



ELKHART PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION

Parks Related Feedback

SPP Open Comments

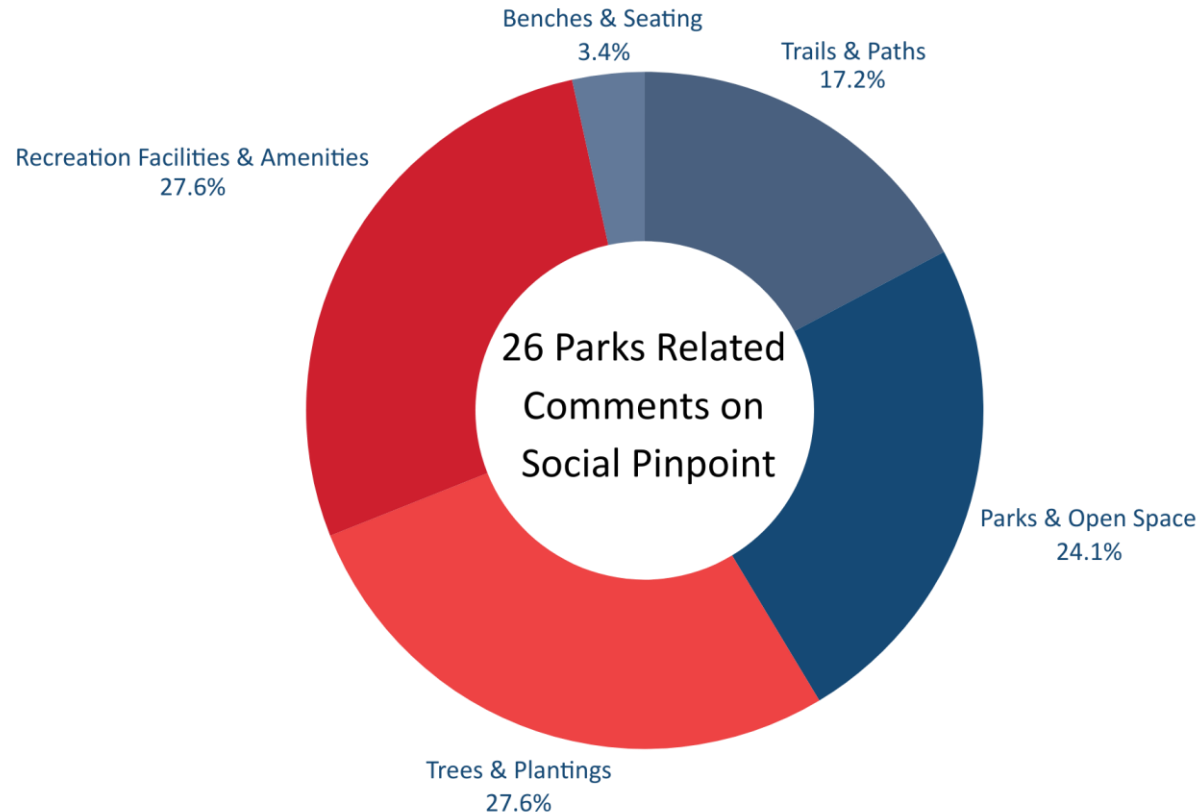
Trails & Paths: 5 (*mentions trails, bike paths, walking paths*)

Parks & Open Space: 7 (*parks, ballfields, open space*)

Trees & Plantings: 8 (*trees, greenery, plantings, gardens*)

Recreation Facilities & Amenities: 8 (*basketball courts, pickleball, splash pads, pool, play areas, restrooms, shelters, dog park, ice skating*)

Benches & Seating: 1 (*public benches for events*)



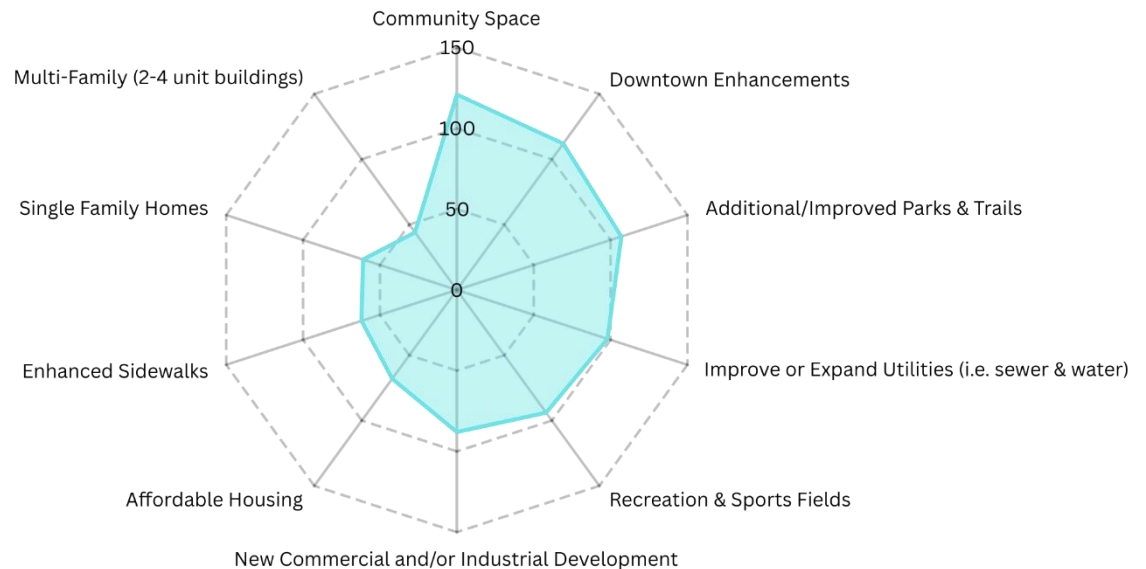
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SPP Ranking – Precedent Image Voting (weighted ranking)

Additional/Improved Parks
& Trails #3 overall

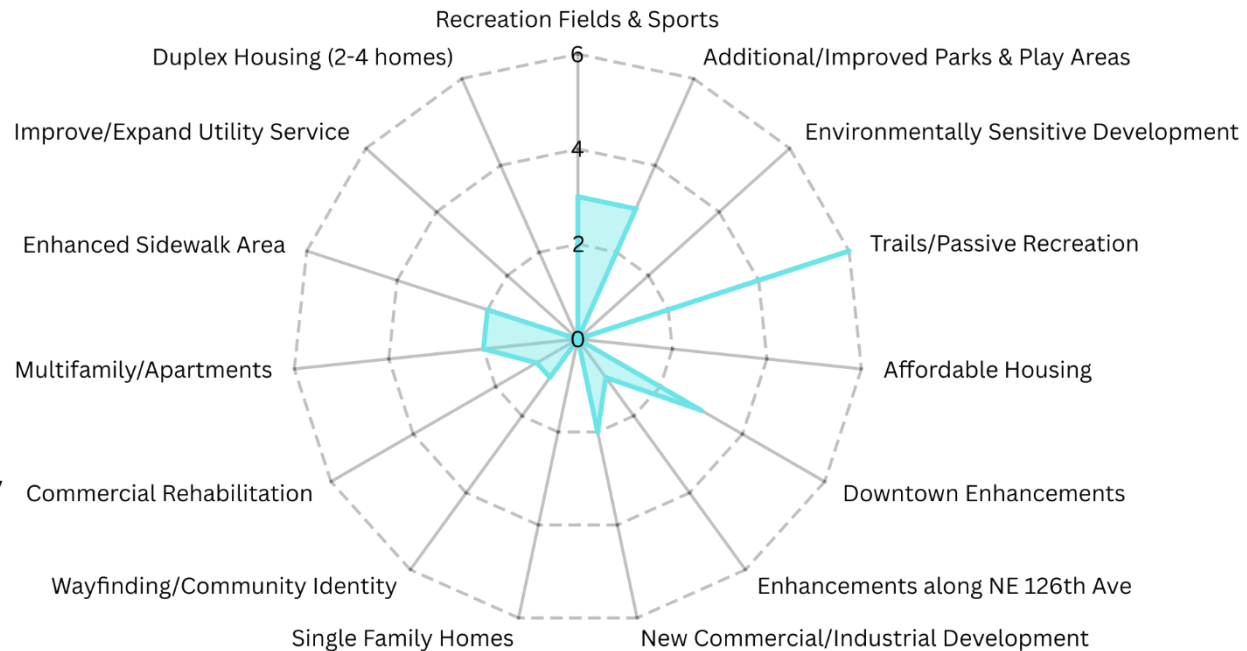
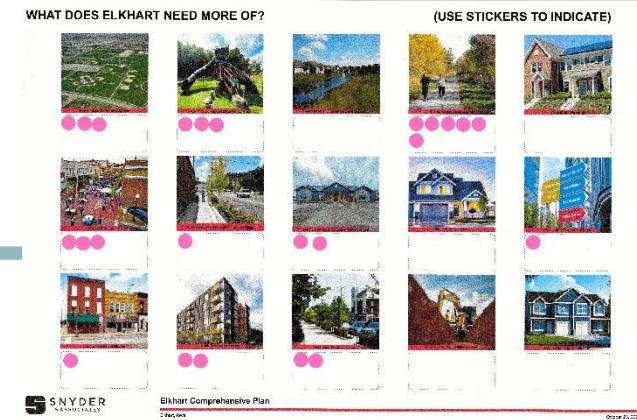
Recreation & Sports Fields
#5 overall

Combined account for
23.5% of total importance –
strong support, though
slightly behind Community
Space & Downtown
Enhancements



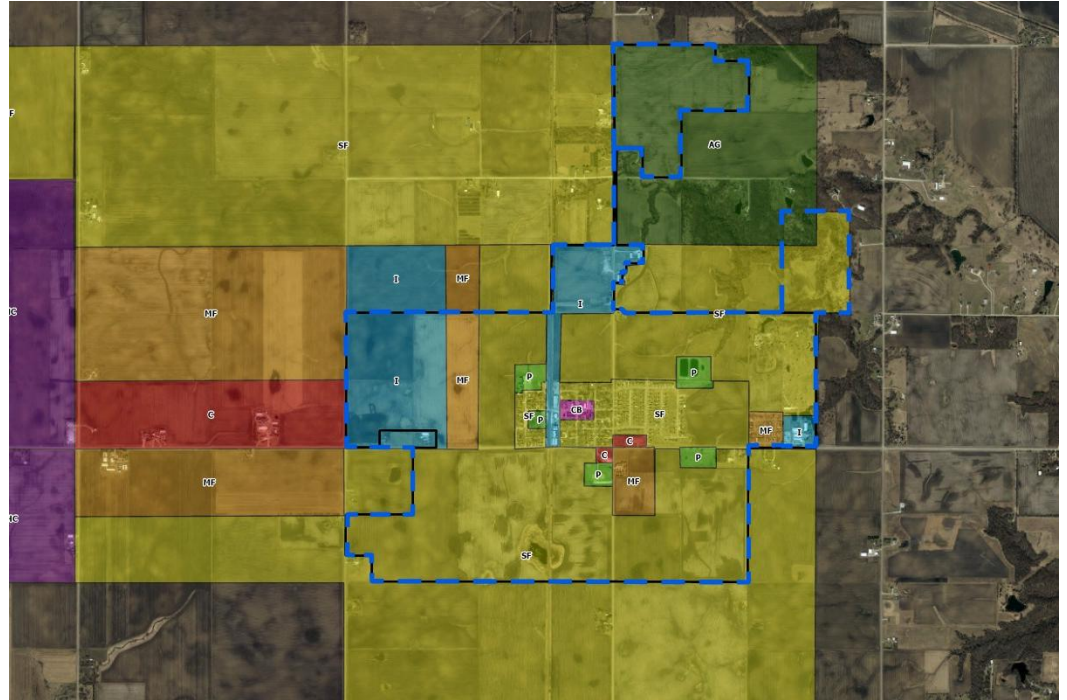
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- Trails/Passive Recreation is the clear leader on this input (25%).
- parks & trails recreation cluster accounts for half of the total weighting, indicating strong public emphasis on outdoor recreation and connectivity in this dataset.
- Downtown Enhancements tracks closely with Parks & Play Areas and Recreation Fields at 12.5%, suggesting parallel interest in center-of-town investments.



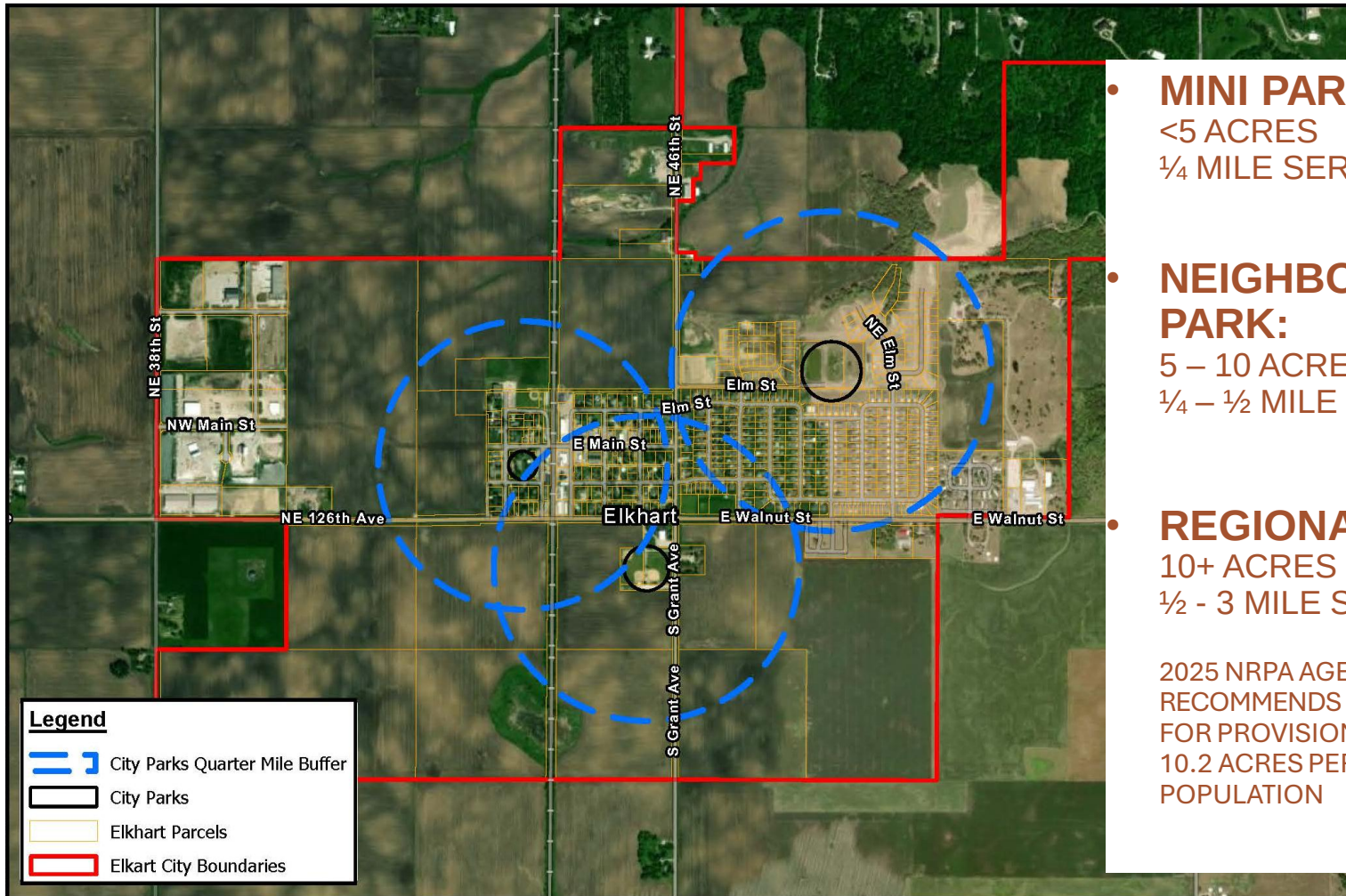
Future Parks Planning

- APPROX 22 ACRES DESIGNATED AS PARK
- 8 MILES TO THE CLOSEST HOINT TRAILHEAD
- 8 MILES TO THE CLOSEST CHICHAQUA TRAILHEAD



*2016 COMP PLAN

Future Parks Planning



- **MINI PARK:**
<5 ACRES
¼ MILE SERVICE AREA
- **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK:**
5 – 10 ACRES
¼ – ½ MILE SERVICE AREA
- **REGIONAL PARK:**
10+ ACRES
½ - 3 MILE SERVICE AREA

2025 NRPA AGENCY
RECOMMENDS NATIONAL MEDIAN
FOR PROVISION OF PARK SPACE IS
10.2 ACRES PER 1,000
POPULATION

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