

2020 Mount Horeb CORP

Mount Horeb Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Draft Review

What do you like about the plan?	Votes
The recommendation that the village and school district combine efforts and funds for both indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities.	19
Connecting trails and neighborhoods to trails. There are so many areas of Mount Horeb without sidewalks to safely get to parks and recreational areas. It would be nice to see expansion of sidewalks and trails for users of all ages to benefit from.	9
The dog park!! I'm also excited about the new community park plan off of JG.	9
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Bike and pedestrian plans for new trails and connections, including safe routes to school as well as coordination efforts with other units of government to improve existing trails and parks (stewart lake water quality!)	7
The recommendation to investigate joint park opportunities with the school district that will serve the community (indoor and outdoor rec!)	5
Recommendations for Hofstetter (parking/JG access, additional land) and Norsk special use parks (cross country ski trails)	5
The idea that school property can be truly considered public is incorrect. The school softball fields were/are inaccessible to all youth softball team practices this summer and fall. This forced many teams to find and practice in other towns or cancel their seasons. Please invest in more fields for softball, baseball, football, soccer and other team sports.	5
I appreciated that village voices were heard in the survey and written in recommended plans for pickleball courts, a dog park and indoor rec	2
Please consider putting in a disc golf coarse!	2
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What don't you like about the plan?	Votes
I do not like that there is no active plan for an indoor pool nor recreation center as a 23 year resident. Surrounding communities offer so much more.	20
The field counts are not fully accurate. Example: There are not 7 functional soccer fields in the Village	2

There needs to be more parking at Sunrise. I took a video one night when all fields were used and parking was overflowing.	1
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What is missing or could be expanded upon in the plan?	Votes
Much of Mount Horeb's draw, fame, and industry is tourism. A lot of the tourism is downtown focused and the fact that we are "bike-friendly." The only "bike friendly" that we are is the Military Ridge Trail. Improvements to our community being "bike-friendly" could help to actually support the claim, but also build on this tourism base and draw and bring more people to the community. Ways to improve the "bike-friendly" nature of the community could be have on-road bike routes clearly labeled, off road trails connecting parks to the military ridge trail, having businesses have entrances to the bike trail (I.e. Brix vs Skal or Firehouse). One additional way is to support local events that use Mount Horeb as a massive part of their event— I.e. Ironman. Ironman rides through 92 and 8th street, filling this road with dozens of bicyclists every Saturday and Sunday of the summer, yet the road is dismal quality and there is no signage to welcome these bicyclists and encourage their business in our community. This is a major loss for Mount Horeb, a "bike-friendly" community.	21
Some of the comparisons made are for communities that are "similar-size" perhaps, but are not good comparisons for local areas or for competing communities for relocating families and businesses. Further efforts for this plan should include comparison to local communities to mirror their park space improvements to continue to draw residential and business growth.	12
Provide parking at Garfield Park skating rink/soccer field. There is sidewalks only on Garfield which get you to this park. South First St does NOT have sidewalks along the park and the road gets unsafely narrowed during peak times with little kids running between cars and parents trying to get to the practice or skate rink.	12
In order to cost effectively expand field availability for baseball/softball, lighting should be considered for select fields to maximize the amount of time the fields can be used.	11
The pandemic has further exposed the shortage of softball/baseball fields within the community. With 4 of the 8 fields being unavailable due to governmental ordinances this summer, it is important for not only players, but for taxpayers that the Village and the School District find ways to work together.	8
Treatment of water quality feeding into Stewart Lake. It was once a crystal-clear swimming hole but now regularly has algae blooms.	6
More Pickleball courts; use the extra courts at the Middle School. There more people playing Pickleball these days than tennis.	6
Dark Sky ordinances. Why Can't Duluth shut off lights at night. It is a waste of energy and assault on those who respect the night sky.	5

Use middle school tennis courts for more pickleball courts. Much less costly.	5
School playing fields and surfaces should not be considered public. They were off limits to all teams forcing them out of town to practice and unable to have home games.	3
BIKE TRAIL: Grade the trails to create a slope for drainage and add the correct material to compact the path and eliminate washouts. Let's maintain this trail before adding more.	1
Consider dedicating & renovating half of current middle school tennis courts to pickleball. Should cost much less than \$40, 000-80,000.	1
Also looking for more pickleball courts. Would like to see more outdoor courts at Middle School and if possible some indoor courts.	1
Please add more pickleball courts in Mt. Horeb! We have a large group currently playing and are teaching new players each month.	1
More parking at Sunrise. It is not safe in the lot or on the road with that many people. Purchase the lot down below and make a ramp up.	0
Before COVID we needed more baseball and softball fields for our population size. Now more than ever we need to consider more. Thank you.	0

Other general feedback.	Votes
Looking at this plan compared to the last plan has made me really question what Mount Horeb has all done over the last 5 years based upon the previous plan. Please actually take action on this plan. Devote OUR tax payer dollars to implement this. EXPLORE grant and partnership opportunities to make these opportunities happen. Please don't develop another great plan like this and sit stagnant on the potential of it. Activate, implement, and innovate— forward progress is necessary in this community as our neighboring communities are far exceeding our recreational growth!	32
We NEED a competitive indoor pool for those kids on swim team as well as for swimming lessons, rehabilitation, recreation, etc. We also NEED to upgrade our outdoor pool instead of continuing to put bandages on our current one to keep it functioning.	23
Consider evaluating options to connect massively with the Ice Age Trail System. We are close to the trail geographically (Cross Plains and Verona) that perhaps additional segments could connect to Mount Horeb and vice versa. This could tap into additional funding and volunteers to maintain that presently exist with the Ice Age Trail Alliance, but has the potential to bring more tourism money to our community.	11

<p>1. Dog Park!</p> <p>2. Has any thought been given to using some of the acreage the village owns around the new sewage treatment plant? It appears it would be a great spot for some wooded mountain bike trails.</p> <p>3. Expansion of bike facilities and amenities in the village.</p> <p>4. Increase park amenities that tailor to adults as well (beer garden, bouldering walls, running trails, etc).</p>	10
<p>Acreage guidelines per 1000 residents should be a minimum standard. Having an highly green and recreation-oriented village is good thing.</p>	3
<p>Would also like to see pickleball indoors in the winter if that could be an option also.</p>	2