

Ready, Willing & ABLE.

Are You?



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Play together.



Some stuff I do



Member:
**Diversity, Equity, Accessibility,
& Inclusion Committee**



Member:
Outdoor Recreation Committee



Commissioner:
**MKE CTY Commission
for persons with disabilities**

Some stuff I won



- 2023, Chamber of Commerce, Regional Impact Award



- 2023, WIGCOT, DEAI Award



- 2023 & 2021, LISC, MANDI Awards



- 2022, MBJ, Diversity in Business



- 2019, Donald Driver Foundation, Driven to Achieve



- 2017, MBJ, 40 Under 40

GIVE EVERYBODY THE GIFT OF HEALTH & HAPPINESS

Many places send a clear sign:

“No disabilities allowed.”

The Ability Center works to remove the barriers that prevent people with disabilities from living active, healthy and happy lives. Everyone deserves access to staying active.



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vision

Building communities where *all* abilities are provided a universal opportunity for health, wellness, and recreation.

RampUp[▲]
Universal Community

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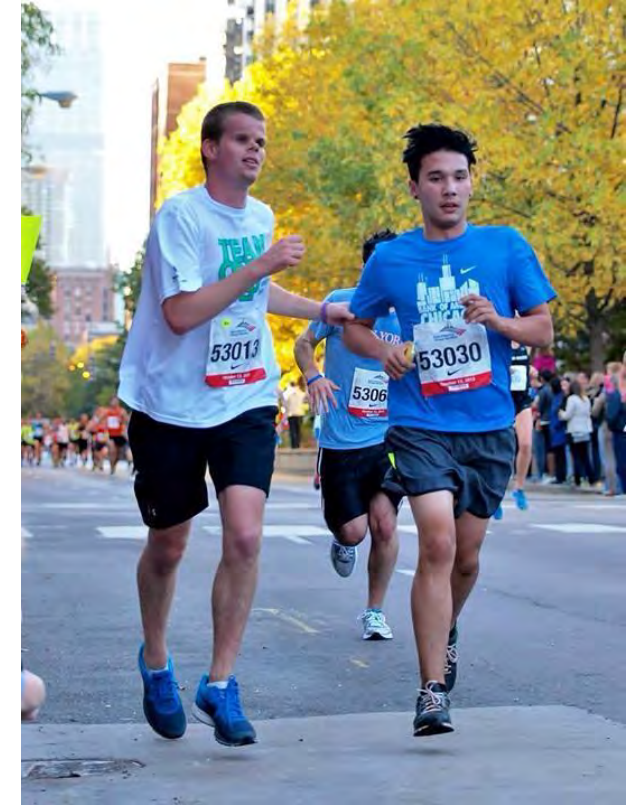
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talent, skill, or proficiency in a particular arena.

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Why play matters

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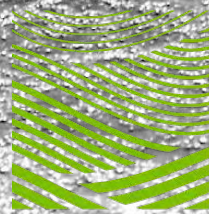
Of people with disabilities engage in no leisure time.

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Families are impacted by disabilities.

MANDI 2021

THE DAILY REPORTER



American Society of Landscape Architects



Bradford Beach



TAB's

acronym

Temporarily Able-Bodied

DEI + A



IDEA

acronym

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion + ...

VISIBLE

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NON-VISIBLE



Gracie Jagler



Brian Bell





Six Flags®

GREAT AMERICA



*“It’s been good for my mental health.
It saved me from a dark place.”*

Frank W.



“Uncle Andy should be able to play, too!”

Andy + Siblings



“I didn’t want to see my son in a wheelchair.”

Frank V.



“This is much more fun.”

Kristin + Gavin



Jess

*“Thanks for making my whole day/year/life!!!
I was able to bike alongside my kids and
husband and explore the city.”*



“There’s certain things you think your child won’t be able to do with other kids...”

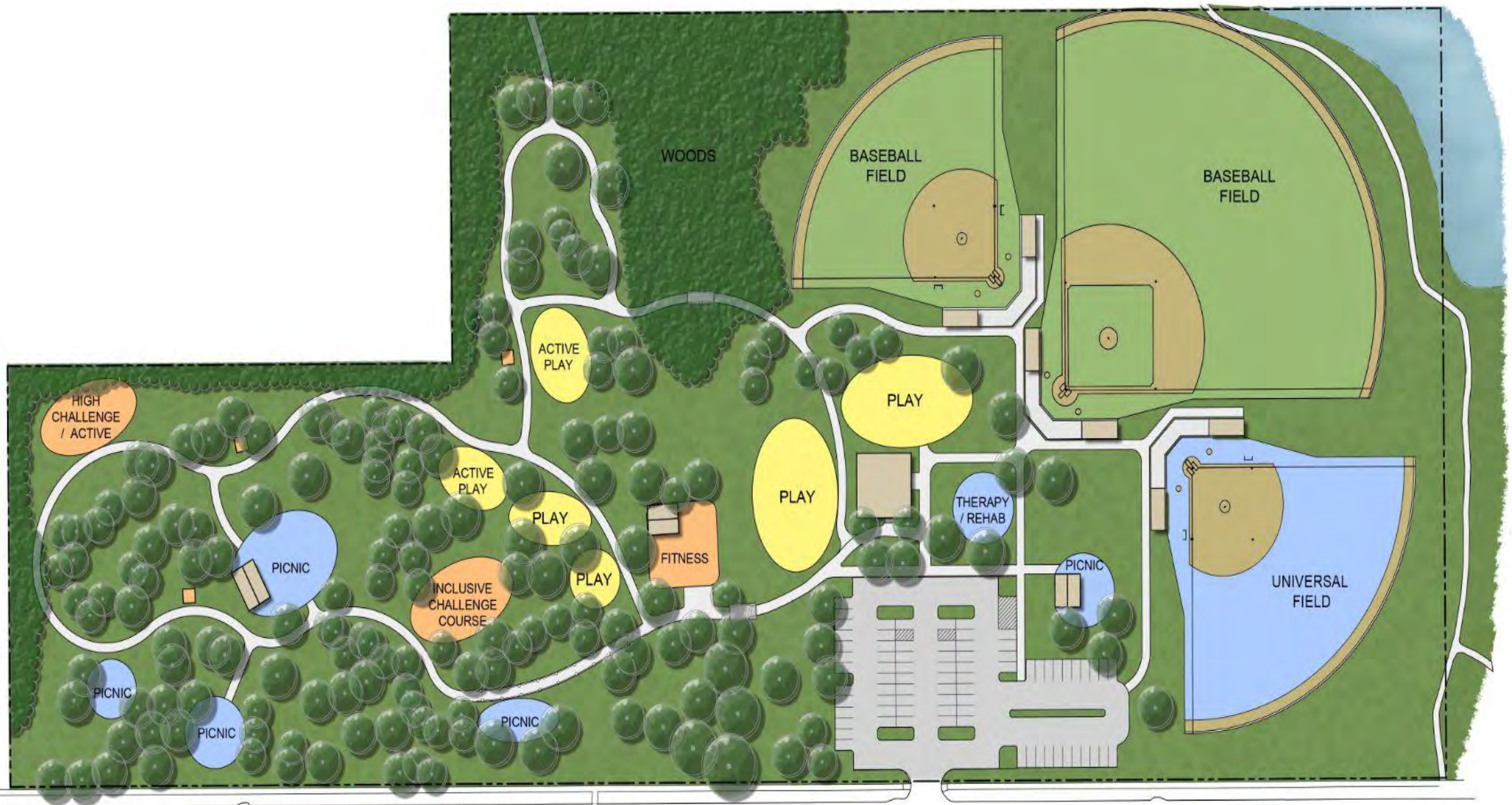
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Wisconsin Avenue Park





Moss Universal Park Master Plan

Q & A:

Find me ... I'm here to help!