

LAKES AND RIVERS

OAK STREET PARK

Located at the North end of Oak Street in downtown Delafield, this small open space park offers views of Nagawicka Lake and St. John's Bay from the peaceful green lawn on the lakefront. Shoreline preservation and restoration projects have included plantings and riprap placement. In addition, a circular flower bed compliments the open space leading to the lake front. Community response has shown



interest in further development including lake access for carry-in only watercraft such as kayaks, canoes, and inflatable rafts. This walk-in park can be further enhanced with the installation of a viewing bench and continual maintenance of the lakeshore and landscaping, which can provide a multitude of opportunities for community involvement.



Short term

- Add to City accounting records with direct cost coding for expenditures
- Create shoreline entrance of a mulched pathway through flower plantings for lake access
- Repair shoreline restoration plantings and riprap
- Maintain grounds and landscaping

Mid term

- Install bench
- Replant circular flower bed located away from waterfront
- Recruit volunteer aid for maintenance and landscaping

Long term

- Signage
- Create mulch pathway connecting street side fencing and lake access path

BLEEKER STREET BOAT LAUNCH



The boat ramp and pier on Bleeker Street at St. John's Bay provides year round facilities for launching water craft, fishing opportunities and wildlife sightings. The launch area has ample parking space available for vehicles and trailers, with only a Delafield Resident Sticker required for trailer parking. The high volume of usage during the summer months is limited by the storage of the City weed harvesters at the secondary pier to the east of the boat launch, which could be used for boat docking or fishing if alternative summer storage is provided for the harvesting equipment. The weed harvesters are stored on DPW property in the off season. The construction of a permanent bathroom would replace the temporary portable toilet now in use, and provide launch users with modern sanitation and hand washing facilities now shown to impede the spread of viruses. The use of running water at the boat launch area would allow boaters to rinse their watercraft to prevent the proliferation of invasive water species.

Short term

- Conduct design study for cost/benefit analysis of permanent bathroom facilities
- Maintain launching area, dock, parking area and grounds
- Continue with portable bathroom usage

Mid term

- Build permanent bathroom facilities if warranted
- Install hosing station at launch for rinsing watercraft
- Explore alternative summer storage for weed harvesters
- Boat docking and fishing from east pier

Long term

- Install additional pier east of boat launch

ST. JOHN'S PARK



St. John's Park offers picnic areas, a pond with a waterfall fountain, permanent restroom facilities and a new fishing pier extending out into the St. John's Bay section of Nagawicka Lake. The walking trail around the perimeter completely surrounds the Park and its Southwest corner leads to the WVMR. This Park, located immediately North of downtown Delafield along Genesee Street, is easily accessible and the addition of a bicycle rack and another vehicle parking space would increase usage among non-pedestrians. Family park outings could be further accommodated with the addition of children-sized picnic tables among the existing regular picnic tables. Situated along the northern entrance to the City, the Park has long been home to temporary signage for City and charitable events, and a more permanent system of signage promoting both would improve visibility and participation.

Short term

- Install bicycle rack
- Install permanent signage for City and charitable events
- Maintain grounds including safety issues of fishing pier and dam access
- Maintain pond pump

Mid term

- Additional vehicle parking space
- Install park sculpture
- Create usage for warming hut facilities

Long term

- Connect path around pond to WVMR including pedestrian crosswalk over Hwy C

LOIS JENSEN NATURE PRESERVE - LAKE FRONT



Full of existing natural trails, and soon to be developed walking/hiking trails, the Preserve rests on “The Kettle” portion of Nagawicka Lake’s North Shore. Trails leading down to the waterfront allow access to one of the most unique geological areas of the lake for fishing, kayaking and swimming. The currently unmarked trails provide exploration of woods and wetlands, and traverse through the Preserve from Lake Country School on the east border to Dickten Park, in Nashotah, on the west.

The sanitation station located at a trail entrance along Vettleson Road makes this Preserve dog friendly for all. Increased vehicle parking planned along the south shoulder of Vettleson Road west of the current Preserve signage will provide safe loading and unloading for Preserve users, as will additional vehicle parking east of the signage and natural culvert. Once the Preserve interior trail development is completed, mulched and marked with signage, the construction of a permanent paved trail/bicycle path parallel and adjacent to Vettleson Road would provide a vital link in the existing Park trail system.

Short term

- Construct parking area west of signage
- Develop and establish walking/hiking trails with neighboring agencies
- Recruit volunteer aid for trail work

Mid Term

- Cut and mulch existing trail from Vettleson Road south to Nagawicka Lake
- Cut and mulch existing trail through preserve from east to west borders
- Construct parking area east of signage

Long term

- Establish permanent mulched trail connecting Dickten Park to the east-west trail
- Establish permanent paved trail/bicycle path parallel to Vettleson Road connecting Dickten Park and Lake Country School
- Signage all trails
- Mulch all trails