

# City of Waseca Parks Department

2022 Year in Review



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# 2022 Parks Department Summary

The Waseca Park Department is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of approximately 200 acres of park land. The Park Department currently maintains 15 beautiful parks comprised of 80+ acres, which includes a full array of recreational amenities and facilities. Maplewood Park and Northwest Nature Park provide over 120 nature acres to those seeking the solitude nature offers plus offering a unique environmental educational learning experience. The Park Department also maintains approximately 9.75 miles of hard surface trails throughout Waseca.

The Park Department is also responsible for maintaining approximately 30 City owned areas, the grounds of City Hall and snow removal of City sidewalks, bike trails and park parking lots. The Waseca Park staff is committed to provide for park user enjoyment a safe, clean, fun, and aesthetically pleasing park system.

The Park Advisory Board (5 members) holds monthly meetings to consider City park matters that may be referred by the City Council, City Manager, or as the members of the Park Board deem proper. The board will make recommendations to the City Manager and City Council pertaining to park land developments, improvements, and use.

- Employees
  - Park Superintendent, Brad Dushaw
  - FT Park Maintenance Worker, Loy Spies
  - FT Park Maintenance Worker, Jolene Gundermann
  - FT Park Maintenance Worker, Brett Vanderhorst
  - (7) PT Park Workers that work anywhere from 21.5 – 40 hours per week
- Partnerships
  - Minnesota DNR
  - Lakes Association
  - Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Various Community Volunteer Groups
  - Pheasants Forever



# 2022 Parks Department Projects

## • Construction/Maintenance Projects

- Clear Lake Park:
  - Playground Replacement
  - Fishing Pier ADA Walkway
  - Fishing Pier Assembly
  - Facility Improvements (Beach House and Johnson Pavilion)
- Clear Lake Shoreline Restoration – West Shoreline
- Doodlebug Trail, Highway East and West Trail, & NE Connector Trail: Crack fill and fog seal
- University Park: Playground wood fiber top dressing
- Northwest Park: Replaced picnic tables in picnic shelter
- Brush removal Lower Maplewood Park
- Gravel bed tree nursery tree plantings: planted 30 bareroot trees throughout various parks and trails
- EAB Grant: Awarded (\$78,000) through the MN DNR Emerald Ash Borer Grant Program.
  - Treated 130 Ash trees
  - Removed 20+ park and boulevard Ash trees
  - Planted over 50 new trees (parks, ROW's, and open spaces)
- Northwest Nature Park and Maplewood Park: Continuing grant projects (\$50,000) through the MN DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program in partnership with Pheasants Forever.
  - Restored 19.4 upland acres at Northwest Nature Park for future outdoor recreation opportunities – contracted project
  - Buckthorn removal at Maplewood Park & Northwest Nature Park – contracted projects



# Clear Lake Park Playground Replacement

- **Project Information:**

- Replaced 1990's playground. Play areas for children 2-5 and 5-12 years old
- ADA accessibility throughout play area, multiple ADA play features, and various play surfaces for user safety.
- Demo, site prep & grading, concrete prep & install, wood chips, and landscaping - completed by City Staff

- **Funding Sources:**

- City of Waseca
- MN Department of Natural Resources Grant Program (\$196,000)

- **Budget**

- Play Equipment: \$255,149.97
- Play Equipment Installation: \$53,593.13
- PIP Rubber Surfacing: \$32,821.72
- Project Materials: \$41,106.72
- Total: \$382,671.54



# Clear Lake Park Fishing Pier

- **Project Information:**

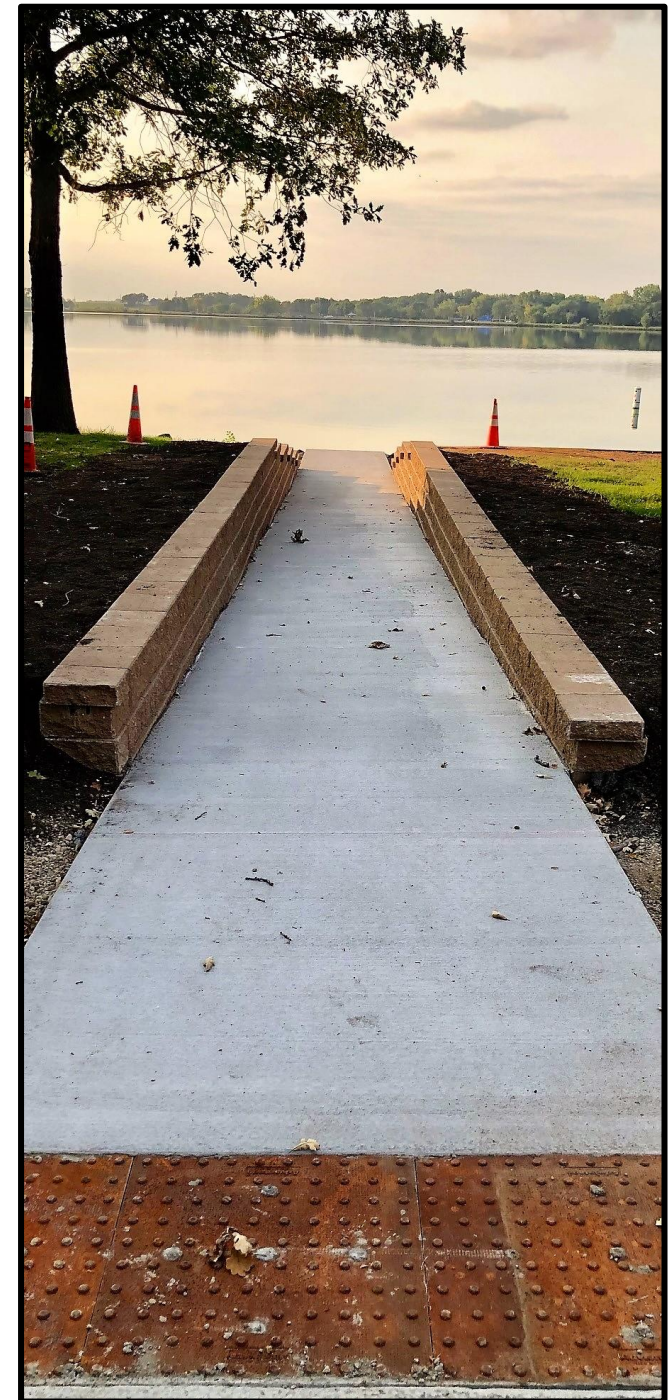
- Constructed an ADA walkway off the existing bike trail for the fishing pier.
- 84' T-Fishing Pier – completed by City Staff
- Demo, site prep & grading, retaining wall block install, concrete prep & install, and landscaping - completed by City Staff

- **Funding Sources:**

- City of Waseca
- MN Department of Natural Resources Grant Program (\$196,000)

- **Budget**

- Fishing Pier: \$39,375
- Landscaping, project materials, and walkway: \$4,699.25
- Total: \$44,074.25



# Clear Lake Park Facility Improvements

- Clear Lake Beach House – Completed
  - Total restroom renovation (new plumbing, toilet fixtures, lighting, and electrical systems)
  - Roof replacement
  - Exterior preservation
  - ADA Accessibility
- Clear Lake Johnson Pavilion – In Progress
  - Structural improvements and exterior preservation
  - Roof replacement
  - New concrete slab
  - Updated lighting and electrical systems

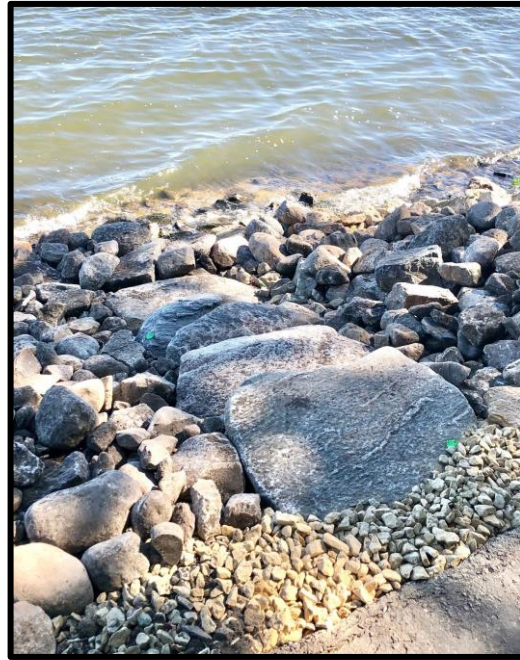


# Other Parks Department Projects

## Clear Lake Shoreline Restoration

Project Materials & Plants: \$2,738.96

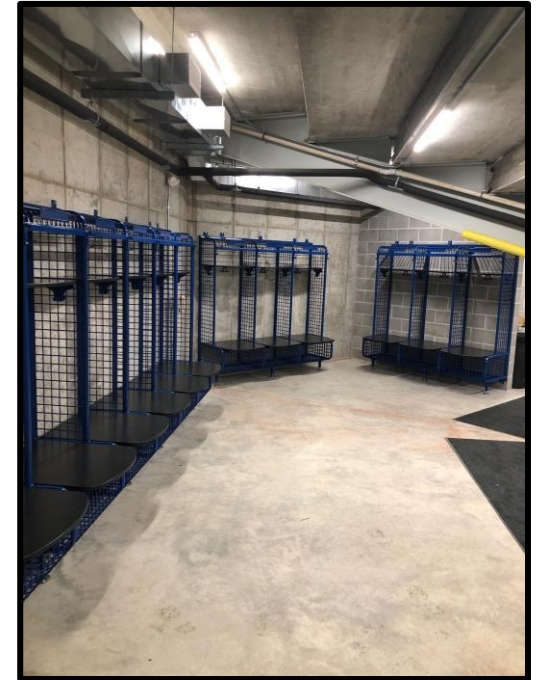
Completed by City Staff



## TLCF Club House Lockers

Project Materials: \$11,660.59

Completed by City Staff



# 2022 Parks Department Areas Maintained

- **Facilities**

- Pavilions/Picnic Shelters: 10
- Restrooms: 22
- Baseball and Softball Fields: 10
- Basketball Courts: 8
- Tennis/Pickleball Courts: 6
- Volleyball Courts: 6

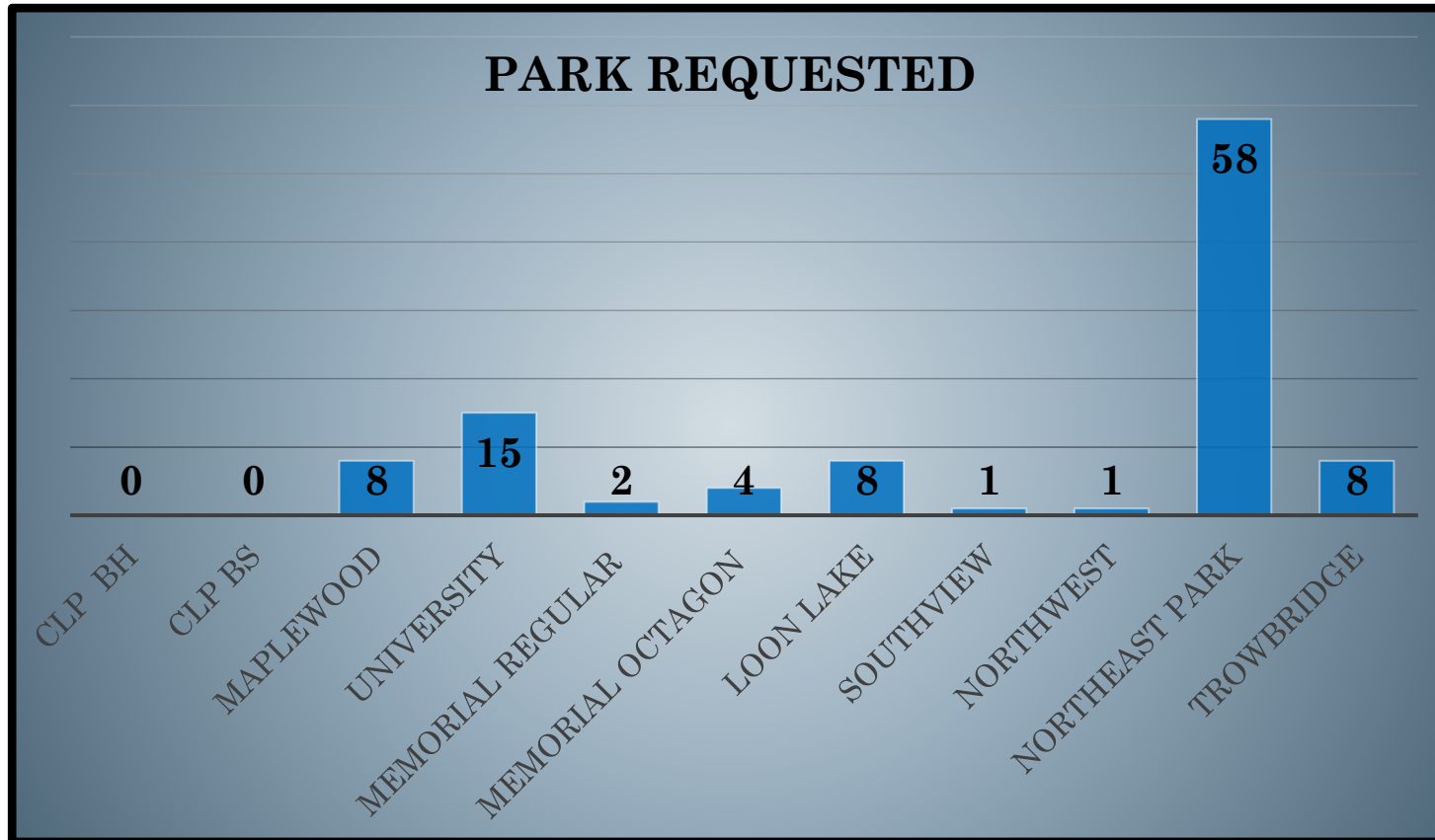
- **Other Miscellaneous Areas**

- Parking Lots: 11
- Cart Paths: 2
- Dog Park
- Bike Trails (hard-surface 9.75 miles, low impact 2.64):  
12.39 total miles
- Sidewalk/steps: 3 miles
- Playground Equipment: 12 play structures
- Skating Rinks: 2
- Landscapes/Hedges and Flower Beds: 45
- Docks/Fishing Pier: 7
- Boat Ramps: 3
- Beaches: 2



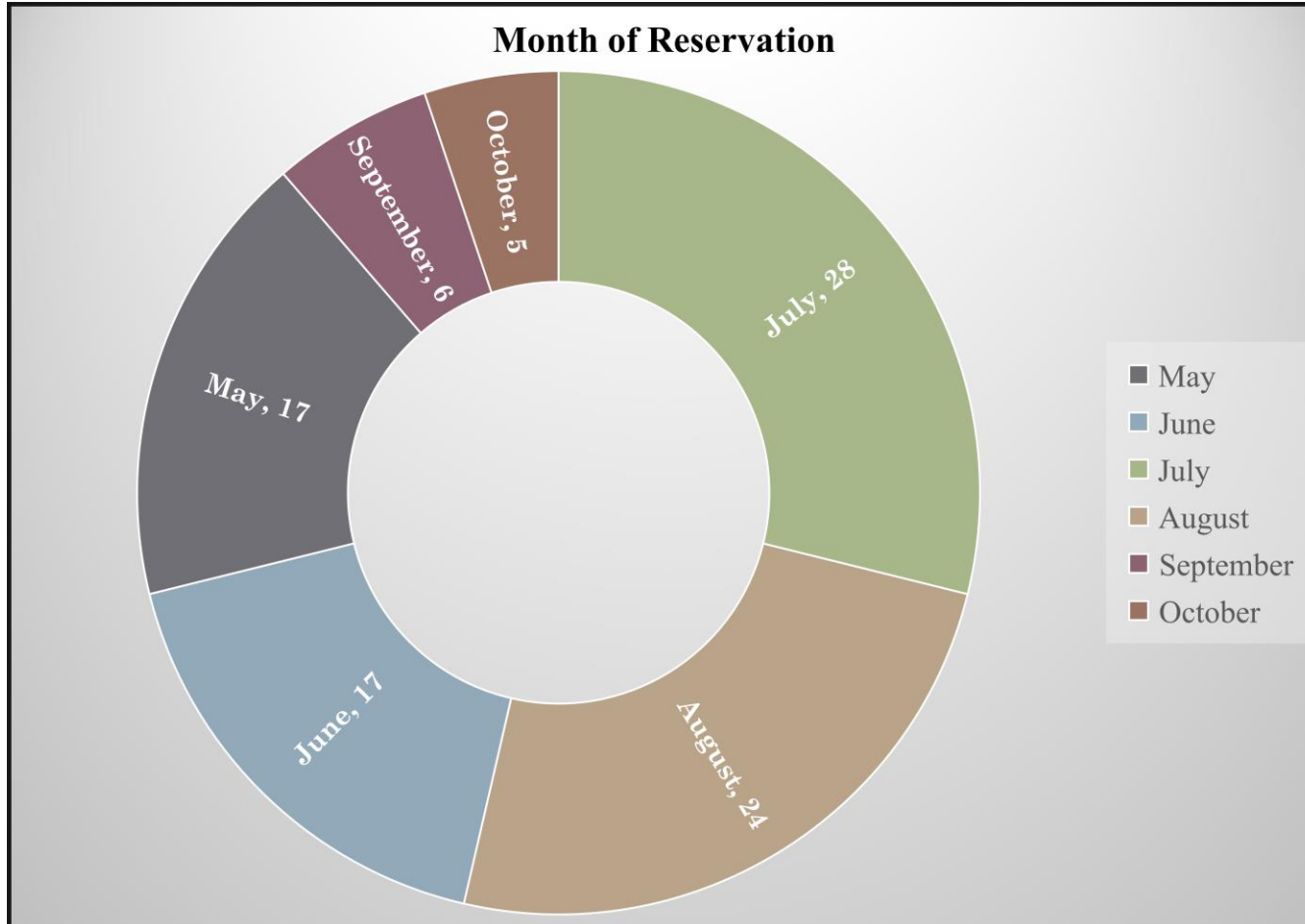


# 2022 Parks Department Shelter Reservations



\*\*\*The Clear Lake Park Beach House and Johnson Pavilion were closed the entire season.

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# 2023 Parks Department Project Preview

- Trail Projects -
  - Clear Lake Park frontage road/trail - mill & overlay
  - Highway 13 Trail Connector – NEW (Grant)
  - Doodlebug Trail – Complete mill & overlay (approximately 2,155 ft)
- Clear Lake Park Fishing Pier Installation
- Clear Lake Park Facility Improvements Wrap Up
- Clear Lake Shoreline Restoration – West Shoreline
- Emerald Ash Borer
  - Ongoing Emerald Ash Borer Program (chemical treatments with injectable insecticide, Ash tree removal, new tree plantings and maintenance)
- Park Surveillance Cameras (multi-year installation program)
- Basketball, Tennis, and Pickleball Court Maintenance (Clear Lake Park & Oak Park)
- Clear Lake -Sportsman Park Dock Replacement



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