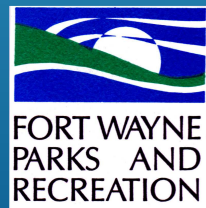
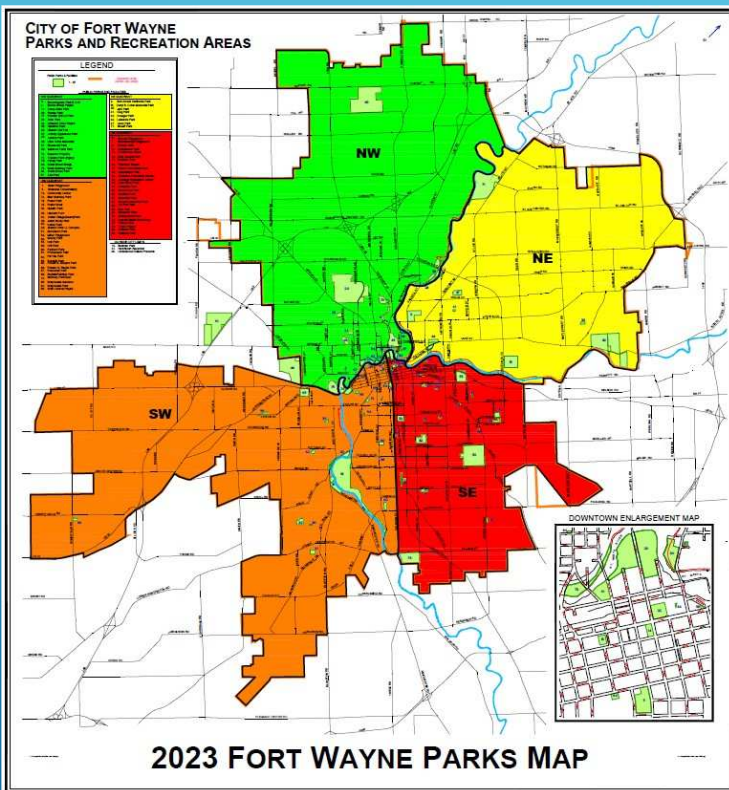


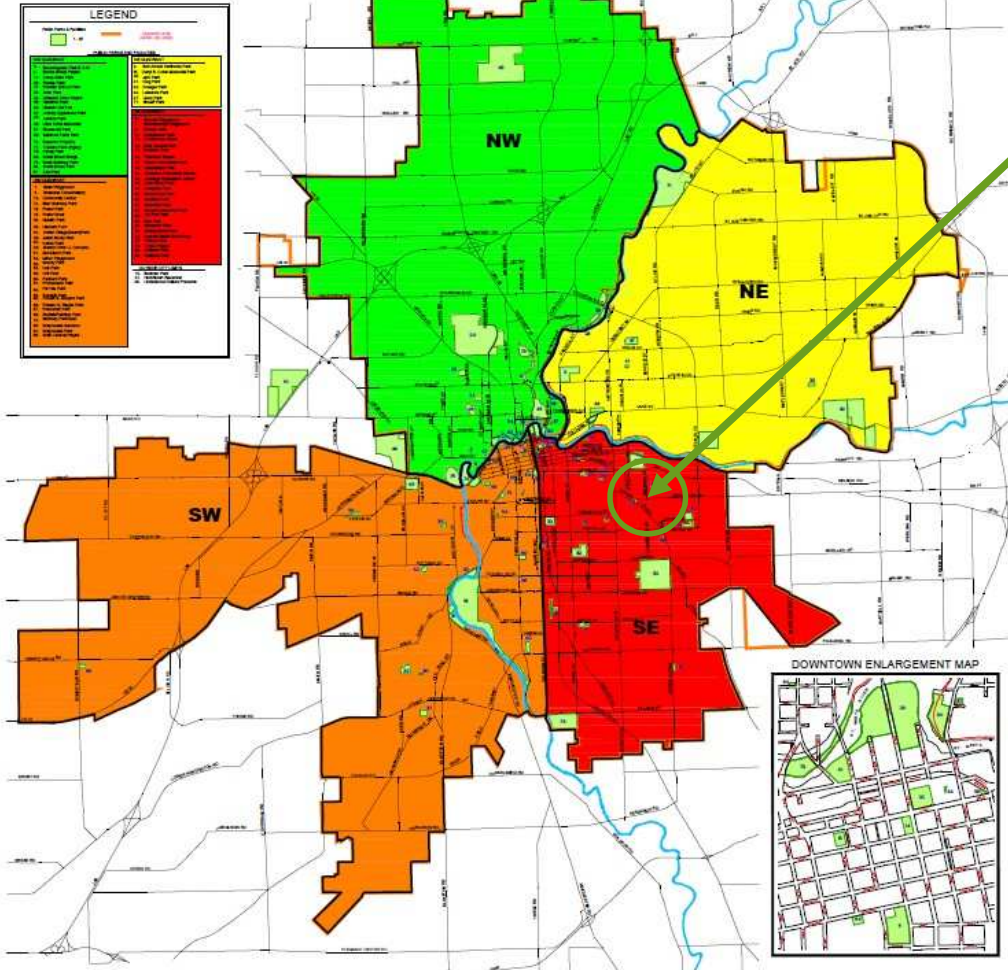
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Parks History and Highlights:

- Eastside Playlot
- Ronald G. Repka Park
- Weisser Park



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2023 FORT WAYNE PARKS MAP

EASTSIDE PLAYLOT

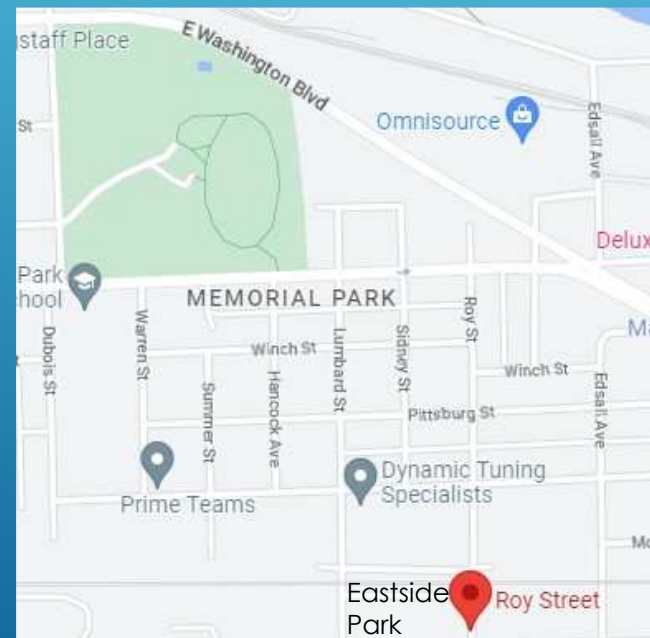
Located at the intersection of Roy and Reynolds Street

EASTSIDE PLAYLOT

History: In 1971 Harold & Elizabeth Palmer granted the Park & Recreation Department an exclusive license for \$1 to use the area now called East Side for recreational purposes. This license was granted on a year to year basis. In 1980 the play lot nearly was lost through delinquent taxes. The lot was secured by the Parks and Recreation Department to allow for its continued use as a recreation area.

Since 1980

Size in Acres: 1.0



EASTSIDE PLAYLOT TODAY

The park consists of a small fenced area containing a playground with slides, swings, and climbing structures.

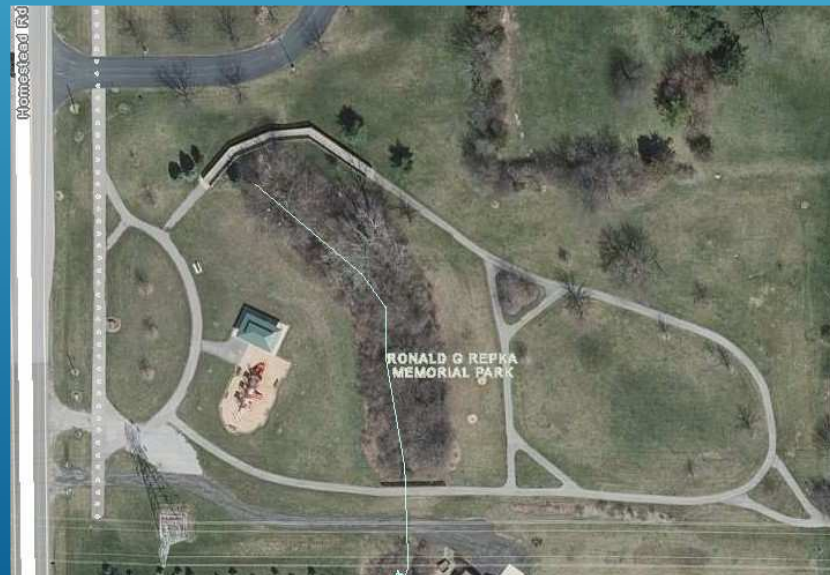


RONALD G. REPKA MEMORIAL PARK

Since 2004

Size in Acres: 3.7

History: From the late 1990's the area was being surveyed and considered for a park area. Through pursuing various funding avenues the Parks and Recreation Department was able to purchase the land in 2003. Building a new park as well as a fire station was very well received by the neighbors in the Aboite Township area. Homestead Park opened in 2004 and was renamed Ronald G. Repka Memorial Park in 2012. The park is named after Ronald G. Repka who tragically lost his life after being struck by an impaired, speeding motorist while cycling on a country road. Repka's death helped prompt an ongoing campaign to develop safer off-road trails and sidewalks in Aboite Township which eventually led to the creation of the Aboite Trails Network.



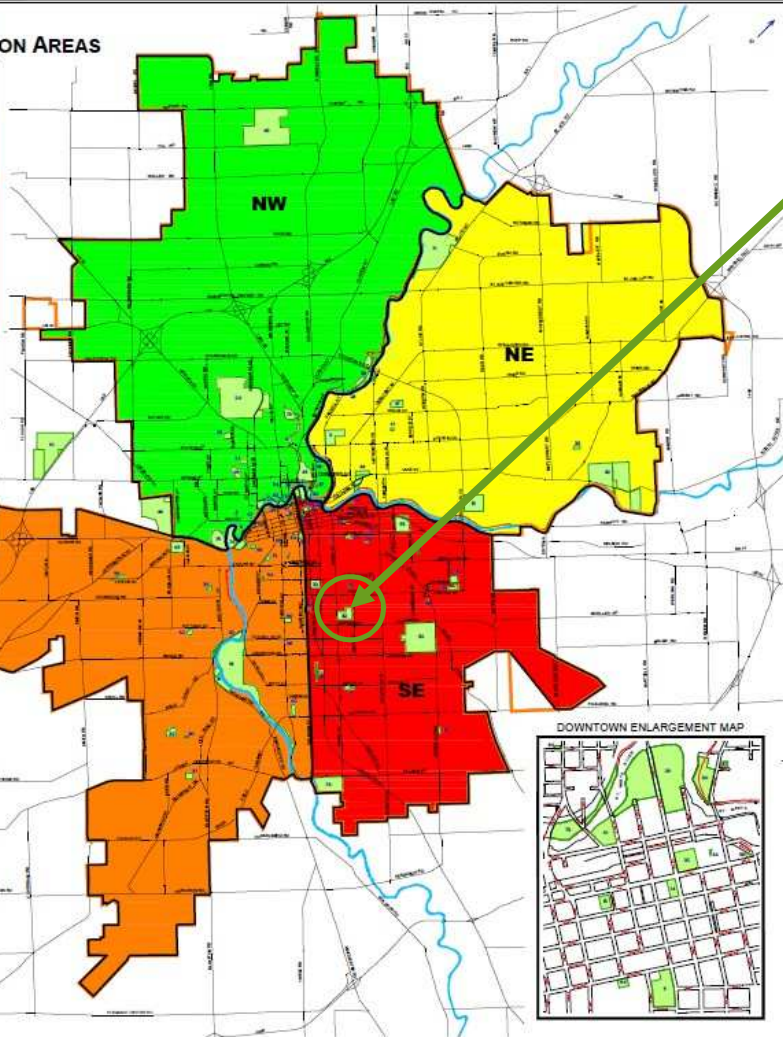
RONALD G. REPKA MEMORIAL PARK today is home to an open-air shelter with picnic tables, a fire-station themed playground, and a paved walking path.



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LEGEND

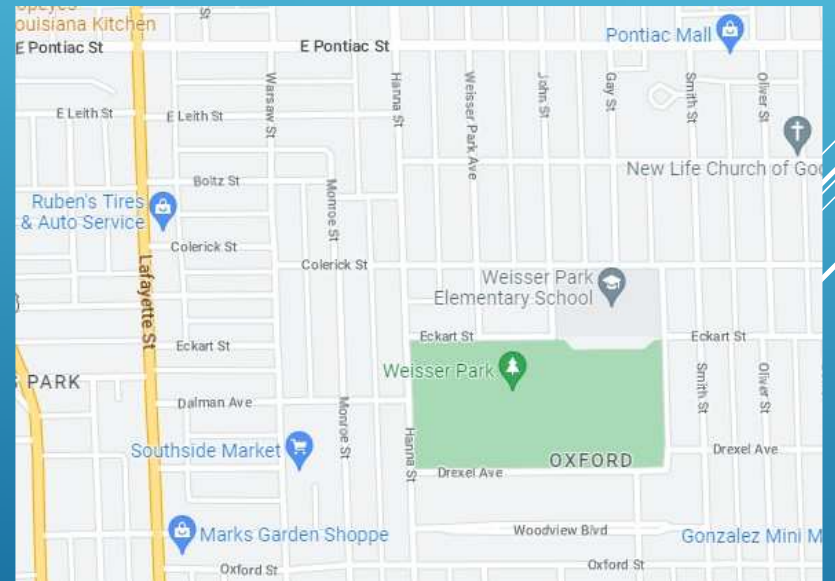
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WEISSER PARK

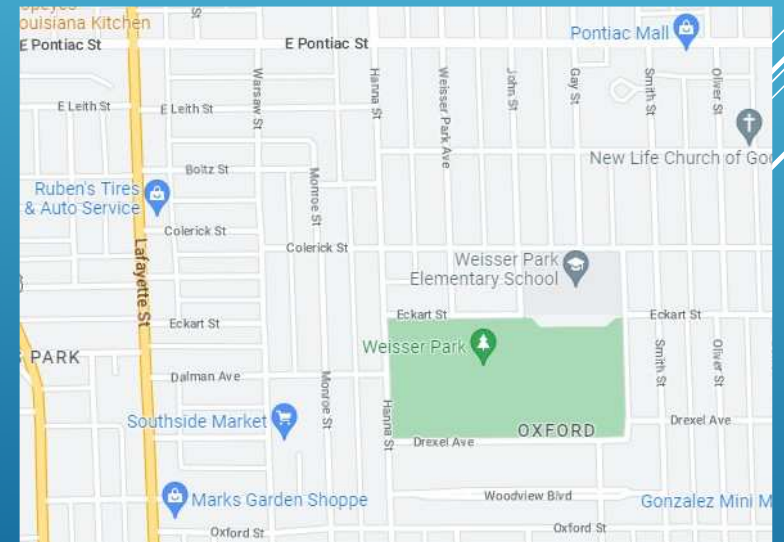
3000 Hanna Street



WEISSER PARK

Since 1909

Size in Acres: 20.0



WEISSER PARK HISTORY

The establishment of Weisser Park is unique in that it was created in part to preserve one of Fort Wayne's impressive natural features—a nineteenth century oak-hickory grove. By 1906, the Fort Wayne Parks Department observed a growing demand for public parks, which was in part a result of a predicted growth in the city's population. The newly formed Park Board identified the tract as particularly fitting with its grand tree grove. However, Magdalene Weisser, the property owner, did not wish to sell the property to the city. After three years of negotiation, the city was able to purchase the property.



WEISSER PARK TODAY

While the park today still maintains much of the natural grandeur of the beautiful tree canopy of large oak and hickory trees, significant development has occurred since the purchase of the property. It is first, home to the Weisser Community Center, which was built in 1998 and is a cherished facility that provides numerous services to neighborhood youth.



WEISSER PARK TODAY

The park is also home to several outdoor recreational opportunities including a baseball diamond, tennis courts, basketball courts, a large playground, an outdoor shelter with restrooms, picnic tables, and open space.



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