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Baraga County Recreation Plan 2023-2027



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PART 1 – INTRODUCTION:

Baraga County, located in the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan on Lake Superior, contains approximately 900 square miles of land with over 70 miles of Lake Superior shoreline. The main population centers are at the base of Keweenaw Bay: the Village of L’Anse and the Village of Baraga. Baraga County is also home to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, both the oldest and largest reservation in Michigan. The reservation includes lands on both sides of Keweenaw Bay and includes much of both villages and L’Anse Township. These lands are a portion of the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Anishinaabeg ceded in multiple historic treaties.

The 2023-2027 Baraga County Recreation Plan is the tool available to the community that will drive recreational improvements throughout the County. The plan includes an overview of the community, a comprehensive list of County owned recreational facilities and other recreation opportunities available to residents and visitors alike. A description of the planning process and public input is also an important aspect of the plan. In addition, the

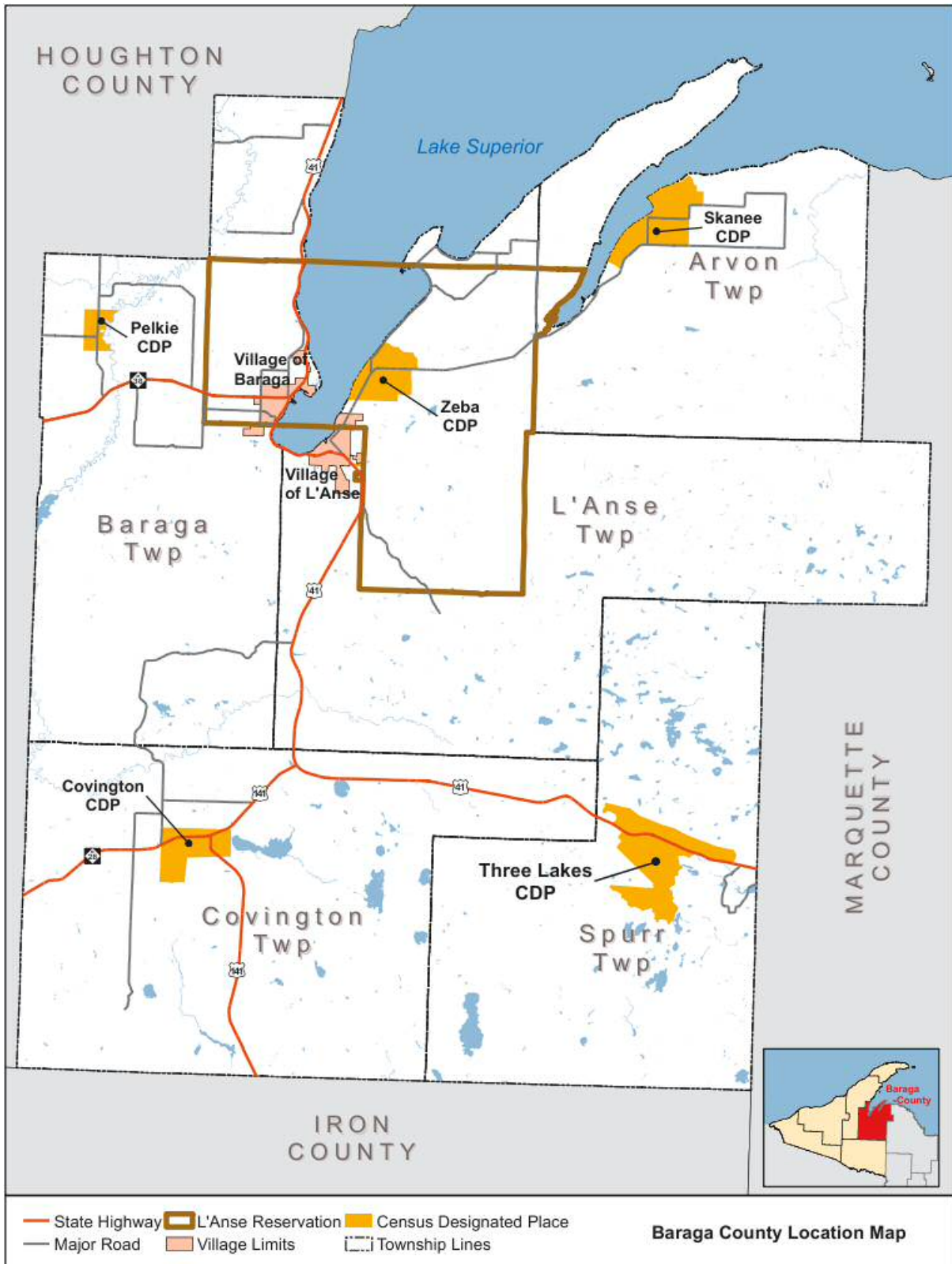


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recreational goals and objectives are included to help guide future recreational development projects. The plan was developed in accordance with the Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A five-year DNR-approved Recreation Plan is required for governmental entities to be eligible for many DNR grant programs.

The Baraga County Recreation Plan was prepared by the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region on behalf of the Baraga County Board of Commissioners. The County’s Recreation Committee provided direction to the plan, and public comments and suggestions have been taken into consideration during the development of the plan.

Figure 1. Baraga County Map with Census Designated Places (CDPs)



PART 2 – COMMUNITY PROFILE:

Population: There are 2 villages and 5 Census Designated Places (CDPs) or densely settled concentrations of population, within the 5 townships, Arvon, Baraga, Covington, L’Anse and Spurr, in Baraga County. The total population of Baraga County was 8,158 in the 2020 census.

Geography	2000	2010	2020
Arvon township	482	450	492
Baraga township	3,542	3,815	3,478
Covington township	569	476	375
L'Anse township	3,926	3,843	3,551
Spurr township	227	276	262
TOTAL	8,746	8,860	8,158
Baraga village	1,285	2,053	1,883
Covington CDP			99
L'Anse village	2,107	2,011	1,874
Pelkie CDP			51
Skanee CDP			102
Three Lakes CDP			167
Zeba CDP		480	397

Each township has a CDP, Covington Township has the Covington CDP, the Skanee CDP is in Arvon Township, and the Three Lakes CDP is in Spurr Township. The breakdown to the population is presented in the following table.

Statistic	Baraga County	State of Michigan
Population, 2020	8,158	10,077,331
Households w/1 or more persons under the age of 18	22.6%	28.3%
Households w/1 or more persons over the age of 65	50%	41.5%
Median Age, 2020	45.8	39.8
Median Household Income, 2020	\$46,581	\$59,234
Average Household Size, 2020	2.25	2.45
<i>In this table, population data is from the decennial U.S. Census from 2020 and additional data is from the 2016-2020 American Community Survey</i>		

Although the population has declined over the last decade in Baraga County, the percent of households with one or more children under the age of 18 is 22.6%, only 5.7 percentage points behind the State of Michigan’s 28.3%. Households with 1 or more persons 65 years or older in Baraga County is 50% as compared to 41.5% for the State, an 8.5 percentage point difference. This is also reflected by the median age in Baraga County at 45.8 years as compared to the State of Michigan’s median age of 39.8. These household populations, both young and old, should be a consideration when planning for the type of recreational facility and accompanying accessibility needs. Another factor to consider in planning is the increase in population due to seasonal residents. As noted in the table below, the vast majority of ‘vacant’ housing units in the county are in the “seasonal, recreational, or occasional use” category, particularly in townships that do not have major core communities to support year-round residents.

Table 3 – Baraga County Vacancy Status

Type of Vacancy	% of All Units (Occ & Vac)		# Units		
	Baraga County	State	Baraga County	Baraga Twp	L’Anse Twp
For rent	0.4%	1.3%	21	16	5
Rented, not occupied	0.3%	0.3%	14	12	2
For sale only	0.8%	0.8%	44	23	3
Sold, not occupied	0.1%	0.5%	6	0	0
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	35.1%	6.3%	1,865	496	414
Other	3.3%	4.5%	176	50	82
All vacant units	40.0%	13.7%	2,126	597	506

Source: 2016-2020 ACS 5-year estimates, table B25004

Baraga County contains the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) L’Anse Indian Reservation, which spans multiple local government jurisdictions including the Village of Baraga and much of the Township and Village of L’Anse. The reservation’s 59,000 acres cover the majority of north-central Baraga County.

The diverse population living in and visiting Baraga County is suited for a wide range of recreational activities, supporting programs, and services specific to each community.

Infrastructure and Economy: Baraga County has perhaps the most distinctive economic sector mix of the region’s counties. It has the highest percentage of government employment and earnings of any county in the region. This predominance likely owes to the presence of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community – the county’s single largest employer – and a state correctional facility. But the county also has a significant manufacturing cluster, primarily of specialized fabricators in the villages and vicinities of Baraga and L’Anse, with around a dozen establishments employing over

200 people. The county hospital in L’Anse is another of the largest employers. And tourism (the hospitality industry) is another major economic factor.

Three major highways serve Baraga County: U.S. Highway 41, the State of Michigan’s Highways M-28 and M-38. Many roads that traverse the county are Federal Forest Roads for the purpose of accessing the thousands of acres of land meant for recreation and industry. The county is served by Indian Trails bus system, connecting the region to larger metropolitan areas. There are bus stops in the villages of Baraga and L’Anse and at Keweenaw Bay.

Baraga County is centrally located to 4 regional airports: in Houghton County, Gogebic, Marquette, and Dickinson Counties. A private airfield is located west of the Village of Baraga on M-38. There are four recreational harbors in Baraga County, three of which are on Keweenaw Bay; the Village of Baraga’s marina, the Village of L’Anse’s marina, and the Ojibwa Campground and marina. The fourth, the Witz Marina & Campsite, is located on Huron Bay.

Climate: Lake Superior helps to moderate temperatures in the County, but both temperatures and snow levels vary widely throughout. Annual snowfall in the county averages around 150 inches.



The weather has a tremendous impact on the tourist potential as summer visitors seek the cooling effect of the lake and winter guests seek abundant snowfall for cross-country skiing, snowshoes, and snowmobiling. Daily summer temperature averages are a high of 78 degrees Fahrenheit and a low of 54, while winter temperatures average a high of 20 and a low of 2.

The climate, unique location and forested surroundings make Baraga County a vacation destination year around, and tourism is a key part of the economy. The principal attractions and events include parks, multi-use trails, museums and historic sites, fairs, pow-wows, and events at the Ojibwe Casino.

PART 3 - ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND PREVIOUS GRANTS

Baraga County has no staffed recreation facilities. Therefore, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners is directly responsible for any recreation sites and programs. The County Commissioners for Districts 1-5 are as follows:

District 1: Gale Eilola

District 4: Lyle Olsen

District 2: Brad Dakota

District 5: William Rolof

District 3: Dan Robillard

Baraga County does not have a separate budget for recreation but allocates funding as needed to support projects. The most recent allocation was \$2.7 million awarded to the County by the Michigan DNR Trust Fund for the acquisition of approximately 1,184 acres of land in Covington Township that includes more than 4 miles of the Sturgeon River covering 75% of the cost. The remaining 25% has come from the seller of the property. The county is collaborating with the Superior Watershed Partnership to assist with the management, monitoring, maintenance, and trail development. Baraga County government also provides support for developing recreational opportunities by providing financial assistance to the Baraga County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). The CVB is tasked with promotion of the County's assets and maintenance of its motorized trail systems.

Baraga County received three grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Point Abbaye Park. The first (acquisition of the land) is complete, and the second and third (development/improvements) are complete.

TF61 - Point Abbaye Acquisition (\$195,000), 1979 (Closed)

Acquisition of 259 acres of Lake Superior frontage at the end of the Keweenaw Bay. The park continues to be open to the public.

RP16-0038 – Point Abbaye County Park Improvements, Phase 1 (\$45,000), 2016 (Closed)

Park improvements continue at the Point Abbaye.

TF 2018 – Point Abbaye County Park Trail Project (\$49,500), 2018 (Closed)

Design and construction of non-motorized trails system

TF20-0172 – Sturgeon River Recreation Area and Riparian Habitat (\$2,737,500), 2022 (Execution in Process)

The County recently acquired the 1,184 acres adjacent to the Sturgeon River (Lake Superior Watershed) in Covington Township.

Volunteers also play an important role in the construction, upkeep of facilities and in the past, have provided in-kind local match for recreational project grants. The community has had success in drawing upon this valuable human resource for projects and anticipates that success to continue for future projects, especially the newly acquired Sturgeon River Recreation Area.

Collaboration is important for the county in developing recreational opportunities for residents. The resources and groups in the area provide ample opportunity for cooperation and can be seen over the past several years in improvements made to Point Abbaye and in the acquisition of the Sturgeon River Recreation Area.

PART 4 - RECREATION INVENTORY

The following section examines and inventories the recreation facilities that are currently available in Baraga County. The County, two villages, five Townships, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and schools all maintain recreation facilities. The following recreation inventory describes the types and locations of recreation facilities currently available in the County and nearby. The County facility information was provided by the County and the cursory inventory of other recreation facilities was gathered from existing plans. Site locations are shown in **Figure 3** on page 8 and in **Appendix A**, which includes maps provided by the Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Accessibility: Accessibility at the County-owned recreation facility, Point Abbaye was assessed at **level 2** because of recent improvements provided for by a DNR grant, while the newly acquired Sturgeon River Recreation Area was assessed to be at **level 1**. These assessments were based on committee input utilizing parameters of the “DNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans”:

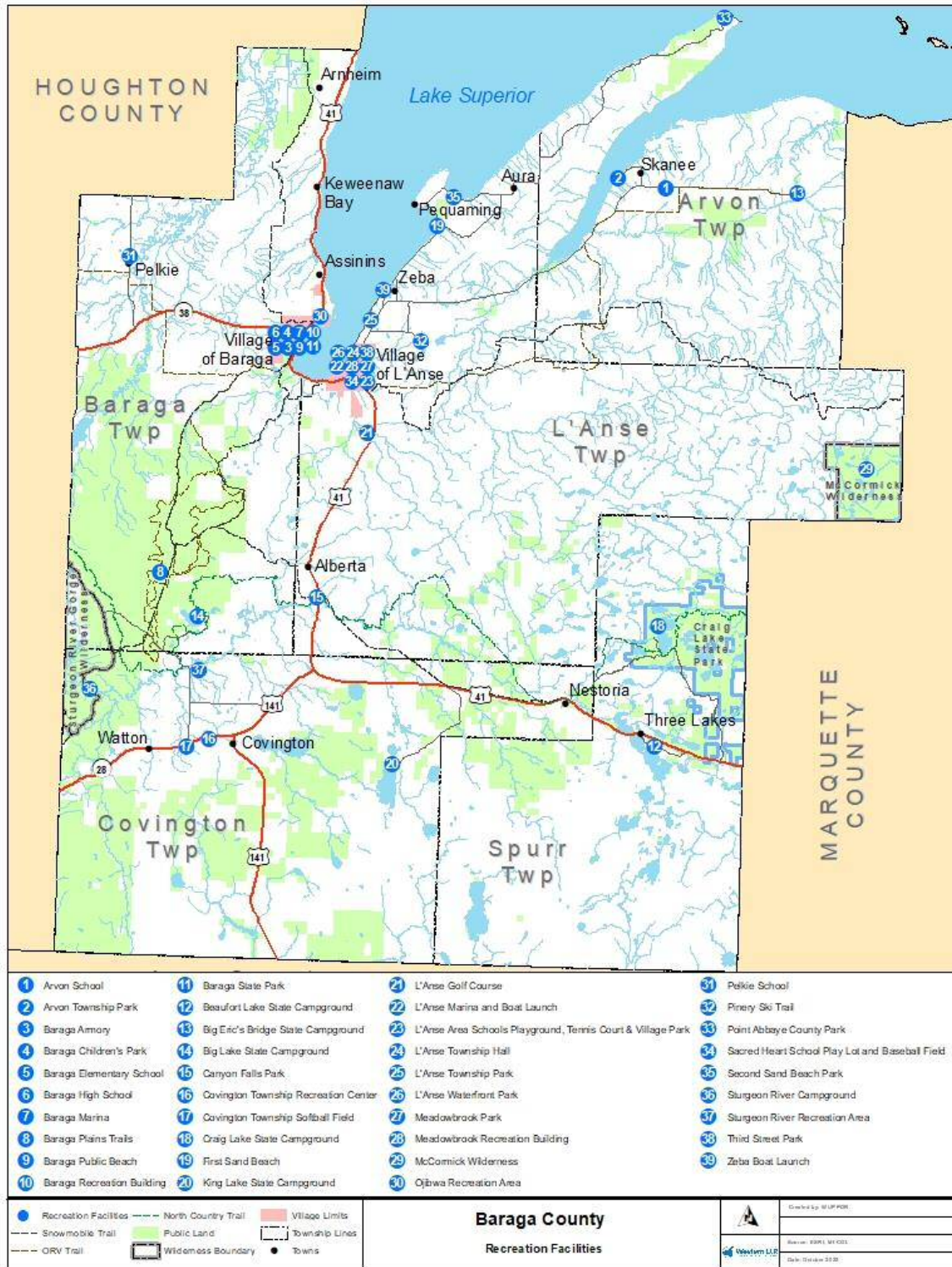
- 1 – None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 – Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 – Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 – The entire facilities/park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 – The entire facilities/park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Scores are not included for facilities not owned by the County.

Figure 2. Seven Principles of Universal Design

1. **Equitable Use:** The design is useful and marketable to any group of users.
2. **Flexibility in Use:** The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.
3. **Simple and Intuitive Use:** Use of the design is easy to understand.
4. **Perceptible Information:** The design communicates necessary information effectively to the user.
5. **Tolerance for Error:** The design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintentional actions.
6. **Low Physical Effort:** The design can be used efficiently and comfortably.
7. **Size and Space for Approach and Use:** Appropriate size and space is provided for approach and use

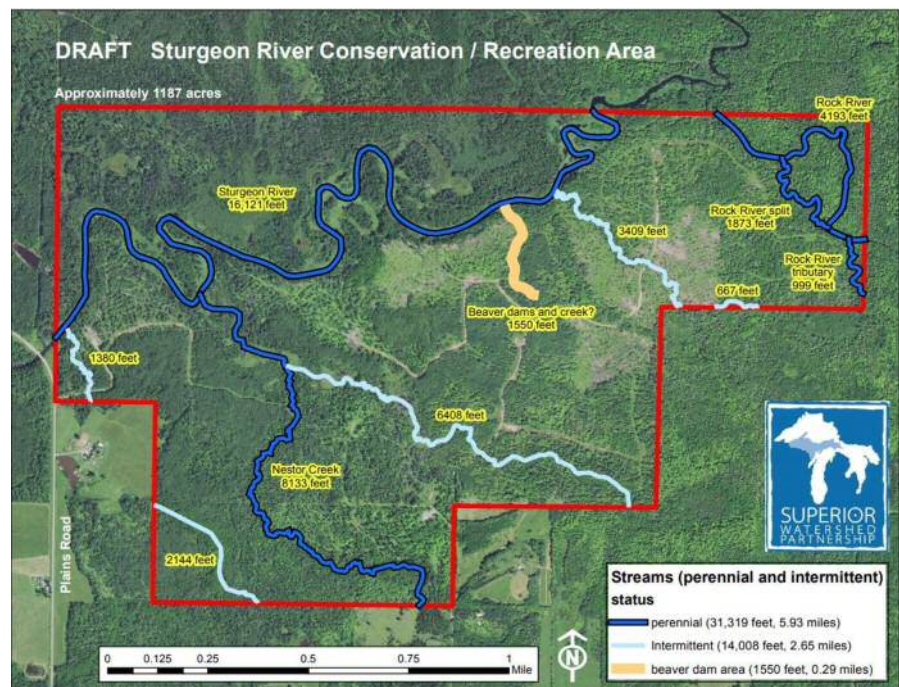
Figure 3. Baraga County Recreation Sites Map



Sturgeon River Recreation Area

In August of 2022 the Baraga County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of a \$2.7 million grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for the acquisition of approximately 1,184 acres of land adjacent to the Sturgeon River (Lake Superior Watershed) in Covington Township. The property includes more than 4 miles of river frontage and 568 acres of high quality riverine and freshwater forested/shrub wetland habitat. The purchase of the land will prevent the fragmentation by connecting to public State Forest Lands. It will connect over 12,200 acres of public State Forest Lands (the Baraga Management Unit) that is located primarily Northwest of the parcel and includes the Baraga Plains State Waterfowl (Wildlife) Management Area. The property will provide access to Michigan’s waterways for recreational activities including canoeing, kayaking, fishing, bird watching, hiking, and swimming. Native and migratory fish, birds, and wildlife to benefit include the federally threatened northern long-eared bat, recently de-listed grey wolf, and many others. The parcel will be maintained by Baraga County and a future campground staffed by Covington Township will be created. A conservation easement will be established and held by the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) with annual monitoring and maintenance provided by the Great Lakes Conservation Corps. (GLCC)

The park will be managed and maintained seasonally, and a rustic campground area and new trails will be established with minimal impacts to sensitive habitats; natural features will be protected by buffer zones and signage. In addition, during the survey process of the plan update, the Recreation Committee asked county residents and visitors what they would like as part of this new recreation area. The committee envisions a full



range of amenities that would include an ORV scramble area, kayak and canoe access points on the river, a multi-purpose trail system, campsites, and day use areas.

OTHER FACILITIES IN BARAGA COUNTY

The Recreation Committee reviewed and updated the parks, natural areas, other areas and facilities providing recreational opportunities in the county. Each township has numerous assets available for residents and visitors alike. Additional facility sites can be seen on Map 2 on page X and Appendix A

Village of Baraga



Baraga Marina: 1.5-acre community marina includes boat launching facilities with access to water, gasoline, and electricity.

Baraga Recreation Building Complex: 5.1-acre Village-owned building houses a regulation ice hockey rink, changing rooms, and concessions.

Baraga Armory: 3-acre site includes indoor gymnasium and Little League baseball diamond.



Baraga Elementary School: School-owned facility includes 1-acre asphalt-surface play area and multipurpose room; includes indoor basketball court and gymnastics equipment.

Baraga High School: 7.2-acre school-owned facility includes football, baseball, softball, and track fields, as well as a gymnasium with basketball courts and gymnastics equipment.

Baraga Public Beach: 1-acre beach on Lake Superior provides elevated stoves and a picnic area.



Baraga Township

Baraga Children’s Park: Community Park includes swings, teeter-totter, slide, picnic tables, and benches.

Baraga Plains Trail: 28-mile loop for ORVs 50 inches-wide or less is located on state land.

Baraga State Park: 56-acre state park includes 105 modern (with electricity) and 10 semi-modern campsites as well as a variety of playground equipment, picnic tables,

fire pits/grills, pavilions, hiking and cross-country skiing trails, and Lake Superior fishing access.

Big Lake State Forest Campground: State campground includes twelve rustic campsites, vault toilets, and hand pump.

Boyzie Jondreau Ball Field: KBIC-owned site contains ballfield less than regulation size.

Ojibwa Recreation Area: KBIC-owned 28-acre site includes beaches, natural areas, picnic areas, trails, marina, campground, and other amenities. The campground offers 50 modern campsites also includes marina, flush toilets, and showers.



Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness: Approximately half of the 14,729-acre wilderness is located within Baraga Township, with the remainder in Houghton County. The federally designated wilderness is within the Ottawa National Forest. The wilderness includes four hiking trails and two scenic overlooks. Primitive camping is permitted.

Sturgeon River National Forest Campground: Federal campground includes nine rustic sites and vault toilets, located just outside the south edge of the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness.

L'Anse Village



Marina and Boat Launch: Village-owned 1-acre marina and boat launch includes water, electricity, portable pump-out; currently undergoing a phased expansion based on a marina master plan.

School Playground and Tennis Court: School-owned facilities, occupying two acres, include playground equipment, small basketball court, and tennis court. A small gymnasium is located inside the elementary school.

L'Anse Area Schools Village Park: 5-acre school district-owned facility includes a football/soccer field and track, baseball/softball diamond, sled hill, gazebo, and 2.1-mile nature/ski trail.

Meadowbrook Arena: Village-owned building includes artificial ice, warm-up area, and concessions. Uses include hockey and skating as well as community events like dances, craft shows, and as a backup location for outdoor events when weather is inclement.



Waterfront Park: Village-owned 1-acre park located in downtown L'Anse includes a splash park, swimming beach, children's playground, volleyball courts, picnic area, and pavilion with concerts in summer.

Third Street Park: Village-owned 1-acre park is equipped with baseball field, playground equipment, and basketball and a pickleball court.

Sacred Heart School Play Lot and Baseball Field: Private school-owned facility includes basketball court, baseball field, and playground equipment. Little League teams use the baseball field.

L'Anse Township

Zeba Boat Launch: 1.3-acre KBIC property offers 575 feet of Keweenaw Bay shoreline used as a public swimming beach, boat launch, and picnic area.



L'Anse Township Park & Campground: Community Park of approximately 97 acres includes 30 modern campsites, restrooms, and showers, three pavilions, playground equipment, horseshoes, and hiking/snowshoe trails. Softball/baseball field is located nearby.

Meadowbrook Park: A community park, formerly the L'Anse Schools football field. A sledding hill has been constructed on the property. The Township and Village are updating their joint recreation plan where the goals for this park's development will be outlined.

Second Sand Beach: Township-owned community park of approximately 30 acres is used for swimming, picnicking, and other day use activities; includes beach and picnic area with grills.



L'Anse Golf Club: 80-acre nine-hole public golf course with driving range is located three miles south of L'Anse.

L'Anse Township Hall: Township-owned building in downtown L'Anse is used for dances and other recreational activities.

McCormick Wilderness: A portion of the 17,000-acre wilderness is located within L'Anse Township, with the majority in Marquette County. The federally designated wilderness is within the Ottawa National Forest. Primitive camping is allowed. There is an established hiking trail in the Marquette County portion.

First Sand Beach: Public beach at the north end of First Sands is 40 feet wide with 4,500 feet of shoreline of which 400 feet is KBIC-owned.

Pinery Ski Trails: 5 kilometers of cross-country ski trails occupy approximately 80 acres; trails are marked and groomed and connect with L'Anse Area Schools Village Park.

Arvon Township

Arvon Township Park: 3-acre township-owned park contains playground equipment, baseball and basketball courts, covered picnic shelter with tables and grills, boat launch, and small swimming area.



Arvon School: 2-acre school-owned facility includes playground equipment and basketball court.

Big Eric's Bridge State Forest Campground: State campground includes 12 rustic campsites, vault toilets, and hand pump.

Covington Township

King Lake State Forest Campground: State campground includes six rustic campsites, vault toilets, hand pump, and boat launch.

Recreation Center and Park: 29-acre community park includes multi-purpose building with gymnasium, kitchen and meeting room; also includes ski hill and Little League field.

Softball field: 3-acre community park includes softball field and concessions.

Spurr Township

Beaufort Lake State Forest Campground: State campground includes seven rustic campsites, vault toilets, hand pump, and boat launch.

Craig Lake State Park: With 8,459 acres of almost completely undeveloped land, Michigan's most primitive and remote state park includes over 15 miles of hiking trails, including 7.5 miles of the North Country Trail, accessing 17 rustic campsites in addition to two "yurt" shelters and two rustic cabins for rent. The park includes six lakes and numerous small ponds.

COUNTYWIDE

North Country National Scenic Trail: Baraga County includes nearly 50 miles of this hiking trail which extends from New York to North Dakota. This segment is also part of Michigan's Iron Belle Hiking Trail, which extends from Ironwood to Belle Isle, Michigan. The Peter Wolfe Chapter of the North Country Trail Association is responsible for 125 miles of the North Country hiking trail through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Within Baraga County the trail passes through multiple land ownerships including Craig Lake State Park and the Ottawa National Forest and passes near a number of waterfalls including Tibbets and Canyon Falls.



Photo courtesy of Robert Witting

Some parts of the trail that are not yet permanently established utilize low-volume roads. There is a proposal that would connect Canyon Falls to established trail west of Craig Lake State Park, which would eliminate the road walk. The Canyon Falls trail is also in need of major maintenance and upgrades due to heavy usage.

Snowmobile/ATV Trails: Baraga County has extensive motorized trail systems. The Baraga County CVB oversees upkeep of the snowmobile trails, and MI-TRALE develops and maintains many ATV/ORV trails in the county. Access to a number of trails is by annual easement permission, making the network somewhat volatile; the ability to develop and maintain a permanent cohesive system is vital to the viability of the trail system for both summer and winter use.

Suggested additions to the trail network include connectors between Baraga and Silver Mountain and Sturgeon River Gorge scenic locations, which have been approved by Ottawa National Forest for ORV access.

ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Keweenaw Land Trust (KLT) is a community partner protecting land, water, and quality of life through conservation, stewardship and education. Through their work, KLT maintains numerous properties in both L'Anse and Arvon Townships for public use.

Finlander Bay: Finlander Bay is a 30-acre public nature center, protecting .25 miles of shoreline on the eastern side of the Abbaye Peninsula.

Koski Woods: This parcel is 364 acres of mixed forested habitat in the center of the Abbaye Peninsula encompassing upland and wetland hardwoods and conifers.

Koski Shores: Rugged and extraordinary, this parcel is 49 acres with over a half mile of rocky shoreline on Keweenaw Bay.

Point of View: With 1800 feet of shoreline along Keweenaw Bay, KLT's remote and rustic Point of View conserves 46 acres of wildlife and dramatic rock ledges and bluffs.

The Huron Bay Field Station: This former commercial game facility is a 1,345-acre wildlife nature area in the heart of the Abbaye Peninsula.

Lightfoot Bay: Lightfoot Bay is a coastal wetland and shoreline consisting of 131 acres on Huron Bay in Arvon Township.

Many of the Keweenaw Land Trust properties also include cabins for visitors and residents alike to enjoy the many recreational activities available on each property.

Figure 4. Keweenaw Land Trust Sites Map



PART 5 - NEEDS, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

Baraga County strives to define an affordable and achievable improvement program that will improve recreational opportunities for both residents and visitors. Baraga County has many recreational opportunities offered by a diverse group of providers. **County needs include improvements at Point Abbaye County Park and the newly acquired Sturgeon River Recreation Area. These two county parks warrant the development of both non-motorized and motorized trail opportunities.** The purpose of this plan is to address the needs and capitalize on opportunities. Following are identified goals and objectives:

Goal 1: Improve Point Abbaye County Park with added and updated facilities.

Objective 1: Continue Point Abbaye accessibility improvements while maintaining the rustic nature of the park.

Natural, historic, and wayfinding signage
Handicap accessible picnic areas and campsites

Objective 2: Communicate with the public about the progress of improvements through social media and the county website.

Objective 3: Create connectivity to the Keweenaw Water Trail.

- Designate non-motorized watercraft access point
- Develop rustic campsites



Photo courtesy of Tanya Rule

Goal 2: Develop the 1,184 acre Sturgeon River Recreation Area for residents and visitors for year around recreation.



Objective 1: Create a comprehensive plan for the future development of the park.

Objective 2: Develop motorized and non-motorized access within the park.

Construct road access to the Sturgeon River
Develop a trail system for access to the entire park

Objective 3: Establish designated non-motorized watercraft launch access and portage points on the Sturgeon River.

- Develop meandering river trails to support river access and safety.

Objective 4: Implement a plan for rustic campgrounds as well as campgrounds with facilities to support the ongoing development of the park.

Objective 5: Work with area groups to establish areas if appropriate for hunting and fishing within the park .

Objective 6: Communicate with the public about the status of the park through social media and the county website to acquire feedback to assist with future plans for the park.

Objective 7: Hire Summer Park Attendant(s) and Maintenance personnel through a user-fee at the park.

Goal 3: Secure, improve, and develop trail access for both motorized and non-motorized activities.

Objective 1: Collaborate with the Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Baraga County Trails in Motion, and other organizations on both motorized and non-motorized trail opportunities.

Objective 2: Collaborate with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on buildout of the non-motorized pathway linking Zeba north of L'Anse with Sand Point north of Baraga.

Objective 3: Support efforts to secure permanent and improved snowmobile and ORV trail access within Baraga County and connecting trails.

Objective 4: Support development of ORV scramble area (Sturgeon River Recreation Area).

Goal 4: Improve access and facilities for watersports.



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Objective 1: Explore potential access points along Lake Superior and rivers of the Sturgeon River Recreation Area for launching of non-motorized watercraft, such as kayaks and canoes.

Objective 2: Explore opportunities for additional public beachfront along Lake Superior and inland water bodies.

Goal 5: Support and coordinate with other efforts that enhance overall recreation opportunities and provide new types of opportunities in Baraga County.

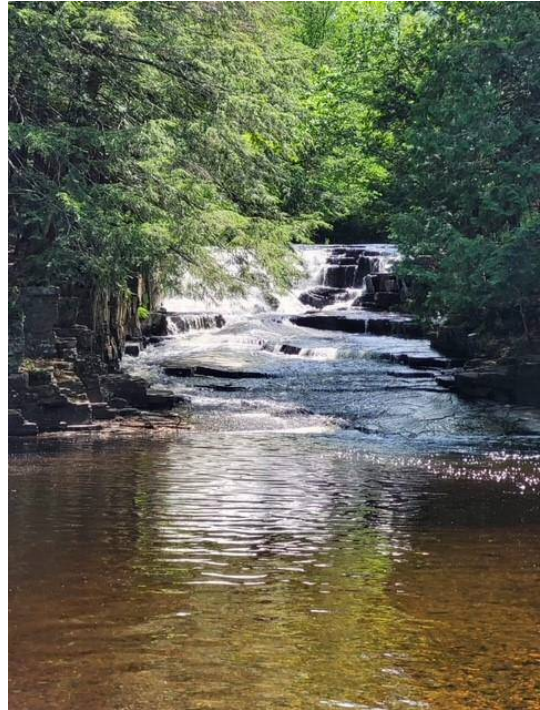
Objective 1: Work with both public and private entities to acquire key properties and provide improved recreational opportunities in Baraga County.

Objective 2: Provide support to grant applications for recreational improvements within the county.

Objective 3: Identify unique recreation opportunities or assets to capitalize upon that set Baraga County apart from others in the region, including exploration of a potential "International Dark Sky" park.

Objective 4: Explore the feasibility of a 'Fishing Trail' through L'Anse.

Objective 5: Convene recreation stakeholders in the county at the same "table" to promote efficient use of resources, ensure all efforts remain in parallel, foster productive conversation, and prevent duplication.



Goal 6: Acquire land and/or access to waterfalls and natural features within the county.

Objective 1: Work with and collaborate with organizations such as the Nature Conservancy, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Keweenaw Land Trust, and timber companies to establish access.

Objective 2: Seek out sources of funding for lands and access to the natural features of Baraga County

PART 6 - ACTION PLAN

With goals and objectives in place, a 5-year action program was identified to work towards accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Plan’s intent is to provide direction to the community in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of park and recreation opportunities. The Action Plan is not intended to be all inclusive nor exclusive, but used rather as a guide for recreation development. This Plan will remain somewhat flexible to account for changing needs and new ideas so that it will provide the best overall recreation opportunities for Baraga County residents and visitors.

Funding

Grant opportunities are constantly changing, so the County must continue to remain diligent in the pursuit of funding opportunities and look for project partners. A number of possible sources of funding for recreation projects within Baraga County are available as shown in **Table 4**.

Table 4. Potential Funding Sources

Description	Minimum Local Match	Source
County/Local Funds	N/A	Local
Community Foundation/Other (local service organizations and businesses)	N/A	Local
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) (\$15,000-300,000 grant for development projects)	25%	DNR
Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) (\$30,000-\$150,000 grant)	50%	DNR
Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG)	25%	DNR
Waterways Program Grants	50%	DNR
Recreation Passport Grants (Up to \$150,000 grant in 2022)	25%	DNR
Fisheries Habitat Grant Program	10%	DNR
Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Program	N/A	DNR
Snowmobile Trail Improvement Program	N/A	DNR
Recreational Trails Program	N/A	DNR
Spark Grant Program (\$100,000 up to \$1,000,000)	N/A	DNR
Law Enforcement Grants (Marine Safety, ORV, Snowmobile)	N/A	DNR
Coastal Zone Management (CZM) (\$10,000-\$100,000 in FY2023)	50%	DEQ
Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)	Varies	MDOT

Five-Year Action Plan

Work continues on the county’s recreation site at Point Abbaye and more projects have been identified. With the acquisition of the 1,184 acres in the Sturgeon River Recreation Area, the county will consider capital investments over the next five years annually that align with the Recreation Plan. Projects may be completed with in-kind services or contracted, while smaller components may be pursued based on funding availability.

Table 5. Baraga County Capital Improvements Plan

Project (Point Abbaye)	Project (Sturgeon River Recreation Area)	Est. Cost	Primary Funding
2023			
Additional trail design and development		\$55,000	DNR/Local
Additional trails and second trailhead with parking area, kayak launch point and rustic camping		\$190,000	DNR/Local
2024			
Point Abbaye Road Access Improvement		\$10,000	Local
Handicap accessible campsite with trail, rustic lean-to style campsites		\$50,000	DNR/Local
Trailhead and trail signage of natural and historically significant features		\$10,000	Local
2025			
Point Abbaye Road Access Improvement		\$10,000	Local
2026			
Point Abbaye Road Access Improvement		\$10,000	Local
	Road Access to Sturgeon River, clearing, culverts, drainage along with non-motorized trails & ORV trails	\$400,000	DNR/Local
Picnic area & Pavilion		\$75,000	DNR/Local
2027			
Point Abbaye Road Access Improvement		\$10,000	Local
	Establish Kayak & Canoe launch, portage points, kayak and canoe landing and trail system	\$150,000	DNR/Local
	Campgrounds with facilities	\$100,000	DNR/Local

Many recreation groups in the area have interest in different recreational opportunities across the county. The county will continue to partner with volunteers, recreation groups, and other local units of government to achieve mutual goals. Some current examples are:

- Trails in Motion – Kathy’s Path and The Loop trails near the L’Anse Township Park & Campground
- L’Anse Township – Linden Creek Trail
- Nature Conservancy – easements

The capital improvements plan (CIP) of projects (Table 5) is to be used as a working guide to meet the growing recreational needs in Baraga County.

- Create location maps for biking, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing. (Existing maps appear in **Appendix A**)
- Capture biking and running
- Develop interactive Apps.

Additional projects and opportunities may be identified over time and pursued as funding is available. The Point Abbaye components of the capital improvements plan are derived from the Point Abbaye Improvement Plan of 2011 (**Appendix B**). Capital improvement plans are currently being developed for the Sturgeon River Recreation Area.

PART 7 - PLANNING PROCESS

A Recreation Committee was designated by the Baraga County Board of Commissioners to guide development of this plan. The committee first met on August 2, 2022 to discuss recreation goals and objectives, accessibility to recreational opportunities that are safe, inclusive and welcoming to all. The committee provided additional input into the development of content for a public opinion survey (**Appendix C**) and agreed to conduct a joint survey with the Village of L’Anse and L’Anse Township Recreation Committee to avoid survey fatigue and garner a wider range of respondents. The survey, launched from the Survey Monkey platform on August 22, 2022, was open until October 15, 2022, and successfully recorded 320 responses. A paper copy of the survey was made available at the Township, Village, and County administrative offices, and the county’s public library. The link and the QR code to the Survey Monkey application was promoted on WUPPDR’s and the L’Anse Township websites and Facebook pages. Notice of the survey was sent to all L’Anse Village utility customers in their monthly billing in September. Press releases were sent to various media for Release on or after August 26, 2022 and published in the Daily Mining Gazette on September 20, 2022 (**Appendix D**).

The recreation committee met again on November 7, 2022, to consider the results of the survey (**Appendix E**) and develop a plan for recreation projects over the next five years. The plan draft was finalized and accepted by committee members, after which it was released and publicized on November 9, 2022 (**Appendix F**) for a 30-day public review period ending December 12 with comments accepted through December 9. The plan was made available via www.wupldr.org and in print at the County Administration Building. No comments were received prior to the Public Hearing.

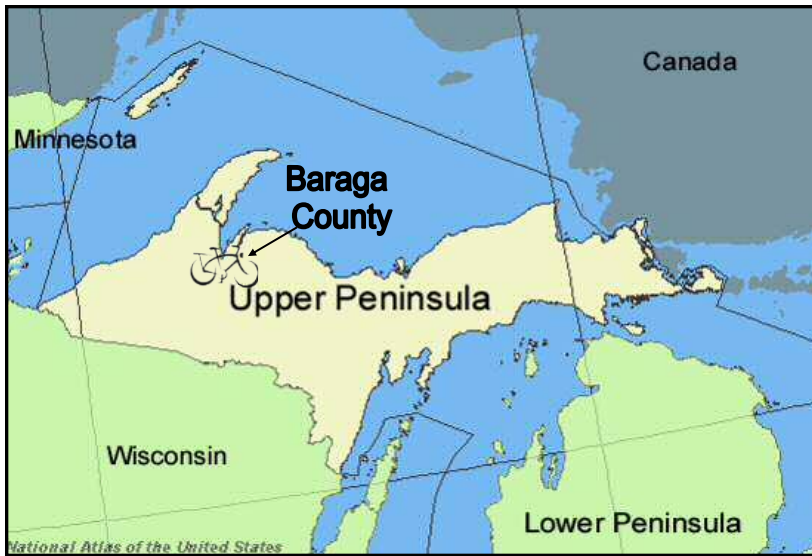
A public hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2022, at 4:45 p.m. at the Baraga County Courthouse and noticed in the L'Anse Sentinel (**Appendix F**) to accept final comment on the draft of the recreation plan. Comments received at the Public Hearing pertaining to the Recreation Plan were:

-Add an objective for the county to provide a park attendant to maintain services at Point Abbaye. The county noted that this is provided at least one time a week seasonally.

-Add a recommendation to establish a Memo of Understanding with other organizations and possibly the state to assist in acquiring access to waterfalls and natural features within the county

Following the public hearing, the County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt the plan (**Appendix G**).

APPENDIX A
AREA LOCATION MAPS



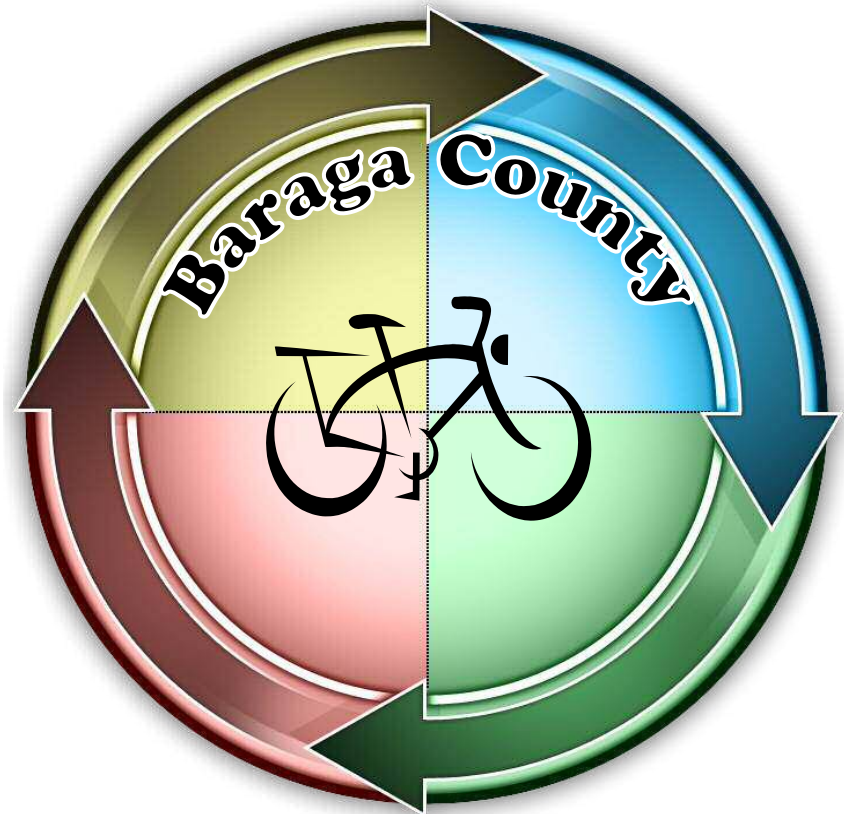
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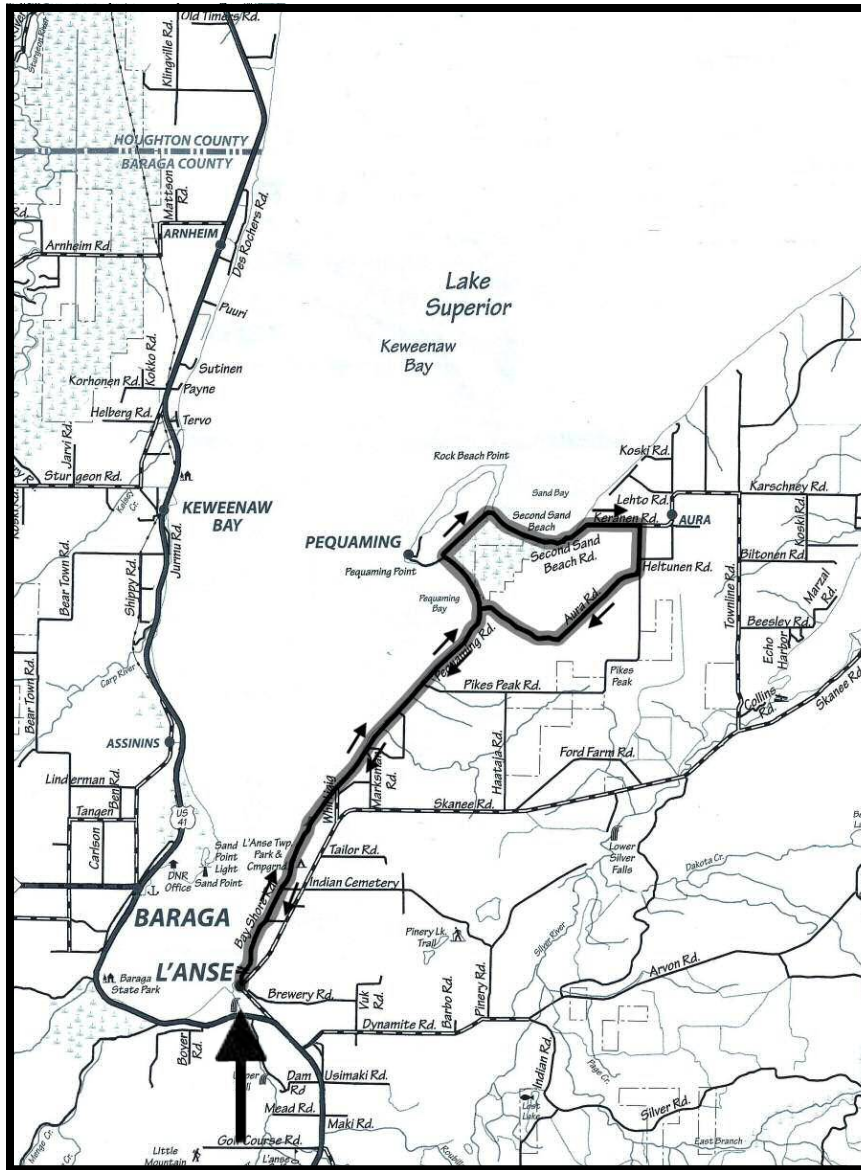
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Baraga County Bike Routes



Tour Da Pequaming

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the hub to cycle around Pequaming, Houghton or Keweenaw towns. Do you want to enjoy beauty beaches, and the sunsets over Lake Superior locals hearts skip a beats.

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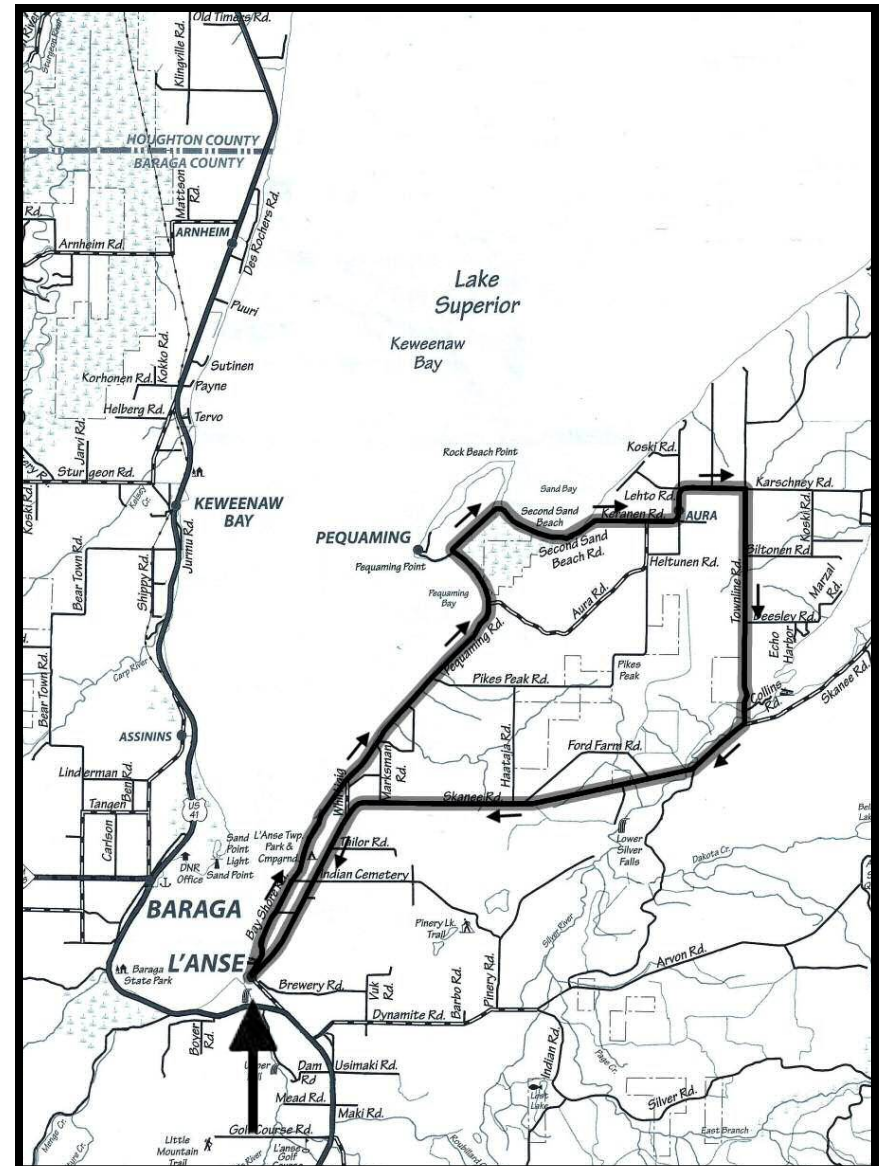
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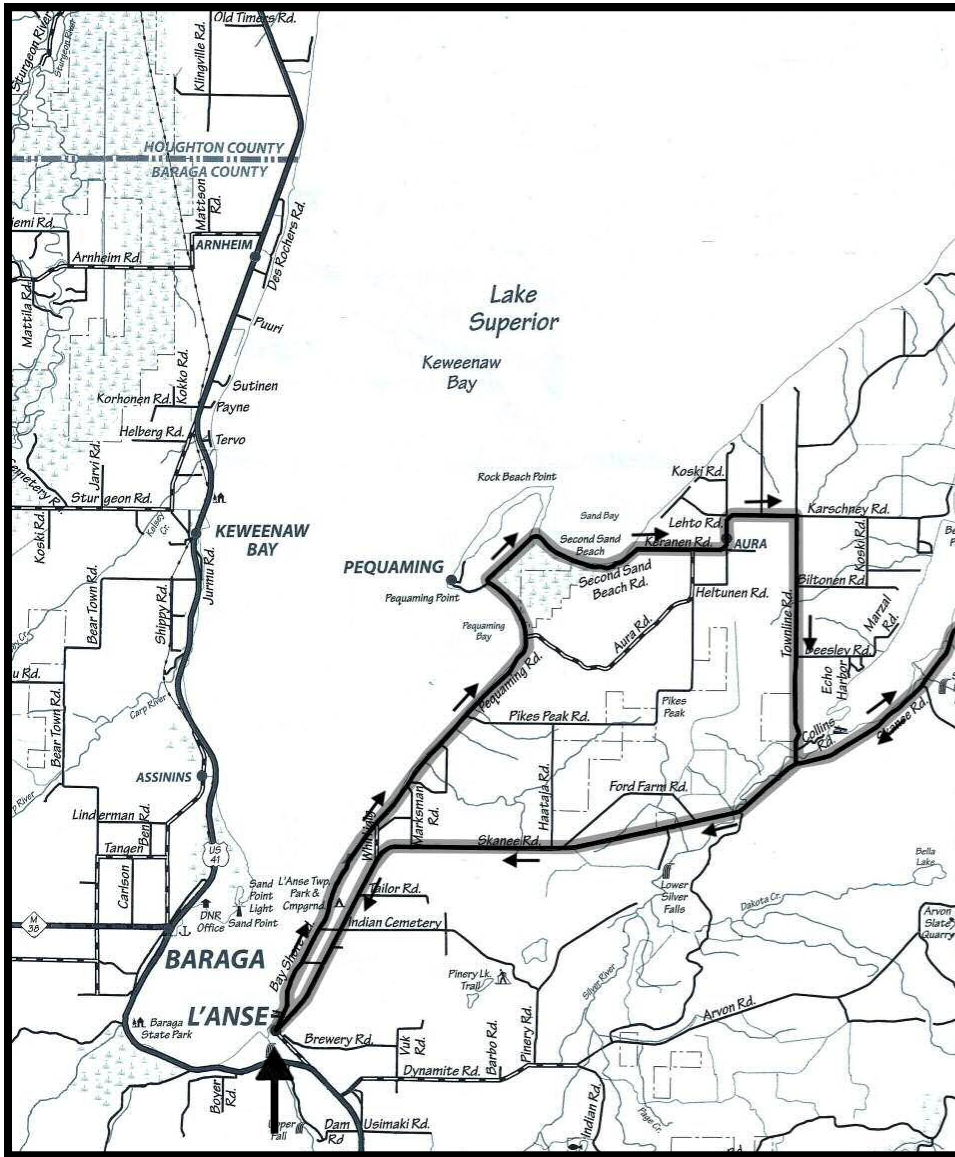
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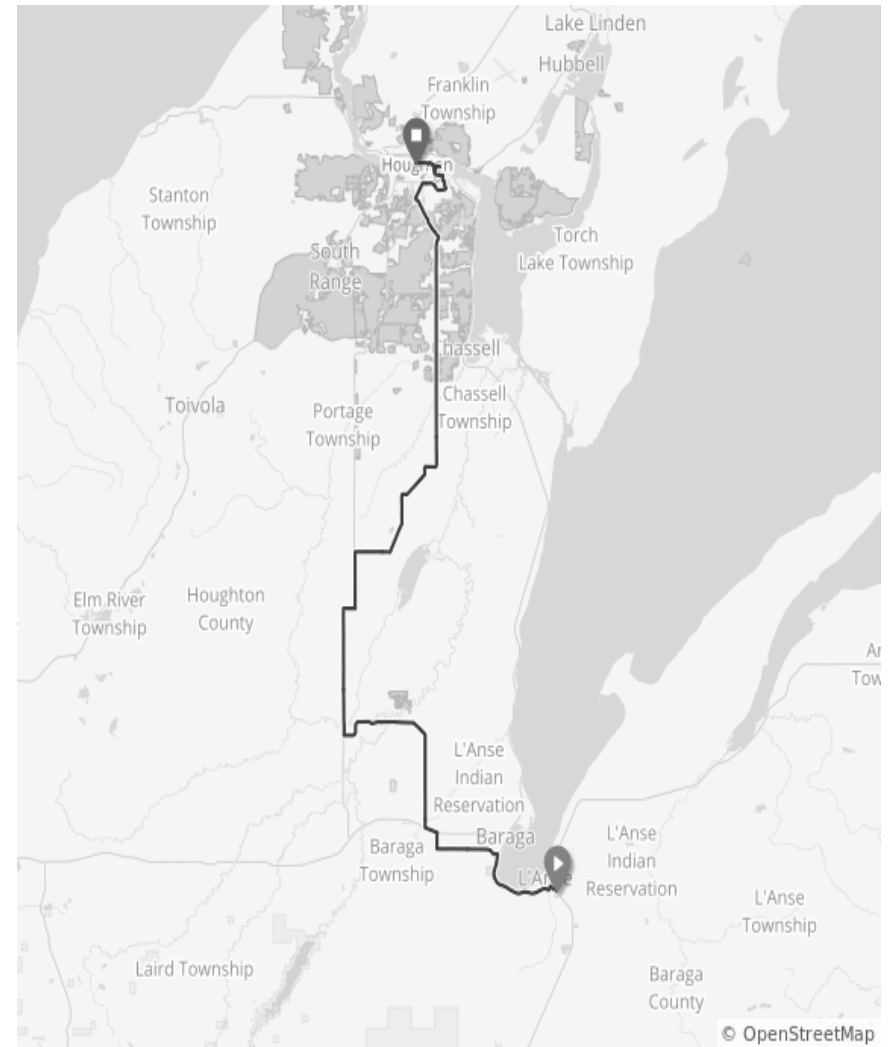
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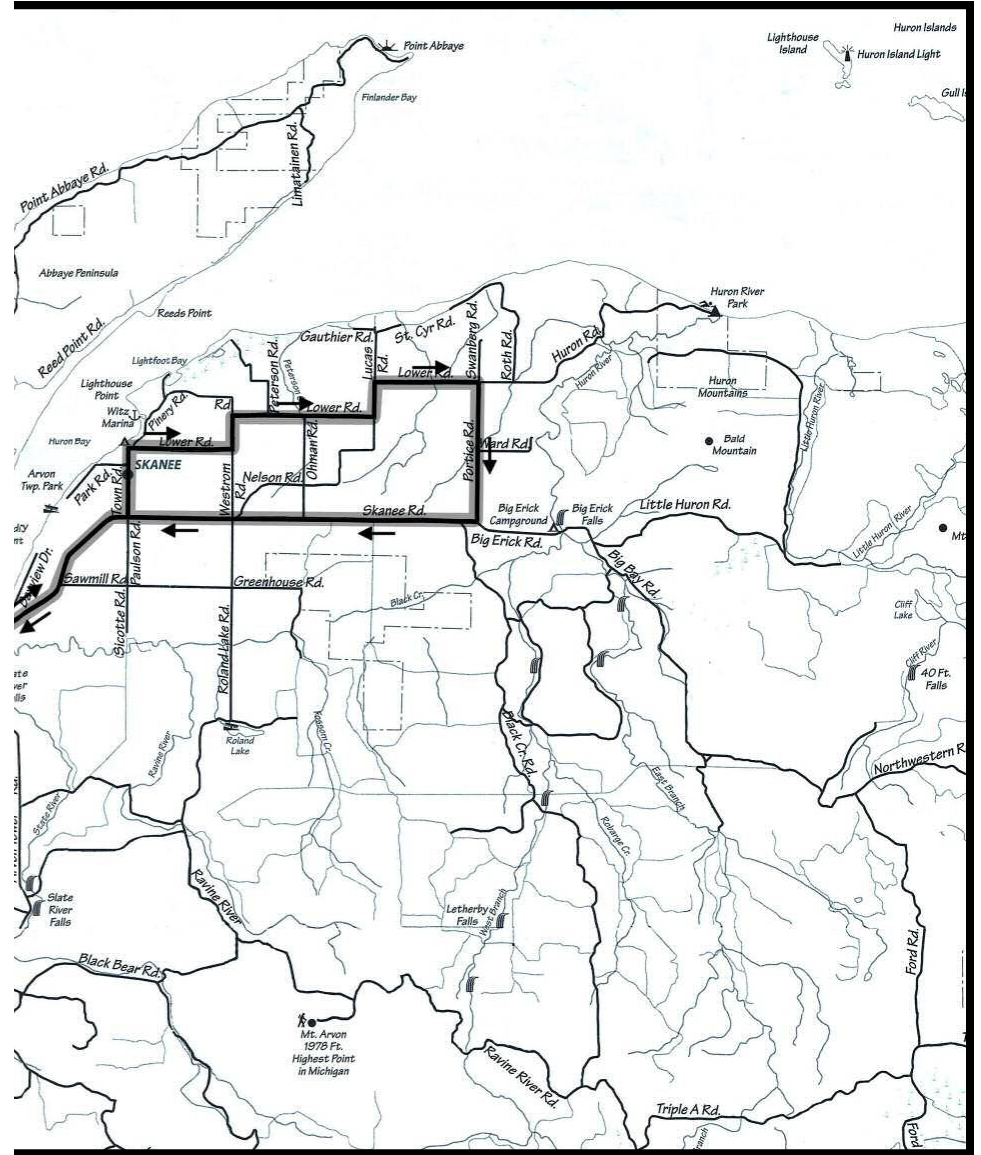
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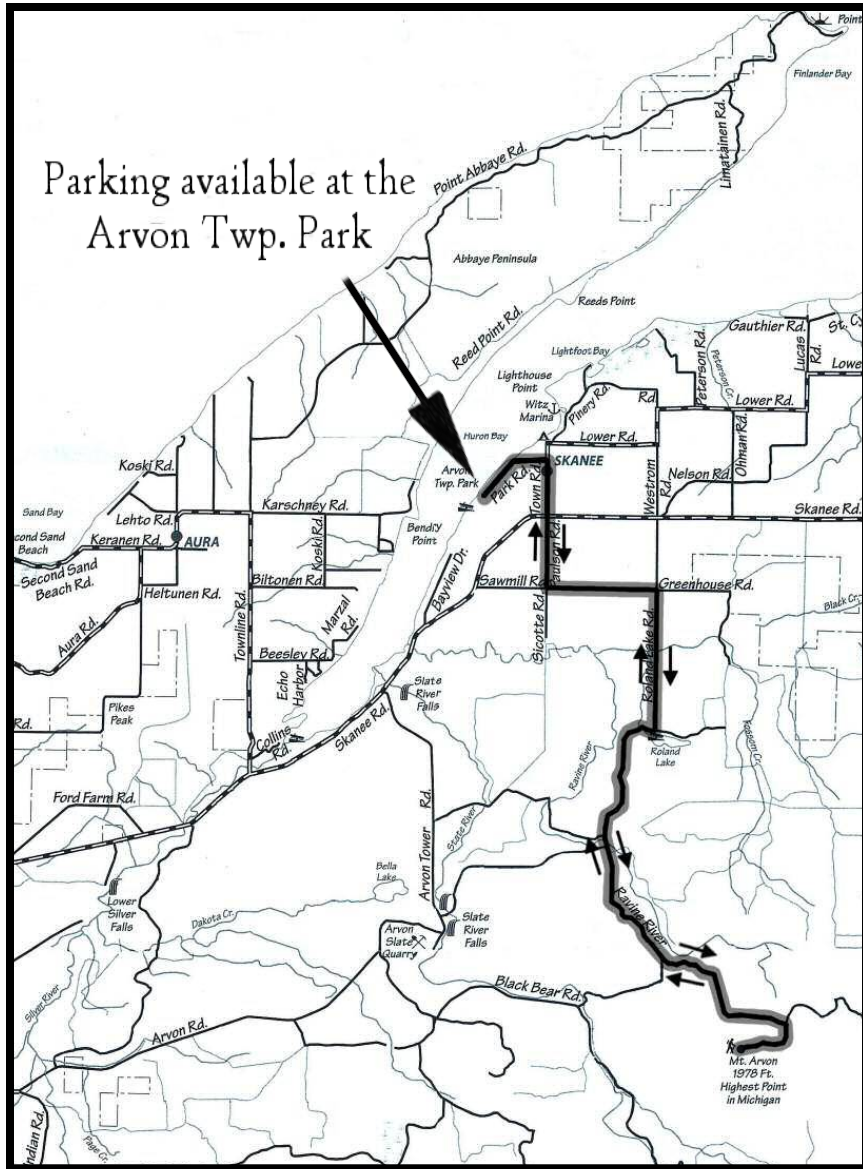
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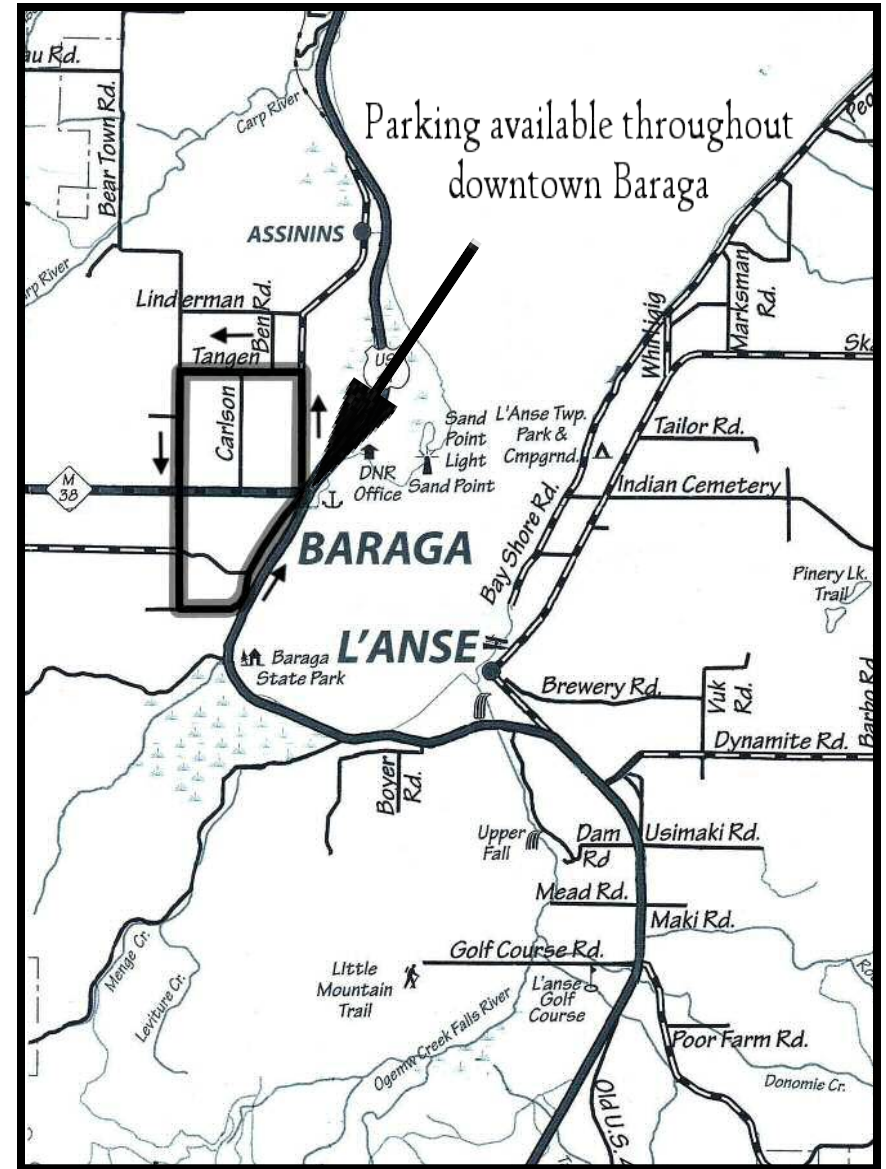
Tour Da Mt. Arvon

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Tour Da Baraga

5.6 MILES



9 - Arvon Historical Society in the old parsonage for the Zion Lutheran Church – circa 1907/1908. Hours 1-4 on Saturdays or call 524-4942 or 524-4843 for special access.

10 - Mount Arvon – Highest natural point in the State of Michigan – elevation of 1,979 feet - Turn right on Roland Lake Rd and follow the blue signs - driving approximately 8 miles to the parking area below the summit.

11 - **27.5 miles** to Big Eric’s Bridge, Big Eric’s Falls and primitive campground named for Big Eric Erickson, who was Henry Ford’s lumber camp foreman - located on the Huron River – turn right for one mile on Big Eric Bridge Rd.

12 - Mouth of the Huron – beautiful Lake Superior beach overlooking the Huron Islands, swimming and primitive camping. Turn right on Huron Rd.

13 – Arvon Township Park located on Huron Bay – turn right on Park Rd in Skanee – 1 mile - picnicking and boat launch ramp.

14 – Skanee – founded in 1870 by Swedish ship captain Walfred Been as he was seeking shelter from a storm on Lake Superior. Town is named after his home province of Skåne in Sweden. Skanee Town Hall – circa 1915

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15 - 17 miles to Wild Rice Area - Restoration - At the Silver River Access. The amount of wild rice in the western UP has declined from historic levels over the past centuries. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has worked on restoration since 1991 and it is our hope to have a self-sustaining wild rice population.

16 - Silver River Falls – turn left on Silver River Falls Rd – less than 1 mile.

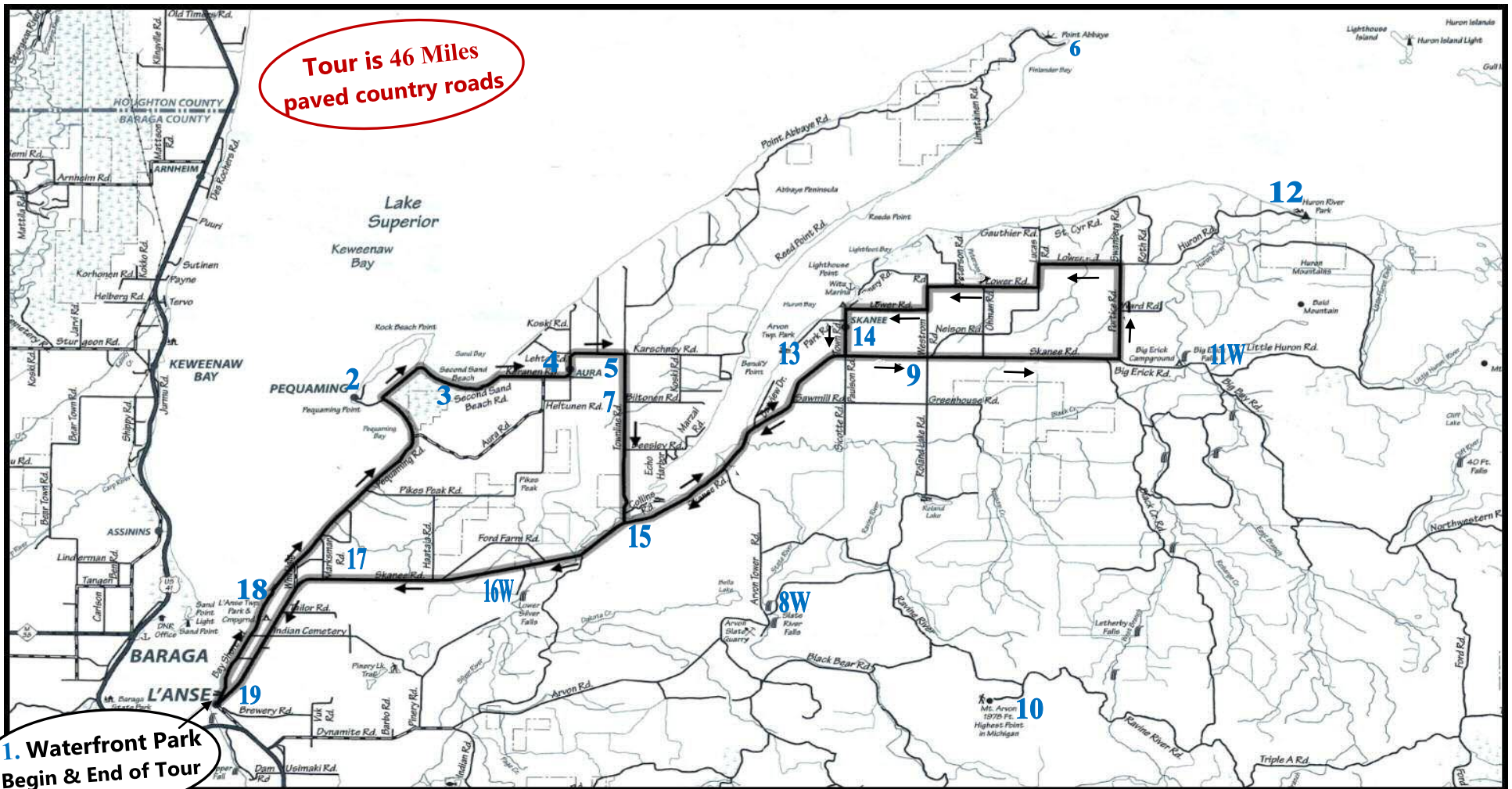
17 – Zeba – An Ojibwa community said to have first become a Methodist Mission settlement in 1835. The Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church on Marksman Road, was erected in 1888 and is an area landmark.

18 – L’Anse Township Park – site of the American Fur Company trading post operated by French Canadian Peter Crebassa after moving the trading post from the west side of the Keweenaw Bay to this location in 1836. Full service camping is available.

19 –The Village of L’Anse was incorporated in 1871 and became the county seat of Baraga County when it was created in 1875. L’Anse Township was established in May of 1846 with the first county elections held in L’Anse in July of 1848 after the U.P. was recognized as a part of the State of Michigan in 1837, and soon after becoming part of Houghton County. Don’t forget to check out the Falls River Falls too



Baraga County



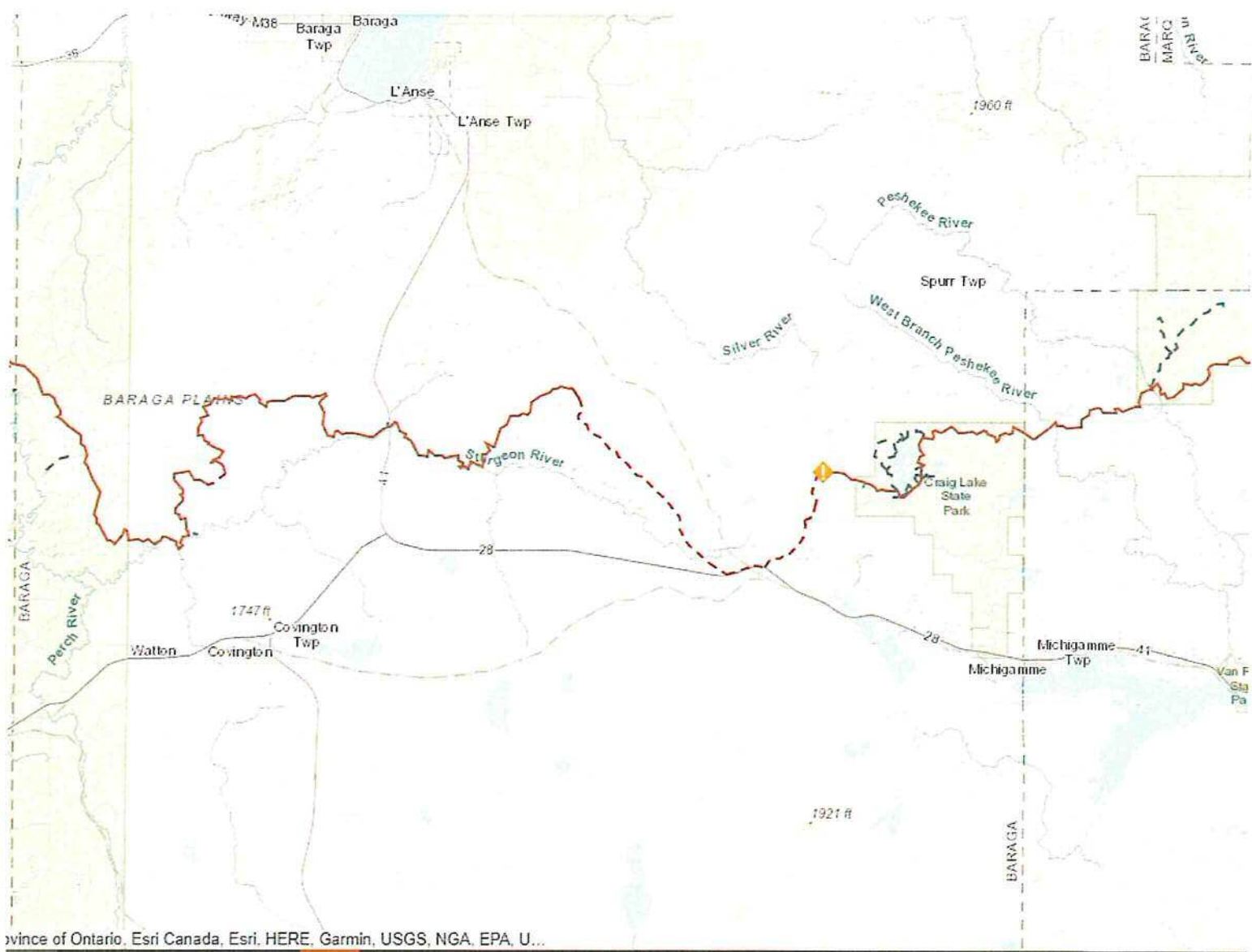
Tour is 46 Miles paved country roads

1. Waterfront Park Begin & End of Tour

- 1** – L’Anse Waterfront Park - **46 miles** begin & end tour
- 2** - Pequaming **8 miles** to (“Pequa quaming” Ojibwa name) – home site and ceremonial ground of the Ojibwa before the arrival of the Europeans. First European visitor was the Jesuit priest Rene’ Menard who wintered here in 1660. Site of the Hebard & Thurber Sawmill (1877) later Charles Hebard & Sons – purchased by Henry Ford in 1923, and operated until 1942 making wooden floorboards for automobiles, wood panels for station wagons and crating for auto parts manufactured in Kingsford, MI. The population of this company town peaked at nearly 800 in 1897.
- 3** - Second Sand Beach on Lake Superior’s Sand Bay swimming and picnicking.

- 4** - Aura Lutheran Church – Circa 1930
- 5** – Aura - Following the labor strikes at the copper mines on the Keweenaw Peninsula in 1913-1914, the Charles Hebard and Sons Company began offering 40 acres of harvested land for \$300 with attractive financing. In the summer of 1914, six Finnish pioneer families from the Copper Country wishing to realize the American dream of owning their own land began arriving and created the agricultural community of Aura. The word Aura is the Finnish word for Plow.
Aura Town Hall adjacent to the Aura Fire Department - sometimes referred to the “Red” Finn Town Hall, following a socialist schism that occurred among the Finnish emigrants across the country and living in the USA in the 1920s and early 1930s – circa 1926.

- 6** - Pointe Abbaye – beautiful views of Lake Superior, the Keweenaw Peninsula and the Huron Islands. Primitive camping. Turn left at Townline Rd and turn right on Pointe Abbaye Rd – approximately 8 miles to Point Abbaye.
- 7** – Aura Hall Co-op and Community Hall – circa 1932 – site of the Aura Fiddler’s Jamboree since 1977 held on the 3rd Friday and Saturday of July each year.
- 8** - Slate Falls and old Slate Quarry - turn right up Arvon Rd approximately 3 miles - in use from 1870 – 1892 and reopened again in the 1920’s for a short period of time by Ford.



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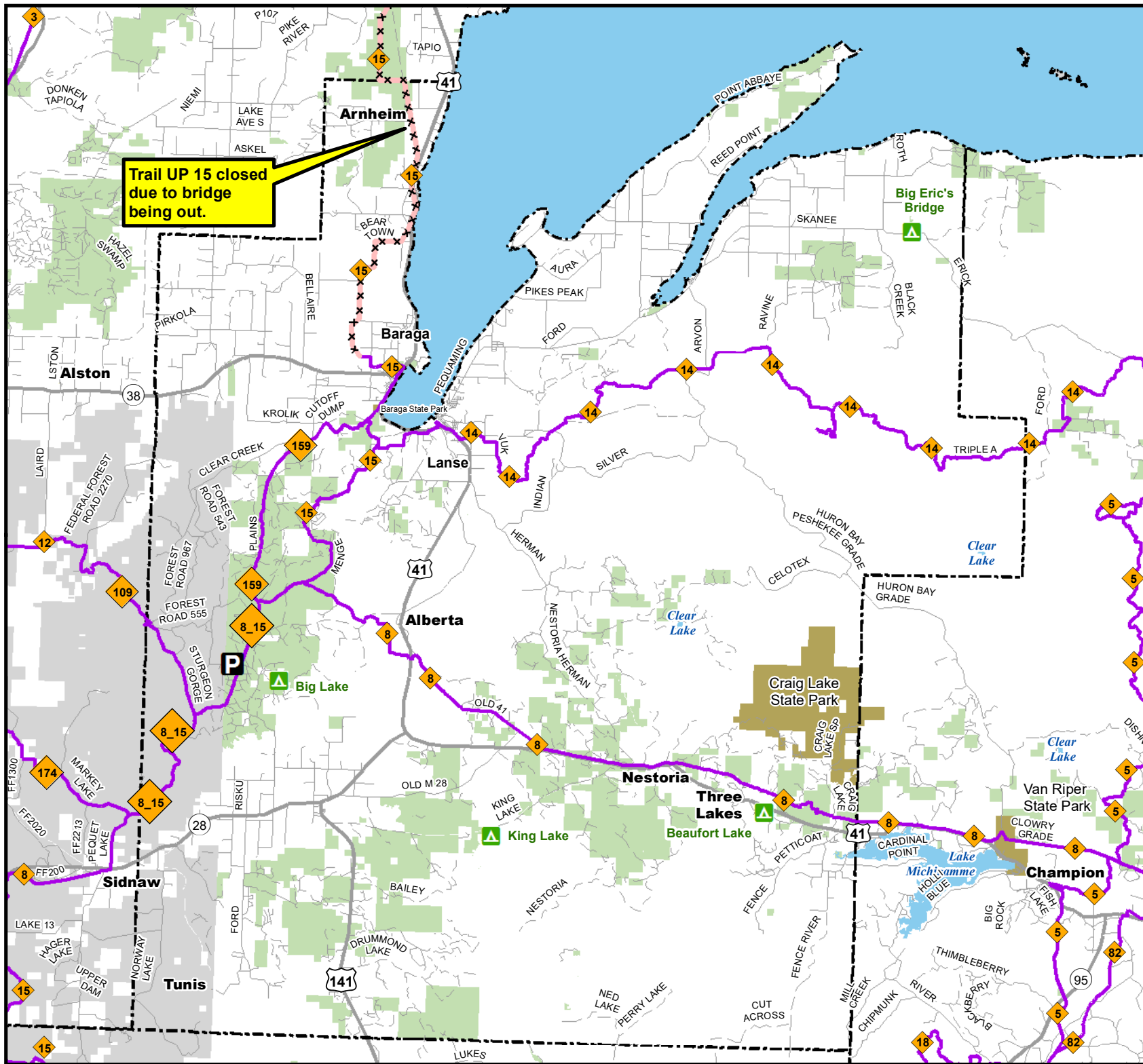
- Parking lot
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- Snowmobile trail
- State park boundary
- State forest land
- Federal land
- Lakes and rivers

Parking
Parking lot information is currently
unavailable.



**RIDE
RIGHT**

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APPENDIX B

EXCERPT POINT ABBAYE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Point Abbaye lands were gifted to Baraga County to preserve it as a natural area. Natural areas are defined in Michigan as *“areas that have retained the best examples of Michigan's native landscapes, ecosystems, natural communities or scenic qualities are recognized throughout Michigan as natural areas. Features used to identify natural areas include: size, uniqueness, pristine nature, aesthetic or scenic qualities, and outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. ”*

The goal of this Plan is to improve visitor access and use of Point Abbaye Natural Area County Park while at the same time maintaining the pristine natural setting. In order to preserve the natural setting of the Park, motorized uses have been excluded from consideration in this study. Uses that have been considered by the Committee are day trips, sightseeing, water access (power boat and paddle sports), primitive camping, hiking, mountain biking and in the winter, snowshoeing and Nordic skiing. Identified needs include:

- Point Abbaye Road drainage and surface improvements (to be determined);
- better managing motorized access;
- improved water access;
- expanded non-motorized trails;
- designated primitive camping;
- enhanced parking facilities;
- new directional and interpretive signage; and
- acquisition of additional connecting properties as available.

In addition, an opportunity to develop an additional 8-10+ mile non-motorized trail on adjacent MDNR and private properties connecting to Point Abbaye to enhance opportunities for non-motorized users has been identified (see Map 4: Point Abbaye Proposed Trail Network for a map of the proposed trails connecting to adjacent lands). Permissions and easements would be needed to complete a trail connecting through the MDNR land and adjacent private lands.

Keweenaw Bay



Huron Bay



Legend		
	Pt. Abbaye Non-Motorized Single Track	
	DNRE Loop	
	Roads	
	Section Line	
	Parcel Boundary Lines	
	Parking	
		State/DNRE Ownership
		Baraga County Ownership
		Wetlands

Point Abbaye Proposed Trail Network Map 4

 	Created by: WUPPDR
	Source: ESRI, MI CGI. Date: October 2010

Proposed Facilities

U.P. Engineers and Architects (UPEA) was contracted to prepare drawings of proposed facilities and develop cost estimates based on Committee input. Following are the proposed improvements:

Parking Lot Relocation - The Committee identified the location of the existing parking area as an impediment to restricting vehicle access and as an intrusion to the natural experience. A new parking area (eight vehicles) will be built at a pinch point along the access road and rocks will be installed to restrict vehicle access and mark the beginning of the accessible non-motorized trail to the point.

Boat Launch - The new parking lot location is also situated at a natural shelf where trees will be cleared to allow small boats and kayaks to launch from the rocks. The parking area will be built to the east of the road and include parking for day users and boat trailers/vehicles. This location also allows direct access to Keweenaw Bay for kayaks and canoes.

Toilets – A new toilet facility is proposed at the main parking area.

Trail/Camping Parking – A smaller parking lot for eight vehicles (seven cars and one van accessible space) will be installed at the intersection with McBeth Road. This smaller parking lot will serve as an additional trailhead for the Park as well as the proposed trail connecting to surrounding land. It will also be parking for designated primitive campsites to be located on the Huron Bay side of the Peninsula.

Trails – The trail system will be redesigned to include an *accessible trail* from the main parking area to the tip and a number of natural/rustic stacked loops will be built that explore various highlights of the property and connect to both trailheads. Spur trails will lead to designated campsites.

Designated Primitive Campsites – In order to preserve the day use experience, designated campsites (8-10) with cleared tent site and fire rings will be provided where appropriate. One group site is proposed for the Keweenaw Bay side on interior land and two handicap accessible sites near the accessible trail.

Signage – A number of signs will be needed including:

External Directional Signage – Improved directional signs will be installed beginning at Skanee and Townline Road with distances to Point Abbaye.

Park Sign – An arrival sign will be installed at the intersection of Point Abbaye Road and McBeth Road where it clearly announces that users have arrived at the Park.

Internal Signage – All trails will have small confidence signage installed to keep users on pathway.

Trailhead Kiosk – A trailhead kiosk will be installed at both parking areas. The lakeshore parking area will have additional information for boaters. Information will include area map, rules of use, information on Point Abbaye and other information deemed appropriate.

Interpretive Signage –Strategically located interpretive signage will be placed to educate users about geology, flora and fauna, Lake Superior, features on the horizon, etc.

Road Improvements - The Baraga County Road Commission has indentified the need to improve the drainage and surface of the roads to Point Abbaye. Specific needs and costs are to be determined.

Preliminary Designs and Cost Estimates

See the next five pages for the preliminary designs and cost projections provided by UPEA for Point Abbaye based on the proposed improvements:

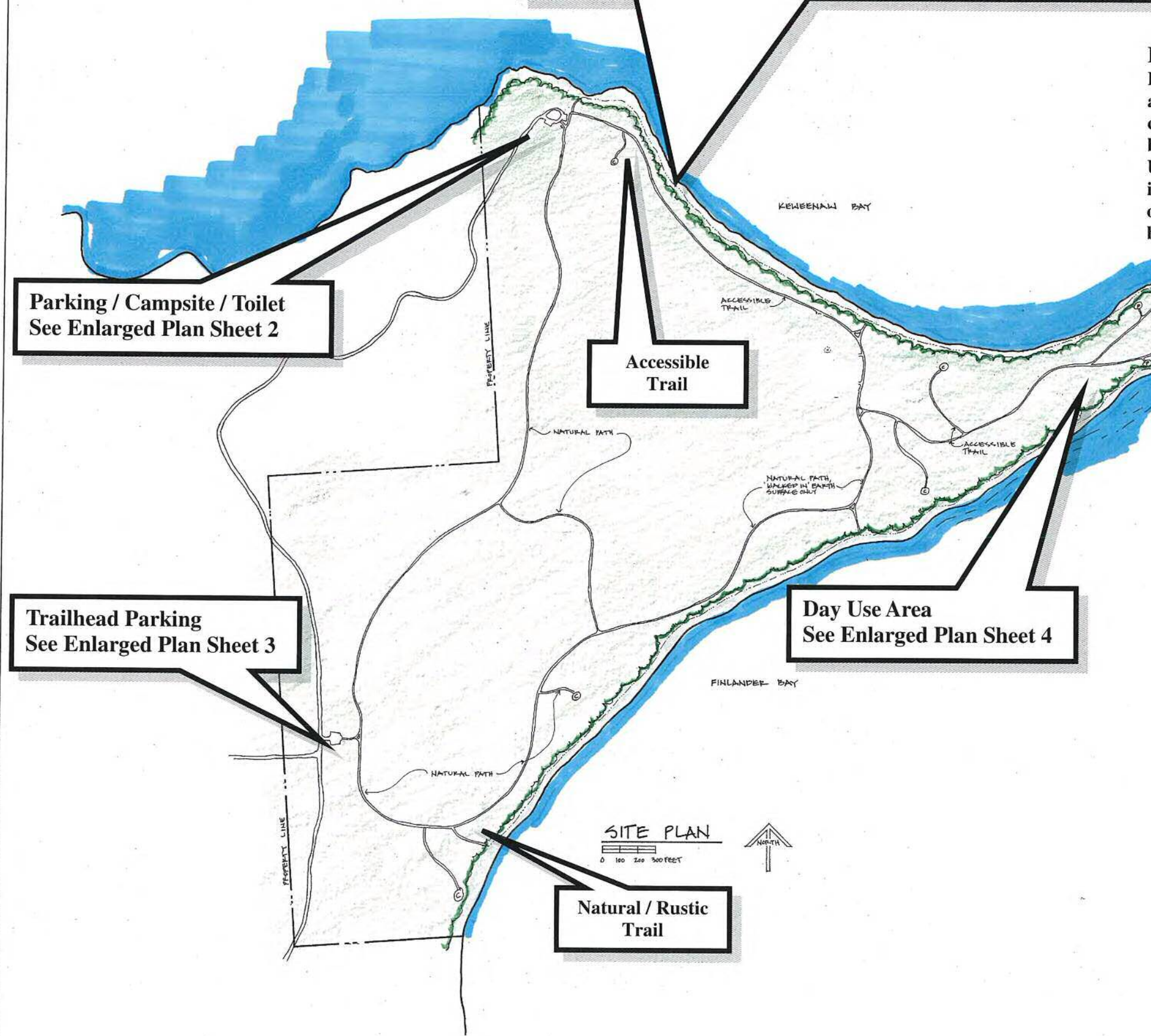
1. Point Abbaye Improvement Plan
2. Enlarged Plan – Boat Launch Site
3. Enlarged Plan – Trailhead Parking
4. Enlarged Plan – Day Use Area and Group Camping
5. Cost Projections

**Bedrock Trail visually separated from perimeter Trail and campsites.
Trail could be marked by cairns built from gathered materials.**

Design Narrative:
Point Abbaye is one of the most majestic natural areas anywhere. Sitting on the bedrock shore conveys a dramatic sense of isolation that is becoming more rare even in remote areas like the Upper Peninsula. Preservation of that sense of place is the criteria driving the design decisions shown on this plan. From the first visit the bedrock shore beckons one to walk the shoreline.

However it is also obvious that with a little wind, that path would be difficult to navigate which presses a need for an interior trail as well. This design endeavors to visually separate these two routes preserving the parks 'spirit of place'.

The design includes a trailhead/parking area at the end of Point Abbaye Road. There is some improvement proposed for the 'point' establishing it as a day use area. Camping is formalized as defined rustic sites. These isolated individual campsites are scattered in a strategic way to visually separate shore hikers from campers, preserving that sense of 'being the only one at the point'. The design is proposed as 'universally accessible' for the route connecting the parking area to the point. Additional trails are minimally improved rustic 'walked-in' trails to preserve the natural appeal of Point Abbaye



**Parking / Campsite / Toilet
See Enlarged Plan Sheet 2**

Accessible Trail

**Day Use Area
See Enlarged Plan Sheet 4**

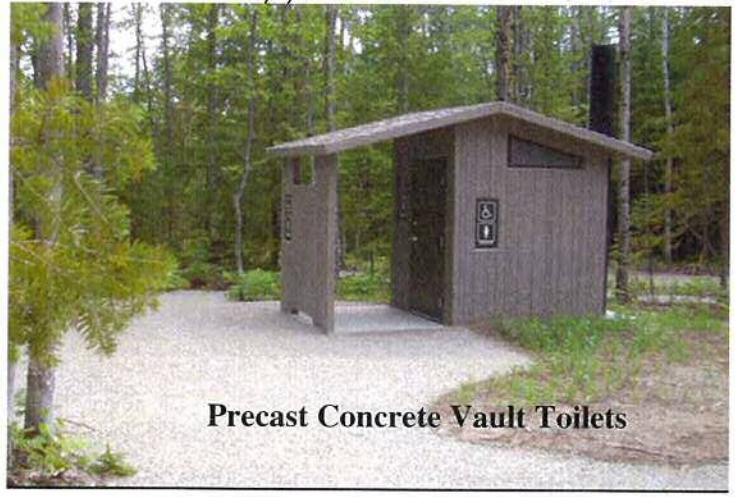
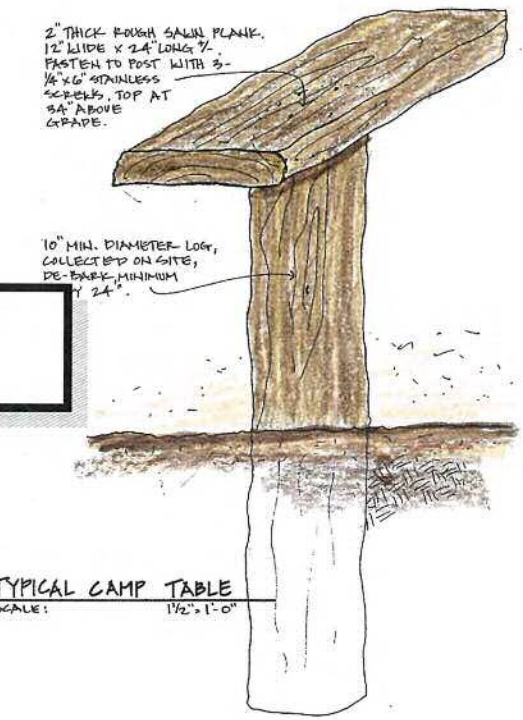
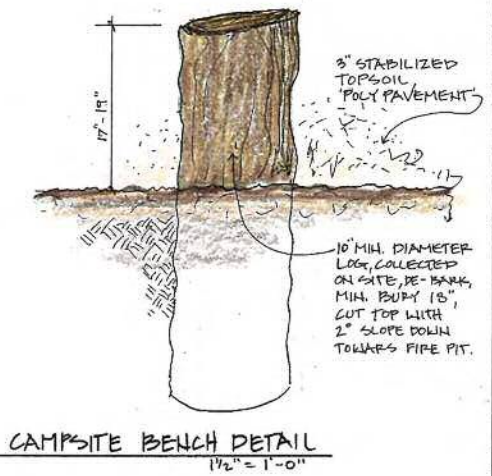
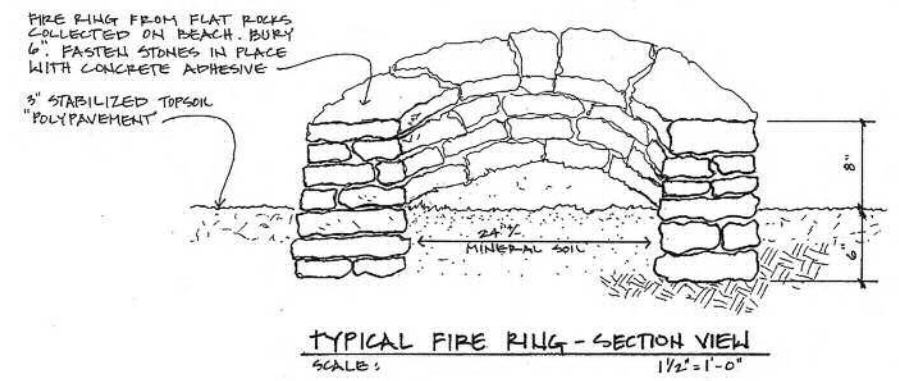
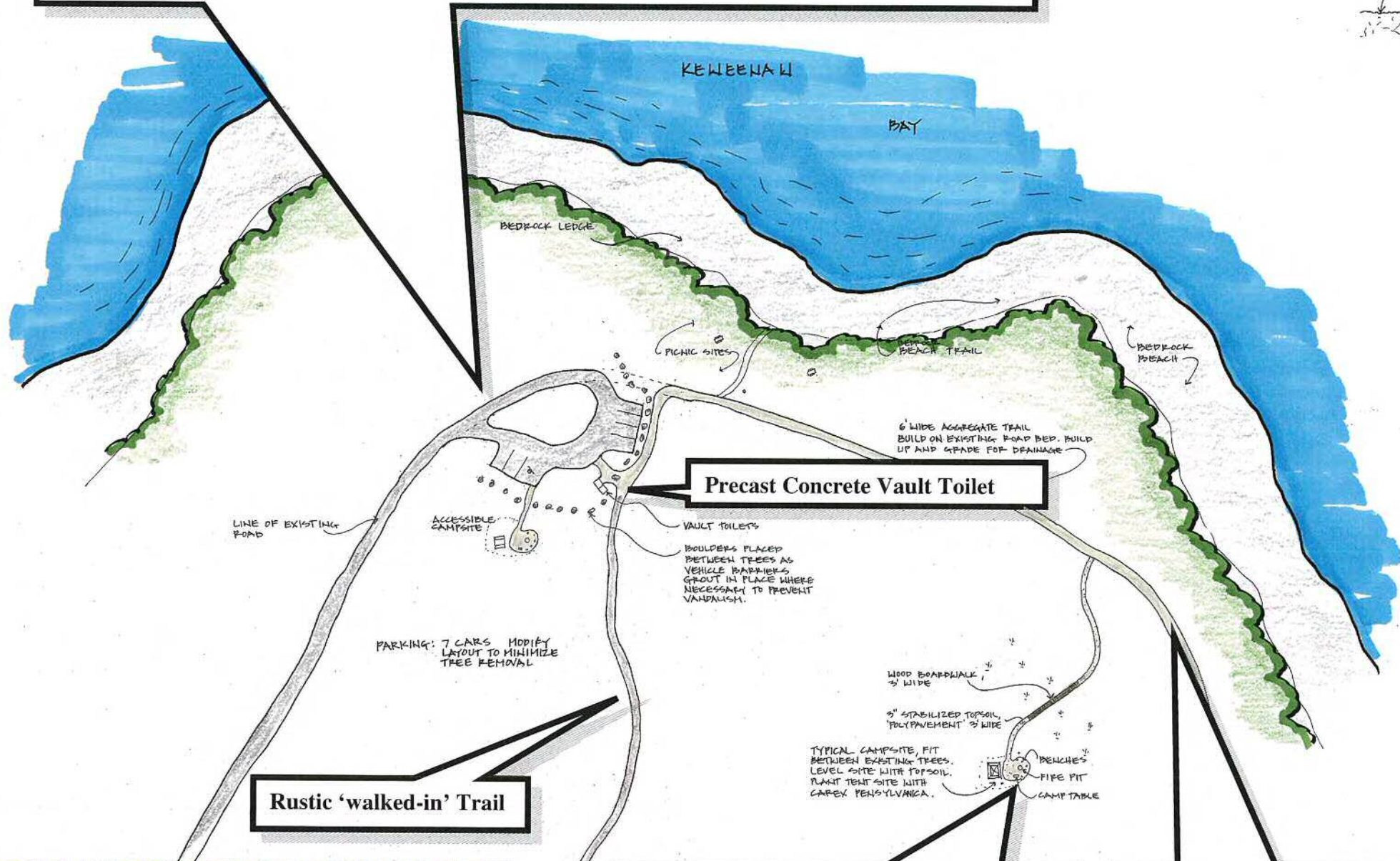
**Trailhead Parking
See Enlarged Plan Sheet 3**

Natural / Rustic Trail

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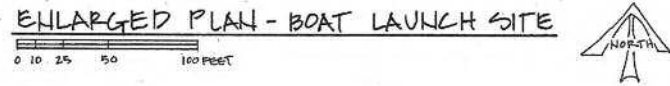


Trailhead / Parking:
 Niche parking for 7 cars including one van accessible space. Picnic sites limited to tables / upland sedge plantings. Vehicle control with large boulders, grouted and pinned in place where necessary. One accessible campsite with space for several tents. Circle drive to facilitate maintenance vehicle access.



Campsite Handicap Accessible: Isolated from perimeter Trail

Accessible trail built on existing road bed.



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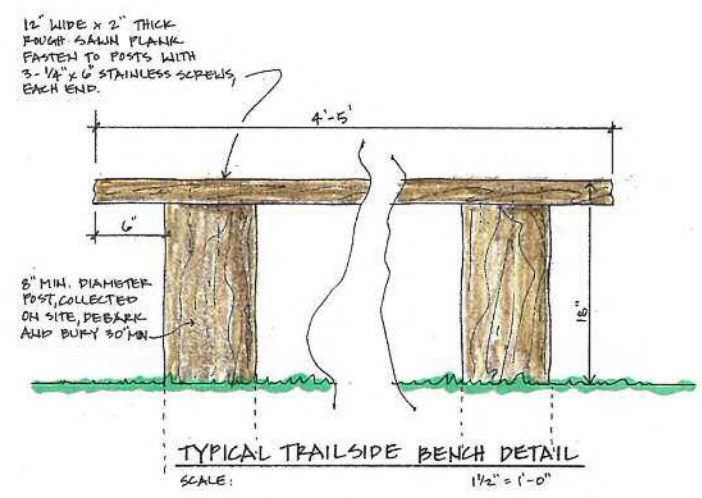


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Trailhead Parking, 8 cars

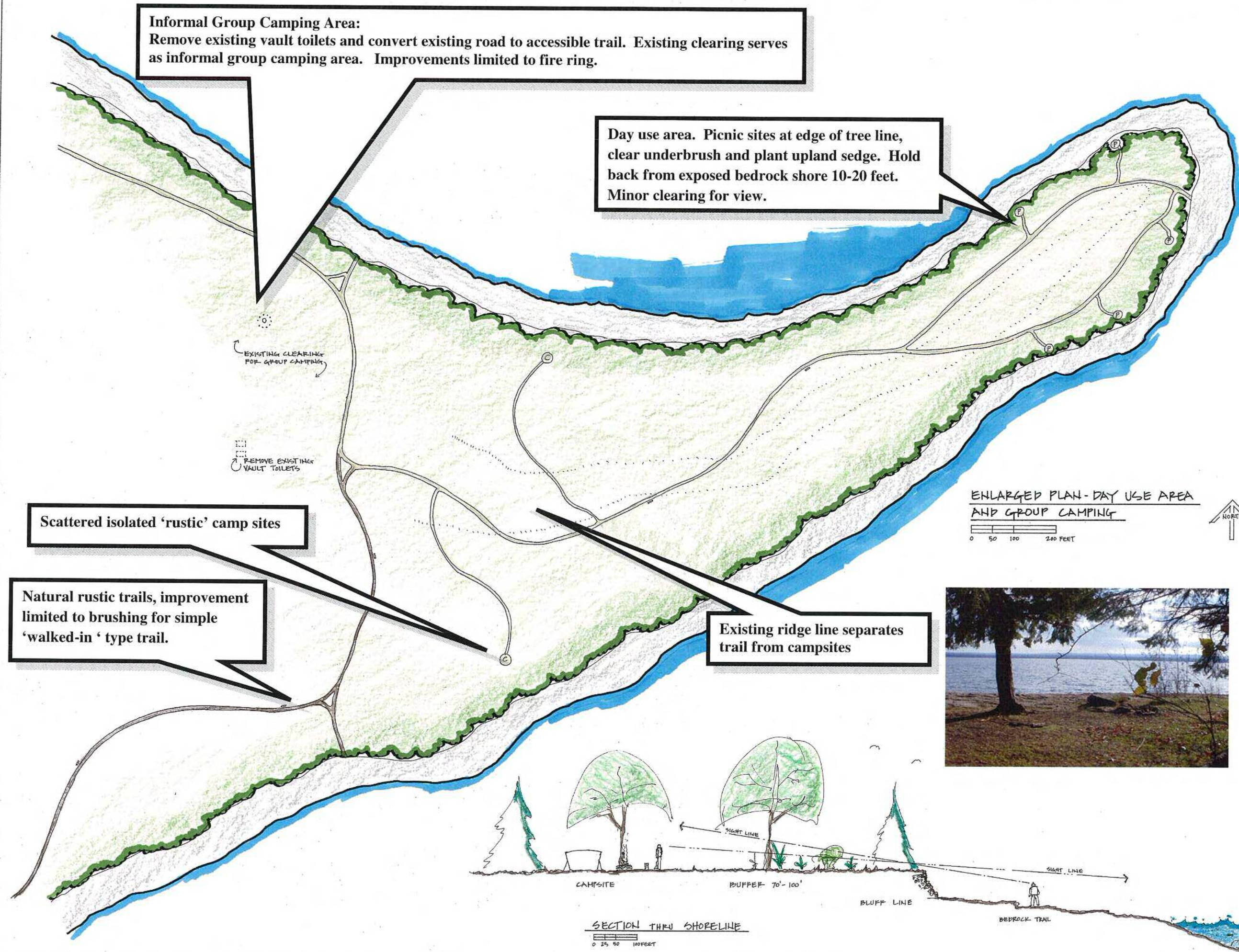


ENLARGED PLAN - TRAILHEAD PARKING
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Cost Projections (based on June 22, 2011 Final Plan)

Trail, Campsites and Day Use Improvements: includes clearing, grading and aggregate surface for 6 foot wide (accessible) trail. Aggregate handicap accessible trail includes the section beginning at the lakeside parking lot extending to the point. The trails on the Finlandia Bay side of point are rustic, "walked in" paths. The work of rustic paths includes clearing, minor grading and signage only. Also includes three foot wide wood boardwalk over wetland area at campsite. Paths to accessible campsites are aggregate at 3 feet wide along accessible paths only. Camping site improvements on rustic paths is limited to a fire ring. Restoration along path edges and at campsites is a seeding of native upland sedges. Miscellaneous trail markers and three interpretive signs are included. Simple benches at trail side and at day use sites are also included.

Trail aggregate (1.1 miles).....	\$45,000
Clearing and grading for rustic trails (1.9 miles).....	\$20,000
Wood Boardwalk (3' wide)	\$12,800
Campsite paths and tent pads	\$6,500
Campsite and picnic amenities	\$15,000
Restoration/landscaping	\$18,000
Trail Signage/Trail benches/interpretive signage	\$8,500

Lakeside Trailhead: includes clearing, grading and aggregate paving for driveway and 7 parking spaces and one interpretive sign. Also includes landscaping/vehicle barriers and picnic amenities, 1 campsite, and 1 barrier-free unisex toilet.

Clearing, grading and paving.....	\$12,000
Accessible unisex vault toilet	\$19,000
Trail connection.....	\$500
Boulders, landscape restoration	\$3,500
Campsite and picnic amenities	\$4,000

Trailhead, 'T' Intersection: includes clearing, grading and aggregate paving for driveway and parking. Also includes one interpretive sign, trail connection and landscape restoration.

Clearing, grading and paving.....	\$8,000
Trail Connection.....	\$800
Landscape restoration, signage	\$1,200

Subtotals:

Trail/Campsites/Day use	\$125,800
Lakeside Parking Trailhead	\$39,000
'T' Parking Trailhead	\$10,000

Totals:

Construction cost.	\$174,800
Engineering, permits and fees	26,000
Project Cost Projection	\$200,800

APPENDIX C

JOINT BARAGA COUNTY, VILLAGE OF L'ANSE AND
L'ANSE TOWNSHIP SURVEY

2022 Baraga County and the Village of L'Anse & L'Anse Township Joint Recreation Survey 2022



Baraga County and the Village of L'Anse & L'Anse Township are updating their Five-Year Recreation Plans and seek your input to help plan recreational projects for future planning. This survey includes questions about your recreational interests and preferences for improvements to recreation sites owned by Baraga County or Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township. This joint survey will ensure greater response from all residents and visitors alike.

The survey can be completed online (**preferred method**) at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCLVTRecPlan> or by scanning the QR code. If you choose to complete this paper version, return it by **September 25, 2022**, to the location where you obtained it or to: **WUPPDR, 400 Quincy St., 8th Floor, Hancock, MI 49930**

- Please indicate your residency status (check one):
 - I am a **full-time resident** of Baraga County
 - I am a **seasonal resident** of Baraga County (less than six months/year)
 - I am not a resident, but I do visit Baraga County (if so, skip to question 3)
 - I am not a resident (if so skip to question 3)
- If you are a resident of Baraga County, where is your residence (check one)?
 - Village of Baraga
 - Village of L'Anse
 - Arvon Township
 - Baraga Township
 - Covington Township
 - L'Anse Township
 - Spurr Township
 - Not sure
- How many persons in your household fall into each of the following age groups:
0-5 years: _____ 13-19 years: _____ 40-64 years: _____
6-12 years: _____ 20-39 years: _____ 65+ years: _____
- Does anyone in your household, including you, have a disability or require specialized recreation? Specialized recreation refers to recreation facilities and equipment that have modifications or accommodations to allow individuals with disabilities to use the facilities and equipment. List any specific recreation sites or facilities where household members have experienced mobility difficulties.
 - Yes if yes, please explain: _____
 - No
- Does anyone in your household use or take part in any of the following? (Check **ALL** that apply).

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<input type="radio"/> Camping (RV)	<input type="radio"/> Pickleball	<input type="radio"/> Tennis
<input type="radio"/> Canoeing/kayaking/other non-motorized boating	<input type="radio"/> Picnicking	<input type="radio"/> Visiting Historical Sites
<input type="radio"/> Climbing	<input type="radio"/> Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/> Volleyball
<input type="radio"/> Dancing	<input type="radio"/> Quilting	<input type="radio"/> Walking
<input type="radio"/> Disc golf or Frisbee	<input type="radio"/> Rockhounding	<input type="radio"/> Yard Games
<input type="radio"/> Exercise Classes	<input type="radio"/> Running/jogging	<input type="radio"/> Yoga
<input type="radio"/> Fishing	<input type="radio"/> Sailing	

Other; please specify: _____

QUESTIONS 6 TO 13 PERTAIN TO BARAGA COUNTY PARKS

6. Have you or someone from your family ever visited **Point Abbaye**?
 Yes No Not Sure
7. In the past year, how many times did you or someone from your family visit **Point Abbaye**?
 0 1-3 4-10 More than 10
8. Which, if any, of the following factors prevent you (or have prevented you in the past) from visiting **Point Abbaye**? (check **ALL** that apply)
 Didn't know it existed or was open to the public Road Access
 Didn't know how to get there Other Reasons, please specify: _____
 Quality of facilities
9. Below is a list of potential projects for Point Abbaye. Please rank each project in order from **1** being the **HIGHEST** priority and **8** being the **LOWEST** priority (please use each number one time).
____ Improve and develop walking/hiking trail network
____ Update restroom facilities to handicap accessible
____ Develop a water trail (boat launch point every 2 miles around the point) for non-motorized boats
____ Improve signage
____ Develop biking trails
____ Develop handicap accessible campsites
____ Develop rustic campsites
____ Improve parking area
10. Please describe any other recreational activities, facilities, and opportunities you would like the County to develop or maintain at **Point Abbaye**.

11. THE NEW "STURGEON RIVER PARK" IN BARAGA COUNTY

In August 2022, Baraga County accepted a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to purchase a parcel of land within Covington Township on the Sturgeon River. The property covers 1,184 acres with more than 4 miles of water access along the Sturgeon River.

Below is a list of potential recreational facilities for the **Sturgeon River Park**. Please rank each facility in order of your desire to see the facility as part of the park with **1** being the **HIGHEST** priority, and **8** being the **LOWEST** priority (use each number only once).

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|--|------------------------------------|
| ____ ORV scramble area | ____ Equestrian trails |
| ____ Motorized trails for ORVs, ATVs, and snowmobiles | ____ Handicap accessible restrooms |
| ____ Non-motorized trails for quiet sports (hiking, biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing) | ____ Campsites/campground |
| | ____ Playground |
| | ____ Kayak/canoe launch areas |

12. Please describe any other recreational activities, facilities, and opportunities that you would like the County to develop at the **Sturgeon River Park**.

13. Please list any additional projects you would like for the Baraga County Parks and Recreation Committee to consider.

QUESTIONS 14 TO 17 PERTAIN TO THE VILLAGE OF L'ANSE & L'ANSE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

14. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of recreational opportunities in the **Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township?**

- Extremely satisfied
- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Not so satisfied
- Not satisfied at all

15. Please indicate if you have visited any of the following **Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township recreation sites** this year:

	Yes, I have visited this year	No, I did not visit this year	I do not know if I visited this year
Waterfront Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Third Street Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meadowbrook Arena	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pinery Lake Ski Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L'Anse Township Park & Campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Second Sand Beach Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L'Anse Township Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6 th Street Basketball Court	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meadowbrook Park (old football field)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sledding hill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. Below is a list of potential recreational projects and goals for the **Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township** to prioritize. Indicate how you would prioritize each goal using the provided scale where **1 = HIGHEST** and **5 = LOWEST**. Indicate your response for each goal.

	1 High Priority	2	3	4	5=Low Priority
Improve the Linden Creek Trail & corridor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish a Farmer's Market at Meadowbrook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Install new boards and insulate the roof at the Meadowbrook Arena	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop a skate park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop an outdoor ice rink	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop a winter ice skating path	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop a mini golf/laser tag facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop a disc golf course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop a pickleball court	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop BMX bike trails at the Township Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify): _____

17. Please describe any additional recreational activities, facilities, and opportunities you would like the **Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township** to develop.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

18. Overall, how important are recreational experiences to your household's quality of life?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not so important
- Not at all important

19. How important is it to you to have **wireless internet** connection access when participating in recreational activities?

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not so important
- Not at all important

20. What is the best way to inform residents and visitors about recreational facilities and opportunities in Baraga County and the Village of L'Anse & L'Anse Township? (Check **ALL** that apply)

- Websites
- Social Media
- Newspaper
- Journals and Magazines
- Radio
- Any other suggestions? _____
- Cable News
- Roadside Signs
- Signs
- Word-of-mouth

Survey results will be included in the draft 2023-2027 Recreation Plan, which will be available for public review at least one month prior to a public hearing for its adoption later in 2022. Public notice will be given at the appropriate time.

APPENDIX D
SURVEY PUBLICITY



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News Release

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August 23, 2022

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Members of the public can have a voice in the planning effort by responding to a short survey.

Online responses are preferred and can be provided at

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

Flyers will be posted in locations across the area with a QR code for easy access to the survey website.

Alternatively, a paper copy can be obtained at the Ojibwa Community or L’Anse public libraries; the village, township, or county office; and the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce; or by contacting WUPPDR at (906) 482-7205 ext. 118 or lmckenzie@wupdr.org. This phone number and e-mail address may also be used to contact Lisa McKenzie, Assistant Regional Planner, for more information.

The survey will be open to responses through at least September 25, 2022.

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Lisa McKenzie

From: Lisa McKenzie
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 3:19 PM
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Attachments: WUPPDR_Baraga_L'AnseVTRecSurvey_PR_08232022.pdf; Baraga-L'Anse TV Survey Flyer.pdf

Hello!

Please see the attached press release for publication **after 8/26/22** regarding the joint recreation survey for Baraga County and the Village of L'Anse & L'Anse Township for their respective five-year recreation plan updates. I have also attached our survey flyer with a QR code.

Thank you for your assistance with publicizing these important efforts to garner community input in their recreational preferences. Let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,

Lisa McKenzie

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Tell us what you think about

Recreation



Your input will guide the recreational priorities in the 2023-27 recreation plans

Follow the QR code to complete the survey.



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Participate in the Baraga County, Village of L'Anse, and L'Anse Township

Survey

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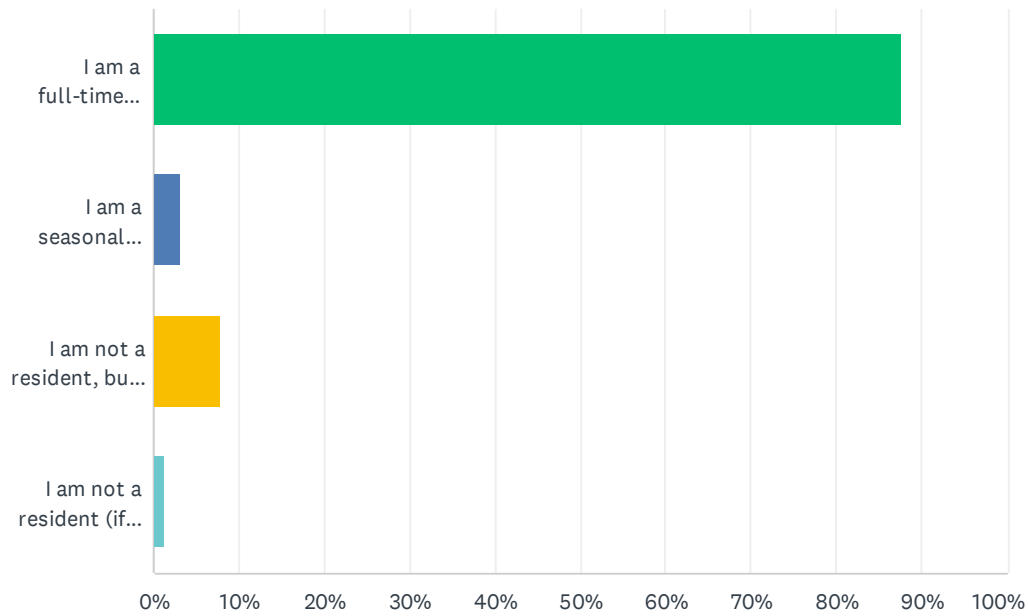
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APPENDIX E
SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 Please indicate your residency status (check one)

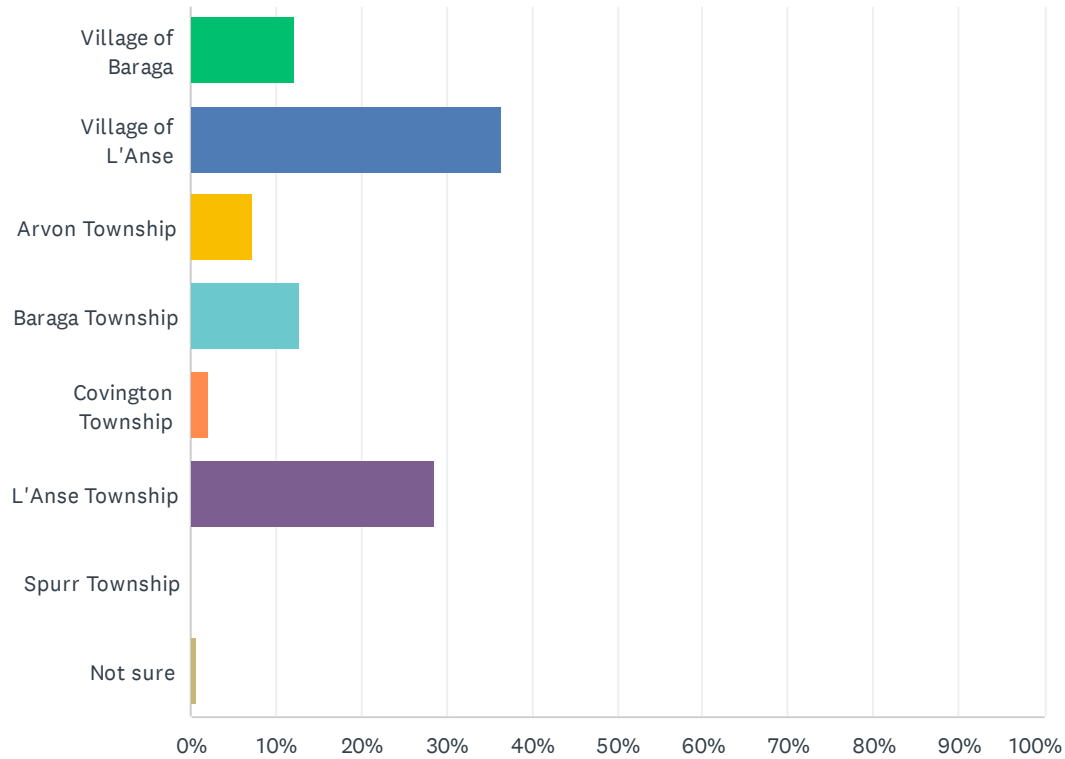
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a full-time resident of Baraga County	87.74%	279
I am a seasonal resident of Baraga County (less than six months/year)	3.14%	10
I am not a resident, but I do visit Baraga County (if so, skip to question 3)	7.86%	25
I am not a resident (if so, skip to question 3)	1.26%	4
TOTAL		318

Q2 If you are a resident of Baraga County, where is your residence (check one)?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Village of Baraga	12.07%	35
Village of L'Anse	36.55%	106
Arvon Township	7.24%	21
Baraga Township	12.76%	37
Covington Township	2.07%	6
L'Anse Township	28.62%	83
Spurr Township	0.00%	0
Not sure	0.69%	2
TOTAL		290

Q3 How many persons in your household fall into each of the following age groups?

Answered: 314 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	24.84%	78
6-12 years	28.66%	90
13-19 years	27.71%	87
20-39 years	48.09%	151
40-64 years	63.38%	199
65+ years	21.02%	66

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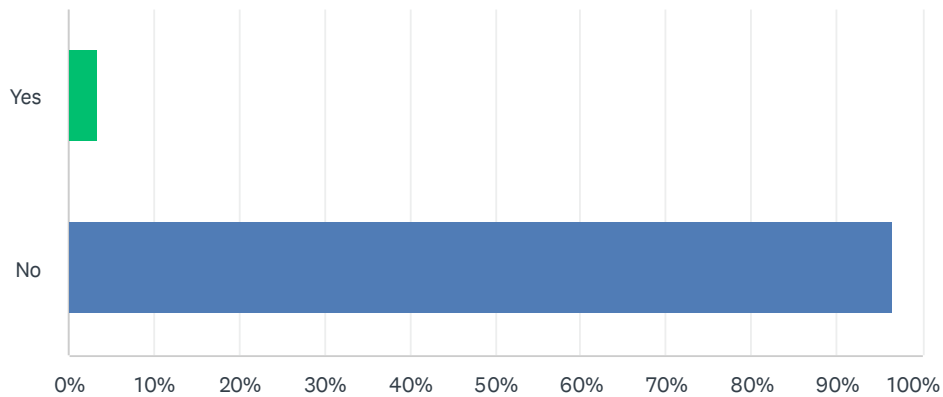
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Q4 Does anyone in your household, including you, have a disability or require specialized recreation? Specialized recreation refers to recreation facilities and equipment that have modifications or accommodations to allow individuals with disabilities to use the facilities and equipment. List any specific recreation sites or facilities where household members have experienced mobility difficulties.

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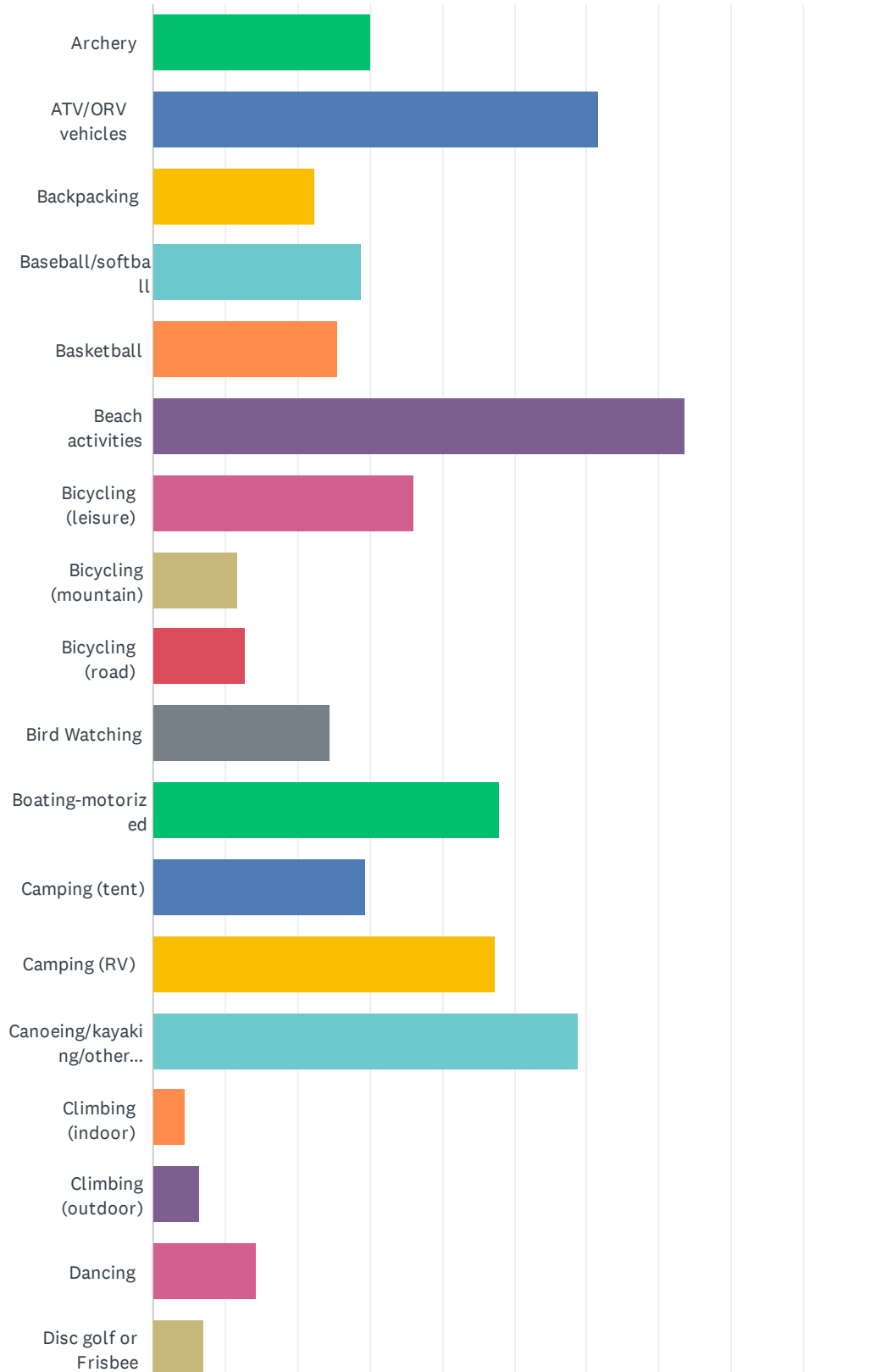


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	3.48% 11
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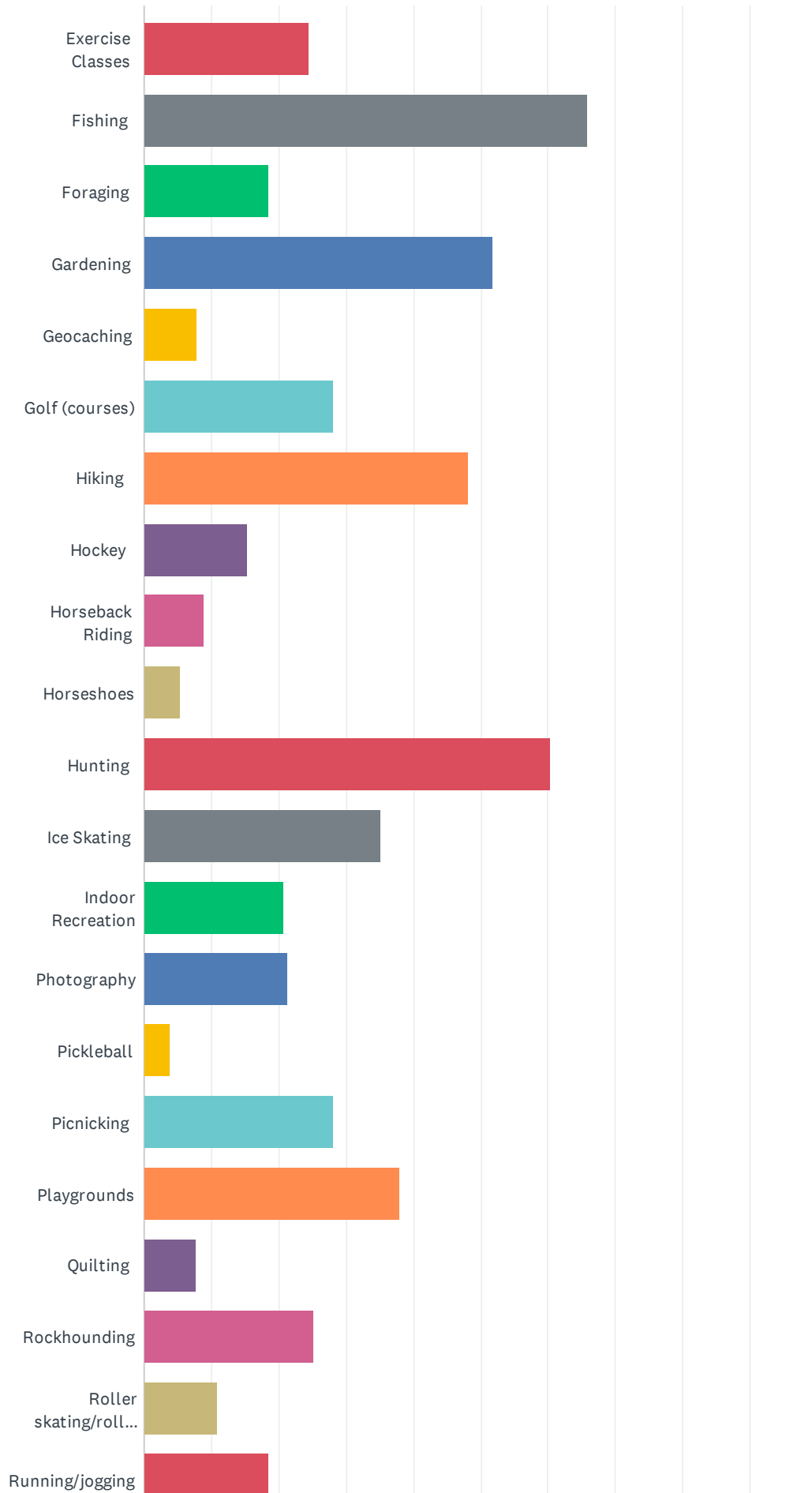
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1	Sensory issues. No mobility issues.	9/21/2022 5:31 AM
2	Our daughter has epilepsy and cognitive delays...so a playground that had soft ground and more inclusive playground equipment would be amazing.	9/19/2022 11:09 PM
3	Visual and walking	9/19/2022 3:19 PM
4	I have issues walking too far. Close parking would be great	9/19/2022 12:53 PM
5	Need easy trails, joint issues	9/3/2022 11:26 AM
6	My mother in law uses A wheelchair	9/2/2022 7:41 PM
7	In my household, there are no disabilities. However, within L'Anse, the Senior Housing (Greenhill Manor) & Headstart (BHK) buildings are located just above the Falls River where a trail somewhat exists. It isn't well maintained. It would be nice to have safe & comfortable trail connections to the Falls for our seniors and children. Perhaps some benches & picnic spots for everyone. I would like us to think of what we have & make improvements there and maintenance is extremely important.	8/29/2022 11:14 AM
8	Mobility issues, but we haven't had problems accessing areas we like to visit	8/25/2022 9:34 PM
9	Second Sands, mobility issues	8/25/2022 8:34 PM

Q5 Does anyone in your household use or take part in any of the following (Check ALL that apply)

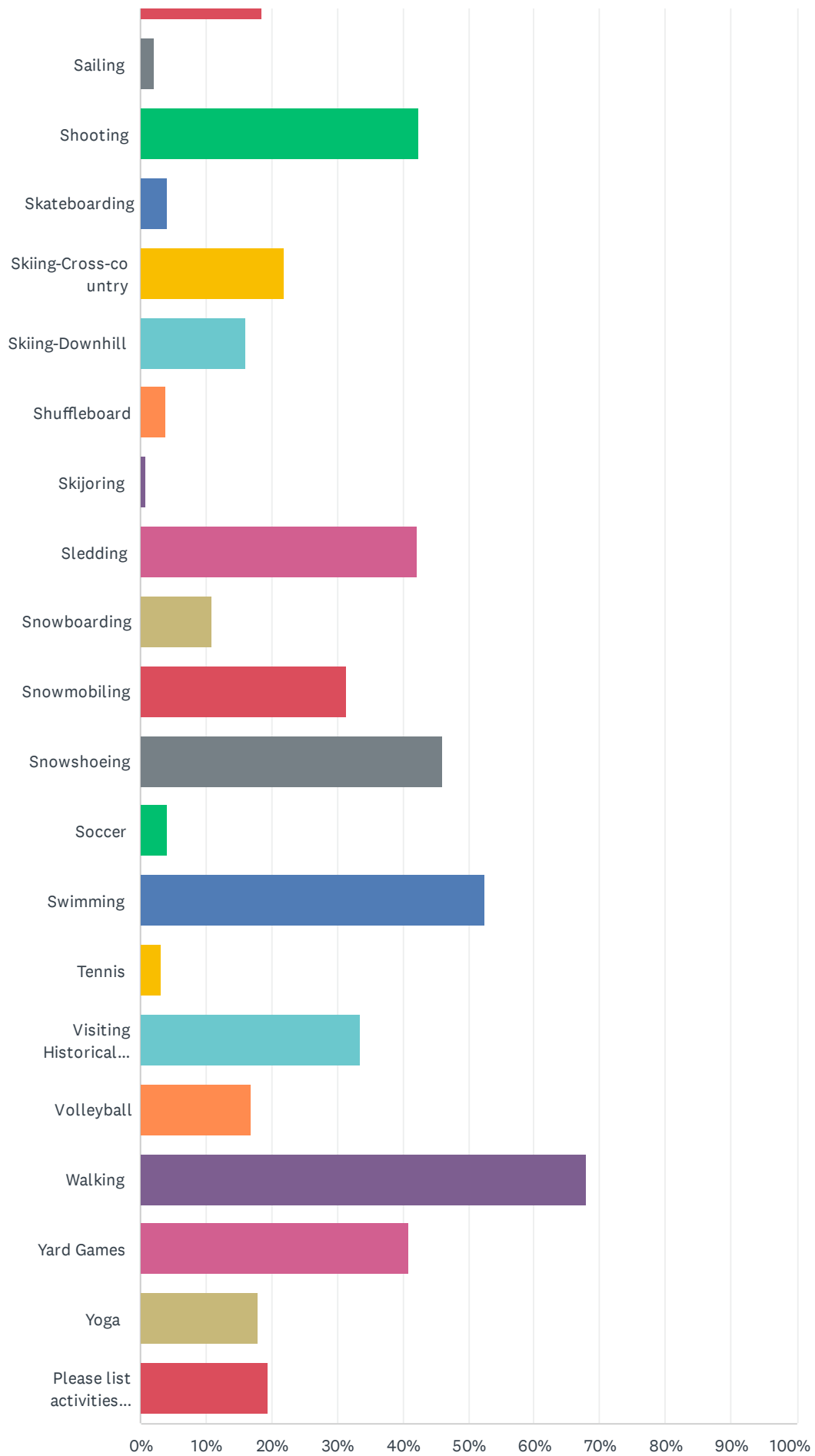
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Archery	30.03%	94
ATV/ORV vehicles	61.66%	193
Backpacking	22.36%	70
Baseball/softball	28.75%	90
Basketball	25.56%	80
Beach activities	73.48%	230
Bicycling (leisure)	36.10%	113
Bicycling (mountain)	11.82%	37
Bicycling (road)	12.78%	40
Bird Watching	24.60%	77
Boating-motorized	47.92%	150
Camping (tent)	29.39%	92
Camping (RV)	47.28%	148
Canoeing/kayaking/other non-motorized boating	58.79%	184
Climbing (indoor)	4.47%	14
Climbing (outdoor)	6.39%	20
Dancing	14.38%	45
Disc golf or Frisbee	7.03%	22
Exercise Classes	24.60%	77
Fishing	65.81%	206
Foraging	18.53%	58
Gardening	51.76%	162
Geocaching	7.99%	25
Golf (courses)	28.12%	88
Hiking	48.24%	151
Hockey	15.34%	48
Horseback Riding	8.95%	28
Horseshoes	5.43%	17
Hunting	60.38%	189
Ice Skating	35.14%	110
Indoor Recreation	20.77%	65
Photography	21.41%	67

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Pickleball	3.83%	12
Picnicking	28.12%	88
Playgrounds	38.02%	119
Quilting	7.67%	24
Rockhounding	25.24%	79
Roller skating/rollerblading	10.86%	34
Running/jogging	18.53%	58
Sailing	2.24%	7
Shooting	42.49%	133
Skateboarding	4.15%	13
Skiing-Cross-country	22.04%	69
Skiing-Downhill	15.97%	50
Shuffleboard	3.83%	12
Skijoring	0.96%	3
Sledding	42.17%	132
Snowboarding	10.86%	34
Snowmobiling	31.31%	98
Snowshoeing	46.01%	144
Soccer	4.15%	13
Swimming	52.40%	164
Tennis	3.19%	10
Visiting Historical Sites	33.55%	105
Volleyball	16.93%	53
Walking	68.05%	213
Yard Games	40.89%	128
Yoga	17.89%	56
Please list activities you'd most likely participate in if it was available from list above:	19.49%	61
Total Respondents: 313		

#	PLEASE LIST ACTIVITIES YOU'D MOST LIKELY PARTICIPATE IN IF IT WAS AVAILABLE FROM LIST ABOVE:	DATE
1	no answers	10/20/2022 4:01 PM
2	star gazing, weaving, kayaking	10/20/2022 3:55 PM
3	Yoga	10/9/2022 12:26 PM
4	Hunting	10/5/2022 5:51 PM
5	Exercise classes	10/5/2022 12:46 PM

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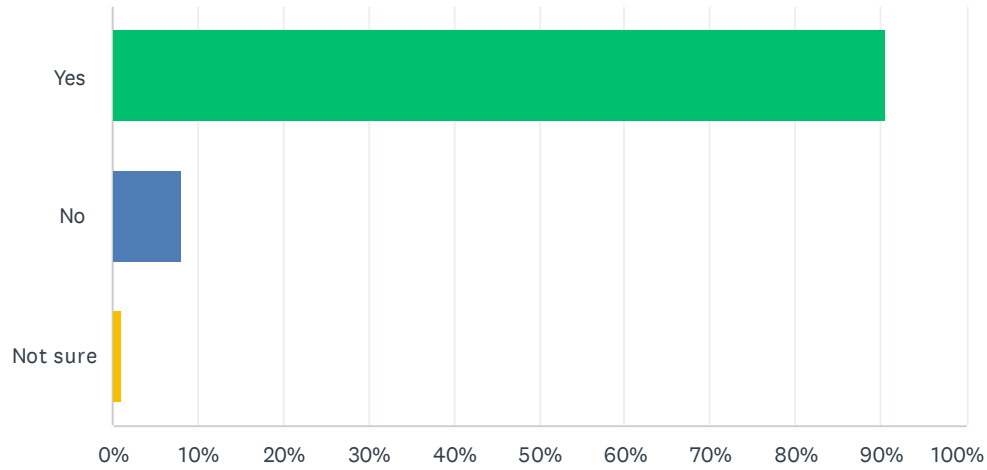
6	Archery	10/5/2022 11:40 AM
7	Golf	10/5/2022 11:22 AM
8	Gymnastics	10/5/2022 11:18 AM
9	Outdoor ice rink	10/5/2022 1:56 AM
10	Rock picking	9/27/2022 4:54 PM
11	Hunting	9/27/2022 12:52 PM
12	Mtb biking	9/27/2022 10:33 AM
13	N/A	9/27/2022 8:40 AM
14	Designated walking trails	9/27/2022 8:38 AM
15	Visiting historical sites	9/27/2022 7:39 AM
16	yoga	9/24/2022 12:21 PM
17	Pickleball	9/22/2022 9:27 PM
18	Tai Chi	9/22/2022 1:12 PM
19	Fishing	9/22/2022 10:32 AM
20	indoor basketball court open to public	9/22/2022 8:18 AM
21	Pickleball	9/22/2022 7:15 AM
22	Volleyball, roller skating, boating, golf, horseback riding, sledding	9/21/2022 5:18 PM
23	Hunting	9/21/2022 4:34 PM
24	pickleball	9/21/2022 3:06 PM
25	Foraging, exercise class, crafting	9/21/2022 2:26 PM
26	Adult league Volleyball, nonmotorized trails for biking, snowshoeing, walk/jogging,	9/21/2022 12:18 PM
27	Indoor swimming	9/21/2022 5:31 AM
28	everything checked above	9/20/2022 6:28 PM
29	Swimming snowshoeing pickleball	9/20/2022 3:32 PM
30	Indoor recreation	9/20/2022 1:06 PM
31	Hiking, photography, camping, gardening, hunting, fishing	9/20/2022 11:40 AM
32	A skate park would be great	9/20/2022 11:02 AM
33	Walking	9/20/2022 8:20 AM
34	Pickleball	9/19/2022 11:34 PM
35	ATV/ORV trails	9/19/2022 10:56 PM
36	Quilting	9/19/2022 10:28 PM
37	Hiking, cross country skiing	9/19/2022 10:18 PM
38	4H, family events	9/19/2022 10:07 PM
39	More biking trails!! Especially connecting Baraga and LAnse	9/19/2022 10:01 PM
40	basketball, geocaching, walking, swimming, yard games	9/19/2022 7:02 PM
41	Walk golf	9/19/2022 6:59 PM
42	Sight seeing vistas	9/19/2022 3:19 PM
43	Hiking, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ATV rides, swimming	9/19/2022 3:18 PM

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44	Axe throwing	9/19/2022 2:18 PM
45	Anything that is dog friendly!	9/19/2022 2:15 PM
46	Mountain biking ; downhill ski	9/19/2022 2:01 PM
47	Walking	9/19/2022 1:24 PM
48	Beach activities, swimming	9/19/2022 1:16 PM
49	Walking	9/19/2022 12:53 PM
50	All the ones I checked are ones we do	9/7/2022 3:51 PM
51	Orv	9/4/2022 9:23 PM
52	Fishing, hunting	9/4/2022 8:51 AM
53	Hunting shooting beaching swimming ice skating	9/4/2022 6:01 AM
54	Pickleball	9/3/2022 2:15 PM
55	All	9/2/2022 9:24 PM
56	pickleball, disc golf	9/2/2022 1:35 PM
57	Snowmobile	8/29/2022 11:00 PM
58	High school hockey, sailing lessons, rock climbing lessons	8/26/2022 8:35 AM
59	ORV	8/26/2022 6:47 AM
60	Indoor recreation for more things to do inside especially for little kids	8/26/2022 6:34 AM
61	Walking, Exercise Classes, Kayaking, boat cruises	8/24/2022 11:49 AM

Q6 Have you or someone from your family ever visited Point Abbaye?

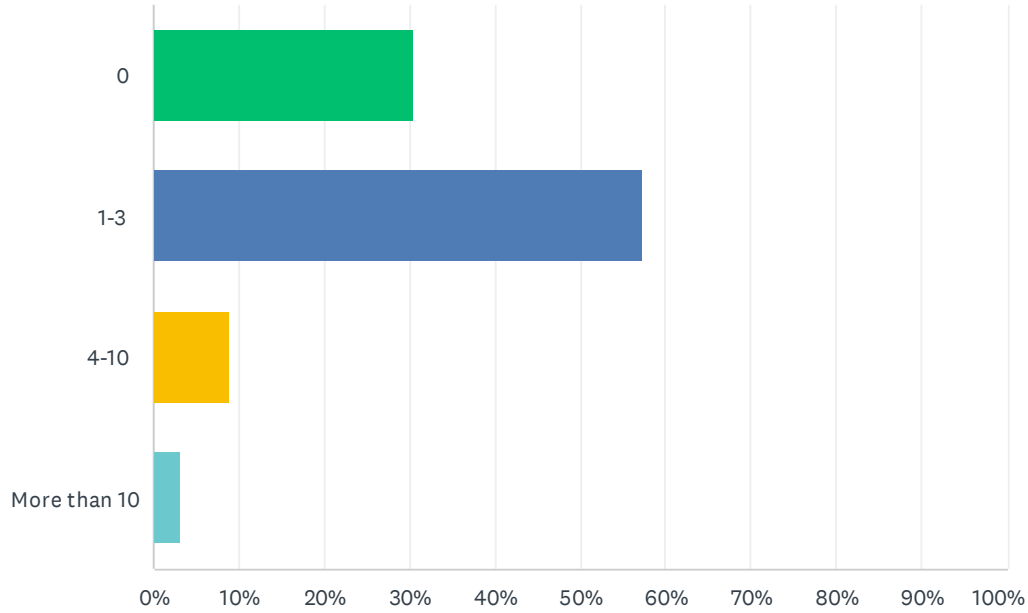
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.70%	234
No	8.14%	21
Not sure	1.16%	3
Total Respondents: 258		

Q7 In the past year, how many times did you or someone from your family visit Point Abbaye?

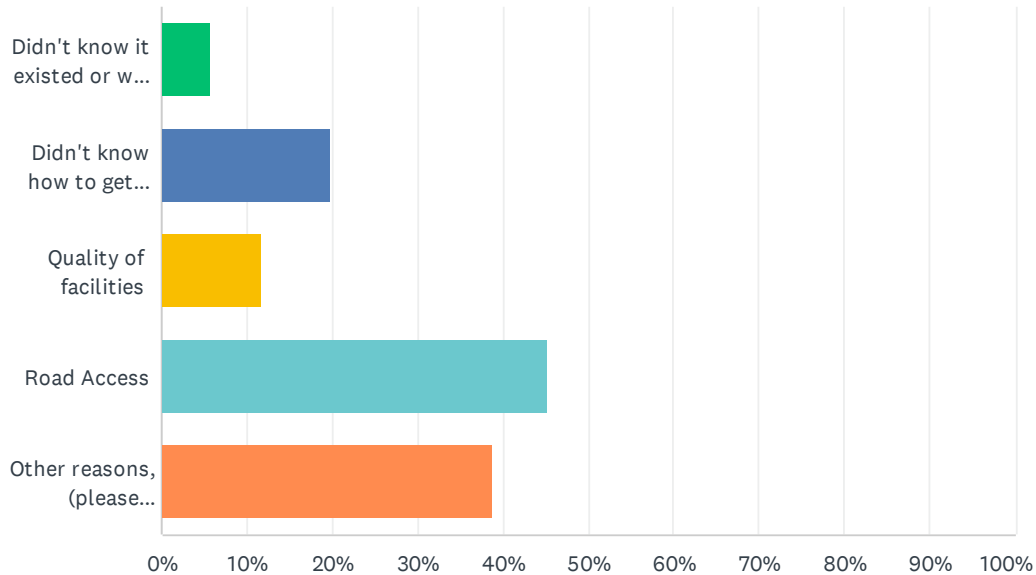
Answered: 256 Skipped: 64



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	30.47%	78
1-3	57.42%	147
4-10	8.98%	23
More than 10	3.13%	8
TOTAL		256

Q8 Which, if any, of the following factors prevent you (or have prevented you in the past) from visiting Point Abbaye? (check ALL that apply)

Answered: 206 Skipped: 114



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Didn't know it existed or was open to the public	5.83% 12
Didn't know how to get there	19.90% 41
Quality of facilities	11.65% 24
Road Access	45.15% 93
Other reasons, (please specify):	38.83% 80
Total Respondents: 206	

#	OTHER REASONS, (PLEASE SPECIFY):	DATE
1	no one to go with	10/20/2022 4:18 PM
2	no answer	10/20/2022 4:13 PM
3	no answer	10/20/2022 4:08 PM
4	upset about the logging	10/20/2022 3:57 PM
5	Just to busy	10/11/2022 8:37 PM
6	No time	10/11/2022 3:07 PM
7	The rocks blocking the road to drive handicapped family members right to the point	10/5/2022 2:14 PM
8	Minimal road access allows it to stay cleaner and less out of towners trashing the beautiful scenery.	10/5/2022 12:22 PM
9	No time	10/5/2022 11:51 AM

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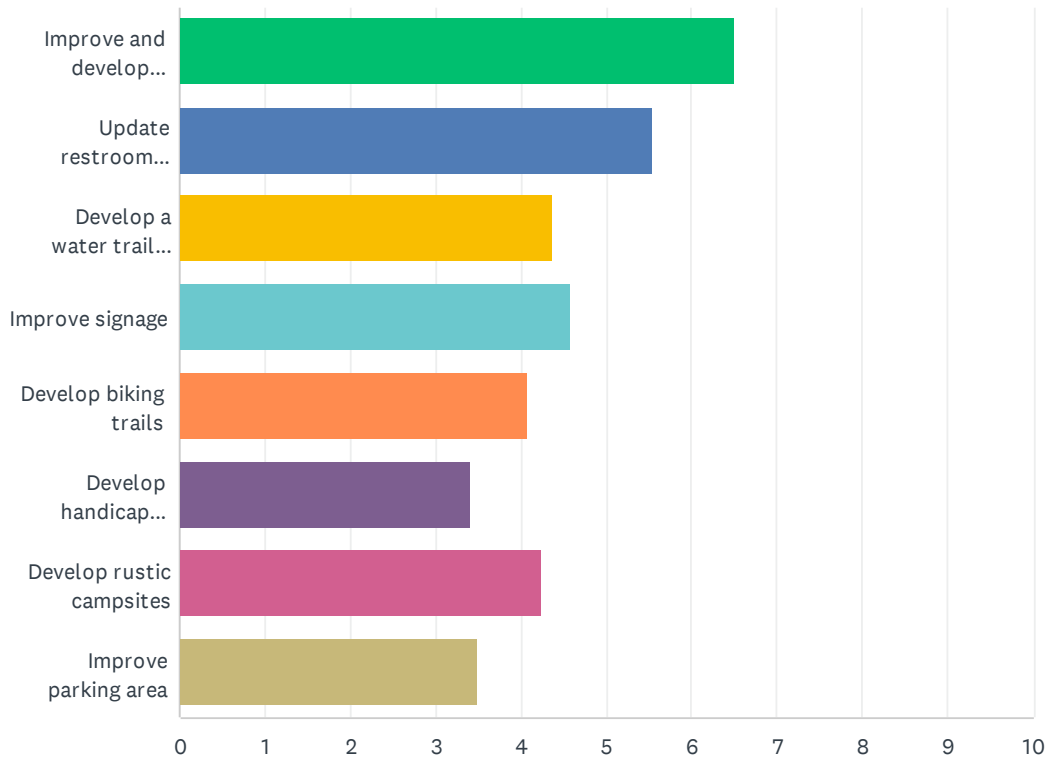
10	Work	10/5/2022 11:36 AM
11	time	10/5/2022 10:55 AM
12	It's blocked off	10/5/2022 1:59 AM
13	Not enough time when in the area	9/29/2022 4:21 PM
14	No need to go there	9/27/2022 12:55 PM
15	Other cool places to go	9/27/2022 10:39 AM
16	we have been there several times over the years	9/27/2022 9:29 AM
17	Glies	9/27/2022 8:44 AM
18	None	9/27/2022 8:42 AM
19	None	9/27/2022 7:42 AM
20	Snow in the Winter	9/24/2022 3:46 PM
21	they cut too many trees -BC didn't monitor it	9/24/2022 10:53 AM
22	Nothing has prevented us from going there, but there's not much to do out there. A boat launch area would be nice.	9/23/2022 11:23 AM
23	Blocked off the road to the rocks on the point	9/22/2022 10:45 PM
24	Hang out in town, second sand or Skanee	9/22/2022 8:49 AM
25	Bugs	9/22/2022 8:23 AM
26	Wasn't much to do out there the last time we were there	9/22/2022 6:16 AM
27	Distance	9/21/2022 5:21 PM
28	Flies	9/21/2022 4:38 PM
29	FLIES AND TIME TO GET THERE	9/21/2022 2:40 PM
30	no reason that has prevented us	9/21/2022 12:22 PM
31	No established place to visit	9/20/2022 8:32 PM
32	Too crowded	9/20/2022 3:37 PM
33	NA	9/20/2022 12:14 PM
34	Access to transportation	9/20/2022 11:48 AM
35	Distance	9/20/2022 7:01 AM
36	Had to walk to far from the parking area	9/20/2022 6:46 AM
37	All blocked off with big rocks to get to where u can go down by the lake on the rocks	9/20/2022 12:15 AM
38	Too far	9/19/2022 11:25 PM
39	Long ride out	9/19/2022 9:24 PM
40	Grew up there as a kid, hadn't changed too much! Always knew the same place would be there if I ever wanted to take the drive again	9/19/2022 7:16 PM
41	not enough time	9/19/2022 7:08 PM
42	No reason to go back	9/19/2022 5:05 PM
43	Price of gas, it's a long ride	9/19/2022 4:30 PM
44	No time	9/19/2022 3:23 PM
45	NA	9/19/2022 2:22 PM
46	Seasonal access is horrible	9/19/2022 2:08 PM

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47	Need a different vehicle.	9/19/2022 12:58 PM
48	Fly hatch	9/14/2022 5:30 PM
49	flies in july, ha!	9/14/2022 9:08 AM
50	Its in my backyard, visit only occasionally	9/13/2022 4:39 PM
51	n/a	9/13/2022 11:04 AM
52	None of the above	9/7/2022 3:54 PM
53	too far	9/6/2022 8:42 AM
54	Too far out.	9/5/2022 11:47 AM
55	Nothing prevents me	9/4/2022 8:59 AM
56	Lack of signage	9/4/2022 7:59 AM
57	Difficult to get to point	9/4/2022 6:07 AM
58	too much damage has been done to walking trails. Please block all powered vehicles beyond the parking lot.	9/3/2022 2:20 PM
59	Went to other places instead	9/3/2022 9:51 AM
60	Time	9/2/2022 10:18 PM
61	None	9/2/2022 9:29 PM
62	No time	8/30/2022 6:59 AM
63	well, it's a long ways away from us ... by road	8/29/2022 7:17 PM
64	not that big of a deal...once you seen it...you're good	8/28/2022 2:50 PM
65	Increase in gas prices and living expenses	8/26/2022 7:07 AM
66	No longer secluded	8/26/2022 6:52 AM
67	Just did not have a reason to go there.	8/26/2022 4:54 AM
68	None	8/26/2022 4:10 AM
69	A bit far out of town	8/26/2022 1:41 AM
70	Lack of time / opportunity	8/25/2022 10:37 PM
71	Spending time elsewhere	8/25/2022 9:36 PM
72	Not toddler friendly which is understandable	8/25/2022 9:28 PM
73	Flies are horrible	8/25/2022 8:11 PM
74	None	8/25/2022 7:53 PM
75	Not much to do out there	8/25/2022 7:40 PM
76	Too many places to go	8/25/2022 7:07 PM
77	no interest	8/25/2022 7:01 PM
78	No time	8/25/2022 12:26 PM
79	no reason to go.	8/24/2022 11:52 AM
80	flies	8/23/2022 6:34 AM

Q9 Below is a list of potential projects for Point Abbaye. Please rank each project in order from 1 being the HIGHEST priority and 8 being the LOWEST priority (please use each number one time).

Answered: 251 Skipped: 69



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Improve and develop walking/hiking trail network	42.17% 97	20.00% 46	15.22% 35	7.83% 18	6.09% 14	3.48% 8	3.04% 7	2.17% 5	230	6.51
Update restroom facilities to handicap accessible	17.52% 41	23.93% 56	17.09% 40	11.97% 28	10.68% 25	7.26% 17	7.69% 18	3.85% 9	234	5.54
Develop a water trail (boat launch point every two miles around the point) for non-motorized boats	7.83% 18	12.17% 28	16.96% 39	13.48% 31	15.22% 35	6.96% 16	12.17% 28	15.22% 35	230	4.38
Improve signage	10.64% 25	10.64% 25	15.32% 36	19.15% 45	10.21% 24	11.91% 28	12.77% 30	9.36% 22	235	4.59
Develop biking trails	4.76% 11	10.82% 25	8.66% 20	15.15% 35	20.78% 48	16.88% 39	9.52% 22	13.42% 31	231	4.08
Develop handicap accessible campsites	2.63% 6	4.82% 11	7.02% 16	11.40% 26	12.72% 29	27.19% 62	20.61% 47	13.60% 31	228	3.41
Develop rustic campsites	11.72% 28	8.79% 21	11.30% 27	12.97% 31	10.88% 26	14.23% 34	19.67% 47	10.46% 25	239	4.24
Improve parking area	5.58% 13	9.87% 23	8.15% 19	9.44% 22	13.30% 31	10.30% 24	12.02% 28	31.33% 73	233	3.49

Q10 Please describe any other recreational activities, facilities, and opportunities you would like the County to develop or maintain at Point Abbaye.

Answered: 110 Skipped: 210

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no answer	10/20/2022 4:18 PM
2	no answer	10/20/2022 4:13 PM
3	no answer	10/20/2022 4:08 PM
4	no answer	10/20/2022 4:03 PM
5	any changes should be low impact. no lights	10/20/2022 3:57 PM
6	A venue for public events like weddings or reunions.	10/20/2022 10:21 AM
7	.	10/9/2022 12:28 PM
8	Public boat launch for motorized boats	10/5/2022 5:58 PM
9	Swimming area	10/5/2022 3:49 PM
10	Tables/benches and bathrooms	10/5/2022 2:21 PM
11	Remove the rocks to drive handicapped family members right to the point	10/5/2022 2:14 PM
12	Scenery	10/5/2022 11:51 AM
13	Restrooms, parking area	10/5/2022 11:36 AM
14	Electricity	10/5/2022 11:27 AM
15	None addition to above.	10/5/2022 10:55 AM
16	Running trails	10/5/2022 1:59 AM
17	A couple of picnic tables would be nice	9/29/2022 4:21 PM
18	Bathroom, camping, hiking	9/28/2022 11:39 AM
19	None	9/28/2022 9:12 AM
20	Better road conditions	9/27/2022 5:04 PM
21	Leave it as is.....	9/27/2022 12:55 PM
22	Trails	9/27/2022 12:54 PM
23	Day use areas/picnic area	9/27/2022 10:39 AM
24	Don't allow people to set up tents on the rocks at the shoreline that prevent other visitors from walking in these areas or taking pictures of the natural settings.	9/27/2022 9:29 AM
25	Access road is terrible	9/27/2022 8:44 AM
26	Can't think of any	9/27/2022 8:42 AM
27	None	9/27/2022 7:42 AM
28	Better access road.	9/27/2022 2:18 AM
29	Winter Access	9/24/2022 3:46 PM
30	Maintain rustic park . Don't cut any more trees!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Monitor contractor	9/24/2022 10:53 AM

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work!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

31	A nice boat launch or launches... there's no good access to water... no docks. Nice big easy parking too, thanks.	9/23/2022 11:23 AM
32	I recently visited Point Abbaye and was very impressed at the improvements already made. Unfortunately, some thoughtless 4wheeler rode around the large rocks in place to prevent their entry.	9/22/2022 1:22 PM
33	Snow mobile, cross country or snow showing. Looking for year round opportunities.	9/22/2022 8:49 AM
34	n/a	9/22/2022 8:23 AM
35	Nothing. It was better before it was messed with.	9/22/2022 7:09 AM
36	I'm not a fan of developing the area, I would like to see it stay as wild as possible	9/22/2022 6:16 AM
37	The road to the point is inaccessible by many vehicles in the spring and early summer or after a heavy rainfall.	9/21/2022 10:37 PM
38	I don't know what is currently there	9/21/2022 5:21 PM
39	None	9/21/2022 4:38 PM
40	Common pavilion	9/21/2022 3:43 PM
41	N/A	9/21/2022 2:40 PM
42	Maybe build an observation tower.	9/21/2022 12:36 PM
43	nothing	9/21/2022 12:22 PM
44	Motorized boat launch	9/21/2022 12:17 PM
45	Beach access More Picnic areas	9/20/2022 10:49 PM
46	Native species identification signs. Picnic tables and benches.	9/20/2022 9:46 PM
47	Keep rustic	9/20/2022 1:09 PM
48	Na	9/20/2022 12:14 PM
49	Better security	9/20/2022 10:06 AM
50	Observation tower! Something to provide 360 degree views. And/or picnic pavilion	9/20/2022 8:39 AM
51	Boating launch ramp all boats	9/20/2022 8:30 AM
52	Emergency phone	9/20/2022 7:40 AM
53	Create ADA accessible walking trail.	9/20/2022 7:01 AM
54	Hiking trails	9/20/2022 5:01 AM
55	Why not a trail for atv and side by sides . Why does it always have to with hiking or biking	9/20/2022 12:15 AM
56	Dark Sky designation	9/19/2022 10:35 PM
57	None	9/19/2022 10:32 PM
58	Camping by tent	9/19/2022 10:01 PM
59	History lessons on the pointe	9/19/2022 9:50 PM
60	Although it's nice that the area is becoming more developed, it would be nice for it to also stay rustic and not as well known to preserve it for its natural beauty. A lot of times, the more people that go to a place, the more garbage is found and the land is ruined.	9/19/2022 7:53 PM
61	Making sure the road is accessible is the biggest concern.	9/19/2022 7:39 PM
62	Prefer to leave Point Abbaye as rustic as possible.	9/19/2022 7:08 PM
63	Picnic area	9/19/2022 6:30 PM
64	NA	9/19/2022 6:24 PM

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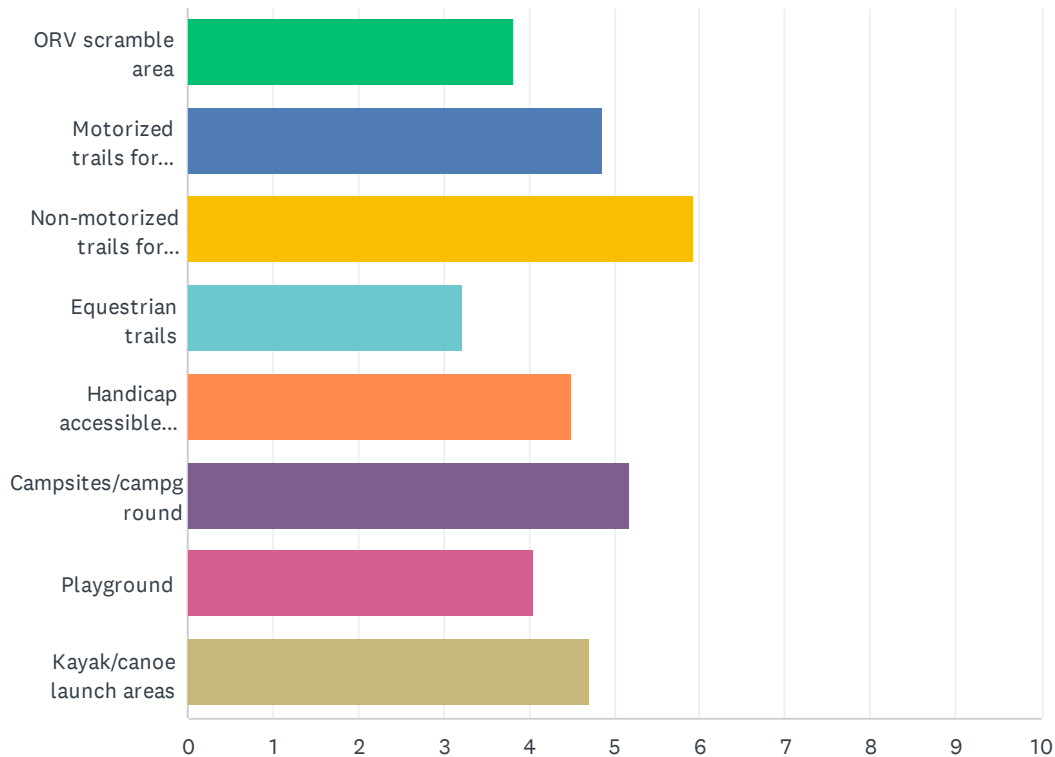
65	None	9/19/2022 6:02 PM
66	Add grills/fire pits	9/19/2022 5:45 PM
67	N/a	9/19/2022 5:05 PM
68	None	9/19/2022 4:56 PM
69	Important to have some easy access, places where people can park and walk safely and see interesting historical sites and views of the area.	9/19/2022 3:25 PM
70	Get rid of the flies. Not a suitable place for camping unless you want to leave people with a bad impression of Baraga county flies	9/19/2022 2:56 PM
71	Na	9/19/2022 2:45 PM
72	Fishing	9/19/2022 2:30 PM
73	Better road maintenance near the end of the journey out would be amazing!	9/19/2022 2:19 PM
74	Year around access for cars	9/19/2022 2:08 PM
75	N/A	9/19/2022 1:47 PM
76	Better signage	9/19/2022 1:26 PM
77	Nothing that I can think of	9/19/2022 12:58 PM
78	Fix roads to and from	9/19/2022 12:48 PM
79	Watch tower	9/19/2022 12:17 PM
80	No valuable information to recommend.	9/19/2022 10:33 AM
81	n/a	9/13/2022 11:04 AM
82	none	9/7/2022 3:54 PM
83	Cross country Ski trail for winter	9/4/2022 9:27 PM
84	Bathrooms	9/4/2022 9:55 AM
85	Keep it as is . Don't do more development	9/4/2022 8:59 AM
86	Small shore fishing area and playground	9/4/2022 7:59 AM
87	.	9/4/2022 5:59 AM
88	Viewing and swimming platforms	9/3/2022 9:51 AM
89	Maps on how to get there	9/2/2022 9:21 PM
90	Roads just need to be marked better	9/2/2022 7:43 PM
91	Bike trails	9/2/2022 6:13 PM
92	the road to the park	9/2/2022 12:41 PM
93	a launch on the keweenaw as part of a water trail	8/29/2022 7:17 PM
94	Better maintenance of the road to Pt. Abbaye by County Road Commission & toilet facilities... cleanliness!	8/29/2022 11:15 AM
95	Camping	8/26/2022 3:19 PM
96	no	8/26/2022 12:27 PM
97	None	8/26/2022 12:01 PM
98	Designated dark sky park	8/26/2022 8:44 AM
99	Walking bike trails, rv camp sites, orv trails	8/26/2022 7:19 AM
100	None	8/26/2022 6:52 AM

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101	Pinic table	8/26/2022 6:38 AM
102	Camping and biking	8/26/2022 4:10 AM
103	Make accessibility to the end closer for driving. Too far for some to use trail.	8/25/2022 10:42 PM
104	Motorized boat docks	8/25/2022 10:37 PM
105	None	8/25/2022 9:28 PM
106	Better road access	8/25/2022 8:46 PM
107	Walker, wheelchair access areas	8/25/2022 8:44 PM
108	None	8/25/2022 8:11 PM
109	None	8/25/2022 7:53 PM
110	Keep it rustic so It doesn't loose it's appeal	8/25/2022 7:07 PM

Q11 THE NEW "STURGEON RIVER PARK" IN BARAGA COUNTY In August 2022, Baraga County accepted a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to purchase a parcel of land within Covington Township on the Sturgeon River. The property covers 1,184 acres with more than 4 miles of water access along the Sturgeon River. Below is a list of potential recreational facilities for the Sturgeon River Park. Please rank each facility in order of your desire to see the facility as part of the park with 1 being the HIGHEST priority, and 8 being the LOWEST priority. (use each number only once)

Answered: 250 Skipped: 70



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
ORV scramble area	10.82% 25	11.69% 27	6.06% 14	8.23% 19	9.52% 22	11.69% 27	19.91% 46	22.08% 51	231	3.81
Motorized trails for ORVs, ATVs, and snowmobiles	19.92% 47	15.25% 36	11.44% 27	8.47% 20	11.86% 28	5.51% 13	17.37% 41	10.17% 24	236	4.86
Non-motorized trails for quiet sports (hiking, biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing)	28.39% 67	17.37% 41	14.83% 35	14.83% 35	13.56% 32	5.93% 14	3.39% 8	1.69% 4	236	5.92
Equestrian trails	3.83% 9	2.98% 7	8.51% 20	12.77% 30	12.77% 30	15.32% 36	14.04% 33	29.79% 70	235	3.21
Handicap accessible restrooms	8.86% 21	11.81% 28	10.97% 26	13.92% 33	22.36% 53	14.35% 34	10.55% 25	7.17% 17	237	4.50
Campsites/campground	16.17% 38	14.89% 35	15.74% 37	15.74% 37	9.79% 23	20.85% 49	3.40% 8	3.40% 8	235	5.19
Playground	5.46% 13	11.34% 27	12.61% 30	13.45% 32	12.18% 29	12.18% 29	20.59% 49	12.18% 29	238	4.05
Kayak/canoe launch areas	10.74% 26	15.70% 38	19.83% 48	12.40% 30	7.44% 18	10.74% 26	9.92% 24	13.22% 32	242	4.72

Q12 Please describe any other recreational activities, facilities, and opportunities that you would like the County to develop at the Sturgeon River Park.

Answered: 99 Skipped: 221

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no answer	10/20/2022 4:18 PM
2	no answer	10/20/2022 4:13 PM
3	no answer	10/20/2022 4:08 PM
4	no answer	10/20/2022 4:03 PM
5	no answer	10/20/2022 3:57 PM
6	Public venue or gazebo area for larger gathering events.	10/20/2022 10:21 AM
7	Camping with facilities.	10/11/2022 8:22 PM
8	.	10/9/2022 12:28 PM
9	Boat launch	10/5/2022 5:58 PM
10	Nonw	10/5/2022 3:49 PM
11	Benches, tables, fire pit, grills.	10/5/2022 2:21 PM
12	Campsite	10/5/2022 11:51 AM
13	Restrooms, public river access	10/5/2022 11:36 AM
14	Narrative Hiking Trail	10/5/2022 11:27 AM
15	None in addition to above	10/5/2022 10:55 AM
16	Running trail and atv trail	10/5/2022 1:59 AM
17	Bathroom, campground, park	9/28/2022 11:39 AM
18	N/A	9/28/2022 9:12 AM
19	Picnic area's	9/27/2022 5:04 PM
20	Leave it as is....	9/27/2022 12:55 PM
21	None	9/27/2022 12:54 PM
22	Day use/ picnic areas	9/27/2022 10:39 AM
23	Can't think of any	9/27/2022 8:42 AM
24	None	9/27/2022 7:42 AM
25	None	9/27/2022 2:18 AM
26	Limit tree removal. A park has trees.	9/24/2022 10:53 AM
27	Areas to launch kayaks. Maybe some spots to camp via kayak/canoe along the river.	9/23/2022 11:23 AM
28	Places to cook built in barbecues	9/22/2022 8:49 AM
29	n/a	9/22/2022 8:23 AM
30	None	9/21/2022 5:21 PM

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31	Horseback riding	9/21/2022 4:38 PM
32	None	9/21/2022 3:43 PM
33	ADDITIONAL PICNIC AREAS	9/21/2022 2:40 PM
34	Access points on the River for the elderly and handicapped	9/21/2022 12:36 PM
35	nothing	9/21/2022 12:22 PM
36	Native species identification signage. Benches for birding, and quiet activities.	9/20/2022 9:46 PM
37	Na	9/20/2022 1:09 PM
38	Na	9/20/2022 12:14 PM
39	Day use areas- picnic, maybe an open area for playing baseball or frisbee.	9/20/2022 11:08 AM
40	Better river access!	9/20/2022 8:39 AM
41	Picnic tables	9/20/2022 8:30 AM
42	Keep serenity	9/20/2022 7:40 AM
43	Backpacking campsites.	9/20/2022 7:01 AM
44	Hiking trails	9/20/2022 5:01 AM
45	I don't know.	9/20/2022 4:22 AM
46	Signage	9/19/2022 10:53 PM
47	Connection/link to North Country Trail	9/19/2022 10:35 PM
48	None	9/19/2022 10:32 PM
49	Park	9/19/2022 10:01 PM
50	None	9/19/2022 9:50 PM
51	Some look out areas that overlook the waterways	9/19/2022 7:53 PM
52	None	9/19/2022 7:39 PM
53	camping	9/19/2022 7:08 PM
54	Cross country ski	9/19/2022 6:30 PM
55	NA	9/19/2022 6:24 PM
56	Yurts	9/19/2022 6:02 PM
57	N/A	9/19/2022 5:45 PM
58	None	9/19/2022 4:56 PM
59	Make sure there are public garbage along trails that are maintained. Mark trails well for All visitors. Some interpretive trails would be nice with items of historical and environmental interest.	9/19/2022 3:25 PM
60	Keep foot traffic areas only near the rivers edge..preventing erosion	9/19/2022 3:23 PM
61	Fish cleaning station	9/19/2022 2:56 PM
62	Na	9/19/2022 2:45 PM
63	Na	9/19/2022 2:30 PM
64	There shouldn't be a park put there to begin with.	9/19/2022 2:23 PM
65	N/a	9/19/2022 2:19 PM
66	Hiking trails	9/19/2022 2:08 PM
67	NA	9/19/2022 1:47 PM

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68	N/A	9/19/2022 1:26 PM
69	Nothing right now.	9/19/2022 12:58 PM
70	Not sure	9/19/2022 12:48 PM
71	Na	9/19/2022 12:17 PM
72	No valuable response	9/19/2022 10:33 AM
73	Boulders for Rock climbing would be amazing to have as a resource for outdoor climbers/boulderers: https://eldowalls.com/pages/climbing-boulders	9/14/2022 9:08 AM
74	RV Dump site	9/13/2022 11:04 AM
75	Playground for kids	9/4/2022 9:27 PM
76	None	9/4/2022 9:55 AM
77	Handicapped fishing access	9/4/2022 7:59 AM
78	Better accessibility to the river	9/4/2022 6:07 AM
79	.	9/4/2022 5:59 AM
80	Dog agility course	9/3/2022 12:07 PM
81	Hiking trails	9/2/2022 9:29 PM
82	N/a	9/2/2022 7:43 PM
83	Cross Country Skiing	9/2/2022 12:41 PM
84	interpretive signage is always fun	8/29/2022 7:17 PM
85	Employee a full time maintenance person for upkeep & enforcement of safety policies for use. Perhaps a small yearly sticker fee for admission & to assist in the development/upkeep.	8/29/2022 11:15 AM
86	Boat access	8/26/2022 3:19 PM
87	.	8/26/2022 12:27 PM
88	None	8/26/2022 12:01 PM
89	River float and tube rentals	8/26/2022 8:44 AM
90	Handicap area and facilities, playground, security so place doesn't get vandalized	8/26/2022 7:19 AM
91	None	8/26/2022 6:52 AM
92	Consider connecting bike trails as it becomes available.	8/26/2022 4:54 AM
93	None	8/26/2022 4:10 AM
94	Can't think of anything other than what is listed	8/25/2022 10:37 PM
95	None	8/25/2022 9:28 PM
96	Fish cleaning station	8/25/2022 8:46 PM
97	Walker, wheelchair friendly areas	8/25/2022 8:44 PM
98	None	8/25/2022 8:11 PM
99	None	8/25/2022 7:53 PM

Q13 Please list any additional projects you would like for the Baraga County Parks and Recreation Committee to consider.

Answered: 99 Skipped: 221

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Bike trail to Skanee from L'Anse and bike racks	10/20/2022 4:18 PM
2	no answer	10/20/2022 4:13 PM
3	no answer	10/20/2022 4:08 PM
4	no answer	10/20/2022 4:03 PM
5	no answer	10/20/2022 3:57 PM
6	Bike trail between L'Anse & Baraga	10/11/2022 8:22 PM
7	.	10/9/2022 12:28 PM
8	Provide and maintain garbage disposal container as much as possible. Too much trash is being scattered across our public land and will soon ruin it for those who take care of it. Update fish cleaning stations to accommodate more anglers and or add more of possible	10/5/2022 5:58 PM
9	Additional camping grounds, picnic areas.	10/5/2022 2:21 PM
10	Dog park	10/5/2022 1:03 PM
11	Public restrooms	10/5/2022 11:51 AM
12	Restrooms at pull offs along major travel routes, small dock or platform at silver river access site	10/5/2022 11:36 AM
13	Lakeshore boat tours	10/5/2022 11:27 AM
14	Develop Meadow Brook Park	10/5/2022 10:55 AM
15	Atv trails paved roads plowed roads	10/5/2022 1:59 AM
16	Can the property purchased next to Meadow Brook arena be turned into a baseball field for area youth and possibly be used for adult softball teams. Many area softball teams all travel outside of L'Anse or Baraga to play (Alston, Aura, Skanee). This would be a great recreational area for weekly games and large tournaments that the community can benefit from in the summer. The ski hill is a great addition to the community but would like to see an area to climb or tow rope that is not next to the major street through L'Anse. It would be nice to see the path from Sand Pointe extend to the L'Anse past the marina. The L'Anse/Baraga Marina needs additional area for docking boats and for boaters to come to the L'Anse area for day trips. There is not a spot for boaters to dock and spend time at the splash pad, shop in the local areas. Houghton has many dock slips that people travel from L'Anse/Baraga to use the beaches, dining areas and shopping for the day.	9/29/2022 4:21 PM
17	Be more eco. Friendly	9/27/2022 5:04 PM
18	None	9/27/2022 12:54 PM
19	Info/welcome center at Alberta	9/27/2022 8:44 AM
20	None	9/27/2022 7:42 AM
21	None	9/27/2022 2:18 AM
22	Getting snowmobile trail to chassel fixed	9/26/2022 9:18 PM
23	Road and bike races. Would bring a lot of people. In the past have had the Pequaming run. We need a county grant writer and recreation director. Could use some of the COVID money that various groups are attempting to access.	9/24/2022 10:53 AM

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24	I like the idea of a marina in Pt. Abbey.	9/23/2022 11:23 AM
25	County/township programs to involve local kids. camps/classes/groups with supervision, etc.	9/22/2022 8:23 AM
26	Chartered Fishing boats	9/22/2022 7:17 AM
27	Mountain biking trails would be an amazing asset to our community.	9/21/2022 10:37 PM
28	NA	9/21/2022 5:21 PM
29	More atv trail's	9/21/2022 4:38 PM
30	BASKETBALL COURTS DOWNTOWN WITH PICNIC TABLES OR BENCHES FOR KIDS TO SIT AT	9/21/2022 2:40 PM
31	A recreational building that includes an indoor pool, courts for basketball, handball, indoor walk/run track.	9/21/2022 12:36 PM
32	More walking/ biking trails that can also be used for snowshoeing / cross country skiing in the winter with benches along the path.	9/21/2022 12:24 PM
33	bike trails, more running trails	9/21/2022 12:22 PM
34	Indoor swimming pool	9/21/2022 5:39 AM
35	A bicycle/walking trail following the old railway around the head of the bay from L'Anse to Baraga's trails. A bicycle path along Bayshore road from L'Anse to Pequamming. Safe parking for visitors to the head of the bay.	9/20/2022 9:46 PM
36	Sponsor a 5k, 8 mi and half marathon run as held in years past by Pam Dove, Kim LeClair and others in the community. Improve the hiking trail up to Mt Arvon and create a professionally designed (NORBA) mountain bike trail in the hills outside of L'Anse.	9/20/2022 6:38 PM
37	Na	9/20/2022 1:09 PM
38	Na	9/20/2022 12:14 PM
39	Cross country ski trails. Years ago, they had great trails in the Baraga Plains (6 Mile Trails, I believe).	9/20/2022 11:45 AM
40	A skate park in town, more hiking trails in the area, a better groomed cross country ski trail at the Pinery (it is often not groomed or is driven over by snowmobiles).	9/20/2022 11:08 AM
41	Purchase and develop a park at Mt. Arvon!	9/20/2022 8:39 AM
42	Host outdoor summer tournaments and market them outside the area as a weekend of the sport activity, camping, outdoors etc. Think baseball, softball, soccer etc	9/20/2022 7:40 AM
43	none	9/20/2022 7:01 AM
44	Motorized trails	9/20/2022 5:01 AM
45	Develop hiking trails at Slate River.	9/19/2022 11:07 PM
46	More walking and hiking trails	9/19/2022 10:53 PM
47	Stronger support and promotion of NCT at the local level.	9/19/2022 10:35 PM
48	Can't think of any	9/19/2022 10:32 PM
49	More hiking trails & more opportunity for winter activities.	9/19/2022 10:22 PM
50	More biking/walking trails connecting key areas especially Baraga and LAnse around the head of the bay and safely through town.	9/19/2022 10:10 PM
51	Pool. Every spring/ early summer there is always a bacterial issue in the lake, etc. it would be nice to have a place to swim when we can't go in the lake	9/19/2022 10:09 PM
52	Playground in pelkie. There is nothing for the kids to do.	9/19/2022 10:07 PM
53	Dog parks	9/19/2022 9:50 PM
54	Condensers updated at Meadowbrook for longer ice time	9/19/2022 9:07 PM

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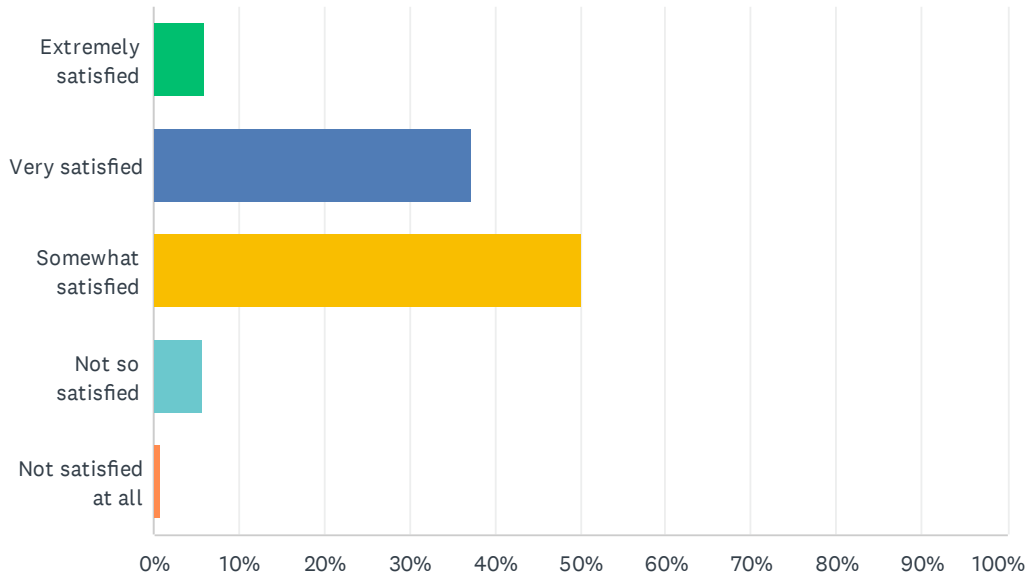
55	It would be nice to have quiet equestrian trails in the area.	9/19/2022 7:53 PM
56	It would be great to develop the area by Buck's marina, near where the new cornhole site was set up. This could be such a great place for picnicking, camping, a park, etc.	9/19/2022 7:39 PM
57	Provide more walking trails.	9/19/2022 7:08 PM
58	Mouth of Huron River camping area	9/19/2022 6:30 PM
59	Soccer or lacrosse in the area. Also would love to see more happening at the meadowbrook park. Maybe a pulley system for the sled hill.	9/19/2022 6:02 PM
60	N/A	9/19/2022 5:05 PM
61	Try to make the Parks system a "destination" for both locals and tourists is critical. Market what the area has. Think about low impact tourism. Fishing? Hunting? Canoeing, kayaking....encourage maybe local entrepreneurs to have some sort of a "boat tour"; maybe the tribe? Partner to make the area a great destination to visit.	9/19/2022 3:25 PM
62	Indoor pool	9/19/2022 3:23 PM
63	A full time CVB that is open on weekends and when tourist are looking for information. Move the CVB to the old Alberta Saw Mill	9/19/2022 2:56 PM
64	Na	9/19/2022 2:45 PM
65	Repair the monument at LAnse township park	9/19/2022 2:37 PM
66	N/a	9/19/2022 2:19 PM
67	Sledding and outdoor ice rink	9/19/2022 2:04 PM
68	A handicap cement path downtown L'Anse at the park so people with wheelchairs can get into the water. Negaunee, MI installed one over the summer and has had great feedback.	9/19/2022 1:47 PM
69	Nothing	9/19/2022 12:58 PM
70	Not sure	9/19/2022 12:48 PM
71	Disk golf and outdoor ice skating surface availability	9/19/2022 10:33 AM
72	County wide designated ORV trails to connect to neighboring counties. Mountain bike trails.	9/19/2022 10:18 AM
73	What happened to the trail around the bay?	9/14/2022 5:30 PM
74	n/a	9/13/2022 11:04 AM
75	These comments are from the North Country Trail Association in regards to the current County Rec. Plan. Page 12, under North Country National Scenic Trail. Suggested revision to: This hiking trail is the longest in the National Trails System, stretching 4,800 miles across eight states from North Dakota to Vermont. Baraga County includes 53.5 miles of the North Country Trail (NCT) with 42 of those miles being "off road" trail. The remaining of those miles are currently found along the shoulder of the road due to private landownership. The local Peter Wolfe Chapter of the North Country Trail Association is working with those private landowners and companies to alternate and remove the current road walk to a more scenic and safer location for hikers. This Chapter oversees the NCT for 121.5 miles from south of Long Lake in Baraga County west to M-64 in Ontonagon County. The Marquette Area Chapter covers the remaining section of the trail within the county east of Long Lake to the Rock River Canyon Wilderness area for a total of 118 miles. Within Baraga County the NCT pass through various ownerships including the Ottawa National Forest and Michigan DNR property including Craig Lake State Park and travels by numerous waterfalls including Tibbets and Canyon Falls. Page 14, Map 3: Recreation Facilities in Baraga County. The North Country Trail Association can provide updated GPS for the map as the route of the trail has significantly changed east of US-41. Please reach out to kwawsczyk@northcountrytrail.org for further information. We ask that you continue to work with the local Peter Wolfe and Marquette Area Chapters of the North Country Trail Association to further promote and develop the North Country National Scenic Trail.	9/9/2022 7:54 AM
76	Develop the land by Meadowbrook arena	9/6/2022 8:42 AM
77	ORV friendly camping	9/4/2022 9:27 PM

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78	No horse trails the Usfs lands has hundreds of them	9/4/2022 9:55 AM
79	Would love to see more biking & walking trails.	9/4/2022 9:01 AM
80	More shore line fishing access	9/4/2022 7:59 AM
81	Dog agility course	9/3/2022 12:07 PM
82	Better signage for getting to Mount Arvon	9/2/2022 7:43 PM
83	I'm glad you all are working on this! Thank you so much!	8/29/2022 7:17 PM
84	1-The development of a person/persons working full time, year around on maintenance of recreational areas. 2-Whenever possible, improve the trails already made and connect new trail building wherever possible with existing trails. (Example: Connect school trail to any new trail in that direction or the L'Anse Township Park trail to any new trail in that direction. In other words, build from what we have whenever possible.) Biking trails are truly needed. Biking on Bay Shore is beautiful & dangerous. There are really negative opportunities for biking In Baraga County. That's a development area in need of long range thinking/development. We really need a business that can repair recreational sporting goods...everything from boat motors to broken clamps on snowshoes or bike tires...& more. In the summer months, it would be nice to have a class or two offered on how to kayak, etc., recreational safety classes, & so on.	8/29/2022 11:15 AM
85	.	8/26/2022 12:27 PM
86	Are there no plans with baraga areas...? I feel like baraga is often forgotten by the county groups. If we invited the local food carts to the music in the park, I think we would see bigger crowds and more business for those owners.	8/26/2022 8:44 AM
87	Walking bike trail would be nice in the area and more rv campgrounds for larger rv for tourists	8/26/2022 7:19 AM
88	None	8/26/2022 6:52 AM
89	An indoor place for parents to take kids in the winter	8/26/2022 6:38 AM
90	Improvements to the playground at Todwnship Park, pickleball court along with lessons.	8/26/2022 4:54 AM
91	Bike trails	8/26/2022 4:10 AM
92	Dog park Rock climbing	8/26/2022 1:41 AM
93	Updating the third street park	8/25/2022 9:28 PM
94	Trimming back trees at second sands Beach. Improving playground at third street park	8/25/2022 8:46 PM
95	More handicap friendly areas. Promote/advertise the areas that are already handicapped, wheelchair friendly.	8/25/2022 8:44 PM
96	I would love to see a fitness station trail!!	8/25/2022 8:11 PM
97	None	8/25/2022 7:53 PM
98	Partner with L'Anse village to develop and recap the old dock for use in shipwreck viewing and scuba diving	8/25/2022 7:11 PM
99	Connect current non-motorized trails to each other, better signage, include all trails on various hiking/trail apps	8/24/2022 3:57 PM

Q14 Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of recreational opportunities in the Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township?

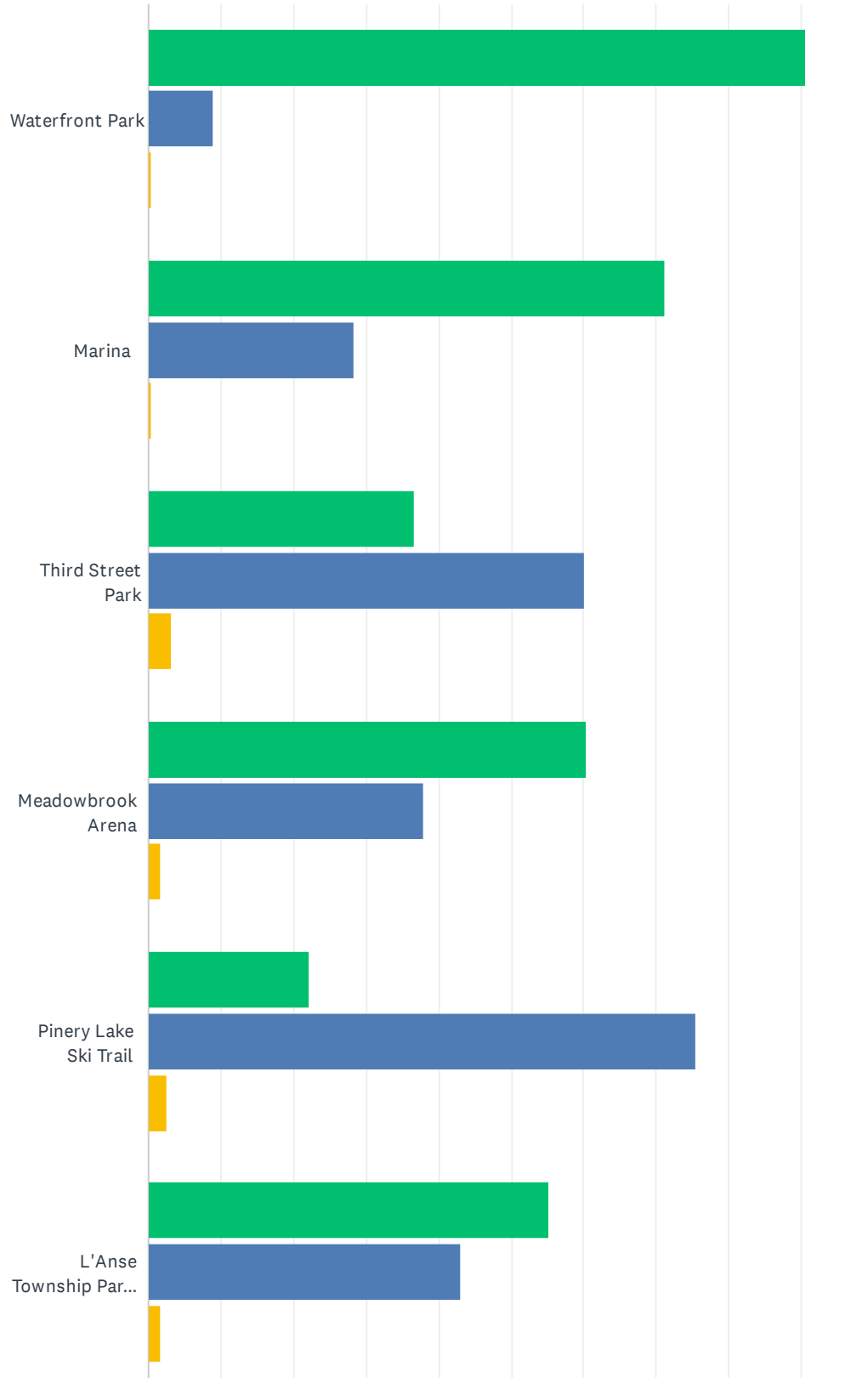
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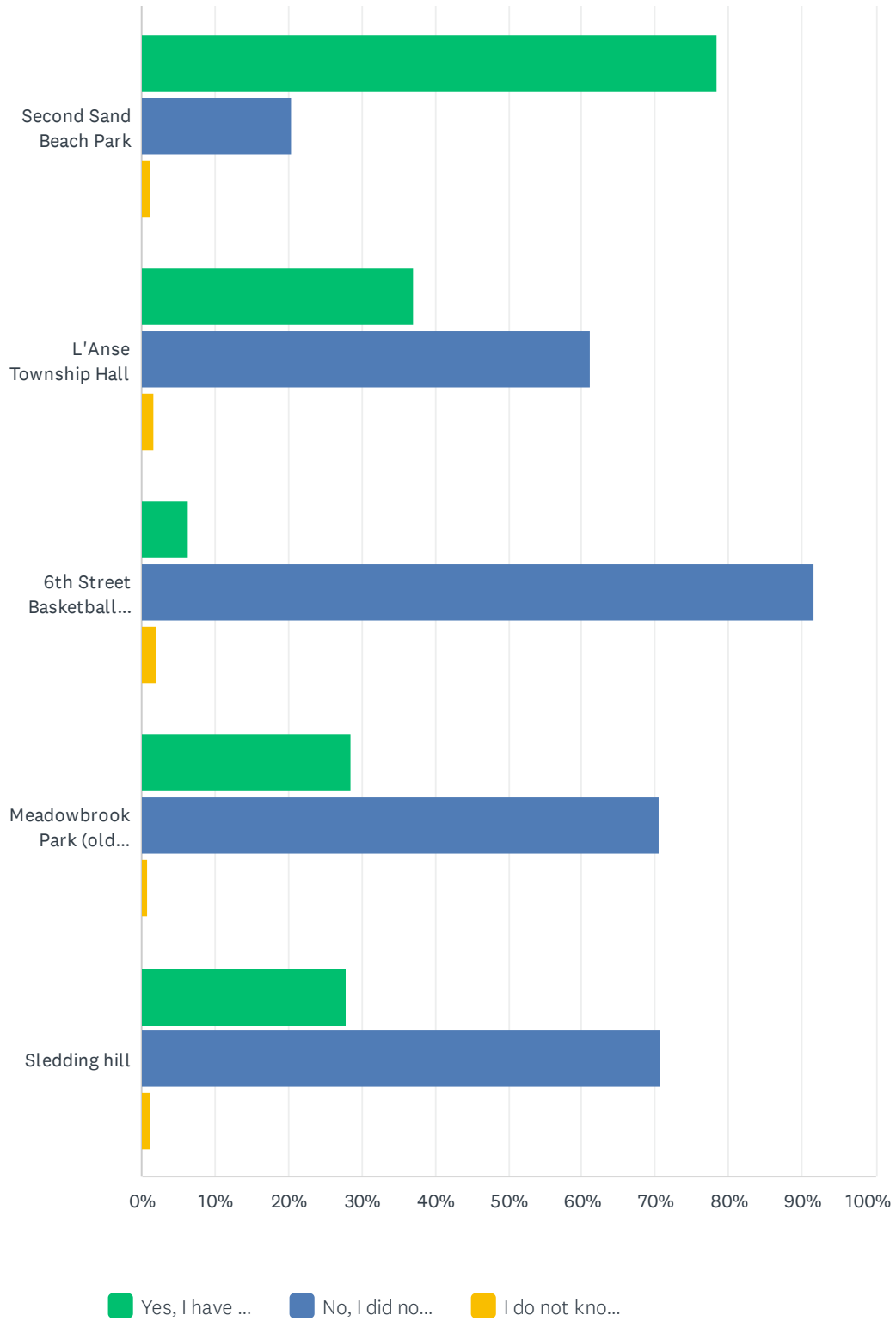
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely satisfied	6.07%	15
Very satisfied	37.25%	92
Somewhat satisfied	50.20%	124
Not so satisfied	5.67%	14
Not satisfied at all	0.81%	2
TOTAL		247

Q15 Please indicate if you have visited any of the following Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township recreation sites this year.

Answered: 247 Skipped: 73



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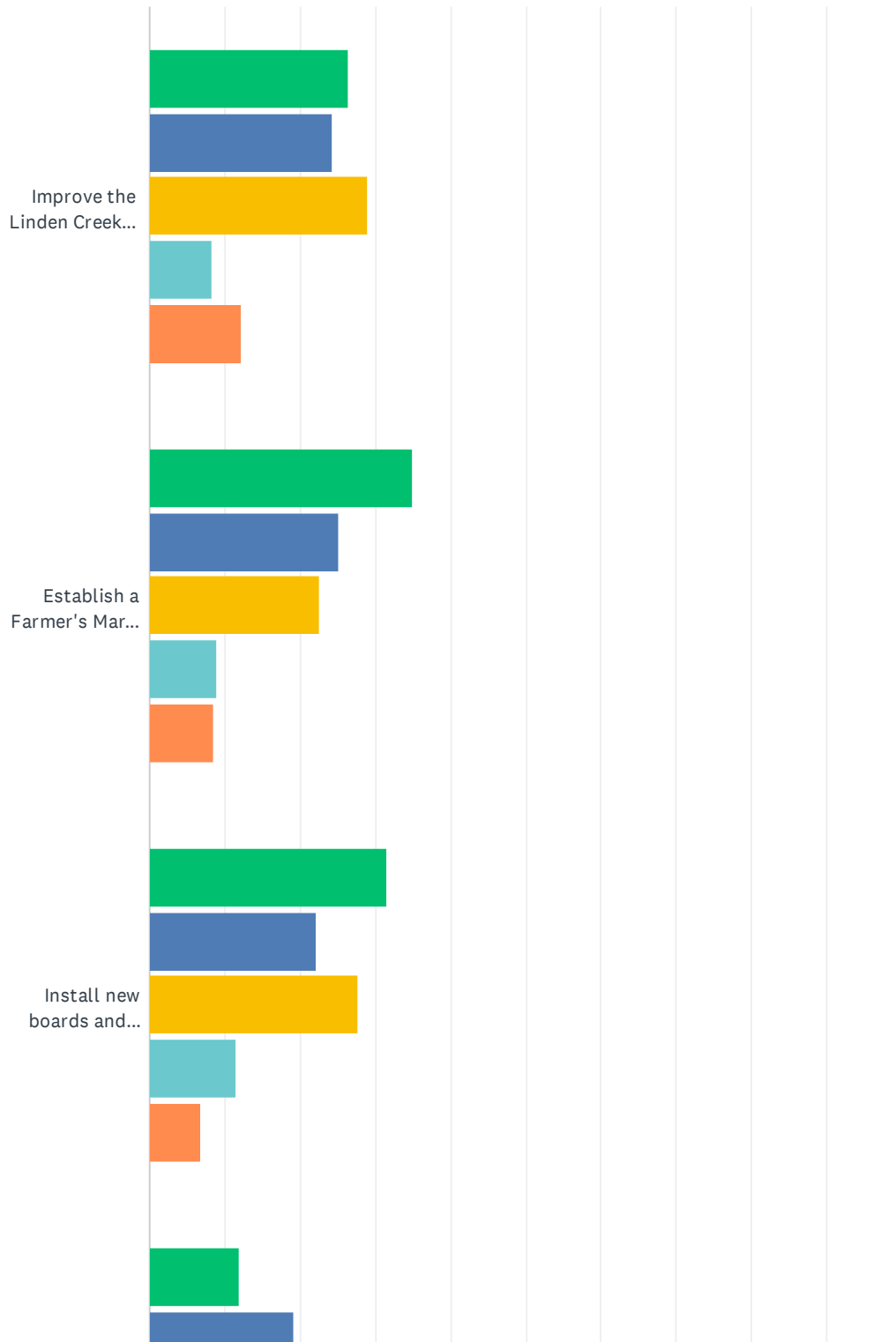


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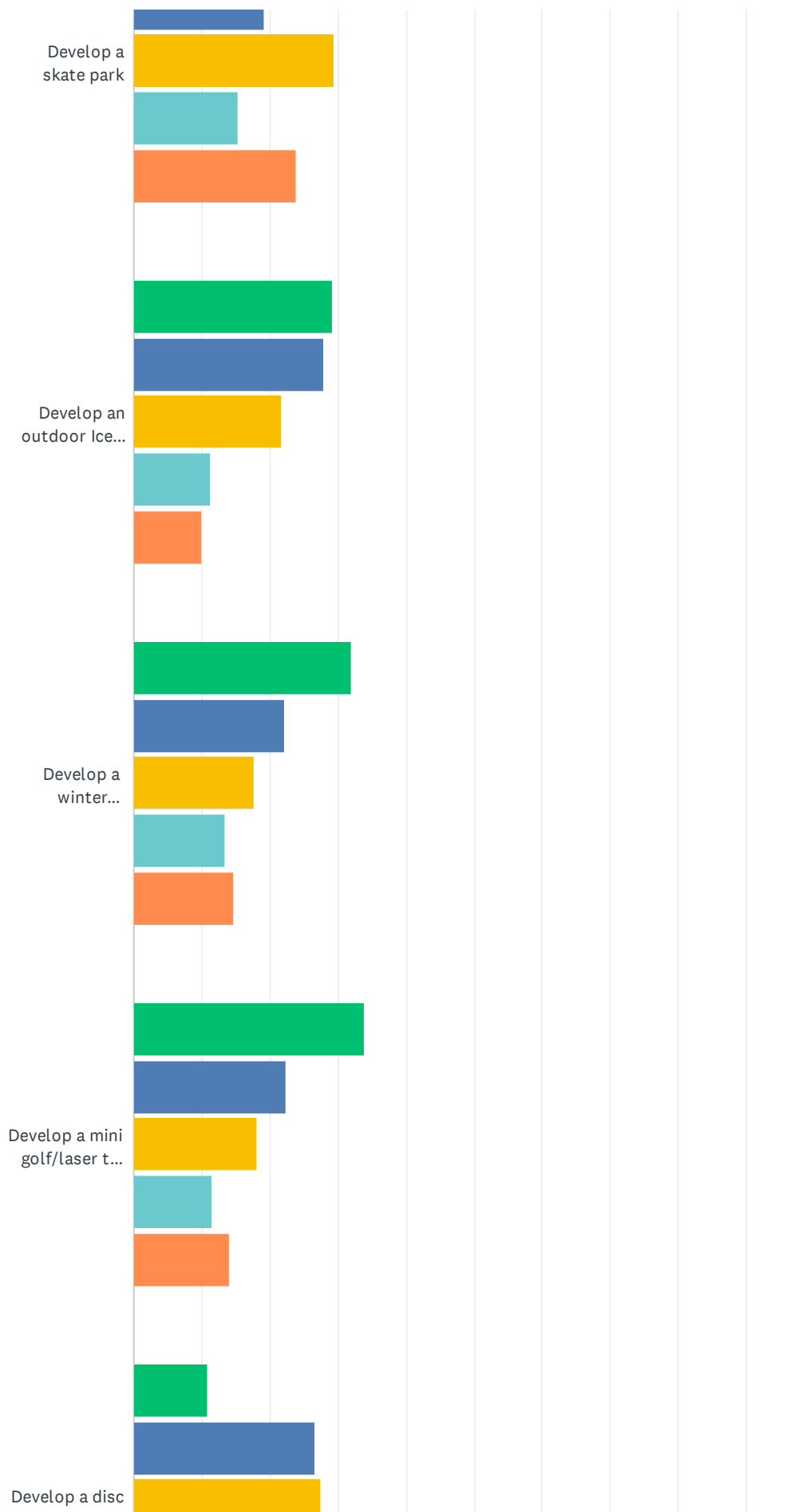
	YES, I HAVE VISITED THIS YEAR	NO, I DID NOT VISIT THIS YEAR	I DO NOT KNOW IF I VISITED THIS YEAR	TOTAL
Waterfront Park	90.69% 224	8.91% 22	0.40% 1	247
Marina	71.31% 174	28.28% 69	0.41% 1	244
Third Street Park	36.63% 89	60.08% 146	3.29% 8	243
Meadowbrook Arena	60.41% 148	37.96% 93	1.63% 4	245
Pinery Lake Ski Trail	22.08% 53	75.42% 181	2.50% 6	240
L'Anse Township Park & Campground	55.19% 133	43.15% 104	1.66% 4	241
Second Sand Beach Park	78.37% 192	20.41% 50	1.22% 3	245
L'Anse Township Hall	37.19% 90	61.16% 148	1.65% 4	242
6th Street Basketball Court	6.30% 15	91.60% 218	2.10% 5	238
Meadowbrook Park (old football field)	28.63% 69	70.54% 170	0.83% 2	241
Sledding hill	27.92% 67	70.83% 170	1.25% 3	240

Q16 Below is a list of potential recreation projects and goals for the Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township to prioritize. Indicate how you would prioritize each goal using the provided scale where 1 = High Priority and 5 = Low Priority. Indicate your response for each.

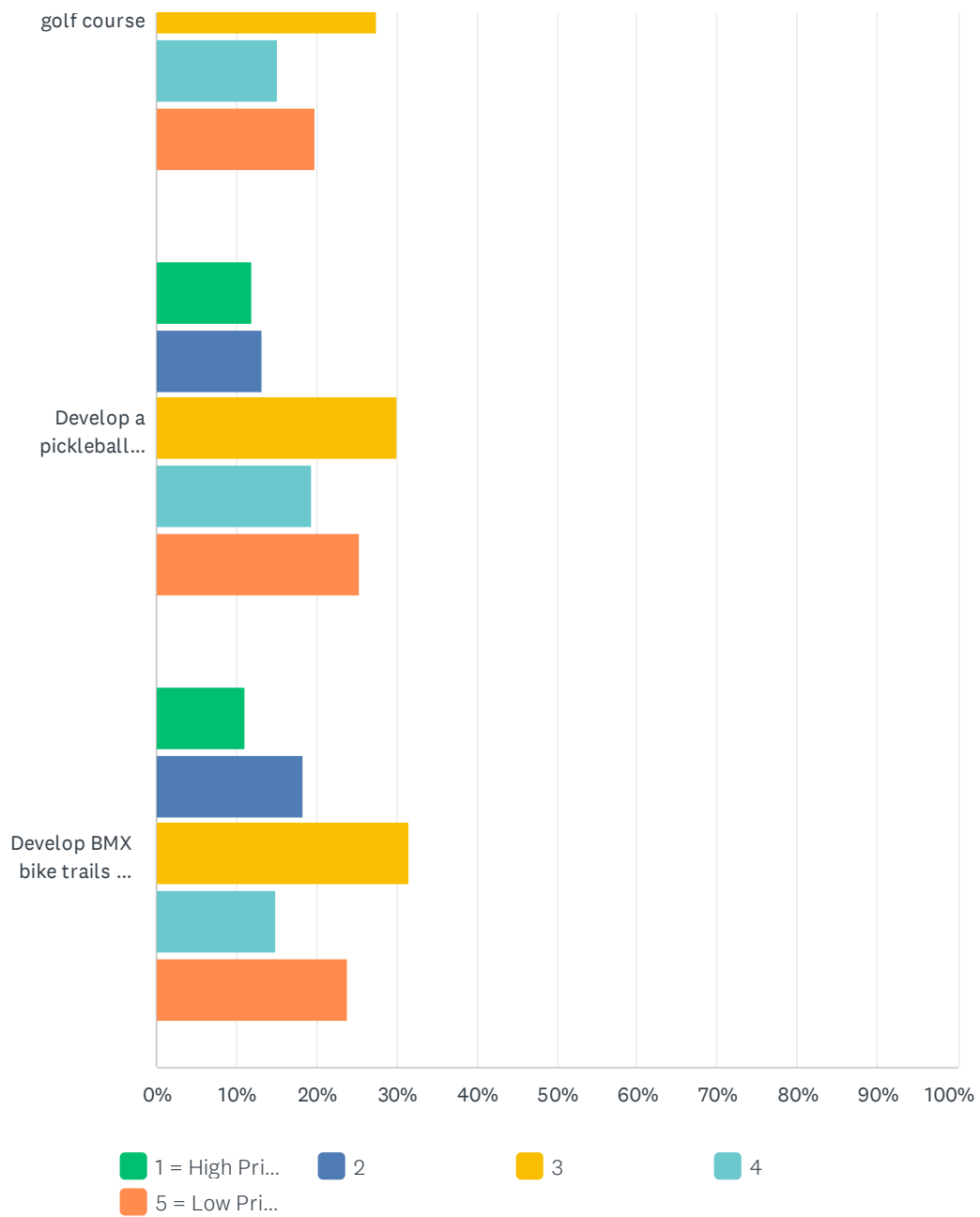
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	1 = HIGH PRIORITY	2	3	4	5 = LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL
Improve the Linden Creek trail and corridor	26.41% 61	24.24% 56	29.00% 67	8.23% 19	12.12% 28	231
Establish a Farmer's Market at Meadowbrook	34.89% 82	25.11% 59	22.55% 53	8.94% 21	8.51% 20	235
Install new boards and insulate the roof at the Meadowbrook Arena	31.62% 74	22.22% 52	27.78% 65	11.54% 27	6.84% 16	234
Develop a skate park	11.97% 28	19.23% 45	29.49% 69	15.38% 36	23.93% 56	234
Develop an outdoor Ice rink	29.17% 70	27.92% 67	21.67% 52	11.25% 27	10.00% 24	240
Develop a winter ice-skating path	31.93% 76	22.27% 53	17.65% 42	13.45% 32	14.71% 35	238
Develop a mini golf/laser tag facility	33.90% 80	22.46% 53	18.22% 43	11.44% 27	13.98% 33	236
Develop a disc golf course	10.78% 25	26.72% 62	27.59% 64	15.09% 35	19.83% 46	232
Develop a pickleball court	12.02% 28	13.30% 31	30.04% 70	19.31% 45	25.32% 59	233
Develop BMX bike trails at the Township Park	11.11% 26	18.38% 43	31.62% 74	14.96% 35	23.93% 56	234

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	be sure any lighting shines down and minimizes up light spread	10/20/2022 3:59 PM
2	It would be nice to have Jet ski and boat rentals as well as more organized charter fishing tours available	10/6/2022 1:33 PM
3	Community Garden, drive in movie theater at meadowbrook park	10/5/2022 2:59 PM
4	A pool table and darts and other things like that area with a small entry fee	10/5/2022 2:03 AM
5	Improve the hiking trail along the Falls River from the Power plant to the rail road tracks. Improve signage.	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
6	Create/Improve walking trail along Bayshore drive.	9/27/2022 8:45 AM
7	Would love to see rentals for water activity, jet skis, pontoon, paddle boards, kayaks, etc. great for tourism.	9/22/2022 8:53 AM
8	Indoor basketball court open year round to public	9/22/2022 8:25 AM
9	Indoor Swimming pool	9/21/2022 5:42 AM
10	1. Acquire Jarvey Field or improve Burt's Field. There is approximately 250 youth who play T-Ball, Minors machine pitch baseball, Majors kid pitch baseball, Softball, and Senior (13-16) year old baseball and we often run out of practice and playing fields. 2. Develop Powerhouse falls parcel (Take care of powerhouse structure, apply to get it listed on national register of historic places, develop hiking trail to Mead Road, reconstruct picnic pavillion).	9/20/2022 7:21 AM
11	Paved walking path	9/19/2022 11:28 PM
12	More cross country ski trails	9/19/2022 11:14 PM
13	Add in a pool to the downtown area	9/19/2022 10:17 PM
14	Repair the monument in LAnse township park, create signage so people know what it is	9/19/2022 2:40 PM
15	These are all amazing ideas!	9/19/2022 2:24 PM

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16	Outdoor broomball at Meadowbrook. Area young adults are interested in help building.	9/7/2022 3:57 PM
17	Help improve cross country trails	9/4/2022 9:03 AM
18	would love to see mini golf and disc golf, why not Baraga?	9/2/2022 1:56 PM
19	Improve the facilities at both 3rd & 6th street. There are new tennis courts at the school which could be used for Pickleball. We have a hockey arena, why not fix the roof & offer all the skating activities rhere?	8/29/2022 11:17 AM
20	Bike walk trail	8/26/2022 7:21 AM
21	A place that little kids can use also	8/26/2022 6:41 AM
22	Develop safe biking trails around the county away from logging truck routes.	8/26/2022 4:58 AM
23	Improve road into Second sand beach.	8/25/2022 10:47 PM
24	Develop and expand marina break wall to include a kayak launch area	8/25/2022 7:17 PM

Q17 Please describe any additional recreational activities, facilities, and opportunities you would like the Village of L'Anse and L'Anse Township to develop.

Answered: 95 Skipped: 225

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Clean up the Falls River Trail from power plant upwards	10/20/2022 4:20 PM
2	no answer	10/20/2022 4:14 PM
3	no answer	10/20/2022 4:10 PM
4	no answer	10/20/2022 4:04 PM
5	no answer	10/20/2022 3:59 PM
6	.	10/9/2022 12:30 PM
7	Jet ski rentals Boat rentals wind surfing	10/6/2022 1:33 PM
8	Old football field	10/5/2022 3:51 PM
9	Dog park	10/5/2022 1:06 PM
10	Ice rink	10/5/2022 1:05 PM
11	N/a	10/5/2022 11:54 AM
12	High ropes course, flea market, host outdoor events and conventions	10/5/2022 11:42 AM
13	And updated playground with the rubber flooring and a "fit park" for kids!	10/5/2022 11:25 AM
14	Fit park	10/5/2022 11:01 AM
15	Outdoor rink at meadowbrook field. Update Burt's field at bleachers/ new dirt in infield fix outfield many holes. Update dugouts at jarvey.	10/5/2022 2:03 AM
16	None	9/27/2022 12:57 PM
17	It would be nice to have something for seniors to do. There are a lot of seniors in Lanse. The concerts have full of attendance !	9/27/2022 11:24 AM
18	More parking near meadow brook,	9/27/2022 10:43 AM
19	Winter Carnival type event during February so the bay has a good chance of having good ice. Also hold activities in the meadowbrook/ downtown area. Snowman building, sleighhill race events, food vendors and crafts inside areans.	9/27/2022 9:57 AM
20	None	9/27/2022 7:44 AM
21	None	9/27/2022 2:19 AM
22	Bike and running races in Spring and Fall. eg Pequaming run. Contribute to hiring a grant writer and recreation director for Baraga County to accelerate access to state and federal monies like Marquette and Copper Country do.	9/24/2022 10:59 AM
23	Not sure.	9/23/2022 11:25 AM
24	Trampoline park indoor	9/22/2022 10:46 PM
25	Would love to see rentals for water activity, jet skis, pontoon, paddle boards, kayaks, etc. great for tourism.	9/22/2022 8:53 AM
26	classes/camps/groups for kids and teens	9/22/2022 8:25 AM

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27	Fencing club	9/22/2022 7:19 AM
28	Mountain biking trails would be an amazing addition. Also a bike trail to baraga would be great too.	9/21/2022 10:44 PM
29	None	9/21/2022 4:40 PM
30	More basketball courts	9/21/2022 3:48 PM
31	CORNHOLE BOARDS AND BASKETBALL COURTS WITH SEATING DOWNTOWN	9/21/2022 2:47 PM
32	Set up fold up doors/shield for the waterfront pavilion.	9/21/2022 12:42 PM
33	outdoor icerink/trails would be amazing considering we have many months of winter.	9/21/2022 12:26 PM
34	More marinas or expand current one, would be nice to see one closer to Pequaming/Aura area, if Van Straten's (new owner) is restricting users.	9/21/2022 12:20 PM
35	Indoor swimming pool	9/21/2022 5:42 AM
36	An indoor rec center with a community pool & a place for gymnastics/dance class/karate etc. to be held	9/20/2022 10:53 PM
37	Na	9/20/2022 1:11 PM
38	.	9/20/2022 12:16 PM
39	More dog mess pick up stations	9/20/2022 7:42 AM
40	Hiking trails in rockier areas for use rock hounds.	9/20/2022 5:07 AM
41	Pickleball	9/19/2022 11:39 PM
42	More walking and hiking trails	9/19/2022 10:56 PM
43	Not sure	9/19/2022 10:35 PM
44	Rentals for things like kayaks and canoes, updating the picnicking areas in the waterfront park, adding the in a pool	9/19/2022 10:17 PM
45	Bike trails. I absolutely love what we have in Baraga off of BP but we need more of that, please.	9/19/2022 10:16 PM
46	Dog park	9/19/2022 9:51 PM
47	None	9/19/2022 7:41 PM
48	A community Pool and gym center	9/19/2022 6:26 PM
49	N/A	9/19/2022 5:07 PM
50	Dog park	9/19/2022 4:59 PM
51	Indoor swimming pool	9/19/2022 3:25 PM
52	Na	9/19/2022 2:47 PM
53	Move farmers market outside Meadow brook building with shelters for vendors.	9/19/2022 2:40 PM
54	Na	9/19/2022 2:31 PM
55	Support the systems you already have and need. EMS & FIRE. without these, we are nothing.	9/19/2022 2:24 PM
56	More dog friendly things... we're super bummed our husky isn't able to join us for xc skiing at the pinery. We personally also believe some sort of rock climbing park (indoor or outdoor) would be a hit, especially that we're located between MTU and NMU where rock climbing is very popular. It could bring in people to visit our area as well as provide a new and engaging activity for all ages for those who live here.	9/19/2022 2:24 PM
57	N/A	9/19/2022 1:29 PM
58	None	9/19/2022 1:01 PM
59	More teenage kid friendly activities	9/19/2022 12:51 PM

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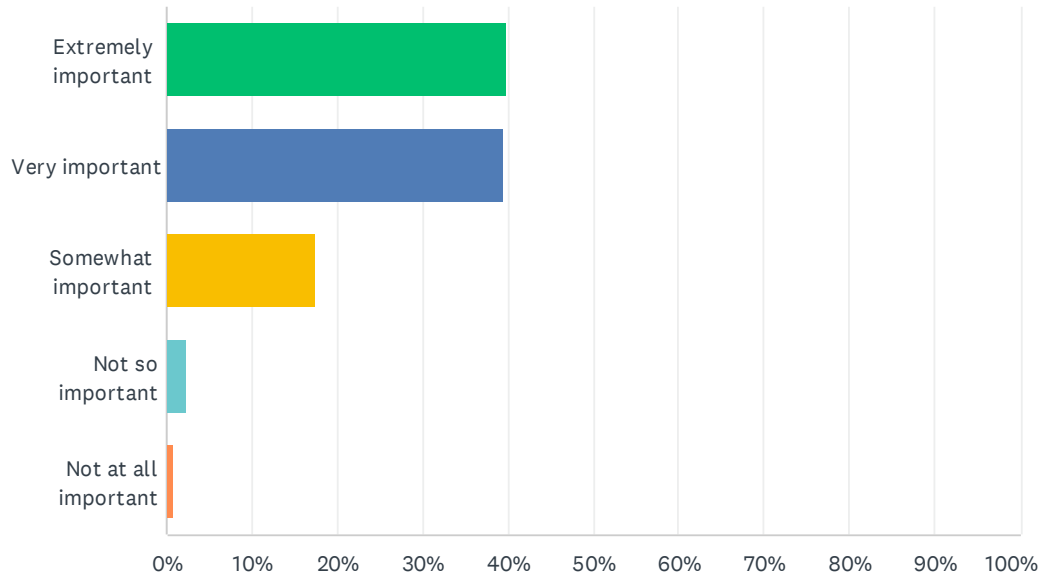
60	More rec trails for biking and walking.	9/19/2022 12:20 PM
61	Archery shooting range	9/19/2022 10:36 AM
62	Boulders for Rock climbing would be amazing to have as a resource for outdoor climbers/boulderers: https://eldowalls.com/pages/climbing-boulders	9/14/2022 9:08 AM
63	n/a	9/13/2022 11:07 AM
64	<p>These comments are from the North Country Trail Association in regards to the current L'Anse Village and Township Rec Plan. Page 19 – revise to “...and hiking and nature trails including 14.7 miles of the North Country Trail.” Page 21 – Request to add the GPS data for the North Country Trail to the map. Please contact kwawsczyk@northcountrytrail.org for data. Page 38 (page 91 of Master Plan) – Assume that because this is an appendix that this section is not being revised in the Master Plan. But just in case that Plan is also being revised suggested verbiage for the last full paragraph of the page revise to: The Peter Wolfe Chapter of the North Country Trail Association is responsible for over 121 miles of the North Country Trail (NCT). A total of 53.5 miles of the NCT travel through Baraga County with 42 of those miles being “off road” trail. The remaining of those miles are currently found along the shoulder of the road due to private landownership. The Chapter is working with those private landowners and companies to alternate and remove the current road walk to a more scenic and safer location for hikers. Page 68 – Last paragraph before Waterfront Park. Suggest to expand on the NCT under Recreational Facilities. Verbiage could be: The North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT) is the longest in the National Trails System, stretching 4,800 miles across eight states from North Dakota to Vermont. The NCT is designed as a premier footpath offering a superb experience for hikers and backpackers. The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) develops, maintains, protects and promotes the NCT through a trail-wide coalition of volunteers and partners. The Peter Wolfe Chapter of the NCTA is responsible for over 121 miles of the North Country Trail (NCT). A total of 53.5 miles of the NCT travel through Baraga County with 42 of those miles being “off road” trail. The remaining of those miles are currently found along the shoulder of the road due to private landownership. The Chapter is working with those private landowners and companies to alternate and remove the current road walk to a more scenic and safer location for hikers. We ask that you continue to work with the local Peter Wolfe Chapter of the North Country Trail Association to further promote and develop the North Country National Scenic Trail.</p>	9/9/2022 7:55 AM
65	SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF THE SHRUBS, GRASS AND FLOWERS BETTER	9/8/2022 12:36 PM
66	Pickelball, outdoor broomball, tball court to replace 3rd street which is difficult to park, view.	9/7/2022 3:57 PM
67	I would like to see the L'Anse Township put money in on a yearly basis to run Meadowbrook Arena. Township kids go there, the township should contribute or go halves with the Village.	9/5/2022 11:50 AM
68	Farmers market like chassell	9/4/2022 9:30 PM
69	Better campsites	9/4/2022 9:57 AM
70	Better signage for what we currently have is important priority to start. Improve and maintain what we already have better especially the townships	9/4/2022 8:04 AM
71	Walking trails for all abilities. Clean up, update & improve falls river trail, and access for sitting, swimming, fishing.	9/3/2022 9:56 AM
72	More exercise,yoga,boxing classes for all ages. Group hikes and kayaking.	9/2/2022 9:32 PM
73	Upgrade and improve playground equipment at Curwood park. Its falling apart and is dangerous	9/2/2022 9:24 PM
74	Should have put this here - better signage to get to mt arvon	9/2/2022 7:45 PM
75	Having the beaches cleaned up more during summer months. Raking of debris, cleanup of trees etc.	9/2/2022 6:16 PM
76	More Marina improvements	9/2/2022 12:43 PM
77	Just greater silent sports trails in general and connections to those in the area!	8/29/2022 7:18 PM
78	See above and throughout this survey.	8/29/2022 11:17 AM
79	More cross country ski & biking trails	8/29/2022 12:20 AM
80	Open green space for various activities at Meadowbrook field.	8/26/2022 12:30 PM

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81	None	8/26/2022 12:04 PM
82	Walking trails	8/26/2022 7:21 AM
83	None	8/26/2022 6:54 AM
84	Indoor place to play during winter for kids	8/26/2022 6:41 AM
85	Outdoor skating rink	8/26/2022 4:13 AM
86	Dog park Rock climbing	8/26/2022 1:43 AM
87	Improve Second Sand Beach road and grade the beach to clean the debris and grass growing on beach.	8/25/2022 10:47 PM
88	Improve the road going into Second Sand Beach. Disgraceful.	8/25/2022 10:29 PM
89	Handicap accessible beach	8/25/2022 8:50 PM
90	None	8/25/2022 8:13 PM
91	None	8/25/2022 7:54 PM
92	Better signage for UTVs to travel through town	8/25/2022 7:42 PM
93	Cap the old dock for shipwreck viewing and scuba diving	8/25/2022 7:17 PM
94	Invest in Meadowbrook arena and park.	8/25/2022 12:29 PM
95	some type of chartered boat cruises.	8/24/2022 11:54 AM

Q18 Overall, how important are recreational experiences to your household's quality of life?

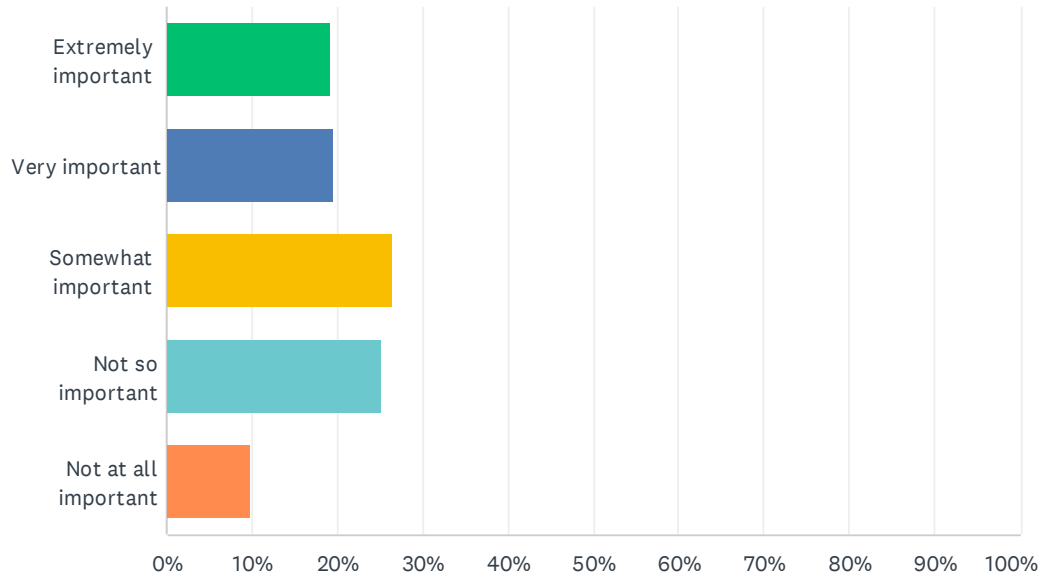
Answered: 246 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	39.84%	98
Very important	39.43%	97
Somewhat important	17.48%	43
Not so important	2.44%	6
Not at all important	0.81%	2
TOTAL		246

Q19 How important is it to you to have wireless internet connection access when participating in recreational activities?

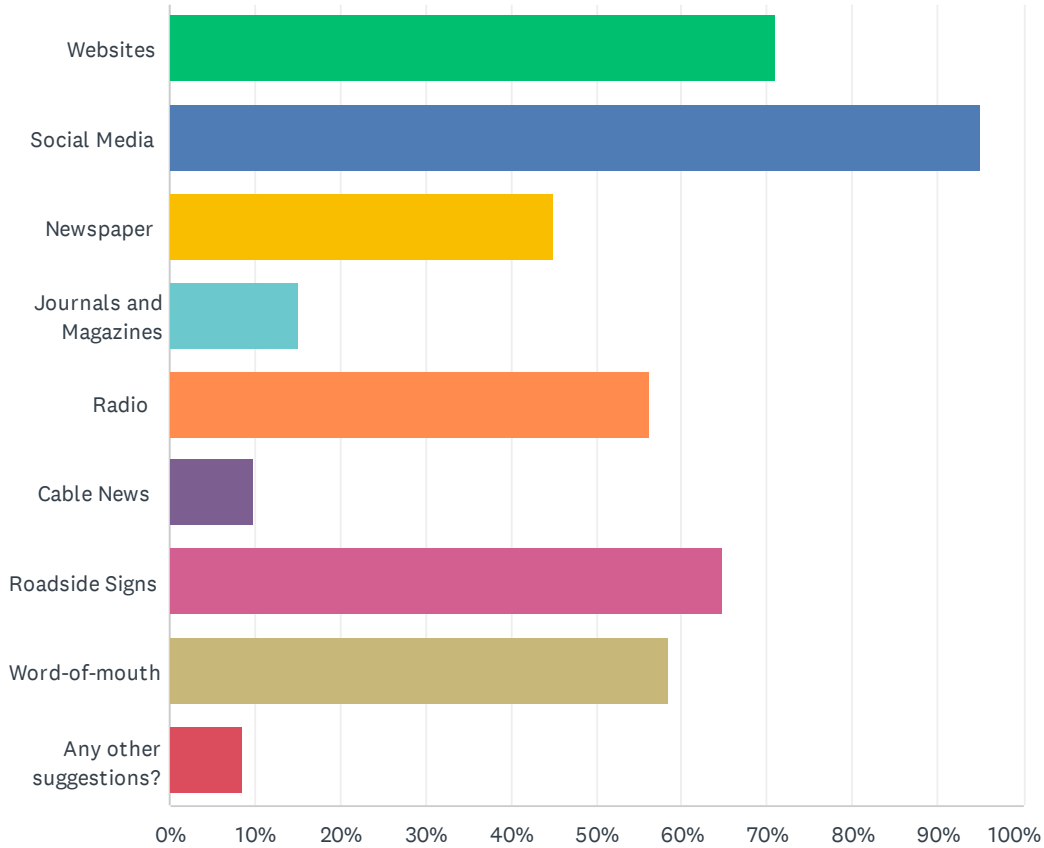
Answered: 246 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	19.11%	47
Very important	19.51%	48
Somewhat important	26.42%	65
Not so important	25.20%	62
Not at all important	9.76%	24
TOTAL		246

Q20 What is the best way to inform residents and visitors about recreational facilities and opportunities in Baraga County and the Village of L'Anse & L'Anse Township? (Check ALL that apply)

Answered: 245 Skipped: 75



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Websites	71.02%	174
Social Media	95.10%	233
Newspaper	44.90%	110
Journals and Magazines	15.10%	37
Radio	56.33%	138
Cable News	9.80%	24
Roadside Signs	64.90%	159
Word-of-mouth	58.37%	143
Any other suggestions?	8.57%	21
Total Respondents: 245		

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#	ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS?	DATE
1	A great CVB	10/20/2022 4:05 PM
2	make a movie!	10/20/2022 3:59 PM
3	More social meadow output and make this more a tourist fishing community would bring in a lot of tourist guides tours etc	10/5/2022 2:04 AM
4	Don't advertise at all	9/27/2022 12:58 PM
5	everything should be promoted well in advance so people can make plans.	9/27/2022 10:00 AM
6	Brochures	9/22/2022 9:37 PM
7	Any way other than by way of the CVB	9/20/2022 6:42 PM
8	Market outside of the area	9/20/2022 7:43 AM
9	Billboards on 41, sending home info packets with all of the students for their families through all of the schools, welcome packets for realtors and doctor offices to pass out when new families are in the area	9/19/2022 10:20 PM
10	What's UP/Eagle Radio/Shopping Show	9/19/2022 10:18 PM
11	Simply having the locations available via Google maps - I know our family constantly browses Google maps when we visit places to look for waterfalls, parks, etc we've never visited before	9/19/2022 2:25 PM
12	Support the residents not the tourists.	9/19/2022 2:24 PM
13	Travel pamphlet in motel/hotels	9/19/2022 10:39 AM
14	Ads in the Mining Gazette, many of us buy the MG	9/7/2022 3:58 PM
15	Pamphlets with them in!	9/4/2022 9:06 AM
16	Flyers in the community	9/3/2022 12:11 PM
17	News	9/3/2022 9:56 AM
18	trifold brochures are great!	8/29/2022 7:19 PM
19	Our Visitor Center is important & should be open, especially in the summer on Saturday. And Baraga County websites should be kept up to date.	8/29/2022 11:17 AM
20	Local businesses/promotions	8/26/2022 1:45 AM
21	Visitors guides	8/25/2022 8:51 PM

APPENDIX F

DRAFT PLAN REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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Notice of Publication

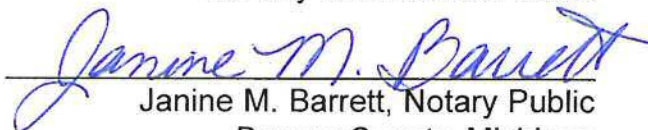
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BARAGA

Ed Danner, being duly sworn, deposes and says that a notice, a true copy of which is annexed hereto, was published in the *L'Anse Sentinel*, a newspaper printed and circulated in said State and County on: November 9, 2022 and that he is the Editor of the printers of said newspaper and knows the facts stated herein.



Ed Danner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
9th day of November 2022.



Janine M. Barrett, Notary Public
Baraga County, Michigan

My commission expires July 14, 2025
Acting in Baraga County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW, PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND PUBLIC HEARING

The 2023-2027 Baraga County Recreation Plan draft is available for mandatory 30-day public review period. Following the required period, the Baraga County Board will conduct a public hearing on December 12, 2022, at the Baraga County Courthouse, Circuit Court Room, located at 16 N. Third St., LAnse, MI 49946, beginning at 4:45 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive any public comments regarding the 2023-2027 Baraga County Five-Year Recreation Plan. Following the hearing, there will be a regularly scheduled County Board meeting to consider those public comments and possibly move to adopt the Five-Year Recreation Plan.

The Recreation Plan draft is available for public comment and can be viewed online at WUPPDR's website www.wuppdr.org. Printed copies are available at the Baraga County Administrative Building, Clerk's office. Written comments can be submitted to WUPPDR, 400 Quincy Street, 8th Floor, Hancock, MI 49930 or emailed to lmckenzie@wuppdr.org through December 9, 2022.

**WILLIAM C. ROLOF, CHAIRMAN
BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

APPENDIX G

**BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AGENDA, PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
AND RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2022-5:00 P.M.

16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946

PROPOSED AGENDA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDG OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**
Eilola, Dakota, Robillard, Olsen, Rolof
 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 3. **APPROVE AGENDA**
 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Regular Meeting, November 7, 2022
 5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only**
 6. **TREASURER'S REPORT- INFORMATION ONLY – NO MOTION REQUIRED**
 7. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 - a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- \$1,090.00 (November 2022)
 - b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, \$177,173.65
 - c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, \$253,132.47
 - d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Account, \$9,343.70
 8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 9. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Sturgeon River Conservation Recreation Area, Due Diligence Assessment – TriMedia
 - b. Parks and Recreation Committee, 2023-2027 Recreation Plan
 - c. Parks and Recreation, ARPA Fund request
 - d. Sheriff's Dept., Undersheriff raise
 - e. District Court, District Court Clerk raise
 - f. County Employee Christmas Party
 - g. Baragaland Senior Citizens, 2023 Contract
 10. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
 11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - a. BCMH Board of Trustee, Minutes
 - b. 2023 Annual Schedule
 12. **RESOLUTIONS**
 13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
 14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 15. **ADJOURNMENT**

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Rolof called the Regular Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., in the Circuit Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, 16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Rolof instructed Clerk Goodreau to take Roll Call with the following results:
Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Brad Dakota, District 2; Dan Robillard, District 3; and Lyle Olsen, District 4; William Rolof, District 5.
Absent: None.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the 2023 – 2027 Baraga County Recreation Plan.

Chairman Rolof called for public comment.

The Board received comments from individuals in attendance.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Rolof called the Regular Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., in the Circuit Courtroom, Baraga County Courthouse, 16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Goodreau took roll call with the following results:
Present: Gale Eilola, District 1, Dan Robillard, District 3, Lyle Olsen, District 4 and William Rolof, District 5.
Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Chairman Rolof led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the Agenda, as presented. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve the minutes for the Regular meeting held on November 7, 2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only:

No public comment received.

TREASURERS REPORT:

As presented by Treasurer, Jill C Tollefson.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the BCMH Trustee Per Diem for November 2022 (\$1,090.00). On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Claims and Accounts for the period of November 8, 2022 through December 12, 2022 in the amount of \$177,173.65. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent: None.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to approve the payment of the Prepaid Bills and Trust and Agency Accounts for the period of November 8, 2022 through December 12, 2022 in the amount of \$253,132.47. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to approve the payment of the Sheriff Department Commissary Account for the period of November 8, 2022 through December 12, 2022 in the amount of \$9,343.70. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

ACTION ITEMS:

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to hire TriMedia Environmental & Engineering to provide a Due Diligence Assessment on the Covington Township – Sturgeon River Conservation Recreation Area in the amount of \$3,900.00. The assessment is a requirement of the MDNR Land Acquisition Grant. This was approved by a telephone poll held on November 17, 2022 and this action is done to place on the record. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

Commissioner Eilola made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to adopt by resolution the 2023-2027 Baraga County Recreation Plan:

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners has undertaken a Five-Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical and social features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period from 2023 to 2027, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 12, 2022, at the Baraga County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire County and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the County, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Baraga County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Baraga County Recreation Plan 2023-2027 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Baraga County.

On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee Commissioner Olsen requested the Board allocate \$200,00.00 of ARPA funds toward recreation. The funds will be used in recreation development and improvements (match money toward DNR grants). Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to allocate \$200,000.00 of ARPA funds to be set aside for recreation purposes. On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried. Roll Call was as follows: Yeas; Eilola, Olsen, Robillard, and Rolof. Nays; None. Absent; None.

The Finance Committee met with Judge Daavettila to discuss department wages. Jill Beeler was given a \$.50/hour raise in the FY23 budget. Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Eilola to give Jill Beeler, District Court and additional \$1.00/hour wage increase, retroactive to 10/1/2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

The Finance Committee met with Sheriff Brogan to discuss the Undersheriff's FY23 budget raise, which was \$.45/hour. Sheriff Brogan would like Undersheriff Miller's raise to be in line with the rest of the Department. Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee Commissioner Dakota made a motion, supported by Commissioner Robillard to give David Miller, Undersheriff and additional \$1.55/hour wage increase, retroactive to 10/1/2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to allow the County employees to hold a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 22, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Olsen made a motion, supported by Commissioner Dakota to approve Baragaland Senior Citizen's FY23 budget and contract. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Olsen reported the Baraga County Trails Authority has received some signage and trail stickers. Commissioner Olsen said the authority continues the work of gaining access in some locations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- BCMH Board of Trustee, Minutes
- 2023 Baraga County Board of Commissioner Schedule

RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Rolof read proclamations, thanking Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Olsen for their dedicated service to the County.

Vice-Chairman Eilola read a proclamation, thanking Chairman Rolof for his dedicated service to the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clerk Goodreau thanked Commissioner Rolof, Commissioner Robillard and Commissioner Olsen for their dedicated service to the County.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the County Board, Commissioner Robillard made a motion, supported by Commissioner Olsen to adjourn the meeting until Monday, January 9, 2022. On Voice Vote, the motion carried.

Bill Rolof, Chairman

Wendy J. Goodreau, Clerk

BARAGA COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners has undertaken a Five Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical and social features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period from 2023 to 2027, and


WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 12, 2022, at the Baraga County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Baraga County Board of Commissioners has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire County and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the County, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Baraga County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Baraga County Recreation Plan 2023-2027 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Baraga County

Yeas: Eilola, Dakota, Robillard, Olsen, Rolof
Nays: None
Absent: None

I, Wendy Goodreau, Baraga County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Baraga County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting thereof held on December 12, 2022.



Wendy Goodreau
Baraga County Clerk

