

MARENISCO TOWNSHIP

RECREATION PLAN

2024 - 2028

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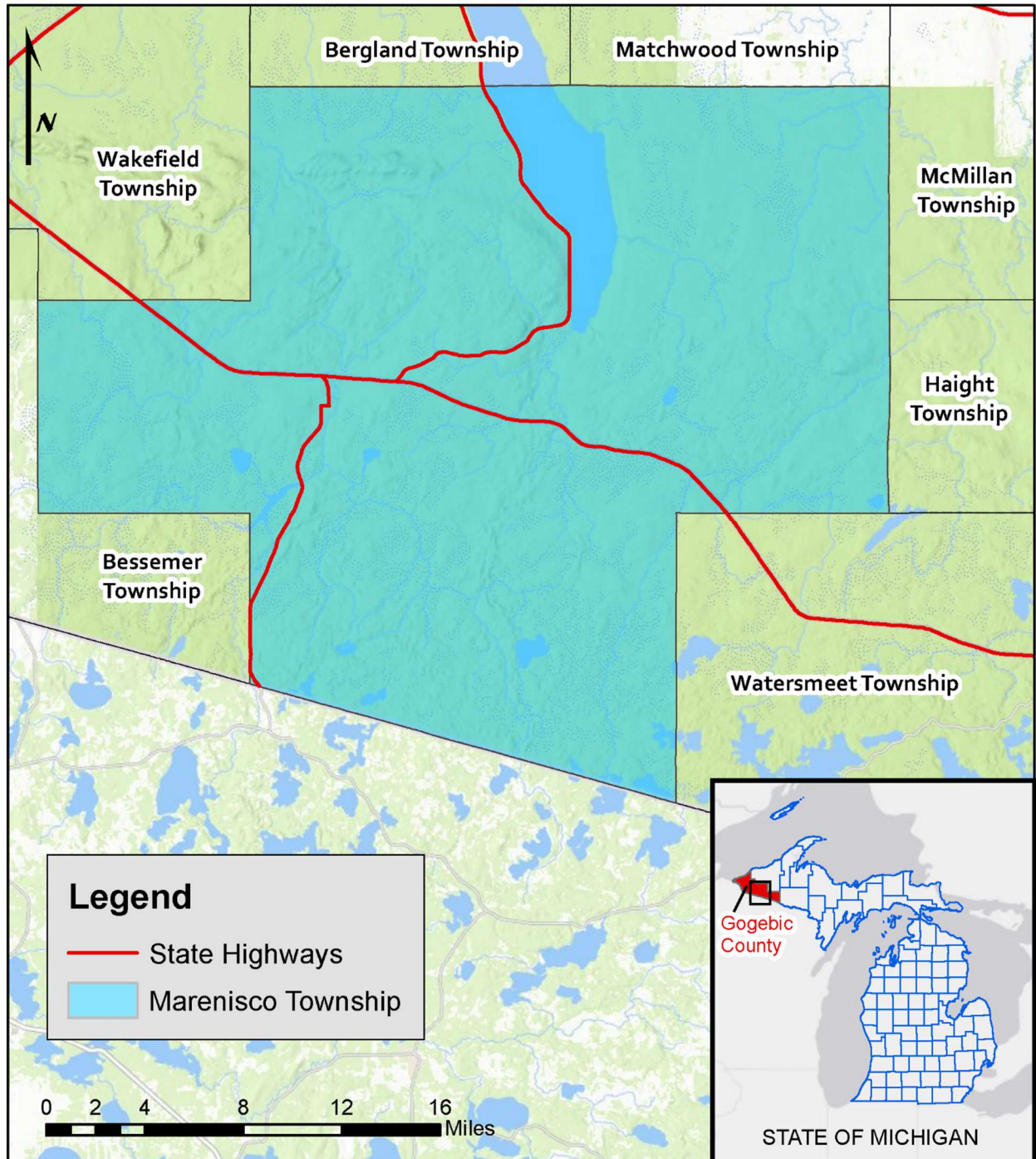
INTRODUCTION

The 2024-2028 Marenisco Township Recreation Plan has been developed to guide recreation improvements to Township-owned recreation sites and facilities over the next five years. The plan provides an overview of the community, presents an inventory of existing recreational facilities, and recommends continued improvement and development of recreation facilities. The purpose of the plan is to establish a program of improvements that meets the community's current and future needs but is also affordable and achievable for the Township.

A five-year plan also qualifies Marenisco Township to apply for certain grant programs of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This plan, prepared by Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR), was developed under the guidance of the Planning Commission, which served as the Recreation Plan Committee on behalf of the Marenisco Township Board. Public comments and suggestions were taken under consideration during the development of the plan. The plan will continue to be updated, as needed, to address the changing needs of the community and its residents.

The Marenisco Township Board of Trustees adopted the plan on December 18, 2023.

A note on capitalization: Generally throughout this document, the word "township," where used alone, is capitalized where it refers to the governing body but lowercase where it refers merely to the township's geographic area.



<h2>MARENISCO TOWNSHIP</h2> <h3>Location Map</h3> 	Created by: WUPPDR
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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Location

The Township of Marenisco is located in the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan in Gogebic County (See Figure 1 in Appendix B). It is the second-largest township in area in the State of Michigan, measuring about 330 square miles. The southern edge of the township follows the Wisconsin border, and the northern edge follows the boundaries of Bergland, Matchwood, and Wakefield townships. Bessemer and Wakefield townships are located to the west, and Watersmeet, McMillan, and Haight townships are to the east. The township contains the unincorporated community of Marenisco, which is located near the intersection of highways US 2 and M-64, several miles south of the southern tip of Lake Gogebic.

Population, Housing, and Services

Most of the 455 township residents live in the unincorporated community of Marenisco (Marenisco CDP¹) and on the shores of Lake Gogebic and State Line Lake. The township's current population is a drastic decrease (73.7%) from 2010, when it was 1,727, mainly due to closure of Ojibway Correctional Facility and loss of the institutionalized population, along with a probable loss of some of the facility's employees. This change was not accounted for in most of the statistics in the previous recreation plan.

Marenisco Township Demographics and Race (2020)		
	#	% of Total
Total Persons	455	
Male	234	51.4%
Female	221	48.6%
Under 5 years	16	3.5%
5 to 19 years	32	7.0%
20 to 34 years	42	9.2%
35 to 44 years	33	7.3%
45 to 64 years	143	31.4%
65 to 84 years	174	38.2%
85 years and over	15	3.3%
White	429	94.3%
Black	1	0.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	7	1.5%
Some other race, including two or more races	18	4.0%

¹ The unincorporated community of Marenisco is a Census Designated Place (CDP). For consistency and brevity, the CDP reference will be used throughout this plan to refer to the immediate community.

Other Characteristics		
With a disability(s) (% of civilian non-institutionalized population)*		12.9%
Poverty: all ages (% of population in housing units)*		2.7%
Total Housing Units	591	
Owner-occupied	227	38.4%
Renter-occupied	15	2.5%
Vacant	349	59.1%
<i>For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use (% of vacant)</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>90.8%</i>
Median Household Income*		\$49,444

Unless otherwise noted, statistics are from the 2020 Decennial Census.

* From 2017-2021 ACS Five-Year Estimates; in order to avoid confusion, only a percentage is displayed for disability and poverty, since the universe of people differs from the 2020 Census total population.

Marenisco CDP has a population of 179 (39.3% of township residents), with a greater share of occupied versus vacant housing units than the rest of the township.

The Township of Marenisco provides services such as trash collection, street lighting, public safety (police and fire), planning and zoning, recreation management, and general administrative services. A parade and fireworks display are held each Fourth of July with all fundraising, planning, and work done by the Fourth of July Committee. This committee also coordinates the Heritage Days Festival held each August. The Marenisco Sports Club holds a large softball tournament every year. These events are all coordinated by volunteers and utilize the recreation facilities owned, operated, or supported by Marenisco Township. It is worth noting, however, that volunteer availability has been declining in recent years. The Township will need to strategize about how to mitigate this loss while maintaining historic events and programs.

Land Use, Recreation, and Zoning

The land cover/use in Marenisco Township includes everything from urban-type residential and commercial areas to forests. These areas consist of approximately 60% Ottawa National Forest Land, 22% commercial forest, and 17% private property, giving Marenisco Township abundant opportunities for recreational and natural resource use but a constrained tax base from which to derive revenues. Marenisco’s land base includes the southern half of Lake Gogebic (the largest inland lake in the Upper Peninsula), and much of the Presque Isle River, including the Presque Isle River Flowage. In addition to these assets, the United States Forest Service (USFS) operates several recreation facilities in the township, including boat launches and campgrounds. All of the township is located in the Lake Superior Watershed.

Lake Gogebic hosts numerous resorts and public parks both in Marenisco Township and neighboring Bergland Township to the north. In contrast, aside from the Presque Isle River

Flowage, the river has not been developed in any manner; however, Marenisco Township is considering future development.

Marenisco Township property is also the main junction of the east-west/north-south snowmobile trails in the Western Upper Peninsula. As a result, a large share of long-distance snowmobile travelers in the Western Upper Peninsula must come through Marenisco.

Climate

In the winter months, snowfall from regional weather systems provides most of Marenisco Township’s precipitation, and snow cover generally lasts from November through April. This creates excellent snow conditions for winter recreation activities such as snowmobiling and skiing. However, Marenisco Township generally receives somewhat less snowfall than other nearby areas to the north that are more susceptible to the “lake effect.”

During the summer, warmer temperatures appeal to those who take advantage of summer recreational activities such as hiking, fishing, camping, and ORV/ATV trails. Mid-season temperature and snowfall averages are shown in Table 2.

Winter		Summer	
Avg. Daily Min Temp	6.5 °F	Avg. Daily Min Temp	53.7 °F
Avg. Daily Max Temp	23.3 °F	Avg. Daily Max Temp	74.4 °F
Avg. Seasonal Snowfall	185.5 inches	Avg. Precipitation	11.88 inches

Source: U.S. Climate Normals, 1991-2020, NOAA NCEI, Ironwood, MI station, which receives somewhat heavier snowfall than Marenisco Twp.

Economy

Jobs within Marenisco Township are primarily service-related, dominated by the hospitality industry and thus heavily reliant on recreation and tourism for success. The township also has an industrial park with three occupants: a bottled water producer, storage facility, and parts distributor. Some residents of the township commute to larger employers in nearby areas. Much of the area’s employment is seasonal, with most forest industry and construction contractor activity in the summer months and the primary seasonal tourism occurring in winter (skiing and snowmobiling). Seasonal jobs result in seasonal unemployment and a need for low-cost recreational facilities.

Remote work has become a greater year-round work opportunity subsequent to the Coronavirus Pandemic and has become increasingly viable with recent improvements in broadband internet service. In 2023, fiber optic-to-home internet service was installed along the west shore of Lake Gogebic. Expansion to the east shore is planned for 2024. This is critical, since the lakeshore

includes the highest-value homes and tends to see the highest housing market demand, particularly from out-of-area buyers. Cellular coverage in the area has also improved recently.

Increased recreational opportunities have a positive impact on both population and employment. This recreation plan, along with other economic development initiatives, is part of an overall plan for growth within Marenisco Township.

Transportation Systems

Two state trunkline highways bisect Marenisco Township. US 2 is a major multi-state transportation corridor that runs west-east through the middle of the township, just north of Marenisco CDP. Within the township, M-64 runs north-south from the west shore of Lake Gogebic to the township's southwest boundary. A county road system, which includes the local street grid in the CDP, complements the federal and state highway system. The U.S. Forest Service maintains most of the road network accessing forest management areas and recreation sites within the Ottawa National Forest. The nearest commercial airport with scheduled passenger service is in Ironwood Township north of the City of Ironwood. Indian Trails bus service offers pickup locations in the cities of Ironwood and Wakefield. Gogebic County Transit Authority offers two round trips three days per week between Ironwood and Marenisco.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Governance and Budget

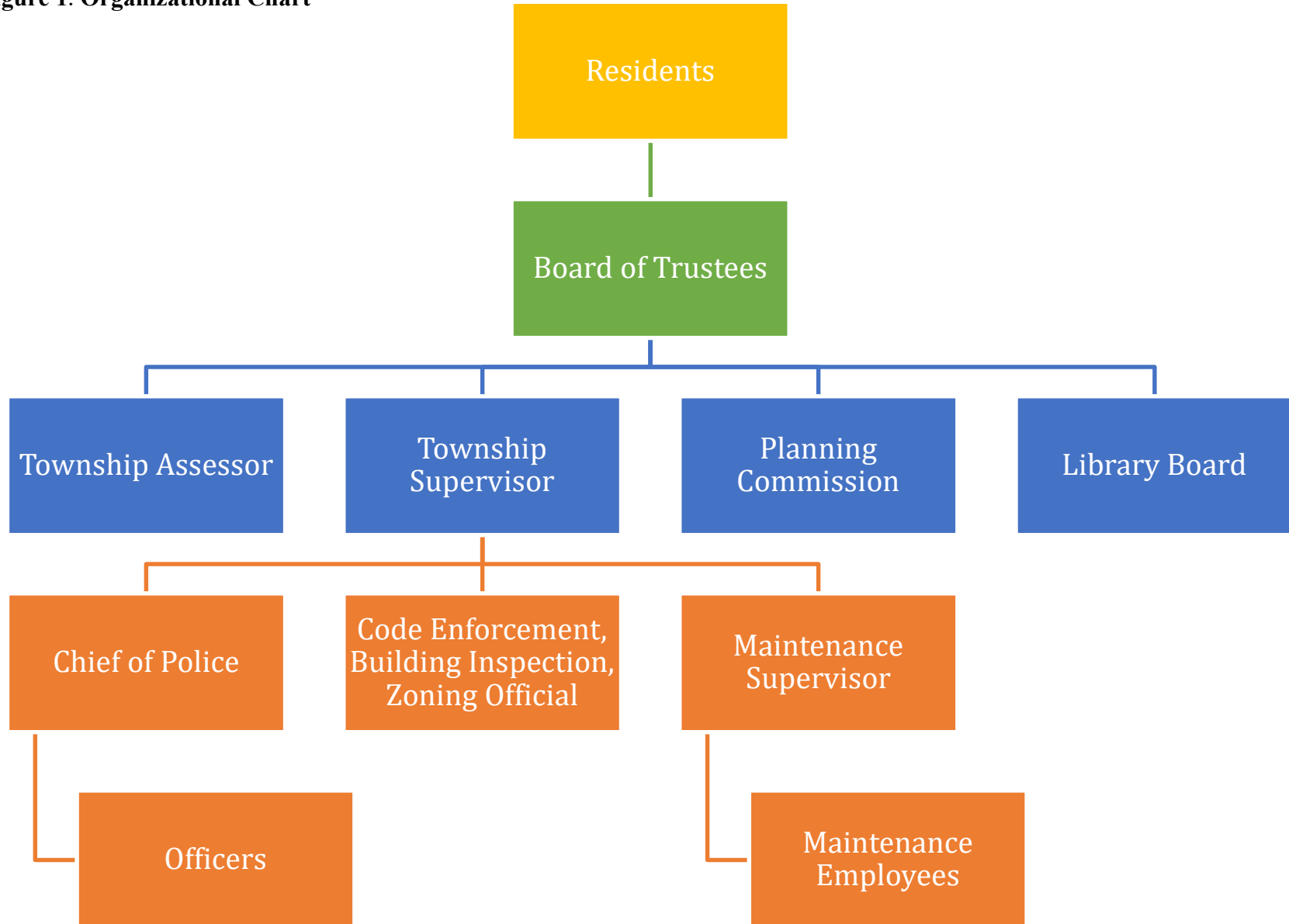
Marenisco Township is governed by a board made up of five elected officials. The Township maintains business offices at the Township Hall, located at 314 Hall Street. Marenisco Township currently has a Parks and Recreation budget line item of \$30,000 for 2023/24 within the General Fund. The Maintenance Department conducts the normal day-to-day operations of the proposed projects listed in the Capital Improvement Schedule. As the Township's personnel needs related to recreation change over time, it may draw upon volunteer resources to supplement staff.

Township Organization

The Township's Maintenance Supervisor is supervised by the Township Supervisor, who is a member of the Board of Trustees. The Township's administrative structure is shown in **Figure 1**.

The Maintenance Supervisor oversees employees responsible for the maintenance of all parks and recreation areas owned or operated by the township, including lawn mowing, cleaning of existing buildings, and clearing of debris.

Figure 1. Organizational Chart



RECREATION INVENTORY

Marenisco Township maintains access to several recreation facilities for both residents and tourists. The following recreation inventory describes the locations of recreation facilities currently available in the township and nearby. In addition, accessibility assessments and rankings are provided for each site based on the parameters outlined in the *DNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan* as follows:

- 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 park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

Based on this inventory the need for improvements and additional recreation facilities can be fully evaluated. Utilizing ADA resources, WUPPDR and the Recreation Plan Committee completed accessibility assessments at each site. No significant accessibility changes have occurred since the previous recreation plan. Deficiencies will be addressed in future site project upgrades as funding becomes available.

More information about key recreation sites in Marenisco Township is in **Appendix A**.

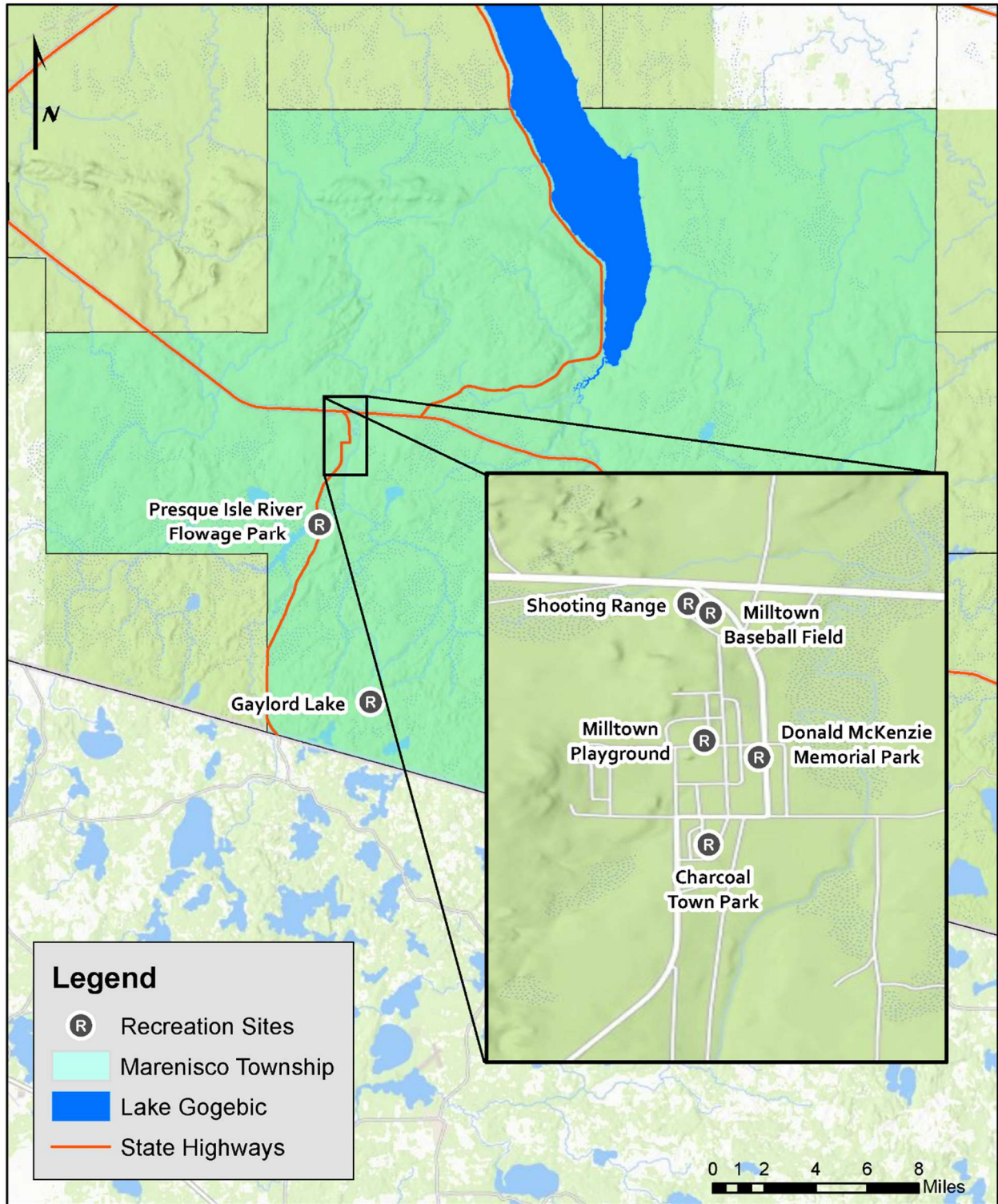
Recreational Sites Owned by Marenisco Township *(see map on following page)*



Gaylord Lake

With a small parcel and boat ramp owned and maintained by the township, Gaylord Lake is a crystal-clear 75-acre lake with depths to over 50 feet. The lake is prime fishing territory for walleye, pike, and bass. The surrounding forest is home to abundant wildlife. Neighboring lots are privately owned, limiting expansion opportunity.

Accessibility assessment = 1



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Flowage Park on Presque Isle River

Owned and maintained by the township, Flowage Park is located on an impoundment in the bottomlands of the Presque Isle River – a highly productive wetland habitat. The impoundment stretches nearly 6 miles long and one-half to three-quarters of a mile wide, and it features nearly 15 miles of shoreline with many unique and picturesque inlets and bays. The shoreline provides abundant shallow habitat for many plants and animals,

presenting rich opportunities for wildlife viewing. The flowage itself is home to various fish species. Flowage Park has been considered for future development and expansion opportunities, including campsites, but neighboring parcels are a constraint. Should acquisition become possible, the Township may reevaluate options.

Accessibility assessment = 1

Donald McKenzie Memorial Park

Donald McKenzie Memorial Park and pavilion are a multi-use facility, offering a 40- by 50-foot covered picnic area with a 40- by 32-foot building containing ADA-accessible bathrooms, a small gathering room, and a serving room with a sink and counter space. The parking lot serves as a trailhead for two major trails. Trail 1 runs north from Bergland to Silver City and south to connect to trails at Presque Isle, Wisconsin. Trail 2 runs east-west from Crystal Falls to Hurley. Farmers markets are hosted during the summer months. In the winter the picnic area is flooded to make a skating rink. The park also features a walking trail, skate park, veteran’s memorial and an old steam engine on display from the former Kimberly Clark plant are next to the pavilion.

Accessibility assessment = 3



Shooting Range

The Marenisco Township Shooting Range is located next to the American Legion and Kimberly Field on the north end of town. It is open to the public and has a range of 100 yards to be used for handgun and rifle practice.

Accessibility assessment= 3



Milltown Baseball Field

First developed in 2006, the baseball field is located near the center of Marenisco, just north of the Milltown Playground and close to the old Roosevelt School. Games are played during the summer featuring local leagues made up of youth and adults.

Accessibility assessment = 1

Milltown Playground

Located just north of the town hall, Milltown Playground is the largest park in the township with facilities for all ages to enjoy.

Accessibility assessment = 1





Charcoal Town Park

The Charcoal Town Park is located on Presque Isle Street, in a residential neighborhood on the south end of town.

Currently there are no restroom facilities. A variety of playground equipment is available in a large field setting.

Accessibility assessment = 1

Previous DNR Grant for Marenisco Township-Owned Recreation Asset

The only Marenisco Township-owned property that has received DNR grant funding is Donald McKenzie Park. The park is well utilized by residents and maintained in good repair.

Project Number TF15-0103 (2015)

- Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Amount: \$295,000
- Project Description: Development to recreate the community park and regional trailhead with a new lighted pavilion, parking, walkways, picnic area, and landscaping. The pavilion will shelter a new ice-skating rink and warming center with accessible restrooms and serve as the Visitor Center with displays for regional trail maps. New walking trails will be installed throughout the park and a picnic area will feature accessible picnic tables, so the park will be welcoming to all individuals. New parking will also be provided with accessible spaces. Native Michigan landscaping will further emphasize the bountiful nature of the area.

Other Recreation Sites In and Near Marenisco Township

There are several additional recreational facilities within Marenisco Township and bordering Gogebic and Ontonagon counties that provide opportunities to residents and visitors. An inventory of nearby recreation amenities is below.

Lake Gogebic State Park

Lake Gogebic State Park, located in northern Marenisco Township, is approximately 360 acres and includes one mile of frontage on the west shore of Lake Gogebic. Amenities at this park include modern and rustic campsites, modern restrooms, a picnic area with fire pits and grills, a picnic shelter, playground, sanitation station, a sandy beach, a paved boat launch, and the two-mile Lake Gogebic Forest Trail. Activities here include fishing, paddle sports, boating, swimming, metal detecting, and hiking.

Little Girl's Point County Park

Owned by Gogebic County, this 271-acre park on Lake Superior includes 31-site campground, restrooms, changing rooms, playground equipment, picnic sites, swimming, fishing, and a lodge that is available for rentals. A DNR boat launch is adjacent to the park.

The Lodge at Little Girl's Point

Established in 1951 by the Gogebic County Cooperative Extension, the Lodge at Little Girl's Point provides many educational, recreational, and social activities and programs for all. Available for private rental, it can accommodate up to 40 people overnight, provides kitchen facilities, and a dining hall with a fireplace. Tent or trailer camping space and a campfire area is located outside.



Lake Gogebic County Park (pictured above)

This 133-acre recreational facility on Lake Gogebic, owned by Gogebic County, includes 53-site campground, a boat launch, swimming beach, restrooms, play field, and playground equipment. This is the only public campground on Lake Gogebic that includes full-hookup campsites.

McDonald Lake County Park

This Gogebic County park offers a boat launch and six rustic campsites on McDonald Lake. Three campsites are located on shore of the lake and include tent pads and fire rings. The other

three are located on islands within the lake and do not have tent pads or fire rings. Since sites are accessed either by water or a narrow footbridge, they are for tent camping only.

Powers Road Recreation Area

The Gogebic County-owned Powers Road trail network is an approximately 30-mile multiple-use trail system. There are also several miles of hunter walking trails that provide ample deer and grouse hunting opportunities. Area trail planning is conducted by the Gogebic Range Trail Authority.

Ontonagon County Park

This county park on the west shore of Lake Gogebic includes a boat ramp, fish cleaning station, swimming beach, playground, pavilion and picnic area, 43-site campground, and restroom with showers.

Bergland Township Park

This park on Lake Gogebic, adjacent to a DNR boat launch, includes a swimming beach, three pavilions, ballfield, tennis court, 27-site campground, and restroom with showers. It is the northernmost of four public campgrounds on the lake.

Iron Belle Trail and North Country Trail

The Iron Belle Trail Bicycling Route is a nonmotorized trail extending more than 2,000 miles from Detroit to Ironwood, touching hundreds of municipalities and crossing through 48 Michigan counties. Within Gogebic County, the Bicycling Route is a grade-separated paved pathway from Ironwood east to Ramsay, beyond which the trail is concurrent with highways US 41 and M-28 east to Iron River (passing through Marenisco Township). The North Country Trail, part of the National Trails System, spans nearly 5,000 miles from North Dakota to Vermont. Within Gogebic County, this trail is also designated as the Iron Belle Hiking Route, but approximately half of this length is a road walk rather than a dedicated trail.

Copper Peak Recreation Complex

Built in 1969, Copper Peak Recreation Complex is one of the Western U.P.'s most popular tourist destinations. At 26 stories tall, it is the largest artificial ski jump in the world. Although it has not been used for ski jump events since 1994, it is an especially popular destination for viewing Michigan's autumn colors. Guests can ride a chairlift from the parking area up the hill to the structure and then take an elevator ride to the top of the structure to experience panoramic views of Lake Superior, the Porcupine Mountains, the Apostle Islands, and distances as far away as Minnesota. Along with accessory facilities such as chairlifts, a visitor center, restroom facilities, and parking, there is also more than five miles of single-track mountain bike trails on

the 300-acre property. Copper Peak was allocated \$20 million in state funding in 2022 to be upgraded to international ski event standards, primarily for use as a year-round practice hill.

Ski Resorts

Gogebic County is home to two private ski resorts with downhill facilities, located north of the cities of Bessemer and Wakefield, as well as Gogebic Community College's Mount Zion facility in Ironwood. To the north in Ontonagon County is the Porcupine Mountains Ski Area, which also has downhill facilities. Some of these facilities also have terrain parks and trails for the off-winter season.

Ottawa National Forest in Marenisco Township



Spanning parts of six counties, the Ottawa National Forest is a boreal forest ecosystem that provides numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation and adventure. Camping, hiking, fishing, boating, kayaking, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling are all ways the public can enjoy this natural resource. Most of the public land (including four campgrounds) in Marenisco Township is part of the Ottawa. The Ottawa's total area surpassed one million acres in 2023.

Henry Lake National Forest Campground

Located on the Bessemer Ranger District of the Ottawa National Forest, this campground features 11 rustic campsites, vault toilets, and a water pump. Adjacent to the campground is a boat landing, an accessible toilet, and a barrier-free fishing pier. Campsites can accommodate tents, trailers, and motorhomes. Each site is outfitted with a fire ring and an accessible picnic table.

Bobcat Lake Campground

Located on the Bessemer Ranger District of the Ottawa National Forest, this campground features 11 rustic campsites, accessible vault toilets, water pump, and an adjacent boat ramp. Each campsite is outfitted with a tent pad, wood table, fire ring, lantern post and gravel parking spur. Nearby is a swimming beach and day use area, vault toilets, tables, grills, and changing house.



Due to its proximity to the township's primary population core, Marenisco CDP, the Bobcat Lake facility is very important to residents. Based on results of the public opinion survey performed for this plan, good maintenance of the site is a high priority.

Moosehead Lake Campground

Located on the Bessemer Ranger District of the Ottawa National Forest, this campground features 13 campsites, vault toilets, pressurized drinking water, and an adjacent boat landing. Campsites can accommodate tents, trailers, and motorhomes and are outfitted with a tent pad, accessible wood table, fire ring, and parking spur.

Pomeroy Lake Campground

Located on the Bessemer Ranger District of the Ottawa National Forest, this campground features 17 campsites, vault toilets, water pump, and an adjacent boat landing. Campsites can accommodate tents, trailers, and motorhomes and are outfitted with a tent pad, accessible wood table, fire ring, and parking spur.

Boat Access Sites

Several other lakes in Marenisco Township have Ottawa National Forest access sites: Dawn, Elbow, Langford, Little Oxbow, Ormes, and Redboat.

Motorized Trails in Gogebic County

Off-road motorized recreation is important to Marenisco Township economy in all seasons. Trail activities and networks are expected to continue to expand and diversify to serve a wider group of users. Currently there is a 67-mile, DNR designated trail that is separated into two segments. The Marenisco-Korpela Road Route is maintained by MI-TRALE (ORV) and Gogebic Range Trail Authority (snow). The Iron River-Marenisco Route is maintained by MI-TRALE (ORV) and U.P. Thunder Riders (snow).

Private/Nonprofit Facilities

Two facilities owned and operated by private nonprofit groups are located in Marenisco CDP: Kimberly Field, a softball field and playground; and a multipurpose room located at the American Legion/Sports Club building.

PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Through this recreation plan, Marenisco Township desires to define an affordable and achievable recreation improvement program that will provide for the needs of residents and visitors and

increase use and user satisfaction at Township-owned facilities. Goals and objectives are as follows:

- Goal: Provide for a wide range of opportunities to accommodate a diverse population
 - Objective: Improve/increase playground facilities for youth and families
 - Objective: Improve accessibility of recreation facilities for persons of all abilities
- Goal: Provide for active recreation opportunities in the course of residents' daily lives
 - Objective: Pursue non-motorized improvements (shoulders or separate pathways) when feasible to incorporate into road construction and improvement projects
 - Objective: When considering new projects, evaluate the appropriate balance of active and passive recreation types
- Goal: Invest in existing recreation facilities to protect community assets
 - Objective: Budget sufficient Township funds to extend the useful life of facilities and improvements
 - Objective: Pursue facility updates and expansions at all recreation sites in order to equitably provide recreation opportunities throughout the township
- Goal: Provide for recreation during all seasons, with equal emphasis on winter recreation
 - Objective: Improve outdoor recreation facilities for winter sports
 - Objective: Increase indoor winter recreation opportunities
- Goal: Enhance and improve access to the township's natural recreation resources
 - Objective: Develop and enhance lake access facilities
 - Objective: Improve stream access sites to enhance water trail opportunities
- Goal: Improve collaboration with other agencies to optimize use of all recreation facilities in the township, regardless of ownership
 - Objective: Maintain a productive dialogue with the U.S. Forest Service through occasional meetings
 - Objective: Communicate with bordering units of government to help meet the recreation needs of residents across borders

ACTION PLAN AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

In order to expand and extend the use of facilities and add to the current inventory, the Recreation Plan Committee has contemplated four potential projects for the period of this plan. All were included in the public opinion survey, and all received positive feedback. Rather than include an annual schedule and cost estimates, the Township has determined it more appropriate to defer specifics to such time that any of these projects are seriously pursued based on available opportunities and funding. The first project would be a completely new site on Township-owned property, whereas the latter three could potentially be appended to existing recreation sites.

- **Presque Isle Park:** Park with walking trail along the Presque Isle River on a Township-owned parcel near “downtown” Marenisco
- **Splash pad** (design and location to be determined)
- **Basic pavilion:** Un-serviced (no utilities) pavilion near the existing pavilion at Donald McKenzie Memorial Park, for overflow use during events
- **Challenge course:** Facility including a variety of physical obstacles for adventure recreation, such as climbing walls, cargo nets, ladders, hanging logs, and ropes and cables; also known as a “ropes course”

Funding Sources

The Township budget provides funding for the operation and maintenance of the parks and recreation activities and allocates money for future development. If a recreation grant is applied for, some Township funds may be available to apply to the local share, but in-kind match such as volunteer services would likely also be required. As the recreational facilities in the township grow, the accounts that allocate money for operation and maintenance will be increased as required. A variety of potential funding sources are detailed in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Potential Funding Sources

Description	Required Match	Source
Local Funds	N/A	County
Community Foundation/Organizations/Businesses	Varies	Local
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund	25%	DNR
Land & Water Conservation Fund	50%	DNR
Recreation Passport Grants	25%	DNR
Spark Grants	None	DNR
Boating Infrastructure Grants	25%	DNR
Boating Pumpout Grants	75%	DNR/Michigan Sea Grant
Waterways Program Grants	50%	DNR
Fisheries Habitat Grant Program	10%	DNR
Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program	10%	DNR/EGLE/MDARD
Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Grants	None	DNR
Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Safety Education Grants	None	DNR
Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grants Program	15%	DNR
Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Improvement Program	None	DNR
Snowmobile Trail Improvement Program	None	DNR
Wildlife Habitat Grant Program	10%	DNR
Bond Falls Mitigation and Enhancement Fund Grants	Varies	UPPCO
Donations, Gifts, and Crowdfunding	Various	Multiple

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR) coordinated the planning efforts necessary to develop a recreation plan. The Marenisco Township Planning Commission acted as the Recreation Plan Committee to represent recreation interests, set goals, and identify potential projects.

WUPPDR participated in a kickoff meeting with the committee on July 10, 2023, where a process overview was given, the previous plan was reviewed, and potential new projects and priorities were discussed. The committee chose to use a survey as the main mechanism to collect public feedback. Following the meeting, a survey (**Appendix B**) was developed based on committee input and released to the public. Information about the survey's availability was published in the Ironwood Globe on August 17, 2023 and publicized through several other means (**Appendix C**). The survey was offered primarily in a web-based format, with hard copies available at the Marenisco Township office and library. The survey was kept open for responses until late September. A total of 49 responses were received (**Appendices D and E**).

WUPPDR again met with the Recreation Plan Committee on October 4 to review survey results and finalize new goals and projects to include in the plan. All four specific projects that were proposed in the survey received mostly positive feedback, and the committee chose to include all of them in the plan. A draft was completed and provided to the Township for committee review on October 25. The 30-day public review period was noticed in the Ironwood Daily Globe on November 16, with a public hearing scheduled for December 18 (**Appendix F**). The plan was available for review on WUPPDR's website and in hard copy at the Marenisco Township office. Written comments expressed specific concerns about each of the four proposed projects (**Appendix G**); each of these will be considered further to shape projects in the event any of them are pursued for funding.

Following the public review period, on December 18, 2023, the Marenisco Township Board of Trustees held a public meeting to accept final public comments and consider adoption of the plan. No comments were offered by attendees of the meeting. After consideration of written comments and final changes recommended by WUPPDR, the Board unanimously adopted the plan (**Appendices H and I**).

APPENDIX

- A. Key Recreation Facilities Detail
- B. Hard Copy Survey
- C. Documentation of Survey Availability
- D. Survey Highlights
- E. Survey Summary
- F. Notice of Public Review Period and Public Hearing
- G. Public Comment Summary
- H. Minutes from Public Meeting
- I. Plan Adoption Resolution

APPENDIX A

Key Recreation Facilities Detail

Map Key	Location	Accessibility Grade	Type/Classification	Ownership	Size	Facility
1	Lake Gogebic State Park	3	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Public – State	300+ acres	Camping, fishing, swimming, boating, boat landing, beach, etc.
2	Lake Gogebic County Park	3	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Public – County	40+ acres	Camping, fishing, swimming, boating, boat landing, beach, etc.
3	Bobcat Lake	3	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Public – Federal	20+ acres	Beach, swimming, camping, fishing, and picnic area
4	Gaylord Lake	1	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Township	<1 acre	Public access via private landing
5	Flowage Park Presque Isle River	1	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Township	5+/- acres	Picnic area and boat landing
6	Donald McKenzie Memorial Park	3	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Township	2+/- acres	skate park, picnic area, ice rink, and access to snowmobile trails.
7	Kimberly Field	3	Sports Complex Serving Area Residents (Outdoors)	Private/Non-profit	2+/- acres	Softball field and playground
8	Sports Club/ American Legion	3	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Indoors)	Private/Non-profit	20' x 40'	Meeting/multi-purpose room
9	Shooting Range	3	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Township	1+/- acres	Firearm activities
10	Milltown Baseball Field	1	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Township	2+/- acres	High School/Legion Baseball
11	Milltown Playground	1	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Township	<1 acre	Playground and basketball court
12	Charcoal Town Park	1	Community Park Serving Area Residents/Tourists (Outdoors)	Township	<1 acre	Playground

APPENDIX B
Hard Copy Survey

2023 Marenisco Township Recreation Survey

The Marenisco Township Planning Commission, acting as the Recreation Committee, is seeking public input for an update of the Township's five-year recreation plan. The purpose of this survey is to collect feedback from residents and visitors on the types of recreation opportunities and facilities they would like the Township to maintain, develop, and/or improve.

The survey includes questions about your recreation interests and preferences for improvements to Township-owned recreation sites. You can respond to any or all of the questions, but complete responses are most useful to us. Participation is voluntary, and responses are confidential. The aggregate results from this survey will be published as part of the Recreation Plan.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Jerry Wuorenmaa, Executive Director, Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR), at jwuorenmaa@wuppdr.org or (906) 482-7205 x111.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful responses!

Responses online are preferred and can be provided here:

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

or using the QR code at right.



Otherwise, completed hard copies can be returned as follows:

Drop Off:

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314 Hall St
Marenisco

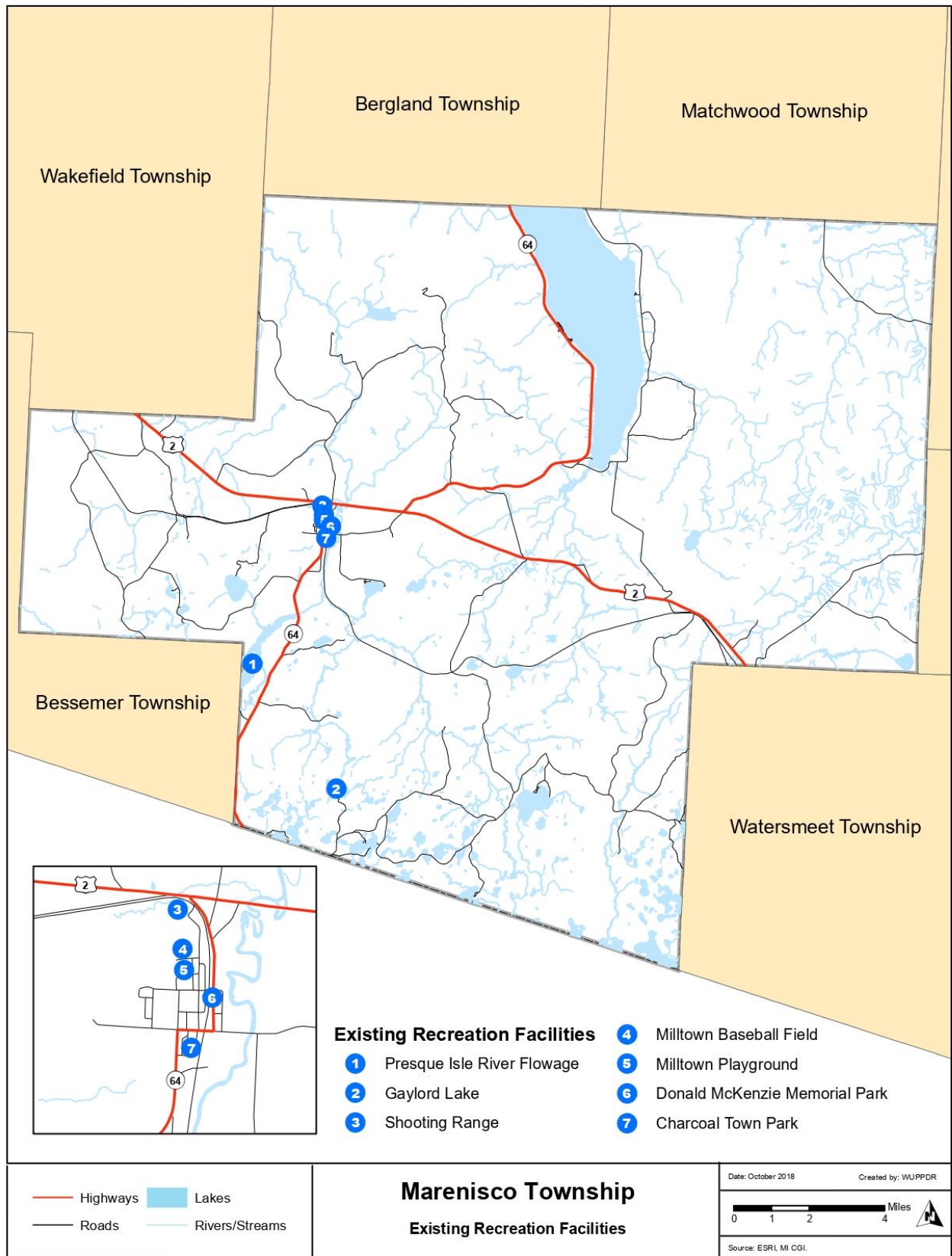
Mail:

ATTN: Marenisco Recreation
WUPPDR
400 Quincy St 8th Floor
Hancock, Michigan 49930

Response Deadline

To ensure your feedback is considered, please complete and return the survey no later than **September 17, 2023.**

Township-Owned Recreation Facilities Map



Township-Owned Recreation Facilities

The Recreation Plan focuses primarily on facilities owned by Marenisco Township. There are seven, pictured below.

1. Presque Isle River Flowage Park



2. Gaylord Lake



3. Shooting Range



4. Milltown Baseball Field



5. Milltown Playground



6. Donald McKenzie Memorial Park



7. Charcoal Town Park



Survey Questions

- Are you a resident of or visitor to Marenisco Township?
 - I live **year-round** in Marenisco Township
 - I am a **seasonal** resident of Marenisco Township (less than 6 months per year)
 - I am not a resident, but I visit Marenisco Township
 - I am not a resident and I do not visit Marenisco Township
- If you are a **year-round or seasonal resident** of Marenisco Township, where do you consider to be your primary residence *in the township*?
 - In the community of Marenisco (the built-up area or “downtown”)
 - Along Lake Gogebic
 - Other outlying area of the Township
 - Not Applicable – I am not a resident of Marenisco Township
- If you are a **year-round or seasonal resident** of Marenisco Township, how long have you had a residence in the township?
 - Less than 4 years
 - 4-20 years
 - More than 20 years
 - Not Applicable – I am not a resident of Marenisco Township
- If you are a **seasonal resident or not a resident** of Marenisco Township, where do you live for *most of the year*?
 - Elsewhere in Gogebic or Ontonagon County
 - Upper Peninsula outside of Gogebic and Ontonagon counties
 - Northern Wisconsin
 - Some other place; specify: _____
- Overall, **how important are recreational experiences** to your household’s quality of life?

Not at all	A little	Somewhat	Very	Extremely
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- It is important for us to understand recreation activities that residents and visitors participate in. Please indicate below whether you or anyone else from your household participates, or has participated, in the following activities. Indicate your response for each activity by marking the appropriate spot.

Activity	Yes, in the past year	Yes, 1-5 years ago	No, or over 5 years ago, but interested	No, or over 5 years ago, and not interested	Don't know
Archery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ATV/ORV/UTV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Backpacking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Baseball/softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beach activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biking – e-bike	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biking – mountain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biking – “fat tire”	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biking – road/path	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Canoeing/kayaking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping w/ RV hookups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping w/ no hookups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Activity	Yes, in the past year	Yes, 1-5 years ago	No, or over 5 years ago, but interested	No, or over 5 years ago, and not interested	Don't know
Dark sky viewing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing – from watercraft	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing – from shore or wading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing – ice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hockey	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseshoes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice skating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pickleball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Running/jogging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sailing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shooting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skateboarding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skiing – cross-country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skiing – downhill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skijoring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sledding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowboarding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowmobiling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowshoeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
“Splash pads”	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Others (specify):					
1. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of recreational opportunities on sites **owned by Marenisco Township** (refer to list, photos, and map at the beginning of the survey)?

Not at all A little Somewhat Very Extremely No opinion

8. Please list the top three recreation activities you'd like the Township to focus on in developing its facilities and programs:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

9. Below is a list of potential recreation goals for the Township to prioritize. Indicate how you would prioritize each goal using the provided scale where **1 = lowest priority** and **5 = highest priority**. Indicate your response for each goal by marking the appropriate spot.

Goal	← Lowest PRIORITY Highest →				
	1	2	3	4	5
Establish <i>new motorized</i> trails (e.g. snowmobile and ORV/ATV/UTV)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish <i>new non-motorized</i> trails (e.g. bicycle, cross-country skiing, hiking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve connectivity of <i>existing</i> recreation trail systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish/enhance “water trails” for paddle craft (e.g. canoes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop/enhance lake access facilities, including boat launches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase public land access to rivers and streams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase public land access to lake shorelines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Create new green spaces (e.g. parks) for public use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase recreational opportunities for individuals with mobility challenges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve “bike-ability” of the township (e.g. bike lanes and signage)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase availability of team sports facilities (e.g. baseball, hockey)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve/increase playground facilities for children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve/enhance public access to historical and cultural sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase indoor winter recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhance or increase availability of RV camping facilities (with hookups)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhance or increase availability of rustic/primitive camping facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (specify): _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. How important is it to you to have a wireless internet connection when recreating?

- Not at all A little Somewhat Very Extremely

11. Please indicate whether you have visited any of the following Township-owned recreation facilities. Indicate your response for each activity by marking the appropriate spot.

Recreation Site	Yes, in the past year	Yes, over a year ago	No, never	Don't remember
1. Presque Isle River Flowage Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Gaylord Lake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Shooting Range	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Milltown Baseball Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Milltown Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Donald McKenzie Memorial Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Charcoal Town Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Following are four potential projects the Recreation Committee is considering. Grant funds would likely need to be secured to cover most of the cost. Please list any comments you have on them:

Presque Isle Park, with possible walking trail along Presque Isle River, located behind Two Fat Guys Bar & Grill:

Basic pavilion (no electricity or other amenities) near existing pavilion at Donald McKenzie Memorial Park for “overflow” use during events:

Splash pad:

Challenge course (also known as a “ropes course” – includes a variety of physical obstacles for adventure recreation, such as climbing walls, cargo nets, ladders, hanging logs, and ropes and cables):

Below, please RANK these projects in order of priority, in your opinion, where 1 = highest priority and 4 = lowest priority. Use each number only once. You can choose to rank fewer than all four.

___ Presque Isle Park ___ Pavilion ___ Splash pad ___ Challenge Course

13. Do you have any ideas for ways Marenisco Township can partner with other entities (e.g. DNR, Ottawa National Forest, Gogebic County, local organizations) to improve and expand recreation opportunities? Please explain:

14. Are there any other (non-Township-owned) existing recreation sites or facilities in Marenisco Township that you think should be improved, expanded, or changed in some way? Please list and describe:

Additional Information

1. What is your age in years? _____

2. Including yourself, how many persons in your household are within each of the following age groups, in years?

Under 10	10-19	20-34	35-54	55-64	65-84	85+
___	___	___	___	___	___	___

3. Does anyone in your household have a disability or require specialized recreation? Specialized recreation refers to accommodations or modifications made to recreation facilities and equipment to remove barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities from using the facilities or equipment. Yes No

If “yes”, please explain and list any specific recreation sites or facilities in need of improvements to remove mobility barriers:

4. Please provide any additional comments or explanations for your responses that you think would be helpful in developing recreation opportunities in Marenisco Township:

Thank you! Your input is important to help identify and prioritize recreation projects throughout Marenisco Township.

Survey results will be included in the draft 2024-2028 Marenisco Township Recreation Plan, which will be available for public review in late 2023. Notice of the draft's availability will be publicized in local media.

If you would like to be notified directly of the draft's availability, please write your e-mail address below:

APPENDIX C

Documentation of Survey Availability



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WUPPDR makes recreation survey available for Marenisco Township

MARENISCO - Marenisco Township is working with the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region, or WUPPDR, to update the township's five-year recreation plan.

In addition to guiding improvements to the township's recreation facilities and sites, the plan will

ensure the township is eligible for certain grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Members of the public can have a voice in the planning effort by responding to a survey. In addition to general questions about recreation activities and interests, the survey requests feedback about

several potential projects.

Online responses are preferred and can be provided at surveymonkey.com/r/MTr recreation. Alternatively, paper copies can be obtained at the township offices and Public Library in Marenisco.

Survey responses will be accepted through at least Sept. 17. For more information, contact Jerry Wuorenmaa at jwuorenmaa@wuppdr.org or 906-482-7205 ext. 111.

Marty's Bessemer

BESSEMER - Marty Goldenaires Drum and Bugle Corps will host its annual community picnic on Saturday at the American Legion grounds in Bessemer from noon to 1 p.m.

This is a change from recent years when the annual fundraising picnic was held with food and refreshments, raffles and prizes, and a day full of music has been held at Bluff Valley Park. But construction on Moore Street makes it nearly impossible to get to the park this year.

So, Marty's decided to go old school and return the picnic back to the lawns of the American Legion located at 209 N. Moon St., a few blocks south of where the construction

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August 17

- 1939 Musical film "The Wizard of Oz," starring Judy Garland opens at Loews Capitol Theatre, NYC
- 1969 Woodstock Festival closes with Jimi Hendrix/Band of Gypsies as final act
- 1998 Monica Lewinsky scandal: US President Bill Clinton admits in taped testimony he had an "improper physical relationship" with the intern and on the same day admits before the nation he "misled people" about the relationship

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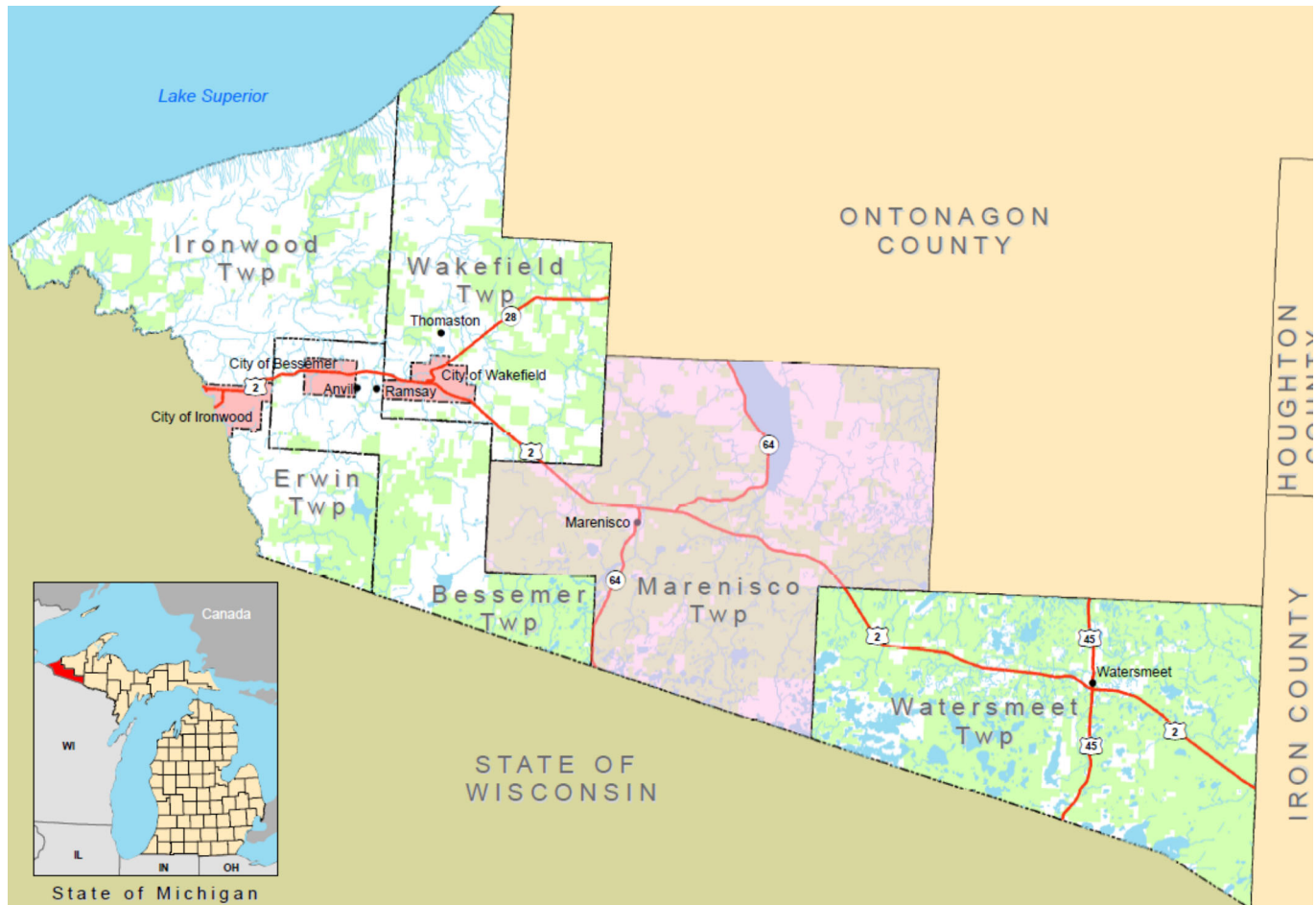
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Marenisco Township Recreation Survey



WUPPDR is assisting Marenisco Township in updating its five-year recreation plan for 2024-2028. The plan will guide the development of township recreation sites and other properties. Input from residents and visitors is vital! **You can provide input in a survey here: [2023 Marenisco Township Recreation Survey](#).** Responses will be accepted until at least September 17.

APPENDIX D
Survey Highlights

Marenisco Township

2023 Recreation Survey Highlights

Respondent Characteristics

- 57% were year-round residents of the township
- 53% of residents had had a residence in the township for more than 20 years
- Two-thirds were residents of “the community of Marenisco”
- No responses from people who are not residents and do not visit the township
- Age:
 - Two respondents reported an age under 30; eight reported 65 or older
 - Ages of persons represented in respondent households (total 101):
 - 13 people under age 10
 - 28 people age 10-34
 - 17 people age 65+
- 2 respondents reported a household member w/disability or needing specialized recreation; accessibility issues were noted for the flowage, shooting range, and Bobcat Lake

Recreation Activities/Experiences

- Almost all respondents indicated recreational experiences were “very” or “extremely” important to their households’ quality of life
- Top 10 activities participated in past year:
 1. **Boating (85%)**
 2. **Fishing – shore/wading (85%)**
 3. Swimming
 4. Beach activities
 5. Fishing – watercraft
 6. Dark Sky Viewing
 7. Shooting
 8. Picnicking
 9. Hunting
 10. ATV/ORV/UTV (65%)
- Splash pads: 22% had participated in past year; 27% had not in past five years but were interested
- 68% said a wireless internet connection was “very” or “extremely” important while recreating

Sites, Goals, and Projects

- 83% were somewhat, very, or extremely satisfied in quality of recreational opportunities on township-owned sites
- Top priority goals:
 1. Improve connectivity of existing trails
 2. Increase indoor winter recreation opportunities
 3. Improve/increase playground facilities
 4. Develop/enhance lake access facilities
 5. Establish new motorized trails
- Top sites visited:
 1. In past year: Flowage Park (66%)
 2. Never: Gaylord Lake and Charcoal Town Park (30% each)
- Proposed projects:
 1. All four were ranked similarly; Presque Isle Park was narrowly highest at 2.77, challenge course lowest at 2.13 (score of 5 = best)
 2. Splash Pad (28 responses): 19 positive, 7 negative; 3 mentioned limited users/young people
 3. Presque Isle Park (28 responses): 17 positive, 5 negative; 4 noted flooding concerns and 3 bug concerns
 4. Challenge Course (27 responses): 14 positive, 3 mixed, 8 negative; 4 each noted liability/insurance concerns and limited user group
 5. Pavilion (25 responses): 7 positive, 16 negative; 4 noted other related options and opportunities

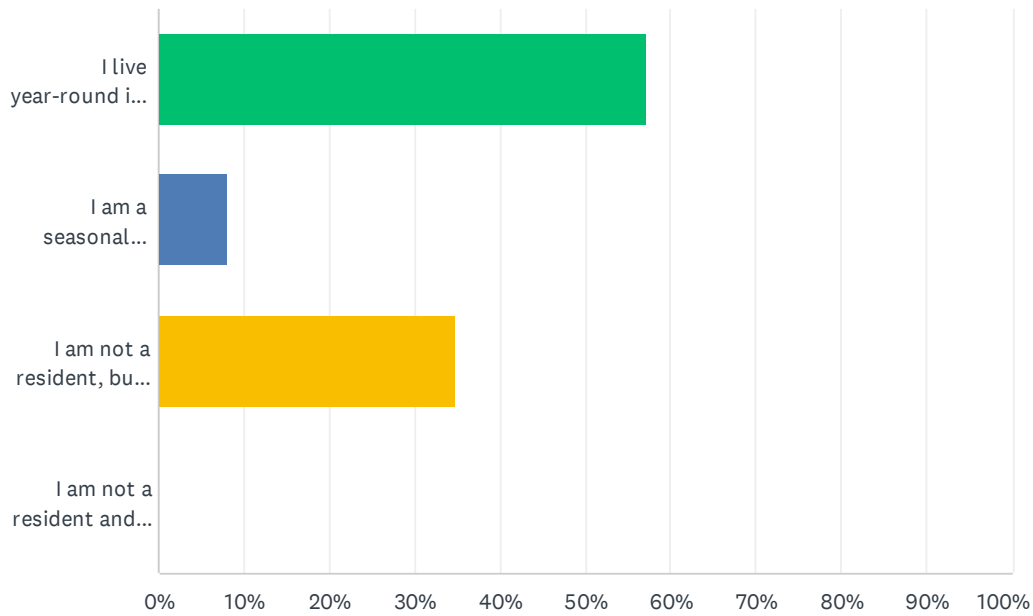
Top Comment Topics

- Bobcat Lake Campground/Beach maintenance, possible acquisition or operation by township (18)
- Nonmotorized trail improvements (5)
- Enhance relationship with Ottawa NF (4)

APPENDIX E
Survey Summary

Q1 Are you a resident of or visitor to Marenisco Township?

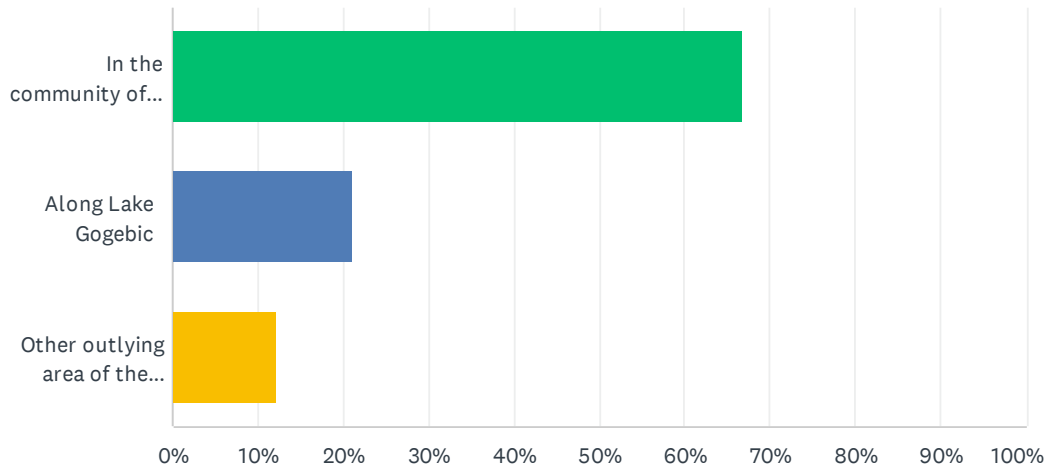
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live year-round in Marenisco Township	57.14%	28
I am a seasonal resident of Marenisco Township (less than 6 months per year)	8.16%	4
I am not a resident, but I visit Marenisco Township	34.69%	17
I am not a resident and I do not visit Marenisco Township	0.00%	0
TOTAL		49

Q2 If you are a year-round or seasonal resident of Marenisco Township, where do you consider to be your primary residence in the township? (SKIP this question if you are not a resident of Marenisco Township)

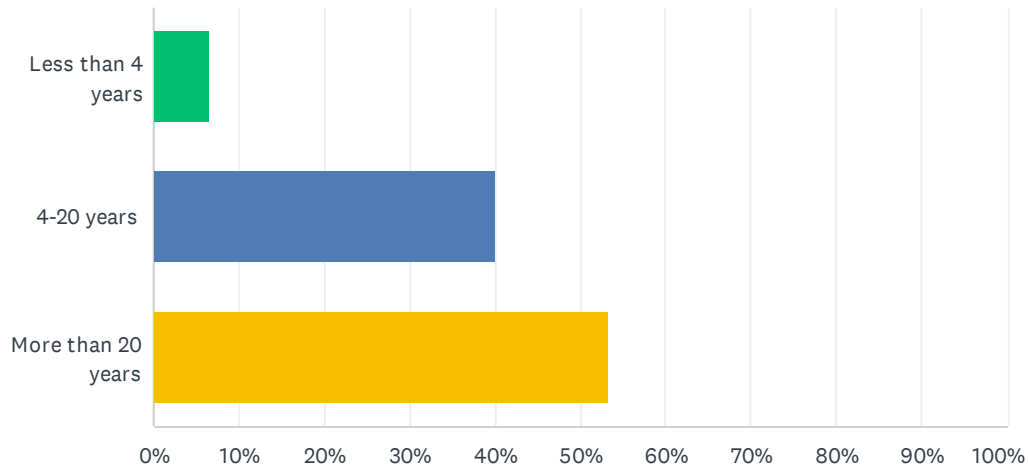
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In the community of Marenisco (the built-up area or "downtown")	66.67%	22
Along Lake Gogebic	21.21%	7
Other outlying area of the Township	12.12%	4
TOTAL		33

Q3 If you are a year-round or seasonal resident of Marenisco Township, how long have you had a residence in the township? (SKIP this question if you are not a resident of Marenisco Township)

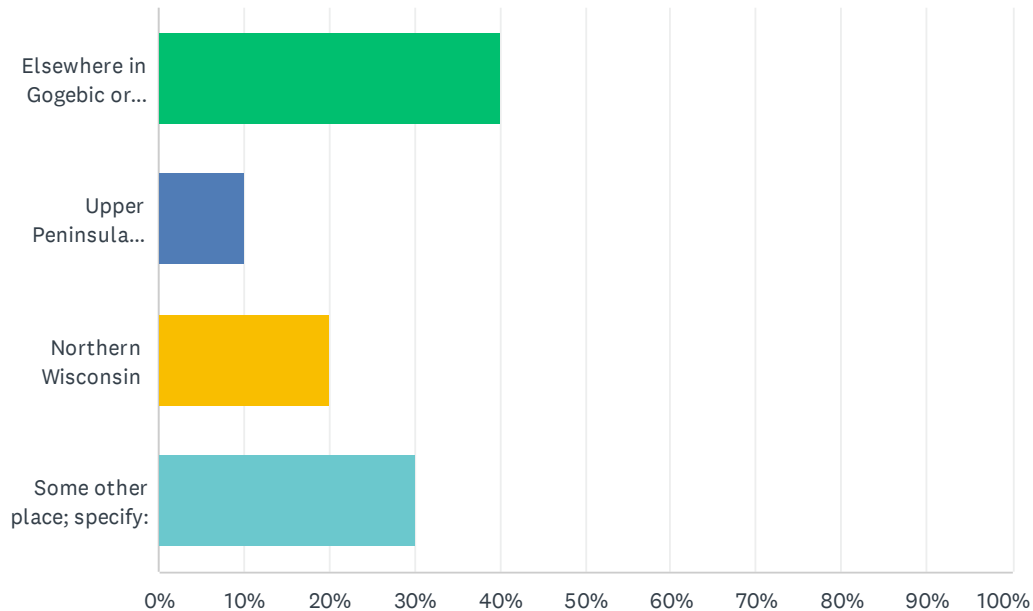
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 4 years	6.67%	2
4-20 years	40.00%	12
More than 20 years	53.33%	16
TOTAL		30

Q4 If you are a seasonal resident or not a resident of Marenisco Township, where do you live most of the year? (SKIP if you are a year-round resident of Marenisco Township)

Answered: 20 Skipped: 29

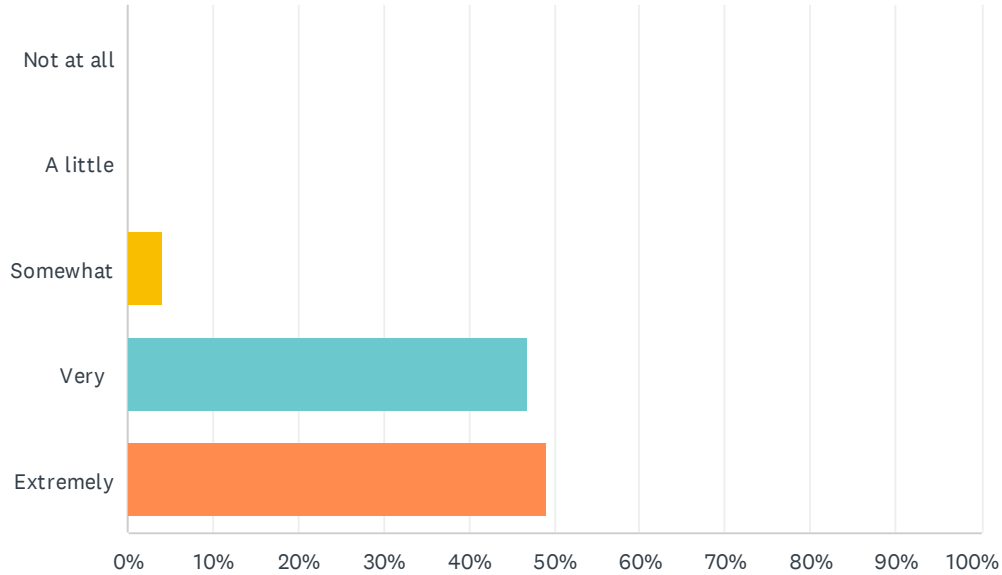


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Elsewhere in Gogebic or Ontonagon County	40.00% 8
Upper Peninsula outside of Gogebic and Ontonagon counties	10.00% 2
Northern Wisconsin	20.00% 4
Some other place; specify:	30.00% 6
TOTAL	20

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2	Southern Wisconsin	9/6/2023 3:10 PM
3	South Carolina	8/26/2023 8:28 AM
4	Rock Hill SC	8/22/2023 8:22 AM
5	Southern wisconsin	8/21/2023 9:48 PM
6	Alaska	8/21/2023 9:40 PM

Q5 Overall, how important are recreational experiences to your household's quality of life?

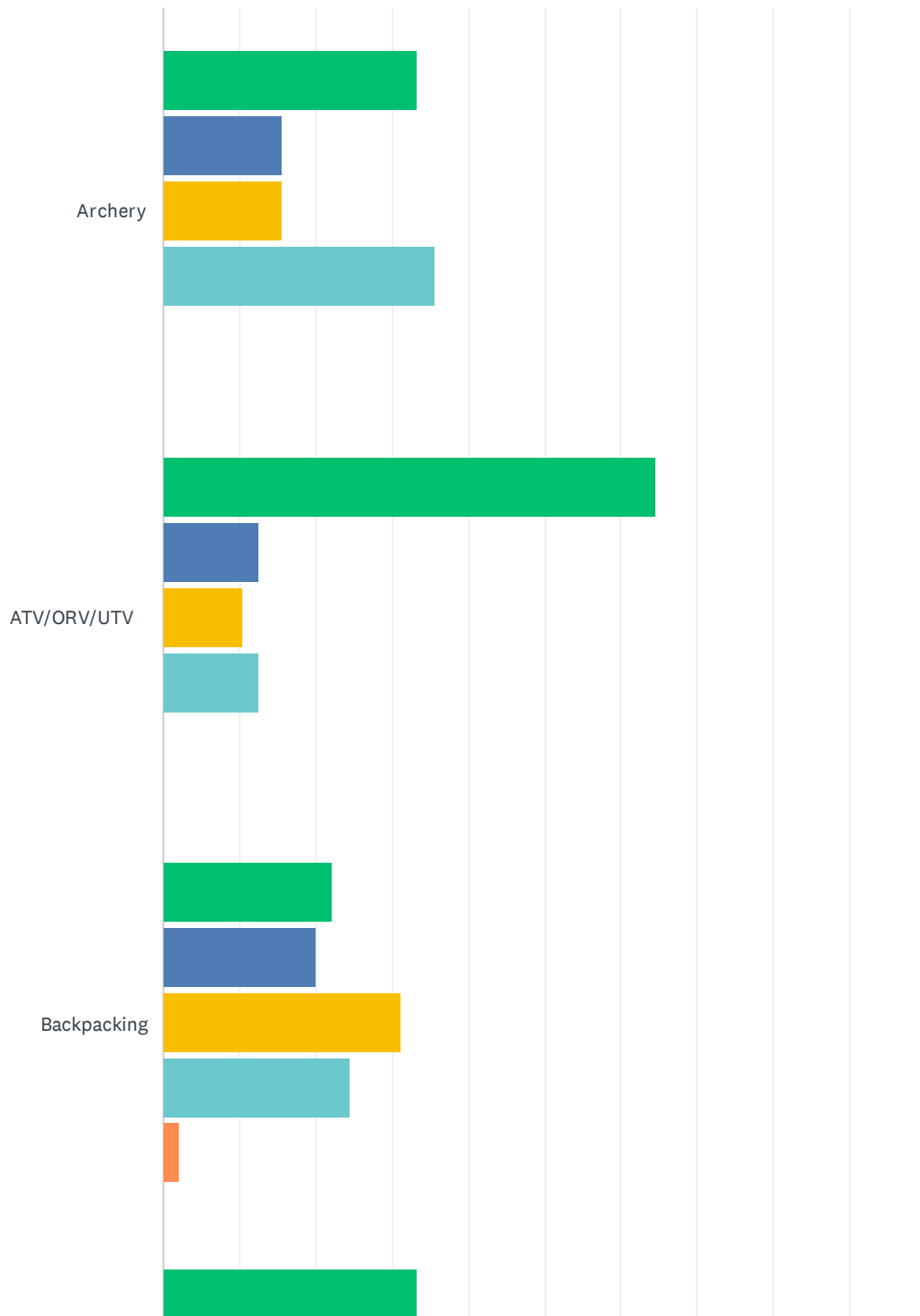
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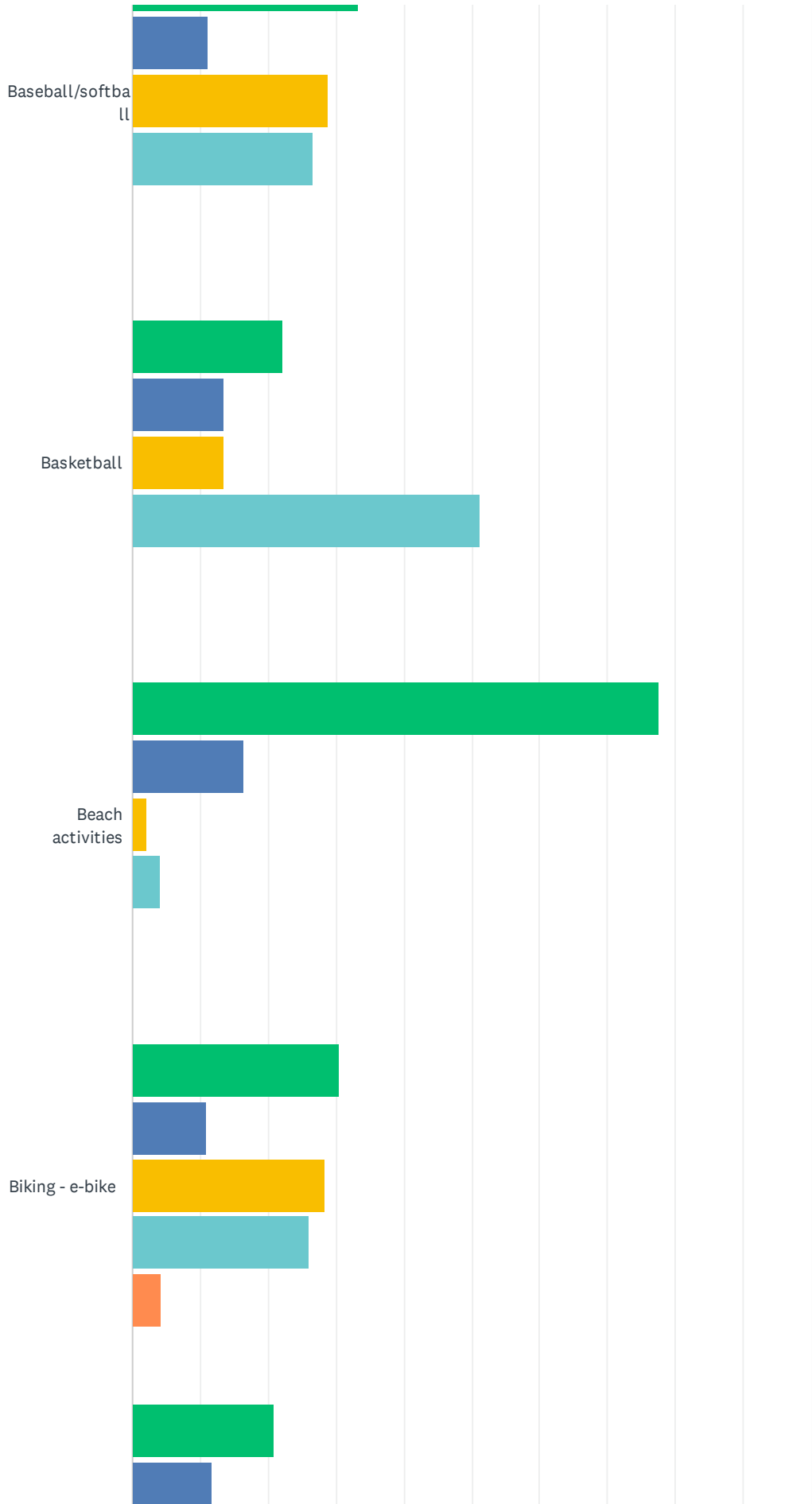
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A little	0.00%	0
Somewhat	4.08%	2
Very	46.94%	23
Extremely	48.98%	24
TOTAL		49

Q6 It is important for us to understand recreation activities that residents and visitors participate in. Please indicate below whether you or anyone else from your household participates, or has participated, in the following activities. Indicate your response for each activity by marking the appropriate spot.

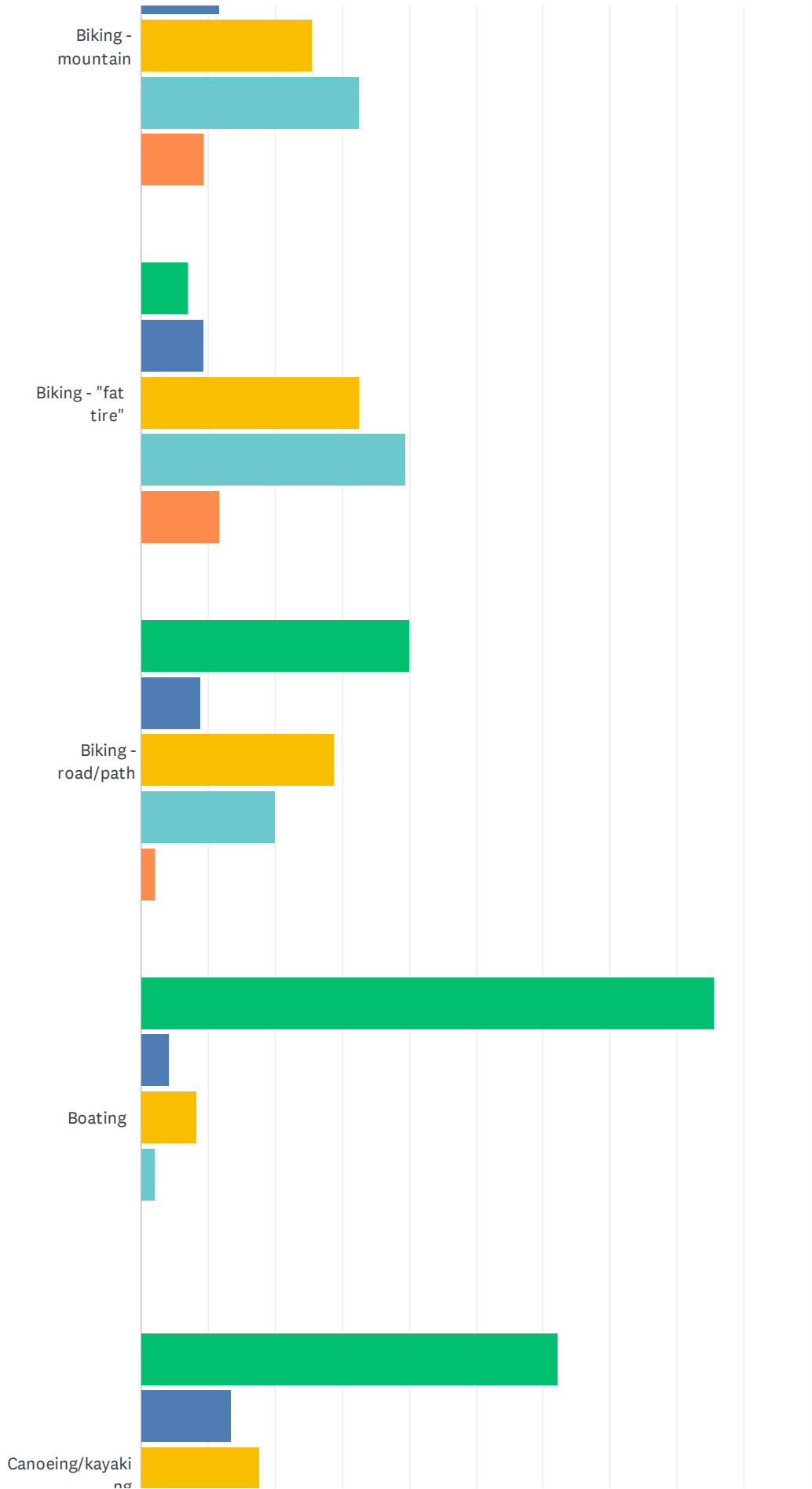
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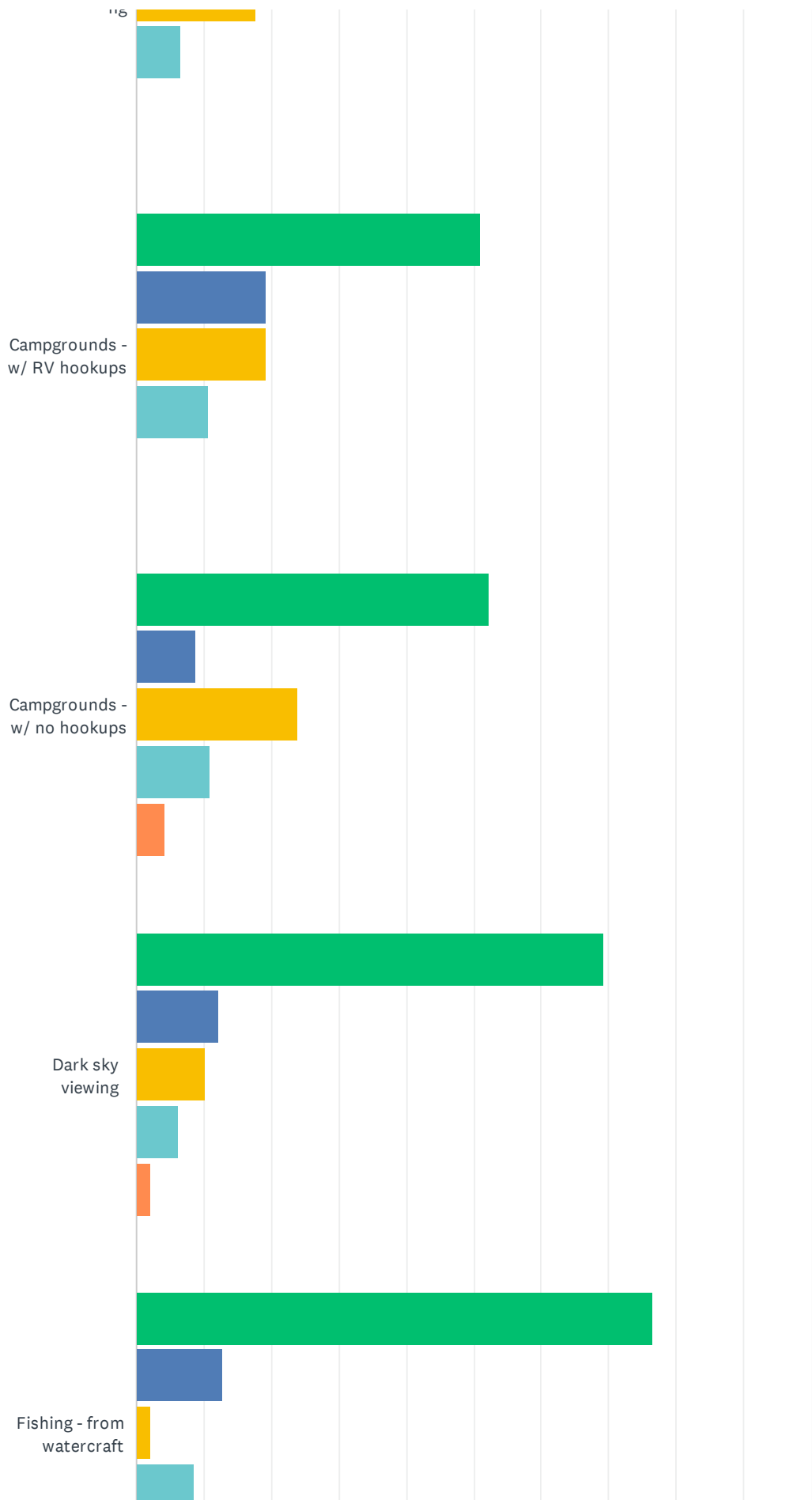
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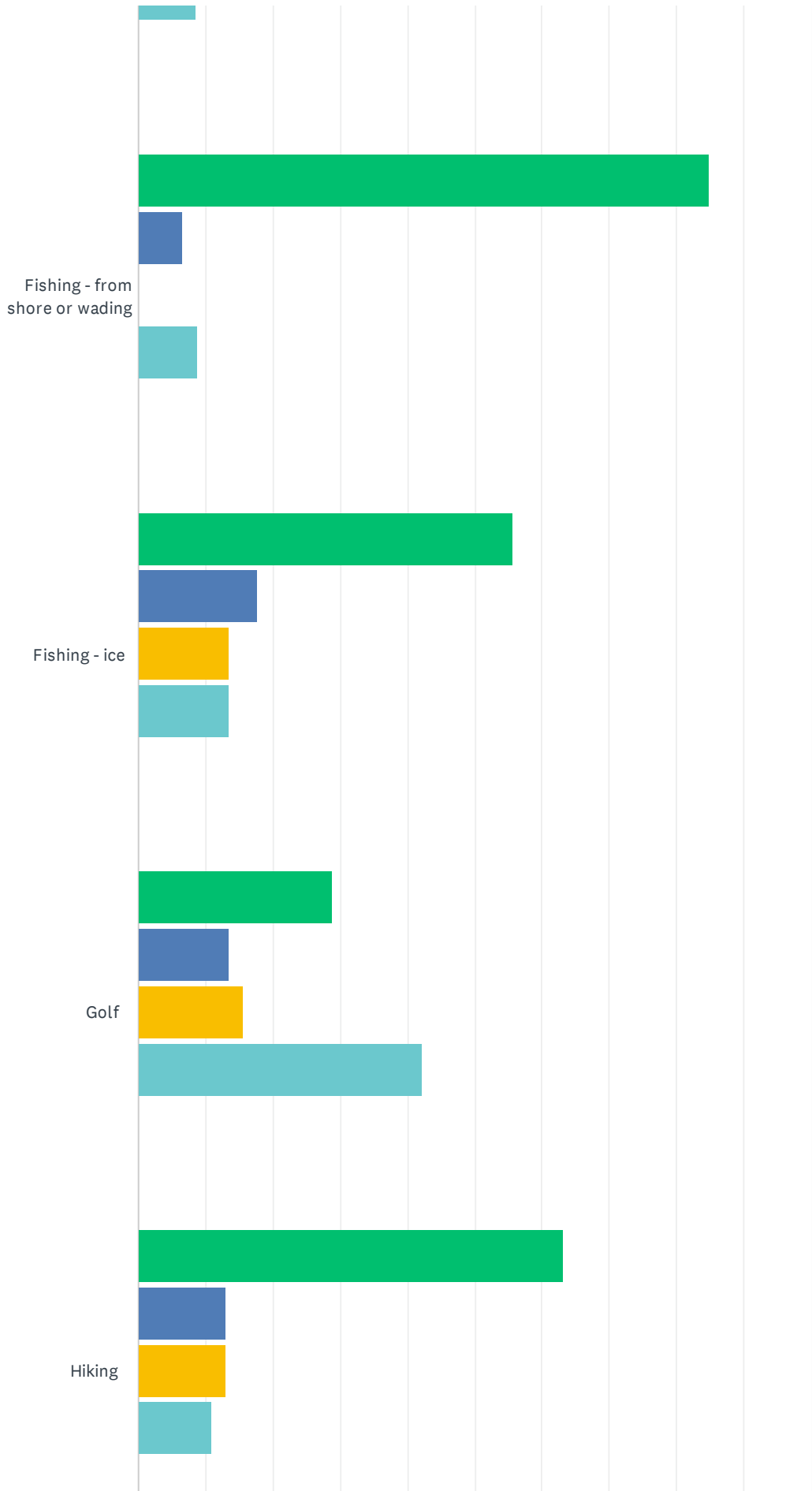
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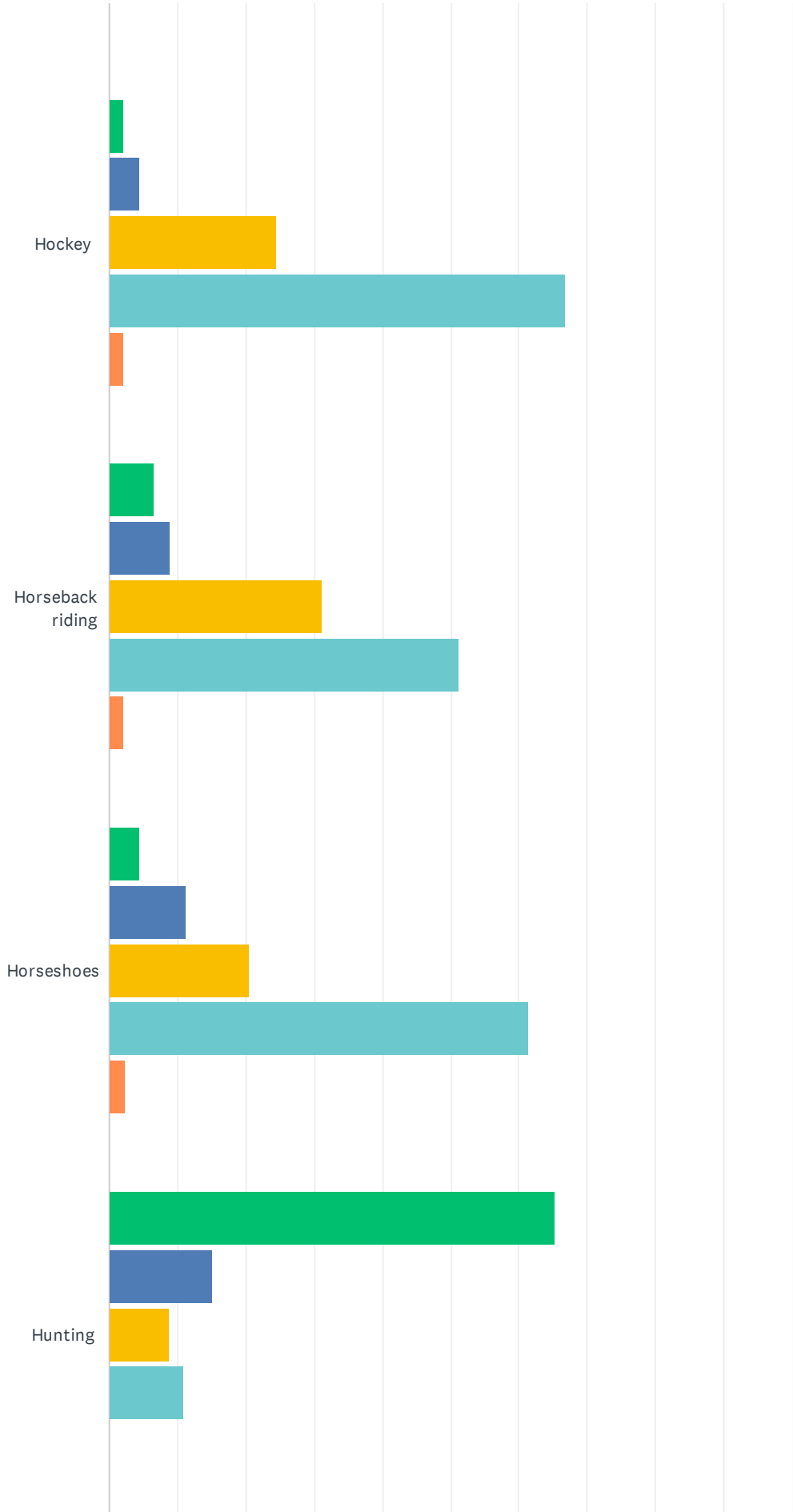
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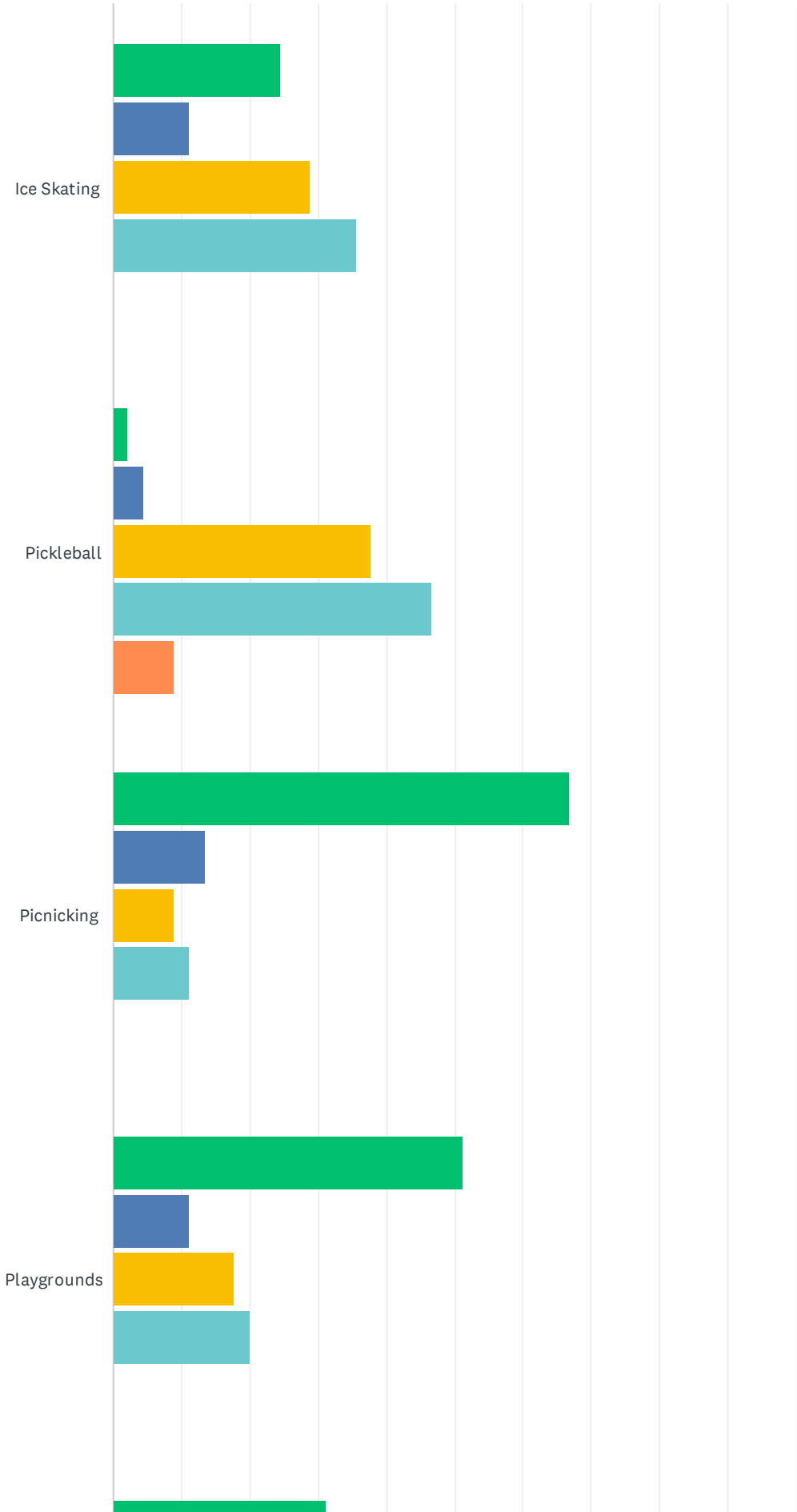
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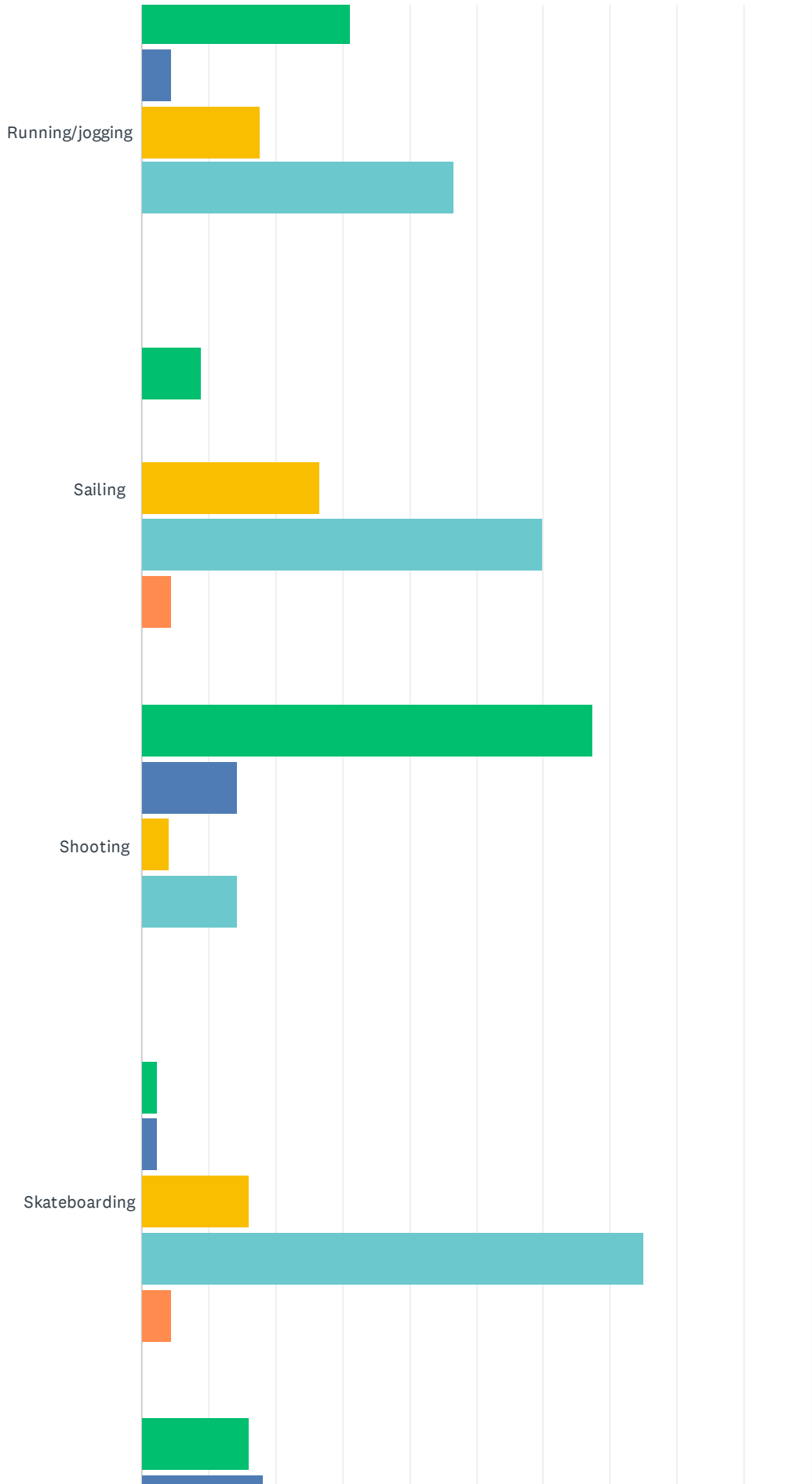
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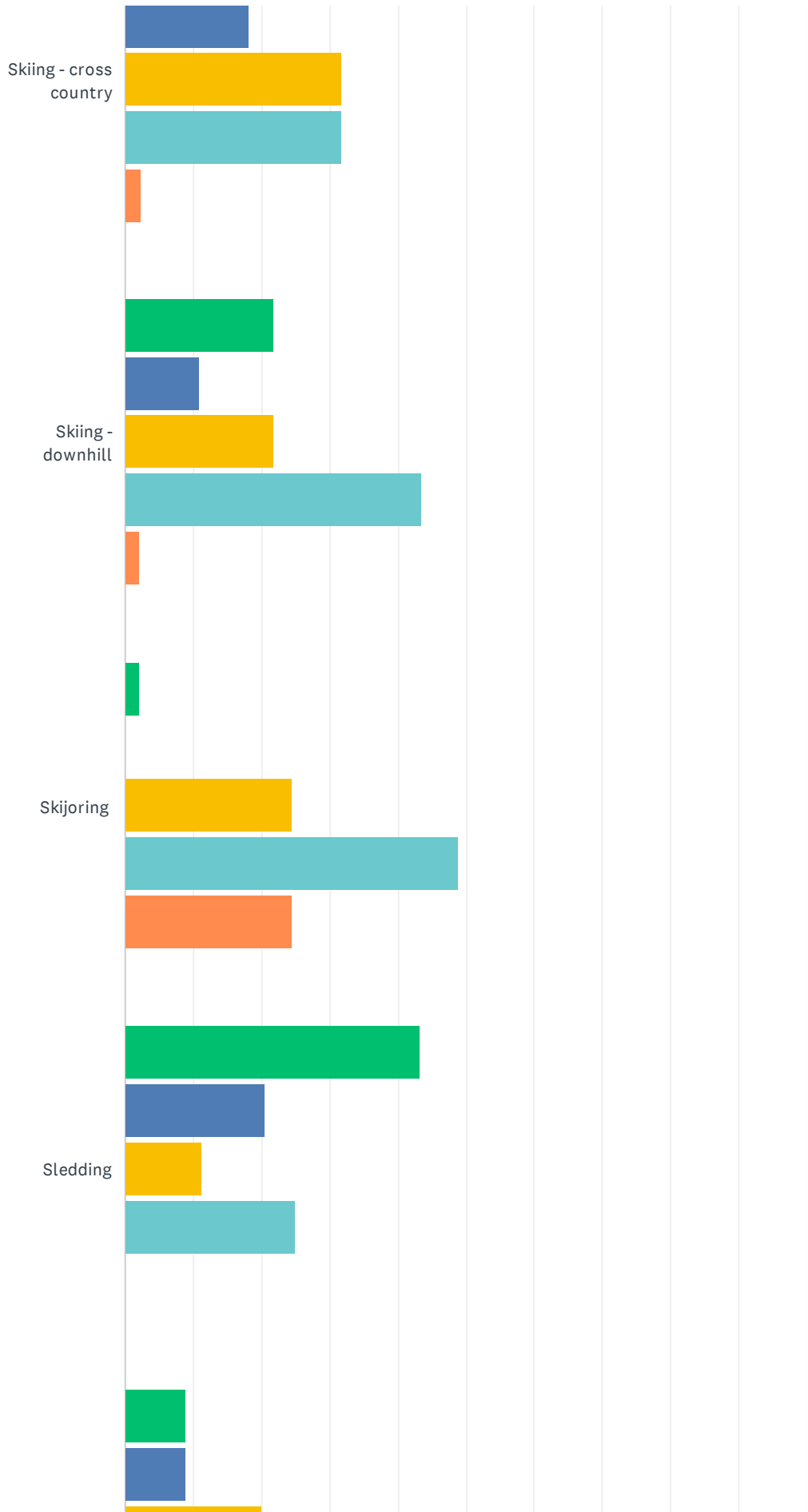
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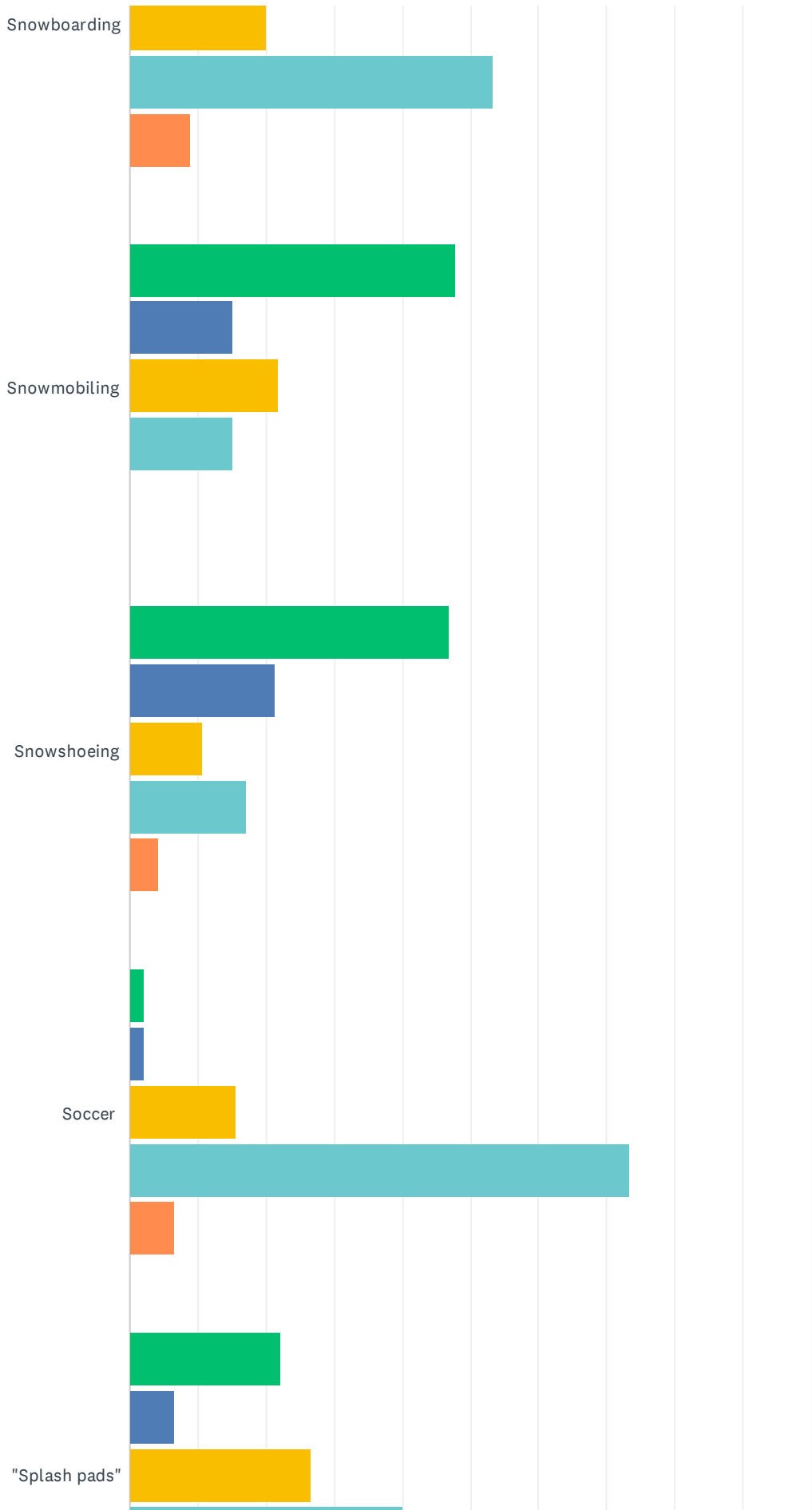
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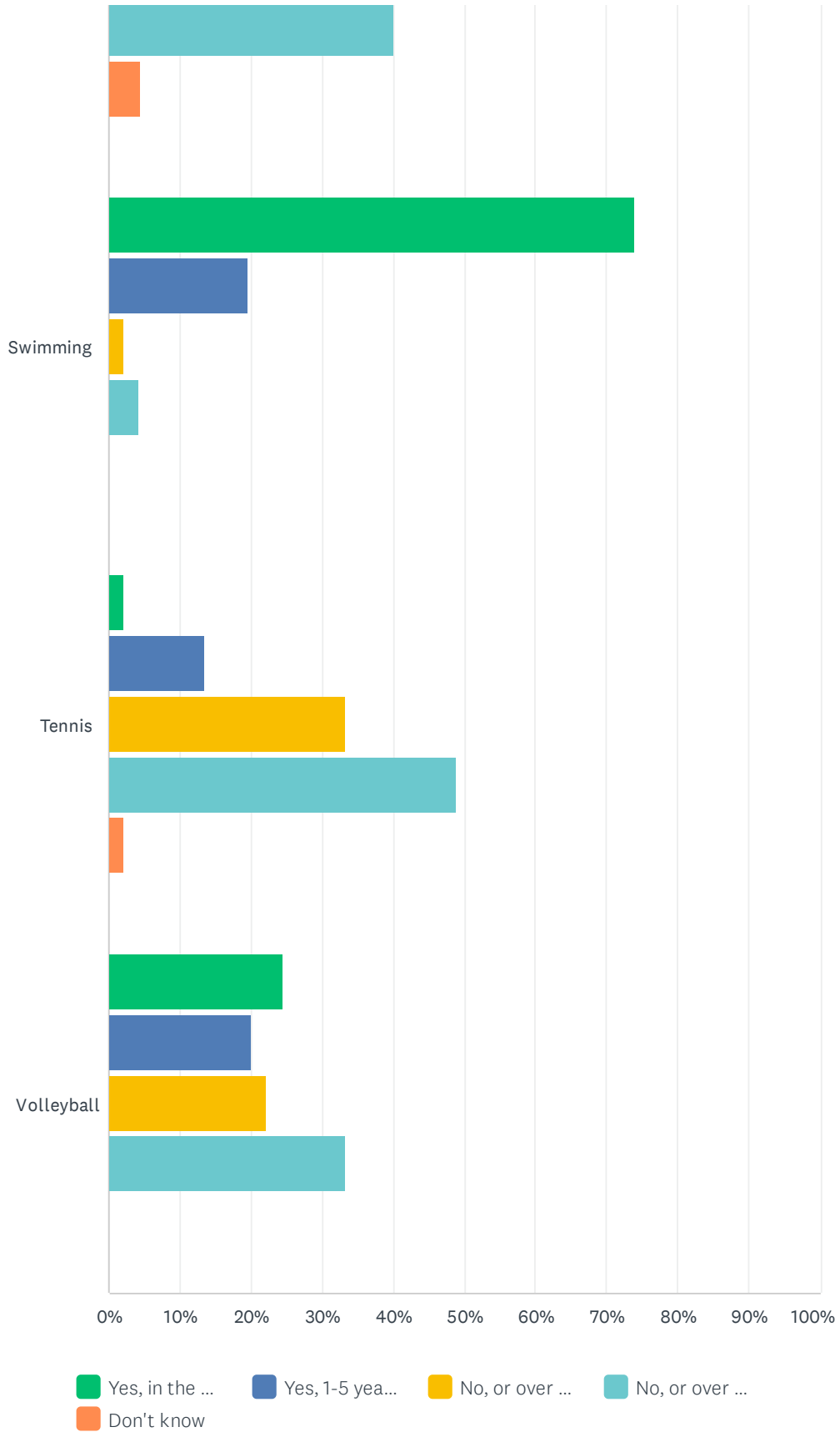
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	YES, IN THE PAST YEAR	YES, 1-5 YEARS AGO	NO, OR OVER 5 YEARS AGO, BUT INTERESTED	NO, OR OVER 5 YEARS AGO, AND NOT INTERESTED	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Archery	33.33% 15	15.56% 7	15.56% 7	35.56% 16	0.00% 0	45
ATV/ORV/UTV	64.58% 31	12.50% 6	10.42% 5	12.50% 6	0.00% 0	48
Backpacking	22.22% 10	20.00% 9	31.11% 14	24.44% 11	2.22% 1	45
Baseball/softball	33.33% 15	11.11% 5	28.89% 13	26.67% 12	0.00% 0	45
Basketball	22.22% 10	13.33% 6	13.33% 6	51.11% 23	0.00% 0	45
Beach activities	77.55% 38	16.33% 8	2.04% 1	4.08% 2	0.00% 0	49
Biking - e-bike	30.43% 14	10.87% 5	28.26% 13	26.09% 12	4.35% 2	46
Biking - mountain	20.93% 9	11.63% 5	25.58% 11	32.56% 14	9.30% 4	43
Biking - "fat tire"	6.98% 3	9.30% 4	32.56% 14	39.53% 17	11.63% 5	43
Biking - road/path	40.00% 18	8.89% 4	28.89% 13	20.00% 9	2.22% 1	45
Boating	85.42% 41	4.17% 2	8.33% 4	2.08% 1	0.00% 0	48
Canoeing/kayaking	62.22% 28	13.33% 6	17.78% 8	6.67% 3	0.00% 0	45
Campgrounds - w/ RV hookups	51.06% 24	19.15% 9	19.15% 9	10.64% 5	0.00% 0	47
Campgrounds - w/ no hookups	52.17% 24	8.70% 4	23.91% 11	10.87% 5	4.35% 2	46
Dark sky viewing	69.39% 34	12.24% 6	10.20% 5	6.12% 3	2.04% 1	49
Fishing - from watercraft	76.60% 36	12.77% 6	2.13% 1	8.51% 4	0.00% 0	47
Fishing - from shore or wading	84.78% 39	6.52% 3	0.00% 0	8.70% 4	0.00% 0	46
Fishing - ice	55.56% 25	17.78% 8	13.33% 6	13.33% 6	0.00% 0	45
Golf	28.89% 13	13.33% 6	15.56% 7	42.22% 19	0.00% 0	45
Hiking	63.04% 29	13.04% 6	13.04% 6	10.87% 5	0.00% 0	46
Hockey	2.22% 1	4.44% 2	24.44% 11	66.67% 30	2.22% 1	45
Horseback riding	6.67% 3	8.89% 4	31.11% 14	51.11% 23	2.22% 1	45
Horseshoes	4.55%	11.36%	20.45%	61.36%	2.27%	

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	2	5	9	27	1	44
Hunting	65.22% 30	15.22% 7	8.70% 4	10.87% 5	0.00% 0	46
Ice Skating	24.44% 11	11.11% 5	28.89% 13	35.56% 16	0.00% 0	45
Pickleball	2.22% 1	4.44% 2	37.78% 17	46.67% 21	8.89% 4	45
Picnicking	66.67% 30	13.33% 6	8.89% 4	11.11% 5	0.00% 0	45
Playgrounds	51.11% 23	11.11% 5	17.78% 8	20.00% 9	0.00% 0	45
Running/jogging	31.11% 14	4.44% 2	17.78% 8	46.67% 21	0.00% 0	45
Sailing	8.89% 4	0.00% 0	26.67% 12	60.00% 27	4.44% 2	45
Shooting	67.35% 33	14.29% 7	4.08% 2	14.29% 7	0.00% 0	49
Skateboarding	2.27% 1	2.27% 1	15.91% 7	75.00% 33	4.55% 2	44
Skiing - cross country	15.91% 7	18.18% 8	31.82% 14	31.82% 14	2.27% 1	44
Skiing - downhill	21.74% 10	10.87% 5	21.74% 10	43.48% 20	2.17% 1	46
Skijoring	2.22% 1	0.00% 0	24.44% 11	48.89% 22	24.44% 11	45
Sledding	43.18% 19	20.45% 9	11.36% 5	25.00% 11	0.00% 0	44
Snowboarding	8.89% 4	8.89% 4	20.00% 9	53.33% 24	8.89% 4	45
Snowmobiling	47.83% 22	15.22% 7	21.74% 10	15.22% 7	0.00% 0	46
Snowshoeing	46.81% 22	21.28% 10	10.64% 5	17.02% 8	4.26% 2	47
Soccer	2.22% 1	2.22% 1	15.56% 7	73.33% 33	6.67% 3	45
"Splash pads"	22.22% 10	6.67% 3	26.67% 12	40.00% 18	4.44% 2	45
Swimming	73.91% 34	19.57% 9	2.17% 1	4.35% 2	0.00% 0	46
Tennis	2.22% 1	13.33% 6	33.33% 15	48.89% 22	2.22% 1	45
Volleyball	24.44% 11	20.00% 9	22.22% 10	33.33% 15	0.00% 0	45

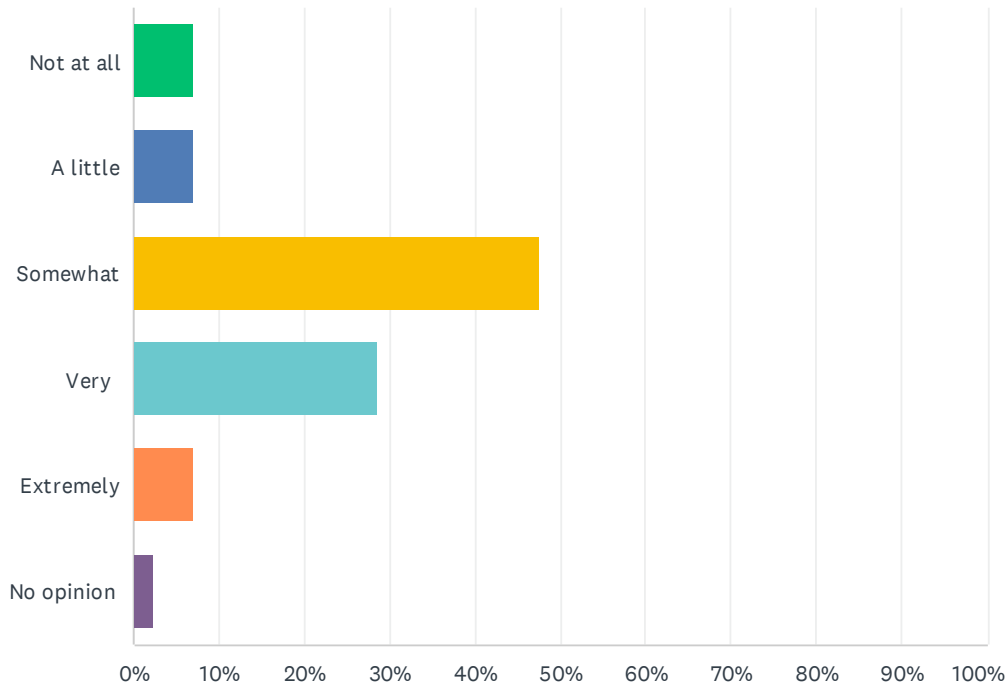
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY & INDICATE PRIORITY IN YOUR RESPONSE; IF YOU WANT TO ADD MORE THAN ONE "OTHER," YOU MAY TYPE THE ACTIVITIES AND PRIORITY LEVELS IN YOUR RESPONSE.)	DATE
1	Off-road motorcycle - in past year On-road motorcycle - in past year	9/25/2023 9:29 AM

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2	Volleyball-Interested	8/31/2023 7:35 PM
3	Splash pad	8/22/2023 10:31 AM
4	Could the township possibly get the forestry to give up the bobcat lake area to them to take care of? The forestry hasn't been taking care of that area very good for several years now and because of that it hardly gets used anymore. The beach area definitely needs to be restored to its former glory.	8/22/2023 4:04 AM
5	It would be nice to see Bobcat turned over to the Township as it is not taken care of and thus not being used anymore. The town is already dying and doesn't need to lose my opportunities to bring others to the area. Seeing more geocaching in the area would also be nice. Marenisco is a very historic town with very beautiful places that is perfect for this opportunity.	8/21/2023 10:03 PM
6	ATV and UTV Riding! Highest Priority!	8/20/2023 8:48 AM

Q7 Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of recreational opportunities on sites owned by Marenisco Township (refer to the map above)?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all	7.14%	3
A little	7.14%	3
Somewhat	47.62%	20
Very	28.57%	12
Extremely	7.14%	3
No opinion	2.38%	1
TOTAL		42

Q8 Please list the top three recreation activities you'd like the Township to focus on in developing its facilities and programs:

Answered: 37 Skipped: 12

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1.	100.00%	37
2.	94.59%	35
3.	83.78%	31

#	1.	DATE
1	Camping available in or close to the town proper	9/25/2023 9:53 AM
2	Splash pad	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
3	Camping	9/25/2023 9:31 AM
4	Golf	9/25/2023 9:22 AM
5	Biking path / walking path	9/22/2023 3:12 PM
6	Mill town Playground	9/19/2023 12:15 PM
7	Snowmobile trails	9/19/2023 8:08 AM
8	Local children's activitied	9/19/2023 7:48 AM
9	Snowmobiling	9/11/2023 2:16 PM
10	ATV/UTV TRAILS	9/6/2023 3:14 PM
11	Side by side trails and M64 access to these trails	8/31/2023 7:55 PM
12	Camping with RV hookups	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
13	Swimming	8/26/2023 8:40 AM
14	ATV trail maintenance	8/25/2023 11:29 AM
15	Donald McKenzie Memorial Park	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
16	Swimming Area/Water Attractions	8/23/2023 2:57 AM
17	PI flowage	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
18	Playground	8/22/2023 4:39 PM
19	Fishing	8/22/2023 3:26 PM
20	Hunting	8/22/2023 11:17 AM
21	Splash pad	8/22/2023 10:36 AM
22	Hiking trails around Lake Gogebic	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
23	Swimming areas	8/22/2023 10:10 AM
24	Boardwalk / trail from town to the flowage. Possibly dual useage for bikes also.	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
25	Memorial Park	8/22/2023 5:21 AM
26	Geocaching	8/21/2023 10:17 PM
27	Better access for local ice fishing	8/21/2023 10:15 PM

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28	Milltown playground	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
29	Swimming	8/21/2023 9:53 PM
30	The township should purchase equipment/train employees where residents could pay to have their lawns sprayed to control the mosquitos and bugs. Use it in public areas too. Doesn't help to improve outdoor activities if bugs are too bad to enjoy it here - unlike Wakefield and local towns.	8/21/2023 8:33 PM
31	Good beach for the kids	8/21/2023 8:22 PM
32	Hunting	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
33	Fishing	8/21/2023 5:11 PM
34	ATV/UTV Riding	8/20/2023 8:55 AM
35	ORV Trails	8/19/2023 10:29 AM
36	Snowmobiling	8/19/2023 8:34 AM
37	Hunting	8/18/2023 2:19 PM
#	2.	DATE
1	Canoe & kayaking landing	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
2	Softball-baseball	9/25/2023 9:31 AM
3	RV camping	9/25/2023 9:22 AM
4	Develop by Presque Isle River	9/22/2023 3:12 PM
5	Flowage	9/19/2023 12:15 PM
6	Beach	9/19/2023 8:08 AM
7	ATV/UTV	9/19/2023 7:48 AM
8	ATV	9/11/2023 2:16 PM
9	Bicycle Trails	8/31/2023 7:55 PM
10	Stream fishing	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
11	Fishing	8/26/2023 8:40 AM
12	Clean beaches	8/25/2023 11:29 AM
13	Milltown baseball field	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
14	Family Friendly Winter Activities	8/23/2023 2:57 AM
15	Charcoal town	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
16	Swimming	8/22/2023 4:39 PM
17	Hunting	8/22/2023 3:26 PM
18	Fishing	8/22/2023 11:17 AM
19	Playground upgrades	8/22/2023 10:36 AM
20	Xcountry and snowshoe trails	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
21	Playground at softball field	8/22/2023 10:10 AM
22	More kayak landings along the river	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
23	Presque Isle River Flowage	8/22/2023 5:21 AM
24	Hiking	8/21/2023 10:17 PM
25	mosquito control	8/21/2023 10:15 PM
26	Charcoal town park	8/21/2023 10:00 PM

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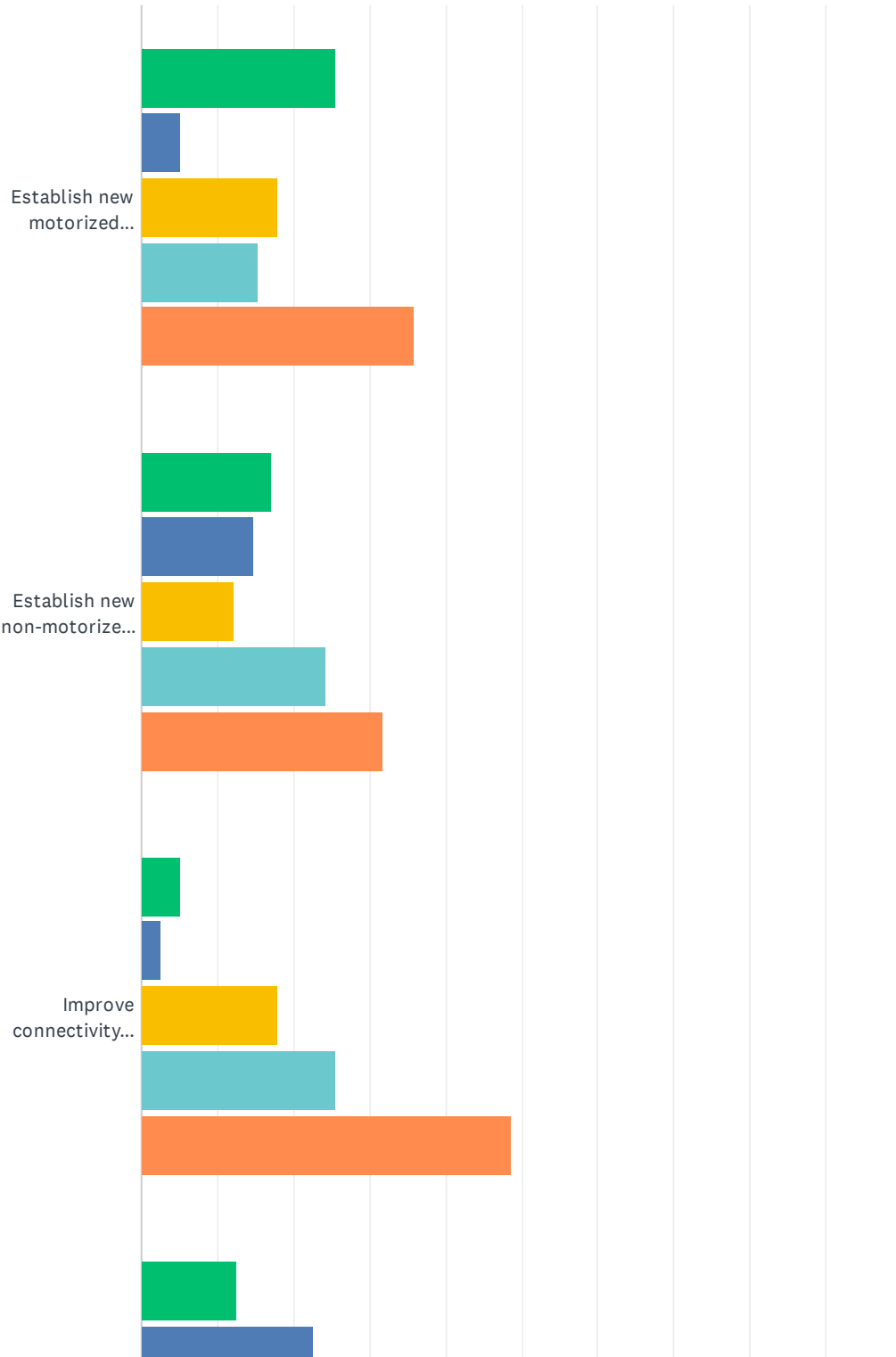
27	Rv hook ups	8/21/2023 9:53 PM
28	Increase ATV trails and road access.	8/21/2023 8:33 PM
29	Splash pad or something alike	8/21/2023 8:22 PM
30	Hiking	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
31	Snowmobiling	8/21/2023 5:11 PM
32	Bike Trails that connect to other trails	8/20/2023 8:55 AM
33	Snowmobile Trails	8/19/2023 10:29 AM
34	ATVing	8/19/2023 8:34 AM
35	Snowmobile	8/18/2023 2:19 PM
#	3.	DATE
1	Some activity for Jr. & H.S. kids such as challenge course	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
2	Tourism	9/25/2023 9:31 AM
3	Bike trails	9/25/2023 9:22 AM
4	Gaylord Lake	9/19/2023 12:15 PM
5	Hiking trails	9/19/2023 8:08 AM
6	Snowmobile	9/19/2023 7:48 AM
7	Playground	9/11/2023 2:16 PM
8	activities for kids/adults in summer months	8/31/2023 7:55 PM
9	Playgrounds	8/26/2023 8:40 AM
10	Offer more activities thru the year	8/25/2023 11:29 AM
11	Gaylord Lake	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
12	Improved/More Sports Opportunities	8/23/2023 2:57 AM
13	Memorial park	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
14	Splash pad	8/22/2023 4:39 PM
15	Paddling	8/22/2023 11:17 AM
16	Bobcat lake restoration	8/22/2023 10:36 AM
17	Bike trails	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
18	Playground at the beach	8/22/2023 10:10 AM
19	Better Mosquito Control	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
20	Milltown baseball field	8/22/2023 5:21 AM
21	Bobcat Lake	8/21/2023 10:17 PM
22	better access to lakes and rivers - ie docks and landings	8/21/2023 10:15 PM
23	Presque isle flowage	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
24	Sledding	8/21/2023 9:53 PM
25	Increase camping and water access areas. Take over Bobcat!	8/21/2023 8:33 PM
26	Updated basketball court	8/21/2023 8:22 PM
27	Fishing	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
28	Bike Path	8/21/2023 5:11 PM

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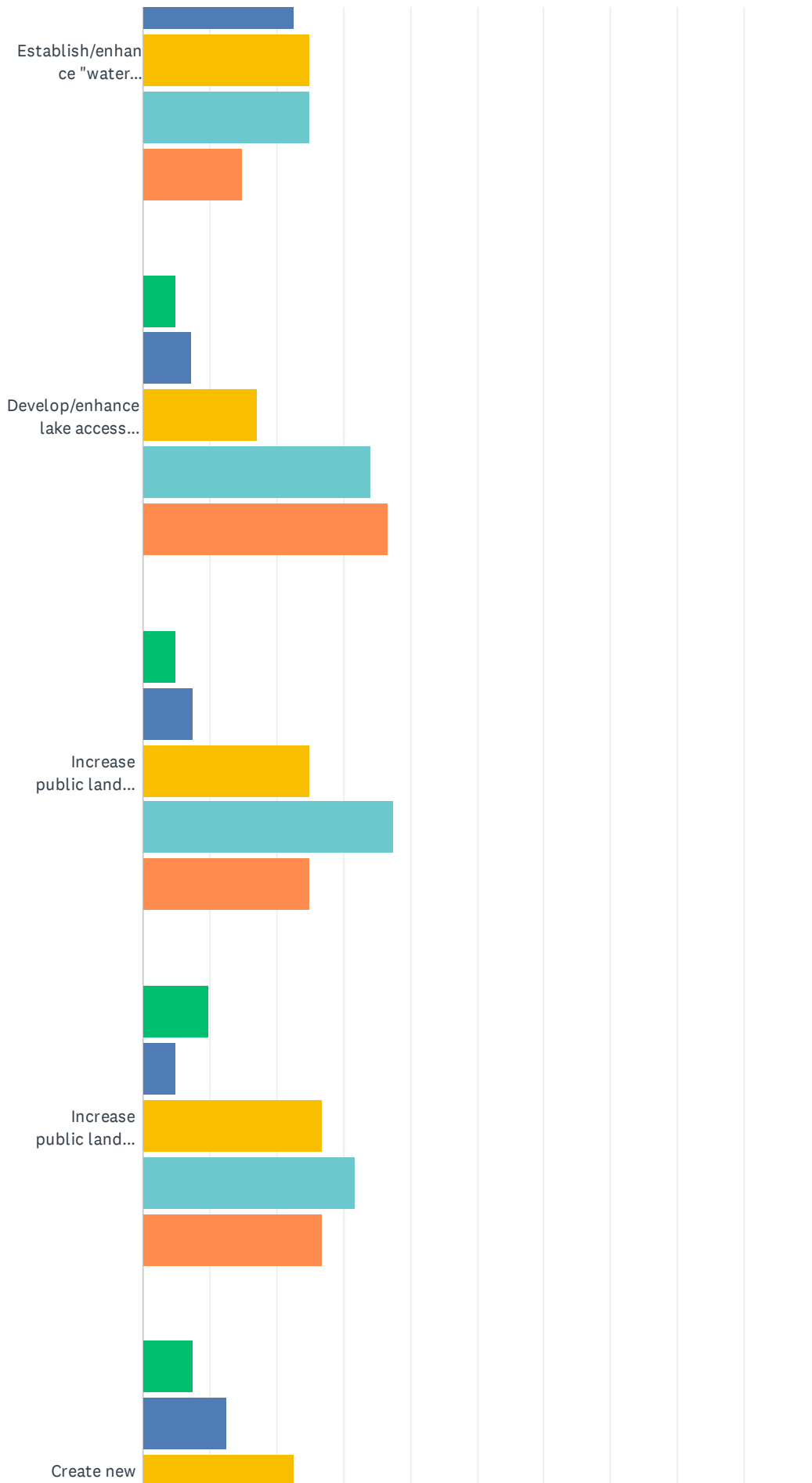
29	Horseback Riding Trails	8/20/2023 8:55 AM
30	Camping	8/19/2023 8:34 AM
31	Fishing	8/18/2023 2:19 PM

Q9 Below is a list of potential recreation goals for the Township to prioritize. Indicate how you would prioritize each goal using the provided scale where 1 = "lowest priority" and 5 = "highest priority". Indicate your response for each goal by marking the appropriate spot.

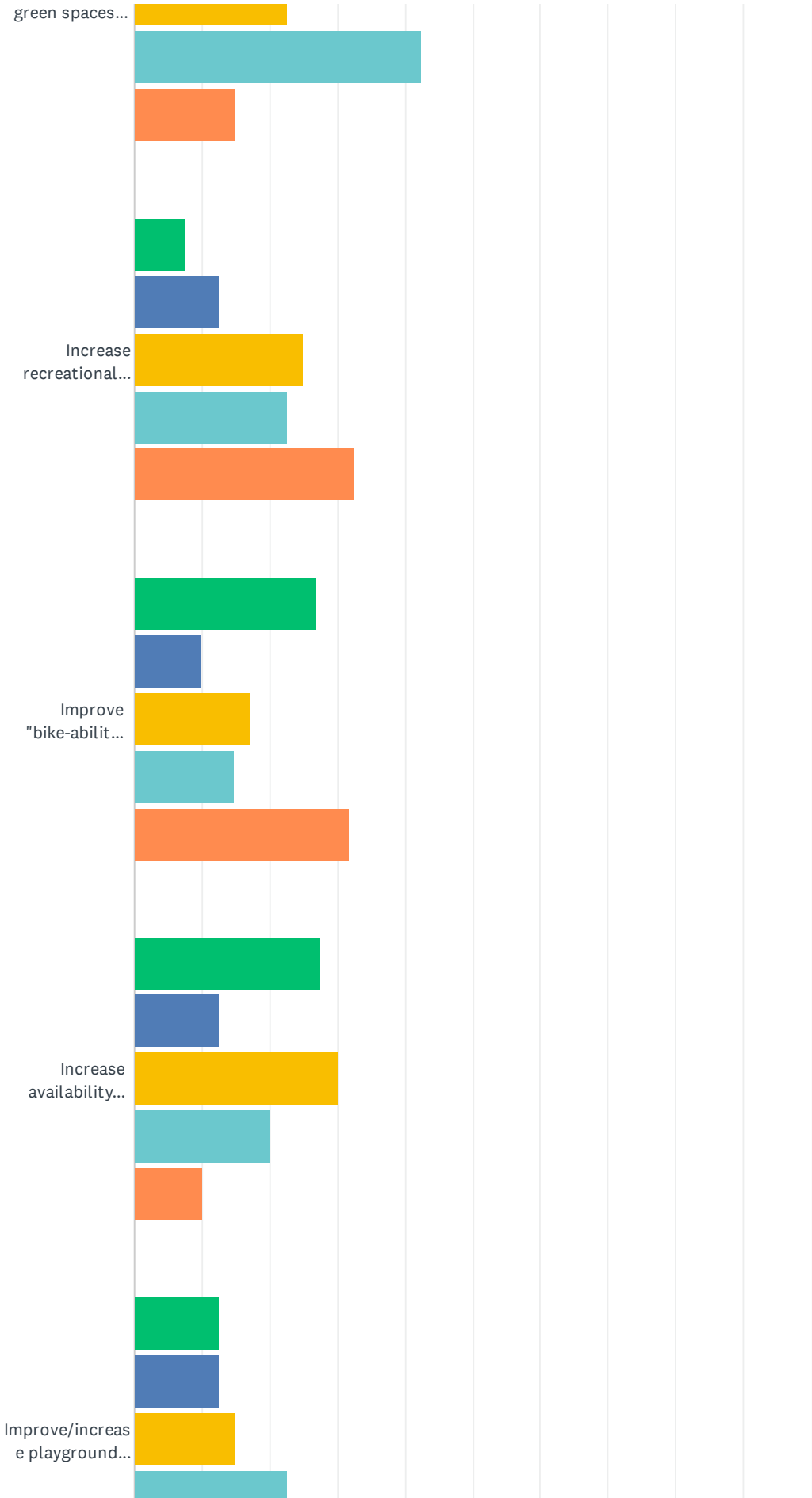
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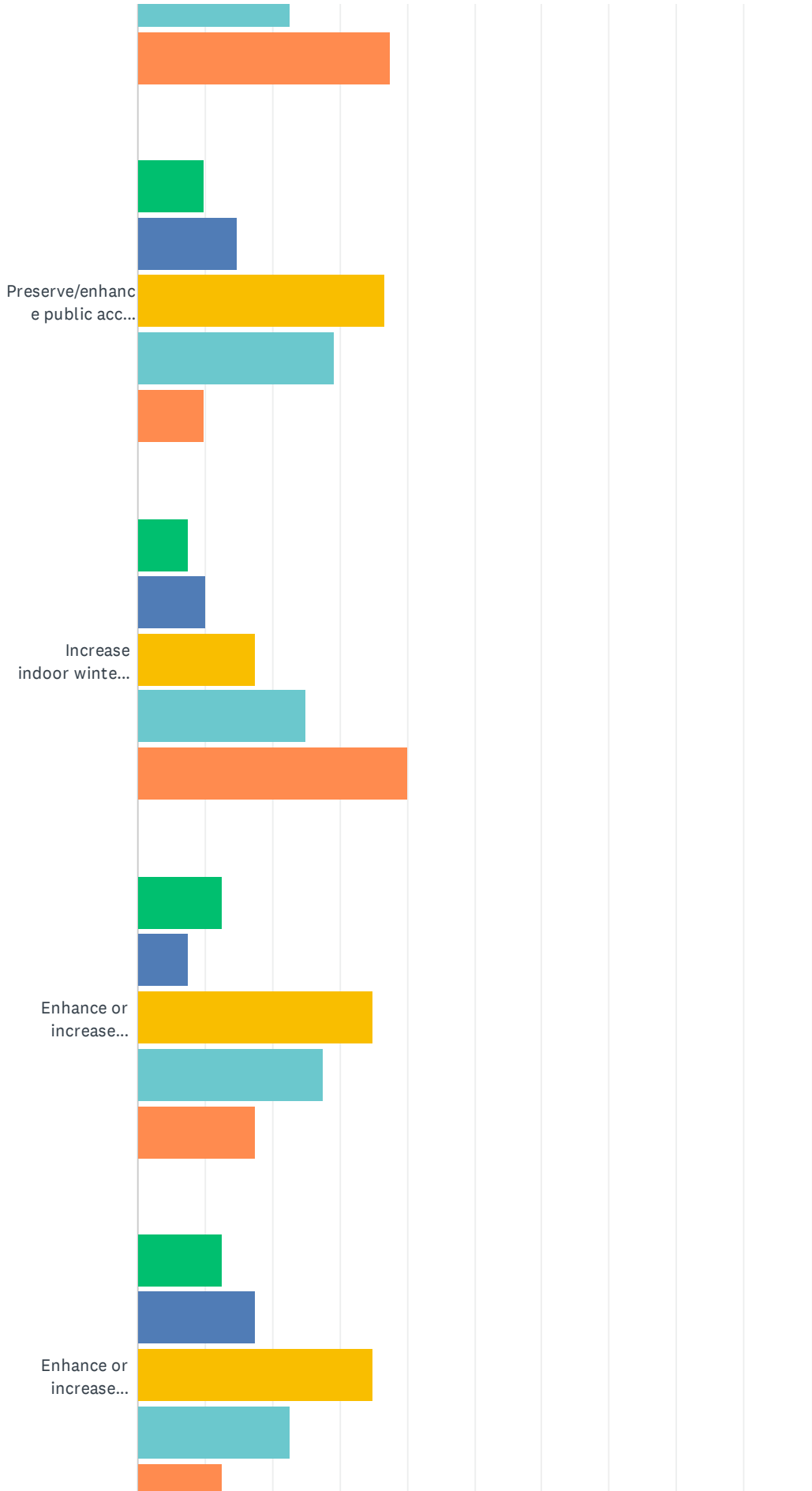
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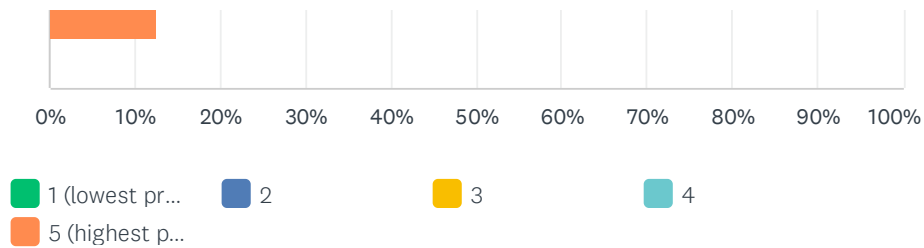
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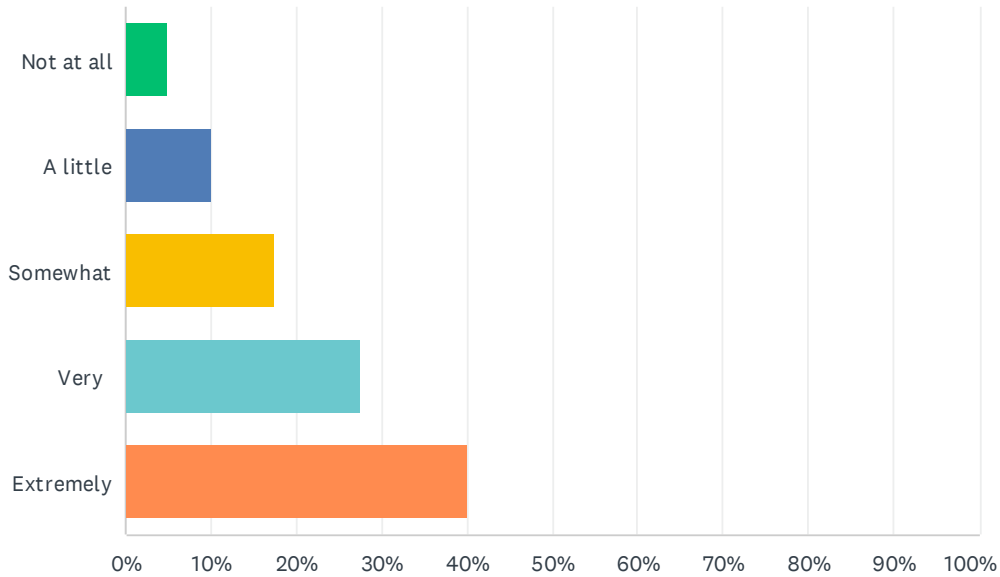


	1 (LOWEST PRIORITY)	2	3	4	5 (HIGHEST PRIORITY)	TOTAL
Establish new motorized trails (e.g. snowmobiles and ORV/ATV/UTV)	25.64% 10	5.13% 2	17.95% 7	15.38% 6	35.90% 14	39
Establish new non-motorized trails (e.g. bicycle, cross-country skiing, hiking)	17.07% 7	14.63% 6	12.20% 5	24.39% 10	31.71% 13	41
Improve connectivity of existing recreation trail systems	5.13% 2	2.56% 1	17.95% 7	25.64% 10	48.72% 19	39
Establish/enhance "water trails" for paddle craft (e.g. canoes)	12.50% 5	22.50% 9	25.00% 10	25.00% 10	15.00% 6	40
Develop/enhance lake access facilities, including boat launches	4.88% 2	7.32% 3	17.07% 7	34.15% 14	36.59% 15	41
Increase public land access to rivers and streams	5.00% 2	7.50% 3	25.00% 10	37.50% 15	25.00% 10	40
Increase public land access to lake shorelines	9.76% 4	4.88% 2	26.83% 11	31.71% 13	26.83% 11	41
Create new green spaces (e.g. parks) for public use	7.50% 3	12.50% 5	22.50% 9	42.50% 17	15.00% 6	40
Increase recreational opportunities for individuals with mobility challenges	7.50% 3	12.50% 5	25.00% 10	22.50% 9	32.50% 13	40
Improve "bike-ability" of the township (e.g. bike lanes and signage)	26.83% 11	9.76% 4	17.07% 7	14.63% 6	31.71% 13	41
Increase availability of team sports facilities (e.g. baseball, hockey)	27.50% 11	12.50% 5	30.00% 12	20.00% 8	10.00% 4	40
Improve/increase playground facilities for children	12.50% 5	12.50% 5	15.00% 6	22.50% 9	37.50% 15	40
Preserve/enhance public access to historical and cultural sites	9.76% 4	14.63% 6	36.59% 15	29.27% 12	9.76% 4	41
Increase indoor winter recreation opportunities	7.50% 3	10.00% 4	17.50% 7	25.00% 10	40.00% 16	40
Enhance or increase availability of RV camping facilities (with hookups)	12.50% 5	7.50% 3	35.00% 14	27.50% 11	17.50% 7	40
Enhance or increase availability of rustic/primitive camping facilities	12.50% 5	17.50% 7	35.00% 14	22.50% 9	12.50% 5	40

#	OTHERS (INDICATE PRIORITY NUMBER[S] IN YOUR RESPONSE):	DATE
1	Creating more geocaching is a 5. For a while, the town did it but then suddenly stopped. Many of the reviews were great and it attracted new people to the area. One person even claimed they lived in Ironwood their entire life but never knew the Presque Isle Flowage existed but thanks to a geocache that was once there, they found the beautiful spot and now love to visit it frequently!	8/21/2023 10:17 PM

Q10 How important is it to you to have a wireless internet connection when recreating?

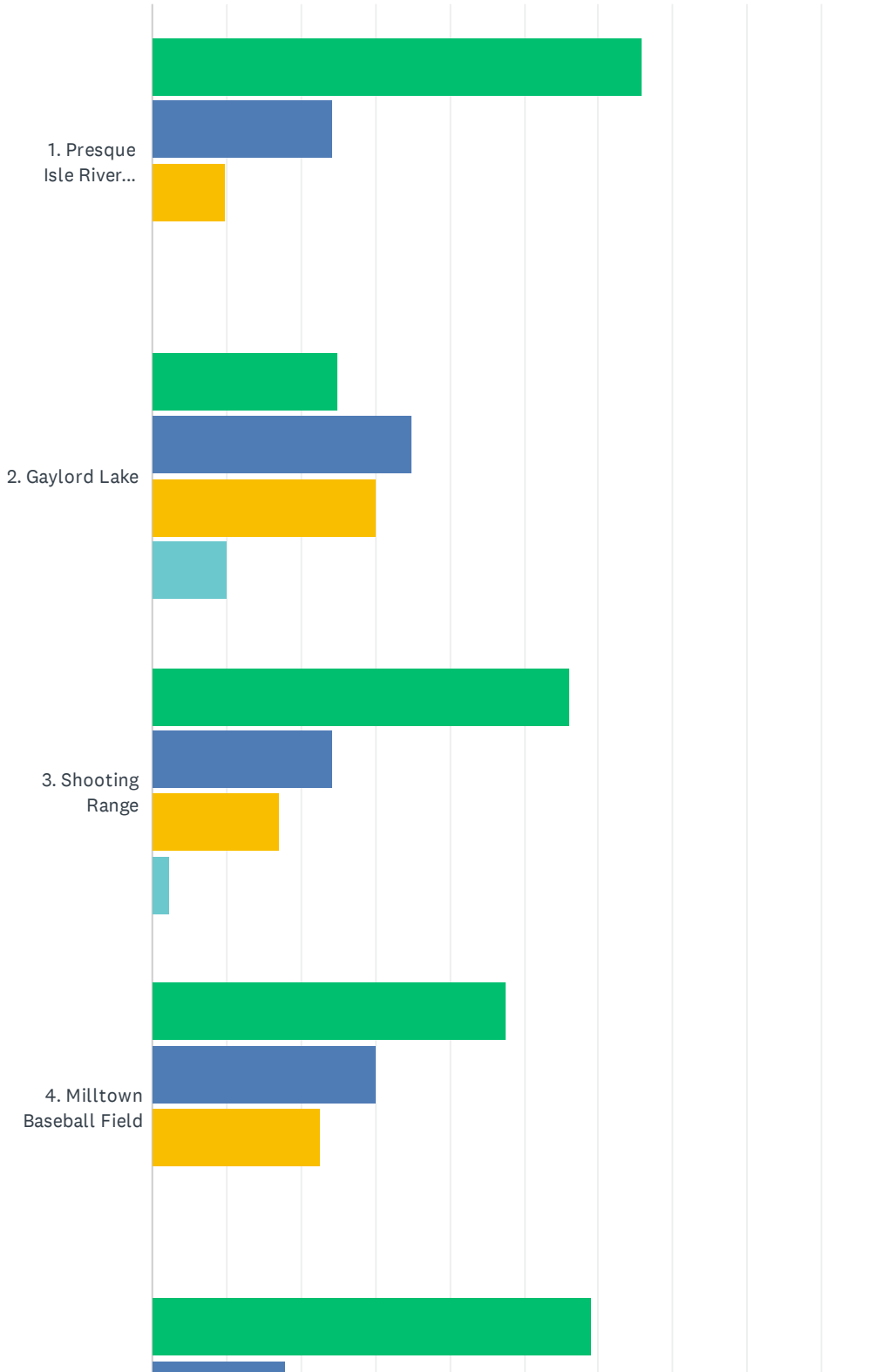
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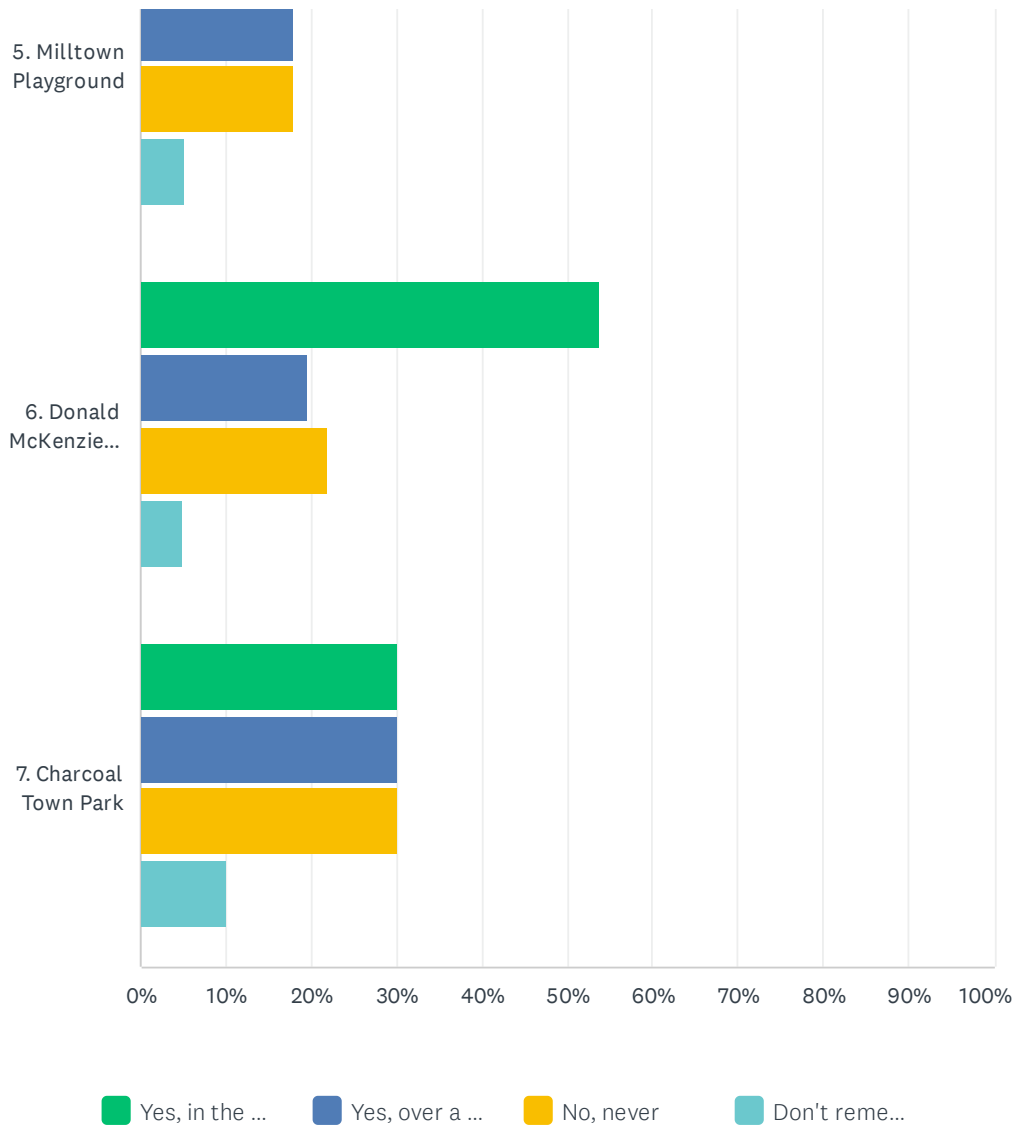
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all	5.00%	2
A little	10.00%	4
Somewhat	17.50%	7
Very	27.50%	11
Extremely	40.00%	16
TOTAL		40

Q11 Please indicate whether you have visited any of the following Township-owned recreation facilities. Indicate your response for each activity by marking the appropriate spot.

Answered: 41 Skipped: 8



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	YES, IN THE PAST YEAR	YES, OVER A YEAR AGO	NO, NEVER	DON'T REMEMBER	TOTAL
1. Presque Isle River Flowage Park	65.85% 27	24.39% 10	9.76% 4	0.00% 0	41
2. Gaylord Lake	25.00% 10	35.00% 14	30.00% 12	10.00% 4	40
3. Shooting Range	56.10% 23	24.39% 10	17.07% 7	2.44% 1	41
4. Milltown Baseball Field	47.50% 19	30.00% 12	22.50% 9	0.00% 0	40
5. Milltown Playground	58.97% 23	17.95% 7	17.95% 7	5.13% 2	39
6. Donald McKenzie Memorial Park	53.66% 22	19.51% 8	21.95% 9	4.88% 2	41
7. Charcoal Town Park	30.00% 12	30.00% 12	30.00% 12	10.00% 4	40

Q12 Presque Isle Park, with possible walking trail along Presque Isle River, located behind Two Fat Guys Bar & Grill:

Answered: 28 Skipped: 21

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No - too many bugs & possibility for flooding	9/25/2023 9:53 AM
2	Too bug invested & flooding issues	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
3	Needs to be pushed. River is an undeveloped asset.	9/25/2023 9:22 AM
4	Would love this	9/22/2023 3:12 PM
5	That would be amazing!! Fantastic idea!	9/22/2023 3:04 PM
6	Good idea!	9/19/2023 12:15 PM
7	1	9/19/2023 8:08 AM
8	Not a great idea this area floods every spring	9/7/2023 9:59 AM
9	Great idea!	9/6/2023 3:14 PM
10	Great idea! Always nice to have waterfront access in a park	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
11	I would definitely use this with my grandchildren	8/26/2023 8:40 AM
12	Increased trail access is nice, signage to indicate the availability and access would be helpful.	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
13	Would like more information/details on this plan to form a better opinion on it.	8/23/2023 2:57 AM
14	Love this! You also could offer art exhibits, nature trail info sites along the trail.	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
15	Very good idea.	8/22/2023 3:26 PM
16	Sounds interesting	8/22/2023 2:01 PM
17	How would you deal with persistent flooding issues?	8/22/2023 11:17 AM
18	Not interested	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
19	This trail should go as far as US2 or beyond some of the best is beyond that area. Granted launch's and rest areas with a table or two would be awesome. These things can be done by having one good trail/ walking /biking/picnic areas easily serviced	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
20	This would be nice but given how bad the bugs are in Marenisco I don't know how much it would get used.	8/22/2023 5:21 AM
21	Definitely think this is a great idea	8/21/2023 10:17 PM
22	Great idea	8/21/2023 10:15 PM
23	Will the town maintain?	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
24	Pavilion or covered area at the Dam.	8/21/2023 9:53 PM
25	Great idea	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
26	YES! Excellent option!	8/21/2023 5:11 PM
27	Spend Funds elsewhere	8/20/2023 8:55 AM
28	great idea	8/19/2023 8:34 AM

Q13 Basic pavilion (no electricity or other amenities) near the existing pavilion at Donald McKenzie Memorial Park for "overflow" use during events:

Answered: 25 Skipped: 24

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	yes	9/25/2023 9:53 AM
2	yes	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
3	Agreed	9/25/2023 9:22 AM
4	I don't think it's needed	9/22/2023 3:12 PM
5	Would save us having to rent tents for overflow/weather. Great idea!	9/22/2023 3:04 PM
6	Not needed	9/19/2023 12:15 PM
7	2	9/19/2023 8:08 AM
8	Would rather see the town hall pavilion demolished and a new pavilion running north and south that is attached to the town hall with access to the town hall and screened in for summer events	9/7/2023 9:59 AM
9	Meh	9/6/2023 3:14 PM
10	Include art installations in the park to encourage more usage and engage residents to participate in the renewal.	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
11	Already having two pavilions in town, (one of which is rarely used,) there isn't much of a need more another pavilion.	8/23/2023 2:57 AM
12	This world only be used in non-winter months. Wouldn't renting a large tent to put up when needed be more cost effective?	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
13	Sounds like a good idea	8/22/2023 2:01 PM
14	We already have one. Perhaps it could be moved more economically.	8/22/2023 11:17 AM
15	Not interested	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
16	Yes the pavilion by the town hall is seldom used anymore	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
17	The township already has one next to the town hall. There doesn't need to be another one.	8/22/2023 5:21 AM
18	Feel like this is just a waste. While yes it would be used, the money could be put to use creating a new opportunity and help grow the town in a different way.	8/21/2023 10:17 PM
19	not so much	8/21/2023 10:15 PM
20	Not needed. Should have been thought about when building the pavilion. Should enhance the pavilion by the town hall if anything.	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
21	Larg tents can be used for now in the rare instances this is needed. I'd like to use funds/grants on things we don't have rather than duplicate something there already.	8/21/2023 8:33 PM
22	Low priority	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
23	YES! options for increased attendance at events	8/21/2023 5:11 PM
24	Spend funds where they actually make a difference	8/20/2023 8:55 AM
25	Needed	8/18/2023 2:19 PM

Q14 Splash pad:

Answered: 28 Skipped: 21

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	yes	9/25/2023 9:53 AM
2	yes	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
3	Kids would love it.	9/25/2023 9:22 AM
4	Would be great in summer for the kids	9/22/2023 3:12 PM
5	Liability?? Ins.??	9/22/2023 3:04 PM
6	Not needed	9/19/2023 12:15 PM
7	4	9/19/2023 8:08 AM
8	Love this idea. Lots of children in the community and would encourage young families to visit, invest, and visit our community	9/11/2023 2:16 PM
9	Great idea!	9/7/2023 9:59 AM
10	No	9/6/2023 3:14 PM
11	May not be enough children in the local area to justify the initial costs and ongoing maintenance	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
12	This would be great for the children of the town. I would use this daily with my grandchildren.	8/26/2023 8:40 AM
13	Love the idea	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
14	This would be extremely amazing for our community. Although small, it truly adds a great opportunity for kids in the summer.	8/23/2023 2:57 AM
15	Where? Concerned there might not be a huge demographic this serves.	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
16	Would love to see this, as I have 2 small children who love the water and activities like this.	8/22/2023 4:39 PM
17	I think the children would really like this	8/22/2023 2:01 PM
18	Are there enough young users?	8/22/2023 11:17 AM
19	This would be a great thing for the young kids in the area to keep them busy in the summer. To bring in tourists as well.	8/22/2023 10:36 AM
20	Not interested	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
21	Would be a great!	8/22/2023 10:10 AM
22	Would be great for the kids, especially with Bobcat swim area so degraded. Ironwood splash pad is a huge hit.	8/21/2023 10:15 PM
23	This would be a fantastic idea. Many children of all abilities could use this. We don't have many in the up and it would be a great asset. Many cities are doing this instead of pools.	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
24	This would be good for attracting younger families and allow older people the chance to cool off as well.	8/21/2023 8:33 PM
25	Would be great!	8/21/2023 8:22 PM
26	Good idea for the kids	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
27	YES! Wonderful for guests and residents!	8/21/2023 5:11 PM
28	What is a splash pad?	8/20/2023 8:55 AM

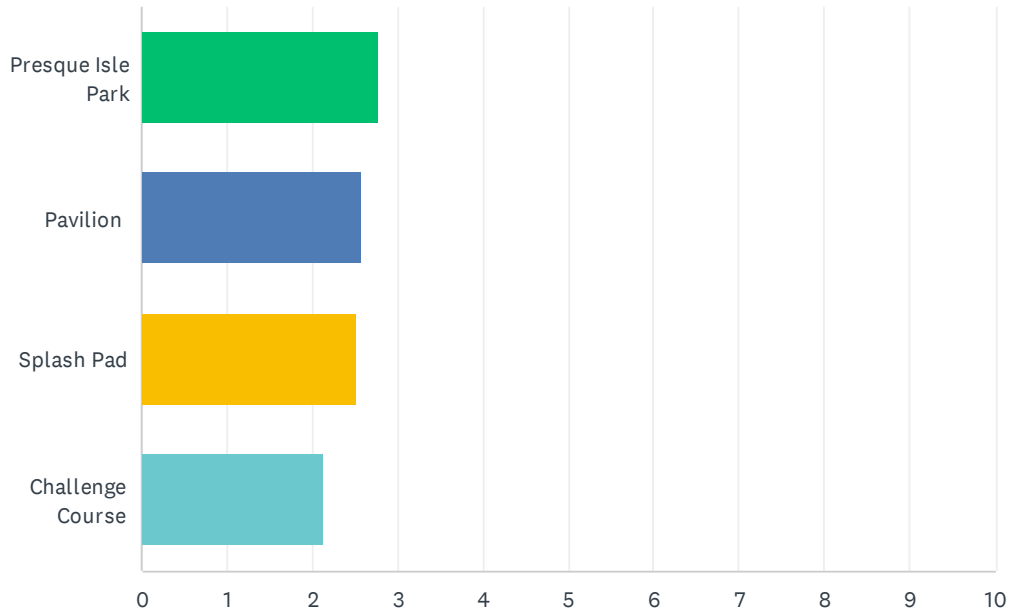
Q15 Challenge course (also known as a "ropes course" - includes a variety of physical obstacles for adventure recreation, such as climbing walls, cargo nets, ladders, hanging logs, and ropes and cables):

Answered: 27 Skipped: 22

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	yes	9/25/2023 9:53 AM
2	yes	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
3	Not so much.	9/25/2023 9:22 AM
4	Not something I would use, but good for other people	9/22/2023 3:12 PM
5	Liability?? Ins.??	9/22/2023 3:04 PM
6	Very interested!!	9/19/2023 12:15 PM
7	3	9/19/2023 8:08 AM
8	Not sure if it fits our demographics	9/7/2023 9:59 AM
9	No	9/6/2023 3:14 PM
10	The potential user base for this seems pretty small, but there are no others anywhere nearby, so it's worth considering	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
11	I love this, also some of the rail peddal cars that could be used on the old tracks here.	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
12	This would be a great opportunity as well, fun for the whole family.	8/23/2023 2:57 AM
13	Cool but not sure the demographics of the area would utilize this.	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
14	Don't think it's necessary	8/22/2023 2:01 PM
15	These courses bring risk and liabilities and many larger communities and institutions that developed them are removing them.	8/22/2023 11:17 AM
16	Interested	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
17	Kids would love this!	8/22/2023 10:10 AM
18	It would be great for the younger ones	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
19	This would be a fun idea. Or maybe zip lining?	8/22/2023 5:21 AM
20	This by far takes the cake. If done correctly it gives a wide range of residents and visitors something to do while in the town and it is a unique opportunity that could draw people in from a significant distance away if properly marketed.	8/21/2023 10:17 PM
21	Sounds like a quick lawsuit in the making. Let folks get hurt at home.	8/21/2023 10:15 PM
22	Not needed. Liability issues	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
23	Sounds very interesting, but how often would this be used and who would manage it?	8/21/2023 8:33 PM
24	Would be a great idea!	8/21/2023 8:22 PM
25	Interested	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
26	That would be cool!	8/21/2023 5:11 PM
27	Not interested	8/20/2023 8:55 AM

Q16 Below, please RANK these projects in order of priority, in your opinion, where 1 = highest priority and 4 = lowest priority.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 9



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Presque Isle Park	32.50% 13	27.50% 11	25.00% 10	15.00% 6	40	2.77
Pavilion	25.00% 10	30.00% 12	22.50% 9	22.50% 9	40	2.58
Splash Pad	27.50% 11	20.00% 8	30.00% 12	22.50% 9	40	2.52
Challenge Course	15.00% 6	22.50% 9	22.50% 9	40.00% 16	40	2.13

Q17 Do you have any ideas for ways Marenisco Township can partner with other entities (e.g. DNR, Ottawa National Forest, Gogebic County, local organizations) to improve and expand recreation opportunities? Please explain:

Answered: 18 Skipped: 31

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Reopen and fix up Bobcat Lake swimming area. It's a shame what the Forest Service has let happen!	9/22/2023 3:12 PM
2	It would be beneficial to get a dedicated utv trail up the west side of Lake gogebic.	9/11/2023 2:16 PM
3	definitely need to partner with the Ottawa National Forest on maintaining and improving the Bobcat lake day use area!	9/7/2023 9:59 AM
4	Let UTV (side x side) travel on M64, this resource will benefit the businesses along with families enjoying more of the area.	8/31/2023 7:55 PM
5	Set up an ongoing communication mechanism with relevant Ottawa NF staff, perhaps through regular, if infrequent, update meetings. Arrange period meetings of Marenisco Twp Planning Commission with Bergland Township PC.	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
6	Improve the quality and upkeep of bobcat beach. Spray the beach/picnic area of bobcat beach for bugs.	8/26/2023 8:40 AM
7	Develop a stronger partnership with the Tribe, join the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association. Investigate if the Presque Isle Park expansion could be a connector for the Iron Belle Trail. Reach out to UP Angel Investors for parks projects.	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
8	Bobcat Lake needs to be better maintained. It's such an amazing part of Marenisco. We can every spring and it's never mowed and therefore over run with flying vampires.	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
9	Bobcat lake needs to be taken care of with a better beach area, more picnic tables and a playground	8/22/2023 10:10 AM
10	Bobcat lake needs much more attention than it gets. This should be kept in better shape as with wolf mountain trail and alligator eye. Trail improvements need to be done to these areas as well as a hicking guide published in a flyer	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
11	They can try to partner with the forestry to to manage and improve the Bobcat Lake picnic and camping areas, also make the river areas more/better accessible to canoes and kayaks. Add permanent grilling stations on both sides of the rock at the flowage with a few more picnic tables and a couple fire rings. I think this area would be used more also.	8/22/2023 5:21 AM
12	Bobcat lake partnership for the town to update and enhance.	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
13	Fixing up bobcat picnic and swim area(Covered picnic shelters). Kayaking access points along presque isle river.	8/21/2023 9:53 PM
14	Take over Bobcat Lake. The Gogebic Range Health Foundation may be able to help with funding and/or grants for improvements that would benefit people's health and activities.	8/21/2023 8:33 PM
15	It would be nice if Ottawa would cede the carekeeping responsibilities of the Bobcat Swimming grounds over to the township so it could be properly kept.	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
16	Public educational outreach via guest speakers at town meetings or virtually.	8/21/2023 5:11 PM
17	Establish a reliable and useful contact with the DNR and Ottawa	8/20/2023 8:55 AM
18	Have forest grade and improve road system	8/18/2023 2:19 PM

Q18 Are there any other (non-Township-owned) existing recreation sites or facilities in Marenisco Township that you think should be improved, expanded, or changed in some way? Please list and describe:

Answered: 16 Skipped: 33

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The sportsman club playground is very primitive and in poor shape. It seems this playground gets used quite heavily during softball season and could definitely use some love.	9/11/2023 2:16 PM
2	Kimberely Field and complex. This area is extensively used in the summer months for softball and kids.	9/7/2023 9:59 AM
3	Would be nice to have an Ottawa NF free campground on a stream somewhere in the township; there are several others in the forest (e.g. Burned Dam in Watersmeet)	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
4	Upkeep of bobcat beach.	8/26/2023 8:40 AM
5	Dreaming the old ski hill on 64 across from the Gogebic State Park could be developed into a recreation area. DNR holds the land, it was a donation from the family with the park land.	8/23/2023 9:28 AM
6	Can something be done with old prison? Seems a waste to have such a big space sit. Maybe a rec center? Trampoline park, laser tag, zip line.	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
7	Bobcat Lake Beach and campground. Beach area needs to be improved and maintained.	8/22/2023 2:01 PM
8	The overlook SE of town needs the trees cut and trimmed back so it a much better view. Iconic place	8/22/2023 8:45 AM
9	Bobcat Lake is beyond desperate need of this. I also think it is worth turning into a free campground, at the minimum based off the current condition. Even if improved, turning this into a free campground would hopefully fill it back up again, put it on people's maps, and attract travelers to the area when they otherwise wouldn't have visited. Upper Michigan is very difficult for finding free campgrounds so I think this would attract a lot of new people to the town.	8/21/2023 10:17 PM
10	Bobcat Lake swimming beach needs a lot of love.	8/21/2023 10:15 PM
11	Water fountain could be fixed at the park in town	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
12	Bobcat Lake and bettering the access into/around Yondota Falls.	8/21/2023 8:33 PM
13	Bobcat lake beach. It's so sad how it is now.	8/21/2023 8:22 PM
14	Bobcat Swimming Grounds	8/21/2023 7:40 PM
15	The south end of Lake Gogebic - FIX ALLEGATOR EYE WALKING TRAIL AND PUT THE RESTING BENCH BACK ON THAT TRAIL!!!	8/20/2023 8:55 AM
16	Moose head campground needs work...current provider lacks effort	8/18/2023 2:19 PM

Q19 What is your age in years?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 10

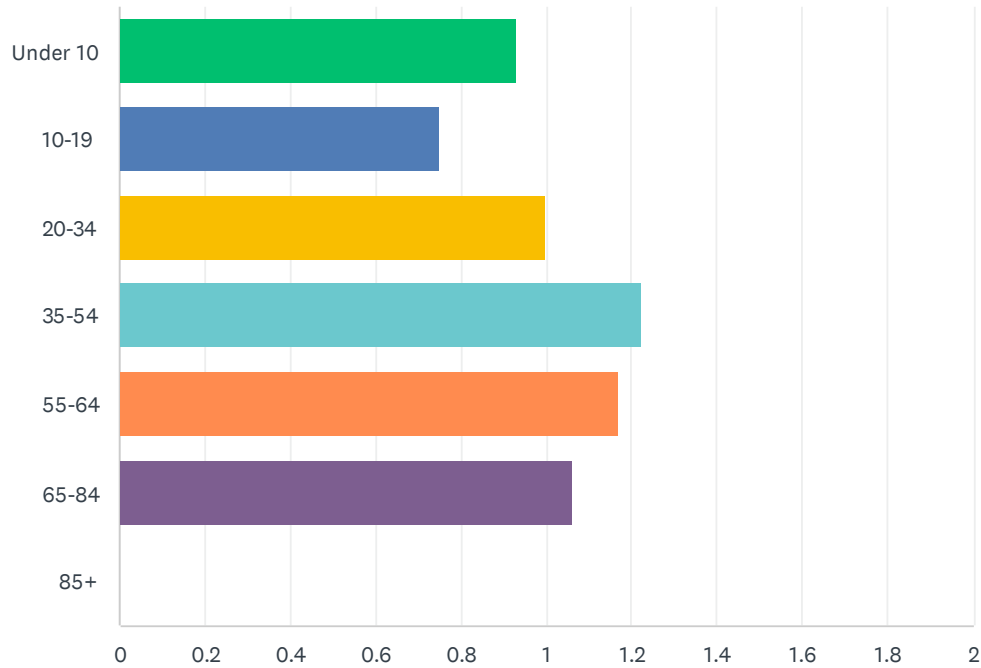
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2	77	9/25/2023 9:48 AM
3	64	9/25/2023 9:23 AM
4	68	9/22/2023 3:12 PM
5	54	9/19/2023 12:16 PM
6	53	9/19/2023 8:08 AM
7	56	9/19/2023 7:49 AM
8	29	9/11/2023 2:17 PM
9	57	9/7/2023 9:59 AM
10	64	9/6/2023 3:14 PM
11	44	8/31/2023 7:56 PM
12	39	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
13	46	8/26/2023 8:41 AM
14	44	8/25/2023 11:30 AM
15	58	8/23/2023 9:29 AM
16	23	8/23/2023 2:58 AM
17	40	8/22/2023 11:28 PM
18	34	8/22/2023 4:39 PM
19	71	8/22/2023 3:27 PM
20	71	8/22/2023 2:01 PM
21	41	8/22/2023 11:18 AM
22	61	8/22/2023 11:17 AM
23	34	8/22/2023 10:37 AM
24	74	8/22/2023 10:12 AM
25	34	8/22/2023 10:10 AM
26	62	8/22/2023 8:46 AM
27	51	8/22/2023 5:40 AM
28	56	8/21/2023 10:16 PM
29	30	8/21/2023 10:00 PM
30	45	8/21/2023 9:54 PM
31	50s	8/21/2023 8:34 PM
32	34	8/21/2023 8:22 PM
33	47	8/21/2023 7:40 PM

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34	61	8/21/2023 5:11 PM
35	62	8/20/2023 8:55 AM
36	49	8/19/2023 10:29 AM
37	77	8/19/2023 8:35 AM
38	80	8/18/2023 2:20 PM
39	35	8/14/2023 12:35 PM

Q20 Including yourself, how many persons in your household are within each of the following age groups, in years?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 10

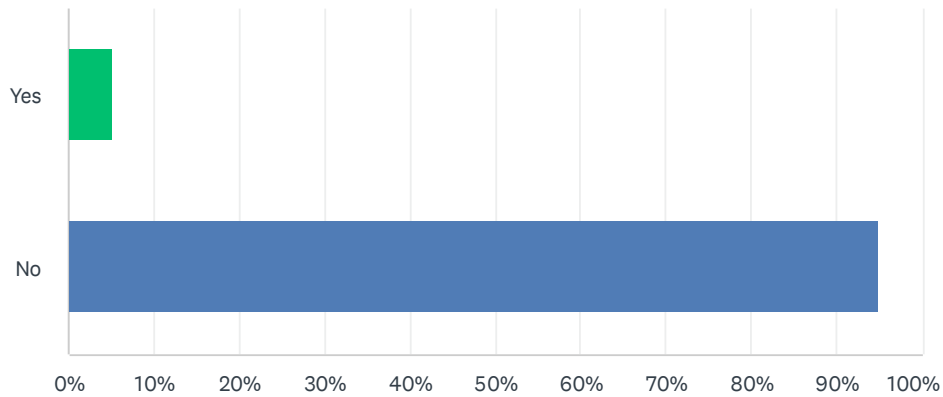


ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Under 10	1	13	14
10-19	1	9	12
20-34	1	19	19
35-54	1	22	18
55-64	1	21	18
65-84	1	17	16
85+	0	0	5
Total Respondents: 39			

#	UNDER 10	DATE
1	0	9/19/2023 7:49 AM
2	3	9/11/2023 2:17 PM
3	0	8/31/2023 8:38 AM
4	1	8/26/2023 8:41 AM
5	1	8/23/2023 2:58 AM
6	2	8/22/2023 4:39 PM

Q21 Does anyone in your household have a disability or require specialized recreation? Specialized recreation refers to accommodations or modifications made to recreation facilities and equipment to remove barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities from using the facilities or equipment.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	5.13%	2
No	94.87%	37
TOTAL		39

Q22 If yes, please explain and list any specific recreation sites or facilities in need of improvements to remove mobility barriers:

Answered: 2 Skipped: 47

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The flowage is difficult to maneuver to the boat landing with a wheelchair or walker because of the gravel. Maybe at some point a little paved trail access to the river on both sides of the rock. The beach area at Bobcat Lake is inaccessible without assistance unless there is a trail to get to it. Any of the recreational areas that have only grass or gravel access aren't very accessible to a handicap person without assistance. We don't always have help available to do these things nor do we want to have to have help. The rifle range also needs improvement. With the placement of the picnic table in the building a wheelchair can't fit through to use the shooting stands and a lip between the sand and concrete areas keeps it from being accessed also.	8/22/2023 5:40 AM
2	Mobility issues at most which are probably not possible	8/18/2023 2:20 PM

Q23 Please provide any additional comments or explanations for your responses that you think would be helpful in developing recreation opportunities in Marenisco Township:

Answered: 13 Skipped: 36

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	[This is very similar to another written response noting Presque Isle River flooding risk]	9/25/2023 9:54 AM
2	Develop a cooperative relationship with the Forest Service.	9/25/2023 9:31 AM
3	An organic community garden everyone interested could work on would be fabulous!!	9/22/2023 3:05 PM
4	The shooting range and outhouses need some Maintenance and upgrades for people with disabilities.	9/7/2023 10:02 AM
5	We love the area, it's crucial to add activities or resources to keep people coming back to the area.	8/31/2023 7:58 PM
6	Bobcat Lake NF Campground is the township's greatest developed recreation asset. Some nice small improvements have been made in recent years, but ongoing attention should be given to it!	8/31/2023 8:39 AM
7	Improve bobcat beach.	8/26/2023 8:42 AM
8	This is such a great first step towards improvement. So happy and proud to see this movement. Thank you!!!	8/22/2023 11:29 PM
9	Paved bike trails require connectivity which currently does not exist in the communities surrounding Marenisco. Our aging and declining population must be considered.	8/22/2023 11:21 AM
10	Non motorized recreational trails around Lake Gogebic Walking, biking etc is very hazardous on M64 and east shore roads.	8/22/2023 10:22 AM
11	There are places that some of the locals have never been to such as Nelson creek falls, slate river falls just to name a few. With the proper trail management and marking these areas will attract more visitors and tourists which equals more money for the area. Look at what boulder junction has done. These things can be done in the Marenisco township. The attractions are there but just not being utilized correctly.	8/22/2023 8:54 AM
12	We should focus on what makes us us. ie hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, atv's.	8/21/2023 7:42 PM
13	Improve the Allegator Eye Trail at Lake Gogebic. It is poorly marked, poorly maintained and no longs has a resting bench	8/20/2023 8:56 AM

APPENDIX F

Notice of Public Review Period and Public Hearing

Bessemer Council votes in Tacconelli, Movrich as new leads

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BESSEMER — A Monday evening reorganizational meeting of the Bessemer City Council resulted with three new council members taking their seats, followed by the voting in of new leadership.

It also was the first meeting for Christopher Frazer, who just started as city manager on Nov. 6.

All five council members took their oath of office from City Clerk/Treasurer Mandy Lake. They include top vote-getters Peter Tacconelli and Mark Movrich and write-in candidate Mark Serwe. Adam Zak and Linda Nelson also were re-elected as the only incumbents.

As of press time last week, it was unclear who the fifth council member would be due to an unresolved count of write-in ballots in the Nov. 7 election. It was confirmed later that write-in candidate Serwe earned the seat with 146 votes. The next closest candidate was Tracey Maskewit with 143 votes.

After the meeting, Zak and Nelson reported that it was not the first time that a write-in candidate had won a council seat. Nelson said that Robert Coleman, who had opted not to run again in this year's election, had won as a write-in candidate in 2015.

Among all candidates, Tacconelli came in first with 300 votes, followed by Movrich with 289, Zak with 245 and Nelson with 189.



NEWLY ELECTED members of the Bessemer City Council take their oath at the start of their Monday evening meeting. From left are Marke Serwe; Adam Zak; Peter Tacconelli; Linda Nelson; City Clerk/Treasurer Mandy Lake, seated, who was administering the oath; and Mark Movrich. The council then voted to appoint the two top vote getters, Tacconelli and Movrich, as mayor and mayor pro-tempore, respectively. Zak and Nelson had been the only incumbents.

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Remaining candidates

were Bill McDonald with 87 and Daniel Urtke with 77. Susanne Brown, a second write-in candidate, received 32 votes.

The council traditionally votes in the top vote get- ters as leaders. Following that trend, Movrich nominated Tacconelli as mayor, but Serwe also nominated Zak, who had served as mayor until the election.

Zak thanked Serwe for the support, but in the preliminary vote for Tacconelli, all five council members voted in his favor.

Nelson then nominated Movrich as mayor pro-tempore, and he also was voted in unanimously.

Nelson also introduced Frazer, who explained that he was born and raised in Michigan and received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in this

state.

"When I got the opportunity to apply for this position, I didn't hesitate for a second," he said. "This city has been more than welcoming, I intend to give it my best."

Council members also agreed to assume various assignments in relation to city and regional committees and boards.

In other reorganization- al action, the council also:

—Voted to continue using the city's three sources of legal advice until the next council meeting while gathering additional information regarding each party's intended charges.

—Voted to approve as the city's designated depositories the Gogebic Community Federal Credit Union; Gogebic Range Bank; Incredible Bank; Flagstar Bank, N.A.; and

First National Bank of Wakefield.

—Voted to retain C2AE, a Michigan company, as the city's designated engineering firm.

—Voted to designate The Globe and the Wakefield News/Bessemer Pick and Axe as the city's designated newspapers of record, along with the city's Facebook page as its official social media site.

—Voted to follow Robert's Rules of Order.

—Voted to approve the coming year's schedule of council meetings while dropping the second meeting in December due to holiday conflicts.

During the public comment session, Gogebic County Sheriff Ross Solberg congratulated the new council and Frazer. "I look forward to working with you in the future," he

said.

The council's next regular meeting will be on Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. in the council chambers of the Bessemer City Hall.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND HEARING NOTICE

The 2024-2028 Marenisco Township Recreation Plan draft is available for a 30-day public review and comment period. Following this period, the Marenisco Township Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing at 5:45 pm on December 18, 2023, at the Marenisco Township Office, 314 Hall St., Marenisco. The purpose of the hearing is to receive final public comments regarding the recreation plan. After the hearing, there will be a regularly scheduled board meeting to consider adoption of the plan.

The Recreation Plan draft can be viewed online at www.wupppdr.org/recreation During business hours and days, a printed copy will be available for review at the Marenisco Township Office. Written comments can be submitted to WUPPPDR, 400 Quincy Street 8th Floor, Hancock, MI 49930 or emailed to jwuorenmaa@wupppdr.org through Dec. 17, 2023.



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APPENDIX G
Public Comment Summary

Marenisco Township

2024-2028 Recreation Plan Public Comments Summary

One list of public comments was submitted and is summarized below by topic. Changes were not made to the plan as a result, but concerns will be taken into account as future projects are considered or pursued.

Presque Isle River trail

- Would be difficult due to flooding; trail would need to be designed accordingly

New Pavilion

- Would be redundant; an alternative may be to move the second existing pavilion

Splash Pad

- Probably would not serve many people due to limited population of young people; also, users drawn to a splash pad do not necessarily create economic impact

Challenge Course

- Liability, vandalism, and maintenance cost concerns; staffing may be required to make safe

Other

- Water access, landings, riverfront campsites, and associated parking are favorable but can be challenging due to floodplains and locations of rapids and waterfalls
- Charcoal Town playground equipment is underutilized and apparently out-of-date

APPENDIX H
Minutes from Public Meeting

Marenisco Township Board
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Marenisco Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mahler on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm. in the Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present: Bruce Mahler, Supervisor; Donna Kenney, Clerk; Kathy Leonard, Treasurer; Kelly Dunbar, Trustee; Dave Hagen, Trustee

Absent: None

Visitors: Dean Hand, Al Fairfield

Agenda: Motion by Kelly Dunbar supported by Kathy Leonard to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing 5-Year Recreation Plan: Opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 pm. There were no comments regarding the 5-year Recreation Plan. Closed the Public Hearing at 6:05.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Township Minutes –11/20/2023
2. Police Report
3. Fire Department Minutes
4. Financial Report

Motion by Donna Kenney, supported by Kelly Dunbar to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Dave Hagen, supported by Kathy Leonard to approve the following bills for payment. Check #'s 27088 - 27115 from the General Fund; #'s 1432 - 1437 from the Water Fund; #2300 - 2301 from the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Kathy Leonard-aye, Bruce Mahler-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Five Year Recreation Plan: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Dave Hagen to adopt the Resolution of Adoption for the Marenisco Township Five-Year Recreation Plan 2024-2028. Roll Call Vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Kathy Leonard-aye, Bruce Mahler-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Fairgrounds Proposal Follow Up: Informational.

New Business: None

Board Member Comments:

Kathy Leonard – Taxes are coming in.

Donna Kenney – Santa visit went well; the kids had a great time. People are very generous with their donations to this event.

Bruce Mahler – New Assessor is doing a great job.

Next Meeting: January 29, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Donna Kenney supported by Kelly Dunbar to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Donna Kenney
Clerk

APPENDIX I
Plan Adoption Resolution

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

MARENISCO TOWNSHIP FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN 2024-2028
Marenisco Township Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, Marenisco Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2024 through 2028, and

WHEREAS, Marenisco Township began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of Marenisco Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 18, 2023 at the Marenisco Township Offices to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Marenisco Township Five-Year Recreation Plan 2024-2028, and

WHEREAS, the Marenisco Township Board of Trustees has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Marenisco Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Marenisco Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Marenisco Township Five-Year Recreation Plan 2024-2028.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Marenisco Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Marenisco Township Recreation Plan 2024-2028.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I, Donna Kenney, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Marenisco Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 18th day of December 2023.

