



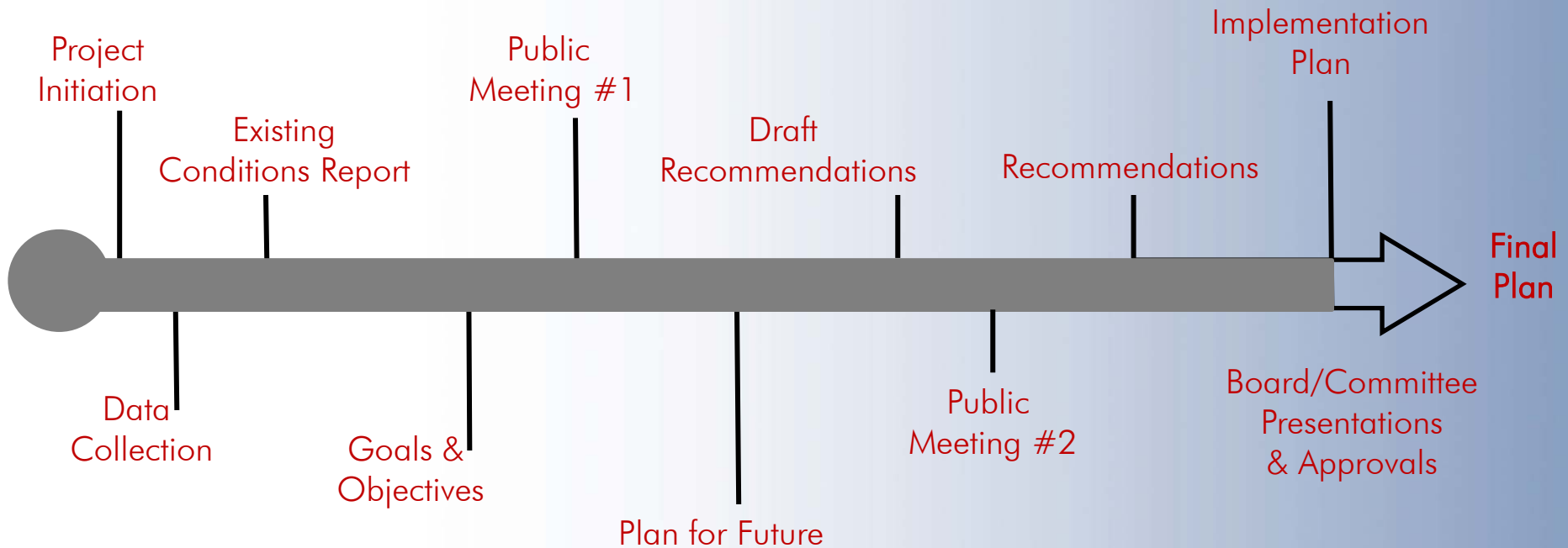
UPD Board Study Session

Tuesday, December 1, 2015



Urbana Park District





Scope of Work

Building the Future... Together!

Report Layout

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Existing Plans and Policies

Chapter 3: Existing Conditions Analysis

Chapter 4: Park Inventory and Trail Gap Analysis

Chapter 5: Creating A Vision

Chapter 6: Facility Types

Chapter 7: Community Outreach

Chapter 8: Recommendations

Chapter 9: Implementation



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Chapter 1: Introduction



Introduction

- Urbana Park District
 - 24 parks/open spaces
 - 580 acres
 - 6 facilities
 - 100s of programs
- UPD Mission: “Improve the quality of life of Urbana’s citizens through a responsive, efficient and creative park and recreation system.”
- This mission, plus some of its key strategic objectives and moves, define the framework for UPD’s first comprehensive trails master plan.



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Chapter 2: Existing Plans & Policies



Existing Plans & Policies

- State level documents: 2
- County level documents: 3
- Local level documents: 7
 - Added 2008 Crystal Lake Park Neighborhood Plan
- Contiguous planning area documents: 3
 - Includes Champaign Park District Trails Master Plan under development



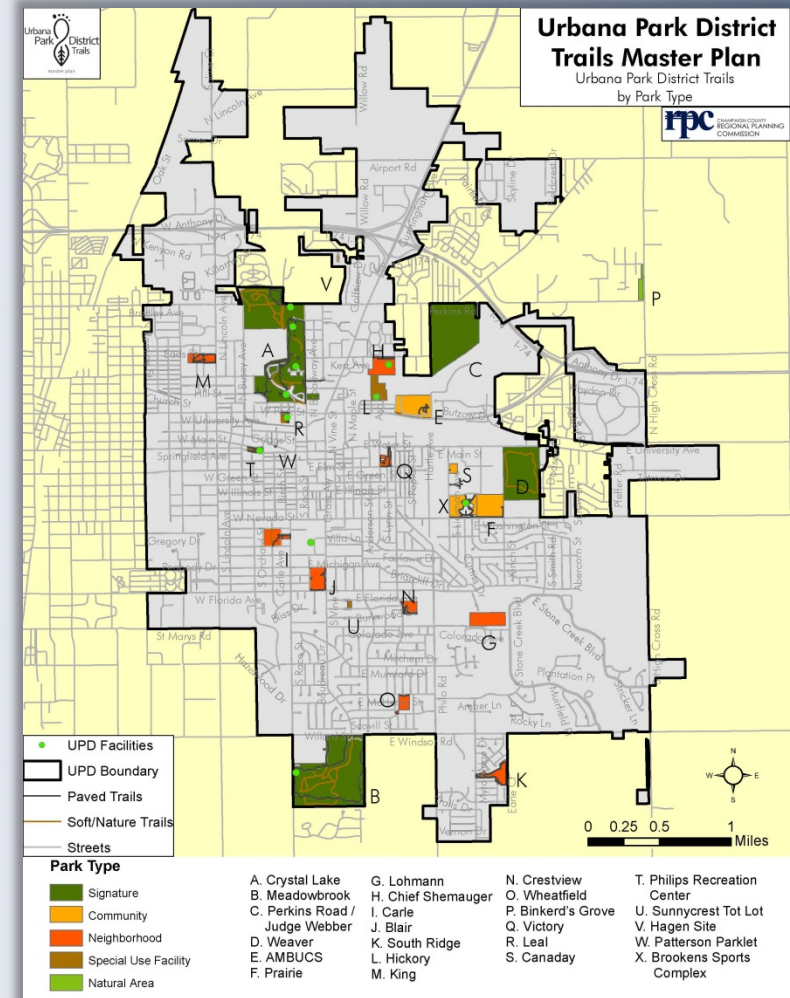
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Chapter 3: Existing Conditions Analysis



Existing Park Facilities

Urbana Park Classification



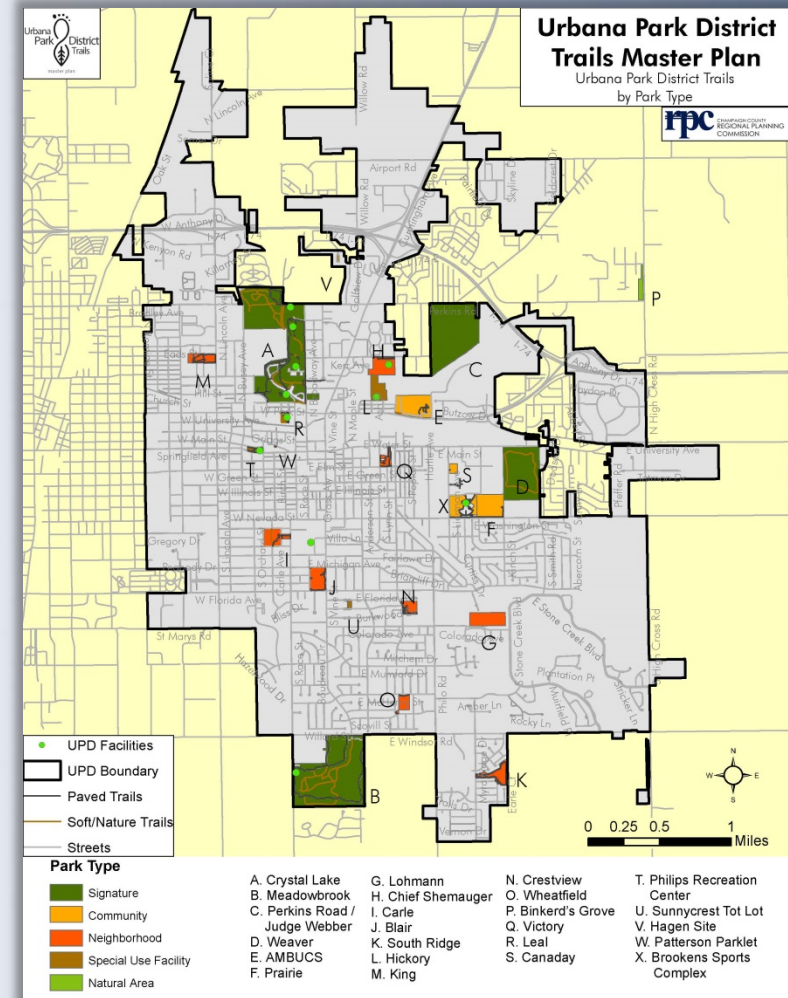
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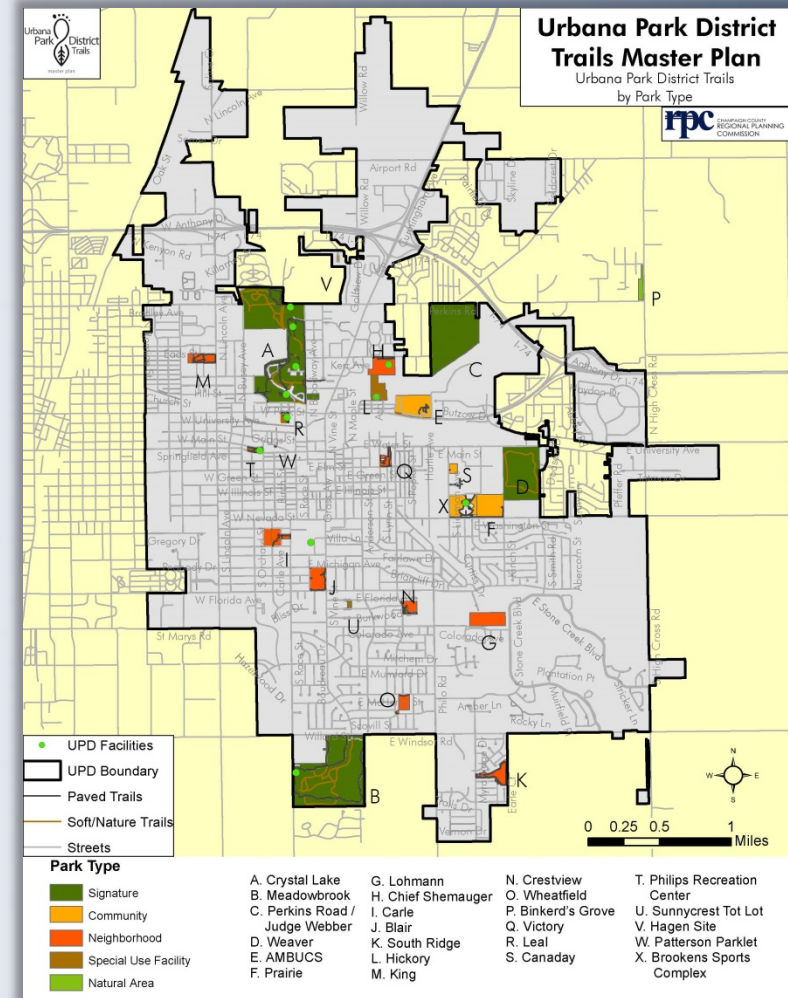
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- Community (4)
 - 20 – 50 acres
 - Intense recreation; services available (lighting, parking, restrooms, etc.)
 - Service Area: 2 mile radius



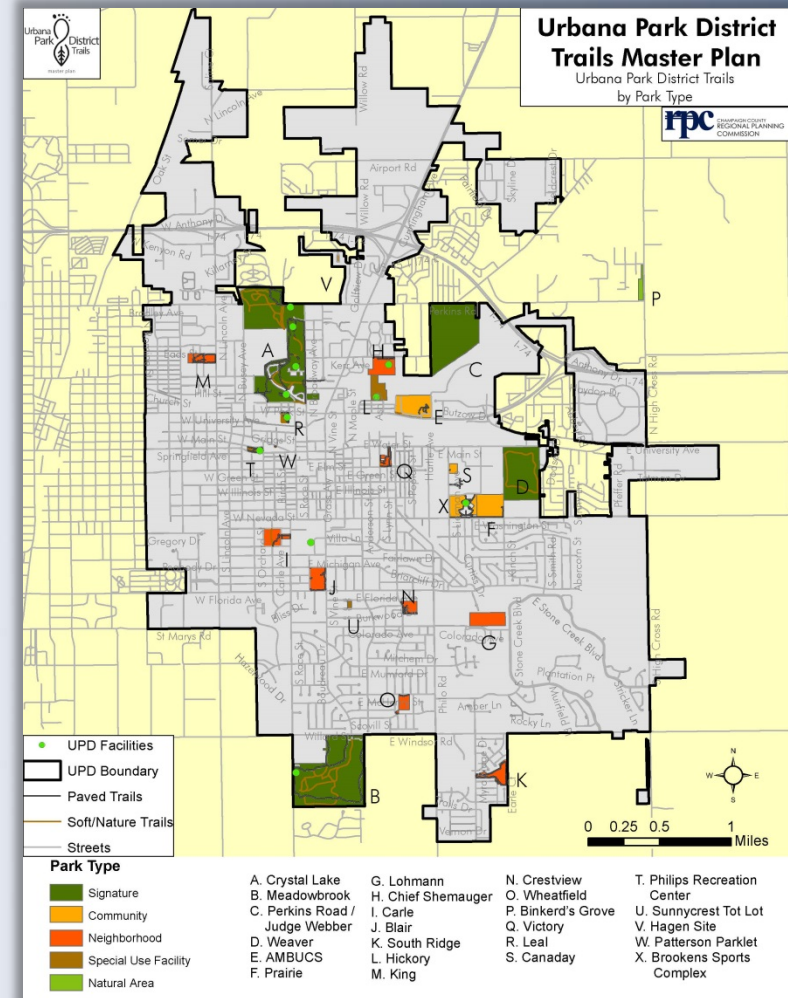
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 - Service Area: 2 mile radius
- Neighborhood (9)
 - 10 – 20 acres
 - Light recreational facilities; limited services (lighting, restrooms, etc.)
 - Service Area: 0.5 mile radius



Urbana Park District Park and Trail Classification

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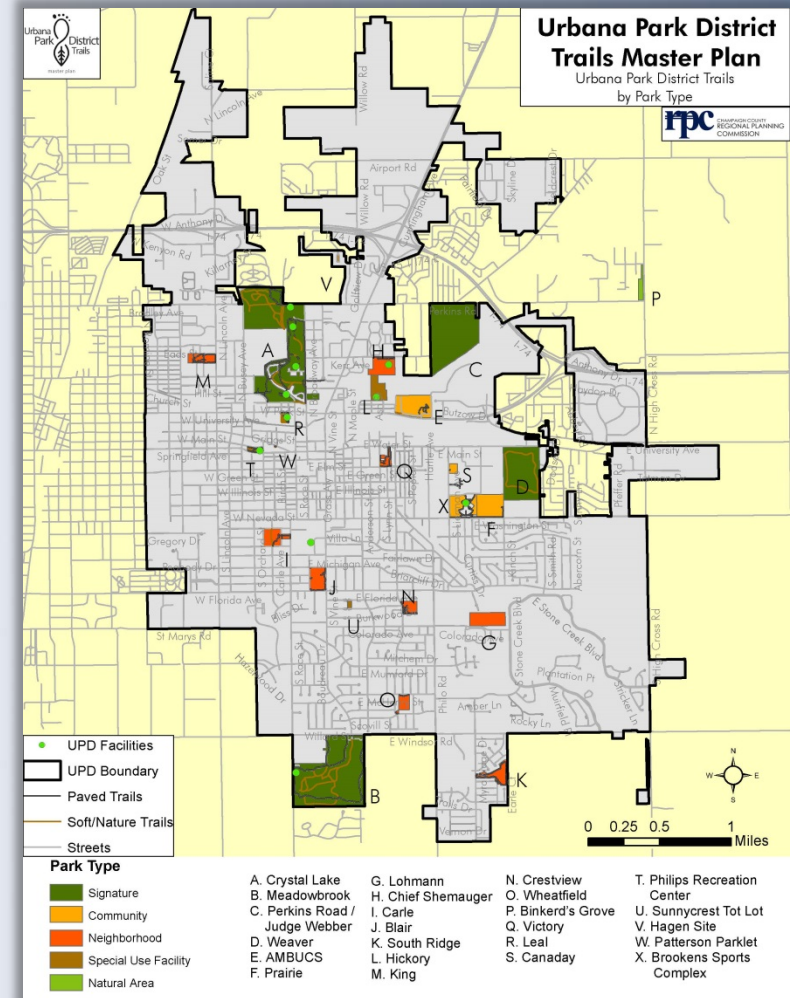
Existing Park Facilities

Urbana Park Classification

- Special Use Facilities (6)
 - <10 acres
 - Concentrated recreation activities
- Natural Areas (1)
 - High quality, undisturbed areas
 - Passive recreation

Urbana Park Ownership

- 4 open spaces leased from UCSD:
 - AMBUCS
 - Hickory Street Site
 - Patterson Parklet
 - Perkins Road Site
- All other open spaces owned by UPD



Urbana Park District Park and Trail Classification

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Existing Trail Facilities

- Trail Inventory

Park Name	Trail Type (miles)		
	Paved	Soft / Nature	Total
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Weaver	0.2	1.0	1.2
South Ridge	0.7	0.0	0.7
King	0.6	0.0	0.6
Carle	0.3	0.1	0.4
Blair	0.4	0.0	0.4
Crestview	0.4	0.0	0.4
Phillips Recreation Center	0.4	0.0	0.4
Victory	0.4	0.0	0.4
AMBUCS	0.3	0.04	0.34
Larson (formerly Wheatfield)	0.3	0.0	0.3
Leal	0.3	0.0	0.3
Prairie	0.3	0.0	0.3
Chief Shemauger	0.3	0.0	0.3
Patterson Parklet	0.02	0.0	0.02
Canaday	0.01	0.0	0.01
Perkins Road / Judge Webber	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lohmann	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hickory Street Site	0.0	0.0	0.0
Binkerd's Grove	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hagen Site	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sunnycrest Tot Lot	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	11.41	4.98	16.35

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Existing Trail Facilities

- Trail Inventory
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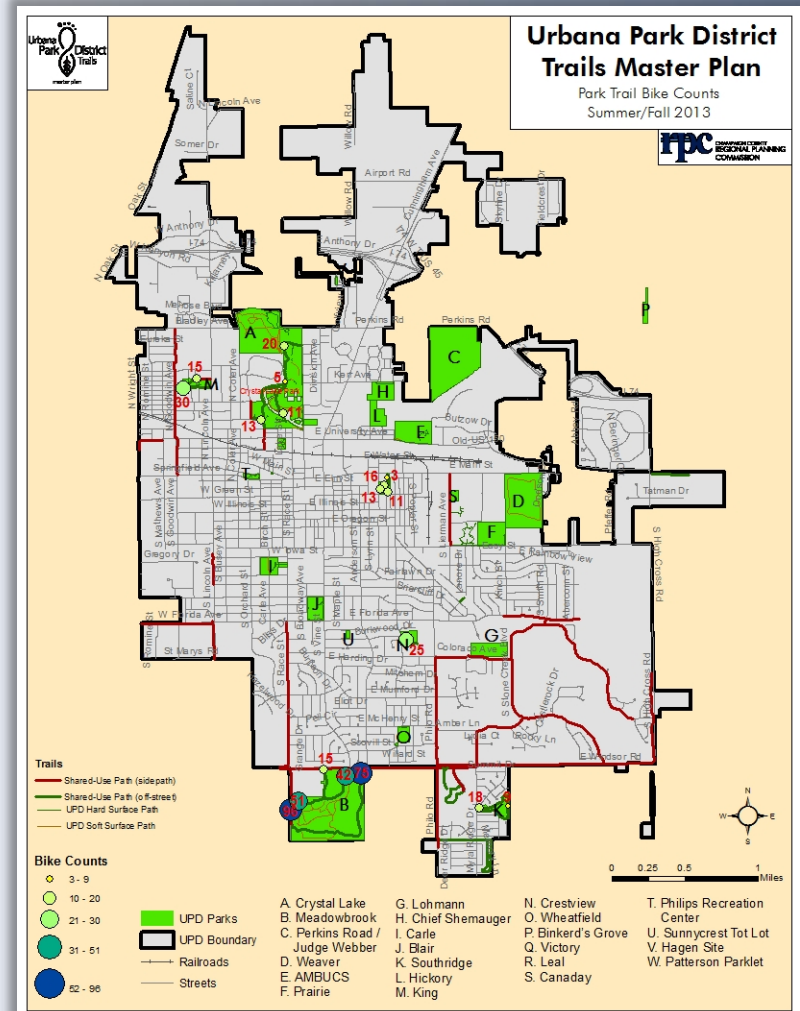
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Bicycle Ridership along Trail Facilities

- Bicycle Counts within UPD Parks
- 18 Locations

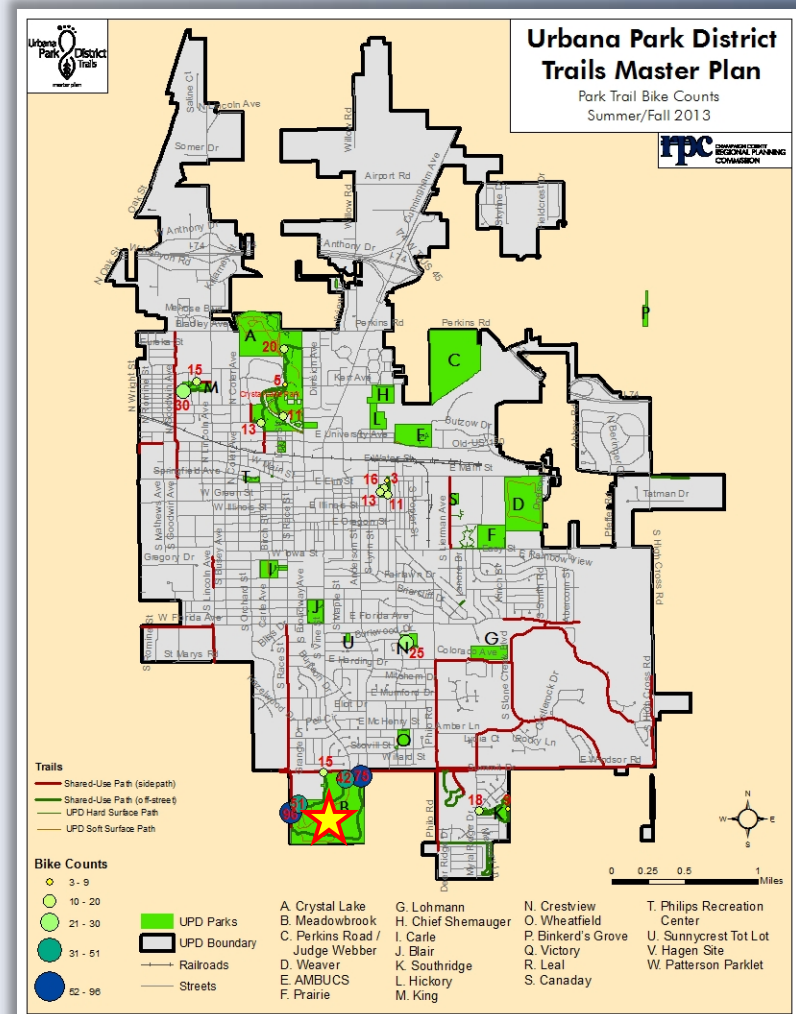


24-Hour Bike Counts within Urbana Park District Parks

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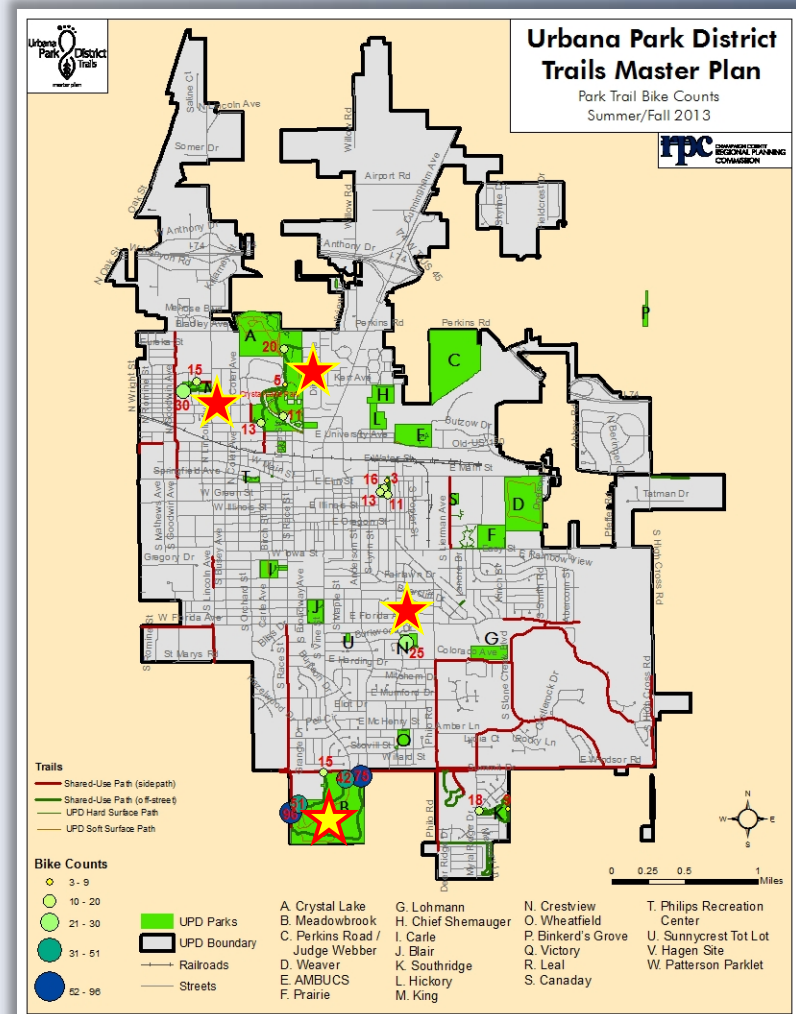


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 - Crystal Lake, King, & Crestview parks second highest
 - 20 to 30 cyclists within 24 hours



24-Hour Bike Counts within Urbana Park District Parks

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Crystal Lake Park Visitor Counts 2015

- UPD hired CCRPC to conduct visitor counts in Crystal Lake Park in Summer 2015
 - We also did these counts in 2007, so we can compare the counts
 - Family Aquatic Center reopened in 2013 at Count Location #1
- 6 Count Locations in 2015
 - 4 in-person
 - 2 video



Summer 2015 Visitor Count Locations at Crystal Lake Park

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Crystal Lake Park Visitor Counts 2015

- Methodology:
 - 14 hour cycles: 6 am-8 pm
 - Counters from RPC, UPD, & CUPHD
 - Good weather days
 - One weekday (Thursday)
 - One weekend day (Saturday)
- Modes counted:
 - Walkers
 - Bicyclists
 - Vehicles, including # of passengers

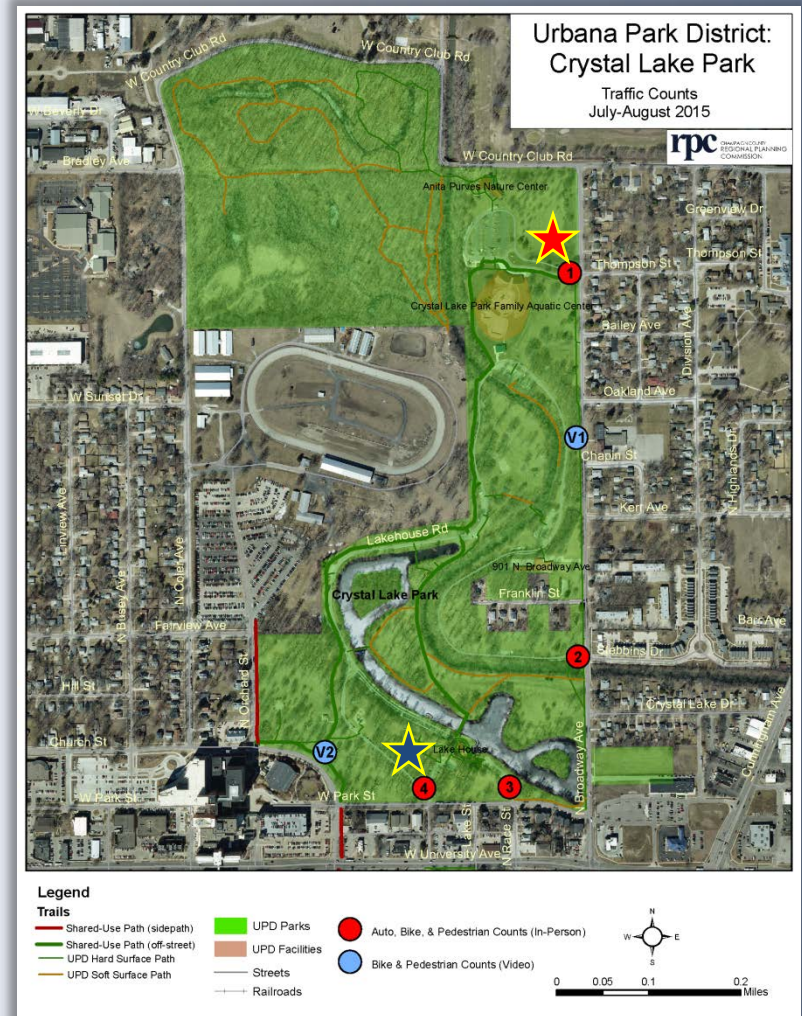


Summer 2015 Visitor Count Locations at Crystal Lake Park

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Crystal Lake Park Visitor Counts 2015

- Results:
 - Highest # of Pedestrians entered CLP at Location #1
 - Highest # of Bicyclists entered CLP at Location #1 on Weekday, and Location #4 on Weekend
- 2007 vs. 2015:
 - CLP visitors increased:
 - 18% on weekdays
 - 11% on weekends
 - Only park entry location with increased visitors was Location #1

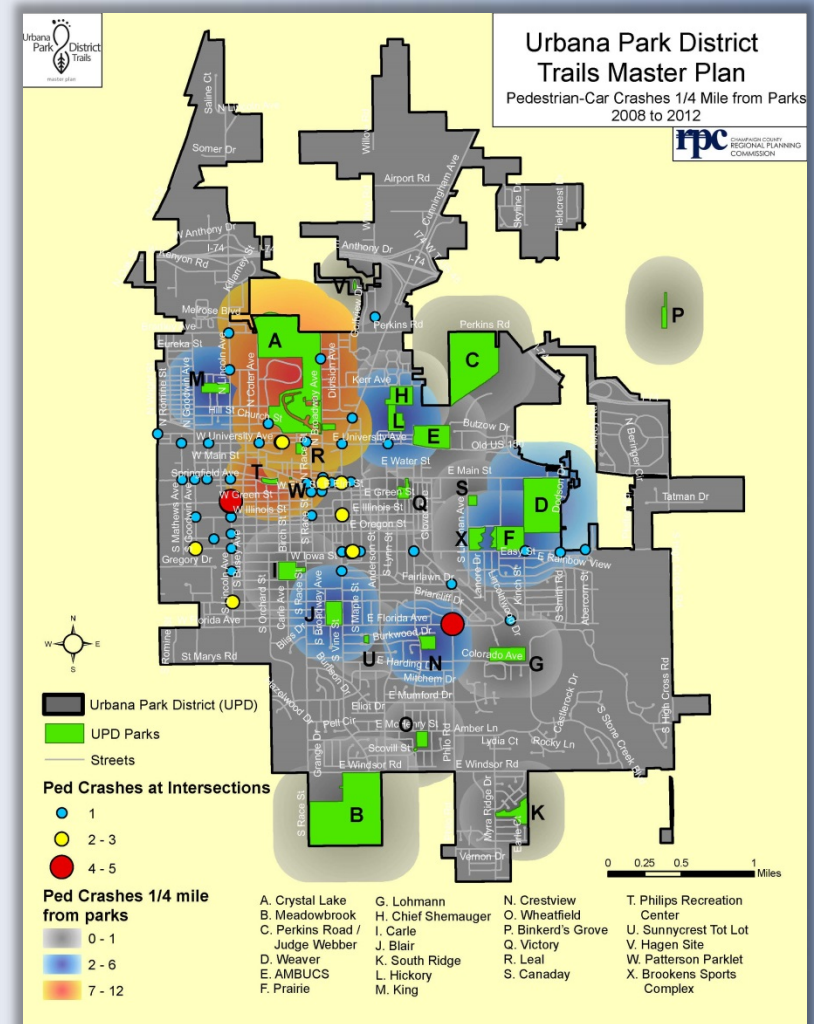


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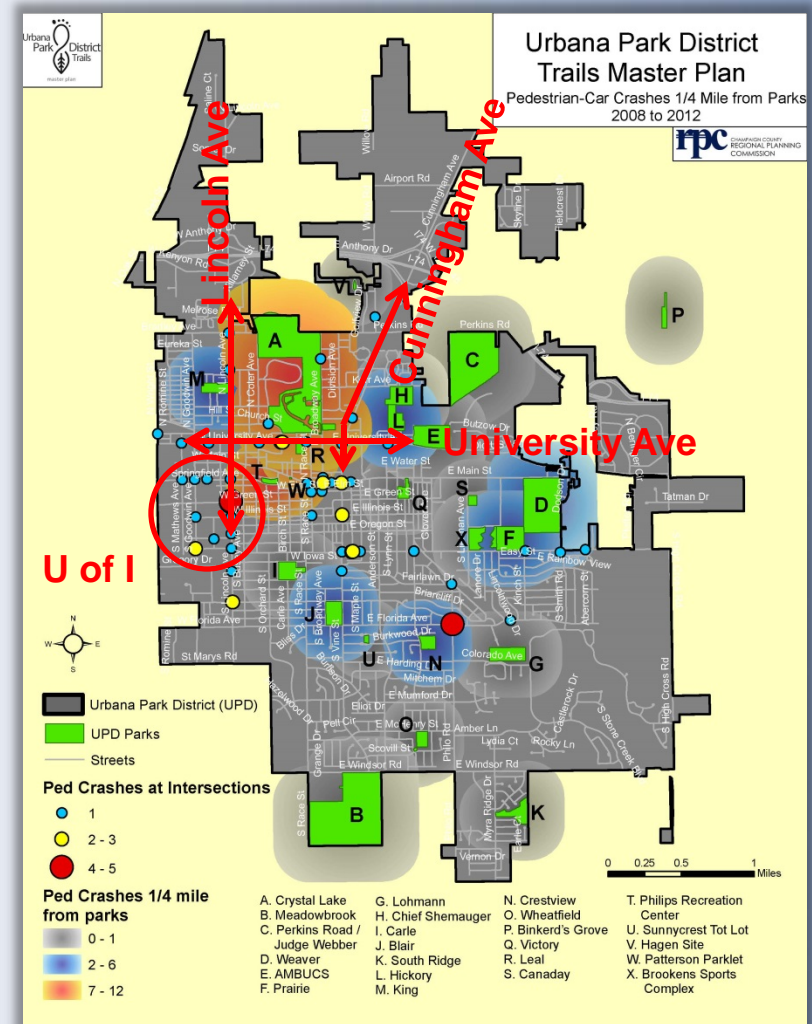


Pedestrian-Car Crashes within UPD Limits between 2008 and 2012

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 - University Avenue

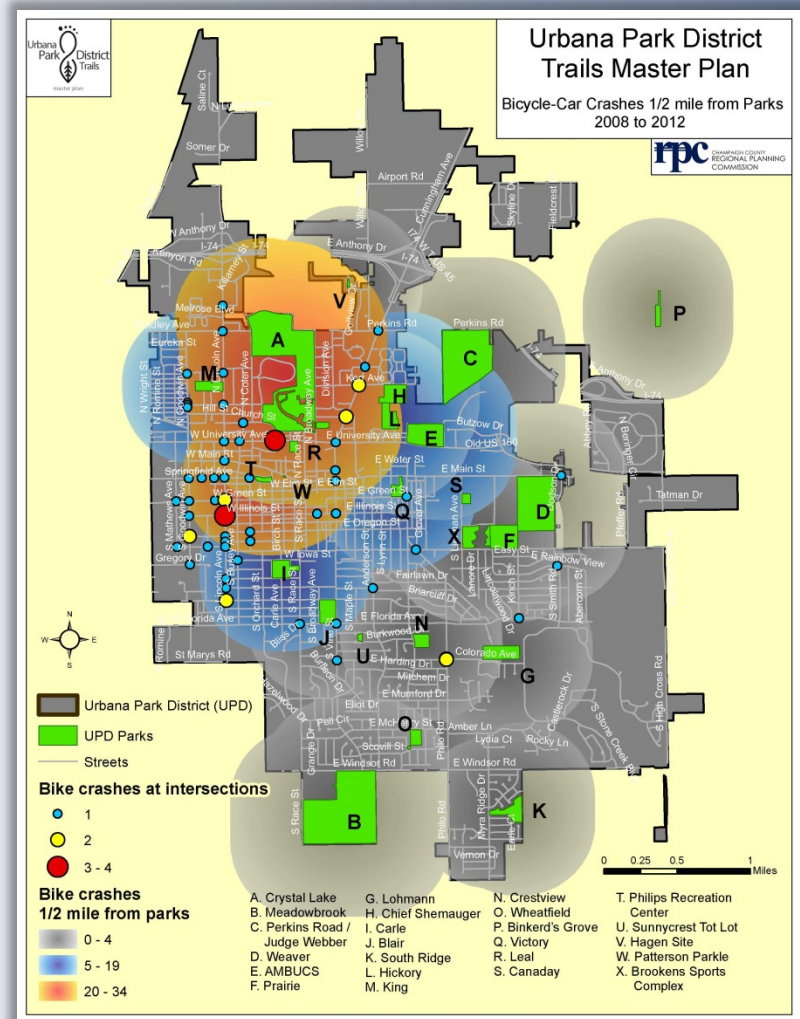


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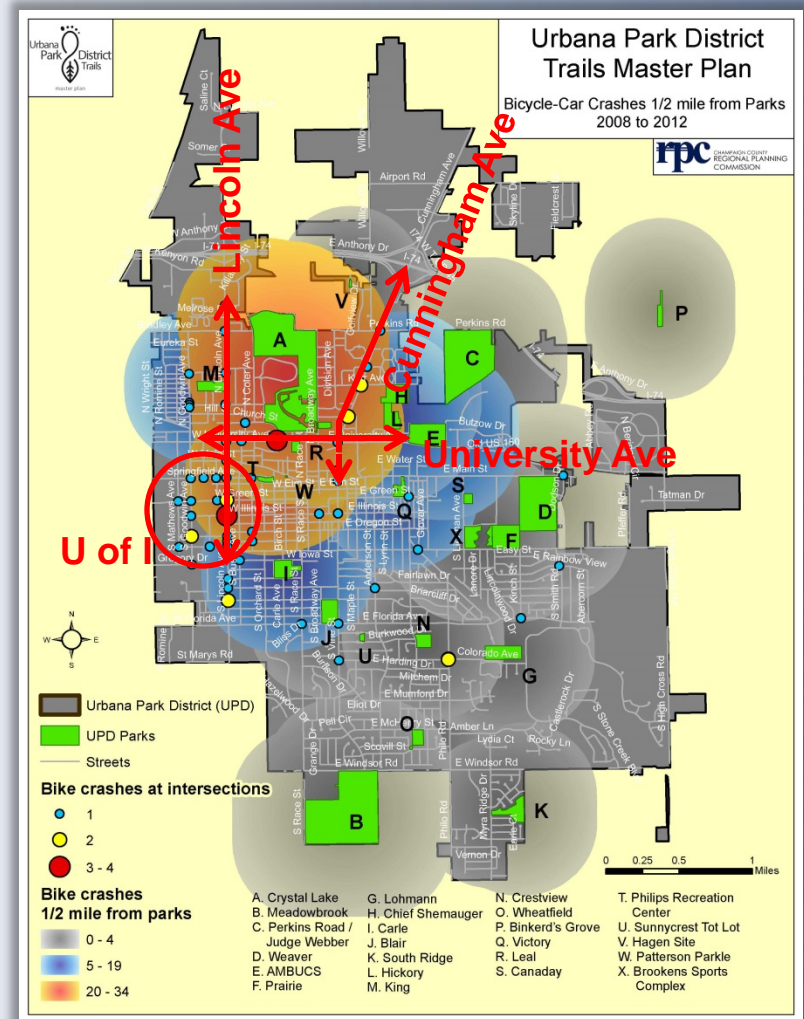


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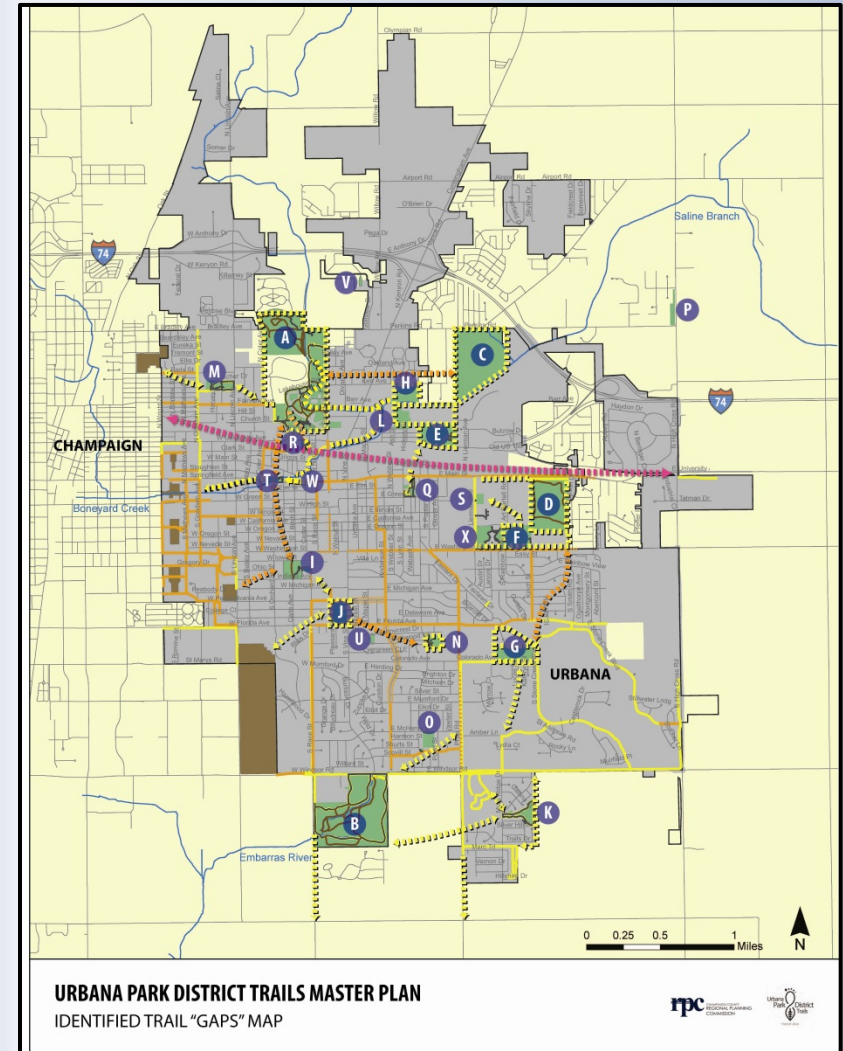
Chapter 4: Park Inventory & Trail Gap Analysis

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Trail “Gap” Analysis

Identified the following gaps between UPD Parks:

- Bikeway Gap
- Shared-Use Gap
- Rails-to-Trails Gap



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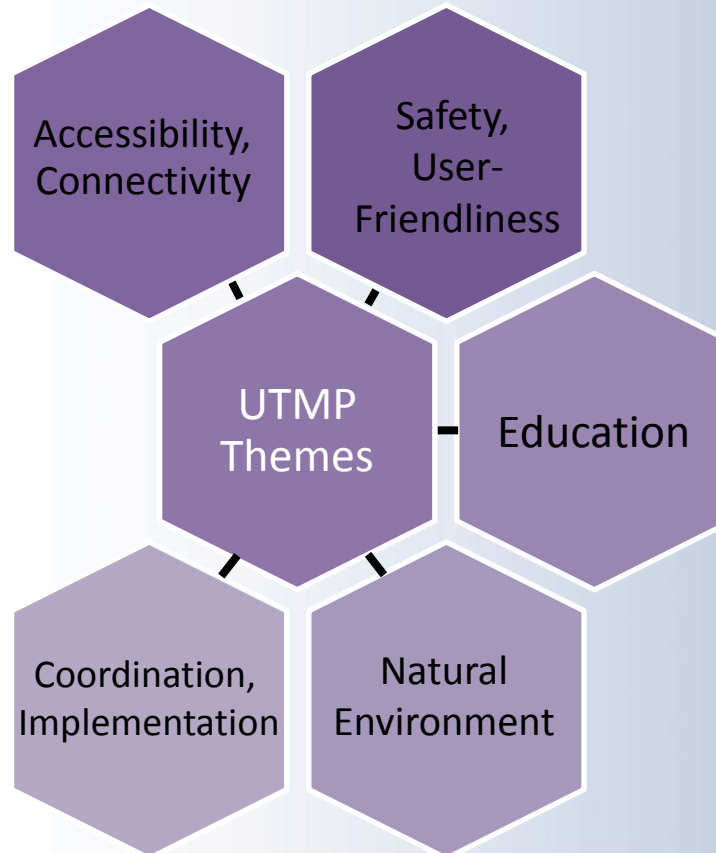
Chapter 5: Creating a Vision (Goals & Objectives)

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Goals and Objectives

Structure:

Theme			
Goal			
Objectives	Performance Measures	Strategies	Responsible Parties



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Goals and Objectives

- Goal 1: Continue with the collaborative development of a district-wide / regional trail system including strong connections between present and future UPD parks, loop trails within parks and linkages within the regional trail system.
- Goal 2: Develop a system of trails that is user-friendly by providing amenities that make parks accessible to all residents and visitors.
- Goal 3: Educate residents about the benefits and availability trail facilities.
- Goal 4: Preserve and enhance the natural environment through the development and operation of greenways coinciding with Urbana Park District trails will.
- Goal 5: Coordinate the planning and implementation of all Urbana park trails system projects with the City of Urbana's Bicycle Master Plan and proposed sidewalk improvements, as well as the Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan in a manner that emphasizes rational and cost-effective measures.

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Chapter 6: Facility Types

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Off-Street Facility Types

- Shared-Use Paths (Trail)
 - Sidepaths
 - Parallel to road
 - For busier, faster roads without many crossings
 - Off-Street
 - Between neighborhoods
 - Through parks
 - Rails-to/to/with-Trails
 - Utility easements
 - Waterway corridors
 - Fitness Trail



Windsor Road Sidepath
near Meadowbrook Park

Off-Street Trail
through King Park



Carbondale, IL
Fitness Trail

Off-Street Facility Types

- Pedestrian Trails
 - Nature Trail
 - Runs through environmentally sensitive areas
 - Surfacing & width specifications are more flexible than shared-use paths
 - Not designed to be ADA accessible
 - Walking Trail
 - Similar to sidewalks in parks
 - 5-8' wide
 - Pedestrian traffic only, in small parks
- Bicyclist Trails
 - University Bike Paths
 - University of Illinois campus only
 - Moving away from bike only paths towards shared-use paths



Busey Woods Nature Trail

Walking Trail
through King Park



Mathews Avenue
Bike Path

On-Road Facility Types

- Bike Lanes
 - Both sides of the road
 - Minimum width w/ curb: 5'
 - Stripe defines car/bike space
- Sharrows (shared lane markings)
 - Indicates proper bike position in shared lane
 - Can be used at intersections
 - Can be used on streets with or without parking

Bike Lanes on
Fairview Avenue



Sharrows on
Philo Road



On-Road Facility Types

- Bike Routes
 - Shared roadways
 - Signs should include:
 - Destination
 - Distance &/or Time
 - Direction
- Shared Bike/Parking Lanes
 - Low parking occupancy
 - Not exclusive “bike lanes,” but more like paved shoulder with Bike Route signage

Bike Route on Beslin Street



Shared Bike/Parking Lanes on Pennsylvania Avenue

On-Road Facility Types

- Road Diets
 - Restripe from 4-5 lanes to 3 lanes to accommodate bike lanes
- Bike Boulevards
 - Bike-priority streets
 - Discourages thru car travel

Philo Road – Road Diet



San Luis Obispo, CA Bike Boulevard

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Point Facility Types

- Refuge Island
- Bike-Activated Stoplight
- Bike Parking



Refuge Island across Windsor Road at
Meadowbrook Park



Brookens Gym Bike Parking



Bike Push Button for Green Light
on Fairview Avenue at Lincoln Avenue

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Chapter 7: Community Outreach

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Urbana PABS Results

*PABS: Pedestrian And Bicycle Survey
Summer 2013 – Spring 2014*



Urbana PABS Results

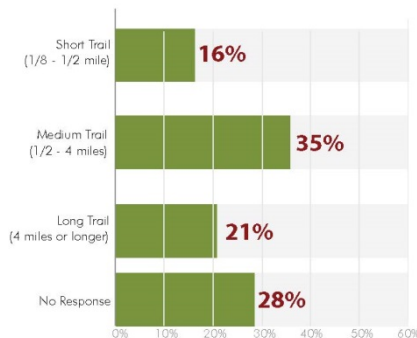
Survey Responses

Do you ever use park trails in Urbana?

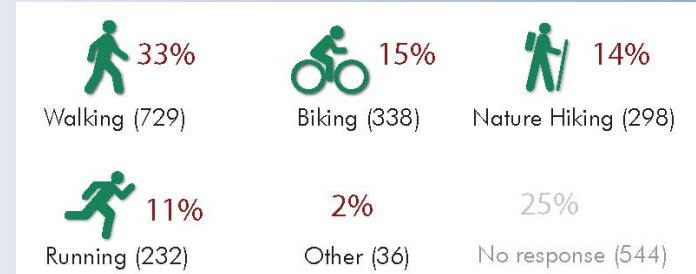


What type of trail do you prefer?

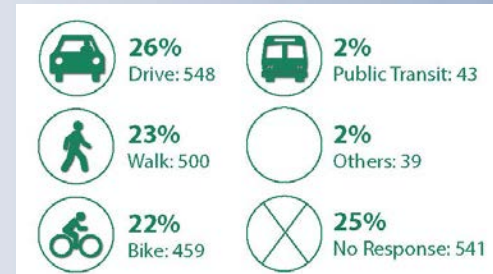
Responses	#	%
Paved Surface (e.g. concrete, asphalt)	333	24
Non-Paved Surface (e.g. mowed natural area, woodchip, gravel)	182	13
Paved AND Non-Paved Surface	309	23
No response	547	40
Total	1,371	100



What do you use trails for in Urbana?



How do you access Urbana park trails?



Public Workshop Series #1 Results

February 2014

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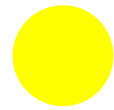
Public Participation

Date	Location	Number of Participants
February 12, 2014	Communitywide: Urbana Civic Center	33
February 18, 2014	North Urbana: King School	14
February 19, 2014	East Urbana: Urbana Early Childhood School (UECS)	9
February 20, 2014	Latinos: Leal School	2
TOTAL		58



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Public Meeting #1 - Results



Origin –
31 responses

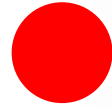


Destination –
24 responses

Top Destinations	Vote Count
Downtown	8
University of Illinois	8
Blair Park	5
Meadowbrook Park	5
Crystal Lake Park	3
Leal Park	3
Market at the Square	3

Parks 43%

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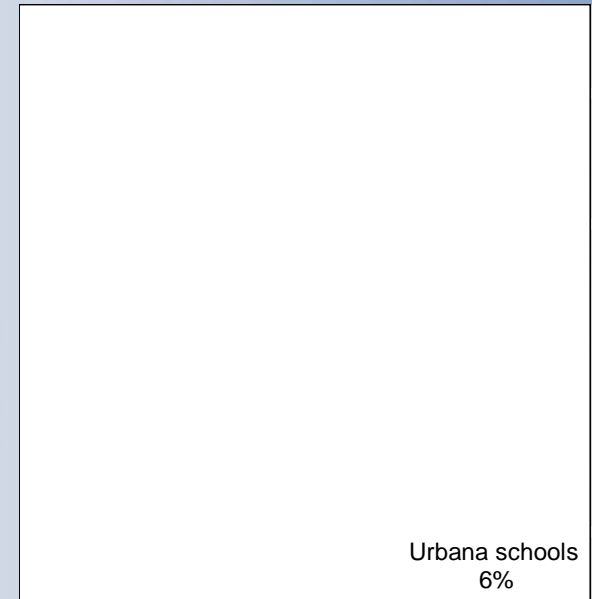


Origin –
30 responses



Destination –
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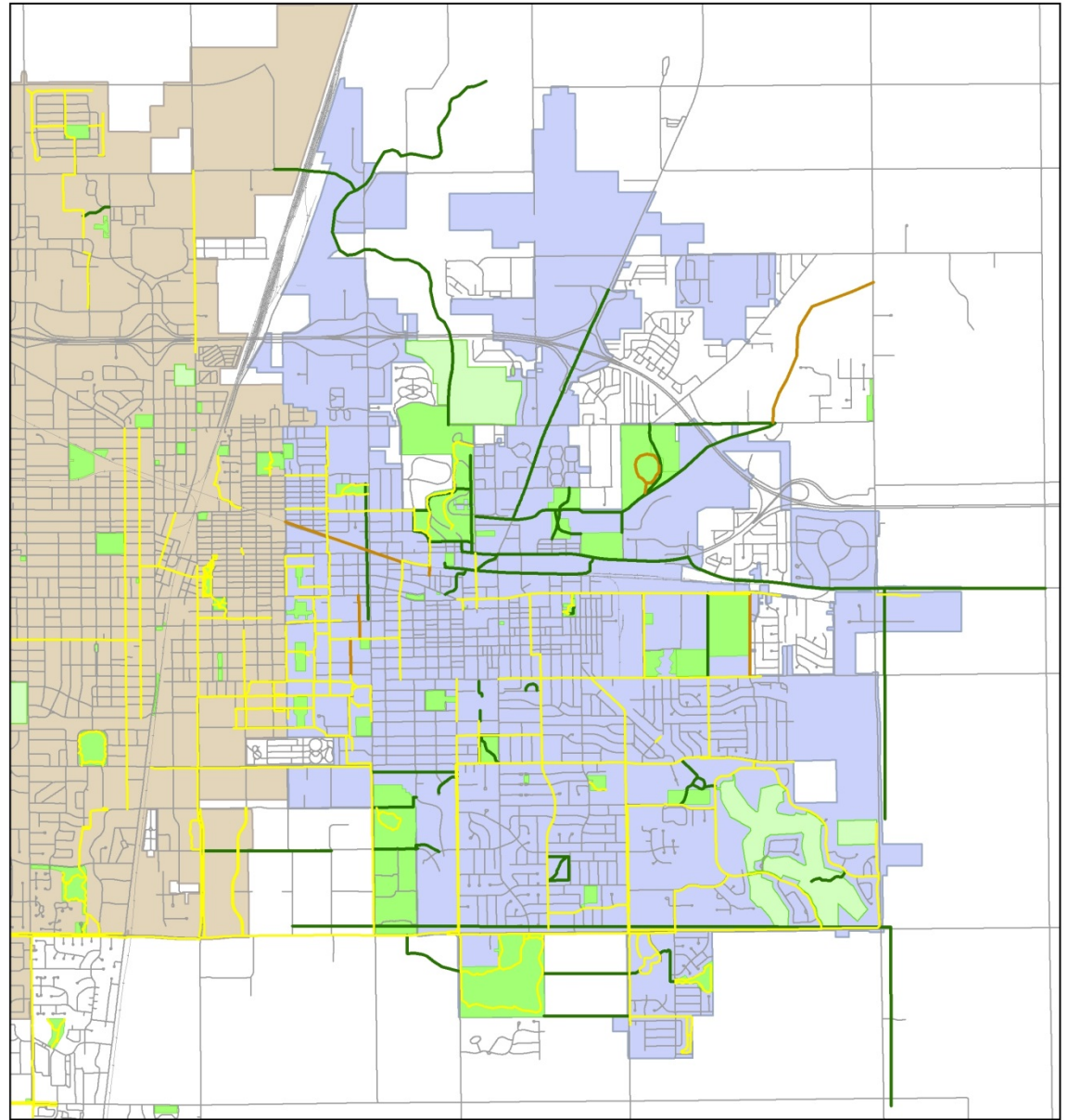
Top 5 Destinations	Vote Count
Meadowbrook Park	21
University of Illinois	12
Downtown	11
Market at the Square	10
Homer Lake Forest Preserve	10
Crystal Lake Park	9



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Requested Paths

- Green = paved trail
- Brown = unpaved trail
- Yellow = existing facility



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Public Workshop #2 Results

April 23, 2014
Urbana Middle School

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Public Participation

Total Participants			20
Comment Card – Response about...	Workshop		5
	Issues		8
	Other non-infrastructure strategies		6
	Recommendation	To the City of Urbana	8
		To Urbana Park District	4
	Other issues, concerns or suggestions		6
	Additional comments		5
Non-Infrastructure Recommendation Votes	Education		26
	Encouragement		28
	Enforcement		29
	Evaluation		28

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Desired Facility Types

Desired Facility Types	Total Segments Marked
Paved Trail (shared-use)	72
Bike Route	37
Bike Lanes	12
Share The Road	9
Shared Bike / Parking Lanes	2
Bike Boulevard	1
Total	135

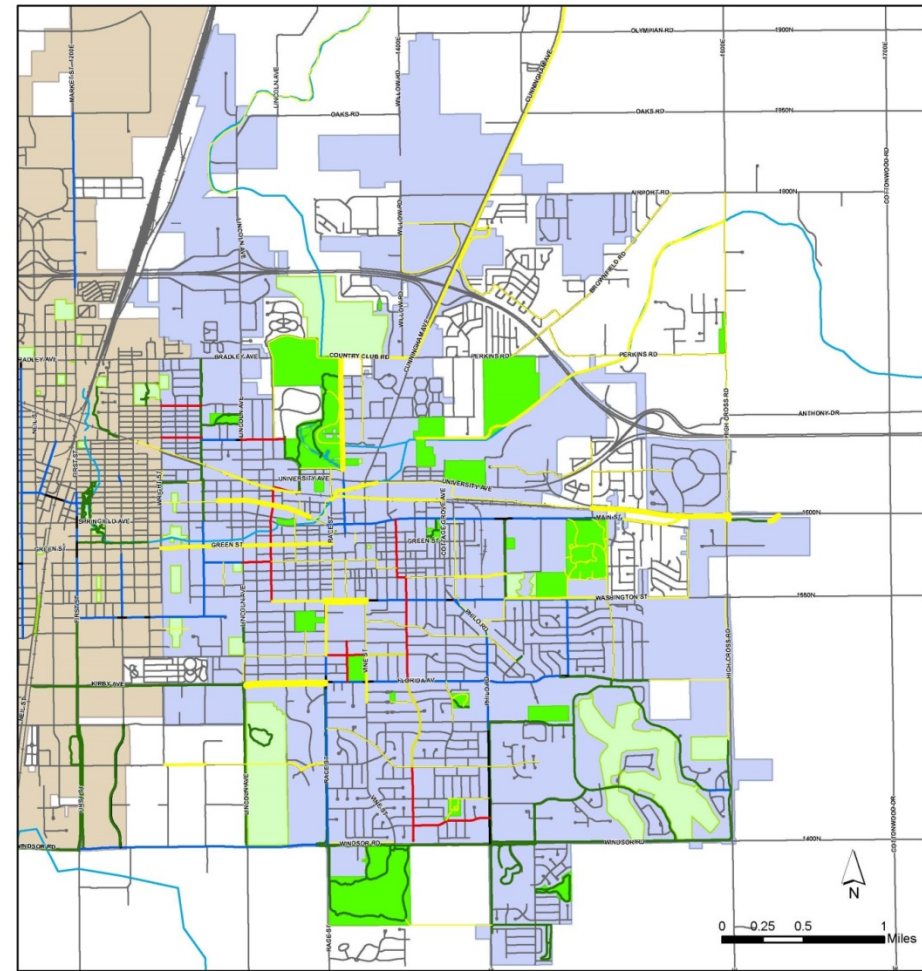
Most Desired Paths

Name	Total Votes
Florida Avenue South Sidepath (Lincoln-Race)	11
Washington Street Bike Route (Race-Vine) (Implemented 2015)	9
Kickapoo Rail-Trail (In progress)	8
Broadway Avenue West Sidepath (Country Club-Park) (In progress)	7
Green Street (Wright-Race) (MCORE in progress)	6
Boneyard Creek Path (Maple-Main) (Partially complete)	5

PUBLIC REQUESTED ROUTES

By Number of Requests

Urbana Bicycle Master Plan
Public Workshop #2 Results
April 2014



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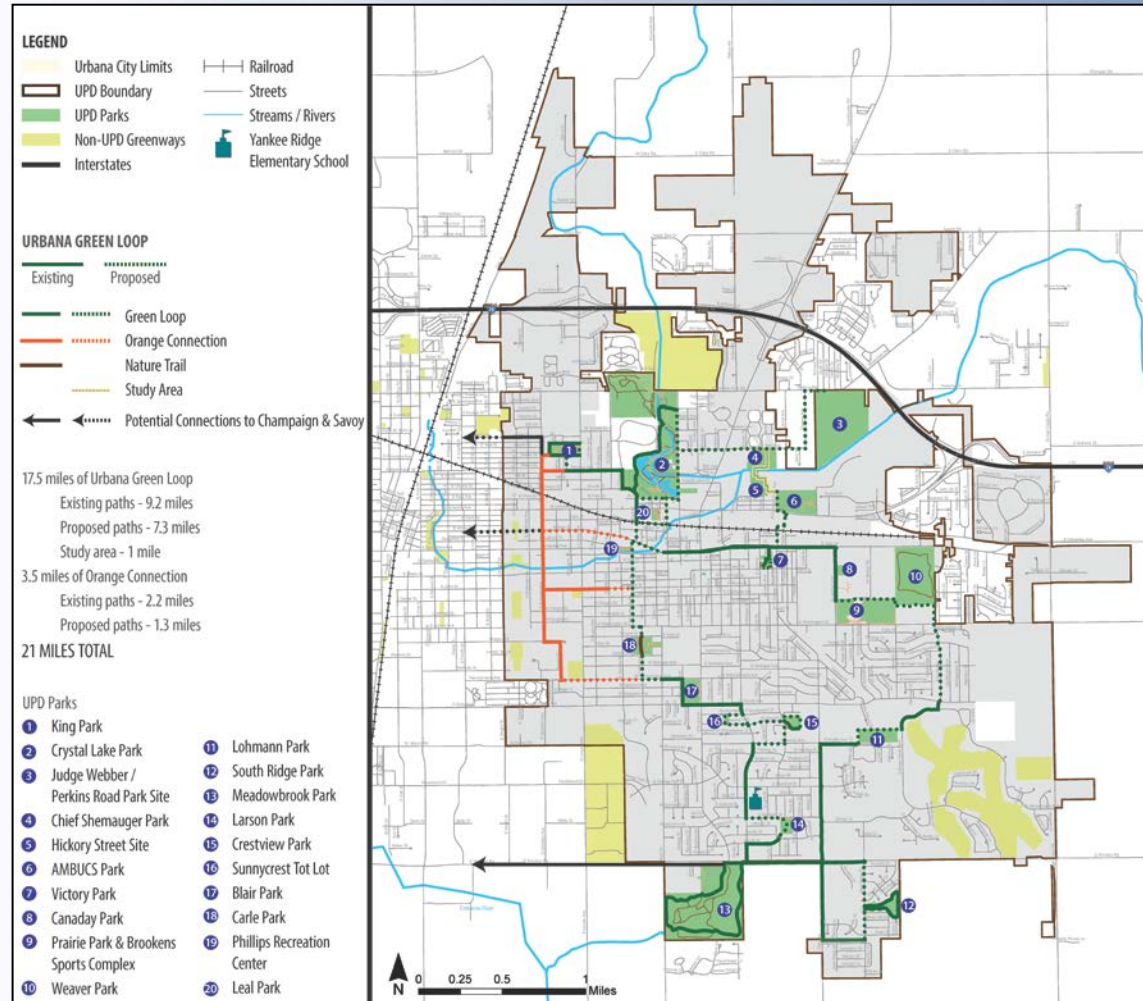
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Urbana Green Loop

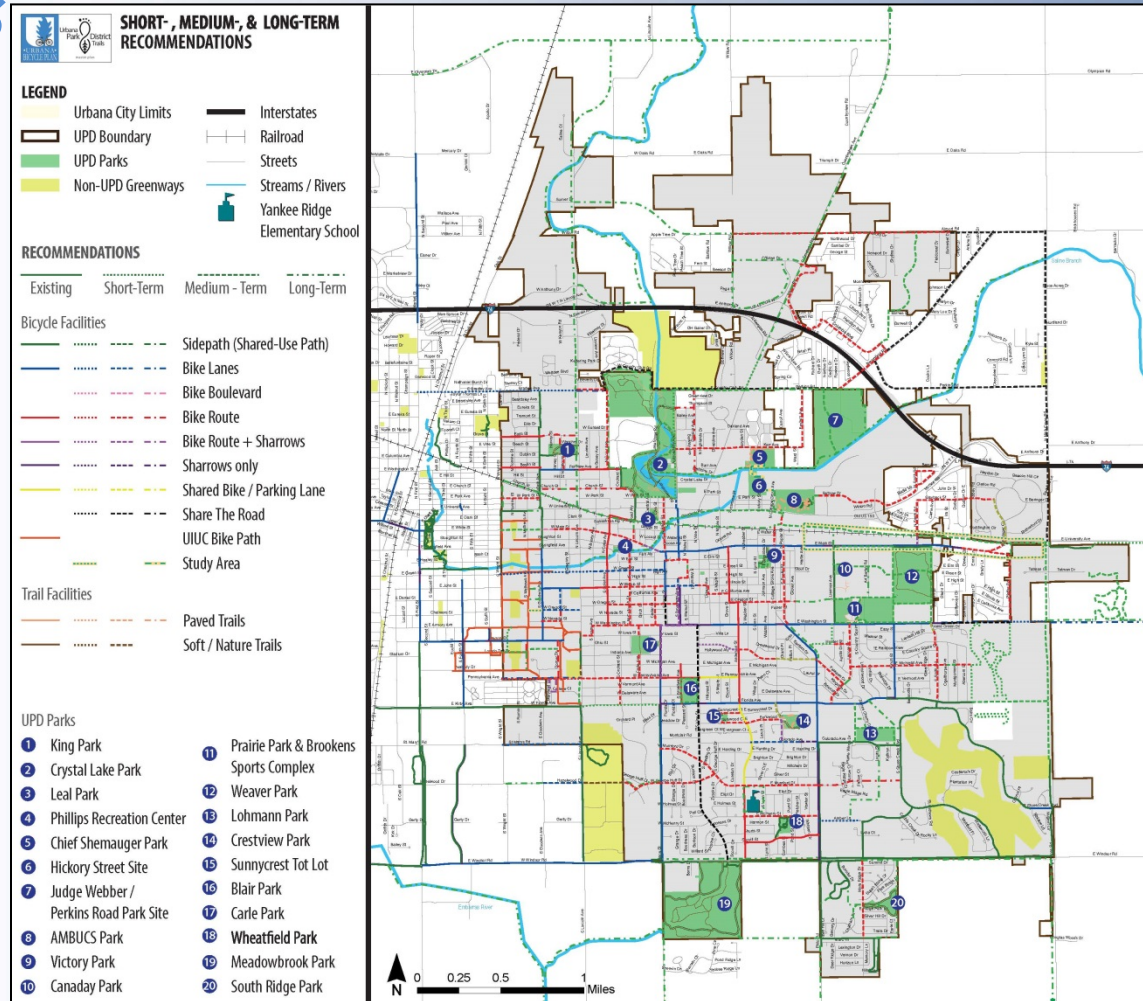
- Loop path consisting of trails and bikeways to connect all Urbana Park District parks
- Goal is to be family-friendly, and give bicyclists destinations to explore and get exercise



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Recommendations

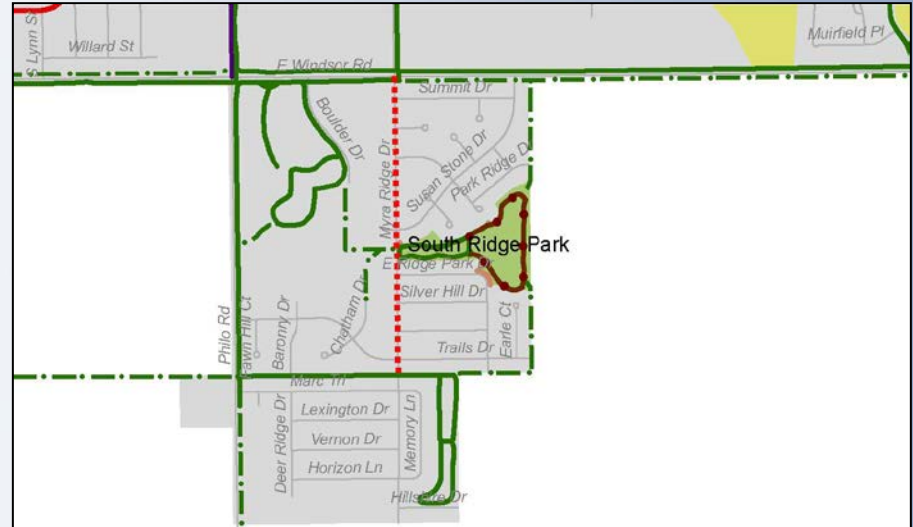
- Short-term (0-5 years)
- Medium-term (6-10 years)
- Long-term (11+ years)
- Aims to connect parks, neighborhoods, and other destinations
- Attempts to take advantage of development & redevelopment opportunities



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Existing Trail Improvements

- South Ridge Park
 - West half: widen & resurface existing shared-use trail
 - East half: convert to nature trail



Proposed Loop Trails

1. AMBUCS Park (2 loops)
2. Blair Park
3. Chief Shemauger Park (2 loops)
4. Crestview Park
5. Crystal Lake Park (3 loops)
6. King Park (partially complete)
7. Lohmann Park
8. Prairie Park
9. Perkins Road Park Site
10. Victory Park
11. Weaver Park



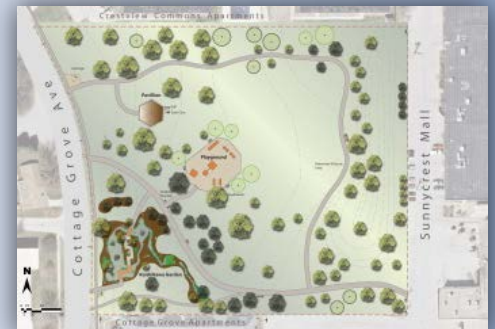
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Chief Shemauger Park



Crystal Lake Park



Crestview Park

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Proposed Linear Trails within Parks

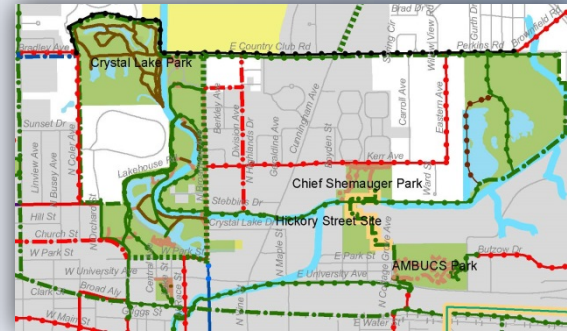
1. Larson Park (1 of 2 segments complete)
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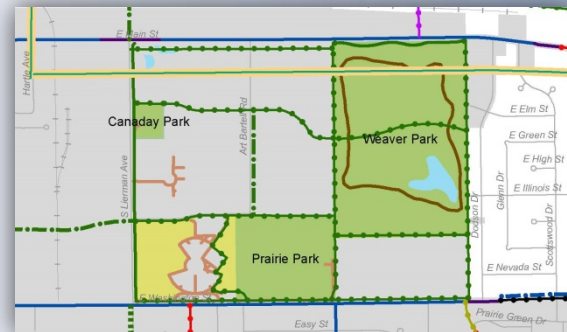
Larson Park

Proposed Loop Trails between Parks

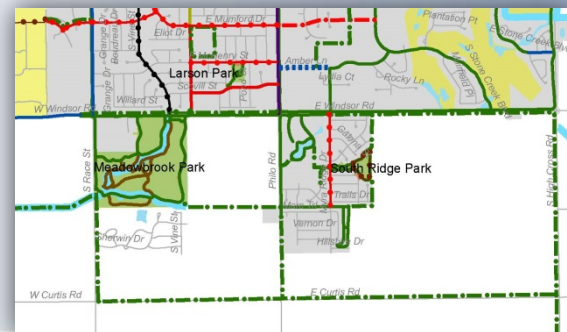
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 2. Canaday Park
 3. Prairie Park
 4. Weaver Park
- South Urbana Parks Loop Trail
 1. Meadowbrook Park
 2. South Ridge Park



North Urbana
Parks



East Urbana
Parks

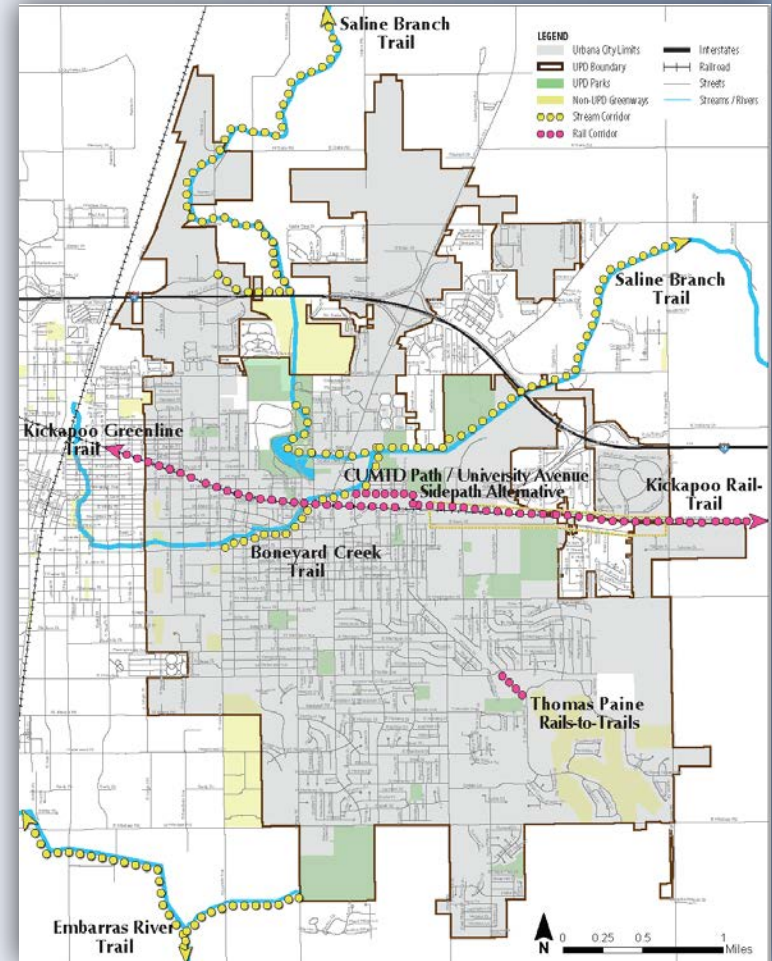


South Urbana
Parks

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Corridor Trails

- Rail Corridors
 - Kickapoo Rail-Trail (KRT)
 - High Cross Road to Kickapoo State Park
 - Study Area in East Urbana
 - Kickapoo Greenline Trail through Urbana-Champaign
 - Thomas Paine Rail-to-Trail
- Stream Corridors
 - Saline Branch Trail
 - Embarras River Trail



Corridor Trails

Fitness Trails

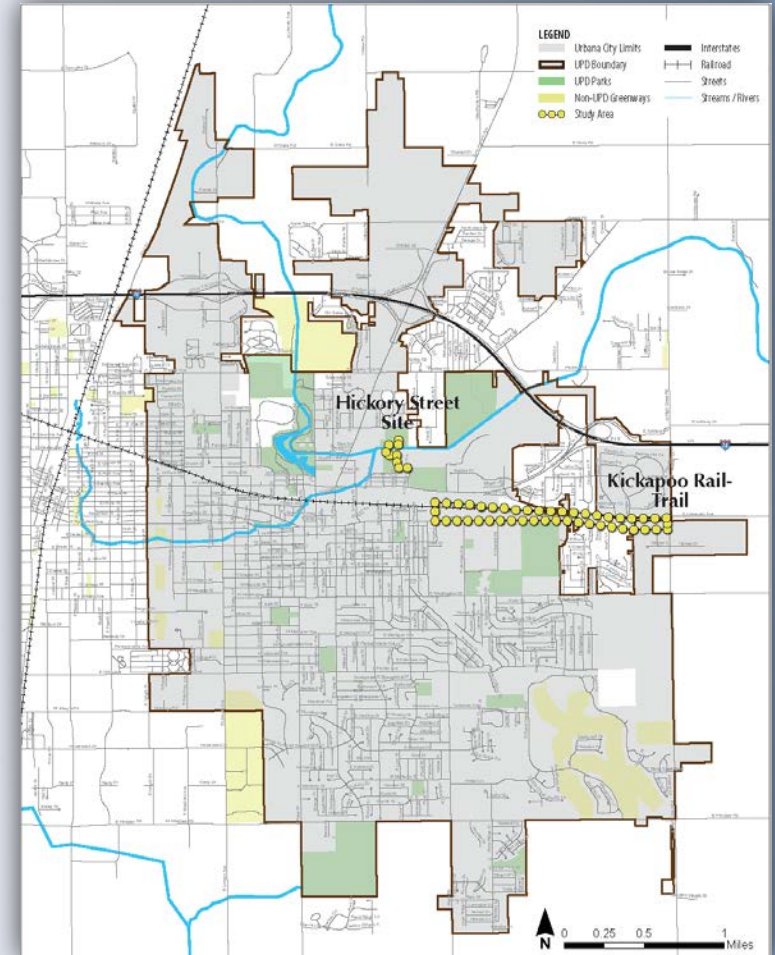
- Priorities:
 1. Crystal Lake Park = High Priority
 2. Weaver Park = Medium Priority
- Elements:
 1. Trail Layout Map
 2. Signage
 3. Exercise Stations
 4. Fitness Equipment
 5. Other Facilities
 6. Promotion
 7. Implementation
 8. Maintenance



Rendering of fitness trail in Crystal Lake Park along Park Street

Study Areas

- Trail Connection over Saline Branch
 - Between Chief Shemauger & AMBUCS Parks
 - Through Hickory Street Site – this is currently not open to the public, as storage facilities are located here
- Kickapoo Rail Trail (KRT) Connection in East Urbana
 - Work with City of Urbana to determine alignment from High Cross Road to Weaver Park and Downtown Urbana



Non-Infrastructure Recommendations (+Votes)



Education

<i>K-12 Bicycle Education Curriculum</i>	<i>– 7 Votes</i>
<i>Map Updates and Distribution</i>	<i>– 5 Votes</i>
<i>Driver's Education Curriculum</i>	<i>– 4 Votes</i>
<i>Share the Road Campaigns</i>	<i>– 4 Votes</i>
<i>Bicycle Ambassador Program</i>	<i>– 2 Votes</i>
<i>Bicycle Rodeos</i>	<i>– 2 Votes</i>
<i>Public Participation</i>	<i>– 2 Votes</i>
<i>Availability of Materials in Other Languages</i>	<i>– 1 Vote</i>
<i>Professional Development</i>	<i>– 1 Vote</i>
<i>Adult Bicycle Education</i>	<i>– 0 Votes</i>
<i>Law Enforcement Officer Training</i>	<i>– 0 Votes</i>

Non-Infrastructure Recommendations (+Votes)

Encouragement

- Bike Route & Trail Signage* – 8 Votes
- Open Streets initiative (car-free streets)* – 6 Votes
- Support for Advocacy Organizations* – 6 Votes
- Bicycle Friendliness Promotion* – 5 Votes
- National Bike Month* – 5 Votes
- Trail Dedication Events & Rides* – NEW since PW2

Enforcement

- Light the Night* – 8 Votes
- Bicycle Diversion Program* – 6 Votes
- Enforce Bicyclist Violations* – 4 Votes
- Enforce Motorist Violations* – 4 Votes
- Trail Safety & Security* – 4 Votes
- Off-Campus Light the Night Event* – 3 Votes

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Non-Infrastructure Recommendations (+Votes)



Evaluation

Trail Counts

– 7 Votes

Annual Trail Survey

– 5 Votes

Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS)

– 5 Votes

Pedestrian & Bicyclist Crash Studies

– 5 Votes

Pedestrian and Bicycle Survey (PABS)

– 5 Votes

Intersection Safety Index

– 3 Votes

Economic Impact of Trails

– NEW since PW2

Annual Performance Measure Assessment

– NEW since PW2

Trails Plan Updates

– NEW since PW2

Chapter 9: Implementation

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High Priority Infrastructure Recommendations

Urbana Park District Trails Master Plan (UTMP) High Priority Infrastructure Recommendations

- 1) Crystal Lake Park Trail Improvements
 - a) *Widen Broadway Avenue sidewalk*
 - b) *Construct sidepath on Park Street*
 - c) *Install fitness trail*
- 2) AMBUCS Park Small Loop Trail
- 3) Urbana Park District Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding
Dedicate 5% of UPD CIP funding annually to trail construction and maintenance
- 4) Kickapoo Rail Trail
 - a) *Continue to support construction of the trail from Urbana to points east and west*
 - b) *Work with the City of Urbana to determine the best trail alignment into East Urbana, potentially using Weaver Park as a trailhead*
- 5) Urbana Green Loop Trail
Work with the City of Urbana and other agencies to install missing loop segments

Infrastructure Recommendation Timeframes

- Short-Term (0-5 Years): 6 projects
 - Planned projects OR
 - Projects within UPD trail development budget OR
 - High priority projects
- Study Areas: 2 projects
 - Kickapoo Rail-Trail: work with City & CCFPD
 - Across Saline Branch: should be analyzed upon project development
- Medium-Term (6-10 Years): 29 project candidates
 - Pool of projects to be developed upon planned park upgrades, park master plan implementation, adjacent city street improvements, and/or for grant applications
 - Plan and recommendations need to be re-evaluated by 2020
- Long-Term (11+ Years): 18 project candidates
 - Pool of projects to be developed using same strategies as Medium-Term projects, but are large in scale and/or long-term projects

Funding Sources

- UPD should dedicate 5% of its annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding to **trails**.
 1. Construction
 2. Acquisition
 3. Widening
 4. Rehabilitation
 5. Sign Installation
 6. Amenity Installation (e.g. lights, benches, bike racks, etc.)
- UPD should work with these entities to secure funding for trail projects:
 - Champaign County Greenways & Trails member agencies
 - Public health entities & funding sources
 - Trails for Illinois / Illinois Trail Corps
 - State departments: IDNR, IDOT
- List of funding sources:
 - Source type: public, private, non-profit
 - All 5 E's



Next Steps

- ~~• Incorporate UPD staff comments into draft document~~
- ~~• 30 Day Public Comment Period~~
 - ~~• Wed. 10/28/15 – Thu. 11/26/15~~
 - ~~• Website: cuuats.org/updtrails/documents~~
 - ~~• Paper copies: UPD office, CCRPC office, Urbana Free Library~~
 - Incorporate all comments into document
- Urbana Park District Board
 - Tue. 12/1/15 Study Session Presentation
 - Seek plan adoption

Website

www.cuuats.org/updtrails

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Thanks!

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