



STAFF REPORT

MEMO DATE:	January 20, 2022
MEETING DATE:	JANUARY 27, 2022
TO:	Village of Cottage Grove Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Committee
CC:	Sean Brusegar – Parks Director
FROM:	Erin Ruth, AICP – Village Planning Director
RE:	Park and Open Space Plan Amendment

INTRODUCTION

The current Village of Cottage Grove’s Park and Open Space Plan was approved in April of 2018. A plan that was approved within the last five years, and that contains certain required elements (see attachment excerpted from the Wisconsin State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, or SCORP), is a prerequisite for application to certain State funded grant programs.

Staff recommends that the Committee start the amendment process now. The required elements are unchanged from those in place during the 2018 planning process. Therefore, no new elements need to be added to the plan.

Staff recommends generally keeping the current plan’s formatting and structure and focusing on updating data and statistics, existing conditions, and future planning maps and associated text.

The Committee should also consider the level of public participation desired for the planning process with the goal of finalizing a public participation plan at the February meeting.