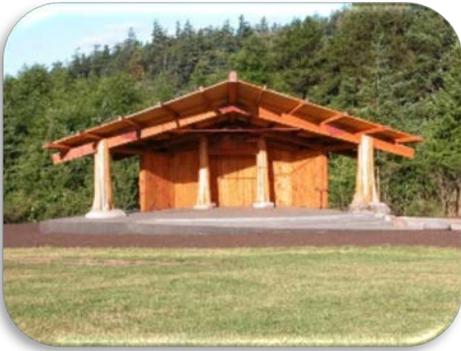




*Wildflowers grow in
the new community
park on Oakwood
Road*

PLANNING AREA - NEW PARKS

An important element in the plan for the City of Delafield is to look ahead for future park needs. The City has the opportunity to develop an existing 39 acre parcel, located on the Northwest corner of Oakwood Road and Highway 83, referred to as Oakwood Community Park; an 8 acre parcel and a 4 acre parcel adjacent to St. Joan of Arc, in the Northwest Quadrant, referred to as the Knoff-Binkowski parcel; and a proposed 9 acre parcel along the Bark River Conservancy Corridor, located northwest of Wee Know Preschool on the west side of Highway 83, referred to as the proposed Northeast Quadrant parcel.

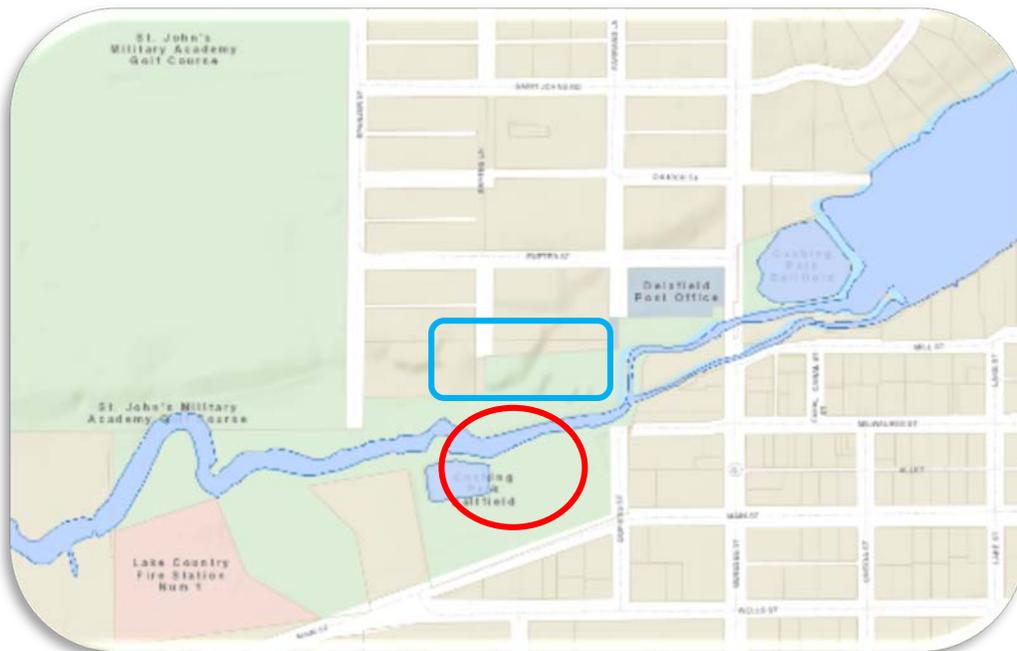


Liberty Park has the potential to be a center piece for civic activity

LIBERTY PARK

EXPAND THE EVENT SPACE ALONG THE BARK RIVER

The City owns land adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Riverwalk (VMR), the Bark River, and the downtown. The land is also adjacent to SJNMA, and a large city parking lot that is used as festival and event space for the city. While not replacing the event space, this park will complement it. The proposed name of this park is **Liberty Park**. A map of the parking lot (circled in red), and proposed location of the park (outlined in blue) are below. The boundaries of the lot are noted in the aerial photo below with boundaries show in red.



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The park has a natural connection to the Veterans Memorial River Walk (VMR), St. John's Northwestern military Academy, and the bridge that connects the parcel to the municipal parking lot.

The goals for the park are:

- Honoring Veterans
- Destination for the VMR
- Expands space for city events
- Simple outdoor stage for concerts and presentations
- Complements proposed SJNMA fine arts center.
- Path around park with benches
- Open space
- Performing arts space



CURRENT CONDITION

Overhead view of the parcel of land to be designated as Liberty Park.



The property is owned by the City of Delafield. It is adjacent to St. Johns Northwestern Military Academy to the North and West of the property.

The proposed park is bordered by the Bark River to the south. The Veterans Memorial River Walk follows the course of the river on the south side of the park adjacent to the river.

The area of the park was once a fish hatchery pond. It is located in a flood plain.

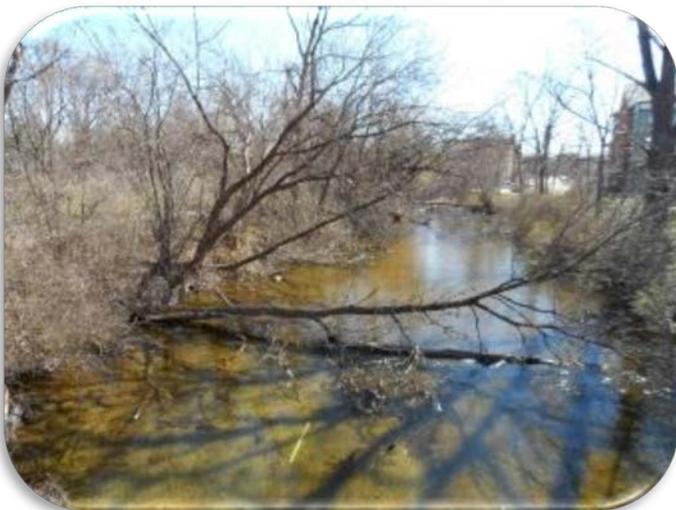
PHOTOS OF THE PROPOSED PARK IN ITS PRESENT STATE.



View of the park facing southeast from a small hill on the property.



View of the park from the west side of the park looking east.



View of River from the bridge

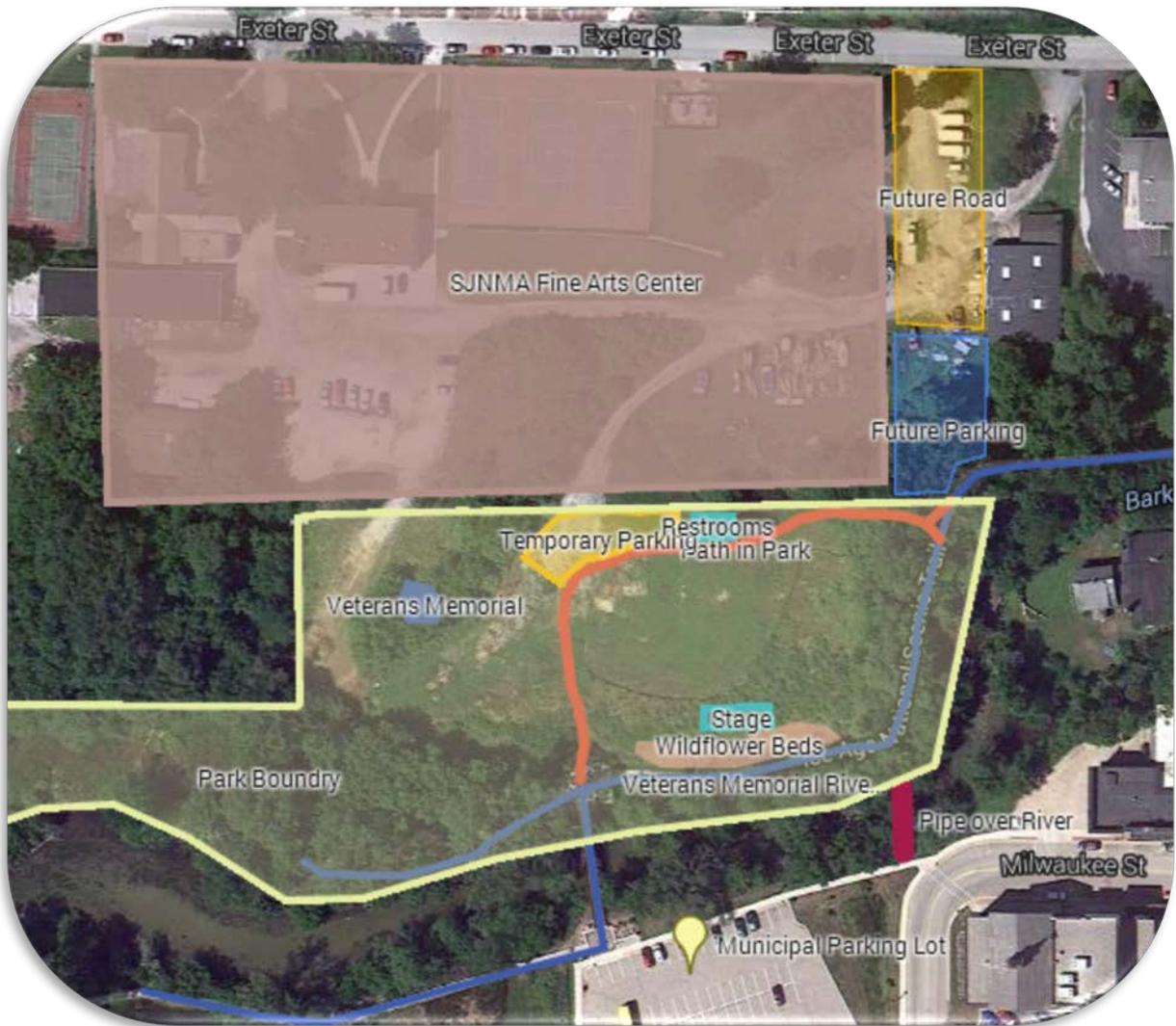


Main space of park

THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

While design work will need to be completed for the site, an example concept for the park is illustrated below. The VMR path (blue line) would be extended to circle the park (orange line). The majority of the park would be planted with grass. A simple stage that has electrical service would be at the south end of the park (light blue rectangle). A Veterans memorial would be on the West side of the park on the top of the small hill (dark blue polygon). A restroom would be located near parking.

The park would be lighted for safety and evening use. Benches, doggy stations, and information signs would be located throughout the park. The pipe over the river would be buried or removed as part of the project. Note: the yellow line is the boundary of the parcel.





ST JOHNS NORTHWESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY FINE ARTS CENTER

Directly to the North of the park is a proposed Academic / Fine arts Building. <http://www.sjnma.org/giving/capital-improvements.cfm>

Below are renderings provided by SJNMA which are conceptual.



REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

TERRAIN AND SURROUNDING AREA

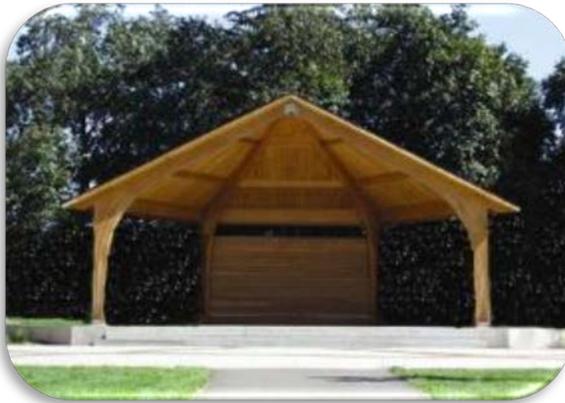
Factors and goals for the terrain are:

- Bark river clean up should be part of the project plan.
 - Trees have fallen into the river
 - Pipe crossing the river should be buried or removed
 - Brush and invasive trees should be removed along the river to create a view of the river from the park
- Development in the early phases should take place on the East end of the park
 - St. John's has an arts center proposed near the North West corner of the park, and this will likely lead to changes in the topography when realized.
- Paths material should be natural, likely crushed limestone
- Lighting should be installed
 - Will require electric cabling to be run through the park
 - Outlets should be available with lighting to facilitate events that will occur in the park
- Flower beds
 - Type of flowers should be low maintenance, and are open to further design
- Benches and bike racks
 - Should be planned
- Most of the area of the park should be grass

STAGE

- A performance stage will be incorporated in the design, and located at the south end of the park facing north.
- Electrical power to the stage area should be sufficient to support sound and light systems of significant amperage, and should be three phase electrical service
- This stage would not replace the need for single use rental stages for large civic events

Examples of stages in parks:



LIBERTY MEMORIAL

The memorial will take some time to plan and execute. It is suggested that a panel be set up to decide on the appropriate memorial. This feature would likely be funded by donations. This may be the last element added to the park so that its construction can be coordinated with the SJNMA fine arts building. Funding raising should start immediately.

BUDGET

2015 BUDGET

Budget Line item and Account	Approved Budget	Source
Planning/Engineering 410-70-57620	\$4,000	General Fund/Bond (100%)
Benches, Bike Racks & Signs	\$7,000	General Fund/Bond (100%)

2016 BUDGET - PROPOSED

Budget Line item	Budget	Source
Bury Water Feeder Pipe 410-70-57620	\$65,000	General Fund/Bond (100%)
Fountain	\$40,000	General Fund/Bond (100%)

2017 BUDGET - PROPOSED

Budget Line item	Budget	Source
Stage	\$330,000	Grants (40%), General Fund/Bond (40%), Donations (20%)
Veteran's Memorial		Grants (30%), General Fund/Bond (20%), Donations (50%)
Income from Renting the Stage		Revenue

NW QUADRANT PARCELS

The Northwest corner of the City of Delafield should have a community park to serve the recreational needs of the residents at some point in the future. A neighborhood park will be needed to serve the area, and it should be able to be used for both active and passive recreation. The 8 acre neighborhood park parcel adjacent to St. Joan of Arc School will provide a great space to meet these needs. The land is also to be used in conjunction with a smaller 4 acre parcel just to the north. This property is referred to jointly as the Knoff-Binkowski parcel. There are currently no plans for formal development of either parcel. They are both beautiful, natural areas with a variety of wooded and open spaces.

The current plan is for the 8 acre parcel to serve as a hub for biking and hiking trails, which will eventually complete a circle around Nagawicka Lake. The smaller 4 acre Knoff parcel will serve as an access easement to the west and allow the City of Delafield to connect recreational trails to points west through Oconomowoc.

Both of these parcels provide valuable open spaces and will at some point be ready for development. Future needs will include an interior road to the park and a parking lot, a shelter at the trailhead, and trail development and improvements. Additional phases may include playing fields and play structures. The Park and Rec committee recommended that these amenities, when they are constructed, be provided and maintained by the developer of the adjacent residential area, and be consistent with city standards.

Together these parcels give the City of Delafield the ability to connect and expand both existing and future hiking and biking trails. This will be an asset to all of the residents, as Delafield joins surrounding communities who are working together to establish a master plan to connect existing parks and recreational areas throughout the state via a comprehensive trail system.



NE QUADRANT FUTURE PARCEL

The City of Delafield has identified a parcel of land approximately 10 acres located just west of Highway 83 and NW of the Wee Know Preschool. It is located along the Bark River Corridor, and would provide green space and passive park use for residents. This parcel has the potential to add access to the Bark River and connect to the bike path that will eventually circle Nagawicka Lake when it is complete.

