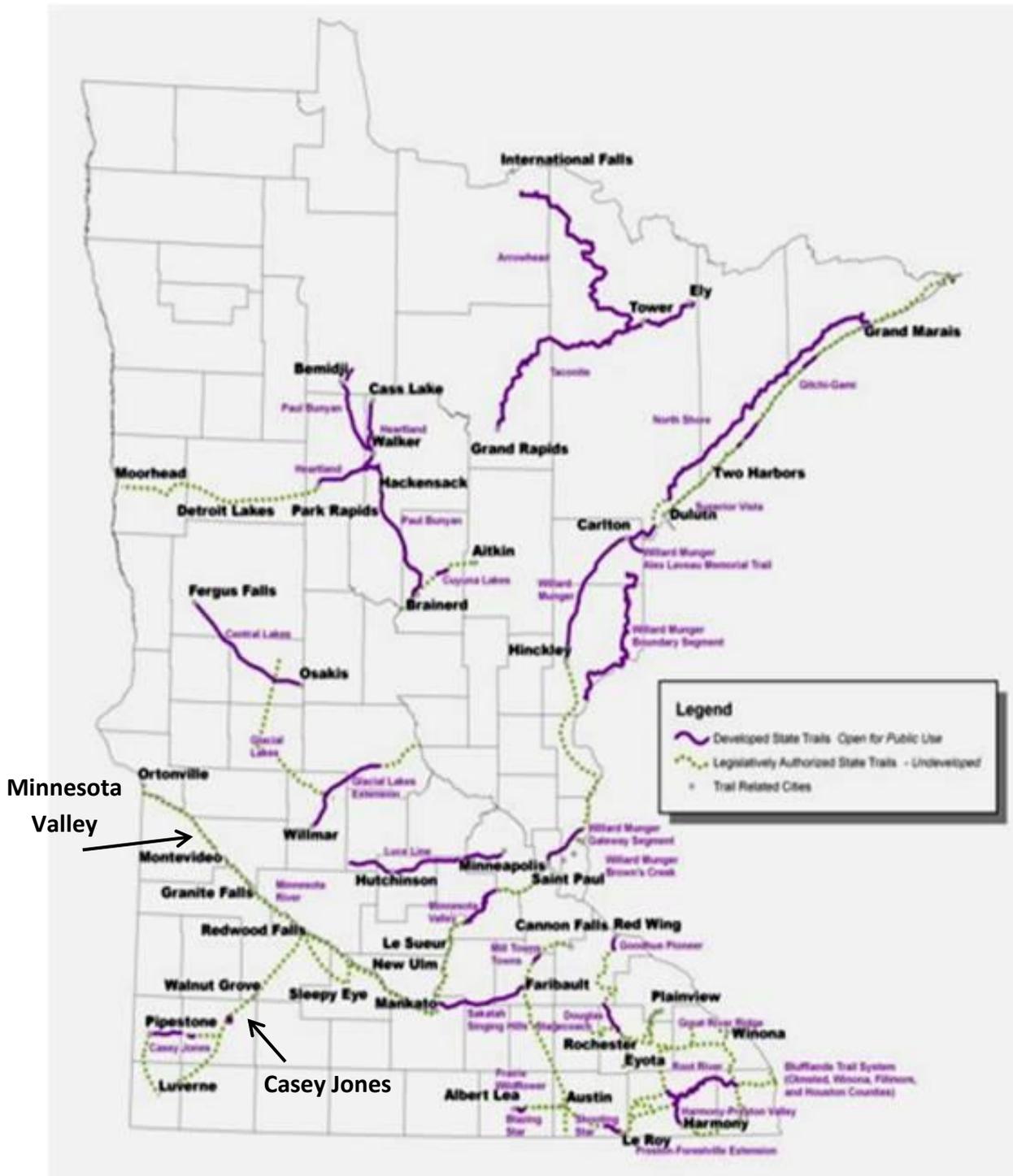
### Appendix 3: Topology Map



## Appendix 4: Development Plan



### Appendix 5: State Trails Map



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## Appendix 6: DNR Lake Laura Fish Survey

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**Name: Laura**

Nearest Town: Walnut Grove  
 Primary County: Redwood

Survey Date: 08/27/2012  
 Inventory Number: 64015000

### Public Access Information

Ownership	Type	Description
County	Carry-In	SHORELINE ACCESS PROVIDED THROUGH REDWOOD COUNTY PARK. BOAT ACCESS BY PORTAGE ONLY.

### Lake Characteristics

Lake Area (acres): 22.24  
Littoral Area (acres): 16  
 Maximum Depth (ft): 21  
Water Clarity (ft): 4.5 (3.5-5.5)

Dominant Bottom Substrate: N/A  
Abundance of Aquatic Plants: N/A  
 Maximum Depth of Plant Growth (ft): N/A

### Fish Sampled for the 2012 Survey Year

Species	Gear Used	Number of fish per net		Average Fish Weight (lbs)	Normal Range (lbs)
		Caught	Normal Range		
<i>Black Bullhead</i>	Trap net	1.50	0.7 - 16.4	0.42	0.2 - 0.6
	Gill net	7.00	1.5 - 16.8	0.45	0.2 - 0.6
<i>Black Crappie</i>	Trap net	33.50	0.7 - 4.3	0.13	0.2 - 0.5
	Gill net	42.00	1.0 - 4.3	0.09	0.2 - 0.5
<i>Bluegill</i>	Trap net	8.75	2.9 - 41.2	0.10	0.1 - 0.3
<i>Common Carp</i>	Trap net	0.25	0.3 - 1.7	3.58	2.1 - 5.5
	Gill net	1.00	0.5 - 4.3	6.62	1.4 - 4.3
<i>Hybrid Sunfish</i>	Trap net	3.50	N/A	0.15	N/A
<i>Largemouth Bass</i>	Trap net	0.25	0.4 - 2.0	1.44	0.2 - 0.9
<i>Northern Pike</i>	Gill net	3.00	2.7 - 9.3	4.10	1.6 - 2.9
<i>Orangespotted Sunfish</i>	Trap net	0.50	N/A	0.03	N/A
	Gill net	5.00	N/A	0.06	N/A
<i>Pumpkinseed</i>	Trap net	2.00	1.5 - 7.4	0.14	0.1 - 0.2
<i>White Crappie</i>	Trap net	2.25	1.5 - 9.1	0.10	0.2 - 0.4
	Gill net	1.00	0.5 - 4.5	0.06	0.1 - 0.3
<i>White Sucker</i>	Trap net	1.75	0.3 - 1.3	1.05	1.1 - 2.4
	Gill net	14.00	0.5 - 2.5	1.03	1.0 - 2.4

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<i>Yellow Bullhead</i>	Trap net	0.75	1.4 - 7.0	0.28	0.5 - 0.8
	Gill net	1.00	1.0 - 10.0	0.80	0.4 - 0.7
<i>Yellow Perch</i>	Trap net	3.00	0.7 - 3.6	0.18	0.1 - 0.3
	Gill net	31.00	1.9 - 19.1	0.15	0.1 - 0.2

*Normal Ranges represent typical catches for lakes with similar physical and chemical characteristics.*

### Length of Selected Species (Trapnet, Gillnet) Sampled for the 2012 Survey Year

Species	Number of fish caught in each category (inches)								Total
	0-5	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30+	
<i>black bullhead</i>	0	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	13
<i>black crappie</i>	98	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	176
<i>bluegill</i>	23	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
<i>common carp</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
<i>hybrid sunfish</i>	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
<i>largemouth bass</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>northern pike</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
<i>orangespotted sunfish</i>	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
<i>pumpkinseed</i>	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
<i>white crappie</i>	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
<i>white sucker</i>	0	0	0	18	1	0	0	0	21
<i>yellow bullhead</i>	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>yellow perch</i>	2	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	43

### Fish Consumption Guidelines

No fish consumption guidelines are available for this lake. For more information, see the "[Fish Consumption Advice](#)" pages at the [Minnesota Department of Health](#).

### Status of the Fishery (as of 08/27/2012)

#### INTRODUCTION

Laura Lake is a 22-acre reservoir 1 mile southwest of Walnut Grove in Redwood County. The reservoir has a maximum depth of 21 feet, a shoreline length of 1.8 miles, and is a DNR class 33 lake based on physical and chemical characteristics. Laura Lake has shoreline access through a Redwood County Park. Boat access is by portage only with non-gas powered boats only. The lake is managed for largemouth bass, black crappie, and yellow perch.

## LARGEMOUTH BASS

The largemouth bass were introduced shortly after construction of the reservoir with the first and only stocking in 1979. Since 1979 the population has maintained itself naturally. Largemouth bass are best assessed with the use of spring electrofishing to capture the fish as they prepare to spawn or have just finished spawning. In June 26 largemouth bass were caught in just over an hour of electrofishing. The length of largemouth bass captured ranged from 4 to 19 inches with an average size of 13 inches. The wide range of fish sampled coupled with the presence of 7 age groups of fish indicates a population that is successfully sustaining itself. Additionally, the health of the largemouth bass population is above average compared to other populations in other lakes. The Largemouth bass population in Laura Lake currently exceeds the management goals set by the DNR (20 fish per hour of electrofishing). Local bass anglers particularly shore, canoe, and kayak anglers should consider Laura Lake as a fishing destination. Some large fish can be caught!

## BLACK CRAPPIE

The black crappie population in Laura Lake has been on the rise since the early 1990's. The current catch rates are the highest on record with 42 fish in the gill net and an average of 33.5 fish in each trap net. The crappie ranged in length from 4 inches to 8 inches with an average length of 6 inches in the gill net and trap nets. The high catch rate in 2012 combined with healthy and plump fish gives evidence that the population will sustain itself at or near these levels for several years. Larger fish will become more common over the next 2 to 3 years as the youngest and most abundant crappie grow.

## YELLOW PERCH

The yellow perch catch rate in 2012 was 31 fish per gill net and 3 fish per trap. The historical catch rate indicates that yellow perch abundance was highest in the early 1990s. This was then followed by catch rates just above or equal to the upper normal range of 19 fish per gill net and 4 fish per trap net, except for the 2006 trap net catch rate of 1.4 which was just average. The current yellow perch population abundance appears to have reached equilibrium as the catch rates have not changed substantially since the 1999 survey. Yellow perch in the 2012 sample ranged from 5 to 8 inches with an average length of 7 inches. The population is dominated by 1 age group of fish and the population is dominated by smaller fish. The overall average health of the yellow perch was average indicating no unusual stressors. Overall, the yellow perch population is sustaining itself and the size structure appears to provide a good forage base for the northern pike and largemouth bass in the lake.

## BLUEGILL

The bluegill population in Laura Lake used to be included as a managed species up until 2006. Stocking to boost the population in the early 1990's did not work due to poor spawning habitat, poor water quality, and competition with other species. Surprisingly, in 2012 the bluegill catch rate was near 9 fish per trap net which is the second highest net catch rate since DNR sampling began in the late 1980's. Bluegill ranged in length from 4 to 7 inches with an average length of 5 inches. The bluegill population is sustaining itself at a low abundance, but it appears every so often that Laura Lake contains good numbers of bluegill when conditions are right for bluegill to do well.

## OTHER SPECIES

Other species sampled in Laura Lake during August were black bullhead, common carp, hybrid sunfish, northern pike, pumpkinseed sunfish, white crappie, white sucker, and yellow bullhead.

## SUMMARY

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Overall, Laura Lake appears to contain healthy numbers of catchable size largemouth bass, black crappie, and yellow perch. Also, an emerging bluegill population will add a species to angler's creel over the next 2 to 3 years. Laura Lake would benefit from increased conservation of land in the watershed area. Improvements in the watershed will directly improve oxygen levels in the lake for species such as northern pike, bluegill, and bait fish as well as giving Laura Lake a potential to support walleye if stocked. At this point walleye cannot be recommended as a managed species by the DNR due to poor oxygen levels in the lower depths that walleye would need to survive. In the time being, Laura Lake will continue to sustain a robust population of largemouth bass and should be a destination for shore, canoe, and kayak bass anglers in southwestern Minnesota. Good luck fishing!

Prepared by Nate Hodgins

*For more information on this lake, contact:*

Area Fisheries Supervisor  
175 Co Rd 26  
Windom, MN 56101-1868  
Phone: (507) 831-2900  
E-Mail: [Windom.Fisheries@state.mn.us](mailto:Windom.Fisheries@state.mn.us)

*Lake maps can be obtained from:*

Minnesota Bookstore  
660 Olive Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
(651) 297-3000 or (800) 657-3757  
To order, use [C2919](#) for the map-id.

*For general DNR Information, contact:*

DNR Information Center  
500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040  
TDD: (651) 296-6157 or (888) MINNDNR  
Internet: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)  
E-Mail: [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us)



*Turn in Poachers (TIP):*

Toll-free: (800) 652-9093

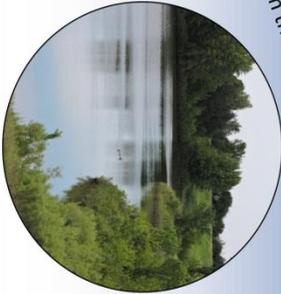
## Appendix 7: Sample of Park Written Survey

	<p><b>REDWOOD COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE</b></p> <p><i>Planning &amp; Zoning • Parks &amp; Trails • GIS Aquatic Invasive Species • Septic Inspector Drainage Inspector • Agricultural Inspector</i></p>	<p>PO BOX 130 REDWOOD FALLS MINNESOTA 56283 PH: 507-637-4023</p>
<p><b><u>Plum Creek County Park Public Meeting Survey</u></b></p>		
<p>What does Plum Creek Park mean to you?</p>		
<p>What are some of your most memorable moments at the park? (share one or two).</p>		
<p>What do you think Plum Creek Park looks like in 20 years? 50 years?</p>		
<p>If you could only make 1 improvement in the park, what would you do?</p>		
<p>What activities do you think the park should focus on most?</p>		
<p>What do you think we could do to showcase Plum Creek Park to more people <u>Locally</u> (&lt; 50 miles)?</p>		
<p>What do you think we could do to showcase Plum Creek Park to more people <u>Regionally</u> (&gt; 50 Miles)?</p>		
<p>Any other comments?</p>		

## Appendix 8: Public Meeting Flyer

**You're Invited!**  
To Help Plan the Future of Plum Creek Park

*Plum Creek Park Master Plan Public Meeting*



**WHO**  
Anyone interested in helping to guide future development and recreational opportunities at Redwood County's Plum Creek County Park.

**WHAT**  
You are invited to participate in the creation of a Master Plan for Plum Creek County Park. All ideas are welcome, this is a long-term plan and will guide future development at the park for years to come. This County Park is for your enjoyment and we are looking for your direction and input. Please be prepared to provide suggestions on what you want to see and even things you don't want to see.

**WHEN**  
Thursday, May 5th, 6:30—8:00

**WHERE**  
Walnut Grove Community Center  
311 6th Street, Walnut Grove, MN 56180

Can't make it? Please fill out our online survey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NNV5RXY>

**Questions?**  
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