



# Master Plan Update

Mokena Community Park District

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 1959, The Mokena Community Park District (MCPD) has actively served the public recreation needs of the Mokena area. MCPD owns nearly 256 acres of property, serves a region of over 20 square miles and provides value to a population of nearly 23,000 people.

The Mokena Community Park District is currently governed by a seven person Board of Commissioners and is operated by a staff headed by the Executive Director.

For the past fifteen years, the Mokena Community Park District has undergone a series of planning exercises. A MCPD Comprehensive Master Plan was completed in 1995, 2005, and has since been updated in 2010.

As described in 2005, the goal of a Comprehensive Master Plan is to provide for a functional plan for parks, recreation and open space that builds upon existing facilities, assets and amenities, and addresses the need for park sites, facilities, programming and activities to meet community needs in the future. In 2005, the Mokena Community Park District's top priority was the development of an indoor recreation facility. This top priority was accomplished with the grand opening of The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center in 2006.

The 2010 approach to preparing an updated document led the Mokena Community Park District through an internal planning process. The culmination of the planning process was a Five Year Strategic Plan. This Strategic Plan serves as the basis for the Comprehensive Master Plan Update 2010. In addition, information on park sites and demographic information have been updated.

Some elements of the 2005 plan remain, including: district characteristics, historical data, park facility data (as updated), open space standards, maps and references to various goals and strategies that remain valid.

The mission of the Mokena Community Park District is to provide quality recreational opportunities to enhance the health, educational, athletic and cultural well-being of its residents, and to protect and preserve parks and open space areas within the Park District boundaries.

The vision for the Mokena Community Park District is to: *Sustain Public Value.*

Outlined on the next page are various goals and priorities identified as priorities for the short and long-term operations of the Mokena Community Park District. The list of goals and priorities serves as a way for the staff and Board of Commissioners to focus their planning efforts; however, it does not indicate the only goals and priorities important to the Park District. The Comprehensive Master Plan serves as a living document to use as a guide and is modified as funding sources or new information is made available.

The Comprehensive Master Plan Update 2010 plan outlines seven current strategic priorities for the Board of Commissioners to consider:

- (1) Develop the park site: Fox Ridge Park/Foxborough Estates & Boulder Ridge South;
- (2) Create alternate funding sources;
- (3) Expand The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center;
- (4) Develop a proposed plan to develop and improve the park site: Yunker Farm;
- (5) Develop a proposed plan to develop the park site: Prairie Ridge;
- (6) Develop a proposed plan to develop the park site: Whisper Creek;
- (7) Add storage

Of the strategic priorities outlined, the Mokena Board of Commissioners have determined their short term, immediate priority as: Development of the Fox Ridge park site.

In addition, the Update 2010 plan outlines three current operational priorities for staff to consider:

- (1) Create alternate funding sources;
- (2) Outline strategies to expand The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center;
- (3) Develop a priority list of storage needs;

Finally, the Update 2010 plan summarizes the strategic plan in a model as a visual representation of the focus for the Mokena Community Park District.

Through implementation of the operational priorities and strategic priorities, the Mokena Community Park District will fulfill its mission and *sustain public value*.

## Chapter One: PREFACE

### 1.1 Introduction

In 2010, The Mokena Community Park District partnered with the University of St. Francis Business Solutions Center to lead the organization through a strategic planning process in an effort to update the 2005 Comprehensive Master Plan. The five stages of the planning process included data collection via (1) external scanning (2) internal scanning (3) stakeholder input and (4) a strategic planning retreat and finally (5) a comprehensive master plan update.

As outlined in 2005, the Comprehensive Master Plan is intended to be a planning tool that provides a guideline or framework for future park development and to aid in upgrading and increasing utilization of existing parks. This document has primarily been updated via the use of 2010-2015 Strategic Plan. In addition, the history, facts, figures, demographics and park data has also been reviewed and updated by Park District staff.

### 1.2 Notes on Document Structure/Acknowledgment of Sources:

The original 2005 document was prepared by Edwards and Kelcey and has been used as a reference for various aspects of this report. The Edwards and Kelcey document is referenced by year (2005).

### 1.3 Planning Process

The 2005 planning process encompassed the following stages:

- An inventory of existing public park and recreational facilities, educational and recreational programs, and facilities and programs that compete with the MCPD.
- A Benchmark Analysis of National park and open space standards in comparison to existing MCPD facilities was conducted.
- A Community Needs Assessment to understand the public perception of MCPD services.
- Recommendations to improve Park District programs, services, and facilities and other planning recommendations.
- An implementation plan which identifies funding sources and potential partnerships.

The 2010 update and planning process encompassed the following stages:

- External scanning was conducted via primary and secondary research techniques in an effort to involve key external stakeholders and to gather demographic data.
- Internal scanning was conducted via a direct approach using the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) tool to establish the underlying strategic elements and directional markers already prevalent in the organization. The internal scanning also translated the organizational elements to the planning facilitator and involved a broad range of internal stakeholders in the development of the plan.
- Stakeholder input was gathered through primary research techniques in the forms of personal interviews and survey research.
- The strategic planning retreat was utilized as a tool to summarize the initial stages of the process and to provide a vehicle for staff to collaborate and develop consensus on the strategic items. The retreat also served a secondary purpose to promote communication and a renewed focus of cooperation among staff.
- Update to the Comprehensive Master Plan document

## **1.4 Park District History**

The Mokena Community Park District Board held its first meeting on July 15, 1959 at the Mokena Methodist Church. Lots were drawn for the terms of each member and the members took their oath before Ray Hoolehan. The Board consisted of Clarence Lauffer, Charles Swanberg, Edwin Yunker, George Carlisle, and Florence Niethammer. Ray Hoolehan was hired as attorney to help organize, draw up ordinances and handle all legal matters. Ordinance 1.02, the appropriation ordinance for fiscal year July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961 amounted to cash on hand of \$8,970. The original Park District boundaries were also defined in 1959. A 28 acre land donation, identified today as Main Park, 10925 LaPorte Road, from the Mokena Civic Association was the first to enable the Park District to provide and improve facilities to service the recreational needs of District residents.

## **1.5 Park District Jurisdiction and Organization**

The Mokena Community Park District is a separate and distinct public agency created to provide park facilities and recreation programs for its residents. The District's area encompasses all of the Village of Mokena and portions of the Villages of Frankfort, New Lenox, and Tinley Park. The vast majority of the District lies in Will County. The Park District is empowered by law, under the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, to levy taxes and issue bonds, as approved by referendum. A resolution in 1997 approved the increase of the number of Mokena Community Park District Board members from five to seven. The District's seven member board, whose Commissioners serve four-year terms, establishes the District's goals and policies and is responsible for making decisions and implementation of such. The Board holds its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall, 11004 Carpenter in Mokena. The Board also holds a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center, 10847 LaPorte Rd. in Mokena. The Park District has 16 full time staff members, 50 part time employees, and 80-100 seasonal employees.

The Village of Mokena and the Mokena Community Park District have entered into intergovernmental agreements and developer contribution ordinances regarding land for public recreation use. Relevant agreements, ordinances and policy statements are available through the Park District.

A park district has certain powers of annexation and disconnection and is governed by a set of state laws known as the Park District Code, enacted in 1947. This governing body is empowered to acquire, by gifts, grant or purchase, or in the case of lands lying within its limits, by condemnation, any lands or real estate necessary for development of its parks. Special provisions are made in the Park District Code regarding the powers of a Park District for the construction and operation of swimming pools, artificial ice rinks, golf courses and similar capital improvements. Park Districts are allowed to issue revenue bonds for such facilities, and these bonds do not increase the tax levy but are paid for by revenues received from users of the installations.

## 1.6 Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Goal, Policies

The primary purpose of the Park District is to provide park facilities and recreation programs that serve the needs of Park District residents, from toddlers to senior citizens.

**The Mission** of the Mokena Community Park District is to provide quality recreational opportunities to enhance the health, educational, athletic and cultural well-being of its residents, and to protect and preserve parks and open space areas within the Park District boundaries.

**The Vision** for the Mokena Community Park District is to: *Sustain Public Value.*

**General Goal:** The Mokena Community Park District has the responsibility and obligation to all residents of the Park District to provide adequate park sites and services in accordance with this Comprehensive Master Plan as amended from time to time.

### **Specific Policies (as outlined in 2005):**

- Strive to increase and improve communications and coordination efforts between residents and affected intergovernmental agencies on issues affecting the recreational needs of District residents.
- Provide a variety of active and passive activities and comprehensive programs for all age groups.
- Search for alternate revenue sources available for the enhancement of District facilities and programs.
- Maintain and enhance existing public parks.
- Acquire land for public parks and open spaces throughout the Park District boundaries which meet or exceed national standards with emphasis on preserving and enhancing the natural environment.
- Develop park, recreation and open space policies and objectives which maintain consistency with sound planning principles.
- Identify and/or reserve sufficient land resources within the District to meet current and future recreation needs.
- Coordinate with other public agencies to provide for joint development of recreational sites where applicable.
- Link major park, recreation and open spaces with residential neighborhoods and forest preserves via safe pedestrian and bicycle routes.
- Encourage annexation of land to encourage expansion of the Park District.



## Chapter Two: District Characteristics

### 2.1 Park District Boundaries

The Mokena Community Park District has territorial limits which extend beyond the Village of Mokena. Exhibit 2-1 illustrates the District's approximate boundaries.

Services are provided to all of the residents of the Village of Mokena, and a portion of the residents in Frankfort, Tinley Park, and New Lenox. The boundaries include some residential properties from Homer, New Lenox, and Frankfort townships. The boundaries lie within Will County, as well as the portion of Cook County north of 183rd Street<sup>1</sup>. It is anticipated that the District boundaries may be modified over time to accommodate development and adjust to the changing recreational needs of this influx, and reflect expanding annexation of neighboring Villages.

Existing land use is predominantly single family residential, with a rapidly increasing number of townhomes. There is a healthy blend of commercial uses in downtown Mokena and along U.S. Route 45 (LaGrange Road) and US Route 30 (Lincoln Way) and 191<sup>st</sup>. This commercial area has been significantly enhanced since the Village's streetscape program and Framework Planning efforts in the area. As identified within the Village's Comprehensive Plan, the future development of a transit-oriented development will likely further stabilize and enhance this important area shopping district.

### 2.2 Transportation

The Mokena Community Park District area residents are served by commuter rail service provided by Metra/Metropolitan Rail on the Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. This service is used primarily by residents commuting to jobs in Chicago and provides ready access to this major employment center. Commuter rail is also used by out of district residents to participate in District program and facilities. There is no other available public transportation system in the area. Other than rail transportation residents rely on automobile and bicycle for area-wide transportation.

The Park District is well placed with regard to major highway facilities. Interstate 80 (I-80) runs through the northern Park District boundary. Approximately five miles to the east of the Village of Mokena is Interstate 57 (I-57), and approximately two miles to the east of the Village of Mokena is Interstate 355 (I-355). Together, these routes provide the principal east/west and north/south access for high speed traffic moving to, from and through the District.

There are nine arterial road systems within the Park District limits. U.S. Route 45 (LaGrange Road) and Wolf Road run north and south through the District. U.S. Route 30 (Lincoln Highway) runs along the southern perimeter and U.S. Route 6 (Southwest Highway) runs along the northwestern portion of the District. Additional key arterials include 191<sup>st</sup> Street, Willow Road, Town Line Road, LaPorte/Francis Road and Schoolhouse Road. These arterials form the primary framework for the localized street network.

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<sup>1</sup> On 2/17/2004, the MCPD entered into an intergovernmental agreement to voluntarily disconnect properties lying within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Orland Park (i.e., north of 183<sup>rd</sup>, east of the Will-Cook line, and west of LaGrange Road).

Exhibit 2-1: MCPD District Boundaries

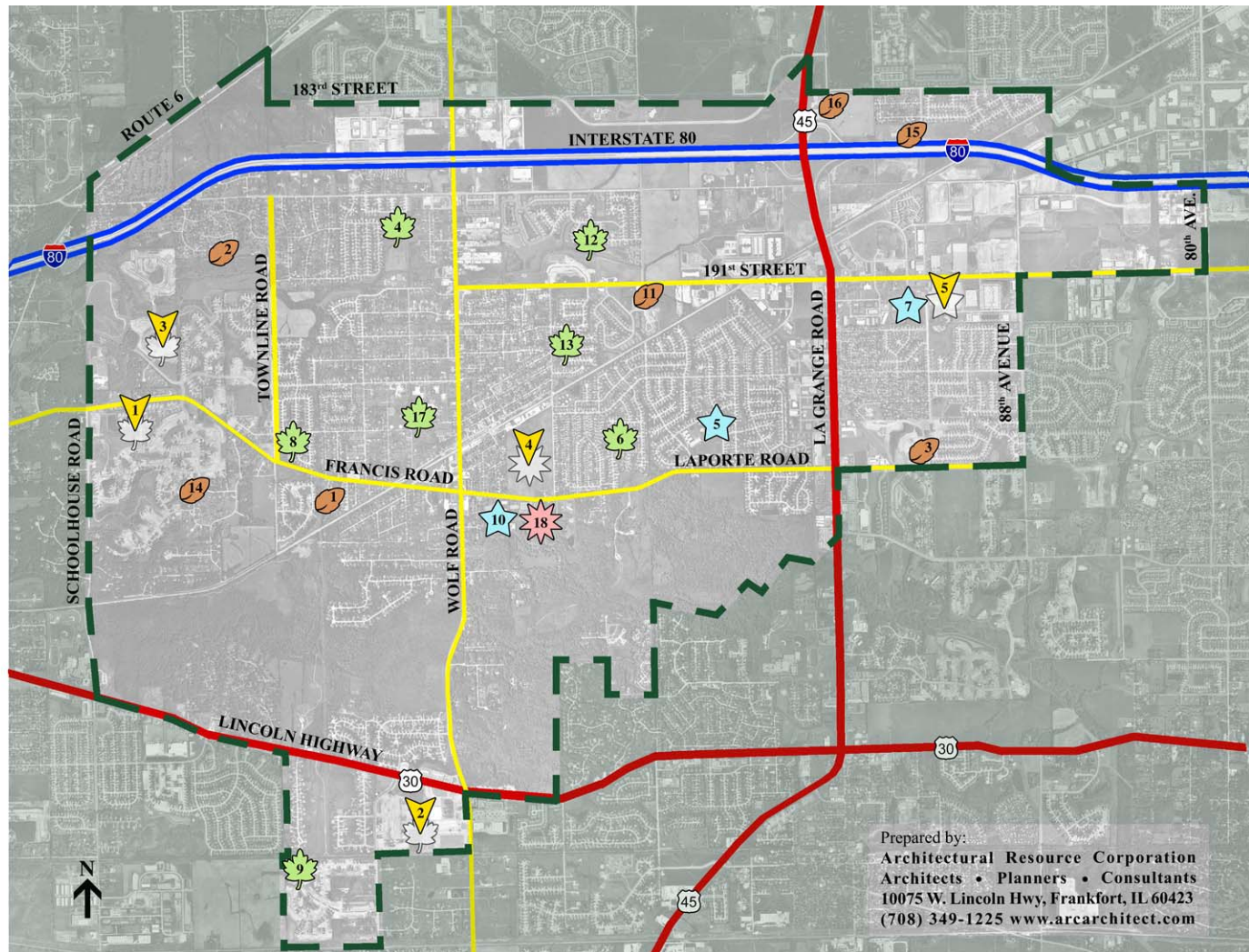
**Mokena Community  
 Park District Map**



1. Acorn	1.64 acres
2. Boulder Ridge North	0.50 acres
3. Brookside Meadows	2.67 acres
4. Buske	7.52 acres
5. Grasmere	14.00 acres
6. Green Meadows	10.00 acres
7. Hecht	16.25 acres
8. Heritage (4 + 2.4 detention area)	6.40 acres
9. London Bridge	4.74 acres
10. Main	33.50 acres
11. Manchester Cove	2.20 acres
12. Marley Creek	5.50 acres
13. McGovney	8.10 acres
14. Rivendell	1.50 acres
15. Timbers Point	0.58 acres
16. Tinley Gardens	0.50 acres
17. Willowview	8.36 acres
18. Yunker Park	116.25 acres
-The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center (13.12 acres)	
-The Oaks Disc Golf Course (35.00 acres)	
-See Yunker Park (Phase II) below (68.13 acres)	



1. Fox Ridge	10.20 acres
2. Prairie Ridge	5.50 acres
3. Whisper Creek	6.54 acres
4. Yunker Park (Phase II)	68.13 acres
-Homestead (5.00 acres)	
-National Register of Historic Places	
-Yunker Park North (63.13 acres)	
5. Hecht Park Extension	7.59 acres



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## 2.3 Participation, Coordination and Partnerships with Other Agencies

The Mokena Community Park District has a history of harmonious working relationships with other Park Districts as well as other public agencies within their jurisdictional boundaries.

Residents of the District benefit from an abundance of passive recreation opportunities due to the proximity to Will County Forest Preserve property, Van Horne Woods and Hickory Creek Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserve owns 177.178 acres, with an additional 4.16 acre easement in the Village of Mokena, all of it located in the Hickory Creek Forest Preserve. The resources allow District residents to connect to a passive recreational experience spanning over 1,600 acres in size via the Old Plank Trail and the DuPage River Trails.

The Mokena Local Governmental Consortium was established in February 1995 to bring local bodies of government together for the purpose of information sharing, coordination, and support. One representative from the Village of Mokena, Mokena Community Park District, Mokena School District #159, Lincoln Way High School District #210, Mokena Fire Protection District, Mokena Chamber of Commerce, and the Mokena Public Library meet once a month to discuss issues relevant to the area.

Many other local agencies work in partnership with the Park District to provide services to the area. For example, the Emergency Services Disaster Agency donates many man hours per year to provide for traffic, parking and security, especially during Park District events. The Police Department provides security at Park District events and offers the Home Alone Program through the Park District. The Fire Department holds classes for the Park District to teach pre-schoolers and summer camps about fire safety, conducts baby-sitting classes, CPR and first aid classes for park district employees, and works with the District to ensure a safe environment for park patrons.

The Park District is assisted by the Key Club sponsored by the Mokena Kiwanis Club with the annual Breakfast with Santa and Bunny Brunch. MCPD partners with Lincoln Way High School, Frankfort, Frankfort Square, Manhattan and the New Lenox Park District to organize and to promote the annual Family Faire offered at either the Lincoln-Way High School Frankfort or New Lenox campuses.

The Park District works in conjunction with the Village of Mokena to host the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display held at Main Park. In 2004, the Mokena Chamber of Commerce hosted their first Food & Wine Fest at the Yunker Homestead in conjunction with the Mokena Historical Society's House & Garden Tour. The District participates in the Mokena Chamber of Commerce annual Business Expo, and Fourth of July Parade, as well as the annual Christmas Fest Parade of Lights sponsored by the Front Street Merchants. The District was represented on the Mokena Area Youth Commission working to bring activities to the youth of the community until it was recently disbanded due to lack of funding.

The community and the Mokena Community Park are committed to keeping the parks beautiful. As a lasting gift, memorial, or to commemorate a special person or occasion, the Park District's **Donate-A-Tree** program was initiated in 1996. Trees help to reduce pollution, protect wildlife,

and prevent erosion while also providing serenity, shade and a living link to our past. As a result of this well received program, eighty seven (87) trees have been planted in various park sites.

In conjunction with the Illinois Secretary of State, the Park District offers Rules of the Road classes for its residents. Hunting Safety and Boating Safety classes are offered in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Conservation, Division of Law Enforcement.

In 1994, the Mokena Community Park District, along with the Frankfort Square and Frankfort Park Districts, in cooperation with the Lincoln Way High School District #210 formed the Lincoln-Way Area Parks (L.A.P.). This association was formed to offer recreation programming at the Lincoln-Way East High School campus facilities. Comprised of a Director from each agency, this union is a perfect example of cooperation between outside agencies for the common goal of area residents. In 2008, the program was modified due to the addition of a new high school campus. Frankfort Square Park District now uses facilities at Lincoln-Way North High School while Frankfort and MCPD share use of Lincoln-Way East facilities.

Mokena School District #159, Lincolnway High School District #210, Summit Hill School District #161 and the Mokena Public Library allow the Mokena Community Park District to utilize some of their facilities for Park District programs and meetings. Many of the programs would not be possible without use of these facilities, although the reliance on programming within area-wide schools has often caused undesirable scheduling overlaps for MCPD program participants. The recent construction of The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center enabled the MCPD to increase offerings including a fitness center and recreation programs.

The Southwest Soccer League provides recreational soccer league play for the Lincolnway area for the under 14 age group. This league is administered by representatives from Frankfort Square, Mokena, New Lenox, Manhattan. Micro-soccer leagues are available in-house for children under the age of eight.

The Mokena Frankfort Athletic Youth Association (Burros Football) and the Mokena Baseball/Softball Association (MBSA) utilize the Park District facilities for league activities. Each group works closely with the District providing assistance with volunteers and funds to provide improvements to the playing fields. In 2003, the MBSA donated monies for an electronic scoreboard for Hecht Park. In 2009, the MBSA donated monies for major improvements to Hecht Park. Also in 2009, the Burros Football organization donated monies for improvements in the football/soccer field at Main Park.

## **2.4 Park District Programs**

The Mokena Community Park District provides a wide range of programs for its residents and non-residents. Seasonal brochures are printed and sent to residents three times a year. In addition to its regularly scheduled programs, special events and outings are held. Playing field league activities are offered through the Park District and independent associations. In 2007, an Athletic Field Usage Policy was adopted by the Board of Commissioners. This policy provides staff with the methodology for assigning field requests by independent organizations in a fair and consistent manner.

Innovative programming continues to encompass all ages, all interests and all abilities with approximately 300 programs being offered annually. Program offerings are continuously being added and expanded. A more recent programming effort has been the 2004 installation of a Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) rated disc golf course on the south side of the Yunker property. The course contains 27 Mach 5 baskets with 54 tee pads serving the beginner, intermediate, and professional player. The course stretches over 35 acres of rolling timberland and grassy meadow. Because of the rolling terrain, length of course, and the obstacles presenting unique challenges, it is considered one of the premier courses in the Nation.

Family entertainment is offered in the area of outdoor concerts, free outdoor movies, festivals, holiday programs and day trips.

Tots through school-age children participate in a large array of arts and craft classes, theme parties, dance, music, science, discovery, safety and environmental programs, along with learning the introductory skills and techniques necessary for athletic participation.

Personal achievement is gained through offerings in floral design, culinary arts, painting, drawing, horseback riding, karate, dance (ballet, tap, jazz, country western and ballroom), sewing, calligraphy, woodcarving, yoga, etc.

Educational programs are offered in health and safety, fitness, finance, technology, landscaping, gardening, home repairs and decor, parenting, nutrition, dog obedience, and taxes.

Various clinics offer certification in fishing, hunting, boating, first aid, CPR, coaching, baby sitting, refereeing, and more.

A wide range of athletic programs for all ages include basketball, softball, tee ball, volleyball, gymnastics, golf, tennis, track, inline skating, inline hockey, lacrosse, badminton, skateboarding, dodge ball and soccer.

Other program activities include a Men's and Women's 16" Slow Pitch League and 12" Coed Softball, and the ever expanding recreational and power sand volleyball leagues.

One (1) day trips and extended tours are planned with outings to sporting events, festivals, dinner theatre, concerts, plus trips to other attractions within the continental United States. The District works in cooperation with neighboring Park Districts to ensure that trips meet the minimum requirements.

Special events are held throughout the year with the Park District hosting tournaments, contests, flea markets, craft shows, movies and outdoor concerts. A successful Halloween Hollow Fest attracting 10,000 plus involving hundreds of volunteers and many businesses and organizations throughout the community is held annually. The Yunker Homestead is host to the annual Farm and Barn Fest which offers all ages the opportunity to participate in historical family farm activities plus a quilt show attraction in excess of 80 quilters.



Under the auspices of the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association, a program for adaptive recreation for individuals with disabilities is offered through cooperative agreements with Manhattan, New Lenox, Peotone, Mokena, and Frankfort Park Districts. Special populations served are people with learning disabilities, those with physical handicaps, those that are educable mentally handicapped (E.M.H.), those who are trainable mentally handicapped (T.M.H.), and people who are visually impaired or those with other special needs.

## **2.5 Other Public Recreation Facilities**

There are several jurisdictions whose boundaries fall within the Mokena Community Park District. Listed below is a summary of the type of recreational amenities offered by these Villages.

The Village of New Lenox is located immediately southwest and adjacent to Mokena. The majority of this Village, with the exception of the far eastern area, is covered by the New Lenox Community Park District. A portion of these Village residents reside within the boundaries of the Mokena Community Park District. The Village, in cooperation with the New Lenox Park District, requires cash or land donation from developers for future recreational open space needs. They provide programs, trips, and have a community center with programs for senior citizens. The Park District owns 255.66 acres of park land, leases 2.90 acres, and has 21 park sites.

The Tinley Park Park District is located immediately east and northeast of the MCPD. Tinley Gardens Park, a ½-acre park site under the jurisdiction of Mokena Community Park District, is located in the Village of Tinley Park. The Village of Tinley Park, the Tinley Park Park District and the MCPD worked cooperatively to provide a 0.5 park site for residents of the Timbers Point subdivision. In 2009, the Village of Tinley and the Village of Mokena worked in cooperation with the developer and MCPD for the long awaited donation of a 2.67 park site to serve the residents of the Fairfield Glen, Brookside Meadows and Arbury subdivisions. A portion of these subdivisions fall within the municipal boundaries of Tinley Park and the boundaries of the MCPD.

The Village of Frankfort is located south of the MCPD and its recreation needs are served by the Frankfort Park District. A portion of the population lies within the boundaries of the Mokena Community Park District and is therefore served by the Mokena Community Park District.

Together, these departments and districts provide a number of parks and services for area residents. With the rapid growth of the previously unincorporated areas and continually changing municipal boundaries, jurisdictional issues involving the various Park District are and will continue to be a challenge. Boundary and future annexation concepts are further explained in Chapter 6 of this Master Plan. In addition to the Villages listed, the Mokena Community Park District has within its boundaries Will County Forest Preserve property.

## Chapter Three: Population and Demographics

### 3.1 Data Collection

Retrieval of demographic information for the Park District must combine data available from multiple sources due to the overlapping municipalities within the Park District boundaries.

In 2005, the following resources were used to collect and analyze demographic data:

- 1980, 1990, and 2000 U.S. Census data
- U.S. Census Cartographic Boundary Files
- U.S. Census Block Data
- NIPC 2020 Population Forecasts
- NIPC 2030 Draft Population Forecasts (dated 9/18/03)

In 2010, the following resources were used to collect updated demographic data:

- Village of Mokena 2008 demographic data (commissioned report)
- Population estimates by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC)
- Forecasting data by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

The most current data available for the Village of Mokena comes from a report commissioned by the Village in 2008. The most current data available across other municipalities served by the Mokena Community Park District comes from the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC), last updated July 2005. Note, the NIPC has disbanded with the work taken over by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). The most current forecasting data available is from the CMAP. CMAP is also in the process of publishing updates to the 2010 US Census; however, this data is still in its infancy stages of accuracy.

### 3.2 Demographic Trends and Analysis

The **population** of the Village of Mokena has been growing rapidly for the last twenty-five years, but soon, there will be little vacant land available for residential or commercial development. The rate of the increase in population is decreasing for most of the municipalities within the Park District boundaries with the exception of Frankfort, which has experienced a slight increase in the rate of population change over the period from 2000-2005, as illustrated in the table below.

	Population			Change 1990 - 2000	Change 2000 - 2005
	1990	2000	2005 <sup>2</sup>		
Mokena	10,058	14,583	17,396	45.0%	19.3%
Frankfort	7,180	10,391	15,819	44.7%	52.2%
New Lenox	9,618	17,771	23,197	84.8%	30.5%
Tinley Park	37,121	48,401	57,577	30.4%	19.0%
Will County	357,313	502,266	642,813	40.6%	28.0%

<sup>2</sup> As of July 1, 2005 population estimates by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

Similarly, the **total number of households** has increased over the last twenty-five years. This explosive growth since 1980 is illustrated in the table below.

	Households			% Change	% Change
	1980	1990	2000	1990 - 2000	1980 - 2000
Mokena	1,522	3,224	4,703	45.9%	209.0%
Frankfort	1,256	2,216	3,418	54.2%	172.1%
New Lenox	1,925	3,339	5,853	75.3%	204.1%
Tinley Park	8,314	12,551	17,478	39.3%	110.2%

**Will County** is one of the fastest growing counties (in terms of population) in the State of Illinois. However, the rapid growth of Mokena has outpaced county growth. By comparison, while both Mokena and Will County have grown by over 40 percent, Illinois has only experienced an 8.6% population growth between 1990 and 2000 (*see below*).

	Mokena	Will County	Illinois
Population 1990	10,058	357,313	11,430,602
Population 2000	14,583	502,266	12,419,293
% Change	45.0%	40.6%	8.6%

### 3.3 Mokena Community Park District Service Area Demographic Analysis

Based on the most current municipality population data figures available (2008 data for Mokena and 2005 data for other municipalities), the **total population served by the Mokena Community Park District** is approximately 23,341. As identified within the 1995 MCPD Comprehensive Master Plan, the Village of Mokena represents the vast majority of the District's service area. The remaining District composition estimates are based upon the previous plan's assessment. The following table illustrates the composition of the District.

#### District Composition

	2008 Municipality Population	Percent of Population in District	2008 Estimated Park District Population	Percent of District (current)
Mokena	20,336	100%	20,336	87%
Frankfort	15,819**	4.15%	657	3%
New Lenox	23,197**	0.37%	86	<1%
Tinley Park	57,577**	0.13%	75	<1%
Orland Park***	-	-	-	-
Unincorporated Areas*	-	Not applicable	2,187*	9%
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>23,341</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* As identified within the 2000 U.S. Census Block County Block Data Mapping.

\*\* As of July 1, 2005 population estimates by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

\*\*\* Orland Park was de-annexed from Park District 2/17/04



**Population Forecast**

The most current forecasting data comes from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

	Population				% Growth 2000 - 2030
	1980	1990	2000	2030*	
Mokena	4,578	7,878	14,583	27,065	85.59%
Frankfort	4,357	7,180	10,391	55,797	546.89%
New Lenox	5,792	9,618	17,771	90,652	472.42%
Tinley Park	26,171	37,121	48,401	63,889	32.00%
Unincorporated areas	-	-	-	-	
Will County	324,460	357,313	502,266	1,076,446	120.56%
<b>Mokena Community Park District</b>	-	10,532	21,295	<b>31,444</b>	46.4%

\* Estimated by CMAP as revised September 27, 2006

When compared with the estimate of Park District population for 2008, the forecasting data suggests the Park District population will experience a 37% increase from 2008-2030.

	2030 Municipal Population*	Percent of Population in District	2030 Park District population	2008-2030 % Change
Mokena	27,065	100%	27,065	
Frankfort	55,797	4.15%	2,316	
New Lenox	90,652	0.37%	335	
Tinley Park	63,889	0.13%	83	
Unincorporated areas	-	-	2,187**	
<b>Mokena Community Park District</b>			<b>31,986</b>	<b>37%</b>

\*Estimated by CMAP as revised September 27, 2006

\*\*Estimate carried from 2005 estimate as identified within the 2000 U.S. Census Block County Block Data Mapping

Comparing these tables with the projection commissioned by the Village of Mokena, there is agreement that the Village of Mokena will continue to grow, however, the rate at which this growth will occur is somewhat in question.

The Village of Mokena’s study projects population to 2013 at a slower than expected rate. The Village of Mokena experienced rapid growth between 1990-2000 at a rate of 85%. However, the rate between 2000-2008 was 39% and the rate between 2008-2013 is expected to be 18%.

It is clear that the surrounding communities have more land to develop and annex than Mokena. Therefore, it is expected that Mokena will grow at a slower rate than its surrounding communities.

**Additional Demographic Data**

Additional break down of demographic analysis is difficult to conduct across municipalities. When 2010 US Census data is released, it is recommended that the District conduct a thorough analysis of its population and demographic break downs to use as data compilation and statistics for the next ten years.

For purposes of current analysis, since the Park District service area is primarily within the Village of Mokena boundaries, and the surrounding communities' demographics and socio-economic status are similar to that of the Village of Mokena, it is assumed that the demographic break down of the Village of Mokena will mirror that of the total Park District service area.

Available in the appendices is a complete demographic snapshot report for the Village of Mokena as of 2008.

**Industry Mix**

The 2000 U.S. Census Demographic Profile for the Village of Mokena provides a breakdown of the employment available in the Village. These employment categories may or may not use Village residents, but all will impact the tax base and revenue sources for the Park District and Village operations. According to census data, the most significant employment category is education, health and social services.

The following table summarizes the employment by industry within the Park District:

<b>Industry</b>	<b># Employed</b>	<b>%</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, & mining	22	0.03
Construction	643	8.6
Manufacturing	888	11.9
Wholesale trade	318	4.3
Retail trade	944	12.6
Transportation and warehousing, & utilities	469	6.3
Information	231	3.1
Finance, insurance, real estate, & rental and leasing	849	11.4
Professional, scientific, management, administrative & waste mgmt. services	736	9.9
Educational, health and social services	1527	20.4
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, & food services	323	4.3
Public administration	238	3.2
Other services	282	3.8

The 2000 Census shows similar numbers of persons per household in each of the represented Villages. All of the Villages tend to have higher person per household ratios than the State of Illinois median of 2.63. Both factors can be indicative of a maturing population having more children. Using the assessment data, estimates for age categories within the MCPD service area were derived. The 2000 median age for the State of Illinois as a whole falls mid-way between the respective Village medians and MCPD median.

## Chapter Four: Park Facilities

### 4.1 Elements of an Open Space System

There are a variety of nationally accepted categories of parks that are considered to be of local responsibility within the boundaries of the MCPD. They include: Mini-Park (Tot-lots), Neighborhood Park/Playground, Community Park, and Large Urban Parks. Additional recreational provisions are often made available at local schools and are referred to as School-Parks. Mini and Neighborhood Parks are typically small and intensively developed with active recreation facilities. Community Parks tend to be larger with specialized facilities and serve the entire community. Examples include: Mokena/Main Park and Hecht Park. Large Urban Parks embrace other park types not listed in the above categories and are likely capable of attracting a larger regional audience, such as Yunker Park. A brief description of park types and typical amenities that may be offered at each park type is illustrated within Table 4-1:

<b>Parks and Open Space Classifications</b>			
Classification	General Description	Typical Service Area	Size Criteria
Mini-Park (Tot-lot)	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.  Amenities: Playgrounds, shelters and seating.	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size. Typically, 1 to 8 acres is desirable. Acres/1000 Population: 0.25 to 0.5 acres
Neighborhood Park	The Neighborhood Park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.  Amenities: Playgrounds, softball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, trails, and shelters.	¼ to ½ mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal. Acres/1000 Population: 1.0 to 2.0 acres
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classifications of parks, such as neighborhood, community and special use.  Amenities: Playgrounds, softball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts and volleyball courts.	Determined by location of school district property. Typically ½ distance from the areas of play.	Variable – depends on function. However, a range in size from 8 to 22 acres is reasonable. Acres/1000 Population: 1.0 to 2.0 acres
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than Neighborhood Park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.  Amenities: Baseball fields, softball fields, football fields, soccer fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, sand volleyball, concession stands, large shelters, community centers, lighted facilities, special gardens, stages, swimming pools, wooded areas, and restroom facilities.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 to 50 acres. Acres/1000 Population: 5.0 to 8.0 acres
Large Urban Park	Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are inadequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	As needed. 75 or more acres desirable.

3LE 4.1 :Parks and Open Space Classifications

*Source: Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, 1996*

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in the printing of the Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines recommends that because each community is unique in terms of geographical, cultural and socioeconomic make-up, that each community should develop its own standards for recreation, parks and open space. The criteria listed below should guide the development of these unique standards. These standards should be:

- Reflective of the needs of the people within the service area
- Realistic and attainable
- Acceptable and useful to the practitioner and policy maker
- Based upon sound analysis of available information

Acquisition of large scale properties when they became available, and negotiating and securing appropriate open space via new residential developments, has greatly benefited the residents of the District, and the District is commended for its efforts. The MCPD is unique in terms of providing at least one Community Park for every resident in the District. Under the Village of Mokena's Land Contribution Ordinance, the Park District is fortunate to be able to acquire parcel(s) or cash in lieu for the development of park sites.

## 4.2 Existing Public Parks and Recreation Facilities

The following section lists the current Mokena Community Park District's parks and facilities by location and includes a description of historical elements, amenities and current issues or concerns.

### Acorn Park

Location: 19925 Red Oak Drive, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 1.64

Located in The Oaks subdivision, this parcel was received in 2006 under the Village of Mokena's Land Contribution Ordinance which included a cash contribution that was used towards the development of this neighborhood park site in 2007.

#### Amenities:

Playground w/safety surface for ages 2-12 and 6-12  
Connecting ADA Sidewalk  
Gazebo  
Landscaping and trees  
Entrance signage  
Park benches, trash receptacles





### **Boulder Ridge North Park**

Location: 19237 Beaver Creek Lane, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 0.5

This one-half acre parcel located in the Boulder Ridge subdivision north of Francis Road was received as a developer donation in 2005 under the Village of Mokena's included a cash contribution that was used toward site development.



#### Amenities:

- Playground with ADA and safety surface for ages 2-12
- ADA connecting sidewalk
- Park benches and trash receptacles
- Landscaping and trees
- Entrance signage



### **Brookside Meadows Park**

Location: 19715 Longmeadow, Tinley Park  
Acre(s): +/- 2.67

This parcel serves the single-family residents of the Arbury Hills Subdivision in Mokena and the Brookside and Fairfield Glen Subdivisions in Tinley Park. Although originally located in the Village of Mokena, this parcel was subsequently annexed into the Village of Tinley Park. As part of the annexation agreement, Tinley Park agreed to honor the Village of Mokena Land Contribution Ordinance. Title was subsequently transferred to the District in 2009 and developed in part from impact fees received from residential parcels within the Fairfield Glen subdivision and Brookside Meadows subdivision. In 2010, at the request of the residents, a bike rack was installed at this well reviewed park site.

#### Amenities:

- Playground for ages 2-12 w/safety surface and ADA connecting sidewalk
- Parent benches, trash receptacles
- Landscaping and entrance signage
- Bike rack



## Buske Park

Location: 11435 W. Hillside Lane, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 7.52



### Site Summary:

This 7.52 acre park site is located in the Creekview subdivision. Funding for the acquisition and development of the 6.65-acre site was received from a successful November 1996 Park District referendum. Purchased from the Village of Mokena in 1998 and dedicated in September of 1999, Buske Park includes a ball diamond, roller hockey court, tennis court, basketball court, playground, 2 soccer fields, gazebo, walking path, parent benches, and a parking lot. The Park District also leases a 2.9 acre adjacent parcel from the Village of Mokena, which is used for an additional soccer field. In 2004 the Park District acquired an adjoining .87-acre as part of the Village of Mokena's Land Contribution Ordinance for the Jenyglenn subdivision, bringing the total acreage of Buske Park to 7.52.

### Issue(s):

Covered dugouts are being added to all ball diamonds within the park system. The playground is scheduled for replacement in 2012.



### **Fox Ridge Park**

Location: 19740 Telluride Lane, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/-10.26

Under the Village of Mokena's Land Contribution Ordinance (developer donation), the Park District elected to receive a combined cash and land contribution for acquisition of a 5.76 acre park site within the Foxborough Estates Subdivision and a 4.5 acre park site within the Boulder Ridge south Subdivision. The Village staff was instrumental in working with the two developers and the Park District to obtain two abutting parcels to comprise a 10.26 acre neighborhood park. The park site will service residents residing in 83 townhomes units within the Boulder Ridge subdivision and 294 single family homes within the Foxborough Estates subdivision. The park site is immediately adjacent to the 22 acre proposed New Lenox school site and near the Mokena Fire Station off Schoolhouse Road.

During negotiations for acceptance, the developer agreed to include on their site some of the required retention for park amenities, providing the District with more usable open space. Development of this park site has become the District's top priority. West of Townline Road, there are only two very small developed lots. The addition of the Fox Ridge Park will aid in offering recreation services to the residents on the Western edge of our coverage area.

The Park District obtained title to the Foxborough site in October 2009 and in June 2010 title to the Boulder Ridge South parcel. Acceptance of title is dependent on the Districts approval of conditions for acceptance having been met which include acceptable grading, established turf, installation of water and electrical stubs, sidewalks on the perimeter and parkway trees.

The OSLAD Program is funded by monies dedicated from a percentage of the state's Real Estate Transfer Tax. OSLAD grants are administered by the Department of Natural Resources and provide up to fifty percent (50%) reimbursement of eligible costs included by local agencies for approved recreational land acquisition and development opportunities. This State program plays a vital role in the provision of quality outdoor recreation opportunities throughout Illinois.

Amenities proposed for this neighborhood park include entrance signage, a multi-usage hard court surface (hopscotch, shuffle board, four square, etc.), tennis courts, baseball/softball field, ADA accessible playground, bocce courts, baggo courts, gazebo, intergenerational game and seating area w/game tables, gazebo, walking paths, parent benches, trash receptacles, multi-grid field (Lacrosse, Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, etc.) and off street parking.

After an onsite Public Hearing on May 11, 2010 and the Board meeting of May 25, 2010 at which time resident input was received and concerns voiced, the basketball court was subsequently removed from the plan and replaced with a hard court surface for such activities as shuffle board, hop scotch, four square, etc. Also the walking path and bio swale were slightly relocated to address the request of the residents abutting the site.





Game Table



Bocce Court



Seating Area Park Bench



Playground



Hand Surface Multi-Use Court Area



Baseball Field



Tennis Court



Bagbo

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# Fox Ridge Park



19740 Telluride Lane  
Mokena, Illinois

## Grasmere Park

Location: 10335 W. Lindsay Lane, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 14

### Site Summary:

Located within the well established Grasmere subdivision, Grasmere Park was originally deeded to the Park District under the Village of Mokena Land Contribution Ordinance. The Park District received title to the parcel in October 1994. With the assistance of a \$200,000 OSLAD matching grant, received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the park site was developed in 1996.

To meet the needs and interests of area youth, in 1998 Grasmere Park became the site of Mokena Park District's popular skate park. In November 2001, the Park District and the Mokena Elementary School District entered into a 24-year intergovernmental agreement for use of the school facilities in exchange for use of the park site during school hours. In 2002, the School District, in cooperation with the Park District, installed a shot put and discus area to be used by the school during the months of March, April and May. Additional asphalt pathways have been installed connecting the parking lots with the basketball courts, tennis courts and skate park. Trees and additional parent benches continue to be added annually. Security lights have also been installed in each of the two parking lots.



Other amenities at this site include the following: Two ballfields, skate park, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, a rollerblade court, a playground, a large gazebo, onsite parking and one-half mile walking path. In 2009, cameras were installed at the Skate Park to offer better security. Installation of dugout roofs is underway on both diamonds

### Issue(s):

This is an excellent and well maintained park. Playground is scheduled for replacement in 2010. Plans for ongoing maintenance include the resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball courts.





## Green Meadows

Location: 10520 W. Williams Way, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 10

### Site Summary:

This park site was acquired on August 29, 1990 in an exchange of property for 10 acres of the McGovney Park site. The park is located within the heart of the residential area of the Green Meadows subdivision with good street frontage. In 1998, the Park District added a second ball diamond to meet the ongoing needs of the community.

In 2008, the Mokena Baseball Softball Association donated labor and an improved infield mix to provide better playing conditions on the two ball diamonds. In 2009, the playground was removed making way for a new and expanded ADA playground for ages 2-12 with a connecting walkway. Dugout roofs were added to the dugouts.

Amenities include the following: 2 baseball fields, a basketball court, two playgrounds serving two separate age groups, a one-half mile walking path, soccer field, and off street parking.

### Issue(s):

Future plans include resurfacing of the basketball court.



## Hecht Park

Location: 9310 W. Birch Ave., Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 23.84



### Site Summary:

The original 10 acre Hecht Park parcel is located within the Districts far eastern service area and was purchased in May 1970 from William and Bertha Hecht. The original park site was dedicated on May 21, 1978.

An additional 13.84 acres was purchased in December 1996 from Dan Hecht which included a gift from Bertha Hecht. Monies for the 1996 purchase were received from non referendum bonds issued in December 1995.

Adjacent land uses include light industrial to the east, commercial to the north and west, and residential to the south. In 1996, new playground equipment for ages 2-12 replaced the original play structures on the westerly portion of the park site.

In October 2000, the Park District applied and received a \$360,000 matching grant from IDNR towards the development of the neighborhood park to include such amenities as two tennis courts; inline hockey; basketball court, playground for ages 5-12; a climbing wall (the first in the region); walking/biking path; a gazebo and a tournament quality baseball field. The project also included paving the western gravel parking lot and providing a new parking lot off the Cherry Street extension. Other amenities included parent benches, trees and landscaping. The tournament quality bronco field was the recipient of an electric scoreboard donated by the Mokena Baseball/Softball Association in 2002. In 2003, the concession stand received a face lift with all new siding. A Thor Guard lighting detection system was added in 2003. Additionally, a defibrillator was purchased for the concession stand in 2003.

The dedication of the newly developed park site was held on April 26, 2003. The adjacent land uses are industrial to the north and commercial to the west with residential use to the south and agricultural use to the east. This park is located in the far eastern portion of the District and separated by U.S. Route 45.

In 2009, the Mokena Baseball Softball Association contributed labor and monies for major improvements to Diamond #1 adding a grass infield, warning track, new covered dugouts, outfield fencing with foul line poles, and an irrigation system. MBSA also contributed the funding and material for the installation of two batting cages in the northwesterly portion of the site including a connecting asphalt pathway. New entrance signage was added in 2009 to both the east and west entrances.

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**Hecht Park continued**

Amenities:

4 ball diamonds w/backstops, covered dugouts, outfield fencing and bleachers, scoreboard, batting cages, soccer field, gazebo, boulder climbing wall, 2 playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball court, in line roller rink, concession stand, one-half mile walking path, and off street parking.



Issue(s):

No definitive time frame has been set at this time for the development of the additional 7.5 acres. Although originally designated for a 9-hole Pitch and Putt Golf Course, future development will be determined by the needs of the District. Playground on the westerly boundary is scheduled for replacement in 2010.





## Heritage Park

Location: 11945 W. 197th Street, Mokena

Acre(s): +/- 6.4

### Site Summary:

In March 1995 the Park Board accepted title to a 4-acre park site under the Village of Mokena's Land Contribution Ordinance. An adjacent 2.4-acre detention basin was added as usable open space although the infrastructure is maintained by the Village of Mokena. The site, dedicated in August 2000, located in a residential neighborhood, lies north of Francis Road and is bounded on the west by Townline Road, on the north by 197th Street, and on the east by Kensington Drive. The southern portion of the site abuts commercial property which will front Francis Road.

There are excellent path and transition areas to the playground apparatus. Adequate off-street parking is provided. In 2009, a gazebo with ADA connecting sidewalk, landscaping, trees were added to provide shade and seating.

### Amenities:

One baseball field

One basketball court

Parking lot

Playground

Picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles

Gazebo w/connecting ADA sidewalk

Entrance signage



### Issue(s):

Roofs to existing dugouts are scheduled for installation in 2010.



## London Bridge Park

Location: 11880 London Bridge Drive, Mokena

Acre(s): +/- 4.74

This park site located in the Boulder Ridge Subdivision south of Route #30 was received as a developer donation in March 2009 under the Village of Mokena's Land Contribution Ordinance which included a cash contribution that was used toward site development.

### Amenities:

Development in 2009 included a playground for ages 2-12 w/connecting sidewalk, parent benches, trash receptacles, one-quarter mile paved walking path, entrance signage and landscaping. Parking is provided adjacent to London Bridge Drive.



## Main Park

Location: 10925 W. LaPorte Road, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 33.5



### Site Summary:

The original 28-acre Main Park site was acquired in 1959 via a successful referendum proposed by the Mokena Civic Association.

A picnic pavilion was constructed in 1963, and tennis courts were added in 1966. In 1977, an adjacent 5.5-acre parcel was purchased with the assistance of an LWCF matching grant, bringing the acreage of Main

Park to 33.5 acres. The Cady Building, a multi-purpose Building named for William (Bill) Cady, a Park Commissioner 1975 to 1978, was built in 1980 with assistance from the Mokena Lion's Club. The Cady Building's lower level was formerly used as a concession stand, until the new 1,550 sq ft. concession stand was built in 1997. At the present time, the upper level of the Cady Building is used for the Park District pre-school program, while the lower level is used for craft classes. Two lighted sand volleyball courts were added to the park in 1988 and were expanded to three in 2001. The maintenance center was added in 1990, and the 4,300 sq. ft. administrative center was built in 1992. Major renovation of the tennis courts was completed in 1995. Athletic field lights were installed in 1997. Basketball court renovation, tennis court resurfacing, and an additional play area and parking were added in 2000. The maintenance service drive was asphalted in 2002. Three flagpoles to commemorate America's servicemen, firefighters, and policemen were also added in 2002 as an Eagle Scout project. Main Park playground was replaced in 2008 adding new challenges for ages 2-12 with the installation of an ADA safety surface, connecting pathway and covered dugouts to Diamonds 1, 3, and 4. In 2008, The Mokena Athletic Youth Association (Burros Football) entered into a partnership for sharing expenses for improvements to the football field which included creating a crowned field, adding storm water drainage, improved turf and an irrigation system. The Main Park pavilion was replaced in 2010 with an ADA connecting concrete pathway. This popular shaded picnic grove is booked months in advance by members of the community. Outdated swings adjacent to the pavilion were removed making room for a new play system for installation in 2010.



The lighted entrance marquee provides an integral part of advertising Park District programs and events. Main Park continues to be the hub of community activities hosting flea markets, concerts, Woofstock, Halloween Hollow, football, baseball, softball and volleyball league play, picnics, Fourth of July Fireworks display and numerous summer camps.

Amenities: Administrative Center, the Cady Building (classrooms), four ball diamonds (three lighted), four lighted tennis courts, a basketball court, three lighted sand volleyball courts, a lighted football/soccer field, two playgrounds, a one mile wooded walking trail, picnic grove, pavilion, concession stand with restrooms, maintenance center, and parking lot. A Thor Guard lighting detection system was added in 2002, and a defibrillator was purchased for the concession stand in 2001.



### **Manchester Cove**

Location: 19205 Crescent Drive, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 2.2

This park site located in the Manchester Cove Subdivision located west of Route #45 and south of 191<sup>st</sup> was received as a developer donation in August 2004 under the Village of Mokena's Land Contribution Ordinance which included a cash contribution that was used toward site development.



#### Amenities:

Playground for ages 2-12 w/ADA connecting sidewalk, parent benches, trash receptacles, landscaping, trees, and entrance signage.

### **Marley Creek Park**

Location: 10555 W. Jacob Drive, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 5.5

#### Site Summary:

This park site located in the Marley Creek Subdivision was acquired under the Village of Mokena's Land Contribution Ordinance in conjunction with the proposed development of the Crystal Creek Subdivision in December 1998. This site, located north of 191<sup>st</sup> and west of 104<sup>th</sup>, serves both the Marley Creek and the Crystal Creek Subdivisions. The park site was developed in 1999 with funds from a successful November 1996 referendum and developer donations. Dedication was held on October 1, 2000. The site is surrounded by residential development.



#### Amenities:

- One ball field
- Gazebo
- One basketball court
- Walking path with 5 exercise stations
- Playground for ages 2-12 with connecting ADA path
- Parent benches
- Trees
- Entrance Signage
- Trash receptacles



#### Issue(s):

An excellent park site with few additions required. Covered dugouts for the baseball field should be added. Consideration should be given to additional landscaping in various locations to add seasonal interest. A second gazebo on the south side will also enhance this park further.



## McGovney Park

Location: 19345 Schoolhouse Rd., Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 8.1



### Site Summary:

This park site located between Wolf Road and LaGrange and north of LaPorte Road in Mokena was purchased in October 1986 with non-referendum bonds. In 1990, 10 acres of the most easterly portion was traded for a 10 acre park site in the Green Meadows Subdivision. A formal dedication was held in 1995 naming the park in honor of



Ozias McGovney who had served several terms as Village President in the late 1880's. In 2009, a gazebo with landscaping was added including a connecting sidewalk to the playground.

The park district continues to add trees through its "Donate a Tree" Program in all park sites.

### Amenities include:

One baseball/softball field  
Playground for ages 2/12 w /connecting sidewalk  
Gazebo w/seating  
Parent Benches & picnic tables  
Soccer field



### Issue(s):

The entrance to the park is somewhat obscure from Schoolhouse Road. While a curb cut is provided for access to the ball field viewing area, there is not a defined path for visitors. New access walks/paths should be considered to ensure better and safer access to park amenities.

## Riivendell Park

Location: 605 Bryan Trail, New Lenox  
Acre(s): +/- 1.5

### Site Summary:

In September 1989, the Park District acquired title to Lot 80 in the Riivendell Subdivision between Emily Lane and Walter Drive in New Lenox as part of a developer donation under the Will Country Land Contribution Ordinance of April 25, 1979. The site was subsequently maintained by the Homeowners Association until 1998, at which time the Park District assumed maintenance. In 2005, a playground for ages 2-12 was constructed and entrance signage installed to serve the residents of the immediate area.

### Amenities:

Playground w/safety surface  
Parent benches, trash receptacles  
Entrance signage



### **Timbers Point Park**

Location: 18418 White Oak Lane, Tinley Park  
Acre(s): +/- 0.58

In 1988, the Village of Tinley Park adopted a developer impact ordinance that benefits other units of government including the Mokena Community Park District. In order to preserve land values within the Village and to provide orderly growth of all services supporting the Village and its residents, a one-time cash contribution must be made for each new resident and nonresidential building. Thus, the Park District not only received a .58 acre site located north of 1-80 and east of Rt. 45., but also a cash contribution from residential units located in subdivisions within the district boundaries. These monies were used toward the construction costs associated with the development of the Timbers Pointe park site.

In addition, the District entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Tinley Park to equally share the cost of cutting the Timber Point Park site, and the adjacent detention basin.

#### Amenities:

Playground for ages 2-12 with ADA accessible pathway  
Parent Benches  
Entrance Signage and landscaping.





## Tinley Gardens Park

Location: Lenore & Ethyl Lanes, Tinley Park  
Acre(s): +/- 0.5



### Site Summary:

Tinley Gardens Park, located 1/2 mile east of Route #45 at the corner of Lenore and Ethyl Lanes in the Village of Tinley Park was purchased from the Tinley Gardens Homeowners Association in 1978. This park is surrounded by residential on all sides. The subdivision covers over 30 acres and consists of 85 lots with 71 single family homes.

A 1/2 court basketball court was added with the help of volunteers and in-house staff in 1985. In 1998, after meeting with the Homeowners for input on the design and color, the old playground was removed and a new playground with swings for ages 2-12 was installed by in-house staff with the help of volunteers from the neighborhood. New trash receptacles and parent benches were also added. Entrance signage, landscaping and trees have been recently added to this mini park site. The amenities at this park are:



### Amenities:

One-half basketball court with goal  
Playground  
Parent benches  
Entrance signage with landscaping  
Trash receptacles



Only on-street parking is available at the park. The surrounding roads are narrow with no curb and gutters; however, the traffic is very light. In 2003, a secondary pedestrian access was added on the southerly boundary of the park.

### Issue(s):

Consideration should be given to providing improvements to access this park site and to upgrading the perimeter landscape. Existing drainage ditches limit reasonable access to the play equipment. The playground is scheduled for replacement in 2012.

## Willowview Park

Location: 11420 W. 197th St., Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 8.3



### Site Summary:

In 1979, this parcel was purchased with the assistance of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON) matching grant in the amount of \$46,800. Although federally funded, the grant was administered by the Illinois Department of Conservation, known today as the Department of Natural Resources. As a grant recipient, the Mokena Community Park District agreed to maintain the site in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation.

The park abuts the Mokena Elementary School on the east and St. Mary's School and Church on the north with residential on its southerly, easterly and westerly boundaries. In 1998, the Park District entered into a fifteen year lease agreement with St. Mary's Church for the non-exclusive use of the newly constructed parking lot for which the church shared ½ half of the expenses. As recently as 2008, striping and seal coating were completed and expenses shared.

The Park District supported the recent St. Mary's school expansion by assisting with the direction of storm water overflow in exchange for landscaping improvements to the most northerly boundary of this parcel.

In 2009, this highly used park site received major improvements which included the replacement of the playground equipment including an ADA safety surface and a connecting sidewalk lined with trees and parent benches to provide additional shade and seating. This site was also the beneficiary of a unique climbing boulder donated by a play system manufacturer.

Lincoln Way Special Recreation uses this site for their summer softball league. St. Mary's School uses this site for their physical education classes.

### Amenities:

Two ball fields w/backstops, two regulation soccer fields with player benches, One playground w/ADA connecting sidewalk, Climbing boulder, One pavilion with picnic tables, Water fountain, Parent benches, trash receptacles.

### Issue(s):

This park is in excellent condition. Covered dugouts at the baseball field should be considered. Entrance signage with landscaping should be considered for enhancement or improvement.



## Yunker Park Site

Location: 10824 LaPorte Road, Mokena  
Acre(s): +/- 116.25

This 116.25 acre (48.12 acres on the south side, and 68.13 acres on the north side of LaPorte Road) park site was purchased in the summer of 1997 from Edwin Yunker who served as a Park Commissioner from 1959-1975, for \$3,255,280 (\$28,000/acre) with monies received from a successful \$4.5 million referendum held in November 1996. A 15-member Yunker Park Advisory Committee was appointed by the Board of Commissioner in June 2000 to help obtain community input on the development of the 63+ acres north of LaPorte Road.

A complete history of the farm and buildings was completed in November 2002 by Arris Architects and was instrumental in the preparation of the application for historical recognition.

In 2006, the **McGovney-Yunker Homestead** north of LaPorte Road was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the State of Illinois and the National Park Service, United States Department of Interior.

The farm is one of only 30 sites in Will County on the register. The homestead is comprised of a farm house, wood shed, smoke house, gable barn, hog shed, corn crib, cattle shed, pump house, silo, and pole barn. Today, the site hosts the Park District Farm & Barn Fest in conjunction with a quilt show, and the Mokena Chamber of Commerce Food & Wine Fest.

To date, the Park District has addressed lead and asbestos issues and replaced all the windows in the gable barn. Roofs have been replaced on the hog shed, cattle shed, gable barn, pump house, pole barn and homestead since taking title. White fencing was installed along LaPorte Road for the safety of attendees at special events held at the homestead. Each spring, the Mokena Woman's Club enhances the site by way of planting flowering perennials. A structural engineer has been retained to determine the integrity of the homestead for public access, and to assist with determining renovation/repairs.

As a result of community surveys and input, construction of **The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center** located at 10847 LaPorte Road (the south side of Yunker Park) was begun in 2005 and completed in 2006, at a cost of \$5,454,128 without the aid of a referendum.

This 40,000 square foot facility quickly became a gathering place for the community and their recreational needs. The Oaks, built without the aid of a referendum, today offers a 22,000 sq ft field house with three multi use courts; and fitness center fully equipped with state-of-the art equipment; a 1/12<sup>th</sup> mile suspended walking track enjoyed by 44,000+ walkers a year; dance/group exercise room with a floating hardwood floor, ballet bars and floor length mirrors;





cycle room; supervised child care; multi-purpose rooms for conference, classroom and rentals; catering kitchen; atrium lobby with café tables, spacious waiting/relaxation area with video monitoring, wi-fi internet access and ample parking. The Oaks Fitness area for ages 13 and up overlooking the disc golf course offers more than 50 pieces of cardio equipment including treadmills, bikes and cross trainers, elliptical, climbers, step mills, rowers and a complete free weight area with large screen televisions and cinema audio system. Various membership options are made available for individuals, couples, families, seniors, and college students as well as numerous exercise and wellness programs.

The recreation staff offers numerous leagues for youth and adults, open gym as well as early childhood and a variety of dance classes and other diverse recreational programs. The Oaks also offers rental space for birthday parties, meetings, showers, etc.

Because of the heavy usage and the need for additional programming space, discussion has been held on the need for expansion. The Yunker Homestead continues to be a focal point of discussion by the Board of Commissioners for repairs and renovation.

### **The Oaks Disc Golf Course**

Location: 10847 LaPorte Road, Mokena

This PDGA certified championship-rated 27 hole course on 35 acres opened in 2004 on the south side of the Yunker Park Site. Built by in-house staff and volunteers at a cost of approximately \$16,500, the course has Mach 5 baskets, 54 rubber tee boxes (ladies, novice and pro), professional signage and a course par of 105. Located on 35 acres of rolling wooded terrain, this course attracts players of all ages and abilities from all across the country to play this nationally acclaimed well maintained and challenging course. The Oaks has been host to regional and state tournaments attracting world ranked players as well as offering instructional classes and camps.



## Chapter Five: The 2010 Strategic Plan

### 5.1 Strategic Plan Summary

The Mokena Community Park District partnered with the University of St. Francis Business Solutions Center in the summer of 2010, to lead the organization through a strategic planning process. The four stages of the planning process included data collection via (1) external scanning (2) internal scanning (3) stakeholder input and (4) a strategic planning retreat.

Through this strategic planning process, the Mokena Community Park District developed a Strategic Plan to serve as a guiding document for the organization's staff and board through the next five years. A description of the process and tertiary data associated with the project can be found in the completed 2005-2015 Strategic Plan Report. This section of the Comprehensive Master Plan summarizes the outcomes of the Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan sets forth clear strategies and goals for the organization to use to enable growth and increased service.

The planning process validated the relevancy of the mission statement and has created a new vision statement to describe its action plan.

The Strategic Plan outlines current strategic and operational priorities for the Board of Commissioners and staff to consider.

Finally, the plan summarizes the strategic plan in a model as a visual representation of the focus for the Mokena Community Park District.

Through implementation of the operational priorities and strategic priorities, the Mokena Community Park District will fulfill its mission and its vision to *sustain public value*.

## 5.2 Guiding Principle – Mission

An organization’s mission serves as a guide to explain why the organization exists, what the organization hopes to achieve and how the organization seeks to achieve its purpose.

**The mission of the Mokena Community Park District** is to provide quality recreational opportunities to enhance the health, educational, athletic and cultural well-being of its residents, and to protect and preserve parks and open space areas within the Park District boundaries.

The mission statement, as listed above, was validated as a component of this planning process. Stakeholders were asked at various checkpoints throughout the process to read the mission statement and comment on whether or not the statement summarizes the purpose of the park district. In addition, the facilitator used the retreat as an opportunity to collaboratively comment on the mission. Overwhelming, the staff, board and external stakeholders felt the mission statement is reflective of the Park District’s purpose.

The mission statement, as a focal point of the strategic plan, has been built into a guiding principle strategic model. This model will be further explained throughout this report.

## 5.3 Vision

A vision statement, in conjunction with an organization’s mission, acts as a tool to inspire staff and board members towards both an operational and strategic future. The mission describes the purpose of the organization while the vision describes the current directional action plan. A vision also serves as a way to summarize a strategic planning process.

Throughout this planning process, one common theme emerged from the staff, the board, and external partners. The theme described a keen sense and desire to provide value added programs, parks, and services to the Mokena Park District community. This theme was echoed in the need and desire to spend taxpayer dollars wisely, to maintain the Park District’s fiscal solvency and to distribute funding appropriately and ethically to the various aspects of the Park District’s operations.

The strategic focus of the Mokena Community Park District is to: ***Sustain Public Value.***

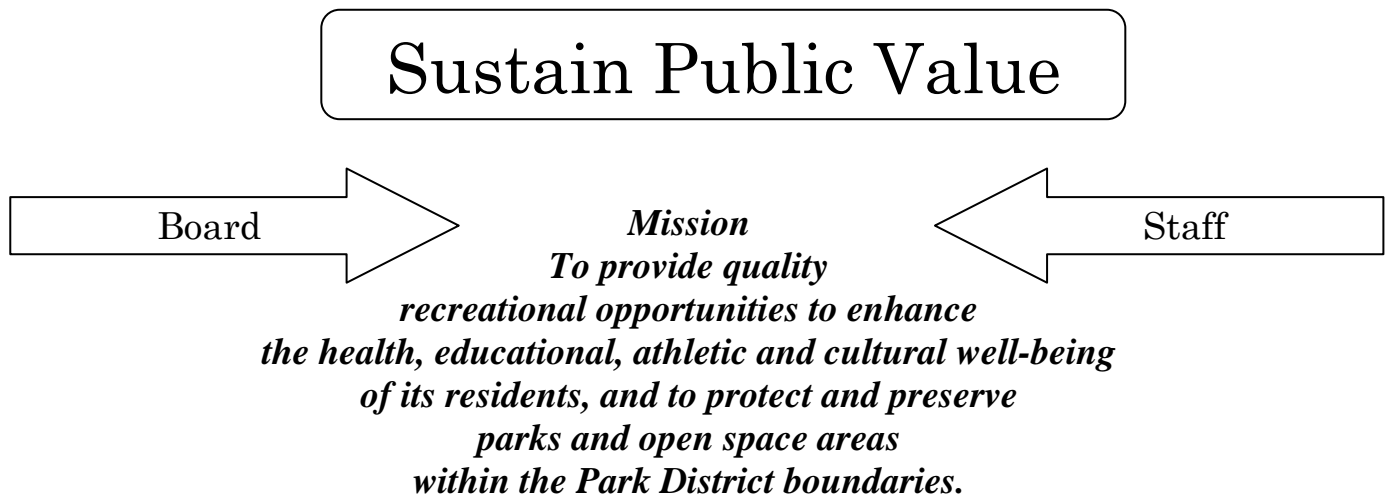
This vision, combined with the mission of the Park District, will help guide the staff and board members to fulfill their duty to the Mokena Park District community.

## 5.4 Strategic Model

A model serves as a visual representation of a plan. For many, the model serves as the guide for the day-to-day decisions made within the organization. Stakeholders see where they fit within the model, and they also see where their purpose is.

The Mokena Community Park District Strategic Model incorporates the key elements learned and developed throughout the planning process. First, the vision statement, *Sustain Public Value*, sits as an overarching umbrella for the organization to embrace. The mission statement is central to the operations. Finally, the Board and Staff are charged with directional responsibility to uphold the mission and fulfill the vision.

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## 5.5 Priorities

During the strategic planning retreat, a summary analysis was presented of the planning process. The summary included consensus items from the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats). The summary SWOT results were then used in a collaborative format to distinguish strategic issues as either operational opportunities or strategic opportunities.

Strategic priorities are those which must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. As outlined during the strategic planning retreat, the staff is recommending the Board of Commissioners consider the following priorities:

### Strategic Priorities

- (1) Develop the park site: Fox Ridge Park/Foxborough Estates & Boulder Ridge South;
- (2) Create alternate funding sources;
- (3) Expand The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center;
- (4) Develop a proposed plan to develop and improve the park site: Yunker Farm;
- (5) Develop a proposed plan to develop the park site: Prairie Ridge;
- (6) Develop a proposed plan to develop the park site: Whisper Creek;
- (7) Add storage

Operational priorities are those which can be addressed internally by staff. As outlined during the strategic planning retreat, these priorities are:

### Operational Priorities for staff to explore:

- (1) Create alternate funding sources
- (2) Begin a development-advancement program
- (3) Fund-raise/look for sponsorships
- (4) Increase revenue
- (5) Explore ways to generate revenue from Yunker Farm and homestead
- (6) Expand partnerships
- (7) Maintain current relationships
- (8) Increase program revenue through expansion of programs
- (9) Outline strategies to expand The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center
- (10) Develop a priority list of storage needs.
- (11) Include return on investment elements for the Board to consider.

One additional area discussed during the planning retreat was the theme to continue to explore programming options for the category aged 9-16 years old. This category of residents is increasingly difficult to engage in organized recreational activity; there was much discussion on additional ways to connect with this category of residents. See appendix for a list of the current number of programs offered by age group.



## Chapter Six: Implementation

### 6.1 Financing the Comprehensive Master Plan

The District maintains a comprehensive capital improvement five-year program which is updated annually. This program is developed based on existing and projected budget levels, and also factors in potential outside funding opportunities such as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Program (OSLAD). The District should continue to seek alternate sources of funding including grant opportunities, donations, development/advancement programming, fundraising, partnerships and shared resources.

### 6.2 Conclusion

The Mokena Community Park District Comprehensive Master Plan and Strategic Plan are working documents to guide the agency towards achieving its priorities.

The mission, vision and strategies set forth will not only lead the Park District to serve the Mokena Community Park District, but the plan will also serve as a narrative and visual guide for the staff and board members to begin to build consensus for the future.

In Summary:

**The mission of the Mokena Community Park District** is to provide quality recreational opportunities to enhance the health, educational, athletic and cultural well-being of its residents, and to protect and preserve parks and open space areas within the Park District boundaries.

**The vision** for the Mokena Community Park District is to: *Sustain Public Value.*

The plan outlines seven **strategic priorities** for the Board of Commissioners to consider: (1) Develop the park site: Fox Ridge Park/Foxborough Estates & Boulder Ridge South; (2) Create alternate funding sources; (3) Expand The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center; (4) Develop a proposed plan to develop and improve the park site: Yunker Farm; (5) Develop a proposed plan to develop the park site: Prairie Ridge; (6) Develop a proposed plan to develop the park site: Whisper Creek; (7) Add storage.

In addition, the plan outlines three **operational priorities** for staff to explore: (1) Create alternate funding sources; (2) Outline strategies to expand The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center; (3) Develop a priority list of storage needs;

At the time of this printing, the Board of Commissioners has listed: Development of the Fox Ridge park site as their immediate, short term priority.

### 6.3 Strategic Plan Implementation Check-list

Complete the following checklist annually for the duration of the plan.						
Items	Yes	Yes but Needs Follow Up	No	Don't Know	N/A	Action Item(s) if applicable
<b>Communicate the Plan</b> <i>How do we translate the plan to Staff and Board members?</i>						
Is the plan available to everyone impacted by it?						
Does the plan model continue to hold value for the Park District?						
Are the staff members engaged in dialogue about the plan's mission vision and strategies?						
Are the Board members engaged in dialogue about the plan's mission vision and strategies?						
<b>Execute the Plan</b> <i>What will motivate timely, diligent action?</i>						
Is each person accountable for any action step of the plan as indentified in the matrix instructed as needed to ensure that they know what they need to do, why they need to do it and by when?						
Does each person accountable for any action step of the plan have sufficient authority and resources to carry it out?						
<b>Manage Performance</b> <i>How do we ensure people stay on track and follow through with their commitments?</i>						
Are there regular follow up meetings with those accountable to discuss progress, provide coaching and reinforce success?						
Are there regular progress reports (in the form of e-mail) to the Executive Director on operational strategic action items?						
Are there regular progress reports to the Board on operational strategic action items?						
Is the Board regularly addressing strategic action items at their meetings?						
<b>Evaluate Success (at end of plan)</b> <i>How do we know to what extent we've succeeded and why?</i>						
Are final overall results measured against plan goals to signal the end of this plan or planning cycle?						
Does the planning team (key Park District staff) meet to discuss the results of the plan and what worked, what didn't and why?						
Is success celebrated within the Park District?						
If appropriate, is this success publicized to the community?						
<b>Sustain</b> <i>How do we ensure lasting benefit from this plan?</i>						
Is the plan evaluation incorporated into the next planning cycle or new plans for similar purposes?						
Is there a sound process for capturing relevant data, results and reports to ensure their use in further planning projects?						

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# Pop-Facts: Demographic Snapshot Report

Mokena, IL

Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total Place	%
<b>Population</b>		
2013 Projection	23,983	
2008 Estimate	20,336	
2000 Census	14,583	
1990 Census	7,878	
Growth 2008-2013	17.93%	
Growth 2000-2008	39.45%	
Growth 1990-2000	85.11%	
<b>2008 Est. Population by Single Race Classification</b>		
	20,336	
White Alone	19,141	94.12
Black or African American Alone	171	0.84
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	10	0.05
Asian Alone	521	2.56
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	20	0.10
Some Other Race Alone	295	1.45
Two or More Races	178	0.88
<b>2008 Est. Population Hispanic or Latino by Origin*</b>		
	20,336	
Not Hispanic or Latino	19,171	94.27
Hispanic or Latino:	1,165	5.73
Mexican	907	77.85
Puerto Rican	96	8.24
Cuban	34	2.92
All Other Hispanic or Latino	128	10.99
<b>2008 Est. Hispanic or Latino by Single Race Class.</b>		
	1,165	
White Alone	824	70.73
Black or African American Alone	3	0.26
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	3	0.26
Asian Alone	0	0.00
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	11	0.94
Some Other Race Alone	288	24.72
Two or More Races	36	3.09



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Description	Total Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Pop. Asian Alone Race by Category*</b>	521	
Chinese, except Taiwanese	63	12.09
Filipino	98	18.81
Japanese	22	4.22
Asian Indian	161	30.90
Korean	127	24.38
Vietnamese	13	2.50
Cambodian	0	0.00
Hmong	0	0.00
Laotian	0	0.00
Thai	0	0.00
Other Asian	34	6.53
Two or more Asian categories	3	0.58
<b>2008 Est. Population by Ancestry</b>	20,336	
Pop, Arab	93	0.46
Pop, Czech	335	1.65
Pop, Danish	22	0.11
Pop, Dutch	546	2.68
Pop, English	587	2.89
Pop, French (except Basque)	211	1.04
Pop, French Canadian	129	0.63
Pop, German	3,637	17.88
Pop, Greek	167	0.82
Pop, Hungarian	87	0.43
Pop, Irish	3,975	19.55
Pop, Italian	2,359	11.60
Pop, Lithuanian	200	0.98
Pop, United States or American	588	2.89
Pop, Norwegian	239	1.18
Pop, Polish	2,629	12.93
Pop, Portuguese	3	0.01
Pop, Russian	74	0.36
Pop, Scottish	181	0.89
Pop, Scotch-Irish	233	1.15
Pop, Slovak	55	0.27
Pop, Sub-Saharan African	4	0.02
Pop, Swedish	391	1.92
Pop, Swiss	16	0.08
Pop, Ukrainian	93	0.46
Pop, Welsh	40	0.20
Pop, West Indian (exc Hisp groups)	7	0.03





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Description	Total Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Population by Ancestry</b>		
Pop, Other ancestries	1,426	7.01
Pop, Ancestry Unclassified	2,009	9.88
<b>2008 Est. Pop Age 5+ by Language Spoken At Home</b>		
	18,931	
Speak Only English at Home	17,873	94.41
Speak Asian/Pacific Islander Language at Home	154	0.81
Speak IndoEuropean Language at Home	594	3.14
Speak Spanish at Home	206	1.09
Speak Other Language at Home	104	0.55
<b>2008 Est. Population by Sex</b>		
	20,336	
Male	10,198	50.15
Female	10,138	49.85
Male/Female Ratio	1.01	
<b>2008 Est. Population by Age</b>		
	20,336	
Age 0 - 4	1,405	6.91
Age 5 - 9	1,482	7.29
Age 10 - 14	1,726	8.49
Age 15 - 17	1,132	5.57
Age 18 - 20	857	4.21
Age 21 - 24	1,128	5.55
Age 25 - 34	2,953	14.52
Age 35 - 44	3,025	14.88
Age 45 - 49	1,846	9.08
Age 50 - 54	1,490	7.33
Age 55 - 59	1,112	5.47
Age 60 - 64	791	3.89
Age 65 - 74	867	4.26
Age 75 - 84	396	1.95
Age 85 and over	126	0.62
Age 16 and over	15,338	75.42
Age 18 and over	14,591	71.75
Age 21 and over	13,734	67.54
Age 65 and over	1,389	6.83
<b>2008 Est. Median Age</b>		
	33.25	
<b>2008 Est. Average Age</b>		
	33.90	



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Description	Total	Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Male Population by Age</b>	10,198		
Age 0 - 4	715		7.01
Age 5 - 9	763		7.48
Age 10 - 14	917		8.99
Age 15 - 17	605		5.93
Age 18 - 20	453		4.44
Age 21 - 24	552		5.41
Age 25 - 34	1,475		14.46
Age 35 - 44	1,433		14.05
Age 45 - 49	915		8.97
Age 50 - 54	757		7.42
Age 55 - 59	565		5.54
Age 60 - 64	405		3.97
Age 65 - 74	423		4.15
Age 75 - 84	174		1.71
Age 85 and over	46		0.45
<b>2008 Est. Median Age, Male</b>	32.42		
<b>2008 Est. Average Age, Male</b>	33.37		
<b>2008 Est. Female Population by Age</b>	10,138		
Age 0 - 4	690		6.81
Age 5 - 9	719		7.09
Age 10 - 14	809		7.98
Age 15 - 17	527		5.20
Age 18 - 20	404		3.99
Age 21 - 24	576		5.68
Age 25 - 34	1,478		14.58
Age 35 - 44	1,592		15.70
Age 45 - 49	931		9.18
Age 50 - 54	733		7.23
Age 55 - 59	547		5.40
Age 60 - 64	386		3.81
Age 65 - 74	444		4.38
Age 75 - 84	222		2.19
Age 85 and over	80		0.79
<b>2008 Est. Median Age, Female</b>	34.09		
<b>2008 Est. Average Age, Female</b>	34.43		



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Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total	Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Population Age 15+ by Marital Status*</b>	15,723		
Total, Never Married	3,664		23.30
Married, Spouse present	10,747		68.35
Married, Spouse absent	102		0.65
Widowed	398		2.53
Divorced	812		5.16
Males, Never Married	2,004		12.75
Previously Married	340		2.16
Females, Never Married	1,660		10.56
Previously Married	870		5.53
<b>2008 Est. Pop. Age 25+ by Educational Attainment*</b>	12,606		
Less than 9th grade	121		0.96
Some High School, no diploma	555		4.40
High School Graduate (or GED)	3,489		27.68
Some College, no degree	3,054		24.23
Associate Degree	989		7.85
Bachelor's Degree	2,944		23.35
Master's Degree	1,065		8.45
Professional School Degree	323		2.56
Doctorate Degree	66		0.52
<b>Households</b>			
2013 Projection	7,407		
2008 Estimate	6,391		
2000 Census	4,703		
1990 Census	2,570		
Growth 2008-2013	15.90%		
Growth 2000-2008	35.89%		
Growth 1990-2000	83.00%		
<b>2008 Est. Households by Household Type</b>	6,391		
Family Households	5,290		82.77
Nonfamily Households	1,101		17.23
<b>2008 Est. Group Quarters Population</b>	1		
<b>2008 Households by Ethnicity, Hispanic/Latino</b>	275		4.30



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Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Households by Household Income</b>	6,391	
Income Less than \$15,000	127	1.99
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	161	2.52
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	291	4.55
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	570	8.92
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	1,214	19.00
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	1,223	19.14
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	1,877	29.37
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	753	11.78
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	139	2.17
Income \$500,000 and more	36	0.56
<b>2008 Est. Average Household Income</b>	\$104,037	
<b>2008 Est. Median Household Income</b>	\$92,014	
<b>2008 Est. Per Capita Income</b>	\$32,702	
<b>2008 Est. Household Type, Presence Own Children*</b>	6,391	
Single Male Householder	433	6.78
Single Female Householder	407	6.37
Married-Couple Family, own children	2,780	43.50
Married-Couple Family, no own children	1,944	30.42
Male Householder, own children	58	0.91
Male Householder, no own children	78	1.22
Female Householder, own children	261	4.08
Female Householder, no own children	169	2.64
Nonfamily, Male Householder	167	2.61
Nonfamily, Female Householder	94	1.47
<b>2008 Est. Households by Household Size*</b>	6,391	
1-person household	840	13.14
2-person household	1,701	26.62
3-person household	1,150	17.99
4-person household	1,473	23.05
5-person household	792	12.39
6-person household	306	4.79
7 or more person household	129	2.02
<b>2008 Est. Average Household Size</b>	3.18	



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Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Households by Presence of People*</b>	6,391	
<b>Households with 1 or more People under Age 18:</b>		
Married-Couple Family	2,844	44.50
Other Family, Male Householder	66	1.03
Other Family, Female Householder	278	4.35
Nonfamily, Male Householder	16	0.25
Nonfamily, Female Householder	0	0.00
<b>Households no People under Age 18:</b>		
Married-Couple Family	1,880	29.42
Other Family, Male Householder	70	1.10
Other Family, Female Householder	152	2.38
Nonfamily, Male Householder	584	9.14
Nonfamily, Female Householder	501	7.84
<b>2008 Est. Households by Number of Vehicles*</b>	6,391	
No Vehicles	187	2.93
1 Vehicle	1,418	22.19
2 Vehicles	3,084	48.26
3 Vehicles	1,274	19.93
4 Vehicles	325	5.09
5 or more Vehicles	103	1.61
<b>2008 Est. Average Number of Vehicles*</b>	2.09	
<b>Family Households</b>		
2013 Projection	6,124	
2008 Estimate	5,290	
2000 Census	3,913	
1990 Census	2,099	
Growth 2008-2013	15.77%	
Growth 2000-2008	35.19%	
Growth 1990-2000	86.42%	





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Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Family Households by Household Income</b>	5,290	
Income Less than \$15,000	38	0.72
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	74	1.40
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	170	3.21
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	298	5.63
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	976	18.45
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	1,128	21.32
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	1,703	32.19
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	740	13.99
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	131	2.48
Income \$500,000 and more	32	0.60
<b>2008 Est. Average Family Household Income</b>	\$112,517	
<b>2008 Est. Median Family Household Income</b>	\$99,125	
<b>2008 Est. Families by Poverty Status*</b>	5,290	
<b>Income At or Above Poverty Level:</b>		
Married-Couple Family, own children	2,893	54.69
Married-Couple Family, no own children	1,806	34.14
Male Householder, own children	48	0.91
Male Householder, no own children	71	1.34
Female Householder, own children	243	4.59
Female Householder, no own children	162	3.06
<b>Income Below Poverty Level:</b>		
Married-Couple Family, own children	10	0.19
Married-Couple Family, no own children	15	0.28
Male Householder, own children	13	0.25
Male Householder, no own children	4	0.08
Female Householder, own children	24	0.45
Female Householder, no own children	1	0.02
<b>2008 Est. Pop Age 16+ by Employment Status*</b>	15,338	
In Armed Forces	2	0.01
Civilian - Employed	10,974	71.55
Civilian - Unemployed	396	2.58
Not in Labor Force	3,966	25.86



# Pop-Facts: Demographic Snapshot Report

Mokena, IL

Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Civ Employed Pop 16+ Class of Worker*</b>	10,974	
For-Profit Private Workers	8,371	76.28
Non-Profit Private Workers	808	7.36
Local Government Workers	785	7.15
State Government Workers	329	3.00
Federal Government Workers	189	1.72
Self-Emp Workers	481	4.38
Unpaid Family Workers	11	0.10
<b>2008 Est. Civ Employed Pop 16+ by Occupation*</b>	10,974	
Management, Business, and Financial Operations	2,124	19.35
Professional and Related Occupations	2,521	22.97
Service	974	8.88
Sales and Office	3,320	30.25
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	0	0.00
Construction, Extraction and Maintenance	1,163	10.60
Production, Transportation and Material Moving	872	7.95
<b>2008 Est. Pop 16+ by Occupation Classification*</b>	10,974	
Blue Collar	2,035	18.54
White Collar	7,939	72.34
Service and Farm	1,000	9.11
<b>2008 Est. Workers Age 16+, Transportation To Work*</b>	10,718	
Drove Alone	8,695	81.13
Car Pooled	561	5.23
Public Transportation	1,087	10.14
Walked	103	0.96
Motorcycle	0	0.00
Bicycle	0	0.00
Other Means	13	0.12
Worked at Home	259	2.42
<b>2008 Est. Workers Age 16+ by Travel Time to Work*</b>	10,459	
Less than 15 Minutes	1,894	18.11
15 - 29 Minutes	3,027	28.94
30 - 44 Minutes	2,199	21.02
45 - 59 Minutes	1,211	11.58
60 or more Minutes	2,128	20.35
<b>2008 Est. Average Travel Time to Work in Minutes*</b>	37.27	



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Mokena, IL

Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Tenure of Occupied Housing Units</b>	6,391	
Owner Occupied	5,666	88.66
Renter Occupied	725	11.34
<b>2008 Occ Housing Units, Avg Length of Residence</b>	7	
<b>2008 Est. All Owner-Occupied Housing Values</b>	5,666	
Value Less than \$20,000	10	0.18
Value \$20,000 - \$39,999	0	0.00
Value \$40,000 - \$59,999	0	0.00
Value \$60,000 - \$79,999	17	0.30
Value \$80,000 - \$99,999	25	0.44
Value \$100,000 - \$149,999	168	2.97
Value \$150,000 - \$199,999	278	4.91
Value \$200,000 - \$299,999	1,553	27.41
Value \$300,000 - \$399,999	1,616	28.52
Value \$400,000 - \$499,999	1,264	22.31
Value \$500,000 - \$749,999	630	11.12
Value \$750,000 - \$999,999	68	1.20
Value \$1,000,000 or more	37	0.65
<b>2008 Est. Median All Owner-Occupied Housing Value</b>	\$348,392	
<b>2008 Est. Housing Units by Units in Structure*</b>	6,491	
1 Unit Attached	772	11.89
1 Unit Detached	4,832	74.44
2 Units	38	0.59
3 to 19 Units	847	13.05
20 to 49 Units	1	0.02
50 or More Units	1	0.02
Mobile Home or Trailer	0	0.00
Boat, RV, Van, etc.	0	0.00



# Pop-Facts: Demographic Snapshot Report

Mokena, IL

Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total Place	%
<b>2008 Est. Housing Units by Year Structure Built</b>	6,491	
Housing Units Built 1999 to 2008	2,035	31.35
Housing Unit Built 1995 to 1998	946	14.57
Housing Unit Built 1990 to 1994	1,368	21.08
Housing Unit Built 1980 to 1989	527	8.12
Housing Unit Built 1970 to 1979	757	11.66
Housing Unit Built 1960 to 1969	313	4.82
Housing Unit Built 1950 to 1959	269	4.14
Housing Unit Built 1940 to 1949	69	1.06
Housing Unit Built 1939 or Earlier	207	3.19
<b>2008 Est. Median Year Structure Built **</b>	1994	

\*In contrast to Claritas Demographic Estimates, "smoothed" data items are Census 2000 tables made consistent with current year estimated and 5 year projected base counts.

\*\*1939 will appear when at least half of the Housing Units in this reports area were built in 1939 or earlier.



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## Appendix: Area Listing

### Area Name:

Type: List - Place

Reporting Detail: Aggregate

Reporting Level: Place

<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>	<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>
1749854	Mokena village		

### Project Information:

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Site: 1

Order Number: 966591376





## Appendix B – 2005 Public Input

### **Public Involvement from 2005 Comprehensive Master Plan**

In 2005, a public input component was included as part of the Master Planning process. The following is a summary of the process and input received:

The Park District Board, Park District staff, and the Consultant worked closely to develop a customized citizen survey to gain insight into Mokena Community Park District resident's perceptions and desires. The survey provided residents and park facility users the opportunity to express their opinions not only about existing conditions but about future development of their Park District. The input provided aids the Park District policy makers and staff in responding more effectively to community needs.

Recognizing the importance of engaging public input, the District scheduled three visioning workshops with area residents and stakeholders to assist with developing District goals and objectives. These workshops served as the primary outlet for understanding current and future resident desires and overall opinions of the District. It was intended that the information provided would be used to assess user perception and/or satisfaction of Park District services and operations.

As part of the planning process, four preliminary “planning areas” within the District’s boundaries were developed. The Park District and consultant team identified 8-10 stakeholders from each of the four ‘planning areas’ to participate in the focus groups. A focus group for Planning Area A (the northwest section of the District), was cancelled due to the inability to recruit a sufficient number of participants within this area. Those that had agreed to participate from Planning Area A instead attended the focus group planned for residents of Planning Area B (the northeast section of the District). In general there was difficulty in locating interested volunteers to participate in the sessions. Often, individuals having only positive attitudes regarding a park district are less apt to utilize personal time to participate in this type of session, thus causing difficulty in finding volunteers.

Representatives from various social segments were involved to ensure that people of different age groups, members of different special interest groups, residents from different regions of the community and members from different ethnic categories were provided the opportunity to present their specific points of view. The discussions were not restricted in scope by moderators but rather the open-ended questions encouraged conversations that were used to evaluate the narrative information and focus on the most critical issues. Each focus group investigated usage, attitudes, impressions and viewpoints about Park District programs, activities, and facilities.

### **Focus Group Sessions**

Focus groups are exploratory in nature and as a result, the findings consist of attitudes, impressions and opinions, rather than hard numbers. The small sample size, recruitment method, research objectives and qualitative discussions ensure that the findings of focus groups are directional and cannot be projected to a larger population.

The primary result from the focus group sessions was the desire of the participants to build a recreation center in the community.

### **Citizen Survey Response**

As part of the District’s fall brochure, a recreational survey was included that asked residents to respond by October 7, 2003. When comparing the number of survey’s that were sent to District residents (10,364 mailed surveys) to the actual number of responses (90), the response rate equates to less than 1% of the total population, a statistically *invalid* sample. As such, an analysis cannot be projected to be inclusive of the entire MCPD population or the opinions of said population, and is deemed unwarranted for further consideration.

Appendix C - Mokena Community Park District Program Matrix by Age/Gender

# of Programs	Summer 2010																	
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Appendix D - Current (2010) Park Locations Matrix

Park Name & Location	Park Type	Park Acres	Admin. Center	Playground w/ benches	Baseball/Softball	Soccer	Football	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Crts.	Concessions	Picnic Area/Gazebo	Rest Rooms	Climbing Wall	Skate Park	Roller Hockey Crts.	Meeting Rooms	Walking Path/Track	
1. Acorn Park- 19925 Red Oak Dr.	M	1.64	•								G								
2. Boulder Ridge North- 19237 Beaver Creek Ln.	M	0.5	•																
3. Brookside Meadows- 19715 Longmeadow, TP	M	2.67	•																
4. Buske Park- 11435 W. Hillside Ln.	N	7.52	•	•	•		•	•			G	Ⓟ			•			1/6 m.	
5. Grasmere Park- 10335 W. Lindsay Ln.	C	14	•	•			•	•			G	Ⓟ		•	•			1/2 m.	
6. Green Meadows- 10520 W. Williams Way	N	10	•	•	•		•					Ⓟ						2/5 m.	
7. Hecht Park- 9310 W. Birch Ave.	C	16.25	•	•			•	•		•	G	Ⓟ	•		•			1/2 m.	
8. Heritage Park- 11945 W. 197th St.	N	6.4	•	•			•				G	Ⓟ							
9. London Bridge Park- 11880 London Bridge Dr.	N	4.74	•															1/4 m.	
10. Main Park- 10925 LaPorte Rd.	C	33.5	•	•	☀	☀	☀	•	☀	☀	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	☐	3/5 m.
11. Manchester Cove- 19205 Crescent Dr.	M	2.2	•																
12. Marley Creek- 10555 W. Jacob Dr.	N	5.5	•	•			•				G	Ⓟ						1/4 m.	
13. McGovney Park- 19345 Schoolhouse Rd.	N	8.1	•	•	•						G	Ⓟ							
14. Riivendell Park- 605 Bryan, New Lenox	M	1.5	•																
15. Timbers Point- 18418 White Oak Ln., TP	M	0.58	•																
16. Tinley Gardens Park- Lenore/Ethyl Lns., TP	M	0.5	•				•												
17. Willowview Park- 11420 W. 197th St.	N	8.36	•	•	•						•	•	•	•					
18. Yunker Park- 10824-47 LaPorte Rd.	U	116.25																	
The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center (13.12 acres)					•		☐		☐	☐	•	☐					☐	1/12 m.	
The Oaks Disc Golf Course ( 35 acres)											•	Ⓟ							
See Yunker Park Phase II below (68.13 acres)																			
<b>Key</b>																			
M = Mini Park																			
N = Neighborhood Park																			
C = Community Park																			
U - Large Urban Park																			
<b>Future Park Sites</b>																			
Fox Ridge, 19740 Telluride Lane	N	10.2																	
Hecht Park Extension, 9310 W. Birch Ave.	C	7.59																	
Prairie Ridge, Coneflower Drive	N	5.5																	
Whisper Creek, Palmira Court	N	6.54																	
Yunker Park Phase II (68.13)																			
- Homestead* (5 Acres)																			
*National Register of Historic Places (5 Acres)																			
- Yunker Park North (63.13 Acres)																			

Appendix E - Current (2010) Parks Location, Amenities & Acreage Owned

**MOKENA COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT  
PARK LOCATIONS & AMENITIES  
ACREAGE OWNED**

1. Acorn Park 19925 Red Oak Drive Mokena	1.64 acres	Entrance Signage 1 Playground w/connecting sidewalk Gazebo w/benches & connecting sidewalk
2. Boulder Ridge North 19237 Beaver Creek Lane Mokena	.5 acres	Entrance Signage Playground w/connecting sidewalk Benches
3. Brookside Meadows 19715 Longmeadow, Tinley Park	2.67	Playground w/connecting sidewalk Benches
4. Buske Park 11435 W. Hillside Lane Mokena	6.65  (Parcels I & II-- 5.91 + .74 = 6.65)	Entrance Signage 1 Soccer Field—Intermediate 1 Bronco Ball Diamond 1 Roller Hockey Court 1 Tennis Court w/fencing 1 Basketball Court 1 Playground w/connecting path Benches Gazebo w/terrazzo table Walking Path Parking Lot
JenyGlenn (abutting Buske Park)	.87	Connecting path
Leased from Village (Parcel III)	2.9	1 Soccer Field—Intermediate
5. Fox Ridge 19740 Telluride Lane, Mokena Foxborough Estates (5.76 acres) Boulder Ridge North (4.5 acres)	10.26	Undeveloped
6. Grasmere Park 10335 W. Lindsay Lane Mokena	14	2 Entrance Signs 2 Ball Diamonds 2 Tennis Courts w/fencing Skatepark w/fencing 1 Rollerblade Court 2 Basketball Courts 1 Playground w/connecting path Benches 1 Gazebo Walking Paths 2 Parking Lots
7. Green Meadows 10520 W. Williams Way Mokena	10	Entrance Signage 2 Ball Diamonds 1 Playground w/ connecting path 1 Basketball Court 1/2 Mile Walking Path Parking Lot
8. (a) Hecht Park 9310 W. Birch Ave. Mokena	10	Entrance Signage 3 Ball Diamonds 1 Concession Stand 2 terrazzo tables w/benches 1 Playground w/connecting path Walking Path Parking Lot

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(b) Hecht Park extension	6.25	Entrance Signage 1 Ball Diamond/Scoreboard 1 Playground w/connecting path Parent Benches Gazebo w/terrazzo table & benches 1 Climbing Wall 1 Basketball Court 1 Rollerblade Court 2 Tennis Courts w/fencing Walking Path Parking Lot
(c) Hecht Park ext. (cont'd.)	7.59	Undeveloped
9. Heritage Park 11945 W. 197th St. Mokena	4 <u>2.4</u> detention area 6.4	Entrance Signage 1 Mustang Ball Diamond 1 Gazebo w/benches & connecting sidewalk 1 Basketball Court 1 Playground w/connecting path Picnic Tables & Benches Parking Lot
10. London Bridge Park 11880 London Bridge Drive Mokena	4.74	Entrance Signage Walking Path Playground w/connecting sidewalk Benches
11. Main Park 10925 LaPorte Rd. Mokena	33.5	Entrance Marquee Administrative Center 4 Ball Diamonds (3 Lighted) 4 Lighted Tennis Courts w/fencing 1 Basketball Court 3 Lighted Sand Volleyball Courts 1 Football Field/Soccer Field-Lighted 2 Playgrounds Parent Benches 1 Mile Wooded Walking Trail 2 Story Meeting Center Concession Stand Maintenance Center w/fenced storage Picnic Grove Pavilion w/connecting sidewalk
12. Manchester Cove 19205 Crescent Drive Mokena	2.2	Entrance Signage 1 Playground w/connecting path Benches Parking Lot
13. Marley Creek 10555 W. Jacob Drive Mokena	5.5	1 Basketball Court 1 Ball Diamond 1 Playground w/connecting path Parent benches 1 Gazebo w/terrazzo table Walking Path w/5 Fitness Stations
14. McGovney Park 19345 Schoolhouse Rd. Mokena	8.1	1 Ball Diamond 2 Soccer Fields--Intermediate 1 Playground Picnic tables/parent benches 1 Gazebo w/benches Parking Lot
15. Prairie Ridge 21431 Coneflower Mokena	5.5	Undeveloped



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16. Riivendell Park 605 Bryan Trail, New Lenox	1.5	Entrance Signage Playground w/ parent benches
17. Timbers Point 18418 White Oak Lane Tinley Park	.58	Entrance Signage Playground w/connecting sidewalk Benches
18. Tinley Gardens Park Lenore & Ethyl Lanes Tinley Park	.5	Entrance Signage 1/2 Basketball Court 1 Playground
19. Whisper Creek 12439 Palmira Ct. Mokena	6.54	Undeveloped
20. Willowview Park 11420 W. 197th Street Mokena	8.36	Entrance Signage 2 Soccer Fields—Regulation 2 Ball Diamonds 1 Playground w/benches & connecting sidewalk Climbing Boulder 1 Pavilion Parking Lot
21. Yunker South - The Oaks 10847 LaPorte Road Mokena	48.12	Entrance Marquee Recreation & Fitness Center 27 hole Disc Golf Course Benches & trash receptacles 4-6 Micro Soccer Fields 2 parking lots/pedestrian bridge Detention w/aerator Pole Barn/shed
22. Yunker North - Homestead 10824 LaPorte Road Mokena	68.13	Homestead Gable Barn w/silo Cattle Shed Corn Crib Hog Shed Garage Wood shed/smoke house Pump House 2 Pole Barns 2 dog houses
Acres Owned	270.1	
Acres Leased	2.9	

### SUMMARY OF AMENITIES

Ball Diamonds	18
Basketball Courts (full)	8
Basketball Court (half)	1
Disc Golf Course	1
Football/Soccer Field	1
Playgrounds	19
Roller Hockey Courts	3
Sand Volleyball Courts	3
Shelters	2
Gazebos – 14 ft.	6
Soccer Fields -micro	4 - 6
Intermediate	4
Regulation	2
Skate park	1
Tennis Courts (4 lighted)	9
Walking Path (1 w/exercise stations)	8

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Appendix F – Current (2010) Pending Capital Projects

**FUTURE PARK SITES**

Fox Ridge (5.76 + 4.5))	10.20 acres
Prairie Ridge	5.50 acres
Whisper Creek	6.54 acres
Yunker Homestead (5 acres) & Open Space (63.13 acres)	68.13 acres
Hecht Park Extension	<u>7.59 acres</u>
<b>Total Undeveloped Acreage</b>	<b>97.96 acres</b>

**OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS PENDING**

The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center Expansion  
Expansion of Maintenance Center  
Maintenance Center parking lot & outdoor storage area asphalted  
Park Site Replacements & Improvements (Playgrounds, hard court surfaces, etc.)

**FOX RIDGE**

**Foxborough & Boulder Ridge**

Title Acceptance: Foxborough October 2009 and Boulder Ridge South June 2010

Acreage: 10.2

Developer Donation: Land and Cash

Subdivision build out at 43.5%

Improvements to Date: None

Proposed Improvements:

- Ball field
- Multi grid field (Lacrosse, Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, Flag football, etc)
- Tennis courts
- Multi hard surface sport court (hopscotch, four square, shuffleboard, etc.)
- Playground (ages 2-12)
- Gazebo
- Intergenerational game area (bocce courts, bago courts, game tables)
- Parent Benches & trash receptacles
- Water fountain
- Walking path
- Off street parking
- Entrance Signage, landscaping, trees

Service Area

Single Family and Multi family housing adjacent to School site

Estimated Project Cost: \$898,194.00

Appendix F – Current (2010) Pending Capital Projects

**PRAIRIE RIDGE**

Title Acceptance: September 2010

Acreage: 5.5 acres

Developer Donation: Cash and Land Cash Contribution: \$126,882.30 Subdivision build out at 24.5%

Improvements to Date: Established Turf

Proposed Improvements: (5-24-02)

- Off street parking
- Playground
- Benches & Trash Receptacles
- Walking Path
- 2 Gazebos - 16' and 20'
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Soccer Field
- Basketball Court
- 2 Tennis Courts
- Bronco ball Field w/ backstop, dugouts and bleachers.

Estimated Cost: \$1 million

**WHISPER CREEK**

Title Acceptance: August 2010

Acreage: 6.54 (3.78 + 2.70)

Developer Donation: Land in lieu of cash

Subdivision build out: .03%

Improvements to Date: Established Turf

Proposed Improvements (11-21-05)

- Off Street parking
- Playground
- Benches & trash receptacles
- Gazebo
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court
- Roller Hockey ½ court
- Ball Diamond
- Soccer Field
- Walking Path

Estimated Cost: \$1m plus