

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP

Parks and Recreation Plan 2023-2028



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INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This plan is an update for the Norwood Township Parks and Recreation Plan that expired in 2022. This plan examines the recreational needs of the citizens. Many part-time residents and visitors are drawn to the community on weekends for seasonal recreation that includes Lake Michigan, area summer and winter sports, cycling and most recently, agriculture.

This plan was prepared to conform to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) guidelines for community recreation plans. To be eligible to apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Waterways grants, a community must have an approved five-year plan on file with the DNR by Feb. 1 of the year they intend to apply or provide or submit a capital improvement plan with their application.

In addition to maintaining grant eligibility, there are several other reasons for having an up-to-date recreation plan including:

- Establishing short and long-term goals that reflect input from residents and realistic expectations for Township Officials;
- Analyzing current facilities and determining future use needs and/or improvements; and
- Establishing budgetary priorities.

This plan will remain valid for five years from the date of adoption, however, the Plan may be updated as needed.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Norwood Township is located in Northwest Michigan in Charlevoix County and contains just over 24 square miles that includes 7+ miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. It is bordered on the west by Lake Michigan, Marion Township to the east, Charlevoix Township to the north and Antrim County's Banks Township to the south. Each of these neighboring entities have their own recreation plans.

The unincorporated village of Norwood is in the southwest corner. US-31, a major north-south state arterial, bisects the entire Township.

Norwood village lies on a bluff overlooking the mouth of Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay. The bay itself got its name from its relative location to the Township. Before the lumbermen— perhaps for thousands of years— Native Americans launched canoes from this shore to reach the peninsula on the western horizon. They called it the “Great Crossing.” Early French traders here translated the daring seven-mile paddle as “le Grande Traverse.”

Norwood got its start in 1867 when Orvis Wood, Lucius Pearl and Orwin Adams built a massive lumber shipping dock and sawmill on the Grand Traverse Bay shore. From 1867 until the turn of the century, millions of board feet of hardwood were loaded onto schooners and steamers bound for growing urban Lake Michigan ports. Much of the Norwood timber sailed to rebuild Chicago after the disastrous fire of 1871.



By 1890 Norwood reached its population peak of 400. However, the sawmill burned in 1901 amidst a declining industry, and the port never recovered. Norwood remained a farming community, as well as a north woods summer destination for Chicagoans and others. Vacationers continued to come by steamship, and in 1915 by automobile via the new West Michigan Pike. The original 1915 auto pike still connects the village to main roads, which we know as Old Dixie Highway today.

Many examples of nineteenth century architecture are found throughout the community, establishing historic context and identity. There are many period original homes and three community buildings. The 1890's schoolhouse, Methodist Church and the

Historic Township Hall remain today. Visitors to Norwood identify the community as a maritime village similar to those found in New England.

Community Survey Estimates

The 2020 US Census figures show the population of the Township at the 700 residents. The population 18 years of age and under is identified at 138 or 20% of the total. The population of elderly persons, 60 years of age and over is 321, or 46%. These age cohorts are important to remember because they are typically the ones that benefit from recreation programming and the ones most likely to benefit from universally designed facilities.

The vast majority of workers in the Township commute by themselves to jobs outside the community. However 17.5% of workers do so from home and we expect that number to grow as the COVID-19 Pandemic has changed work patterns and requirements.

The top three industries for residents' employment are:

1. Educational services, and health care and social assistance;
2. Manufacturing; and
3. Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services.

Norwood Township is pursuing high quality recreational opportunities for full and part-time residents and visitors. We want appropriate opportunities to develop, expand and/or improve the recreational facilities as such opportunities and financial resources become available. Norwood Township wants to maintain existing facilities first before developing additional capital-intensive projects. As a recreation service provider, the Township recognizes that more than two thirds of its population will benefit from expanded recreation programming and will actively promote partnerships with other communities and entities as they materialize.

Detailed demographic information can be found in the 2022 Norwood Township Master Plan update.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND FUNDING

The Norwood Township Parks and Recreation Commission was created in 1983. The first 15 years of their work focused on the Norwood Township Park. The Commission also collaborated with the MDNR – Michigan Department of Natural on ideas for the Fisherman’s Island State Park in the northwest portion of the Township. The Parks and Recreation Commission was an advisory board to the Norwood Township Board.

In 1998, the committee became inactive, and all parks and recreation responsibilities were transferred to the Township Board. At that time the park budget was autonomous in the Township Budget. Since then, the responsibility remains with the Township Officials, and includes recreational policy, administration and funding.

In 2009, under the direction of the Township Board, an ad-hoc group was formed to carry out maintenance on the Township Park. They utilize resident volunteers, resources such as AmeriCorps when available, and contract help to fill any shortcomings. Their work is vital to the park.

The Township Board directed the Planning Commission to update this plan with the assistance of staff in late Spring of 2015. A resolution by the Township Board, after a public hearing is required for adoption. The Planning Commission has once again been tasked with the update for 2023.

The Township budgets yearly for the maintenance that it feels is necessary to the Township recreational activities, mostly at the Township Park, rarely for other activities past that. The Township Park is the only water/beach access under control of the Township and ways to improve that access are an ongoing part of recreation planning in the community.

In 2011, Norwood Township received a Recreation Passport Grant from the MDNR. The program was created in 2010 by Public Act 32 and is funded with 10% of the revenue generated via the Recreation Passport which replaced the motor vehicle permit system. The grant totaled \$26,000 with an additional match of \$8800 coming from local donations and township general fund appropriations. The improvements were completed in 2014 with the bulk of the funding going toward the vault toilet.

The Township's budget for park improvements and maintenance is very limited with an average of \$1500 directed to contract maintenance services and \$1500 in improvements each year. For fiscal year 2022-2023, \$4500 is budgeted.

PARK AND RECREATION AREA INVENTORY

Norwood Township Park

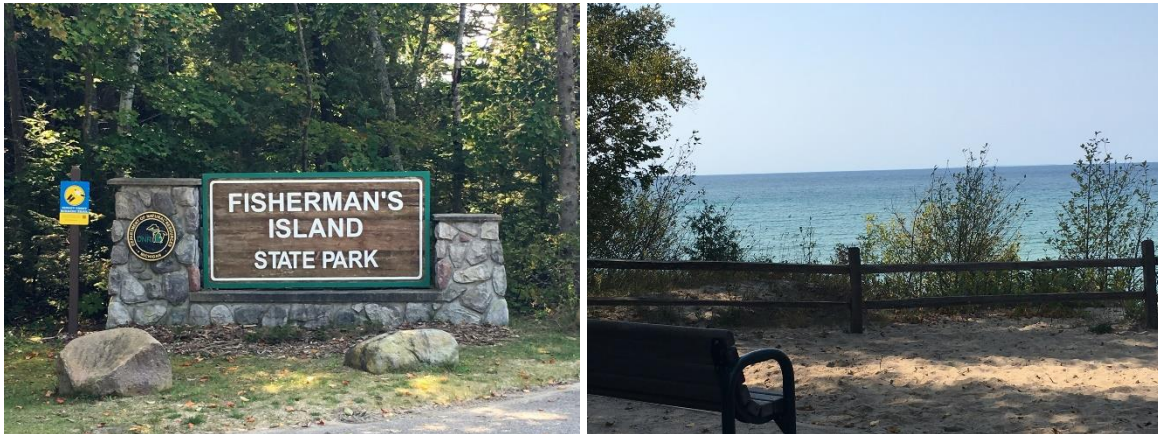
Located at the end of Lake Street, the Park offers 1500 feet of Lake Michigan frontage, 8 acres of land, vault toilets, picnic tables and barbeque grills. The park serves residents and visitors alike.



Norwood Township Park

Fisherman's Island State Park

With over 6 miles of Lake Michigan frontage, the Park also boasts 2678 acres, 80 rustic campsites and draws visitors from all over the state and region. A portion of the Park is located in Charlevoix Township.



A number of unmarked historic sites including those of the woodland Indians (4000 BC) and Archaic people (1200 BC) are present at Fisherman's Island State Park. During the summer months, Woodland Tribes would travel to the Chert Quarries, set up camp and make stone tools, utensils and weapons.

Fisherman's Island and the adjacent mainland became a Michigan State Park in 1973. The area is still referred to as Bell 's Bay Park by locals.

US 31 Roadside Park

The State of Michigan no longer identifies the rest area as an asset on any roadside park maps. Approximately a half acre in size, the area is serviced by a dirt drive and offers rustic respite for travelers passing through the region. Currently the park is maintained by the Charlevoix County Road Commission.



1890's Historical Village

The village area is comprised of the Township Hall, Norwood Church and the School (owned by the Norwood Area Historical Society), and dozens of residential homes and cottages. The Village Area is primarily used by residents as a place of worship, for elections and celebrations.



1890's Schoolhouse



Norwood Church

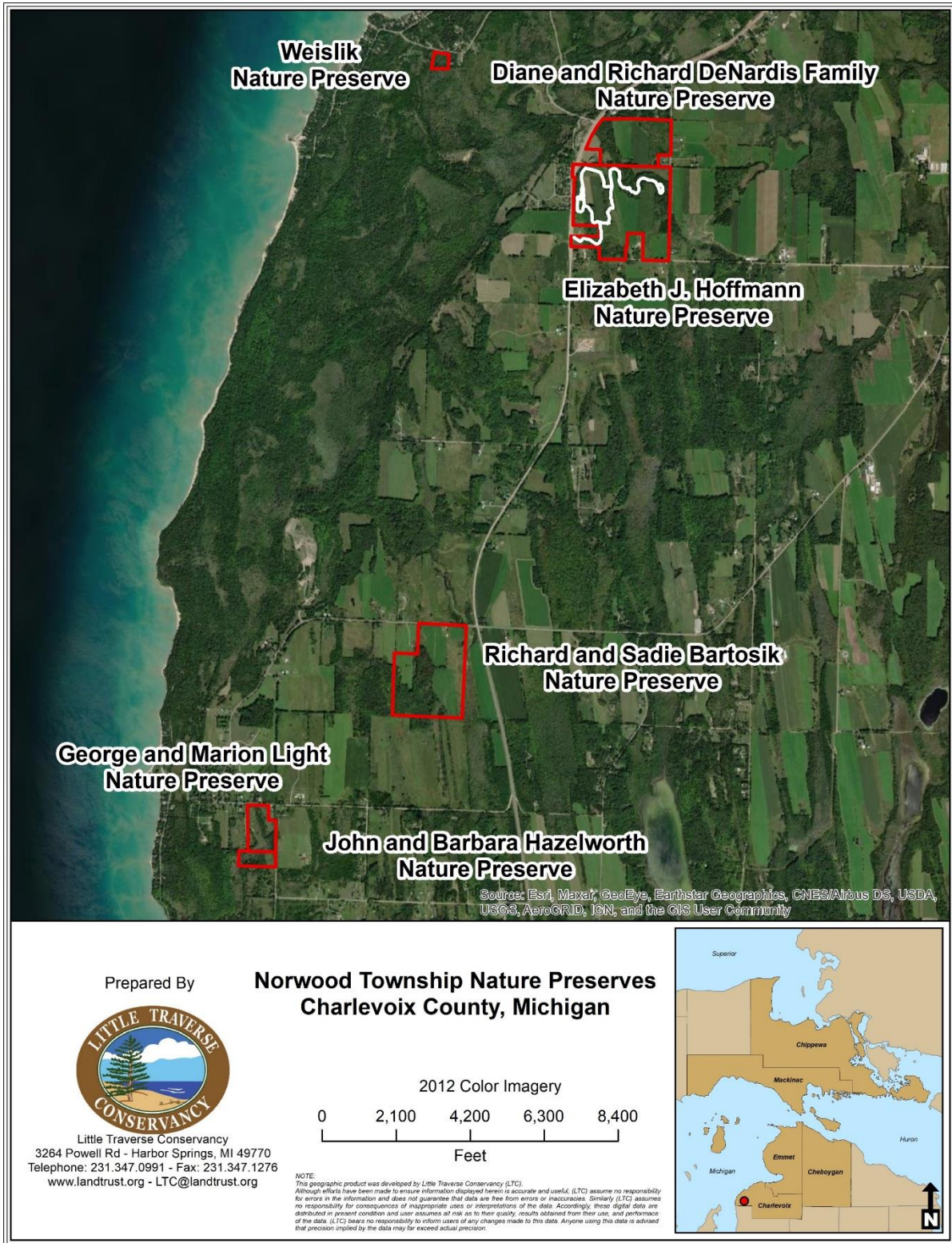


Historic Township Hall

The Norwood Area Historical Society, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3), was organized in 2000. Their mission is to preserve and maintain the 1890 Schoolhouse and to collect, catalog and preserve information and artifacts pertaining to the people and community life of the Norwood area. The Society strives to promote interest and knowledge of Norwood area history through annual programs and events. The Society aims to preserve other historical landmarks through partnerships with the Township.

Land Conservancy Nature Preserves

With assistance from the Little Traverse Conservancy six parcels totaling 355 acres have been preserved throughout the Township. While all are open to the public, only the DeNardis/Hoffman has formalized activities at this time. A nearly three-mile trail loop winds through old orchards, farm fields, alongside Inwood Creek, through woods, and atop a hill offering Lake Michigan views. Conveniently located off of US-31, the preserve is also found next door to the Bier's Inwood Brewery and Art Gallery making it an extra fun destination.

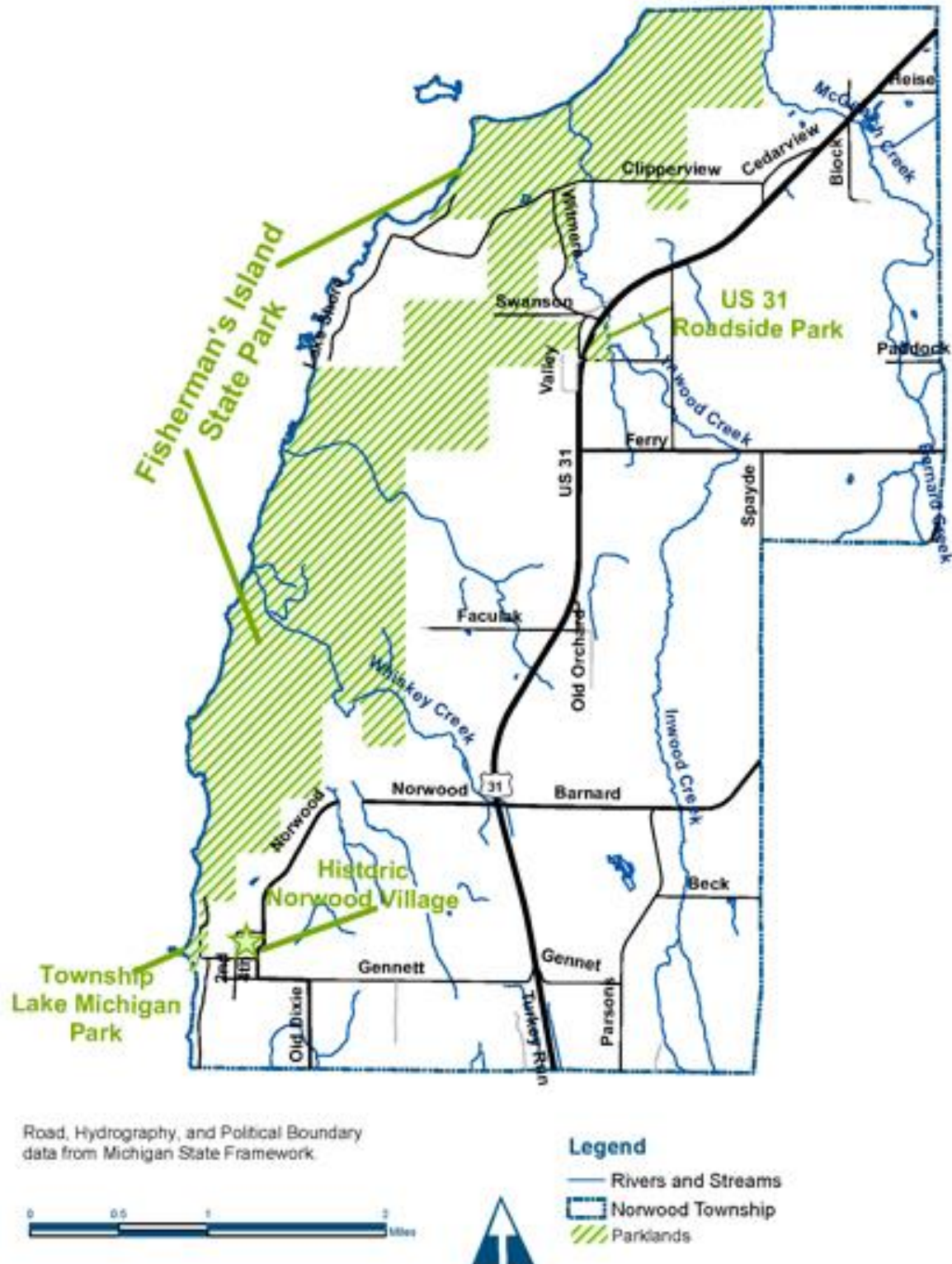


Other Facilities

Other recreational facilities and activities utilized by local residents are administered both formally and informally by organizations serving multiple jurisdictions. Norwood Township is located within the Charlevoix School District, making most of that district's recreational facilities and activities available to Township residents. Township youth may also participate in non-school related recreation organizations such as 4-H, little league, baseball, softball and soccer, and Pop Warner football. Most of these activities are organized and the venues where they are played are outside the Township. Area young people are also involved in scouting which allows and encourages community interaction.

Invasive species should also be mentioned with respect to Parks and Recreation. NW Michigan is constantly threatened by invasive species introduced, in part, by visitors recreating in the area. Norwood Township, in conjunction with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, continues to monitor and educate all about invasive threats. Committed waterfront property owners participated in a special assessment district to control an outbreak of Phragmites beginning in 2009. Each fall, any identified Phragmites growth is addressed by treatment.

PARKS MAP



DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

The Norwood Township Planning Commission, along with the Township Board has ongoing dialogue regarding our parks and recreation activities. Future planning programming will benefit all ages within the Township population. Additionally, developing facilities and programming will draw visitors to the Township that will benefit agritourism in the community. Public input from the Master Plan survey is the key source of feedback for this Recreation Plan process.

Key Stakeholders Involved in the Process

Township Residents were the key stakeholders involved and consideration of their input was gathered during the survey for the 2022 Master Plan update as well as the information gathered in 2014. The survey was publicized on the website and sent to all residents via a Community Flyer.

The Township Board and Planning Commission provided input and direction on various aspects of the Master Plan. They also provided recreational inventories and review process, along with budget information. Township stakeholders had multiple opportunities to answer survey questions and to participate in the community master planning process.

2022 Master Plan Survey Questions and Answers Related to Parks and Recreation

The Township incorporated several parks and recreation questions into a resident survey that was part of the public involvement process in their 2022 Master Plan. There were 120 total responses to the survey with three questions related to Parks and Recreation in addition to the seven included in 2014.

- The first question asked respondents what types of recreational resources are most important for the Township to work on improving. Nature preserves/conservancies received 55.56%, Nonmotorized trails 50.43, Beaches/waterfront access, 45.30% Recreation/community open space 18.80%, and Youth recreation 9.4%.
- Question 2 was in relation to nonmotorized trails. 63% of those surveyed supported expanding nonmotorized trails.
- Question 3 asked about should focus be on expanding existing opportunities and improving existing parks or creating and acquiring new ones. 82% felt that we should focus on what is currently in place.

2014 information is included in appendix of this document and includes:

- Do they considered the Township's natural resources to be community assets? Nearly 100% supported the statement.
- Do you support enacting special measures to protect those natural resources? Nearly 85% supported regulations.
- How many times the respondents used the Township Park on Lake Michigan. 71 % of respondents indicated they had used the Township Park within the last year.
- Would you support improvements to the Township's Park? While 71% of those respondents indicated they would with 72% of those in favor would prefer that resources other than increased property taxes or special assessment funds.
- What improvements respondents would like to see at the Township Park. Answers

ranged from a pavilion or picnic shelter, improving boardwalk access to the beach, dune preservation, trash and recycling service and a children's play structure.

Additionally, general characteristics of the respondents and their perceptions of the community include that seventy-five percent of the respondents are year-round residents and have lived in the Township for more than ten years. By far the majority of respondents were over 45 years old. The majority of respondents stated they live in Norwood Township due to the rural atmosphere, country living, peacefulness/privacy and scenic views. Nearly 99% of respondents consider the Township's natural resources (beach, park, scenic views, open space, lakes, rivers, streams, woodlots, wetlands, water recharge areas) to be an asset to the community. They believe these resources should be protected with appropriate regulations. 71% of survey respondents believe Norwood Village is valuable and should be protected.

There are funding resources available to acquire parkland, preserve open spaces and farmland, and develop recreation improvements. Although the Township residents indicated they are not in favor of increased taxes for parks and recreation, there are still options for raising funds to provide required matches for different funding resources. The Township should explore one-time special assessments, crowdfunding, challenge grants, partnerships with land conservancies, and state/Federal grant opportunities to increase recreation lands and develop the existing Township Park.

GOALS AND ACTIONS

1. Require that development of recreation amenities follow a design style and plan that preserves the Township's unique 'up-north' rural character making it an attractive destination for year-round and summer residents.
 - a. Develop a long-term park layout plan for the Township Park with community input that includes:
 - i. Pavilion or Gazebo;
 - ii. Handicap Accessibility to Grand Traverse Bay;
 - iii. Overlook Points;
 - iv. Boardwalks, Walkways and Trails; and
 - v. Handicap Accessible Park Furniture.This plan will be prepared for consideration in granting applications.
 - b. Utilize volunteer efforts to the maximum possible to support ongoing maintenance.
 - c. Clear/manage brush; develop plantings of native species that are attractive and easily maintained.
 - d. Provide freshwater pump access at the Township Park.
 - e. Provide trails/foot paths within the Norwood Township Park and adjacent Township Property.
2. Promote Norwood's Historical Buildings and Sites throughout the Township.
 - a. Incorporate interpretive opportunities throughout the Township.
 - b. Work with the Norwood Area Historical Society and other resources to seek grant funding.
3. Utilize grant opportunities (MNRTF, LWCF) as funding sources for parkland acquisition and recreational development.
4. Promote the various opportunities available for preservation to residents as appropriate (i.e. on the website, in bi-annual tax billing, etc.).
5. Consider reinstating a Parks and Recreation Committee for organized community assistance with maintenance, grant applications and development.

ACTION PROGRAM

| Element | Action | Measurement | Lead/Coordination | Priority |
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| Require that development of recreation amenities follow a design style and plan that preserves the Township's unique 'up-north' rural character making it an attractive destination for year-round and summer residents. | Develop a long-term park layout plan that includes handicapped accessible for the Township Park with community input that includes a Gazebo, handicap accessibility and mobi-mats. The plan will allow for submittal for a MDNR Trust Fund Development Grant. | Completed park layout plan | Planner/PC, TB, Parks Committee | High |
| | Seek community-effort means (not tax dollars) for supporting ongoing maintenance. | Ongoing volunteer hours | TB/Parks Committee | Medium |
| | Clear/manage brush; develop plantings of native species that are attractive and easily maintained. | Ongoing volunteer hours | TB/Parks Committee | Low |
| | At the Township Park consider fresh water pump access. | Completed park layout plan | Planner/PC, TB, Parks Committee | Medium |
| | Provide trails/foot paths within the Norwood Township Park and adjacent Township Property. | Completed park layout plan | TB/Parks Committee | Medium |
| Improve water access to Lake Michigan at the Township Park. | Provide universally accessible viewing of Lake Michigan at the Township Park. Consider barrier-free ramp, establish overlooks from vistas, consider boardwalks and walkways. | Completed park layout plan | Planner/PC, TB, Parks Committee | High |
| Incorporate interpretive opportunities about Norwood's history at sites around the Township | Work with the Norwood Area Historical Society to design interpretive features and opportunities. | Completed grant applications | Parks Committee | Low |
| | Work with the Norwood Area Historical Society and seek grant funding. | Completed grant applications | Parks Committee | Low |
| Encourage the addition of conservancy lands, open space preservation easements, and farmland preservation easements in appropriate and adjacent areas consistent with the Master Plan | Work with land conservancies and the various state departments to fund easement and real estate acquisitions | Identified priorities | Parks Committee | Medium |
| | Promote the work of the Little Traverse Conservancy with the yearly Township Newsletter | Publications out with the winter tax bills. | Parks Committee | Medium |
| Utilize grant opportunities (MNRTF, LWCF) as funding sources for parkland acquisition and recreational development | Work to identify grants for parkland development | Completed park layout plan | Planner/PC, TB, Parks Committee | High |
| Consider reinstating a Parks and Recreation Committee toward organized community assistance with maintenance, grant applications and development. | Establish a working committee, basic bylaws, and goals that support this Plan. | Parks Committee meetings | TB, Parks Committee | High |

Immediate Actions

- A. Establish working committee as precursor to formal Parks Committee.
- B. Develop a long-term layout plan for Norwood Township Park.

Funding Options

The residents of Norwood Township are not prepared to levy additional taxes for recreation at this time. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events, and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should be pursued aggressively to raise funding for parks and program improvements. Creativity will be key.

Locally, grant opportunities are afforded by the Community Foundation, Networks Northwest and the County Park Committee. At the state level, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund (Recreation Passport Grant) continue to be the primary funding sources for parkland acquisition and development.

The MNRTF provides funding for both the purchase of land for recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty and the development of land for public outdoor recreation use. Goals of the program are to protect natural resources and provide for their access, public use, and enjoyment AND provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes.

All proposals for grants must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. Applications are due in April and August. Land acquisition projects are due each April with no maximums or minimums defined.

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for development of outdoor recreation facilities. Minimum grant **requests are** \$30,000 and maximum grant requests are \$500,000. The match must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Application deadline varies.

The Recreation Passport Grant is derived from the sale of the Recreation Passport that replaced the resident or window sticker for state park entrance. The passport is required for entry to state parks, recreation areas and boating access sites. Ten percent of revenue is used to fund the Recreation Passport local grant program and focuses on renovating and improving existing parks.

All proposals for grants require at least a 25 percent match. Minimum requests are \$7500 and maximum grant requests are \$150,000. Applications are due April 1 of each year.

Other funding conducted in partnership with the MDNR is available through other state government divisions, such as the Fisheries Division and the Forestry Division.

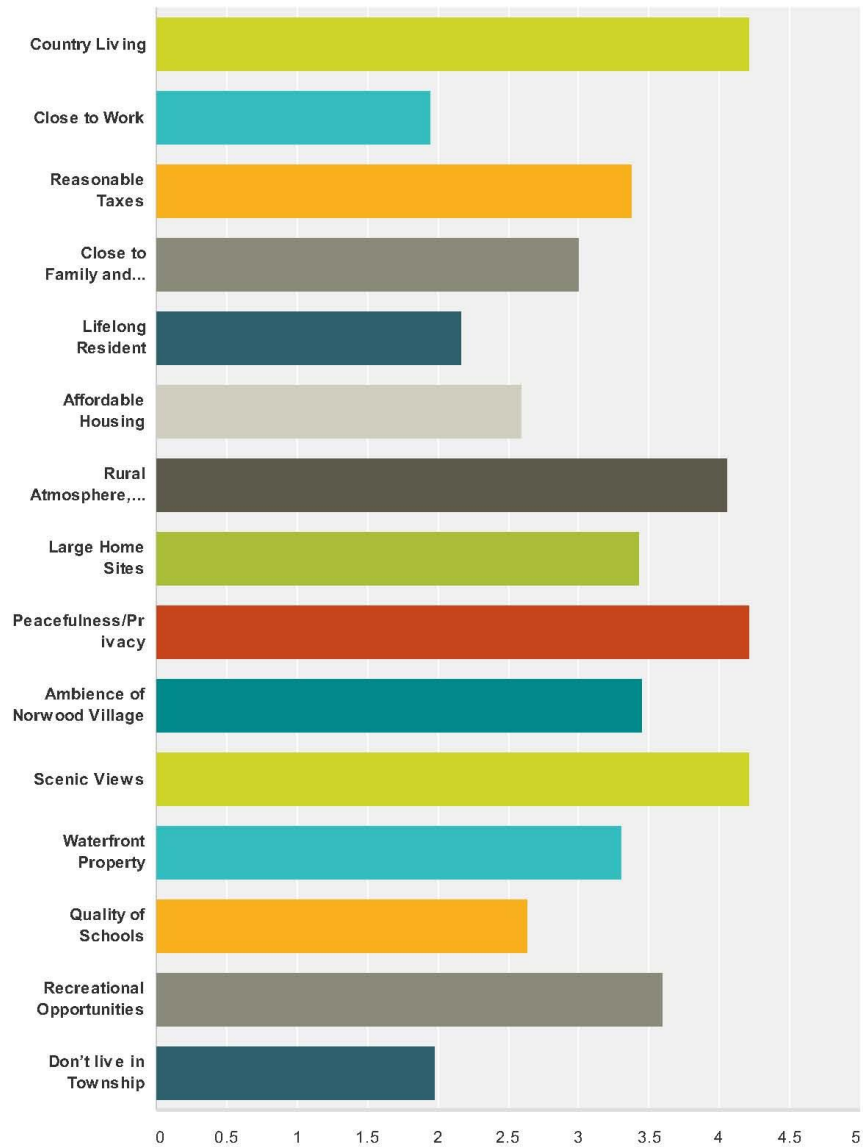
2014 SURVEY EXCERPTS

Question 1

Norwood Township Community Survey

Q1 Which of the following are reasons that you live in Norwood Township? (Please rank your five top choices in order of most importance, assigning "5" to the most important)

Answered: 166 Skipped: 2

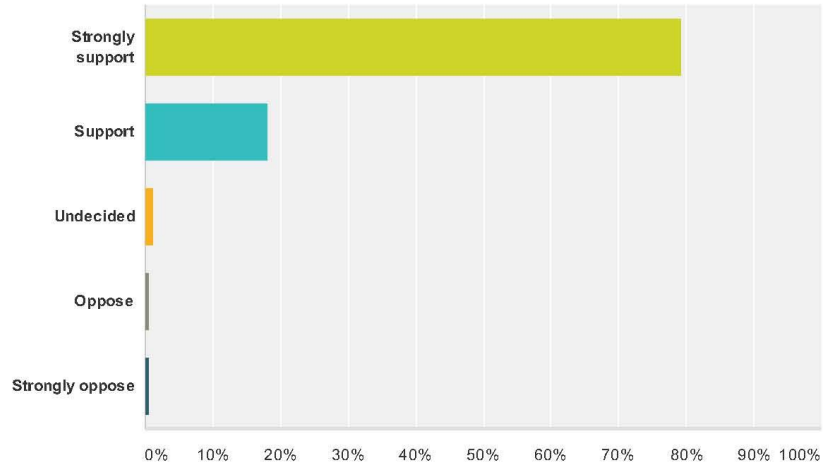


Question 16

Norwood Township Community Survey

Q16 Do you consider the Township's natural resources (beach, park, scenic views, open space, lakes, rivers, streams, woodlots, wetlands, water recharge areas) to be an asset to the community?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 3



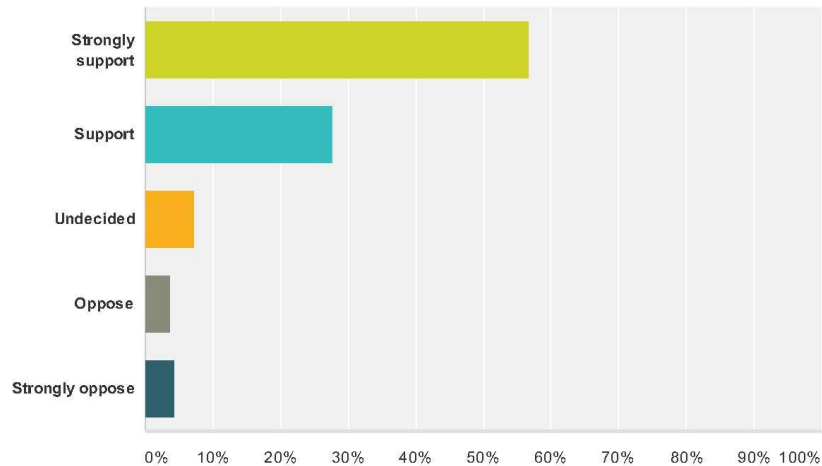
| Answer Choices | Responses | |
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| Strongly support | 79.39% | 131 |
| Support | 18.18% | 30 |
| Undecided | 1.21% | 2 |
| Oppose | 0.61% | 1 |
| Strongly oppose | 0.61% | 1 |
| Total | | 165 |

Question 17

Norwood Township Community Survey

Q17 Do you feel that the Township should enact special measures to protect the Township's natural resources?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 6



| Answer Choices | Responses |
|------------------|------------|
| Strongly support | 56.79% 92 |
| Support | 27.78% 45 |
| Undecided | 7.41% 12 |
| Oppose | 3.70% 6 |
| Strongly oppose | 4.32% 7 |
| Total | 162 |

| # | Other (please specify) | Date |
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| 1 | No to land swap! | 3/26/2014 7:35 PM |
| 2 | It would depend on the "special measure" being considered. | 3/26/2014 5:06 PM |
| 3 | willing to pay to assist in this effort as with the phragamite fund | 2/28/2014 9:02 AM |
| 4 | This is the number one thing the township has going for it. Beaches, parks, walking/bike trails, should all be encouraged. | 2/26/2014 12:03 PM |
| 5 | please protect norwood beach or township park and fisherman island state park as well as other natural resources of water and lakes and land | 2/24/2014 11:38 PM |
| 6 | The question is too vague | 2/24/2014 1:51 PM |
| 7 | Object to private property rights being limited. | 2/21/2014 8:14 PM |
| 8 | Within reason! | 2/20/2014 6:27 PM |
| 9 | What are the benefits and protections and costs? Would need more information | 2/20/2014 10:35 AM |

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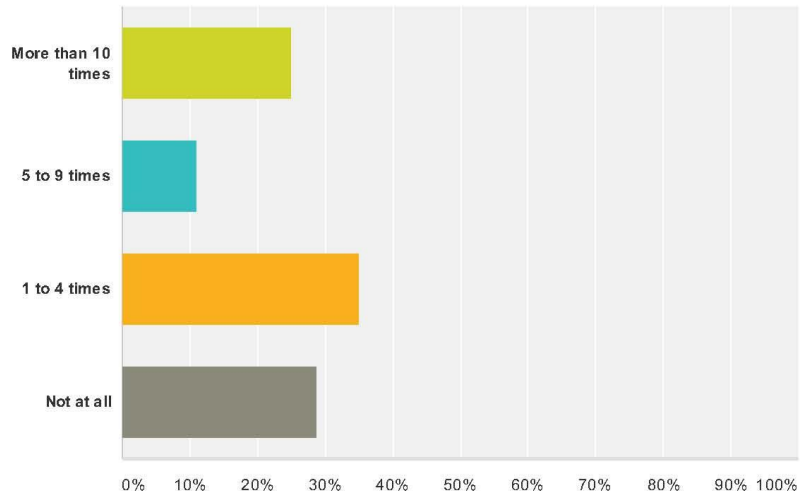
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| 10 | The twp needs a marina or at the very least a dock/boardwalk | 2/20/2014 10:27 AM |
| 11 | If owned by the state, or township; what measures are needed? | 2/15/2014 9:29 AM |
| 12 | If owned by the state, or township; what measures are needed? | 2/15/2014 9:29 AM |
| 13 | Private land owners should determine what they want for their property. Private land owners make better individual judgments in determining the correct balance for protecting nature and the land-use with how it is utilized. Although well intentioned, blanket government ordinances broadly restrict sound decision making on a case by case basis. | 2/14/2014 8:31 PM |
| 14 | .I THINK THE SCENIC VIEW AND OPEN SPACE SHOULD BE LEFT AS IT IS | 2/12/2014 9:20 AM |
| 15 | Special measures is much too broad a description to answer this question. | 2/11/2014 8:13 PM |
| 16 | The State has enough protections in place without having to add more. | 2/11/2014 5:23 PM |
| 17 | Not sure what "should enact special measures" means to existing property owners? | 2/5/2014 5:32 PM |
| 18 | Unnecessary--state and federal regs cover this. Twp could encourage private land trust preservation, or possibly acquire land for parks. | 2/4/2014 11:56 PM |

Question 22

Norwood Township Community Survey

Q22 How many times have you, your family and/or guest(s) used the Township Park on Lake Michigan in the past 12 months?

Answered: 163 Skipped: 5



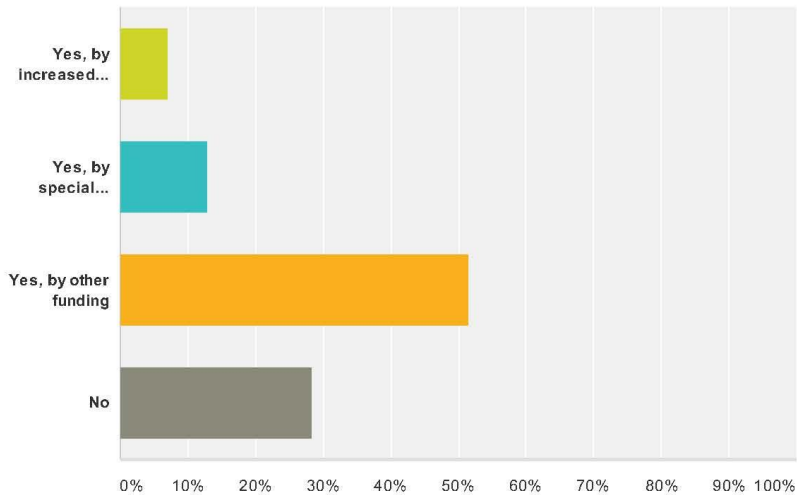
| Answer Choices | Responses | |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| More than 10 times | 25.15% | 41 |
| 5 to 9 times | 11.04% | 18 |
| 1 to 4 times | 34.97% | 57 |
| Not at all | 28.83% | 47 |
| Total | | 163 |

Question 23

Norwood Township Community Survey

Q23 Would you support improvements to the Norwood Township Park on Lake Michigan?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 13



| Answer Choices | | Responses | |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------|-----|
| Yes, by increased property taxes | | 7.10% | 11 |
| Yes, by special assessment | | 12.90% | 20 |
| Yes, by other funding | | 51.61% | 80 |
| No | | 28.39% | 44 |
| Total | | | 155 |

| # | Other (please specify) | Date |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1 | possibly a grant could be obtained or applied for. | 3/26/2014 6:52 PM |
| 2 | grants, millage | 3/26/2014 6:27 PM |
| 3 | grants, millage | 3/26/2014 6:06 PM |
| 4 | Yes to all of the above except No | 2/28/2014 4:35 PM |
| 5 | this is a tough one, I feel that it has become overly manicured and lost some of its feel. restroom is appreciated, however! | 2/28/2014 9:02 AM |
| 6 | Depends what the Township has in mind. A deeper swimming area and better beach/ sand area would be a real improvement. I wouldn't want to support vendors or anything like that. | 2/26/2014 3:54 PM |
| 7 | I would have to know what the improvements would be first. | 2/26/2014 12:03 PM |
| 8 | Sweat equity and volunteer efforts with citizen leadership have turned the park into a very usable asset for the township from the overgrown mess that it was allowed to sink to prior to the revitalization effort started six years ago. Possible state grants such as the one used to install the toilets that went in last year. | 2/25/2014 2:03 PM |

Norwood Township
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Norwood Township Community Survey

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| 9 | Undecided | 2/21/2014 8:46 PM |
| 10 | we already have some funds available every year and it should be spent on the park or saved for future projects | 2/21/2014 8:42 PM |
| 11 | volunteer and grant efforts have been adequate for our needs to improve. Ongoing maintenance is needed - how will that be funded or done? | 2/20/2014 10:35 AM |
| 12 | It needs to happen soon | 2/20/2014 10:27 AM |
| 13 | Not until propane use problem is addressed | 2/20/2014 10:13 AM |
| 14 | Would like to hear all the options...not opposed to increase in property taxes or a special assessment but would need to know details | 2/19/2014 11:33 AM |
| 15 | It is just fine as is other than an possible pier | 2/18/2014 3:14 PM |
| 16 | It's hard to improve on the natural setting which currently exists, as it visually blends in well with the surrounding area. Any further structures or play-sets would detract from the natural beauty. It currently attracts families or small groups of people which is perfect. I wouldn't want to attract large groups / huge parties. | 2/14/2014 8:31 PM |
| 17 | At this time just maintain what is presently there.. Community work parties can do this. | 2/14/2014 2:38 PM |
| 18 | NO TAX INCREASE FOR IMPROVEMENTS THIS WILL JUST CAUSE MORE PARK TRAFFIC AND MORE LITTER | 2/12/2014 9:20 AM |
| 19 | Could be done perhaps through grants or federal money. Not by raising taxes. Bad idea. | 2/11/2014 8:13 PM |
| 20 | Possibly. | 2/9/2014 9:52 PM |
| 21 | Not sure what would need to be done. Would need more input. | 2/6/2014 6:00 PM |
| 22 | park is too limited by who and when it can be used, too many rules, park is usually used and controlled by the same small group who think they actually own it. | 2/5/2014 8:48 PM |
| 23 | the park is nice the way it is. I don't want higher taxes but do not want the state parks sold off for commercial development to raise money. keep the park | 2/4/2014 3:02 PM |

Question 24

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Q24 What types of improvements would you like to see at the Township Park?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 97

| # | Responses | Date |
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| 1 | more view parking larger | 3/26/2014 7:51 PM |
| 2 | Warner Road paved | 3/26/2014 7:35 PM |
| 3 | None - move the portajohn to a more aesthetic location! | 3/26/2014 7:22 PM |
| 4 | Road | 3/26/2014 7:16 PM |
| 5 | Was improved with bench & new toilets. Does not need more. | 3/26/2014 7:03 PM |
| 6 | none | 3/26/2014 6:41 PM |
| 7 | preservation of the dunes, pavilions, walkways | 3/26/2014 6:27 PM |
| 8 | preservation of the dunes, pavilion, walkways | 3/26/2014 6:06 PM |
| 9 | trash cans & toilets, steps. Too nice and it attracts too many non-residents that don't care or just vandalize. Breaking tables - grills etc. | 3/26/2014 5:47 PM |
| 10 | beach and a few more picnic tables | 3/26/2014 5:33 PM |
| 11 | Better Stairs | 3/26/2014 5:24 PM |
| 12 | patches of poison ivy along beach and path to beach eliminated | 3/26/2014 5:15 PM |
| 13 | Some benches down near beach | 3/1/2014 7:32 PM |
| 14 | A better beach with deeper water, sand bottom closer to shore. Boat launch at beach. Dredging. After all this was once a harbor for shipping lumber. | 2/28/2014 4:35 PM |
| 15 | none, like as is | 2/28/2014 9:02 AM |
| 16 | Some board walks on the east side of the road and stairs up to the village | 2/27/2014 5:36 PM |
| 17 | Recycling containers. More accessible swimming .ie deeper water. Better beach/sand area. | 2/26/2014 3:54 PM |
| 18 | Better parking (it is prone to flooding and muddy at times) I would like to see tree plantings at the park | 2/26/2014 12:03 PM |
| 19 | Continue to remove the brush. Construct a handicap walkway down to the lake. Possible construction of a small pavilion so people can get out of the rain. fix the well that used to operate on the bluff. Possibly pave the parking lot and LakeShore from the intersection of Lake Street and LakeShore. | 2/25/2014 2:03 PM |
| 20 | I think you have done well | 2/25/2014 12:38 PM |
| 21 | trash can or service please | 2/24/2014 11:38 PM |
| 22 | Water pump, play structure, pavillion | 2/24/2014 9:27 PM |
| 23 | I support the improvements that have been made and would not like to see it get too upscale | 2/24/2014 8:25 PM |
| 24 | trash can | 2/23/2014 10:09 PM |
| 25 | BOAT LAUNCH | 2/23/2014 6:33 PM |
| 26 | Pavillion | 2/23/2014 2:03 PM |
| 27 | None | 2/23/2014 12:05 PM |
| 28 | maybe a small covered area like antrim creek natural area with a couple benches | 2/21/2014 8:42 PM |
| 29 | Clean sandy beach Clean nice restrooms Fishing pier | 2/21/2014 5:26 PM |
| 30 | None in particular | 2/21/2014 3:06 PM |

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| 31 | Pavilion Picnic area Cleaner restrooms | 2/21/2014 9:57 AM |
| 32 | Clean Beach and Water, Gazebo, Boat Launch, Rocks removed from water near shoreline | 2/21/2014 1:07 AM |
| 33 | Plant a mix of native conifers and maples maybe add a picnic table or two. | 2/20/2014 6:27 PM |
| 34 | none, keep it simple to avoid the crowds | 2/20/2014 5:54 PM |
| 35 | none needed. A pavilion while nice would open up more issues and costs than we would support. | 2/20/2014 10:35 AM |
| 36 | Community Dock, boardwalk and or marina | 2/20/2014 10:27 AM |
| 37 | Clean the waters edge of debris and bring in sand | 2/20/2014 10:00 AM |
| 38 | The current improvements are wonderful and what you are doing should be continued | 2/20/2014 8:58 AM |
| 39 | shelter/shade area | 2/19/2014 11:33 AM |
| 40 | Continued maintenance by residents | 2/18/2014 6:58 PM |
| 41 | I feel the township park facilities are appropriate for the size of the park currently. | 2/18/2014 9:31 AM |
| 42 | Pavilion. Add Wyncoop property to the park system. | 2/17/2014 12:42 PM |
| 43 | Just kept clean | 2/16/2014 2:31 PM |
| 44 | Warner road is in VERY BAD SHAPE. | 2/16/2014 12:17 PM |
| 45 | None. | 2/14/2014 8:31 PM |
| 46 | Just properly maintain what is there. | 2/14/2014 2:38 PM |
| 47 | Small fun park for kids...slide, swing, etc. | 2/14/2014 2:05 PM |
| 48 | Don't add more buildings, except maybe a pavilion to eat under, a small one, not a big one. Otherwise, just maintain as is. I think there is enough there now with the new toilets and tables and love the bench! | 2/13/2014 12:23 PM |
| 49 | Pavilion | 2/13/2014 10:44 AM |
| 50 | N/A | 2/13/2014 7:40 AM |
| 51 | IT SHOULD REMAIN THE SAME | 2/12/2014 9:20 AM |
| 52 | Would have to study the site. | 2/11/2014 8:13 PM |
| 53 | Fill several enormous water filled holes gracing Lakeshore Drive along Lake Michigan just south of Fisherman's Island State Park | 2/11/2014 6:36 PM |
| 54 | If it costs me more money than what is already sucked out of me, None! | 2/11/2014 5:23 PM |
| 55 | Expand grass area, add shade trees, service to keep beach area clear of visitor debris | 2/11/2014 1:10 PM |
| 56 | Undecided | 2/11/2014 12:38 PM |
| 57 | Easier to get to | 2/10/2014 4:45 PM |
| 58 | picnic pavilion | 2/10/2014 1:06 PM |
| 59 | not known | 2/10/2014 11:31 AM |
| 60 | Tree trimming and brush clearing. | 2/9/2014 9:52 PM |
| 61 | Small pavilion, boat access | 2/9/2014 3:52 PM |
| 62 | some type of plantings (small trees, bushes or shrubs) around the new rest rooms. | 2/9/2014 11:47 AM |
| 63 | Beach improved | 2/8/2014 6:52 PM |
| 64 | ? unsure of the current needs | 2/6/2014 6:00 PM |
| 65 | Fishing pier, playground for kids, covered eating area. | 2/6/2014 11:47 AM |
| 66 | Better Parking and Bathroom facilities | 2/6/2014 9:53 AM |
| 67 | No opinion...never been there. | 2/5/2014 10:59 PM |
| 68 | privacy | 2/5/2014 8:48 PM |

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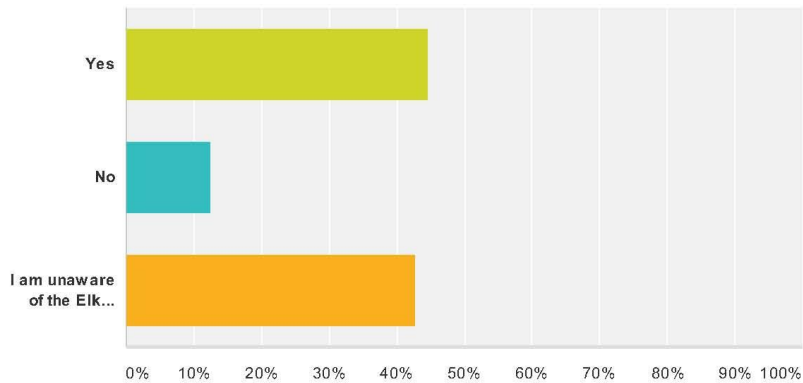
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| 69 | The park is very comfortable and limited crowds helps keep it clean. | 2/5/2014 5:32 PM |
| 70 | Improved restroom facilities, beach & grills & tables | 2/5/2014 12:41 PM |
| 71 | Picnic shelter, restrooms | 2/4/2014 11:56 PM |

Question 25

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Q25 Do you support the Elk Rapids to Charlevoix Trail?

Answered: 159 Skipped: 9



| Answer Choices | Responses |
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| Yes | 44.65% 71 |
| No | 12.58% 20 |
| I am unaware of the Elk Rapids to Charlevoix Trail | 42.77% 68 |
| Total | 159 |

| # | Other (please specify) | Date |
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| 1 | Would need more info on where trail would be | 3/26/2014 6:27 PM |
| 2 | would need more info on where trail would be | 3/26/2014 6:06 PM |
| 3 | location? | 2/27/2014 5:36 PM |
| 4 | That would depend on its location. | 2/26/2014 5:13 PM |
| 5 | So far it sounds like a nice, "green" idea. I look forward to hearing more about the proposed routing and other particulars. | 2/26/2014 3:54 PM |
| 6 | But I would support this idea highly | 2/26/2014 12:03 PM |
| 7 | please explain this | 2/24/2014 11:38 PM |
| 8 | What would the route follow? | 2/21/2014 8:14 PM |
| 9 | I would like to see a proposed bike trail like the one from Charlevoix to Petoskey | 2/21/2014 5:26 PM |
| 10 | I have heard of the proposal but unaware of the exact location. I am not sure at this time whether or not to support it. | 2/20/2014 6:27 PM |
| 11 | While the concept is fine, what are the means and locations - are they safe, locally intrusive or how are they planned? | 2/20/2014 10:35 AM |
| 12 | But need more details on the route | 2/19/2014 11:33 AM |
| 13 | Only if it doesn't disturb the 2 track lakeshore drive road going to Whiskey Creek and surrounding state land. | 2/17/2014 12:42 PM |

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| 14 | While still preserving the rights of individual property owners. Creative use of land the township and State already own. | 2/10/2014 3:04 PM |
| 15 | yes, if it does consider property owners rights in the creation | 2/10/2014 1:06 PM |
| 16 | Where will the trail be located? | 2/5/2014 5:32 PM |