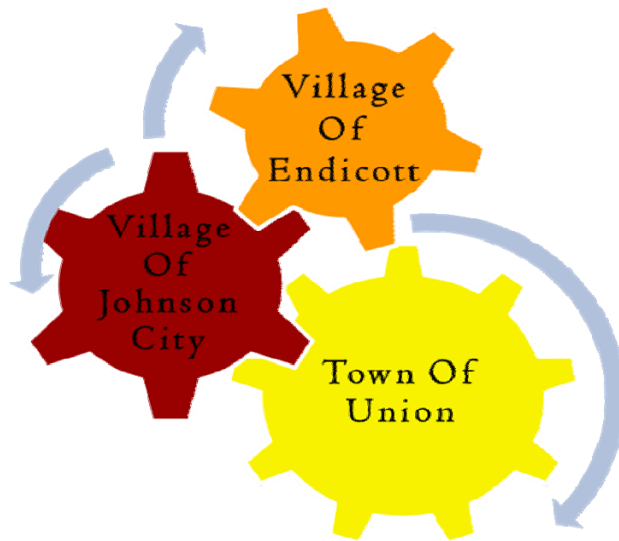


Goals & Objectives

Chapter 5



Parks And Recreation

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MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF PARKS, RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS IN A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT.

The recreational goal has two components: parks and recreational programs. The availability of adequate parkland, maintenance of the parks and park equipment, and security in the parks are issues related to the physical component of recreation (see **Map 1** Town of Union Park Facilities). Program issues include the variety of programs, the ages served, program cost (both the user and provider), and accessibility to the programs.

The town, villages, and county maintain a large and varied park system and recreation programs. The parks offer a variety of facilities such as carousels, pools, ice skating rinks, athletic fields, sports courts, picnic areas and shelters, golf courses, and playground equipment. The parks range in size from the pocket park on Baker Street in Johnson City to the En Joie Golf Course in Endicott. The public schools provide a variety of athletic fields and playground areas available to students and limited availability to the general public. The larger recreational areas in the Town are privately owned and include the Traditions at the Glen facility in Fairmont Park, Endwell Greens Golf Course in Endwell, and Pine Valley Campgrounds in Union Center.

The recreation programs serve both children and adults. Some of the programs are offered outdoors at most of the parks while others are offered at the Highland Park Recreation Center and other facilities such as the YMCA, the Boys/Girls Club of Western Broome, and the Johnson City and Western Broome Senior Centers. Programs are varied and include team sports such as soccer, t-ball, softball, volleyball, sports lessons, aerobics and fitness training, computer and hobby classes, and special events ranging in size from the Dick's Sporting Goods Open (formerly known as the BC Open) to the Father/Daughter Ball. Most programs are on a fee basis, while some activities are provided at no charge.

Park And Recreation Goals

- PR-1 To maintain a safe, secure, and clean park system available to and accessible to all residents;
- PR-2 To expand and diversify recreation programs for all children, adults, and senior citizens;
- PR-3 To develop a townwide master plan for future park development including both active and passive recreation areas.

Objectives – Parks And Recreation

Objective A. Maintain a safe, secure, and clean park system, available to and accessible by all residents.

a. Capital Improvement

Policies

1. Initiate an improvements program for parks to make them accessible for people with disabilities;
2. Implement a scheduled upgrade program for playground equipment, landscaping, walkways, bathroom facilities, parking areas, athletic facilities, swimming pools, and carousels.

b. Service

Policies

1. Encourage proactive police patrols to deter drugs and vandalism;
2. Maintain adequate lighting for park activities and security ;
3. Provide trained personnel to enforce park rules.

c. Community Involvement**Policies**

1. Promote adoption of parks by neighborhood groups, service clubs, or similar organizations to provide funds and volunteers for park improvements, maintenance, and staffing.

Objective B. Expand and diversify recreation programs for all children, adults, and senior citizens.**a. Service****Policies**

1. Survey town and village residents to determine recreation program needs;
2. Coordinate recreation programs with schools, senior centers, and other community organizations;
3. Provide specialized recreation programs at parks oriented for all age groups.

Objective C. Develop a master plan for future park development, including both active and passive recreation areas.**a. Service****Policies**

1. Investigate potential funding sources for capital improvement programs;
2. Work towards consolidation or sharing of Parks and Recreation activities;
3. Develop passive recreational areas including the preservation of open space and wetlands for nature trails and walking trails.

Map 1 ~ Town of Union Park Facilities

