

23. Avoca West School/Harriett Ostlund Park (Map S)

Site number: S-1

Ownership: Other Public

Overall size: 8.88 acres

Subwatershed: Main Stem of North Branch of Chicago River

Mapped Land Cover on Site:

Oak Woodland/Turf (4.47 acres): Oak dominated open woodland with turf grass understory on southern half of site.

Developed (4.41 acres): Playground equipment and school grounds on north half of site.



Mature oak woodland trees with turf understory.

Existing Ecological Conditions: In east Glenview, the Avoca School grounds contain an oak-dominated grove of trees with a turf understory known collectively as Harriett Ostlund Park. Clustered generally in groups of the same species are red oak, white oak, and bur oak, with scattered basswood, ash, and cottonwood. Shallow and barely noticeable swales meander through the trees at the park's west and east ends.

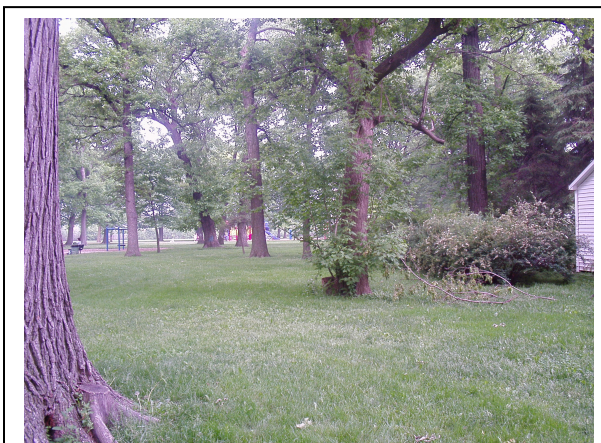


School turf playfields and buildings.

The school grounds are a surprising and noteworthy example of tree preservation on a developed parcel in Glenview; nearly half of the site is available for only passive recreation.

Restoration and Management Recommendations:

Avoca School's grounds are a candidate for oak savanna or woodland restoration, primarily to provide an understory of native flora for wildlife habitat. Savanna/woodland restoration on the site would offer a great opportunity to educate students, teachers, and park visitors.



Oak woodland with turf understory; great woodland/savanna restoration potential.