# Park Assessment

## Introduction

Park properties and facilities are the physical backbone of Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation's ("CCPR") parks and recreation system. They support and facilitate programming and user experiences while creating access to recreational opportunities. It is paramount that these properties and facilities be well maintained, meet current standards, and accommodate the highest and best use. Periodic assessment of their physical condition is critical to CCPR's ability to budget and implement priority repairs and improvements in an organized and timely manner.

As part of the Master Plan, a park assessment was conducted for each park. CCPR staff and the PROS Consulting visited 15 parks, trailheads, and facilities over a two-day period in September 2023. At each location, questions were answered as to the overall strengths, challenges, and opportunities at each location, as well as each site was walked, inventoried, and assessed on the overall conditions through a park assessment form and photos.

CCPR manages one of the premier systems in the State of Indiana and Midwest and it has undergone significant updates over the last several years as a part of the "Reimagining Parks" campaign. This impactful program has improved park accessibility, safety, aesthetics, and play opportunities for the community to enjoy for years to come.

## Methodology

The site assessment form used to document each site visit included the following items/categories:

- Design and usage
- First impressions
- Access and visibility
- Site structures/amenities
- Site furnishings
- General landscape/hardscape
- Overall condition
- Any identified corrective actions needed
- Any planned capital improvements
- Strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities



Park conditions were rated using a differential scale of excellent, good, fair, or poor. The table below provides the condition descriptions utilized in this analysis.

Scale of Conditions	
Assessment Finding	General Description
Excellent	<ul> <li>Park/amenities are in excellent condition with little or no maintenance problems noted.</li> <li>Park/amenities do not have any major design issues that contribute to diminished use or maintenance.</li> </ul>
Good	<ul> <li>Park/amenities are in good condition and feature only minor maintenance problems.</li> <li>Generally, most maintenance issues with these park/amenities appear to be the result of age and/or heavy use but do not significantly affect usability.</li> <li>Park/amenities may only have minor design issues that contribute to diminished use or maintenance (i.e., drainage, structural, utilities, etc.).</li> </ul>
Fair	<ul> <li>Park/amenities are in fair condition and indicate ongoing maintenance problems.</li> <li>Generally, most maintenance issues with these park/amenities appear to be the result of age and heavy use resulting in some loss of usability.</li> <li>Some maintenance issues may be compounded over time due to deferred maintenance because of budget and/or resource limitations.</li> </ul>
Poor	<ul> <li>Park/amenities are in poor condition and clearly show ongoing maintenance problems that ultimately may result in suspended use for repair/replacement.</li> <li>Maintenance issues with these park/amenities are the result of age and heavy use, and generally are compounded over time due to chronic deferred maintenance because of budget and/or resource limitations resulting in significant loss of usability.</li> <li>Park/amenities may feature major design or safety issues that contribute to diminished use or maintenance (i.e., drainage, structural, utilities, etc.).</li> </ul>

# System Summary

The following sites were assessed:

- Carey Grove Park
- Central Park East
- Central Park North & Maintenance
- Flowing Well Park
- Founders Park
- Hazel Landing Park
- Lawrence W. Inlow Park
- Meadowlark Park

- Midtown Plaza & Monon Blvd.
- Prairie Meadow Park
- River Heritage Park
- Trailheads and Monon Greenway
- West Park
- Westermeier Commons & Central Park
   West
- White River Greenway



## Strengths

CCPR continues to balance new growth with the need to maintain what the park system already has. Staff are mindful of maintenance management needs and standards when designing new spaces to ensure the facilities and amenities get consistent attention, while minimizing downtime for park users.

Through the "Reimaging Parks" campaign, CCPR has demonstrated an intentional effort to upgrade and enhance the security, accessibility, and overall play value of parks, facilities, and amenities. This program has created parks, facilities, and amenities that continue to be a destination experience for not only Carmel/Clay residents but visitors from across Hamilton County and even Central Indiana.

CCPR also strives to be a model agency when it comes to their efforts to promote stewardship of parks and natural spaces within their community. The CCPR Adopt-a-Park and volunteer outreach continues to build their volunteer network and educates residents on what is needed to maintain parks to the high level of service that is expected by the community.

# Challenges

PROS Consulting recommends that CCPR continue to refine their existing *maintenance standards and planned maintenance program* regularly to ensure new builds stay at the level of service that is expected. Aging infrastructure including pavement repair and replacement, drainage repair, irrigation replacement, and fencing are all areas that should consistently be programmed into a capital replacement program for the annual budget for CCPR to minimize maintenance backlogs.

In addition, as the park system continues to evolve, CCPR leadership should continue to assess opportunities to add maintenance and natural resources staff and determine how storage needs for equipment and supplies can be addressed. *Creating "satellite" storage facilities* throughout the park system can address storage needs and minimize drive time for staff.

CCPR staff have identified the need for playground surfacing repair or upgrades in certain properties. They will also be exploring alternatives for certain play features to ensure these spaces stay current with playground safety standards and regulations.

While vandalism of parks and public spaces is currently not an issue, there is new technology consistently being developed to combat this issue. CCPR has indicated that they intend to add to their current security network with additional cameras and upgrading restrooms with automatic locks to deter undesirable use after the park closes. This technology requires the right infrastructure and CCPR has identified the need for more consistent internet connection along greenways and in more remote areas through fiber service.

Lastly, CCPR continues to battle invasive species in their parks and natural spaces. The existing natural resources management plan should be consistently evaluated to ensure staff have the necessary resources and strategies for arboriculture, horticulture, invasive, and waterway management.



# **Opportunities**

Through engagement with CCPR staff, several opportunities rose to the top for the park system over the next three to five years:

- New technology enables CCPR to better understand where users are coming from and the frequency of use through people counters at facilities, upgraded surveillance systems to help mitigate increasing costs that come from vandalism repair, as well as continuing to update all restrooms to automatic locs.
- Several properties can be expanded to include new park facilities, amenities, and connection opportunities which would address growing demand for park usage in Carmel/Clay. CCPR staff will be focusing on completing master plans for undeveloped properties over the next few years.
- Increasing accessibility to park users of all abilities should be a focus for aging parks and play spaces.
- Consider the addition of two (2) Natural Resource Technician positions to manage invasive species and restoration projects, as well as supporting volunteer stewardship projects.





# Flowing Well Park

Location: 5100 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Size: 17.47 acres

#### **Design and Usage**

Clas	sification	Prir	nary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other <s in="" system)<="" th="" the=""></s>
	Pocket Park		Winter		Неаvy
	Neighborhood Park	$\boxtimes$	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate
	Community Park	$\boxtimes$	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	$\times$	Fall		Rare
	Othor				

⊠ Other

## **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	хсе	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												40	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	۱.
🖂 Major	Well maintained /	High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately
Secondary Arteriar	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access	Slight visibility		accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No			Not
	Access	No visibility		accessible
□ Waterfront access				
Other:				



Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Р	oor	•	Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Total Score												28	

## **Overall Condition**

🗆 Poor 🛛 🗆 Fair	🗆 Good	⊠ Excellent
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- General Notes
  - The recent park master plan and renovations included a new restroom that follows the same design standard as other restrooms in the system. The restroom locks automatically on a timer.
  - The park is accessible through a new trailhead on the west side of the park off Gray Rd.
  - The addition of board walk in park in recent renovation has great aesthetics and CCPR should consider the addition of more in low areas of the trail prone to flooding or erosion.
- Challenges
  - Community moving mid to large stones that prevent erosion from the banks to Cool
     Creek to make dams. Staff spend a lot of time cleaning these from the streambed.
     CCPR has added signage throughout asking the community to not move the rocks.
  - Community washing dirty feet off at the Flowing Well. CCPR has added a foot washing station.
  - Regular ongoing management of invasive species and restoration.
- Opportunities
  - CCPR is considering creating a "dedicated" dam building area, with interpretive signage to educate the public, for play.
  - Upgrade the white walkway fencing at the Flowing Well.
  - Update pavers at the Flowing Well.
  - Adding cellular people counter at the park versus the current one that must be downloaded manually.
  - Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Consider the addition of two (2) Natural Resource Technician positions to manage invasive species and restoration projects, as well as supporting volunteer stewardship projects.





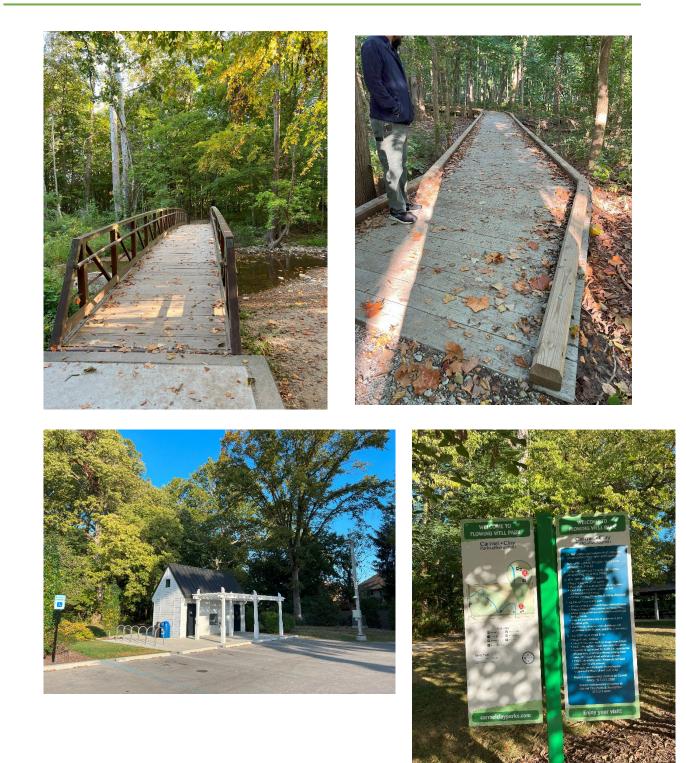














# **Founders Park**

#### Location: 11675 Hazel Dell Parkway

#### Size: 35.49 acres

#### **Design and Usage**

Clas	sification	Prir	mary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other ks in the system)
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy
	Neighborhood Park	X	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate
$\boxtimes$	Community Park	X	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	X	Fall		Rare
	Other				

□ Other

## **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		God	bd	Ε	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Total Score												34	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
<ul> <li>Major</li> <li>Thoroughfare</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Well maintained / Reliable Access</li> </ul>	□ High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly accessible
Secondary Arterial	<ul> <li>Moderately maintained</li> <li>/ Variable Access</li> </ul>	☑ Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately Accessible
Private road/easement	<ul> <li>Slightly maintained / Unreliable Access</li> </ul>	□ Slight visibility		Slightly accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No Access	No visibility		Not accessible
□ Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре		Cumulative Condition								1		Score	Comment/Notes
	Ро	or		Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Multi-Use Fields	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Playgrounds	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Wilfong Pavilion	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Total Score												46	

## Overall Condition

🗆 Poor 🛛 🖓 Fair 🛛 🖾 Good 🖓 Excellent				
	Poor	🗆 Fair	🛛 Good	Excellent

- General Notes
  - CCPR has recently upgraded its security systems, including video, at the park.
- Challenges
  - Parking lot in need of full repave.
  - Irrigation at multi-purpose fields has had many breaks recently.
  - Keeping up with invasive species around the pond, wellhead area, and other natural areas.
  - Sand in playground has caused the playground surface to not reach lifecycle due abrasion from sand.
  - Wall surrounding playground is failing due to settling.
- Opportunities
  - Repave parking lot.
  - Add cattle gate to the service entrance.
  - The addition of a pier/boardwalk around the pond.
  - Improve viewshed from the Wilfong Pavilion to the pond.
  - Convert bus parking lot as does not receive a lot of use.
  - Consideration of a reuse of the one of the soccer fields to another amenity/facility of need by the community.
  - Reinvest in new irrigation infrastructure due to the age of system.
  - Reimagine the playground as it is now the oldest in the system and needs a new surface and wall.
  - o Add a unisex restroom to the shelter.
  - Upgrade park entry sign to current standard
  - Update tile in the entryway of the Wilfong Pavilion, as well as replace the door closure to the men's restroom. Ceiling tile in the main pavilion needs some cosmetic repairs, as well as new lighting. The exterior of pavilion has some wood that is rotting this needs replacement.





- $\circ$   $\;$  Improve sidewalk to maintenance storage area to allow easier access by UTV.
- $\circ$   $\;$  Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Continue to add automatic locking restrooms throughout the system.





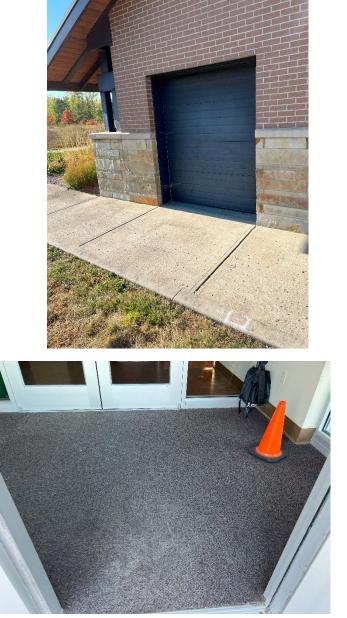








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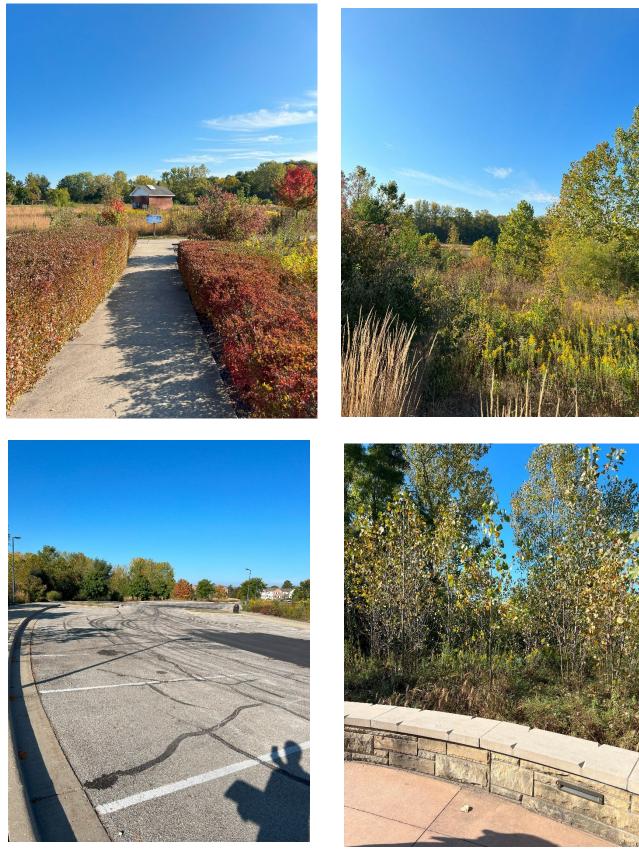














# Hazel Landing Park

#### Location: 10601 Hazel Dell Parkway

#### Size: 93.11 acres

#### **Design and Usage**

Clas	ssification	Pri	mary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other ks in the system)
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy
	Neighborhood Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate
	Community Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	$\times$	Fall		Rare
	Othor				

⊠ Other

## **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulative Condition											Comment/Notes
	Ро	or		Fa	nir		Goo	bd	E	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Total Score												27	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	l l
🗌 Major	$\Box$ Well maintained /	High visibility		Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility	$\boxtimes$	Moderately
Secondary Arteria	/ Variable Access			Accessible
🛛 Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access			accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No	No visibility		Not
	Access			accessible
☑ Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре		Cumulative Condition											Comment/Notes
	Р	oor	•	Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Disc Golf Course	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Total Score												18	

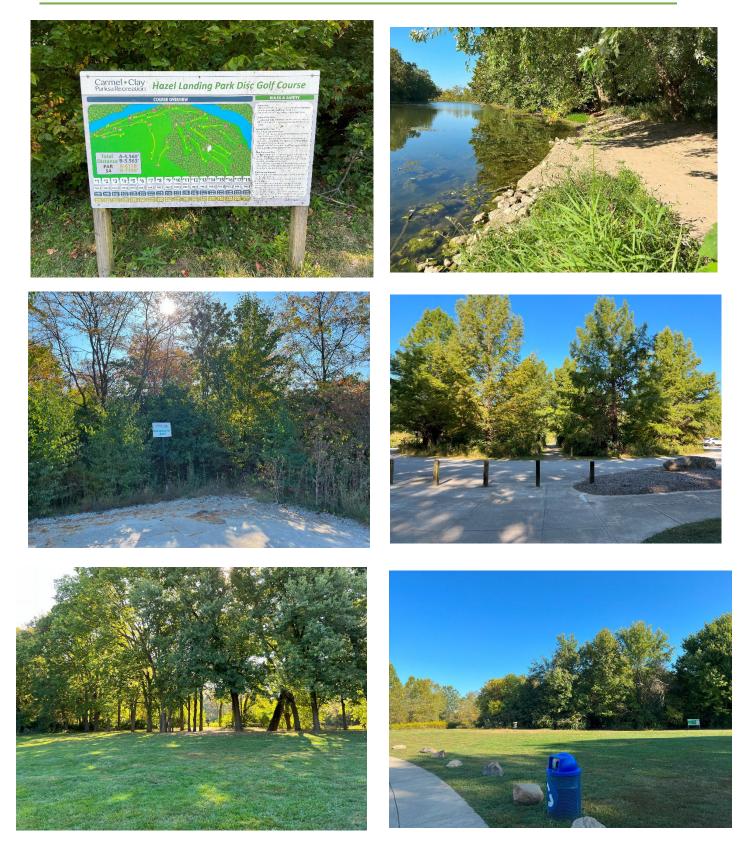
## **Overall Condition**

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- General Notes
  - CCPR adding new trail head near entrance as part of White River Pedestrian Bridge and White River Greenway connection.
  - Addition of bridge over river in the planning stage to connect across the White River to Fishers.
  - o Gravel road off from Hazell Dell Parkway must stay due to utilities.
  - Park is prone to seasonal flooding from the White River based on its location predominately within the floodway.
  - The 18-hole disc golf course is widely considered as one of the best in the State of Indiana.
  - CCPR has a great partnership with the Hamilton Disc Golf Union, as they have a lot of events at the disc golf course located in the park. The partnership has a good written agreement, as well as great coordination on events with CCPR operations staff.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The park is very clean, and the users are good at picking up trash.
- Challenges
  - Flooding and the limitation of infrastructure.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Regular ongoing management of invasive species and restoration.
- Opportunities
  - Addition of rental canoe/kayak station.
  - Update the current canoe/kayak launch to one that is more ADA accessible.
  - Expanding parking by clearing out circular drive area that is full of vegetation.
  - Bollard replacement in parking areas from wood to stone.
  - Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Master Plan the park within 3 years.









# **River Heritage Park**

Location: 11813 River Road

#### Size: 40 acres

#### **Design and Usage**

Clas	sification	Pri	mary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to other parks in the system)				
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy			
	Neighborhood Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate			
$\boxtimes$	Community Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Summer		Light			
	Special Use Park	$\times$	Fall		Rare			
	Other							

□ Other

## **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulat	ive Condit	ion	Score	Comment/Notes
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Visual aesthetics	0 1	234	5 6 7	8 <b>9</b> 10	9	
Branding	0 1	2 3 4	5 6 7	8 <b>9</b> 10	9	
Main Entrance	0 1	2 3 4	5 6 7	8 <b>9</b> 10	9	
Safety*	0 1	2 3 4	567	8 9 <b>10</b>	10	
Total Score					37	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
🗌 Major	Well maintained /	High visibility		Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility	$\boxtimes$	Moderately
	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access			accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No	No visibility		Not
	Access			accessible
☑ Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Poor		•	Fair			Good			Excellent			
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	
Amphitheater	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Playgrounds	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Volleyball Pit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												47	

## **Overall Condition**

🗆 Poor 🛛 🗆 Fair 🔤 Go	od 🛛 🖾 Excellent

- General Notes
  - The park was recently master planned to include many new ADA accessible play features and an ADA accessible boardwalk trail, along with two new ADA accessible overlooks of the White River.
  - The rentable shelter receives a lot of use. Explore the addition of more small shelters due to capacity.
  - This park has the only sand volleyball courts in the park system.
  - Have added additional benches along the boardwalk and animal proof trash cans to keep unwanted wildlife out.
- Challenges
  - Dirt parking lot.
  - Invasive trees along the boardwalk in the woods.
  - The restrooms need replacement.
- Opportunities
  - Explore opportunities for expansion of the park.
  - The front area of park needs a master plan from the entrance to the shelters, restroom, and parking lot areas.
  - The park could be one that looks to add pickleball courts and/or pump track.
  - Enhance the parking lot to be more ADA Accessible as part of the new master plan.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Master Plan the park within 3 years.



















## Lawrence W. Inlow Park

Location: 6310 E. Main Street

#### Size: 16.37 acres

## Design and Usage

Clas	ssification	Pri	mary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to other parks in the system)				
	Pocket Park		Winter	$\boxtimes$	Heavy			
	Neighborhood Park	$\boxtimes$	Spring		Moderate			
$\boxtimes$	Community Park	$\boxtimes$	Summer		Light			
	Special Use Park	$\boxtimes$	Fall		Rare			
	Othor							

□ Other

## **First Impressions**

Туре			C	um	ulat	ive	Со	ndit	ion			Score	Comment/Notes
	Poor			Fair			Good		E	Excellent			
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												40	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA
Major	Well maintained /		Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access	High visibility	accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility	Moderately
Secondary Arteria	/ Variable Access		Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access	Slight visibility	accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No		Not
	Access	No visibility	accessible
Waterfront access			
□ Other:			



Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Р	Poor		Fair			Good		Excellent				
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Pickleball Courts	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Playgrounds	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Splashpad	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Disc Golf Course	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												70	

# **Overall Condition**

Poor	🗆 Fair	🗆 Good	🛛 Excellent

- General Notes
  - Inlow Park receives a lot of use.
  - Inlow Park recently had its master plan implemented.
  - In the process of removing Cottonwood trees near the splashpad due to them causing issues with the pumps.
- Challenges
  - Invasive vegetation.
  - Drainage along sidewalk near the splashpad.
  - Playground surfacing has been replaced multiple times due to improper installation.
  - Establishing native and turf vegetation where public chooses to trample.
- Opportunities
  - Fencing from the playground to parking lots should be considered at Inlow Park, Westermeier Commons, and at Carey Grove Park.
  - Evaluate the safety of the splashpad slide. CCPR has made safety enhancements since installation.
  - Evaluate the safety of the water table in the smaller child area of the splashpad.
  - o Explore additional shade structures around the splashpad and the surrounding benches.
  - Add decorative fencing between the parking lot and the playgrounds for the safety of users and to protect the vegetation.
  - o Consider a new pathway between the different play features and the splashpad.
  - Explore replacement of kiddie table water feature in the splashpad to deter unwanted play or standing on the tables.
  - Replace play turf pathway on playground pod 3.























## **Meadowlark Park**

Location: 450 Meadow Lane

Size: 18.59 acres

## Design and Usage

Clas	ssification	Pri	mary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to other parks in the system)				
	Pocket Park		Winter	$\boxtimes$	Heavy			
	Neighborhood Park	$\boxtimes$	Spring		Moderate			
$\boxtimes$	Community Park	$\boxtimes$	Summer		Light			
	Special Use Park	$\boxtimes$	Fall		Rare			
	Other							

□ Other

## **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	Poor Fai			Fair			Good		хсе	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												40	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	<b>L</b>
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Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately
Secondary Arteria	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /			Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access	Slight visibility		accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No			Not
	Access	No visibility		accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Р	Poor		Fair			Good		E	Excellent			
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Basketball Courts	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Playgrounds	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Pickleball Courts	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Total Score												59	

## **Overall Condition**

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	Ll Poor	L rali	Ll Good	🖾 Excellent

- General Notes
  - Meadowlark recently had its master plan implemented, which has resulted in a whole new recreation experience at the park.
  - Addition of new ADA accessible fishing pier, at the IDNR stocked fishing pond.
- Challenges
  - Invasive species along creek bed and within wooded areas, which includes a lot of honeysuckle.
- Opportunities
  - CCPR to consider reinforcing the existing fencing around the pickleball courts, as the Acoustifence sound barrier is heavy and pulling on the existing fence.
  - Consider replacing or refurbishing bridges that are nearing the end of their useful life.
  - Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Pursue land acquisition on land surrounding Meadowlark Park.























# **Carey Grove Park**

Location: 14001 N. Carey Road

Size: 5.8 acres

### Design and Usage

Clas	sification	Pri	mary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to other parks in the system)				
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy			
$\boxtimes$	Neighborhood Park	$\boxtimes$	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate			
	Community Park	$\boxtimes$	Summer		Light			
	Special Use Park	$\boxtimes$	Fall		Rare			
	Other							

□ Other

## **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	Poor Fai			Fair			Good		хсе	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												40	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
🗌 Major	$\boxtimes$ Well maintained /	🛛 High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately
	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access			accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No	No visibility		Not
	Access			accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Poor		•	Fair			Good		Exceller		ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Basketball Court	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Playgrounds	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												50	

## **Overall Condition**

🗆 Poor 🔹 🖾 Fair 🔅 🖾 Good 🖾 Excelle	ent
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- General Notes
  - Carey Grove Park recently had its master plan implemented, which has resulted in a whole new recreation experience at the park.
  - One (1) rentable shelter and one (1) non-rentable community shelter.
  - Current loop trail is well used.
  - Going to be replanting trees in the fall.
  - The current basketball court is well used by the community.
  - Increased parking as part of the updated master plan along with an automatic locking restroom.
- Challenges
  - Vegetation in landscape beds is being trampled from parking lot.
- Opportunities
  - Fencing from the playground to parking lots should be considered at Inlow Park, Westermeier Commons, and at Carey Grove Park.
  - In between the two playgrounds, add umbrellas to the tables to increase shade opportunities.
  - $\circ$  Update landscape beds in the southeast corner of the park that are either thin or bare.
  - Install fencing in the northern area of the drainage detention area.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Add network connectivity to the parks, as it is currently not connected.
  - Replant trees that have been lost.



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## Midtown Plaza & Monon Boulevard

Location: 365 Monon Blvd.

Size: .3 acres

#### **Design and Usage**

Classification	Primary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to other parks in the system)			
Pocket Park	🛛 Winter	🖂 Heavy			
Neighborhood Park	K 🛛 Spring	Moderate			
Community Park	🖂 Summer	🗆 Light			
Special Use Park	🖂 Fall	🗆 Rare			
- Other					

□ Other

## **First Impressions**

Туре	Cumulative Condition								ion			Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		God	bd	E	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Total Score												36	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
<ul> <li>Major</li> <li>Thoroughfare</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Well maintained / Reliable Access</li> </ul>	⊠ High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly accessible
Secondary Arterial	<ul> <li>Moderately maintained</li> <li>/ Variable Access</li> </ul>	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately Accessible
Private road/easement	<ul> <li>Slightly maintained / Unreliable Access</li> </ul>	□ Slight visibility		Slightly accessible
☑ Trail connection	Not maintained / No Access	No visibility		Not accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре	Cumulative Condition									1		Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor	•	Fa	air		Good		E	Excellent			
Outdoor games	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Splash Pad	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Playground	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Total Score												27	

## **Overall Condition**

🗆 Poor 🛛 🗆 Fair	🗆 Good	🛛 Excellent
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- General Notes
  - City completed the master plan and construction of Midtown Plaza and Monon Boulevard. CCPR receives funding from the City of Carmel for the operations and maintenance of the Monon Greenway, including the plaza. The city oversees any special events that take place in the area.
- Challenges
  - Splashpad has been operationally challenging, as it is not consistently operational and uses a lot of staff resources for upkeep.
  - The playground does not appear to meet safety guidelines for fall zones and the playground may not meet lifecycle due to the weather and usage.
  - The roof over Bench Swing is fading and in need of replacement.
  - Enhanced landscape ground maintenance is needed along the Monon Boulevard, as areas need to be redone as settling has occurred.
  - There is a drainage issue in front of the viewing screen in Midtown Plaza.
  - Furniture with cushions in Midtown Plaza in need of replacement.
- Opportunities
  - Replace the drainage in front of the video screen to pour in place or turf.
  - Replace furniture with options that are more durable and easier to keep clean without cushions and without real wood because of greasy food and drink environment that stains.
  - Replace umbrellas where feasible with permanent structures to minimize the need to put up or down based on weather.
  - $\circ$  Look for an alternative for the existing swing/benches in Midtown Plaza.
  - Replace splashpad to a non-recirculating splashpad.
  - Replace trash cans in the plaza, as well as along the Monon Greenway, to make it easier to service and reduce impacts of weather.
  - Add speed limit signage along the Monon Greenway.

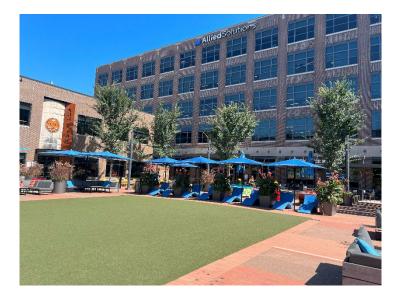




- Consider adding fencing to the playground area to separate it from the Monon Greenway, as it touches the Greenway boundary for a safer experience for both user groups.
- Replace some of the landscaping surfaces that are made of migrating decomposed granite to a less messy unitary surface.
- Overall System Strategy
  - CCPR and City need a new management agreement for the Monon Greenway to incorporate recent improvements within the Central Core, including Midtown Plaza and Monon Boulevard.











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# West Park

Location: 2700 W. 116<sup>th</sup> Street

Size: 120.57 acres

# Design and Usage

Classification	Primary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to other parks in the system)				
Pocket Park	Winter	🖾 Heavy				
Neighborhood Park	🖂 Spring	Moderate				
Community Park	🛛 Summer	🗆 Light				
Special Use Park	🖂 Fall	🗆 Rare				
M Degianal Dark						

⊠ Regional Park

# **First Impressions**

Туре	Cumulative Condition											Score	Comment/Notes
	P	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	хсе	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												39	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	1
🛛 Major	Well maintained /	⊠ High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately
	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access	Slight visibility		accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No			Not
	Access	No visibility		accessible
□ Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре	Cumulative Condition									1		Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor	•	Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Splash Pad	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Playgrounds	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Perelman Pavilion	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												60	

# Overall Condition

□ Poor □ Fair □ Good ⊠ Excellent	

- General Notes
  - CCPR is currently in the process of implementation of the approved master plan for West Park. Any additional capital dollars should follow its implementation.
  - West Park is the largest park on the west side of Carmel, as well as one of two Regional Parks in CCPR's inventory.
  - West Park receives a lot of usage from the community and any future expansion should include connectivity to existing trail corridors, as well as to the northside trail expansion and to the school across the street.
  - West Park has a great boardwalk over the water that allows access to fishing opportunities.
  - The Jill Perelman Pavilion hosts Carmel Clay Park's Summer Camp Series, Extended School Enrichment School's Out Camps, and recreation programs for the community.
- Challenges
  - Public accessing the splashpad wall cladding by climbing over the safety fencing.
  - Lack of available maintenance storage for equipment and UTV.
  - Expansion of recreational amenities has created additional staffing needs.
  - Regular ongoing management of invasive species and restoration.
- Opportunities
  - Consider adding additional landscaping near wall cladding to deter the public from entering areas they should not be.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Expand the playground in the Jim Engledow Commons in West Park.
  - Consider adding two (2) additional shelters. The three (3) existing shelters have been renovated and there are three (3) under construction.
  - Add pour in place in the dedicated swing area instead of the existing mulch.
  - Add signage at the Swing and Hammock Grove.
  - Explore the opportunity to expand the Prairie Maze.





- Explore the addition of a maintenance facility on the west side of the park.
- $\circ$   $\;$  Add dedicated staff to West Park to manage day-to-day operations.
- Continue implementing current master plan, especially within the western undeveloped section of The Groves.
- Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Potential for west side dog park development.

























# **Prairie Meadow Park**

Location: 5282 Ivy Hill Drive

Size: 4.54 acres

### Design and Usage

Clas	ssification	Priı	mary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other ks in the system)
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy
	Neighborhood Park	$\times$	Spring		Moderate
	Community Park	$\times$	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	$\times$	Fall	$\boxtimes$	Rare
	Other				

⊠ Other

# **First Impressions**

Туре	Cumulative Condition											Score	Comment/Notes
	P	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Total Score												23	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
□ Major	Well maintained /	High visibility		Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access	<u> </u>		accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility	$\boxtimes$	Moderately
	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access			accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No	No visibility		Not
	Access			accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре		Cumulativ	ve Condit	ion	Score	Comment/Notes
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Trails	0 1 2	2 3 4	5 <b>6</b> 7	8 9 10	6	
Total Score					6	

### **Overall Condition**

□ Poor
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- General Notes
  - Prairie Meadow Park was developed from 1997-1998. This small park is between the Plum Creek North and Delaware Trace subdivisions.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  More than three quarters of this 5-acre park is native prairie.
  - A quarter mile paved trail wraps around the park, and a few walking trails are mowed throughout the native prairie.
- Challenges
  - Invasive species pressure from surrounding residential seed sources makes management abundant and within the well head proximity is challenging.
- Opportunities
  - Seal coat loop trail around the property.
- Overall System Strategy
  - o N/A





# White River Greenway

#### Size: 19.72 acres

# Design and Usage

Clas	ssification	Prir	mary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to other parks in the system)				
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy			
	Neighborhood Park	$\times$	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate			
	Community Park	$\boxtimes$	Summer		Light			
	Special Use Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Fall		Rare			
	Other							

⊠ Other

### **First Impressions**

Туре	Cumulative Condition											Score	<u>Comment/Notes</u>
	Р	oor		Fa	air		God	bd	Ε	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												32	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

# **Access and Visibility**

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
Major	🛛 Well maintained /			Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access	High visibility		accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility	$\boxtimes$	Moderately
Secondary Arteria	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /			Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access	Slight visibility		accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No	No visibility		Not
Trail connection	Access	No visibility		accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				

# Site Structures/Amenities

Туре	Cumulati	ve Condition	<u>Score</u>	Comment/Notes
	Poor Fair	Good Excellent		
Trails	0 1 2 3 4	567 <b>8</b> 910	8	
Total Score			8	



# **Overall Condition**

🗆 Poor	🗆 Fair	🛛 Good	Excellent

- General Notes
  - The existing portion of the White River Greenway was developed in 1998-1999.
  - This trail is in the very northeastern part of Carmel and is undergoing expansion to the north.
  - The mile-long asphalt trail winds through wooded acres parallel with the White River.
- Challenges
  - Land acquisition or easements needed to expand trail south of River Heritage Park.
  - Regular ongoing management of invasive species and restoration.
- Opportunities
  - CCPR should focus on the expansion and finishing of the linkages of the White River Greenway.
  - The White River Greenway is planned for construction within the year to include a trailhead with restrooms and parking.
  - There is an opportunity to expand the trail to an overlook.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Complete a new branding plan for signage throughout the eastern portion of the city calling out the White River Greenway location and trailheads.







# Vera J. Hinshaw Park & Preserve

#### Location: 1455 Windpump Way

#### Size: 11.73 acres

#### **Design and Usage**

Clas	sification	Pri	mary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to othe parks in the system)				
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy			
	Neighborhood Park	$\times$	Spring		Moderate			
	Community Park	$\times$	Summer	$\boxtimes$	Light			
	Special Use Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Fall		Rare			
	Other							

⊠ Other

# **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulative Condition											Comment/Notes
	P	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	
Total Score												20	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
🗌 Major	☑ Well maintained /	High visibility		Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately
Secondary Arteria	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility	$\boxtimes$	Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access			accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No	No visibility		Not
	Access			accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре			C	ùm	ula	tive	Со	ndit	ion			Score	Comment/Notes
	Р	oor	•	Fa	air		Go	od	E	хсе	ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Total Score												14	

# **Overall Condition**

🗆 Poor 🛛 🗆 Fair	🖾 Good	Excellent
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- General Notes
  - The Vera J. Hinshaw Park & Preserve is 11.73 acres including neighborhood access through the park area to the Monon Greenway and an adjacent undeveloped nature preserve located east of the Monon Greenway, just north of the Monon South Trailhead.
- Challenges
  - $\circ$  Invasive species removal.
- Opportunities
  - New signage is needed at the park.
  - Make refinements to landscape beds and bike racks bordering the Monon Greenway.
  - Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Update signage at parks and greenways that are not on brand.



# Lenape Trace Park

#### Location: 9602 Westfield Boulevard

Size: 4.53 acres

### **Design and Usage**

Clas	ssification	Priı	mary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to othe parks in the system)				
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy			
	Neighborhood Park	$\times$	Spring		Moderate			
	Community Park	$\times$	Summer	$\boxtimes$	Light			
	Special Use Park	$\times$	Fall		Rare			
	Other							

⊠ Other

# **First Impressions**

Туре			C	um	ulat	ive	Со	ndit	ion				<u>Score</u>	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	хсе	ellen	t		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		6	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		6	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		6	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		10	
Total Score													28	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	l l
🗌 Major	$\boxtimes$ Well maintained /	High visibility		Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility	$\boxtimes$	Moderately
	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access			accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No	No visibility		Not
	Access			accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре			C	Cum	ula	tive	Со	ndit	ion			Score	Comment/Notes
	Р	oor		Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Total Score												15	

# **Overall Condition**

🗆 Poor 🛛 🖾 Fair 🖾 Good 🖓 Excellent
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- General Notes
  - Lenape Trace Park was developed in 2001 2002. This 4.53-acre park is set at the corner of 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Westfield Blvd., where Carmel and Indianapolis meet.
  - Park has a 0.75-mile trail that connects to the Monon Greenway.
- Challenges
  - Invasive species removal.
  - Management agreement for path from park to Monon Greenway. Bridge does not support CCPR UTV access (too narrow) for regular maintenance access, snow removal, etc.
  - No visible parking lot for visitors.
- Opportunities
  - New signage is needed at the park.
  - Repave connecting trail to the Monon Greenway.
  - Evaluate a new bridge that is accessible for CCPR maintenance vehicles.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Update signage at parks and greenways that are not on brand.



# Monon Greenway and Trailheads

Location: 96<sup>th</sup> North to 146<sup>th</sup> Street

Size: 25.84 acres

### **Design and Usage**

Classification		Priı	mary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other ks in the system)
	Pocket Park	$\boxtimes$	Winter	$\boxtimes$	Heavy
	Neighborhood Park	$\times$	Spring		Moderate
	Community Park	$\times$	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	$\times$	Fall		Rare
	Othor				

⊠ Other

# **First Impressions**

Туре			C	um	ulat	ive	Со	ndit	ion			Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	хсе	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												37	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
🛛 Major	Well maintained /	☑ High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately
	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /	Slight visibility		Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access			accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No			Not
	Access	No visibility		accessible
□ Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре	Cumulative Condition				Score	Comment/Notes
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Trails	0 1 2	3 4	567	8 9 <b>10</b>	10	
Total Score					10	

### **Overall Condition**

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- General Notes
  - The Monon Greenway is an asphalt trail that stretches from the town of Sheridan south to downtown Indianapolis. Carmel's section runs 5.2 miles from 146th Street to 96th Street.
  - There are trailheads and parking lots at Rohrer Road, 96th Street, and a recently developed trailhead in Central Park.
  - Recent renovations of all the trailhead restrooms to same as the recently constructed one at the Monon Community Center.
  - Recently refinished parking lots at the 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Rohrer Road trailheads.
  - Fencing along the greenway has been improved.
- Challenges
  - Invasive species along the Monon Greenway.
  - Aging signage infrastructure.
  - Heavy use limits access for maintenance.
  - Vegetation corridor and tree canopy offers excellent shade and aesthetic through much of Carmel but requires regular attention for dead/dying trees and limbs.
- Opportunities
  - Convert the information boards to digital at 96th Street and Rohrer Road trailheads like the recently constructed one at Central Park when internet access is available at the sites.
  - Update signage along the Monon Greenway and update at the 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Rohrer Road trailheads to be consistent.
  - Add fiber to all trailheads to ensure that they are connected to the overall CCPR network to allow for reliable camera connections and better control of electronic door locks.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Update signage at parks and greenways that are not on brand.





















# Westermeier Commons

# Design and Usage

Clas	ssification	Prii	mary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other ks in the system)
	Pocket Park		Winter	$\boxtimes$	Heavy
	Neighborhood Park	$\times$	Spring		Moderate
	Community Park	$\times$	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Fall		Rare
$\boxtimes$	Regional Park				

# **First Impressions**

Туре			C	um	ulat	ive	Со	ndit	ion			Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												40	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	<b>\</b>
🗌 Major	🛛 Well maintained /	⊠ High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately
	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /			Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access	Slight visibility		accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No			Not
	Access	No visibility		accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре		Cumulati	ve Condit	ion	Score	Comment/Notes
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Shelters	0 1 2	234	567	8 9 <b>10</b>	10	
Restrooms	0 1 2	234	567	8 9 <b>10</b>	10	
Playgrounds	0 1 2	234	567	8 9 <b>10</b>	10	
Splash Pad	0 1 2	234	567	8 9 <b>10</b>	10	
Trails	0 1 2	234	567	8 9 <b>10</b>	10	
Total Score					50	

# **Overall Condition**

□ Poor □ Fair □ Good	🛛 Excellent
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- General Notes
  - Formerly West Commons, Westermeier Commons was renamed in honor of Mark Westermeier who served as Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation director for 15 years.
  - The playground at Westermeier Commons has a futuristic design and offers more than 25,000 square feet of play space.
  - Adjacent to the playground is a splashpad. Westermeier Commons also offers picnic shelters, restrooms, outdoor classroom space, an open meadow, a lagoon, and a boardwalk.
- Challenges
  - The playground safety surface is wearing in some areas due to the high volume of use the park receives.
  - Shade structures are nearing the end of their useful life.
- Opportunities
  - Fencing from the playground to parking lots should be considered at Inlow Park, Westermeier Commons, and at Carey Grove Park.
  - Update playground safety surface.
  - Add artificial turf in between areas of high volume, specifically between the shelters and the playground area.
  - Add fencing between the parking lot areas and the playground.
  - Replace the fencing near the splashpad.
  - Add cameras in all the shelters surrounding Westermeier Commons.
  - Repaint splashpad.



















# **Central Park West**

Location: 1235 Central Park Drive East

Size: 161 acres (total park size)

# Design and Usage

Classification		Pri	mary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other <s in="" system)<="" th="" the=""></s>
	Pocket Park	$\boxtimes$	Winter	$\boxtimes$	Неаvy
	Neighborhood Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Spring		Moderate
	Community Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Fall		Rare
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# **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												37	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
<ul> <li>Major</li> <li>Thoroughfare</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Well maintained / Reliable Access</li> </ul>	🛛 High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly accessible
Secondary Arterial	<ul> <li>Moderately maintained</li> <li>/ Variable Access</li> </ul>	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately Accessible
Private road/easement	<ul> <li>Slightly maintained / Unreliable Access</li> </ul>	□ Slight visibility		Slightly accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No Access	No visibility		Not accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре		Cumulative Condition								1		Score	Comment/Notes
	Р	oor		Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Monon	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Community													
Center													
The Waterpark	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Playgrounds	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Skatepark	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Admin. Offices	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Total Score												71	

# **Overall Condition**

🗆 Poor 🛛 🗆 Fair	🗆 Good	🖾 Excellent
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- General Notes
  - Central Park is home to CCPR's state-of-the-art facilities, the Monon Community Center and The Waterpark, as well as the skatepark. These spaces provide endless recreation and fitness opportunities for the community.
  - It is also a park that provides over 6 miles of trails that wind through native prairies, wetlands, and woodlands.
- Challenges
  - There has been some graffiti under the bridge for the west drive.
  - The boardwalk is nearing the end of its useful life.
  - The interior paved trail needs to be resurfaced.
  - The skatepark is dated and in need of renovation.
  - Regular ongoing management of invasive species and restoration.
- Opportunities
  - Replace the boardwalk that is nearing end of useful life, as well as expand to the north.
  - Repave interior trail.
  - Redesign the skatepark with new features to increase use, opening facility to bikes.
  - Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Update wayfinding around Central Park to be consistent with the overall system branding standard.



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# **Central Park East**

Location: 1235 Central Park Drive East

Size: 161 acres (total park size)

# Design and Usage

Clas	sification	Pri	mary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other ks in the system)
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy
	Neighborhood Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate
	Community Park	$\times$	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Fall		Rare
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# **First Impressions**

Туре		Cumulative Condition										Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												37	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	l l
🗌 Major	Well maintained /	High visibility	$\boxtimes$	Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility		Moderately
Secondary Arteria	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /			Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access	Slight visibility		accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No			Not
	Access	No visibility		accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре			C	ùm	ula	tive	Co	ndit	ion	1		Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor	•	Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	
Total Score												24	

# **Overall Condition**

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- General Notes
  - The east side of Central Park includes over 3 miles of trails that wind through a variety of ecosystems including native prairies, wetlands, and woodlands.
  - The trails in East Woods offer connecting trails to the Monon Greenway.
- Challenges
  - The shelters on the east side need updates to the roofs.
  - Asphalt parking lots and east driveway are showing their age and need resurface.
  - There are drainage issues in some of the nature trail areas.
  - The boardwalk shows areas where there is rotting underneath and replacement may be necessary.
  - Invasive species management.
  - Water collecting on asphalt Prairie Trail in Central Park East.
- Opportunities
  - Add new roofs to restrooms and shelters.
  - Areas of the trail system need new asphalt and deal with the drainage issues.
  - Make improvements to the trail boardwalk.
  - Consider adding electronic speed limit signs.
  - Redo the asphalt throughout the east drive and parking areas.
  - Potential to add underbrush back toward the Duke power easement.
  - Look into trail connection to Central Park North through the Carmel Creek Trail.
  - Redesign Prairie Trail in Central Park East where low spot collects water.
  - Continue to fund invasive management for contracted support.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Consider the addition of two (2) Natural Resource Technician positions to manage invasive species and restoration projects, as well as supporting volunteer stewardship projects.





















# Central Park North Dog Park and Maintenance Yard

#### Location: 1427 E. 116<sup>th</sup> Street

# Design and Usage

Clas	sification	Prin	nary Seasonal Use	Usage Levels (relative to other parks in the system)				
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy			
	Neighborhood Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate			
	Community Park	$\boxtimes$	Summer		Light			
	Special Use Park	$\mathbf{X}$	Fall		Rare			
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# **First Impressions**

Туре			C	um	ulat	ive	Со	ndit	ion			Score	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		God	bd	E	хсе	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Total Score												40	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA
<ul> <li>Major</li> <li>Thoroughfare</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Well maintained / Reliable Access</li> </ul>	High visibility	☐ Highly accessible
Secondary Arterial	<ul> <li>Moderately maintained</li> <li>/ Variable Access</li> </ul>	☑ Moderate/variable visibility	Moderately Accessible
Private road/easement	<ul> <li>Slightly maintained /</li> <li>Unreliable Access</li> </ul>	□ Slight visibility	□ Slightly accessible
Trail connection	Not maintained / No Access	No visibility	□ Not accessible
Waterfront access			
□ Other:			



Туре			C	ùm	ulat	tive	Со	ndit	tion	1		Score	Comment/Notes
	Р	oor		Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Shelters	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Restrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	
Maintenance Facility	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	
Total Score												35	

# **Overall Condition**

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- General Notes
  - Central Dog Park in Carmel is CCPR's first and only dog park, which has a waiting list of over 500 to become a member.
  - The dog park includes an area for small and large dogs, green space, a mulch area for when it is wet, as well as a key fob lock-and-entry system.
  - The park includes a restroom.
  - The Monon Greenway, Interurban Trail, and other trails within Central Park are accessible via connecting trails.
- Challenges
  - Invasive species control throughout the north woods.
  - Maintenance Yard is nearing the end of useful life, as well as CCPR is out growing the footprint. New siding and windows are needed on the maintenance barn and new windows on west side of maintenance office.
  - Out of available parking at maintenance office thanks to expanding staff and fleet.
- Opportunities
  - Update and/or add a new Maintenance Compound including increased parking capacity.
  - Add shade structures at dog park and interior lighting.
  - Continue to add additional connecting trails from the dog park to other trails.
  - o Consider expansion from the Northwoods Trail to Interurban Trail.
  - Add new dog park signage.
  - Irrigation well head in dog park replacement.
- Overall System Strategy
  - CCPR needs a new maintenance compound to accommodate staff, equipment, and expanded work areas.





















# Greyhound Trail & Hagan-Burke Trail

#### Location: 146<sup>th</sup> Street & Monon Greenway

# Design and Usage

Clas	ssification	Pri	mary Seasonal Use		ge Levels (relative to other ks in the system)
	Pocket Park		Winter		Heavy
	Neighborhood Park	$\times$	Spring	$\boxtimes$	Moderate
	Community Park	$\boxtimes$	Summer		Light
	Special Use Park	$\times$	Fall		Rare
	Othor				

⊠ Other

### **First Impressions**

Туре			C	um	ulat	ive	Со	ndit	ion			Score	Comment/Notes
	Р	oor		Fa	air		Goo	bd	E	xce	ellent		
Visual aesthetics	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Branding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Main Entrance	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Safety*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Total Score												28	

\*Overall safety for the park user (sightlines, lighting, etc.)

Site Access	Access Conditions	Visibility (signage, lines of sight)	ADA	
□ Major	Well maintained /	High visibility		Highly
Thoroughfare	Reliable Access			accessible
Secondary Arterial	Moderately maintained	Moderate/variable visibility	$\bowtie$	Moderately
Secondary Artenar	/ Variable Access			Accessible
Private	Slightly maintained /			Slightly
road/easement	Unreliable Access	Slight visibility		accessible
☑ Trail connection	Not maintained / No	No visibility		Not
	Access			accessible
Waterfront access				
□ Other:				



Туре			0	ùm	ula	tive	Co	ndi	tion	1		<u>Score</u>	Comment/Notes
	Ρ	oor		Fa	air		Go	od	E	xce	ellent		
Trails	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	
Total Score	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7	

### **Overall Condition**

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- General Notes
  - The Hagan-Burke Trail is a 1.4-mile paved trail. It starts with a connection on the north side of the Monon Greenway and heads northeast to 146th Street. The trail is named after Judy Hagan and Ed Burke, who were both huge trail advocates and have contributed significantly to the community.
  - The Greyhound Trail is a small, 0.6-mile section of trail. It connects to the Hagan-Burke Trail, runs southeast by the Carmel High School stadium, and ends on 136th Street. There is an historic bridge from the 1920s that was salvaged from Randolph County, Indiana and was given new life on this trail.
- Challenges
  - Invasive species.
  - Dead/dying trees and limbs.
  - Water and mud on the trail when Cool Creek floods.
- Opportunities
  - Repave as necessary.
  - Update wayfinding signage to both trail systems, as well as within as necessary.
- Overall System Strategy
  - Update wayfinding to be consistent with the overall system branding standard.

