

## 13.7 District Wide Parking Plans

Within many of our parks, convenient vehicle parking is often cited as a concern. Attempts to reduce vehicle traffic, such as installation of bike racks and creation of the Bikeway plan, have been implemented. However, there is an immediate need to increase capacity and provide alternatives for our patrons.

Several options have been identified for various parks that are experiencing concerns. Listed below is a summary of these options, followed by available plans for specific improvements. These plans are in various stages ranging from simple conceptual plans to actually being under construction. It is important to note that some of these ideas may ultimately not be feasible from a permitting or cost-benefit standpoint.

- American Legion – The existing leased lot is gravel and requires considerable maintenance. Permeable paving is recommended on the master plan.
- Atten Park – Parking lots at Atten are generally adequate. During the school year, the lower lot is utilized by Wheaton Warrenville South students through a permit process. This lot would benefit from a turnaround at the north end although permitting may be difficult. Large events will utilize open grass areas for overflow parking. Consideration should be given to paving these areas if demand justifies the expense.
- Briarpatch Park – The only parking for this facility is currently on street. There are limited areas within the park to create a designated parking lot. Further options should be explored.
- C.L. Herrick Park – This is primarily a neighborhood park that receives light traffic. However, there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood and this is a location for winter ice skating. Our master plan for this park identifies the addition of a few angle spots along Armbrust Avenue.
- Clocktower Commons – Parking has been a concern for since this park was created in 2004. The problem was increased when the National Louis parking lots to the south were developed. The park district had informal agreements to utilize those lots. There is ample on-street parking in the area, but designating parking would be appreciated. An agreement with the property owners to the west of the park is currently in process to partner on improvements to the parking area there.
- Cosley Zoo – Plans to expand the existing lot by twenty five spots are currently being implemented. It is hoped that this will reduce the need for overflow parking, but additional parking alternatives should be considered. Utilization of Sandberg school during the summer has been previously discussed, although this is a considerable walk to Cosley and requires crossing Jewel Road.
- DuPage County Museum/Administrative Office – Staff currently uses leased parking in downtown Wheaton approximately a block from the facility and on street parking for visitors is typically adequate. Larger events and a long term parking solution for staff should be explored. One

option that has been discussed is an intergovernmental agreement with the Wheaton Library.

- Graf Park – Our sports programs currently utilize Monroe School and the DuPage County Fairgrounds to supplement the existing parking lots. Attached is a conceptual plan for increasing parking on the northeast lot.
- Hurley Garden – There is limited on-street parking at this facility. Increased interest in holding special events requires better parking plans. Alternatives include discussing sharing parking facilities with Marionjoy.
- Kelly Park – This popular park often results in numerous cars parking along Elm and Main Streets. Staff is currently working with the Wheaton Sanitary District and their engineer to improve parking along Main Street as a part of planned improvements within the right-of-way. The parking improvements may be funded through an OSLAD grant that has been applied for.
- Lincoln Marsh – Currently this facility has limited parking on the west side off of Pierce and Harrison, on the east at the end of Lincoln Avenue, and adjacent to the office. The gravel lot on the west side would benefit from permeable and has the potential for some additional capacity. Plans have also been created to provide additional parking within the right of way along Lincoln Avenue. This would need to be done in conjunction with the City of Wheaton and the adjacent property owners.
- Lincoln Park – The only parking at this location is currently on-street. Suggestions have been made to share parking with the nearby church on President Street and create a path to connect to the park.
- “Lucent” Park – Parking at this facility is currently provided through a lease with the adjacent office complex. Negotiations are underway that eliminate this parking arrangement, but have provisions for creating new parking lots on the property owned by the forest preserve.
- Northside Park – As a part of the renovation project, conceptual plans have been created to reconfigure the existing lots and increase capacity while reducing the storm water runoff.
- Rathje Park – Plans have been created to provide improved parking along Lakeside Drive. Long term plans may require additional parking depending on the scope of improvements.
- Rice Pool – The adjacent lot servicing the Community Center was recently resurfaced. The parking lot adjacent to Rice Pool is currently reaching the end of its life span. Depending on the scope of improvements to the building, renovations to the lot should be made that could include permeable paving and geothermal heating elements.
- Scottdale Park – The only parking available at this park is currently on street. There are limited options for creating off street improvements. Conceptual plans have been created for improving on street parking along Scottdale Circle.
- Seven Gables – Heavy use of the park frequently exceeds the parking capacity of the generous parking provided at this park and results in on street parking in the adjacent neighborhoods. Improvements to the barn in off of Naperville Road and the adjacent proposed development are proposing expanded parking and an additional entrance.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Increase in Spaces</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Notes</b>
American Legion		16,000 sf 610 lf curb	Paving a gravel lot will make parking spaces more defined and reduce maintenance.
Atten- Shaffner		2,420 sf 327 lf curb	
Atten- Grass			
Briar Knoll		2,640 sf 550 lf curb	Creating parallel parking outside the normal street width improves safety
Briar Patch	60	27,580 sf 1,850 lf curb	
Brighton		2,700 sf 665 lf curb	Creating parallel parking outside the normal street width improves safety
C.L. Herrick	12	1,440 sf 150 lf curb	
Clocktower Commons			
Cosley Zoo	25	10,350 sf 735 lf curb	
DuPage County Museum			
Graf	18	3,600sf 200 lf curb	
Hurley Gardens			
Kelly		6,200 sf 1,445 lf curb	Creating parallel parking outside the normal street width improves safety
Lincoln Marsh- Harrison		8,860 sf 580 lf curb	Paving a gravel lot will make parking spaces more defined and reduce maintenance.
Lincoln Marsh- Lincoln Ave	50	10,080 sf 545 lf curb	
Lincoln			
Lucent	200	70,800 sf 1,700 lf curb	Would replace parking if leased parking is lost.
Northside	66	136,540 sf 5,170 lf curb	
Rathje	24	5,280 sf 550 lf curb	
Rice Pool		92,500 sf	
Scottsdale			
Seven Gables	29	18,790 sf 955 lf curb	