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*The Fish Hatchery Sports Complex offers a wide variety of full sized sports fields including soccer, baseball, softball and volleyball*

## FISH HATCHERY SPORTS AREA PARK

### OVERVIEW / CURRENT STATUS

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The Fish Hatchery Sports Area offers well maintained fields for soccer, baseball, softball and sand volleyball games, leagues and practices. It includes on premises and nearby parking to support large events including picnics and tournaments with a powered, covered pavilion. The bleachers, pavilion, fencing, play equipment and fields are in great condition for such a well-used facility. The children's play set placement allows for mutual access for the park/baseball diamond and the Veterans Memorial Riverwalk users. The park's proximity to downtown Delafield, the river walk, Lake Country Trail, Public Safety buildings and the Fish Hatchery contributes to the overall synergy of the area.

The increase in population in the city center will bring additional usage to this park. This will require amenities to be added to this park. In addition, the improvement of the Lake Country Recreational trail will bring additional traffic through the area.

#### *Short Term Requirements*

- Boardwalk on the south side of the fishing pond
- Establish permanent restroom and drinking fountain facilities at this park. (see picture on next page)
- Establish trail map display and sign
- Bicycle racks
- Enhance canoe / kayak "put in" at the Bark River next to the Fish hatchery. Provide river access and secure staging area to encourage portage/rest stop for downtown business patronage
- Monitor possible Bark River restoration for kayak/canoe access/users.

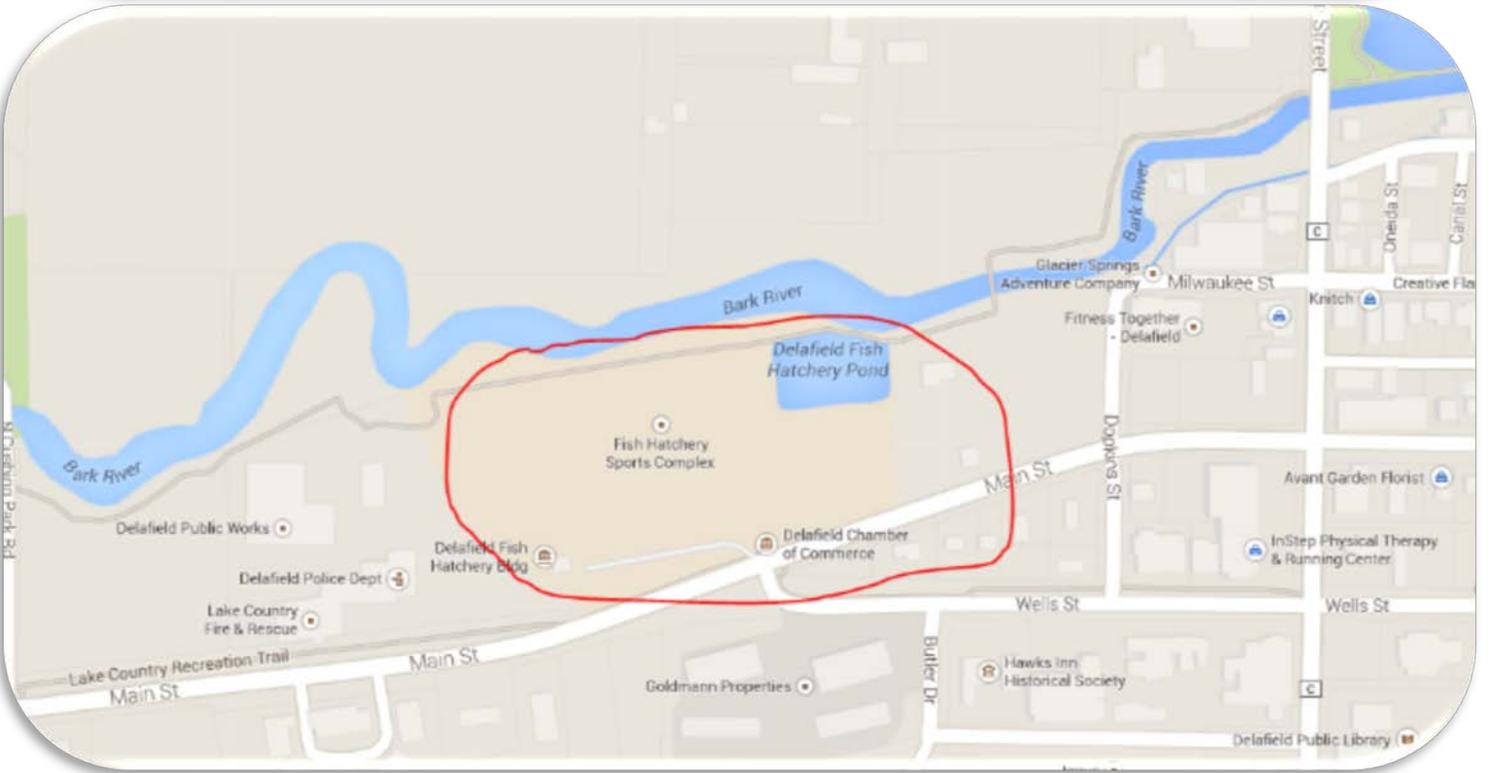
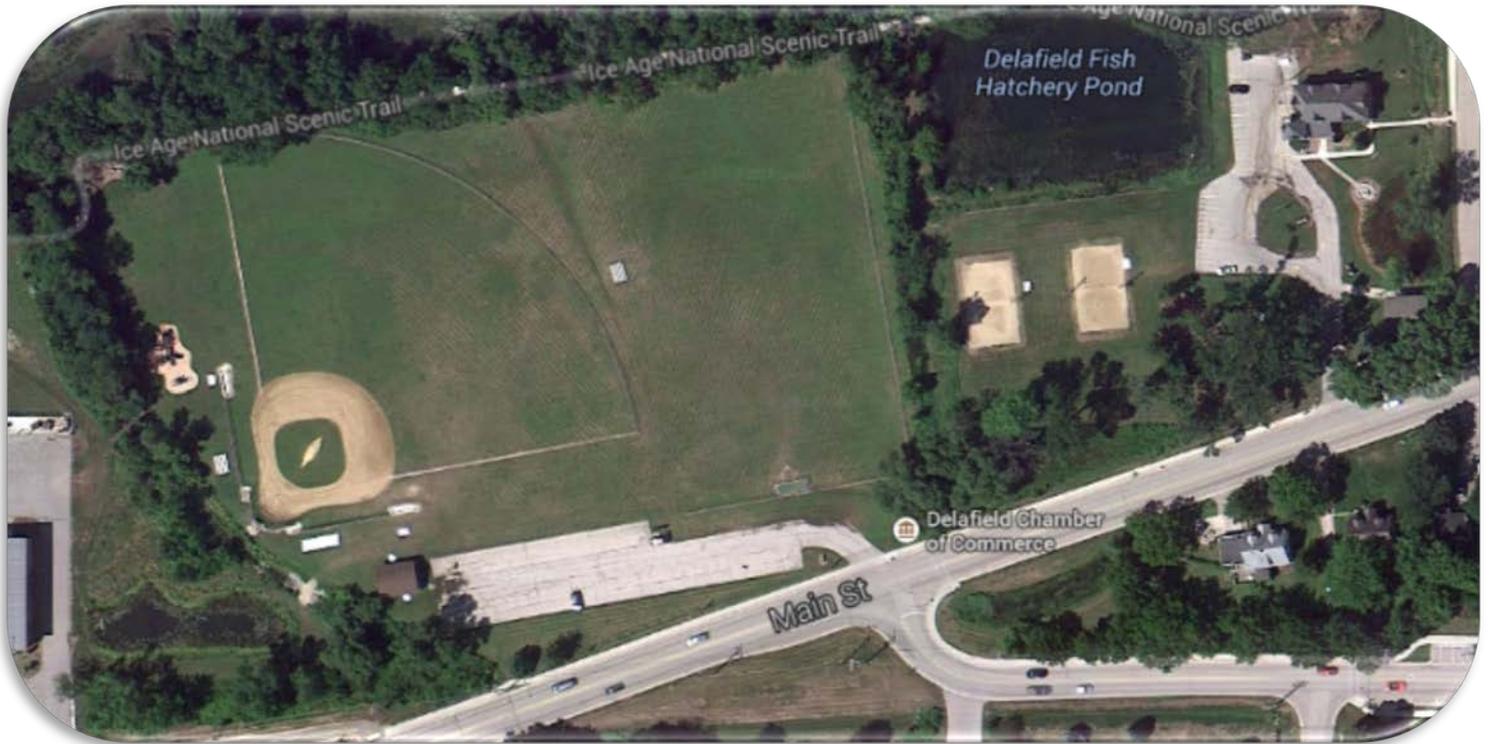
#### *Mid Term Enrichments*

- Repave Fish Hatchery parking lot

#### *Long Term Vision*

- Replace windows in Fish Hatchery building
- Basketball court addition

PARK MAP/LOCATION





Picture above shows a red arrow point to the existing port-a-potties, and a blue square showing the potential location of a permanent restroom and drinking fountain facility. Facility would be modeled after the facility at Cushing Park.



Location of a future basketball court



The blue ellipse shows the area where a boardwalk will be placed along the south side of the fishing pond. The area is quite marshy today. The boardwalk would be similar in construction to the Veterans memorial Riverwalk that is located on the north side of the pond.

PICTURES

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## SUMMARY

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The Fish Hatchery Sports Area provides large open space for multiple sporting activities with well graded fields, powered pavilion, play area, parking and portable restrooms to support local team play and practice. The park location should be leveraged to provide activities that draw people to support the adjacent trail systems, parks, businesses and downtown attractions.