

Village of Cochrane

Comprehensive Parks Plan Narrative

The Cochrane Village Board, by the request of the people, has set forth the following parks rehabilitation and rejuvenation plan on a five year schedule to be approved by the citizens. Monies used will be donated or granted to the Village of Cochrane for park uses only. The following improvements are scheduled for Goose Lake Park, VFW/ Pool area, and the Cochrane Ball field Park.

Goose Lake Park:

- Removal of Ash and select other tree species
- Replanting of new and different tree species in healthier locations
- Cleaning organic matter off lake bottom (when funds are available)
- Filling in of a stagnant area of Goose lake
- Installing new, larger rip rap along banks of lake to inhibit geese from walking up the banks of the lake.
- Re-grading of park lawn areas (if funds available)

VFW/ Pool Area:

- Removal of Ash trees
- Replanting of new tree species

Cochrane Ball Field Park:

- Removal of Ash trees
- Replanting of new tree species
- Replacement of field fencing

Goals of this comprehensive park plan include:

- To increase the parks attractiveness to users for many years.
- To increase the safety of park users.
- To achieve a level of no more than 10-15% of any one tree species in our parks.
- To increase the water quality of the lake.
- To minimize the impact of EAB on the attractiveness, and limit/spread out the financial burden.
- To leave some of the healthier and mature ash trees for shade, until they become a hazard and/or EAB is found in the Village.

Yearly Schedule

- 1st year-** Clean organic matter out of the east lake. Material removed will be stock piled and dried to be used as fill in following years.
- Remove trees (#'s): 10, 40, 48, 55, 56, 58, 61, 202, 203
- Plant trees @ locations: A, B, C, X (located at ball park)
- 2nd year-** Remove trees (#'s): 45, 69, 76, 77, 78, 79,
- Plant trees @ locations: D, E, F, G, H
- 3rd year-** Clean organic matter out of the west lake. Material will be stock piled, dried and used at a later date.
- Fill in finger at the southeast corner of the east lake.
- Remove trees (#'s): 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 34
- Plant trees @ locations: I, J, and 3-6 decorative trees near small playground
- 4th year-** Develop a plan with Hope United Church to address the area around the Keith Fleming flagpole area, including removal and replanting.
- Also remove trees (#'s): 13, 14, 16
- Install new rip rap around both lakes.
- 5th year-** Remove ash trees in the ball field park where the new trees were planted in 2012.
- Also remove trees (#'s): 11, 54, 70
- Re-grade and seed areas of park lawn as needed (if funds available)