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Adel has a relatively small amount of existing public space dedicated to public parks within the core of the city, but with larger areas on the fringe, both developed and undeveloped. Existing resources include:

- 11.6 acres  Evans Park ......................................Frisbee Golf, Neighborhood Park
- 20.0 acres  Kinnick Feller Park ....... Softball, Football, Swimming Pool, Picnic
- 7.1 acres  Adel Little League Park ...........................Baseball Diamonds
- 56.8 acres  Island Park ..... Soccer Fields, Campgrounds,Natural Open Space

The city also has established trail systems along the east-west rail corridor, around Kinnick Feller Park, and near the Evans Park. The city does have a good sidewalk system throughout most of its developed area.

Established national standards call for a goal of 10 acres of neighborhood parks per 1000 residents ([National Recreation & Park Association, 1999]). Given this standard, Adel would strive to have over 40 acres of neighborhood parks for its current population base. The sum total of existing park space exceeds this amount, but is not well distributed through the city.

New development in identified in-fill growth areas and the priority expansion growth areas will require dedication and development of park space. Future coordination and planning between city officials and the public is recommended to determine the details of actual amount, location, and types of park space.

Based upon the National Recreation and Park Association guidance quoted herein, and the land use planning presented in CHAPTER 4, new park space could total as much as 70 acres to accommodate full build-out of existing space within the city limits, plus 120 acres to accommodate full build-out of the identified expansion growth areas.

It is recommended that approximately 20 – 30% of the park space goal be provided within 6-8 blocks of any residential area developed to medium or high density. The remainder of the park space goal can be provided in the form of recreation space, which can be developed in and around the North Raccoon River floodplain.

It is also recommended that implementation of the parks and trails plan should include development of recreation trails linking as many park areas as possible, and providing links to and through residential areas. FIGURE 9 identifies existing parkland areas, existing trails, and proposed major trails. Local trails and future park space is not explicitly identified on the map.