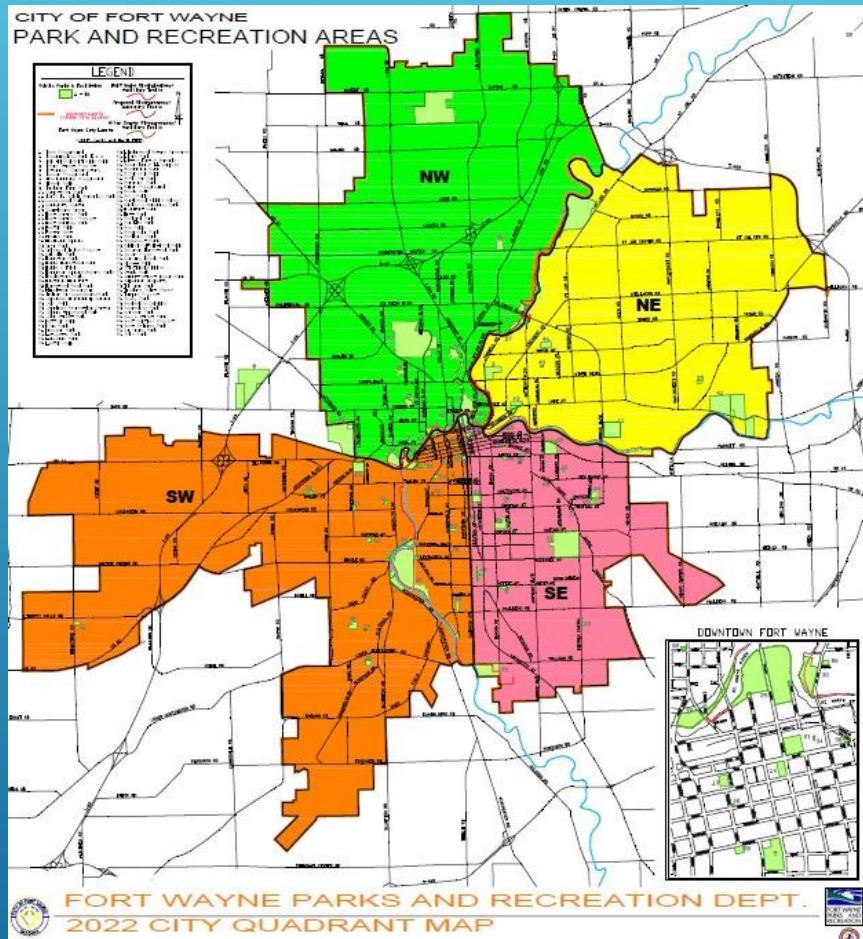
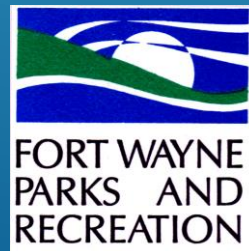


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A Showcase of Our Parks: Northeast Quadrant

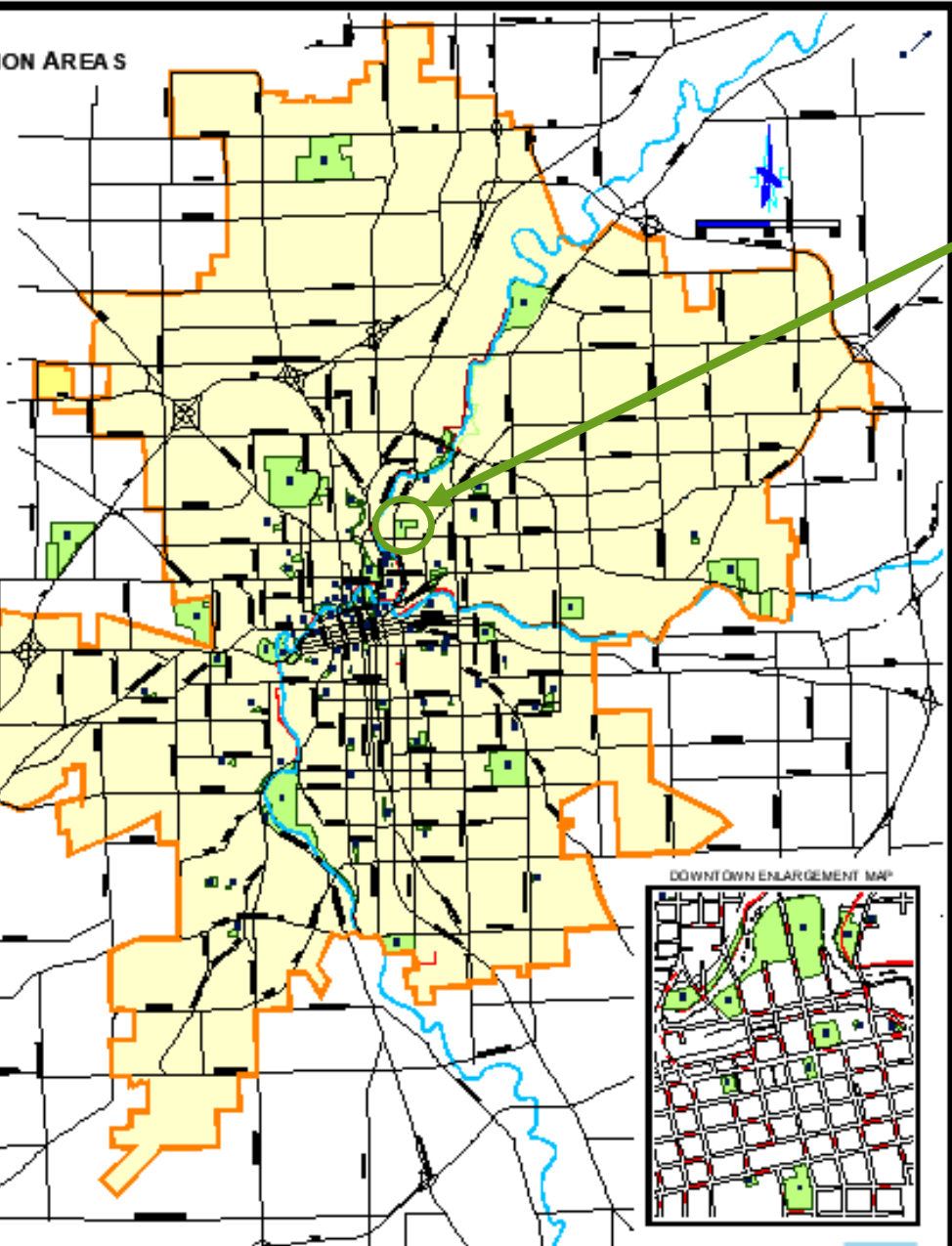
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CITY OF FORT WAYNE
PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

MAP LEGEND

Legend table with 2 columns of symbols and corresponding text labels for various park and recreation features.



2022 FORT WAYNE PARKS MAP



BOB ARNOLD NORTHSIDE PARK
705 E. State Blvd.

BOB ARNOLD NORTHSIDE PARK

Since 1978

Size in Acres: 37.47



BOB ARNOLD NORTHSIDE PARK

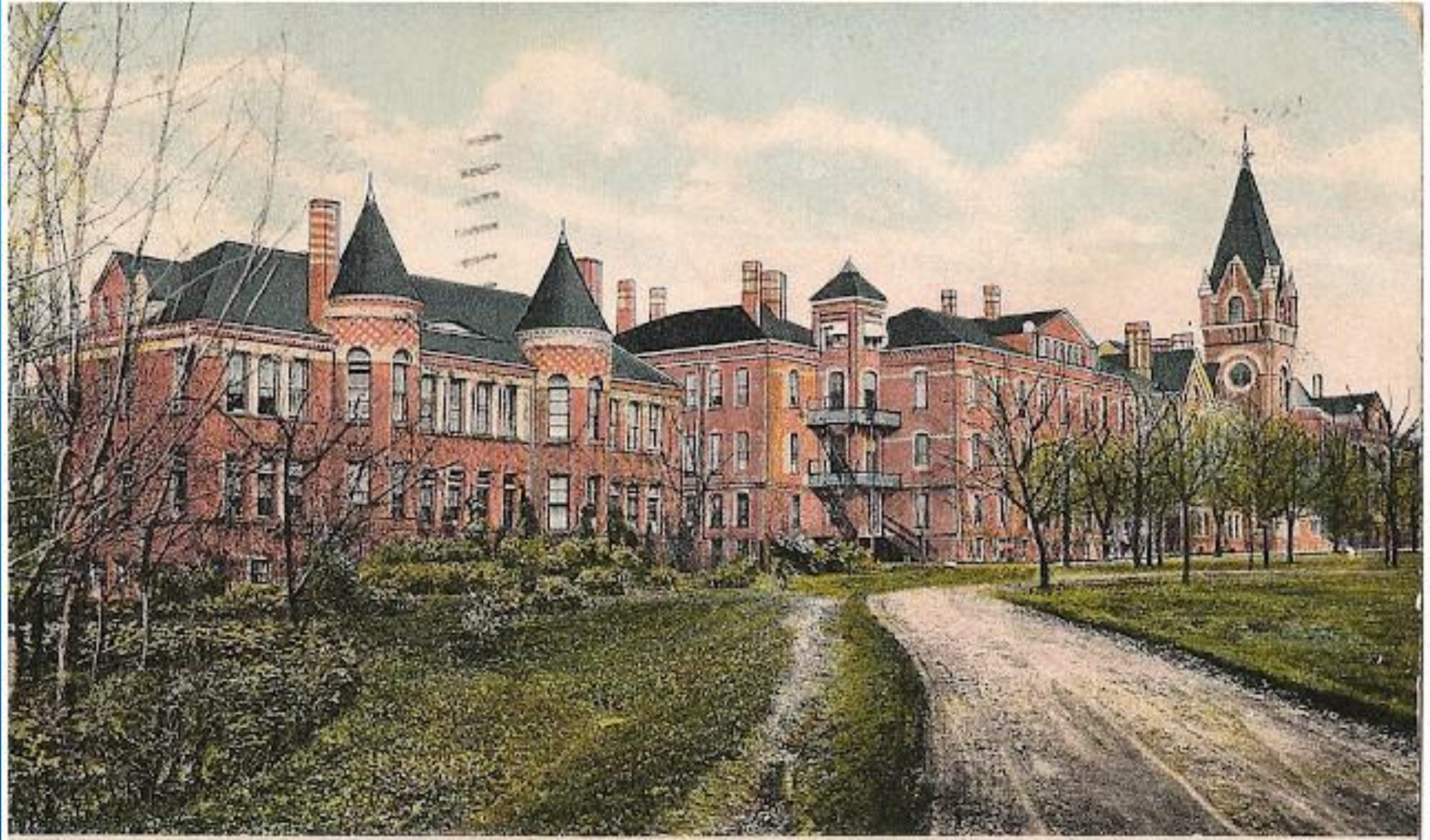
History:

Prior to becoming a park, the site currently known as Bob Arnold Northside Park was occupied by the Indiana School for Feeble-Minded Youth. The facility included a very large school building, along with several other buildings including an industrial arts building, a hospital, and a gymnasium. The school was opened in 1890 and residents came from all over the state. In 1931, the legislature changed the school's name to the **Fort Wayne State School**.

Timeline of the Park:

- 1960, a new facility was completed at St. Joe Roads and many residents moved to the new site.
- 1979 The land was deeded to the city.
- 1981 a bond package was secured to fund a project to convert the site to a city park.
- 1982 The State School Administration Building was demolished.
- 1983 The park officially opened on June 4.
- 1999 The name was changed from Northside Park to Bob Arnold Northside Park after the retirement of Bob Arnold, a previous long standing Director of the Fort Wayne Park & Recreation Department, who retired with 45 years of service to the city.

THE INDIANA SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE MINDED YOUTH (FORT WAYNE STATE SCHOOL)



The Indiana State School
1890-1960



The Parks Department saved a stone archway to leave as memorial to the former residents.



THE "STATE SCHOOL"

THIS STONE SENTINEL CONTINUES TO WATCH OVER THE LAND AS IT HAS SINCE 1889. ITS PRESENCE IS A MONUMENT TO THOSE SOULS WHO LIVED, LEARNED AND PLAYED HERE.

THE "STATE SCHOOL" WAS HOME TO THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. IT PROVIDED A PLACE TO LEARN TO BE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

NOW THESE GROUNDS ARE FOR RECREATION AND FOR ALL TO ENJOY. THIS PARK IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED HERE AND TO THE LEISURE TIME FULFILLMENT FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

1983

THE PARK TODAY

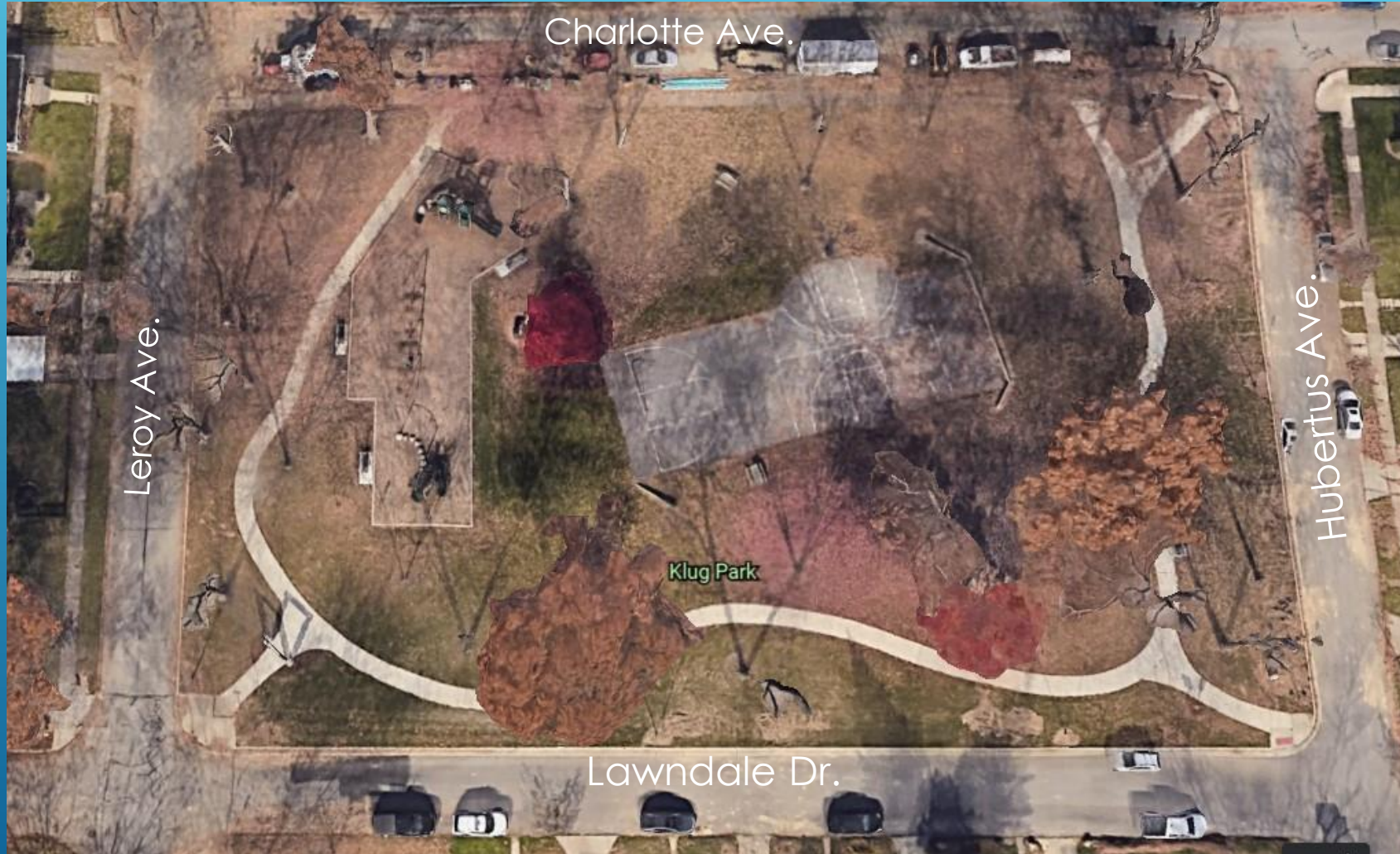
Today Northside Park is an activity-filled park and is home to the beautiful Psi-Ote Pavilion, a children's playground, six tennis courts, two swimming pools with water slides, a baseball and softball diamond, two basketball courts, a walking path, and the Parks & Recreation Administration offices.



KLUG PARK

Since 1916

Size in Acres: 2.0



KLUG PARK

History:

Klug Park bears the name of its benefactor, Nicholas Klug. The land for the park was donated by Mr. Klug in 1916 and is tucked away in the scenic Parkview Neighborhood.

The Park Today:



Basketball



Playground



100 Year Commemoration

KREAGER PARK

Since 1966

Size in Acres: 218.75



KREAGER PARK

History:

Kreager Park was formerly known as the Seyfert Farm property (an old potato farm) which was purchased with Land & Water Conservation funds in 1967 and included 110 acres of land. An additional 62 acres were acquired in 1992 in an exchange with Allen County for land from Johnny Appleseed Park. At that time the park was known as Maumee Park.

A \$5 million dollar donation from Gale Kreager transformed the former potato farm into a park and the name of the park was then changed to Kreager Park in 1994.

Then later, in 1997, an additional 51 acre farm field south of North River Road was donated to the Parks Department by Mr. Thomas and Debra Meyer which brought the park's acreage up to just over 218 acres.



THE PARK TODAY

Today Kreager Park is a true destination park that provides a wide variety of recreational amenities. These include:

- Softball Fields (4)
- Soccer Fields (7 full-size, 2 with lights, 3 half-size)
- Tennis Courts (8)
- Playgrounds (3, Including Taylor's Dream)
- Outdoor Adult Fitness Equipment
- Splashpad (1)
- Shelters (2)
- Walking Trails (.95 mile loop)
- Natural Open Spaces



Soccer Fields/Walking Trails



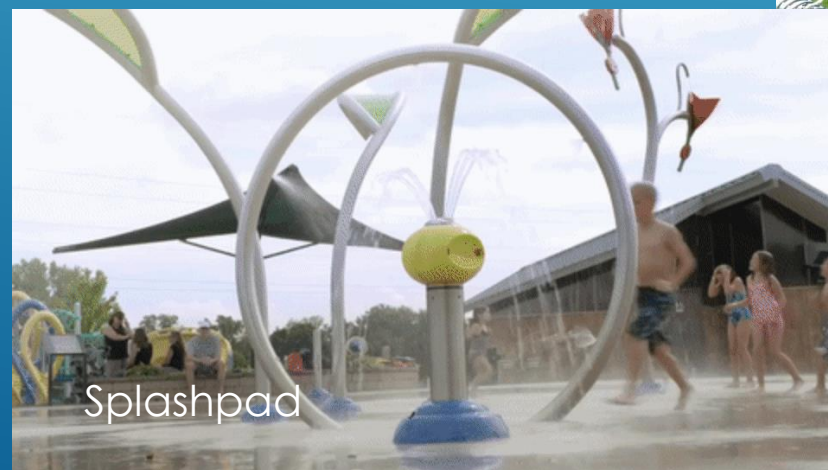
Adult Fitness



Playgrounds



Softball Fields

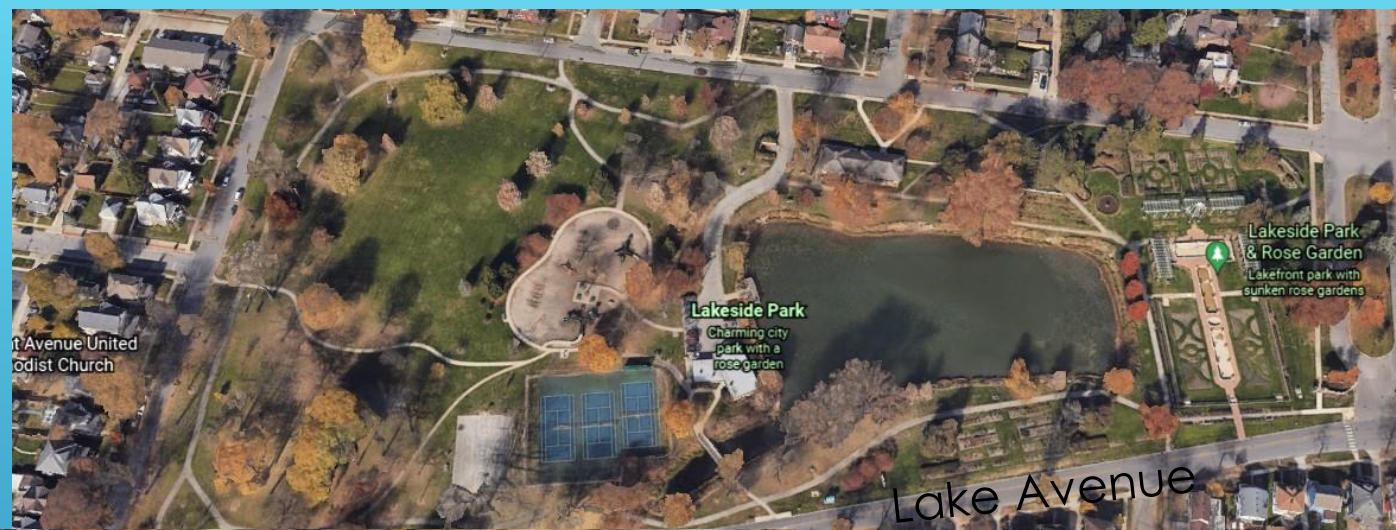


Splashpad



Tennis Courts

LAKESIDE PARK



Lake Avenue

Since 1908
Size in Acres: 23.8

LAKESIDE PARK

History:

- 1908 Land for this 23.8 acre landscape was purchased.
- 1911 Excavation for lagoons began.
- 1916 A refectory pavilion is constructed.
- 1921 Superintendent of Parks Adolphe Jaenicke designs the sunken gardens.
- 1925 An Italianate sunken garden and pergola are built.
- 1928 the garden was named a National Rose Garden.
- 1928 Tennis courts are installed.

The uncredited 1912 master plan for Lakeside Park is likely the work of renowned landscape architect, George Kessler, who designed the Park and Boulevard Plan for Fort Wayne the same year.

Throughout the park walks connect to the nearby street grid. Historic photographs reveal ornate furniture and flowerbeds. Four lagoons, both natural and excavated, are featured in the original plans, along with serpentine paths, a curvilinear drive, and bridges leading to islands in the lagoons.

LAKESIDE PARK HISTORY



Figure I.10 The newly constructed refectory/bathhouse/comfort station located on the central island in the Lagoons, 1916. 1916 Annual Report, p. 34. Courtesy of Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation.



Figure I.5 View of the Boathouse and recreational water equipment extant at the time of the creation of Lakeside Park, 1908. Courtesy Allen County Public Library, 00001492.

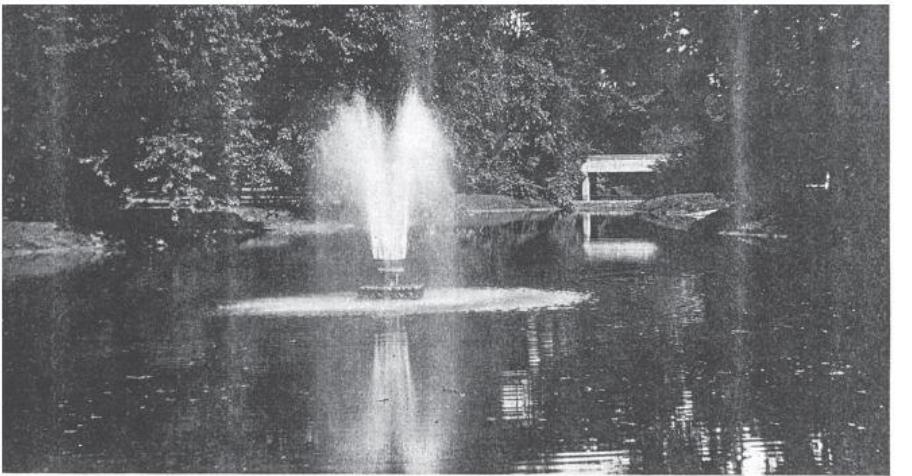


Figure I.13 One of five fountains located in the Lagoons, installed for use in the fish hatchery process that operated in the late 1920s and early 1930s. 1933 Annual Report. Courtesy of Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation.



Figure II.9 View from the Columbia Avenue bridge north of ice-skaters on Delta Lake. The ice access ramp can be seen on the left, and the refectory is faintly visible to the right of center. Courtesy of Allen County Public Library, 00001503.

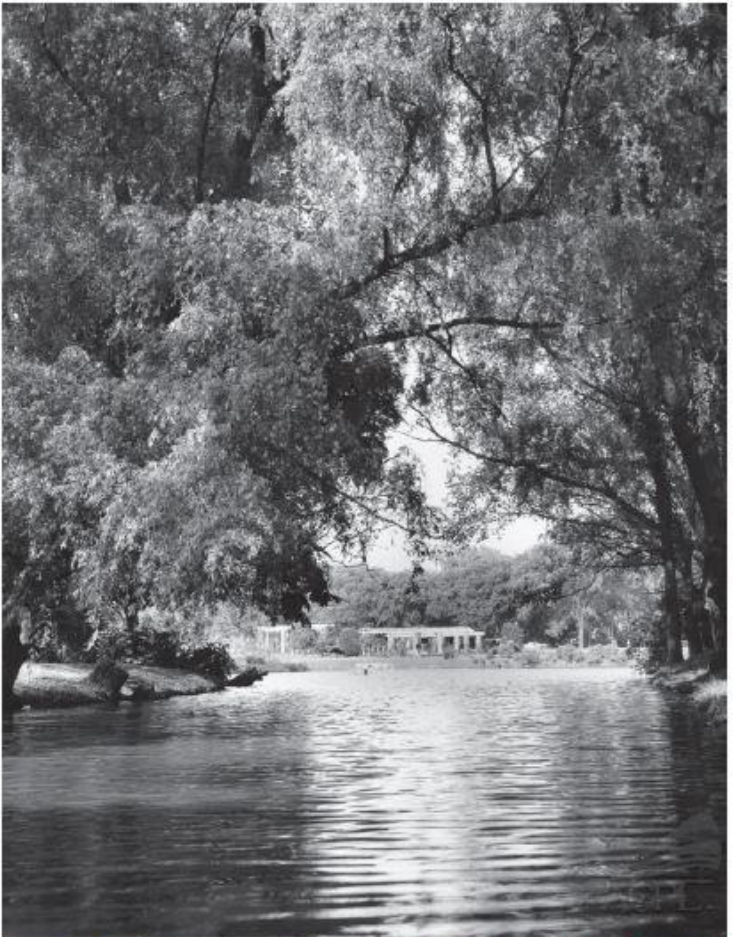


Figure II.7 View from a bridge down a shaded lagoon toward the pergolas of the Sunken Garden. Courtesy of Allen County Public Library, 00001494.

LAKESIDE PARK HISTORY – SUNKEN GARDENS



SUNKEN GARDENS IN LAKESIDE PARK, FORT WAYNE, IND.



Entrance to Lakeside Park, Fort Wayne, Ind.

"SUNKEN GARDENS, LAKESIDE PARK," FORT WAYNE, IND. ©

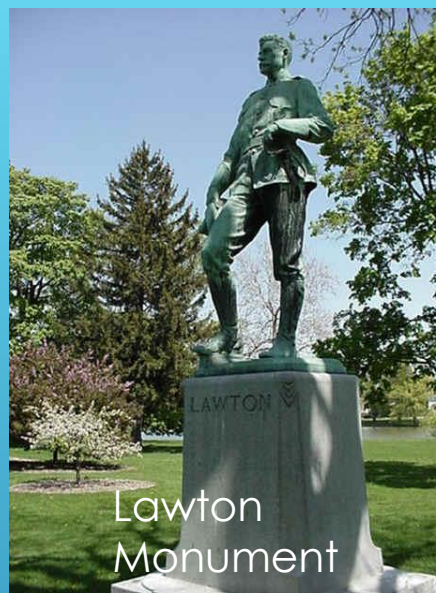


THE PARK TODAY

Today Lakeside Park is an example of unrivaled park beauty. In 2005 the sunken garden area was reconstructed with new sidewalks, brick pavers, concrete pools, steps, and walls. At the same time the wood pergola was rebuilt to conform to the original design.

The park also contains:

- Two rental pavilions
- A children's playground
- Three tennis courts
- A basketball court
- Rose gardens
- Three ponds, one fishing pier
- Multiple walking paths
- Little Free Library
- Major General Henry W. Lawton Monument



Lawton Monument





Pavilion 1



Pavilion 2



Walking Paths



Ice Rink



Little Library

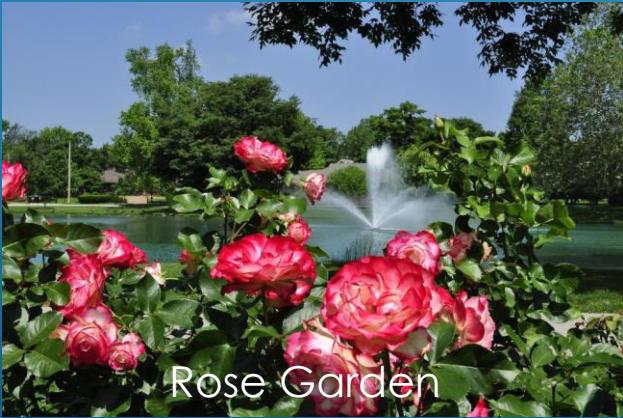


Playground



Basketball

Tennis Courts



Rose Garden

LIONS PARK

History:

Lions Park was a gift from The Central Lions Club of Fort Wayne and has been a Fort Wayne attraction since 1953. Its nearly 15 acres are tucked away in a scenic northside neighborhood not far from Hazelwood Post Office and Fire Station Number 10. The Lion monument was dedicated in memory of Henry and Wilhelmine Franke.



THE PARK TODAY

Lions Park is a suburban oasis tucked away among the trees in a quiet neighborhood. It is a place enjoyed by neighborhood kids and is a popular place to enjoy sport activities.

The park amenities include:

- A rental pavilion
- A children's playground
- Five Pickleball courts and one tennis court
- A basketball court
- A baseball diamond
- Open recreational green space



Playground



Pavilion



Basketball



Baseball



Tennis/Pickleball Courts

SHOAFF PARK

Since 1955

Size in Acres: 184.5



SHOAFF PARK

History:

Nearly all of Shoaff Park's land was purchased in 1955 with a generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Shoaff. The Conklin Pavilion was a gift from Mrs. Ella Conklin left to Fort Wayne's residents as part of her last will and testament. Though Shoaff Park's most distinguishing feature is the natural beauty of its wooded areas, it is also distinguished by the fact that it offers the most amenities of any park.

Amenities:

- Sports – Baseball, Soccer, Disc Golf, Basketball, Tennis
- Boating
- Fishing
- 18-hole Golf Course/Driving Range
- Two Rental Pavilions
- Playground
- Splashpad
- Trails
- Public Restrooms



Conklin Pavilion



Riverlodge Pavilion



Walking Paths



Public Restrooms



Boating



Playground



Golf



Splashpad



Baseball



MUCH MORE TO COME...

