



**PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.  
PARK AND FACILITY  
MASTER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide quality recreation opportunities for the enjoyment of all people in the community and to plan, acquire, develop and maintain quality, attractive parks and facilities that enhance the community of Albert Lea.

## **DEPARTMENT VISION STATEMENT**

Our vision is to offer services that allow community members to experience physical, mental, and social benefits through their leisure time participation, providing opportunities for young people, adults, and senior citizens to live, grow, and develop into healthy, contributing members of our community.

## **CORE VALUES:**

*Specifically the Parks and Recreation Dept. will:*

*We will:* Be fiscally responsible, good stewards of our community's natural resources and guardians of our human resources.

*We will:* Enhance the quality of life in the community by providing a variety of enjoyable leisure, cultural and educational pursuits in facilities that are well maintained, safe, and accessible.

*We will:* Improve the health and fitness of our community through programming and facilities that encourage thought and motion.

*We will:* Ensure that the citizens of Albert Lea are heard by the use of program and facility evaluations, community-wide surveys, email bulletins, and various project committees.

*We will:* Be driven to protect and take care of our facilities. All facilities will be clean, safe, well-maintained, and environmentally-friendly.

*We will:* Bring together our community by offering a wide variety of activities and programs that encourage inclusion and participation.

*We will:* Just have fun! Enjoy work! This will reflect on our ability to deal with customers and co-workers in a positive way.



# Recreation/Athletic Facilities

The Park and Recreation Department offers a wide array of programs and services to its community members. These are available throughout the City at various parks and recreation and athletic facilities. The City has the unique ability to serve nearly all community members and their varied interests at these facilities.



**AQUATIC CENTER**  
321 James Ave.  
Recreation Facility

**SITE FEATURES**

- Originally opened in 1975
- Zero depth splash pool, 47,000 gallons, with interactive play features constructed in 1998
- Main pool, 466,200 gallons, with diving well, new concrete liner and filtration system in 1998
- 236 foot water slide (Miracle) in 1998
- New family bathhouse with restrooms in 1998
- Ten large shade “funbrellas”
- New high pressure sand filters in 2005
- Main bathhouse houses showers, changing areas, restrooms, cashiers office, lifeguard station, concession stand, and the pools physical plant
- Large concrete parking lot
- Open grass area for sunbathing

**AQUATIC CENTER  
RECREATION FACILITY**

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Large drop/speed slide (\$90,000)
- Develop grass area as proposed in 1998 plans
- Mural on front of main bathhouse
- Repave parking area
- Equipment replacement schedule
- Solar panels for heating water
- Sidewalk along outside of pool fence with benches
- Recoat large water slide in 2011





**CITY ARENA**  
701 Lake Chapeau Dr.  
Recreation Facility

**SITE FEATURES: Main (Blue) Arena**

- National Hockey League (NHL) size ice sheet with seating for 1200
- Press box
- Four public locker rooms & two high school locker rooms
- New refrigeration system in 2009
- New dehumidification system in 2009
- Upgraded lighting in 2007
- Radiant heating system installed in 2009
- Large four-sided scoreboard hangs over ice



**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS: Main Arena**

- Replace dasher boards in 2015
- Replace bleachers
- Bead blast and reseal hockey floor in 2012
- Replace air conditioning system
- Landscape area between buildings (paver patio)

**BUILDING COMMON AREAS**

**SITE FEATURES**

- Downstairs lounge area
- Concession stand
- Large upstairs open room with large windows overlooking main sheet of ice
- Skate rental and outer office area
- Parks and Recreation Department Office

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Replace entry doors to arena
- New flooring and kitchenette in upper lounge
- Room divider and new flooring in lower lounge
- Turn outer office into reception area



**SECOND (RED) ICE SHEET**

**SITE FEATURES**

- Built in 1999
- Geo refrigeration and dehumidification system
- Five public locker rooms
- Small bleacher system
- Small scoreboard
- Upgraded lighting in 2007
- Installed a radiant heating system in 2009

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New bleachers
- Upgrade dehumidification system
- New skate flooring
- Liquid cooler for refrigeration unit in 2010
- Refrigeration controls





**SNYDER FIELDS**  
 Bridge Ave. & Hershey St.  
 Approximately 37.62 Acres  
 Recreation/Athletic Facility

**SITE FEATURES**

- Land owned by State of Minnesota & is leased by City
- Five softball/baseball fields, ag-lime infields
- Four fields have full fence and are lighted
- Fifth field has partial fencing and no lights
- Five new sets of bleachers in 2002
- Four sand volleyball courts renovated in 2007
- Older concession stand/restroom facility
- Maintenance building
- Batting cage area

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Playground area
- In 2008 a design plan for adding two additional fields and improving/renovating the original five fields was presented to City. Estimated Cost: \$3,000,000
- Improve lighting on all fields

**HAYEK FIELD**

1215 W. Clark St.  
 Recreation/Athletic Facility

**SITE FEATURES**

- Regulation baseball field used by Albert Lea High School, Legion and VFW teams and by the Albert Lea Colonels
- New lights in 1999
- Newer scoreboard
- Restrooms, concession stand, broadcast booth
- Two new sets of bleachers in 2002
- Screening for outfield fence donated by HS Booster Club
- Infield irrigation system installed in 2009

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Renovate concession stand and broadcast booth





**MARION ROSS PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER**  
147 N. Broadway Ave.

The Civic Theatre houses a spacious lobby, fully equipped stage, meeting rooms, set rooms, costume rooms, and storage space. The building is fully handicapped accessible.

Albert Lea Community Theater (ACT) is the theater's main tenant. Most of the groups performances take place between September and May. ACT is a volunteer community group that offers the residents of the City a chance to participate in a production as an actor, stage hand, volunteer, set construction, costume or makeup artist or simply as an appreciative member of the audience.

Many other performing arts groups rent the facility throughout the year.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**  
1739 W. Main St., Skyline Plaza  
Recreation Facility

**SITE FEATURES**

- New facility (8,000 sq ft) opened doors in 1998
- Open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday
- Game room equipped with five pool tables, card playing tables, TV/VCR
- Full-sized commercial kitchen
- Main room can seat 150 people and can be divided
- Small conference room
- Arts and crafts room with sink and storage cupboards
- Two computers with internet for member use
- Restrooms
- One full-time director
- Facility can be rented by the public for gatherings

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Evaluate future leasing policy of facility
- Evaluate concept of "Senior Center".





**BLAZING STAR TRAIL**  
Garfield Ave.  
Recreation Facility

**SITE FEATURES**

- Ten foot wide asphalt path maintained year-round
- Figure eight portion of trail is 1.5 miles
- Portion of trail that runs along Front St. to Frank Hall Park is .4 miles
- Trail is connected to Blazing Star Trail that runs out to Myre Big Island State Park.
- Parking area for approximately 25 vehicles
- Small prairie area with native grasses

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Add informational kiosk
- Add mileage markers to trail
- Add safety markings to trail

**TENNIS COURTS**  
Recreation Facilities

The City owns a set of three regulation tennis courts that are fenced and located near the Aquatic Center. The court is surfaced with a product called “sport court”, which are plastic tiles placed directly on the existing surface.

The public also has use of eight new asphalt courts constructed near the Albert Lea Public High School in 2008. These courts are fenced but are not lighted. The City contributed \$100,000 to this project.

The public can also use six asphalt courts located next to Southwest Junior High School. These courts are fenced but are not lighted. These courts are older and are in need of constant maintenance. These courts were a joint effort between the School District and the City.





**KIWANIS BASKETBALL COURT**  
321 James Ave.  
Recreation Facility

**SITE FEATURES**

- Full size concrete basketball surface
- Funds for project donated by Noon Kiwanis Club
- Six basketball goals
- Six benches

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Add drinking fountain
- Add sign

**PUBLIC DOCK SPACES**

The City maintains and leases to the public on a seasonal basis, approximately 270 dock spaces along the shores of Fountain Lake. Dock spaces are categorized as either seasonal or property owner docks. Property owner docks are assigned to a nearby property and those property owners have priority in leasing those spaces. Dock spaces do not include a dock or any other equipment.

Four additional dock spaces added in 2009 north of Hatch Bridge along Lakeview Boulevard.





# REGIONAL PARKS

The parks in this category are the largest parks in the Albert Lea Parks and Recreation Department's park system. These parks have the facilities and opportunities which attract people from the entire City of Albert Lea as well as from surrounding communities and rural areas.



**BANCROFT BAY PARK**  
900 Hammer Rd.  
74.1 Acres  
Regional Park

#### SITE FEATURES

This large park features the natural beauty of Fountain Lake and its wooded shoreline. The upper part of the park has many large oak trees, a nine-hole disc golf course, restroom with running water, two open shelters, a canoe launching area, three fire pits with seating, many picnic tables dispersed throughout the area and a large paved parking lot. The lower part of the park has a gravel parking lot, an 18-hole disc golf course paid for and installed by Shinefest in 2008. Many well-maintained trails run throughout the park. One of the trails includes a shelter that overlooks the lake. Bancroft Bay Park is the site of the annual Rendezvous Days celebration held the first weekend of October.

#### FUTURE ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

- Repave upper parking lot
- Establish parking area and road into back part of upper park
- Improve canoe launch
- Repair small shelter by lake
- Nature Center





**EDGEWATER PARK**  
 1600 Edgewater Dr.  
 62.6 Acres  
 Regional Park



**SITE FEATURES**

- Large park with lots of open space and areas of mature trees
- Large open pavilion
- Three season cottage with kitchenette, fireplace and porch
- Band shell constructed in 1998
- Play equipment (Landscape Structures) installed in 2001
- Restroom facility in upper area of park
- Ag-lime baseball/softball field with backstop
- DNR fishing pier
- Park maintenance shed located in west end of the park
- Shoreline area used by Bayside Ski Club
- Horseshoe pits located near upper pavilion
- Public Dock north of Band Shell (2009)



**EDGEWATER PARK**

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Replace Cottage with some type of pavilion
- Build three-season pavilion, playground to replace facilities removed for landfill mitigation in 2010
- Improve roads, parking areas and paths throughout the park
- Construct soccer field area in west end of the park
- Construct concession/storage building for soccer and ski club
- Improve signage in park
- Acquire property that borders north of park road





**CITY BEACH**  
 300 Johnson St.  
 1.6 Acres  
 Regional Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Sandy beach with roped off swimming area
- No lifeguards at beach
- Bathhouse with restrooms and changing rooms
- Paved parking area
- Tier one skate park
- Sand volleyball court
- Small public dock
- In 2007 City installed a fuel concession
- Three permanent picnic tables

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Add playground in sand area
- Add one or two small picnic pavilions
- Update bathhouse and add concession area

**FRANK HALL PARK**  
 505 Frank Ave.  
 11.8 Acres  
 Regional & Greenbelt Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Located near Albert Lea Lake and Shellrock River
- Accessible DNR fishing pier
- Asphalt, lighted trail runs the length of the park
- Restroom building, two picnic shelters and tables
- All updates done with grant funds in 2000
- Public boat ramp constructed with DNR funds in 2002
- Three horseshoe pits
- Playground (Gametime) installed in 2006 with funds donated by Kiwanis Clubs of Albert Lea

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Site being considered/evaluated as possible RV or dog park
- Develop green area around point
- Add Public Dock Spaces





## FOUNTAIN LAKE PARK

100 Fountain St.

3.9 Acres

Regional Park

### SITE FEATURES

- Beautiful green space along Fountain Lake
- Large shade trees, well groomed hedge, two flower beds
- Open air gazebo constructed in 2000
- Limestone overlook renovated in 2006
- Children's Garden built in 2008 with funds from Sesquicentennial Committee
- Small public dock

### FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS

- Pathway connecting features throughout the park
- Accessible sidewalk/path to park from Fountain Street
- Hillside seating for event viewing

## PIONEER PARK

100 Hawthorne St.

3.5 Acres

Regional Park

### SITE FEATURES

- Shaded green space with mature trees along Fountain Lake
- New picnic pavilion built in 2008. Facility features restrooms, Kitchenette, and picnic area
- Playground equipment (Burke) installed in 2008
- Lighted bike/pedestrian path completed in 2007
- Expanded gravel parking area in 2008

### FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS

- Pave parking area
- Add hard surface paths/sidewalks to shelter and playground
- Add park sign out by main road
- Add patio to shelter
- Add public boat dock and walkway from park to dock
- Outside drinking fountain





**SHOFF PARK**  
 400 Hwy 13  
 12.1 Acres  
 Regional Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Large open green spaces
- Older playground area
- Small shelter with four picnic tables
- Large gravel parking area
- New wooden pedestrian bridge installed in 2008
- Higbie Gardens maintained by Shades of Jade Garden Club
- Concrete sidewalk installed in 2009

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New playground equipment
- Continued improvements to Higbie Gardens
- New gravel for parking area
- Establish wetland area and native planting area

**BROOKSIDE PARK**  
 623 Richway Dr.  
 Acres unknown  
 Regional Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Large, narrow park that runs along channel
- Public boat launch
- Start of pedestrian trail
- Community Garden, seventy 20 feet x 20 feet plots
- Future home to Environmental Learning Center in 2010

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Community Education's Environmental Learning Center in 2010
- Site being considered/evaluated as possible option for dog park
- Add restrooms to ELC
- Signage
- Expand gardens





# Neighborhood Parks

The neighborhood parks in this category are small open green spaces that usually have some playground equipment, small playing fields, and picnic tables. The neighborhood parks generally attract and are used by people living in the neighborhood or nearby.



**BELLVIEW PARK**  
934 Lincoln Ave.  
1.8 Acres  
Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Mostly open space with trees lining the perimeter
- Tot lot playground (Gametime) installed in 1997
- Chain link backstop

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New park sign
- Update playground equipment as needed
- Small soccer field
- Plant trees as needed

**EASTGATE PARK**  
1108 Eastgate Rd.  
2.2 Acres  
Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Open green space with a few small trees
- Playground (Playworld) that was installed in 2006
- Basketball court with two goals
- Small picnic table shelter donated by Rotary Club

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Plant trees as needed
- Small pavilion



**EBERHARDT PARK**  
Eberhardt St. & David Ave.  
5.1 Acres  
Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Large open green space with some mature trees
- Small picnic shelter
- Older playground
- Maintenance shed used for storage on west end
- Sidewalk runs the length of the park
- Parking area

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Replace playground equipment
- Overlay parking area
- New park sign



**GARDEN VILLA PARK**  
 100 McArthur Dr.  
 4.1 Acres  
 Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Park is mostly open space
- Older slide and set of swings

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New sign
- New playground equipment
- Small athletic field

**MEMORIAL PARK**  
 1400 Margaretha Ave.  
 4.9 Acres  
 Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Large open space, lined with trees
- Playground equipment (Gametime) installed in 2000
- Large soccer field constructed in 2004
- Shelter donated and erected by Shinefest in 2006
- Newer park sign

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Outdoor basketball court
- Small restroom facility
- Drinking fountain



**OAKWOOD PARK**  
 1400 Circle Dr.  
 .3 Acres  
 Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Small circular park with mature trees
- Playground equipment (Gametime) installed in 2009
- Small concrete sandbox

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENT**

- Plant trees as needed
- Drinking fountain





**PARK AVENUE PARK**  
 611 Park Ave.  
 .3 Acres  
 Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Small park with mature trees
- Small basketball court renovated in 2007
- Slide, swing-set, & merry-go-round (1999)

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New playground equipment in 2015
- New park sign

**SHORELAND HEIGHTS PARK**  
 116 The Fairway  
 2.4 Acres  
 Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Park has some shade, but is mostly open green space
- Playground (Gametime) installed in 2009
- Chain link backstop

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Replace or remove backstop
- Small soccer field area
- Consider selling underutilized park area
- Plant trees as needed



**SHOREWOOD HILLS PARK**  
 1900 Bayview Dr.  
 .8 Acres  
 Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Tot lot playground (Gametime) installed at date unknown
- Park has few small trees and sloped open space
- Small park sign

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New park sign
- Consider selling underutilized park area





**GINKLE PARK**  
 607 1/2 Cherry Ave.  
 .8 Acres  
 Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Open green space surrounded by residential back yards
- Playground (Miracle) installed in 2000
- Entire park is fenced



**VIRGINIA PLACE PARK**  
 1204 Virginia Place  
 .8 Acres

**SITE FEATURES**

- Small park areas on both sides of street
- Newer park equipment installed in 2006
- Small concrete basketball court



**WEDGEWOOD PARK**  
 500 Wedgewood Rd.  
 7.1 Acres  
 Neighborhood Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Park located in southwest quadrant of City
- Lots of open space with a few small trees
- Park equipment (Gametime) installed at date unknown
- Man-made sledding hill
- Older chain link backstop



**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Park sign
- Small athletic/soccer field
- Walking path around perimeter of park
- Plant trees as needed



# Neighborhood Play Parks

Play parks are similar to neighborhood parks except each of these parks has a play park building. These small buildings have electricity, lights, water and restrooms. From these buildings, coordinators direct play park activities throughout the summer. The buildings are also used as a warming house for those using the outdoor ice rinks during the winter months.



**ACADEMY PARK**  
910 Frank Hall Dr.  
3.1 Acres

**SITE FEATURES**

- Lighted asphalt-surfaced ice/roller hockey rink
- Playground (Landscape Structures) installed in 1998
- Softball/baseball field with chain link backstop
- Small concrete basketball court with one goal
- Play park/warming house building

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Evaluate building use
- Outdoor drinking fountain

**HAWTHORNE PARK**  
915 Garfield Ave.  
4.3 Acres

**SITE FEATURES**

- Located adjacent to Hawthorne Elementary School
- Playground (Little Tike) installed in 1997
- Softball/baseball field with backstop
- Play park building
- Hockey Rink with high boards
- Basketball court located near school and playground

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Work with school district to develop park area





**HAYEK PARK**  
 Fourth Ave. & Clark St.  
 19.1 Acres (includes Baseball Field)  
 Neighborhood Play Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- This rather large park serves as a play park and regional park
- Play park/warming house building
- Play equipment (Gametime) installed in 1994
- Ball field, dirt infield, chain link backstop and bleachers
- Hockey rink

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New park sign
- Small athletic field
- Outdoor drinking fountain

**LAKEVIEW PARK**  
 102 Willamor Rd.  
 13.1 Acres  
 Neighborhood Play Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Large neighborhood park with lots of open space
- One large soccer field and one small soccer field
- New concrete basketball court with two goals
- Playground equipment (Miracle) installed in 2000
- Rain garden planted in 2006
- Play park/warming house building
- Hockey rink
- Sidewalk installed on two sides of park in 2009

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Improvements to soccer fields





**MORIN PARK**  
 222 St. Mary Ave.  
 3.2 Acres  
 Neighborhood Play Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Two small ball fields with backstops and bleachers
- Playground equipment (Miracle) installed in 1993
- Lighted concrete basketball court with two goals
- Play park building used now as park wood shop

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New park sign
- Eliminate one ball field and add small soccer field
- Add outdoor drinking fountain
- Move skating rink to this park

**SONDERGAARD PARK**  
 806 17th St.  
 5.1 Acres  
 Neighborhood Play Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Large open green space
- Small playground (Miracle) installed in 1998
- Ball field with backstop
- Large basketball court with two goals
- Play park building

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Repairs to play park building
- New park sign
- Small athletic/soccer field





**TROY-HAMMER PARK**  
 603 Troy Rd.  
 4.5 Acres  
 Neighborhood Play Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Large open space with many mature trees
- Playground (Burke) installed in 1995
- Play park building and park maintenance building
- Asphalt basketball court with two goals
- Chain-link back stop
- Small lighted ice rink

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Small soccer/athletic field
- Outside drinking fountain
- Benches near playground equipment

**VALLEY PARK**  
 611 Sheridan St.  
 1.7 Acres  
 Neighborhood Play Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Park is located in quiet residential neighborhood
- Playground equipment (Miracle) installed in 1999
- Concrete basketball court with markings and goals
- Small ball field with chain-link backstop
- Play park building

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- New park sign
- Drinking fountain
- Evaluate building use





**SOUTHWEST PARK**  
W. Front St. & Maple Hill Dr.  
24.5 Acres  
Neighborhood Play Park

**SITE FEATURES**

- Large open space shared with Albert Lea Public School District
- Playground (Landscape Structures) installed in 1996
- Six tennis courts located south of schools
- Basketball court with four goals
- Four baseball/softball fields
- Play park building

**FUTURE ADDITIONS/IMPROVEMENTS**

- Work with school district to renovate ball fields
- Maintenance on tennis courts
- Add soccer fields

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# Passive Parks

Passive parks are areas without playground equipment, athletic areas and some of the other amenities associated with regional and neighborhood parks. Passive parks are green areas where one can picnic or just sit and view the beauty of the park and the outdoors.



**CENTRAL PARK**  
300 W. Clark St.  
1.6 Acres  
Passive Park

Central Park is a shaded green space located near downtown Albert Lea. The park is surrounded by churches and is near the Albert Lea Medical Center. Central Park features a paved and lighted walkway that runs through its center, and a Ten Commandments memorial donated by the Eagles Club. The park has benches and picnic tables and is often used by people downtown, medical center staff, and by walkers.

**DRESS ISLAND**  
802 Lakeview Blvd.  
Passive Park

Dress Island is a small shaded island on Fountain Lake connected to the shore by a wooden arched bridge. The park includes a couple of benches on the shore and two on the island. The park is a nice location to view the action on Fountain Lake.

The wooden bridge should be replaced in the next five years.



**EUCLID PARK**  
Euclid Ave.  
Passive Park

Euclid Park is a long rectangular park located along busy Euclid Avenue. The park features a lot of shade and well-maintained bushes and flower gardens. Additionally, the park has two sitting areas, one with three benches and the other with five benches.

The park needs to be trimmed up, trees replaced and possibly a new sign.

**KATHERINE ISLAND & NEW DENMARK PARK**  
Bridge Ave. and Green Ave.  
Passive Park

This well-shaded area is located next to Fountain Lake & near downtown. This park is home to the mermaid statue, a statue created by a Danish immigrant, many benches for viewing the lake, well kept flower beds and Christmas decoration during the holiday season. Three large donated fountains are located just offshore and run throughout the summer. In 2007, a new pedestrian bridge was installed and Katherine Island received a complete shoreline renovation. In 2009, the sidewalk was continued around the entire perimeter of the park.

The shoreline throughout the park needs restoration.



## **UNDEVELOPED PARKS**

The following parks are properties owned and maintained by the City of Albert Lea. These parks, however, are only green spaces and do not include any facilities, equipment, or programs. These parks may or may not be developed depending on need and/or funds.

### **DOREDA PARK**

Giles Place

Doreda Park includes .4 acres of green space. It is in a residential neighborhood and near the City Beach.

### **FAVILLE PARK**

400 Lakeview Blvd.

Faville is a tiny (.1 acre) corner park on Fountain Lake. The park is shaded by a couple of trees. The park used to have a fountain and a flower bed.

### **WEBER PARK**

300 Lee Circle

Lee Park is .2 acres of shaded green space located in a residential neighborhood. Lee Park does have a stone commemorating World War II Veteran John A. Weber. The park was renamed from Lee Park in the spring of 2009 to Weber Park.

### **MATTSON PARK**

Township Rd. & West Ninth St.

Mattson Park is five acres of open green space. Currently the area is being used to store materials used by City's Street Department and is also used as a snow dump area in the winter.

### **SUMMER PARK**

824 Fountain St.

Summer Park is .4 acres of open space. It has three older trees and a railroad running through it.

### **TIGER HILLS PARK**

This small area is located in the Tiger Hills Sub-division, established in 2005. The park was dedicated to the City at this time. Plans for this park will develop as the sub-division develops.



# CITY OF ALBERT LEA PARKS AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

This section contains pages from the City's recently completed Comprehensive Plan that pertain to Parks and Recreation services within the community. This plan was adopted by the Albert Lea City Council in 2008. This portion of the plan will be used as a guide as the Department moves into the future with the delivery of parks and recreation services.