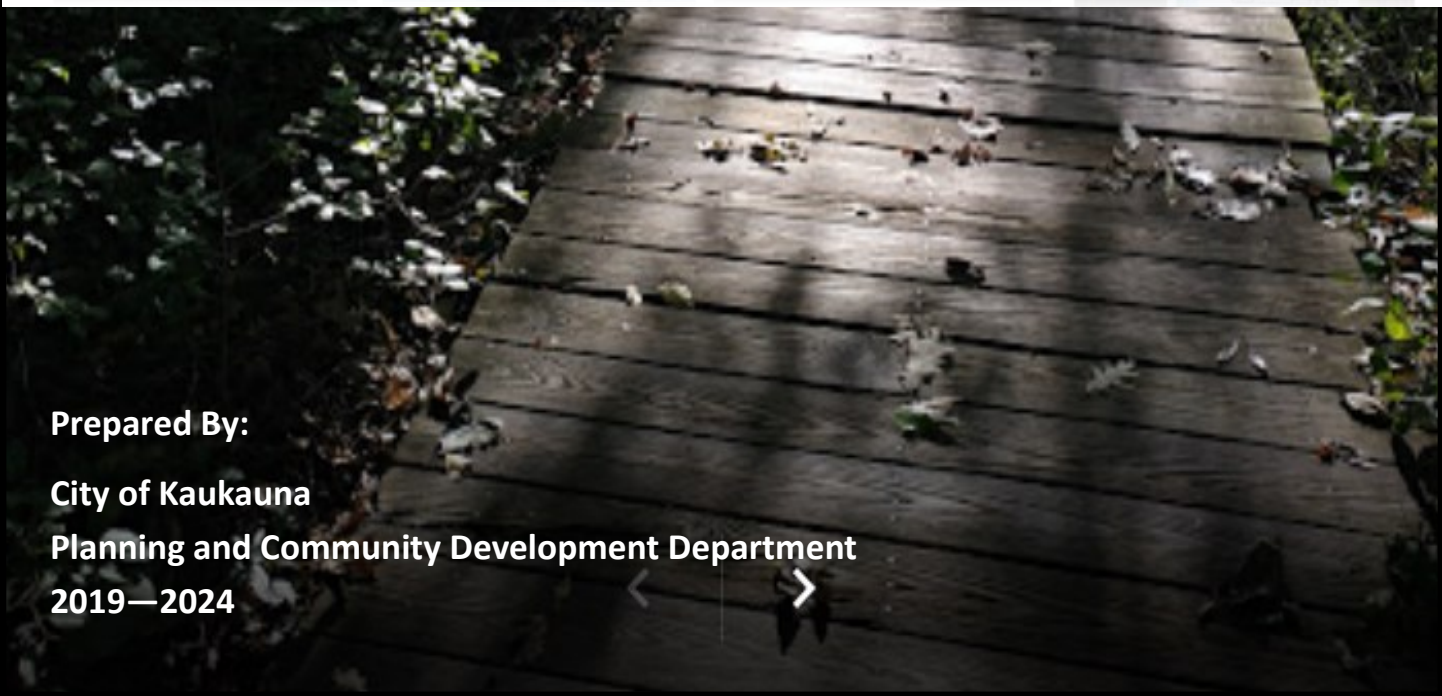




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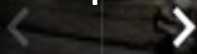


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Chapter 1. Introduction and Statement of Need

The City of Kaukauna is located in Outagamie County on the Fox River In the northern part of the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan Statistical Area. Per the Wisconsin Department of Administration Demographic Services Center, Kaukauna has an estimated population of 16,049 (estimate current as of January 1, 2018).ⁱ This represents a roughly 4% population increase since the 2010 Census (approximately 600 persons). The City encompasses an area of approximately 4,898 acres, or 7.65 square miles. Kaukauna is the eastern-most city of the eight incorporated municipalities known collectively as the Fox Cities.

Recreational planning is a process that relates the leisure time of people to space. It involves both social science and environmental design in order to develop multiple ways to use time, space, energy and to accommodate recreational needs. Successful urban spaces are guided by several social principles, including, but not limited to:

- Facilitating frequent and regular use by residents.
- Reinforcing a sense of belonging to an identifiable community.
- Encouraging interest and exploration through exposure to cultural and historical events.
- Framing meaningful and memorable experiences.

This open space and recreation plan uses standards provided through the National Recreation and Parks Association as a general guide to determine size and service areas for parks and facilities that should be made available. However, it is important to note that these standards only provide general rules of thumb. The provision of park space alone does not necessarily meet a community's needs. The true standard of a park is the level of community use and engagement.

The responsibility for managing Kaukauna's parks and recreational facilities lies with the four-member Health and Recreation Committee of the Common Council, and the eight-member Board of Public Works. The decisions of these groups are subject to full Common Council approval. During the peak season, a crew of 7 full-time and 3-5 part-time seasonal summer employees manage park maintenance under the direction of the Street Superintendent and the Street Foreman.

Reservations for park areas and pavilions are taken each year beginning the first workday of January. A copy of current fees, charges, rules and regulations is available on the City of Kaukauna's website: www.cityofkaukauna.com.

ⁱ Wisconsin Department of Administration, 2018 Municipal Population Estimates as of 1/1/2018. Accessed online on December 1, 2018.