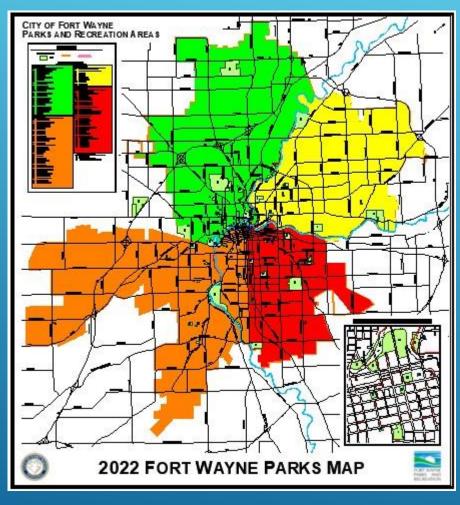
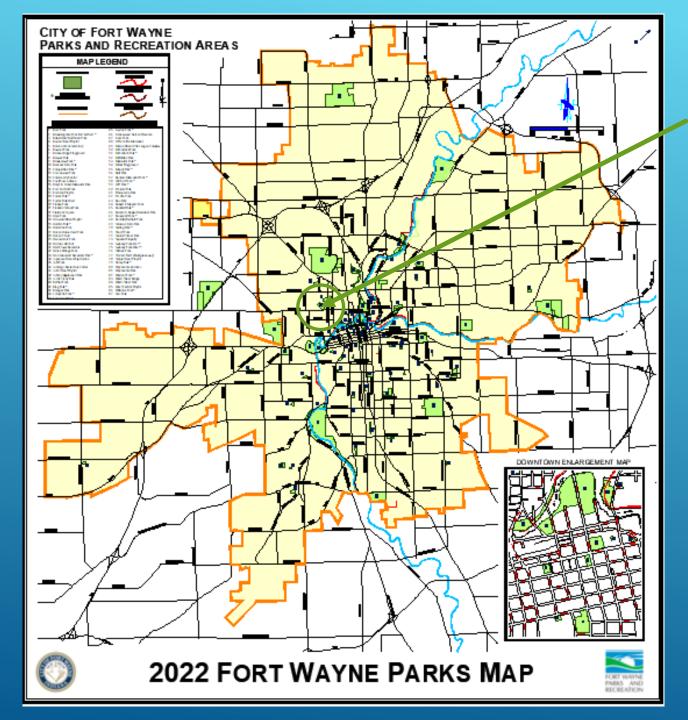
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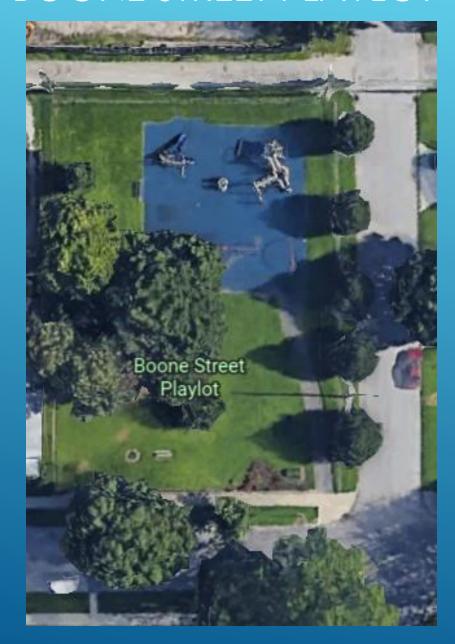




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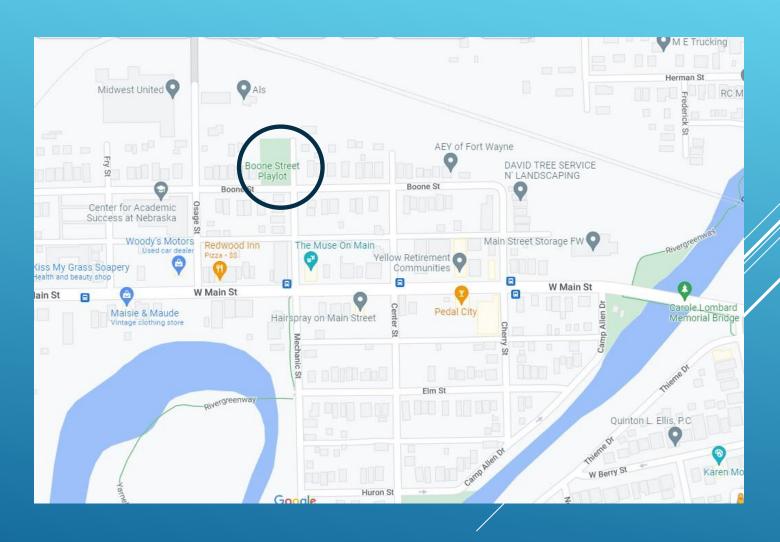
1500 Boone Street

BOONE STREET PLAYLOT



Since 1969

Size in Acres: 0.33



BOONE STREET PLAYLOT

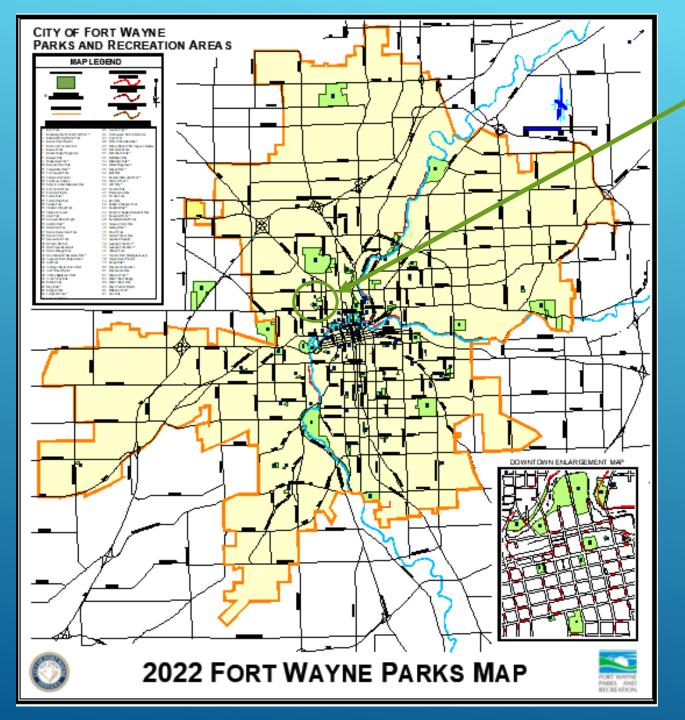
Since: 1969

Size: 0.33 acres

History: The Boone Street Playlot was acquired with Revenue Sharing funds in 1969. During this time there was a big push to create Neighborhood Associations which were given a major role in selecting projects for these funds. Neighborhood Associations determined additional park land should be a priority and thus Boone Street Playlot (as well as other playlots) was developed.

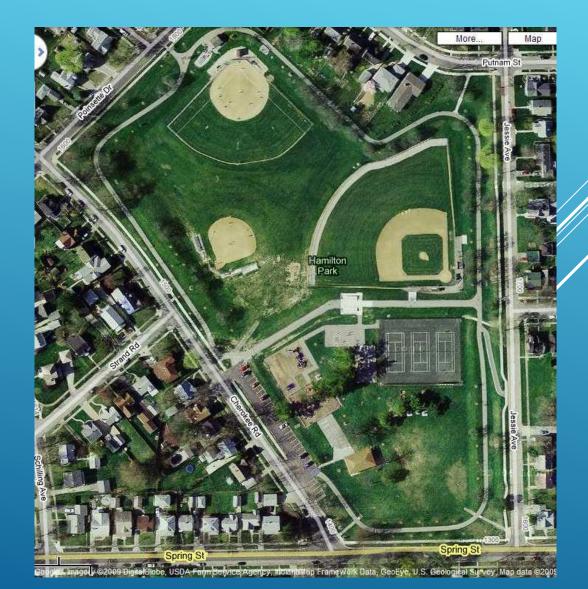
The Boone Street Playlot provides a lot of fun for the little ones with playsets that include multiple slides as well as climbing equipment, a swing set and benches for resting.





HAMILTON PARK

1598 Cherokee Street



HAMILTON PARK

Since 1930

Size in Acres: 16.5



HAMILTON PARK

History: In 1930, 16.5 acres was acquired by purchase and donation. The park was called Hamilton Park after the Hamilton Family that had a bank in early Fort Wayne history. In 2000 Hamilton Park was redesigned by City Utilities to act as a water retention basin. In exchange, the park received major improvements including a new baseball diamond, new playground equipment, and a paved trail around the perimeter of the park

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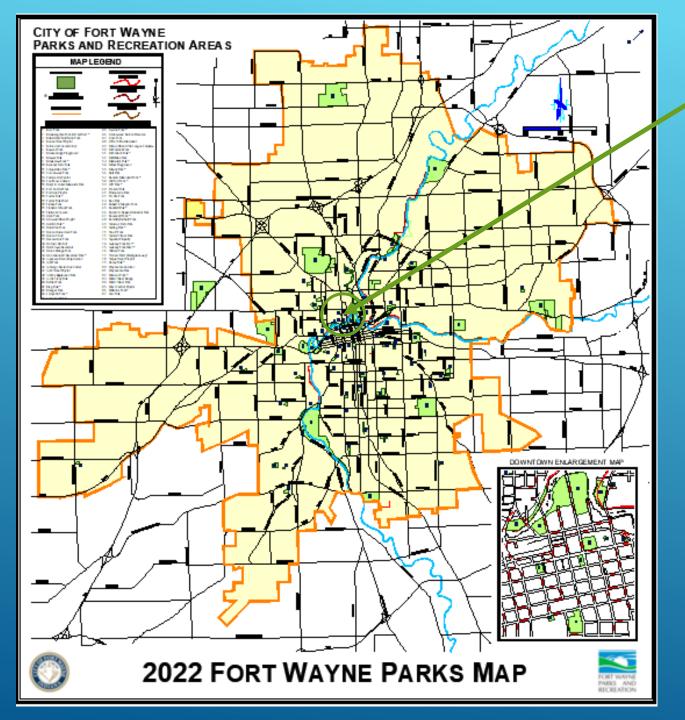












LAWTON PARK

1900 N. Clinton St.



Since 1866

Size in Acres: 39.33



LAWTON PARK

History: Lawton Park was purchased to be used as an Indiana State Fairgrounds in 1864, an event that ended up only being held there once in 1865. In 1866 the property joined the city parks system and was called Northside Park until the turn of the century. In 1900 it was renamed in honor of Major-General Henry Lawton. In 1918 Lawton Park had 40 acres and along with Swinney remained one of the city's largest parks for many years. Cannons became part of the Lawton Park scene in 1901. Today, Lawton Park is home to three ball diamonds, the Kid's Crossing Playground, a skate park, the rivergreenway trail, and the Lawton Park Maintenance offices and greenhouses.













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