The second meeting, held on January 28, 2003, asked participants to identify their ideal greenways and trails system. Residents outlined general goals and implementation activities, as well as specific regional, local, and neighborhood level greenways and trails projects they would like to see created over the next 20 years. Approximately 45 residents also attended this event.

### **Project Prioritization**

The Greenways and Trails Steering Committee created a project prioritization checklist that helps determine how well proposed projects comply with the goals and objectives of this plan. Goals and objectives, and thus the project prioritization factors, were developed based on input from the public and best planning practices. More information on project prioritization can be found on page 35. The list of prioritized projects can be found beginning on page 36.

# **Existing Conditions**

### Champaign County

Champaign County is located in the heart of east-central Illinois (see Maps 1 and 2). Champaign and Urbana, the primary cities of Champaign County, are approximately 136 miles south of Chicago, 120 miles west of Indianapolis, Indiana and 165 miles north-northeast of St. Louis, Missouri. The county is the fifth largest in the State of Illinois, with 638,528 acres. Of these acres, approximately 5,085, or .7%, are designated as parks. Of the non-agricultural area in the county, approximately 4.7% are park acres.

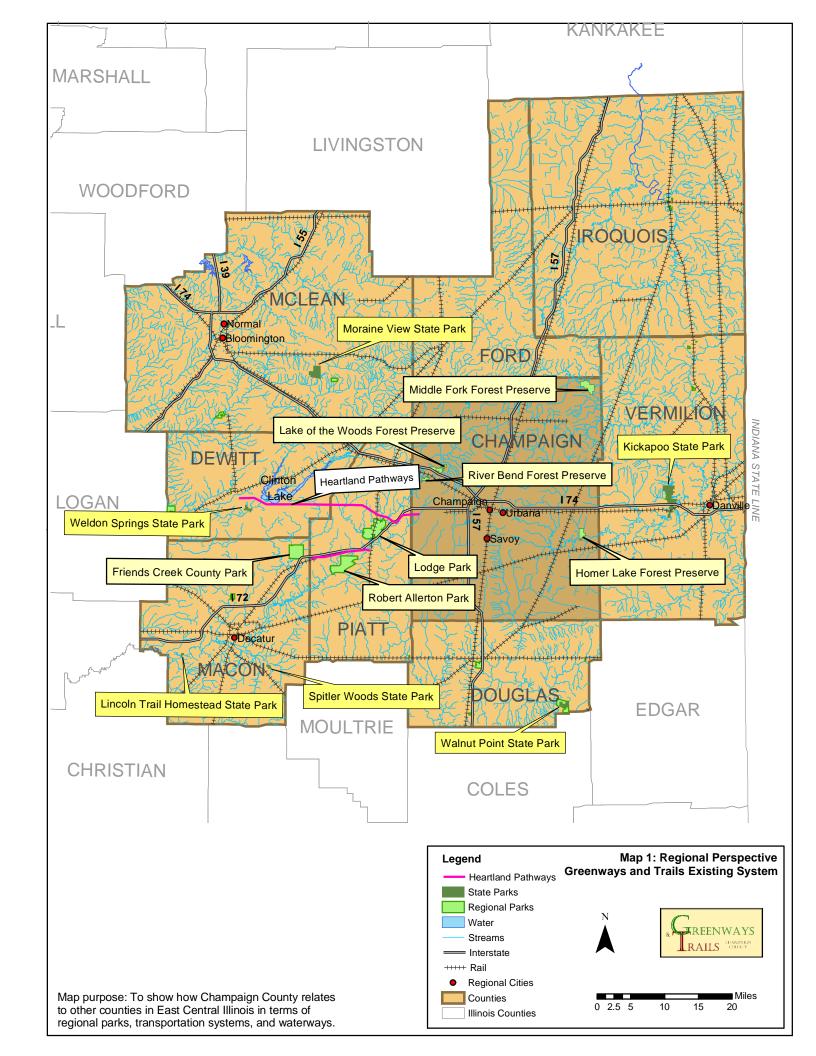
The total population of Champaign County for the 2000 Census was 179,669. The largest urban areas in Champaign County are Champaign (Census 2000 population 67,518), Urbana (36,395), and Rantoul (12,857). Eighty-four percent of the county's population lives in urban areas, including the cities and incorporated villages.

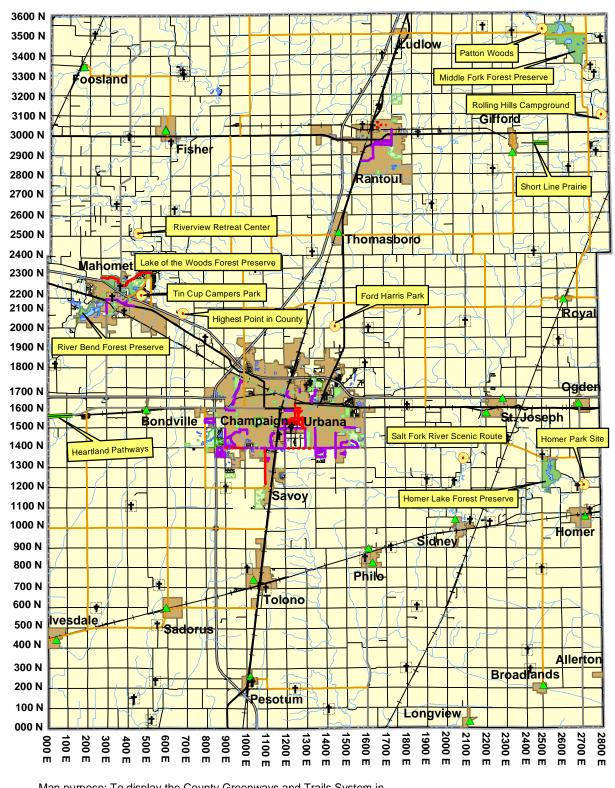
Champaign County, under the auspices of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, has four forest preserves: Lake of the Woods, Homer Lake, Middle Fork River, and its latest acquisition, River Bend.

- Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, shown in Map 3, covers approximately 900 acres. Paved roads within the park connect historical landmarks, the lake, the Early American Museum, Mabery Gelvin Botanical Gardens, and the Hartwell C. Howard Golf Course. A 3.3 mile bike trail runs through Lake of the Woods from Prairieview Road on the east to Crowley Road on the west side of the park.
- Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, shown in Map 4, covers approximately 1,608 acres in the northeastern corner of the county. The preserve contains two restored wetlands habitats and several ponds as well as part of the Middle Fork River. Highlights of the preserve include the Harry L. Swartz Campground with adjacent shower house, the Activity Center, an Amphitheater and 6.5 miles of hiking trails.

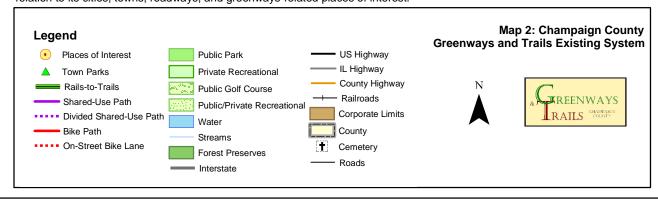


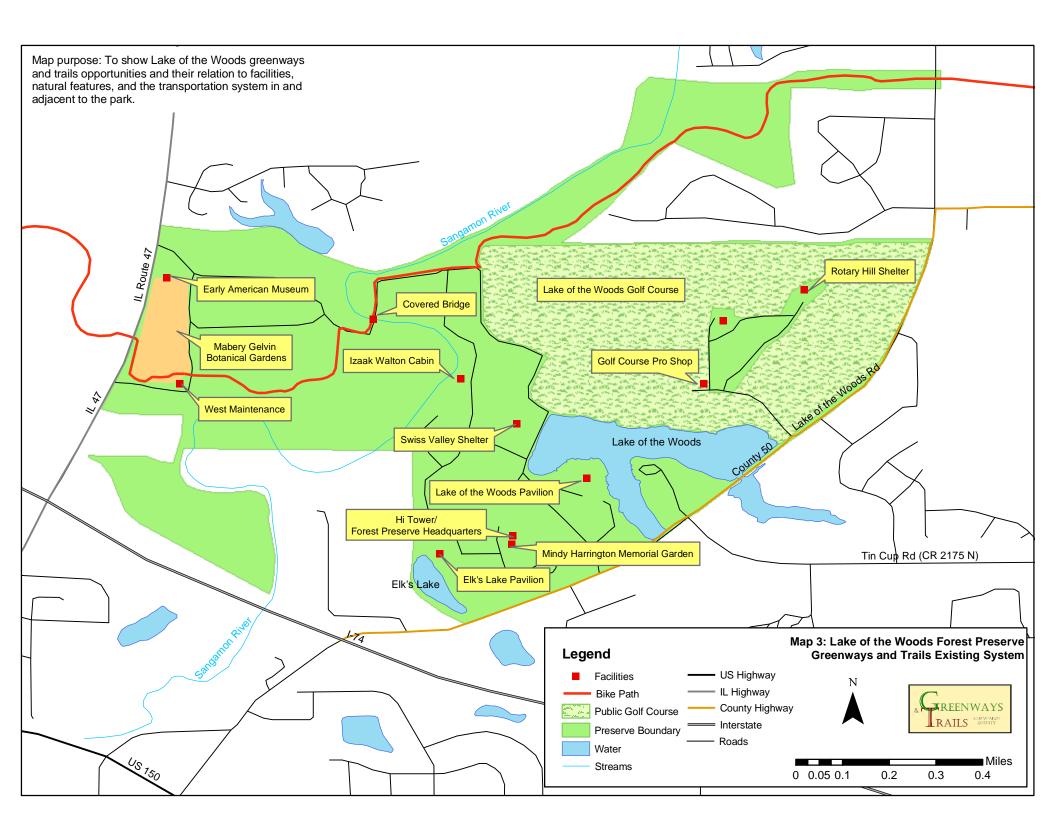
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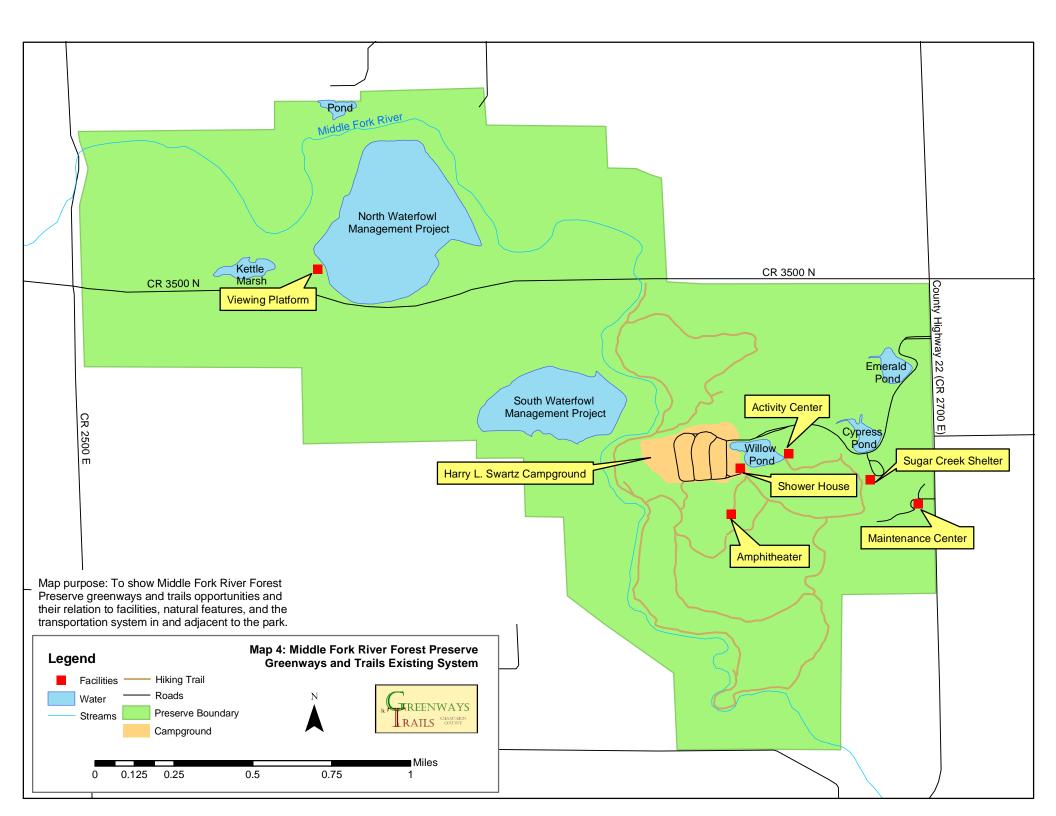


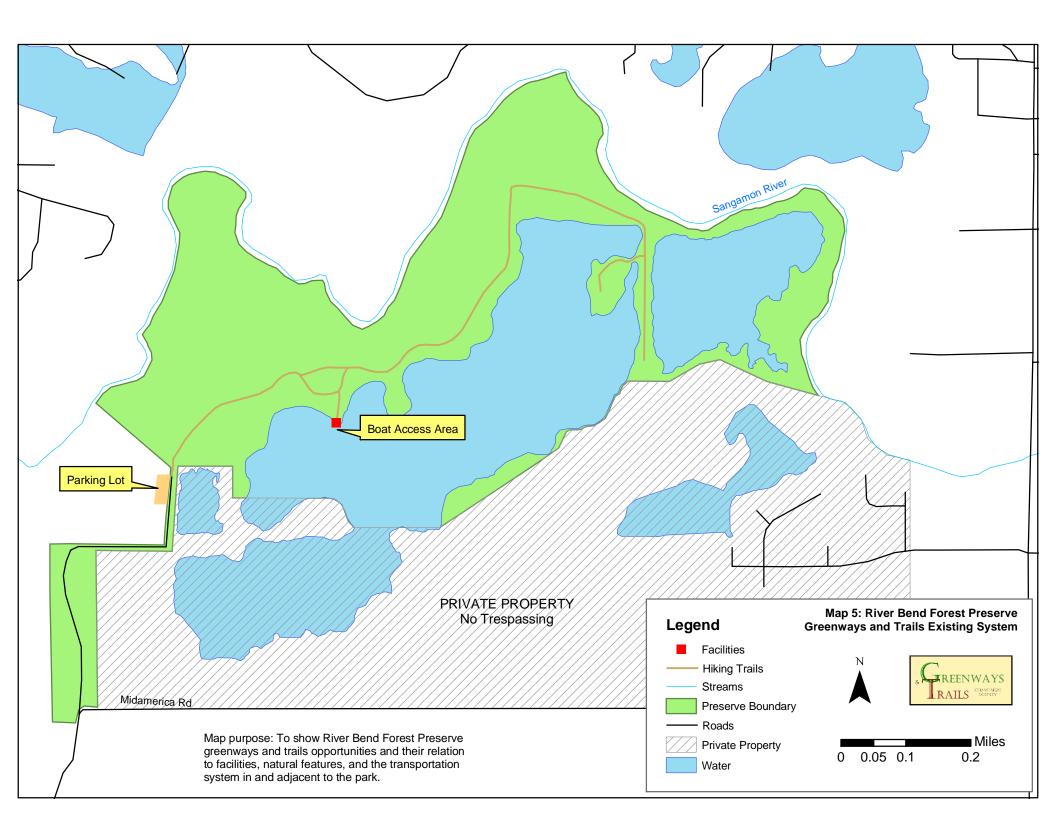


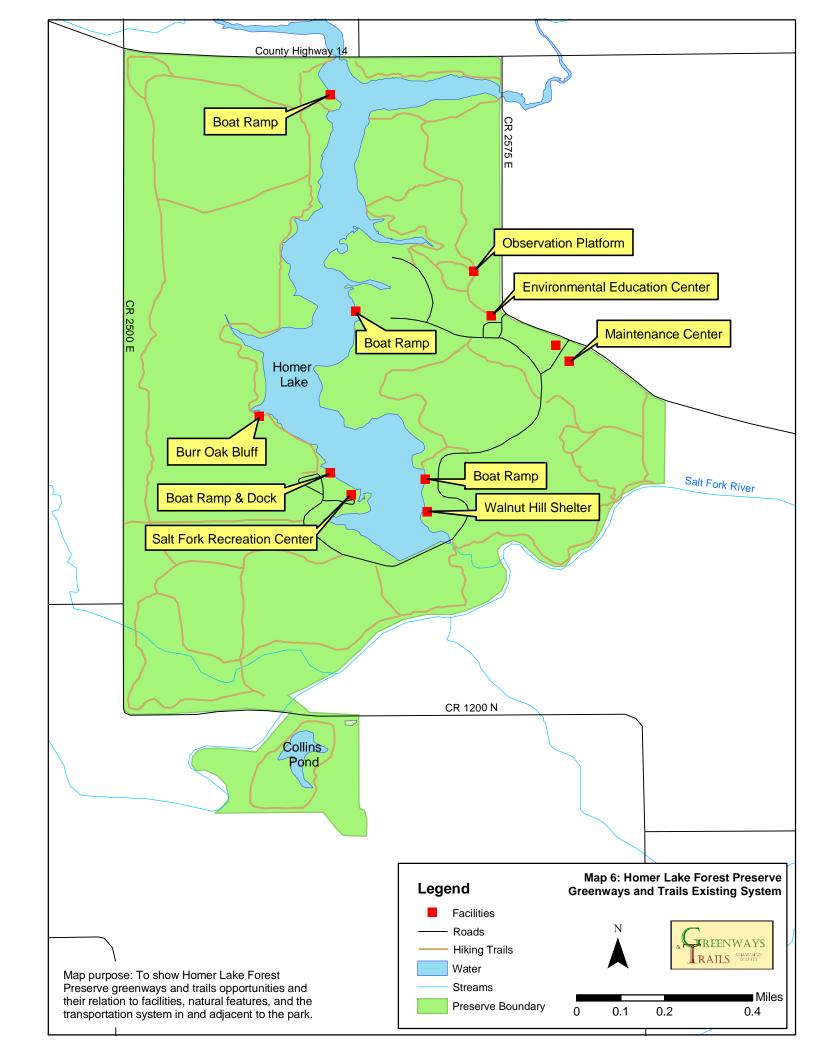
Map purpose: To display the County Greenways and Trails System in relation to its cities, towns, roadways, and greenways-related places of interest.













The Salt Fork River in the Homer Lake Forest Preserve.

- River Bend Forest Preserve, shown in Map 5, is located on approximately 275 acres about one mile southwest of Lake of the Woods. This property has 1.5 miles of hiking trails as well as a boat access area and two lakes. The largest lake, Sunset Lake, is open for boating and fishing. The Sangamon River is the northern border of the property.
- Homer Lake Forest Preserve, shown in Map 6, is located on approximately 828 acres in southeastern Champaign County. It is home to Homer Lake, part of the Salt Fork River, Environmental Education Center, the Salt Fork Recreation Center, and 11 miles of hiking trails.

Champaign County Forest Preserve District also owns the following facilities:

- Early American Museum at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve has an extensive collection interpreting 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup>-century life in east-central Illinois. Educational programs are offered for all ages throughout the year.
- Environmental Education Center at the Homer Lake Forest Preserve offers a wide range of educational programs for all ages, year-round, throughout east-central Illinois.
- Harry L. Swartz Campground at the Middle Fork River Forest Preserve contains 65 sites suitable for all types of camping, including groups.
- Hartwell C. Howard Golf Course is located at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve. This award-winning 18-hole regulation Golf Course features a pro shop and a clubhouse which is available for rental during the winter. There is also a 9-hole Par 3 course and practice range.
- Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve boasts some of the most beautiful and diverse flora in east central Illinois. The Garden is a popular site for weddings. Horticultural Education programs are offered year-round.
- Waterfowl Management Area at the Middle Fork River Forest Preserve is a premier bird sanctuary in Champaign County. More than 130 acres of nesting habitat for migratory waterfowl are located here.

There are two Rails-to-Trails initiatives underway by independent organizations in Champaign County. Heartland Pathways, a 33-mile abandoned rail corridor that will ultimately provide wildlife habitat, prairie conservation, educational opportunities and recreational trails, extends west from Seymour into Piatt County. The second project is the conversion of the abandoned Conrail line between Urbana and Danville into another multi-use trail and nature area, which is currently in the land acquisition phase.

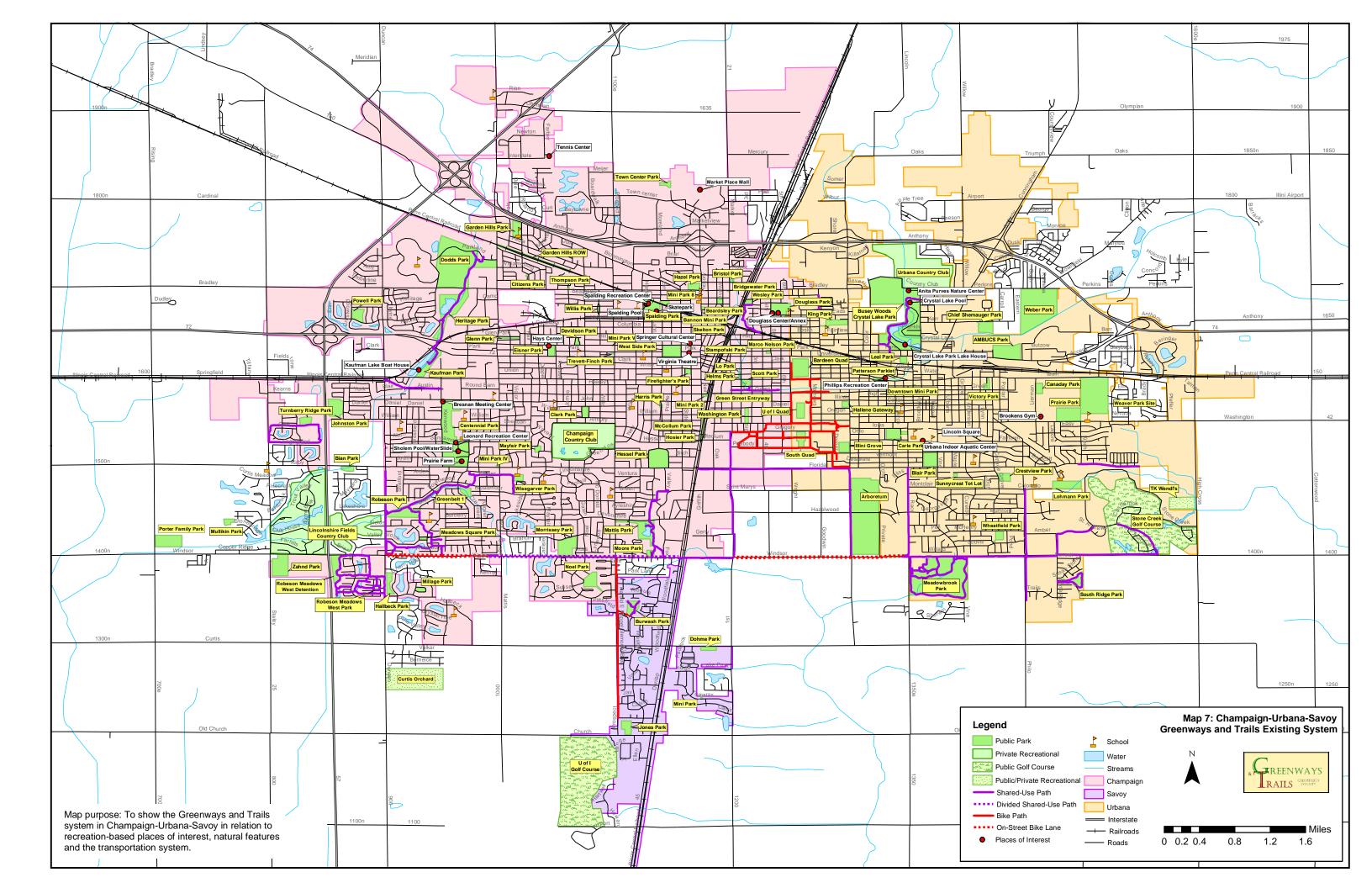
## City of Champaign

The City of Champaign (see Map 7) encompasses an area of approximately 17 square miles. Under the direction of the Champaign Park District, approximately 533 acres of parks, or about 5% of the city's land acreage, have been created. The Park District also maintains approximately 11 miles of shared-use trails, located primarily in residential areas. In addition, the City manages approximately 5 miles of shared-use trails, .5 miles of off-street bicycle trails, and 2.5 miles of on-street bicycle lanes that connect to some of the Park District's trails and parks. The following parks are under Park District jurisdiction:

- Beardsley Park is located at the intersection of Walnut Street and Eureka Street. Its 1.9 acres include a basketball court, tennis court, playground, and picnic facilities.
- *Bristol Park* is located at the intersection of Market Street and Garwood Street. Playground facilities are included on its 1.9 acres.
- Centennial Park is bounded by Crescent Drive to the east, Kirby Avenue to the South, John Street to the north, and Kenwood Drive to the west. Its 73.8 acres include Prairie Farms petting zoo; Sholem Pool and Waterslide; picnic facilities; pavilion; baseball, football, and soccer fields; and basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts.
- *Citizens Park* is located at the intersection of Gardens Hills Drive and Summerlin Lane; its 0.1 acres have picnic facilities and a playground.
- Clark Park is located at the intersection of McKinley Drive and Charles Street. Its 3.4 acres include basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts, picnic facilities, and a playground.
- Davidson Park is located at Davidson Drive and Church Street. Its 0.3 acres have picnic tables and/or benches and a playground.
- Dodds Park is bounded by Mattis Avenue to the east, Bradley Avenue to the south, and Parkland College to the west. Its 110 acres hold softball and soccer fields; restrooms; a concession stand (seasonal); picnic tables and/or benches; and part of a 1.5-mile shared-use trail that connects Parkland Way, the Olympic Tribute, Heritage Park, and Kaufman Park/Lake.
- Douglass Park is located at the intersection of Fifth Street and Grove Street. Its 12.5 acres have a baseball field, picnic facilities, basketball courts, a community center, library, a senior center, and a playground.
- Eisner Park is located at the intersection of Russell Street and University Avenue. Its 4.1 acres include a baseball field, basketball courts, picnic tables and/or benches, a playground, senior center, shuffleboard, and tennis courts.
- Garden Hills Park is located at the intersection of Garden Hills Drive and Bloomington Road. Its 5 acres include a baseball field, picnic tables and/ or benches, and a playground. The adjacent Garden Hills Elementary



A piece of Heartland Pathways: Truss Bridge Across Salt Creek Near Weldon Springs (Piatt County) Photo courtesy of http:// www.prairienet.org/heartlandpathways/heartlnd.htm



- School has basketball courts.
- Garden Hills RR Right-of Way follows the railroad tracks between Mattis Avenue and Powers Drive south of Paula Drive. It has 3.4 acres.
- Glenn Park is located at the intersection of Mattis Avenue and Glenn Park
  Drive. Its 2.1 acres have a basketball half-court, picnic tables and/or
  benches, and a playground.
- *Greenbelt # 1* is in the Southwood Subdivision between Clover Lane and Duncan Road. Its 3.1 acres include Roby Trail.
- Hallbeck Park is located along the east side of Duncan Road south of Windsor Road. The facility is large enough for informal soccer or football games, and picnic benches are available.
- Hazel Park is located at the intersection of Neil Street and Bradley Avenue.
   Its 5 acres have a baseball field, basketball courts, picnic tables and/or benches, and a playground.
- Heritage Park is located on the south side of Bradley Avenue west of Country Fair Drive. Its 41.6 acres include a lake, picnic tables and/or benches, and part of the 1.5-mile shared-use trail that runs through Dodds Park to the north and Kaufman Park/Lake to the south.
- Hessel Park is located at the intersection of Grandview Drive and Kirby Avenue. Its 26.9 acres have a baseball field; basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts; picnic facilities, pavilions, a playground, a waterplay area, and restrooms (subject to availability).
- *Johnston Park* is located at the intersection of Goldenview Drive and John Street. Its 14.9 acres have a baseball field, picnic tables and/or benches, and a playground.
- Kaufman Park is located on the north side of Springfield Avenue/IL 10 approximately ¼ mile east of Duncan Road. Its 24.2 acres include Kaufman Lake, picnic facilities, restrooms, and part of the 1.5 mile trail that connects to Heritage and Dodd Parks.



Kaufman Lake, Champaign.

- *Marco Nelson Park* is located at the intersection of Fourth Street and Park Avenue. Its 0.4 acres have a half basketball court and a playground.
- Mattis Park is located west of Fox Drive on the south side of Devonshire Drive. Its 23.8 acres include a lake, picnic facilities, and a shared-use trail that connects to the Boulware shared-use trail to the north and Windsor Road shared-use trail to the south.
- Mayfair Park is located at the intersection of Belmeade Drive and Maywood Drive. Its 2.1 acres have picnic tables and/or benches and a playground.
- Meadows Square Park is located at the intersection of Scottsdale Drive and Meadow Square Lane; it is one acre in size.
- Millage Park is located at the intersection of Cherry Creek Road and Willoughby Road. Its 2.5 acres include picnic tables and/or benches and a playground.
- Moore Park is located on the north side of Windsor Road west of Fox Drive. Its 3 acres include picnic tables and/or benches and part of the Boulware Trail.
- Morrissey Park is located at the intersection of Plymouth Drive and Harrington Drive. Its 20 acres have baseball and soccer fields, tennis courts, picnic facilities, and playgrounds.
- *Mullikin Park* is a neighborhood park in the Ironwood Subdivision. It has 3.12 acres.
- Noel Park is located at the intersection of Galen Drive and Sterling Drive.
   Its 10 acres include baseball and soccer fields, playground, and picnic tables and/or benches.
- Porter Family Park is located on the northeast corner of Windsor Road and Rising Road. Its 38 acres will be planted in prairie grasses until future park development takes place.
- Powell Park is located at the intersection of Crestwood Drive and Clayton Road. Its 7.7 acres have a basketball court, picnic facilities, and a playground.
- Robeson Meadows West Detention is on the west side of Robeson Meadows West subdivision. Its 14.9 acres surround part of Robeson Meadows West Trail.
- Robeson Park is located on the east side of Duncan Road south of Southwood Drive. Its 24.1 acres include picnic tables and/or benches, a base-ball field (adjacent to park), a playground, a soccer field, and shared-use trails that connect to Greenbelt 1 trails in Southwood and the shared-use trail on Duncan Road.
- Scott Park is located at the intersection of Second Street and Springfield Avenue. Its 3.5 acres include a basketball court, picnic facilities, and a playground. The Boneyard shared-use trail can be accessed on the south side of the park.
- Spalding Park is located at the intersection of Harris Avenue and Harvard Street. Its 15.9 acres have a baseball field, basketball court, concessions (seasonal), picnic facilities, outdoor swimming pool, a playground, pavilion, recreation center, skate park (skateboards only), and four tennis courts.
- Turnberry Ridge Park is a neighborhood park in the Turnberry Ridge Subdivision. It has 5 acres.
- Washington Park is located at the intersection of Second Street and Daniel



Prayer for Rain Sculpture at West Side Park, Champaign. Photo courtesy of http://www. champaignparkdistrict.com/ prayerforrain.htm

Street. Its 2.5 acres include a basketball court, picnic tables and/or benches, and two volleyball courts.

- Wesley Park is located at the intersection of Third Street and Beardsley Avenue. Its 1.5 acres have two basketball courts, picnic facilities, and a playground. The Martin Luther King shared-use trail begins on the south side of the park.
- West Side Park is located at the intersection of State Street and University Avenue adjacent to downtown Champaign. Its 12.7 acres include a playground, picnic tables and/or benches, Tootsie sculpture, and the Prayer for Rain sculpture/fountain as the centerpiece of the park.
- Wisegarver Park is located north of Lakeside Drive east of Mattis Avenue. Its 2.6 acres have baseball and soccer fields, and is adjacent to the Robert Simon shared-use trail that connects to the Greenbelt trail west of Mattis Avenue.
- Zahnd Park is located on the southeast corn of Staley Road and Windsor Road. Its 20.0 acres include two basketball courts, concessions (subject to availability), a football field, picnic tables and/or benches, a playground, and a pavilion.

The Champaign Park District also maintain numerous mini-parks:

- Bannon Mini Park 0.06 acres, corner or Eureka Street and Neil Street
- Bian Park 3.50 acres, on south side of Kirby Avenue west of Holmstrom Drive
- Bridgewater Park 0.18 acres, corner of Bradley Avenue and Market Street
- Firefighter's Park 0.25 acres, corner of White Street and Randolph Street
- Green Street Entryway 0.1 acres, on Green Street near ICRR tracks
- Harris Park 0.44 acres, on Elm Street south of John Street
- Helms Park .05 acres, corner of Springfield Avenue and Second Street
- Hosier Mini Park 0.02 acres, corner of Neil Street and Stadium Drive
- Lo Park 0.45 acres, corner of Stoughton Street and Second Street
- Mini Park II 0.21 acres, corner of Green Street and Neil Street
- Mini Park IV 0.15 acres, corner of Kirby Avenue and Mattis Avenue
- Mini Park V 0.01 acres, corner of Church Street and Prospect Avenue
- Mini Park VIII 1.8 acres, corner of Elm Street and Eureka Street
- McCollum Park 0.9 acres, along Neil Street north of Stadium Drive
- Robeson Meadows West 2 acres, corner of Springhill Lane and Glenhill Drive
- Skelton Park 0.30 acres, corner of Hill Street and First Street
- Stampofski Park 0.03 acres, corner of University Avenue and Walnut Street
- Thompson Park 0.33 acres, on Bradley Avenue west of McKinley Avenue
- Town Center Park 2.06 acres, on North Neil Street at Town Center Apartments
- Trevett-Finch Park 0.53 acres, corner of Park Street and Prospect Avenue
- Willis Park 0.28 acres, on Willis Avenue between Eureka Street and Maple Street

Champaign Park District owns the following recreational facilities:

- The Bresnan Meeting Center is located at 706 South Kenwood Street. It houses the Park District administrative offices and has a large meeting room.
- The Douglass Annex is located at 804 North Fifth Street. It is equipped with a large activity room, computer lab, kitchen, combined lounge and craft room, television, and piano.
- The Douglass Community Center, located at 512 East Grove Street, is equipped with a full-size gymnasium with six basketball goals, a stage, weight training room, men's and women's showers, locker rooms, and a learning area.
- The Hays Center, located at 1311 West Church Street, is equipped with indoor and outdoor shuffleboard courts, a card room, social meeting room, kitchen, and a piano.
- The Leonhard Recreation Center, located at 2112 West Sangamon Drive (in Centennial Park) houses a full-size gymnasium, air-conditioned activity space, locker rooms and offices, and offers recreational and educational programs for all ages.
- The Lindsay Tennis Center, located adjacent to Leonhard Center, is an outdoor complex of eight lighted full-size tennis courts.
- Prairie Farm, located at 2202 West Kirby Avenue (on south side of Centennial Park) is a replica of a turn-of-the century farm, with barns, animals, farmhouse, pond, pasture, & flower garden.



Prairie Farm, Champaign Photo courtesy of http://www.champaignparkdistrict.com/facilities/pfarm.htm

- Sholem Pool, located at 2200 West Sangamon Drive (across the street from Leonhard Recreation Center and Lindsay Tennis Courts) features an Olympic-size pool, wading pool for toddlers, concession, bath house, and restrooms.
- Skatepark, located at 900 North Harris Street, is an 18,000 square foot facility for skateboarders and in-line skaters.
- Spalding Pool, located at 910 North Harris Street, features a pool, separate wading pool, bath house, concessions, and restrooms.
- Spalding Recreation Center, located at 910 North Harris Street, offers a

- variety of recreational programs.
- The Springer Cultural Center, located at 301 North Randolph Street, offers cultural, recreational, and educational programs for all ages as well as workshops, lectures, exhibits, and performances.
- The Tennis Center, located at 2802 Farber Drive, features six indoor courts, bathrooms, and locker facilities.
- The Virginia Theatre, located at 203 West Park Avenue (1/2 block east of West Side Park), offers a variety of theatrical performances and concerts.
- The WaterWorks Waterslide is located adjacent to Sholem Pool on Sangamon Drive. It features two 400-foot long slides, concessions, lockers, and shower facilities.



Skatepark, Champaign Photo courtesy of http://www. champaignparkdistrict.com/parks/skatepark.htm



WaterWorks Waterslide, Champaign Photo courtesy of http://www.champaignparkdistrict. com/facilities/sholem.htm

#### City of Urbana

The City of Urbana (Map 7) encompasses an area of approximately 11 square miles. Under the direction of the Urbana Park District, approximately 544 acres of parks, or about 8% of the city's land acreage, have been created. The Park District also maintains approximately 8 miles of shared-use trails in Crystal Lake and Meadowbrook Parks. In addition, the City manages approximately 4 miles of additional bikeways on or adjacent to roadways that connect to some of the Park District's trails and parks. The following parks are under Urbana Park District jurisdiction:

- AMBUCS Park is located in the 1100 block of East University. Its 22 acres include the Jean Driscoll Pavilion, baseball fields, picnic facilities, a playground, and restrooms.
- Blair Park is located at the intersection of Vine Street and Florida Avenue.
   Its 11 acres have baseball and soccer fields, picnic tables and/or benches, a playground, restrooms, a shelter/pavilion, shuffleboard, and tennis courts.
- Busey Woods is located north of Crystal Lake Park, adjacent to the Anita Purves Nature Center. Its 59 acres include 2 miles of unimproved trails.
- Canaday Park is located south of Main Street on Lierman Avenue. Its 5 acres have a baseball field and restrooms.
- Carle Park is located at the intersection of Indiana Street and Garfield

- Street. Its 8.3 acres include sculptures, a gazebo, nature trails, picnic tables and/or benches, a playground, and a soccer field.
- Chief Shemauger Park is located east of Cunningham Avenue on Kerr Avenue. Its 13.5 acres have a baseball field and basketball court.
- Crestview Park is located at Cottage Grove Avenue and Sunnycrest Drive.
   Its 5.43 acres include a gazebo, picnic tables and/or benches, a playground, sand volleyball court, and a water feature.



Crestview Park, Urbana.

- Crystal Lake Park is located on Broadway Avenue between McCullough Street and Broadway Avenue. Its 90.4 acres include the 59-acre Busey Woods, boating, concessions, picnic facilities, horseshoes, ice skating (seasonal), 2 miles of shared-use trails (in Busey Woods), a playground, restrooms, pavilion, and volleyball courts.
- The Dog Park is located adjacent to Judge Webber Park on Perkins Road.
   Its 10 acres are fenced so that dogs can exercise and socialize off leash.
   Membership through the Park District is required.
- Judge Webber Park is located on the south side of Perkins Road near the intersection with Brownfield Road. Its 14.2 acres include archery facilities and nature trails, which are only open to members and visitors of the East Central Illinois Archers.
- King Park is located west of Lincoln Avenue adjacent to Martin Luther King School. Its 6 acres include picnic tables and/or benches, a playground, shelter/pavilion, and tennis courts.
- Leal Park is located on the south side of University Avenue west of Race Street. Its 2 acres include a gazebo and picnic tables and/or benches.
- Lohmann Park is located on east Colorado Avenue, south of Thomas Paine Elementary School. Its 15 acres include a cricket field, Disc Golf Course, picnic tables and/or benches, and soccer fields.
- Meadowbrook Park is located on the south side of Windsor Road near the Vine Street intersection. Its 130 acres have 2 miles of shared-use trails that extend through park and prairie settings, picnic tables and/or benches,

- a playground, restrooms, the Wandell sculpture garden, and a pavilion.
- *Mini Park* is located in downtown Urbana at the intersection of Race Street and Elm Street. Its 0.1 acres include picnic tables and/or benches.
- Patterson Parklet is located on 0.1 acres in the 300 block of West Main Street in Urbana.
- *Prairie Park* is located west of Prairie School on East Washington Street. Its 20 acres include baseball and soccer fields.
- South Ridge Park is located on Myra Ridge Drive. Its 11.2 acres include picnic tables and/or benches and a playground.
- Sunnycrest Tot Lot is located on Sunnycrest Court East. Its 1.4 acres have picnic tables and/or benches and a playground.
- Victory Park is located at the intersection of Main Street and Lynn Street.
   Its 5 acres include a basketball court, picnic tables and/or benches, a playground and a water feature.
- Wheatfield Park is located at the intersection of McHenry Avenue and Coombes Avenue. Its 5 acres include basketball courts, picnic tables and/ or benches, a playground, and tennis courts.



Prairie Play at Meadowbrook Park, Urbana.

Urbana Park District also owns the following recreational facilities:

- Anita Purves Nature Center is located on the north end of Crystal Lake Park on Broadway Avenue. It is an environmental education facility open to the public. The Center offers multipurpose rooms, an Observation Room, the Audubon Nature Shop and an Educator Resource Room. The park also offers a special program for children's birthday parties.
- Brookens Gym and Soccer Fields are located on the corner of Washington Street and Lierman Avenue. The gymnasium, inside Brookens Administrative Center, has a basketball court, concessions, and restrooms. Outside, there are several soccer fields.
- Crystal Lake Pool is located between the Anita Purves Nature Center and Crystal Lake Park. It features a 25-meter pool, wading pool for toddlers, a play structure, picnic tables and/or benches, concessions, volleyball and

- shuffleboard courts, a gazebo, locker rooms, and restrooms.
- Field of Greens is a miniature golf course located inside Lincoln Square Mall.
- The *Crystal Lake Park Lake House* is located in Crystal Lake Park. It features concessions, boat rentals, and conference rooms.
- The *Phillips Recreation Center*, located at 505 West Stoughton Street, houses a variety of recreational programs, events, and classes. It features conference rooms, a dance/fitness room, playground, and restrooms.
- The Urbana Indoor Aquatic Center is located between the Urbana Middle and High Schools at 102 East Michigan Avenue. It features a recreational pool, competition pool, slides, a community room, lockers, and restrooms.



Anita Purves Field Station Interactive Learning Center at the Anita Purves Nature Center.

### Village of Savoy

The Village of Savoy (Map 7) encompasses approximately 1.6 square miles. The Village owns approximately 16.95 acres of parks, or about 1.7% of the village's land acreage. The Village also maintains the 1.75 mile Harold E. Ruppel Memorial Bike Path, which runs parallel to Prospect Avenue between Windsor Road in Champaign and Graham Street in Savoy.

The following parks are under Village of Savoy jurisdiction:

- Burwash Park is located on Burwash Avenue east of Prospect Avenue. Its 5 acres include 0.35 miles of shared-use paths, a playground, tennis and volleyball courts, picnic tables and/or benches, and a pavilion.
- Dohme Park is located on 3.7 acres on the south side of Curtis Road west of First Street.
- Jones Park is located on the north side of Church Street, two blocks west of US 45. Its 5 acres include a playground.
- The E. Tomaras Mini-Park is located on 0.25 acres near the intersection of Tomaras Avenue and Prairie Rose Lane.



Burwash Park, Savoy.

## Village of Rantoul

The Village of Rantoul (Map 8) encompasses approximately 7 square miles. Under the direction of the Rantoul Recreation, approximately 198 acres of parks, or about 4.4% of the village's land acreage, have been created. The Village also owns approximately 5.48 miles of shared-use trails and 0.78 mile of bicycle lanes.

The following parks fall under Village of Rantoul jurisdiction:

- Constitution Grove is located west of the Illinois Central-Canadian National tracks on the south side of Grove Street. Its 1 acre includes a gazebo and a commemorative monument to the citizens of Rantoul.
- Glenwood Park is located at the intersection of Grove Street and Glenwood Drive. Its 10 acres include a small fishing pond, a playground, and multi-purpose open space.
- Heritage Lake is located at the intersection of Heritage Drive and Titan Street. Its 45 acres include a pavilion/shelter, horseshoe pits, picnic tables and/or benches, volleyball courts, a playground, and restrooms.
- Huling Home Park is located on the south side of Grove Street near the intersection with Route 136. Its 6.5 acres include ball fields, a playground, and picnic tables and/or benches.
- The John E. Baermann Memorial Parade Ground is located at the intersection of Century Boulevard and Borman Drive. Its 13.3 acres have a large, grassy field suitable for a variety of sports and recreation activities.
- Mary Alice Park is located on Champaign Avenue to the west of the IC-NC railroad tracks. Its 1.4 acres have a playground and a gazebo.
- North Drive Park is located on North Drive to the east of Century Boulevard. Its 4.75 acres include basketball and volleyball courts, playgrounds, pavilions/shelters, and restrooms.

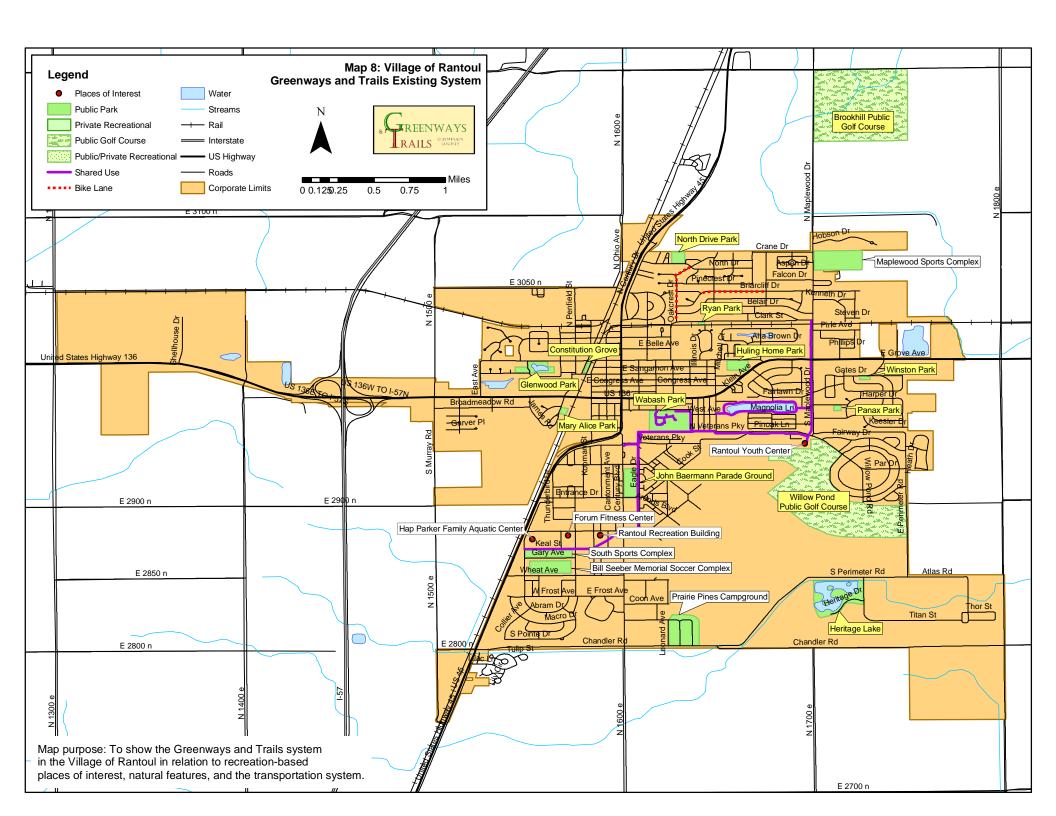


North Drive Park, Rantoul. Photo courtesy of www.village.rantoul.ci.il.us.

- Panax Park is located at the intersection of Harmon Drive and Harper Drive. Its 1.25 acres have a playground and picnic tables and/or benches.
- Ryan Park is located at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Clark Street.
   Its 0.5 acres have a playground.
- Wabash Park is located at the intersection of Wabash Avenue and Lincoln Street. Its 27 acres include baseball fields, tennis and volleyball courts, a pavilion/shelter, a playground, restrooms, walking paths, and a bandstand.
- Winston Park is located at the intersection of Gates Drive and Marcia Drive. Its 1.2 acres have a playground.

The Village also has a variety of recreational facilities for use by the public:

- The *Bill Seeber Memorial Soccer Complex* is located on Wheat Avenue and Doolittle Boulevard adjacent to the South Sports Complex. Its 16.25 acres include five soccer fields and concessions (subject to availability).
- The Forum Fitness Center is adjacent to the Recreation Building. The facility houses a variety of aerobic and fitness programs.
- The Hap Parker Family Aquatic Center is located at the intersection of Doolittle Boulevard and Flessner Avenue. The facility includes two water slides, swimming pool, bathhouse, restrooms, concessions, shaded and open lounge areas, and picnic tables.
- The Maplewood Sports Complex is located at the intersection of Maplewood Drive and Crane Drive. Its 29 acres include baseball fields, a basketball court, pavilion/shelter, a playground, and restrooms.
- Prairie Pines Campground is located on Chandler Road east of Century Boulevard. Its 28.5 acres include shower and laundry facilities, restrooms, and 95 camping lots with electric, water, and sewage connections.
- The Recreation Building is located on Flessner Avenue near the Forum Fitness Center. It houses a variety of recreation programs and events as well as the administrative offices for Rantoul Recreation.
- The South Sports Complex is located at the intersection of Gray Avenue and Enterprise Drive. Its 11.5 acres include baseball fields.
- The Youth Center is located on Country Club Drive. It houses youth programs, activities, games, and events. The facility also has outdoor basket-ball courts, an indoor gymnasium for volleyball, basketball and roller-



skating, pool tables, ping-pong, video games, televisions, foosball, a music room, a snack area and a party room.

### Village of Mahomet

The Village of Mahomet (Map 9) encompasses approximately 7.25 square miles. The Village owns approximately 80 acres of parks, or about 1.7% of the village's land acreage. The Village also maintains 2.5 miles of shared-use trails.

The following parks are under Village jurisdiction:

- 13 Acres Park is located at the intersection of Timberview Drive and Dianne Lane. Its 13 acres include ball fields, picnic tables and/or benches, and a playground.
- Barber/Breternitz Park is located along the Sangamon River south of Route 150. Its 50 acres have soccer fields.
- Brooks-Warfel Park is located at the intersection of Dunbar Street and Elm Street. Its 0.7 acres include picnic benches, a playground, and a pavilion/ shelter.
- Dowell Park is located at the intersection of State Street and Andover Drive. Its 4.7 acres include ball fields and picnic tables and/or benches.
- Raymond Park is located at the intersection of Franklin Street and Northridge Court. Its 0.25 acres have, picnic tables and/or benches, a playground, and a soccer field.
- Russell Park is located at 413 East Main Street. Its 0.04 acres are situated in an alley with benches and mosaic artwork.
- Sandy Ridge Park is located off Heather Drive north of Route 150. Its 4.3 acres are currently undeveloped.
- Taylor Field is located on Hickory Street. Its 6.5 acres include ball fields.



Russell Park, Mahomet.

## University of Illinois

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Map 10) encompasses approximately 2,460 acres bounded by University Avenue to the north, CN-IC railroad to the west, Lincoln Avenue to the east, and Windsor Road to the south. The University has numerous grass quadrangles among its buildings, as well as a variety of open spaces with wooded areas, flower gardens, and sports facilities. While the majority of facilities cater primarily to students, faculty, and staff, the following open spaces and facilities also cater to the public:

The Arboretum is located south of Florida Avenue on the east side of Lincoln Avenue. Its 160 acres (not yet fully developed) currently include the Welcome Garden, Hartley Selections Gardens, Japan House, Idea Garden and benches.



University of Illinois Arboretum, Urbana.

- The Hallene Gateway Plaza is located on the southwest corner of Illinois
   Street and Lincoln Avenue. It prominently features the stone portal from
   the entrance to the first University-built classroom building, University Hall.
- *Illini Grove* is located on the northwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. Its 8.5 acres include a large wooded area, tennis courts, picnic facilities, and volleyball and basketball courts.
- The *Ice Arena* is located at 406 East Armory Avenue across the street from the Armory. The arena offers public skating, hockey, and private facility rental.

