The map depicts "community open space" — open space types that are maintained primarily for human utilization — as opposed to "ecological open space" types maintained for their ecological value (e.g. wetlands). Open space types portrayed include federal lands, state parks, county parks, city/village/township parks, golf courses/country clubs, nature reserves, natural areas, wildlife areas, state historic sites, conservation areas, camps, campgrounds, stream access, sports facilities, retreat facilities, commons ground, private open space, vacant open space, land trust and "other".

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