

## **Woodburn Community Park Improvement (Phase 1) – Project Profile**

The Woodburn Community Park, owned and operated by Maumee Township, is located just northeast of the downtown area between Fahlsing Road to the east and Park Street to the west. The park has been part of Woodburn’s history for years and continues to serve as a key amenity for the community. The proposed park master plan will upgrade existing amenities while introducing new amenities to serve a wider range of users. A key design feature of Phase 1 of the proposed improvements is the removal of Overmeyer Street as a vehicular street. Overmeyer currently runs east to west and divides the park in half. Once removed, the street will no longer present a safety hazard to pedestrians. The portion of Overmeyer between the cul-de-sacs will be transformed into a ‘pedestrian only’ promenade and staging area for special events like a farmer’s market or the annual parade.

Newly designed park walks and trails will better connect the park and its recreational facilities to the surrounding neighborhoods and Woodburn’s downtown. Additionally, the nearby public library, elementary school, churches, and senior citizen housing will also benefit from these safe routes. Proposed park amenities during this phase of the project will include sitting nodes along the walking trails, a new basketball court, multi-use playground surface, and a large all-inclusive splash pad. Parking spaces currently located near the center of the park will be shifted to the park’s perimeter. This will improve access and safety within the park by keeping vehicular and pedestrian traffic separated. Visitors will also be able to utilize the park’s trail system to conveniently access park amenities, including the existing ball diamonds, concession stand and enclosed pavilion. Existing restrooms located near the baseball diamonds and pavilion will be upgraded to be accessible to all users during this phase of the project.

Future recreational amenities to be completed beyond Phase 1 includes pickleball courts, shuffleboard, outdoor chess, corn hole boards, inclusive playgrounds, and checker boards.

### **Woodburn Community Park**

August 17, 2018

**Location:** Located just northeast of Woodburn’s downtown area between Front Road to the north, Fahlsing Road to the east, Main Street to the South, and Park Street to the west.

**Impacts:**

- Enhanced opportunities for park and recreation in East Allen County which is currently underserved.
- Improved accessibility and safety for pedestrians with the removal of Overmeyer Street, parking lot improvements, accessible restroom facility, and an accessible splash pad.

- Enhanced space for community events.
- Increased opportunity for civic connection.

**Readiness:**

- Red Flag Survey: No significant environmental issues.
- Permits Needed: Rule 5, design release to the State of Indiana, potential INDOT permit.
- Site Control/Acquisition Needed: A little over an acre would need to be acquired from East Allen County Schools. All other property owned by the City of Woodburn or Maumee Township.
- Contains improvements which would score points for an Indiana Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.

**Budget:** \$750,000

**Possible Funding Partners:**

Allen County – Fort Wayne Capital Improvement Board

City of Woodburn

Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Land and Water Conservation Fund

Local Fundraising

Maumee Township