

TRACKING SHEET UPDATED: August 2023

**CITY OF CORNING
PARKS STRATEGY**



AWARENESS

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
64	Create a 'one-stop-shop' webpage on the City of Corning website for all parks-related information.	The website has been updated and we are using MyRec software for scheduling programs and rentals. Additional information about our facilities and programs have been added to the website.
65	Create a parks 'matrix' that lists all available facilities within each park.	The matrix has been created and is posted on the Parks & Recreation Departments webpage.
65	Design a parks map that can be displayed digitally and on signage.	

ACCESSABILITY

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
66	Design all new and retrofitted pathways within the parks system to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).	
66	Continue considering accessibility when designing all new facilities, structures, and other amenities.	

CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESS

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
67	Formalize pathway(s) along the Chemung River.	

69	Create 'Amenity Trails' within the parks system.	
70	Promote multimodal connectivity between parks.	
70	Develop a parks wayfinding system	

ENVIRONMENTAL

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71	Establish a reforestation initiative.	As of August 18, 2023, the Recreation Department working with the School District on a tree seedling program through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
71	Conduct a tree inventory at all parks.	The Parks & Recreation Department is working with a volunteer to inventory the trees in the park. As of June 7, 2022, they are working on the inventory in Denison Park.
71	Establish Green Infrastructure practices whenever possible within parks system.	The City has hired Barton & Loguidice to conduct a storm water and green infrastructure plan for Denison Park.
72	Permeable Pavement.	The City has hired Barton & Loguidice to conduct a storm water and green infrastructure plan for Denison Park.
72	Bioretention Areas.	The City has hired Barton & Loguidice to conduct a storm water and green infrastructure plan for Denison Park.
72	Rainwater Harvest and Reuse.	The City has hired Barton & Loguidice to conduct a storm water and green infrastructure plan for Denison Park.
74	Enhance wildlife habitats throughout the parks system.	The Recreation Department is working with the Environmental Stewardship Club at the High School to install bat houses throughout the park system.

74	Continue coordination of soil contamination studies with NYSDEC.	As of June 7, 2022, the City is awaiting the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to issue reports on their findings.
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MAINTENANCE & POLICY

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74	Implement a 'Carry-in, Carry-out' policy for Corning City Parks.	
75	Advocate for a 'Tobacco-Free' policy for Corning City Parks.	
75	Develop formalized agreements and maintenance policies with community groups.	
75	Develop Design Guidelines for the Corning City Parks system.	

FIELDS & COURSES

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
76	Improve condition of existing rectangular fields.	
76	Construct additional multi-use field when feasible.	
76	Remove unused backstops throughout parks.	In 2022, the backstops at Denison Park and McKinney Park were removed.
77	Redesign disc golf course in available space.	In early 2022, the 20 Percenters Disc Golf Club has redesigned the course. As of June 7, 2022, the Public Works Department has replaced several of the tee-pads for the club. The club has

		installed all of the new baskets and signs. The new course layout was complete in July 2022.
77	Install additional disc golf baskets throughout parks system.	

COURTS & HARDSCAPES

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
78	Enhance selected existing basketball courts.	
78	Adaptively reuse selected basketball courts.	
78	Adaptively reuse selected tennis courts.	
79	Install pickleball courts in parks system.	As of June 7, 2022, 6 pickleball courts have been installed in the ice rink.
80	Remove existing skateboard facility.	In 2021, the angular concrete ramps in the skateboard park were removed and a new blacktop surface was installed.
80	Install small skateboard features throughout parks system.	
80	Create larger skate parks throughout parks system.	The Parks and Recreation Department and the Crystal City Parks Foundation are working with an engineer who is volunteering his time to redesign the skatepark and work on fundraising efforts. As of August 2023, the volunteer engineer has not completed the design and project budget.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
81	Continue promoting spaces for outdoor winter activities.	

AQUATICS

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
81	Continue enhancing Denison Park Pool.	
81	Phase out Stewart Park Pool.	
82	Consider splash pad at Stewart Park.	
83	Explore methods for enhancing connectivity and use of existing pools.	

PLAY

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
83	Implement nature play elements.	
85	Continue auditing and maintenance of existing playgrounds.	The Parks and Recreation Department continues to review safety and maintenance issues with the City's playgrounds.
85	Implement elements that reflect a "play everywhere" philosophy.	

ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
87	Walking trails in all parks.	In 2021, the City installed a Cherry Blossom Trail in Denison Park enhancing the current walking trail.
87	Implement "flight center" in selected locations.	The Parks and Recreation Department is working to develop a flight center in Stewart Park. The launch slabs were installed in Fall of 2022. The kiosk and windsock were installed in July 2023. The City is awaiting the logo design from a local volunteer. It is anticipated opening day will be in October 2023.

87	Implement additional fitness stations.	
87	Consider creating a designated area for lawn games.	

BUILT FACILITIES

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
88	Provide sanitary restroom facilities to greatest possible.	
88	Establish additional seating and picnic area.	
89	Enhance and maintain existing pavilions throughout the parks systems.	

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
89	Preserve unprogrammed open space.	
89	Consider designating quiet areas for relaxation.	

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
90	Establish a community garden.	
91	Collaborate to establish a Dog Park.	
93	Continue implementing Public Art throughout the parks system.	As of June 7, 2022, the Public Arts Committee is conducting a city-wide public arts strategy. It is anticipated this strategy will help to inform the selection and placement of public art in the parks.

CANFIELD PARK

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
94	Clearly articulate an approach to maintaining historic integrity.	
95	Replace old fountain with new planting design.	

DENISON PARK

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
96	Resolve pond circulation issues.	
96	Restore and reuse concession stand.	
97	Historic restoration of the lighthouse structure.	
97	Restore Memorial Gate	

HILLVUE PARK

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
97	Consider revitalizing sprinkler feature.	

HOUGHTON PARK

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
98	Design parking enhancements along Sims Avenue.	

MCKINNEY PARK

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
99	Design wooded nature trail on southwest corner of park.	

100	Remove old bathroom facility.	
100	Evaluate parking enhancements along the edges of the park.	
100	Implement nature play area(s).	

STEWART PARK

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
101	Incorporate full-length multi-use field.	
101	Restripe parking lot.	

WILLIAM STREET PARK

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
102	Remove horseshoe pits.	In 2022, the horseshoe pits in William Street park were removed.
102	Enhance nature trail at southwest edge of park.	

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

PAGE	ACTION	STATUS
104	Create Public Art Park.	As of June 7, 2022, the Public Arts Committee is preparing to conduct a city-wide public arts strategy. It is anticipated this strategy will help to inform the strategy to convert Civic Center Plaza into an art park.
104	Resolve Drainage Issues.	

104	Consider off-season uses for rink.	As of June 7, 2022, the City added 6 pickleball courts to use in the ice rink during the off-season. As of June 7, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Department is considering hiring an engineering firm to review the rink roof structure to see if it can support lighting and sound equipment for future events.
105	Develop events series with partners.	
105	Create Revitalization Plan for Civic Center Plaza.	As of June 7, 2022, the Public Arts Committee is preparing to conduct a city-wide public arts strategy. It is anticipated this strategy will help to inform the strategy to convert Civic Center Plaza into an art park.