This map is an overview of Baumann Park. The North-Western border is the Kishwaukee River.

The Southern region is Baumann Park Lake.
History of Baumann Park

The older section of the park is adjacent to State Street and consists of approximately 30 acres of land. The baseball field has been a popular attraction for the village. Many years ago, you could take your family to the park on Monday evening and watch “free” outdoor movies that were projected onto the original Village Hall building. Also located in this section of the park are the tennis courts, playground, and pavilion. Of course, many people come to the park to fish the Kishwaukee River, or to launch their canoe for an afternoon of fun.

The Baumann Park Lake area, or the lower park, is approximately 60 acres of land originally owned by Thornton S. Baumann. Mr. Baumann farmed the land and grew vegetables which he and his employees then took to local markets to be sold. He also used this land to host many horse shows.

In May of 1980, the Village entered an agreement to develop the land into a lake and public park area to promote public welfare for the citizens of Cherry Valley. Eleven years later, in 1991, the residents watched as the seeding and planting took place at the park.

The Result:
A beautifully landscaped, serene outdoor park for the citizens of the village, as well as visitors to the area. The 90+ acre park now offers:

- **BASEBALL FIELD:** Available 7 days a week on a first-come, first-served basis except on the evenings of little league or softball. If you have any questions, please contact the village hall.

- **PLAYGROUND:** Located in the upper park area.

- **TENNIS COURTS:** Lighted from dusk to 10:00 pm during the summer months.

- **GAZEBO and PAVILION:** Available for rent for picnics, parties, weddings, or other events. To make reservations, please call 332-3441 or visit the village hall.

- **BIKE PATH:** 1 1/4 miles including a complete trip around Baumann Park Lake.

- **LAKE AREA:** 22 acres, with a depth from 10 to 22 feet.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**
Handicapped parking is available. July 4th fireworks display. “Music in the Park” during summer months.

Fishing at the Lake:
Some of the fish in the lake have been stocked by members of the Cherry Valley Sportsmen’s Club. This was done early in the lake’s existence. Some species in the lake are: Bass, Northern Pike, and Bluegill.

Fishing in the lake is regulated by the Illinois Department of Conservation. A state license is necessary to fish the lake.

**The use of set lines or unattended lines is prohibited. No live bait, except worms, can be used.**

**PARK RULES:**
Hours: Daylight to Dusk. No parking in the grass. No swimming, camping, fires, or boating allowed. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited.

FISHING HARVEST RESTRICTIONS:
ARE POSTED AT THE LAKE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.