



EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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Community Profile

East Bay Township, located in Grand Traverse County, borders the City of Traverse City and sits along the southern shoreline of Grand Traverse Bay. East Bay Township is home to lower-density residential development, agricultural activity, commerce, and recreational centers for residents and visitors. Frequently visited sites include the Beach District, also known as Miracle Mile along US-31, campgrounds (including Traverse City State Park), recreational camps and resorts, and the Vasa trailhead.

DATA SOURCES

- » American Community Survey (ACS): The ACS replaced the “long-form” questions on the US Decennial Censuses beginning in 2000, collecting information about social, economic, and housing questions on a continual basis. These longer questions are better suited for the ACS, in order to maximize the response rate to the more critical decennial census; the yearly monitoring also allows for more frequent tracking of changes than every ten years. The ACS is sent to a random sample of homes each year; the Census Bureau uses the responses to create estimates for the remainder of the population. Communities under 20,000 people, like East Bay Township, require multiple years of sampling to create estimates; hence, these ACS surveys are referred to as five-year estimates. Information collected by the ACS is more detailed, including information about housing types within jurisdictions.
- » 2020, 2010, 2000, and 1990 US Decennial Censuses: The decennial censuses are the most prominent and most accurate source of demographic information about the United States. Mandated in Article I, Section II of the US Constitution, the aim of the decennial census is to count the entire population of the United States. Because the decennial census has been operating since 1790, it offers a valuable reference point to illustrate how populations

have changed over time. Information collected in the most recent censuses includes age, sex, race, ethnicity, the relationship between household members, household occupancy, and tenure.

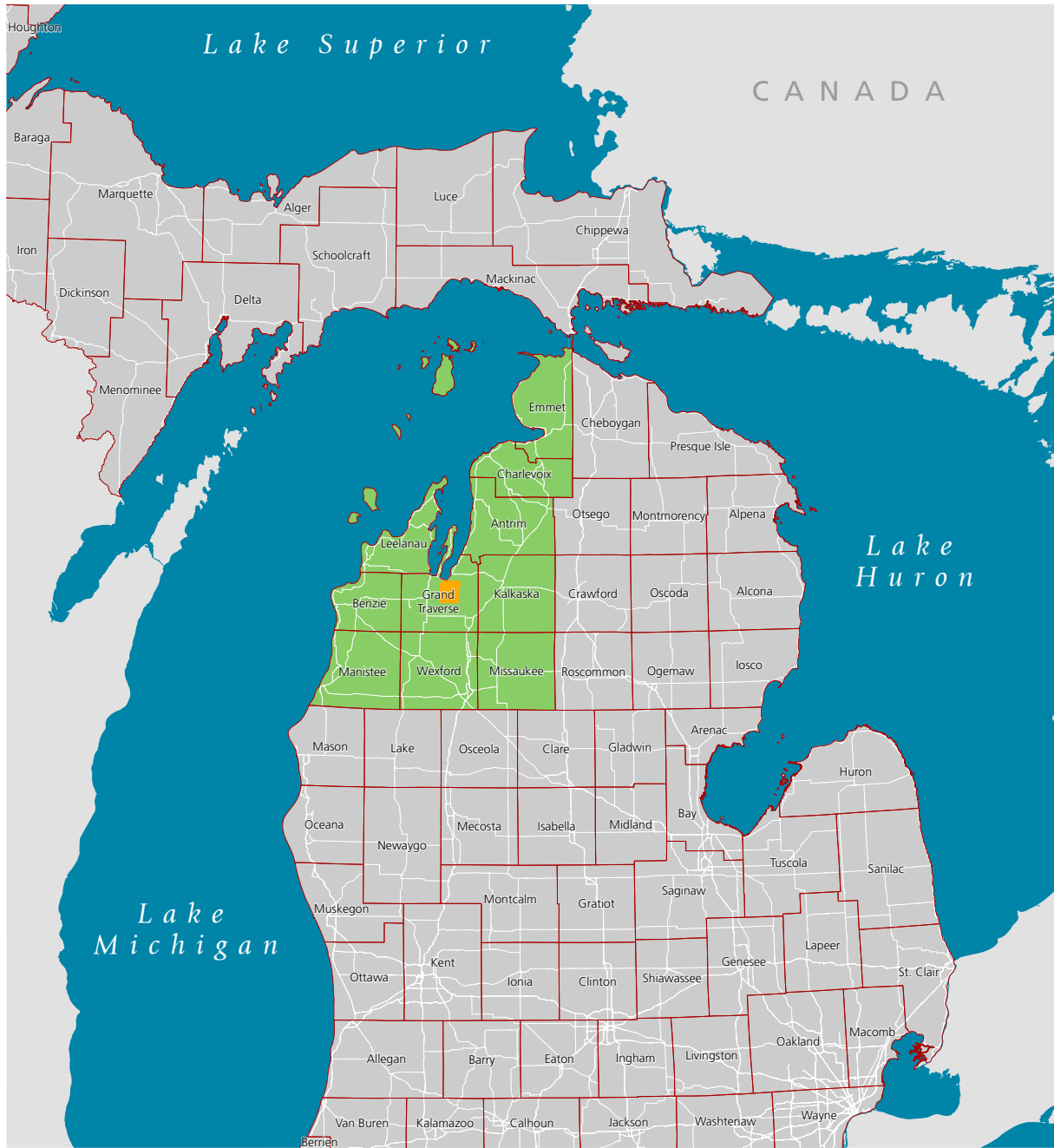
POPULATION

East Bay Township, as part of Grand Traverse County and the Traverse City micropolitan region, has seen a strong increase in population along with the region over the past twenty years. The population of East Bay Township has been increasing at a slightly faster rate (8.4%) than Acme Township (7.4%) and the City of Traverse City (6.8%); all three are increasing at a faster rate than the State of Michigan (1.9%). In addition to year-round residents, East Bay Township hosts many seasonal residents; although data is not available for the township individually, a 2022 Networks Northwest study found that the Grand Traverse County population swells by approximately 9.7% during the summer.¹ This fluctuation only accounts for part-time residents, distinguished from short-term or overnight visitors; including overnight visitors, the county’s population increases from its year-round number by approximately 69.1% in peak months.

HOUSEHOLDS



The number of households in East Bay Township has slightly increased from 4,083 in 2010 to 4,738 in 2020, while the average household size has slightly decreased from 2.60 in 2010 to 2.43 in 2020. The number of families has remained stagnant, from 3,098 in 2010 to 3,091 in 2020, and the average family size follows a similar trend, changing minimally from 2.88 in 2010 to 2.91 in 2020.² This demonstrates that the number of individuals occupying one housing unit has remained approximately the same. An increasing population with an increasing number of households reflects growth in the number of housing units and households as the population

Map 1: Regional Map



Regional Map

Sources: Michigan Open Data Portal, East Bay Township

-  Easy Bay Charter Township
-  Networks Northwest

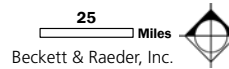


Table 1: Population of East Bay Township and Comparable Municipalities, 1990-2020

	1990	2000	2010	2020
East Bay Township				
Population	8,307	9,919	10,663	11,559
Change		19.4%	7.5%	8.4%
Acme Township				
Population	3,447	4,332	4,375	4,701
Change		25.7%	1.1%	7.4%
City of Traverse City				
Population	15,116	14,383	14,674	15,678
Change		- 4.9%	2.0%	6.8%
Grand Traverse County				
Population	64,273	77,654	86,986	92,640
Change		20.8%	12.0%	6.5%
State of Michigan				
Population	9,295,297	9,938,444	9,883,640	10,077,331
Change		6.9%	-0.5%	1.9%

Source: United States Decennial Census 1990-2020

grows; population growth is not driven by an increased number of children, but an overall increase in the number of household units.

AGE

Examining changes in each age cohort within a municipality reflects the needs of the community, both now and as the current population ages. Between 2010 and 2020, the median age in East Bay Township has increased from 40.2 to 45.1. An increase in the median age reflects that the population has a greater concentration of older individuals than it had previously – reasons could include residents aging in place, emigration of younger people out of the township, or an increase in the number of older individuals moving to the township. Considering that East Bay Township is close to the medical and cultural resources of the City of Traverse City, and has abundant rural beauty, attractive parks, and recreation facilities, East Bay Township is an appealing destination for senior living. East Bay Township’s median age has followed Grand Traverse County’s trends in a slight increase in median age between 2010 and 2020 (to 43.0) – both trend slightly older than the City of Traverse City, and slightly older than Michigan as a whole (39.0).³

Table 2 describes the population cohorts in the township. East Bay Township’s population is concentrated in the 35–54-year-old demographic, reflecting that it is a destination for working-age individuals, as well as those raising a family (though the proportion of the township in this age demographic has decreased between 2010 and 2020). East Bay Township has a greater proportion of individuals 45-54 years old than Grand Traverse County as a whole, as well as individuals 5-9 years old, substantiating that the area has a family-focused demographic. Similarly, individuals 15-19 and 55-59 have large sectors of the East Bay Township population, reflecting that as children grow in the township, families remain. Growth in older demographics between 2010 and 2020 – specifically, in the 65–74-year-old age demographic – should also be noted when delineating the township’s plan for recreation needs.

DISABILITY

Examining disability data, particularly through the lens of age, helps to determine the urgency of a community’s accessibility needs. Where there is a high proportion of disabled individuals, an increased focus on accommodating needs

Table 2: East Bay Township Age Makeup Compared to Grand Traverse County

	East Bay Township (2010)	Grand Traverse County (2010)	East Bay Township (2020)	Grand Traverse County (2020)
Under 5 years	4.2%	5.8%	4.8%	4.9%
5 to 9 years	7.4%	6.3%	6.0%	5.7%
10 to 14 years	7.6%	6.5%	4.2%	5.8%
15 to 19 years	7.1%	6.8%	6.4%	6.0%
20 to 24 years	5.1%	5.5%	4.8%	5.2%
25 to 34 years	12.0%	11.9%	12.3%	12.7%
35 to 44 years	14.1%	13.3%	11.3%	11.7%
45 to 54 years	18.6%	16.5%	13.7%	12.8%
55 to 59 years	8.1%	7.6%	9.3%	7.8%
60 to 64 years	5.1%	5.5%	9.4%	7.6%
65 to 74 years	7.2%	7.3%	13.1%	11.9%
75 to 84 years	2.8%	4.5%	3.0%	4.7%
85 years and older	0.8%	2.6%	1.6%	3.2%

Source: American Community Survey 2010 & 2020 5-Year Estimates, DP05

is necessary. Approximately 10.4% of East Bay Township residents have a disability, which is less than the State of Michigan’s percentage with a disability (14.2%). Of these, the majority with a disability are 65 years or older; within this age group, hearing, ambulatory, and independent living disabilities (where an individual has difficulty doing all necessary tasks alone, such as running errands or visiting a doctor’s office) are most common. Self-care disabilities (where an individual has trouble bathing or dressing on their own) are also common in individuals 75 and older, occurring in 13.5% of the East Bay Township population in that age group.

When planning for recreation, consideration of all abilities helps to create an accessible park experience for all – residents and visitors. Additionally, disability is a unique consideration in that most individuals are in need of accessible facilities at some point in their life, whether temporarily or permanently (e.g., a previously able-bodied person temporarily has a broken leg, or a citizen requires paved pathways due to mobility challenges as they age). Investment in accessible facilities when considering disability demographics ensures that recreation planning serves everyone better.⁴

SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS

Income and Earnings

The household median income of East Bay Township has increased by 34.7% between 2010 and 2020 to \$76,711. This reflects a demographic shift, with a decrease in the amount of the population in lower income brackets. Between 2010 and 2020, the proportion of the population with household incomes of \$100,000-\$149,999 per year grew at the fastest rate. East Bay Township’s household median income is higher than the surrounding area; both Grand Traverse County (\$61,056) and the City of Traverse City (\$66,457) have lower median incomes. Additionally, East Bay Township has a substantially smaller population that have very low incomes when compared to the surrounding areas (approximately 50% of the median income); 20.3% of the population has incomes below \$34,999, whereas 24.8% of Traverse City and 31.0% of Grand Traverse County are in this bracket. This indicates that households in East Bay Township tend to have higher incomes than the surrounding areas. Additionally, East Bay Township’s mean income is \$87,569. Because this is higher than the median income; this suggests that there is a proportion of the population with higher incomes not reflected in the median.^{5,6}

Education

East Bay Township has a higher proportion of individuals with a bachelor's degree (29.3%) than in Grand Traverse County (23.7%), and a higher proportion than in the state of Michigan (18.3%) – a slightly smaller proportion of the East Bay Township population has obtained graduate or professional degrees (12.8%, as compared to 14.7% in Grand Traverse County and 11.3% in the state of Michigan).⁷

Poverty

East Bay Township has a lower percentage of households in poverty than the surrounding area; 6.0% of households in the township are below the federal poverty threshold. This is lower than the percent below the poverty threshold in Grand Traverse County, with 10.2% of households in poverty. The rate of poverty in Traverse City, at 10.1%, is also greater than the rate in East Bay Township. Poverty rates are important to acknowledge when planning for recreation, as convenient and quick access to recreational facilities will ensure that households of all income

levels are more able to recreate, regardless of income. This helps when considering placement of future recreation sites and property acquisition. The location of recreational facilities near homes incentivizes people to utilize them more frequently – a shorter distance to recreation allows quicker access to sites, important for impoverished households with less leisure time. Lastly, poverty is important to consider when planning how Township residents will access facilities; ensuring that transit networks make recreational facilities easily accessible, or that non-motorized infrastructure (such as paved paths for bicycles) is in place.⁸

ALICE

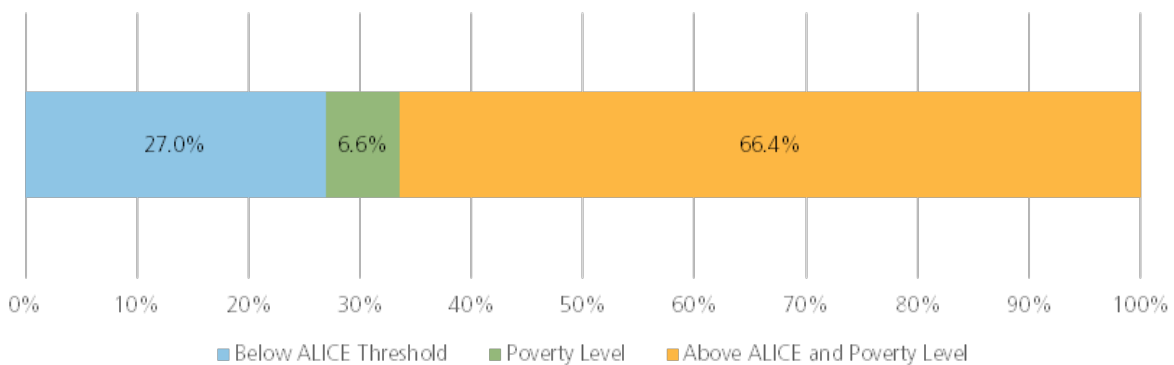
The ALICE measure, created by United Way, stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed; ALICE captures those above the federal poverty line but struggles to afford basic expenses. United Way estimates that 27% of households in East Bay Township were above the federal poverty level but have ALICE status.⁹ Considering there are 4,738 households in East Bay Township, approximately 1,279 would meet the criteria for

Table 3: East Bay Township Age Makeup Compared to Grand Traverse County

	Percent Below Poverty Line
East Bay Township	6.0%
Grand Traverse County	10.2%
Michigan	13.7%
Acme Township	4.3%
Garfield Township	20.6%
Traverse City	10.1%

Source: American Community Survey 2020 5-Year Estimates, DP05

Figure 1: ALICE, East Bay Township



Source: United for Alice United Way – County Profiles, Grand Traverse County

ALICE, with an additional 313 households below the federal poverty level.

Employment and Economy ¹⁰

As businesses enter and exit the market, and global economic shifts create downturns and booms

in certain businesses, individuals' career paths shift. However, employment industries in East Bay Township have remained relatively constant between 2010 and 2020. Notably, the following changes occurred. "Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services" sector has overtaken "transportation, warehousing, and

Table 4: Employment Industries, East Bay Township

Industry	2010		2020		Change in percent employed (East Bay Township)
	East Bay Township	Grand Traverse County	East Bay Township	Grand Traverse County	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	2.1%	1.6%	1.1%	1.2%	-1.0%
Construction	7.8%	7.3%	9.5%	7.9%	+1.7%
Manufacturing	7.8%	8.7%	11.1%	10.1%	+3.3%
Retail + wholesale trade	3.6%	2.9%	2.0%	2.5%	-1.6%
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	14.5%	14.6%	9.6%	13.3%	-4.9%
Information	4.4%	3.6%	3.4%	2.9%	-1.0%
Finance and insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	2.9%	2.3%	1.0%	1.4%	-1.9%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management	6.5%	6.7%	8.3%	6.8%	+1.8%
Educational services, health care, and social assistance	7.6%	8.2%	9.6%	9.7%	+2.0%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	18.8%	22.6%	21.0%	25.2%	+2.2%
Other services, except public administration	12.5%	12.5%	14.1%	11.7%	+1.6%
Public administration	6.2%	4.9%	4.9%	4.2%	-1.3%

Source: American Community Survey 2010 & 2020 5-Year Estimates, DP03

utilities” as the industry employing the greatest proportion of East Bay Township residents. This is likely due to the increase in hotel, vacation rental, and restaurant activity in East Bay Township and the Greater Traverse City Micropolitan Area within this timeframe. “Transportation, warehousing, and utilities” saw the greatest decline between 2010 and 2020, falling by 4.9% to tie for the third-largest sector. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities did not have the same decline in Grand Traverse County as a whole, only falling by 1.3%. The “retail and wholesale trade” sector also saw a decline in East Bay Township, as well as “finance and insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing.”

The three sectors currently employing the largest proportion of the East Bay Township population are the following (with the exception of the “other services” miscellaneous sector):

1. Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services (21.0%)
2. Manufacturing (11.1%)
3. Educational services, health care, and social assistance (9.6%) / Transportation, warehousing, and utilities (9.6%)

HOUSING¹¹

East Bay Township’s housing stock is mostly comprised of single-family, detached homes. 83.3% of the housing units within the township fit this definition and an additional 4.0% are attached single-family homes. This is reflective of development patterns nationwide that have historically prioritized single-family development. As a result, demand for single-family housing signifies that it has become the default option. Over time, single-family homes as a majority (over 80%) in East Bay Township has remained constant; between 2010 and 2020, the only substantial change in the

kinds of housing is a slight increase in structures with 3-4 housing units per structure (triplexes or fourplexes).

East Bay Township has a lower median home value among owner-occupied residences than the surrounding areas at \$197,600. The greatest proportion of homes within the township are valued from \$150,000 to \$199,999 (27.4%). Additionally, the median home value in East Bay Township has increased at a slower rate than the surrounding areas and slower than the increase in median home values in Michigan. This is a positive indicator of housing affordability in the area, although the median home value is not wholly accurate because it does not reflect the actual listing and sale price of homes in East Bay Township.

TRANSPORTATION¹²

East Bay Township, connected to Traverse City by several major roads, is currently largely car dependent. However, coalitions working to advance non-motorized transportation in the township want to shift this pattern, including through the expansion of the Three-Mile Trail to connect to the TART Trail network at Parsons Road and Three Mile. Most residents currently commute by driving alone (76.7%), with an additional 10.2% carpooling. East Bay Township individuals have a slightly higher mean travel time to work than others in Grand Traverse County (21.4 minutes, as opposed to 20.7 county-wide), but both are lower than the mean travel time in Michigan (24.6 minutes). East Bay Township also has a greater proportion of individuals who work from home (9.5%) than either Grand Traverse County (8.0%) or Michigan (6.0%), which helps to reduce their transportation costs and to reduce traffic. Connecting sidewalks and trails should be considered a priority, specifically connecting to schools and parks.

Table 5: Median Home Value, East Bay Township and Comparable Municipalities

	East Bay Township	Acme Township	City of Traverse City	Grand Traverse County	Michigan
2020	\$197,600	\$262,100	\$292,800	\$237,200	\$172,100
% Change	16.4%	28.3%	64.1%	36.1%	19.4%
2010	\$169,800	\$204,400	\$178,400	\$174,300	\$144,200

Source: American Community Survey 2010 & 2020 5-Year Estimates, DP04

Endnotes

- 1 Seasonal Population Study for Northwest Lower Michigan, Networks Northwest, <https://www.networksnorthwest.org/userfiles/filemanager/49nwypzbp28vz3voy6gk/>
- 2 A household is defined as “all the people who occupy a housing unit,” whereas a family is “a group of two people or more (one of whom is the householder) related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together.”
- 3 American Community Survey 2010 & 2020 5-Year Estimates, DP05
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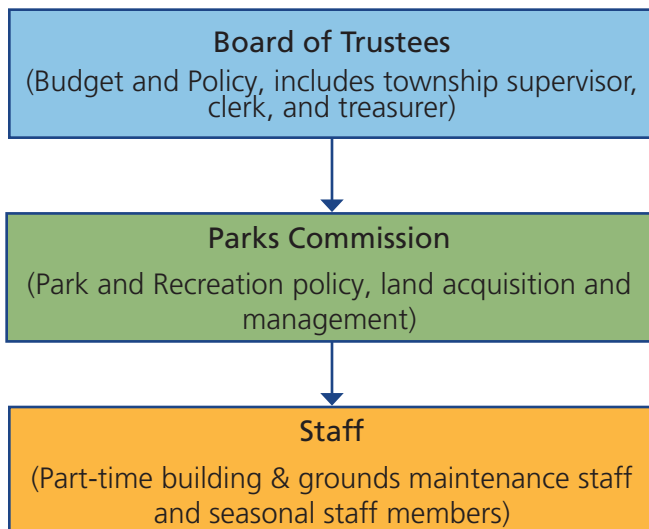
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Administrative Structure

The East Bay Township Parks and Recreation efforts are led by the Parks Commission and the Board of Trustees. The seven-member Board of Trustees are elected and adopt the annual budget, adopt township policy, approve ordinance amendments, and set special assessments. The Board includes a township supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and four trustees. The East Bay Township Parks Commission, a seven-member board with four-year terms, is elected, rather than appointed. The Parks Commission sets park and recreation policy, manages the acquisition and management of properties, and is responsible for the Parks and Recreation Plan. The Parks Commission makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees who ultimately decide what is implemented due to budgetary control.

Additionally, the township employs staff for building and grounds maintenance. The Parks Department has one part-time support staff, and additional seasonal staff are hired as needed. The Township contracts for additional services such as janitorial, lawn, and trail cleaning.

Figure 2: Organizational chart



BUDGET

The township’s main sources of revenue are property taxes (collected in the winter, with rates depending on property assessment and millages) and state constitutional revenue sharing. In Michigan’s revenue sharing program, a portion of funds from the state sales tax are given to local governments; East Bay Township received \$1,335,078 from the state in 2022, a number which is projected to remain approximately the same in 2023.¹ Additionally, MDNR grant funds have supported several projects between 1992 and the present, as reflected in Table 6.

East Bay Township has a 2023 budget of \$2,408,896 in appropriations; of this, the Parks Commission has \$152,910.² The following table displays the budget in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for the Parks Commission (excluding minor administrative expenses of payroll and supplies).

VOLUNTEERS

East Bay Township does not have a formal volunteer program; however, the township partners with local volunteerism-centered groups, including scouting groups for service projects and specific park and maintenance projects where attention is needed; and those who maintain the Little Library.³

PARTNERSHIPS

Consistent with the collaborative and comprehensive nature of East Bay Township’s recreation, the township partners with local transportation and recreation entities to ensure maintenance and upkeep of properties – both through formal contracts and working relationships (including with volunteer entities). Notably, the partnership with TART Trails is formalized in a winter maintenance agreement to ensure the upkeep of nonmotorized transportation networks within the township. The Township has contracted with Mount Holiday Ski Resort to maintain trails.

Table 6: MDNR Grant History

Grant Number	Application Year	Project Description	Grant Amount
TF92-106	1992	Bayfront Parkland acquisition – acquiring 0.61 acre parcel with 100 feet of frontage on Grand Traverse Bay.	\$202,500
TF01-166	2001	Gens Park improvement project – bathhouse building, landscaping and fencing, parking lot, lighting, sidewalk, and sewer/water system improvement.	\$121,360
TF10-145 (withdrawn)	2010	Killingsworth/Kelly Parks Expansion – proposed acquisition of 70.91 acres.	\$487,500
TF14-0076	2014	Grace Macdonald Park accessibility improvements – accessibility improvements including restroom facility, parking spaces, and new sidewalk connection.	\$50,000
TF19-0071	2019	Holiday Woods Recreation Area acquisition of approximately 195 acres.	\$584,800
TF20-0074	2020	Arbutus Lake #5 Park improvements – accessibility improvements including canoe/kayak launch, access paths, benches, picnic areas, accessible beach mat, shoreline improvement and stormwater runoff mitigation.	\$300,000
Total Grant Amount given:			\$1,746,160.00

Source: East Bay Township FY2023 Approved Budget

Table 7: Parks Commission Budget

Budget Item	2023	2022
Park Land Acquisition	\$25,000	-
Board + Special Meeting Fees	\$13,850	\$12,705
Attorney, Engineer, and Grant Fees	\$42,000	\$32,000
Holiday Woodlands Natural Area	\$25,000	\$10,000
TART Trail Maintenance Agreement	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grace MacDonald Park Improvements	\$30,000	\$15,000
Arbutus Lake #5 Park	-	\$600,000
Distribution of Grant Proceeds	-	\$25,000
Total	\$135,855	\$699,705

Source: 2023 data - East Bay Township FY2023 Approved Budget; 2022 data - East Bay Township 2022 Revenue and Expenditure Report

Table 8: Partnerships

Partnership	Contribution
City of Traverse City	Neighboring municipality planning and land preservation, and holder of Brown Bridge Quiet Area, a major recreation destination in East Bay Township.
TART Trails	Maintenance of the multi-use non-motorized trail network that connects East Bay Township to the broader region.
Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy	Land and open space preservation, and holding of major preserves and recreational facilities within East Bay Township.
State of Michigan DNR	Land acquisition and improvements to existing recreational facilities and holding of recreational facilities within East Bay Township (including Traverse City State Park).
Grand Traverse County	Regional planning and land preservation, negotiation of maintenance agreements and transportation planning with other regional stakeholders.

Source: East Bay Township FY2023 Approved Budget

In addition, the township has been working with MSUE Master Gardner Program.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

East Bay Township does not provide programming itself, but public, private, and non-profit partners support other groups to host recreational programming in the township. For example, the Pop Warner Football League utilizes Grace Macdonald Park, the Traverse City Little League leases the baseball field at Grace Macdonald Park, and non-profit pickleball group that provides supplies, scheduling, and advocacy for pickleball. Norte Youth Cycling conducts youth-focused bike programming within the township, and partners with the township on walk-bike advocacy.

A notable gap in recreation programming services within the township is for senior citizens. As East Bay Township is a popular retirement destination, offerings for recreation should be expanded for all ages.

RECREATION EXPENDITURES

In order to understand residents’ recreation needs, and how the township can best meet them, examining spending patterns for recreational goods and services is necessary. Esri’s Business Analyst software produces an annual Recreation Expenditure report, comparing local spending in varied categories (including recreation sub-

categories) to the national averages. Households in East Bay Township exceed the national average in spending for the following:

- » Docking and landing fees for boats and planes
- » Payments on boats/trailers/campers/RVs
- » Hunting and fishing equipment
- » Water sports equipment
- » General exercise equipment
- » Bicycles

Table 9: Recreation Expenditures describes the township’s pattern of spending in each category of recreation-related items. The “Spending Potential Index” is household-based, with the number reflecting the amount spent for a product or service, relative to the national average of 100; values over 100 reflect spending above the national average within that category. For categories in which residents are spending more than the national average, this popularity demonstrates that the township should consider the prevalence of these associated activities when planning for future projects. (For example, the high amount of spending on water sports equipment, hunting and fishing equipment, and payments on boats/trailers/campers/RVs reflects that waterfront activities are popular in East Bay Township.)

Table 9: Recreation Expenditures

	Spending Potential Index	Average Amount Spent per Household	Total
Recreational Vehicles and Fees	106	\$135.95	\$668,623
Docking and Landing Fees for Boats and Planes	106	\$11.26	\$55,376
Camp Fees	88	\$30.90	\$151,966
Payments on Boats/Trailers/Campers/RVs	124	\$71.66	\$352,439
Rental of Boats/Trailers/Campers/RVs	89	\$22.13	\$108,842
Sports, Recreation and Exercise Equipment	104	\$212.00	\$1,042,602
Exercise Equipment and Gear, Game Tables	102	\$64.18	\$315,632
Bicycles	101	\$34.11	\$167,760
Camping Equipment	96	\$22.73	\$111,763
Hunting and Fishing Equipment	110	\$60.41	\$297,084
Winter Sports Equipment	87	\$7.27	\$35,768
Water Sports Equipment	127	\$11.96	\$58,808
Other Sports Equipment	99	\$8.04	\$39,564
Rental/Repair of Sports/Recreation/Exercise Equipment	95	\$3.11	\$15,299
Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions	94	\$793.22	\$3,901,095
Tickets to Theatre/Operas/Concerts	91	\$83.62	\$411,247
Tickets to Movies	92	\$57.99	\$285,211
Tickets to Parks or Museums	97	\$37.28	\$183,363
Admission to Sporting Events, excluding Trips	99	\$72.12	\$354,709
Fees for Participant Sports, excluding Trips	99	\$129.25	\$635,657
Fees for Recreational Lessons	89	\$142.23	\$699,483
Membership Fees for Social/Recreation/Health Clubs	95	\$269.63	\$1,324,062

Data Note: The Spending Potential Index (SPI) is household-based, and represents the amount spent for a product or service relative to a national average of 100. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: Esri forecasts for 2022 and 2027; Consumer Spending data are derived from the 2018 and 2019 Consumer Expenditure Surveys, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Endnotes

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- 2 FY2023 Approved Budget, East Bay Township, <http://cms6.revize.com/revize/eastbaytwp/BudgetReport%20FY2023%20Approved%20Budget%20-%20Website.pdf>
- 3 Volunteering – Welcome to East Bay, <http://www.eastbaytwp.org/residents/volunteering.php>

Recreation Inventory

The recreation inventory helps the township prioritize its goals over the duration of the Parks and Recreation plan, by determining what is most urgently needed for the township's parks to be safe, enjoyable, and accessible to people of all ages and abilities. The park's major amenities are listed in the inventory, along with their quantity and condition.

East Bay Township currently operates 8 parks. In addition to township-owned parks, East Bay Township has a wealth of well-maintained recreational property owned by the City of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, the State of Michigan, and other partners in recreation including private resorts and ski facilities. In addition to the township's parks, these parks serve as hubs of recreational activity for the surrounding region; as they draw activity into East Bay Township, it is important to include them in the recreational inventory despite not being township-owned. All the park descriptions in this section are sourced from the East Bay Charter Township 2019-2023 Parks and Recreation Plan.

MDNR PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) classifies a park based on the area and user groups that it serves. The classifications are determined by use, location in relation to other elements in a municipality, and size; these classifications are important for the planning process. The parks are analyzed by the services they provide, each providing a different kind of use. Therefore, if a municipality lacks one of the MDNR's park-identified types, identification of the gaps in parkland can inform the parks and recreation master planning process. The eight park types are detailed in Table 10: MDNR Park Classification Guidelines.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN

Universal design is the practice of designing and constructing a space or environment so that it can be understood, accessed, and used to the greatest

extent possible by all people, regardless of their age or ability. Everyday examples of universal design include curb cuts, which allow people with wheelchairs, parents with strollers, and cyclists to seamlessly transition between the street and the sidewalk. Universal design has seven principles:

Universal Design Principles

- » **Principle 1: Equitable Use.** The design is useful and marketable to people with diverse abilities.
- » **Principle 2: Flexibility in Use.** The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.
- » **Principle 3: Simple and Intuitive Use.** Use of the design is easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills, or current concentration level.
- » **Principle 4: Perceptible Information.** The design communicates necessary information that effectively enables its use, regardless of ambient conditions or the user's sensory abilities.
- » **Principle 5: Tolerance for Error.** The design minimizes the hazards and adverse consequences of accidental or unintended actions.
- » **Principle 6: Low Physical Effort.** The design can be used effectively, comfortably, and with a minimum of fatigue.
- » **Principle 7: Size and Space for Approach and Use.** Appropriate size and space are provided for approach, reach, manipulation, and use, regardless of user's body size, posture, or mobility.

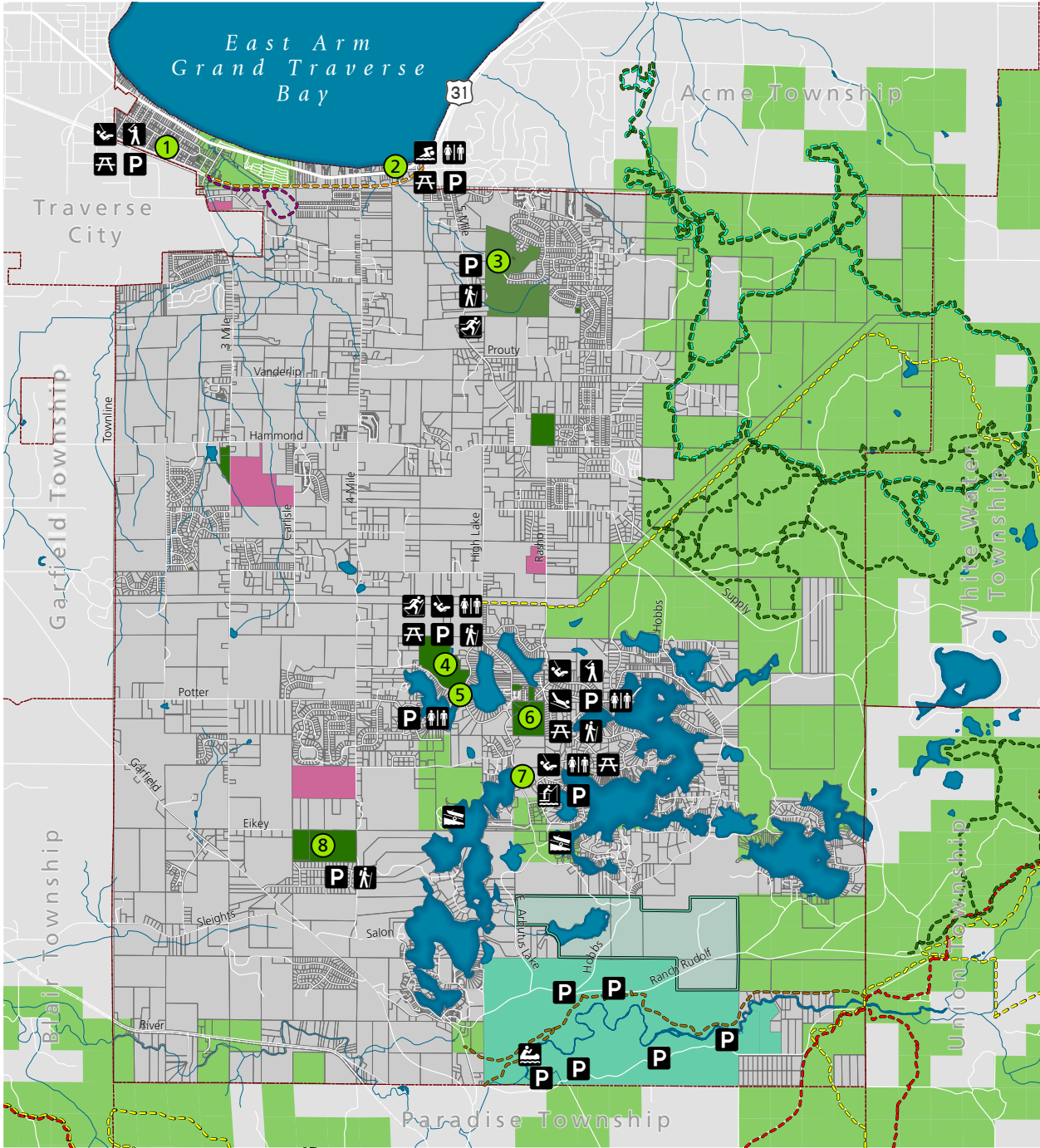
Table 10: MDNR Park Classification Guidelines

Classification	General Description	Location criteria	Size Criteria
Mini Park	Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile in residential setting	2,500 sq ft to 1 acre
Neighborhood Park	Serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus: informal active and passive recreation.	¼ to ½ mile distance and interrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers	5-10 acres
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus: meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance	Usually between 30-50 acres
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable
Regional /Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.
Special Use	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.
Private Park/Recreation Facility	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.

Source: MDNR



Map 2: Parks & Recreation



Parks and Recreation

Sources: Michigan Open Data Portal, East Bay Township

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1: Pine Grove Park | TART Trail |
| 2: Gens Park | Reffitt Nature Pathway |
| 3: Holiday Woodland Preserve | Vasa Ski Trails |
| 4: Killingsworth Park | Biking Trails |
| 5: Kelly Park | Shore to Shore Trail |
| 6: Grace MacDonald Park | Brown Bridge Trails |
| 7: Arbutus Lake #5 Park | Snowmobile Trails |
| 8: Pines Park | |

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| State of Michigan Land | City of Traverse City Land |
| East Bay Charter Township Land | TCAPS Land |
| Potential New Brown Bridge Area | X-Country Skiing |
| Picnic Area | Sports Facility |

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| River Access | Boat Access |
| Swimming | Sledding |
| Playground | Fishing Dock |
| Hiking | Restrooms |

3,000 Feet
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Gens Park - Mini Park

Munson Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686

Gens Park is located on Grand Traverse Bay. Improvements to the park have been made since the land was purchased in 1994 including barrier-free pedestrian access to Grand Traverse Bay, bathroom facilities, picnic tables, paved parking lot, sidewalks, wood fencing, and landscaping.

Acreage: 0.62 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 3



Swimming Beach

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Signage	2	Good
Restrooms	1	Excellent
Swimming Beach	1	Excellent

Ideas for Improvement: A signage update as well as improved walkways and picnic area

Kelly Park - Recreation Facility

2832 Point View Rd, Traverse City, MI 49696

Kelly Park is a two-acre park that is within walking distance from Killingsworth Park. Kelly Park contains two equipment storage units and an unimproved boat launch on Chandler Lake.

Acreage: 2 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 1



Boat Launch

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Signage	1	Good
Boat Launch	1	Good

Ideas for Improvement: Direct signage to both the park and boat launch is needed.

Pinegrove Park - Neighborhood Park

Pine Grove Rd, Traverse City, MI 49696

Pinegrove Park is a platted two-lot park within the developed Pinegrove neighborhood in the northwestern portion of East Bay Township. The park includes a basketball court, a swing set, a modern play and climbing structure, benches, a picnic table, a slide, and spring toys.

Acreage: 2.6 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 1



Play Structure

Ideas for Improvement: More wayfinding signage, updated equipment, and picnic tables are needed.

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Signage	1	Good
Portable Restroom	1	Good
Playset	1	Excellent
Basketball Court	1	Good

Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park - Neighborhood Park

Add Address

Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park is a 12-acre park located on the northeastern shore of Arbutus Lake. In 2023, the park was under construction to redevelop a portion of the property. Phase 2 construction is required to complete the upgrades to Arbutus No. 5.

Acreage: 12 Acres

Accessibility Rating: To be determined



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Ideas for Improvement: Phase 2 Improvements

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Under Construction		

Grace Macdonald Park - Community Park

131 E Arbutus Rd, Traverse City, MI 49696

Grace Macdonald Park is a 42.3-acre conifer and hardwood park. East Bay began the development of the land in 1984. Grace Macdonald Park offers a softball/baseball diamond, tennis and pickleball courts, and an all-purpose/soccer field, four season bathrooms, a pavilion, a sledding hill, trails, benches, picnic tables, fire grills, age-appropriate play structures, basketball courts, and freestanding directional signage. To ensure safety, surveillance cameras and LED lighting were added in 2017.

Acreage: 42.3 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 2



Play Structure

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Signage	3	Excellent
Tennis/Pickleball Court	2	Excellent
Sledding Hill	1	Excellent
Picnic Shelter	1	Good
Basketball Court	1	Fair
Restroom	1	Excellent
Play Set	2	Excellent
Soccer Field	1	Good
Baseball/Softball Field	1	Good



Baseball/Softball Field

Ideas for Improvement: Sledding amenities, ADA accessibility, soccer field redevelopment, corn hole



Tennis/Pickleball Court



Picnic Shelter

Killingsworth Park - Neighborhood Park

2807 Chandler Rd, Traverse City, MI 49696

Killingsworth Park is a 53-acre forested park. An additional 8-acres were included in 2001 with acquired funds from a private donation. Killingsworth Park offers picnic tables, various playground equipment, a flag pole, a unisex vault toilet, benches, and a small pavilion. Recreation activities include biking and hiking on the Park's nature and biking trail.

Acreage: 53 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 2

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Signage	1	Good
Signage	2	Excellent
Restroom	1	Good
Picnic Shelter	1	Excellent
Playset	1	Good



Picnic Shelter

Ideas for Improvement: Bathroom facilities, improving existing pavilion or add pavilion for rentals, a paved parking area.

Pines Park - Community Park

Eikey Road, Traverse City, MI 49696

Pines Park is a mature pine plantation and is currently undeveloped. 20 acres of the facility have been cleared for recreational development and the remaining 60 acres will remain a red pine plantation with some hardwoods. It is located on three miles South of the Township Hall.

Acreage: 80 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 1

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Signage	1	Undeveloped



Pine Plantation

Ideas for Improvement: Direct signage to the park is needed, look into management plan for pine plantation, update informational signs

Holiday Woodlands Natural Area - Natural Resource Area

5 Mile Rd., East Bay Township, MI 49696

This natural resource asset is located south of Holiday Village Drive and east of 5 Mile Road. The area was purchased by area residents with the intent that it be open for public use for passive recreation activities. In 2023, a community visioning program was started to determine what uses are appropriate at this location.

Acreage: 81 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 1

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Signage	1	Excellent



Park Signage

Ideas for Improvement: Offer areas of high accessibility; update signage and add parking.

CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY FACILITIES

Brown Bridge Quiet Area

The Brown Ridge Quiet Area is approximately 1,400 Acres located in the City of Traverse City. The area encompasses the former Brown Bridge Dam Reservoir, until the dam was removed in 2012. The site now offers scenic beauty, fishing, hiking, photography, canoeing, picnicking, nature studies, and an observatory deck. Facilities include a canoe launch site, pit toilets, and over four (4) miles of hiking trails. In December 2022, a MDNR Trust Fund Grant was awarded to acquire 528 acres adjacent to Brown Bridge Quiet Area.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY FACILITIES

Four-Mile Road Boat Launch Site

The Four-Mile Boat Launch Site is at the road end on the East Arm of Traverse Bay, north of US 31 on Four Mile Road. Currently, the county does not maintain the site and it is no longer considered a functional launch site.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FACILITIES

The State of Michigan owns approximately 5,000 acres of land in East Bay Township. State lands are

open for general recreation usage including hunting, fishing, and camping—unless specifically prohibited. Other recreational uses such as hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing are a possibility in the future. Snowmobiles and off-road vehicles are permitted on State land subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources.

Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking Trail

The Michigan Shore to Shore Trail is a trail system that stretches from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron. The trail intersects East Bay Township, crossing through scenic forests and running next to the Boardman River.

Boardman Valley Snowmobile Trail

The Boardman Valley Snowmobile Trail is a designated trail that follows the existing public road rights-of-way and forest two-tracks and easements.

Traverse City State Park

This 50-acre park includes 343 camping sites in a dense pine forest, some of the campsites are developed to offer higher levels of amenities. The park also offers electricity and water hookups, a sanitation station, and modern restroom facilities. Recreation options include picnicking, a children's playground, fishing, and swimming.

Scheck's Place Campground

Scheck's Place offers approximately 35 rustic camping sites. Additional recreation opportunities include picnicking, hiking, a canoe launch, and trout fishing on the upper portion of the Boardman River. There is also access to Chandler Lake via a hiking trail.

Arbutus Lake No. 4 Campground

The Arbutus Lake No. 4 Campground is a 100 acre campground offering 50 rustic campsites on Arbutus Lake. Additionally, the site offers hiking, swimming, and cross-country skiing as well as access to Chandler Lake via a hiking trail.

Spider Lake MDNR Boat Launch

The Spider Lake MDNR Boat Launch is a state-owned and operated site offering boat and canoe facilities with access to Spider Lake. The site has 28 parking spaces.

Arbutus Lake No. 4, MDNR Boat Launch

The Boat Launch at Arbutus Lake No. 4 is an improved boat launch with a cement ramp and 28 parking spaces.

INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMERCIAL OWNERSHIP FACILITIES

North American VASA Trail

The VASA trail is a 26-mile cross country ski trail that runs through both State and privately owned property.

Howard & Mary Dunn Edwards Nature Preserve (GTRLC)

The Howard & Mary Dunn Edwards Nature Preserve is a 76-acre preserve located along both sides of Garfield Road near the southern boundary of East Bay Township. The Preserve is a part of the larger Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC).

Reffitt Nature Preserve (GTRLC)

Also owned by the GTRLC, the Reffitt Nature Preserve spans over 102 acres. The Preserve is located southeast of Traverse City State Park.

TART Trail & Three Mile Trail

The Traverse Area Recreational Trail (TART) is a paved trail system that bisects the northern part of East Bay Township just between the city limits of Traverse City and Acme Township. The trail runs parallel to Parsons Road and the railroad tracks for just under three (3) miles in East Bay.

The Three Mile Trail extends south along Three Mile Road from US 21 North to South Airport Road. East Bay Township has worked extensively with TART, Norte' Youth Cycling, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, and Safe Routes to School to extend the Three Mile Trail south to several schools and associated facilities. Currently this project is in the design and engineering phase with the next step being construction as funding becomes available.

Timber Ridge Campground

The Timber Ridge Campground offers 171 campsites with electric hook-ups and 31 sites with full-service hook-ups. Additionally, the campground offers cabins, yurts, and tiny houses. Recreational opportunities include a heated swimming pool, kiddies' pool, 18 hole mini-golf, hot showers, laundry, portable sewage pump, firepits, picnic tables, propane fill station, trailer rentals, pavilion, grocery store, ranger station, firewood, ice, playgrounds, and 2 on staff recreation directors. Lastly, Timber Ridge provides basketball, baseball, volleyball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, bicycling, movies, hayrides, arts & crafts, treasure hunts, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ice skating, and sleigh rides.

Mt. Holiday Recreation Area

Mount Holiday is a ski hill located on Holiday Road. Facilities include downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, a cocktail lounge, hall rental, zip lines, and a youth lounge.

Centre Ice Arena

Located at the south end of Chartwell Road, Centre Ice is a privately owned non-profit indoor ice arena that offers recreational and competitive ice skating, hockey, and curling facilities and instruction. Additionally, Centre Ice provides meeting areas, fitness facilities, childcare, a shop that sells skating and hockey equipment and food and beverage services.



Planning Process

East Bay Township updates its Parks and Recreation plan every five years to inventory its recreational facilities and prioritize needed improvements. Community engagement is a key component of this process, identifying the community's most prevalent needs and desires for the maintenance and improvement of parks and recreation facilities. The planning process included an online survey and community engagement events. The survey was made available to the community the township website, newsletters, signage, and public meeting announcements. Signs were posted in each park to let users know about the survey. A total of 73 survey responses were completed.

An open house public input session was held on September 18th, 2023, at East Bay Township to give residents and stakeholders an opportunity to provide input on the future of parks and recreation in East Bay. Approximately 15 participants used sticky notes to respond to questions surrounding what types of amenities could be added to the local parks and what the park commission should focus on in the next five years.

A summary of the community engagement and survey results are highlighted on the following pages. The recurring themes are as follows:

- » Keeping preserves in a natural state
- » Increasing trail availability and accessibility
- » Connecting recreation amenities to frequently used areas

ADOPTION PROCESS

The Parks Commission met regularly to review sections of the plan and provide feedback. A final draft plan was approved for distribution by the Parks Commission to post for a 30-day public review period, held from November 17, 2023 to December 18, 2023. A link to the plan was posted on the township's website for members of the public to review; following 30 days of public

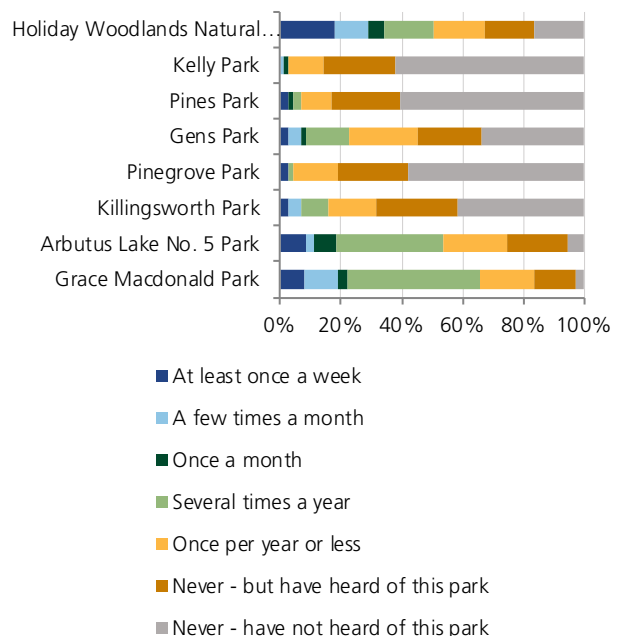
review, a public hearing was held at a Township Board meeting. The public hearing was advertised in Record-Eagle on November 25, 2023 and held on December 18, 2023. The plan was adopted by the Township Board on January 8, 2024 and a resolution was passed.

SURVEY RESULTS

Question 1: How often do you use the following recreational facilities?

This question gauged both usage patterns and awareness of parks. Several open-ended responses reflected that the public's knowledge of East Bay Park's recreational amenities could be improved. For example, there are some parks that over half of the public have never heard of: Pines, Kelly, and Pine Grove parks.

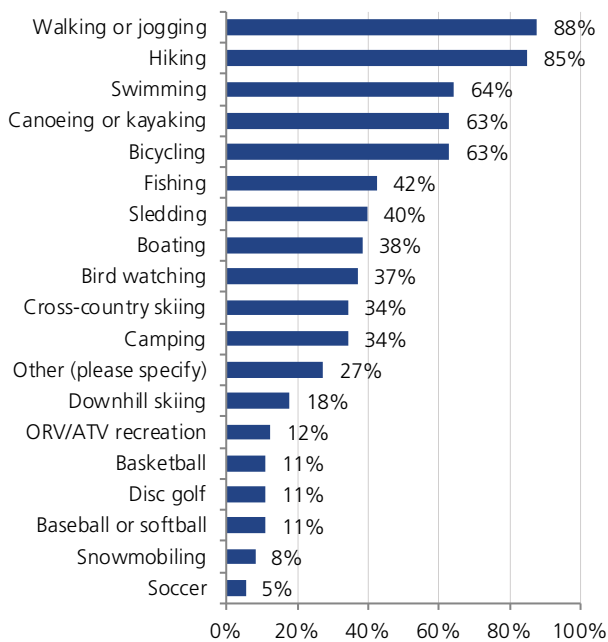
Grace MacDonald Park is the most broadly utilized park in the township, with 43.8% of respondents stating that they visit the park multiple times per year. Correspondingly, Grace MacDonald is also the most widely known park, with only 2.7% unaware of the park. However, Holiday Woodlands Natural



Area is the most frequently visited park in East Bay Township, used by 17.8% of respondents weekly.

Question 2: Please select all recreational activities you enjoy doing in East Bay Township.

Walking or jogging and hiking are the most popular recreational activities in the township and are consistently mentioned as important in recreation planning to East Bay Township residents. This is reflected in the open-ended responses and in park preferences. Residents desire parks with extensive and accessible trail networks. Swimming and kayaking closely trail these activities – attributable to East Bay Township’s wealth of waterfront parks and natural resources. Bicycling is also a



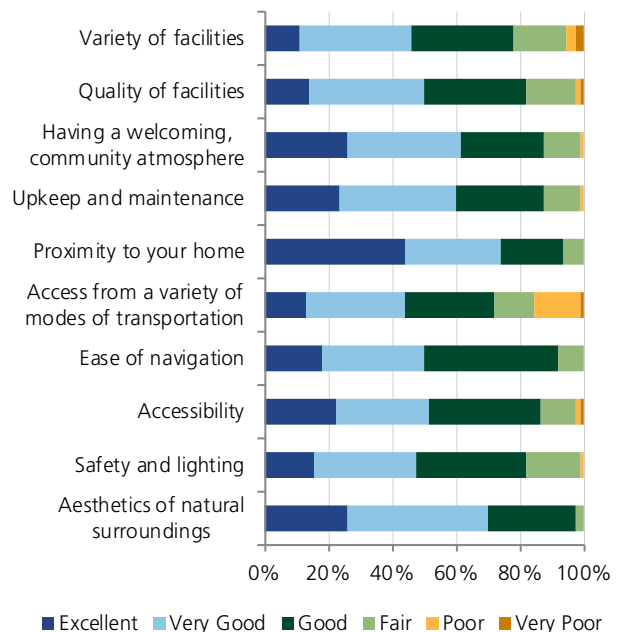
Other Responses	Number of Mentions
Pickleball	7
Dog walking / pet exercise	4
Utilizing playgrounds	3
Snowshoeing	2
Cleaning up trails	1
Gardening	1
Painting	1
Dark sky observing	1
Hunting	1
Badminton	1

popular activity. Additionally, pickleball, which was a response in the “other” category, is rapidly growing in popularity.

Question 3: Please rate East Bay Township’s current parks and recreation offerings, from your own experience, with regard to the following elements.

Overall, respondents had positive perceptions of current recreation facilities. Respondents rated the current recreational facilities’ proximity to their homes most positively, out of all the categories, with 74.0% of respondents rating it as “excellent” or “very good”. Aesthetics of natural surroundings was also rated highly, with 66.9% of respondents rating the surroundings as “excellent” or “very good.” The category of “having a welcoming, community atmosphere” was rated third-highest, with 61.4% rating it as “excellent” or “very good.”

The most negatively rated category was “access from a variety of modes of transportation,” with 15.5% of respondents rating the access as “poor” or “very poor.” This likely speaks to why people like the parks closest to their homes. Few categories



	Walking/ hiking/ jogging	Bicycling	Canoeing/ kayaking	Fishing	Camping	Use of playground equipment	Baseball / softball	Disc golf	Cross- country skiing	Sledding	None of these
Grace Macdonald Park	67%	9%	0%	1%	0%	43%	10%	0%	3%	40%	17%
Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park	20%	3%	42%	36%	2%	11%	0%	0%	0%	2%	27%
Killingsworth Park	33%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	67%
Pinegrove Park	8%	2%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	2%	87%
Gens Park	19%	0%	15%	2%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	68%
Pines Park	13%	4%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	87%
Kelly Park	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	93%
Holiday Woodlands Natural Area	67%	5%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	10%	3%	33%

received any “very poor” ratings, (“variety of facilities,” “quality of facilities,” and “accessibility”) which adds to the overall good perception of the park system.

Question 4: Please describe the activities you do at the following parks (see table above).

Across parks, walking, hiking, and jogging are the most popular activities. Holiday Woodlands Natural Area is the facility where the greatest proportion of people walk, hike, or jog, but these activities fall towards the top in many parks. Grace MacDonald Park and Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park are the two most diversely used parks. In addition to a large proportion of people who walk, hike, or jog, Grace MacDonald Park is widely utilized for its playground equipment, baseball/softball facilities, and for

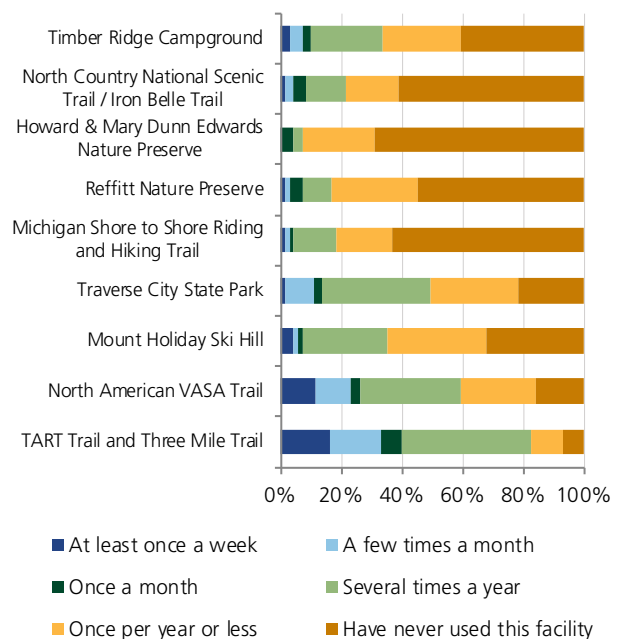


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sledding. Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park is notable in being the only facility in which the proportion of people who canoe or kayak and fish in the park is greater than the proportion who walk, hike, or jog.

Question 5: Please select any additional recreation facilities that you utilize within the township, as well as how frequently you use them.

The TART Trail and Three Mile Trail are the most frequently used facilities, with 16.4% of individuals utilizing them at least once per week. The North American VASA Trail comes second (11.6%). The Edwards Nature Preserve is currently the least frequently utilized facility; 69.0% of individuals



having never visited it. The Shore-to-Shore Riding and Hiking Trail is the second least frequently utilized facility, (63.4%) which is surprising considering the popularity of running, walking, and hiking as a recreational activity.

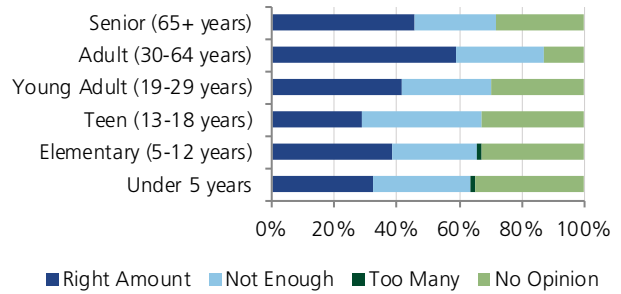
Question 6: Any comments on the existing non-park recreation facilities (listed above)? What would you like to see more of?

Overall, residents’ suggestions centered on desiring a greater sense of connection – both spatially and communally. Increased bicycle infrastructure, and the ability to access parks and trails by bike was the most popular suggestion. Respondents also desired programming within the parks including

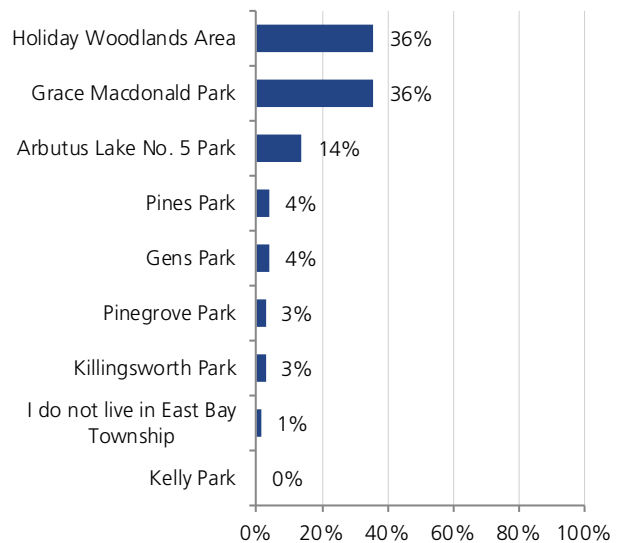
Responses	Number of Mentions
Increased bicycle infrastructure (including access to parks/TART Trail)	5
Organized activities and events (youth and adult)	4
Knowledge of existing parks	3
Expanded playground equipment / water activities	3
Parking to access non-motorized facilities	2
TART Trails – appreciation	2
Increased natural areas and preserves	2
Pickleball courts	2
Disc golf courses	2
Invasive species prevention	1
Increased number of ski trails	1
Greater visibility on Three Mile TART Trail	1
Community gardens	1
Outdoor ice rink	1
Pocket parks closer to Holiday Hills	1
Basketball courts	1
Dark sky park	1
Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy property – appreciation	1
TART Trails – extension	1
Increased access for fishing	1
Connection between trails	1

organized activities for both youth and adults. Respondents also suggested expanded playground equipment and water activities, such as splash pads. Newcomers to the area desired increased knowledge of the park and recreation facilities available in the township.

Question 7: Please rate the availability of recreational facilities and activities within the township for the following age groups.



The teenage group and the under 5 years age group were both flagged by survey respondents as requiring more recreational facilities and activities. Contrastingly, 58.8% of individuals were satisfied with the number of facilities and activities available to adults 30-64 years old.

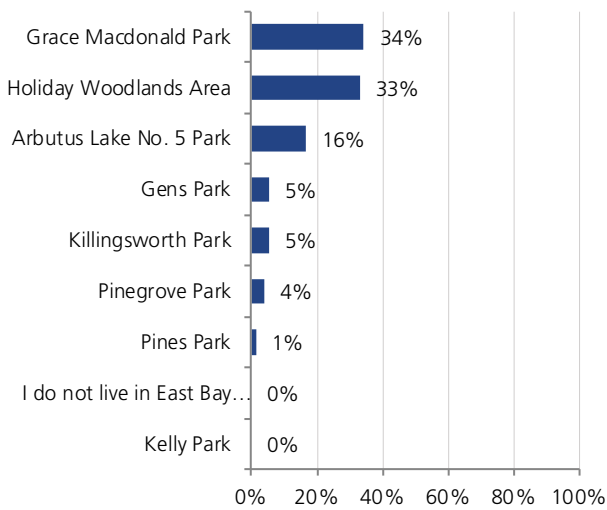


Question 8: Which East Bay Township park is closest to your house?

Grace MacDonald Park and Holiday Woodlands Natural Area are the parks that most people live nearest to (35.6%).

Question 9: Which park do you visit most frequently? Please include parks not in East Bay Township, if you visit them most frequently.

The greatest number of individuals state that they visit Grace MacDonald Park most frequently,



Other Parks Visited Frequently	Number of Mentions
Brown Bridge Quiet Area	5
Boardman Lake Loop	2
Pelizzari Natural Area	1
Timbers Recreation Area	1
Grand Traverse Natural Education Reserve	1
Bryant Park	1
Clinch Park	1
Vans Beach	1
Grand Traverse Commons	1
Bayside	1
Grand Traverse County Civic Center	1
East Bay Park	1
Maple Bay	1
Pyramid Point	1

followed closely by Holiday Woodlands Natural Area. Kelly Park is the only facility with no frequent visitors. Brown Bridge Quiet Area, an option in the “other” category, is another frequently visited facility, as well as the Boardman Lake Loop in Traverse City.

Question 10: If the park you visit most frequently is different from the one closest to your house, why do you prefer this park?

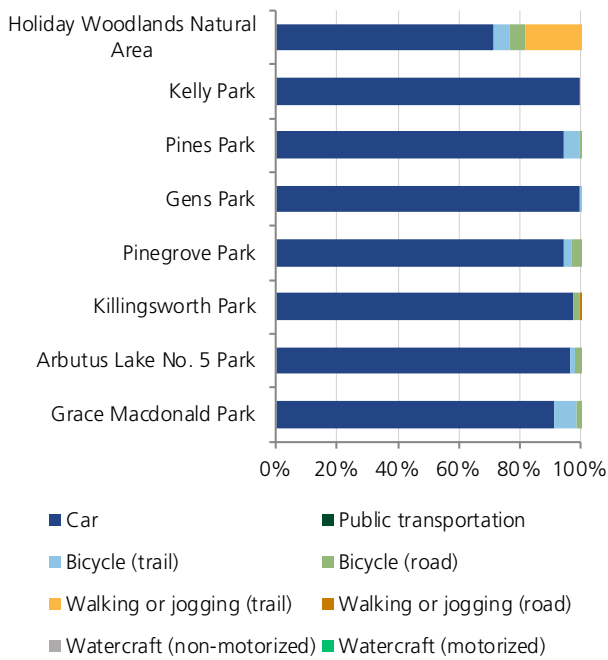
The greatest determinant in individuals selecting another park (different than the one closest to their home) is a preferable trail system, which is consistent with the popularity of walking, hiking,

Reason for Preferring Another Park	Number of Mentions
More extensive trail system	11
Water access (including swimming / fishing / boating)	6
More activity options	6
Better scenery	4
Not knowing other parks	1
Less crowded	1
Wheelchair-accessible, all-season walking paths	1
Undesirable behavior at closest park	1
Proximity to another frequent location	1
Larger park	1
Pet friendly	1

or jogging in the township. Additionally, individuals also seek out waterfront parks, and select these even when they are not closest to their home. Lastly, diversity of activity options (likely those found in Grace MacDonald Park, but potentially also water sports) is also important to individuals in their park visiting patterns.

Question 11: Please describe the methods of transportation you use to get to the following parks.

The ability to get to East Bay Township’s parks through various modes of transportation aside from a personal car is an ongoing concern. Holiday Woodlands Natural Area, likely because of its close proximity to the homes of many individuals in East Bay Township, had the greatest amount



of individuals getting to the park by walking or jogging. Grace MacDonald Park (again, another park close to many people’s homes) follows Holiday Woodlands Natural Area. Notably, Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park has a relatively large proportion of individuals who commute to the park by watercraft (either motorized or non-motorized).

Question 12: East Bay Township currently has two “mini parks,” defined as parks less than one acre. Pinegrove Park and Gens Park are the existing mini parks. These can be affordable and impactful ways to increase green space – and can be implemented in locations as small as a parking space. Where in the township would you like a mini park? Be as specific and/or imaginative as you’d like.

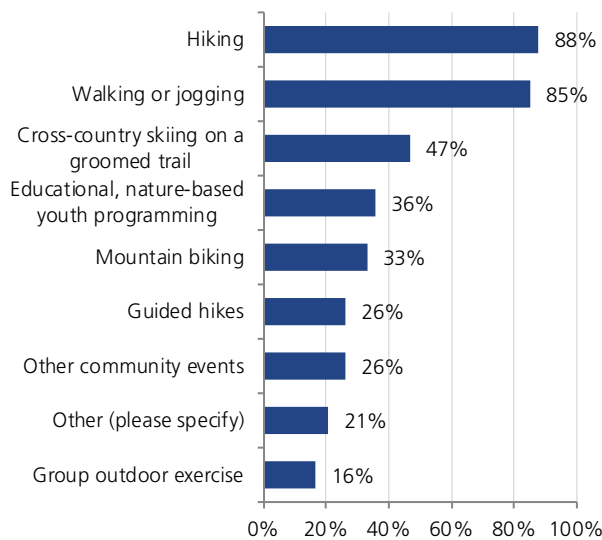
Mini parks are low-cost, quickly available options for green space and recreational facilities, and can therefore fit seamlessly into the fabric of a community. Respondents reflected a desire for mini parks in locations that are frequented by residents and visitors for purposes other than recreation. For example, a location near the hotels along the US-31 corridor (and the US-31 corridor, generally), was a prominent suggestion. The Oleson’s Plaza was also suggested as a potential place for a mini park, given the large amount of retail traffic and proximity to nearby schools. Given the smaller size of mini parks, their inclusion in subdivisions and condominium communities was also suggested, as

Suggested Locations	Number of Mentions
Holiday Hills area	4
Bayfront property	4
Near TART Trail	2
By the hotels on US-31	2
US-31, adjacent to Reffitt Nature Preserve and TART Trail	2
Spider Lake	2
Near Oleson’s Plaza	2
Lakefront property (especially for fishing)	2
Dog park	2
River/creek front property	2
Waterfront property	2
Three Mile and Hammond	2
Near Centre Ice	1
Lot previously the Swan tourist shop	1
East Bay Corners	1
Township Hall	1
Corner of Hammond	1
Four Mile and Potter	1
On side roads	1
High Lake and Supply Road	1
Potter and Three Mile	1
Four Mile	1
Five Mile	1
Across from Grace McDonald, accessing Tibbets Lake	1
Common ground of Saffron Circle – broader recommendation of each new neighborhood/subdivision having a mini park required	1
Within condo neighborhoods	1
Mini community garden plots	1
Arbutus No. 1	1
Prouty Road	1
Near VASA Trail	1
Connecting Holiday Woodlands Preserve to VASA/TART	1
Near Grand Traverse Academy on Three Mile	1
GOREC/Boy Scout property	1

well as near highly traveled intersections.

Locations with current recreation facilities were also suggested for additional mini-parks (i.e., – the Holiday Hills area, and additional bayfront property). Additionally, facilities near trails (possibly including picnic tables and rest areas) were suggested.

Question 13: Please select all activities that you would be interested in partaking in at the Holiday Woodlands Natural Area.



In guiding the direction of the Holiday Woodlands Natural Area, infrastructure for walking, hiking, and jogging remains a priority. Over one-third of respondents also mentioned mountain biking, which if designed properly, can be done alongside other users. Making good use of those trails in the winter for cross country skiing is another desired activity.

Question 14: Please share any comments you have to guide the planning of the Holiday Woodlands Natural Area. What would you like to see there?

Trail improvements continue to rise to the top.

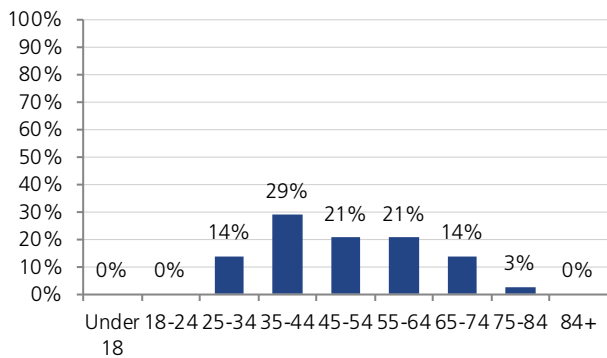
Suggestions	Number of Mentions
Improved signage and trail marking	15
Keeping area in a natural state	15
Hiking or walking trails	10
Improved parking	8
Benches / seating area	6
Only non-motorized activities	5
Youth activities	5
Mountain bike trails	4
Quiet	4
Disc golf	3
Cross country skiing / snowshoeing	5
No mountain biking	2
Paved paths	2
Viewing areas	2
Cornhole	1
No events	1
No skiing	1
Separate use hiking/biking trails	1
Trail maintenance	1
Lighting to indicate trails	1
Scavenger hunt / orienteering courses	1
No signs	1
No hunting	1
Foraging / harvesting	1
Guided activities	1
Bathroom	1
Playground	1
Accessible exercise bikes	1
Dog waste stations	1

In this instance it is in terms of signage and trail markings. Tied with that suggestion is the hope that this area will stay in its natural state, which most of the suggestions align with. Similarly, winter activities would make a good pairing, such as snow shoeing and cross-country skiing. Other amenities are supplementary such as improved parking and seating areas.

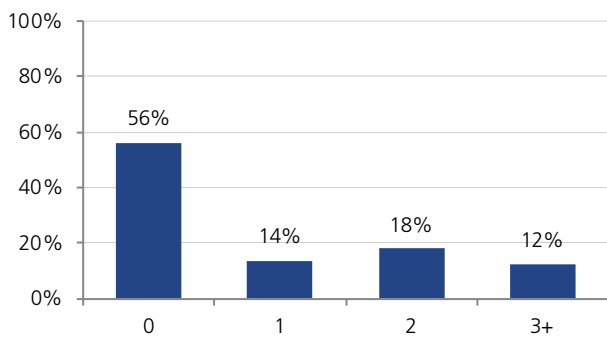
Questions 15-20: Demographics

The following graphs highlight the demographics of the survey respondents. Almost two-thirds (63.1%) of the people that submitted a response were under the age of 55. Most of the surveys were taken by adults without children in the household (56.2%) nor with seniors in the household. (78.1%). The majority of respondent

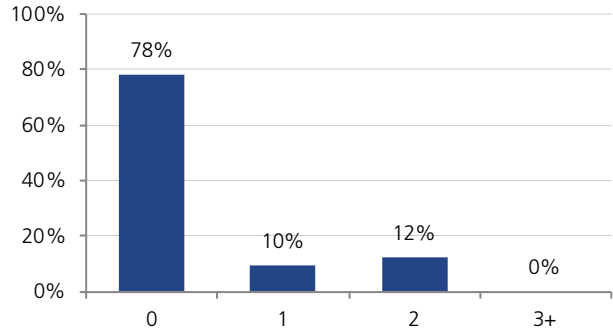
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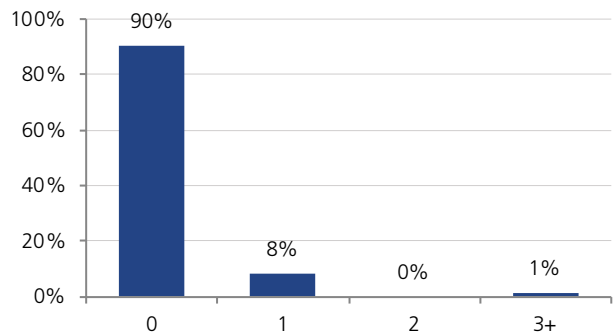
Households with Members Under the Age of 18



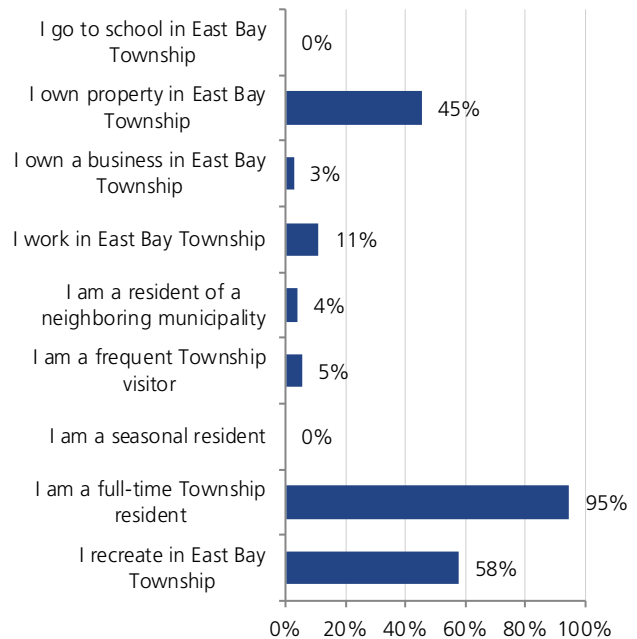
Members Over the Age of 65 in the Household



Members in the Household with a Disability



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Zip Code

Zip Code	Number of Mentions
49696	43
49686	29
49649	1

households also have no members of the household with disabilities. The demographics collected highlight a lack of younger perspectives and an underrepresentation of disability. Without these groups' feedback, the survey is missing comments on accessibility concerns and youth preferences. Lastly, 94.5% of respondents are full-time township residents and 98.6% of survey respondents had a ZIP code in East Bay Township.

Question 21: Feel free to share any additional recreational elements or facilities you would like in East Bay Township.

Suggestions	Number of Mentions
Dog park	5
Pickleball courts	2
Tennis courts	1
Acquiring a large acreage parcel on Hobbs Highway, around Spring Lake, adjacent to Brown Bridge Quiet Area	1
Wildlife viewing areas	1
Greater utilization of school athletic areas during the summer	1
More youth activities	1
Kayak launch in Gens Park and Arbutus No. 5	1
Completion of trail down Three Mile connected to TART Trail	1
Increased focus on water quality	1
Increased open space left open	1
Restroom at Five Mile entrance to Holiday Woodlands	1
Balance development with parkland, trees, and zoning	1
Disc golf course at water tower property	1
Disc golf	1
GOREC property opened to public	1
Holiday Woodlands Natural Area partially open to mountain biking – not on single track areas due to erosion	1
Aesthetic improvements to Killingsworth and Pinegrove	1
Water tower property	1
Dark sky park	1
Blacktop roads in Forest Lakes area in need of repair + wider bike lane	1

Suggestions	Number of Mentions
Bike trail in Spider Lake / Arbutus Lake region	1
Rental cross-country skis / ice skates	1
Garden space for native plants	1

Open-ended recommendations were diverse. However, a dog park was a consistent theme. Pickleball courts, in line with many individuals' desires to play pickleball, were also desired. The remaining recommendations called for guiding principles for the township's continued development (e.g., increased focus on water quality, more open space, strategizing residential development).

OPEN HOUSE RESULTS

Open house attendees were asked to provide input on what type of recreational opportunities they would like to see at the Holiday Woodlands Natural Area, Pines Park, and Hammond Park. Attendees were also asked to consider whether the soccer fields at Grace Macdonald Park should continue to be used as soccer fields.

Holiday Woodlands Natural Area

At the Holiday Woodlands Natural Area board, three open-house attendees indicated a need for signage regarding environmental education and trail maps. Two respondents stated the desire for hiking and biking trail systems in the natural area as well as parking to support trail usage. Other suggestions included restroom facilities, groomed cross-country skiing trails, and benches along the trail systems, as well as connecting the park to Holiday Hills.

Pines Park

Open house attendees also suggested trail systems with associated benches and signage at Pines Park. One respondent suggested adding pickleball courts, while another suggested a Dark Sky parking lot.

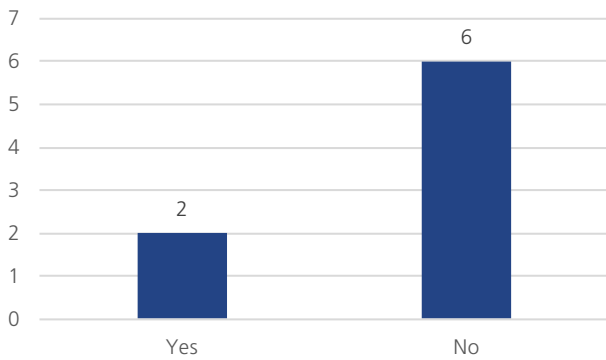
Hammond Park (Watertower Park)

Respondents suggested that incorporating recreational opportunities such as a dog park or Dark Sky parking lot would be beneficial for residents. Additionally, one attendee indicated a desire for a Farmer's Market at Hammond Park.

Others suggested connecting trail systems and senior exercise stations in the park. There was an expressed desire by one open house attendee for educational native species plants and pollinator gardens within the park.

Grace Macdonald Park

When open house attendees were asked to



respond to whether the soccer fields in the park should continue to be used as soccer fields, the majority responded “No”. One respondent suggested that the fields be used for other sports including soccer, lacrosse, kickball, flag football, or field hockey.

PARK COMMISSION ACTION LIST

Open house attendees were also asked to select the top three most important items that the Parks Commission should focus on in the next five years. The attendees were given the options: Grace

Macdonald Warming Hut, ADA Accessibility in Parks, Hammond Park Planning and Design, Trail Maps, Markers, and Signs, Arbutus #5 phase 2 – including playground equipment and a pathway from fishing pier to bathrooms, Killingsworth Park Bathrooms, Grace Macdonald Soccer Field Reconstruction/Redevelopment, Community Garden Construction, Property Acquisition, Waterfront Access, Non-motorized Trails to connect parks, and Holiday Woodland Park Development. The most important items for open house attendees were waterfront access, the planning and design of Hammond Park and the construction of a community garden. Other notable issues included the warming hut at Grace Macdonald Park, ADA accessibility in parks, and trail maps, markers, and signs. Attendees provided additional topics that were not included on this list such as a dark sky park, dog park, and a farmer’s market or outdoor gathering place.

Action Item	Number of Responses
Waterfront Access	6
Hammond Park Planning and Design	5
Community Garden Construction	5
Grace Macdonald Warming Hut	4
ADA Accessibility in Parks	4
Trail Maps, Markers, and Signs	4
Non-Motorized Trails to connect parks	2
Holiday Woodland Park Development	2
Killingsworth Park Bathrooms	1
Property Acquisition	1
Arbutus #5 phase 2-includes playground equipment and pathway from fishing pier to bathrooms	0
Grace Macdonald Soccer Field Reconstruction/Redevelopment	0



Open House attendees provided input on a series of interactive boards.

Implementation

Parks and recreation services are necessary to a community, key to improving residents' quality of life, wellbeing, and sense of community. The level of comfort and accessibility of residents accessing public park spaces determines their frequency of access, and subsequently, their level of physical activity in these spaces. By providing parks and recreation services tailored to a community's needs, a municipality encourages the social cohesion of the community by increasing the sense of ownership of properties and aids the physical and mental wellbeing of its residents. In East Bay Township, with beautiful, forested areas and waterfront access areas, helping residents to access the wealth of natural resources helps them engage with their broader community.

After formation, the Parks and Recreation Plan is subsequently implemented through goals, objectives, and an action plan created in the planning process. The goals and objectives are derived from public input (survey and public input sessions) and the vision of the township and its Parks Commission. The identification of recurring themes offers a framework by which to prioritize projects improving the quality of recreational opportunities. The action plan is centered on projects that have been prioritized, based on community feedback, and that will best help residents recreate in East Bay Township.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives offer broad policy direction for township officials; goals and objectives were developed to allow the township to take realistic steps (financially, socially, and physically) toward the end goals of its parks and recreation program.

Goals

1. **Enhance Quality of Life:** Create and maintain recreational spaces that contribute to the overall well-being and quality of life for all.

2. **Preserve Natural Resources:** Protect and preserve natural areas, green spaces, and wildlife habitats within the community.
3. **Promote Physical Activity:** Encourage and facilitate physical activity by providing facilities and programs that cater to people of all ages and abilities.
4. **Community Engagement:** Foster a sense of community by providing spaces and events that bring residents and users together for social and recreational activities.
5. **Environmental Sustainability:** Implement practice and initiatives that promote environmental sustainability and conservation within park and recreation areas. Encourage low impact design and best management practices in park development.
6. **Inclusivity:** Ensure that parks and recreational facilities are accessible and inclusive, catering to the diverse needs and interests of the entire community.

Objectives

1. **Develop and Maintain Park Facilities:** Establish a plan for the development, enhancement, and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, sports fields, trails, and other recreational facilities.
2. **Programming and Events:** Create a diverse range of recreational programs and events that cater to different age groups and interests.
3. **Trail and Greenway Development:** Expand and maintain a network of trails and greenways to promote outdoor activities and connectivity within the community.
4. **Partnerships:** Establish partnerships with local organizations, schools, and businesses to enhance the range and quality of recreational offerings.

- 5. **Safety and Security:** Implement measures to ensure the safety and security of park users, including well-lit areas, proper signage, and regular maintenance.
- 6. **Community Input and Feedback:** Seek input from residents and users through surveys, public meetings, and other means to understand their preferences and needs in relation to parks and recreation.

Priorities

In 2022, the Parks Commission created a priority list of projects that they would like to accomplish in the near term. This list was used to request ARPA funding through the Township Board and County Commission. While none of the projects were funded, it was still a valuable exercise for the Parks Commission to see what the priorities for the coming years should be. Priority items that are not completed will be moved into the Action Items list.

1. Township Parks ADA Accessibility Audit and ADA Infrastructure

Audit was complete in 2022, infrastructure to be completed as projects are developed with some easier tasks being completed in 2023.

2. Grace Macdonald Warming Hut

The Parks Commission has applied for two Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants and a Spark Grant to get the Warming Hut funding. To date, a grant has not been awarded. The search for funding will continue.

3. Community Garden

The design and governance documents for the community garden have been completed. This projects stands ready to bid and construct as funding becomes available. A Spark Grant was applied for but not awarded for this project.

4. Hammond Park Planning and Design

This water tower property needs to have a master plan for future development.

5. Trail Maps, Markers, and Sign

A consistent theme for all signage needs to be completed. Trails shall be marked as they are developed for ease of use. Educational signage to assist and encourage users to help sustain and enhance the park lands and their associated benefits.

6. Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park Phase 2

Phase 1 of Arbutus Lake was constructed in 2023, the next phase will need to be engineered and constructed.

7. Killingsworth Park Bathroom

A new bathroom at Killingsworth Park is envisioned. This project will need design and engineered as next steps.

8. Township 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update

Completed in 2023 for the years 2024-2029 this plan completes this priority item.

ACTION PLAN

Action items are action-oriented and specific in nature and are used as an organizational strategy to achieve the goals listed in the plan. The action plan is also created to be a guide for the budgeting process for the next five years – each project is associated with a particular broader goal delineated by the parks and recreation plan, to ensure fund expenditures are aiding broader township planning goals. The action items were an activity at the community open house. The list below is ordered based on the ranking received at the open house.

Table 11: Action Plan

Year	Facility	Description	Funding Sources
2024	Grace Macdonald	Warming Hut- Ready for Construction	General Fund/Grants
2024	Holiday Woods Natural Area	Planning and design of park	Grants-Trust Fund Development
2025	Community Garden	Construction of the community garden- Ready for Construction	General Fund/ Specialized Grants
2025	Hammond Park	Planning and design for park	General Fund
2025	Arbutus #5	Phase 2	Grants-Trust Fund Development
2026	Killingsworth	Park bathrooms	Grants-Trust Fund Development
2026	Community Garden/ Township Hall	Establish Farmer's Market	Grants / General Fund
2027	Grace Macdonald	Soccer field redevelopment	General Fund
Ongoing	All Parks	ADA Accessibility	General Fund/Grants
Ongoing	All Parks	Trail maps, markers, and signs	General Fund
Ongoing		Waterfront Access and Property Acquisition	To Be Determined Depending on Project
Ongoing		Non-motorized trails to connect parks	To Be Determined Depending on Project

Appendix

Appendix A: Raw Survey Results

Appendix B: Open House Boards

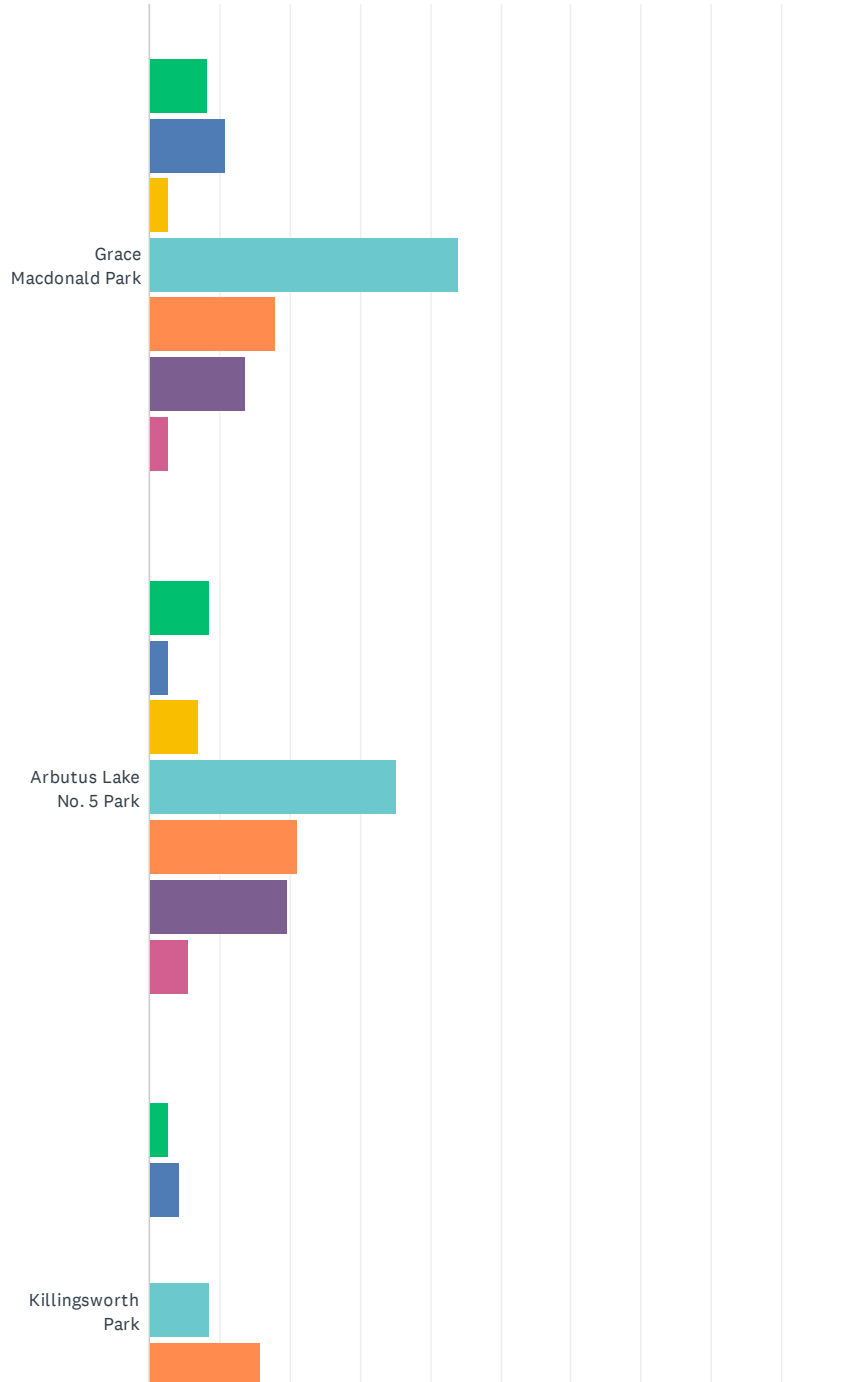
Appendix C: Supporting Documents

APPENDIX A: RAW SURVEY RESULTS

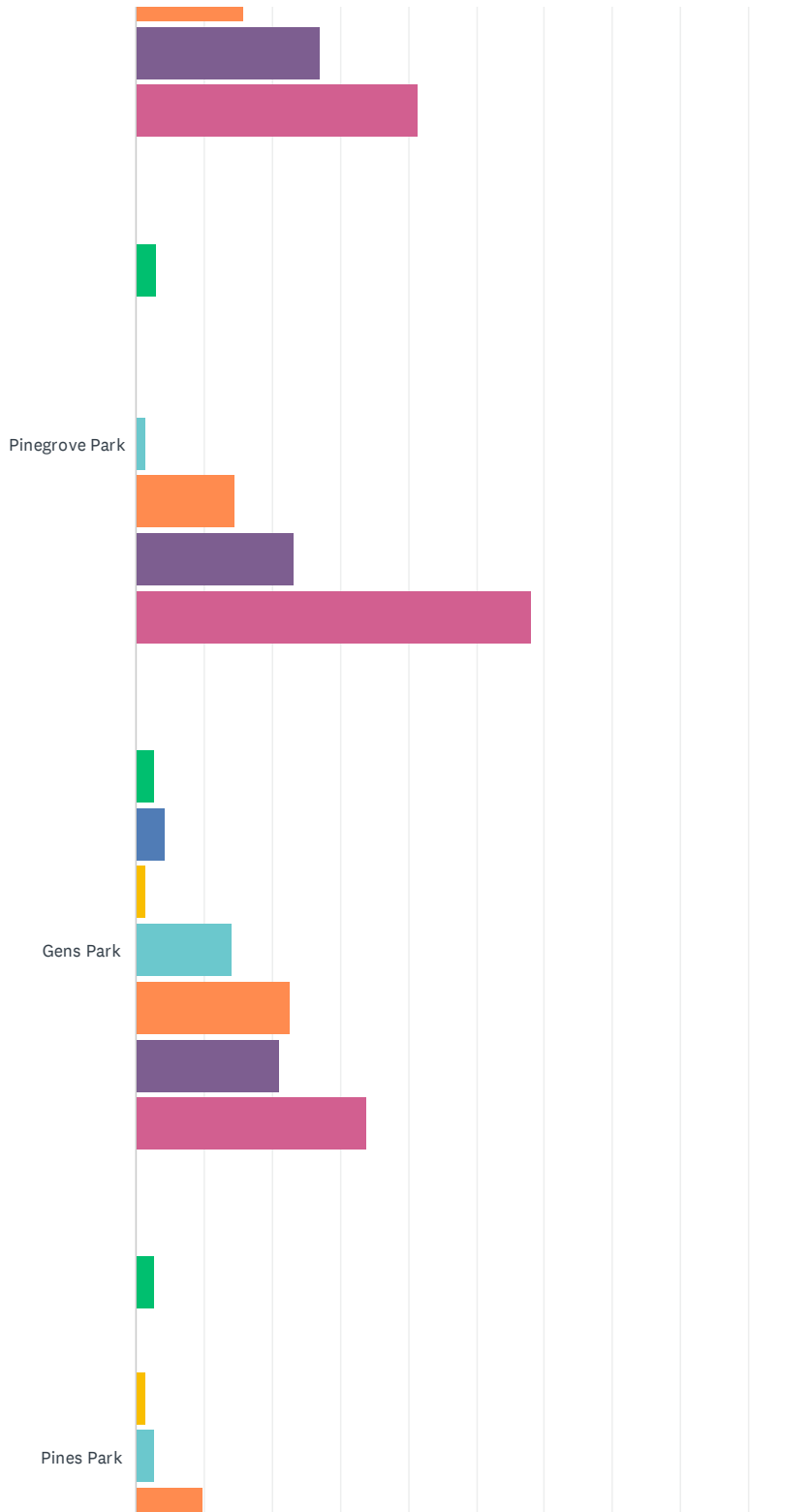
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Q1 How often do you use the following recreational facilities?

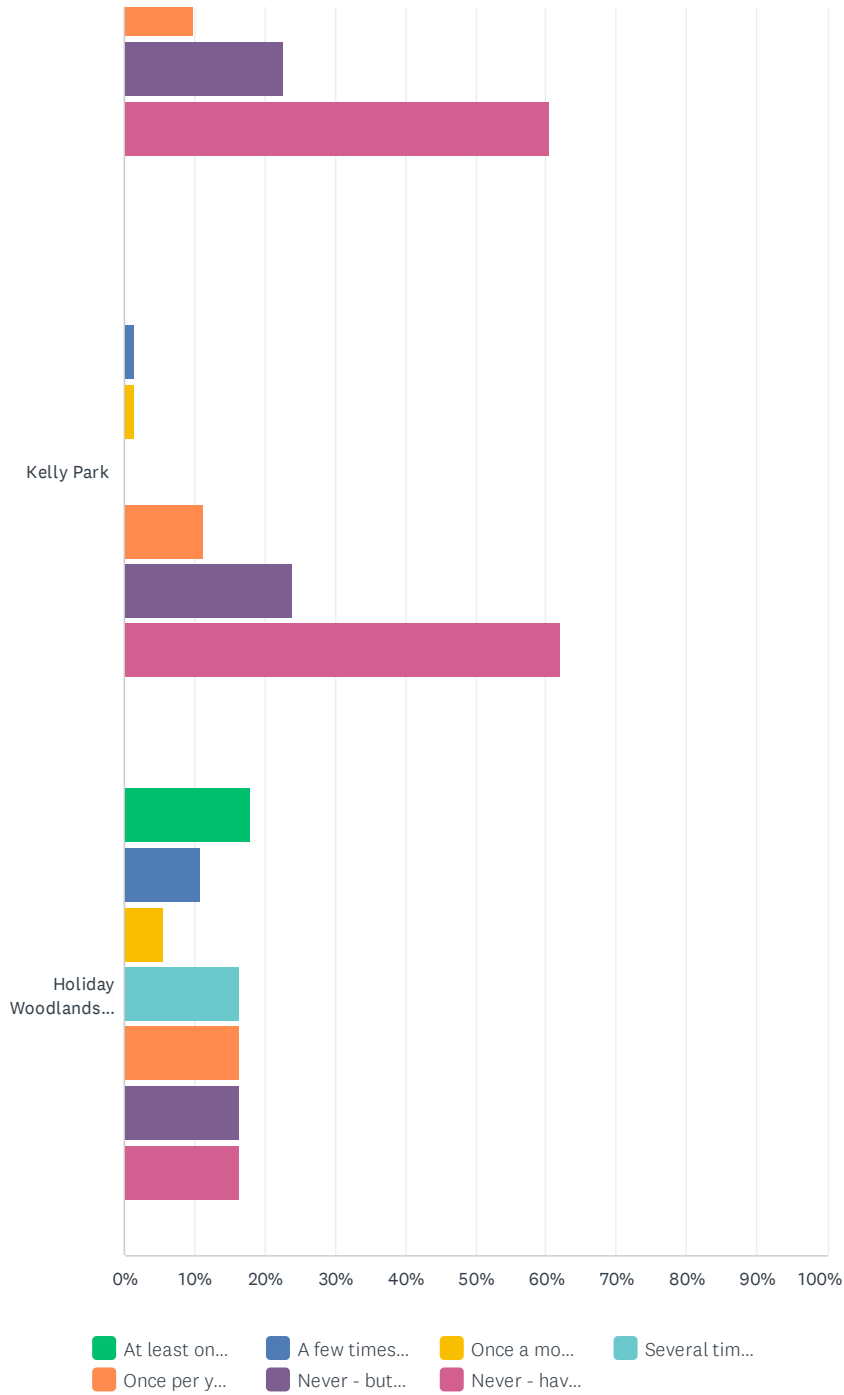
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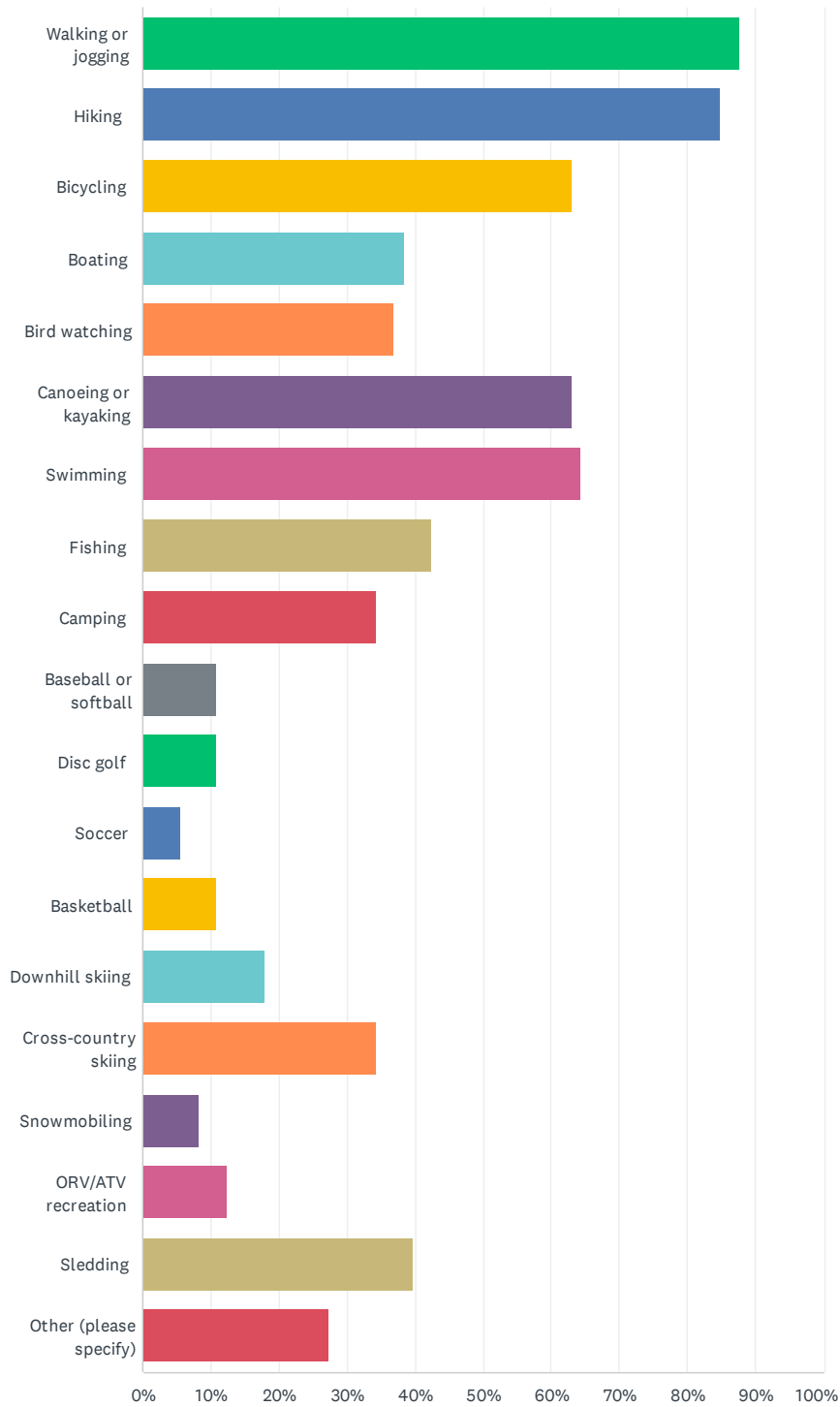
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	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	ONCE PER YEAR OR LESS	NEVER - BUT HAVE HEARD OF THIS PARK	NEVER - HAVE NOT HEARD OF THIS PARK	TOTAL
Grace Macdonald Park	8.22% 6	10.96% 8	2.74% 2	43.84% 32	17.81% 13	13.70% 10	2.74% 2	73
Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park	8.45% 6	2.82% 2	7.04% 5	35.21% 25	21.13% 15	19.72% 14	5.63% 4	71
Killingsworth Park	2.86% 2	4.29% 3	0.00% 0	8.57% 6	15.71% 11	27.14% 19	41.43% 29	70
Pinegrove Park	2.90% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.45% 1	14.49% 10	23.19% 16	57.97% 40	69
Gens Park	2.82% 2	4.23% 3	1.41% 1	14.08% 10	22.54% 16	21.13% 15	33.80% 24	71
Pines Park	2.82% 2	0.00% 0	1.41% 1	2.82% 2	9.86% 7	22.54% 16	60.56% 43	71
Kelly Park	0.00% 0	1.41% 1	1.41% 1	0.00% 0	11.27% 8	23.94% 17	61.97% 44	71
Holiday Woodlands Natural Area	17.81% 13	10.96% 8	5.48% 4	16.44% 12	16.44% 12	16.44% 12	16.44% 12	73

Q2 Please select all recreational activities you enjoy doing in East Bay Township.

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking or jogging	87.67%	64
Hiking	84.93%	62
Bicycling	63.01%	46
Boating	38.36%	28
Bird watching	36.99%	27
Canoeing or kayaking	63.01%	46
Swimming	64.38%	47
Fishing	42.47%	31
Camping	34.25%	25
Baseball or softball	10.96%	8
Disc golf	10.96%	8
Soccer	5.48%	4
Basketball	10.96%	8
Downhill skiing	17.81%	13
Cross-country skiing	34.25%	25
Snowmobiling	8.22%	6
ORV/ATV recreation	12.33%	9
Sledding	39.73%	29
Other (please specify)	27.40%	20
Total Respondents: 73		

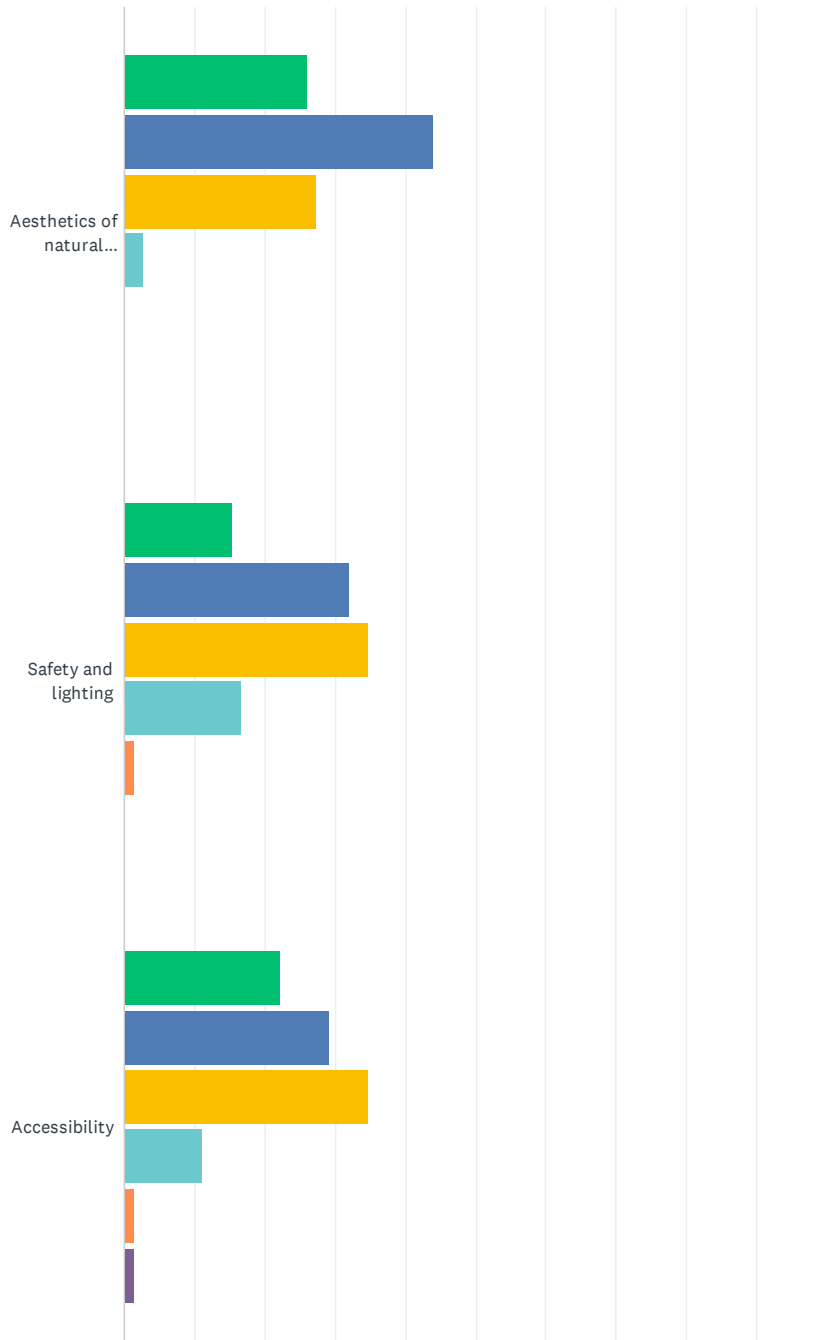
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Playground and dog park	4/3/2023 6:21 PM
2	Pickleball	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
3	Badminton at grace mcdonald	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
4	Playgrounds	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
5	Playground	3/5/2023 1:09 PM
6	Hunting	3/2/2023 6:02 PM
7	Pickleball, dark sky activities	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
8	Pickleball snowshoeing	2/19/2023 11:03 PM
9	snowshoeing	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
10	Pickleball	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
11	Quietly sitting. Taking dog. Painting.	2/12/2023 8:52 PM
12	gardening	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
13	Pickleball	2/10/2023 5:23 PM

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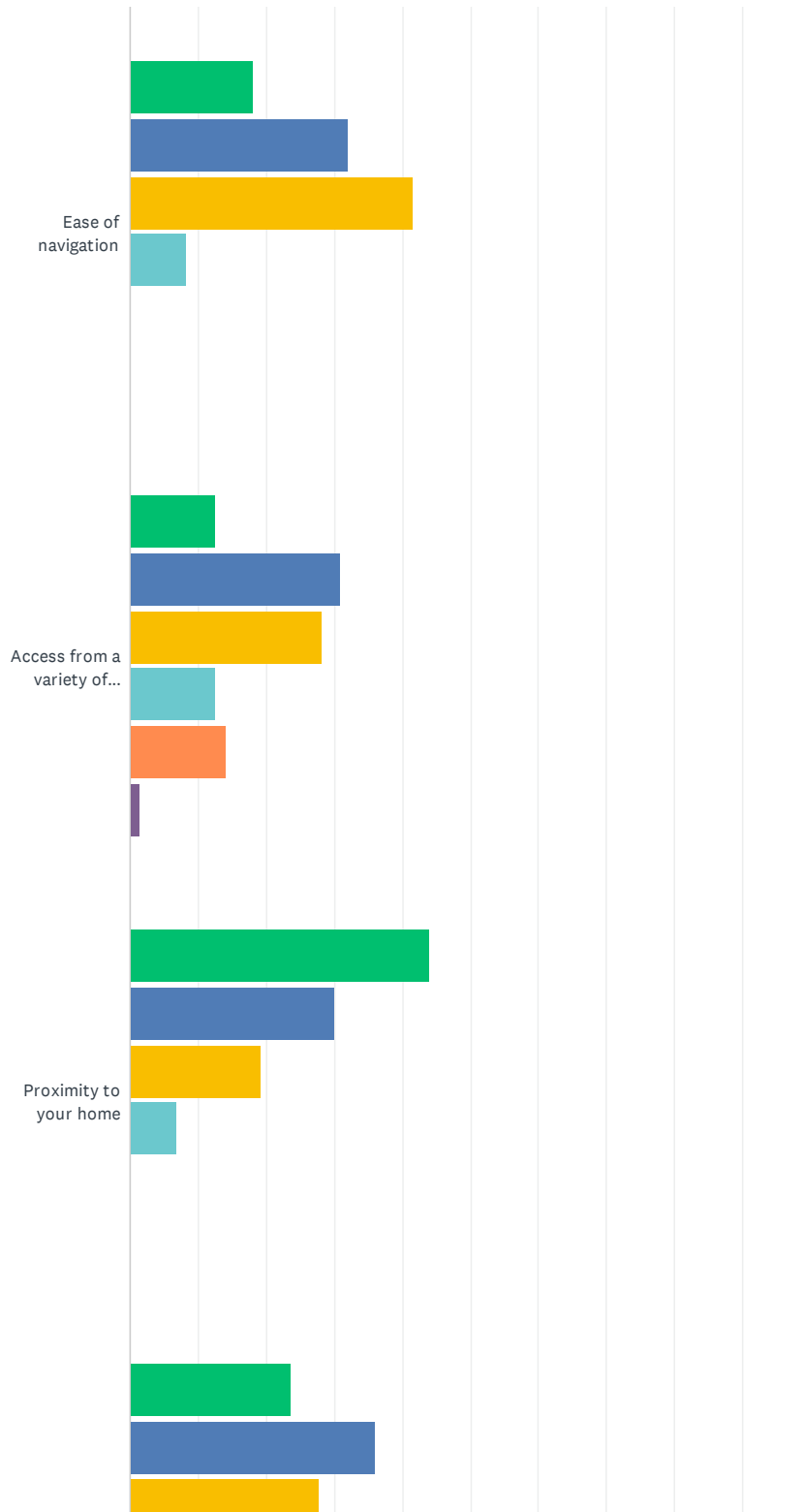
14	Clean up projects with kids on trail systems. Including ferrous objects with a metal detector and magnet. There are areas of Holiday Woodlands that have buried or partially buried heaps of trash and metal, so we go around and clean up as much as possible.	2/10/2023 4:53 PM
15	dog walking	2/10/2023 12:05 PM
16	pickleball	2/10/2023 8:12 AM
17	Exercising with my pet	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
18	Pickelball	2/8/2023 9:35 AM
19	Dog walking	2/7/2023 8:51 PM
20	Dog park would be nice	2/7/2023 8:44 PM

Q3 Please rate East Bay Township's current parks and recreation offerings, from your own experience, with regard to the following elements.

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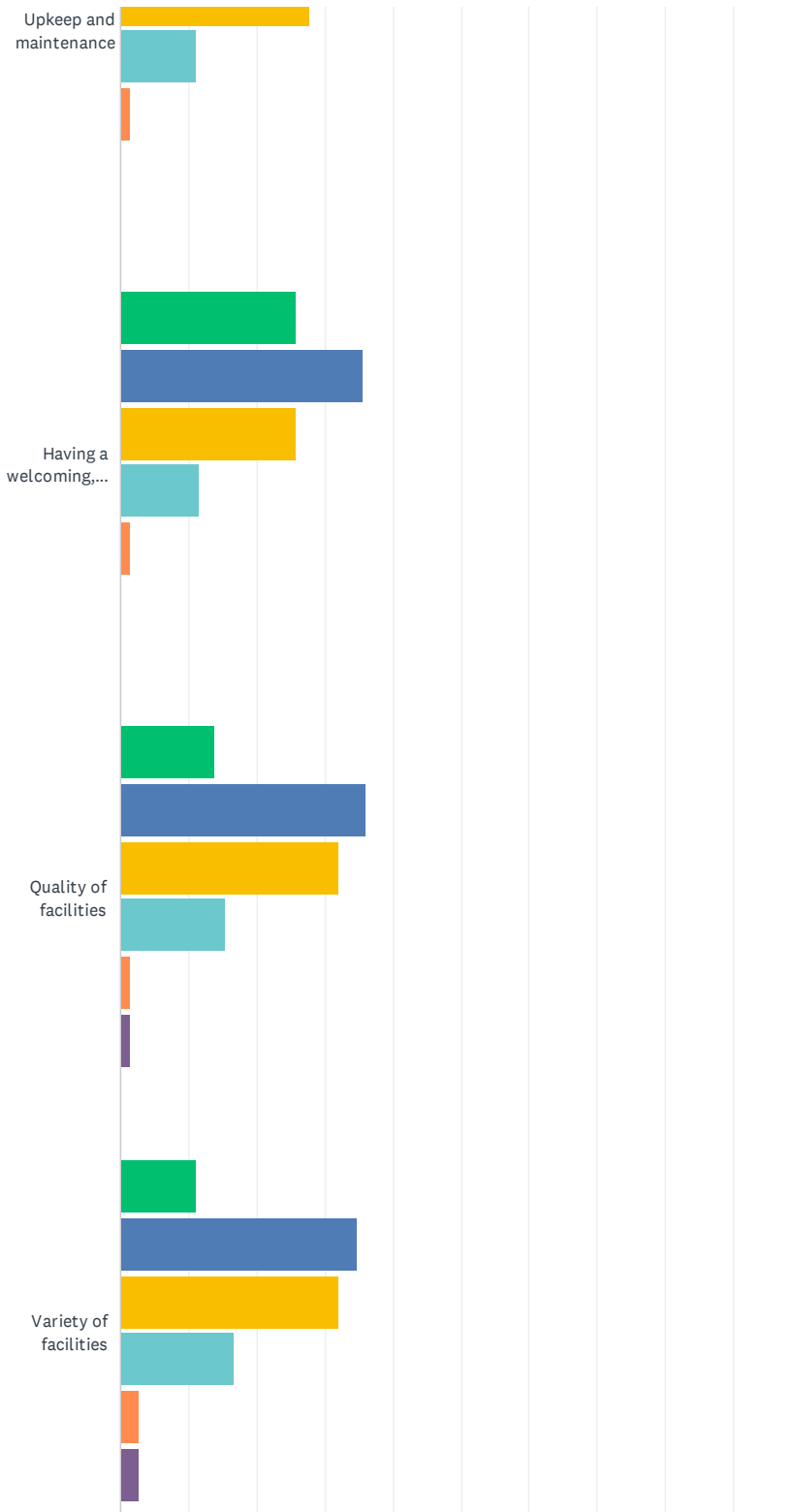


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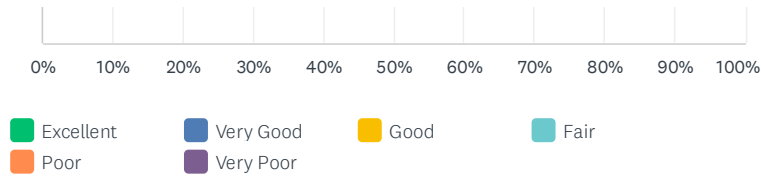


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	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL
Aesthetics of natural surroundings	26.03% 19	43.84% 32	27.40% 20	2.74% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	73
Safety and lighting	15.28% 11	31.94% 23	34.72% 25	16.67% 12	1.39% 1	0.00% 0	72
Accessibility	22.22% 16	29.17% 21	34.72% 25	11.11% 8	1.39% 1	1.39% 1	72
Ease of navigation	18.06% 13	31.94% 23	41.67% 30	8.33% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	72
Access from a variety of modes of transportation	12.68% 9	30.99% 22	28.17% 20	12.68% 9	14.08% 10	1.41% 1	71
Proximity to your home	43.84% 32	30.14% 22	19.18% 14	6.85% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	73
Upkeep and maintenance	23.61% 17	36.11% 26	27.78% 20	11.11% 8	1.39% 1	0.00% 0	72
Having a welcoming, community atmosphere	25.71% 18	35.71% 25	25.71% 18	11.43% 8	1.43% 1	0.00% 0	70
Quality of facilities	13.89% 10	36.11% 26	31.94% 23	15.28% 11	1.39% 1	1.39% 1	72
Variety of facilities	11.11% 8	34.72% 25	31.94% 23	16.67% 12	2.78% 2	2.78% 2	72

#	PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY OTHER FACTORS RELEVANT TO YOU, OR ELABORATE ON ONE OF YOUR ANSWERS.	DATE
1	Arbutus 5 desperately needs to be cleaned and repaired	4/4/2023 7:55 PM
2	Improper maintenance for Arbutus No. 5	4/4/2023 6:50 PM
3	I would love to see the community garden be finalized	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
4	I would like to see more things added and maybe a bit more upkeep on some of the parks	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
5	Please cut the trees at the bottom of the sledding hill! Yes, kids do sled into them.	3/15/2023 5:20 PM
6	Grace Macdonald very good, the rest fair or poor	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
7	Trail maps are up to date and easy to read/find. Since I have only been to 2 of the above parks the parks I have experienced make me want to visit the other ones since I've had great times at these	3/8/2023 7:40 PM
8	I do not own a boat and have limited income. These park allow me the opportunity for recreation in my community. That are very important to me.	3/7/2023 11:04 PM
9	Hard to find some of the parks.	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
10	Better control and further restriction of motorized use of the parks would be wonderful.	3/3/2023 12:41 PM
11	Grace MacDonald park rates all excellent. Would like more biking trails tied into the parks.	2/21/2023 9:49 PM

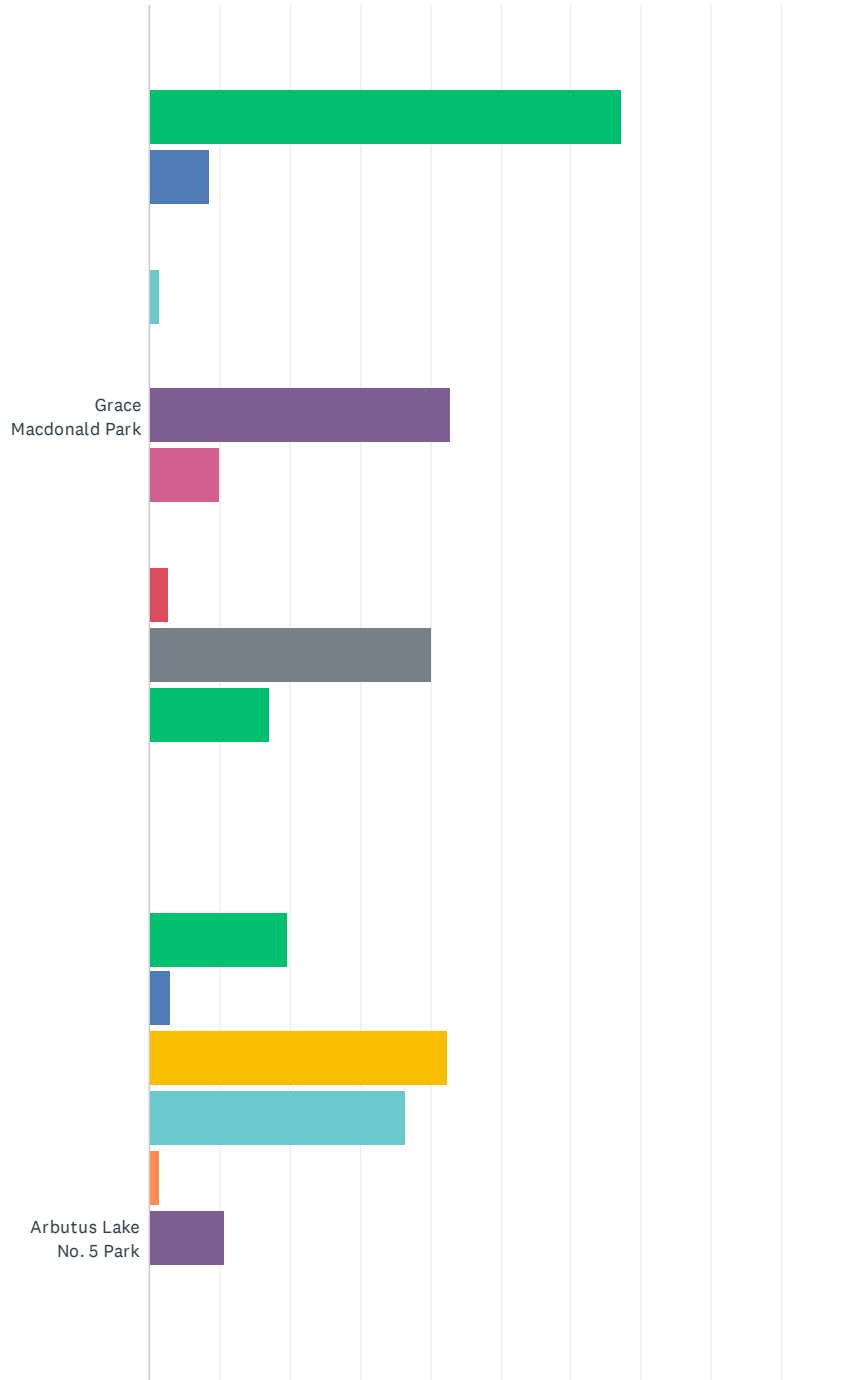
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12	Most of the parks are in the Lakes Area. With the exception of Gen's and Holiday Woods. Gen's has a really nice bathroom, but not really conducive to much else. Holiday Woodland is good for Hiking and snow shoeing, but there is quite the battle between the hikers and the bikers. But there is no place to throw a ball, fly a kite, etc at either of these parks	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
13	The closing of GoRec has eliminated the disc golf course and many acres of land once open to the public.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
14	More is less. Don't over due these things.	2/12/2023 8:52 PM
15	We are a retired couple that use Grace Mcdonald's pickleball courts. The above answers are based on this experience.	2/10/2023 5:23 PM
16	I like that some parks are developed with facilities and that others are undeveloped and intended to be used for natural activities such as hiking or birdwatching or just being in nature.	2/10/2023 12:36 PM
17	I am unaware of many of the parks in EBT even though I've lived here 7 years. Lighting and safety are my top concerns. Also, having a reasonable place to go swimming on this side of town would be nice. We always go to OMP or Elk Rapids. We were curious about Gens Park, but left shortly after we parked because it seemed like a kayak drop spot only? Not sure.	2/10/2023 12:05 PM
18	Specific to the Holiday Woodlands, I enjoy that it is only for "quiet" recreation (walking, hiking, jogging), and would prefer that not change.	2/10/2023 11:38 AM
19	Grace MacDonald park abuts my property	2/9/2023 7:49 PM
20	Township properties which follow the same development standards and best practices as privately owned properties. Posted rules of parks are actively monitored and enforced, especially hours of operation, alcohol & marijuana use restrictions, and fireworks. Availability of safe/legal parking spaces.	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
21	Arbutus 5 should have decent bathroom facilities	2/8/2023 11:02 AM
22	It would be nice to be able to safely bike to East Bay access.	2/8/2023 10:20 AM

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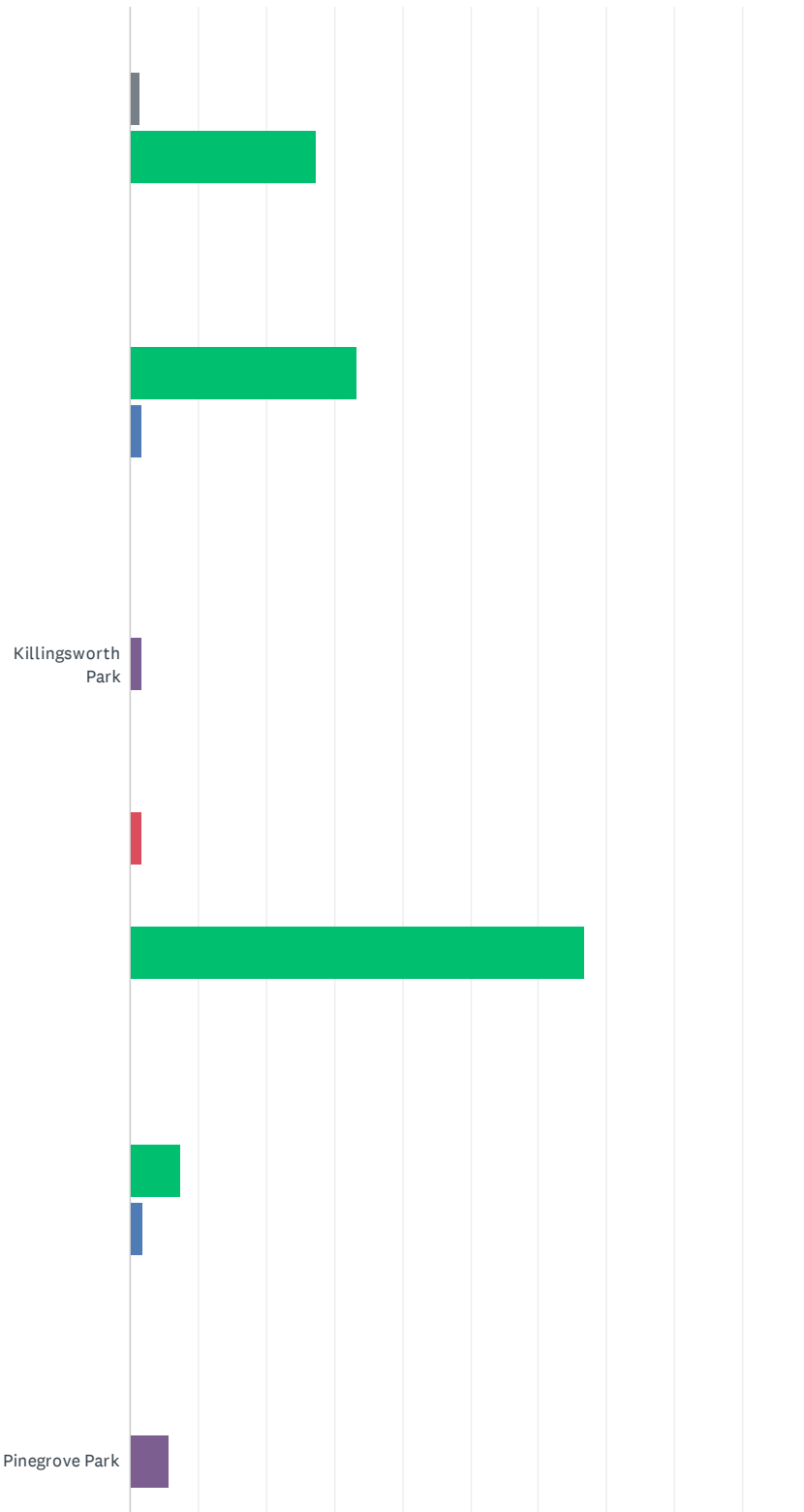
Q4 Please describe the activities you do at the following parks.

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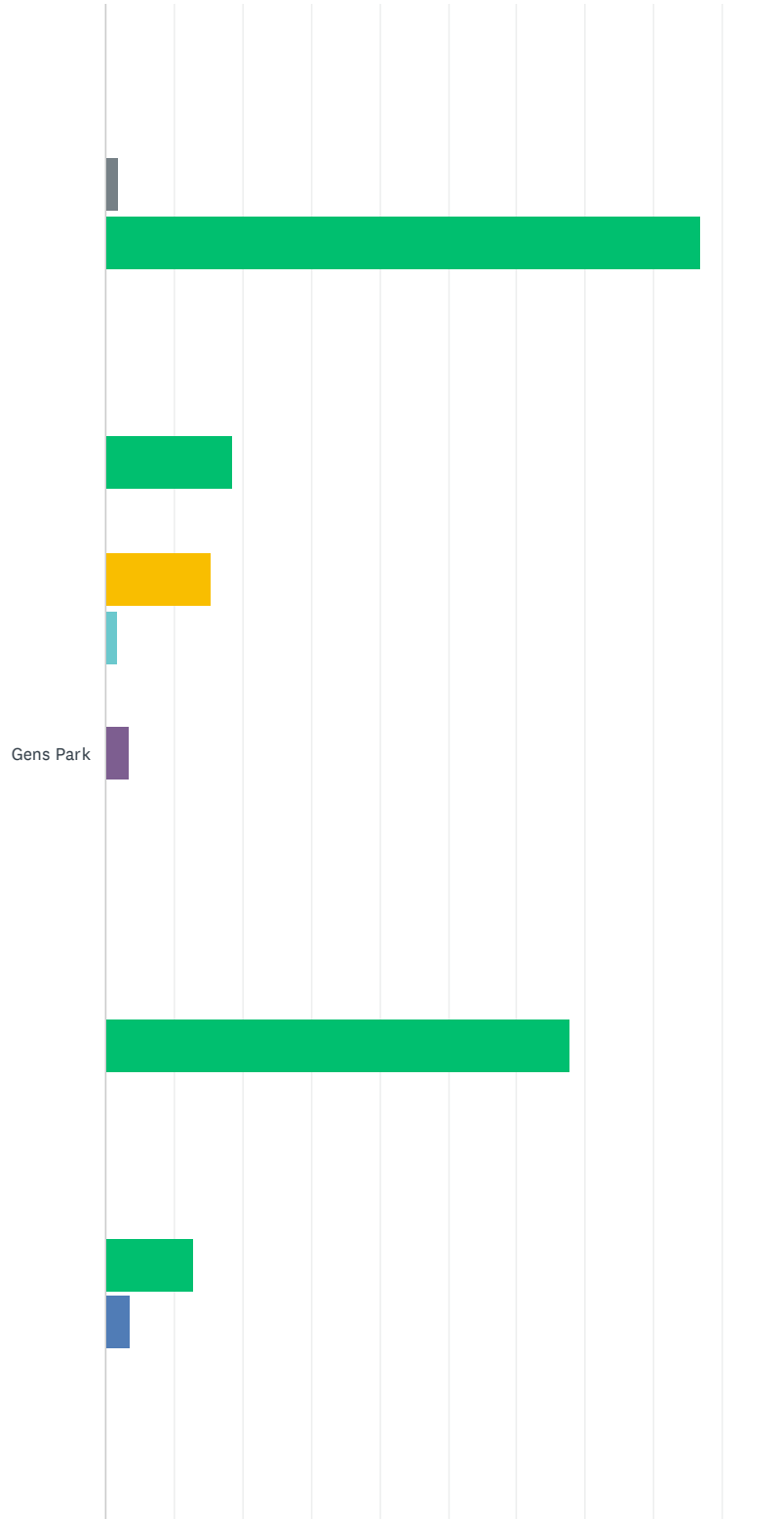
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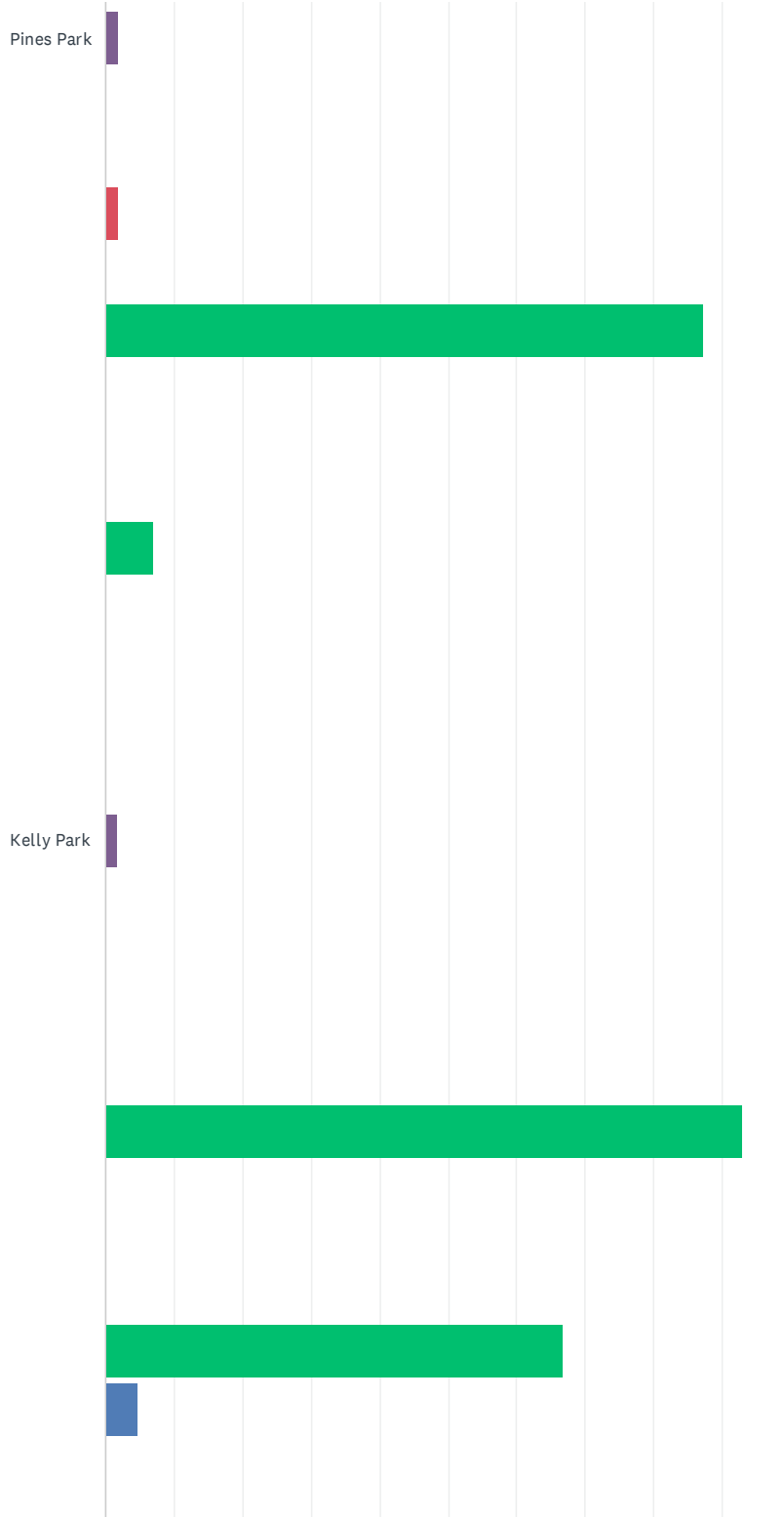


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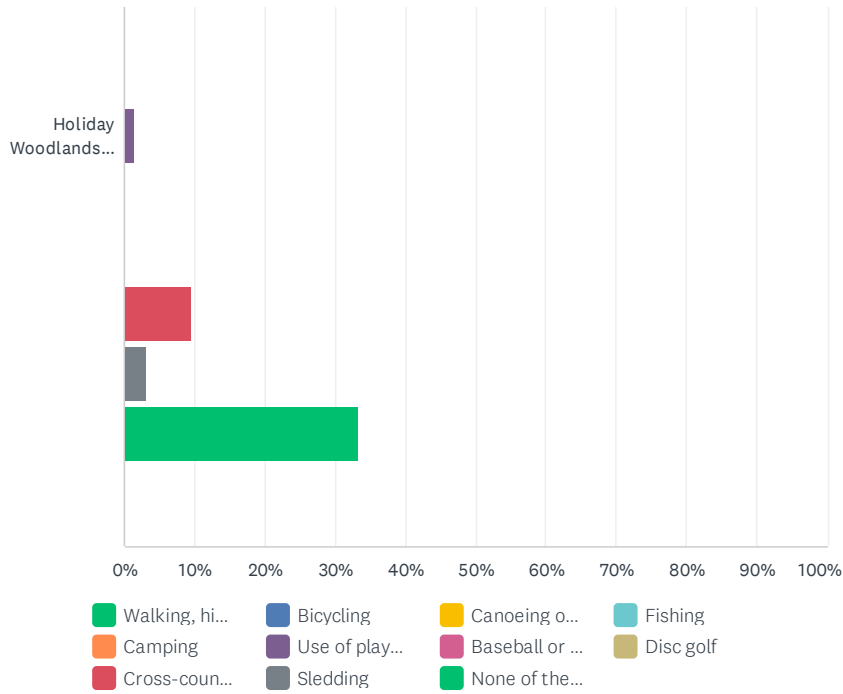


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	WALKING, HIKING, OR JOGGING	BICYCLING	CANOEING OR KAYAKING	FISHING	CAMPING	USE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL	DISC GOLF	CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Grace Macdonald Park	67.14% 47	8.57% 6	0.00% 0	1.43% 1	0.00% 0	42.86% 30	10.00% 7	0.00% 0	2.86% 2
Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park	19.70% 13	3.03% 2	42.42% 28	36.36% 24	1.52% 1	10.61% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Killingsworth Park	33.33% 20	1.67% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.67% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.67% 1
Pinegrove Park	7.55% 4	1.89% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5.66% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Gens Park	18.64% 11	0.00% 0	15.25% 9	1.69% 1	0.00% 0	3.39% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Pines Park	12.73% 7	3.64% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.82% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.82% 1
Kelly Park	7.14% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.79% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Holiday Woodlands Natural Area	66.67% 42	4.76% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.59% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0

#	ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS / PREFERRED ACTIVITIES?	DATE
1	More disc golf and additional kayak/canoe launches for local residents	4/4/2023 6:50 PM

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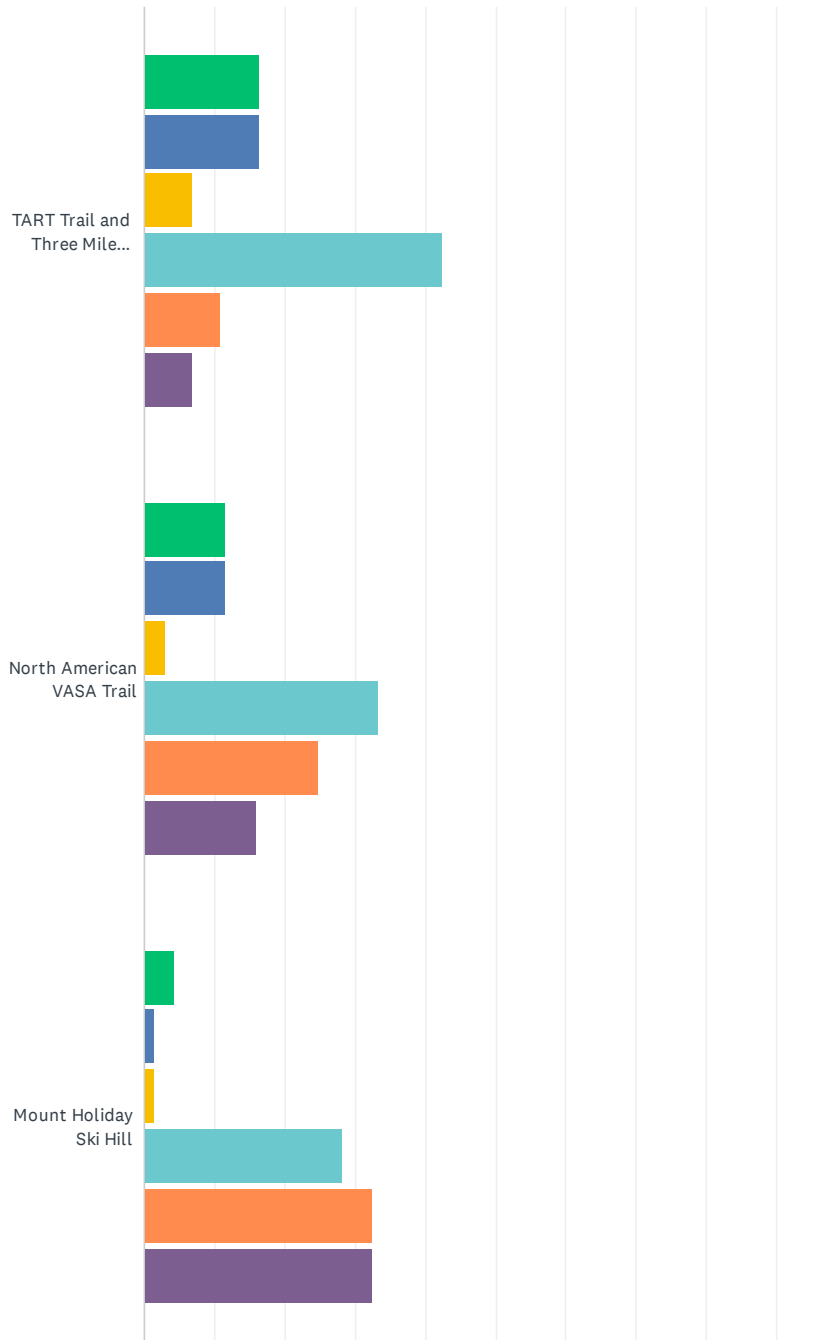
2	Basketball, pickleball, gardening, swimming	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
3	Tennis at Grace McDonald	3/21/2023 4:31 PM
4	Badminton and basketball are always fun.having a little basket ball hoop would be cute for the littles	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
5	Please cut more trees at the bottom of the sledding hill! Very dangerous!!	3/15/2023 5:20 PM
6	Gen's park is mainly a beach, might want to add that as an activity	3/15/2023 4:47 PM
7	More playground equipment at parks other than Grace Macdonald, please! Also, please install security cameras at Arbutus No. 5.	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
8	It would be nice to have more sandy swimming areas, it would be nice to have an ice rink, it would be nice to have more boat launches.	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
9	Swimming's not listed. Although I'm sure hunting is not allowed on park lands, I suspect it happens and would like it to be monitored somehow. Private shooting ranges apparently surround Pines Park, for instance, and gunshots...often semi-automatics... encroach on others' peace of mind and privacy.	3/3/2023 12:41 PM
10	We also bird watch at all parks and we use the pickleball courts at Grace MacDonald Park.	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
11	Why are Pines and Kelly on here as parks?	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
12	Swimming at Gen's Park and Arbutus No. 5	2/19/2023 11:03 PM
13	Since we don't know about all the parks, would be good to have maps of all available.	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
14	More hiking trails please and also nicer picnic tables/area for meals we can use at all parks.	2/13/2023 2:34 PM
15	Disc Golf, it would be nice to once again have a disc golf course that was needlessly and frivolously taken away by the Board's mismanagement and complaints by the Rennie Lake association. Pickleball, more pickleball courts, often times the limited courts are overcrowded at the 1 park (Grace) that has them and the tennis courts take up so much more space while receiving little to no use at all. Stripe or replace the wasted space the tennis courts occupy with the more in demand pickleball courts would be a service to the community.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
16	Swimming at Gens and Arbutus 5	2/13/2023 10:43 AM
17	Swimming. Taking dog. Sitting quietly. Bird watching.	2/12/2023 8:52 PM
18	Kayaking, but need parking and access to the lake. Currently use boat ramps.	2/10/2023 5:23 PM
19	The trail systems in Holiday Woodlands could be set up much better. Potential for some lighting (not super bright, but more of an indicator of trails). Signage of trail systems is poor. Could make it mountain bike friendly (since that is a very big topic of connecting trail systems throughout this area and other areas). There are a ton of families that use the trails in the winter, but without snowshoes or cross country skis it is very difficult (potential for a maintenance program in the winter that allows hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing on the same trail...like a one pass snow blower that leaves a few inches of snow on the surface or compacts it to create a stable base for hiking). Tree planting programs for families. Adopt a section of the trails and have signage indicating the section is sponsored by that could help take some of the pressure off the Parks & Rec program. Marking the trails with reflective markers (color coded to help with navigation). Set up some scavenger hunts or orienteering courses. Set up a kids nature program that explores the areas with a guide.	2/10/2023 4:53 PM
20	We love to go swimming at Gens park during the summer.	2/10/2023 2:34 PM
21	I really enjoy the land that is simply left as-is--where you can just go to be in nature without having infrastructure purpose-built for particular activities. Just preserve the land and let people enjoy its natural qualities.	2/10/2023 12:36 PM
22	We enjoy playing basketball and tend to go to the Civic Center.	2/10/2023 12:05 PM
23	Again, pursuant to the DNR grant for the Holiday Woodlands, I (as a neighborhood resident) would strong prefer activities there be limited to "quiet recreation"	2/10/2023 11:38 AM
24	Love the walking trail at Grace MacDonald park	2/9/2023 7:49 PM

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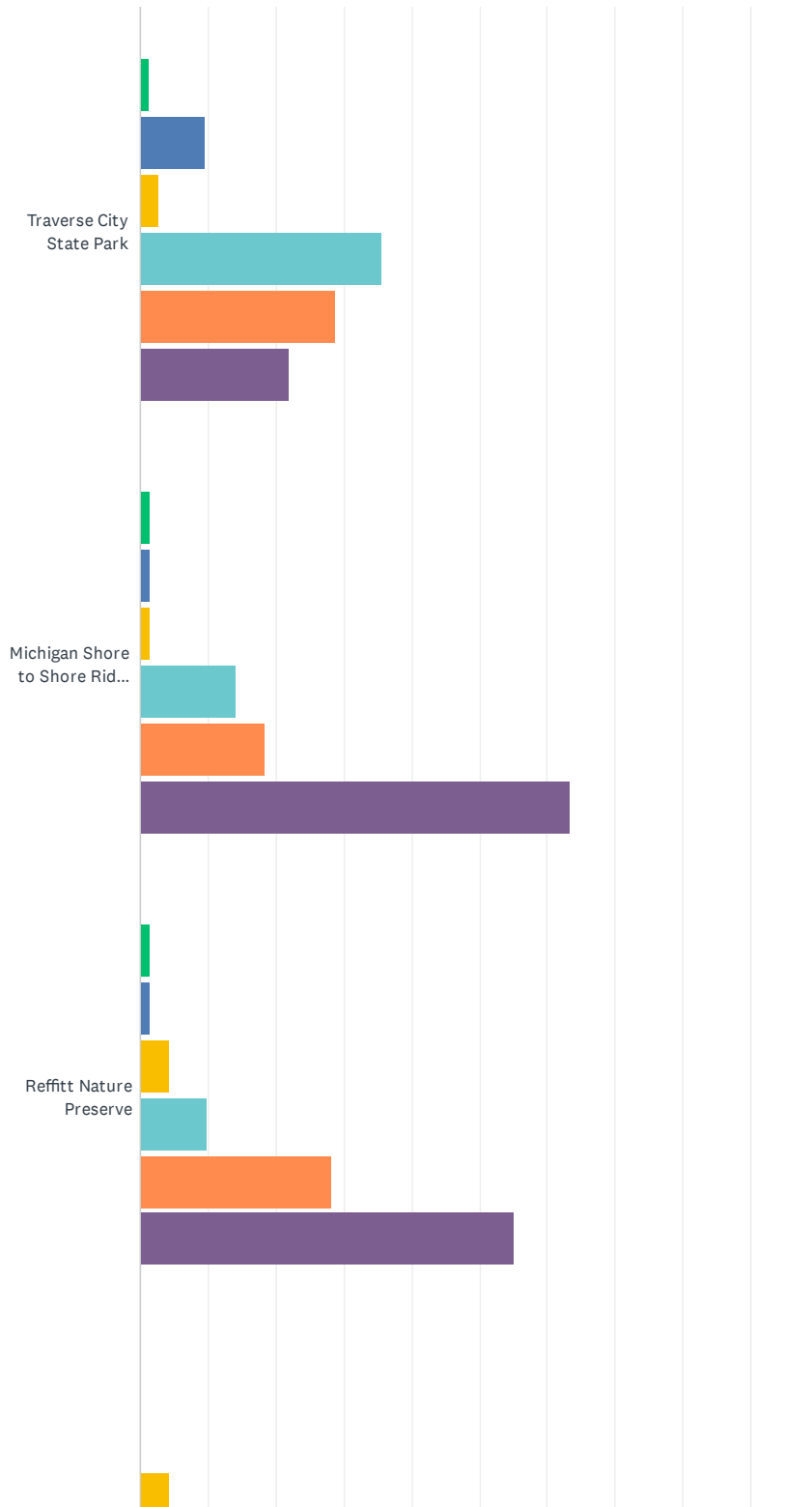
25	I'm older with physical limitations but still enjoy sitting out in our parks. I love a good clean picnic table and a little distance from the hub bub. Coffee and a crossword. Heaven.	2/9/2023 2:07 PM
26	Pickle Ball	2/9/2023 4:34 AM
27	There is not a swimming option for the activities. I swim at Gens Park and Arbutus Lake Park.	2/8/2023 10:20 AM
28	Genes park is so cute and could use new playground equipment as well as Arbutus 5. Access to Arbtus 1 would be awesome. Like I said Spider Lake boat launch's parking is a HOT mess and something needs to be done to stop people from screaming at each out due to improper parking.	2/7/2023 8:44 PM
29	Swimming/sun bathing	2/4/2023 4:11 PM

Q5 Please select any additional recreation facilities that you utilize within the Township, as well as how frequently you utilize them.

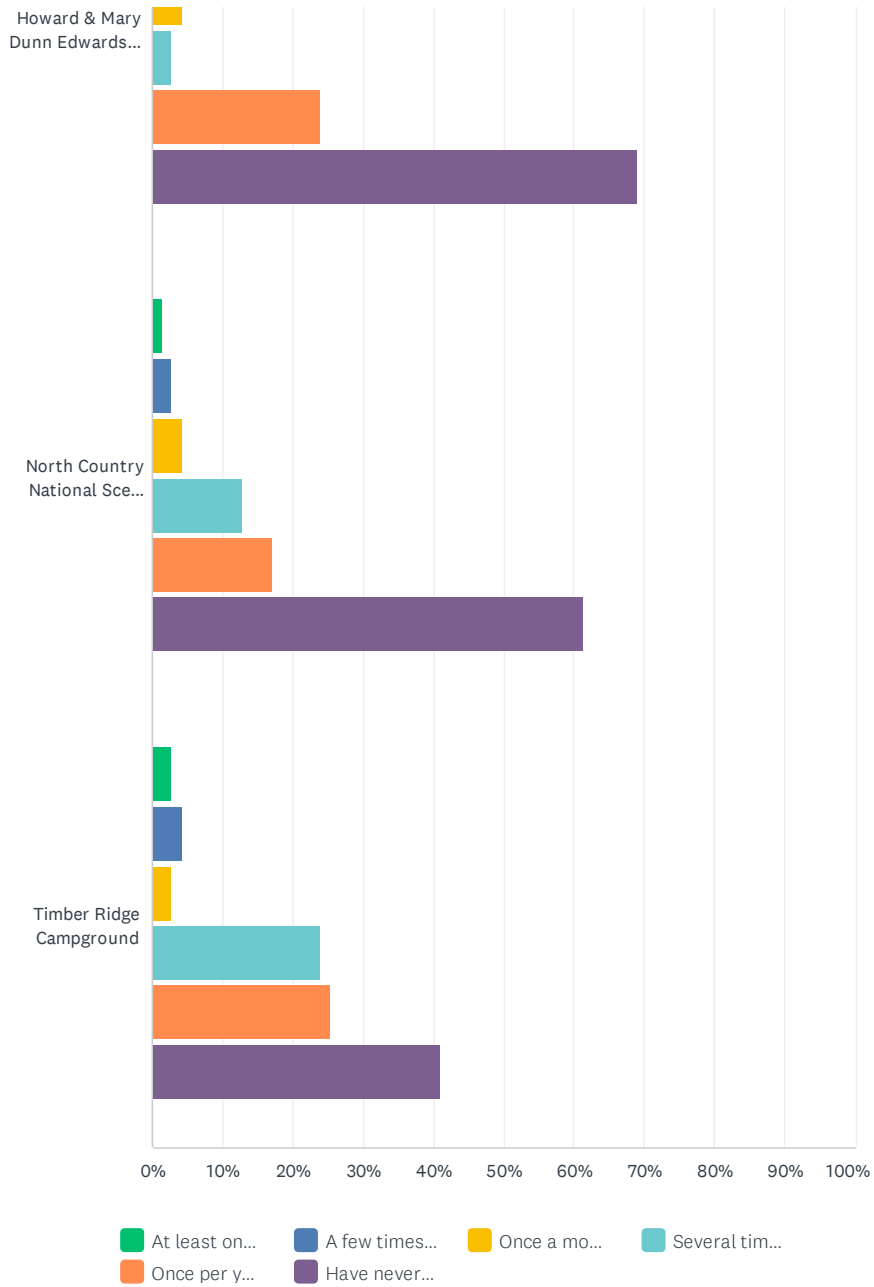
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	AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR	ONCE PER YEAR OR LESS	HAVE NEVER USED THIS FACILITY	TOTAL
TART Trail and Three Mile Trail	16.44% 12	16.44% 12	6.85% 5	42.47% 31	10.96% 8	6.85% 5	73
North American VASA Trail	11.59% 8	11.59% 8	2.90% 2	33.33% 23	24.64% 17	15.94% 11	69
Mount Holiday Ski Hill	4.23% 3	1.41% 1	1.41% 1	28.17% 20	32.39% 23	32.39% 23	71
Traverse City State Park	1.37% 1	9.59% 7	2.74% 2	35.62% 26	28.77% 21	21.92% 16	73
Michigan Shore to Shore Riding and Hiking Trail	1.41% 1	1.41% 1	1.41% 1	14.08% 10	18.31% 13	63.38% 45	71
Reffitt Nature Preserve	1.41% 1	1.41% 1	4.23% 3	9.86% 7	28.17% 20	54.93% 39	71
Howard & Mary Dunn Edwards Nature Preserve	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4.23% 3	2.82% 2	23.94% 17	69.01% 49	71
North Country National Scenic Trail / Iron Belle Trail	1.43% 1	2.86% 2	4.29% 3	12.86% 9	17.14% 12	61.43% 43	70
Timber Ridge Campground	2.82% 2	4.23% 3	2.82% 2	23.94% 17	25.35% 18	40.85% 29	71

#	OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITY (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Proposed Turtle Creek Nature Preserve, Brown Bridge Quiet Area, Arbutus Lake State Forest Campground	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
2	Center Ice	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
3	Awaiting info on Mitchell Creek Meadows opening.	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
4	There was once a trail from Bird sub to Pines park that provided a great connection. Unfortunately the property in the middle of the trail is being developed and no longer a public travel path. It would be nice to see foot trail connections linking subdivisions to parks.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
5	The Commons	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
6	Antrim Creek Natural Preserve,	2/10/2023 4:53 PM
7	Brown Bridge Quiet Area, Scheck's Place, Boardman River	2/9/2023 11:13 AM

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Q6 Any comments on the existing non-park recreation facilities (listed above)? What would you like to see more of?

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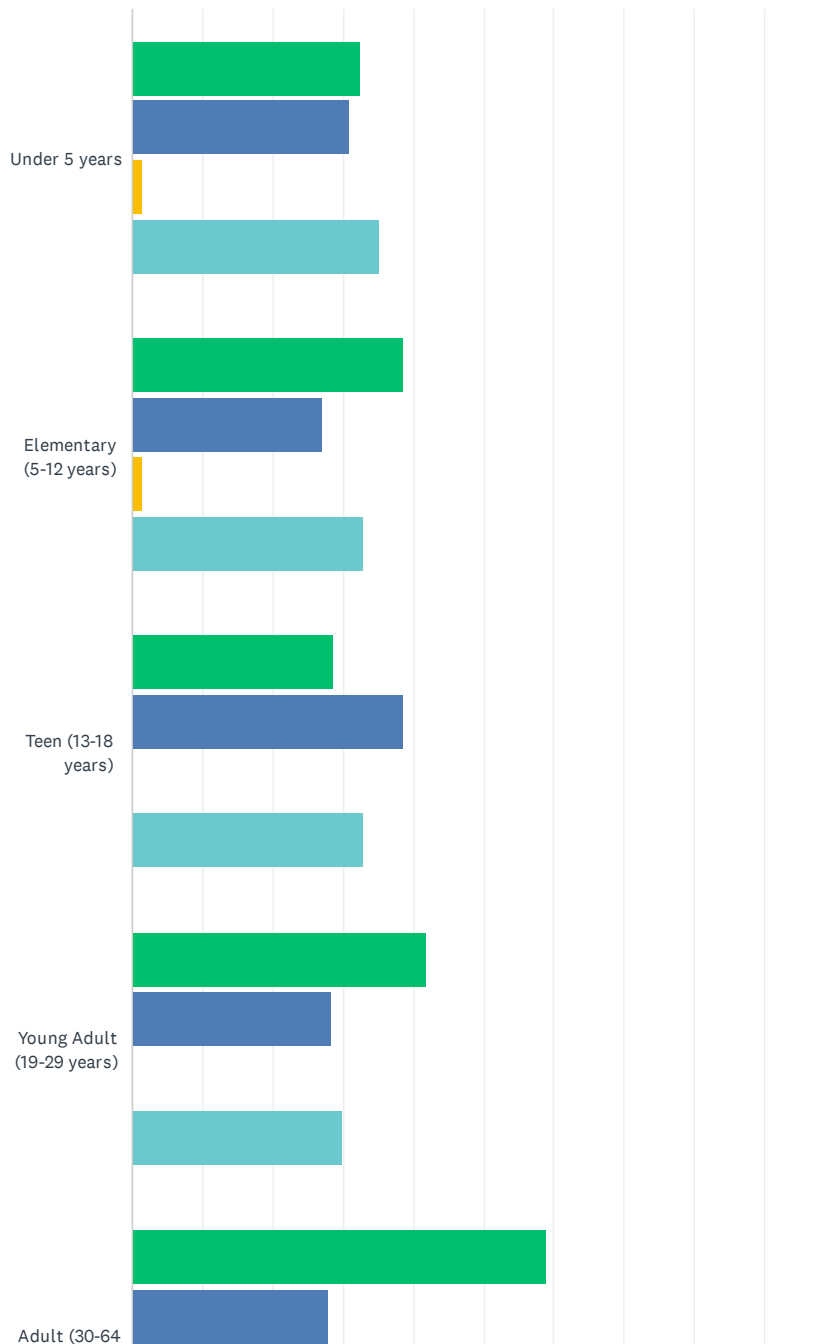
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1	Would love to see more amenities for small children! Or water activities for summer like a splash pad in East Bay. Township would also be amazing.	4/3/2023 6:21 PM
2	More events like farmers markets, gardening, movie nights, and concerts	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
3	More playground equipment at parks other than Grace Macdonald.	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
4	Since I don't know all the major trails. I'm just not sure if they are already connected or if they can be configured more that way. I've been here a few years and have not had the chance to fully understand explore	3/8/2023 7:40 PM
5	More access for fishing.	3/7/2023 11:04 PM
6	We need the tart trail to go up 3 mile at least to smith road. I like that it comes up 3 Mile but there is little housing south of Hammond. There are so many subs south of Cherry knoll that would really be if it from this including gym classes.	3/5/2023 3:08 PM
7	Free access to the vasa near timber ridge and easy parking.	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
8	I love the TART/VASA and the NCT...we can always use more non-motorized trails and preserves. I'm so glad GTRLC has moved into and is preserving the old golf course. I'd like a bike trail in the Arbutus/Spider Lakes area.	3/3/2023 12:41 PM
9	More green space preservation. We love getting out into quiet nature and hiking, bird watching, just enjoying the streams and native vegetation. I would love to see more efforts to preserve what dark sky we have left. I have viewed the northern lights here in years past but it's getting more difficult now with more and more development. It would be great to have even a tiny area as a dark sky park where we could view the auroras, match the constellations to a map, or have folks set up a telescope to view the moon and planets like they do at Sleeping Bear.	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
10	Adult Playground, Disc Golf, Outdoor Ice, and closer to Holiday Hills - Pocket parks even, Pickel ball / Basketball.	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
11	i THINK THERE IS A NICE CROSS SECTION OF PARK TYPES AND AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES.	2/14/2023 1:36 PM
12	Better awareness of. Recommendation would be to hold/create simple events at these areas to invite community to.	2/13/2023 2:34 PM
13	Pickleball courts and disc golf courses.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
14	No	2/13/2023 10:43 AM
15	Community Gardening	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
16	Bike paths through the Forest Lakes area. Biking on Rasha road is too dangerous.	2/10/2023 5:23 PM
17	I would love to see a safer way to get to the TART trail via bicycle from the Holiday Hills neighbourhood area. Currently the only way is to ride down Holiday Rd, which is a bit dangerous due to the curves. A dedicated bike lane or an alternate access route would be ideal.	2/10/2023 2:34 PM
18	I'd like to have some more visibility on the 3 mile TART trail and better crosswalks. Obviously, we yield to traffic, but when you're jogging or have a small child who's learning to ride a bike, I wish more vehicles would slow down.	2/10/2023 12:05 PM
19	more local groomed x cross country ski trails. vasa can get too crowded	2/10/2023 8:12 AM
20	TART Trail is a local treasure. It is well managed, funded and cared for. More preserves and	2/9/2023 11:13 AM

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	natural areas.	
21	Gorec had great plans for our community . Classes without major events, no alcohol and limited access to lake with care for invasive species	2/9/2023 4:34 AM
22	Where can I park to access the TART trail in East Bay? It seems there are not a lot or options. I currently cannot safely bike to the TART from my East Bay home. I would love to see the Three Mile TART trail extension completely finished in a safe way for use for bikers and pedestrians. I do not believe it is safe to ride with any kind of traffic on Three Mile Road. I know this project is in the works but I don't see the plan including a safe way to cross Hammond Road yet.	2/8/2023 10:20 AM
23	Organized youth activities.	2/8/2023 9:35 AM
24	I would like to see more road access to get to these parks by bicycles so that I don't have to drive to get to them	2/8/2023 8:40 AM
25	Guess I need to just find out where parks are!!	2/7/2023 8:51 PM

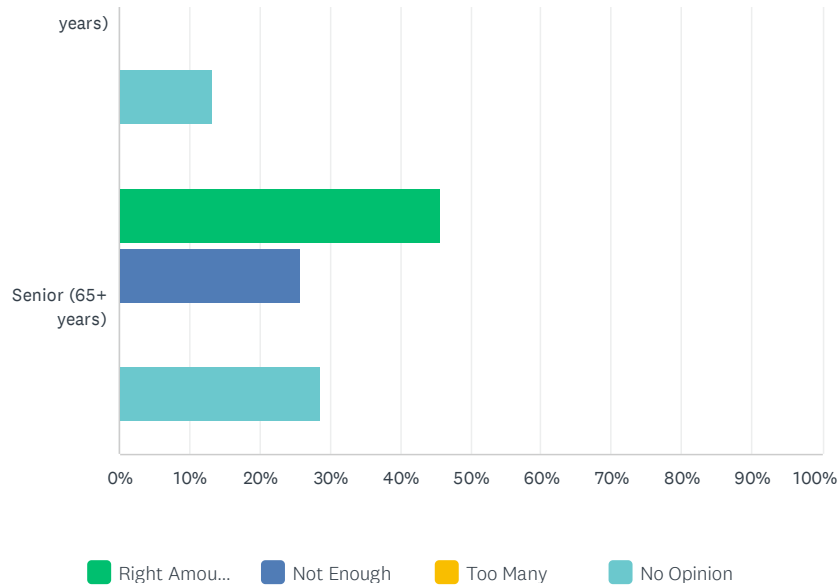
Q7 Please rate the availability of recreation facilities and activities within the Township for the following age groups.

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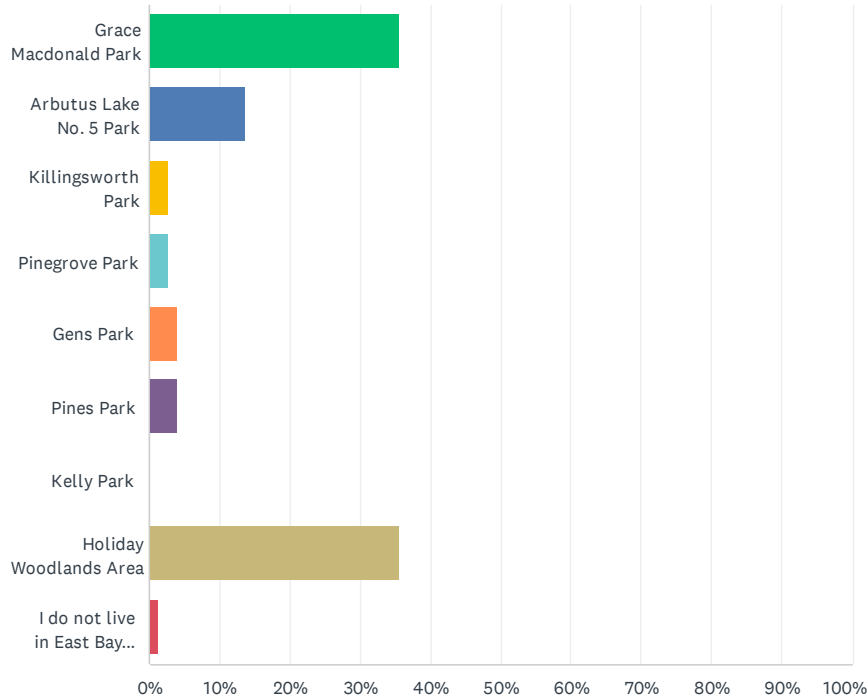
	RIGHT AMOUNT	NOT ENOUGH	TOO MANY	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Under 5 years	32.39% 23	30.99% 22	1.41% 1	35.21% 25	71
Elementary (5-12 years)	38.57% 27	27.14% 19	1.43% 1	32.86% 23	70
Teen (13-18 years)	28.57% 20	38.57% 27	0.00% 0	32.86% 23	70
Young Adult (19-29 years)	41.79% 28	28.36% 19	0.00% 0	29.85% 20	67
Adult (30-64 years)	58.82% 40	27.94% 19	0.00% 0	13.24% 9	68
Senior (65+ years)	45.71% 32	25.71% 18	0.00% 0	28.57% 20	70

#	PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.	DATE
1	More paved, walking trails for strollers that are also pet friendly would be great for walking or biking	4/3/2023 6:21 PM
2	I think we have a good start in the right amount of parks but right now I would still love to see a more as well as more information about the parks we have and easier to find. I really had to dig to find the info on the township website about the parks I have never heard of. I moved to this township to be closer to all of the nature and green space it values so it would be great to make that info more available to new residents and really show that our local government values it as well.	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
3	more Pickleball please	2/19/2023 11:03 PM
4	In order for East Bay citizens to be active and healthy, they need places nearby, easily accessible, and safe. Please continue your good work devoting land to trails and open spaces for play and good health.	2/8/2023 10:20 AM

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Q8 Which East Bay Township park is closest to your house?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Grace Macdonald Park	35.62% 26
Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park	13.70% 10
Killingsworth Park	2.74% 2
Pinegrove Park	2.74% 2
Gens Park	4.11% 3
Pines Park	4.11% 3
Kelly Park	0.00% 0
Holiday Woodlands Area	35.62% 26
I do not live in East Bay Township	1.37% 1
TOTAL	73

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Killingsworth	3/21/2023 4:31 PM

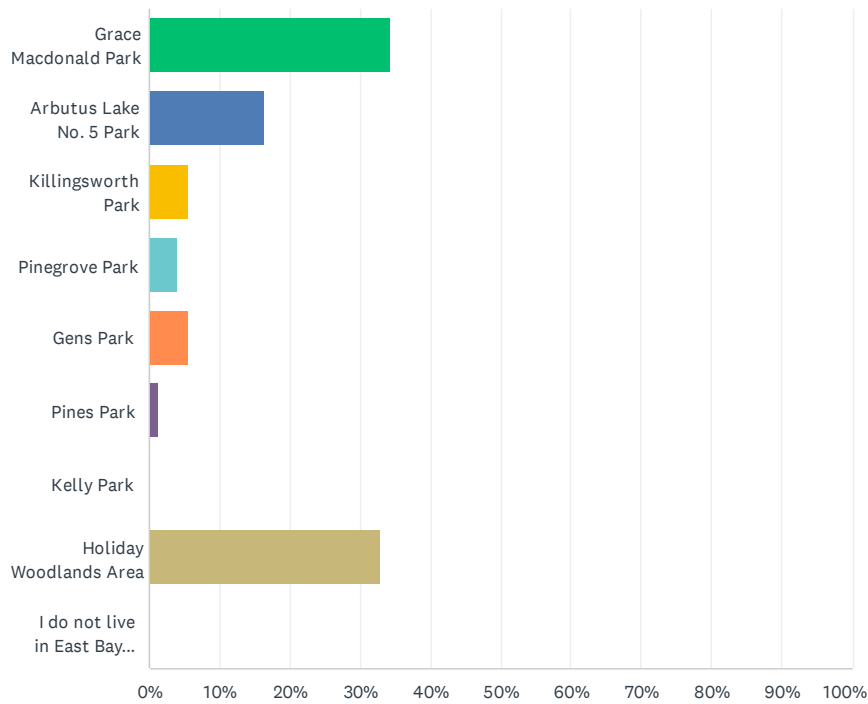
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2	Killingsworth	3/15/2023 5:20 PM
3	Grace Macdonald, Arbutus No. 5	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
4	Bayside, holiday, tart	2/16/2023 7:07 PM
5	Pines was close enough to walk but the trail has been close to the public same as GOREC	2/13/2023 1:02 PM

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Q9 Which park do you visit most frequently? (Please include parks not in East Bay Township, if you visit them most frequently.)

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grace Macdonald Park	34.25%	25
Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park	16.44%	12
Killingsworth Park	5.48%	4
Pinegrove Park	4.11%	3
Gens Park	5.48%	4
Pines Park	1.37%	1
Kelly Park	0.00%	0
Holiday Woodlands Area	32.88%	24
I do not live in East Bay Township	0.00%	0
TOTAL		73

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	Maple Bay	3/13/2023 10:14 AM
2	Arbutus No. 5, Civic Center, East Bay Park	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
3	Hickory also since I do work on that side of town	3/8/2023 7:40 PM
4	Vasa Trails most frequently used for hiking, MTN biking and cross country Skiing	2/23/2023 11:18 AM
5	Honestly the place we visit the most is Brown Bridge Quiet Area	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
6	Bayside	2/16/2023 7:07 PM
7	Only because GoRec was shut down.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
8	Boardman Trails and The Commons	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
9	I love this land and worked hard to protect and preserve it. It is so valuable to the community to have a large piece of land that is right in the middle of a residential area that is simply undeveloped land.	2/10/2023 12:36 PM
10	Vans beach, pyramid point, brown bridge quiet area	2/9/2023 2:07 PM
11	Bryant Park, Clinch Park	2/9/2023 11:41 AM
12	Brown Bridge Quiet Area, Pelizzari Natural Area, Timbers Recreation Area, Boardman Lake Trail, Grand Traverse Natural Education Reserve	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
13	Brown Bridge Quiet Area	2/5/2023 12:28 PM
14	Brown Bridge	2/4/2023 4:11 PM

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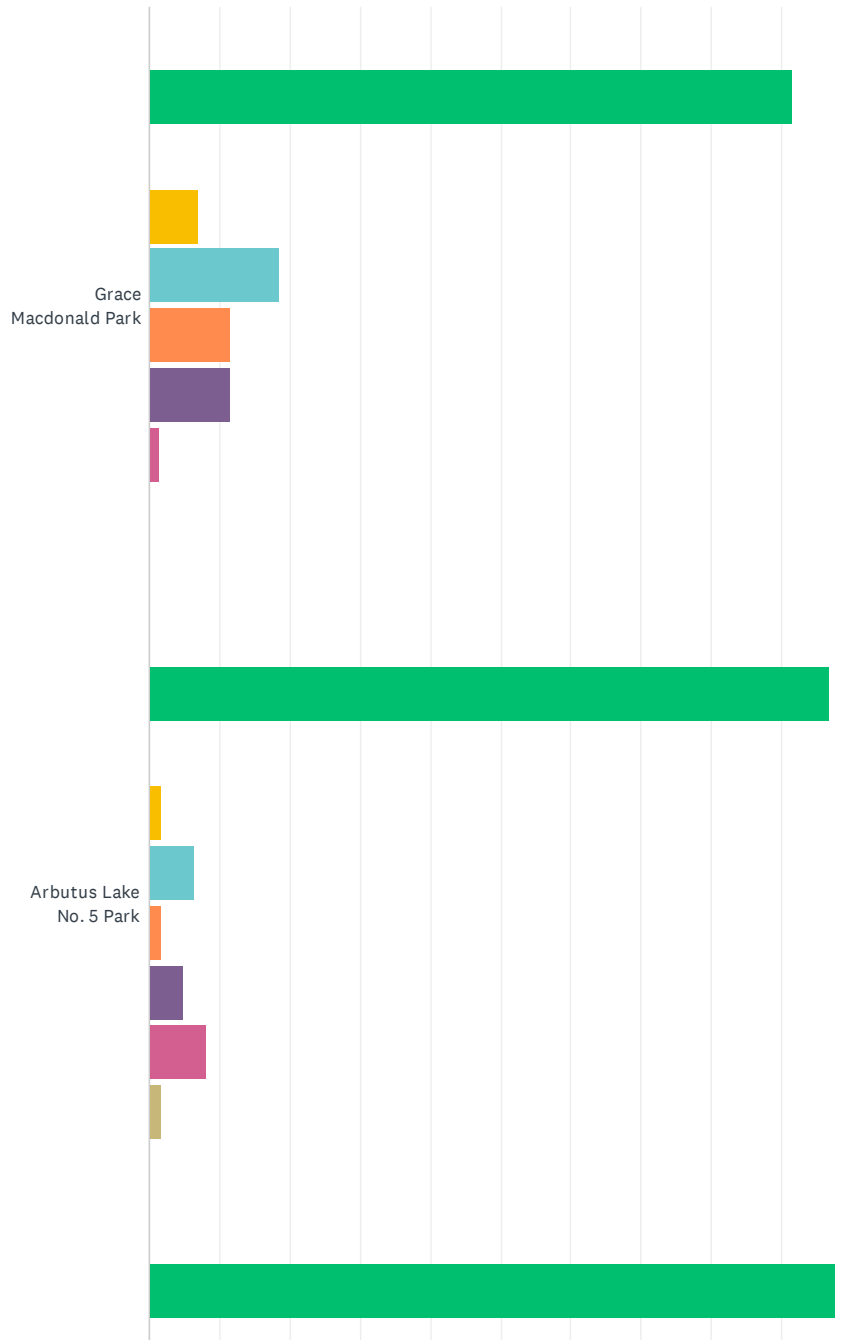
Q10 If the park you visit most frequently is different from the one closest to your house, why do you prefer this park?

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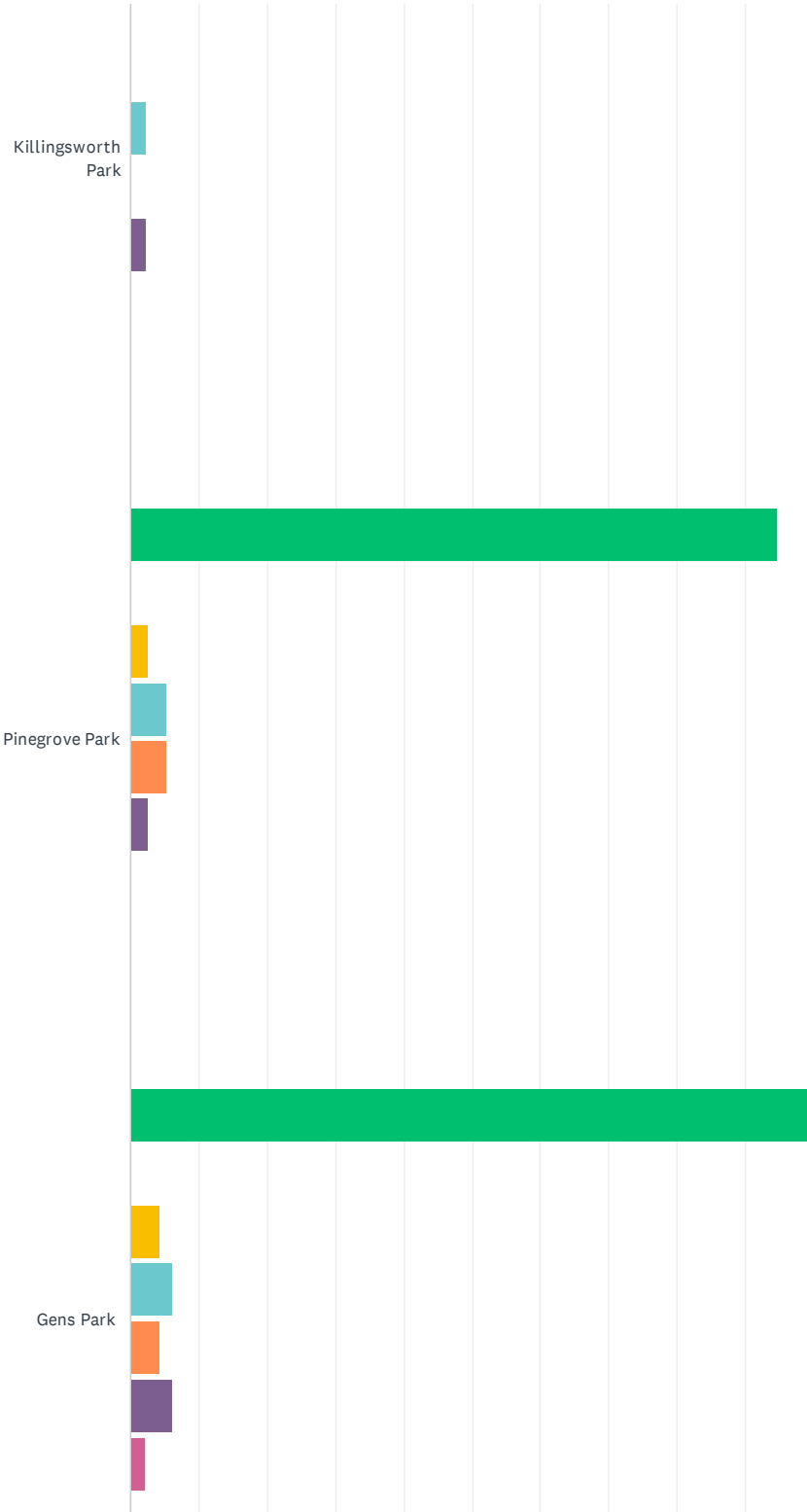
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1	The beach access for swimming in the summer	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
2	Killingsworth has better trails.	3/21/2023 4:31 PM
3	It's next to the girls grandmas house so we go there when we visit her	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
4	Better walking and use brown ridge quiet area	3/15/2023 2:59 PM
5	Play equipment	3/13/2023 10:41 PM
6	Lots of hiking trails and beach	3/13/2023 10:14 AM
7	There is nothing to do at Pines Park and it is not well marked.	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
8	Swimming	3/9/2023 9:25 PM
9	Hickory does have longer trails but again since I haven't explore over here on this side I could be wrong . But I do walk Woodland Preserve a lot	3/8/2023 7:40 PM
10	Beach and water access	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
11	Available activities and lengths of trails.	2/23/2023 11:18 AM
12	I love the variety of activities available at Grace MacDonald Park. We most often hike and play pickleball but also sled in the winter. The park at Arbutus Lake is more often filled with people smoking cigarettes so we avoid it.	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
13	More to do	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
14	Because it's a two minute walk away	2/17/2023 1:55 PM
15	Boating	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
16	Lakeview. Would like to recommend at least one more set of Adirondack Chairs at Park #5- perhaps by wooded area/green tables.	2/13/2023 2:34 PM
17	GO Rec. Because it had a vast amount of hiking trails and disc golf and was a gem to the community but needlessly lost by corruption and mismanagement on the part of our representatives.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
18	Trails for hiking	2/13/2023 10:43 AM
19	Walking paths that are maintained even in winter for those in a wheel chair.	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
20	Fishing	2/10/2023 4:49 PM
21	Low intensity use. Not crowded.	2/9/2023 2:07 PM
22	I'm a new resident of East Bay Township & haven't explored many closer parks yet.	2/9/2023 11:41 AM
23	The trail system is much more extensive and the scenery is better.	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
24	Need water to kayak and the one closest to my residence does not provide that	2/8/2023 11:02 AM
25	Sledding in the winter, trails, playground equipment. Pet friendly	2/7/2023 8:44 PM
26	Size, beauty, quality of trails.	2/5/2023 12:28 PM
27	Trails with water view, meadow and wooded areas to hike	2/4/2023 4:11 PM

Q11 Please describe the methods of transportation you use to get to the following parks.

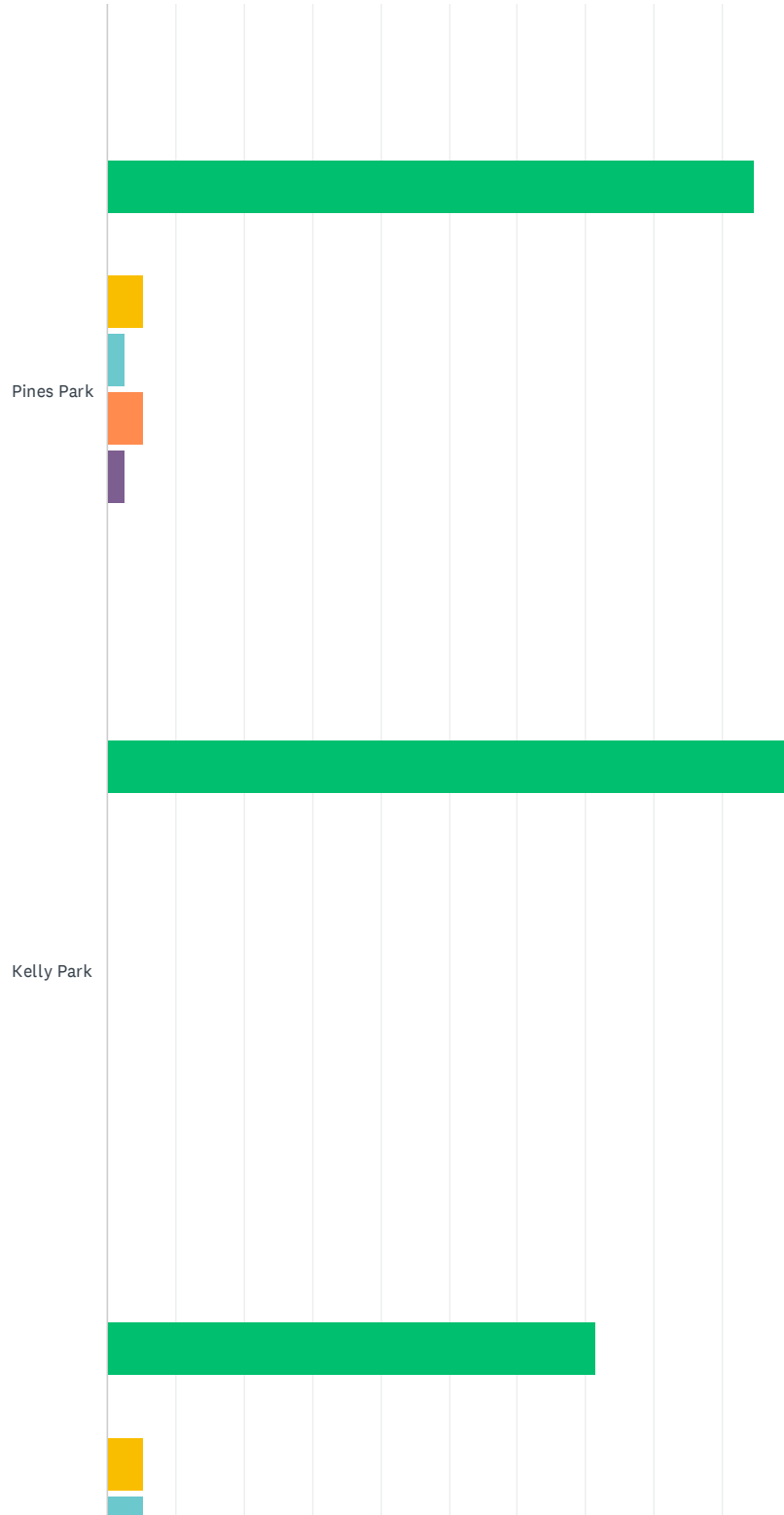
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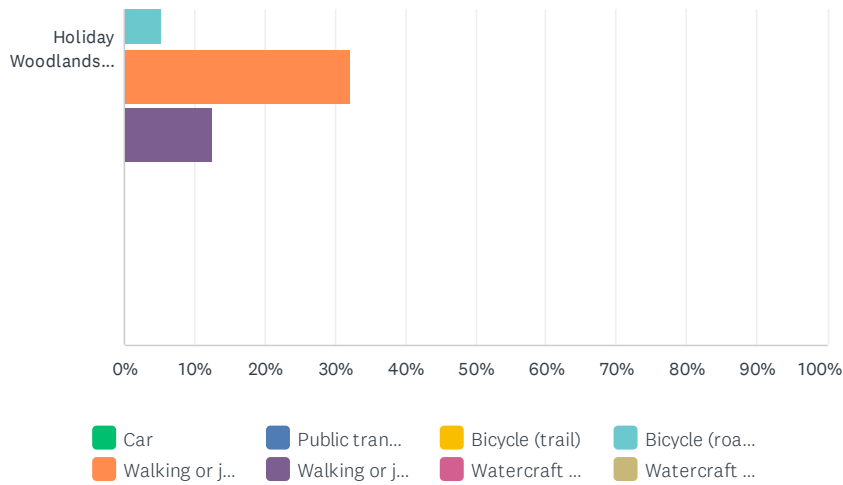
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	CAR	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	BICYCLE (TRAIL)	BICYCLE (ROAD)	WALKING OR JOGGING (TRAIL)	WALKING OR JOGGING (ROAD)	WATERCRAFT (NON-MOTORIZED)	WATERCRAFT (MOTORIZED)
Grace Macdonald Park	91.43% 64	0.00% 0	7.14% 5	18.57% 13	11.43% 8	11.43% 8	1.43% 1	0.00%
Arbutus Lake No. 5 Park	96.77% 60	0.00% 0	1.61% 1	6.45% 4	1.61% 1	4.84% 3	8.06% 5	1.61%
Killingsworth Park	97.67% 42	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.33% 1	0.00% 0	2.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00%
Pinegrove Park	94.74% 36	0.00% 0	2.63% 1	5.26% 2	5.26% 2	2.63% 1	0.00% 0	0.00%
Gens Park	100.00% 48	0.00% 0	4.17% 2	6.25% 3	4.17% 2	6.25% 3	2.08% 1	0.00%
Pines Park	94.74% 36	0.00% 0	5.26% 2	2.63% 1	5.26% 2	2.63% 1	0.00% 0	0.00%
Kelly Park	100.00% 35	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00%
Holiday Woodlands Natural Area	71.43% 40	0.00% 0	5.36% 3	5.36% 3	32.14% 18	12.50% 7	0.00% 0	0.00%

#	FOR THE PARKS YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE ACCESSING ONLY BY CAR -- WHAT INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES WOULD LEAD YOU TO ACCESS THEM IN ANOTHER WAY? (E.G., CONNECTED TRAILS, A CONVENIENT PUBLIC TRANSIT STOP)	DATE
1	Better bike lane on Holiday Road for safety	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
2	Bike lanes - people are scary driving on the curvy roads	3/21/2023 4:31 PM
3	I think honestly I just prefer driving because of how young my girls are	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
4	Bike trail	3/15/2023 4:47 PM
5	Better access in the winter	3/15/2023 2:59 PM

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6	Bike trails	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
7	None. I'll always drive	3/9/2023 9:25 PM
8	Crosswalks	3/5/2023 6:27 PM
9	Connected trails	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
10	I'd love a bike trail in the Arbutus/Spider Lakes area.	3/3/2023 12:41 PM
11	paved/designated bike lanes for safe biking to area parks and local commuting especially in the area around the scenic lakes district.	2/23/2023 11:18 AM
12	Biking trails	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
13	connected trails	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
14	bike trails roads are very narrow and winding	2/19/2023 11:03 PM
15	Better walk ways/crosswalks	2/16/2023 7:07 PM
16	Would love to see more connected trails.	2/13/2023 2:34 PM
17	Bike paths and walking trails, there are no parks in East Bay anymore that I'd consider safe to travel outside a vehicle.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
18	bikr paths	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
19	Bike Paths	2/10/2023 5:23 PM
20	Connected trails	2/10/2023 4:49 PM
21	not needed, cars are good	2/10/2023 12:56 PM
22	I could conceivably bike to all of these locations, but I think the winding roads in the Forest Lakes area feel a little unsafe to travel without a bike path.	2/10/2023 12:36 PM
23	Connected trails; better signage; an app with maps	2/10/2023 12:05 PM
24	Better main road. Spider Lake area has many curvey hilly roads.	2/9/2023 7:49 PM
25	Sidewalks or safe path on Hobbs highway	2/9/2023 2:07 PM
26	Bike trail?	2/9/2023 11:41 AM
27	Connected trails with separation from fast traffic on curvy roads.	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
28	A bike path	2/8/2023 4:22 PM
29	Connected trails please! Bikes and cars together are not safe, especially when cars are traveling at 45 or 55 MPH.	2/8/2023 10:20 AM
30	Connected trails	2/7/2023 7:25 PM
31	Connected trails, bike lanes.	2/5/2023 12:28 PM

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Q12 East Bay Township currently has two "mini parks," defined as parks less than one acre. Pinegrove Park and Gens Park are the existing mini parks. These can be affordable and impactful ways to increase green space -- and can be implemented in locations as small as a parking space. Where in the township would you like a mini park? Be as specific and/or imaginative as you'd like.

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Na	4/4/2023 7:55 PM
2	Anywhere along the Boardman River!	4/4/2023 6:50 PM
3	Anywhere on the water	4/3/2023 6:21 PM
4	Everywhere! Holiday Hills neighborhoods, within condo neighborhoods, mini community garden plots for rent	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
5	Somewhere on the Oleson's plaza property. It would be nice for the employees and customers. The parking lot is a heat island in the summer months.	3/21/2023 4:31 PM
6	Holiday hills area	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
7	No idea	3/15/2023 5:20 PM
8	Off 3 mile road near Refitt	3/15/2023 4:47 PM
9	No place specific	3/15/2023 2:59 PM
10	I'm unsure	3/14/2023 6:33 PM
11	It would be cool to have a park that is on the river or a creek.	3/13/2023 10:41 PM
12	Dog park somewhere	3/13/2023 10:14 AM
13	I would like to see a mini park in the common ground of Saffron Circle. Where I used to live, developers had to include a mini park when they created a new neighborhood. I'd like to see that done here too.	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
14	Spider Lake access	3/9/2023 9:25 PM
15	By any lake or nature viewing area as long as it's impact is small	3/8/2023 7:40 PM
16	At a lake so I can fish.	3/7/2023 11:04 PM
17	No opinion	3/5/2023 6:27 PM
18	In front of olsens	3/5/2023 3:08 PM
19	Guided activities	3/5/2023 1:09 PM
20	Accross from grace McDonald to access Tibet's Lake	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
21	Everywhere that can be found!	3/3/2023 12:41 PM
22	no opinion	3/3/2023 8:44 AM
23	None	3/2/2023 6:02 PM
24	4 mile or 5 mile area	2/27/2023 1:48 PM
25	No park needed.	2/24/2023 10:03 PM

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26	They are very small. Not sure who uses them.	2/23/2023 7:26 PM
27	How about another major park-- hope that East Bay Township is working with the GT Land conservancy to secure purchase and protection of the large acreage parcel on Hobbs Highway around Spring lake and adjacent to the Brown Bridge Quiet area. Would be a great addition to protect the Lakes ares ecosystem and also would be a great area for a trail system for Hiking and some more local Cross Country Skiing	2/23/2023 11:18 AM
28	In the town center area. Potter and Three mile area? Anywhere that new massive subs or multi family are going in should be required to include one or more of these parks.	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
29	If there could be a section of the Woodland Nature Area or a pocket park in Holiday Hills, Basketball, playstructure, something that could be used as a gathering place for the neighborhood.	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
30	I don't know	2/19/2023 11:03 PM
31	Anywhere open space can still be maintained.	2/18/2023 2:20 PM
32	N/A	2/17/2023 1:55 PM
33	Not sure	2/16/2023 7:07 PM
34	HIGH LAKE AND SUPPLY RD.	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
35	Na	2/15/2023 10:50 AM
36	GOOD QUESTION . Mini parks can be a pleasant and sometimes unexpected treat. Anywhere they fit is a good place I think.	2/14/2023 1:36 PM
37	As many places as we can secure to keep East Bay Township going in the right direction. Preferably not on through roads, but on side roads to limit traffic noise. We moved over from the West Side because they did too much building/sub divisions. Let's get a let up on making & keeping East Bay a special place to live near Traverse City.	2/13/2023 2:34 PM
38	4 mile and potter, would be great to see the open space reforested injecting some much needed green space into a rapidly developing sea of subdivisions.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
39	On East Bay or any water front properties	2/13/2023 10:43 AM
40	Please preserve some of the corridor of hammond before it looks like Grand Rapids. If Pirates Cove ever sells please put a park there before all the trees are cut down. Similarly, today, anything in the "hotel zone" that still has trees.	2/12/2023 8:52 PM
41	At the Township hall Property	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
42	Don't know	2/10/2023 5:23 PM
43	N/A	2/10/2023 4:53 PM
44	Spider Lake	2/10/2023 4:49 PM
45	1818 N US 31 would be a great Micro park! It backs up almost exactly to the Refitt Nature Preserve and would provide community Tart Trail access! Would be a great way to promote pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the corridor.	2/10/2023 2:47 PM
46	I'd like another one similar to Gens park with lakeshore access, although I don't know if that is possible.	2/10/2023 2:34 PM
47	It'd be nice to have a mini park in the Eastbay Corners area.	2/10/2023 12:56 PM
48	I would love to see the lot that had been the Swan tourist shop preserved as a park. There so many of those big, beautiful pines there, and I am so fearful that they are going to get chopped down so yet another god-awful hotel can get built. The 31 corridor used to be so beautiful, but it's increasingly looking like Branson-on-the-Bay. Please stop the madness. Save this gorgeous little bit for those of us who pay taxes here.	2/10/2023 12:36 PM
49	When we drive on the parkway, I see tourists who rented bikes along the sidewalk of the parkway. Or runners who seem unaware of the TART trail because they're running on sidewalks that don't connect to anything. I would LOVE to see some mini parks in between the hotels that connect the parkway sidewalk to the TART system. Breaking up all the infrastructure with	2/10/2023 12:05 PM

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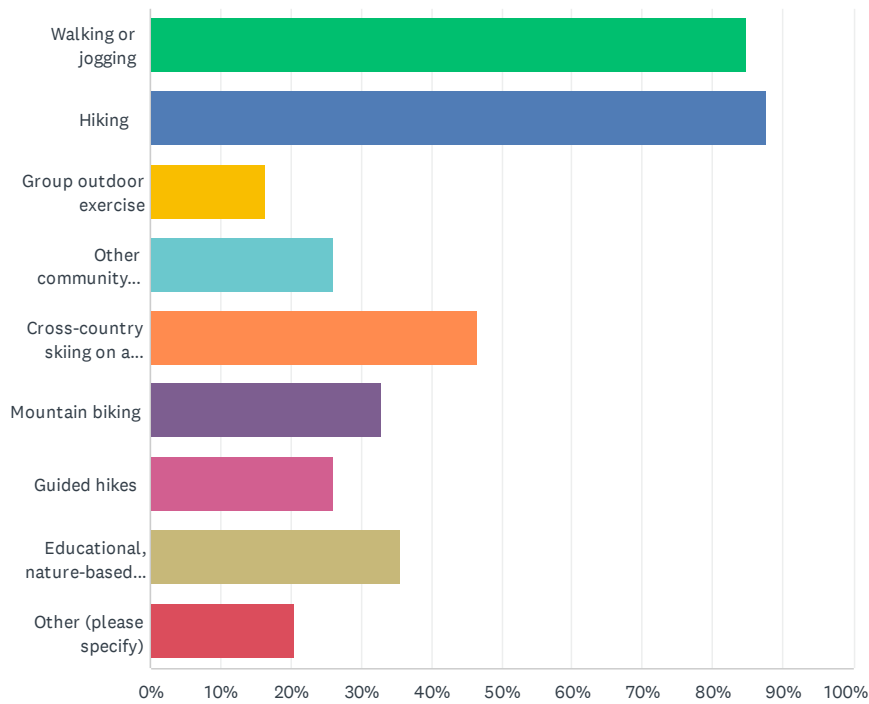
some trees, a park bench, and green space would improve the aesthetics of this side of town too.

50	N/A from me.	2/10/2023 11:38 AM
51	holiday hills area would be great for a kids playground. or other areas. get carter oosterhouse involved as he is a local celeb that goes around the country/world to build playgrounds	2/10/2023 8:12 AM
52	No opinion	2/9/2023 7:49 PM
53	I'm not a mini park kind of person but I will take the opportunity to say would LOVE a dog park.	2/9/2023 2:07 PM
54	The area near Centre Ice	2/9/2023 11:41 AM
55	N/A	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
56	Boy Scout property	2/9/2023 4:34 AM
57	I dont know	2/8/2023 4:55 PM
58	Don't know	2/8/2023 4:22 PM
59	A park for all by the intersection of Three Mile and Hammond. There are many schools there but no public green space.	2/8/2023 3:40 PM
60	I don't know	2/8/2023 12:22 PM
61	By Gr Trav Academy and/or the jr high on 3 Mile	2/8/2023 11:02 AM
62	Could you connect by trail the Holiday Woodlands Preserve to the VASA and/or TART? This would be ideal! Please create more mini parks with access to East Bay, the TART trail, and to the VASA trail! It is hard to find a spot to park to access the TART or the VASA in East Bay.	2/8/2023 10:20 AM
63	Another actual Bay front location. Actually larger space on east bay.	2/8/2023 9:35 AM
64	Prouty road	2/8/2023 8:40 AM
65	I don't know	2/7/2023 10:58 PM
66	Any where near tart trail . Maybe picnic table to take break etcc	2/7/2023 8:51 PM
67	Arbutus 1	2/7/2023 8:44 PM
68	N/A	2/7/2023 8:28 PM
69	I don't think we need anymore parks	2/7/2023 7:38 PM
70	At waterfront	2/7/2023 7:25 PM
71	No comments	2/7/2023 7:21 PM
72	Hammond and Three Mile, small shaded area with picnic tables and gathering area.	2/5/2023 12:28 PM
73	No suggestions	2/4/2023 4:11 PM

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Q13 Please select all activities that you would be interested in partaking in at the Holiday Woodlands Natural Area.

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walking or jogging	84.93% 62
Hiking	87.67% 64
Group outdoor exercise	16.44% 12
Other community events (e.g., theater in the park)	26.03% 19
Cross-country skiing on a groomed trail	46.58% 34
Mountain biking	32.88% 24
Guided hikes	26.03% 19
Educational, nature-based youth programming	35.62% 26
Other (please specify)	20.55% 15
Total Respondents: 73	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	NO Mountain biking.	3/13/2023 10:14 AM
2	Bathrooms/out houses, playground, expanded parking	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
3	Foraging Forest Garden	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
4	Birdwatching hikes	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
5	birdwatching	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
6	Pickleball, Disc Golf	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
7	Painting Classes	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
8	perhaps hosting trail events/mountain biking/running cross country races	2/10/2023 12:56 PM
9	Please, please no biking; the soil is sandy and unstable and subject to erosion. The trails are wild and narrow and should be kept safe for hikers, dog-walkers, and people just looking to dream a bit in nature. There are so, so many places township residents can go mountain biking. Mountain bikers have effectively taken over the VASA trails such that hikers no longer feel safe; please don't allow them in Holiday Woodlands.	2/10/2023 12:36 PM
10	Please NO events	2/9/2023 2:07 PM
11	Nature appreciation/identification of flora, fauna & wildlife.	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
12	The current parking lot for access to this trail is small and hard to enter and exit due to traffic on 5 Mile. There is a significant hill and a curve on 5 Mile where the access is located.	2/8/2023 10:20 AM
13	Cornhole areas	2/8/2023 9:35 AM
14	NO motorized vehicles	2/8/2023 8:40 AM
15	I feel this area should not be used for mt biking or just walking / hiking to keep more natural.	2/7/2023 8:51 PM

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Q14 Please share any comments you have to guide the planning of the Holiday Woodlands Natural Area. What would you like to see there?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N	4/4/2023 7:55 PM
2	Disc golf	4/4/2023 6:50 PM
3	Paved areas for strollers!	4/3/2023 6:21 PM
4	Just active use of the space but also quiet areas to preserve bird watching and animal viewing	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
5	Trails! Wayfinding signage. Signage with information on tree species, native foliage, common critters, etc. Benches and dog poo stations.	3/21/2023 4:31 PM
6	I would love to see more kid oriented activities maybe gardening and crafting sessions theater on the park sounds fun!	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
7	Exercise bikes for elders	3/15/2023 5:20 PM
8	None	3/15/2023 4:47 PM
9	Some rough trails for hiking	3/15/2023 2:59 PM
10	Idk	3/14/2023 6:33 PM
11	Na	3/13/2023 10:41 PM
12	More hiking trails	3/13/2023 10:14 AM
13	We are very thankful for the Woodlands. I would like to see expanded trails that can be used for hiking and cross country skiing, expanded parking, bathrooms/outhouses, a playground, creek viewing areas, and kids nature programming.	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
14	No comment	3/9/2023 9:25 PM
15	Trail maps and on them would be "you are here" spots just in case one might get lost or just turned around.	3/8/2023 7:40 PM
16	Walking trails	3/7/2023 11:04 PM
17	It is nice that it is not too public that many access it. It keeps it more rustic and available to holiday hills neighbors	3/5/2023 6:27 PM
18	?	3/5/2023 3:08 PM
19	Guided activities	3/5/2023 1:09 PM
20	An area planted by Forager's where the public could come and harvest freely.	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
21	Trail markers. Better parking, but somehow a non-invasive parking space. Preservation of the area in its natural state. Off limits to hunting.	3/3/2023 12:41 PM
22	excited to go there and see what it has to offer	3/3/2023 8:44 AM
23	None	3/2/2023 6:02 PM
24	Better trail markers	2/27/2023 1:48 PM
25	Leave in its natural state for now.	2/24/2023 10:03 PM
26	Please leave in natural state. No biking on HWP side. This is used by many people who just want to hike or walk in a nature area and enjoy the quiet and animals.	2/23/2023 7:26 PM
27	Hiking trails	2/23/2023 11:18 AM

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28	N/A. We are not familiar with this area but would like to be.	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
29	There is plenty of land, we can have bike and hikers.	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
30	Keep it as natural as possible.	2/19/2023 11:03 PM
31	The Holiday Woodlands Preserve was acquired with great effort in order to preserve it in the exact state that it stands currently. I and many others feel that it should remain as is; a natural area preserved for light / pedestrian recreation and a home to wildlife.	2/18/2023 2:20 PM
32	Cross country skiing	2/17/2023 1:55 PM
33	Hiking trails	2/16/2023 7:07 PM
34	Accessible parking Marking of trails as for distance and ease of walking Benches	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
35	Na	2/15/2023 10:50 AM
36	The original intent was to keep this land in its present state. The less our footprint is visible the better. Perhaps a bench and signage would/should be enough for me..	2/14/2023 1:36 PM
37	We can start with more hiking/walking trails please.	2/13/2023 2:34 PM
38	Disc Golf Course	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
39	Keep it natural with a nice trail system	2/13/2023 10:43 AM
40	Please leave it alone. Let is be unprogrammed and undeveloped. Not everything in our community has to have signs and services. Let there be a place in which we can forget for a moment that we are in a city and think we are in "old" Northern Michigan.	2/12/2023 8:52 PM
41	leave it natural!	2/11/2023 11:56 PM
42	Paved bike path	2/10/2023 5:23 PM
43	See other answer above	2/10/2023 4:53 PM
44	Keep it natural.	2/10/2023 4:49 PM
45	N/A	2/10/2023 2:47 PM
46	As a resident of the Holiday Forest subdivision one of the entrances to the Holiday Woodlands area is just out our backyard. My main concern is just ensuring that the area is preserved in its natural state. Part of that effort includes the enforcement of the ban on motorized vehicles, specifically dirtbikes and snowmobiles, on the trails. Especially during winter I have seen snowmobiles on the main trail. One other thing I'd like to highlight is the need for trail maintenance. Since the HWNA has areas with very sandy soil and high winds, we get a lot of downed trees during storms or periods of sustained winds. Often these can block the trails, and currently are being removed by a small group of volunteers who don't always have time to address downed trees right away. The addition of trail markers would be nice, and perhaps a wooden trail map sign at each entrance, but overall, the #1 thing I'd like to see is just the preservation of the existing landscape in its natural state, with care taken to not damage any existing trees or flora in the area.	2/10/2023 2:34 PM
47	Creating loops and trails for hiking separate from biking path? Carve out areas with a view or seating area and an educational/nature info stop tied in. Encourage Boy Scout/Girl Scout use of the property.	2/10/2023 12:56 PM
48	Please make sure the community understands that development and use of the property is government by the MI DNR Trust Fund Grant and disallows hunting and motorized equipment use. In addition, recreational facilities (ballfields, etc.) are not to be developed. I would support the addition of an entrance sign with posted rules on Five Mile and Summer Leaf, an enlarged and possibly paved parking lot at the entrance on Five Mile, and perhaps a few park benches throughout the property (preferably simple wooden park benches created as part of a Girl Scout or Boy Scout service program. (Certainly do not place any more monstrosities like that granite tomb bench at the Forks canoe put-in on the Boardman. That is hideous and inappropriate and should never have been placed.)	2/10/2023 12:36 PM
49	Marked trails; points of interest	2/10/2023 12:05 PM
50	I am a member of the original HWP Board, and our group still has a strong preference for	2/10/2023 11:38 AM

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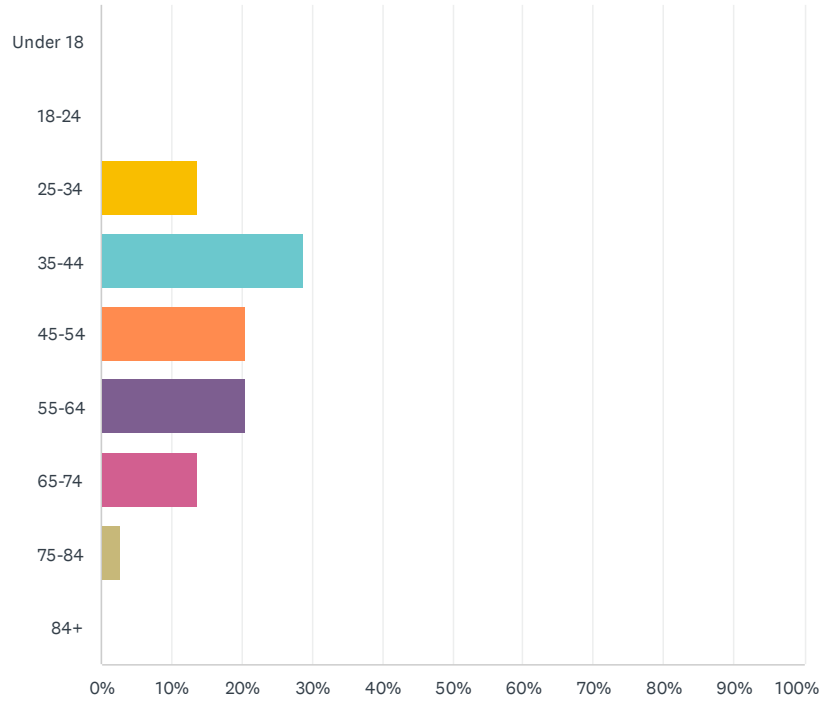
"quieter" recreation. VERY strongly oppose mountain biking, and personally would oppose any ski access.

51	signage	2/10/2023 8:12 AM
52	No comment.	2/9/2023 7:49 PM
53	No events please. Crowds will come without them. So hard to find quiet now.	2/9/2023 2:07 PM
54	Not sure	2/9/2023 11:41 AM
55	I would like to see this area remain as natural and rustic as possible. Any development of the area should be in accordance with best practices for the environment, even if that means additional cost for development or maintenance.	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
56	Disc golf	2/9/2023 4:34 AM
57	keep it non motorized fro walks and hikes	2/8/2023 4:55 PM
58	A better parking area	2/8/2023 4:22 PM
59	I would like to see a safer parking lot for Holiday Woodlands Natural Area. .	2/8/2023 3:40 PM
60	Improved Parking	2/8/2023 12:22 PM
61	Benches, signage, parking	2/8/2023 11:02 AM
62	Please keep it open to hikers, walkers, runners, dog walkers. It is delightfully quiet and serene to be on these trails.	2/8/2023 10:20 AM
63	Cornhole tournaments	2/8/2023 9:35 AM
64	More trails and updated markings so that you can see where the trails are easily.	2/8/2023 8:40 AM
65	Map of the trails	2/7/2023 10:58 PM
66	Maybe plant ID markers, bird watching etc.	2/7/2023 8:51 PM
67	Sleeping, nike trails, hiking	2/7/2023 8:44 PM
68	Children's activities	2/7/2023 8:28 PM
69	None	2/7/2023 7:38 PM
70	Signage	2/7/2023 7:25 PM
71	To be kept in its natural state with non motorized activities.	2/7/2023 7:21 PM
72	Mountain bike trails would draw people from within East Bay and the surrounding area.	2/5/2023 12:28 PM
73	Easier and better parking	2/4/2023 4:11 PM

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Q15 Please select your age from the following categories.

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0

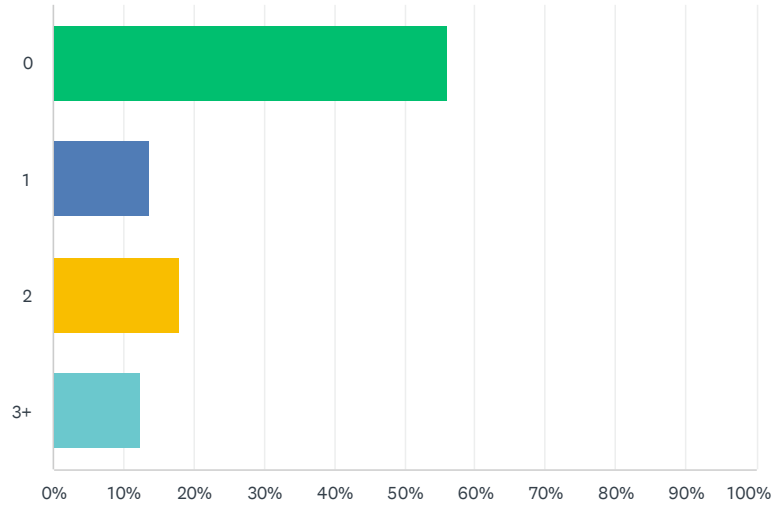


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	13.70%	10
35-44	28.77%	21
45-54	20.55%	15
55-64	20.55%	15
65-74	13.70%	10
75-84	2.74%	2
84+	0.00%	0
TOTAL		73

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Q16 How many members of your household are under the age of 18?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0

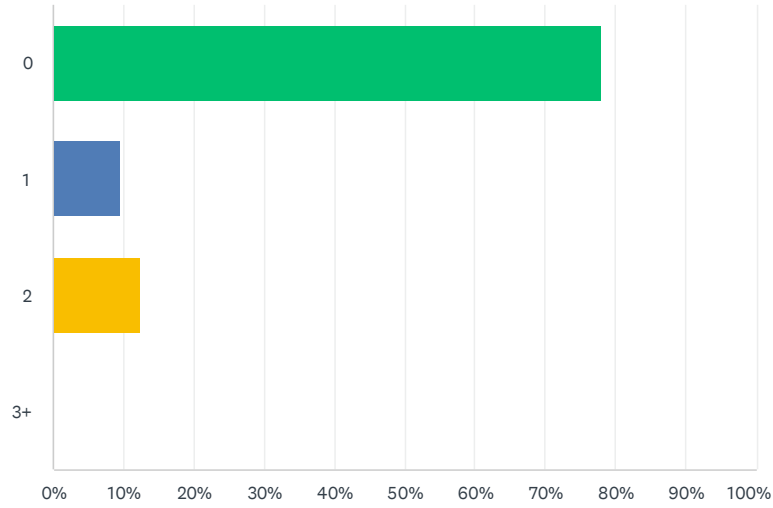


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	56.16%	41
1	13.70%	10
2	17.81%	13
3+	12.33%	9
TOTAL		73

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Q17 How many members of your household are over the age of 65?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0

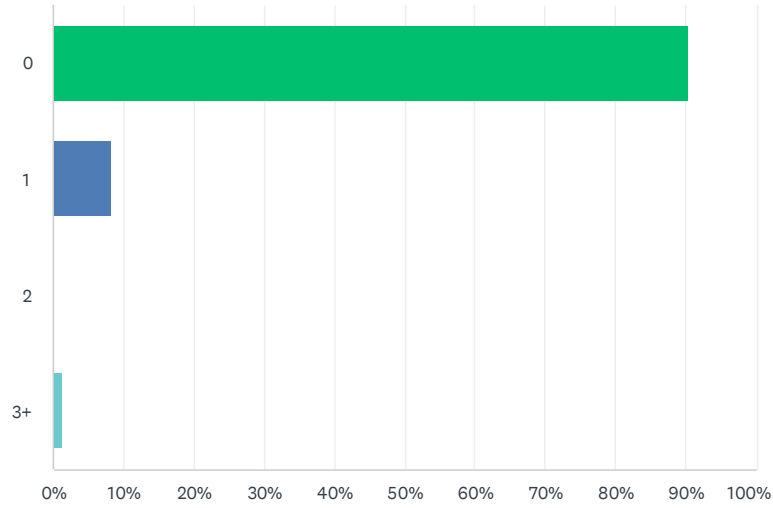


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	78.08%	57
1	9.59%	7
2	12.33%	9
3+	0.00%	0
TOTAL		73

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Q18 How many members of your household have a disability?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0

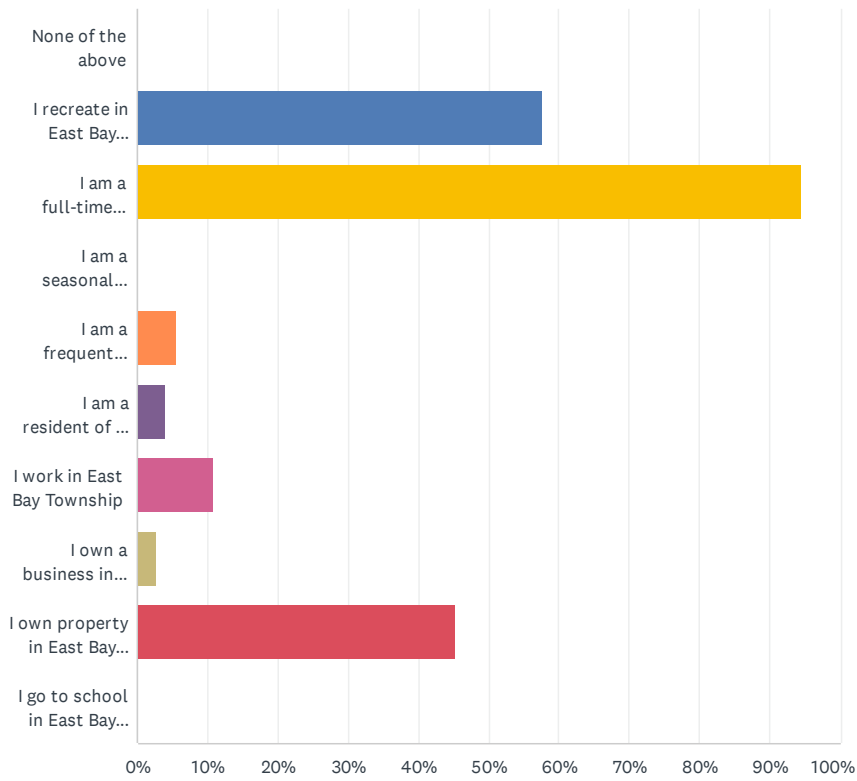


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	90.41%	66
1	8.22%	6
2	0.00%	0
3+	1.37%	1
TOTAL		73

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Q19 Please describe your relationship to East Bay Township. Select all that apply.

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
I recreate in East Bay Township	57.53%	42
I am a full-time Township resident	94.52%	69
I am a seasonal resident	0.00%	0
I am a frequent Township visitor	5.48%	4
I am a resident of a neighboring municipality	4.11%	3
I work in East Bay Township	10.96%	8
I own a business in East Bay Township	2.74%	2
I own property in East Bay Township	45.21%	33
I go to school in East Bay Township	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 73		

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Q20 In what ZIP code is your primary (homesteaded) place of residence?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	49696	4/4/2023 7:55 PM
2	49696	4/4/2023 6:50 PM
3	49686	4/3/2023 6:21 PM
4	49686	3/28/2023 10:53 PM
5	49696	3/21/2023 4:31 PM
6	49686	3/17/2023 11:21 AM
7	49696	3/15/2023 5:20 PM
8	49686	3/15/2023 4:47 PM
9	49696	3/15/2023 2:59 PM
10	49696	3/14/2023 6:33 PM
11	49696	3/13/2023 10:41 PM
12	49686	3/13/2023 10:14 AM
13	49696	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
14	49696	3/9/2023 9:25 PM
15	49696	3/8/2023 7:40 PM
16	49696	3/7/2023 11:04 PM
17	49686	3/5/2023 6:27 PM
18	49696	3/5/2023 3:08 PM
19	49686	3/5/2023 1:09 PM
20	49696	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
21	49696	3/3/2023 12:41 PM
22	49696	3/3/2023 8:44 AM
23	49696	3/2/2023 6:02 PM
24	49696	2/27/2023 1:48 PM
25	49696	2/24/2023 10:03 PM
26	49686	2/23/2023 7:26 PM
27	49696	2/23/2023 11:18 AM
28	49696	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
29	49686	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
30	49696	2/19/2023 11:03 PM
31	49686	2/18/2023 2:20 PM
32	49686	2/17/2023 1:55 PM
33	49686	2/16/2023 7:07 PM

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34	49696	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
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Q21 Feel free to share any additional recreational elements or facilities you would like in East Bay Township.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 45

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It would be great to have some garden space dedicated to native plants that would attract birds, bees, butterflies. It's also great for filtering stormwater runoff.	3/21/2023 4:31 PM
2	Splash pad and dog park would be great	3/15/2023 4:47 PM
3	DOG PARK	3/13/2023 10:14 AM
4	More playgrounds and maybe a splash pad or two	3/11/2023 10:39 PM
5	More fishing.	3/7/2023 11:04 PM
6	We would love to see an ice rink at Grace McDonald park and a warming shed. And eventually it would be great to have rental cross country skis and or ice skates.	3/5/2023 11:33 AM
7	Bike trail in the Spider/Arbutus Lakes region. Thanks for all you do!	3/3/2023 12:41 PM
8	How about another major park-- hope that East Bay Township is working with the GT Land conservancy to secure purchase and protection of the large acreage parcel on Hobbs Highway around Spring lake and adjacent to the Brown Bridge Quiet area. Would be a great addition to protect the Lakes ares ecosystem and also would be a great area for a trail system for Hiking and some more local Cross Country Skiing The local Black top roads in the Forest Lakes hilly area are a great scening and work out area for biking but they are in general in TERRIBLE SHAPE and could be dangerous for bikers, joggers. Especially in poor repair are Peninsula Trail and North Spider Lake Trail. It would be great to have a wider bike lane along these roads also for recreation and non motorized connectivity.	2/23/2023 11:18 AM
9	Dark Sky Park	2/21/2023 9:49 PM
10	Need Dog Park... and what about the land by the new water tower, why is this not a community resource?	2/21/2023 5:05 PM
11	Killingsworth and Pine Grove just look sad and worn out.	2/19/2023 11:03 PM
12	I would like to see the Holiday Woodlands Natural Area behind and including Mt. Holiday open to mountain biking. However I would like for the trails in the Preserve - 80 acres to allow biking on only the large / 2-track trails. Being completely sand based, the single track trails in the HWP area are much more fragile, and would not sustain cycling traffic without great damage and erosion.	2/18/2023 2:20 PM
13	Would like to see GOREC property opened to public for recreation.	2/16/2023 12:10 PM
14	Thank you for all your hard work. Let's keep going in the right direction for this Township with acquiring more land and creating more parks!	2/13/2023 2:34 PM
15	Pickleball courts and Disc golf.	2/13/2023 1:02 PM
16	Disc golf course at Water Tower property	2/13/2023 10:43 AM
17	EBT is quickly changing character with development. Please put things in check by balancing with parkland, trees, zoning restrictions.	2/12/2023 8:52 PM
18	Adding a restroom at the Five Mile entrance to Holiday Woodlands would be great!!!	2/10/2023 12:56 PM
19	More wild land, left wild.	2/10/2023 12:36 PM
20	When we drive into the West side of town, there's a better continuation of sidewalks, small rec spaces, tunnels, and views. We love the convenience of EBT, but the wall to wall hotels and businesses camouflage the trails/rec that we have. With new hotels brings new tourists, and I'd like them to enjoy this side of town safely and not think they need to stay in Leelanau instead.	2/10/2023 12:05 PM

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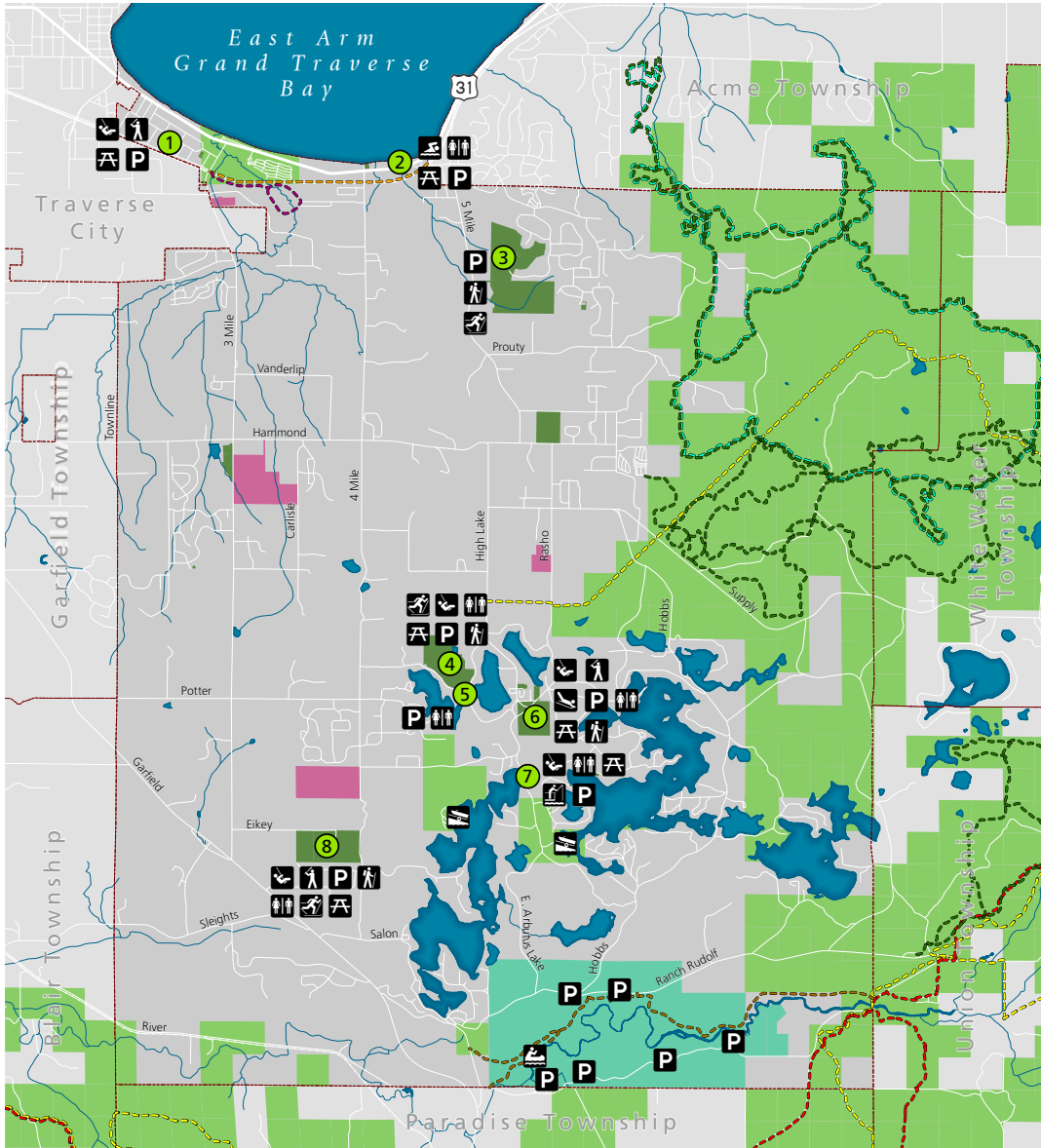
As a resident, I want to feel safe using these spaces by understanding the trail systems and have a better connected system.

21	Thank you so much for all your hard work for our community and taking the time to ask the residents!	2/9/2023 2:07 PM
22	I would like the township to share responsibility of the water quality for our inland lakes and rivers, either through direct funding or championing grant opportunities.	2/9/2023 11:13 AM
23	I would like a trail down Three Mile Road to connect to the TART to be completed.	2/8/2023 3:40 PM
24	Definitely need a kayak launch in both Gens Park and Arbutus 5 and possibly other.	2/8/2023 11:02 AM
25	I want to thank you for the GOOD job you all do in making East Bay a very nice place. I read criticism of the board given by citizens in the area and I think it is completely unfair. I am very grateful to the entire board for your sensible, thoughtful approach to managing this beautiful area. Kudos to you all! Please know that the East Bay residents I know are very HAPPY with how you all are doing your job! Thank you again!	2/8/2023 10:20 AM
26	Use school athletic areas during the summer more. More youth activities.	2/8/2023 9:35 AM
27	I would like to see some wildlife viewing areas setup. I don't know if it's possible but someplace where you can stand on a platform and see and view on disturbed burn migrations or animals in their natural habitat.	2/8/2023 8:40 AM
28	Not sure of all parks. But any tennis/ pickleball areas are fun. Not fancy just basic	2/7/2023 8:51 PM

APPENDIX B: OPEN HOUSE BOARDS

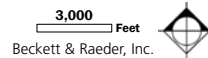


WELCOME!



Parks and Recreation

Sources: Michigan Open Data Portal, East Bay Township



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|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1: Pine Grove Park | TART Trail | State of Michigan Land |
| 2: Gens Park | Reffitt Nature Pathway | City of Traverse City Land |
| 3: Holiday Woodland Preserve | Vasa Ski Trails | East Bay Charter Township Land |
| 4: Klingsworth Park | Biking Trails | TCAPS Land |
| 5: Kelly Park | Shore to Shore Trail | Sports Facilities |
| 6: Grace MacDonald Park | Brown Bridge Trails | Parking |
| 7: Arbutus Lake #5 Park | Snowmobile Trails | X-Country Skiing |
| 8: Pines Park | | Picnic Area |
| | | Playground |
| | | Fishing Dock |
| | | River Access |
| | | Boat Access |
| | | Hiking |
| | | Swimming |
| | | Restrooms |
| | | Sledding |



Action List

Help us prioritize the Parks Commission’s action list for the next five years. Please place a sticky dot on your top three items.

Grace Macdonald Warming Hut	
ADA Accessibility in Parks	
Hammond Park Planning & Design	
Trail Maps, Markers, and Signs	
Arbutus #5 phase 2- includes playground equipment and pathway from fishing pier to bathrooms	
Killingsworth Park Bathrooms	
Grace Macdonald Soccer Field Reconstruction/ Redevelopment	
Community Garden Construction	
Property Acquisition	
Waterfront Access	
Non-Motorized Trails to connect parks	
Holiday Woodland Park Development	



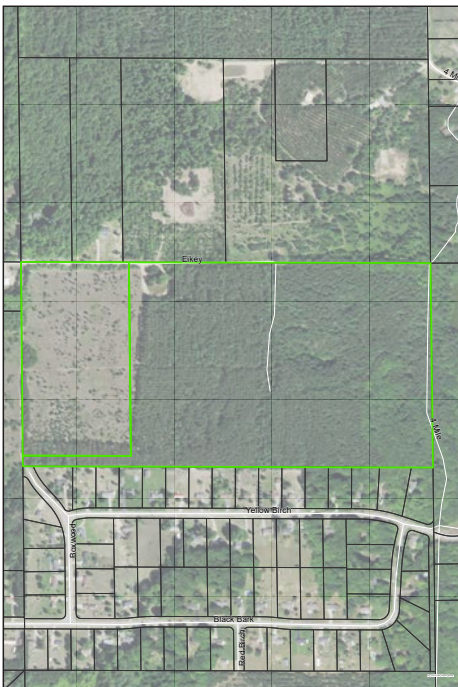
Opportunities

Holiday Woodlands Natural Area



What recreational opportunities would you like to see at the new Holiday Woodlands Natural Area? Please use a sticky note to provide your answer.

Pines Park

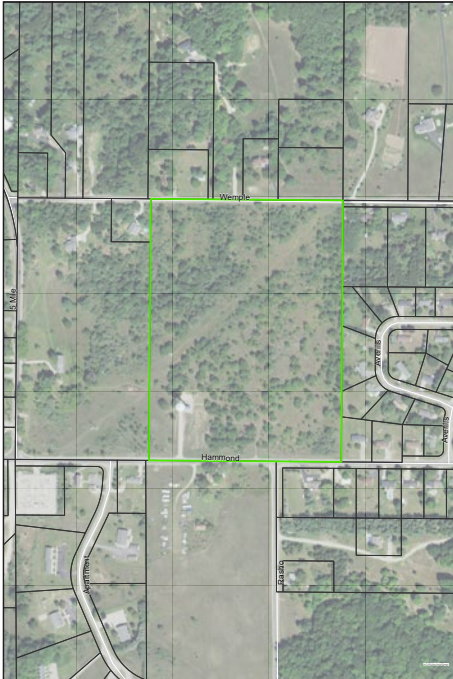


What recreational opportunities would you like to see at Pines Park? Please use a sticky note to provide your answer.



Opportunities

Hammond Park (Watertower Park)



What recreational opportunities would you like to see at Hammond Park? Please use a sticky note to provide your answer.

Grace Macdonald Park

Should the soccer fields continue to be used as soccer fields? Please place a sticky dot on your answer.

If you answered "no," please use a sticky note to tell us what should be there instead.

Yes	No

APPENDIX C: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Beth Friend, Supervisor
Susanne M. Courtade, Clerk
Tracey Bartlett, Treasurer



Glen Lile, Trustee
Mindy Walters, Trustee
Matt Courtade, Trustee
Matt Cook, Trustee

East Bay Charter Township Board of Trustees

Resolution 2024-02 5-Year Park and Recreation Plan

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Charter Township of East Bay, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall located at 1965 N. Three Mile Road, Traverse City, Michigan, on the 22nd day of January 2024.

PRESENT: T. Bartlett, G. Lile, M. Cook, S. Courtade, M. Courtade, M. Walters, B. Friend

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by M. Courtade and supported by T. Bartlett and passed 7 yes/0 no.

Whereas East Bay Township has undertaken the development of a 5-Year Park and Recreation Plan (Plan) update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2024 and 2028;

Whereas the Plan was available for public review and comment for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on November 17th, 2023, and ending on December 18th, 2023;

Whereas a public hearing was held at the regularly scheduled Parks Commission meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Plan;

Whereas East Bay Township has developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and desires to adopt the Plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

Whereas the East Bay Township Parks Commission recommended approval of the Plan at their January 18, 2024 meeting; therefore, be it:

Resolved by the Board of Review of East Bay Charter Township that:

1. Township Board hereby approves and adopts the East Bay Township 2024 Park and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township and users of the park system.


Upon roll call vote:

YES: M. Courtade, T. Bartlett, M. Walters, S. Courtade, G. Lile, M. Cook, B. Friend

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

**THIS EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION 2024-02, APPROVED ON THE 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2024,
IS DECLARED ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR
AND DECLARED CERTIFIED BY THE CLERK.**



Beth Friend, Supervisor

01/22/2024

Date

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the Charter Township of East Bay, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by said municipality of East Bay Charter Township at its meeting, relative to the adoption of the resolution therein set forth, that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of 1976, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Susanne Courtade MiPMC³/MMC, Clerk

01/22/2024

Date



**East Bay Charter Township
Parks Commission**

**Resolution PKS-2024-04
Resolution Recommending Approval of the 2024 5-Year Park and Recreation Plan**

At a regular meeting of the Parks Commission for the Charter Township of East Bay, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall located at 1965 N. Three Mile Road, Traverse City, Michigan, on the 18th day of January 2024.

PRESENT: WALSH, LAYTON, REARDON, ENDRES, LAROSE, HETTNER, STODZINSKI

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by Endres and supported by Walsh and passed 5-1.

Whereas East Bay Township has undertaken the development of a five (5) year Parks and Recreation Master Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2024 and 2028; and

Whereas the Plan was available for public review and comment at the Parks Commission for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on November 17th, 2023 and ending on December 18th, 2023; and

Whereas a public hearing was held at the regularly scheduled Parks Commission meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Plan; and

Whereas East Bay Township has developed the Plan for the benefit of the entire community and desires to adopt the Plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Parks Commission hereby recommends adoption of the East Bay Township 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township to the Township Board.

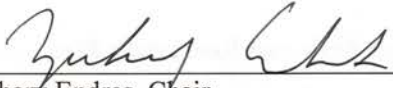
Upon roll call vote:

YES: Walsh, Layton, Reardon, Endres, Hettmer, Studsinski

NO: LaRose

ABSTAIN: _____

**THIS EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION
RESOLUTION PKS-2024-04, APPROVED ON THE 18th DAY OF JANUARY 2024,
IS DECLARED ADOPTED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION CHAIR
AND DECLARED CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY.**



Zachary Endres, Chair

1-18-2024

Date

I, the undersigned, the Secretary of the Parks Commission of the Charter Township of East Bay, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by said municipality of East Bay Charter Township at its Parks Commission meeting, relative to the adoption of the resolution therein set forth, that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of 1976, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Susan LaRose, Secretary

1-18-2024

Date

EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6 PM

East Bay Township Hall

1965 N. Three Mile Road, Traverse City MI, 49696

Present: Commissioners Ryan Walsh, Zachary Endres, Corie Layton, Garrison Reardon, Alli Hettmer, Susan LaRose, Stephanie Studzinski

Staff Present: Sara Kopriva, Consultant Planner

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Endres.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.
3. **Roll Call:** Attendance was called by LaRose.
4. **Agenda:**
 - a. **Review for Conflict of Interest:** None declared.
 - b. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Motion by Reardon to approve the agenda with the addition of 2024 Meeting Dates & Times, under item 9d. Endres supported the motion, and it passed by a unanimous voice vote.*
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes:** *Motion by Walsh to approve the November 20, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was supported by Reardon and passed unanimously by voice vote.*
7. **Correspondence:** An email had been received from Carol Kuesel, regarding the Park Plan.
8. **Reports:**
 - a. **Treasurer’s Report:** Reardon gave a brief report (Revenue and Expenditure report was in packet).
 - b. **Community Garden:** LaRose spoke briefly about the information provided for review and discussion at the January Regular Meeting.
 - c. **Staff:** Kopriva indicated that she had received an email denoting that the township had not received the trust fund grant for the warming hut at Grace Macdonald Park. The City of Traverse City received a grant for the Brown Bridge Quiet Area. Also, the Holiday Woods stakeholders would be having a meeting in January; invitation only; to include neighbors and user groups.
9. **Business before the Parks Commission:**
 - a. **Public Hearing**

Letters from Carol Kuesel and Ralph Bedbarz were read.
 - b. **Decision on Resolution for the 5 Year Parks & Recreation Plan PKS 2023-01:** Visions and goals were discussed at length, and changes were made, as noted by Kopriva. There were also changes indicated by Kopriva; to put a reference of the grant received by the Brownbridge Quiet Area in the narrative and change the spelling of Huton to Huron. The Commission liked specific language in both the email from Keusel and Bednarz’s letters. Consensus was to utilize certain parts of the

verbiage in the Goals and Objectives sections of the plan. ***A motion was made by Walsh, supported by Reardon, for approval of the resolution for adoption of the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, with changes as discussed at this meeting. A roll call vote was called; Walsh – Yes, Layton – No, Reardon – Yes, Hettmer – Yes, Endres – Yes, Studzinski – Yes, and LaRose – NO, the motion passed with a five (5) to two (2) vote.***

c. Resolution of Support for MDARD Rural Community Development Fund Grant PKS-2023-02

The MDARD Grant request is for funding to facilitate the construction of a portion of the community garden and support the operations of the East Bay Corners Farmer Market, this subject had been presented at a previous Parks meeting. ***A motion was made by Hettmer, supported by Reardon to approve the resolution of support to submit the application for the MDARD grant, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.***

d. Resolution to adopt 2024 Meeting Dates and Times PKS-2023-03

A motion was made by Hettmer, supported by LaRose; the East Bay Charter Township Parks Commission Resolution PKS-2023-03. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

10. Public Comment: Ralph Bednarz

11. Adjournment: Chair Endres adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Leslie Couturier, Acting Recording Secretary

EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP
East Bay Charter Township Hall
1965 N. Three Mile Road
Traverse City, MI 49696

Special Board Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024

Call Meeting to Order: Supervisor Friend called the meeting to order at 6:30pm at the East Bay Charter Township Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Beth Friend, Tracey Bartlett, Glen Lile, Matt Cook, Susanne Courtade, Matt Courtade and Mindy Walters

Review for Conflict of Interest: (6:31)
None declared

Approval of the Agenda: (6:31)
Friend reviewed the agenda for January 22, 2024.

Lile moved and S. Courtade seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried upon a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment (6:31)
Carol Shukra asked a question regarding the quorum of another board at this meeting.

Business before the Township Board

1. 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan 2024-2028 (6:33)

Zach Endres, Chair of the Parks Commission stated that parks commissioners clarified the objectives and made some changes to the 5-year plan as suggested by the Township Board.

M. Courtade moved and Bartlett seconded to approve Resolution 2024-02 approving the East Bay Township 5-Year Park and Recreation Plan. The motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Water and Sewer (6:37)

a. Sewer Project Update and Funding Resolution

Supervisor Friend explained that this resolution conveys a commitment to the \$11 million project for the East Bay Township and Acme Township's Sewer Force Main Replacement. The resolution outlines and identifies the gap in funding. Engineer, Brian Sousa from Wade Trim spoke and updated board members on the engineering of the sewer force main. He stated that a survey was completed and the next

step will be preliminary engineering. The efficiency of other city projects to be completed in conjunction with this project have been discussed. Board members asked questions about bonding if needed. Dawn Lund, of Utility Financial Solutions addressed the bonding question. Board members also asked questions about inflation in building costs and the project timeline.

Bartlett moved and Walters seconded to approve Resolution 2024-3, a Resolution Requesting FY 2023-24 State Funding Assistance for East Bay and Acme Townships Sewer Force Main Replacement. The motion carried upon a unanimous roll call vote.

b. Annual Rate Adjustment and Rate Analysis (6:50)

Dawn Lund from Utility Financial Solutions has done a cost to service study for the township. She shared a PowerPoint presentation with board members and stated that the water and sewer funds are healthy. She stated that the township can increase water and sewer rates by 3.5% each January 1st, but does not recommend a rate increase at this time. Rates may be affected by iron treatments for the water and rising costs of sewer treatments in the future. Lund reviewed rate structures with board members. Board members asked questions and discussed the REU and meter size rate methodologies. John DiVozzo, Director of Public Works, stated that one REU is a single-family home. He stated that rates and REU's are fluid and never match up to the table, but despite that, he recommends maintaining the current table and modify when needed if REUs are retained. Board members also discussed connection fees, and the effect of the two methodologies discussed. The board agreed to study and review information on water and sewer rates and bring any questions back to a future board meeting.

Public Comment (8:56)

None

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

February 12, 2024

Adjournment:

Friend adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm.

Susanne Courtade MiPMC³/MMC, Clerk
East Bay Charter Township

Beth Friend, Supervisor
East Bay Charter Township

East Bay Township Board
January 22, 2024

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Grand Traverse



Paul Heidbreder being duly sworn deposes and says the annexed printed copy of notice was taken from the Traverse City RECORD EAGLE, a newspaper printed and circulated in said State and County, and that said notice was published in said newspaper on the following dates:

12/08/2023

that he or she is the agent of the printers of said newspaper, and knows well the facts stated herein

Subscribed and sworn to before
this 20th of December, 2023 .

Megan OBrien
Notary Public, State of MI
County of Grand Traverse
05/03/2030
Acting in County of Grand Traverse

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that East Bay Township Parks Commission is currently working on the proposed 2024-2029 Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan is currently in the required 30-day public comment period open between November 18 to December 18, 2023.

The draft plan is available for review and download on the homepage of the Township website at www.eastbaytwp.org and may be viewed in person at 1965 N Three Mile Rd, Traverse City, MI 49696. Please direct email comments to Sara Kopriva at skopriva@bria2.com.

East Bay Township Parks Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft plan at their regular meeting on December 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The meeting be held at the East Bay Township Hall, 1965 N Three Mile Rd, Traverse City, MI 49696. Please check the Township website for meeting updates. The Parks Commission will consider recommending adoption of the plan at this meeting.

Posted November 17, 2023 on Township Website

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'SK' with a stylized flourish extending to the right.



Beth Friend • 1st
Township Supervisor
1yr •



Parks, recreation - what could be more fun?!?! Since it's pretty cold out, maybe relax with some coffee or hot chocolate and take the East Bay Township Parks Commission survey to help shape the township' ...see more



EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP Park & Recreation 5-Year Plan Community Survey

The Park and Recreation Plan provides a guide to park development over the next 5 years, and the Township is required to have an approved Park and Recreation Plan filed with the DNR in order to apply for grants. The Township is updating is Park & Recreation Plan and needs your help! Your input will help Township leaders plan for the future of parks and recreation in East Bay Charter Township.

Please use the scan code or link to complete the survey by March 15, 2023.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EBParks>



Paper copies are also available at East Bay Township Hall (1965 N Three Mile Rd) or by contacting Sara Kopriva (skopriva@bria2.com or 231.492.0702).

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project memorandum



Date: 01.31.2024
From: Sara Kopriva, AICP
To: **Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation**
John Chase, Director of Parks and Recreation
400 Boardman Ave.
Traverse City, MI 49684

 *initiative*

Project: East Bay Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Enclosed: Final Adopted East Bay Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Remarks:
Please find enclosed the final adopted draft of the East Bay Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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project memorandum



Date: 01.31.2024
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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended; the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [X] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: East Bay Township - Grand Traverse County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF20-0074 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Arbutus Lake #5 Park Improvements (2020)

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop park to accommodate park use, universal access, sustainability

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: East Bay Township, Beth Friend, Supervisor, 1965 N Three Mile Road, 231-947-8719, Traverse City, MI 49696, bfriend@eastbaytwp.org

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No
This project is in process.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. [] Yes [X] No
The sign has been purchased, project is not complete, sign will be installed as part of project.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Daily and weekly check of property.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Dawn to Dusk

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

This is an in-progress project. As such the signs have not yet been placed. It should be completed in the next few weeks. The project is improvement of an existing park.

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GRANTEE: East Bay Township - Grand Traverse County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF92-106 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Bayfront Parkland Acquisition (1992)

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire .61 acre parcel park with 100' frontage on Grand Traverse Bay.

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Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Daily and weekly grounds check

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Dawn to Dusk, during three seasons, closed to parking during winter, open to foot traffic

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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GRANTEE: East Bay Township - Grand Traverse County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF01-166 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Gen's Park Improvement Project (2001)

PROJECT SCOPE: Development of 0.61 parcel to day park for swimming and fishing.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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Through this project, bathroom was built.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Daily and weekly checks on the property

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Dusk to Dawn, open three seasons, winter: parking is closed, foot traffic is open.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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GRANTEE: East Bay Township - Grand Traverse County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF14-0076 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Grace Macdonald Park Accessibility Enhancements (2014)

PROJECT SCOPE: Add various accessibility enhancements to Grace Macdonald Park.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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Project added bathrooms to the park.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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Daily and weekly maintenance check on the property.

GENERAL

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Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Dawn to Dusk, open all seasons.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Empty box for comments.

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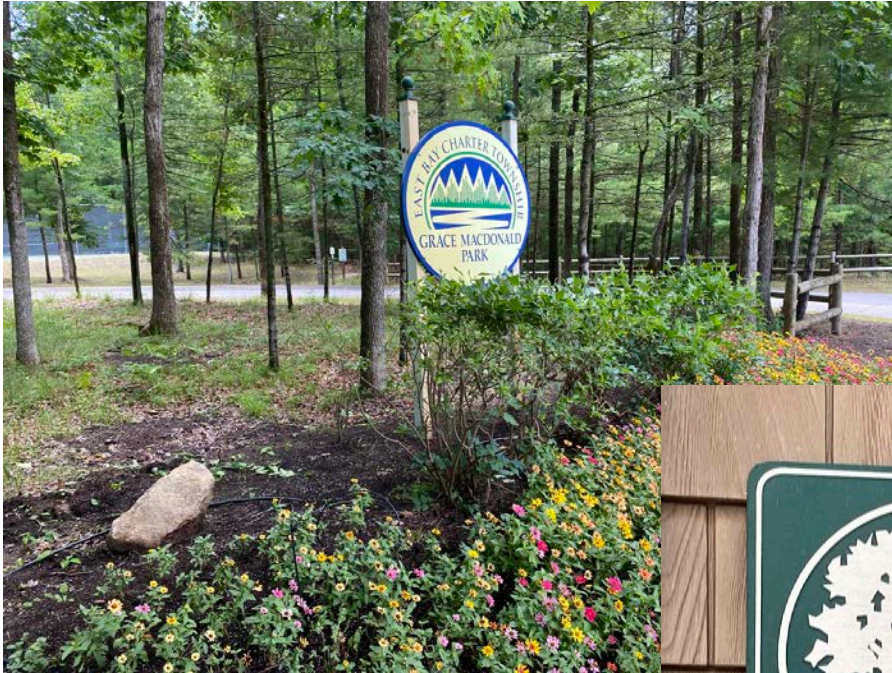


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GRANTEE: East Bay Township - Grand Traverse County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF19-0071 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Holiday Woods Recreation Area Acquisition (2019)

Acquire 195 acres to create public ownership and rec use of

PROJECT SCOPE: privateland

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SITE QUALITY

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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Maintained by neighboring non-profit through a contract.

GENERAL

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Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Dawn to Dusk, open all three seasons.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Large empty rectangular box for providing comments.

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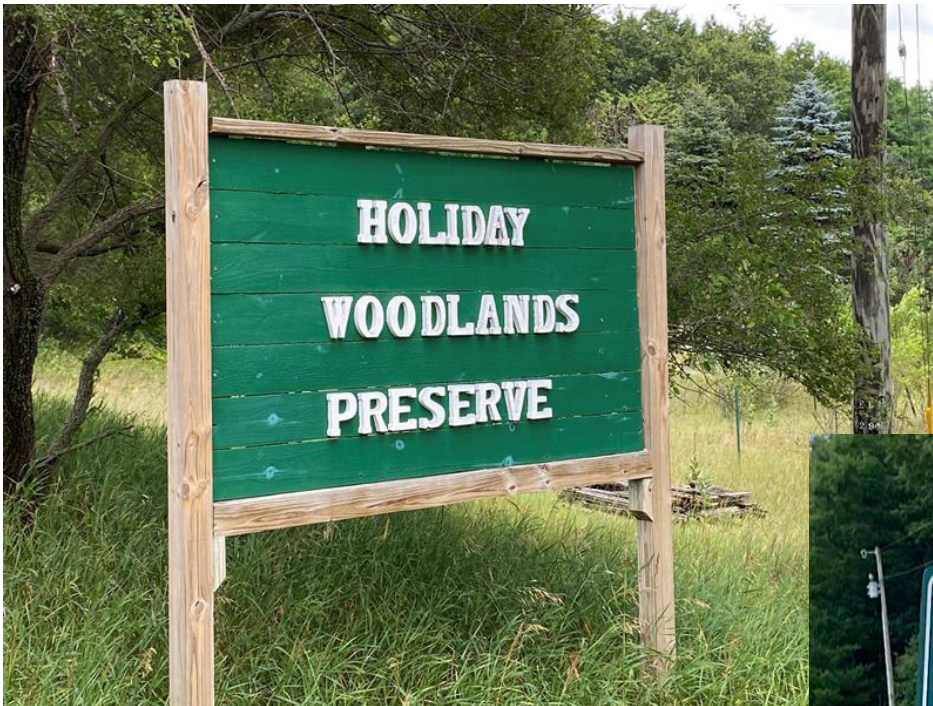
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GRANTEE: East Bay Township - Grand Traverse County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF10-145

PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Killingsworth/Kelly Parks Expansion (2010)

Acquire 70.91 acres to expand existing 55 acre Killingsworth/Kelly

PROJECT SCOPE: park

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See comments

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

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See comments

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Park is checked daily and weekly according to maintenance schedule.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Dawn to dusk, all seasons.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

This was an application, with approval, that was removed. It was an acquisition project and when the final price came through, it exceeded the township's ability at that time. The acquisition never happened and no funding came from the MNRTF for this project. In conferring with the Clerk, who was on staff at the time, the application/award was closed out.

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