

# 5-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



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CITY OF NEW BUFFALO  
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PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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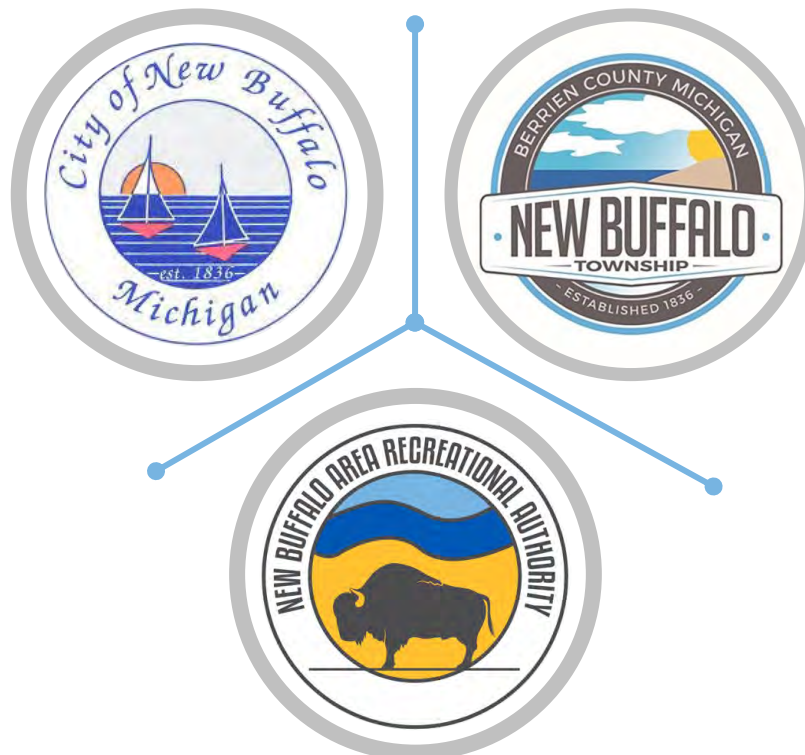
## INTRODUCTION

Public recreation and community parks are important assets to a region. They allow people to exercise and maintain a healthy lifestyle, participate in athletic activities, enjoy nature and wildlife, gather in common spaces and aid in the economic vitality for a community. With such high impact, it is important for public recreation providers to periodically assess current and future recreation offerings in its community and make a plan of action to best serve its constituency.

This plan has been prepared to reflect the individual and collective recreation goals of three entities: the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township, and the New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority (NBARA). The New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority is a newly established authority which includes members of both the City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Township. As these entities are closely linked to each other, there are substantial benefits to creating a combined recreation plan.

The communities of the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township and the New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority recognize that due to their shared interests, a planning and evaluation process that included all three entities would best serve their communities. It allows each entity to identify and prioritize its own community needs with an understanding of what surrounds them. This process helps coordinate recreation development and minimize duplicative efforts.

An active five year community park and recreation is also a Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirement for any eligible entity seeking grant funds. Monies received from grants facilitate recreation development by supplementing limited budgets and resources. This plan will fulfill the recreation plan requirements for the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township and the New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority from the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027.





## CITY OF NEW BUFFALO

### COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The City of New Buffalo is located in Berrien County, in the southwest corner of the state of Michigan. The city is bordered by Lake Michigan to the west, and is surrounded on three sides by New Buffalo Township. From the Chicago area, New Buffalo is just over an hour away while from and only a 30-minute drive from South Bend, Indiana. Likewise, large communities in Michigan such as St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, and Kalamazoo are less than 45 minutes away. The city is approximately two (2) miles from the Indiana state line.

#### Plan Jurisdiction

This section of the 5-years Parks and Recreation Plan has been prepared to reflect the recreation goals of City of New Buffalo as established and approved by the Parks and Harbor Commission as well as the City Council. All goals were established and supported via a public input process.

#### Physical Characteristics of Community

The physical form of the city is largely a reflection of its lakeside location, its orientation to the Galien River, and the major transportation routes such as US-12, Red Arrow Highway, and the rail lines that connect the community to the larger constellation of cities along the I-94 corridor. New Buffalo's layout follows the traditional grid pattern of most Midwestern cities and towns developed during the mid-1800s. The grid, which is bisected by US-12, is oriented to the lakeshore and consists of condominium development on the lakeshore, modestly scaled residential neighborhoods, and a traditional commercial downtown. While the city is predominantly residential, commercial development is found in the Central Business District, the US-12 corridor, and on Whittaker Street as it leads from one of two interchanges of I-94 which serve the city.

#### Demographic Characteristics of Community

The United States Census count for New Buffalo's population was 1,708 in 2020. Median Household Income was \$54,421 in 2020. It had an employment rate of 61.3% in 2020. 95% of the population reports as White, 1% Black, 1% Asian and 3% as Some Other Race.

#### Plan Focus

This section of the plan will focus on City of New Buffalo specific existing recreation opportunities, development and goals for all city owned public recreation facilities.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

#### Roles of Commissions/Advisory Boards

The City Council is responsible for approving the City's Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan and decides the parks and recreation budget and policies. The five member Council meets on the third Monday of each month. Each member has a four year term.

Current City Council members are:

- John Humphrey, Mayor
- Roger Lijewski, Mayor Pro Tem
- Brian Flanagan, Council Member
- Vance Price, Council Member
- Mark Robertson, Council Member



Recreation development is assisted by the following bodies:

The Park and Harbor Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council to study and make recommendations concerning policies, rules, regulations, and ordinances dealing with the management, government, maintenance, operation, improvement, and use of City parks, recreational areas, playgrounds, the harbor, waterways, channels, municipal docks, or other navigational facilities which are under the control of the City.

The Park and Harbor Commission holds regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month. The recording secretary for the Park and Harbor Commission is the City Clerk Office. The Park and Harbor Commission consists of five members. Current Parks and Harbor Commission Members include:

- Tom Smith, Chair
- Mark Gabryszewski, Vice Chair
- Linda Henderson, Commission Member

The Planning Commission approves long range land use policies for the City, including the Master Plan, and advises the City Council on planning and zoning related issues. It meets quarterly and has five members who serve three year terms.

#### Department, Authority and Staff Description and Org Chart

Under the direction of the City Council, the City Manager and the Parks Director administer all matters concerning City recreational facilities. The City of New Buffalo maintains nine (9) parks, including Turtle Pond Natural Area which is under a conservation lease. The Skate Park is jointly managed with New Buffalo Township and New Buffalo Area Schools. The Recreational Facilities Department is also responsible for the City's Amtrak Station.

Construction projects are authorized by the City Council, and overseen by the City Manager and Parks Director. All construction projects are completed by private contractors under direction from, and under contract with, the City. The City does not administer any recreation programs.

Besides the full-time Parks Director, parks and recreation staff consists primarily of seasonal, part-time employees. During the summer months, individuals are hired as lifeguards, rangers, attendants, and maintenance laborers. Seasonal employees of the City's Recreational Facilities Department perform maintenance of the soccer fields and ball diamonds at Oselka Park.

#### Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, and Capital Improvements

The Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget for parks and recreation operations and maintenance is \$454,000. The City allocates a portion of property tax funds to a separate parks improvement category. The FY 2022-23 CI budgeted amount was \$117,250. This fund also supports dredging costs.

Harbor operations are funded through the City's Harbor Operations fund. The FY 2022-23 Harbor Operations budget was \$144,820.





### Current Funding Sources

Funding sources include vendor fees, beach parking fees, pavilion rental fees and general funds. Funds for park construction and maintenance are approved by the City Council on an annual basis.

Harbor operations revenue sources include transient marina fees, boat launching fees and ice sales.

City revenues are supplemented by grants, individual and private donors, revenue sharing via the Local Revenue Sharing Board, and the Pokagon Fund.

### Roles of Volunteers and Organizations

The City does not directly operate any recreation programs. Summer baseball and softball leagues are managed by the volunteer-led local foundation New Buffalo Sports, Inc. Volunteer committees manage other programs that take place on parks grounds, such as the Harvest and Wine Festival, Arts and Crafts Festival, and Apple Cider Century. The Oselka Park concession stand is operated by volunteers representing the group using the facility for fundraising during events, in particular Bison Band Boosters runs concessions during home varsity football games.

### Relationships with School Districts and Other Public Agencies Involved in Recreation

The City understands the importance of collaboration and has ongoing relationships with the New Buffalo School District, New Buffalo Township, and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. As a result of its years of discussions between entities, it became a member of a newly established recreation authority, the New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority, that includes the City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Township. Among the goals of the recreation authority is to better serve the regional recreation needs through reduction of duplication and collaboration.

### Previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

The City of New Buffalo has received the following Department of Natural Resources grants:

Grant Number	Project Title	Grant Amount	Scope Items	Year
26-01089	New Buffalo Boat Launch	\$49,484	Boat Launch, parking lot and drive, site improvements & landscaping	1980
TF89-236	Transient Mooring Facility	\$266,300	Bulkhead, Comfort station, Electrical & lighting, Landscaping, Parking lot, Pump out station, Sanitary sewer, Sidewalk, Water service	1989
CM99-198	Lakefront Park Improvement	\$99,454	2 Picnic Tables, Blacktop Curb, 350' Boat Ramp, Marina Sealing, Grading and Preparation, Landscaping Trees, Parking Lot Paving, Shade Picnic Shelter, Stripe Parking Lot, Tubes and Rip Rap	1999
26-01826	Dune Walk Stabilization and Restoration	\$220,000	Boardwalk, Landscaping, Overlook or Observation Deck, Recycle Bin(s), Signage, Trash Bin(s)	2019
RP19-0120	Marquette Greenway Trailhead	\$112,500	Paved Parking Lot, Paved ADA Parking Space(s), Landscaping, Fence, Bike Rack(s), Recycle Bin(s), Signage, Rain Garden with Native Plants, Bench(es), Picnic Table(s), Bike Repair Station, Accessible Surfaces/Plaza	2019



## RECREATION INVENTORY – CITY OF NEW BUFFALO

### Descriptions of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory

The New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority (NBARA) contracted with Abonmarche Consultants, a consulting firm with experts in engineering, architectural, planning, and landscape design, to assist with the development of a combined recreation plan including the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township and NBARA. As part of that contract, Senior Landscape Architect Kathy Burzcak, PLA, ALSA, visited each park site to evaluate conditions including ADA accessibility. She provided an assessment of current conditions at each site, evaluation of ADA accommodations at each site, and recommendations for improvements at each site.

Accessibility ratings were provided utilizing the metric below.

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design



City Beach – 200 Marquette Drive, New Buffalo, MI	
Size	15 acres
Classification	Special Use - Public Beach
Ownership	City of New Buffalo
Facility Description	800 Feet of Lake Michigan Beachfront; 7.25 acres of sandy beach, six (6) acres of dunes, 2.1 acres of parking with 207 spaces plus six (6) handicap spaces.
Service Area	The beach is a destination location for residents of New Buffalo, surrounding communities, and tourists. Most users arrive by car. Many residential neighborhoods exist within a walkable ½ mile radius.
Accessibility Rating	2: Play structure has transfer deck but is on non-accessible surface. Sand wheelchair available. Need additional van accessible handicap parking.
Facilities/Programs	A swimming beach with a parking lot, a Dune Walk nature trail, picnic tables, benches, play structures, fitness equipment, volleyball nets, restrooms, food concession, and kayak rentals.





**BCTMP Proposed Network**    **BCTMP Existing Network**

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|---|---|
|  Wide Shoulder   |  Shared Use Path |
|  Bike Lane       |  Bike Lane       |
|  Cycle Track     |  Wide Shoulder   |
|  Shared Use Path |  Water Trail     |
|  Water Trail     |   |

**Parks**

-  City of New Buffalo Parks





Riverfront Park – Whittaker Street, New Buffalo	
Size	0.75 acres
Classification	Mini-Park
Ownership	City of New Buffalo
Facility Description	Open space along Galien River with fishing access, five (5) sculpture installations. Adjacent to City Beach and Lions Pavilion Park
Service Area	The beach and Lions Park are destinations for residents of New Buffalo, surrounding communities, and tourists. Most users arrive by car. Many residential neighborhoods exist within a walkable ½ mile radius.
Accessibility Rating	2: Sidewalk adjacent to the park is accessible
Facilities/Programs	Two (2) fishing decks with picnic tables, benches





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| Wide Shoulder   | Shared Use Path |
| Bike Lane       | Bike Lane       |
| Cycle Track     | Wide Shoulder   |
| Shared Use Path | Water Trail     |
| Water Trail     |                 |

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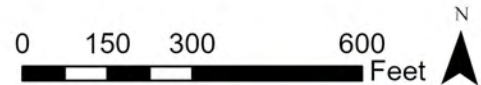


Lions Pavilion Park – 612 Marquette Drive, New Buffalo, MI	
Size	2 acres
Classification	Mini-Park
Ownership	City of New Buffalo
Facility Description	The pavilion is located at 101 Marquette Drive, which is across the street from the City Beach.
Service Area	The park is a destination location for residents of New Buffalo, surrounding communities, and tourists. Most users arrive by car. Many residential neighborhoods exist within a walkable ½ mile radius.
Accessibility Rating	2: concrete surface is accessible however, route needed to access the pavilion.
Facilities/Programs	Pavilion with two (2) fireplaces, picnic tables, and grills. Pavilion can be rented with special use permit.





- | BCTMP Proposed Network    | BCTMP Existing Network |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Wide Shoulder             | Shared Use Path        |
| Bike Lane                 | Bike Lane              |
| Cycle Track               | Wide Shoulder          |
| Shared Use Path           | Water Trail            |
| Water Trail               |                        |
| <b>Parks</b>              |                        |
| City of New Buffalo Parks |                        |







Oselka Park – 601 E Indiana Street, New Buffalo, MI	
Size	17.5 acres
Classification	Community Park
Ownership	New Buffalo City
Facility Description	Multi-purpose community park and sports complex
Service Area	Oselka Park is surrounded by neighborhoods and adjacent to the New Buffalo Middle and High School. It is easily reached on foot, bicycle or by car. Sidewalks are present throughout the neighborhoods.
Accessibility Rating	3: accessible walk connects park to neighboring sidewalks, two (2) play structures with transient deck (however, surface is non-accessible), pavilion and restroom are accessible, multiple ADA parking spaces.
Facilities/Programs	Two (2) baseball diamonds and one (1) softball diamond with dugouts and bleachers are used by New Buffalo Schools Athletics and New Buffalo Sports, Inc., who run a rec league. Soccer field, picnic area, pavilion with concessions and fireplace, playground, sledding hill, seasonal ice rink. Pavilion can be rented by special use permit.





**BCTMP Proposed Network**    **BCTMP Existing Network**

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| Wide Shoulder   | Shared Use Path |
| Bike Lane       | Bike Lane       |
| Cycle Track     | Wide Shoulder   |
| Shared Use Path | Water Trail     |
| Water Trail     |                 |

- Parks**
- City of New Buffalo Parks





Skate Park – 1011 E Clay Street, New Buffalo, MI	
Size	0.1 acre
Classification	Special Use – Skateboard, Pickleball
Ownership	City of New Buffalo in partnership with New Buffalo Township and School District
Service Area	Oselka Park is adjacent to the New Buffalo Middle and High School. It is easily reached on foot, bicycle or by car. Sidewalks are present from adjacent neighborhoods that connect to the park.
Facility Description	A skate and bike challenge area. Fenced area for pickleball, tennis and one (1) half basketball court.
Accessibility Rating	2: access to the facility is barrier free
Facilities/Programs	Half pipe, ramps, and various rails. Pickleball, tennis and basketball court markings. Nets are portable.
Note	<i>The current skate park is being rebuilt by the New Buffalo Area Schools as part of the STEAM Building project. Completion anticipated for the Spring of 2023</i>



Image of previous skate park, new skate park under construction at the time of recreation plan development



**BCTMP Proposed Network**    **BCTMP Existing Network**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Wide Shoulder   | Shared Use Path |
| Bike Lane       | Bike Lane       |
| Cycle Track     | Wide Shoulder   |
| Shared Use Path | Water Trail     |
| Water Trail     |                 |

- Parks**
- City of New Buffalo Parks





Sari Asher Memorial Park – 1413 E Washington Street, New Buffalo, MI

Size	1.8 acres
Classification	Special Use - Dog Park
Ownership	City of New Buffalo
Service Area	Most users of the park arrive by car.
Facility Description	Dog Park
Accessibility Rating	1
Facilities/Programs	Two (2) fenced-in enclosures for dogs (0.5 acres or 20,000 square feet), picnic shelter, tables and water fountain for dogs and humans. Site has a dog sculpture anonymously donated.





**BCTMP Proposed Network**    **BCTMP Existing Network**

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|---|---|
|  Wide Shoulder   |  Shared Use Path |
|  Bike Lane       |  Bike Lane       |
|  Cycle Track     |  Wide Shoulder   |
|  Shared Use Path |  Water Trail     |
|  Water Trail     |   |

**Parks**  
 City of New Buffalo Parks





Turtle Pond Nature Preserve – 611 W Washington St., New Buffalo, MI	
Size	2 acres
Classification	Natural Resource Area
Ownership	City of New Buffalo has a 25- year conservation lease (2002- 2027)
Facility Description	Forested wetland area
Service Area	This is a natural area set in a residential area. It is easily reached on foot, by bicycle or car.
Accessibility Rating	1
Facilities/Programs	Nature trail, boardwalk and bridges. Improvements are under discussion.





**BCTMP Proposed Network**    **BCTMP Existing Network**

- Wide Shoulder
- Bike Lane
- Cycle Track
- Shared Use Path
- Water Trail

- Shared Use Path
- Bike Lane
- Wide Shoulder
- Water Trail

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## OTHER PUBLIC SPACES

Private and Quasi-Public Recreation Facilities in and around New Buffalo City		
Name	Description	Facilities
St. Mary's Catholic Church	Former private Catholic school, located in the City of New Buffalo.	Playground, basketball courts, multi-purpose play field, gymnasium and theater.
Calvary Chapel	Not officially available for public use.	Green space, picnic pavilion
Bible Baptist Church	Not officially available for public use.	Playground, volleyball court, soccer goal.
Deer Creek Hunt Club	Sporting clay and hunting facility in Three Oaks on 500 acres	Club house, pro shop, shooting lessons, also hosts the New Buffalo High School Clay Shooting Team
Louis J. Sima Great Lakes Marsh Preserve	A preserve owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. The preserve contains approximately 150 acres of the larger Galien River Marsh.	No parking: accessible only by small boat. Access at DNR Galien River boat launch on Red Arrow Highway or at the New Buffalo City boat launch.
Outpost Sports	Kayak and canoe sales rental.	Offers trips on Galien River and nearby shoreline.
Third Coast	Surf shop and headquarters for New Buffalo Fresh Water Surfers Association	Surfing equipment and lessons, kayak rentals at the City Beach.
Equilibrium Fitness	24 Hour Access Fitness Facility Personal & Group Fitness & Training 705 West Buffalo Street New Buffalo, MI - See more at: <a href="http://www.eqfitnessnb.com/#sthash.nitqg1mu.dpuf">http://www.eqfitnessnb.com/#sthash.nitqg1mu.dpuf</a>	24 Hour Access Fitness Facility Personal & Group Fitness & Training
Turtle Creek Preserve	A preserve owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. Twelve (12) acres of woodland and wetland in New Buffalo just adjacent to New Buffalo Elementary School.	Acquired late 2016: open to the public, non-motorized trails are open.
Camp Sokol	12.4 acre family oriented seasonal camp used by primarily by Chicago are clientele.	Cottages/bunk houses, picnic tables, tennis court, basketball court.
New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club	Member of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, (MUCC). Site is 25 acres.	Two clubhouses available for rent, archery, trap and skeet ranges.



## OTHER PUBLIC SPACES CONTINUED

Private and Quasi-Public Recreation Facilities in and around New Buffalo City Continued		
Name	Description	Facilities
Schultz Park (Sunset Shores Homeowners Association)	Private/Quasi-Public park that is owned by the homeowners of Sunset Shores.	Playground
Whittaker Woods	Golf complex developed as part of a large Plan Unit Development. Proposed to be annexed to the City.	18-hole pro golf course, club house, restaurant, and pavilion.
Dunes Club Limited Golf Club	Exclusive golf club, not generally available to the public.	9-hole pro golf course club house and helicopter pad.
Merganser Point	Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy Preserve	Nature area on the peninsula jutting into the Galien River east of the Whittaker Street bridge

## RECREATION FACILITIES IN ADJOINING COMMUNITIES

Recreation Facilities in Adjoining Communities		
Name	Description	Facilities
Village of Michiana	One acre site which serves as the village activity area.	Community center with indoor stage, playground, playfield, tennis courts, recycling center, municipal offices, police and fire stations.
Village of Grand Beach	One acre site which services as the village activity area	Community center, municipal offices, playground, playfield, tennis courts, and police station.
Village of Grand Beach Golf Course	Golf Course open to the public and has hosted area schools golf tournaments and cross country meets	9-hole course, driving range
Grand Beach Marsh Preserve	11 acre site managed by Chikaming Open Lands	0.5 mile hiking trail
Galien River County Park (located in New Buffalo Township)	This 87 acre park is owned by Berrien County and is along Red Arrow Highway. It has a mix of wetlands and uplands along the Galien River. It is part of the Galien River Marsh complex.	300' canopy walkway, 60' high marsh overlook tower and a 600' long marsh boardwalk that leads to viewing and fishing platform. Both of these features are accessible via hard surfaced, barrier-free hiking trails and paved parking lot.



## RECREATION FACILITIES IN ADJOINING COMMUNITIES CONTINUED

Recreation Facilities in Adjoining Communities Continued		
Name	Description	Facilities
Memorial Park New Buffalo Township	Located next to the Township Hall	Playground, basketball, splash pad, pavilion, picnic tables, grills, trails, events
Glassman Park New Buffalo Township	47 acre parcel bordered on three sides by the Galien River and I-94	Driveway and parking area, trails, kayak/canoe launch, fishing areas, and a Zen labyrinth
Townline Road Beach Access New Buffalo Township & Chikaming Township	Townline Road beach, a 33 foot stretch of beach at the road ending, next to Chikaming Township which owns an additional 33 feet of frontage	Bike rack, bench, stairs and deck. No parking is available and this site is not accessible to those with mobility limitations
Robinson Woods and Flynn Woods Preserves Chikaming Township	Two preserves owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. These forest and wetland preserves have a combined 115 acres open to the public	Walking trails, parking for 10 cars, laminated trail guides available, no facilities
Chikaming Township Park and Preserve	263 acre natural resource area on Warren Woods Road. Property has woods, ravines, 5 acre lake, restored prairie, and Galien River floodplain	2 gravel parking lots, bike rack, 3 miles of trails and interpretive signs, 1.13 miles of rough bike trails, fishing platform, picnic pavilion, grills, drinking fountain
Cherry Beach Chikaming Township	Park and public beach with 253 feet of shoreline.	Observation platform and picnic site that are accessible, parking lot for resident pass holders on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to Labor Day, stairs to beach
Harbert Community Park Chikaming Township	Located on Red Arrow Highway just north of the Public Safety Building in Harbert.	Pavilion with two grills and 12 picnic tables. For the children there are four swings, a slide, a climber and a fishing pond. Also available is a regulation size Little League Baseball Field with bleachers and a concession stand. The pavilion and/or baseball field can be reserved by Chikaming property owners through Township Hall. Also have ice skating rink in the winter and a separate Dog Park.
River Valley Senior Center Chikaming Township	Senior Center	Senior activities, food service and meeting hall.



## STATE OF MICHIGAN RECREATION FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW BUFFALO

State of Michigan Recreation Facilities Outside the City of New Buffalo		
Name	Description	Facilities
Red Arrow Landing - MDNR Access	3.6 acre launch site provides access to the upper portion of the Galien River	Paved boat launch (small boats), outhouse, and public fishing access trails
Warren Dunes State Park	This state park is nearly 2,000 acres in size, with more than 2 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and sand dunes rising 240 feet above Lake Michigan	Picnic, area and shelter, playground, beach house, interpretive program, hunting, swimming, hiking and skiing, and wildlife areas.
Warren Woods State Park	311 acre state park located in Chikaming Township to the northeast of New Buffalo, on the Galien River	Rare beech/maple climax forest, hiking trail and picnic are
Grand Mere State Park	Designated as a "National Natural Landmark" by the federal government due to its rarity, this 985 acre park is managed for preservation	Hunting, fishing, wheelchair accessible picnic shelter, accessible hiking area



## STATUS REPORT FOR ALL GRANT ASSISTED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Grant Number	Project Title	Scope Items	Status
26-01089	New Buffalo Boat Launch	Boat Launch, parking lot and drive, site improvements & landscaping	Site open to the public. Grant funded facilities present. No conversions of use present.
TF89-236	Transient Mooring Facility	Bulkhead, Comfort station, Electrical & lighting, Landscaping, Parking lot, Pump out station, Sanitary sewer, Sidewalk, Water service	Site open to the public. Grant funded facilities present. No conversions of use present.
CM99-198	Lakefront Park Improvement	2 Picnic Tables, Blacktop Curb, 350' Boat Ramp, Marina Sealing, Grading and Preparation, Landscaping Trees, Parking Lot Paving, Shade Picnic Shelter, Stripe Parking Lot, Tubes and Rip Rap	Site open to the public. Grant funded facilities present. No conversions of use present.
26-01826	Dune Walk Stabilization and Restoration	Boardwalk, Landscaping, Overlook Deck, Recycle Bin, Signage, Trash Bin	Site open to the public. Grant funded facilities present. No conversions of use present.
RP19-0120	Marquette Greenway Trailhead	Paved Parking Lot, Paved ADA Parking Space(s), Landscaping, Fence, Bike Rack(s), Recycle Bin(s), Signage, Rain Garden with Native Plants, Bench(es), Picnic Table(s), Bike Repair Station, Accessible Surfaces/Plaza	In development process (2022)



Transient Municipal Marina – 100 W. Water Street, New Buffalo	
Size	3.5 acres
Classification	Special Use - Marina
Ownership	City of New Buffalo
Facility Description	A transient marina for boaters visiting New Buffalo. 1.5 acres of the 3.5 total size is submerged land.
Service Area	Accesses Lake Michigan and the Galien River. Serves boaters from the Midwest region: Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio.
Accessibility Rating	2: one (1) accessible parking space needs to be widened to be van accessible, route from parking to building is accessible but building itself is inaccessible due to walkway issues near entrances.
Facilities/Programs	Thirty (30) transient boat slips, comfort station, picnic tables, electric, water, pump-out station. Marine channels 16 and 9 are manned. Short term docking is available for two (2) hours Sun-Thurs, space permitting.





**BCTMP Proposed Network**    **BCTMP Existing Network**

- Wide Shoulder
- Bike Lane
- Cycle Track
- Shared Use Path
- Water Trail

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Boat Launch – 201 Marquette Drive, New Buffalo, MI	
Size	4.75 acres
Classification	Special Use - Boat Launch
Ownership	MI DNR, managed by City of New Buffalo
Facility Description	Boat launches and parking lot
Service Area	Accesses Lake Michigan and the Galien River. Primarily serves boaters from southwest Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.
Accessibility Rating	2: two (2) accessible boat trailer parking spaces, however these do not have an access aisle
Facilities/Programs	Eight (8) boat launch ramps, parking lot with 140 spaces, one (1) picnic table, one (1) grill; daily fees apply, seasonal passes available.







**BCTMP Proposed Network**    **BCTMP Existing Network**

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|---|---|
|  Wide Shoulder   |  Shared Use Path |
|  Bike Lane       |  Bike Lane       |
|  Cycle Track     |  Wide Shoulder   |
|  Shared Use Path |  Water Trail     |
|  Water Trail     |   |

**Parks**

-  City of New Buffalo Parks





Name	Boat Launch	Transient Marina
Description	Eight (8) boat launch ramps and parking lot with channel access to Lake Michigan approx. 3,200 feet away	Thirty (30) transient boat slips with amenities adjacent to Federal Navigation Channel with access to Lake Michigan.
Slip Mix	Eight (8) launch ramps with docks	14 - 30' slips 13 - 38' slips 4 - 45' slips 1 - 85' seawall 1 - 60' seawall reserved for pump out service
Right sizing of facility	Appropriate	Occasionally boats are turned away that are too long or draw too much water to be accommodated. The City is seeking funding to add broadside dock space to accommodate larger boats.
Is there a waiting list or are boaters turned away?	No	Occasionally on holiday weekends
Is the entire facility ADA compliant?	No	No
Current ADA compliant features	Launch ramps are accessible	Concrete accessible route from parking lot to building, one (1) ADA parking space (not van accessible)
Items that need to be addressed to become ADA compliant	Two (2) ADA boat trailer spaces need an access aisle, restroom does not have an accessible walk connection to the parking lot, toilet widths do not meet req's, Harbor Master building has step up, vending machines located on gravel surface, picnic table and grill located in grass	One (1) ADA parking space needs to have eight (8) foot access aisle added, reconstruct walkways with accessible route to restrooms
Site Development Plan	None	The City intends to complete electrical upgrades at the marina. It is also planning to increase broadside dock space and add a seawall.
Current marketing methods	Website, social media, Chamber of Commerce	Website, social media, Chamber of Commerce
Current events	None on site	None on site
Current partnerships	Property is owned by the DNR and operated by the City	Partner with DNR as part of online reservation system through <a href="http://www.midnrreservations.com">www.midnrreservations.com</a> ; New Buffalo City Police and Berrien County Sheriff Department dock their patrol craft at the marina
<u>Current dredging needs</u>	Dredging is recommended for 2022-2023. Anticipate 1000 cubic yards to dredge	For marina broadside dock expansion project, would need to dredge approx. 8,275 cubic yards.



Name	Boat Launch	Transient Marina
Dredging cycle	Dependent on water levels, typically every 2-5 years as needed.	Dependent on water levels, typically every 2-5 years as needed. The Emergency Harbor Dredging Fund (EHDF) was created to provide money for the dredging of the Federal Navigation Channel of New Buffalo Harbor, on an emergency basis and not to supplant the regular maintenance dredging performed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. USACE dredge history is shown below.
Approx. volume of dredged material	5,000 to 10,000 cyd on an annual or semi-annual basis	40,000 cubic yards over 5 years
Dredge material disposal method and location	Dredge material tested and taken to an upland disposal site near M-239 and Wilson Road	Dredge material tested and placed downdrift along the beach.
Annual Maintenance Schedule	Routine maintenance is performed as needed during the season. Maintenance includes sand removal, parking lot care, and repair of amenities	Routine maintenance is performed as needed during the season. Maintenance duties include parking lot upkeep, marina building and amenity upkeep, dock repairs, and pedestal repairs.
Minor or Small Scale Infrastructure Replacement	Replacement of minor infrastructure and smaller items is planned for annually. Minor projects are assessed at the end of each season and added to the next FY budget. Annual harbor operations maintenance and repair budget is approximately \$30k	Replacement of minor infrastructure and smaller items is planned for annually. Minor projects are assessed at the end of each season and added to the next FY budget. Annual harbor operations maintenance and repair budget is approximately \$30k
Large Scale Project	None planned	2023-2024 Add broadside dock space to transient marina. Cost: \$3 million 2023-2024 Replace electrical pedestals Cost: \$380,000



## TRAILS

Trails, paved shoulders on streets, bike lanes, and sidewalks are not only important for transportation, but also provide recreational opportunities for walking and biking. These facilities bring numerous benefits to a community. The benefits are very diverse and include advantages in economic, social, environmental, health, and overall quality of life. The City of New Buffalo has the following trail assets.

### MARQUETTE GREENWAY

The City of New Buffalo in partnership with New Buffalo Township as well as dozens of community volunteers have been working on the Marquette Greenway project for over a decade. The goal is to finish a regional, non-motorized greenway which will span about 58 miles in length along the south shore of Lake Michigan from Calumet Park in Chicago to downtown New Buffalo, Michigan.

Today 22 miles of the Marquette Greenway are already built and 32 miles are fully funded. The project is in final design for completion of the trail from the Indiana state line to New Buffalo and construction is slated to start in 2023.

### US BIKE ROUTE 35

U.S. Bicycle Route 35 is a 500-mile route that runs from Indiana through Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, generally following the Lake Michigan shoreline and through the eastern Upper Peninsula. The Michigan portion of US Bike Route 35 extends from New Buffalo, MI to Sault Ste. Marie. It is a mapped bicycle route intended to recommend routes for experienced long distance touring cyclists, and is not a separated non-motorized trail.

### FRIENDS OF BERRIEN COUNTY TRAILS

The Friends of Berrien County Trails is a Michigan registered 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on trail development. The organization was formerly The Friends of Harbor Country Trails, but in December of 2019, changed its name and expanded its reach county-wide to become The Friends of Berrien County Trails.

The Friends of Berrien County Trails spearheaded the development of a county-wide trails plan. The trail facilities in the plan include Shared Use Paths, Paved Shoulders/Bike Lanes, Sharrows, US Bike Routes, Water (paddling) Trails, and Parks with Hiking Trails, Mountain Biking Trails, Cross Country Skiing Trails and Equestrian Trails.

This plan will help municipalities and trail organizations to seek and secure resources and funding to advance a connected trail system for the county.

Additionally, in 2018, sidewalk access to Oselka Park was greatly improved with a 3.3 mile Safe Routes to Schools project. The \$600,000 project included sidewalk installation along city streets and was funded by the Michigan Fitness Foundation, MDOT, and the City of New Buffalo. These additional sidewalks and safe crossings helped increase connectivity between Oselka Park, the schools, and residential areas of the city.



## LAKE MICHIGAN WATER TRAIL

The Lake Michigan Water Trail is a designated National Recreation Trail, as sanctioned by the U.S. Department of the Interior. It will offer safe, legal and adequate access around the entire 1,200 mile long lakeshore of America's Greatest Lake, Lake Michigan. The trail will be the longest continuous-loop water trail in the world. In 2011, 75 miles (from Chicago to New Buffalo) was designated as the Lake Michigan Water Trail National Recreation Trail by the National Parks Service. More information can be found at [www.michiganwatertrails.org](http://www.michiganwatertrails.org).

## GALIEN RIVER MARSH WATER TRAIL

The Galien River Marsh Water Trail is approximately three miles between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boat launch on U.S. 12 (near Kruger Road) and the City of New Buffalo's public boat launch. The trail meanders through woodlands and marsh, including the 156-acre Louis J. Sima Great Lakes Marsh and the 86-acre Galien River County Park Preserve, as well as by a number of privately owned residential properties, before arriving at the City's harbor and, ultimately, Lake Michigan. Brochures and a sign showing the way along the Water Trail are located at the DNR boat launch, courtesy of Chikaming Open Lands, the American Electric Power Foundation, the National Park Service, and the Michigan EGLE.

## NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS NATURE STUDY TRAILS

Interpretive Trails and Nature Walks are a part of the Holbrook Creek Watershed (also known as Lighthouse Creek) and pass through prime examples of dune forests and interdunal wetlands. There are over 4.5 miles of trails with markers and plaques scattered along the paths that relate to their natural history. A portion of the trails has been identified as a cross country ski trail in the winter.

## TURTLE POND NATURE PRESERVE

The New Buffalo Turtle Pond Nature Preserve has a 0.15 mile walking trail complete with boardwalks and on-site parking. The trail meanders around and over a natural pond which hosts a wide variety of wildlife. Turtle Pond is only one block away from Nature Study Trails.

## SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

This route highlights sites of historic significance located in the central business district. The sites are marked by bronze plaques.



## NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

The wealth and diversity of natural resources found within New Buffalo and the surrounding area provides an excellent environment for recreation. There are a number of unique ecosystems found within the community that are seldom found in combination elsewhere in the world. The dune ecology found along Lake Michigan, combined with the high quality wetlands alongside the Galien River, further contribute to the diverse ecology in the New Buffalo area.

The varied landscape of the region, in turn, supports a broad range of plant and animal species. In addition, the strategic location of the community is not only important to people, but to migratory birds as well. New Buffalo is located in three different migratory fly-ways. The varied habitats of the area provide ideal settings for birds; the community is a popular destination for avid bird watchers. However, the area is also attractive to geese, which have caused some problems along public walkways near the harbor and lakefront. In 2016, the City introduced a plan using permitted dogs to patrol the waterfront, thusly disturbing the population without harassment or harm.

The estuary of the Galien River and its tributaries serve as important resources to Lake Michigan and the recreational and charter fishing industries of the area. The River and its tributaries provide an ideal setting as a hatchery for a variety of freshwater fish species and provide fishing opportunities during the fall spawning season for salmon and steelhead. The presence of Lake Michigan on the northwestern side of the city is an obvious water resource within the community and the entire state. Lake Michigan is the third largest Great Lake by surface area and the sixth largest freshwater lake in the world. The City Beach provides the primary public access point to the shoreline within the city. There are also several road end access points in New Buffalo and Chikaming Townships.

The Galien River and its large, wooded flood-plain provides natural areas and important wildlife habitat. The river parallels the Lake Michigan shoreline in the eastern half of the community before emptying into Lake Michigan near the City Beach. The river basin or watershed consists of a main branch and a southern branch. The Galien River Watershed is 112, 222 acres in size, with 82,665 acres in Michigan. A watershed does not respect state, county, township, village or city boundaries. Through the efforts of the Galien River Watershed Project, there is a recognition that watershed communities must work together to improve and protect water resources.



## DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

### PLANNING METHOD

The City of New Buffalo followed a System planning method for its recreation needs. It used its own metrics, priorities, needs, level of service and community-wide issues to guide this cyclical planning effort. The City will re-evaluate the system as efforts are implemented to measure success and further guide or adjust planning goals.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

In order to solicit public input for the creation of the Plan, an online survey was made available to the public beginning on July 14, 2022 and ending on September 7, 2022. The survey contained several questions pertaining to recreation, open space, and parks. Once reviewing survey results, the plan partners made the decision to extend the survey outreach period to also engage a younger demographic. The survey was reopened on October 7, 2022 and closed on October 17, 2022 and a total of 303 responses were gathered. The full results and comments can be found in the Appendix.

A final draft of the Plan was made available at the New Buffalo Township Public Library and New Buffalo City Hall from December 8, 2022 to January 8, 2023. It was also available on the City's website. A notice of availability to review the plan was published on both the City and Township's main webpage on December 8, 2022. The notice was also posted to their Facebook page and in the New Buffalo Times. Following the public review period, the City held a public hearing on the Plan on January 12, 2023.

A copy of the public notice for the public comment period and public hearing can be found in the Appendix, as well as the minutes from the hearing. X comments were received during the comment period and are included in the Attachment. There were X public comments during the hearing. The City approved the plan on January 12, 2023. A copy of the resolution of approval is in the Appendix.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal #1 Maintain and improve the access, usability and resiliency of the community recreation system.

- A. Eliminate non-barrier free conditions in the park system when improvements occur.
- B. Increase marketing efforts and use consistent signage and wayfinding elements to improve/increase recreational tourism.
- C. Ensure all maintenance and improvement activities are sensitive to and protect sensitive lands, water quality and historic and cultural resources.

Goal #2 Develop additional recreational opportunities to meet the current and future needs and desires of the community with a geographical balance along with safe and convenient access.

- A. Develop a non-motorized system (including bike lanes, sidewalks, off-road separated paths, water trails, trail heads, etc.) to connect residents, businesses and recreation resources (locally and at the county and regional level). Particular emphasis should be focused on improving pedestrian connectivity between the downtown and the waterfront.
- B. Offer recreational programming opportunities in coordination with neighboring communities and other partners.
- C. Pursue opportunities to upgrade and replace amenities within the park system
- D. Acquire land or secure conservation easements to expand the recreation system as needed (such as



to increase contiguous public land holdings, protect natural resources, increase accessibility to water resources and provide additional recreational opportunities that are geographically balanced in the community)

Goal #3 Ensure year-round activities are available for residents and visitors.

- A. Create opportunities within the existing park system to develop opportunities for more year-round activities.
- B. Assess what amenities are present in which parks and assess if they should remain in that park or be relocated to another park to better balance the availability of all-season recreational opportunities across the park system.

Goal #4 Enhance partnerships and relationships with residents (full-time and seasonal), tourists, youth and adult sports leagues, local businesses, agencies, community organizations, neighboring municipalities, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Berrien County and the State of Michigan.

- A. Involve the community in anticipating recreational needs and determining priorities.
- B. Utilize City, Township and School District facilities to provide year-round indoor and outdoor recreation programming and opportunities.
- C. Increase collaboration and develop partnerships to fund park improvements and additional recreation opportunities (facilities and programming).
- D. Use local funds to leverage State and/or federal grants.

## ACTION PROGRAM

As the City of New Buffalo develops parks over the next five years, it will utilize the identified goals and objectives above while taking the following actions:

1. Develop a capital improvements program and annual maintenance program for each park within the community's park system to meet Goal 1.
2. Complete the Marquette Greenway Trail project to the city trailhead to support Goals 1, 2, 3 & 4.
3. Expand transient marina dock space to accommodate more boaters and alleviate pedestrian congestion on Whittaker as desired in Goals 1 & 2.
4. Add sidewalks during road improvement/reconstruction projects as reflected in Goal 1.
5. Seek funds to implement the waterfront master plan meeting Goals 1, 2, 3 & 4.
6. Upgrade the transient marina electrical system to meet Goals 1 & 2.
7. Identify partnership project opportunities to undertake in conjunction with New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority and provide resources to pursue them to meet Goal 4.
8. Annually evaluate the progress of Action Plan implementation.





## NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

### COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

#### Plan Jurisdiction and Physical Characteristics of New Buffalo Township

This portion of the plan covers public recreation opportunities provided by New Buffalo Township. The Township is located in Berrien County in the southwest corner of the state. It is bordered by Lake Michigan to the west, Chikaming Township to the north, Three Oaks Township to the east and the state of Indiana to the south. The Township surrounds the City of New Buffalo and includes the Villages of Michiana and Grand Beach.

Major road networks through the township include US -12 and I-94, making access to several nearby population centers convenient. New Buffalo Township is close to several cities, including Benton Harbor, Saint Joseph, Kalamazoo, and Michigan City, Indiana. It is not far from major metropolitan areas outside of the state, including Chicago, Illinois and South Bend, Indiana. Because of its close proximity to several cities, sunny beaches, and its natural beauty, many people visit the area and may have second homes within or near the Township. The service area for this recreation plan is confined by the Township limits, covering approximately 20.3 square miles.

#### Demographic Characteristics of New Buffalo Township

2020 census.gov data lists New Buffalo Township population at 2,455. Median Household Income is \$61,667. The community is fairly evenly split between male (53%) and female (47%) residents. Median age is 57 years. The largest New Buffalo township racial/ethnic groups are White (93.9%) followed by Hispanic (3.6%) and Black (1.4%).

#### Plan Focus

This section of the plan will focus on New Buffalo Township specific existing recreation opportunities, development and goals for all Township owned public recreation facilities.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The New Buffalo Township Park Committee is comprised of volunteer members, in addition to a Parks Director. The Committee was established under 1905 PA 157. The role of the Committee is to address Parks and Recreation issues throughout the Township, such as park amenities, park maintenance, planning for recreation facilities, events and programming. The Park Committee reports to the New Buffalo Township Board and the Board establishes the annual budget. The Township currently employs a Parks Director and several seasonal employees.

The Township Board meets on the third Monday of each month. The current New Buffalo Township Board members are:

- Michelle Heit, Supervisor
- Judith Zabicki, Clerk
- Jack Rogers, Treasurer
- Pete Rahm, Trustee
- Patricia Iazzetto, Trustee



The New Buffalo Township Park Committee meets as needed. Its members include:

- Ashlee Croskey
- Michelle Hannon
- Frank Schmidt
- Karen Gear,
- Arnie Feinberg
- Dave Rupert

Expenditures for Parks and Recreation stem from Park Committee recommendations. The Committee presents these recommendations to the New Buffalo Township Board for approval. The Township Board ultimately decides all Parks and Recreation expenditures.

### Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming

The New Buffalo Township Parks and Recreation budget is funded primarily from a 0.37-mill property tax. Additional revenue sources include payments in lieu of taxes, interest income, park rental fees, and park facility deposits. See 2022-2023 budget below:

#### Fund 208 - PARK MILLAGE FUND

##### ESTIMATED REVENUES

##### Dept 000 - NO DEPARTMENT

208-000-402.000	Current Real Property Tax	145,095.14	145,000.00	140,090.04	240,658.00
208-000-420.001	Grant Income				0.00
208-000-432.000	Payment in lieu of Taxes	15,124.83	22,028.60	22,028.60	30,000.00
208-000-455.000	Special Assessments Revenue				0.00
208-000-585.000	Contributions from local units				0.00
208-000-585.000	Pokagon Fund Grant Contribution				0.00
208-000-585.001	Pokagon Fund Grant Day Camp	111,856.00			0.00
208-000-665.000	Interest Income	829.04	1,000.00	607.82	1,000.00
208-000-669.000	Park Rental Fee- non resident	300.00	500.00	1,500.00	800.00
208-000-671.000	Park Facility Deposit	100.00	100.00	325.00	200.00
208-000-674.000	Donations	225.00		975.00	0.00
208-000-675.001	Donations - dep not picked up		100.00		0.00
208-000-676.001	Programs Income				0.00
208-000-680.000	Miscellaneous Income				0.00
208-000-698.000	INSURANCE RECOVERIES				0.00
208-000-699.000	Cash Transfers in				0.00
208-000-964.000	Refunds and Rebates				100.00
Totals for dept 000 - NO DEPARTMENT		274,129.61	169,728.60	165,526.46	272,758.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>		<b>274,129.61</b>	<b>169,728.60</b>	<b>165,526.46</b>	<b>272,758.00</b>



APPROPRIATIONS

Dept 000 - NO DEPARTMENT

208-000-717.000	Simple IRA Expense				0.00
208-000-964.000	REFUNDS AND REBATES			2,376.11	0.00
208-000-995.000	Cash Transfers Out				0.00
<b>Totals for dept 000 - NO DEPARTMENT</b>				<b>2,376.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Dept 751 - PARKS

208-751-702.000	SALARIES & WAGES -Park Mngr	30,293.90	27,594.00	27,921.73	46,800.00
208-751-703.000	Salaries & Wages - Asst/Maint	5,304.90	14,000.00	8,197.10	14,000.00
208-751-703.001	Salaries & Wages - Cleaning Park				2,300.00
208-751-708.003	Training - class, materials, accom	360.00	800.00	725.80	800.00
208-751-709.200	DAYCAMP WAGES AND TAXES		79,000.00	74,433.00	0.00
208-751-710.000	MI UNEMPLOYMENT			462.94	0.00
208-751-715.000	Social Security	2,681.50	10,000.00	8,420.00	11,000.00
208-751-717.000	Simple IRA Expense				0.00
208-751-718.000	MERS Retirement Expense	754.41	1,000.00	862.88	1,300.00
208-751-720.000	Insurance	5,639.18	7,600.00	(400.00)	7,700.00
208-751-724.000	Medical Insurance	12,055.09	13,000.00	10,014.80	13,000.00
208-751-727.000	Supplies	3.99	1,200.00	990.61	1,200.00
208-751-728.000	Operating Supplies	1,427.32	2,000.00	1,497.52	2,000.00
208-751-730.000	Postage		50.00		50.00
208-751-801.000	Professional Fees				8,000.00
208-751-802.000	Legal/Attorney Fees			1,327.50	500.00
208-751-807.002	Grant expenses				0.00
208-751-835.000	Physical Exams	40.00	200.00	90.00	200.00
208-751-850.000	Communications	1,131.37	1,500.00	721.06	1,600.00
208-751-851.000	Technology				2,000.00
208-751-860.000	Transportation/Meals		500.00	375.64	500.00
208-751-860.001	Vehicle Maintenance	1,767.32	1,500.00	773.95	1,500.00
208-751-900.000	Printing & Publishing	600.00	2,500.00	800.00	2,500.00
208-751-920.000	Utilities	6,583.31	20,000.00	11,107.56	20,000.00
208-751-930.000	Repairs & Maintenance	9,275.82	8,000.00	4,984.37	8,000.00
208-751-930.001	Supplies & Maintenance - Park	204.51	2,500.00	2,658.54	2,500.00
208-751-930.006	Grounds Maintenance	5,324.02	5,500.00	3,626.11	9,000.00
208-751-963.000	DAYCAMP EXPENSES	16,260.33	33,000.00	13,090.38	0.00
208-751-967.000	Park Improvements - Pokagon Fund				0.00
208-751-969.000	Programs and Events	500.00	14,000.00	7,427.66	14,000.00
208-751-974.000	Park Projects and Improvements	3,799.33	7,000.00	1,300.00	7,000.00
208-751-979.000	New Equipment	1,578.92	28,000.00	675.55	28,000.00
<b>Totals for dept 751 - PARKS</b>		<b>106,585.22</b>	<b>280,444.00</b>	<b>182,087.71</b>	<b>208,450.00</b>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 208

	167,544.39	(110,715.40)	[18,937.36]	64,308.00
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	330,846.45	498,390.84	498,390.84	479,453.48
ENDING FUND BALANCE	498,390.84	387,675.44	479,453.48	543,761.48



### Additional funding sources

In addition to millage dollars, New Buffalo Township is eligible for Pokagon Fund grants. The Pokagon Fund is supported by a percentage of the electronic gaming revenue from the Four Winds Casino Resort. The Pokagon Fund’s Municipal grants are awarded for projects that directly benefit the following Michigan communities or their residents: the City of New Buffalo; the Townships of New Buffalo, Three Oaks or Chikaming; or the Villages of Three Oaks, Grand Beach or Michiana. Collectively, these communities are known as “Harbor Country.” These grants can be utilized on projects that support Education, Poverty Reduction and Community Vitality. The Township also seeks parks funding from Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants on a per project basis.

### Previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

New Buffalo Township has been successful at leveraging additional resources from outside the community to support parks and recreation activities in the community. Below is an overview of grants the Township has previously secured from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Grant Number	Project Title	Grant Amount	Scope Items	Year
26-01312	Memorial Park	\$30,000	Ball diamond, Horseshoe pit, Picnic tables & grills, Restroom, Shuffleboard court, Volleyball area	1984
TF93-104	Memorial Park Addition	\$14,700	Acquisition of approximately 10.4 acres adjacent to existing park of 1.5 acres	1993
26-01733	Glassman Park Development	\$100,000	Canoe/kayak launch, Fishing area, HMA parking lot and driveway, Nature trails, Permit fees, Selective clearing and grubbing, Zen labyrinth	2013
TF13-064	Kruger Road Park Acquisition	\$150,000	Acquisition of approximately 12.21 acres of undeveloped park land bordered by over 2,300 feet of Galien River frontage	2013
TF20-0165	Marquette Greenway Development	\$300,000	Bioswale, Boardwalk, Fence, Trail 8' wide or more	2020

### Roles of Volunteers and Organizations

New Buffalo Township is fortunate to have many volunteers who help make the Township parks beautiful places for community fellowship. They have undertaken projects to improve park aesthetics, such as native flower plantings and the creation of the mosaic mural at the Memorial Park pavilion. Local high school student volunteers assisted the Township with tree identification along Memorial Park's nature trails for an interpretive signage project. Volunteers also help run a number of activities hosted at the parks, such as Halloween “Spooky Trails,” bocce ball league, and a weekly summer musical event called “Wednesday Night in the Park”.

The Township has partnered with numerous public entities to enhance Parks and Recreation opportunities in the area. They have collaborated on Parks and Recreation projects with the Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative, a local not-for-profit organization dedicated to public art. Jointly with the City of New Buffalo, the Township supports the New Buffalo Township Public Library and New Buffalo schools, which host activities at Memorial Park. Through the creation of the New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority, the Township has added an



additional partnership with the City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Area Schools. The Township welcomes collaboration with adjacent municipalities, conservation organizations, and other groups with an interest in recreation such as Friends of Berrien County Trails.

#### Relationships with School Districts and Other Public Agencies Involved in Recreation

The Township has strong working relationships with other public agencies in the area. New Buffalo Area Schools hosts many events and activities at Memorial Park. The summer camp program visits the park Monday's through Thursday's in the summer. The pavilion has hosted pep assemblies, Winterfest dances, as well as Spooky Trails. The New Buffalo Township Library has also hosted many events in the pavilion including events with the Township Parks such as "Mornings with Mom" in the past.



## RECREATION INVENTORY — NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

### Descriptions of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory

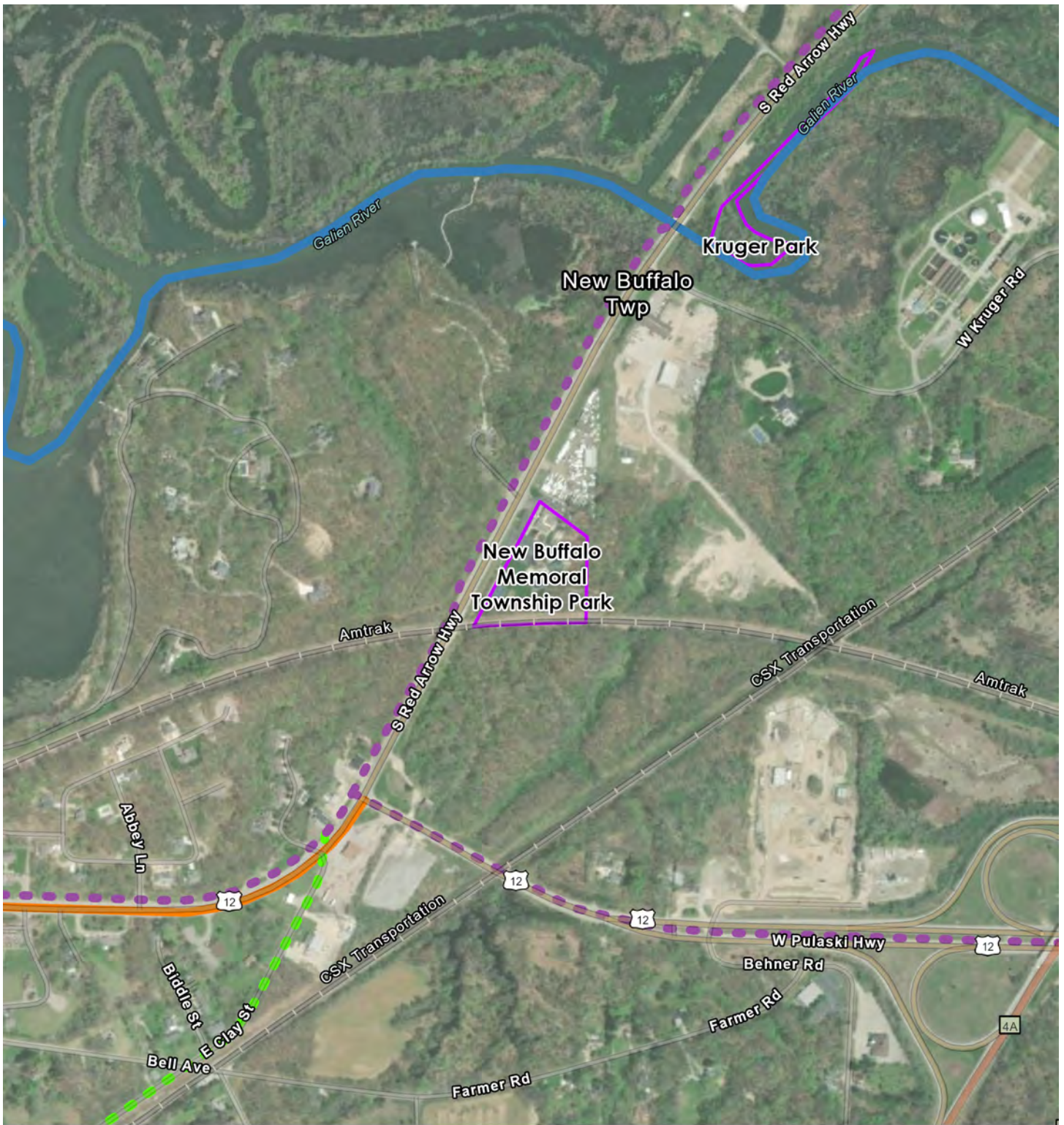
The New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority (NBARA) contracted with Abonmarche Consultants, a consulting firm with experts in engineering, architectural, planning, and landscape design, to assist with the development of a combined recreation plan including the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township and NBARA. As part of that contract, Senior Landscape Architect Kathy Burzcak, PLA, ALSA, visited each park site to evaluate conditions including ADA accessibility. She provided an assessment of current conditions at each site, evaluation of ADA accommodations at each site, and recommendations for improvements at each site.

Accessibility ratings were provided utilizing the metric below.

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design

Memorial Park – 17425 Red Arrow Highway, New Buffalo, MI 49117	
Size	6.5 acre
Classification	Community Park
Ownership	New Buffalo Township
Facility Description	6.5 acre park located behind Township Hall
Service Area	Service area primarily New Buffalo Township/Union Pier/New Buffalo residents, but open to any member of the public. Visitors arrive mainly by car.
Accessibility Rating	4: Good accessibility present.  Possible ways to improve are: Add ADA parking spaces close to the walk entrance to the playground/pavilion area and near the basketball court walk entrance area. Replace a minimum of 20 % of all picnic tables with ADA tables. Consider replacing the nature walk surface with an accessible surface like limestone screenings or engineered wood fiber.
Facilities/Programs	Amphitheatre, Basketball Court, Bocce Ball Court, Landscaping, (2) Observation Decks, Pavilion, Paved Parking Area, Picnic Tables, Splash Pad, Playground Equipment, Horseshoe Pit, Nature Trails, Volleyball Court, 9/11 Memorial Garden





**BCTMP Proposed Network**

- Wide Shoulder
- Bike Lane
- Cycle Track
- Shared Use Path
- Water Trail

**BCTMP Existing Network**

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**Parks**

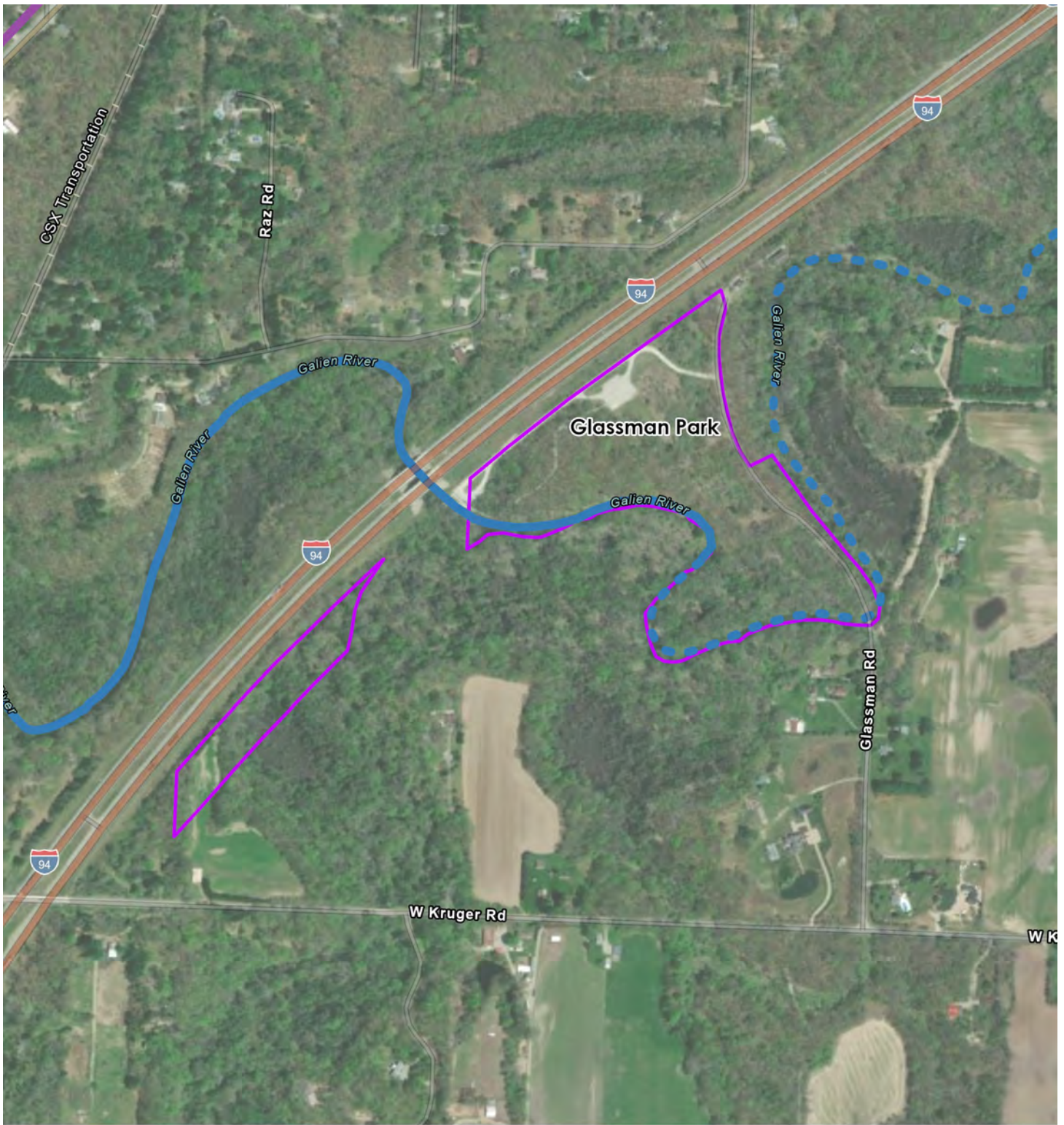
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Glassman Park – 16680 Glassman Road, Union Pier, MI 49129	
Size	47 acres
Classification	Community Park
Ownership	New Buffalo Township
Facility Description	47 acre park land off Glassman Road. It is bordered by the Galien River on three sides and I-94 on the fourth.
Service Area	This park is fairly remote and primarily accessed by car.
Accessibility Rating	2: Provide a park entrance sign and wayfinding sign from Red Arrow Highway. Move the ADA parking at the west end of the park so there is a direct access route to the kayak launch. Add a transfer platform to the kayak launch and replace the settled portion of walkway. Provide an access route to the overlook deck. At the east parking lot add an accessible route from the parking space and add accessible amenities including an accessible picnic table area.
Facilities/Programs	Kayak launch, walking trail, zen labyrinth, river look out points, fishing, landscaping, parking (3 ADA), picnic tables, accessible routes, wooden boardwalk, porta-john





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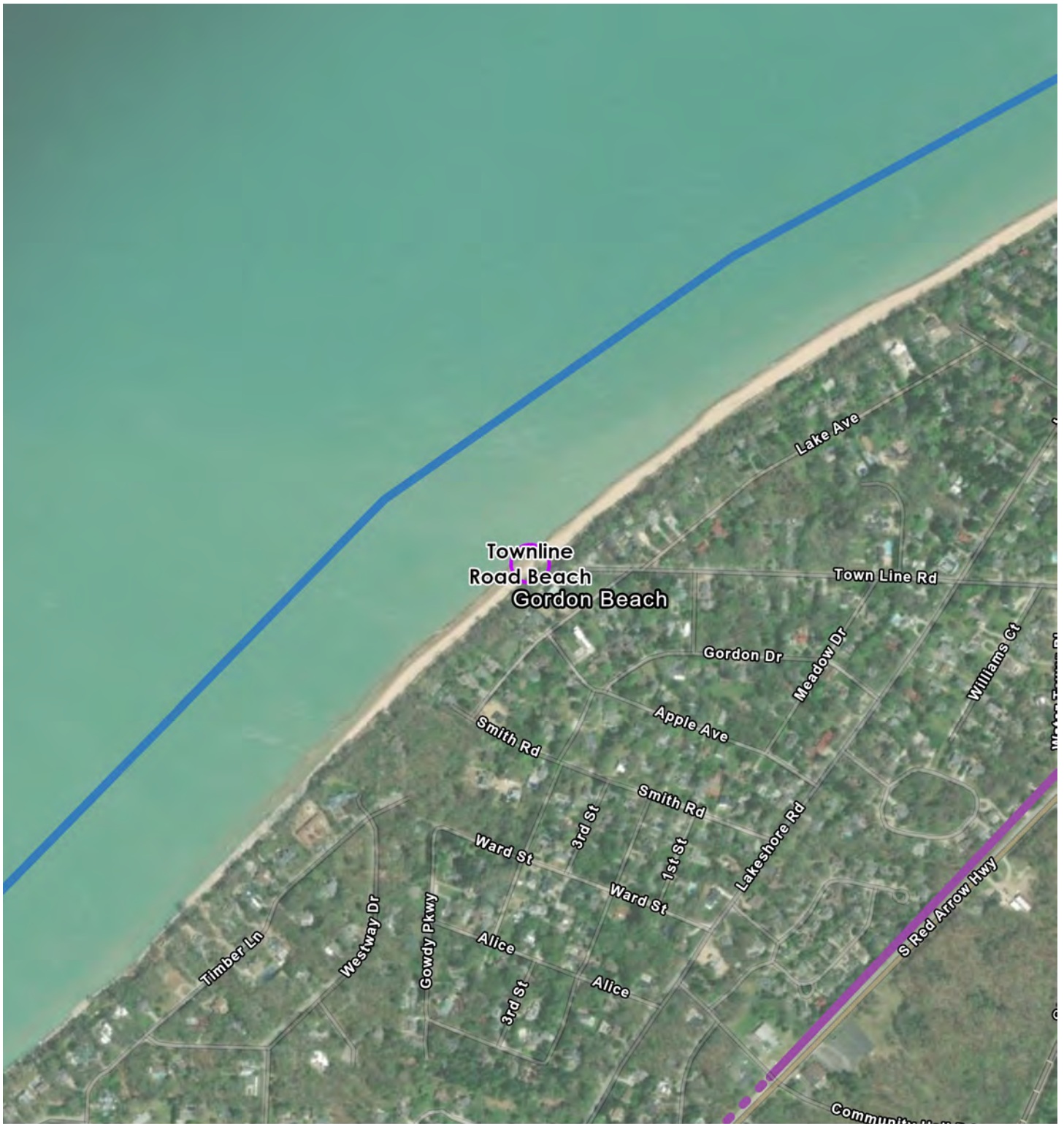
**Parks**

- New Buffalo Township Parks



Townline Road Beach – Lake Michigan and Townline Road	
Size	33 feet of beach on Lake Michigan
Classification	Mini-Park
Ownership	New Buffalo Township
Facility Description	33 feet of beach property on Lake Michigan that is accessed by stairs from the end of Townline Road.
Service Area	The beach mainly serves the Union Pier, New Buffalo and Chikaming Township area. It is surrounded by residences and easily reached by foot, bike or car.
Accessibility Rating	1: Add ADA parking spaces and a designated access route close to the end of the road. Remove the bituminous curb and add a concrete sidewalk to connect the overlook deck entrance to the road and bench seating area.
Facilities/Programs	Wood staircase to beach, overlook deck, bike rack, parking lot





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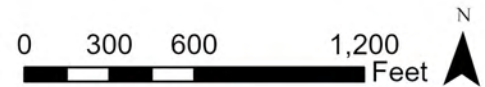
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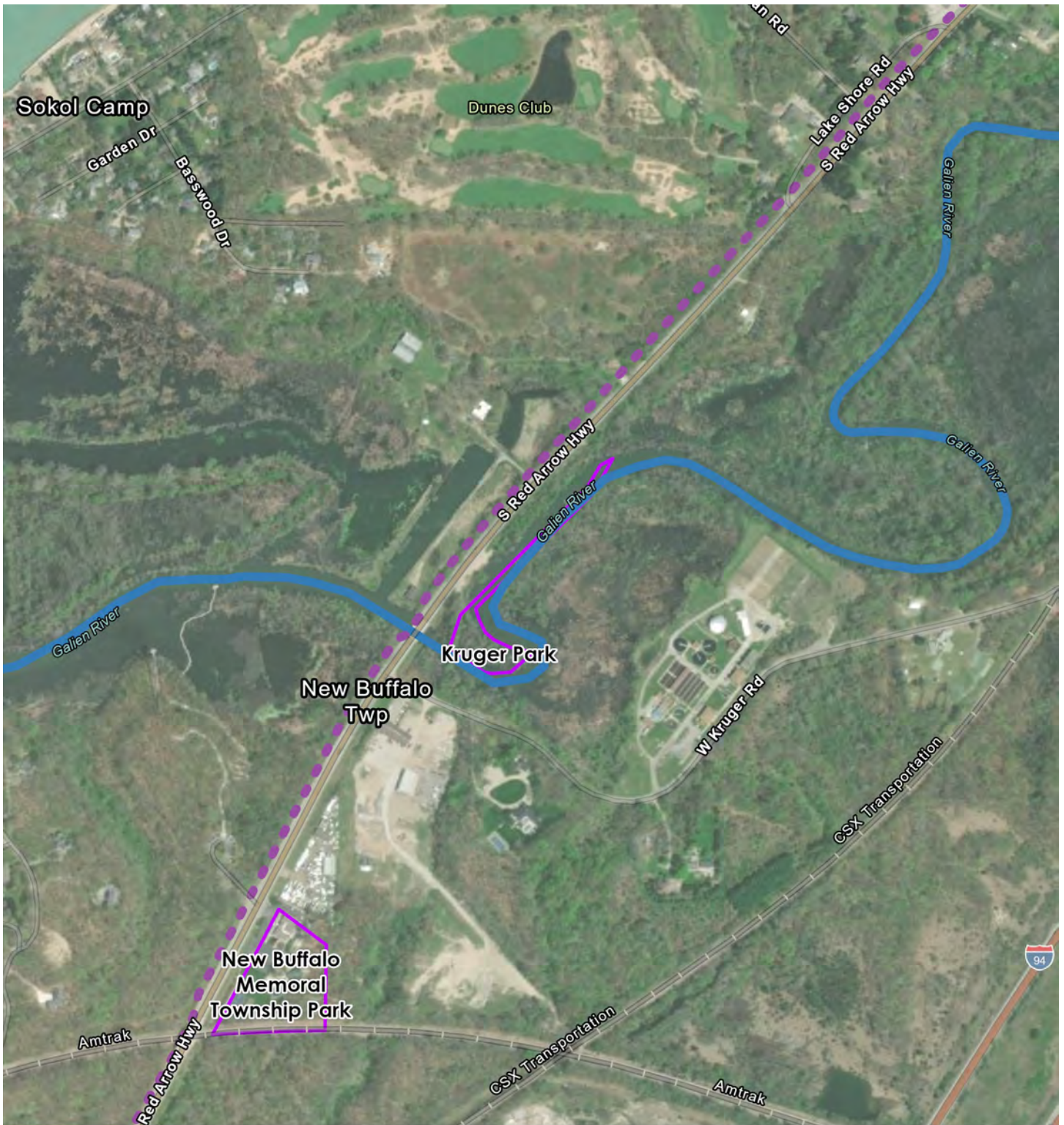
**Parks**

- New Buffalo Township Parks



Kruger Park – 10785 Kruger Road, Union Pier, MI 49129	
Size	12.21 acres
Classification	Mini-park
Ownership	New Buffalo Township
Facility Description	12.21 acre parcel with the Galien River running through it, located on Kruger Road. The parcel is wooded along the Kruger Road southern boundary and has beautiful low-lying areas and tributaries adjacent to the river.
Service Area	The park is undeveloped, however a DNR water trail launch site is adjacent to the parcel and offers parking and canoe/kayaking opportunities for Harbor Country and Berrien County residents and visitors.
Accessibility Rating	1: Add ADA parking spaces along Kruger Road and provide a scenic view overlook
Facilities/Programs	Parcel is undeveloped





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**Parks**

- New Buffalo Township Parks





New Buffalo Township Harbor Inventory	
Marina Facility	Pleasure Isle Marina 100 Landings Blvd, New Buffalo, MI 49117
Ownership	New Buffalo Township acquired the marina in 2020.
Description	<p>Twenty-six (26) leased seasonal boat slips in New Buffalo with amenities adjacent to Federal Navigation Channel with access to Lake Michigan.</p> <p>Amenities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjustable Docks</li> <li>Electric Boatlift for boats up to 30' in length</li> <li>30 and 50 amp Electrical Services</li> <li>Telephone</li> <li>Cable TV</li> <li>Pump Out</li> <li>Storage dock box at each slip</li> <li>Parking</li> <li>Shower Facilities</li> <li>Laundry Provisions</li> <li>Wifi</li> <li>Picnic area with tables</li> </ul>
Slip Mix	<p>Six (6) 40' long adjustable fixed piers with eleven (11) available seasonal boat slips</p> <p>Thirteen (13) 30' long aluminum fixed piers with thirteen (13) available seasonal boat slips.</p> <p>150 feet of broadside dockage is available along the southwest seawall.</p>
Right sizing of facility	The facility is currently built out to its maximum size. It has a waiting list, so a reduction in size would not be warranted.
Is there a waiting list or are boaters turned away?	There was a waiting list of 20 people in 2022
Is the entire facility ADA compliant?	No
Current ADA compliant features	<p>The surrounding promenade has a width of 6 feet which meets the ADA minimum width requirement of 5 feet.</p> <p>There are two ADA accessible means of entry to the promenade via the sidewalk ramps graded from the parking lot near the main building and parking lot entrance.</p> <p>Broadside dock includes up to two (2) ADA-Compliant slips, meeting minimum ADA requirements for facility.</p> <p>Two (2) ADA parking space (van accessible)</p>



New Buffalo Township Harbor Inventory	
Items that need to be addressed to become ADA compliant	<p>Could update two fixed piers near parking lot to meet ADA compliance</p> <p>Add accessible walkways to picnic tables</p>
Site Development Plan	None currently
Current marketing, events and/or partnerships	<b>Website marketing.</b> No events currently. Condo on site's owner will be in an association with the Township.
<u>Dredging</u>	The Township will evaluate dredging needs in upcoming years to plan future cycles. The marina did not require dredging in 2021 or 2022.
Annual Maintenance Schedule	<p>Routine maintenance will be performed as needed during the season. Maintenance duties include parking lot upkeep, condo/boater building upkeep, utility pedestals and pump out servicing, dock and lift repairs, amenity repair, winterization, trash service.</p> <p>Annual maintenance cost is approximately \$50,000.</p>
Minor or Small Scale Infrastructure Replacement	<p>ADA upgrades – 2023-2025 - \$10,000</p> <p>Parking lot repair - 2024-2025 - \$15,000</p> <p>After electrical evaluation of marina utility and fire protection systems, implement recommendations – 2023- \$10,000</p>
Large Scale Project	<p>Signs of settlement in the soils near the perimeter of the facility and parking lot could reflect soil compression or washout under the seawall. Further study may result in large scale project to address the issue including seawall improvements.</p> <p>2026-27 Project - \$175,000 - \$325,000 depending on approach needed and taken</p>







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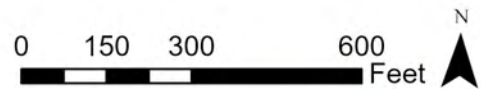
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**Parks**

- City of New Buffalo
- New Buffalo Township
- Other Park & Recreation Areas
- City Limits





Private and Quasi-Public Recreation Facilities in and around New Buffalo Township		
Name	Description	Facilities
St. Mary's Catholic Church	Former private Catholic school, located in the City of New Buffalo.	Playground, basketball courts, multi-purpose play field, gymnasium and theater.
Calvary Chapel	Not officially available for public use.	Green space, picnic pavilion
Bible Baptist Church	Not officially available for public use.	Playground, volleyball court, soccer goal.
Deer Creek Hunt Club	Sporting clay and hunting facility in Three Oaks on 500 acres	Club house, pro shop, shooting lessons, also hosts the New Buffalo High School Clay Shooting Team
Louis J. Sima Great Lakes Marsh Preserve	A preserve owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. The preserve contains approximately 150 acres of the larger Galien River Marsh.	No parking: accessible only by small boat. Access at DNR Galien River boat launch on Red Arrow Highway or at the New Buffalo City boat launch.
Outpost Sports	Kayak and canoe sales rental.	Offers trips on Galien River and nearby shoreline.
Third Coast	Surf shop and headquarters for New Buffalo Fresh Water Surfers Association	Surfing equipment and lessons, kayak rentals at the City Beach.
Equilibrium Fitness	24 Hour Access Fitness Facility Personal & Group Fitness & Training 705 West Buffalo Street New Buffalo, MI - See more at: <a href="http://www.eqfitnessnb.com/#sthash.nitqq1mu.dpuf">http://www.eqfitnessnb.com/#sthash.nitqq1mu.dpuf</a>	24 Hour Access Fitness Facility Personal & Group Fitness & Training
Turtle Creek Preserve	A preserve owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. Twelve (12) acres of woodland and wetland in New Buffalo just adjacent to New Buffalo Elementary School.	Acquired late 2016: open to the public, non-motorized trails are open.
Camp Sokol	12.4 acre family oriented seasonal camp used by Chicago clientele.	Cottages/bunk houses, picnic tables, tennis court, basketball court.
New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club	Member of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, (MUCC). Site is 25 acres.	Two clubhouses available for rent, archery, trap and skeet ranges.
Schultz Park (Sunset Shores Homeowners Association)	Private/Quasi-Public park that is owned by the homeowners of Sunset Shores.	Playground
Whittaker Woods	Golf complex developed as part of a large Plan Unit Development. Proposed to be annexed to the City.	18-hole pro golf course, club house, restaurant, and pavilion.
Dunes Club Limited Golf Club	Exclusive golf club, not generally available to the public.	9-hole pro golf course club house and helicopter pad.
Merganser Point	Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy Preserve	Nature area on the peninsula jutting into the Galien River east of the Whittaker Street bridge



Recreation Facilities in Adjoining Communities		
Name	Description	Facilities
Village of Michiana	One acre site which serves as the village activity area.	Community center with indoor stage, playground, playfield, tennis courts, recycling center, municipal offices, police and fire stations.
Village of Grand Beach	One acre site which services as the village activity area	Community center, municipal offices, playground, playfield, tennis courts, and police station.
Village of Grand Beach Golf Course	Golf Course open to the public and has hosted area schools golf tournaments and cross country meets	9-hole course, driving range
Grand Beach Marsh Preserve	11 acre site managed by Chikaming Open Lands	0.5 mile hiking trail
Galien River County Park (located in New Buffalo Township)	This 87 acre park is owned by Berrien County and is along Red Arrow Highway. It has a mix of wetlands and uplands along the Galien River. It is part of the Galien River Marsh complex.	300' canopy walkway, 60' high marsh overlook tower and a 600' long marsh boardwalk that leads to viewing and fishing platform. Both of these features are accessible via hard surfaced, barrier-free hiking trails and paved parking lot.
City Beach City of New Buffalo	15 acre public beach area. 800 Feet of Lake Michigan Beachfront; 7.25 acres of sandy beach, six (6) acres of dunes, 2.1 acres of parking.	A swimming beach with a parking lot, a dunewalk nature trail, picnic tables, benches, play structures, fitness equipment, volleyball nets, restrooms, food concession, and kayak rentals.
Lions Pavilion Park City of New Buffalo	2 acre park across from city beach	Pavilion with two (2) fireplaces, picnic tables, and grills.
Riverfront Park City of New Buffalo	0.75 acre open space along Galien River with fishing access, five (5) sculpture installations. Adjacent to City Beach and Lions Pavilion Park	Two (2) fishing decks with picnic tables, benches
Oselka Park City of New Buffalo	17.5 acre public park	Two (2) baseball diamonds and one (1) softball diamond with dugouts and bleachers. Soccer field, picnic area, pavilion with concessions and fireplace, playground, sledding hill, seasonal ice rink.
Skate Park City of New Buffalo	0.1 acre park for skateboards and bicycles	Half pipe, ramps, and various rails. Pickleball and basketball court markings. Nets are portable.
Sari Asher Memorial Park City of New Buffalo	1.8 acre dog park	Two (2) fenced-in enclosures for dogs (0.5 acres or 20,000 square feet), picnic shelter, tables and water fountain for dogs and humans



Recreation Facilities in Adjoining Communities Continued		
Name	Description	Facilities
Turtle Pond Natural Area City of New Buffalo	Two acre natural resource area in forested wetland.	Nature trail, boardwalk and bridges
Transient Marina City of New Buffalo	3.5 acre transient marina	Thirty (30) transient boat slips, comfort station, picnic tables, electric, water, pump-out station.
Boat Launch City of New Buffalo/ MDNR	4.75 acre DNR boat launch managed by the City of New Buffalo	Eight (8) boat launch ramps, parking lot with 140 spaces, one (1) picnic table, one (1) grill
Robinson Woods and Flynn Woods Preserves Chikaming Township	Two preserves owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. These forest and wetland preserves have a combined 115 acres open to the public.	Walking trails, parking for 10 cars, laminated trail guides available, no facilities.
Chikaming Township Park and Preserve	263 acre natural resource area on Warren Woods Road. Property has woods, ravines, 5 acre lake, restored prairie, and Galien River floodplain.	2 gravel parking lots, bike rack, 3 miles of trails and interpretive signs, 1.13 miles of rough bike trails, fishing platform, picnic pavilion, grills, drinking fountain
Cherry Beach Chikaming Township	Park and public beach with 253 feet of shoreline.	Observation platform and picnic site that are accessible, parking lot for resident pass holders on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to Labor Day, stairs to beach
Harbert Community Park Chikaming Township	Located on Red Arrow Highway just north of the Public Safety Building in Harbert.	Pavilion with two grills and 12 picnic tables. For the children there are four swings, a slide, a climber and a fishing pond. Also available is a regulation size Little League Baseball Field with bleachers and a concession stand. The pavilion and/or baseball field can be reserved by Chikaming property owners through Township Hall. Also have ice skating rink in the winter and a separate Dog Park.
River Valley Senior Center Chikaming Township	Senior Center	Senior activities, food service and meeting hall.



## OTHER PUBLIC SPACES CONTINUED

State of Michigan Recreation Facilities Near New Buffalo Township		
Name	Description	Facilities
Red Arrow Landing - MDNR Access	3.6 acre launch site provides access to the upper portion of the Galien River.	Paved boat launch (small boats), outhouse, and public fishing access trails.
Warren Dunes State Park	This state park is nearly 2,000 acres in size, with more than 2 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and sand dunes rising 240 feet above Lake Michigan.	Picnic, area and shelter, playground, beach house, interpretive program, hunting, swimming, hiking and skiing, and wildlife areas.
Warren Woods State Park	311 acre state park located in Chikaming Township to the northeast of New Buffalo, on the Galien River	Rare beech/maple climax forest, hiking trail and picnic area.
Grand Mere State Park	Designated as a "National Natural Landmark" by the federal government due to its rarity, this 985 acre park is managed for preservation.	Hunting, fishing, wheelchair accessible picnic shelter, accessible hiking area.

## TRAILS

Trails, paved shoulders on streets, bike lanes, and sidewalks are not only important for transportation, but also provide recreational opportunities for walking and biking. These facilities bring numerous benefits to a community. The benefits are very diverse and include advantages in economic, social, environmental, health, and overall quality of life.

New Buffalo Township has the following trail assets.

### MARQUETTE GREENWAY

Dozens of volunteers have been working on the Marquette Greenway project for over a decade. The goal is to finish a regional, non-motorized greenway which will span about 58 miles in length along the south shore of Lake Michigan from Calumet Park in Chicago to downtown New Buffalo, Michigan.

Today 22 miles of the Marquette Greenway are already built and 32 miles are fully funded. The project is in final design for completion of the trail from the Indiana state line to New Buffalo and construction is slated to start in 2023.

### US BIKE ROUTE 35

U.S. Bicycle Route 35 is a 500-mile route that runs from Indiana through Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, generally following the Lake Michigan shoreline and through the eastern Upper Peninsula. The Michigan portion of US Bike Route 35 extends from New Buffalo, MI to Sault Ste. Marie. It is a mapped bicycle route intended to recommend routes for experienced long distance touring cyclists, and is not a separated non-motorized trail.



## FRIENDS OF BERRIEN COUNTY MASTER PLAN

The Friends of Berrien County Trails is a Michigan registered 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on trail development. The organization was formerly The Friends of Harbor Country Trails, but in December of 2019, changed its name and expanded its reach county-wide to become The Friends of Berrien County Trails.

The Friends of Berrien County Trails spearheaded the development of a county-wide trails plan. The trail facilities in the plan include Shared Use Paths, Paved Shoulders/Bike Lanes, Sharrows, US Bike Routes, Water (paddling) Trails, and Parks with Hiking Trails, Mountain Biking Trails, Cross Country Skiing Trails and Equestrian Trails.

This plan will help municipalities and trail organizations to seek and secure resources and funding to advance a connected trail system for the county.

## LAKE MICHIGAN WATER TRAIL

The Lake Michigan Water Trail is a designated National Recreation Trail, as sanctioned by the U.S. Department of the Interior. It will offer safe, legal and adequate access around the entire 1,200 mile long lakeshore of **America's Greatest Lake, Lake Michigan. The trail will be the longest continuous-loop water trail in the world.** In 2011, 75 miles (from Chicago to New Buffalo) was designated as the Lake Michigan Water Trail National Recreation Trail by the National Parks Service. More information can be found at [www.michiganwatertrails.org](http://www.michiganwatertrails.org).

## GALIEN RIVER MARSH WATER TRAIL

The Galien River Marsh Water Trail meanders through woodlands, protected wetlands, an 86-acre Galien River County Park Preserve, and a number of privately owned residential properties before arriving at New Buffalo's busy harbor and, ultimately, Lake Michigan. The water trail stretches from Lake Michigan up the Galien River to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boat launch on U.S 12, and reaches Glassman Park in New Buffalo Township.



## STATUS REPORT FOR ALL GRANT-ASSISTED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Grant Number	Project Title	Scope Items	Status
26-01312	Memorial Park	Ball diamond, Horseshoe pit, Picnic tables & grills, Restroom, Shuffleboard court, Volleyball area	Site open to the public. Grant funded facilities present. No conversions of use present.
TF93-104	Memorial Park Addition	Acquisition of approximately 10.4 acres adjacent to existing park of 1.5 acres	Site open to the public. No conversion of use.
26-01733	Glassman Park Development	Canoe/kayak launch, Fishing area, HMA parking lot and driveway, Nature trails, Permit fees, Selective clearing and grubbing, Zen labyrinth	Site open to the public. Grant funded facilities present. No conversions of use present.
TF13-064	Kruger Road Park Acquisition	Acquisition of approximately 12.21 acres of undeveloped park land bordered by over 2,300 feet of Galien River frontage	Site open to the public. No conversion of use.
TF20-0165	Marquette Greenway Development	Bioswale, Boardwalk, Fence, Trail 8' wide or more	In process of development (2022)

## NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

The wealth and diversity of natural resources found within New Buffalo Township and the surrounding area provides an excellent environment for recreation. There are a number of unique ecosystems found within the community that are seldom found in combination elsewhere in the world. The dune ecology found along Lake Michigan, combined with the high quality wetlands alongside the Galien River, further contribute to the diverse ecology in the township.

The varied landscape of the region, in turn, supports a broad range of plant and animal species. In addition, the strategic location of the community is not only important to people, but to migratory birds as well. New Buffalo Township is part of three different migratory fly-ways. The varied habitats of the area provide ideal settings for birds; the area is a popular destination for avid bird watchers.

The estuary of the Galien River and its tributaries serve as important resources to Lake Michigan and the recreational and charter fishing industries of the area. The river and its tributaries provide an ideal setting as a hatchery for a variety of freshwater fish species and provide fishing opportunities during the fall spawning season for salmon and steelhead.

The presence of Lake Michigan on the western border of the township is an obvious water resource within the community and the entire state. Lake Michigan is the third largest Great Lake by surface area and the sixth largest freshwater lake in the world. There are several road end access points in New Buffalo and Chikaming Townships.

The Galien River and its large, wooded flood-plain provides natural areas and important wildlife habitat. The river parallels the Lake Michigan shoreline before emptying into Lake Michigan near the City of New Buffalo





Beach. The river basin or watershed consists of a main branch and a southern branch. The Galien River Watershed is 112, 222 acres in size, with 82,665 acres in Michigan. A watershed does not respect state, county, township, village or city boundaries. Through the efforts of the Galien River Watershed Project, there is a recognition that watershed communities must work together to improve and protect water resources.

There are many wetland areas within New Buffalo Township. Wetland areas provide invaluable functions such as flood protection, pollutant removal and wildlife habitat. The Department of Natural Resources has identified the Galien River Marsh (located just upstream from where the Galien River enters Lake Michigan) as being one of the best fresh water estuaries in the State of Michigan. There are at least fifteen (15) different types of Threatened or Special Concern plants located within this wetland. In addition, large marsh and wooded wetland areas provide sanctuary for migrating waterfowl such as the American Wigeon, Shoveler, Gadwall, Bufflehead, Goldeneye, Green-Winged Teal and many others.

### Potential Conservation Areas

The Potential Conservation Areas map represents the last remaining remnants of the area's ecosystems and natural plant communities and is the major element of a Green Infrastructure Plan. The map ranks areas where the landscape is dominated by native vegetation that has various levels of potential for harboring high quality natural areas and unique natural features. These areas provide critical ecological services such as maintaining water quality and quantity, soil development and stabilization, habitat for pollinators of cropland, wildlife travel corridors, stopover sites for migratory birds, sources of genetic diversity and floodwater retention.

The Township has large areas of some the highest ranking natural areas in southwest Michigan. Striking a balance between development and natural resource conservation and preservation is critical if the New Buffalo area is to maintain its unique natural heritage and offer a high quality of life for residents and visitors.

Green infrastructure is a connected network of natural areas and other open spaces planned and managed to conserve natural ecosystems and the services that they provide. These lands provide multiple benefits to people and wildlife such as maintaining clean air and water, providing areas for recreation and providing wildlife habitat. Green infrastructure elements can be in urban, suburban and rural areas and may or may not be open to the public. Green infrastructure is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the area residents.



## PLANNING PROCESS

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

#### Planning Method

New Buffalo Township followed a System planning method for its recreation needs. The Township used its own metrics, priorities, needs, level of service and community-wide issues to guide this cyclical planning effort. The Township will re-evaluate the system as efforts are implemented to measure success and further guide or adjust planning goals.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

In order to solicit public input for the creation of the Plan, an online survey was made available to the public beginning on July 14, 2022 and ending on September 7, 2022. The survey contained several questions pertaining to recreation, open space, and parks. Once reviewing survey results, the plan partners made the decision to extend the survey outreach period to also engage a younger demographic. The survey was reopened on October 7, 2022 and closed on October 17, 2022 and a total of 303 responses were gathered. The full results and comments can be found in the Appendix.

A final draft of the Plan was made available at the New Buffalo Township Public Library and New Buffalo City Hall from December 8, 2022 to January 8, 2023. It was also available on the City of New Buffalo's website. A notice of availability to review the plan was published on both the City and Township's main webpage on December 8, 2022. The notice was also posted to their Facebook page and in the New Buffalo Times. Following the public review period, New Buffalo Township scheduled a public hearing meeting on the Plan on January 17, 2023.

A copy of the public notice for the public comment period and public hearing can be found in the Appendix, as well as the minutes from the hearing. X comments were received during the comment period and are included in the Attachment. There were X public comments during the hearing. New Buffalo Township approved the plan on January 17, 2023. A copy of the resolution of approval is in the Appendix.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1 – Further enhance recreational opportunities in New Buffalo Township.

- Add more access points to Lake Michigan where possible
- Add more access points the Galien River where possible
- Replace aged play equipment in parks
- Acquire land to support recreation development
- Add supporting infrastructure such as restrooms and parking at parks

Goal 2 – Develop a system of non-motorized infrastructure (paved shoulders, bike lanes, multi-use paths) in the Township and connect to neighbors to contribute to a regional/national non-motorized network.

- Add more walking trails and non-motorized paths in response to community desires

Goal 3 – Provide and promote programmed educational and fitness opportunities at New Buffalo Township parks with an emphasis on activities for youth.

- Explore the addition of Township organized recreation programs



Goal 4 – Collaborate with local governmental units and non-profit organizations to enhance and interconnect public resources.

- Support joint recreation authority with City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Area Schools
- Continue partnership projects with Chikaming Open Lands
- Partner with neighboring communities for trail development

Goal 5 – Improve access to parks and recreation for all mobility levels

- Add more accessible equipment, paths and benches to parks and public spaces

## ACTION PROGRAM

As New Buffalo Township develops parks over the next five years, it will utilize the identified goals and objectives above while taking the following actions:

1. Develop a capital improvements program and annual maintenance program for each park withing **the community's park system.**
2. Create a new accessible access point on the Galien River for paddlers and fishermen.
3. Partner with Berrien County to improve amenities and accessibility to Galien River County Park.
4. Partner with Berrien County Road Department to add non-motorized trails and widened shoulders when doing road projects.
5. Add sidewalks during road improvement/reconstruction projects.
6. Make strategic amenity investments within the existing park system to improve number of recreational opportunities for persons of all abilities.



## NEW BUFFALO AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY (NBARA)

### COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

#### Plan Jurisdiction

The New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority incorporates the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township and New Buffalo Area Schools. The jurisdiction of the NBARA is the combined jurisdictional limits of each member city and township.

#### Physical Characteristics of Community

NBARA encompasses the physical areas of New Buffalo Township, the City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Area Schools – an area of approximately 23.58 square miles. The school district additionally includes the Villages of Michiana and Grand Beach, and Union Pier. The Pokagon Indian Reservation is located within New Buffalo Township boundaries.

Lake Michigan borders the region to the west, Three Oaks Township to the east, Chikaming Township to the east and north, and the state of Indiana to the south. Lake Michigan is the third largest Great Lake by surface area and the sixth largest freshwater lake in the world.

US-12 and I-94 are major thoroughfares that pass through NBARA limits. Rural areas surround the developed city, township and village areas.

There are a number of unique ecosystems found within the area that are seldom found in combination elsewhere in the world. The dune ecology found along Lake Michigan, combined with the high quality wetlands alongside the Galien River, further contribute to the diverse ecology in the area.

#### Demographic Characteristics of Community

The United States Census count for New Buffalo's population was 1,708 in 2020. Median Household Income was \$54,421 in 2020. It had an employment rate of 61.3% in 2020. 95% of the population reports as White, 1% Black, 1% Asian and 3% as Some Other Race.

2020 census.gov data lists New Buffalo Township population at 2,455. Median Household Income is \$61,667. The community is fairly evenly split between male (53%) and female (47%) residents. Median age is 57 years. The largest New Buffalo township racial/ethnic groups are White (93.9%) followed by Hispanic (3.6%) and Black (1.4%).

#### Plan Focus

The members of NBARA recognize their mutual interest in multiple recreation facilities. Accordingly, they wish to provide for collaboration and joint oversight of existing facilities as well as possible cooperative efforts in other recreational endeavors as their respective governing bodies might subsequently approve. The parties deem it to be in the best interests of their constituents to establish a recreational authority and to provide for its funding, operation and maintenance.



## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

### Roles of Commissions/Advisory Boards

The NBARA is governed by a board consisting of seven members:

- The mayor of the City with the consent of the City Council shall appoint two members.
- The NBT supervisor with the consent of the NBT Board shall appoint two members.
- The president of the NBAS school board with the consent of the NBAS school board shall appoint two members.
- Those board members appointed by the City, NBT and the NBAS shall appoint one at-large member who shall not be a member of the City Council, the NBT Board, or the NBAS school board.

No member of the NBARA board shall be an elected official of the City, NBT, or NBAS.

Board members serve three year terms. The board elects a chairperson, secretary, treasurer and other officers as necessary. Current board members are:

Patrick Donnelly - Chair, New Buffalo Township Rep  
Michelle Hannon – Secretary, At-large member  
Pano Arvanitis – Treasurer, New Buffalo Area Schools Rep  
David Handley - New Buffalo Township Rep  
Michael Lindley - New Buffalo Area Schools Rep  
Jack Kennedy - City of New Buffalo Rep  
Darwin Watson - City of New Buffalo Rep

The board started with meetings on a monthly basis but will be switching to every other month meetings in 2023.

### Department, Authority and Staff Description and Org Chart

The NBARA was established to acquire, construct, operate, maintain and improve public swimming pools, public recreation centers, public auditoriums, and public parks and for such other purposes as may from time to time be authorized by Act 321 all within the specified jurisdictional limits of the cities, townships and villages (if any) that may be part of the NBARA.

The NBARA has established the following powers. While all the following powers were granted under the organization of the NBARA, not all powers will be used. The following list of powers was established to give the organization agility and flexibility to respond to unforeseen opportunities or needs:

- Acquire and hold, by purchase, lease with or without option to purchase, grant, gift, devise, land contract, installment purchase contract, bequest, or other legal means, real and personal property inside or outside the territory of the NBARA. The property may include franchises, easements, or rights of way on, under, or above any property. The NBARA may pay for the property from, or pledge for the payment of the property, revenue of the NBARA.
- Apply for and accept grants or contributions from individuals, the federal government or any of its agencies, this state, a municipality, or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of the NBARA.
- Hire full-time or part-time employees and retain professional services.
- Provide for the maintenance of all of the real and personal property of the NBARA.
- Assess and collect fees for services provided by and expenses incurred by the NBARA.
- Receive revenue as appropriated by the legislature of this state or a participating municipality.
- Enter into contracts incidental to or necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of the NBARA.
- Exercise such other powers as may from time to time be authorized by Act 321 to the extent approved



by all of the governing bodies of each of the municipalities and the NBAS.

### Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming

The fiscal year for NBARA runs January 1 to December 31. Budgets are reviewed by each member entity and approved by the NBARA board.

### Current Funding Sources

Funding for the NBARA is through the following:

- A minimum \$5,000 annual contribution by the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township and New Buffalo Area Schools.
- Funds that are appropriated by the City, NBT, the NBAS, and any subsequent municipal member in accordance with their Articles of Incorporation
- Other available funds including gifts and grants from public or private entities or individuals, or activity and program fees.

### Roles of Volunteers and Organizations

NBARA anticipates and encourages the use of volunteer and school groups for recreation maintenance.

### Relationships with School Districts and Other Public Agencies Involved in Recreation

New Buffalo Area Schools is a member of NBARA and will actively participate in recreation decisions.



## RECREATION INVENTORY

### Descriptions of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory

The New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority (NBARA) contracted with Abonmarche Consultants, a consulting firm with experts in engineering, architectural, planning, and landscape design, to assist with the development of a combined recreation plan including the City of New Buffalo, New Buffalo Township and NBARA. As part of that contract, Senior Landscape Architect Kathy Burzcak, PLA, ALSA, visited each park site to evaluate conditions including ADA accessibility. She provided an assessment of current conditions at each site,

The NBARA does not currently own, operate or maintain any other public recreation facilities. Given the role New Buffalo Area Schools plays in the NBARA coupled with the NBARA's goals of making improvements on school properties to meet the parks and recreational needs of the broader community, the school owned facilities were evaluated for the recreation inventory section of the NBARA's 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan. Accessibility ratings were provided utilizing the metric below.

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design



New Buffalo Middle/High School -1112 E Clay Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117	
Size	25 acres
Classification	School – Public Facility
Ownership	New Buffalo School District
Facility Description	School grounds with indoor and outdoor athletic facilities
Service Area	Serves students in New Buffalo Schools District. Most facilities available to the public. Walkable and ridable from many neighborhoods.
Accessibility Rating	Not evaluated
Facilities/Programs	Football field, track, tennis courts, pickleball courts, skate park, basketball court, ball fields, soccer, parking, indoor fitness center, indoor track





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- Wide Shoulder
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  - - - Cycle Track
  - - - Shared Use Path
  - Water Trail
- Parks**
- City of New Buffalo Parks
  - City Limits
- BCTMP Existing Network**
- - - Shared Use Path





New Buffalo Elementary School-12291 Lubke Road, New Buffalo, MI 49117	
Size	30.1 acres
Classification	School – Public Facility
Ownership	New Buffalo School District
Facility Description	School Grounds with athletic fields
Service Area	Serves students in New Buffalo Schools District. Near residences, but no sidewalks are present.
Accessibility Rating	Not assessed
Facilities/Programs	Playground, nature trail (connects to Turtle Creek Preserve), outdoor classroom, baseball diamonds, soccer field, basketball courts.



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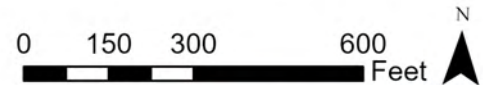
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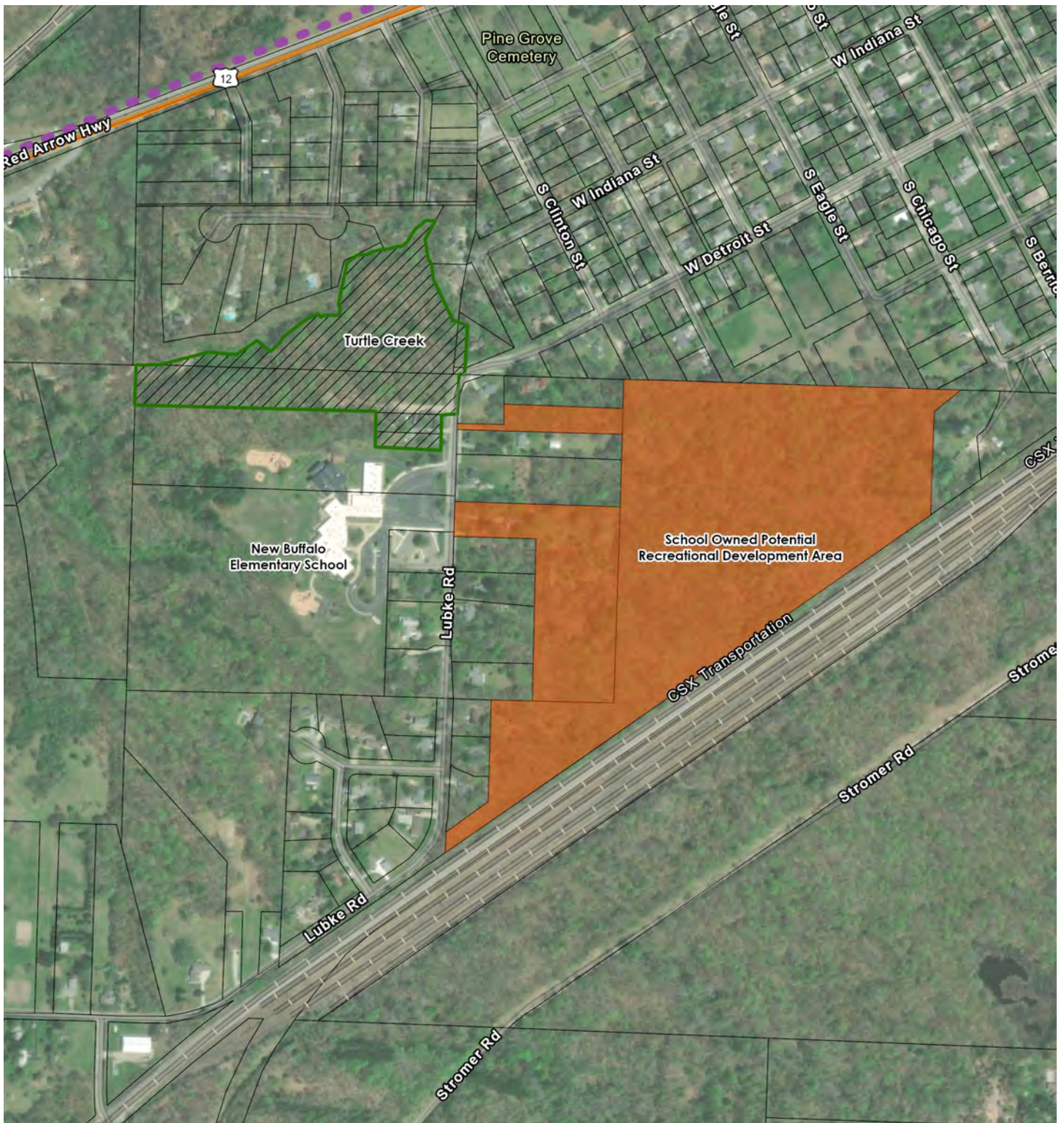
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Lubke Road Properties, New Buffalo, MI 49117	
Address and Size	12264 Lubke Road, New Buffalo, MI – 1.27 acres 12332 Lubke Road, New Buffalo, MI – 7 acres Parcel 11-13-0016-0025-09-6 Lubke Road– 36.83 acres
Classification	School Owned Public Land
Ownership	New Buffalo School District
Facility Description	Undeveloped property near New Buffalo Elementary
Service Area	Any facilities that are developed will serve students in New Buffalo Schools District, plus the public. Walkable and rideable from many neighborhoods.
Accessibility Rating	Not universally accessible
Facilities/Programs	Mainly undeveloped land. New Buffalo Area Schools utilize the property for cross country.





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Recreation Facilities in Adjoining Communities		
Name	Description	Facilities
Village of Michiana	One acre site which serves as the village activity area.	Community center with indoor stage, playground, playfield, tennis courts, recycling center, municipal offices, police and fire stations.
Village of Grand Beach	One acre site which services as the village activity area	Community center, municipal offices, playground, playfield, tennis courts, and police station.
Village of Grand Beach Golf Course	Golf Course open to the public and has hosted area schools golf tournaments and cross country meets	9-hole course, driving range
Grand Beach Marsh Preserve	11 acre site managed by Chikaming Open Lands	0.5 mile hiking trail
Galien River County Park (located in New Buffalo Township)	This 87 acre park is owned by Berrien County and is along Red Arrow Highway. It has a mix of wetlands and uplands along the Galien River. It is part of the Galien River Marsh complex.	300' canopy walkway, 60' high marsh overlook tower and a 600' long marsh boardwalk that leads to viewing and fishing platform. Both of these features are accessible via hard surfaced, barrier-free hiking trails and paved parking lot.
City Beach City of New Buffalo	15 acre public beach area. 800 Feet of Lake Michigan Beachfront; 7.25 acres of sandy beach, six (6) acres of dunes, 2.1 acres of parking.	A swimming beach with a parking lot, a dune walk nature trail, picnic tables, benches, play structures, fitness equipment, volleyball nets, restrooms, food concession, and kayak rentals.
Lions Pavilion Park City of New Buffalo	2 acre park across from city beach	Pavilion with two (2) fireplaces, picnic tables, and grills.
Riverfront Park City of New Buffalo	0.75 acre open space along Galien River with fishing access, five (5) sculpture installations. Adjacent to City Beach and Lions Pavilion Park	Two (2) fishing decks with picnic tables, benches
Oselka Park City of New Buffalo	17.5 acre public park	Two (2) baseball diamonds and one (1) softball diamond with dugouts and bleachers. Soccer field, picnic area, pavilion with concessions and fireplace, playground, sledding hill, seasonal ice rink.
Skate Park City of New Buffalo	0.1 acre park for skateboards and bicycles	Half pipe, ramps, and various rails. Pickleball and basketball court markings. Nets are portable.
Sari Asher Memorial Park City of New Buffalo	1.8 acre dog park	Two (2) fenced-in enclosures for dogs (0.5 acres or 20,000 square feet), picnic shelter, tables and water fountain for dogs and humans



## Recreation Facilities in Adjoining Communities Continued

Name	Description	Facilities
Turtle Pond Natural Area City of New Buffalo	Two acre natural resource area in forested wetland.	Nature trail, boardwalk and bridges
Transient Marina City of New Buffalo	3.5 acre transient marina	Thirty (30) transient boat slips, comfort station, picnic tables, electric, water, pump-out station.
Boat Launch City of New Buffalo/ MDNR	4.75 acre DNR boat launch managed by the City of New Buffalo	Eight (8) boat launch ramps, parking lot with 140 spaces, one (1) picnic table, one (1) grill
Robinson Woods and Flynn Woods Preserves Chikaming Township	Two preserves owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. These forest and wetland preserves have a combined 115 acres open to the public.	Walking trails, parking for 10 cars, laminated trail guides available, no facilities.
Chikaming Township Park and Preserve	263 acre natural resource area on Warren Woods Road. Property has woods, ravines, 5 acre lake, restored prairie, and Galien River floodplain.	2 gravel parking lots, bike rack, 3 miles of trails and interpretive signs, 1.13 miles of rough bike trails, fishing platform, picnic pavilion, grills, drinking fountain
Cherry Beach Chikaming Township	Park and public beach with 253 feet of shoreline.	Observation platform and picnic site that are accessible, parking lot for resident pass holders on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to Labor Day, stairs to beach
Harbert Community Park Chikaming Township	Located on Red Arrow Highway just north of the Public Safety Building in Harbert.	Pavilion with two grills and 12 picnic tables. For the children there are four swings, a slide, a climber and a fishing pond. Also available is a regulation size Little League Baseball Field with bleachers and a concession stand. The pavilion and/or baseball field can be reserved by Chikaming property owners through Township Hall. Also have ice skating rink in the winter and a separate Dog Park.
River Valley Senior Center Chikaming Township	Senior Center	Senior activities, food service and meeting hall.
Memorial Park New Buffalo Township	Located next to the Township Hall.	Playground, basketball, splash pad, pavilion, picnic tables, grills, trails, events
Glassman Park New Buffalo Township	47 acre parcel bordered on three sides by the Galien River and I-94.	Driveway and parking area, trails, kayak/canoe launch, fishing areas, and a Zen labyrinth



Recreation Facilities in Adjoining Communities Continued

Name	Description	Facilities
Townline Road Beach Access New Buffalo Township & Chikaming Township	Townline Road beach, a 33 foot stretch of beach at the road ending, next to Chikaming Township which owns an additional 33 feet of frontage	Bike rack, bench, stairs and deck. No parking is available and this site is not accessible to those with mobility limitations.
Pleasure Isle Marina	Seasonal marina owned by New Buffalo Township in the City of New Buffalo with access to Lake Michigan	26 seasonal slips with amenities

State of Michigan Recreation Facilities

Name	Description	Facilities
Red Arrow Landing - MDNR Access	3.6 acre launch site provides access to the upper portion of the Galien River.	Paved boat launch (small boats), outhouse, and public fishing access trails.
Warren Dunes State Park	This state park is nearly 2,000 acres in size, with more than 2 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and sand dunes rising 240 feet above Lake Michigan.	Picnic, area and shelter, playground, beach house, interpretive program, hunting, swimming, hiking and skiing, and wildlife areas.
Warren Woods State Park	311 acre state park located in Chikaming Township to the northeast of New Buffalo, on the Galien River	Rare beech/maple climax forest, hiking trail and picnic area.
Grand Mere State Park	Designated as a "National Natural Landmark" by the federal government due to its rarity, this 985 acre park is managed for preservation.	Hunting, fishing, wheelchair accessible picnic shelter, accessible hiking area.





## Private and Quasi-Public Recreation Facilities in and around NBARA Communities

Name	Description	Facilities
St. Mary's Catholic Church	Former private Catholic school, located in the City of New Buffalo.	Playground, basketball courts, multi-purpose play field, gymnasium and theater.
Calvary Chapel	Not officially available for public use.	Green space, picnic pavilion
Bible Baptist Church	Not officially available for public use.	Playground, volleyball court, soccer goal.
Deer Creek Hunt Club	Sporting clay and hunting facility in Three Oaks on 500 acres	Club house, pro shop, shooting lessons, also hosts the New Buffalo High School Clay Shooting Team
Louis J. Sima Great Lakes Marsh Preserve	A preserve owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. The preserve contains approximately 150 acres of the larger Galien River Marsh.	No parking: accessible only by small boat. Access at DNR Galien River boat launch on Red Arrow Highway or at the New Buffalo City boat launch.
Outpost Sports	Kayak and canoe sales rental.	Offers trips on Galien River and nearby shoreline.
Third Coast	Surf shop and headquarters for New Buffalo Fresh Water Surfers Association	Surfing equipment and lessons, kayak rentals at the City Beach.
Equilibrium Fitness	24 Hour Access Fitness Facility Personal & Group Fitness & Training 705 West Buffalo Street New Buffalo, MI - See more at: <a href="http://www.eqfitnessnb.com/#sthash.nitqg1mu.dpuf">http://www.eqfitnessnb.com/#sthash.nitqg1mu.dpuf</a>	24 Hour Access Fitness Facility Personal & Group Fitness & Training
Turtle Creek Preserve	A preserve owned and managed by Chikaming Open Lands, a local land conservancy. Twelve (12) acres of woodland and wetland in New Buffalo just adjacent to New Buffalo Elementary School.	Acquired late 2016: open to the public, non-motorized trails are open.
Camp Sokol	12.4 acre family oriented seasonal camp used by Chicago clientele.	Cottages/bunk houses, picnic tables, tennis court, basketball court.
New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club	Member of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, (MUCC). Site is 25 acres.	Two clubhouses available for rent, archery, trap and skeet ranges.
Schultz Park (Sunset Shores Homeowners Association)	Private/Quasi-Public park that is owned by the homeowners of Sunset Shores.	Playground
Whittaker Woods	Golf complex developed as part of a large Plan Unit Development. Proposed to be annexed to the City.	18-hole pro golf course, club house, restaurant, and pavilion.
Dunes Club Limited Golf Club	Exclusive golf club, not generally available to the public.	9-hole pro golf course club house and helicopter pad.
Merganser Point	Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy Preserve	Nature area on the peninsula jutting into the Galien River east of the Whittaker Street bridge



## TRAILS

The New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority has the following trail assets within its service area.

### MARQUETTE GREENWAY

Dozens of volunteers have been working on the Marquette Greenway project for over a decade. The goal is to finish a regional, non-motorized greenway which will span about 58 miles in length along the south shore of Lake Michigan from Calumet Park in Chicago to downtown New Buffalo, Michigan.

Today 22 miles of the Marquette Greenway are already built and 32 miles are fully funded. The project is in final design for completion of the trail from the Indiana state line to New Buffalo and construction is slated to start in 2023.

### US BIKE ROUTE 35

U.S. Bicycle Route 35 is a 500-mile route that runs from Indiana through Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, generally following the Lake Michigan shoreline and through the eastern Upper Peninsula. The Michigan portion of US Bike Route 35 extends from New Buffalo, MI to Sault Ste. Marie. It is a mapped bicycle route intended to recommend routes for experienced long distance touring cyclists, and is not a separated non-motorized trail.

### FRIENDS OF BERRIEN COUNTY MASTER PLAN

The Friends of Berrien County Trails is a Michigan registered 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on trail development. The organization was formerly The Friends of Harbor Country Trails, but in December of 2019, changed its name and expanded its reach county-wide to become The Friends of Berrien County Trails.

The Friends of Berrien County Trails spearheaded the development of a county-wide trails plan. The trail facilities in the plan include Shared Use Paths, Paved Shoulders/Bike Lanes, Sharrows, US Bike Routes, Water (paddling) Trails, and Parks with Hiking Trails, Mountain Biking Trails, Cross Country Skiing Trails and Equestrian Trails.

This plan will help municipalities and trail organizations to seek and secure resources and funding to advance a connected trail system for the county.

### LAKE MICHIGAN WATER TRAIL

The Lake Michigan Water Trail is a designated National Recreation Trail, as sanctioned by the U.S. Department of the Interior. It will offer safe, legal and adequate access around the entire 1,200 mile long lakeshore of **America's Greatest Lake, Lake Michigan. The trail will be the longest continuous-loop water trail in the world.** In 2011, 75 miles (from Chicago to New Buffalo) was designated as the Lake Michigan Water Trail National Recreation Trail by the National Parks Service. More information can be found at [www.michiganwatertrails.org](http://www.michiganwatertrails.org).

### GALIEN RIVER MARSH WATER TRAIL

The Galien River Marsh Water Trail is approximately three miles between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boat launch on U.S. 12 (near Kruger Road) and the City of New Buffalo's public boat launch. The trail meanders through woodlands and marsh, including the 156-acre Louis J. Sima Great Lakes Marsh and the 86-acre Galien River County Park Preserve, as well as by a number of privately owned residential properties,



before arriving at the City's harbor and, ultimately, Lake Michigan. Brochures and a sign showing the way along the Water Trail are located at the DNR boat launch, courtesy of Chikaming Open Lands, the American Electric Power Foundation, the National Park Service, and the Michigan EGLE.

### NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS NATURE STUDY TRAILS

Interpretive Trails and Nature Walks are a part of the Holbrook Creek Watershed (also known as Lighthouse Creek) and pass through prime examples of dune forests and interdunal wetlands. There are over 4.5 miles of trails with markers and plaques scattered along the paths that relate to their natural history. A portion of the trails has been identified as a cross country ski trail in the winter.

### TURTLE POND NATURE PRESERVE

The New Buffalo Turtle Pond Nature Preserve has a 0.15 mile walking trail complete with boardwalks and on-site parking. The trail meanders around and over a natural pond which hosts a wide variety of wildlife. Turtle Pond is only one block away from Nature Study Trails.

### SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

This route highlights sites of historic significance located in the central business district. The sites are marked by bronze plaques.

### Previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

The New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority was established in 2021 and has not previously applied for or received Department of Natural Resources grants.

### Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

NBARA currently has no grant assisted parks and recreation facilities.

### Inventory of Existing Harbor/Marina Facilities

NBARA does not currently own or operate any harbor or marina facilities.



## NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

The varied landscape of the region supports a broad range of plant and animal species. The New Buffalo area is located in three different migratory fly-ways. The varied habitats of the area provide ideal settings for birds; the community is a popular destination for avid bird watchers.

The 30 mile Galien River passes through the region and empties into Lake Michigan at New Buffalo. The estuary of the Galien River and its tributaries serve as important resources to Lake Michigan and the recreational and charter fishing industries of the area. The river and its tributaries provide an ideal setting as a hatchery for a variety of freshwater fish species and provide fishing opportunities during the fall spawning season for salmon and steelhead.

The Galien River and its large, wooded flood-plain provides natural areas and important wildlife habitat. The river basin or watershed consists of a main branch and a southern branch. The Galien River Watershed is 112, 222 acres in size, with 82,665 acres in Michigan. Over sixty percent (60%) of the wetlands in the Galien River Watershed have been lost since pre-settlement times. Remaining wetland areas provide invaluable functions such as flood protection, pollutant removal, and wildlife habitat. The Department of Natural Resources has identified the Galien River Marsh (located just upstream from where the Galien River enters Lake Michigan) as being one of the best fresh water estuaries in the State of Michigan. There are at least fifteen (15) different types of Threatened or Special Concern plants located within this wetland. In addition, large marsh and wooded wetland areas provide sanctuary for migrating waterfowl such as the American Wigeon, Shoveler, Gadwall, Bufflehead, Goldeneye, Green-Winged Teal, and many others.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

### PLANNING METHOD

New Buffalo Area Recreation Authority followed a System planning method for its recreation needs. NBARA, being newly created, used its own metrics, priorities, needs, level of service and community-wide issues to guide their focus on filling in recreation gaps. NBARA will evaluate their initial efforts as projects are discussed, planned for, funded and implemented to measure success and further guide or adjust planning goals.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCEESS

In order to solicit public input for the creation of the Plan, an online survey was made available to the public beginning on July 14, 2022 and ending on September 7, 2022. The survey contained several questions pertaining to recreation, open space, and parks in New Buffalo city and township. Once reviewing survey results, the plan partners made the decision to extend the survey outreach period to also engage a younger demographic. The survey was reopened on October 7, 2022 and closed on October 17, 2022 and a total of 303 responses were gathered. Public input through both survey and public comment period were broad enough to represent the community at large. Participants included members of the public at all age and socioeconomic levels as well as key stakeholders in parks and recreation programs within the New Buffalo area. The full results and comments can be found in the Appendix.

NBARA then reviewed the supplemental survey results, and set desired goals and actions. A final draft of the Plan was made available at the New Buffalo Township Public Library and New Buffalo City Hall from December 8, 2022 to January 8, 2023. It was also available on the City of New Buffalo's website. A notice of availability to



review the plan was published on both New Buffalo's City and Township main webpage on December 8, 2022. The notice was also posted to their Facebook page and in the New Buffalo Times. Following the public review period, the City held a public hearing on the Plan on January 12, 2023.

A copy of the public notice for the public comment period and public hearing can be found in the Appendix, as well as the minutes from the hearing. X comments were received during the comment period and are included in the Attachment. There were X public comments during the hearing. NBARA approved the plan on January 12, 2023. A copy of the resolution of approval is in the Appendix.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

### Goal One: Support Community Partnerships

Develop and pursue partnerships and relationships to enhance parks and recreation for residents of and visitors to the Authority's service area.

- A. Encourage and promote the utilization of City, Township and School District facilities to provide year-round indoor and outdoor recreation programming and opportunities.
- B. Increase collaboration and encourage partnerships to fund park improvements and additional recreation opportunities (facilities and programming).
- C. Use local funds to leverage State and/or federal grants.

### Goal Two: Increase Parks and Recreation Opportunities

Develop additional recreational opportunities to meet the current and future needs and desires of the community. Focus will include a geographical balance plus safe and convenient access to each recreation opportunity.

- A. Encourage and support the development of a non-motorized system (including bike lanes, sidewalks, off-road separated paths, water trails, trail heads, etc.) to connect residents, businesses and recreation resources (locally and at the county and regional level).
- B. When appropriate, and as requested, assist local governmental units with pursuing opportunities to **upgrade and replace amenities within parks in the Authority's service area**
- C. Acquire land or secure conservation easements to expand the recreation system as needed (such as to increase contiguous public land holdings, protect natural resources, increase accessibility to water resources and provide additional recreational opportunities that are geographically balanced in the community)

### Goal Three: Advocacy & Education

- A. Develop a resource directory of parks and recreation resources in the Harbor Country area to make residents of the City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Township aware of recreational opportunities.
- B. Advocate for community-wide recreational needs, expanding the reach of the City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Township

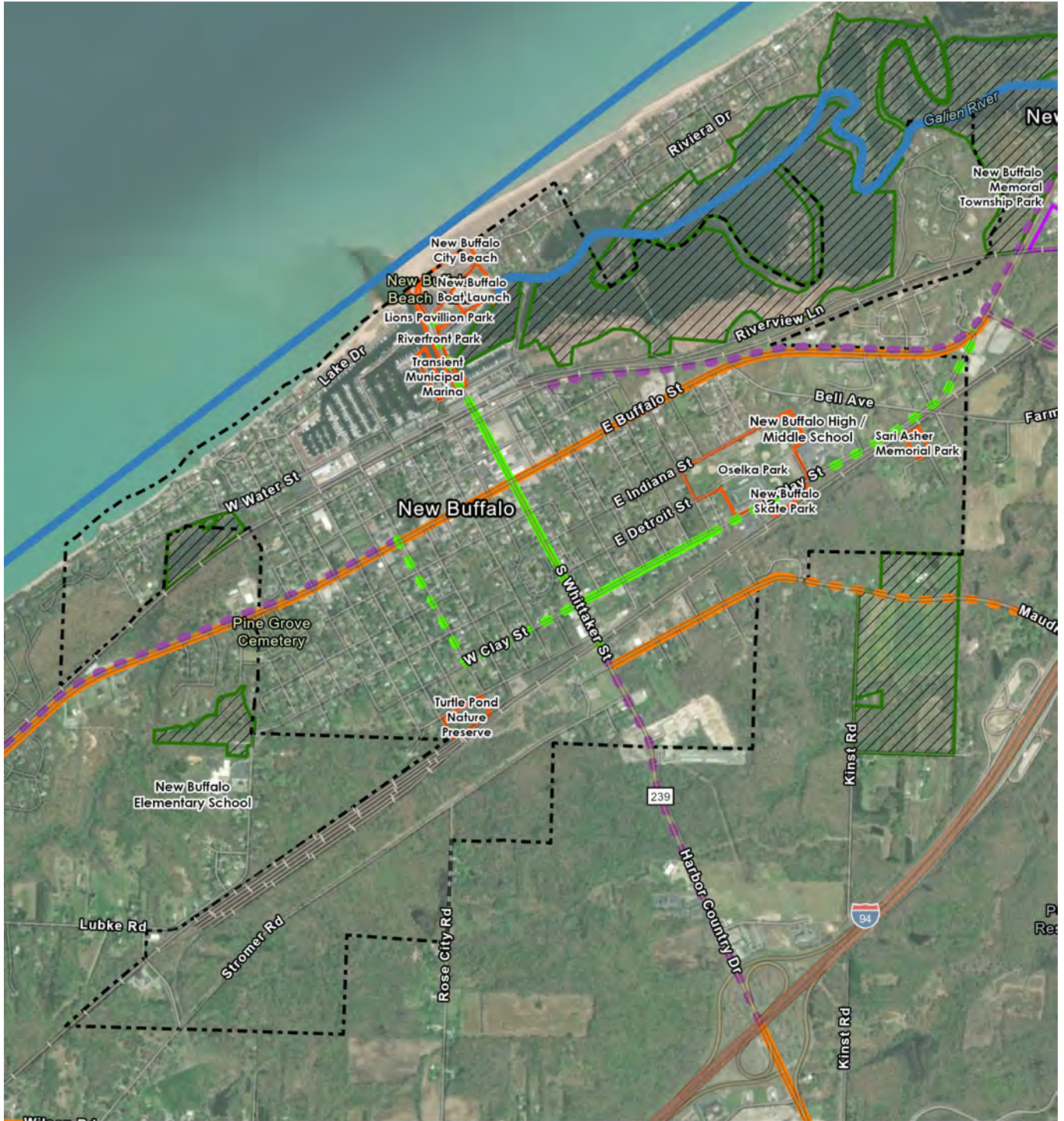


## ACTION PROGRAM

1. Identify and secure funding to make improvements existing school properties, established park areas to support Goals 1 and 2.
2. Work in partnership with other local organizations to create additional park and recreation space in support of Goals 1 and 2.
3. Develop a resource directory of parks and recreation resources in the Harbor Country area to make residents of the City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Township aware of recreational opportunities within the NBARA service area as well as throughout Harbor Country and northern Indiana in support of Goal 3.

# APPENDIX DOCUMENTS

REGIONAL PARKS OVERVIEW



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| <b>BCTMP Proposed Network</b> | Bike Lane                     |
| Wide Shoulder                 | Wide Shoulder                 |
| Bike Lane                     | Water Trail                   |
| Cycle Track                   | <b>Parks</b>                  |
| Shared Use Path               | City of New Buffalo           |
| Water Trail                   | New Buffalo Township          |
| <b>BCTMP Existing Network</b> | Other Park & Recreation Areas |
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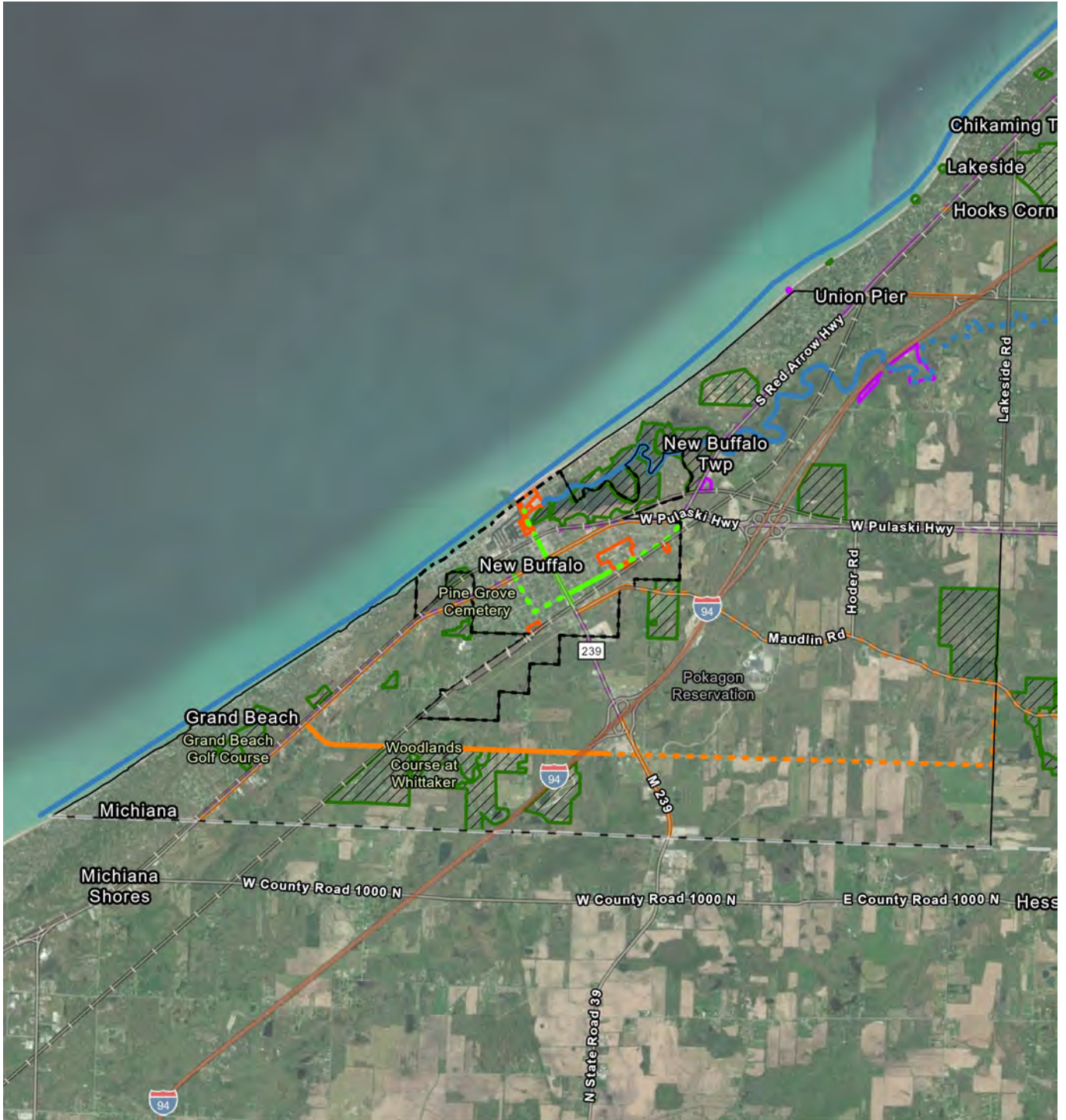
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NON-MOTORIZED AND WATER TRAIL NETWORKS

**BERRIEN COUNTY TRAIL NETWORK**

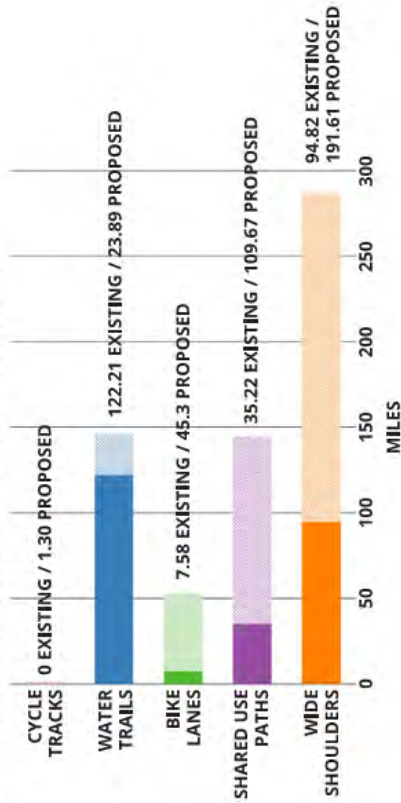
**71,235**

POPULATION WITHIN A 5 MIN WALK TO THE EXISTING NETWORK\*  
\* 82,413 including water trails

**104,241**

POPULATION WITHIN A 5 MIN WALK TO THE PROPOSED NETWORK\*  
\* 112,690 including water trails

**EXISTING AND PROPOSED MILEAGE BY TYPE**



**LEGEND**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Proposed Routes</b>                                | <b>Existing Routes</b>                                |
| <span style="color: green;">●</span> Bike Lane        | <span style="color: green;">—</span> Bike Lane        |
| <span style="color: purple;">●</span> Shared Use Path | <span style="color: purple;">—</span> Shared Use Path |
| <span style="color: blue;">●</span> Water Trail       | <span style="color: blue;">—</span> Water Trail       |
| <span style="color: orange;">●</span> Wide Shoulder   | <span style="color: orange;">—</span> Wide Shoulder   |
| <span style="color: red;">●</span> Cycle Track        | <span style="color: red;">—</span> Cycle Track        |
| <span style="color: green;">■</span> Park             | <span style="color: blue;">■</span> Water             |
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- 1" = 6 Miles
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## THE MARQUETTE GREENWAY PROPOSED ROUTE



### COLOR KEY

**1** CHICAGO TRAIL PHASE 1  
START: CHICAGO TRAIL PHASE 1  
END: CHICAGO TRAIL PHASE 1  
DIST: 0.5 MILES

**2** CHICAGO TRAIL PHASE 2  
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### TRAIL CORRIDORS

- A** BURNHAM/PENSYLVIA TRAIL CORRIDOR
- B** ERIE/JACKAWANA TRAIL CORRIDOR
- C** PRINCE/SUNLAND TRAIL CORRIDOR
- D** DUNES/KANKAKEE TRAIL CORRIDOR
- E** LINCOLN MEMORIAL TRAIL CORRIDOR

### The Marquette Greenway

Chicago's Lake Michigan Greenway is a 14-mile-long, multi-use trail system that will connect the city's downtown to the lakefront. The trail will be built in 14 phases, starting with the Burnham/Peensylvania Trail Corridor in 2014 and ending with the Lincoln Memorial Trail Corridor in 2027.

#### The Marquette Plan

The Marquette Plan is a 14-mile-long, multi-use trail system that will connect the city's downtown to the lakefront. The trail will be built in 14 phases, starting with the Burnham/Peensylvania Trail Corridor in 2014 and ending with the Lincoln Memorial Trail Corridor in 2027.

#### Marquette Greenway Benefits

- Increases the city's green infrastructure and improves air quality.
- Provides a safe and scenic route for walking, jogging, and cycling.
- Increases the city's economic vitality and attracts new businesses.
- Improves the city's public health and reduces healthcare costs.
- Increases the city's environmental sustainability and reduces carbon emissions.

### The National Lakeshore Connector Trail

The National Lakeshore Connector Trail is a 14-mile-long, multi-use trail system that will connect the city's downtown to the lakefront. The trail will be built in 14 phases, starting with the Burnham/Peensylvania Trail Corridor in 2014 and ending with the Lincoln Memorial Trail Corridor in 2027.

#### Implementation

The National Lakeshore Connector Trail will be implemented in 14 phases, starting with the Burnham/Peensylvania Trail Corridor in 2014 and ending with the Lincoln Memorial Trail Corridor in 2027.

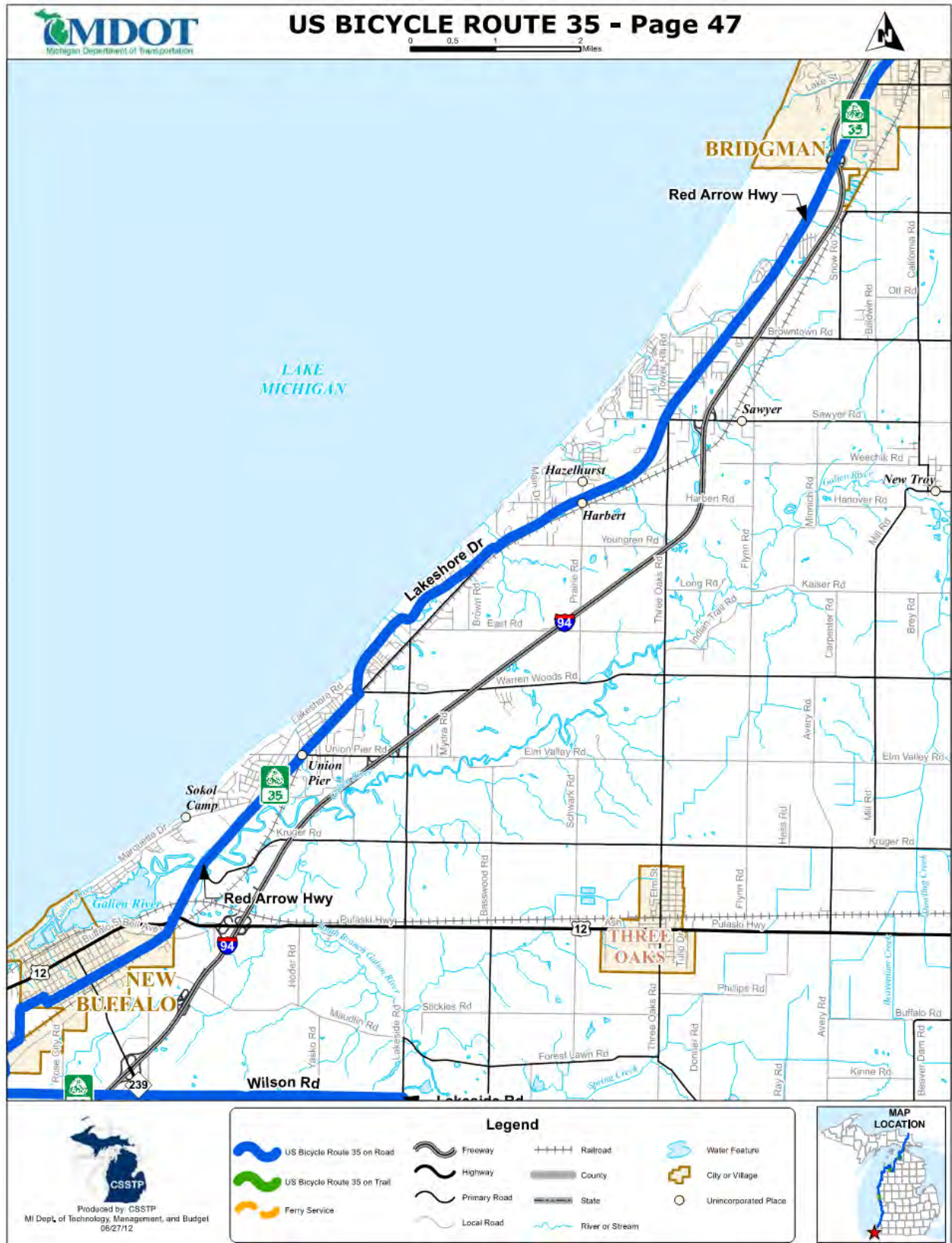
#### Trail Corridors

- A** Burnham/Peensylvania Trail Corridor
- B** Erie/Jackawana Trail Corridor
- C** Prince/Sunland Trail Corridor
- D** Dunes/Kankakee Trail Corridor
- E** Lincoln Memorial Trail Corridor

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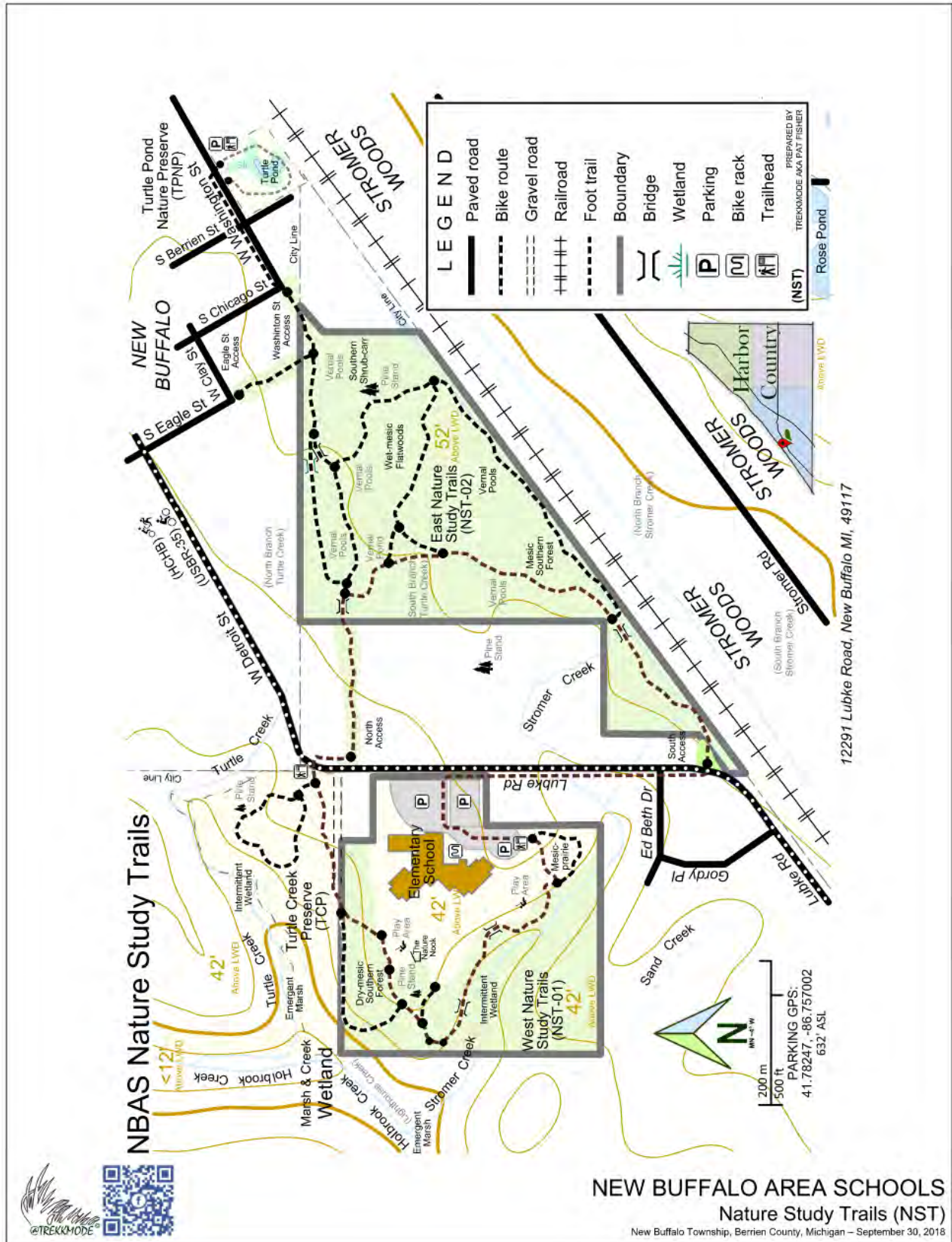
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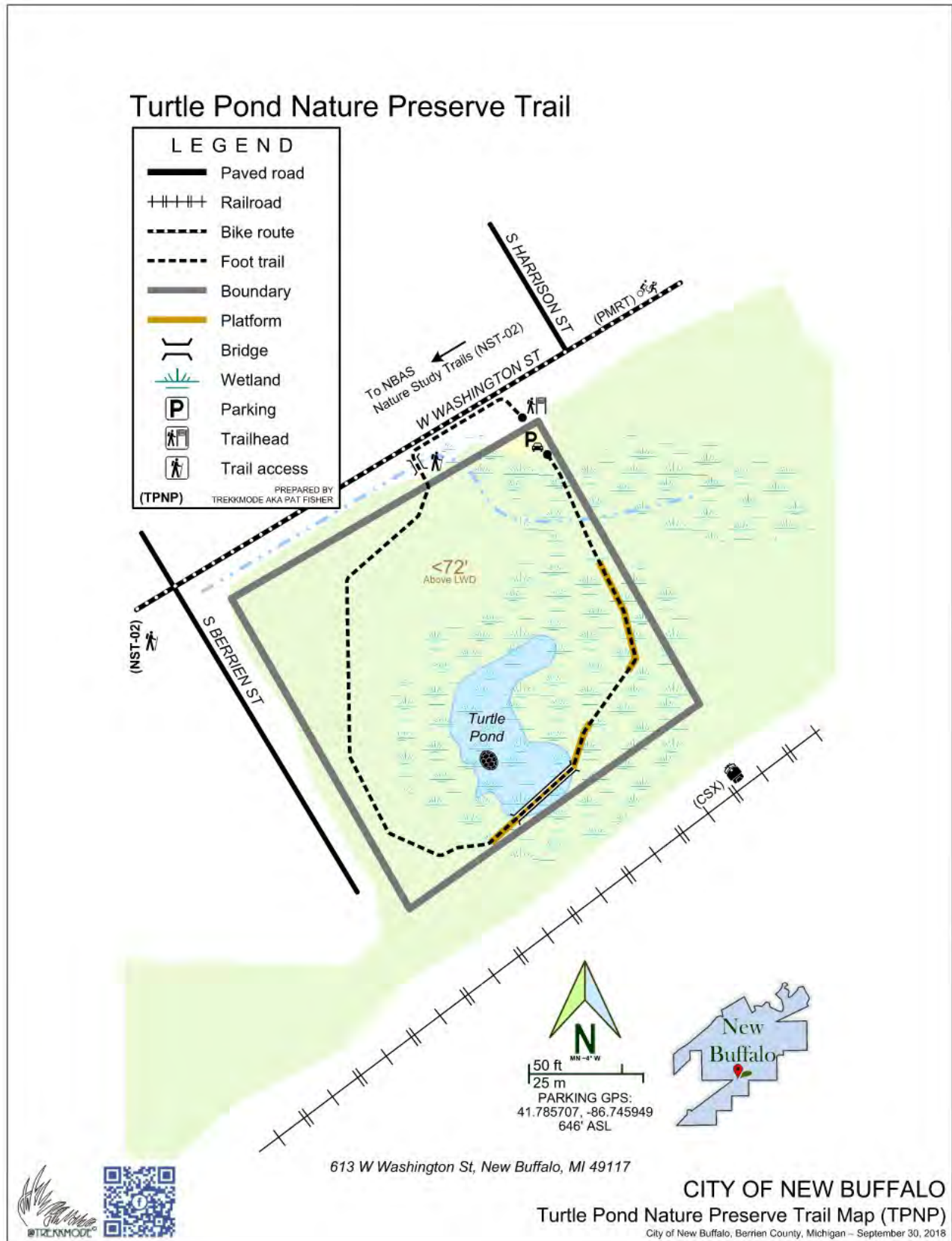
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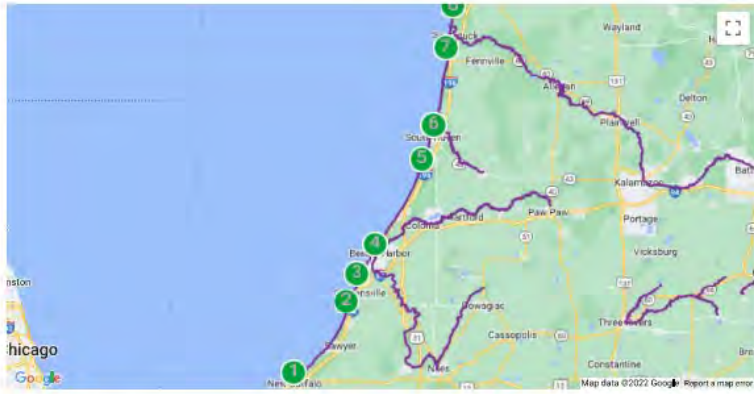


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## Lake Michigan Water Trail Southwest

The southwest portion of the Lake Michigan Water Trail is from the Michigan/Indiana state line to Holland, Michigan. You will paddle along spectacular sand dunes, wilderness areas and quaint beach towns providing many opportunities to eat, shop, play and rest. Beach towns include New Buffalo, Bridgman, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, South Haven, Saugatuck/Douglas and Holland.



### 1. Harbor Country

A 10.6 mile paddle from City of New Buffalo to Warren Dunes State Park and Campground.

### 2. Grand Mere

A 9.4 mile paddle from Warren Dunes State Park and Campground to Lincoln Township Park near Stevensville. Camping is also available at Weiko Beach in Bridgman.

### 3. Harbor Shores South

A 7.9 mile paddle from Lincoln Township Park (near Stevensville) to Tiscornia Beach in St. Joseph.

### 4. Harbor Shores North

A 10.8 mile paddle from Hagar Roadside Park to Tiscornia Beach in St. Joseph. Recommend paddling north to south because of stairs at Hagar Roadside Park.

### 5. The Palisades

A 10.7 mile paddle from Hagar Roadside Park to Deerlick Creek Park (near South Haven) with 2 options for camping.

### 6. WauKeNa Clay Bluffs

A 14.5 mile paddle from Deerlick Creek Park to 121st Avenue Access.

### 7. Lakeshore Bluffs

A 6.7 paddle from 121st Street Access to Oval Beach near Saugatuck/Douglas.

### 8. Saugatuck Dunes

A 10.3 mile paddle from Oval Beach (Saugatuck/Douglas) to Tunnel Park (near Holland). Camping available at Holland State Park.

This project was funded, in part, by the Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program, Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Great Lakes and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.



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# Galien River Marsh Water Trail

The water trail is approximately a six-mile section of the river. It starts at New Buffalo Township's Glassman Park (off Glassman Road), the next access is Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boat launch on Red Arrow Highway north of U.S. 12 (near Kruger Road) and ends at the City of New Buffalo's public boat launch. The boat launch is across the street from the City's beach along Lake Michigan and a short walk into the City of New Buffalo where there are many restaurants and stores. The river is slow moving, especially through the marsh between Red Arrow Highway and the city's boat launch. It is easy to paddle both downstream and upstream. **Scroll down to the map for trailhead and river access locations.**





### Show Places on the Map

Click an icon below to add or remove places on the map.

-  [Access to River, Lake or Stream](#)
-  [Food](#)
-  [Outfitter](#)
-  [Visitor Center](#)
-  Galien River Marsh Water Trail
-  Hide All Water Trails



### Galien River Marsh Water Trail Assets

-  **Access to River, Lake or Stream**
-  **Galien River-Red Arrow Highway Public Access**
-  **Glassman Park**
-  **New Buffalo Boat Launch**

POTENTIAL CONSERVATION AREAS (PCAS)

# Potential Conservation Areas Berrien County

## Legend

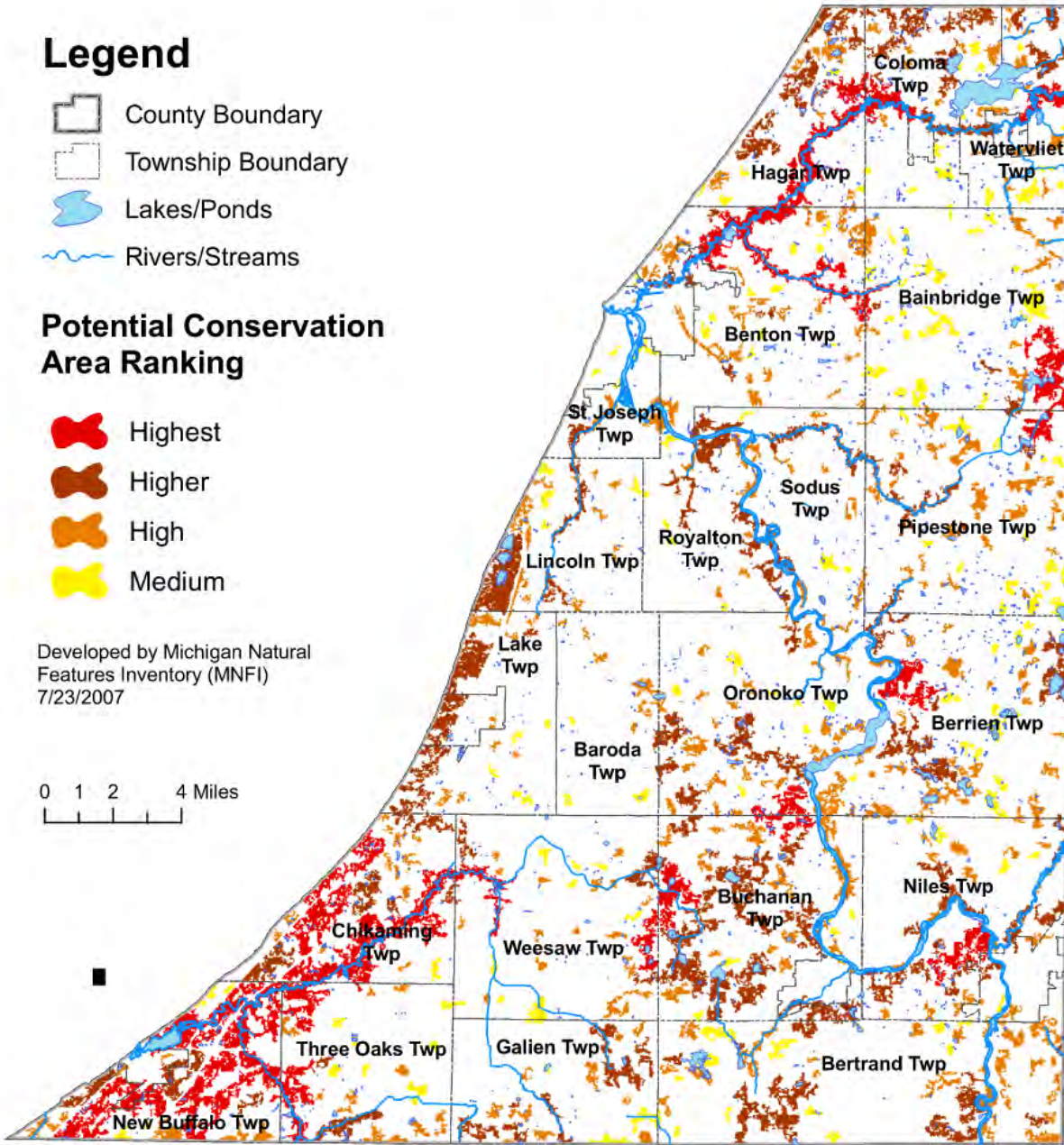
-  County Boundary
-  Township Boundary
-  Lakes/Ponds
-  Rivers/Streams

## Potential Conservation Area Ranking

-  Highest
-  Higher
-  High
-  Medium

Developed by Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI)  
7/23/2007

0 1 2 4 Miles



Potential Conservation Areas (PCAs) are defined as places on the landscape dominated by native vegetation that have various levels of potential for harboring high quality natural areas and unique natural features. Scoring criteria used to prioritize sites included: total size, size of core area, length of stream corridor, landscape connectivity, restorability of surrounding land, vegetation quality, and biological rarity score.

Data Sources: Michigan DNR IFMAP land cover circa 2000, Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) Biotics Database (2007), Michigan's Vegetation circa 1800, and the National Hydrologic Database stream lines.

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(Please select one)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** City of New Buffalo

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01089

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** New Buffalo Boat Launch

**PROJECT SCOPE:** boat launch, parking lot and drive, site improvements and Landscaping

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee) City of New Buffalo	Contact Person Darwin Watson	Title City Manager
Address 224 W Buffalo Street	Telephone 269-469-1500	
City, State, ZIP New Buffalo, MI 49117	Email dwatson@cityofnewbuffalo.org	

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  Yes  No  
If yes, please describe change(s).  
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Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)  Yes  No  
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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No  
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**SITE QUALITY**

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  Yes  No  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.  
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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No  
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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No

**GENERAL**

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

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

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

See attached fee schedule

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

opens for the season April 1st and closes around November 15th. (cont below)

**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

Attendants are on duty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. , kiosks are available 24 hours.



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### City of New Buffalo Fee Schedule

**Beach Parking-Full Day**

From April 1 - June 30	\$15
From July 1 - August 16	\$20
From August 17 - October 31	\$15

**Beach Parking-3 Hour**

From April 1 - October 1	\$7.50
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**Boat Launch**

Daily rates for **Michigan Residents** with boats having Michigan Registrations

Vessels 27' and under	\$10
Vessels 27' and over	\$30

Daily rates for **Non-Michigan Residents/boats** without Michigan Registrations

Vessels 27' and under	\$20
Vessels 27' and over	\$40

Season passes **Michigan Residents** with boats having Michigan Registrations

Vessels 27' and under	\$75
Vessels 27' and over	\$100

Season passes for **Non-Michigan Residents/boats** without Michigan Registrations

Vessels 27' and under	\$100
Vessels 27' and over	\$125

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**GRANTEE:** City of New Buffalo

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01826

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Dunewalk Stabilization and Restoration

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Replace dunewalk and add ADA dunewalk section

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

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**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

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If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No

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

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

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**SITE QUALITY**

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

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

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

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As needed

**GENERAL**

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

Parking fees apply

<https://cityofnewbuffalo.org/beach/>

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

Open year round

**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

Empty text area for comments.



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**GRANTEE:** City of New Buffalo

**PROJECT NUMBER:** CM99-198

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** New Buffalo Lakefront Park Improvement

**PROJECT SCOPE:** park redevelopment with parking and site improvements

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Daily maintenance when open. As needed when closed

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Parking fees apply  
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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Open year round

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GRANTEE: City of New Buffalo

PROJECT NUMBER: TF89-236

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Transient Boat Mooring Facility

PROJECT SCOPE: 29 boat broadside mooring facility with restrooms, pumpout, parking

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
See <https://cityofnewbuffalo.org/municipal-marina/>

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(Please select one)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

GRANTEE: New Buffalo Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01733

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Glassman Park Development

PROJECT SCOPE: kayak launch, nature trail, fishing area, parking, zen labyrinth

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee) New Buffalo Township	Contact Person Patrick Donnelly	Title Director of Parks & Rec
Address 17425 Red Arrow Hwy	Telephone 269-426-1600	
City, State, ZIP New Buffalo, MI 49117	Email pkdir@newbuffalotownship.org	

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

**SITE QUALITY**

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If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

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

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



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

**GENERAL**

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

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

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

open year round

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<u>JUSTIN H. ZABICKI</u> Please print	<u></u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>11/30/2022</u> Date
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GRANTEE: New Buffalo Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF13-064

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Kruger Road Park Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 12.21 acres

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New Buffalo Township	Patrick Donnelly	Director of Parks & Rec
Address	Telephone	
17425 Red Arrow Hwy	269-426-1600	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
New Buffalo, MI 49117	pkdir@newbuffalotownship.org	

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This is an undeveloped natural area

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GRANTEE: New Buffalo Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF93-104

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Memorial Park Addition

Acquisition of approx 10.4 acres adjacent to existing park of 1.5

PROJECT SCOPE: acres

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GRANTEE: New Buffalo Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01312

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Memorial Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Ball field, restroom, volleyball, pavilion, horseshoe, picnic tables

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Pavilion in same area, splash pad & play ground added.

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Ball field aged out, Sport Court replaced it, Sand Volleyball rehabbed, Picnic tables & Pavilion Replaced. Restrooms replaced.

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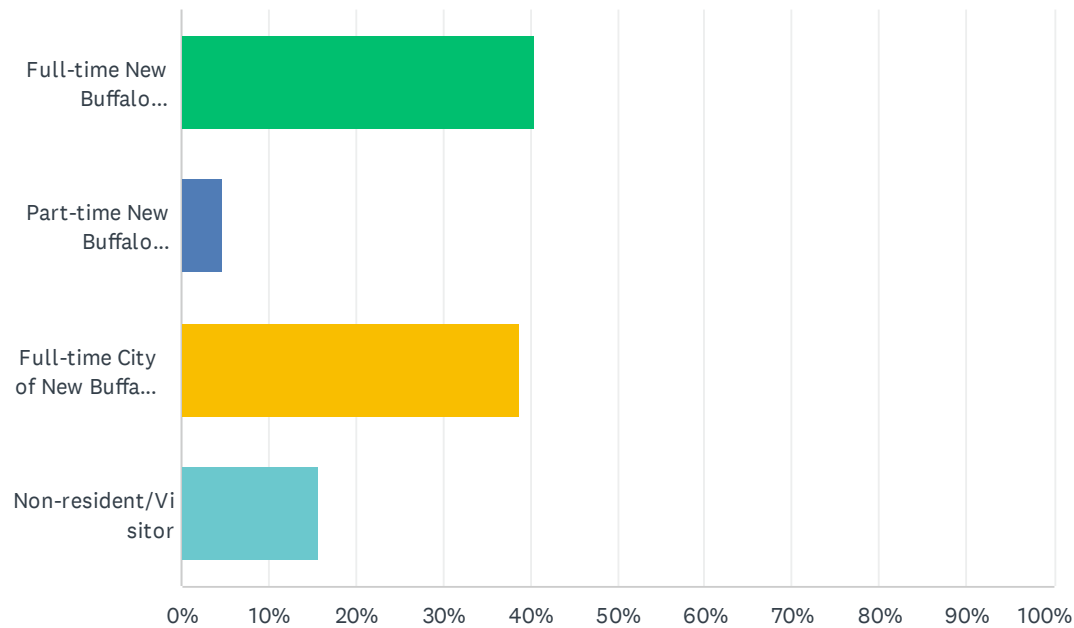
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PUBLIC SURVEY

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS - CITY OF NEW BUFFALO RESPONSES

**Q1 Which of the choices represents your residency? Note: Based on selected answer, this survey will redirect participants to questions relevant to their area of residence.**

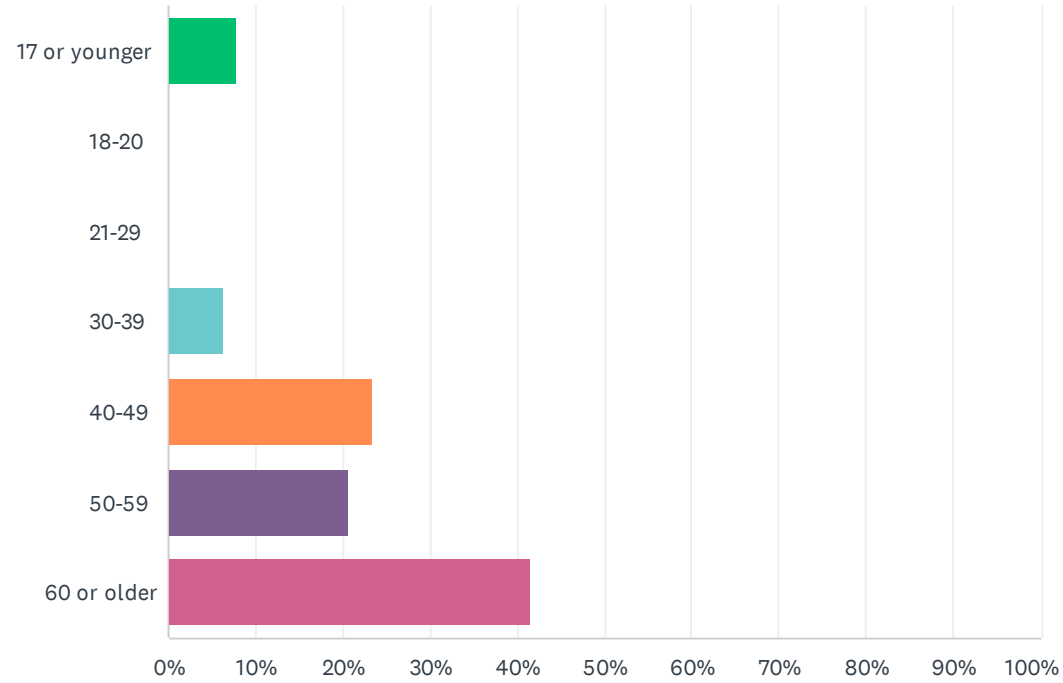
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time New Buffalo Township resident	40.48%	102
Part-time New Buffalo Township resident	4.76%	12
Full-time City of New Buffalo resident	38.89%	98
Non-resident/Visitor	15.87%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>252</b>

## Q22 What is your age?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 226



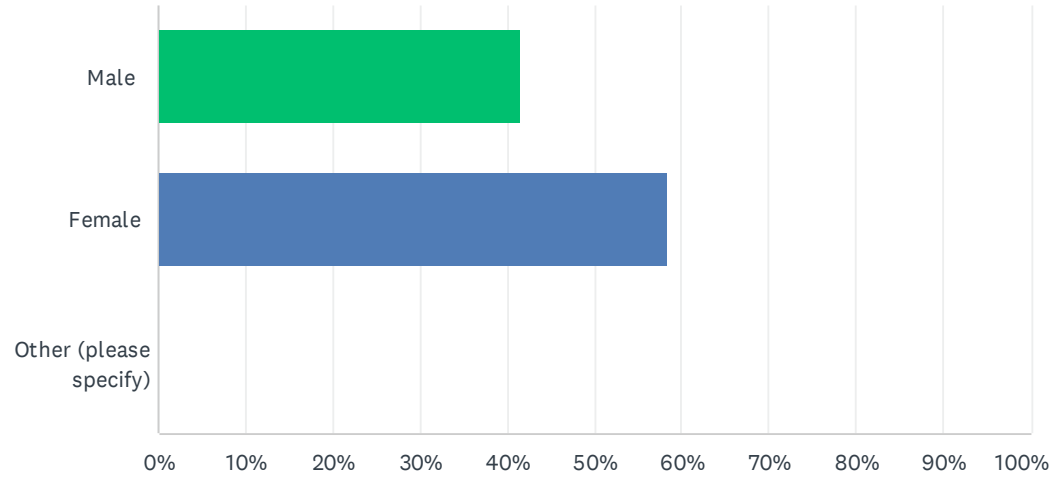
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	7.79%	6
18-20	0.00%	0
21-29	0.00%	0
30-39	6.49%	5
40-49	23.38%	18
50-59	20.78%	16
60 or older	41.56%	32
TOTAL	77	



## Q23 What is your gender?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 226

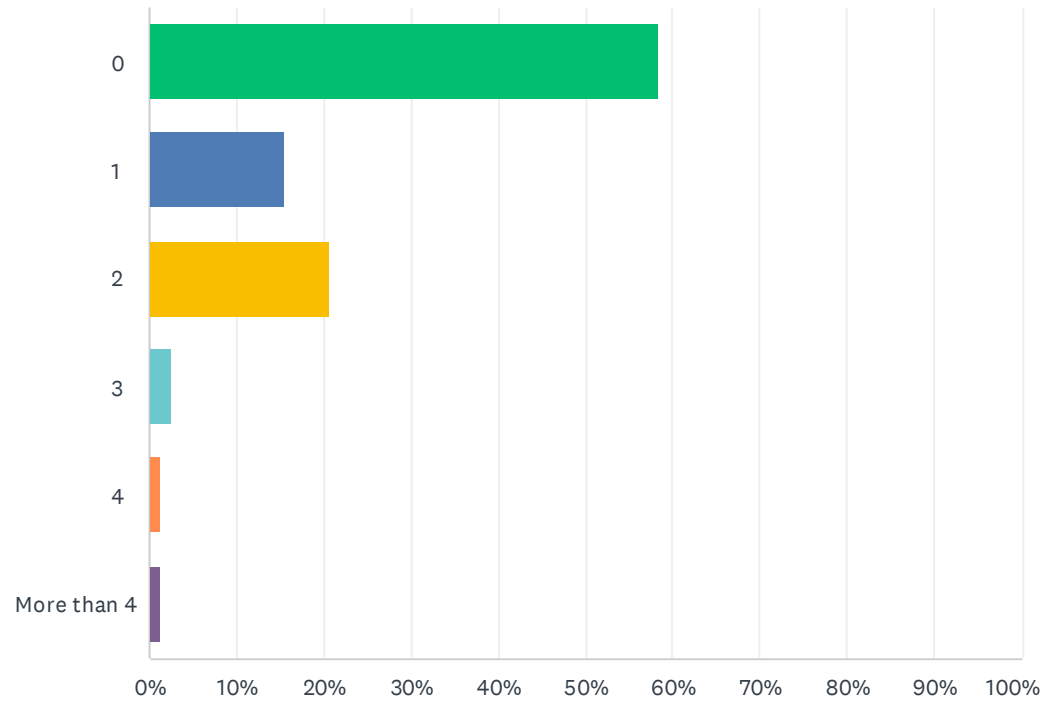


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	41.56% 32
Female	58.44% 45
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

### Q24 How many children are you parent or guardian to and live in your household (aged 17 or younger only)?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 226



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	58.44%	45
1	15.58%	12
2	20.78%	16
3	2.60%	2
4	1.30%	1
More than 4	1.30%	1
TOTAL		77

## Q25 What types of improvements would you like to see in the community to ensure recreational amenities are fully accessible to persons of all mobility levels?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 260

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More Parks	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	More things to do in the town for kids	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
3	Idk	10/13/2022 10:47 AM
4	parks	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	There need to be more wheelchair ramps in public places. There are basically none.	10/13/2022 10:39 AM
6	Handicap restrooms.	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	A community pool is highly desired. Our kids work at marinas and spend time on boats, they need to learn how to swim!	10/12/2022 6:53 AM
8	More sidewalks and paths.	10/11/2022 7:29 PM
9	Rock Climbing (Bouldering) and a Roller Hockey Rink.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
10	I would like to see new and improved signs indicating locations of recreation opportunities. All signs would be of the same colors, perhaps with a unifying logo representing recreational areas and location of opportunities. Perhaps a large sign listing what NB has to offer for fun. They should be large and noticeable. I would like to see a playground area , the grand wooden kind in the downtown area with adult benches and porch swings for community to gather. Oselka park is nice, but it's too far out of town for vacationers and locals who would like to meet. I would like a large covered area by the beach parking lot with many benches for older people to view the sunsets and visit with friends. Older people can't walk to the lake plus the heat is too much. We love the lake views and people watching. Of course it would be fully accessible to all mobility levels. Our sidewalks through out town are tragically dangerous with raised and broken areas. As a walker, I often walk on the street so I don't fall. Also, I bet you've seen group after group of vacationers walking down the side streets, not on the treacherous sidewalks	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
11	Beach sand walks and sand wheel chair rentals. Provider for visitor wheelchair rentals.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
12	Improved NB beach/park/traffic. Develop the bandstand/ sand area for splash pad, concert, food trucks and/or restaurants.	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
13	Fix the paved trail that goes around Oselka park.	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
14	The beach campus needs a complete remodel, with improved pedestrian access to downtown.	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
15	It's nice that the high school allows the community to use the pickleball courts, tennis courts and weight room but it is really the township/city's responsibility not the school's. We need a community center with an indoor pool, indoor pickleball courts (the fastest growing sport in the USA), art classes, yoga and exercise classes.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM

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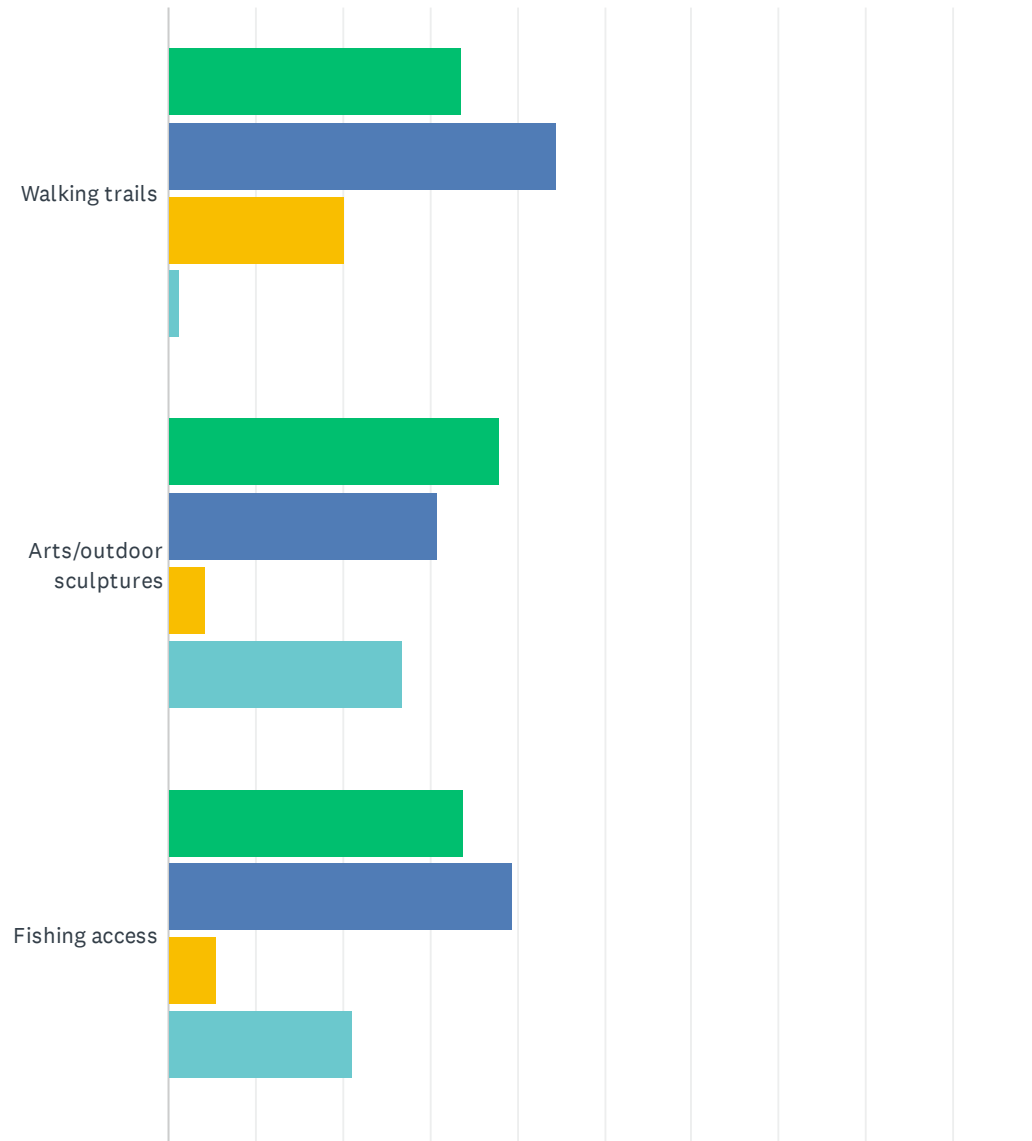
16	Sand wheelchairs	10/8/2022 5:11 PM
17	It would be a great help to have all of the potholes repaired in the lot where the Thursday market is held. Thank you for asking!	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
18	Upgrade our water sewer and drainage	10/8/2022 2:33 PM
19	I would like to see public restrooms downtown.	10/8/2022 11:53 AM
20	Beachwalk just a little closer to water if possible.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
21	Very timely question. My wife uses a wheelchair and we bought a place here because of its accessibility to Amtrak and its new sidewalks downtown. We were shocked and disappointed to push up the new accessible dune walk to find it went nowhere and that she couldn't see anything. Then that the beach boardwalk was gone. We want to reach out to the parks dept to find the right people to talk to about access and improvement. We have deep ties to the disability community in Chicago and want to bring more people here to enjoy New Buffalo as we do. My contact is geo_hay@yahoo.com George 312-363-7103.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
22	Have the owner of the lot in downtown New Buffalo tear down the balance of the structure and make it a green area until they figure out their plans. It's an eye sore . It's been empty for around 10-15 years. Doesn't make our town look good. Isn't there some kind of code that makes people clean their property?	10/8/2022 9:28 AM
23	I wish the beach bathrooms and Oselka park bathrooms were open more often.	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
24	More convenient and just more handicapped parking	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
25	More activities for children and teens.	10/8/2022 8:46 AM
26	Handicapped accessibility	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
27	An extended boardwalk at the public beach. More sidewalks and paths and improvements to uneven sidewalks and paths	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
28	Don't know	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
29	Pedestrian bridge over the canal to make the public beach more accessible.	10/7/2022 10:06 PM
30	More activities such as concerts and festivals for all age groups. More social activities and encouragement of restaurants/eating places are sorely needed/	10/7/2022 7:44 PM
31	walking or biking on Marquette is very dangerous. Needs shoulders.	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
32	I love the outdoor exercise equip on route 12 north of town, by the township building (I think that's what the building is)	10/7/2022 6:46 PM
33	Biking paths	10/7/2022 6:29 PM
34	Handicap access available	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
35	Handicap accessible and updated parks	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
36	Indoor tennis courts	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
37	Improvements and better upkeep of the softball fields.	8/16/2022 9:53 AM

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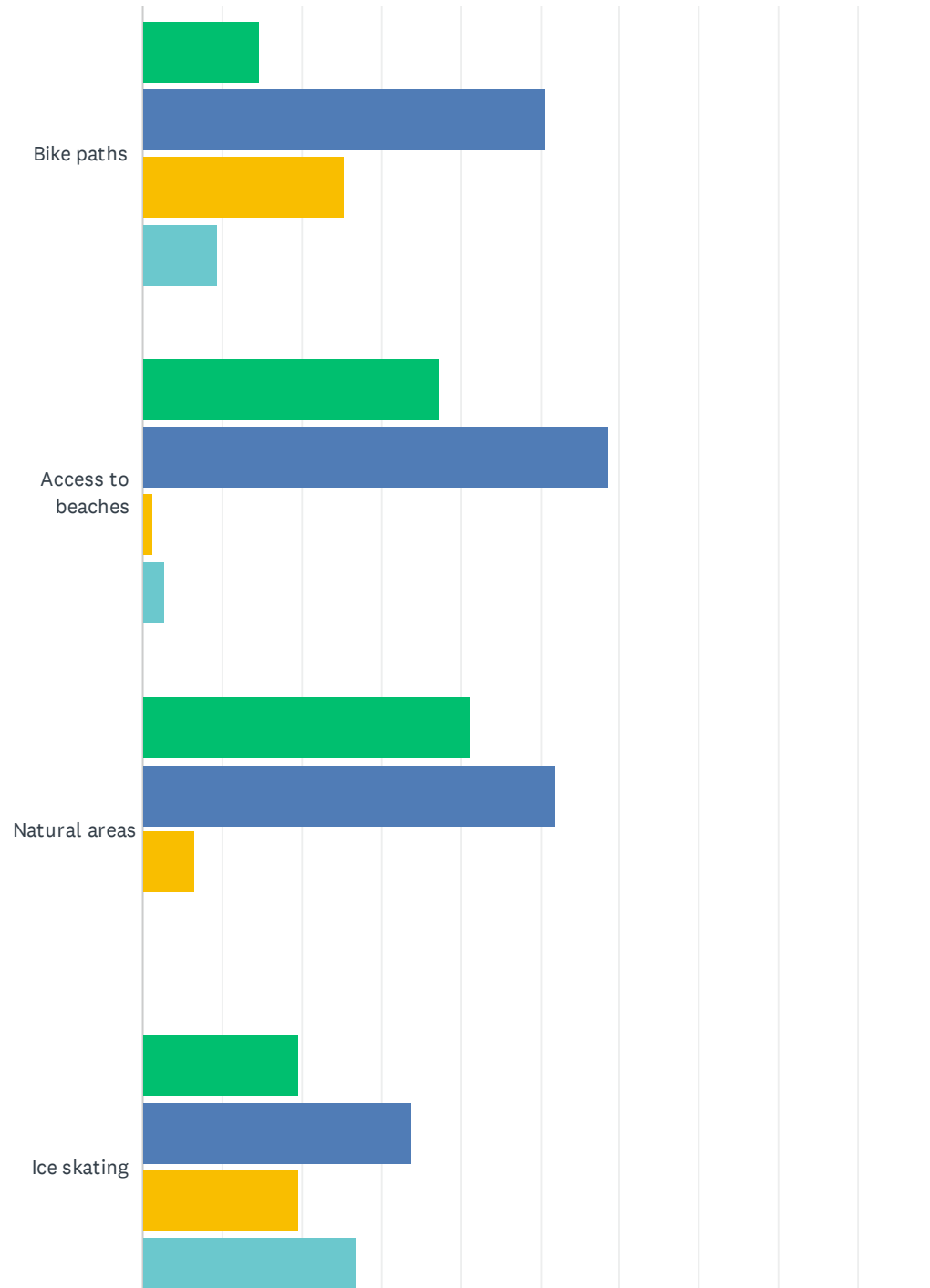
38	No Improvements needed for mobility.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
39	I would love to see the beach boardwalk left out for more of the year to keep the beach accessible. Also, more sidewalks throughout town so it's more walkable.	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
40	Improvement of sidewalks. Increase in cleaning of beach and downtown.	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
41	More green spaces	8/11/2022 4:41 PM
42	Off road hike and bike trails. Also, hire an administrator to organize classes and activities for all ages in our community.	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
43	Sidewalks and trails	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

### Q26 How available and adequate are existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area? Please choose one response for each item.

Answered: 75 Skipped: 228

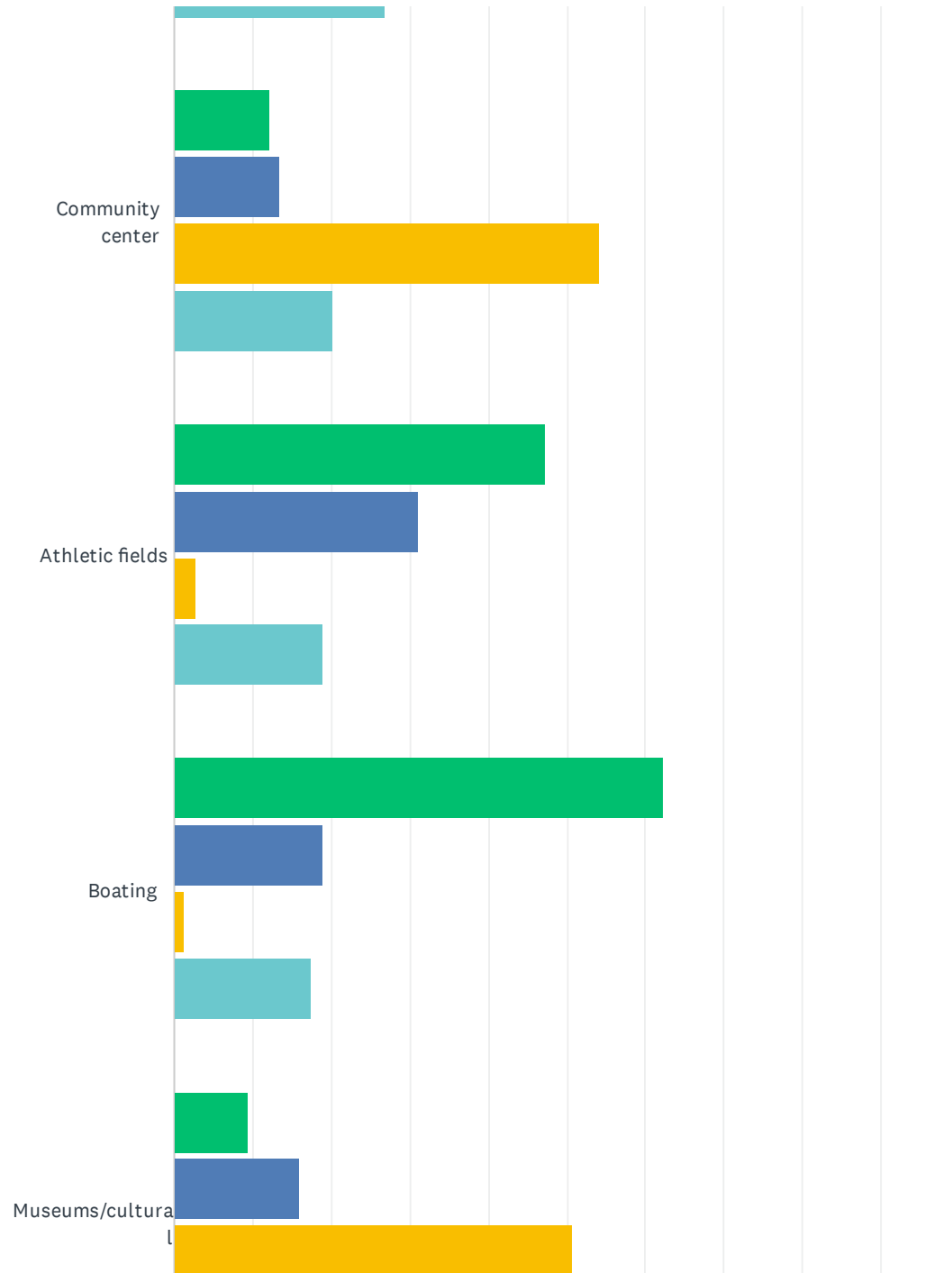


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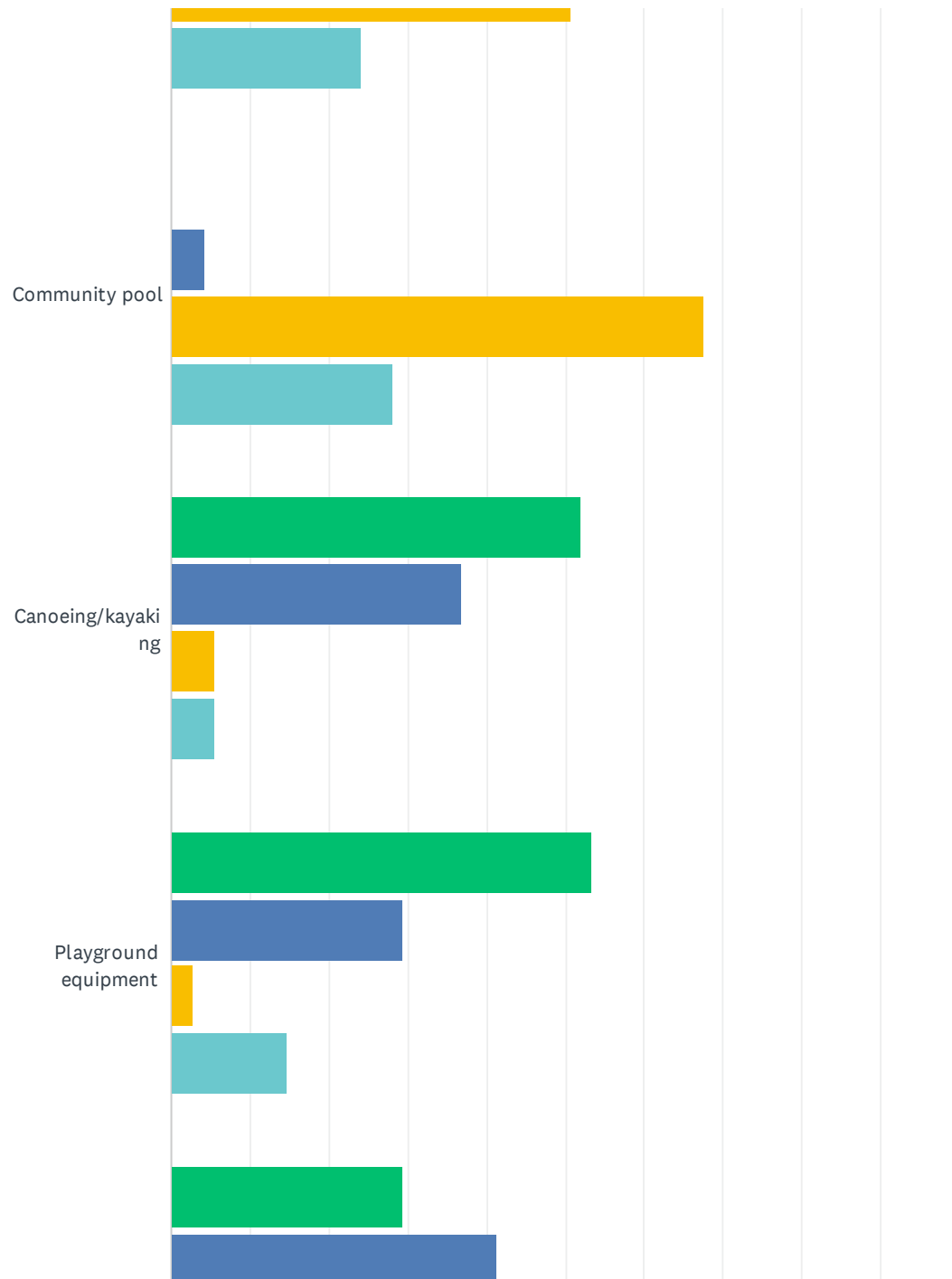




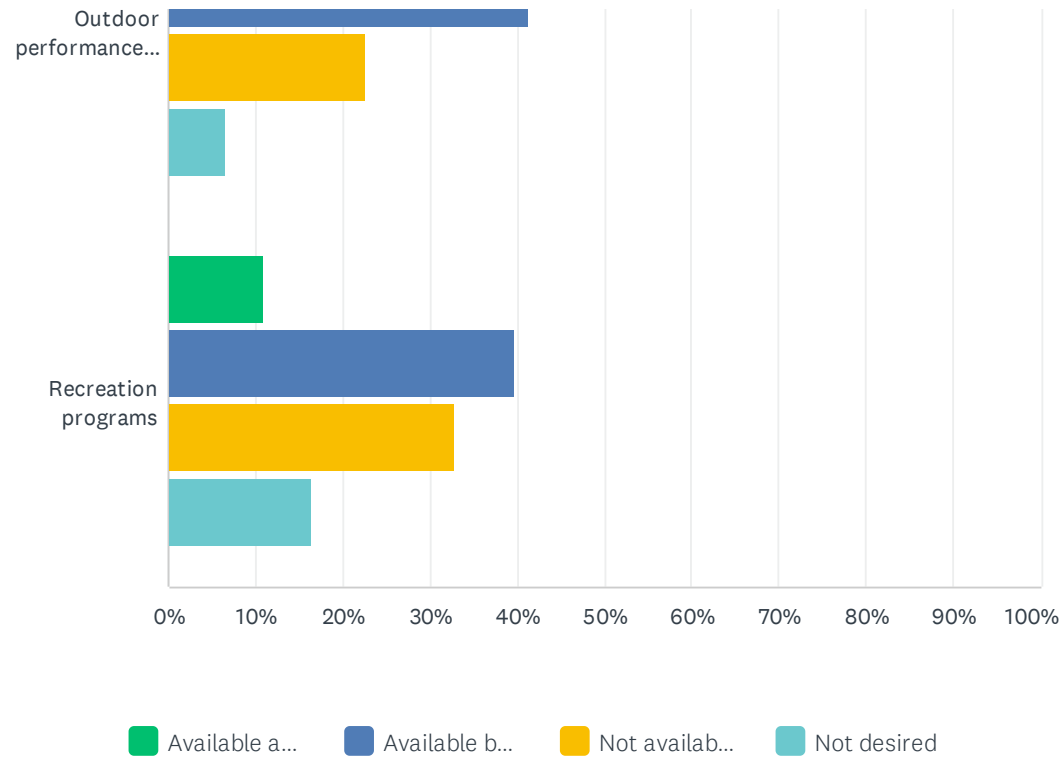
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	AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE	AVAILABLE BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NOT AVAILABLE (WANTED)	NOT DESIRED	TOTAL
Walking trails	33.78% 25	44.59% 33	20.27% 15	1.35% 1	74
Arts/outdoor sculptures	38.03% 27	30.99% 22	4.23% 3	26.76% 19	71
Fishing access	33.80% 24	39.44% 28	5.63% 4	21.13% 15	71
Bike paths	14.67% 11	50.67% 38	25.33% 19	9.33% 7	75
Access to beaches	37.33% 28	58.67% 44	1.33% 1	2.67% 2	75
Natural areas	41.33% 31	52.00% 39	6.67% 5	0.00% 0	75
Ice skating	19.72% 14	33.80% 24	19.72% 14	26.76% 19	71
Community center	12.16% 9	13.51% 10	54.05% 40	20.27% 15	74
Athletic fields	47.30% 35	31.08% 23	2.70% 2	18.92% 14	74
Boating	62.16% 46	18.92% 14	1.35% 1	17.57% 13	74
Museums/cultural	9.33% 7	16.00% 12	50.67% 38	24.00% 18	75
Community pool	0.00% 0	4.23% 3	67.61% 48	28.17% 20	71
Canoeing/kayaking	52.05% 38	36.99% 27	5.48% 4	5.48% 4	73
Playground equipment	53.33% 40	29.33% 22	2.67% 2	14.67% 11	75
Outdoor performance space	29.33% 22	41.33% 31	22.67% 17	6.67% 5	75
Recreation programs	10.96% 8	39.73% 29	32.88% 24	16.44% 12	73

## Q27 How can existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area be improved?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 250

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking trails	58.49%	31
Arts/outdoor sculptures	37.74%	20
Fishing access	28.30%	15
Bike paths	60.38%	32
Access to beaches	49.06%	26
Natural areas	28.30%	15
Ice skating	37.74%	20
Community center	45.28%	24
Athletic fields	24.53%	13
Boating	20.75%	11
Museums/cultural	26.42%	14
Community pool	52.83%	28
Canoeing/kayaking	28.30%	15
Playground equipment	37.74%	20
Outdoor performance space	41.51%	22
Recreation programs	43.40%	23

#	WALKING TRAILS	DATE
1	Fix sidewalks and roads	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Just more of them	10/12/2022 6:28 PM

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4	Put mulch down on trail and make wider paths	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	More, more, more are needed and advertised adequately with signs	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Expand the Galien River County Park trails by connecting access to downtown area and/or beach	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
7	Add some to make it safer than walking non roads.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
8	Excited to visit the new beach boardwalk! Thank you for upgrading it!	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
9	more	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
10	Like the new trail by elementary school - what about that Turtle Pond Park ?	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
11	Continue to develop and promote	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
12	The trails are getting to be over grown and often only mowed once a month	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
13	More and better labeled	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
14	More of them	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
15	The walking trails in nature somehow seem creepy and unwelcoming.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
16	no parking available at trail entrance	10/7/2022 10:06 PM
17	More	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
18	longer distances, better advertised	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
19	We have so many great areas let's designate them for walking or create big sidewalks like union pier in red arrow	10/7/2022 6:29 PM
20	Would like more nature trails for hikes and walks	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
21	Adequate facilities	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
22	Maintained better	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
23	They need to be better maintained	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
24	more	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
25	Create well marked trails w/parking and restroom. Improve and add sidewalks.	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
26	Walking Trails more than adequate, I use all the time.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
27	PAVED PATHS FOR STROLLERS, WHEELCHAIRS, CANES & WALKERS	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
28	Pronounced more	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
29	More sidewalks; more connected trails	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
30	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
31	Connecting more trails to be able to traverse	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

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#	ARTS/OUTDOOR SCULPTURES	DATE
1	Have more	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Building murals (like the Starbucks & on the corner of Merchant and Whittaker) look very nice	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Their fine	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Tasteful, representing our community - down town, not at the beach. How dumb. People are going to the beach for nature's beauty, not sculptures. Place them in town where they can be enjoyed.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Let's landscape by the beach before putting sculptures. Otherwise it looks like a sculpture surrounded by goose poop and weeds	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
7	Include more art/sculpture that recognizes the historic and ongoing presence of indigenous communities in the area	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
8	I'm not concerned about sculptures I'd prefer some nice art class offerings.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
9	There's a cute town in South Dakota that has an art alley. Local artists are allowed to paint sections. It's such a cool place. I though of the potential for NB when we visited the alley.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
10	Make a sculpture park with path at beach. Donnelly is a lone sculpture at beach - really would be great to see native flowers around !	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
11	Incorporate historical markers throughout community	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
12	There are some but not many just at the beach	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
13	The placement of sculptures is weird and haphazard mostly along the ugly side of Whittaker	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
14	Additional needed	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
15	NA	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
16	Enough already	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
17	Pronounce more	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
18	Would love to see more art, especially from local artists. Murals, sculptures, interactive installations	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
19	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
20	Some in the area	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	FISHING ACCESS	DATE
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Outside of the bridge there really is nowhere	10/12/2022 6:28 PM

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4	Where is it now? If we had a river wall or a pier with a cap and it was marked clearly with appropriate signs that would be a big plus.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
5	The Public Launch needs significant improvement for fishing access to Lake Michigan and the Galien River Marsh	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
6	more access that does not require a boat	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
7	At the beach	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
8	More access in areas in the city for locals to fish at.	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
9	NA	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
10	Need more spots for people to fish. There is nowhere to go.	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
11	City and Twp could have more parking access	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
12	extending a dock/pier & program to teach kids how to fish	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
13	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
14	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
15	Lots of access	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>BIKE PATHS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Nicer bike trails	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Something similar to the M-22 trail in northern Michigan is awesome	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Have markers and info on where they are and where the path starts	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Bike Trail on or parallel to US-12 would be beneficial.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
6	Never enough bike paths in beautiful Michigan	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
7	More-and more clearly marked.	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
8	Integrated Marquette trail way with a stop visible from Whittaker, with public restrooms	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
9	We need to connect to the Union Pier path and the Michigan city path.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
10	Add some to make it safer than biking on roads. Need a solution for crossing over red arrow highway.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
11	The bike path we've used has portions shared with such a busy road. It would be nice to have a path similar to the new pedestrian/bike path in Union Pier.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
12	Connect to Blueways/Greenways system that crosses Indiana	10/8/2022 1:48 PM
13	these are much needed	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
14	Marquette Greenway support	10/8/2022 11:09 AM



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15	Better labeled	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
16	Not promoted or designated	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
17	Existing share the road paths aren't well marked and some streets aren't well maintained. We don't ride on busy weekends because of safety concerns. More dedicated bikes trails would bring more cyclists in safely.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
18	More	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
19	safer paths in city of New Buffalo - ie. Marquette and bridge	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
20	Need to designate paths	10/7/2022 6:29 PM
21	Could use more paths like Union Pier recently added along Red Arrow	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
22	Additional needed	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
23	Na	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
24	more	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
25	Create designated bike paths rather than having to bike on the road.	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
26	Twp is working on them, City not the place for paths.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
27	more paved paths	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
28	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
29	Would love there to be a better bike path long red arrow	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
30	Improve sidewalks and add bike paths	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
31	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
32	Lots of bike paths	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ACCESS TO BEACHES</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Change parking to across the street and make existing parking lot a park connected to beach	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Fix roads	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Not much could be improved	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
5	?	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Parking. Access in general.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
7	Safe pedestrian access between downtown and the beach campus is inadequate. A dedicated pedestrian bridge over the water is necessary, as is a pedestrian crosswalk between it and the 501 N Whittaker St condominium community	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
8	There's only one beach with adequate parking and the parking rates are too high.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM

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9	Beach wheelchair rentals	10/8/2022 5:11 PM
10	Beach Wheelchair rental, longer boardwalk on the beach, extend dune walk final viewing point.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
11	Clean up the beach access from the flooding a few years ago	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
12	We only have the public beach can't go during summer as is too busy with out of townerd	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
13	parking at public beach is inadequate	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
14	Adequate	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
15	Parking	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
16	The beach parking access is ridiculous and undesirable during the prime months for locals	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
17	Na	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
18	Walkway to beach - sidewalk it TOO narrow!!!!	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
19	Parking	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
20	community map where they are located	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
21	Available to DO EVERY	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
22	We avoid the local beaches in the summer	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
23	Need to clean more	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
24	Is there any options for closer parking to the beach?	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
25	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
26	public beach is open	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Preserve them	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	More things like Chikaming Open Lands. The area by the beach parking lot is bad, needs improvement. The Lions park is also a complete waste of space and could really be utilized in such a great way	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Tell community where they are located.	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	We need a park board to muster-up ideas and implement a design of our natural areas	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Direct pedestrian access to the Galien River Marsh boardwalk and trail ways from downtown and/or the beachfront campus would be an impressive improvement	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
7	Would love to see Community Garden plots available	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
8	Better maintenance	10/8/2022 8:49 AM

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9	Galien river lookout but not much more	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
10	More	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
11	Wish there were more options. Especially along Galeien River	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
12	Entire city is a natural area.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
13	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
14	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
15	Lots near NB	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ICE SKATING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Improve area at Oselka park so that families will use.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Build one	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	Add more	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
4	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	Rennie does an awesome job with the rinks, keep hiring him!	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
6	Adequate	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	Already established. And it's beautiful	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
8	Night light and fire pit for warmth	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
9	Skate rink is great, have the bathrooms open. My kids had to go last year and it was a pain to have to drive home to use the bathroom	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
10	The ice rink is very unsafe without a fence around tj	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
11	Needs to have someone onsite for safety. My mom fell last year while on her own and had to go to the ER	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
12	The current skating rink is down a lot.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
13	Bigger rink	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
14	VERY NEEDED and not available	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
15	See Valparaiso's ICE RINK - Need to staff on weekends with rentals	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
16	Great job!	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
17	La Porte knows how to put in a rink, Not N.B.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
18	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
19	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM

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20	Not important	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	COMMUNITY CENTER	DATE
1	Get groundswell of community members to get on board and start fundraising. I believe community center will need to be in township. There's not enough land in city.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Assuming this is the library, no improvements necessary because it's very nice	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
5	We need one	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
6	Art classes (pottery etc) would be nice	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
7	Not really. We have a beach, several sport courts. Perhaps a recreation advisor/captain to list and promote regular events.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
8	Many social services needed.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
9	We need a pool for kids to learn to swim, but unfortunately the previous push for a community center pushed lower income programs instead of a pool. Our kids need to learn to swim when they grow up by the lake. Or attach a pool to the school.	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
10	Yes. With Pickleball access which can be on a shared basketball court. Check out local ymcas and how they utilize space. Chesterton ymca is nice and not in an expensive building. Indoor pools are utilizing garage door type openings that can be raised in the summer to allow an open air feeling while still providing sun coverage.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
11	Many years ago we had a bowling alley and roller rink. Would be nice to have a rainy day or off season option.	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
12	Is there a community center? Lived here 10 years and I'm unaware of one.	10/8/2022 11:30 AM
13	Would be great !	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
14	Would love love love one	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
15	This would be nice for community events, classes, talks, exercise opportunities. We rely in the library now	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
16	More advertised programs	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
17	indoor and winter activities are completely lacking	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
18	Need a center	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
19	Need one	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
20	let people know where it is	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
21	year round accessibility with programs options for all age groups	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
22	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
23	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
24	Not important	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

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#	ATHLETIC FIELDS	DATE
1	Build another field near a big public area	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Fields at the High School are very nice	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Adequate	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Ok	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	The grass is gets extremely tall and left behind when mowed	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
7	Good at high school	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
8	The fields are in horrible condition and have needed improvement for several years, all of the fields except the football field	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
9	We need a heated/air conditioned indoor sports facility with turf that will allow kids of all ages to practice their sport(s) year round.	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
10	Maintain softball fields	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
11	Best in the area	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
12	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
13	Besides the football/soccer field, all need attention	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	BOATING	DATE
1	ldk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Everything appears to be great for boats	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Adequate	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Ok	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Parking for the public boat launch needs to be reconfigured or reduced to make way for multiple types of boating, namely kayak launching	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
7	Not as important to me	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
8	Rentals/ tour boats	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
9	Just fine, everyone should boat	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
10	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
11	sufficient	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	MUSEUMS/CULTURAL	DATE

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1	Have more	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Maybe a history of New Buffalo space or hands on museum like St Joe has. Would be a hit	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Don't need	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Art galleries helpful.	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
6	A museum or cultural institution in downtown New Buffalo that recognizes the historic and ongoing presence of indigenous communities in the area and along the Great Lakes would be an invaluable asset to the community	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
7	Excited for the new art gallery to open on Red arrow & Taylor street. Art installations by local artesian would be a nice addition downtown. My permanent residence is in a Route 66 town. Several years ago the Walldogs came to town and painted murals on the ugly backsides of buildings. They are beautiful and so unique!	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
8	History museum of area incorporating markers above; ongoing local artists showcase/gallery	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
9	Nothing near us to do	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
10	More	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
11	Additional needed	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
12	Family friendly museum	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
13	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
14	Railroad museum exists, not sure how others would do	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>COMMUNITY POOL</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Should be part on community center. I can't believe # of people around here can't swim! Need swimming programs.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Build one	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Splash pad down by the beach would be nice too	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
5	Much needed for community to enjoy all year long. Indoor heated pool so students could learn the basics of swimming to prevent unwanted drownings.	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
6	This would be great	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
7	Absolutely not. A waste of money. Not enough people in our community to support it. It's a very expensive venture. That money could be used more for promoting outdoor activities and events.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
8	An indoor pool would offer winter activioities	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
9	Much needed, swimming lessons, senior aquatic classes	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
10	Definite needed!!!!!!	10/10/2022 1:41 PM

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11	This is an absolute must for the youth of NB township.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
12	I think this is severely needed.	10/8/2022 11:30 AM
13	Yes, so much needed! Bridgman Aquatic Center is such a great addition for all residents and locals.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
14	Please get one!	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
15	Yes please — at the high school a natatorium	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
16	needed and not available	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
17	It would be a huge upgrade to new Buffalo to have a community pool or rec center	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
18	Need	8/21/2022 8:12 AM
19	Absolutely need one!	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
20	Everyone should know how to swim. We have a Lake.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
21	to include lazy river and different slides	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
22	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
23	Please. Please. Please. Look at the Riveria in Indianapolis. That would do SO well here.	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
24	This would be an excellent addition	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
25	Would love this!	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
26	Is there one that I am not aware of?	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
27	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
28	Not desirable	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>CANOEING/KAYAKING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Good	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
4	Would be nice to have a put-in north of US-12 on the Galien.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
5	Ok	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Availability for residents to put In at public beach with being fined and confronted by rude ticket enforcer	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
7	The Third Coast kayak launch area is unwelcoming and inadequate—the existing space and launch infrastructure should be expanded and improved	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
8	We were sad when the kayak rental moved from the beach to the boat launch area.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM

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9	Easy access for launching	10/8/2022 1:48 PM
10	Galien river and seems to be accessible	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
11	More rental	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
12	Having a good place for locals to kayak and canoe for free would be awesome	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
13	Paddle Boats in an area of the township	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
14	The current launches are great, but it would be nice if more of the Galien River was cleared so it was easier to go from one launch to another (North/West of the launch on Red Arrow)	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
15	Lots of opportunity	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Get rid of the rust! Need better planning of how a playground should be laid.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Renew old playgrounds	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	More playgrounds/ park areas around the city	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
5	Much needed for community. Something for all ages to enjoy and shade for the parents and grandparents watching them.	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
6	Absolutely is needed. A quality, high interest unit that will last forever. Placed in a notable space downtown with plenty of adult seating and shade.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
7	More need	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
8	The beach campus playground needs to be updated and expanded as part of a comprehensive beach campus remodel	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
9	Beach playground is great; Oselka Park really needs paint and updating	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
10	Getting old and needs new paint	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
11	The beach one needs work	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
12	add more	10/7/2022 10:06 PM
13	Updating and handicap accessible	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
14	Very nice	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
15	adequate	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
16	update and maintain as often as necessary	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
17	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
18	Some is old.	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
19	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM



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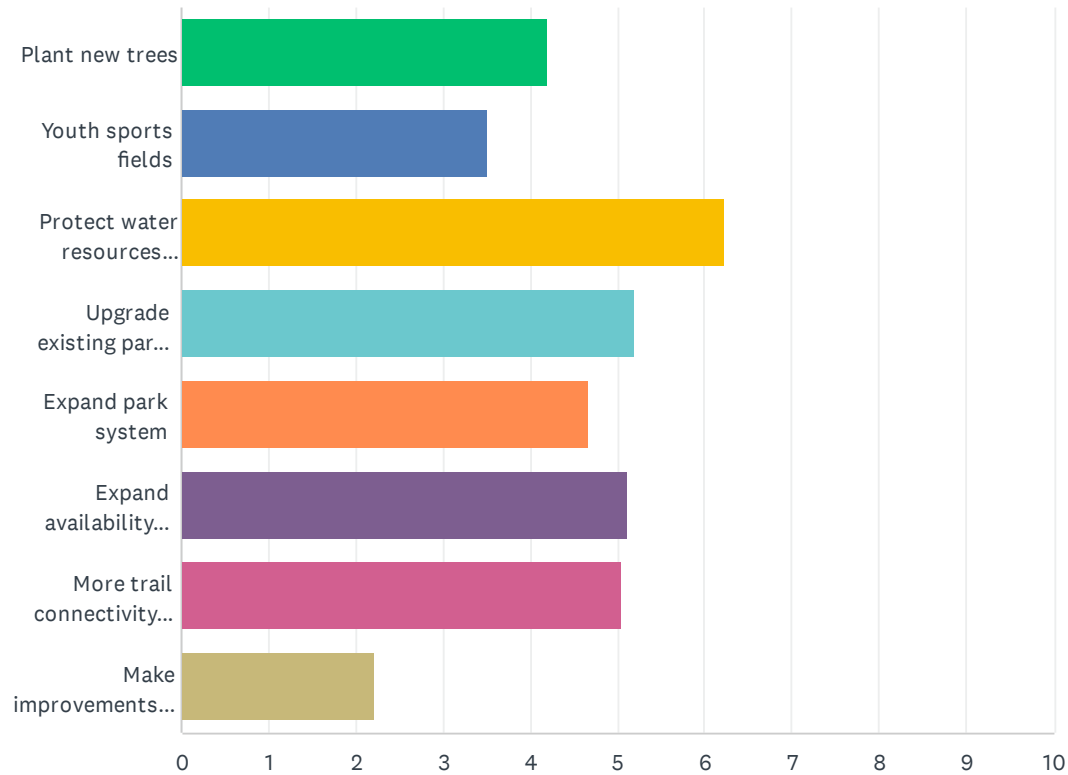
20	Lots in the in the area	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE SPACE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	It would be nice to have a venue similar to NB Township for musical performances. This should not be put in near the beach where people would have to pay to park.	10/16/2022 8:34 PM
2	Make use of hill/ amphitheater at Oselka park	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
3	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
4	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	Could be incorporated into the beach/Lions park area	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
6	Good	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	A permanent one would be nice	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
8	Yes! The old round house area would be perfect for this and walking paths, and large gatherings and events. It is the gateway to our lovely community off of I94. I'm sure someone knows someone to get this idea going	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
9	Seating and pavilion needed	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
10	Needed	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
11	This should be a significant part of a comprehensive beach campus temodel	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
12	Township park playground, splash ground is very nice.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
13	Lions Park needs a serious update. Oselka Park has a lot of parking and would be a great use of space.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
14	Something like what Michigan City has . A top deck for food & Drinks over looking the lake with a band stage underneath. That can be used for other things	10/8/2022 9:28 AM
15	Outdoor movies	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
16	Better maintenance	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
17	Nothing other than at the township we can do better	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
18	Needed by the lake	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
19	ample parking	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
20	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
21	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
22	Could use more	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>RECREATION PROGRAMS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Need a parks and recreation director.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM

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2	Have a recreational building	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Need some	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Yes a great need for this. So then, a person needs to hired to run and advertise the programs.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Beach volleyball city team	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
7	Active programming that utilizes the Galien River Marsh would be an asset to the community, with naturalist led kayak birding tours, water quality monitoring and testing, biodiversity monitoring, ecological restoration of wetland plant and aquatic habit, and native tree planting where appropriate	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
8	Free yoga in the park and other exercise programs should be offered year round.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
9	Available programs for all ages. Adults want the ability to try new things that recreation programs could provide like art, cooking classes.	10/8/2022 11:30 AM
10	Collaboration with schools- education component within our Parks and Harbor - however that committee rarely meets sadly .	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
11	Community sponsored yoga	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
12	Not much here!	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
13	Most seem to be privately run.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
14	No opinion	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
15	Advertised Classes for seniors/ different age groups	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
16	Need programs for middle school students. Need to inform parents by April (not late May) of programs that are available	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
17	Such as swimming classes which N.B. had years ago in the lake.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
18	nothing available, more needs to be done	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
19	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
20	Would love to see more for kids	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
21	Options for senior citizens??	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
22	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
23	Could use adult programs, kids are sufficient	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

Q28 Please put the following items in order of priority, with 1 indicating the highest priority and 8 indicating the lowest priority.

Answered: 77 Skipped: 226

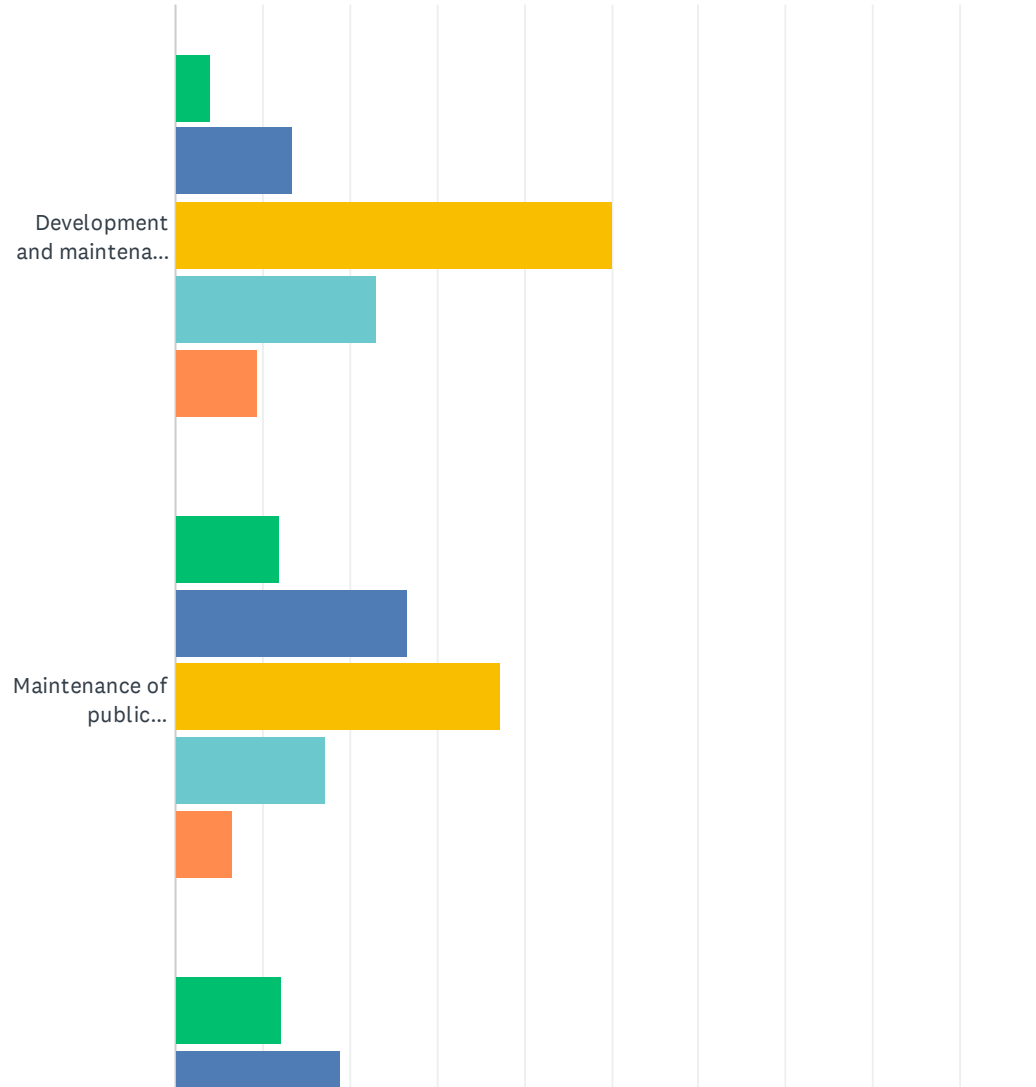


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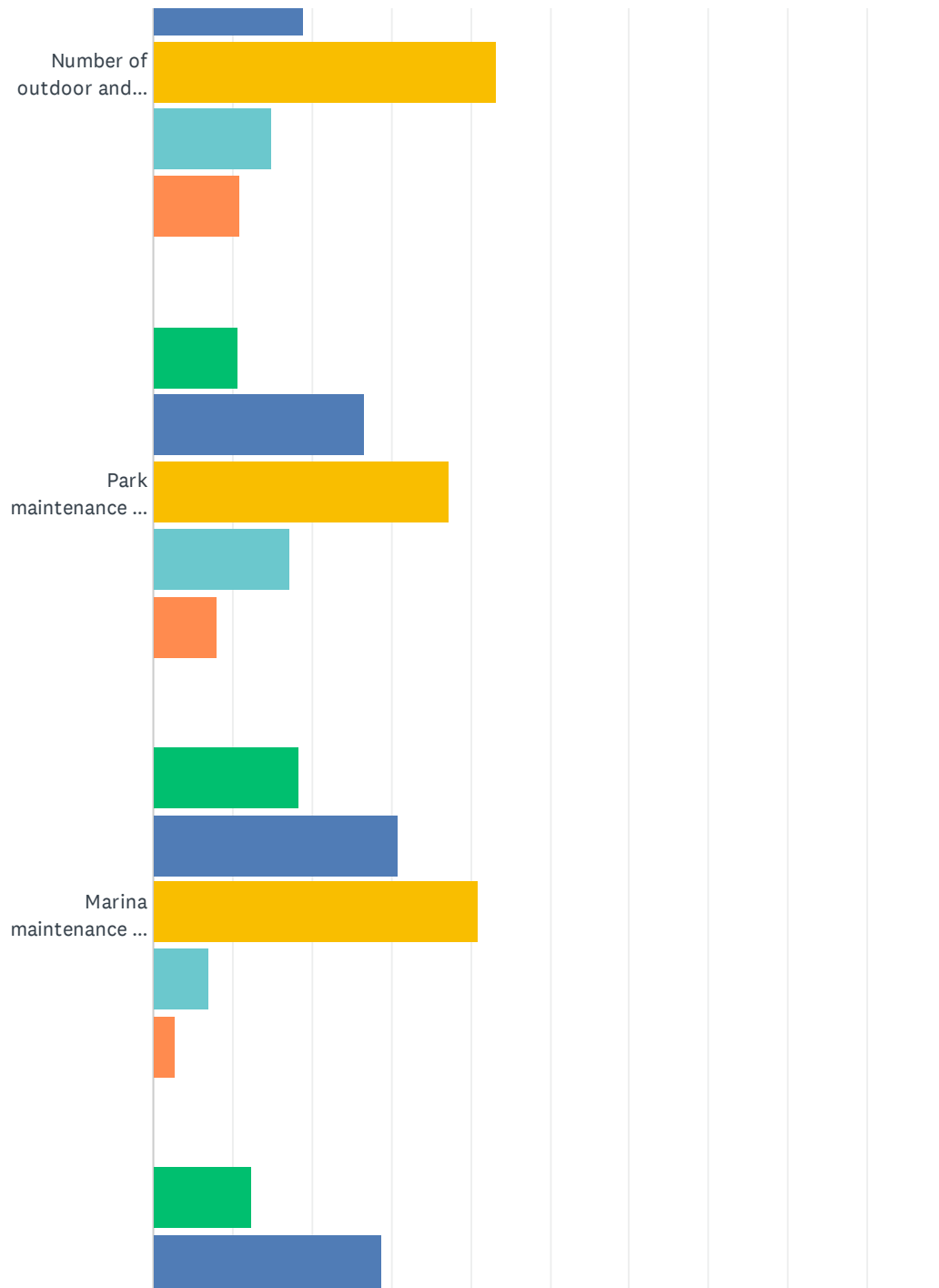
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Plant new trees	0.00% 0	11.69% 9	18.18% 14	16.88% 13	16.88% 13	14.29% 11	11.69% 9	10.39% 8	77	4.19
Youth sports fields	10.39% 8	7.79% 6	5.19% 4	6.49% 5	10.39% 8	16.88% 13	15.58% 12	27.27% 21	77	3.52
Protect water resources (streams, rivers, wetlands, Lake Michigan, and groundwater)	39.19% 29	14.86% 11	17.57% 13	5.41% 4	9.46% 7	8.11% 6	4.05% 3	1.35% 1	74	6.22
Upgrade existing park amenities	10.81% 8	18.92% 14	17.57% 13	16.22% 12	18.92% 14	8.11% 6	5.41% 4	4.05% 3	74	5.20
Expand park system	9.33% 7	9.33% 7	12.00% 9	22.67% 17	16.00% 12	18.67% 14	9.33% 7	2.67% 2	75	4.67
Expand availability of public waterfront/beach areas	14.47% 11	21.05% 16	7.89% 6	17.11% 13	15.79% 12	7.89% 6	13.16% 10	2.63% 2	76	5.12
More trail connectivity throughout the community	15.79% 12	14.47% 11	18.42% 14	11.84% 9	7.89% 6	15.79% 12	13.16% 10	2.63% 2	76	5.05
Make improvements to public marinas	2.63% 2	1.32% 1	2.63% 2	3.95% 3	6.58% 5	10.53% 8	25.00% 19	47.37% 36	76	2.21

Q29 From your own experience, please indicate how well you think the City of New Buffalo has provided each of the services below. Choose from one of the following choices: Very well, Well, Average, Poor, Very poor or Don't know.

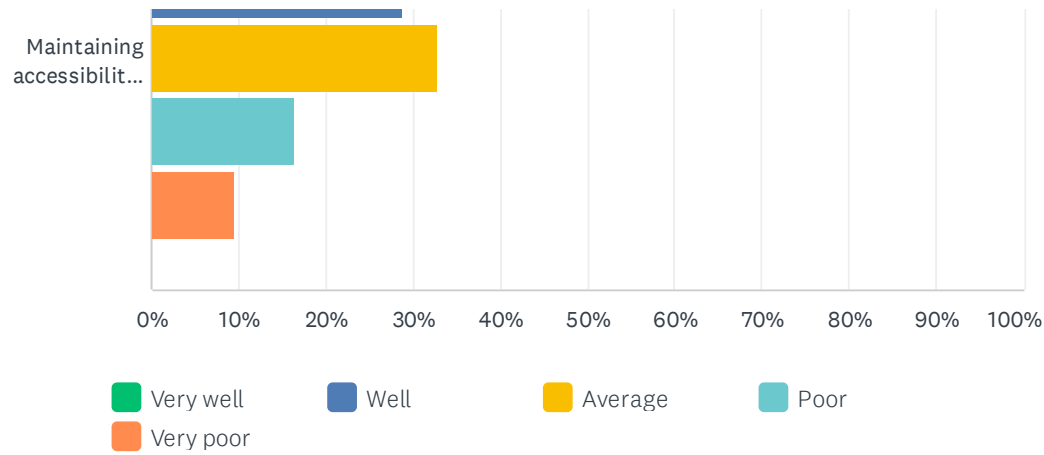
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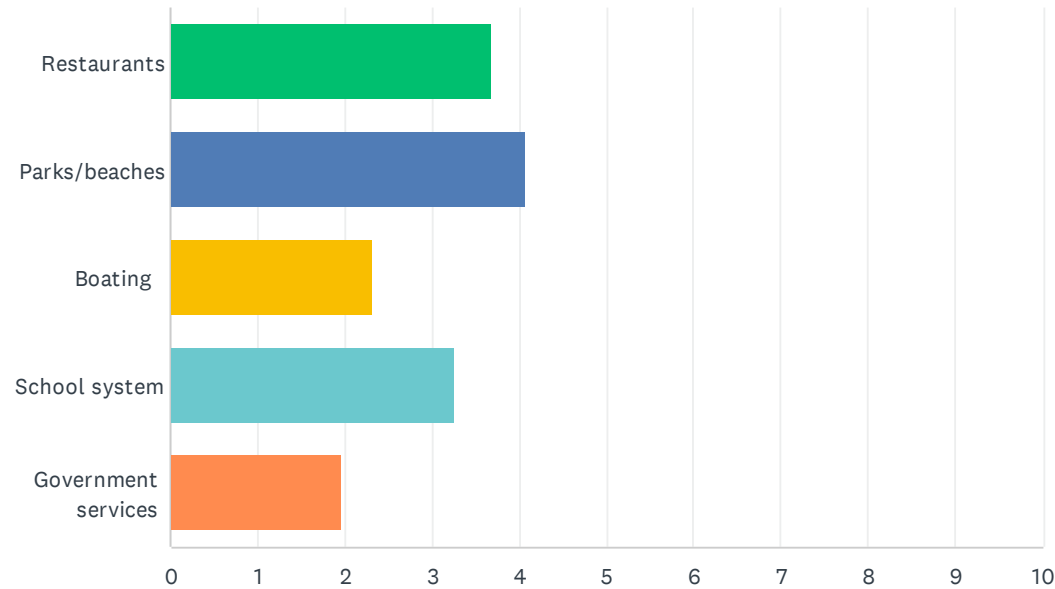
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	VERY WELL	WELL	AVERAGE	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL
Development and maintenance of a system of bike lanes and trails.	4.05% 3	13.51% 10	50.00% 37	22.97% 17	9.46% 7	74
Maintenance of public landscaping and street trees.	12.00% 9	26.67% 20	37.33% 28	17.33% 13	6.67% 5	75
Number of outdoor and open space areas.	12.16% 9	18.92% 14	43.24% 32	14.86% 11	10.81% 8	74
Park maintenance and upkeep.	10.67% 8	26.67% 20	37.33% 28	17.33% 13	8.00% 6	75
Marina maintenance and upkeep.	18.31% 13	30.99% 22	40.85% 29	7.04% 5	2.82% 2	71
Maintaining accessibility to the park system to persons of all economic levels.	12.33% 9	28.77% 21	32.88% 24	16.44% 12	9.59% 7	73

## Q30 Which of these aspects of the New Buffalo area have most contributed to improving your quality of life?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 229

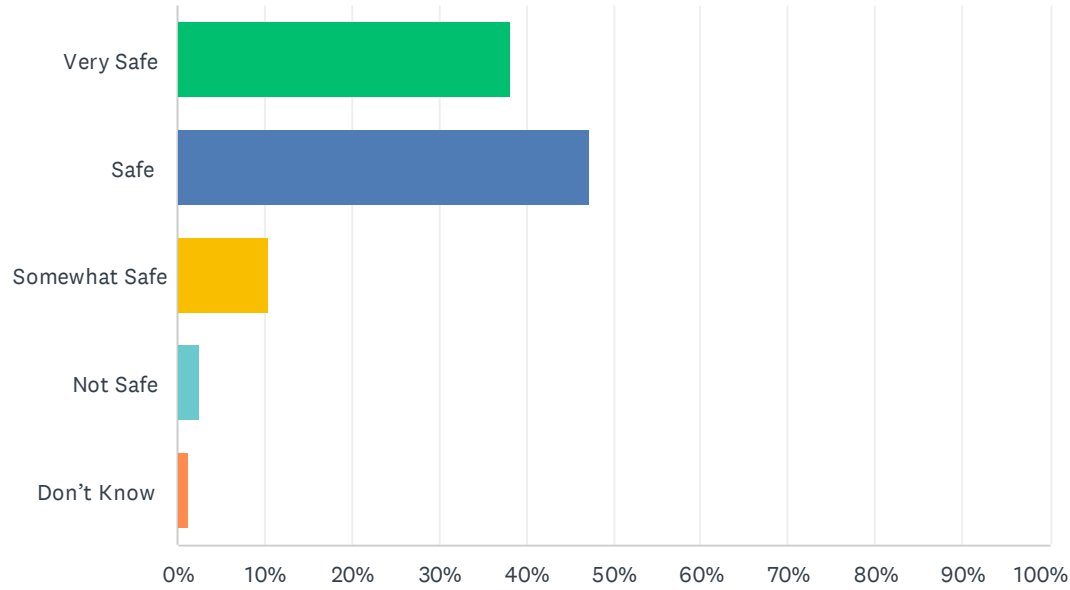


	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Restaurants	26.09% 18	30.43% 21	30.43% 21	11.59% 8	1.45% 1	69	3.68
Parks/beaches	37.68% 26	42.03% 29	11.59% 8	7.25% 5	1.45% 1	69	4.07
Boating	7.35% 5	11.76% 8	20.59% 14	26.47% 18	33.82% 23	68	2.32
School system	36.36% 24	12.12% 8	9.09% 6	27.27% 18	15.15% 10	66	3.27
Government services	0.00% 0	4.48% 3	28.36% 19	25.37% 17	41.79% 28	67	1.96



### Q31 Level of personal safety felt in the parks.

Answered: 76 Skipped: 227



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Safe	38.16%	29
Safe	47.37%	36
Somewhat Safe	10.53%	8
Not Safe	2.63%	2
Don't Know	1.32%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>76</b>

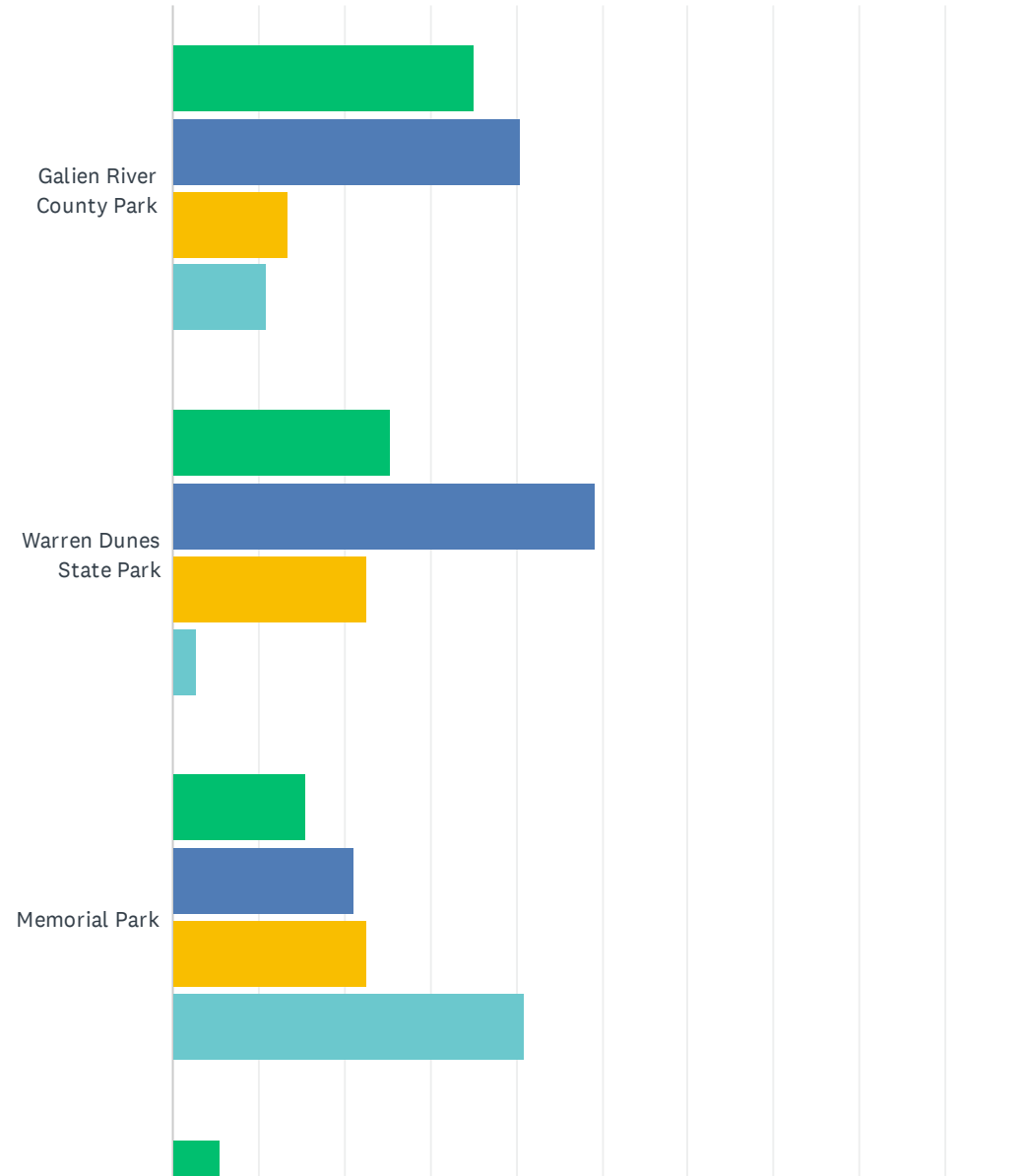
#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	Yes	10/13/2022 10:47 AM

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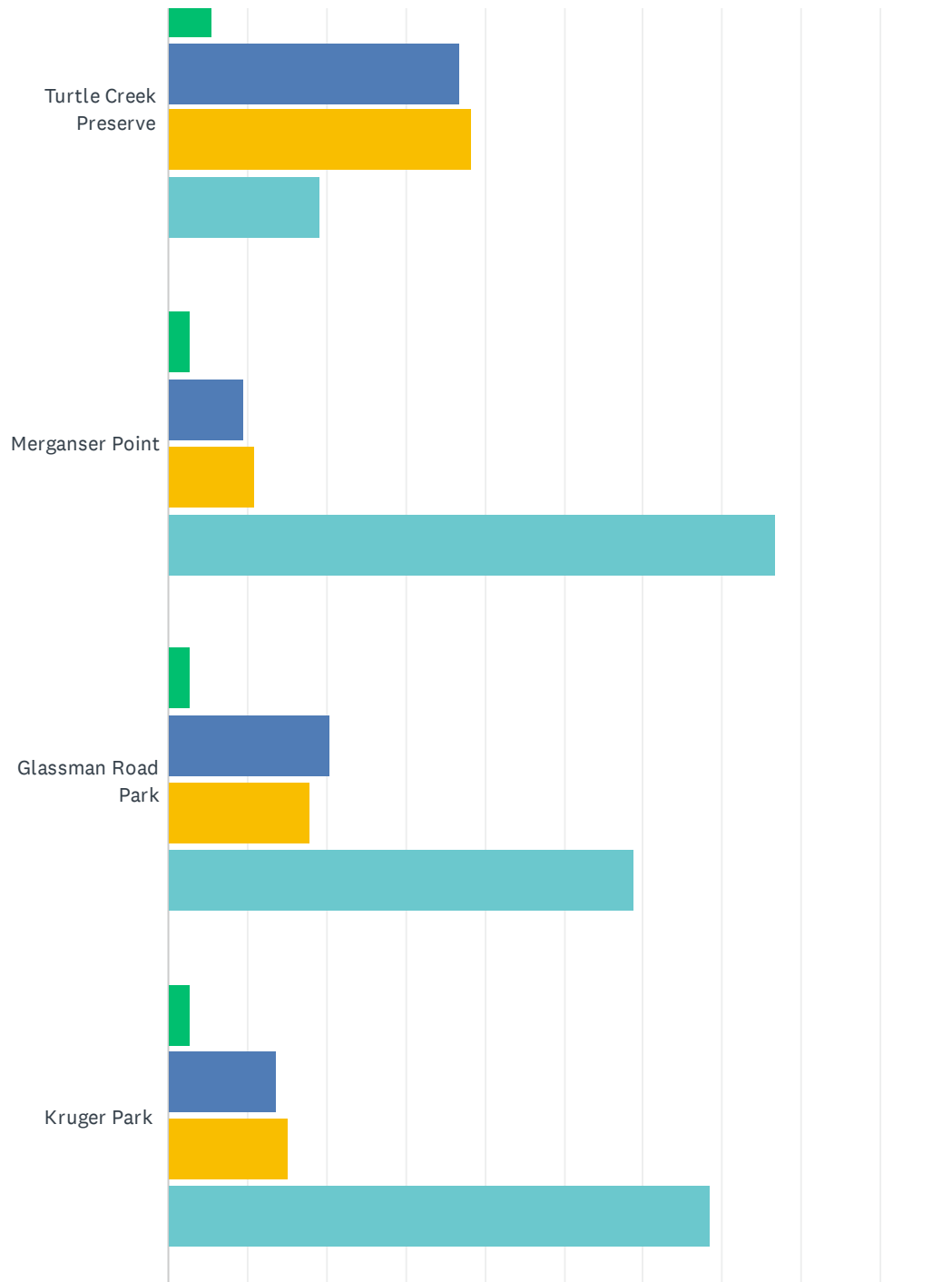
2	public restrooms that are unlocked and available are needed in parks	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
3	Use the parks every nice day.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
4	I feel very safe, but I'm also white. I don't know how safe/welcomed people of color feel.	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
5	There was an issue during summer camp this year at the splash pad	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
6	I walk at different times of the day and feel safe	7/14/2022 3:24 PM

### Q32 What is your awareness/usage of the following parks?

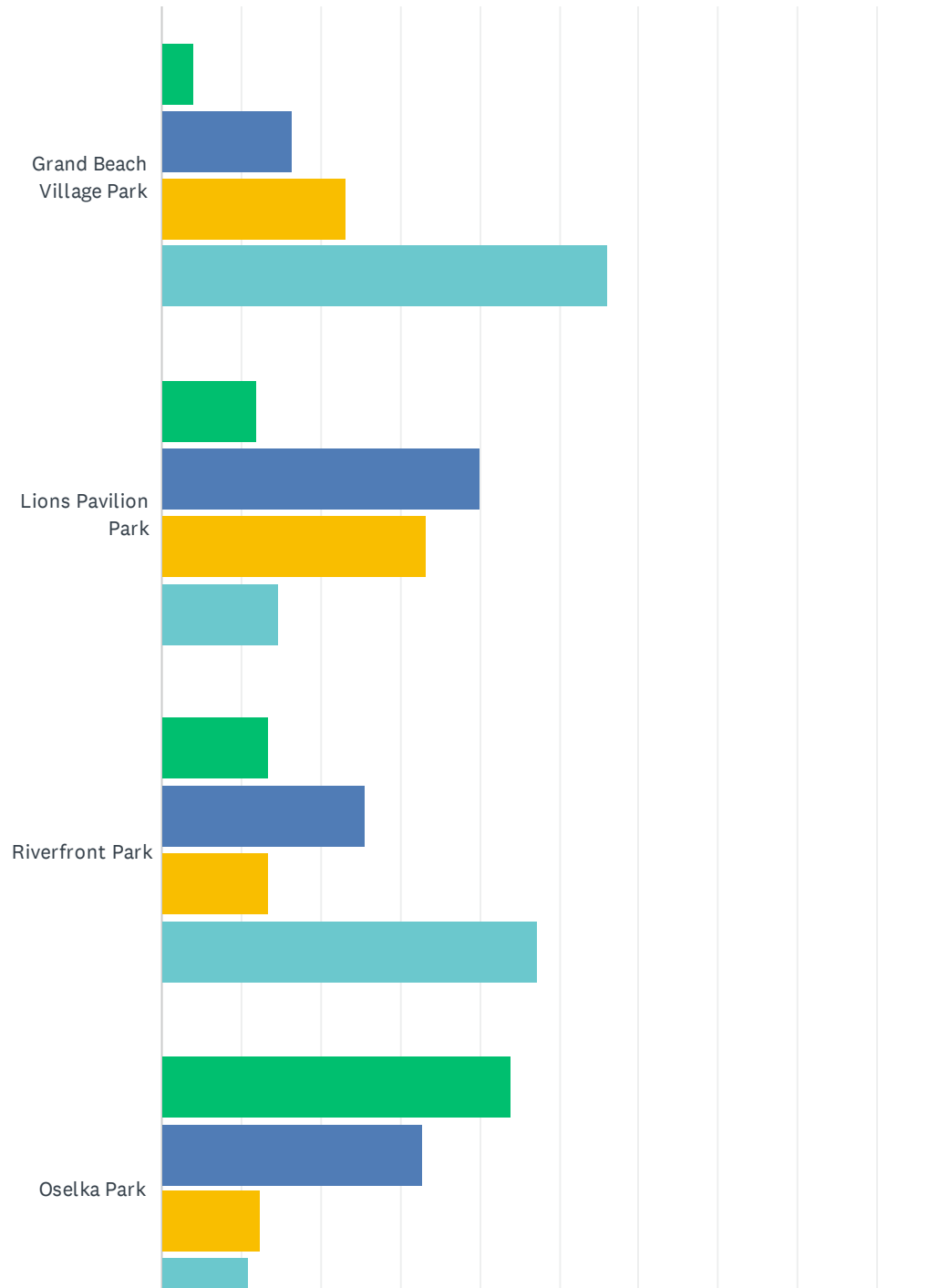
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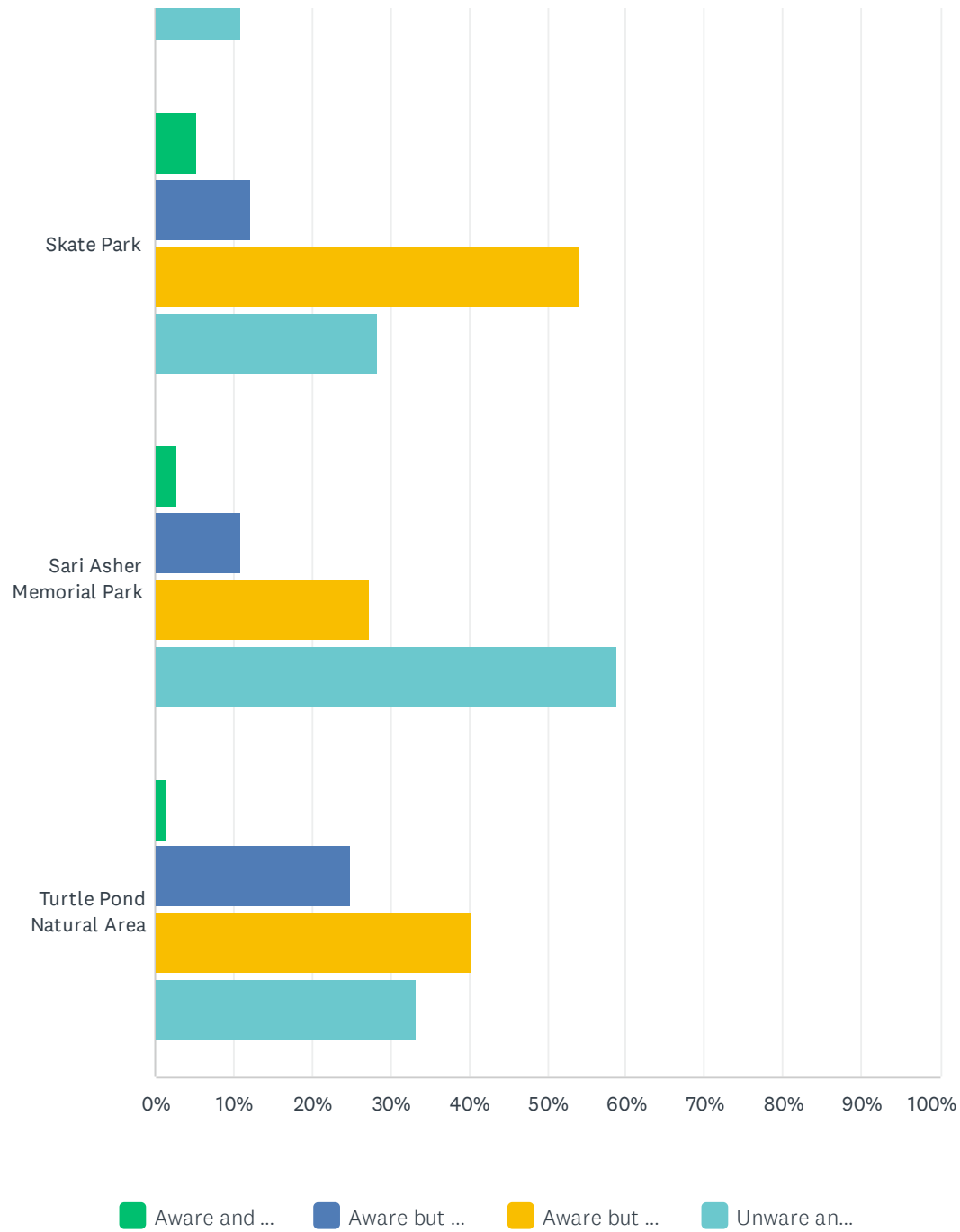
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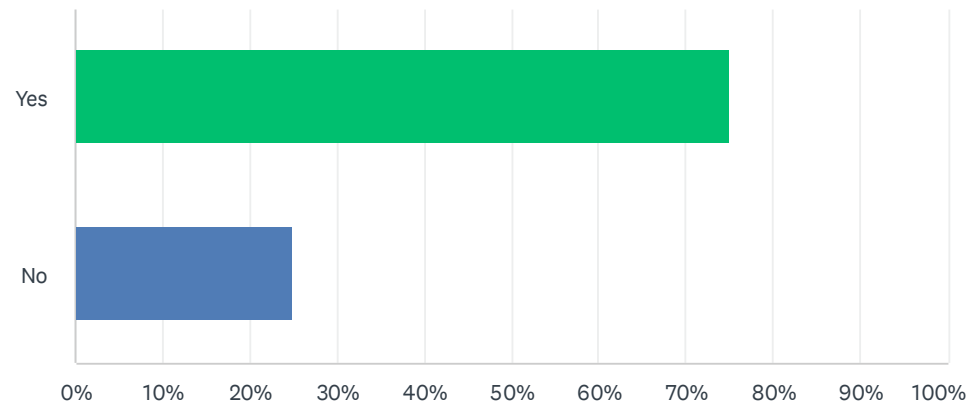


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	AWARE AND USE IT FREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT USE IT INFREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT DON'T USE IT	UNWARE AND DON'T USE IT	TOTAL
Galien River County Park	35.14% 26	40.54% 30	13.51% 10	10.81% 8	74
Warren Dunes State Park	25.33% 19	49.33% 37	22.67% 17	2.67% 2	75
Memorial Park	15.49% 11	21.13% 15	22.54% 16	40.85% 29	71
Turtle Creek Preserve	5.48% 4	36.99% 27	38.36% 28	19.18% 14	73
Merganser Point	2.74% 2	9.59% 7	10.96% 8	76.71% 56	73
Glassman Road Park	2.74% 2	20.55% 15	17.81% 13	58.90% 43	73
Kruger Park	2.74% 2	13.70% 10	15.07% 11	68.49% 50	73
Grand Beach Village Park	4.11% 3	16.44% 12	23.29% 17	56.16% 41	73
Lions Pavilion Park	12.00% 9	40.00% 30	33.33% 25	14.67% 11	75
Riverfront Park	13.51% 10	25.68% 19	13.51% 10	47.30% 35	74
Oselka Park	43.84% 32	32.88% 24	12.33% 9	10.96% 8	73
Skate Park	5.41% 4	12.16% 9	54.05% 40	28.38% 21	74
Sari Asher Memorial Park	2.74% 2	10.96% 8	27.40% 20	58.90% 43	73
Turtle Pond Natural Area	1.39% 1	25.00% 18	40.28% 29	33.33% 24	72

### Q33 Would you favor an improved bike network/trail system (either non-motorized or on-road facilities) through the New Buffalo area?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 227



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.00% 57
No	25.00% 19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	On highways	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	Anywhere that goes north to connect the Harbor Country towns	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
3	Connecting the shoreline communities.	10/12/2022 6:53 AM
4	Connect all restaurants on the main road	10/11/2022 7:29 PM
5	Not familiar of possibilities	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	lakefront or inland country roads	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
7	It should have a visible presence from Whittaker street	10/9/2022 5:15 PM

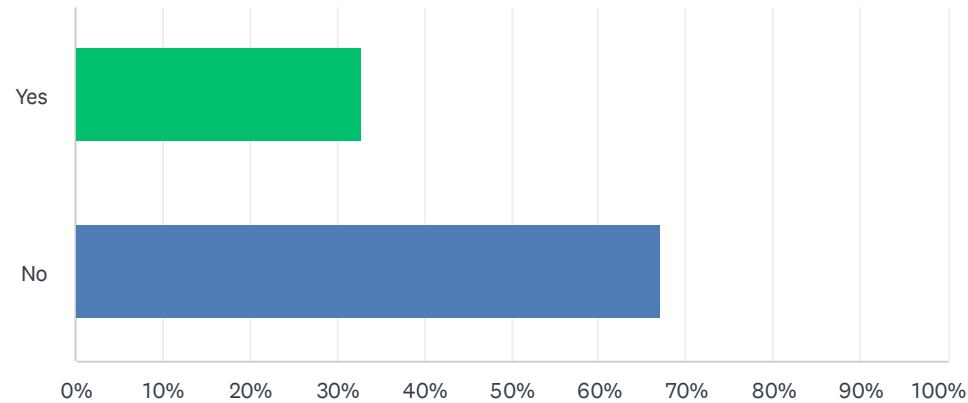


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8	Parallel with red arrow highway but separated from the highway for safety. Bike lanes on red arrow would be too dangerous.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
9	Marquette drive	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
10	Marquette Greenway plan	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
11	Like the project connecting New Buffalo to Chicago via bike trail.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
12	Off main roads	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
13	Anywhere but maybe away from the lake	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
14	Off road	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
15	Safely connecting N.B. area to extend to Union Pier and surrounding towns.	10/7/2022 7:44 PM
16	getting over the bridge and Marquette need to be safer	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
17	anywhere safe	10/7/2022 6:46 PM
18	Connect downtown New Buffalo to Union Pier's beautiful bike/walking paths	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
19	Throughout the area	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
20	Non motorized. Designated bike/walking only	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
21	Along the lakeshore, Water Street to Marquette Road	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
22	Red Arrow, Lubke	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
23	Along 12	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
24	To the schools and to downtown	8/11/2022 4:49 PM

### Q34 Would you like to see additional pickleball courts developed in the community?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 230



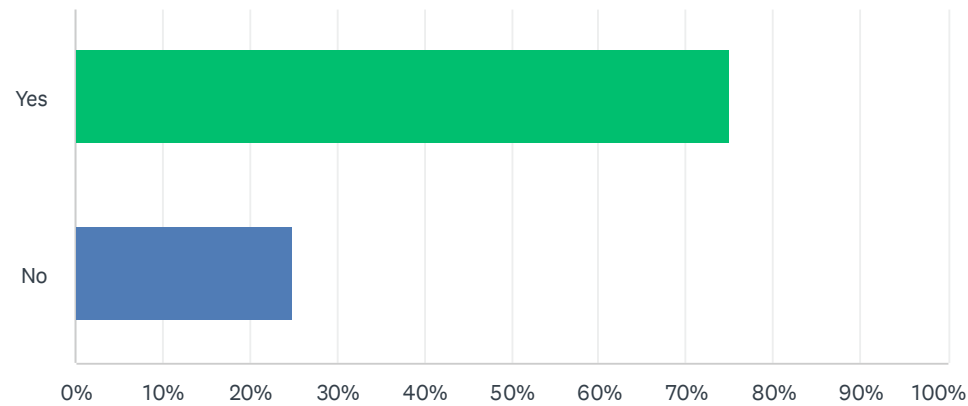
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32.88%	24
No	67.12%	49
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>73</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	Great new courts just built on Clay	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Public park (township park)	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	Near the school	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
4	City block next to school for sale	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	New park area by the old round house. Absolutely perfect, perhaps in front of the train museum	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Sunset Shores or by St. Mary's School	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
7	Need indoor pickleball and tennis programs !!!!!	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
8	If needed, the west end of town becoming popular.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM



### Q35 Would you support a community-wide millage to create a dedicated funding source to support parks and recreation opportunities in the community?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 231



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	54
No	25.00%	18
TOTAL		72

## Q36 What do you LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by the City of New Buffalo?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 271

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Most parks have been renewed	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	The parks need more swing I think but other than that I don't think there is anything wrong about them	10/13/2022 10:47 AM
3	Very good	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	There is lots of open space and many different parks and bodies of water.	10/13/2022 10:39 AM
5	New Buffalo beach finally has new stairway .Oselka Park has some play equipment but nothing for a child over the age 10	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
6	Well maintained.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
7	Our beach area is amazing. It looks shabby. Why in the world would anyone in their right mind put a miserable concrete block bathroom/food service building in the view of the lake and beach area. The cheap, eyesore could be located at the back end of the parking lot or along the river. So sad that it was EVER placed in PRIME viewing area. Also, the new rinse/water station is a potential accident waiting to happen. The little kids run right in front of cars passing thru. Parking needs to be redesigned.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
8	Hours of operation	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
9	A Community pool	10/10/2022 11:23 AM
10	Proximity to the beach campus from downtown is an invaluable opportunity, as is the Galien River Marsh's proximity to downtown (it's one of the most important freshwater estuaries in the state of Michigan)	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
11	Clean well maintained beach and parks.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
12	I appreciate your efforts to continually improve during the off-season and your upkeep during the peak season.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
13	We have such great resources- but could be improved immensely with perhaps an additional Parks and Recreational hiree who could develop water safety programs for visitors as well as in partnership with schools, community gardens, sculpture walk areas, educational parks programs, adult tennis, pickleball, horseshoes, walking groups, Earth Day Community events, etc	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
14	Wonderful town and restaurants and people around town.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
15	There's a lot of them	10/8/2022 9:28 AM
16	Variety	10/8/2022 8:49 AM

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17	Outdoor recreation space	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
18	Just fine	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
19	Galien river county park, boardwalk on dune at beach (delayed way way too long) not aware of programs- not advertised enough	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
20	public beach and Oselka park track although I liked it better when bathrooms were unlocked	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
21	The beach is lovely. Oselka park is nice. Gallien River Park is great	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
22	That they are available	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
23	I liked the summer program for kids	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
24	Ice skating, sledding hill, beach, hiking trails	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
25	Very Adequate as is.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
26	The walking path ain't Oselka Park.	8/14/2022 8:04 AM
27	what are they offering?	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
28	There are lots of options.	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
29	We love the township park and free parking at the beach for city residents	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
30	Programs, and that the parks are maintained	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
31	Not much	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
32	Public beach is essential for the community. Ball fields and other locations are important for all who live in the area.	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

## Q37 What do you NOT LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by the City of New Buffalo?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 267

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Beach parking is way too expensive! Township residents should park at a reduced rate. Full time families that live in the township can't afford to take their kids to the beach. I understand they don't pay taxes, but they don't charge city residents to go to their splash pad, listen to their music or play in their park. I think it is very greedy of the city to charge so much to park at the beach and to charge after Labor Day. This year the beach made more money than ever with parking fees. They should stop charging people after Labor Day!	10/16/2022 8:34 PM
2	Some of the parks need improvement with equipment	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	It has 4 swings in the red park	10/13/2022 10:47 AM
4	Very good	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	The parks are very small and not well advertised. I did not even know about most of them, and I've lived here for three years. People need to spread the word about them more because I've never even heard of these parks.	10/13/2022 10:39 AM
6	Not a lot of fun playground equipment for children between ages 8 and 12	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	Would like to see more adolescent activities included (e.g. Rock Climbing (Bouldering) and Roller Hockey).	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
8	Not much performing arts	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
9	Many areas need to be updated and look happy...flowers, plants, benches, like the city actually likes their natural beauty gem. For example, leaving the parking lot at the beach the beach grass, sand, old pilings hinder vision and just look plain awful. That is not a natural look. That is a "I don't care" look. Why not clean up the huge tree area as you exit the parking lot. Perhaps a few unique benches. ANYTHING to make it memorable.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
10	Year round restroom. No green space within downtown.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
11	Lifeguards are not a good use of city money. No other beaches around us in Michigan have them. Even the Michigan state parks don't have them. That money could be used elsewhere to improve parks.	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
12	They are impressively outdated and wholly inadequate for current needs. A complete remodel of the beach campus, with an emphasis on improving safe pedestrian & bicycle access to it from downtown Whittaker to the beach campus and the Public Launch, 501 N Whittaker St condo community, and Marquette residential area is a MUST for the areas constituted relevance, growth, and prosperity.	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
13	More beach access with nearby parking that is affordable.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
14	The goose/duck poop at Lyons Park ...tough battle	10/8/2022 3:12 PM

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15	They still don't take care of the concession stand area. Constantly covered in birds feces. Absolutely disgusting.	10/8/2022 11:53 AM
16	No activity programs for our kids especially in the summer. We have slowly been improving the Beach but there is so much more to work on in City. The Township Park offers a dedicated exercise area outside. Oselka Park has great potential along with new sports courts on Clay Street.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
17	The accessibility of the beach and dune walk accessibility falling short. Again we would love to talk to the right person and offer years of experience both personal and professional to any efforts to improve accessibility and access. We'd love to be involved and share best practices. George geo_hay@yahoo.com 312-363-7103	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
18	Lack of knowledge	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
19	Facilities at the beach and lions park are old and dated. Upgrades like the new dunes walk are inviting.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
20	No opinion	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
21	We need big lap pool at high school for public use / food trucks since restaurants have cut way back on takeout/ bigger skating rink / bowling alley / YMCA	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
22	Nothing offered for rainy or winter days is the biggest issue.	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
23	Turtle pond Is run down and not updated or cleaned up and other parks don't get the attention they need	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
24	The upkeep	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
25	Oselka Park's design is terrible. Should have made room for more baseball/softball fields. Only one field is close to the concession stand. Nobody uses the hill or walking/nature areas. Should have been devoted to sports. Many other areas in town to walk and look at birds.	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
26	No indoor pickelball or tennis courts.	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
27	Need designated bike path, better improvement/maintenance of softball fields, add a community pool, better restroom access at parks	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
28	Expanding the Budget for Parks when other services in New Buffalo such as street and sidewalk maintenance are non-existent.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
29	The pavilion at Oselka Park needs improvement to stop birds from making a mess.	8/14/2022 8:04 AM
30	not enough programs Parks not well advertised	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
31	Lack of pool	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
32	Some options are not well marked or advertised, so you don't know what's available.	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
33	I think downtown and the beach could be cleaner and better taken care of	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
34	No comments on this questions	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
35	Doesn't meet the community needs	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
36	Not kept up on	7/12/2022 3:31 PM



## Q38 What improvements or additional services do you suggest for the City's Parks? Please indicate if for a specific park.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 270

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Oselka park originally had a great plan. Mis managed project got scaled way back. It's time to take a look again. It's a great piece of property but currently not Maintained very Well.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	More swings	10/13/2022 10:47 AM
4	Very good	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	Lions Park absolutely needs a major improvement. It's a waste of space. Something similar to St Joes beach area	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
6	Okelka park needs some fun additional playground equipment for 9 year old kids to enjoy	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	Rock Climbing (Bouldering) and a Roller Hockey Rink.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
8	Live performances.	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
9	How about cut the weeds and add mulch on the turtle creek park. Couldn't use it at all this year. PLEASE do something.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
10	Better communication of what is offered.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
11	Landscape by the bridge in New Buffalo. Weeds and goose poop are not attractive. It would be easy to plant dune grass.	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
12	The beach campus needs a complete overhaul, as does pedestrian and bicycle access to it, around it, and between it and surrounding residences along Marquette and 501 N Whittaker St condominiums. In terms of services, naturalist led initiatives along the Galien River Marsh and County Park, such as spring flower tours, birdwatching, water quality monitoring, biodiversity counts, and ecological restoration are all programming initiatives that would make use of an existing asset while also improving and preserving it into perpetuity.	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
13	Exercise classes both for adults and seniors, sports programs for youth, art classes for all ages,	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
14	I would LOVE to see nice benches installed along the channel where the boats head out to the lake. People sit on the wooden planters. Benches would be great for the elderly and those of us wishing to enjoy the sunset.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
15	Off road cycling opportunities. Road cycling is dangerous with all the traffic. Can be used for snowshoeing in winter.	10/8/2022 1:48 PM
16	Originally built as water capture areas, they have filled in with trees. Very ugly to look at.	10/8/2022 11:53 AM
17	Again, we really need an additional qualified Parks and Rec person who could develop programs and opportunities within our Parks. The Beach and Marina are really a full time commitment here. Additional staff member greatly needed .	10/8/2022 11:09 AM

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18	Accessible beach access. Extended boardwalk and beach wheelchair rental.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
19	Need to inform the people of locations and what's offered at each of them	10/8/2022 9:28 AM
20	Get more info out about the parks available.	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
21	Unaware	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
22	Bigger rink at oselka park	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
23	Public restrooms need to more available in public areas. Parking at the public beach is an issue. Indoor activities for people who don't want to drink all day in a bar on rainy or cold days - something for kids to do.	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
24	More access to the river for kayaking	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
25	Yes turtle pond	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
26	Keep them kept up.	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
27	More baseball/softball fields at Oselka Park.	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
28	Beachfront - Need to improve the bridge and walkway to the beach. So dangerous!	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
29	Open restrooms at Oselka Park, softball fields need to be maintained, bathrooms at the beach (not Porto potties)	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
30	Winter activities, no improvement necessary.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
31	I would like to see music in Oselka Park similar to what the township offers.	8/14/2022 8:04 AM
32	family friend, interactive & engaging recreational programs	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
33	More work crews or better upkeep.	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

## Q39 What broader parks and recreational needs exist in the community that the New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority should be working on?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 279

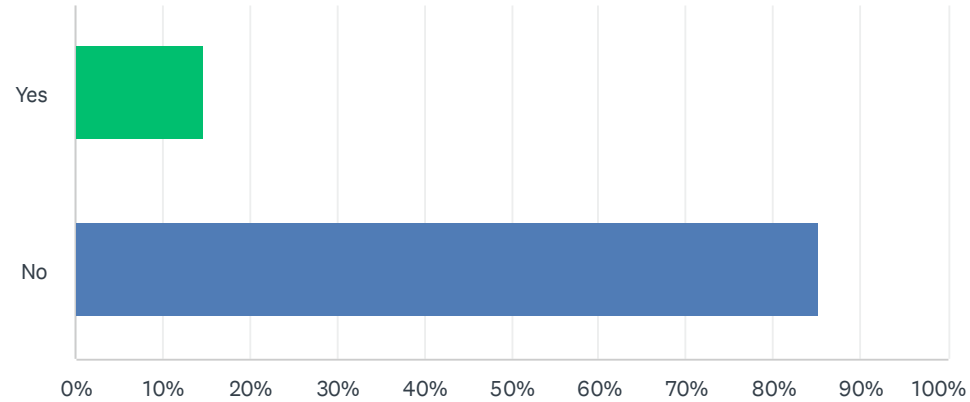
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Better maintenance of parks and made more appealing for all ages.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	A park on a big hill to sled (bigger than oselka)	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	Very good	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Buy the city block for sale next to school. It would be perfect to house New Swimming pool and new playground	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Bike path on or parallel to US-12.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
6	How about a place to play horseshoes. How about a place to play bouchée ball. How about a gathering place with roof, benches, picnic benches close to town.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
7	Handicapped beach access. Indoor pool. Green space to enjoy in city.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
8	Highlighting and emphasizing the historic and ongoing presence of indigenous people in the area.	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
9	Adding green space, art installations, benches, a fountain, a community garden, etc...would be such nice additions to the abandoned lot/fenced in area. It would sure be nice if the city could get this lot. A pavilion and a little mini-golf course would be fabulous additions too! Fernandina Beach, FL has a cute little (NOT gimmicky) course.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
10	Making oselka Park better. No care is given to landscaping, the water area, looks horrible and overgrown.	10/8/2022 11:53 AM
11	Since there has not been a lot of information about what they are doing I would say offer a few community opportunities to give input in person to this group. I think the community would love an update on what they have accomplished and what is in the future, that would benefit all citizens, all ages in New Buffalo.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
12	Bike trail to Chicago project.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
13	N/a	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
14	We need big lap pool at high school for public use / food trucks since restaurants have cut way back on takeout/ bigger skating rink / bowling alley / YMCA	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
15	See answers above.	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
16	Walkway to the beach needs to be expanded and made safe for pedestrians	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
17	Pool	8/21/2022 8:12 AM
18	Community pool, designated bike trails rather than using the road	8/16/2022 9:53 AM

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19	Take over the sidewalks, streets and other public areas. Trim brush so you can actually use the sidewalks and streets and beautify them.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
20	accessible for all abled individuals recreational programs	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
21	More programs/activities/classes for people of all age groups. Increased awareness.	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
22	Pool Better sidewalks	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
23	Perhaps senior center or drivers	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
24	Maintenance	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

### Q40 Are you a boater who uses the City of New Buffalo Transient Marina?

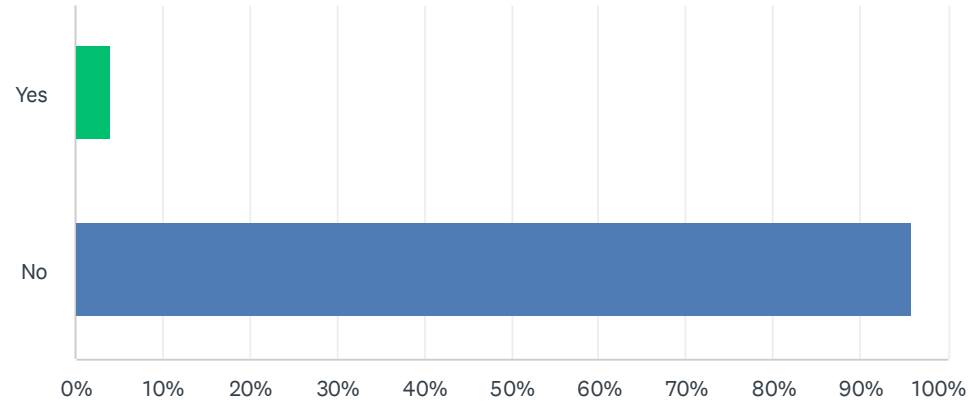
Answered: 75 Skipped: 228



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	14.67%	11
No	85.33%	64
TOTAL		75

### Q41 Are you a boater that uses the Pleasure Isle Marina owned by New Buffalo Township?

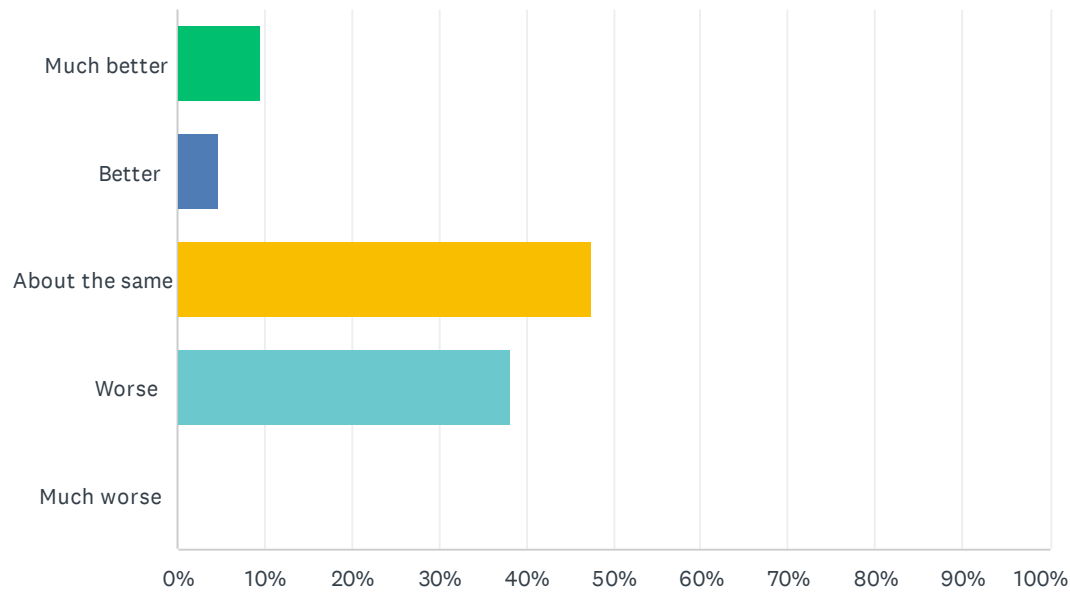
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	4.00%	3
No	96.00%	72
TOTAL		75

## Q67 How does New Buffalo Transient Marina compare to other transient facilities in Lake Michigan Harbors?

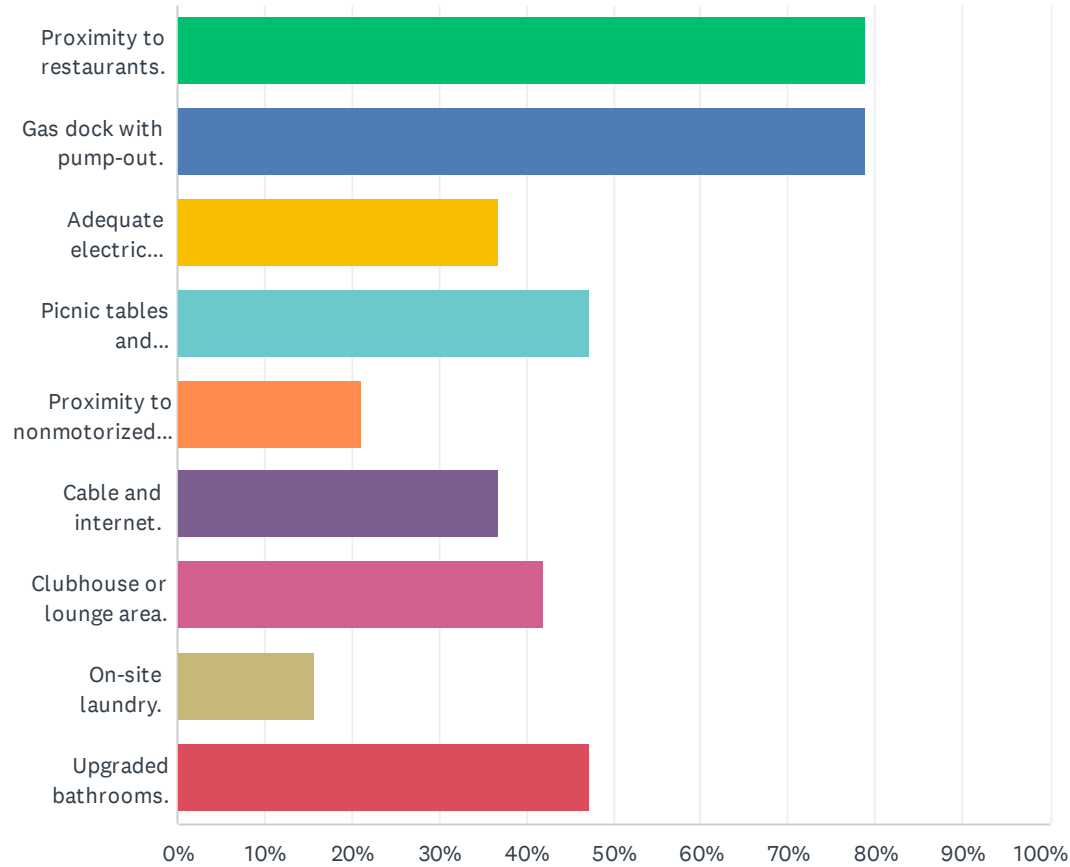
Answered: 21 Skipped: 282



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	9.52%	2
Better	4.76%	1
About the same	47.62%	10
Worse	38.10%	8
Much worse	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21</b>

### Q68 What marina amenities are most important to you as a transient boater? Pick up to three.

Answered: 19 Skipped: 284



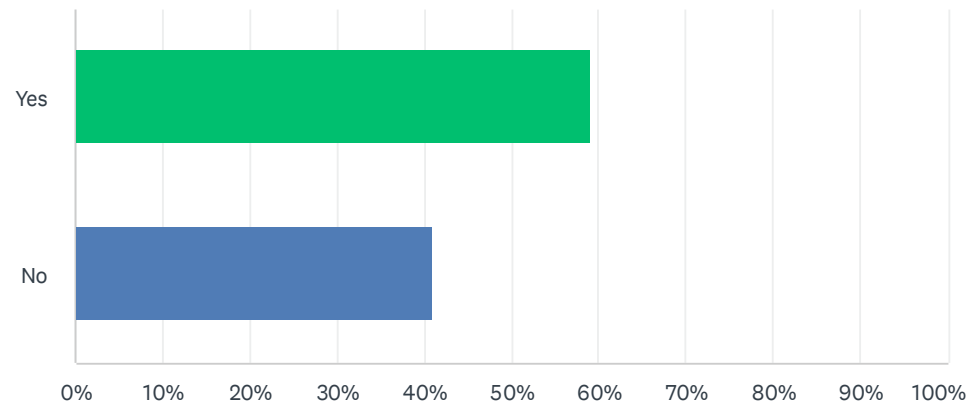


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to restaurants.	78.95%	15
Gas dock with pump-out.	78.95%	15
Adequate electric availability.	36.84%	7
Picnic tables and park/greenspace.	47.37%	9
Proximity to nonmotorized transportation.	21.05%	4
Cable and internet.	36.84%	7
Clubhouse or lounge area.	42.11%	8
On-site laundry.	15.79%	3
Upgraded bathrooms.	47.37%	9
Total Respondents: 19		

### Q69 Do you think there are navigation conflicts between human-powered watercrafts (kayaks, canoes, etc.) and sail/motorboats within the channel?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 281

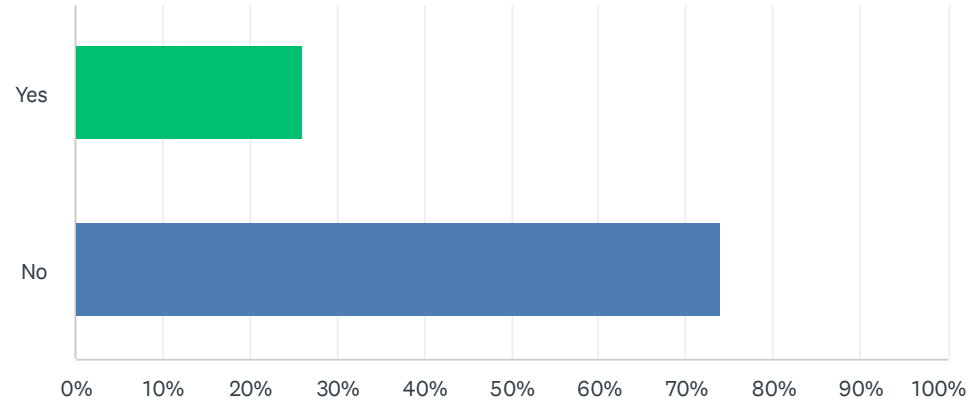


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	59.09% 13
No	40.91% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	The channel is narrow and shallow. Too many jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks.	10/10/2022 9:41 PM
2	Between piers and mouth of harbor	10/8/2022 5:19 PM
3	Harbor mouth	10/8/2022 8:37 AM
4	At times	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
5	Public Boat Dock to Lake Michigan	8/14/2022 7:23 PM
6	In the channel in the area of the inlet	7/12/2022 4:24 PM

### Q70 Are you a boater that uses the Pleasure Isle Marina owned by New Buffalo Township?

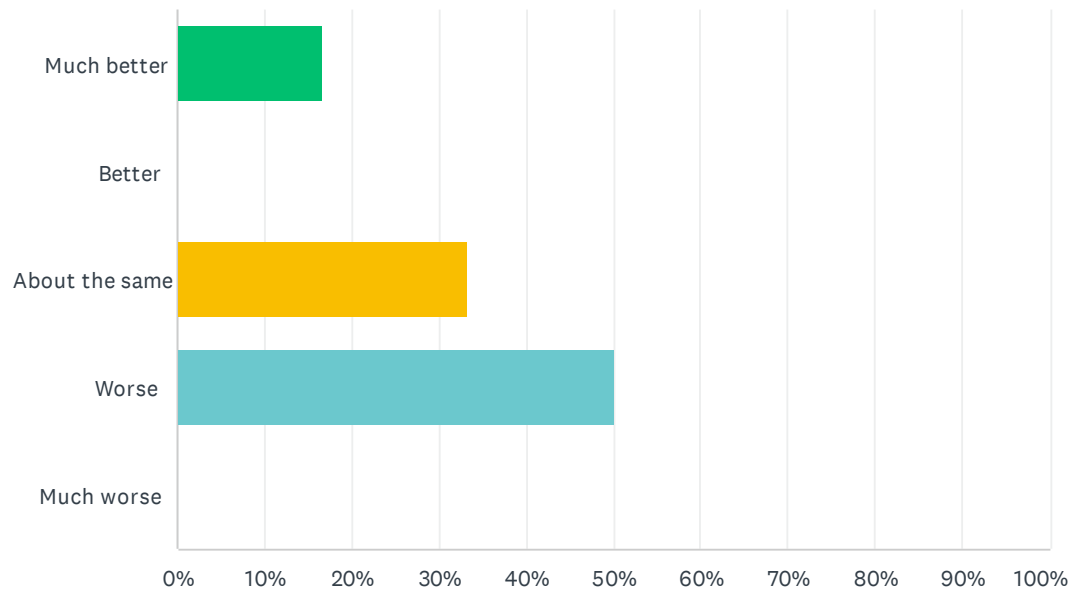
Answered: 23 Skipped: 280



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.09%	6
No	73.91%	17
TOTAL		23

## Q71 How does Pleasure Isle Marina compare to other transient facilities in Lake Michigan Harbors?

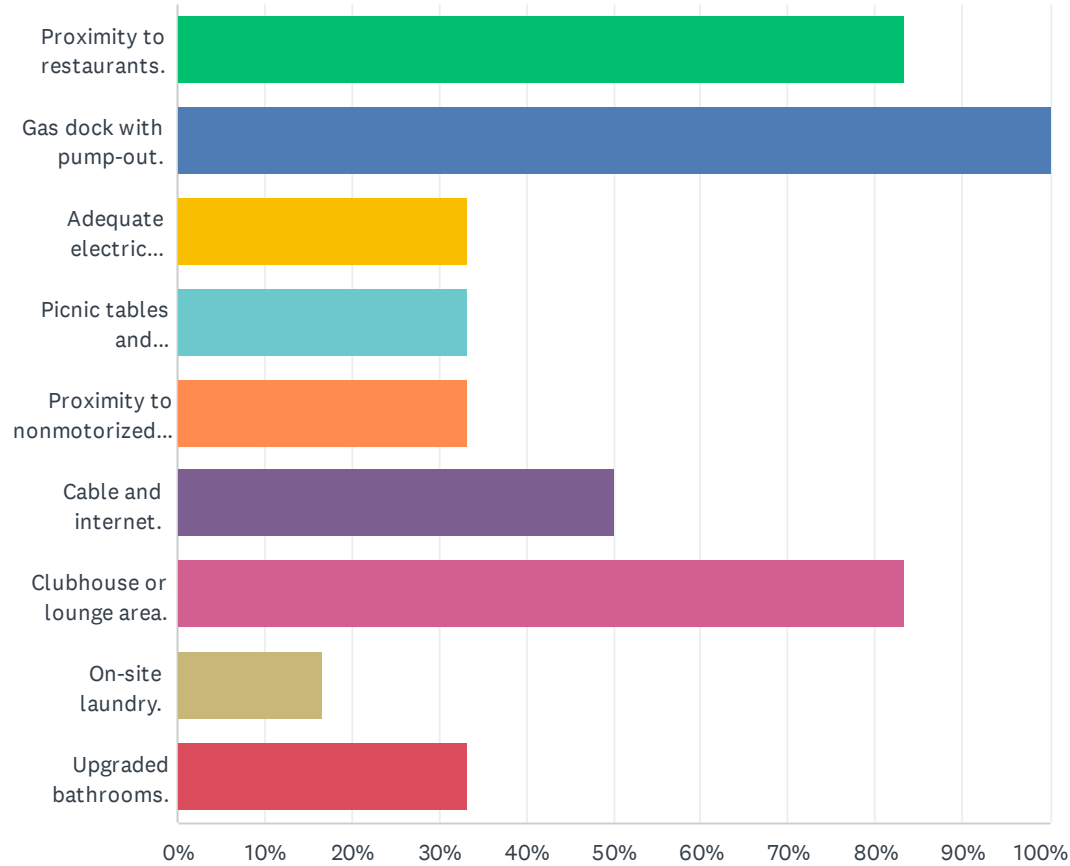
Answered: 6 Skipped: 297



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Much better	16.67% 1
Better	0.00% 0
About the same	33.33% 2
Worse	50.00% 3
Much worse	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>

### Q72 What marina amenities are most important to you as a transient boater? Pick up to three.

Answered: 6 Skipped: 297

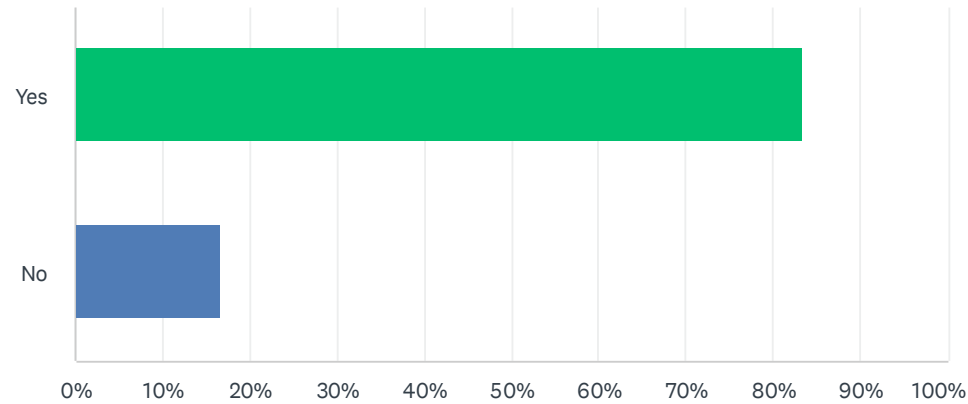


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to restaurants.	83.33%	5
Gas dock with pump-out.	100.00%	6
Adequate electric availability.	33.33%	2
Picnic tables and park/greenspace.	33.33%	2
Proximity to nonmotorized transportation.	33.33%	2
Cable and internet.	50.00%	3
Clubhouse or lounge area.	83.33%	5
On-site laundry.	16.67%	1
Upgraded bathrooms.	33.33%	2
Total Respondents: 6		

### Q73 Do you think there are navigation conflicts between human-powered watercrafts (kayaks, canoes, etc.) and sail/motorboats within the channel?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 297



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.33%	5
No	16.67%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	At times	9/13/2022 7:16 PM

## Q74 Additional comments:

Answered: 33 Skipped: 270

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Listen to chance the rappers prom night it's a good song	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
2	None	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
3	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
4	Something needs to be done about the huge hole in the center of town. It's been far too long and it's a black eye for the city	10/12/2022 6:30 PM
5	City block for sale next to school would be perfect to purchase for the city parks!	10/12/2022 11:03 AM
6	Thank you.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
7	Love new Buffalo but we could use more amenities	10/11/2022 3:27 PM
8	Thanks for the opportunity to hear my opinion. More full-time park people are needed to maintain our beautiful city. Also, a park board that can help create a better place for all community members and our visitors.	10/11/2022 10:30 AM
9	Thank you for the time and efforts to provide recreation in the New Buffalo area.	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
10	A complete beach campus overhaul is necessary asap! As is improved pedestrian and bicycle access to it from downtown Whittaker Street and the nearby residences along Marquette and 501 N Whittaker Street.	10/9/2022 5:17 PM
11	Thanks for all you do to improve NB. We love this little town!	10/8/2022 3:13 PM
12	Stop catering to the temp residents and out of towners who litter and wreck our roads and green spaces.	10/8/2022 1:49 PM
13	Would be nice to have a place to bike ride - particularly on marquette drive.	10/8/2022 12:39 PM
14	none	10/8/2022 12:22 PM
15	Thank you for the opportunity for feedback and please let us know whom to reach out to regarding all things related to disability access. My wife currently consults with companies across the country and we have a full contingent of people who could benefit from all that New Buffalo has to offer.	10/8/2022 10:35 AM
16	Need to do something by stray dogs Restaurant. People are stopping in front and on the side blocking traffic. Someone could get hurt! Also the residents have a hard time getting to their homes. Need someone directing traffic to keep it moving	10/8/2022 9:36 AM
17	preserve as much of nature as possible. over-development would lessen the appeal of this wonderfully unique area	10/8/2022 9:22 AM
18	Will there be a survey for the need and types of jobs/ industry for the area? We seem to do a good job improving recreational vacation amenities but have neglected neighborhood roads and an industry or company to provide jobs	10/8/2022 4:01 AM
19	The City needs to hire an experienced and educated Parks Director.	10/7/2022 10:11 PM



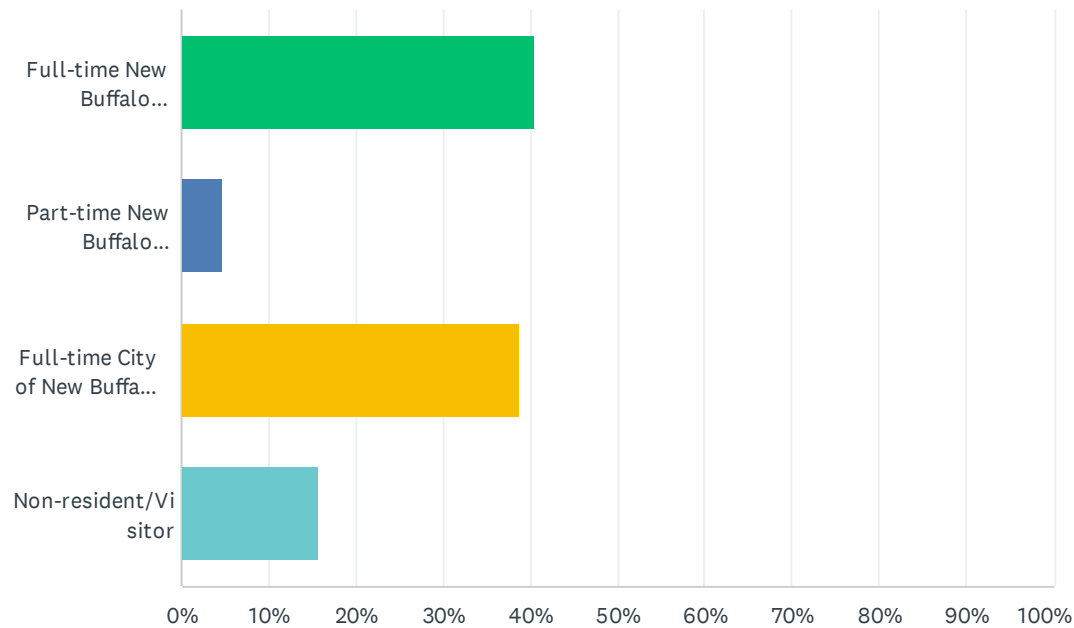
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20	Public lap pool at high school/ bigger ice rink / street fairs / need food trucks	10/7/2022 7:54 PM
21	Upgrade the facilities where the kids spend their time while in New Buffalo, Oselka Park! The fields are in terrible condition! They need new turf, lights, electrical, new playing soil, mounds, irrigation and drainage system. Create an indoor facility. We live in MI not CA!!! It's too cold in the spring to play any sport outside. Need ability to play tennis, soccer and baseball	9/13/2022 7:20 PM
22	The roads that connect Warren Dunes, Union Pier area, and New Buffalo, and New Buffalo Beach Park are unsafe for bicyclists and pedestrians because road shoulders are minimal if not non existent, and the abruptly end, creating an accident situation, especially for a bicycle being guided either into cars or the curb. Bicycle and pedestrian paths should be installed, or roadways required to have at least, say a 20 inch shoulder to help protect pedestrians and bicyclists. Motorists would also be safer and more people would visit to hike and bicycle the area, creating more revenue. Some people would like the area better and relocate here. I am investigating the area to move to, and there are other areas with safer bicycling such as the Spokane Valley...check out the bicycle trails connecting Spokane, Washington with Coeur d'Alen, Idaho. Check out the Lake Walk by Duluth, MN. Check out the Rock Island Trail in Peopria, Illinois. Those are examples.	8/31/2022 3:21 PM
23	I am a boater who uses Michigan City Port Authority Marina. Too many drunks on the docks in New Buffalo and overflowing garbage at Oselka Marina.	8/23/2022 3:41 PM
24	Thank you!	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
25	The New Buffalo area needs a community pool	8/21/2022 9:50 AM
26	Add more sidewalks and road adjacent paths. Need better connections from residential areas to downtown areas	8/19/2022 8:21 PM
27	You all are doing a great job! Thank you for requesting community input!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
28	Survey seems to lean toward expansion instead of taking care of what we have. Grow, Grow is not the answer, pride in what you have would keep you busy for a hundred years.	8/14/2022 7:27 PM
29	Develop the strip of grass on the left of the beach parking entrance into a "promenade", paved, with benches covered for shade, flowers. People could walk, sit facing the water to watch sunset and the boats coming in and out. I envision the beauty of this site!	8/14/2022 8:40 AM
30	over development is probably my only concern. The appeal besides the lake access is that the area is heavily wooded	8/14/2022 1:18 AM
31	We love New Buffalo! The schools are amazing!	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
32	Thank you for all that you are doing for New Buffalo	7/14/2022 3:25 PM
33	Thanks	7/13/2022 9:46 AM

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS - NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP RESPONSES

Q1 Which of the choices represents your residency? Note: Based on selected answer, this survey will redirect participants to questions relevant to their area of residence.

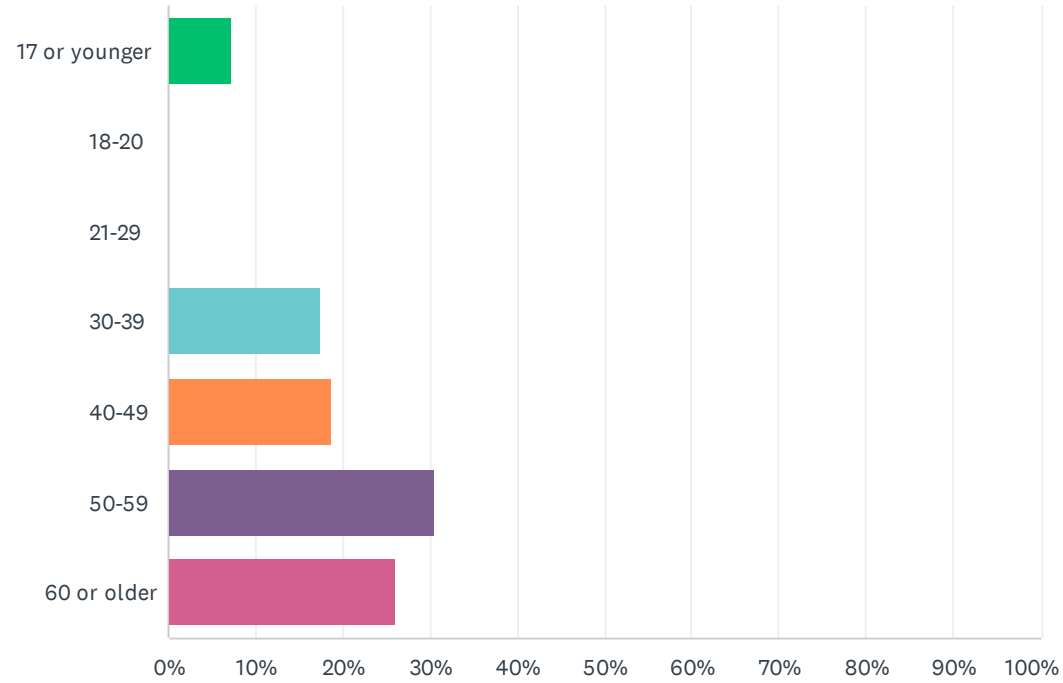
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time New Buffalo Township resident	40.48%	102
Part-time New Buffalo Township resident	4.76%	12
Full-time City of New Buffalo resident	38.89%	98
Non-resident/Visitor	15.87%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>252</b>

## Q2 What is your age?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 234

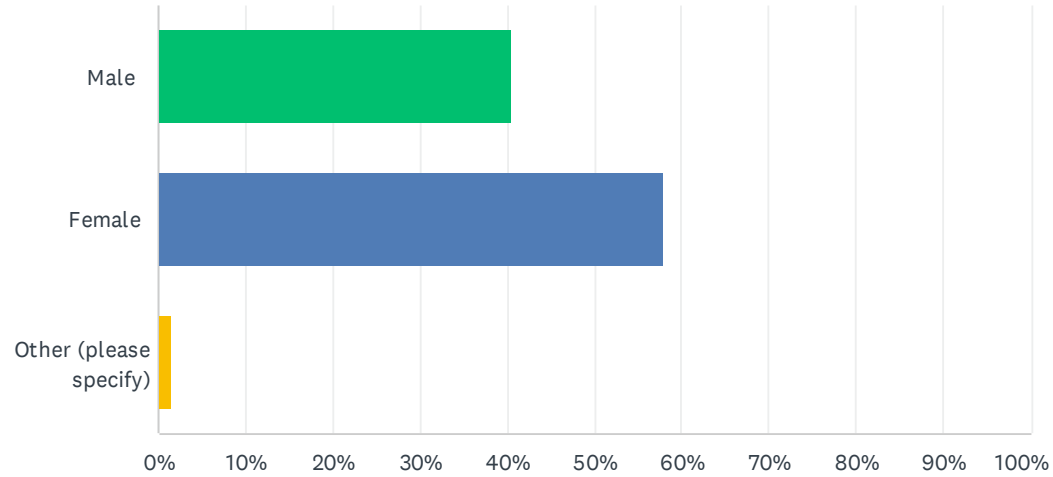


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	7.25%	5
18-20	0.00%	0
21-29	0.00%	0
30-39	17.39%	12
40-49	18.84%	13
50-59	30.43%	21
60 or older	26.09%	18
TOTAL	69	

### Q3 What is your gender?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 234

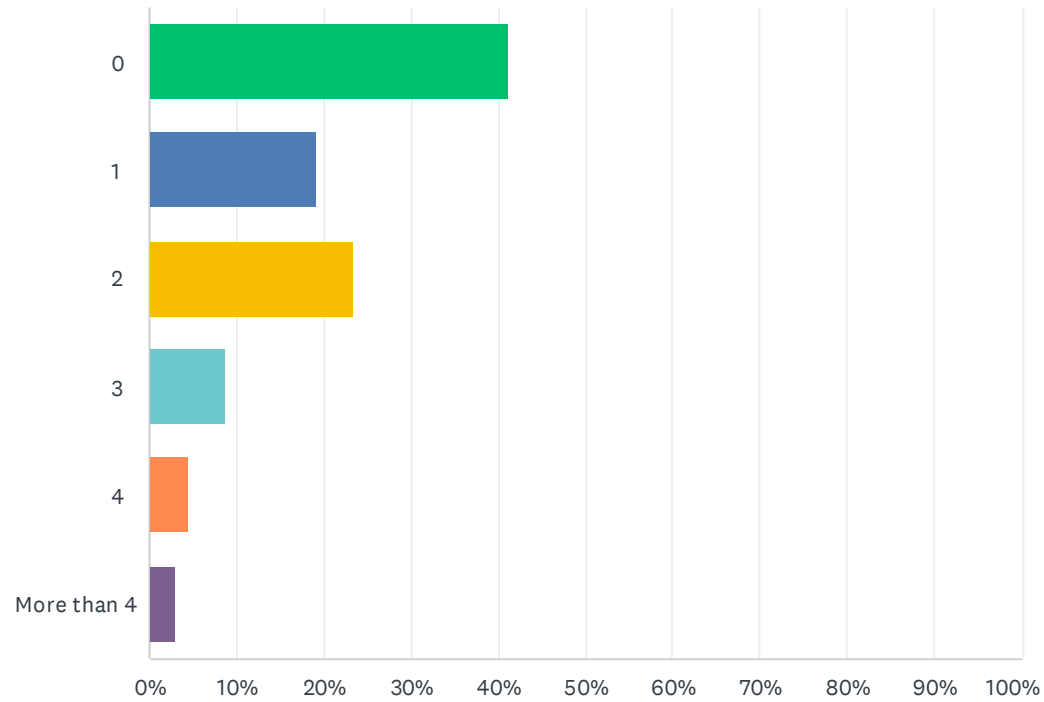


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	40.58% 28
Female	57.97% 40
Other (please specify)	1.45% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	do not specify	10/8/2022 12:22 PM

### Q4 How many children are you parent or guardian to and live in your household (aged 17 or younger only)?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 235



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	41.18%	28
1	19.12%	13
2	23.53%	16
3	8.82%	6
4	4.41%	3
More than 4	2.94%	2
TOTAL	68	



## Q5 What types of improvements would you like to see in the community to ensure recreational amenities are fully accessible to persons of all mobility levels?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 273

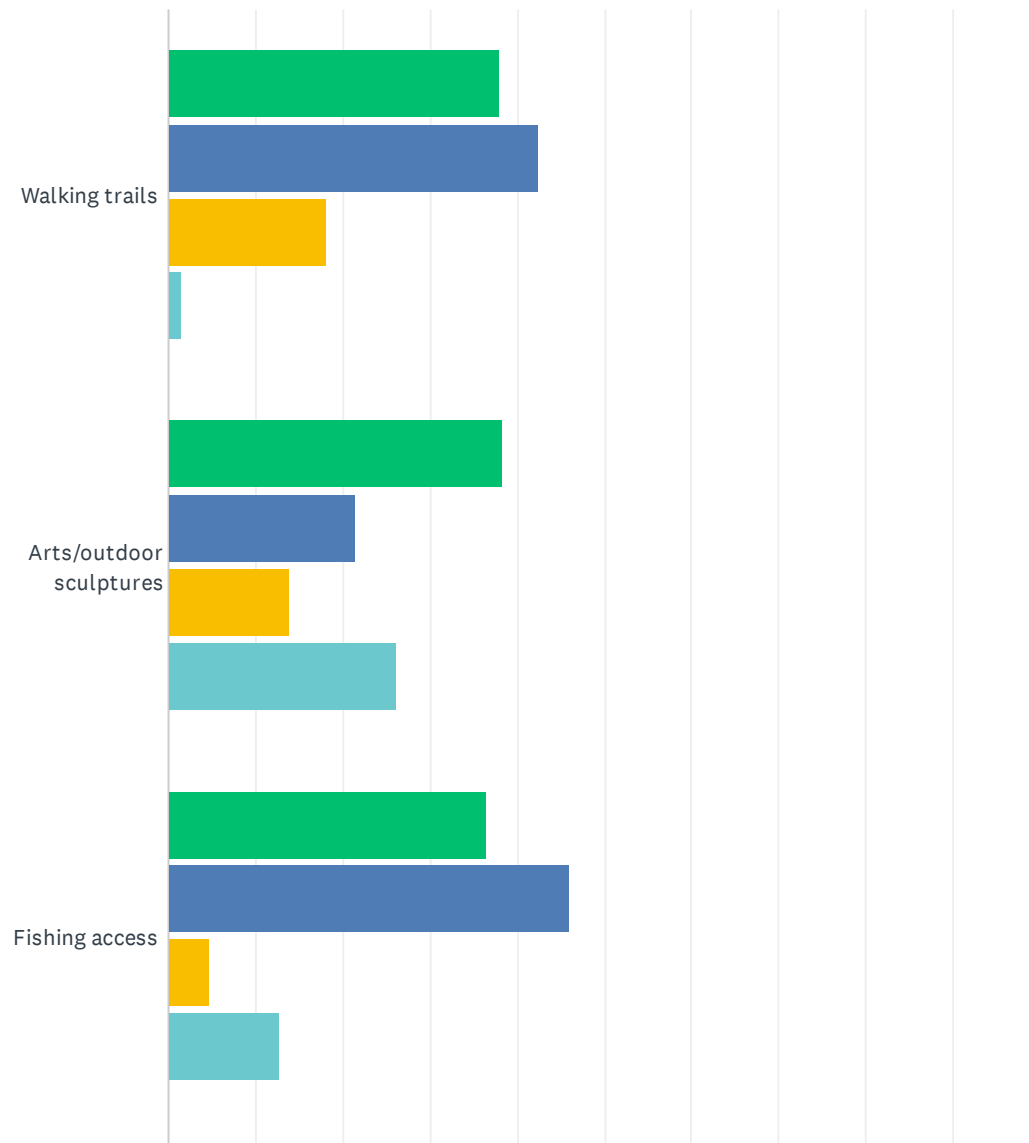
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Beach boardwalk should be left out until mid-November. Improved access over the harbor bridge for pedestrians. Better separation and markings for cyclists of all levels.	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	More things for kids to do	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	I think they all are pretty good, I would just say keep everything open for people to come and go.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	IDK	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	None	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Community center for adults and children.	10/12/2022 4:29 PM
7	None that I can think of	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
8	I would like to see more social environment for middle school-high school aged kids to socialize after school and on the weekends. Also for things for families to do together!	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	Paved walking paths	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
10	Like to see beach walk go closer to water. Bigger bathroom changing area at beach	10/8/2022 10:09 AM
11	i'd love to see the beach boardwalk extended and available longer in the season	10/8/2022 9:15 AM
12	Sidewalks. Add sidewalks to streets and other areas. I'd be nice if they didn't have to drive everywhere and could use sidewalks to get around, especially from locations from Ghost Isle to downtown. Make places accessible	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Indoor facility to practice baseball, soccer and tennis	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	More baseball and softball fields	9/13/2022 6:09 PM
15	Longer biking paths - with designated lanes. Community pool. More playgrounds in the township.	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
16	We are definitely lacking some sort of indoor multi use facility for our community. We have many months of harsh weather and something to use inside is greatly needed.	9/13/2022 2:08 PM
17	More indoor facilities for all age groups in winter months	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
18	More bike trails, sidewalks a nature center, a park district with sports/camps/work out center for all and pool.	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
19	Multi use off road paths and trails.	9/2/2022 12:24 PM

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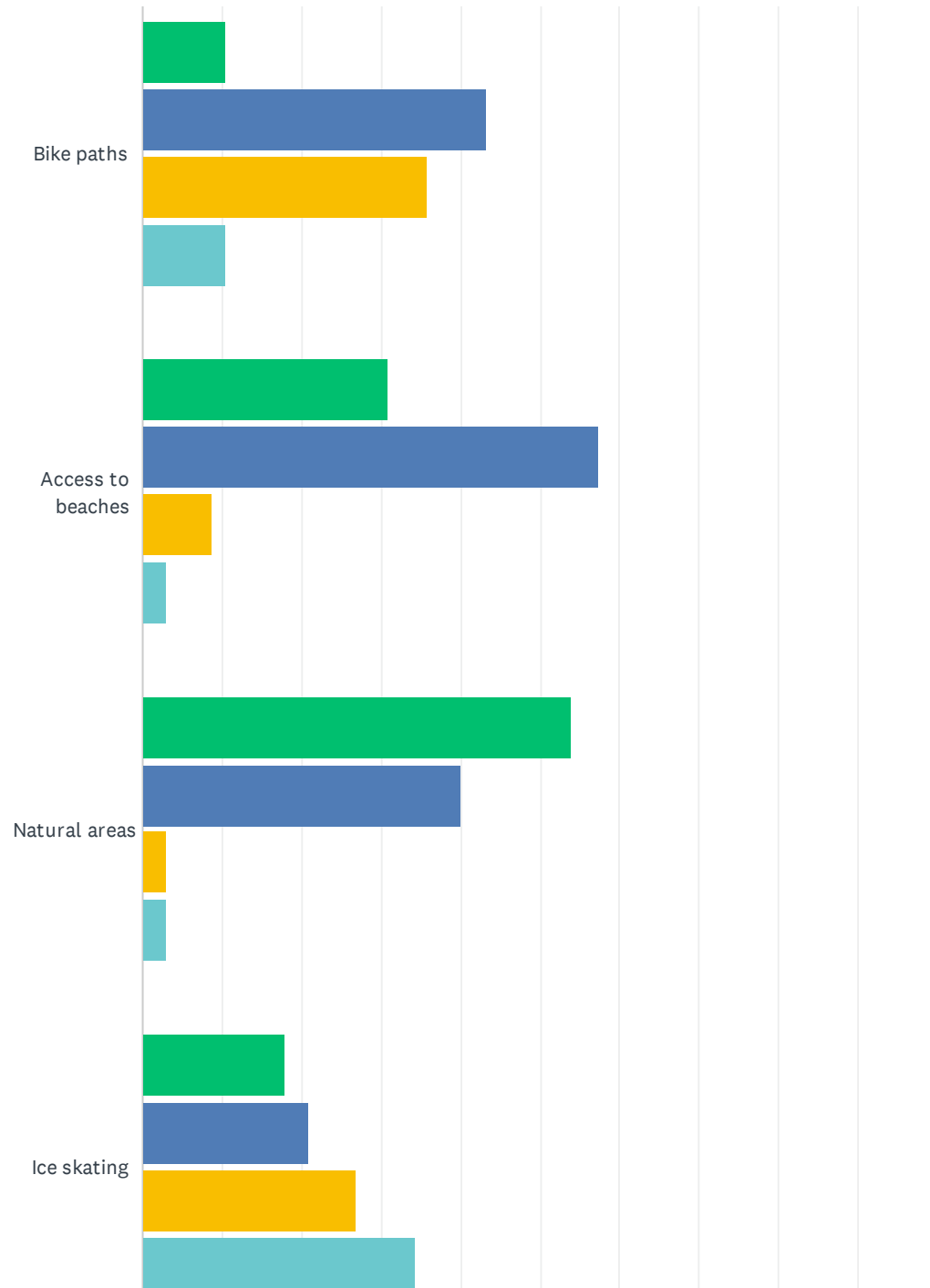
20	More constructive recreation for kids and teenagers	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
21	Park benches for people with health limits to rest.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
22	Sidewalks in downtown area Improved lighting from us 12 South to clay street on Whitaker	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
23	Safe crossings at intersections; clearly marked paths in the woods; improved lighting; and emergency call boxes at frequently used locations	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
24	Having road adjacent sidewalks or paved paths is an absolute must. Having young children with bikes is an immense challenge when they want to ride beyond the bounds of our cul-da-sac. Who knew that having public sidewalks or paved road adjacent paths would be such a luxury. Move to SW Michigan and realize hardly any sidewalks anywhere beside downtown areas. What union pier is doing along red arrow highway with paved road adjacent paths should be a model for every community in this area.	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
25	A safe bike path on Highway 12 from Grand Beach to New Buffalo would be amazing! I'd also like to see a path on Lubke road for children who could ride to the elementary school. It's very dangerous with the curves and lighting and there's essentially no room for a bike.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
26	Public swimming pool. Pickleball courts Disc golf course Clubhouse where families can gather-rental- birthdays, milestone celebrations, death, etc.... Dog park Playgrounds for teenagers	8/14/2022 9:12 AM
27	Build out the rest of downtown and add a bike path	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
28	a public pool for children to learn water safety and for adult exercise opportunities	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
29	Pickleball, more bike trails away from Red Arrow	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
30	Bike paths, pool, sidewalks in neighborhoods	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

### Q6 How available and adequate are existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area? Please choose one response for each item.

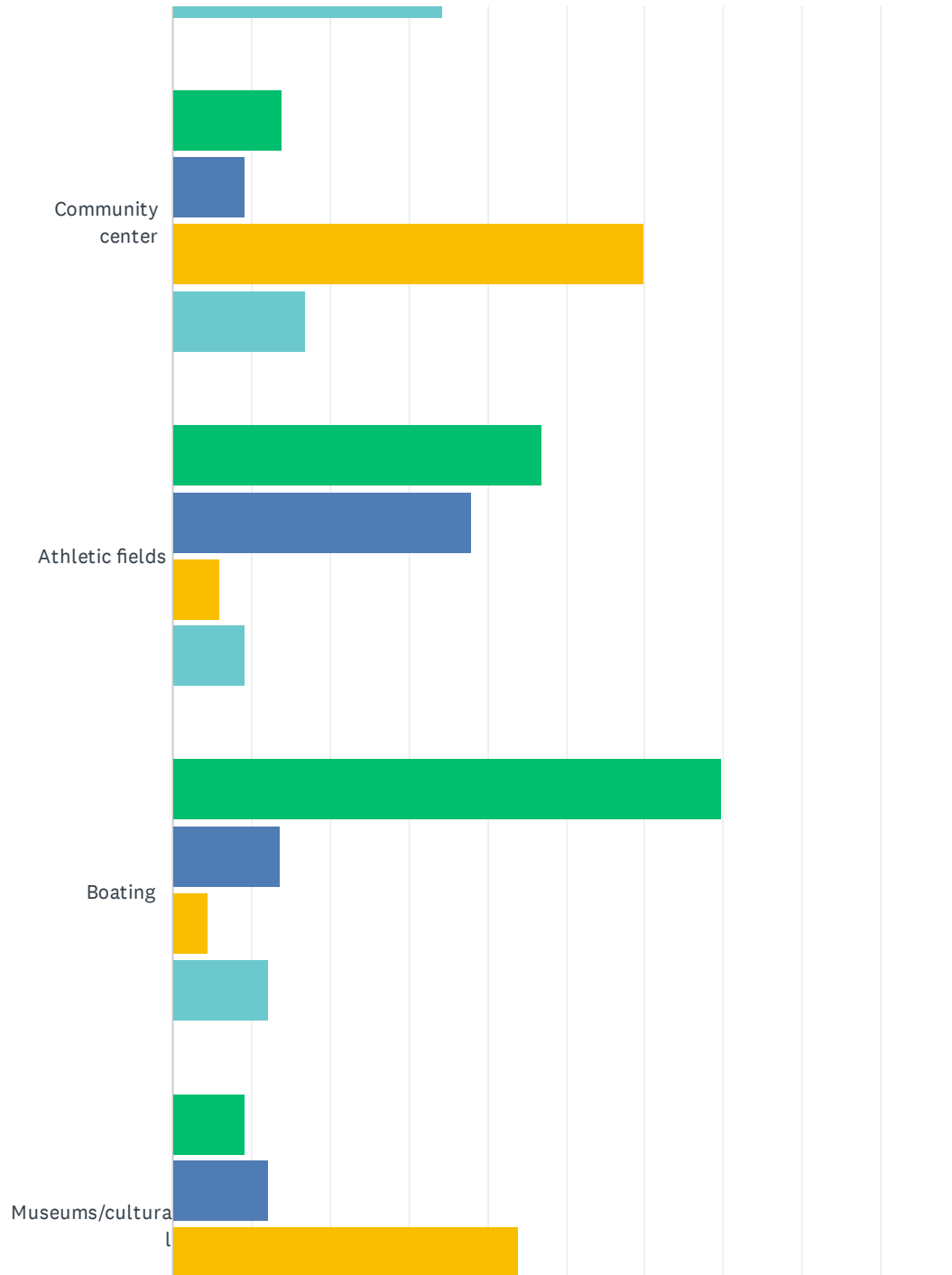
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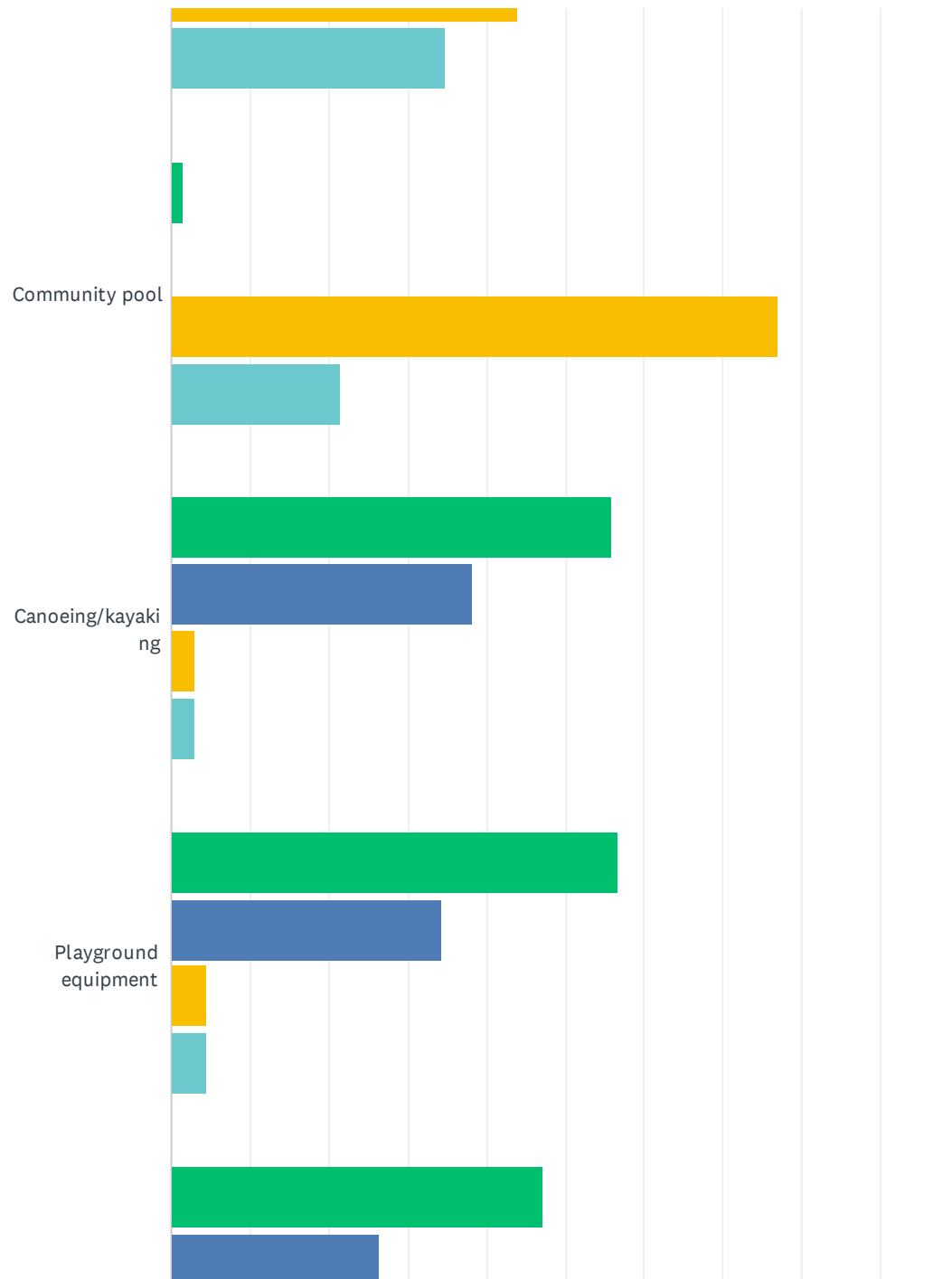
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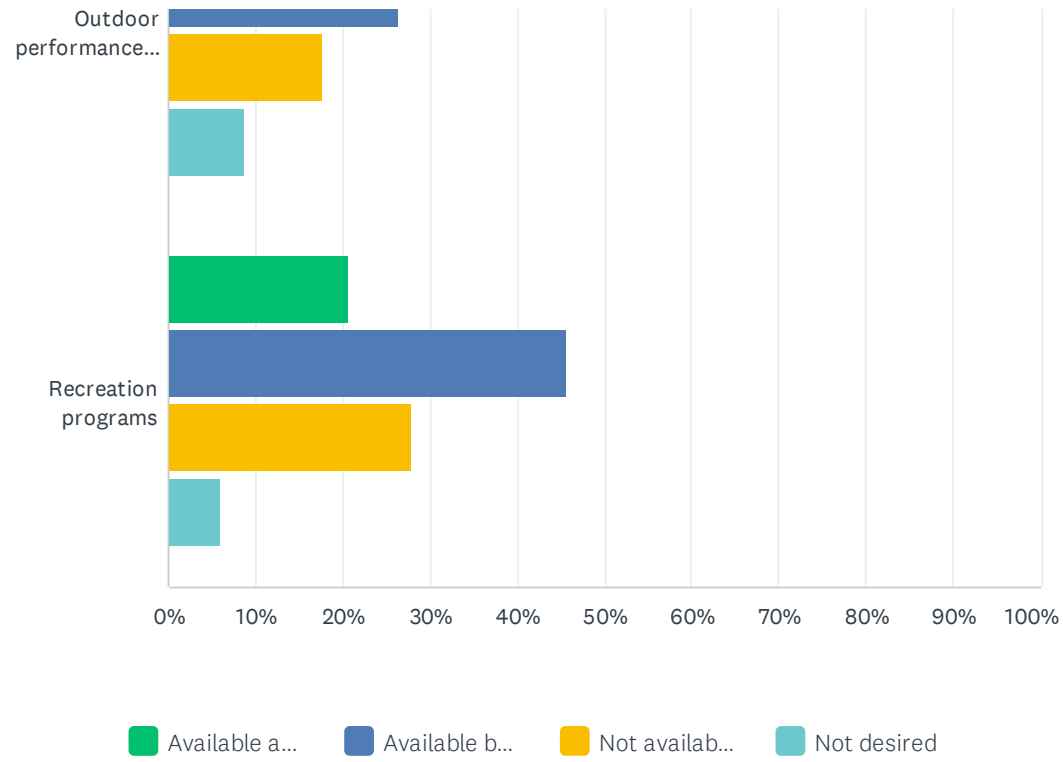
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	AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE	AVAILABLE BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NOT AVAILABLE (WANTED)	NOT DESIRED	TOTAL
Walking trails	37.88% 25	42.42% 28	18.18% 12	1.52% 1	66
Arts/outdoor sculptures	38.46% 25	21.54% 14	13.85% 9	26.15% 17	65
Fishing access	36.51% 23	46.03% 29	4.76% 3	12.70% 8	63
Bike paths	10.45% 7	43.28% 29	35.82% 24	10.45% 7	67
Access to beaches	30.88% 21	57.35% 39	8.82% 6	2.94% 2	68
Natural areas	53.85% 35	40.00% 26	3.08% 2	3.08% 2	65
Ice skating	17.91% 12	20.90% 14	26.87% 18	34.33% 23	67
Community center	13.85% 9	9.23% 6	60.00% 39	16.92% 11	65
Athletic fields	46.97% 31	37.88% 25	6.06% 4	9.09% 6	66
Boating	69.70% 46	13.64% 9	4.55% 3	12.12% 8	66
Museums/cultural	9.09% 6	12.12% 8	43.94% 29	34.85% 23	66
Community pool	1.54% 1	0.00% 0	76.92% 50	21.54% 14	65
Canoeing/kayaking	55.88% 38	38.24% 26	2.94% 2	2.94% 2	68
Playground equipment	56.72% 38	34.33% 23	4.48% 3	4.48% 3	67
Outdoor performance space	47.06% 32	26.47% 18	17.65% 12	8.82% 6	68
Recreation programs	20.59% 14	45.59% 31	27.94% 19	5.88% 4	68



## Q7 How can existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area be improved?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 257

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking trails	69.57%	32
Arts/outdoor sculptures	54.35%	25
Fishing access	45.65%	21
Bike paths	71.74%	33
Access to beaches	60.87%	28
Natural areas	47.83%	22
Ice skating	47.83%	22
Community center	65.22%	30
Athletic fields	52.17%	24
Boating	30.43%	14
Museums/cultural	41.30%	19
Community pool	69.57%	32
Canoeing/kayaking	39.13%	18
Playground equipment	32.61%	15
Outdoor performance space	34.78%	16
Recreation programs	47.83%	22

#	WALKING TRAILS	DATE
1	Increased amount and improved safety	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Add more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Keep the Galien River walk open.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM

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4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	None	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Galien trail by lookout should be dog friendly.	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	We need them. Only a few I'm aware of	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
8	Are fine but our roads are in horrible shape in the township.	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
9	More of them?	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
10	Add more	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
11	I don't know where the walking trails are other than the township lookout area and you can only get there by car unless you want to walk down the side of a busy highway. Trails that are connected and closer to town would be appreciated.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
12	more trails and trail maps and web access	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
13	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
14	I don't even know where there are walking trails	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
15	Longer trails	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
16	Create them	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
17	Longer paths that are maintained well	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
18	More stability on the paths and access to security checkpoints for safety	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
19	Need more open area beach trails to walk and bike	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
20	Great	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
21	N/a	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
22	Cleared and placed to rest.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
23	Sidewalks	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
24	Clearly marked; safer feeling with some emergency call boxes	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
25	Interconnected paved sidewalks or paved road adjacent paths. Seems like a basic request, it's a huge drawback to living here with a family.	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
26	Chikaming Open Lands has done a GREAT job but we could always use more!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
27	NEED MORE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
28	We need more walking trails	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
29	more dog friendly trails in the township	8/12/2022 8:38 PM

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30	Better marking, community brochure	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
31	Need more of these	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
32	More	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>ARTS/OUTDOOR SCULPTURES</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Better quality, not quantity it better locations	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	No improvement	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	More sculptures	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Don't really care	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	We have some but dont need more.	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Love to see more art. Any where / everywhere is great!	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	More of them!	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	Add many	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
10	Muskegon has some awesome musical outdoor features that I would love to see in our area.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
11	more outside art especially downtown	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
12	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
13	Facilitate art development	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	Downtown and in the township	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
15	Outdoor sculptures and art are always nice	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
16	More of them	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
17	Have plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
18	Local artists	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
19	Extended throughout the township with clearly marked signs	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
20	Would love to see more art and/or murals	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
21	WASTE IF MONEY UNLESS DONATED	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
22	We seem to have plenty	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
23	Add more! What we have by NB beach is great but we need descriptions	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
24	We have plenty	7/14/2022 6:28 PM

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25	added	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
#	FISHING ACCESS	DATE
1	Better information and more designated locations	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Add more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Access	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	N/A	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	identification of fishing areas	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
9	More piers	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
10	Public piers	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
11	More pier locations with parking to fish from shore	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
12	Need more fishing areas and piers	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
13	More places to fish	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	More spots	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
15	Safe access for families with young children, especially on the Galien River.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
16	Community pier	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
17	WE HAVE ENOUGH	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
18	Could use more	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
19	better facilities at Galien River access on Red Arrow and at the county park	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
20	BA	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
21	more space	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
#	BIKE PATHS	DATE
1	Improve separation between cars and bikes, more paths	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Add more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	More bike paths with cement or sidewalk.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Ther is Nun	10/13/2022 10:48 AM

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5	I want a bike path	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	I'm not aware of any bike path that isn't on road. Trails where kids could ride safely would be great.	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	We have no designated biking only	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
8	Better bike paths throughout the township would be helpful	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
9	It would be really great to be able to ride our bikes with our family safely to neighboring towns	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
10	Add more	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
11	need more trails with trail maps and facilities	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
12	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
13	Bike lane needed on Rte 12	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
14	Do we have any? Make paths and sidewalks throughout the NB area to connect restaurants, businesses and hotels	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
15	wider roads, more sidewalks	9/15/2022 8:45 AM
16	More along busy roads or through wooded areas	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
17	Create	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
18	Designated bike lanes - improvement to lakeshore road - connect to bike path in Union pier	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
19	In my opinion doesn't exist for kids only adults	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
20	need more concrete or asphalt space for biking	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
21	More dedicated safe riding space	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
22	N/a	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
23	Would be great if they were off of the roadways.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
24	More needed	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
25	Lighting; clearly marked	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
26	Highway 12 (Grand Beach to Union Pier) & Lubke Rd.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
27	NEED MORE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
28	I think this is already being addressed	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
29	more of them to get riders off Red Arrow hwy	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
30	Need better marking and bike Lanes!	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
31	Stop reducing traffic lanes for bike paths. Either put them on back roads or on the shoulder	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
32	added	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

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33	Lots of bikes go down old beach road, which is dangerous on a weekend when there's lots of traffic	7/12/2022 2:02 PM
#	ACCESS TO BEACHES	DATE
1	Leave access mat down longer	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Good access	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Township resident should be able to park at NB beach for free or have access someplace else where we don't pay.	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	We have access but it's very busy in the summer !	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	Add access for residents NOT beachside	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
10	a reduced rate parking pass for township residents. Expand availability of access points	10/8/2022 9:15 AM
11	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
12	Sucks for township residents. Wish NB and Yep played nice together.	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Parking with trails	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	Overcrowding but available	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
15	This is a strong suit for the area	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
16	More access & parking. More to do while there. Music/restaurant/pool	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
17	To expensive	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
18	Plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
19	Good	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
20	Township and city should have equal opportunity/access	8/20/2022 10:05 PM
21	Open access at all beach sites; adequate parking; emergency call boxes placed on all beach sites	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
22	Current access is limited due to bridge and insufficient public parking	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
23	Township residents can't utilize city beaches without paying. Need beaches w/ dog access.. We go elsewhere.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
24	SHOULD HAVE MORE & BE FREE TO ALL CITY AND TWP RESIDENTS	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
25	more access points with parking	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
26	Ok	8/12/2022 7:29 PM

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27	Please try to acquire public beach access like Chikaming just did with the Cherry Beach	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
28	downtown beach redesigned	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
2	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Ther is nun	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
4	Ok	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
6	For as small as new buffalo is chikaming open lands did a good job for land presv	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
7	Love	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	it's part of the appeal of the area. avoid over-building	10/8/2022 9:15 AM
9	As above	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
10	NA	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
11	Strong suit if area	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
12	We need an actual nature center with animals inside where kids can go and learn	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
13	Perfect	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	Need more	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
15	Plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
16	Bike or walking trails connected to nature areas	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
17	Signage; lighting; parking	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
18	Could always use more hiking/walking/running trails	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
19	NEED MORE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
20	i fear too many natural areas are being developed	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
21	Ok	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
22	County will develop Galien River Park as funding comes	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>ICE SKATING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Closer to downtown with bathrooms	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Make better rink	10/13/2022 10:49 AM

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3	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Not wanttid	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	We need one	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	I think it would be wonderful to cool the ice some how because the last couple seasons it did not work with weather! Also build a skate shed and leave donated skates and hockey gear inside!	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
8	Please	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
9	Indoor ice skating	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
10	Create	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
11	desired - for a well maintained rink (ie not the one in Chikaming township)	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
12	Ice rink at Oselka is good but be nice to have some over head coverage	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
13	We need rinks where kids can learn how to skate they need to be safe and well lit	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
14	Non-Oselka Ice Skating please. Skate ribbon would be neat in the woods like the one at Muskegon Luge sports park.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
15	N/a	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
16	Ok but needs area for family viewing and skates.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
17	Available in chickaming	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
18	Enclosed rink would add more recreation during off season	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
19	N/A ?	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
20	WASTE OF MONEY	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
21	NA	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
22	Need a rink at exit 1. It will fill up and can have a community rink along side a traveling one.	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Winter gathering place at anytime of day for fitness	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Don't know what or where it is	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Make it more open to the public.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	We don't have 1	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	For athletic activities and the arts.	10/12/2022 4:29 PM



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7	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	I think city should turn the old gym or old catholic school into a ymca style facility for family and vacationer	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	Would be wonderful	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
10	I think the library offers some community activities but with a newspaper that only comes out once a week I never know when these are happening.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
11	need a community center with a year around swimming pool	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
12	Senior center	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
13	Continue developing this project	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
14	Don't know where this is.	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
15	Do we have one?	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
16	Would be great to have a place to gather/get out of the house	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
17	NEEDED!!! Create an indoor facility where baseball can be practiced during the spring when weather conditions almost always prohibit outdoor practice.	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
18	YES! PLEASE! with a pool. In a community where water safety is so important we NEED this.	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
19	Indoor facility in the winter months is the biggest community need at the moment	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
20	We need a center with a work out room, exercise equipment and classes, batting cages, classes for various sports skills	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
21	Need an indoor rec center	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
22	Pretty good	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
23	Desperately needed especially for our youth.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
24	None exists	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
25	Extended activities throughout the year for full-time residents	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
26	Would be great for our town; for new moms, children events, art events, etc	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
27	WHAT WE HAVE IS FINE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
28	Do we have one???	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
29	The schools serves this need.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
30	Would be great to have.	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>ATHLETIC FIELDS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Perfect amount	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
2	They are very good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM

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3	We need more	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
6	Good however soccer program and better younger kids activities would be great	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
7	School campus is awesome	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	More	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
9	City continues to neglect fields. Need irrigation/drainage system. Infields need new playing soil. Grass needs to be ripped up and new turf applied. A complete embarrassment with the current conditions!	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
10	Better maintenance	9/13/2022 6:09 PM
11	NA	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
12	Need more field especially for soccer	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
13	More athletic fields. Basketball courts. Tennis courts.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	Some areas are wet and muddy a good part of the season. The Oselka Park Pavillion is a mess and unusable with the bird issue.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
15	Soccer field	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
16	More community available soccer fields	8/21/2022 9:14 AM
17	I think we do a great job here.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
18	NOT NEEDED KIDS DON'T USE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
19	The kids fields at Oselka Park need help. Spend some time and money here.	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
20	NA	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
21	Oselka Park continues to need improvement	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
22	We have several but they need a lot of work	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
23	need better ball fields for the younger kids. They share	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
24	Oselka Park needs upgrades to its athletic fields	7/12/2022 2:02 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>BOATING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
2	They are very good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	It's good	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM

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5	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
6	Seems fine	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
7	Improved facilities!!	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
8	NA	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
9	Strong suit	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
10	Oselka's owning the marina is terrible. Really changes what could be a nice boating location.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
11	Plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
12	Community pier/launch	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
13	WHAT DOES THIS EVEN MEAN? WE HAVE ENOUGH	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
14	Ok	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>MUSEUMS/CULTURAL</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Not sure we need more museums, we need locations for cultural events	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	More museums.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Not available but i dont want any	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	More diversity and inclusion	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	Need	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	I used to love Pokemon Go with my kids because as you passed notable areas in town, it would let you know stuff like "this was the first house in New Buffalo". A walking/learning activity would be fun.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
9	something nautical related might be nice	10/8/2022 9:15 AM
10	Encourage development	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
11	There are none in NB	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
12	Anything could help	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
13	NA	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
14	More. Small indoor childrens museum would be great. Indigenous People's museum would be spectacular.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
15	None	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
16	Enhance those currently in place with frequent shows and events	8/20/2022 7:22 PM

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17	WASTE OF MONEY UNLESS DONATED	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
18	plays and exhibits would be nice	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
19	NB really needs to improve culture. For example, the local symphony (not just on July 4). Maybe encourage Four Winds to add cultural concerts, ballet etc	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
#	COMMUNITY POOL	DATE
1	Indoor and outdoor for residents and second home owners	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Would love one	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	We don't have one.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	We don't have 1	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	We need!	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Need one	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	Would LOVE	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	This would be a great asset	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
9	need a year around swimming pool and community center	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
10	Indoor and outdoor pools	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
11	Much needed	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
12	Yes, please.	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Please! A community pool would be amazing and lessons for kiddos	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
14	Needed	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
15	Indoor/Outdoor to create safer swimmers in the area and be utilized year around	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
16	Too expensive to run	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
17	Needed with a playground and concession stand	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
18	We need an outdoor and indoor pool.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
19	Need one	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
20	This would be a wonderful improvement to our area.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
21	Would be nice to have	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
22	New Buffalo needs a pool	8/21/2022 9:47 AM
23	Seems like we should have one	8/21/2022 9:14 AM

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24	Needed for those not able/willing to swim in lake	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
25	Would be a great addition for summer!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
26	YES!!! FOR PETES SAKE TEACH LOCAL KIDS TO SWIM ALREADY!!!	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
27	Splash pads seem to be easier to manage	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
28	yes! I currently drive to Mich City Y 3x week for the pool	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
29	NA	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
30	Too expensive to operate and maintain. Ask Bridgman about this cost.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
31	Too expensive. Splash Pads are better.	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
32	needed	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>CANOEING/KAYAKING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Safer and better entry and exit points, better signage	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Good access.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	It's good but now that the surf shop is gone no one can rent?	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
8	Fine	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
9	need boat launch, need to raise the bridge over the Galien on red arrow hwy for canoeing and kayaking	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
10	Increase and maintain existing. Do regular clearing on the Galien River	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
11	Better access points for entry	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
12	Yes. Rentals through the city or township would be great.	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
13	Perfect	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	A launch dock.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
15	Available in glassman park	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
16	More free areas to drop kayaks/canoes please	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
17	WE HAVE ENOUGH	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
18	Ok	8/12/2022 7:29 PM

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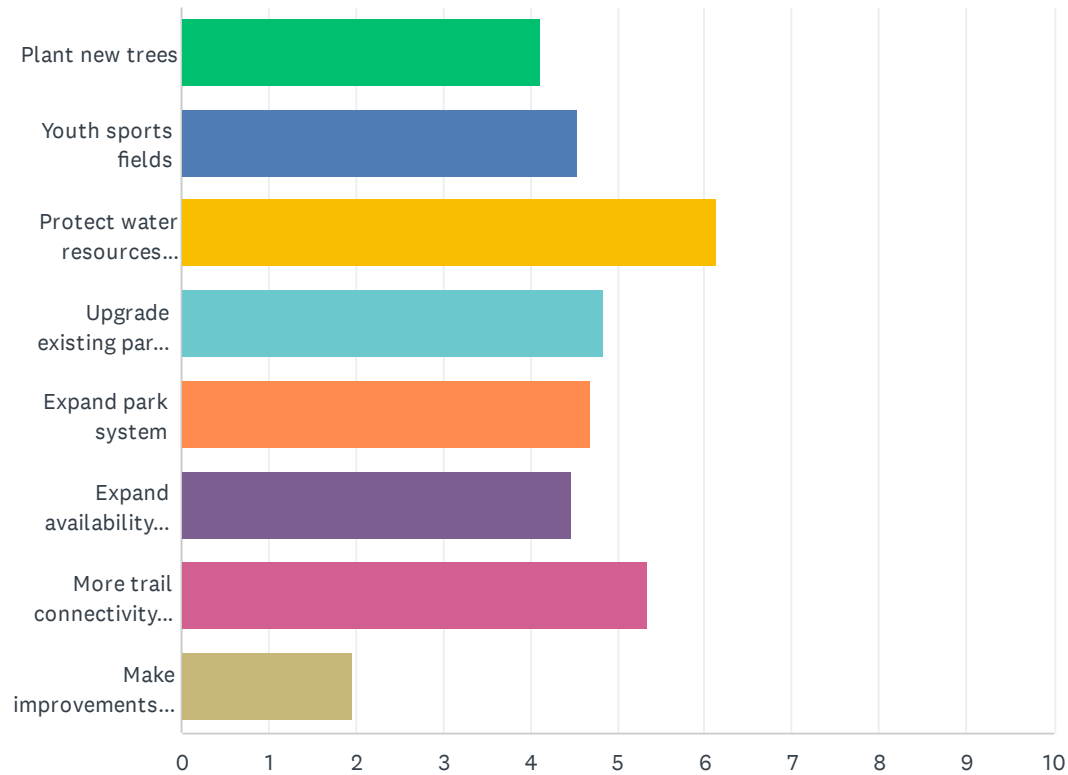
#	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	DATE
1	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
2	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Not good at all	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
6	Fine	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
7	Replaced and improved	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
8	Very old in my opinion	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
9	More for all ages and abilities in more locations	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
10	Plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
11	More, oselka equipment is old	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
12	Need a better skate park!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
13	WE HAVE ENOUGH	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
14	Oselka Park needs an upgrade	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
15	additional	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
#	OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE SPACE	DATE
1	See above comments about locations for cultural events	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Not needed	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	Could use more	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	Needed	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
9	Beach space!	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
10	Not necessary	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
11	Available at township park	8/21/2022 11:18 AM

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12	Current space is restricted by bridge and parking access	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
13	Township has a great amphitheater	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
14	WHAT WE HAVE IS FINE - WE DON'T FESTIVALS ANYMORE!!!	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
15	more "Ravinia like" places similar to Carver Park in 3 Oaks	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
16	NBT's doesn't have enough parking	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
#	<b>RECREATION PROGRAMS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Summer - kids water safety and Ecology, All year - Adult education and volunteer opportunities	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Need more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	More recreation programs.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Fine	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	We drive to st jo and Bridgman for soccer girls and softball. Wish we had here.	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	More of them!	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	More to do is always better	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
10	More	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
11	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
12	Sports for really young kids- soccer/swimming	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
13	Improve the rec facilities. They are in need of repair and improvement. Completely neglected by the city.	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	Need more sport options for kids	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
15	Need programs!	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
16	Youth in our area could benefit from something to do.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
17	Offer soccer league or golf camp or tennis camp for youth (elementary/middle)	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
18	No organized recreation outside school sports	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
19	Always need more :)	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
20	YES!! DON'T THINK WE EVEN HAVE ANY!!!!	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
21	help COL and HC Hikers publicize their excellent programs	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
22	summer programs needed	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

Q8 Please put the following items in order of priority, with 1 indicating the highest priority and 8 indicating the lowest priority.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 236



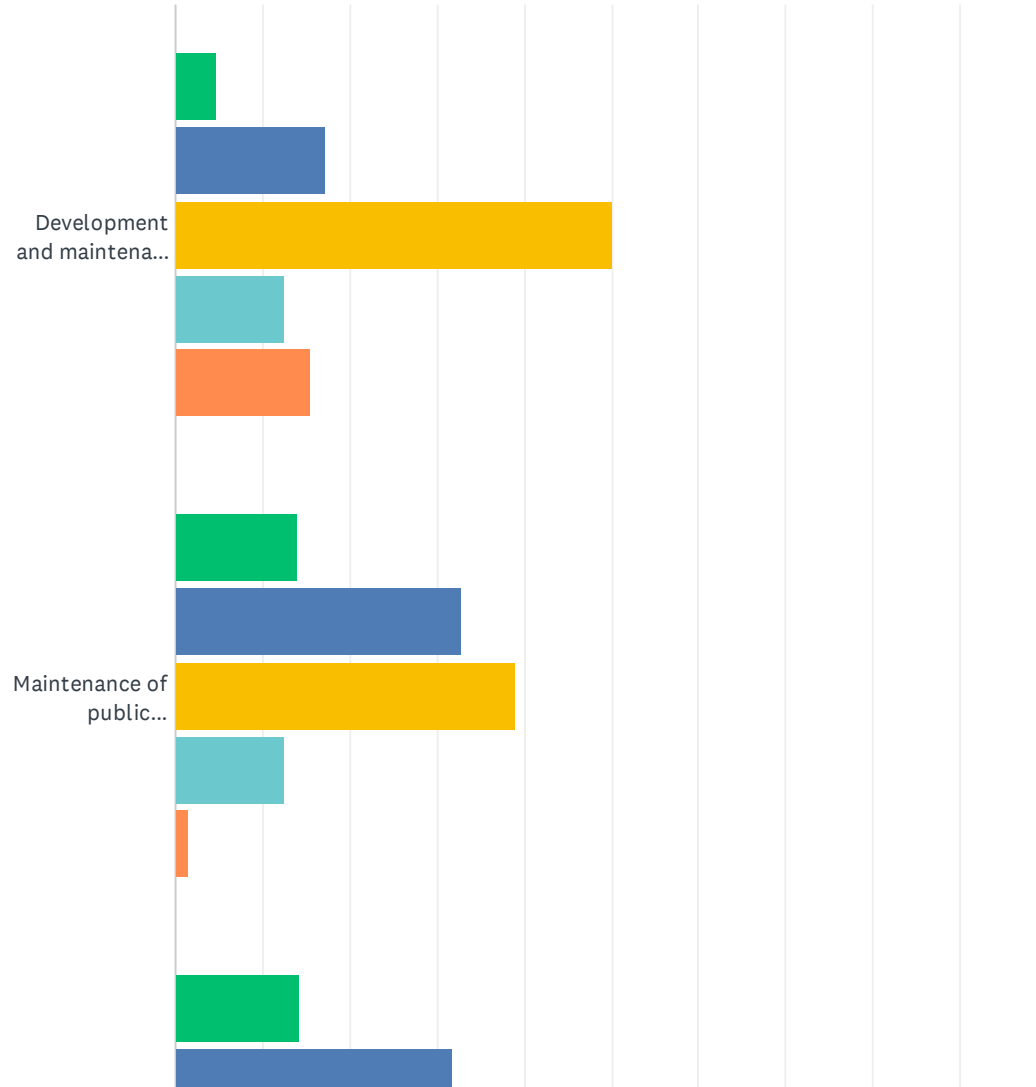


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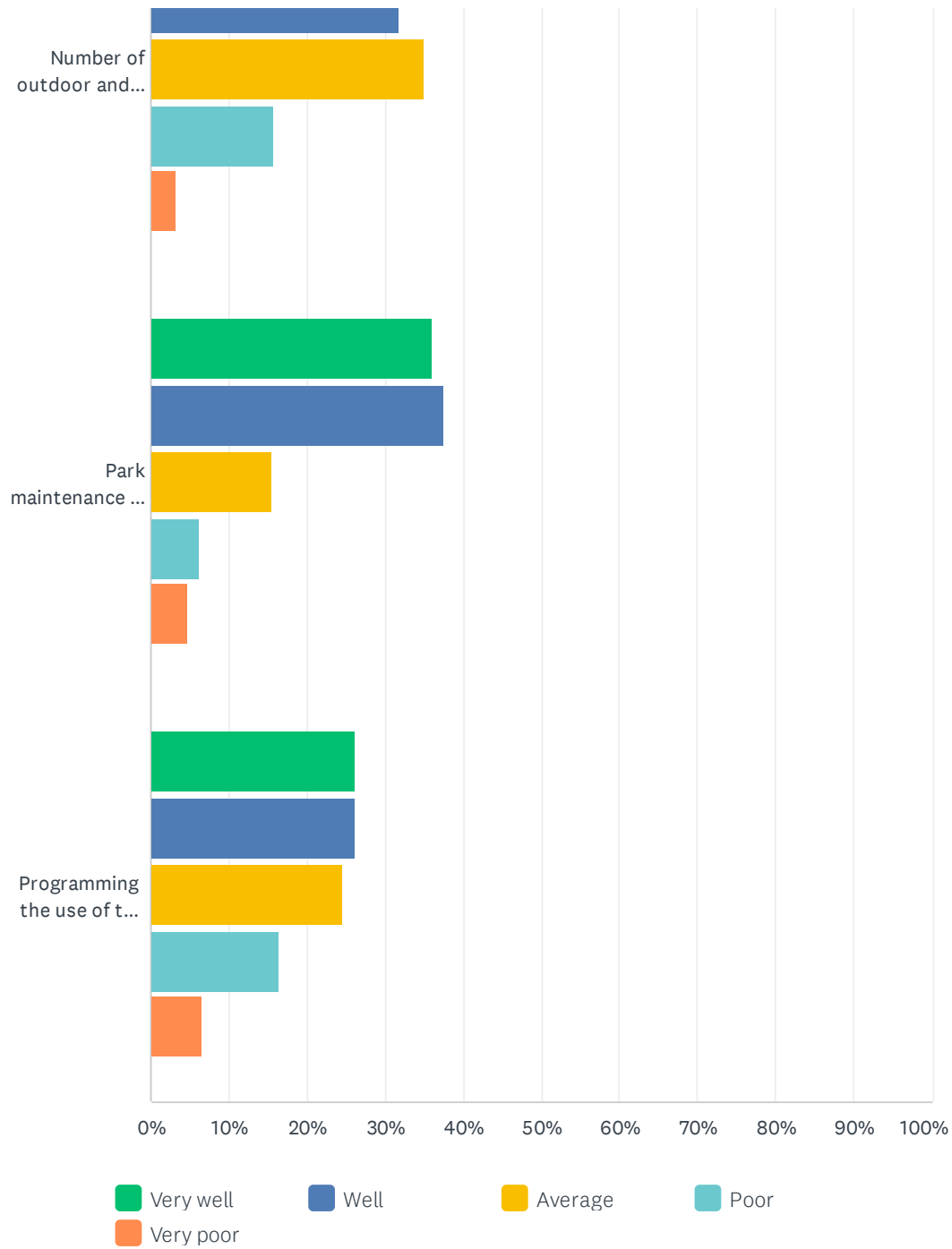
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Plant new trees	10.94% 7	9.38% 6	6.25% 4	15.63% 10	17.19% 11	12.50% 8	7.81% 5	20.31% 13	64	4.11
Youth sports fields	17.19% 11	12.50% 8	14.06% 9	4.69% 3	12.50% 8	9.38% 6	14.06% 9	15.63% 10	64	4.55
Protect water resources (streams, rivers, wetlands, Lake Michigan, and groundwater)	36.92% 24	16.92% 11	12.31% 8	10.77% 7	10.77% 7	4.62% 3	7.69% 5	0.00% 0	65	6.14
Upgrade existing park amenities	3.13% 2	12.50% 8	23.44% 15	25.00% 16	12.50% 8	10.94% 7	10.94% 7	1.56% 1	64	4.84
Expand park system	4.76% 3	14.29% 9	12.70% 8	17.46% 11	25.40% 16	15.87% 10	9.52% 6	0.00% 0	63	4.70
Expand availability of public waterfront/beach areas	10.77% 7	12.31% 8	13.85% 9	10.77% 7	9.23% 6	20.00% 13	18.46% 12	4.62% 3	65	4.48
More trail connectivity throughout the community	17.19% 11	20.31% 13	18.75% 12	9.38% 6	6.25% 4	15.63% 10	12.50% 8	0.00% 0	64	5.36
Make improvements to public marinas	1.56% 1	1.56% 1	0.00% 0	6.25% 4	4.69% 3	9.38% 6	18.75% 12	57.81% 37	64	1.97

Q9 From your own experience, please indicate how well you think New Buffalo Township has provided each of the services below. Choose from one of the following choices: Very well, Well, Average, Poor, Very poor or Don't know.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 237



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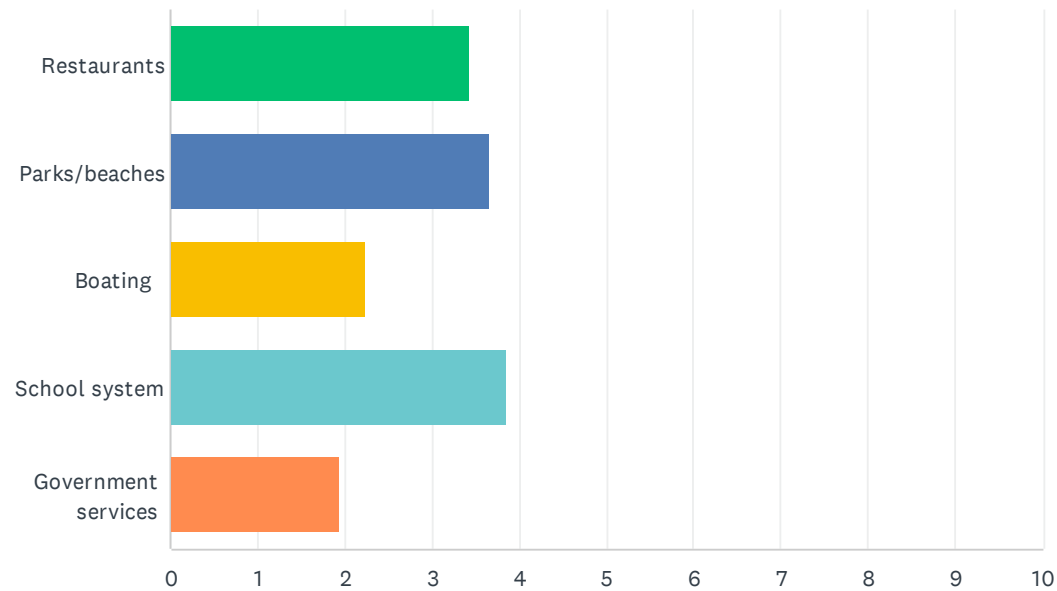


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	VERY WELL	WELL	AVERAGE	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL
Development and maintenance of a system of bike lanes and trails.	4.69% 3	17.19% 11	50.00% 32	12.50% 8	15.63% 10	64
Maintenance of public landscaping and street trees.	14.06% 9	32.81% 21	39.06% 25	12.50% 8	1.56% 1	64
Number of outdoor and open space areas.	14.29% 9	31.75% 20	34.92% 22	15.87% 10	3.17% 2	63
Park maintenance and upkeep.	35.94% 23	37.50% 24	15.63% 10	6.25% 4	4.69% 3	64
Programming the use of the community's parks.	26.23% 16	26.23% 16	24.59% 15	16.39% 10	6.56% 4	61

## Q10 Which of these aspects of the New Buffalo area have most contributed to improving your quality of life?

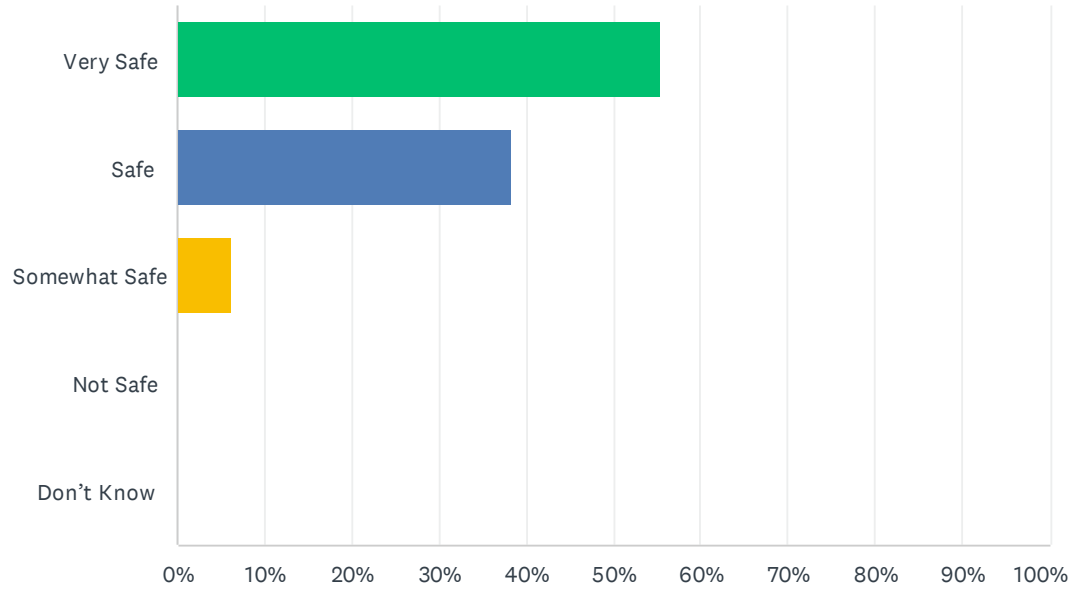
Answered: 65 Skipped: 238



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Restaurants	19.35% 12	25.81% 16	40.32% 25	8.06% 5	6.45% 4	62	3.44
Parks/beaches	22.22% 14	36.51% 23	28.57% 18	11.11% 7	1.59% 1	63	3.67
Boating	6.56% 4	16.39% 10	11.48% 7	24.59% 15	40.98% 25	61	2.23
School system	48.39% 30	20.97% 13	6.45% 4	16.13% 10	8.06% 5	62	3.85
Government services	6.45% 4	1.61% 1	12.90% 8	37.10% 23	41.94% 26	62	1.94

### Q11 Level of personal safety felt in the parks.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 238



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Safe	55.38%	36
Safe	38.46%	25
Somewhat Safe	6.15%	4
Not Safe	0.00%	0
Don't Know	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>65</b>

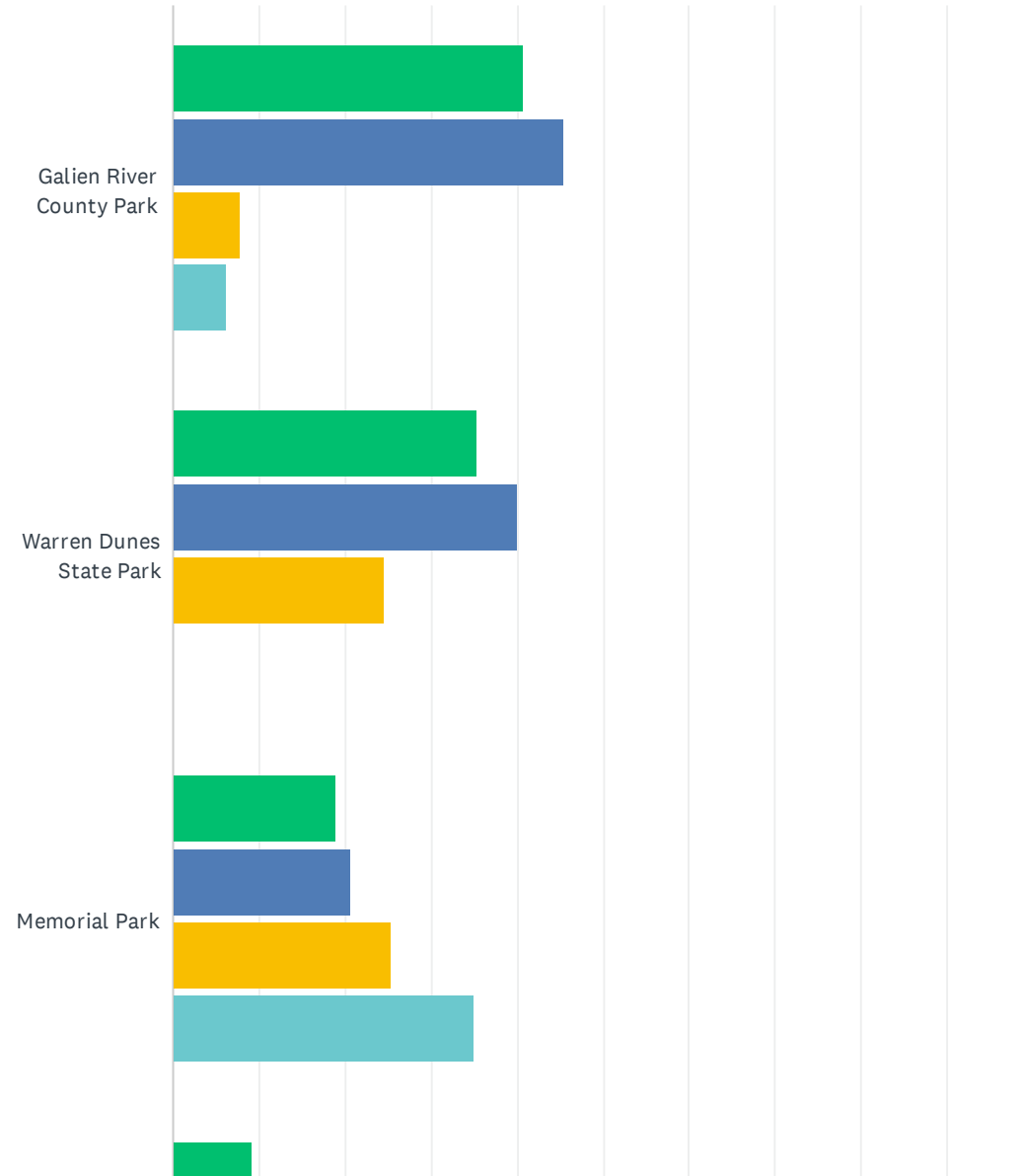
#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	Listen to prom night by chance the rapper	10/13/2022 10:49 AM

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2	I'm a female, I never feel completely safe	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
3	Need more camera for preemptive safety	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
4	Creepy dribbling camp guy was offputting	8/21/2022 9:14 AM

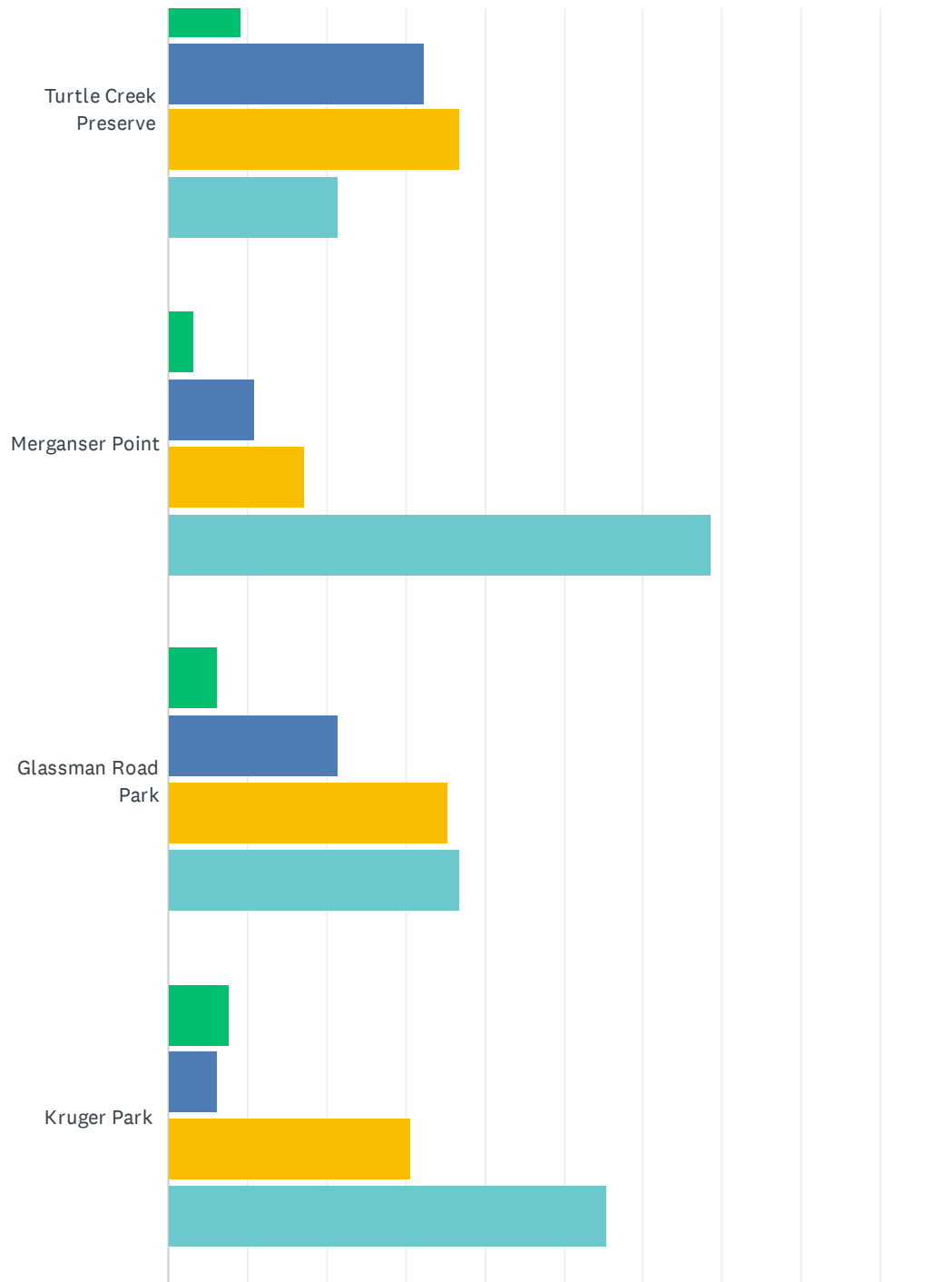
## Q12 What is your awareness/usage of the following parks?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 238

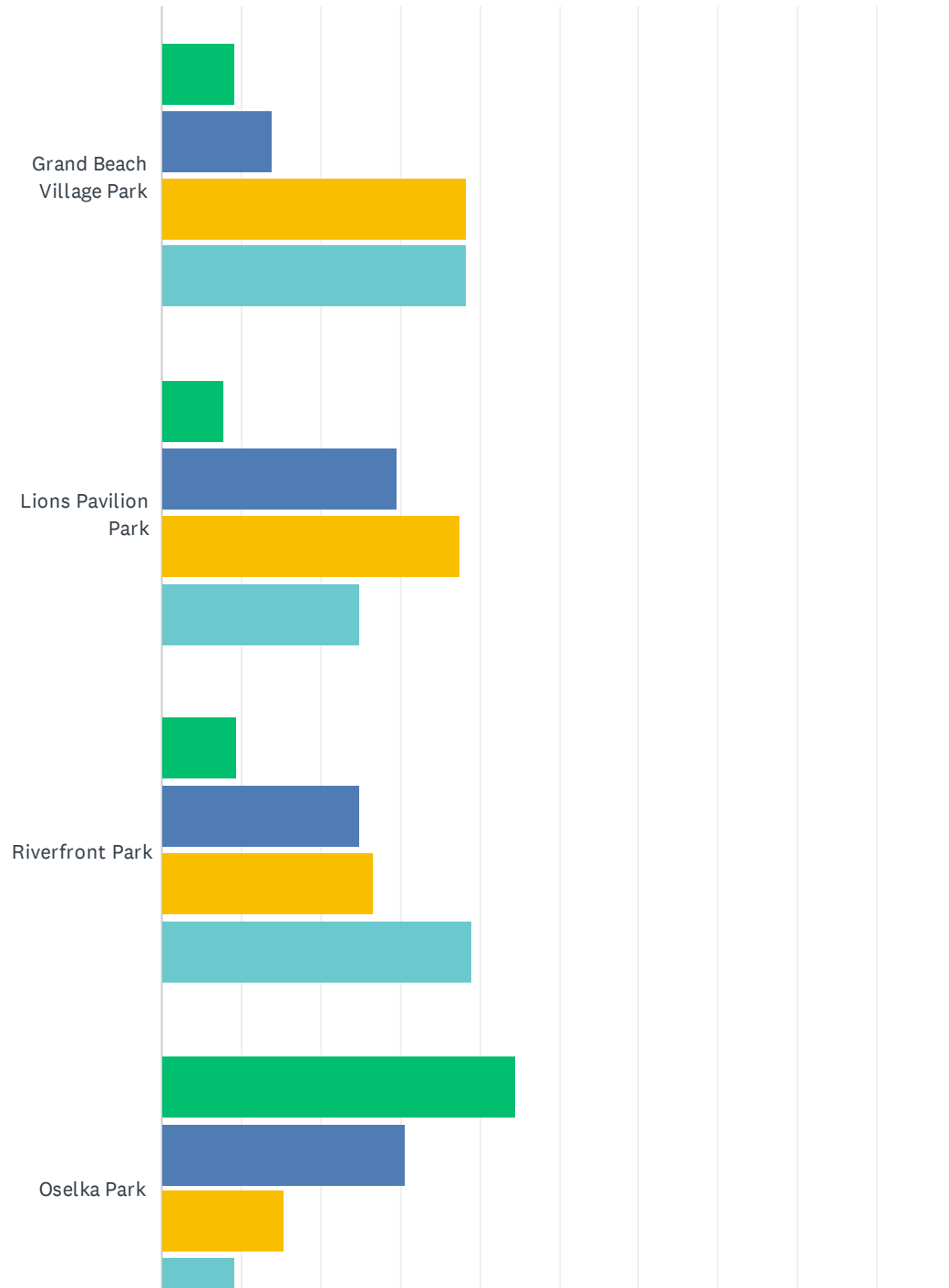




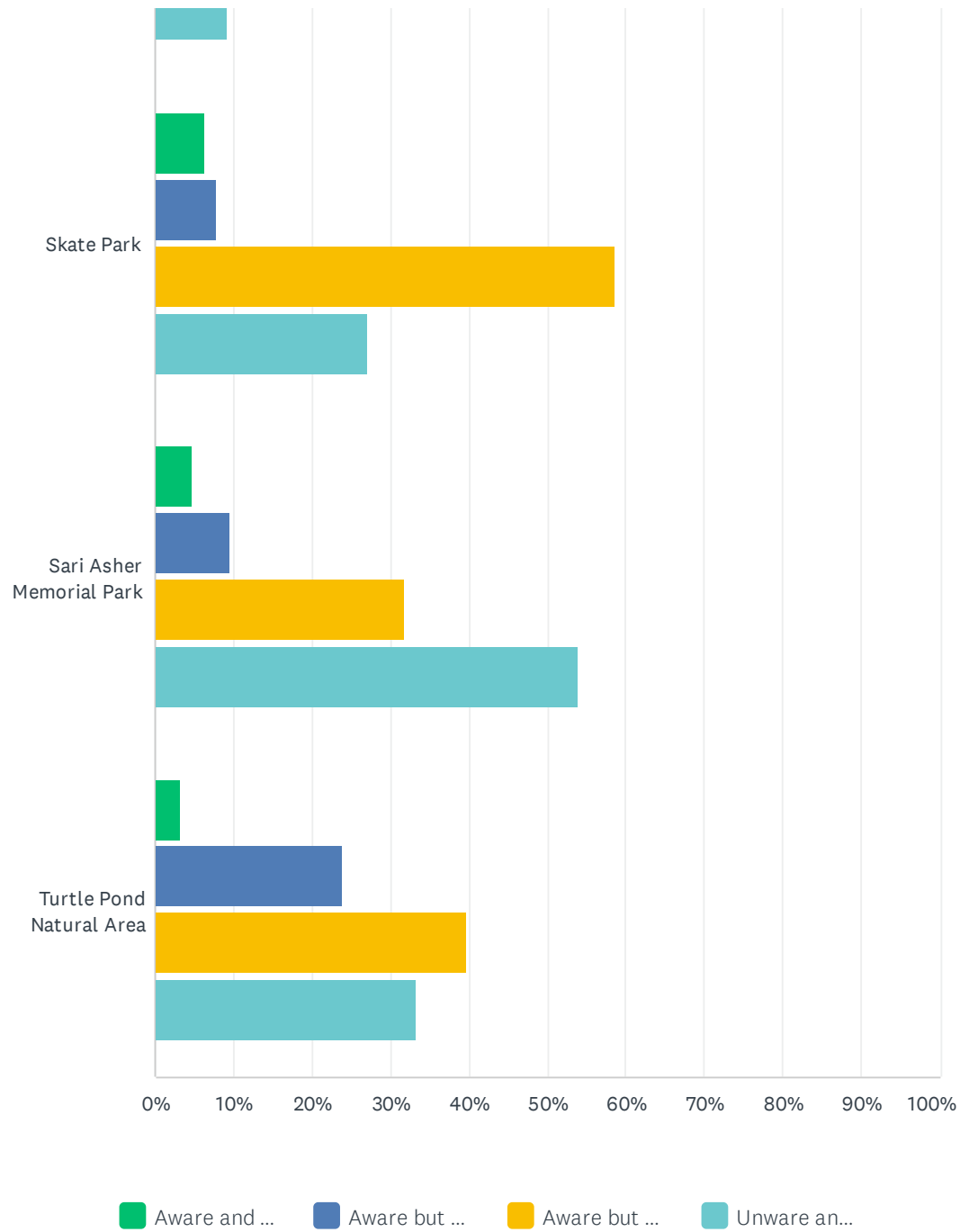
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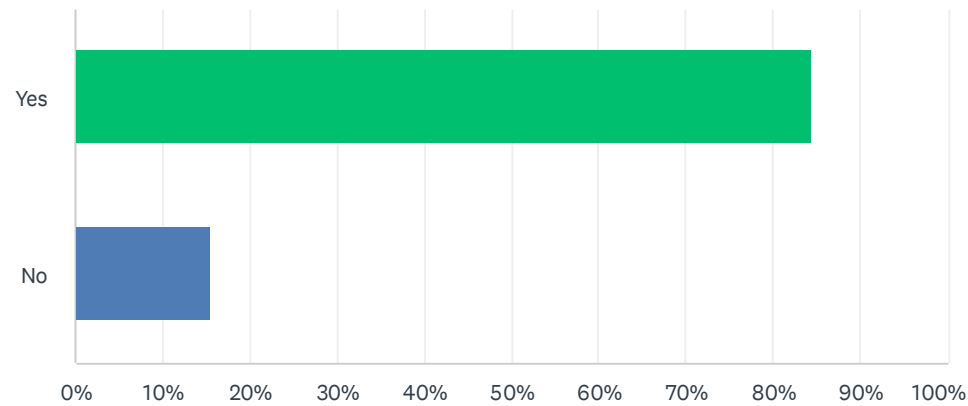


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	AWARE AND USE IT FREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT USE IT INFREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT DON'T USE IT	UNWARE AND DON'T USE IT	TOTAL
Galien River County Park	40.63% 26	45.31% 29	7.81% 5	6.25% 4	64
Warren Dunes State Park	35.38% 23	40.00% 26	24.62% 16	0.00% 0	65
Memorial Park	19.05% 12	20.63% 13	25.40% 16	34.92% 22	63
Turtle Creek Preserve	9.23% 6	32.31% 21	36.92% 24	21.54% 14	65
Merganser Point	3.13% 2	10.94% 7	17.19% 11	68.75% 44	64
Glassman Road Park	6.15% 4	21.54% 14	35.38% 23	36.92% 24	65
Kruger Park	7.69% 5	6.15% 4	30.77% 20	55.38% 36	65
Grand Beach Village Park	9.23% 6	13.85% 9	38.46% 25	38.46% 25	65
Lions Pavilion Park	7.81% 5	29.69% 19	37.50% 24	25.00% 16	64
Riverfront Park	9.38% 6	25.00% 16	26.56% 17	39.06% 25	64
Oselka Park	44.62% 29	30.77% 20	15.38% 10	9.23% 6	65
Skate Park	6.35% 4	7.94% 5	58.73% 37	26.98% 17	63
Sari Asher Memorial Park	4.76% 3	9.52% 6	31.75% 20	53.97% 34	63
Turtle Pond Natural Area	3.17% 2	23.81% 15	39.68% 25	33.33% 21	63

## Q13 Would you favor an improved bike network/trail system (either non-motorized or on-road facilities) through the New Buffalo area?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 239



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.38%	54
No	15.63%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>64</b>

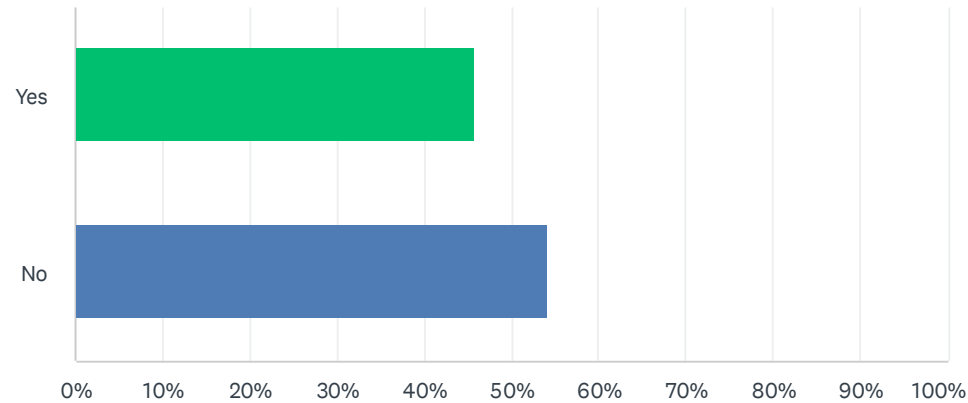
#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	Highway 12 and Red Arrow Highway	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Prom night by chance the rapper	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	In town	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	From downtown going out towards Union Pier	10/12/2022 4:29 PM
5	By railroad and anywhere else	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
6	New buffalo to three oaks and Union pier maybe even michigan city	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
7	Down hwy 12	10/11/2022 8:40 AM

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8	Grand Beach into New Buffalo City	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
9	Marquette Greenway, Red Arrow Linear Park, & connecting trails to local parks and beach	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
10	Everywhere	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
11	Rte 12	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
12	Around the casino area	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Along the lake	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	Off road	9/13/2022 6:09 PM
15	From the state line into town down US-12	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
16	Throughout	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
17	All down Whittaker and then along us 12 all the way to Union Pier	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
18	Connecting township parks and schools	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
19	Lubke rd	8/21/2022 9:14 AM
20	Create a system of interconnected sidewalks connecting residential areas to downtown areas and red arrow highways road adjacent paths to neighboring communities who already made said investments	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
21	Highway 12 (Grand Beach to Union Pier), Lubke Rd, Wilson Rd	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
22	KEEP IT OFF THE ROADS PEOPLE DONT USE IT NOW WASTE OF MONEY AND PARKING SPACE DOWNTOWN - FOOLISH!!!	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
23	not on road	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
24	Anywhere but off 12!	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
25	along Red Arrow: extend linear park from Union Pier to New Buffalo	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
26	Wilson, Lubke	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
27	All roads with speeds above 35 mph	7/15/2022 2:26 PM
28	More walking trails.	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
29	all over connecting to the Marquette Greenway	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
30	Everywhere	7/12/2022 3:04 PM

## Q14 Would you like to see additional pickleball courts developed in the community?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 244



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.76%	27
No	54.24%	32
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>59</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	NB Township Hall or Memorial Park	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Next to the other ones	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Township Park	10/12/2022 4:29 PM
4	On the opposite side of town from where they are now at the highschool	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
5	Elementary school	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
6	St mary's?	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
7	Indoor courts are the biggest need	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
8	Next to a basketball court and tennis court, as close to the lake as possible.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM

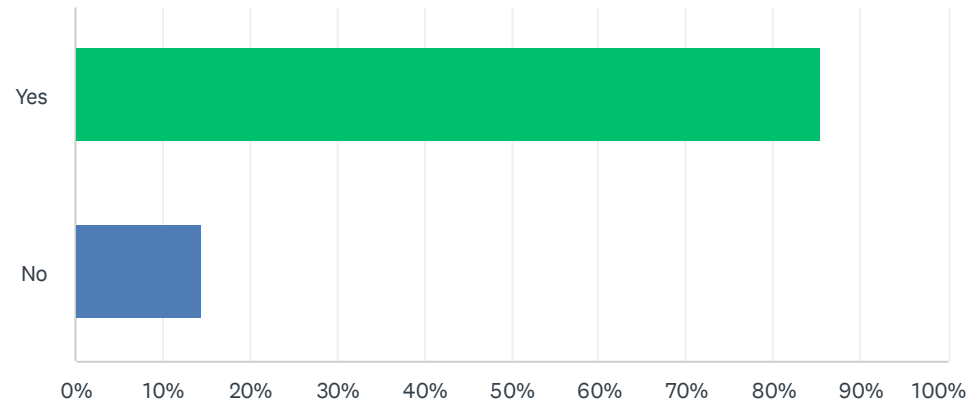
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9	West end of NB township	8/20/2022 10:05 PM
10	The 6 new courts are amazing!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
11	Union pier, township park	8/14/2022 9:12 AM
12	Near the old gold's gym area	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
13	Walking distance from beach	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
14	Isn't the school doing this?	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
15	I don't play now but have many friends who do and use frequently	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
16	NBT	7/13/2022 9:45 AM



### Q15 Would you support a community-wide millage to create a dedicated funding source to support parks and recreation opportunities in the community?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 241



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.48%	53
No	14.52%	9
TOTAL		62

## Q16 What do you LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 261

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Well maintained from what I have seen. Scale seems aligned with the size of the community.	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	We need more!!!!!!	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	They are all clean and safe.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	N/A	10/13/2022 10:37 AM
6	Pickleball hiking biking	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
7	That they are clean, safe and help people live healthy, active lifestyles.	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	Easily accessible.	10/10/2022 9:39 PM
9	I like how they have preserved the natural surroundings.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
10	the staff, the programs, nd upkeep of the parks	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
11	Park at the Township Office is great	10/8/2022 12:22 PM
12	Splash pad. Trails. Music in the park	10/8/2022 10:09 AM
13	Looking forward to the Skate Park being completed. A little disappointed that the pickle ball courts took priority. Young people skated in Michigan City and LaPorte this summer.	10/8/2022 9:13 AM
14	Appreciate the parks and programming that exist	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
15	Patrick Donnelly is great. Always has a smile	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
16	Great Parks for families!	9/13/2022 9:58 PM
17	Availability	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
18	Music in the park is great	9/13/2022 2:08 PM
19	These facilities are beautiful	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
20	Good for kids	9/7/2022 11:30 AM

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21	Nice trails. Gorgeous water front. Plenty of nature. Decent bike lanes in many places. Everything is well kept.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
22	They are real nice	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
23	They are safe places families can enjoy nature and activities	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
24	Baseball softball is really well organized. We love the ice rink and groomed cc ski trails. Thank you!	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
25	The facilities are nice, new	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
26	Doing a good job managing what we have.	8/21/2022 9:14 AM
27	The township Park is clearly upgraded and used by many and designed to be a positive for the community	8/20/2022 10:05 PM
28	There are so many parks! We are new residents and are learning about them all and in the process of trying them out.	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
29	I like open and lightly wooded areas with well maintained trails.	8/20/2022 2:47 AM
30	Decent parks; would prefer if the community would do more to either get some grants or budget more to refresh playground equipment across all parks	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
31	Township Park is GREAT! I need to explore more of our great parks.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
32	Splash pad	8/14/2022 9:12 AM
33	the walking trails in scenic areas	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
34	Very assessable	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
35	Nice upkeep of parks. Splash pad and pavilion are very nice and heavily used.	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
36	Memorial Park is tremendous. Most of my issues with NB Township are lack of communication, p.r. on anything -- both available recreation opportunities and what the Township is doing. There is barely any marketing for Music in the Park	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
37	Easy access to one's we use	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
38	Memorial Park is a gem. Just keep the maintenance up.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
39	Lots of great programs offered at township park. Pavilion used by community for parties. Splash Pad is great for kids.	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
40	Provided all through the Summer	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
41	Less busy than city beach	7/12/2022 3:04 PM
42	They are well-maintained with good amenities	7/12/2022 2:02 PM

## Q17 What do you NOT LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 273

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More programming for the kids to learn about the Ecology of our area and water safety training on the Lake.	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	We need more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	It's all good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	N/A	10/13/2022 10:37 AM
6	Need more options	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
7	If the township continues to hit residents with millages for every update to our parks and rec then most of us will no longer be able to afford to live here.	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	I am unaware of most of them. A resource guide to people moving here or a website dedicated to them would be helpful.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
9	not enough trails	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
10	nothing	10/8/2022 12:22 PM
11	See above.	10/8/2022 9:13 AM
12	Lack of sidewalks connecting downtown to outlying businesses	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Terrible upkeep and neglect	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	I do not think we utilize them enough and we need our kids to be more active	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
15	need more for adults	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
16	The Oselka involvement is disturbing. No need to keep funneling generous funds directly to them so they can use those funds to create more free time for themselves to over-consume conspiracy theory videos and then be outspoken about their distaste for entire groups of human beings due to the lies they absorbed from the internet.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
17	No real complaint	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
18	Not interested in youth football and would rather see a different fall offering for kids	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
19	You have to drive from place to place	8/21/2022 11:18 AM

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20	Lack of youth soccer, everyone has to go to bridgeman, perhaps a coordinated league	8/21/2022 9:14 AM
21	I was opposed to the road diet and bike trail incorporated onto US 12, I would prefer any bike trails to be placed on their own dedicated property away from vehicles, or use the many low traffic back roads	8/20/2022 10:05 PM
22	Not enough sidewalks	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
23	I like ALL parks.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
24	Not very inviting or publicized	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
25	Need a walking trail or two?	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
26	Unfortunately, most of the oppts are to be enjoyed in the summer months when tourists outnumber the full-time residents so I rarely make use of them.	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
27	Worried about biking on Red Arrow	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
28	I don't understand why the Township runs a marina in the City which no residents can even use. This is something else that doesn't benefit local people.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
29	No water	7/12/2022 3:04 PM
30	The bathrooms close too early in the fall at Memorial Park.	7/12/2022 2:02 PM

## Q18 What improvements or additional services do you suggest for the Township's Parks? Please indicate if for a specific park.

Answered: 20 Skipped: 283

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	See above for all parks that have the opportunity	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Music. Mostly chance the rappers prom night	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	I think make more basketball courts or fields.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	N/A	10/13/2022 10:37 AM
6	Hiking and biking anywhere	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
7	Longer hiking trails and public beach access to twp residents	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
8	Oselka park. The fields are terrible. Need new turf, irrigation and drainage system. WE NEED LIGHTS AND SCOREBOARDS!!!!	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
9	Need to fix the score boards at Oselka Park, need netting install in the concessions area to keep birds out and the grass need to be removed on field 2, need a grass soccer field	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
10	Basketball courts and tennis courts as close to the lake as possible. And we would gladly pay for an indoor rec center membership. Actual restaurant overlooking the lake.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
11	the galien river parks should have some benches on the sky walk	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
12	Oselka needs new equipment	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
13	There needs to be a pool	8/21/2022 9:47 AM
14	Indoor pool Indoor ice skating rink	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
15	Refresh playground equipment.	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
16	REC PROGRAMS FOR THE KIDS ALL SUMMER	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
17	N/A	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
18	Dog friendly trails either at Memorial Park or Galien River County Park. If not, then, there should be enforcement at Galien River County Park	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
19	Pickle ball	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

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I'd like to see the bathrooms stay open a little later in the season.

7/12/2022 2:02 PM

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## Q19 What broader parks and recreational needs exist in the community that the New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority should be working on?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 277

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Attracting out of the area residents to learn more about our ecology and what they can do to improve down river water quality. Youth programs outside of traditional sports.	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Sure	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	I think they're good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	N/A	10/13/2022 10:37 AM
6	Community pool.	10/10/2022 9:39 PM
7	Winter activities: cross country skiing, indoor pool at community center	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
8	The community center could be a great benefit for the area.	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
9	Sidewalks	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
10	An indoor facility!!!!	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
11	Fields to have youth baseball and softball tournaments	9/13/2022 6:09 PM
12	Make improvements to Oselka park, lights for nighttime, a restroom closer to the playground, some more shade for picnics and tables.	9/13/2022 2:08 PM
13	Kids sports programs. Need community pool by the lake.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	Recreational center or community pool	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
15	Better lighting and connections between schools and recreation areas	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
16	Pool	8/21/2022 9:47 AM
17	Bike paths through Harbor Country. Perhaps another location with tennis courts. A community center and/or pool would be great.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
18	Finding funding so the school district isn't paying for everything.	8/14/2022 9:12 AM
19	a sledding hill maybe	8/14/2022 1:15 AM

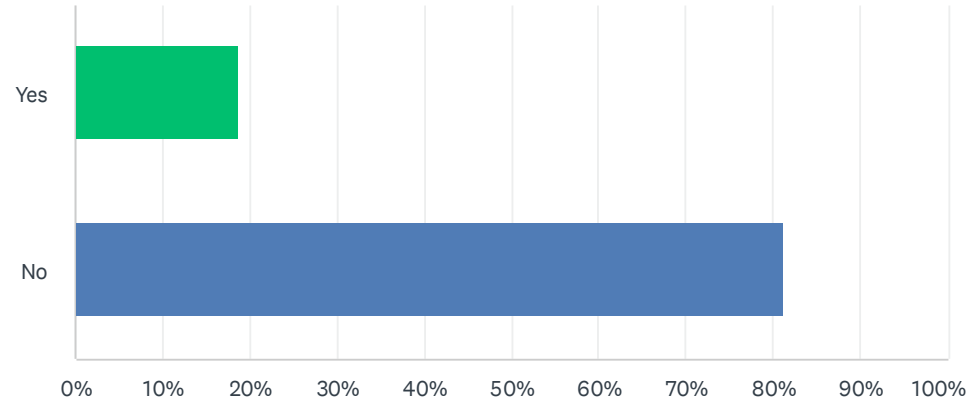


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20	N/A	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
21	Please fix up the ball fields at Oselka Park. They were poorly designed to begin with and have not been maintained. Does anybody use the sledding hill at Oselka Park or could it be repurposed to something else?	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
22	working with the community center effort to bring a public pool to the area	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
23	It would be nice if the community gym area at the school was open more hours for the residents. It's very limited.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
24	Please help fix the youth fields at Oselka Park. Also does anybody use the sledding hill or is it a waste of space?	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
25	Having a Park on the West side of the Township	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
26	A community aquatic center	7/12/2022 2:02 PM

## Q20 Are you a boater who uses the City of New Buffalo Transient Marina?

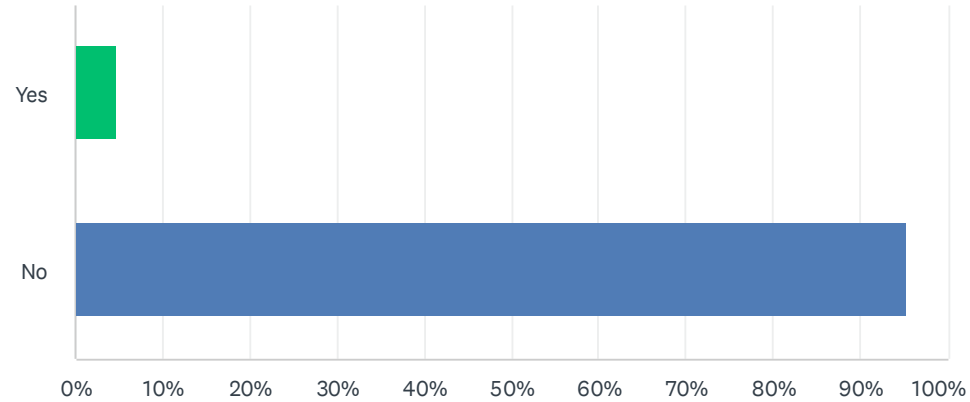
Answered: 64 Skipped: 239



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.75%	12
No	81.25%	52
TOTAL		64

## Q21 Are you a boater that uses the Pleasure Isle Marina owned by New Buffalo Township?

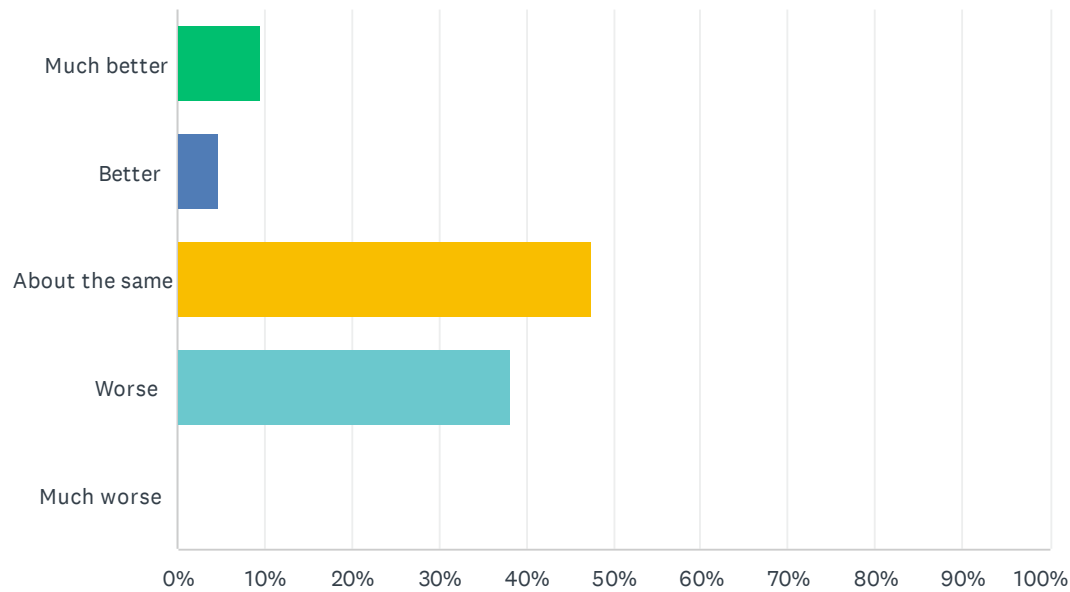
Answered: 65 Skipped: 238



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	4.62%	3
No	95.38%	62
TOTAL		65

## Q67 How does New Buffalo Transient Marina compare to other transient facilities in Lake Michigan Harbors?

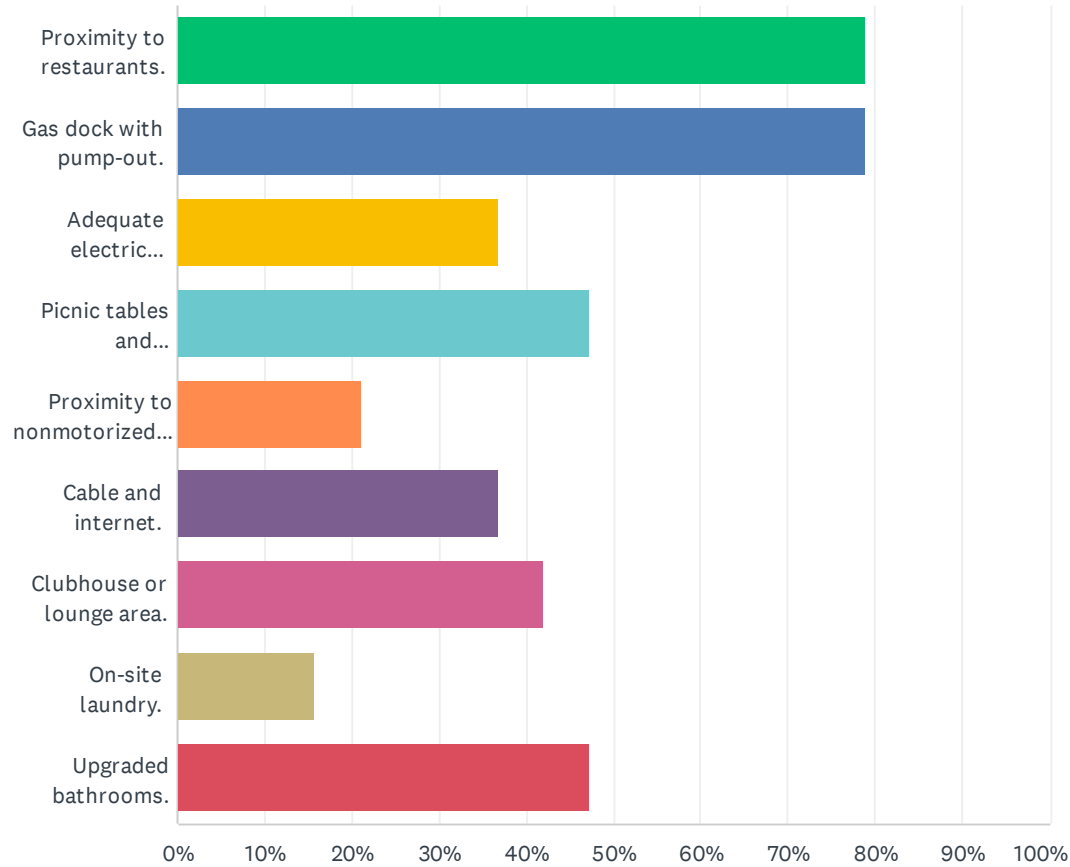
Answered: 21 Skipped: 282



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	9.52%	2
Better	4.76%	1
About the same	47.62%	10
Worse	38.10%	8
Much worse	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21</b>

### Q68 What marina amenities are most important to you as a transient boater? Pick up to three.

Answered: 19 Skipped: 284

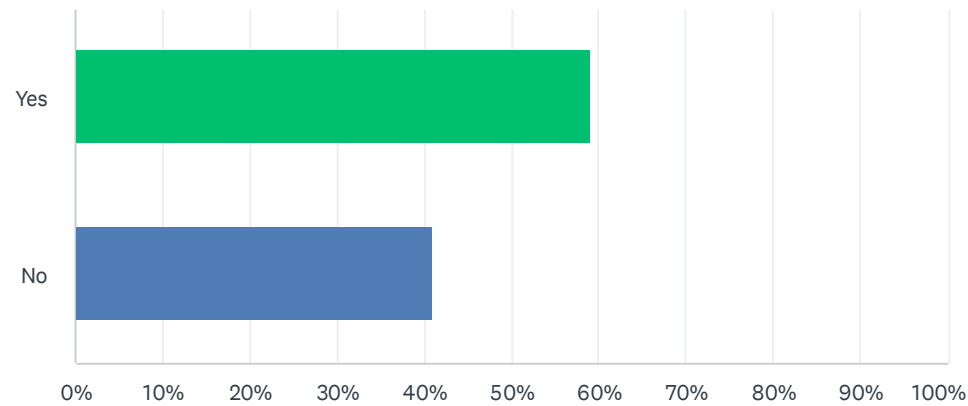


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to restaurants.	78.95%	15
Gas dock with pump-out.	78.95%	15
Adequate electric availability.	36.84%	7
Picnic tables and park/greenspace.	47.37%	9
Proximity to nonmotorized transportation.	21.05%	4
Cable and internet.	36.84%	7
Clubhouse or lounge area.	42.11%	8
On-site laundry.	15.79%	3
Upgraded bathrooms.	47.37%	9
Total Respondents: 19		

### Q69 Do you think there are navigation conflicts between human-powered watercrafts (kayaks, canoes, etc.) and sail/motorboats within the channel?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 281

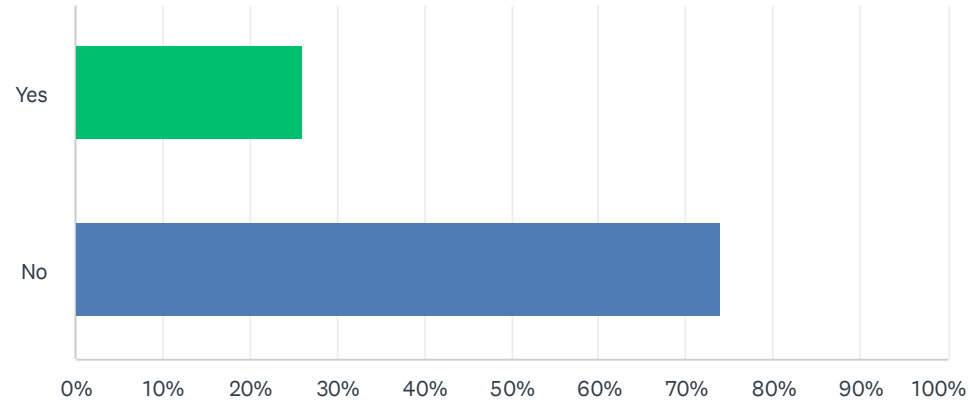


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	59.09% 13
No	40.91% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	The channel is narrow and shallow. Too many jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks.	10/10/2022 9:41 PM
2	Between piers and mouth of harbor	10/8/2022 5:19 PM
3	Harbor mouth	10/8/2022 8:37 AM
4	At times	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
5	Public Boat Dock to Lake Michigan	8/14/2022 7:23 PM
6	In the channel in the area of the inlet	7/12/2022 4:24 PM

### Q70 Are you a boater that uses the Pleasure Isle Marina owned by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 280

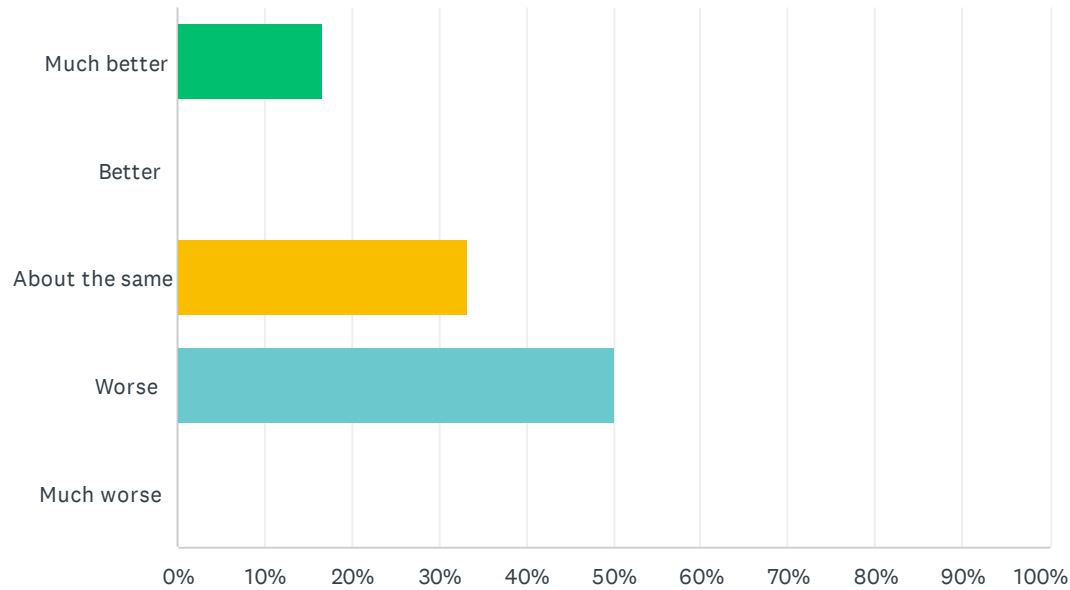


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.09%	6
No	73.91%	17
TOTAL		23



## Q71 How does Pleasure Isle Marina compare to other transient facilities in Lake Michigan Harbors?

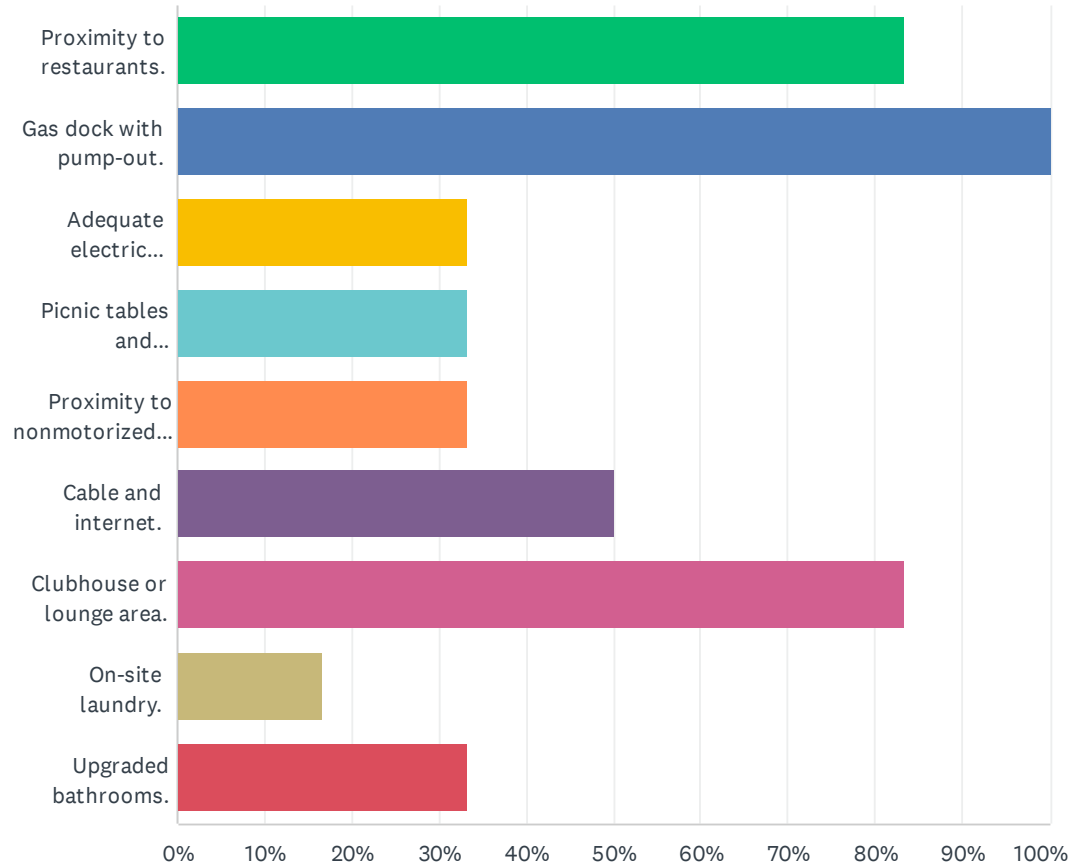
Answered: 6 Skipped: 297



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Much better	16.67% 1
Better	0.00% 0
About the same	33.33% 2
Worse	50.00% 3
Much worse	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>

### Q72 What marina amenities are most important to you as a transient boater? Pick up to three.

Answered: 6 Skipped: 297

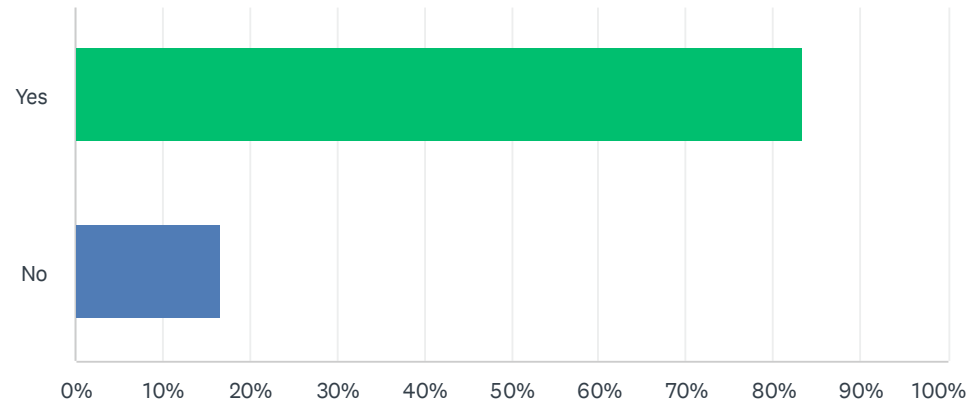


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to restaurants.	83.33%	5
Gas dock with pump-out.	100.00%	6
Adequate electric availability.	33.33%	2
Picnic tables and park/greenspace.	33.33%	2
Proximity to nonmotorized transportation.	33.33%	2
Cable and internet.	50.00%	3
Clubhouse or lounge area.	83.33%	5
On-site laundry.	16.67%	1
Upgraded bathrooms.	33.33%	2
Total Respondents: 6		

### Q73 Do you think there are navigation conflicts between human-powered watercrafts (kayaks, canoes, etc.) and sail/motorboats within the channel?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 297



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.33%	5
No	16.67%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	At times	9/13/2022 7:16 PM

## Q74 Additional comments:

Answered: 33 Skipped: 270

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Listen to chance the rappers prom night it's a good song	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
2	None	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
3	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
4	Something needs to be done about the huge hole in the center of town. It's been far too long and it's a black eye for the city	10/12/2022 6:30 PM
5	City block for sale next to school would be perfect to purchase for the city parks!	10/12/2022 11:03 AM
6	Thank you.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
7	Love new Buffalo but we could use more amenities	10/11/2022 3:27 PM
8	Thanks for the opportunity to hear my opinion. More full-time park people are needed to maintain our beautiful city. Also, a park board that can help create a better place for all community members and our visitors.	10/11/2022 10:30 AM
9	Thank you for the time and efforts to provide recreation in the New Buffalo area.	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
10	A complete beach campus overhaul is necessary asap! As is improved pedestrian and bicycle access to it from downtown Whittaker Street and the nearby residences along Marquette and 501 N Whittaker Street.	10/9/2022 5:17 PM
11	Thanks for all you do to improve NB. We love this little town!	10/8/2022 3:13 PM
12	Stop catering to the temp residents and out of towners who litter and wreck our roads and green spaces.	10/8/2022 1:49 PM
13	Would be nice to have a place to bike ride - particularly on marquette drive.	10/8/2022 12:39 PM
14	none	10/8/2022 12:22 PM
15	Thank you for the opportunity for feedback and please let us know whom to reach out to regarding all things related to disability access. My wife currently consults with companies across the country and we have a full contingent of people who could benefit from all that New Buffalo has to offer.	10/8/2022 10:35 AM
16	Need to do something by stray dogs Restaurant. People are stopping in front and on the side blocking traffic. Someone could get hurt! Also the residents have a hard time getting to their homes. Need someone directing traffic to keep it moving	10/8/2022 9:36 AM
17	preserve as much of nature as possible. over-development would lessen the appeal of this wonderfully unique area	10/8/2022 9:22 AM
18	Will there be a survey for the need and types of jobs/ industry for the area? We seem to do a good job improving recreational vacation amenities but have neglected neighborhood roads and an industry or company to provide jobs	10/8/2022 4:01 AM
19	The City needs to hire an experienced and educated Parks Director.	10/7/2022 10:11 PM

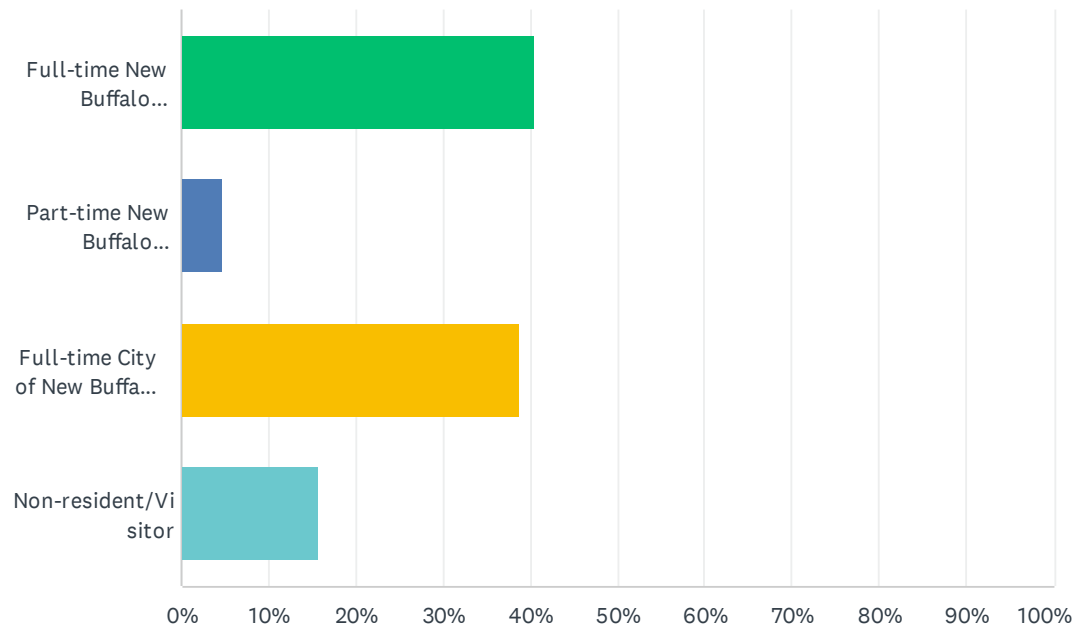
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20	Public lap pool at high school/ bigger ice rink / street fairs / need food trucks	10/7/2022 7:54 PM
21	Upgrade the facilities where the kids spend their time while in New Buffalo, Oselka Park! The fields are in terrible condition! They need new turf, lights, electrical, new playing soil, mounds, irrigation and drainage system. Create an indoor facility. We live in MI not CA!!! It's too cold in the spring to play any sport outside. Need ability to play tennis, soccer and baseball	9/13/2022 7:20 PM
22	The roads that connect Warren Dunes, Union Pier area, and New Buffalo, and New Buffalo Beach Park are unsafe for bicyclists and pedestrians because road shoulders are minimal if not non existent, and the abruptly end, creating an accident situation, especially for a bicycle being guided either into cars or the curb. Bicycle and pedestrian paths should be installed, or roadways required to have at least, say a 20 inch shoulder to help protect pedestrians and bicyclists. Motorists would also be safer and more people would visit to hike and bicycle the area, creating more revenue. Some people would like the area better and relocate here. I am investigating the area to move to, and there are other areas with safer bicycling such as the Spokane Valley...check out the bicycle trails connecting Spokane, Washington with Coeur d'Alen, Idaho. Check out the Lake Walk by Duluth, MN. Check out the Rock Island Trail in Peopria, Illinois. Those are examples.	8/31/2022 3:21 PM
23	I am a boater who uses Michigan City Port Authority Marina. Too many drunks on the docks in New Buffalo and overflowing garbage at Oselka Marina.	8/23/2022 3:41 PM
24	Thank you!	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
25	The New Buffalo area needs a community pool	8/21/2022 9:50 AM
26	Add more sidewalks and road adjacent paths. Need better connections from residential areas to downtown areas	8/19/2022 8:21 PM
27	You all are doing a great job! Thank you for requesting community input!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
28	Survey seems to lean toward expansion instead of taking care of what we have. Grow, Grow is not the answer, pride in what you have would keep you busy for a hundred years.	8/14/2022 7:27 PM
29	Develop the strip of grass on the left of the beach parking entrance into a "promenade", paved, with benches covered for shade, flowers. People could walk, sit facing the water to watch sunset and the boats coming in and out. I envision the beauty of this site!	8/14/2022 8:40 AM
30	over development is probably my only concern. The appeal besides the lake access is that the area is heavily wooded	8/14/2022 1:18 AM
31	We love New Buffalo! The schools are amazing!	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
32	Thank you for all that you are doing for New Buffalo	7/14/2022 3:25 PM
33	Thanks	7/13/2022 9:46 AM

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS - NEW BUFFALO AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY RESPONSES

Q1 Which of the choices represents your residency? Note: Based on selected answer, this survey will redirect participants to questions relevant to their area of residence.

Answered: 303 Skipped: 0

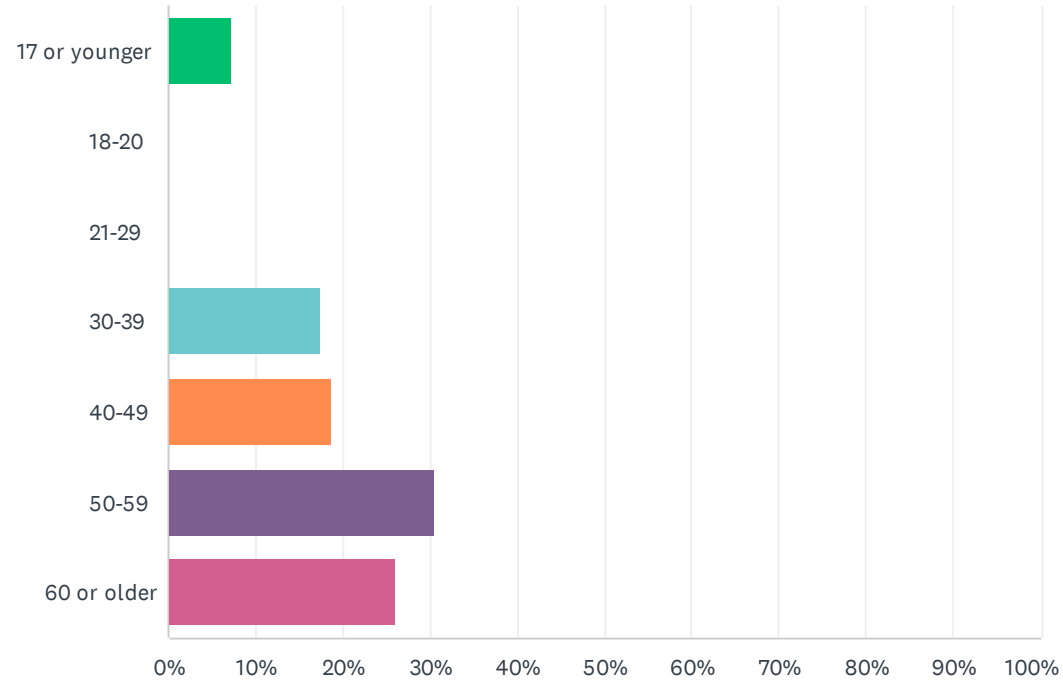


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time New Buffalo Township resident	40.48%	102
Part-time New Buffalo Township resident	4.76%	12
Full-time City of New Buffalo resident	38.89%	98
Non-resident/Visitor	15.87%	40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>252</b>



## Q2 What is your age?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 234

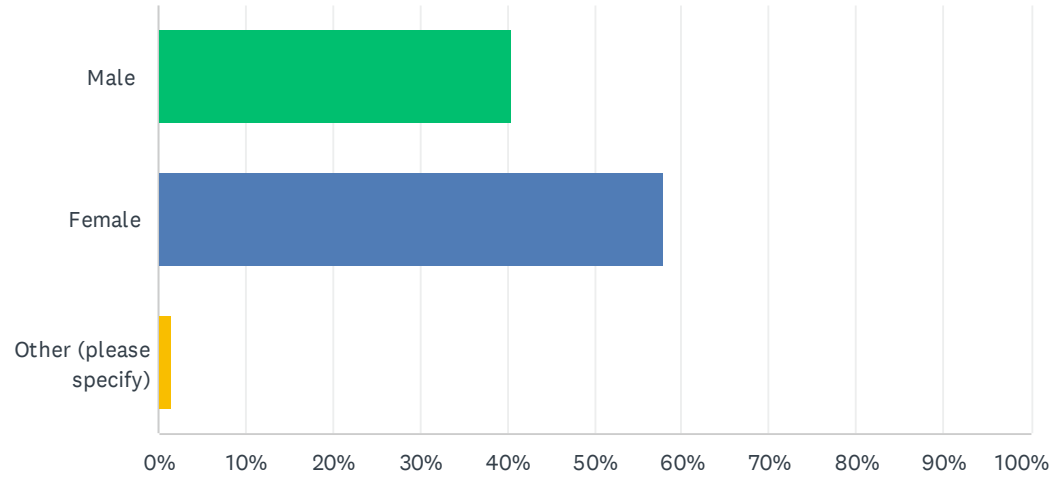


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	7.25%	5
18-20	0.00%	0
21-29	0.00%	0
30-39	17.39%	12
40-49	18.84%	13
50-59	30.43%	21
60 or older	26.09%	18
TOTAL	69	

### Q3 What is your gender?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 234

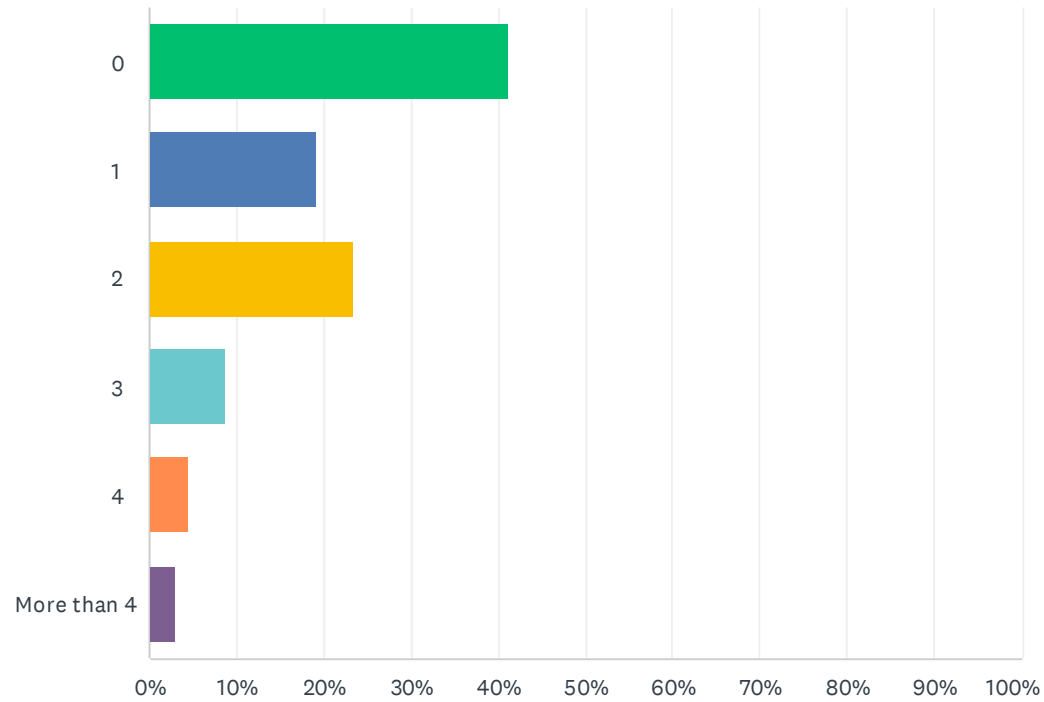


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	40.58% 28
Female	57.97% 40
Other (please specify)	1.45% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	do not specify	10/8/2022 12:22 PM

### Q4 How many children are you parent or guardian to and live in your household (aged 17 or younger only)?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 235



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	41.18%	28
1	19.12%	13
2	23.53%	16
3	8.82%	6
4	4.41%	3
More than 4	2.94%	2
TOTAL	68	

## Q5 What types of improvements would you like to see in the community to ensure recreational amenities are fully accessible to persons of all mobility levels?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 273

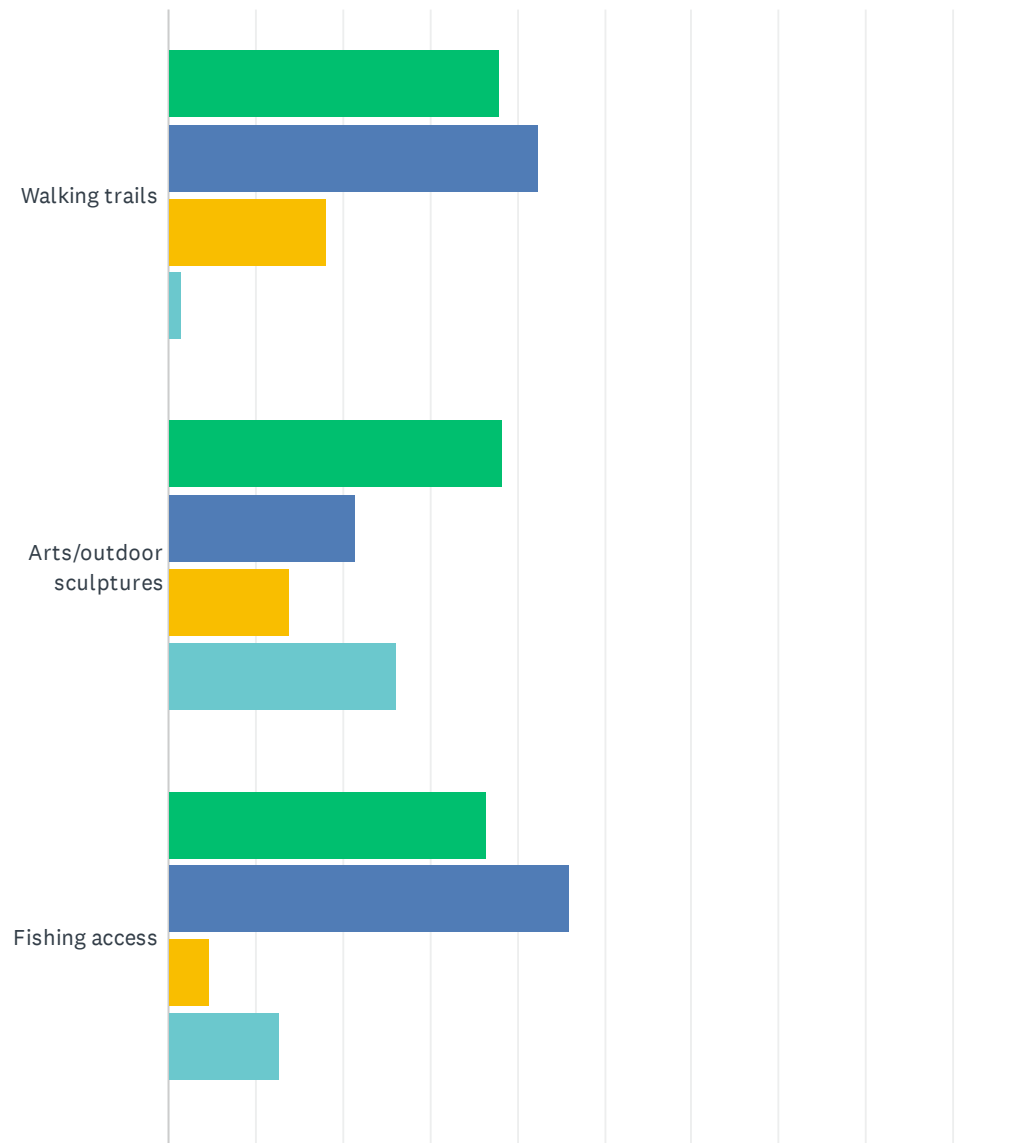
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Beach boardwalk should be left out until mid-November. Improved access over the harbor bridge for pedestrians. Better separation and markings for cyclists of all levels.	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	More things for kids to do	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	I think they all are pretty good, I would just say keep everything open for people to come and go.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	IDK	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	None	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Community center for adults and children.	10/12/2022 4:29 PM
7	None that I can think of	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
8	I would like to see more social environment for middle school-high school aged kids to socialize after school and on the weekends. Also for things for families to do together!	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	Paved walking paths	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
10	Like to see beach walk go closer to water. Bigger bathroom changing area at beach	10/8/2022 10:09 AM
11	i'd love to see the beach boardwalk extended and available longer in the season	10/8/2022 9:15 AM
12	Sidewalks. Add sidewalks to streets and other areas. I'd be nice if they didn't have to drive everywhere and could use sidewalks to get around, especially from locations from Ghost Isle to downtown. Make places accessible	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Indoor facility to practice baseball, soccer and tennis	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	More baseball and softball fields	9/13/2022 6:09 PM
15	Longer biking paths - with designated lanes. Community pool. More playgrounds in the township.	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
16	We are definitely lacking some sort of indoor multi use facility for our community. We have many months of harsh weather and something to use inside is greatly needed.	9/13/2022 2:08 PM
17	More indoor facilities for all age groups in winter months	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
18	More bike trails, sidewalks a nature center, a park district with sports/camps/work out center for all and pool.	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
19	Multi use off road paths and trails.	9/2/2022 12:24 PM

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20	More constructive recreation for kids and teenagers	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
21	Park benches for people with health limits to rest.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
22	Sidewalks in downtown area Improved lighting from us 12 South to clay street on Whitaker	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
23	Safe crossings at intersections; clearly marked paths in the woods; improved lighting; and emergency call boxes at frequently used locations	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
24	Having road adjacent sidewalks or paved paths is an absolute must. Having young children with bikes is an immense challenge when they want to ride beyond the bounds of our cul-da-sac. Who knew that having public sidewalks or paved road adjacent paths would be such a luxury. Move to SW Michigan and realize hardly any sidewalks anywhere beside downtown areas. What union pier is doing along red arrow highway with paved road adjacent paths should be a model for every community in this area.	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
25	A safe bike path on Highway 12 from Grand Beach to New Buffalo would be amazing! I'd also like to see a path on Lubke road for children who could ride to the elementary school. It's very dangerous with the curves and lighting and there's essentially no room for a bike.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
26	Public swimming pool. Pickleball courts Disc golf course Clubhouse where families can gather-rental- birthdays, milestone celebrations, death, etc.... Dog park Playgrounds for teenagers	8/14/2022 9:12 AM
27	Build out the rest of downtown and add a bike path	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
28	a public pool for children to learn water safety and for adult exercise opportunities	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
29	Pickleball, more bike trails away from Red Arrow	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
30	Bike paths, pool, sidewalks in neighborhoods	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

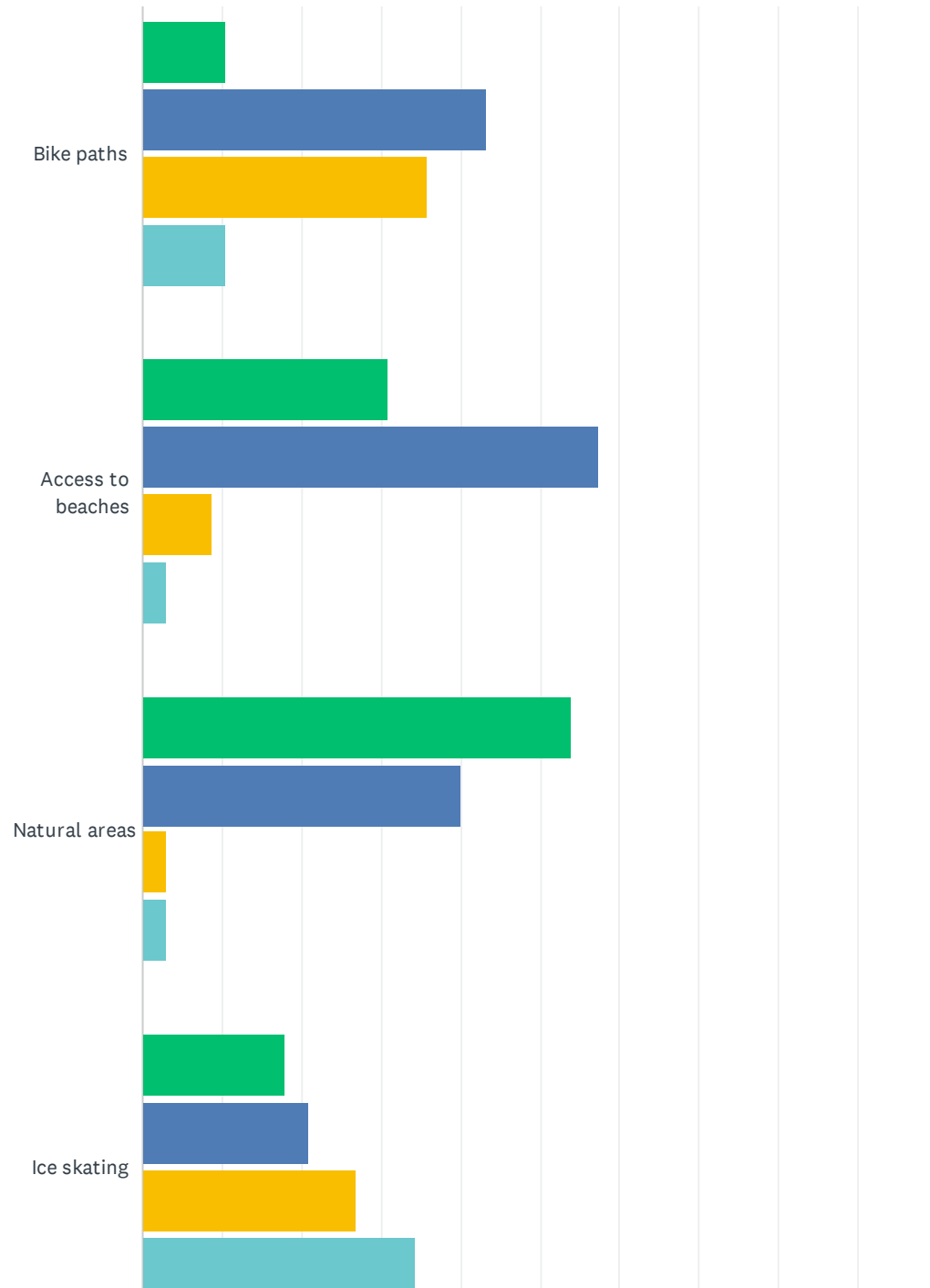
### Q6 How available and adequate are existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area? Please choose one response for each item.

Answered: 68 Skipped: 235

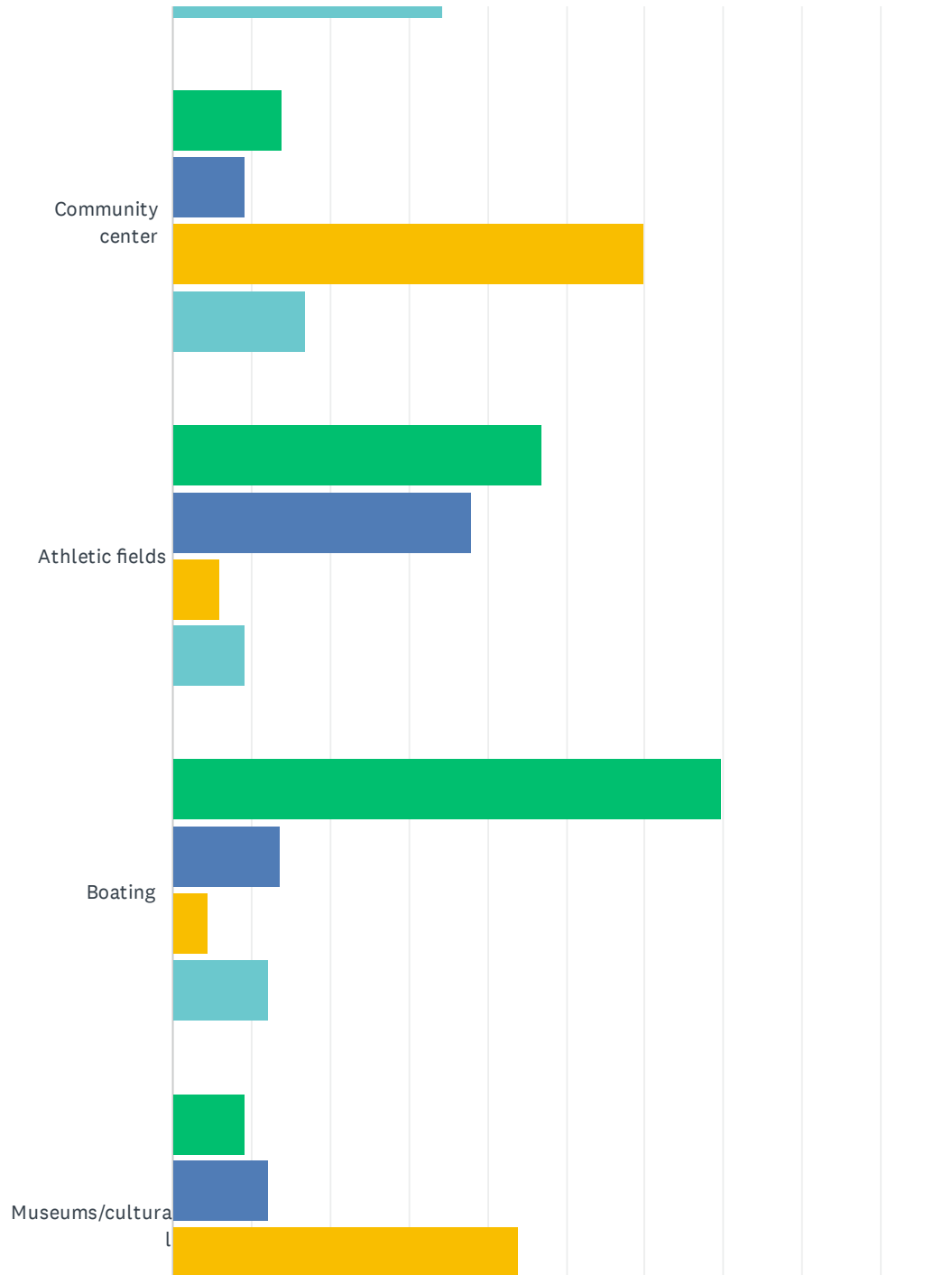




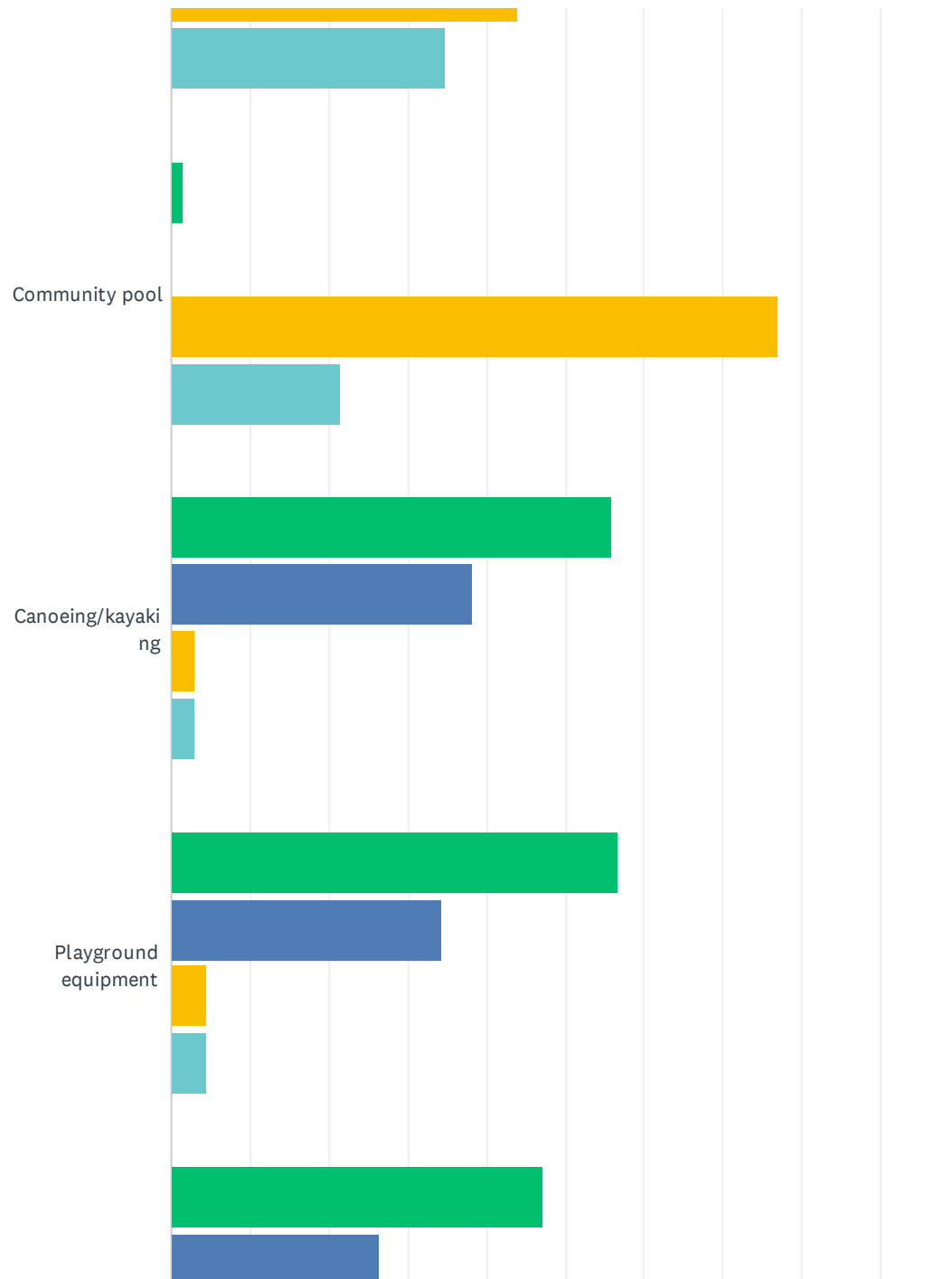
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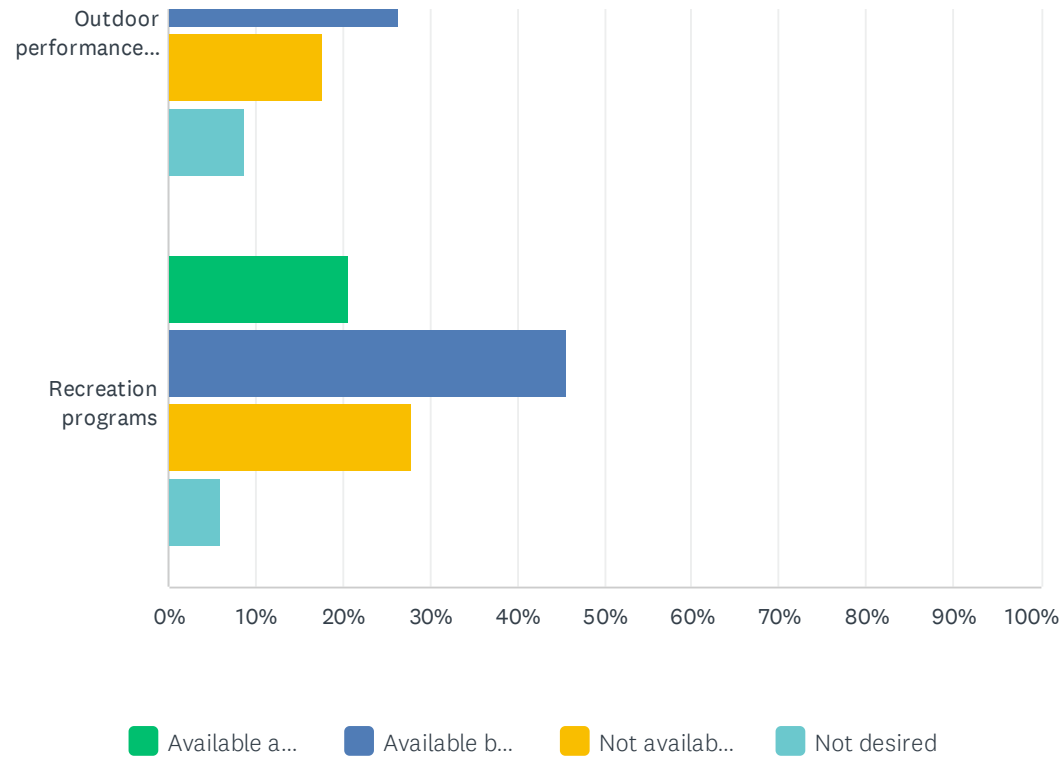
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	AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE	AVAILABLE BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NOT AVAILABLE (WANTED)	NOT DESIRED	TOTAL
Walking trails	37.88% 25	42.42% 28	18.18% 12	1.52% 1	66
Arts/outdoor sculptures	38.46% 25	21.54% 14	13.85% 9	26.15% 17	65
Fishing access	36.51% 23	46.03% 29	4.76% 3	12.70% 8	63
Bike paths	10.45% 7	43.28% 29	35.82% 24	10.45% 7	67
Access to beaches	30.88% 21	57.35% 39	8.82% 6	2.94% 2	68
Natural areas	53.85% 35	40.00% 26	3.08% 2	3.08% 2	65
Ice skating	17.91% 12	20.90% 14	26.87% 18	34.33% 23	67
Community center	13.85% 9	9.23% 6	60.00% 39	16.92% 11	65
Athletic fields	46.97% 31	37.88% 25	6.06% 4	9.09% 6	66
Boating	69.70% 46	13.64% 9	4.55% 3	12.12% 8	66
Museums/cultural	9.09% 6	12.12% 8	43.94% 29	34.85% 23	66
Community pool	1.54% 1	0.00% 0	76.92% 50	21.54% 14	65
Canoeing/kayaking	55.88% 38	38.24% 26	2.94% 2	2.94% 2	68
Playground equipment	56.72% 38	34.33% 23	4.48% 3	4.48% 3	67
Outdoor performance space	47.06% 32	26.47% 18	17.65% 12	8.82% 6	68
Recreation programs	20.59% 14	45.59% 31	27.94% 19	5.88% 4	68

## Q7 How can existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area be improved?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 257

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking trails	69.57%	32
Arts/outdoor sculptures	54.35%	25
Fishing access	45.65%	21
Bike paths	71.74%	33
Access to beaches	60.87%	28
Natural areas	47.83%	22
Ice skating	47.83%	22
Community center	65.22%	30
Athletic fields	52.17%	24
Boating	30.43%	14
Museums/cultural	41.30%	19
Community pool	69.57%	32
Canoeing/kayaking	39.13%	18
Playground equipment	32.61%	15
Outdoor performance space	34.78%	16
Recreation programs	47.83%	22

#	WALKING TRAILS	DATE
1	Increased amount and improved safety	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Add more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Keep the Galien River walk open.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM

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4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	None	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Galien trail by lookout should be dog friendly.	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	We need them. Only a few I'm aware of	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
8	Are fine but our roads are in horrible shape in the township.	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
9	More of them?	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
10	Add more	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
11	I don't know where the walking trails are other than the township lookout area and you can only get there by car unless you want to walk down the side of a busy highway. Trails that are connected and closer to town would be appreciated.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
12	more trails and trail maps and web access	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
13	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
14	I don't even know where there are walking trails	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
15	Longer trails	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
16	Create them	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
17	Longer paths that are maintained well	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
18	More stability on the paths and access to security checkpoints for safety	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
19	Need more open area beach trails to walk and bike	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
20	Great	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
21	N/a	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
22	Cleared and placed to rest.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
23	Sidewalks	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
24	Clearly marked; safer feeling with some emergency call boxes	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
25	Interconnected paved sidewalks or paved road adjacent paths. Seems like a basic request, it's a huge drawback to living here with a family.	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
26	Chikaming Open Lands has done a GREAT job but we could always use more!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
27	NEED MORE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
28	We need more walking trails	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
29	more dog friendly trails in the township	8/12/2022 8:38 PM

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30	Better marking, community brochure	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
31	Need more of these	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
32	More	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>ARTS/OUTDOOR SCULPTURES</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Better quality, not quantity it better locations	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	No improvement	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	More sculptures	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Don't really care	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	We have some but dont need more.	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Love to see more art. Any where / everywhere is great!	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	More of them!	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	Add many	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
10	Muskegon has some awesome musical outdoor features that I would love to see in our area.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
11	more outside art especially downtown	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
12	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
13	Facilitate art development	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	Downtown and in the township	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
15	Outdoor sculptures and art are always nice	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
16	More of them	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
17	Have plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
18	Local artists	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
19	Extended throughout the township with clearly marked signs	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
20	Would love to see more art and/or murals	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
21	WASTE IF MONEY UNLESS DONATED	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
22	We seem to have plenty	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
23	Add more! What we have by NB beach is great but we need descriptions	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
24	We have plenty	7/14/2022 6:28 PM



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25	added	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
#	FISHING ACCESS	DATE
1	Better information and more designated locations	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Add more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Access	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	N/A	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	identification of fishing areas	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
9	More piers	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
10	Public piers	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
11	More pier locations with parking to fish from shore	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
12	Need more fishing areas and piers	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
13	More places to fish	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	More spots	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
15	Safe access for families with young children, especially on the Galien River.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
16	Community pier	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
17	WE HAVE ENOUGH	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
18	Could use more	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
19	better facilities at Galien River access on Red Arrow and at the county park	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
20	BA	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
21	more space	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
#	BIKE PATHS	DATE
1	Improve separation between cars and bikes, more paths	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Add more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	More bike paths with cement or sidewalk.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Ther is Nun	10/13/2022 10:48 AM

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5	I want a bike path	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	I'm not aware of any bike path that isn't on road. Trails where kids could ride safely would be great.	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	We have no designated biking only	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
8	Better bike paths throughout the township would be helpful	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
9	It would be really great to be able to ride our bikes with our family safely to neighboring towns	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
10	Add more	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
11	need more trails with trail maps and facilities	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
12	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
13	Bike lane needed on Rte 12	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
14	Do we have any? Make paths and sidewalks throughout the NB area to connect restaurants, businesses and hotels	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
15	wider roads, more sidewalks	9/15/2022 8:45 AM
16	More along busy roads or through wooded areas	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
17	Create	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
18	Designated bike lanes - improvement to lakeshore road - connect to bike path in Union pier	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
19	In my opinion doesn't exist for kids only adults	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
20	need more concrete or asphalt space for biking	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
21	More dedicated safe riding space	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
22	N/a	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
23	Would be great if they were off of the roadways.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
24	More needed	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
25	Lighting; clearly marked	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
26	Highway 12 (Grand Beach to Union Pier) & Lubke Rd.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
27	NEED MORE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
28	I think this is already being addressed	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
29	more of them to get riders off Red Arrow hwy	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
30	Need better marking and bike Lanes!	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
31	Stop reducing traffic lanes for bike paths. Either put them on back roads or on the shoulder	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
32	added	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

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33	Lots of bikes go down old beach road, which is dangerous on a weekend when there's lots of traffic	7/12/2022 2:02 PM
#	ACCESS TO BEACHES	DATE
1	Leave access mat down longer	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Good access	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Township resident should be able to park at NB beach for free or have access someplace else where we don't pay.	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	We have access but it's very busy in the summer !	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	Add access for residents NOT beachside	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
10	a reduced rate parking pass for township residents. Expand availability of access points	10/8/2022 9:15 AM
11	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
12	Sucks for township residents. Wish NB and Yep played nice together.	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Parking with trails	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	Overcrowding but available	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
15	This is a strong suit for the area	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
16	More access & parking. More to do while there. Music/restaurant/pool	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
17	To expensive	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
18	Plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
19	Good	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
20	Township and city should have equal opportunity/access	8/20/2022 10:05 PM
21	Open access at all beach sites; adequate parking; emergency call boxes placed on all beach sites	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
22	Current access is limited due to bridge and insufficient public parking	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
23	Township residents can't utilize city beaches without paying. Need beaches w/ dog access.. We go elsewhere.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
24	SHOULD HAVE MORE & BE FREE TO ALL CITY AND TWP RESIDENTS	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
25	more access points with parking	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
26	Ok	8/12/2022 7:29 PM

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27	Please try to acquire public beach access like Chikaming just did with the Cherry Beach	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
28	downtown beach redesigned	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
2	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Ther is nun	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
4	Ok	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
6	For as small as new buffalo is chikaming open lands did a good job for land presv	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
7	Love	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	it's part of the appeal of the area. avoid over-building	10/8/2022 9:15 AM
9	As above	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
10	NA	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
11	Strong suit if area	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
12	We need an actual nature center with animals inside where kids can go and learn	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
13	Perfect	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	Need more	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
15	Plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
16	Bike or walking trails connected to nature areas	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
17	Signage; lighting; parking	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
18	Could always use more hiking/walking/running trails	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
19	NEED MORE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
20	i fear too many natural areas are being developed	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
21	Ok	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
22	County will develop Galien River Park as funding comes	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>ICE SKATING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Closer to downtown with bathrooms	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Make better rink	10/13/2022 10:49 AM

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3	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Not wanttid	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	We need one	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	I think it would be wonderful to cool the ice some how because the last couple seasons it did not work with weather! Also build a skate shed and leave donated skates and hockey gear inside!	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
8	Please	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
9	Indoor ice skating	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
10	Create	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
11	desired - for a well maintained rink (ie not the one in Chikaming township)	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
12	Ice rink at Oselka is good but be nice to have some over head coverage	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
13	We need rinks where kids can learn how to skate they need to be safe and well lit	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
14	Non-Oselka Ice Skating please. Skate ribbon would be neat in the woods like the one at Muskegon Luge sports park.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
15	N/a	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
16	Ok but needs area for family viewing and skates.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
17	Available in chickaming	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
18	Enclosed rink would add more recreation during off season	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
19	N/A ?	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
20	WASTE OF MONEY	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
21	NA	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
22	Need a rink at exit 1. It will fill up and can have a community rink along side a traveling one.	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Winter gathering place at anytime of day for fitness	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Don't know what or where it is	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Make it more open to the public.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	We don't have 1	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	For athletic activities and the arts.	10/12/2022 4:29 PM

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7	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	I think city should turn the old gym or old catholic school into a ymca style facility for family and vacationer	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	Would be wonderful	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
10	I think the library offers some community activities but with a newspaper that only comes out once a week I never know when these are happening.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
11	need a community center with a year around swimming pool	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
12	Senior center	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
13	Continue developing this project	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
14	Don't know where this is.	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
15	Do we have one?	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
16	Would be great to have a place to gather/get out of the house	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
17	NEEDED!!! Create an indoor facility where baseball can be practiced during the spring when weather conditions almost always prohibit outdoor practice.	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
18	YES! PLEASE! with a pool. In a community where water safety is so important we NEED this.	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
19	Indoor facility in the winter months is the biggest community need at the moment	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
20	We need a center with a work out room, exercise equipment and classes, batting cages, classes for various sports skills	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
21	Need an indoor rec center	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
22	Pretty good	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
23	Desperately needed especially for our youth.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
24	None exists	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
25	Extended activities throughout the year for full-time residents	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
26	Would be great for our town; for new moms, children events, art events, etc	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
27	WHAT WE HAVE IS FINE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
28	Do we have one???	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
29	The schools serves this need.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
30	Would be great to have.	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>ATHLETIC FIELDS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Perfect amount	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
2	They are very good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM

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3	We need more	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
6	Good however soccer program and better younger kids activities would be great	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
7	School campus is awesome	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	More	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
9	City continues to neglect fields. Need irrigation/drainage system. Infields need new playing soil. Grass needs to be ripped up and new turf applied. A complete embarrassment with the current conditions!	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
10	Better maintenance	9/13/2022 6:09 PM
11	NA	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
12	Need more field especially for soccer	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
13	More athletic fields. Basketball courts. Tennis courts.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	Some areas are wet and muddy a good part of the season. The Oselka Park Pavillion is a mess and unusable with the bird issue.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
15	Soccer field	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
16	More community available soccer fields	8/21/2022 9:14 AM
17	I think we do a great job here.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
18	NOT NEEDED KIDS DON'T USE	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
19	The kids fields at Oselka Park need help. Spend some time and money here.	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
20	NA	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
21	Oselka Park continues to need improvement	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
22	We have several but they need a lot of work	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
23	need better ball fields for the younger kids. They share	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
24	Oselka Park needs upgrades to its athletic fields	7/12/2022 2:02 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>BOATING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
2	They are very good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	It's good	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM

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5	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
6	Seems fine	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
7	Improved facilities!!	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
8	NA	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
9	Strong suit	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
10	Oselka's owning the marina is terrible. Really changes what could be a nice boating location.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
11	Plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
12	Community pier/launch	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
13	WHAT DOES THIS EVEN MEAN? WE HAVE ENOUGH	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
14	Ok	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>MUSEUMS/CULTURAL</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Not sure we need more museums, we need locations for cultural events	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	More museums.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Not available but i dont want any	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	More diversity and inclusion	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	Need	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	I used to love Pokemon Go with my kids because as you passed notable areas in town, it would let you know stuff like "this was the first house in New Buffalo". A walking/learning activity would be fun.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
9	something nautical related might be nice	10/8/2022 9:15 AM
10	Encourage development	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
11	There are none in NB	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
12	Anything could help	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
13	NA	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
14	More. Small indoor childrens museum would be great. Indigenous People's museum would be spectacular.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
15	None	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
16	Enhance those currently in place with frequent shows and events	8/20/2022 7:22 PM



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17	WASTE OF MONEY UNLESS DONATED	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
18	plays and exhibits would be nice	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
19	NB really needs to improve culture. For example, the local symphony (not just on July 4). Maybe encourage Four Winds to add cultural concerts, ballet etc	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
#	COMMUNITY POOL	DATE
1	Indoor and outdoor for residents and second home owners	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Would love one	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	We don't have one.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	We don't have 1	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	We need!	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Need one	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	Would LOVE	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	This would be a great asset	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
9	need a year around swimming pool and community center	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
10	Indoor and outdoor pools	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
11	Much needed	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
12	Yes, please.	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Please! A community pool would be amazing and lessons for kiddos	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
14	Needed	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
15	Indoor/Outdoor to create safer swimmers in the area and be utilized year around	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
16	Too expensive to run	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
17	Needed with a playground and concession stand	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
18	We need an outdoor and indoor pool.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
19	Need one	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
20	This would be a wonderful improvement to our area.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
21	Would be nice to have	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
22	New Buffalo needs a pool	8/21/2022 9:47 AM
23	Seems like we should have one	8/21/2022 9:14 AM

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24	Needed for those not able/willing to swim in lake	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
25	Would be a great addition for summer!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
26	YES!!! FOR PETES SAKE TEACH LOCAL KIDS TO SWIM ALREADY!!!	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
27	Splash pads seem to be easier to manage	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
28	yes! I currently drive to Mich City Y 3x week for the pool	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
29	NA	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
30	Too expensive to operate and maintain. Ask Bridgman about this cost.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
31	Too expensive. Splash Pads are better.	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
32	needed	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>CANOEING/KAYAKING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Safer and better entry and exit points, better signage	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Good access.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	It's good but now that the surf shop is gone no one can rent?	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
8	Fine	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
9	need boat launch, need to raise the bridge over the galien on red arrow hwy for canoeing and kayaking	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
10	Increase and maintain existing. Do regular clearing on the Galien River	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
11	Better access points for entry	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
12	Yes. Rentals through the city or township would be great.	9/13/2022 3:30 PM
13	Perfect	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	A launch dock.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
15	Available in glassman park	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
16	More free areas to drop kayaks/canoes please	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
17	WE HAVE ENOUGH	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
18	Ok	8/12/2022 7:29 PM

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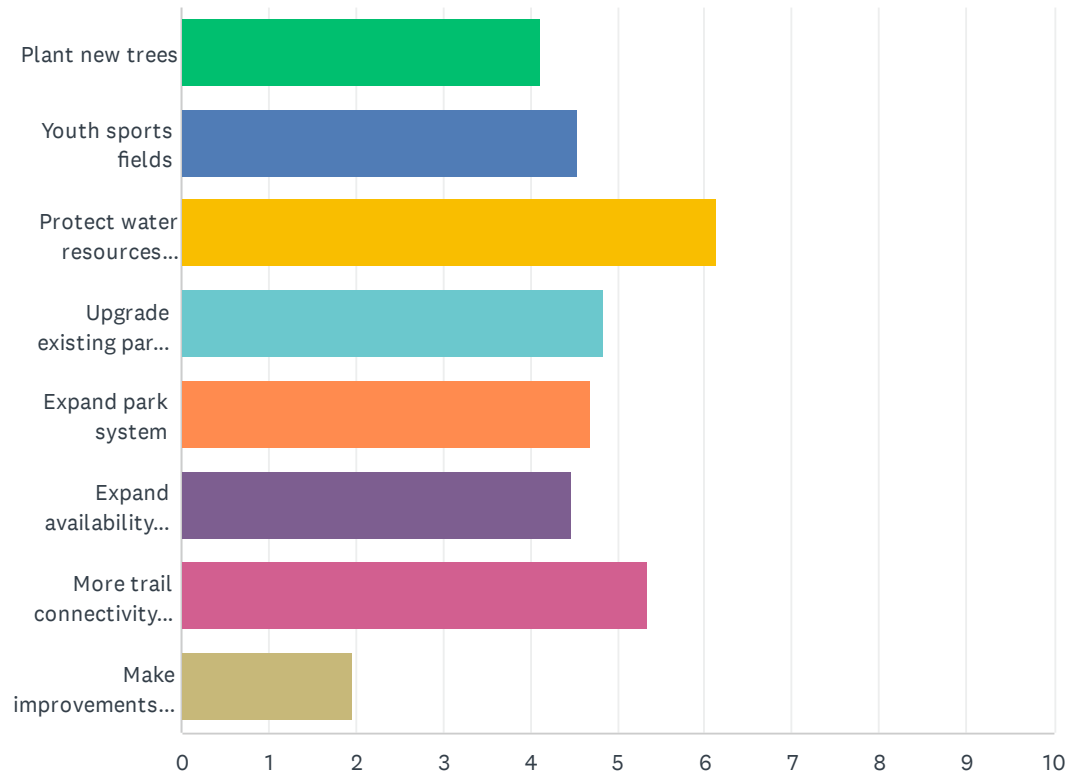
#	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	DATE
1	Perfect	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
2	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Not good at all	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
4	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
6	Fine	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
7	Replaced and improved	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
8	Very old in my opinion	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
9	More for all ages and abilities in more locations	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
10	Plenty	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
11	More, oselka equipment is old	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
12	Need a better skate park!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
13	WE HAVE ENOUGH	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
14	Oselka Park needs an upgrade	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
15	additional	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
#	OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE SPACE	DATE
1	See above comments about locations for cultural events	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Not needed	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	It's good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Good	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
7	Could use more	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
8	Needed	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
9	Beach space!	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
10	Not necessary	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
11	Available at township park	8/21/2022 11:18 AM

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12	Current space is restricted by bridge and parking access	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
13	Township has a great amphitheater	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
14	WHAT WE HAVE IS FINE - WE DON'T FESTIVALS ANYMORE!!!	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
15	more "Ravinia like" places similar to Carver Park in 3 Oaks	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
16	NBT's doesn't have enough parking	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
#	<b>RECREATION PROGRAMS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Summer - kids water safety and Ecology, All year - Adult education and volunteer opportunities	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Need more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	More recreation programs.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:48 AM
5	Fine	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
6	We drive to st jo and Bridgman for soccer girls and softball. Wish we had here.	10/11/2022 6:39 PM
7	Good	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	More of them!	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
9	More to do is always better	10/11/2022 8:40 AM
10	More	10/8/2022 5:00 PM
11	Increase and maintain existing	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
12	Sports for really young kids- soccer/swimming	9/13/2022 10:44 PM
13	Improve the rec facilities. They are in need of repair and improvement. Completely neglected by the city.	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	Need more sport options for kids	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
15	Need programs!	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
16	Youth in our area could benefit from something to do.	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
17	Offer soccer league or golf camp or tennis camp for youth (elementary/middle)	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
18	No organized recreation outside school sports	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
19	Always need more :)	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
20	YES!! DON'T THINK WE EVEN HAVE ANY!!!!	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
21	help COL and HC Hikers publicize their excellent programs	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
22	summer programs needed	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

Q8 Please put the following items in order of priority, with 1 indicating the highest priority and 8 indicating the lowest priority.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 236

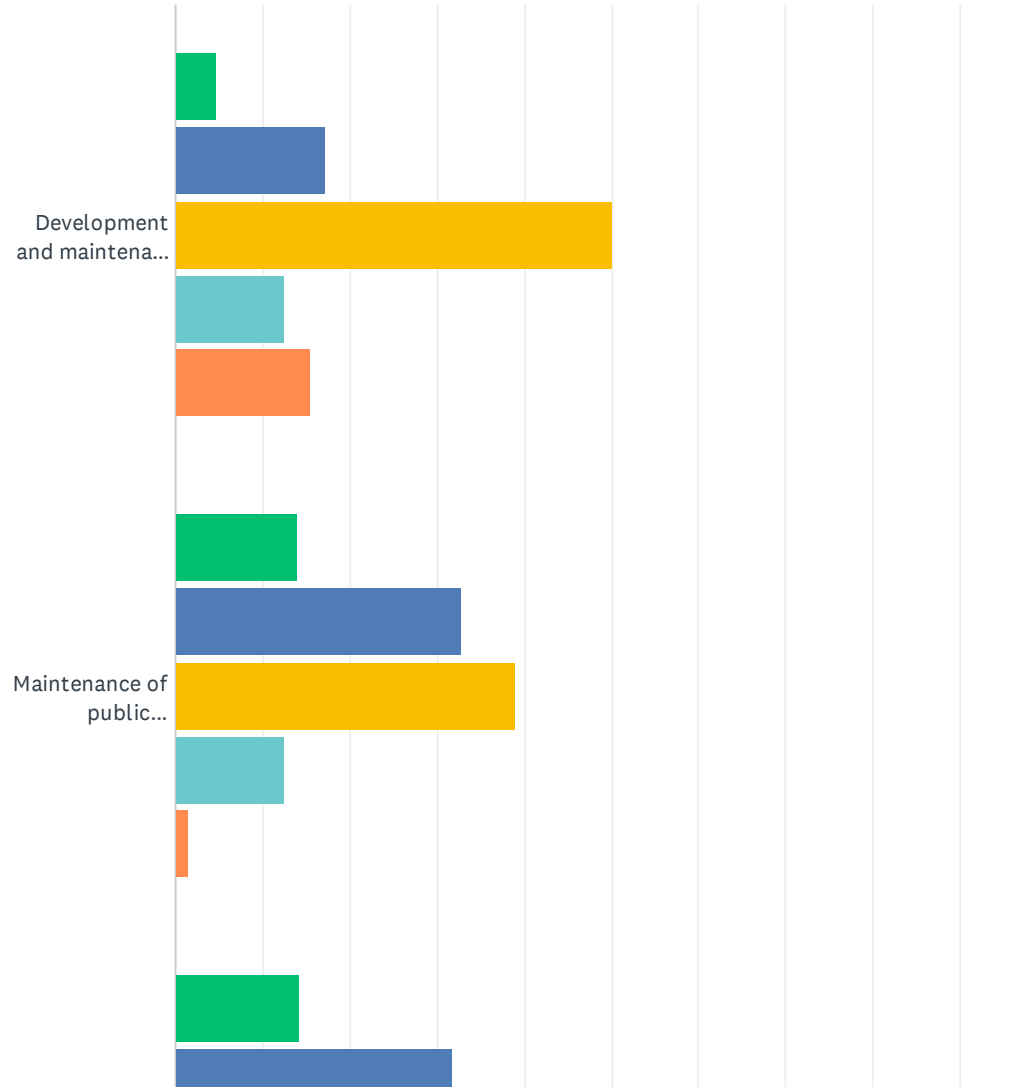


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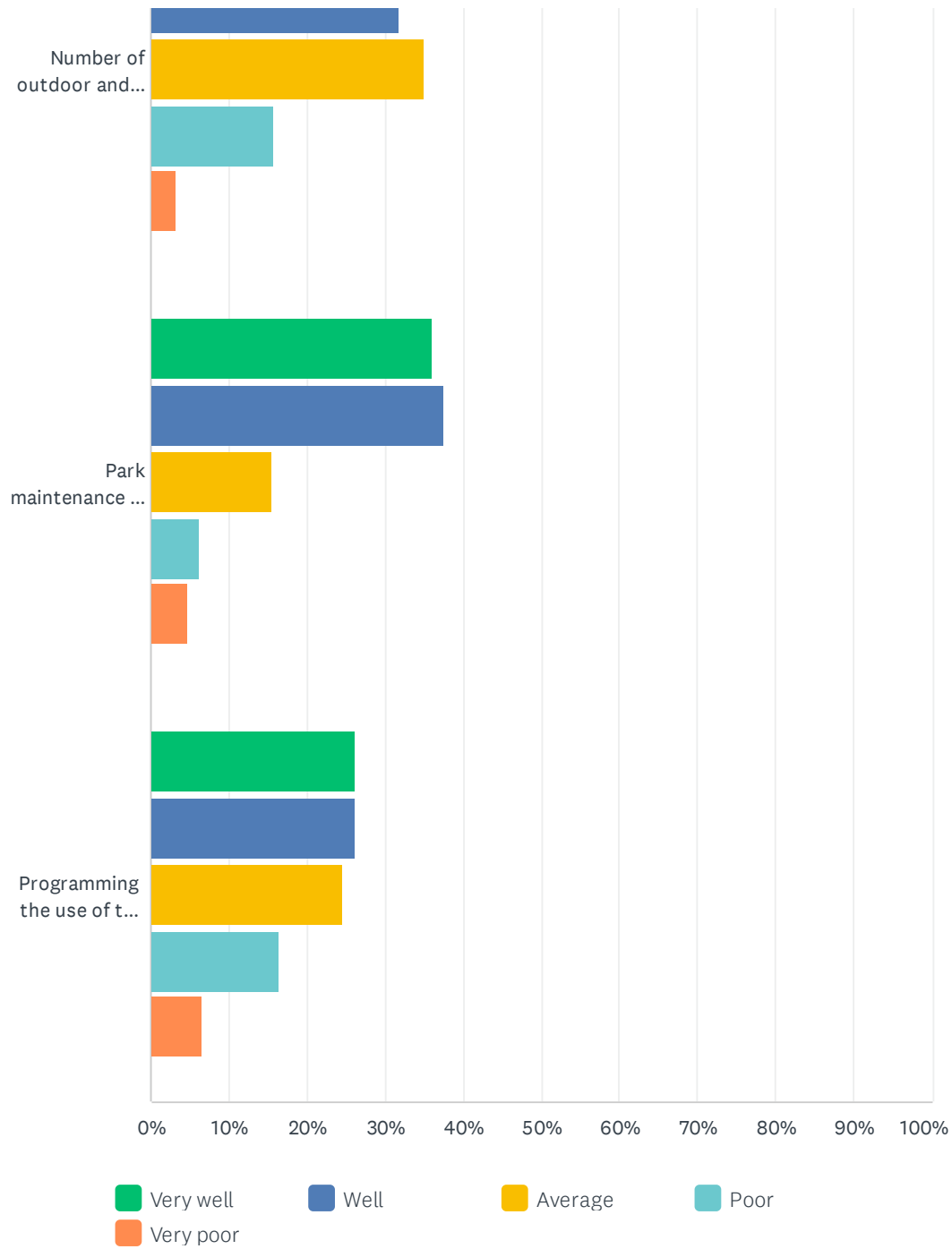
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Plant new trees	10.94% 7	9.38% 6	6.25% 4	15.63% 10	17.19% 11	12.50% 8	7.81% 5	20.31% 13	64	4.11
Youth sports fields	17.19% 11	12.50% 8	14.06% 9	4.69% 3	12.50% 8	9.38% 6	14.06% 9	15.63% 10	64	4.55
Protect water resources (streams, rivers, wetlands, Lake Michigan, and groundwater)	36.92% 24	16.92% 11	12.31% 8	10.77% 7	10.77% 7	4.62% 3	7.69% 5	0.00% 0	65	6.14
Upgrade existing park amenities	3.13% 2	12.50% 8	23.44% 15	25.00% 16	12.50% 8	10.94% 7	10.94% 7	1.56% 1	64	4.84
Expand park system	4.76% 3	14.29% 9	12.70% 8	17.46% 11	25.40% 16	15.87% 10	9.52% 6	0.00% 0	63	4.70
Expand availability of public waterfront/beach areas	10.77% 7	12.31% 8	13.85% 9	10.77% 7	9.23% 6	20.00% 13	18.46% 12	4.62% 3	65	4.48
More trail connectivity throughout the community	17.19% 11	20.31% 13	18.75% 12	9.38% 6	6.25% 4	15.63% 10	12.50% 8	0.00% 0	64	5.36
Make improvements to public marinas	1.56% 1	1.56% 1	0.00% 0	6.25% 4	4.69% 3	9.38% 6	18.75% 12	57.81% 37	64	1.97

Q9 From your own experience, please indicate how well you think New Buffalo Township has provided each of the services below. Choose from one of the following choices: Very well, Well, Average, Poor, Very poor or Don't know.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 237



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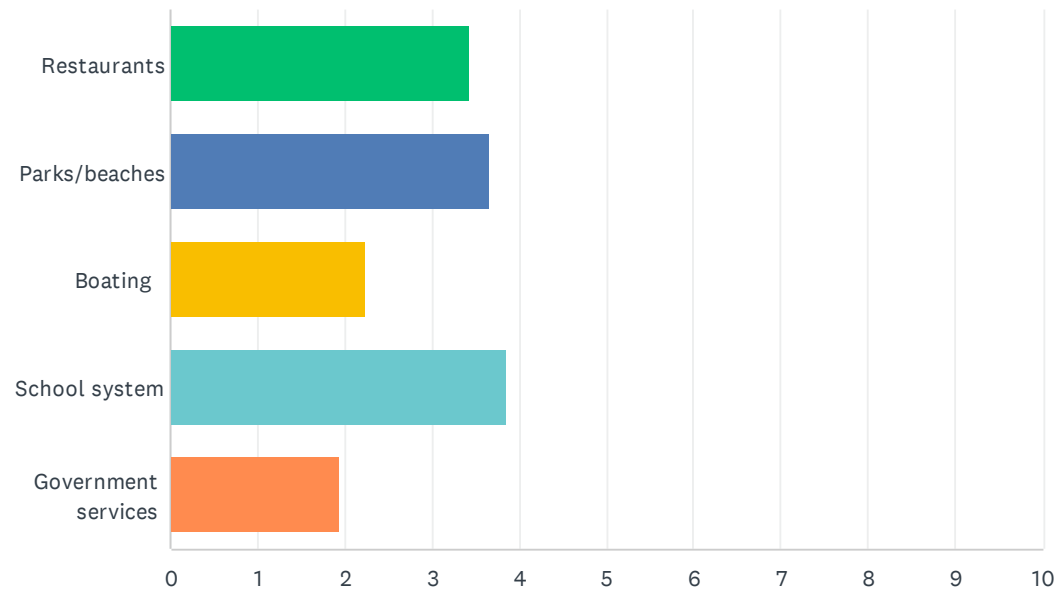


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	VERY WELL	WELL	AVERAGE	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL
Development and maintenance of a system of bike lanes and trails.	4.69% 3	17.19% 11	50.00% 32	12.50% 8	15.63% 10	64
Maintenance of public landscaping and street trees.	14.06% 9	32.81% 21	39.06% 25	12.50% 8	1.56% 1	64
Number of outdoor and open space areas.	14.29% 9	31.75% 20	34.92% 22	15.87% 10	3.17% 2	63
Park maintenance and upkeep.	35.94% 23	37.50% 24	15.63% 10	6.25% 4	4.69% 3	64
Programming the use of the community's parks.	26.23% 16	26.23% 16	24.59% 15	16.39% 10	6.56% 4	61

## Q10 Which of these aspects of the New Buffalo area have most contributed to improving your quality of life?

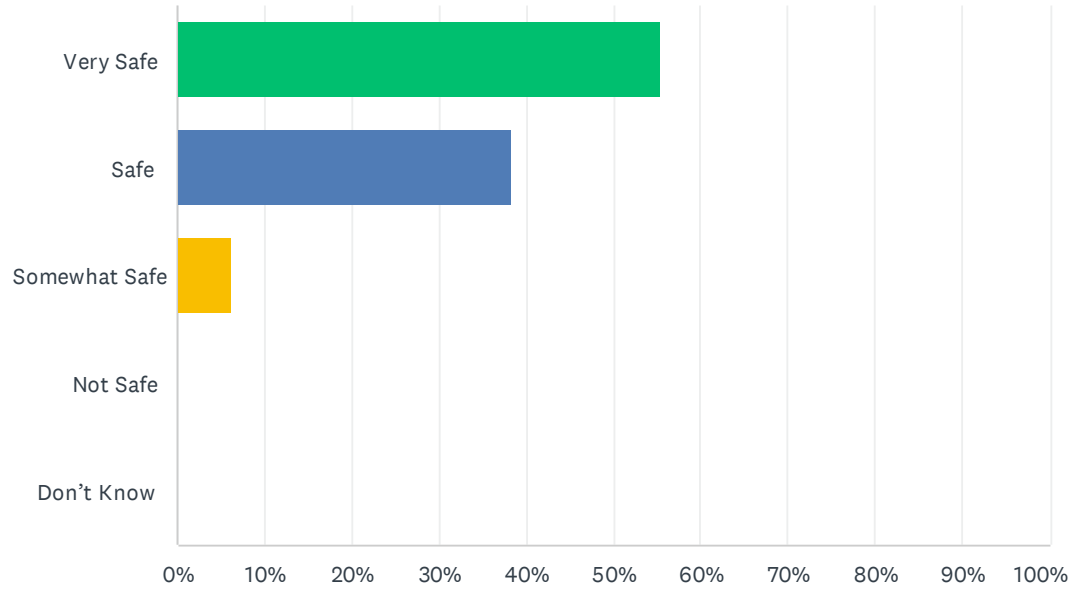
Answered: 65 Skipped: 238



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Restaurants	19.35% 12	25.81% 16	40.32% 25	8.06% 5	6.45% 4	62	3.44
Parks/beaches	22.22% 14	36.51% 23	28.57% 18	11.11% 7	1.59% 1	63	3.67
Boating	6.56% 4	16.39% 10	11.48% 7	24.59% 15	40.98% 25	61	2.23
School system	48.39% 30	20.97% 13	6.45% 4	16.13% 10	8.06% 5	62	3.85
Government services	6.45% 4	1.61% 1	12.90% 8	37.10% 23	41.94% 26	62	1.94

### Q11 Level of personal safety felt in the parks.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 238



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Safe	55.38%	36
Safe	38.46%	25
Somewhat Safe	6.15%	4
Not Safe	0.00%	0
Don't Know	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>65</b>

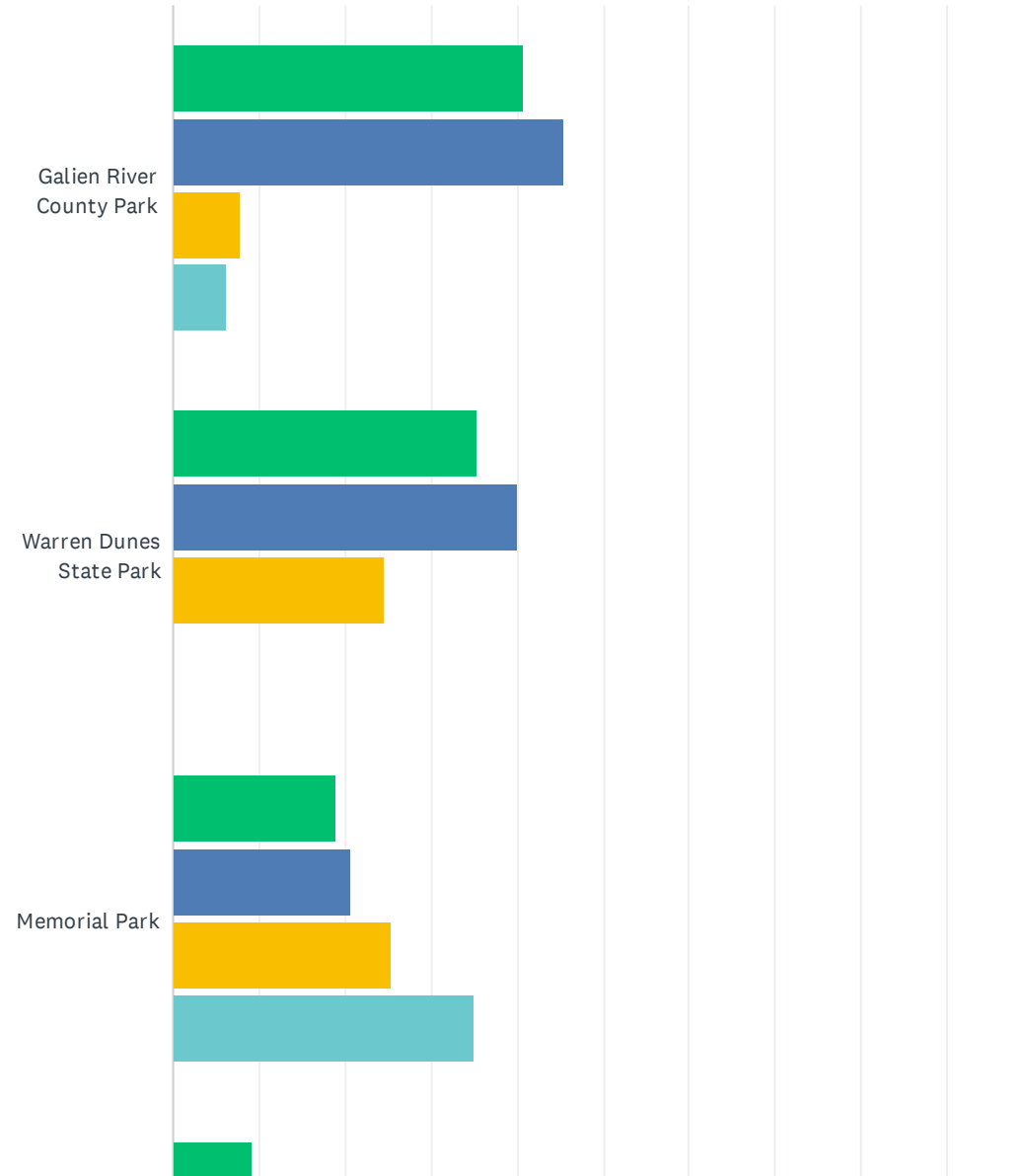
#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	Listen to prom night by chance the rapper	10/13/2022 10:49 AM

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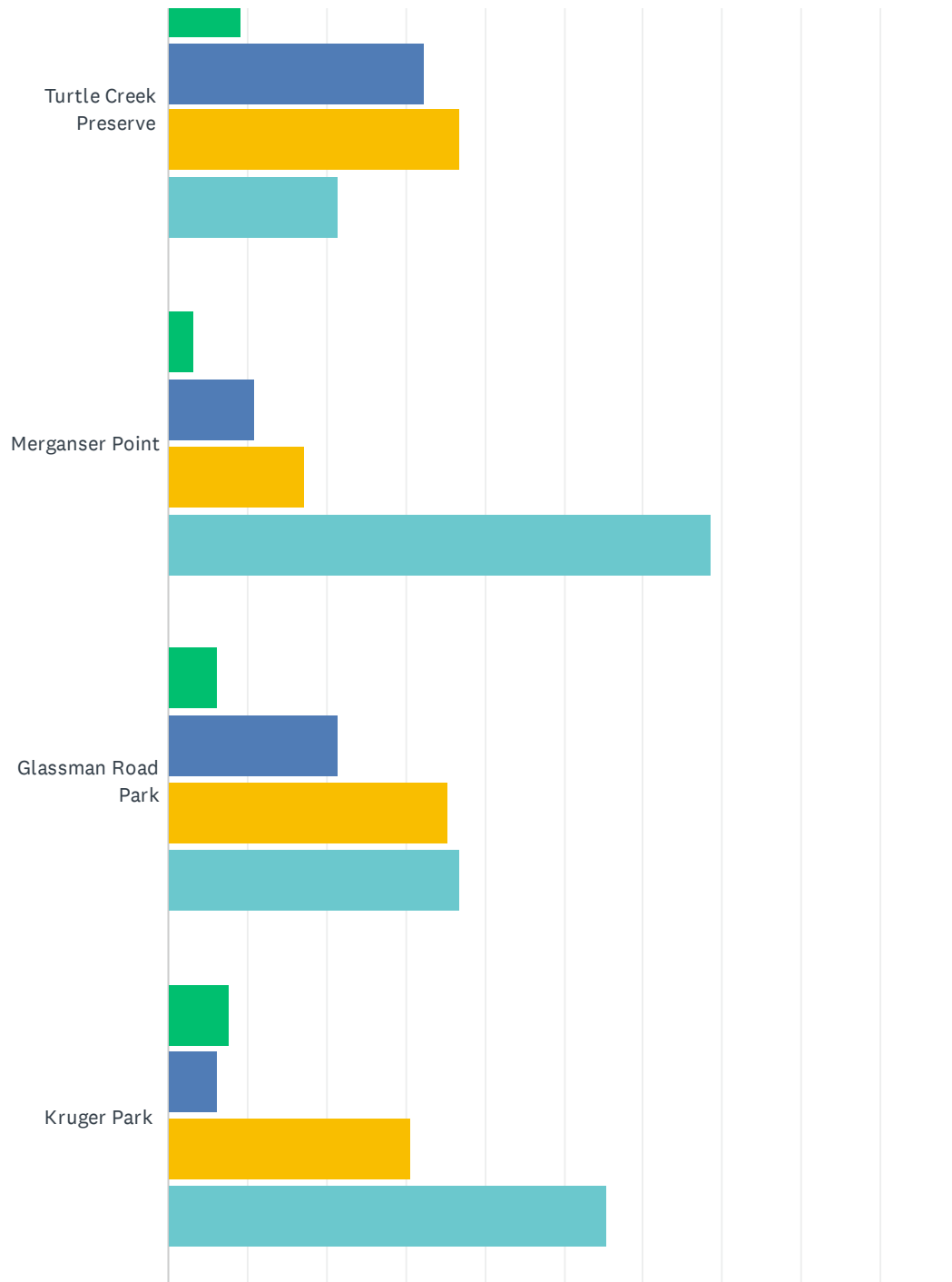
2	I'm a female, I never feel completely safe	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
3	Need more camera for preemptive safety	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
4	Creepy dribbling camp guy was offputting	8/21/2022 9:14 AM

## Q12 What is your awareness/usage of the following parks?

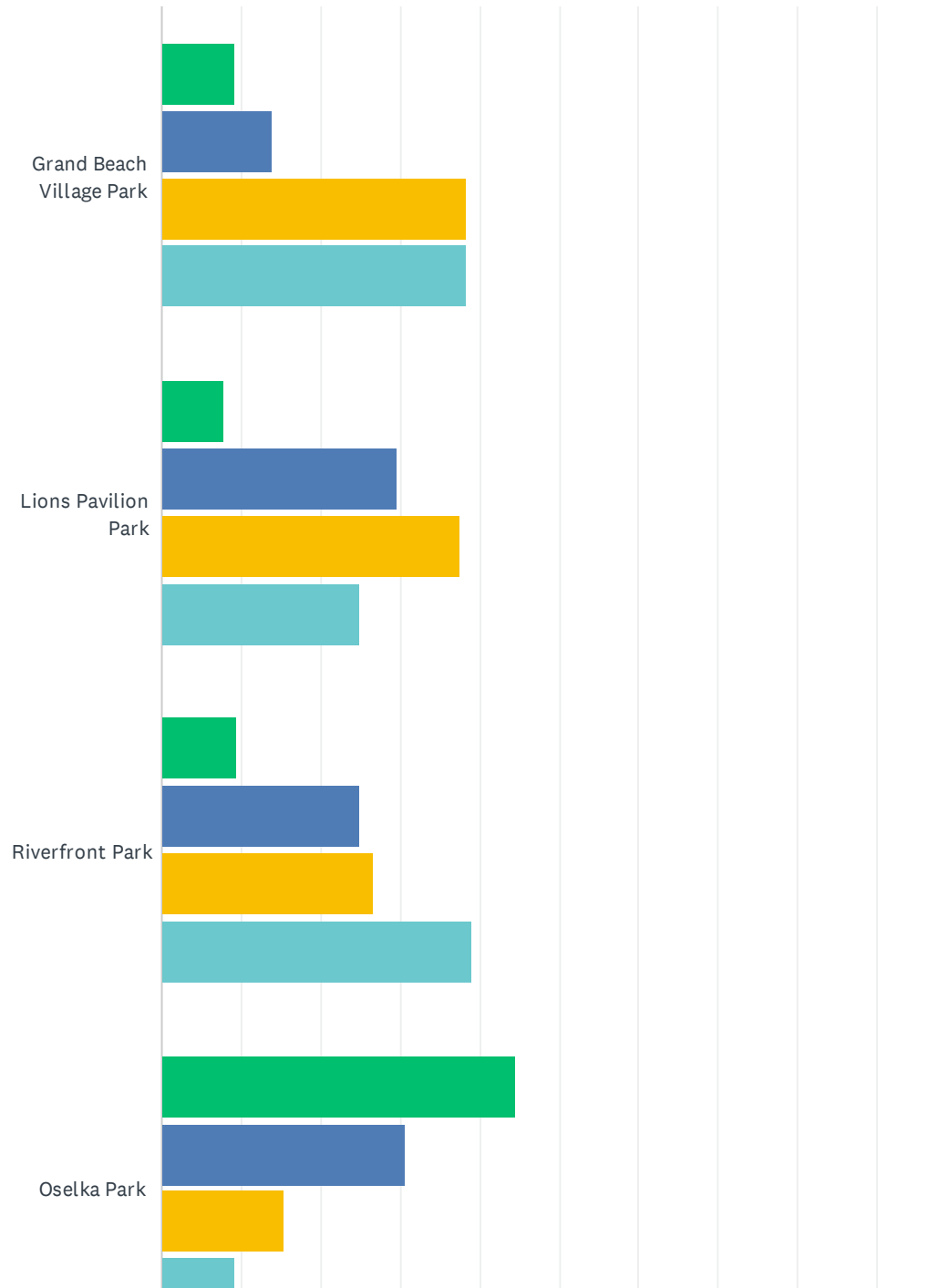
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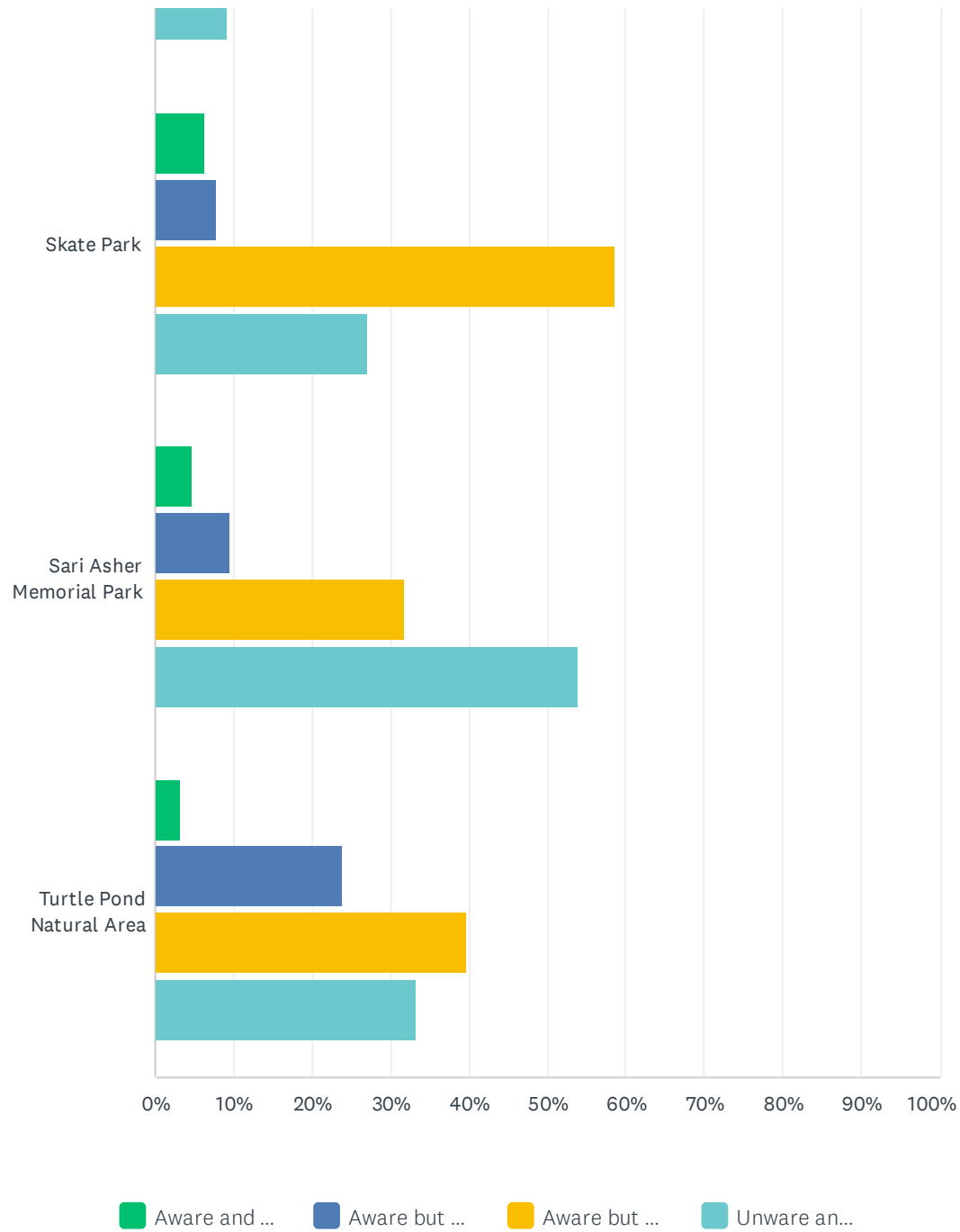
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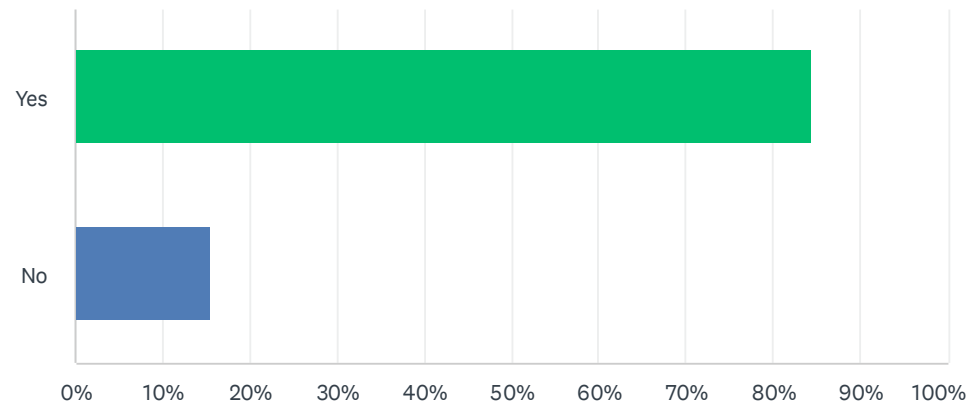


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	AWARE AND USE IT FREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT USE IT INFREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT DON'T USE IT	UNWARE AND DON'T USE IT	TOTAL
Galien River County Park	40.63% 26	45.31% 29	7.81% 5	6.25% 4	64
Warren Dunes State Park	35.38% 23	40.00% 26	24.62% 16	0.00% 0	65
Memorial Park	19.05% 12	20.63% 13	25.40% 16	34.92% 22	63
Turtle Creek Preserve	9.23% 6	32.31% 21	36.92% 24	21.54% 14	65
Merganser Point	3.13% 2	10.94% 7	17.19% 11	68.75% 44	64
Glassman Road Park	6.15% 4	21.54% 14	35.38% 23	36.92% 24	65
Kruger Park	7.69% 5	6.15% 4	30.77% 20	55.38% 36	65
Grand Beach Village Park	9.23% 6	13.85% 9	38.46% 25	38.46% 25	65
Lions Pavilion Park	7.81% 5	29.69% 19	37.50% 24	25.00% 16	64
Riverfront Park	9.38% 6	25.00% 16	26.56% 17	39.06% 25	64
Oselka Park	44.62% 29	30.77% 20	15.38% 10	9.23% 6	65
Skate Park	6.35% 4	7.94% 5	58.73% 37	26.98% 17	63
Sari Asher Memorial Park	4.76% 3	9.52% 6	31.75% 20	53.97% 34	63
Turtle Pond Natural Area	3.17% 2	23.81% 15	39.68% 25	33.33% 21	63

### Q13 Would you favor an improved bike network/trail system (either non-motorized or on-road facilities) through the New Buffalo area?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 239



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.38%	54
No	15.63%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>64</b>

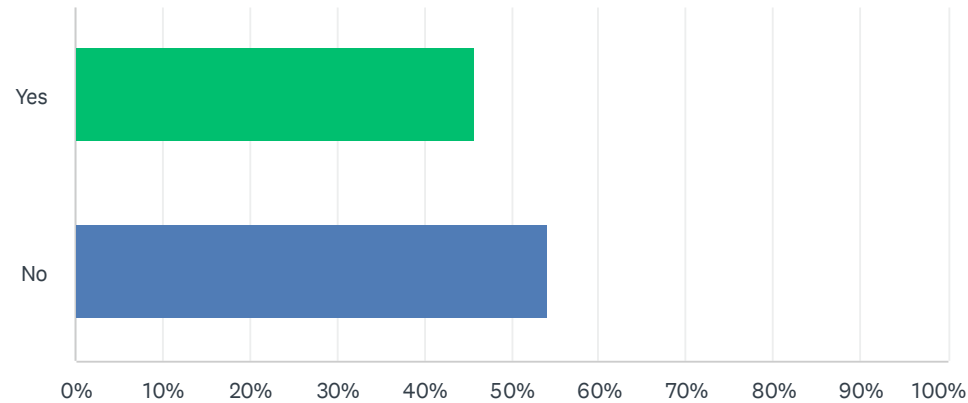
#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	Highway 12 and Red Arrow Highway	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Prom night by chance the rapper	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	In town	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	From downtown going out towards Union Pier	10/12/2022 4:29 PM
5	By railroad and anywhere else	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
6	New buffalo to three oaks and Union pier maybe even michigan city	10/11/2022 9:51 AM
7	Down hwy 12	10/11/2022 8:40 AM

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8	Grand Beach into New Buffalo City	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
9	Marquette Greenway, Red Arrow Linear Park, & connecting trails to local parks and beach	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
10	Everywhere	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
11	Rte 12	10/8/2022 7:34 AM
12	Around the casino area	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Along the lake	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	Off road	9/13/2022 6:09 PM
15	From the state line into town down US-12	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
16	Throughout	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
17	All down Whittaker and then along us 12 all the way to Union Pier	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
18	Connecting township parks and schools	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
19	Lubke rd	8/21/2022 9:14 AM
20	Create a system of interconnected sidewalks connecting residential areas to downtown areas and red arrow highways road adjacent paths to neighboring communities who already made said investments	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
21	Highway 12 (Grand Beach to Union Pier), Lubke Rd, Wilson Rd	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
22	KEEP IT OFF THE ROADS PEOPLE DONT USE IT NOW WASTE OF MONEY AND PARKING SPACE DOWNTOWN - FOOLISH!!!	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
23	not on road	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
24	Anywhere but off 12!	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
25	along Red Arrow: extend linear park from Union Pier to New Buffalo	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
26	Wilson, Lubke	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
27	All roads with speeds above 35 mph	7/15/2022 2:26 PM
28	More walking trails.	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
29	all over connecting to the Marquette Greenway	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
30	Everywhere	7/12/2022 3:04 PM

## Q14 Would you like to see additional pickleball courts developed in the community?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 244



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.76%	27
No	54.24%	32
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>59</b>

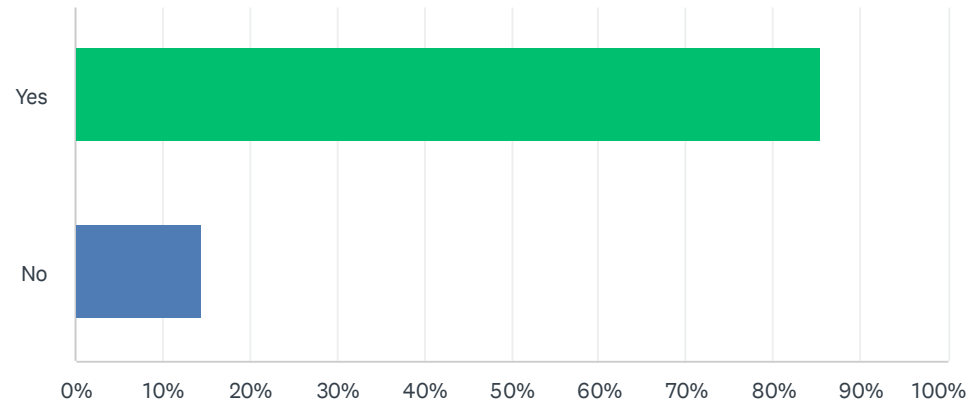
#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	NB Township Hall or Memorial Park	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Next to the other ones	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	Township Park	10/12/2022 4:29 PM
4	On the opposite side of town from where they are now at the highschool	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
5	Elementary school	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
6	St mary's?	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
7	Indoor courts are the biggest need	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
8	Next to a basketball court and tennis court, as close to the lake as possible.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM

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9	West end of NB township	8/20/2022 10:05 PM
10	The 6 new courts are amazing!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
11	Union pier, township park	8/14/2022 9:12 AM
12	Near the old gold's gym area	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
13	Walking distance from beach	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
14	Isn't the school doing this?	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
15	I don't play now but have many friends who do and use frequently	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
16	NBT	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

### Q15 Would you support a community-wide millage to create a dedicated funding source to support parks and recreation opportunities in the community?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 241



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.48%	53
No	14.52%	9
TOTAL		62

## Q16 What do you LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 261

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Well maintained from what I have seen. Scale seems aligned with the size of the community.	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	We need more!!!!!!	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	They are all clean and safe.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	N/A	10/13/2022 10:37 AM
6	Pickleball hiking biking	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
7	That they are clean, safe and help people live healthy, active lifestyles.	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	Easily accessible.	10/10/2022 9:39 PM
9	I like how they have preserved the natural surroundings.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
10	the staff, the programs, nd upkeep of the parks	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
11	Park at the Township Office is great	10/8/2022 12:22 PM
12	Splash pad. Trails. Music in the park	10/8/2022 10:09 AM
13	Looking forward to the Skate Park being completed. A little disappointed that the pickle ball courts took priority. Young people skated in Michigan City and LaPorte this summer.	10/8/2022 9:13 AM
14	Appreciate the parks and programming that exist	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
15	Patrick Donnelly is great. Always has a smile	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
16	Great Parks for families!	9/13/2022 9:58 PM
17	Availability	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
18	Music in the park is great	9/13/2022 2:08 PM
19	These facilities are beautiful	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
20	Good for kids	9/7/2022 11:30 AM

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21	Nice trails. Gorgeous water front. Plenty of nature. Decent bike lanes in many places. Everything is well kept.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
22	They are real nice	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
23	They are safe places families can enjoy nature and activities	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
24	Baseball softball is really well organized. We love the ice rink and groomed cc ski trails. Thank you!	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
25	The facilities are nice, new	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
26	Doing a good job managing what we have.	8/21/2022 9:14 AM
27	The township Park is clearly upgraded and used by many and designed to be a positive for the community	8/20/2022 10:05 PM
28	There are so many parks! We are new residents and are learning about them all and in the process of trying them out.	8/20/2022 7:22 PM
29	I like open and lightly wooded areas with well maintained trails.	8/20/2022 2:47 AM
30	Decent parks; would prefer if the community would do more to either get some grants or budget more to refresh playground equipment across all parks	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
31	Township Park is GREAT! I need to explore more of our great parks.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
32	Splash pad	8/14/2022 9:12 AM
33	the walking trails in scenic areas	8/14/2022 1:15 AM
34	Very assessable	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
35	Nice upkeep of parks. Splash pad and pavilion are very nice and heavily used.	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
36	Memorial Park is tremendous. Most of my issues with NB Township are lack of communication, p.r. on anything -- both available recreation opportunities and what the Township is doing. There is barely any marketing for Music in the Park	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
37	Easy access to one's we use	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
38	Memorial Park is a gem. Just keep the maintenance up.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
39	Lots of great programs offered at township park. Pavilion used by community for parties. Splash Pad is great for kids.	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
40	Provided all through the Summer	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
41	Less busy than city beach	7/12/2022 3:04 PM
42	They are well-maintained with good amenities	7/12/2022 2:02 PM



## Q17 What do you NOT LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 273

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More programming for the kids to learn about the Ecology of our area and water safety training on the Lake.	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	We need more	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	It's all good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	N/A	10/13/2022 10:37 AM
6	Need more options	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
7	If the township continues to hit residents with millages for every update to our parks and rec then most of us will no longer be able to afford to live here.	10/11/2022 3:05 PM
8	I am unaware of most of them. A resource guide to people moving here or a website dedicated to them would be helpful.	10/10/2022 1:43 PM
9	not enough trails	10/9/2022 3:31 PM
10	nothing	10/8/2022 12:22 PM
11	See above.	10/8/2022 9:13 AM
12	Lack of sidewalks connecting downtown to outlying businesses	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
13	Terrible upkeep and neglect	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
14	I do not think we utilize them enough and we need our kids to be more active	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
15	need more for adults	9/7/2022 11:30 AM
16	The Oselka involvement is disturbing. No need to keep funneling generous funds directly to them so they can use those funds to create more free time for themselves to over-consume conspiracy theory videos and then be outspoken about their distaste for entire groups of human beings due to the lies they absorbed from the internet.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
17	No real complaint	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
18	Not interested in youth football and would rather see a different fall offering for kids	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
19	You have to drive from place to place	8/21/2022 11:18 AM

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20	Lack of youth soccer, everyone has to go to bridgeman, perhaps a coordinated league	8/21/2022 9:14 AM
21	I was opposed to the road diet and bike trail incorporated onto US 12, I would prefer any bike trails to be placed on their own dedicated property away from vehicles, or use the many low traffic back roads	8/20/2022 10:05 PM
22	Not enough sidewalks	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
23	I like ALL parks.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
24	Not very inviting or publicized	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
25	Need a walking trail or two?	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
26	Unfortunately, most of the oppts are to be enjoyed in the summer months when tourists outnumber the full-time residents so I rarely make use of them.	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
27	Worried about biking on Red Arrow	8/12/2022 7:29 PM
28	I don't understand why the Township runs a marina in the City which no residents can even use. This is something else that doesn't benefit local people.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
29	No water	7/12/2022 3:04 PM
30	The bathrooms close too early in the fall at Memorial Park.	7/12/2022 2:02 PM

## Q18 What improvements or additional services do you suggest for the Township's Parks? Please indicate if for a specific park.

Answered: 20 Skipped: 283

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	See above for all parks that have the opportunity	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Music. Mostly chance the rappers prom night	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	I think make more basketball courts or fields.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	N/A	10/13/2022 10:37 AM
6	Hiking and biking anywhere	10/11/2022 3:24 PM
7	Longer hiking trails and public beach access to twp residents	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
8	Oselka park. The fields are terrible. Need new turf, irrigation and drainage system. WE NEED LIGHTS AND SCOREBOARDS!!!!	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
9	Need to fix the score boards at Oselka Park, need netting install in the concessions area to keep birds out and the grass need to be removed on field 2, need a grass soccer field	9/13/2022 1:39 PM
10	Basketball courts and tennis courts as close to the lake as possible. And we would gladly pay for an indoor rec center membership. Actual restaurant overlooking the lake.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
11	the galien river parks should have some benches on the sky walk	8/24/2022 9:08 AM
12	Oselka needs new equipment	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
13	There needs to be a pool	8/21/2022 9:47 AM
14	Indoor pool Indoor ice skating rink	8/20/2022 6:43 PM
15	Refresh playground equipment.	8/19/2022 8:20 PM
16	REC PROGRAMS FOR THE KIDS ALL SUMMER	8/15/2022 9:14 AM
17	N/A	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
18	Dog friendly trails either at Memorial Park or Galien River County Park. If not, then, there should be enforcement at Galien River County Park	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
19	Pickle ball	7/13/2022 9:45 AM

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I'd like to see the bathrooms stay open a little later in the season.

7/12/2022 2:02 PM

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## Q19 What broader parks and recreational needs exist in the community that the New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority should be working on?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 277

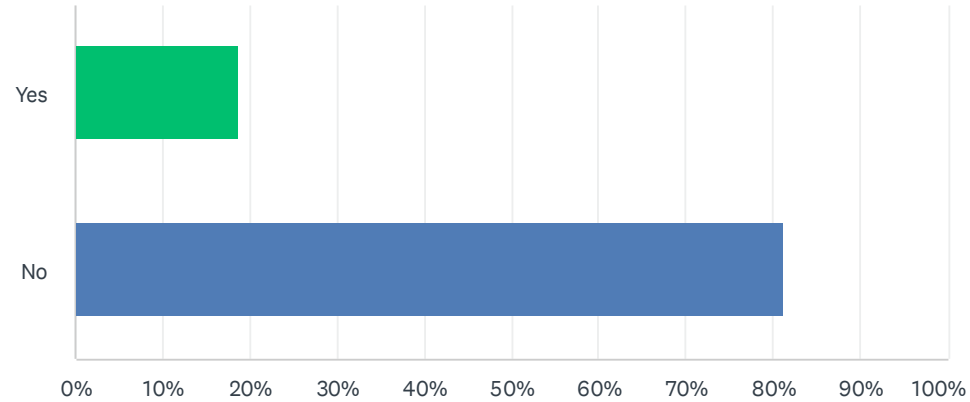
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Attracting out of the area residents to learn more about our ecology and what they can do to improve down river water quality. Youth programs outside of traditional sports.	10/15/2022 12:38 PM
2	Sure	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
3	I think they're good.	10/13/2022 10:49 AM
4	Idk	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
5	N/A	10/13/2022 10:37 AM
6	Community pool.	10/10/2022 9:39 PM
7	Winter activities: cross country skiing, indoor pool at community center	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
8	The community center could be a great benefit for the area.	10/8/2022 8:13 AM
9	Sidewalks	10/7/2022 6:54 PM
10	An indoor facility!!!!	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
11	Fields to have youth baseball and softball tournaments	9/13/2022 6:09 PM
12	Make improvements to Oselka park, lights for nighttime, a restroom closer to the playground, some more shade for picnics and tables.	9/13/2022 2:08 PM
13	Kids sports programs. Need community pool by the lake.	8/30/2022 5:43 PM
14	Recreational center or community pool	8/23/2022 2:48 PM
15	Better lighting and connections between schools and recreation areas	8/21/2022 11:18 AM
16	Pool	8/21/2022 9:47 AM
17	Bike paths through Harbor Country. Perhaps another location with tennis courts. A community center and/or pool would be great.	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
18	Finding funding so the school district isn't paying for everything.	8/14/2022 9:12 AM
19	a sledding hill maybe	8/14/2022 1:15 AM

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20	N/A	8/13/2022 10:08 AM
21	Please fix up the ball fields at Oselka Park. They were poorly designed to begin with and have not been maintained. Does anybody use the sledding hill at Oselka Park or could it be repurposed to something else?	8/12/2022 10:30 PM
22	working with the community center effort to bring a public pool to the area	8/12/2022 8:38 PM
23	It would be nice if the community gym area at the school was open more hours for the residents. It's very limited.	8/12/2022 1:24 PM
24	Please help fix the youth fields at Oselka Park. Also does anybody use the sledding hill or is it a waste of space?	7/14/2022 6:28 PM
25	Having a Park on the West side of the Township	7/13/2022 9:45 AM
26	A community aquatic center	7/12/2022 2:02 PM

## Q20 Are you a boater who uses the City of New Buffalo Transient Marina?

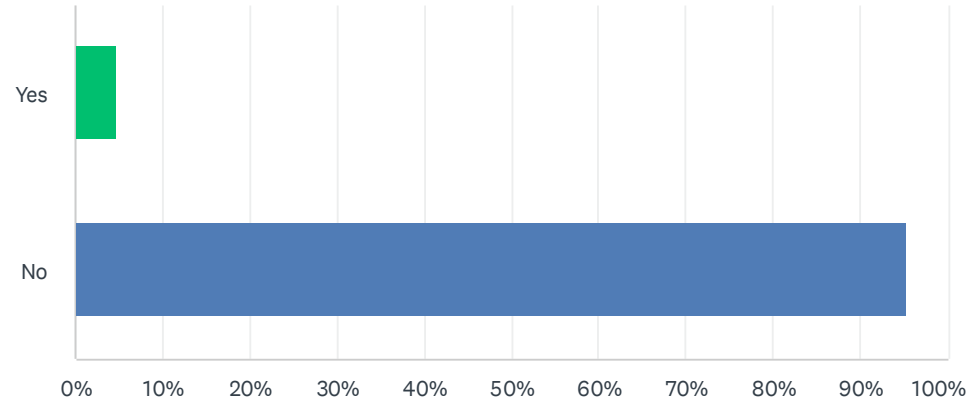
Answered: 64 Skipped: 239



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.75%	12
No	81.25%	52
TOTAL		64

### Q21 Are you a boater that uses the Pleasure Isle Marina owned by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 238

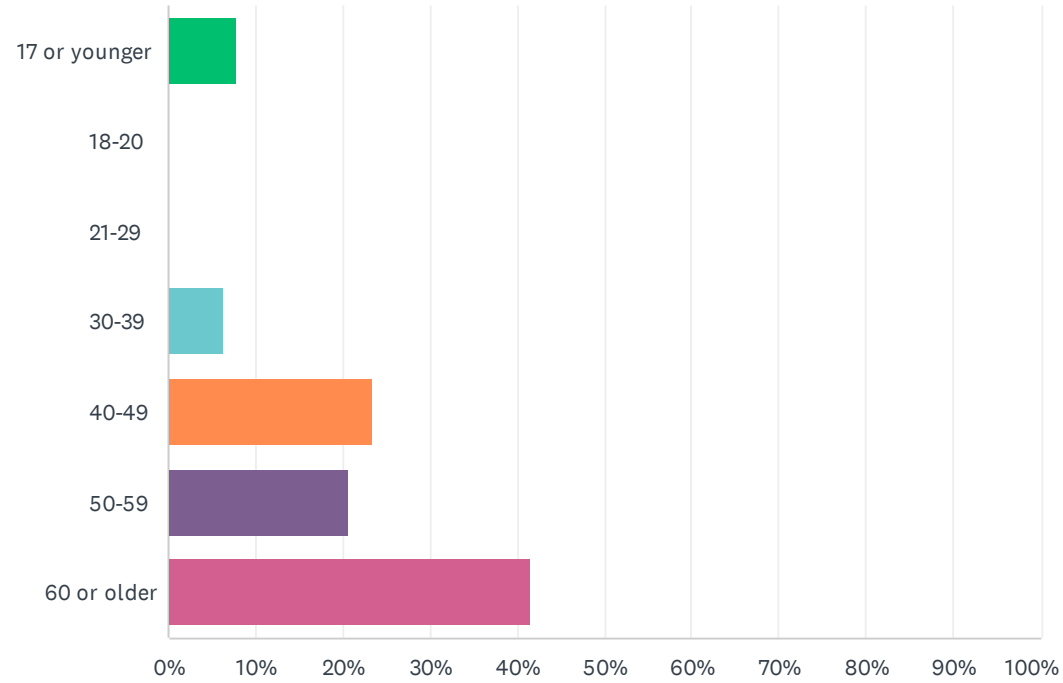


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	4.62%	3
No	95.38%	62
TOTAL		65



## Q22 What is your age?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 226

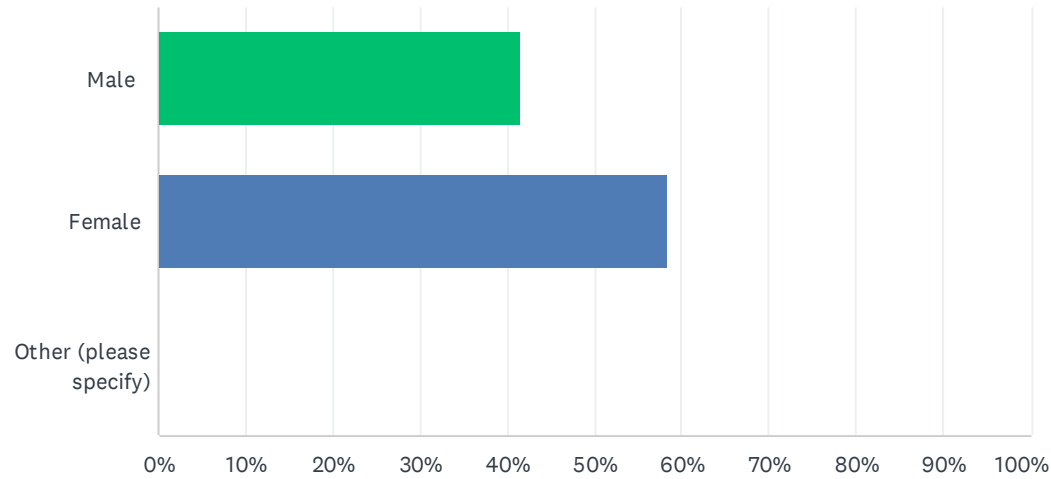


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	7.79%	6
18-20	0.00%	0
21-29	0.00%	0
30-39	6.49%	5
40-49	23.38%	18
50-59	20.78%	16
60 or older	41.56%	32
TOTAL	77	

## Q23 What is your gender?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 226

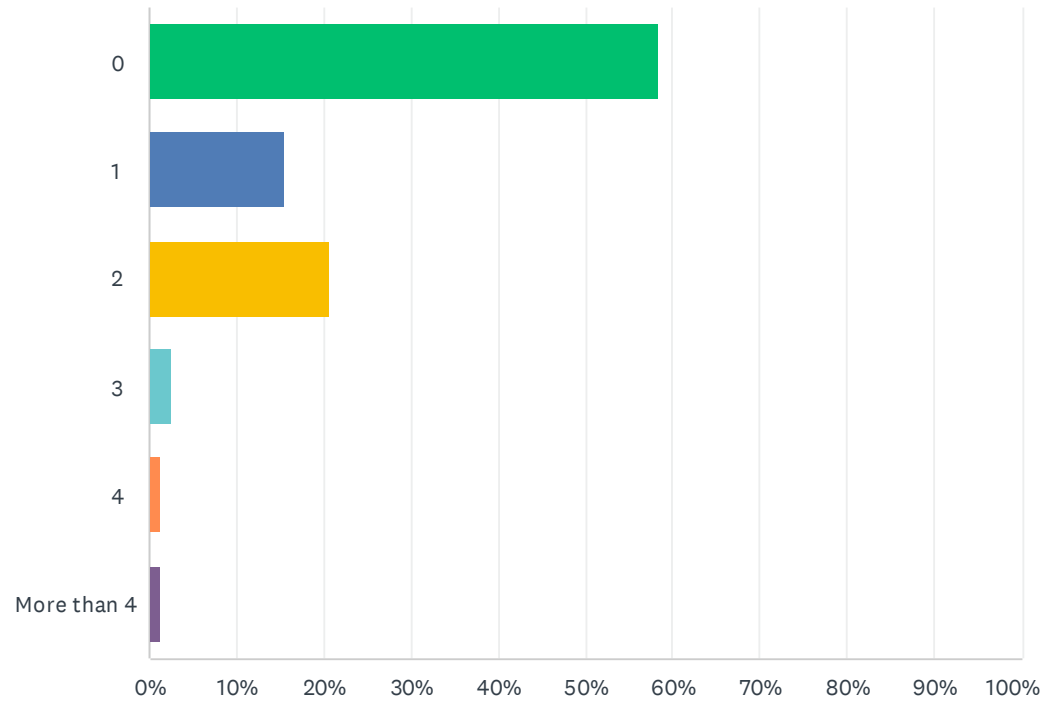


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	41.56% 32
Female	58.44% 45
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

## Q24 How many children are you parent or guardian to and live in your household (aged 17 or younger only)?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 226



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	58.44%	45
1	15.58%	12
2	20.78%	16
3	2.60%	2
4	1.30%	1
More than 4	1.30%	1
TOTAL	77	

## Q25 What types of improvements would you like to see in the community to ensure recreational amenities are fully accessible to persons of all mobility levels?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 260

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More Parks	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	More things to do in the town for kids	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
3	Idk	10/13/2022 10:47 AM
4	parks	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	There need to be more wheelchair ramps in public places. There are basically none.	10/13/2022 10:39 AM
6	Handicap restrooms.	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	A community pool is highly desired. Our kids work at marinas and spend time on boats, they need to learn how to swim!	10/12/2022 6:53 AM
8	More sidewalks and paths.	10/11/2022 7:29 PM
9	Rock Climbing (Bouldering) and a Roller Hockey Rink.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
10	I would like to see new and improved signs indicating locations of recreation opportunities. All signs would be of the same colors, perhaps with a unifying logo representing recreational areas and location of opportunities. Perhaps a large sign listing what NB has to offer for fun. They should be large and noticeable. I would like to see a playground area , the grand wooden kind in the downtown area with adult benches and porch swings for community to gather. Oselka park is nice, but it's too far out of town for vacationers and locals who would like to meet. I would like a large covered area by the beach parking lot with many benches for older people to view the sunsets and visit with friends. Older people can't walk to the lake plus the heat is too much. We love the lake views and people watching. Of course it would be fully accessible to all mobility levels. Our sidewalks through out town are tragically dangerous with raised and broken areas. As a walker, I often walk on the street so I don't fall. Also, I bet you've seen group after group of vacationers walking down the side streets, not on the treacherous sidewalks	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
11	Beach sand walks and sand wheel chair rentals. Provider for visitor wheelchair rentals.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
12	Improved NB beach/park/traffic. Develop the bandstand/ sand area for splash pad, concert, food trucks and/or restaurants.	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
13	Fix the paved trail that goes around Oselka park.	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
14	The beach campus needs a complete remodel, with improved pedestrian access to downtown.	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
15	It's nice that the high school allows the community to use the pickleball courts, tennis courts and weight room but it is really the township/city's responsibility not the school's. We need a community center with an indoor pool, indoor pickleball courts (the fastest growing sport in the USA), art classes, yoga and exercise classes.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM

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16	Sand wheelchairs	10/8/2022 5:11 PM
17	It would be a great help to have all of the potholes repaired in the lot where the Thursday market is held. Thank you for asking!	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
18	Upgrade our water sewer and drainage	10/8/2022 2:33 PM
19	I would like to see public restrooms downtown.	10/8/2022 11:53 AM
20	Beachwalk just a little closer to water if possible.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
21	Very timely question. My wife uses a wheelchair and we bought a place here because of its accessibility to Amtrak and its new sidewalks downtown. We were shocked and disappointed to push up the new accessible dune walk to find it went nowhere and that she couldn't see anything. Then that the beach boardwalk was gone. We want to reach out to the parks dept to find the right people to talk to about access and improvement. We have deep ties to the disability community in Chicago and want to bring more people here to enjoy New Buffalo as we do. My contact is geo_hay@yahoo.com George 312-363-7103.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
22	Have the owner of the lot in downtown New Buffalo tear down the balance of the structure and make it a green area until they figure out their plans. It's an eye sore . It's been empty for around 10-15 years. Doesn't make our town look good. Isn't there some kind of code that makes people clean their property?	10/8/2022 9:28 AM
23	I wish the beach bathrooms and Oselka park bathrooms were open more often.	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
24	More convenient and just more handicapped parking	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
25	More activities for children and teens.	10/8/2022 8:46 AM
26	Handicapped accessibility	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
27	An extended boardwalk at the public beach. More sidewalks and paths and improvements to uneven sidewalks and paths	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
28	Don't know	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
29	Pedestrian bridge over the canal to make the public beach more accessible.	10/7/2022 10:06 PM
30	More activities such as concerts and festivals for all age groups. More social activities and encouragement of restaurants/eating places are sorely needed/	10/7/2022 7:44 PM
31	walking or biking on Marquette is very dangerous. Needs shoulders.	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
32	I love the outdoor exercise equip on route 12 north of town, by the township building (I think that's what the building is)	10/7/2022 6:46 PM
33	Biking paths	10/7/2022 6:29 PM
34	Handicap access available	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
35	Handicap accessible and updated parks	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
36	Indoor tennis courts	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
37	Improvements and better upkeep of the softball fields.	8/16/2022 9:53 AM

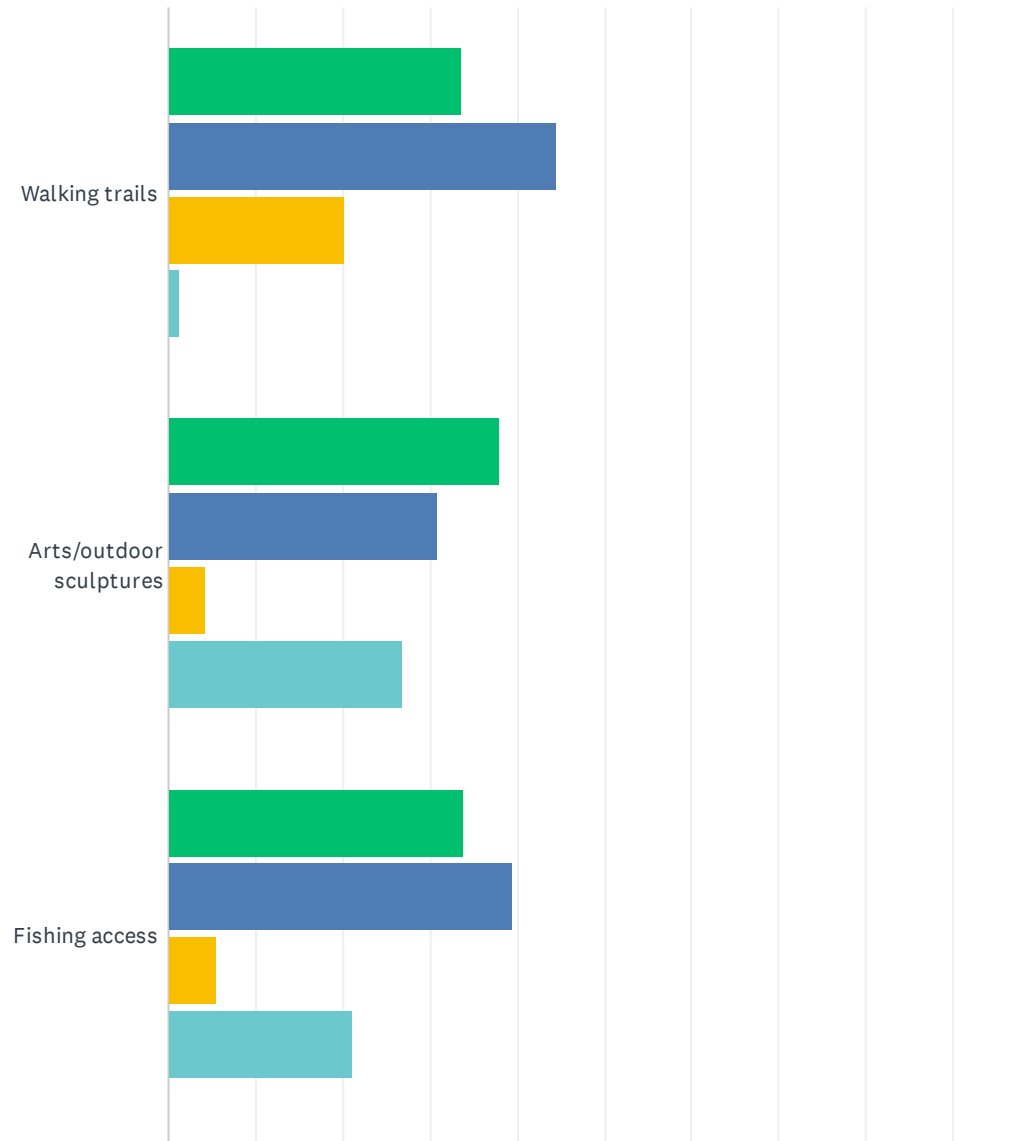
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38	No Improvements needed for mobility.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
39	I would love to see the beach boardwalk left out for more of the year to keep the beach accessible. Also, more sidewalks throughout town so it's more walkable.	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
40	Improvement of sidewalks. Increase in cleaning of beach and downtown.	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
41	More green spaces	8/11/2022 4:41 PM
42	Off road hike and bike trails. Also, hire an administrator to organize classes and activities for all ages in our community.	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
43	Sidewalks and trails	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

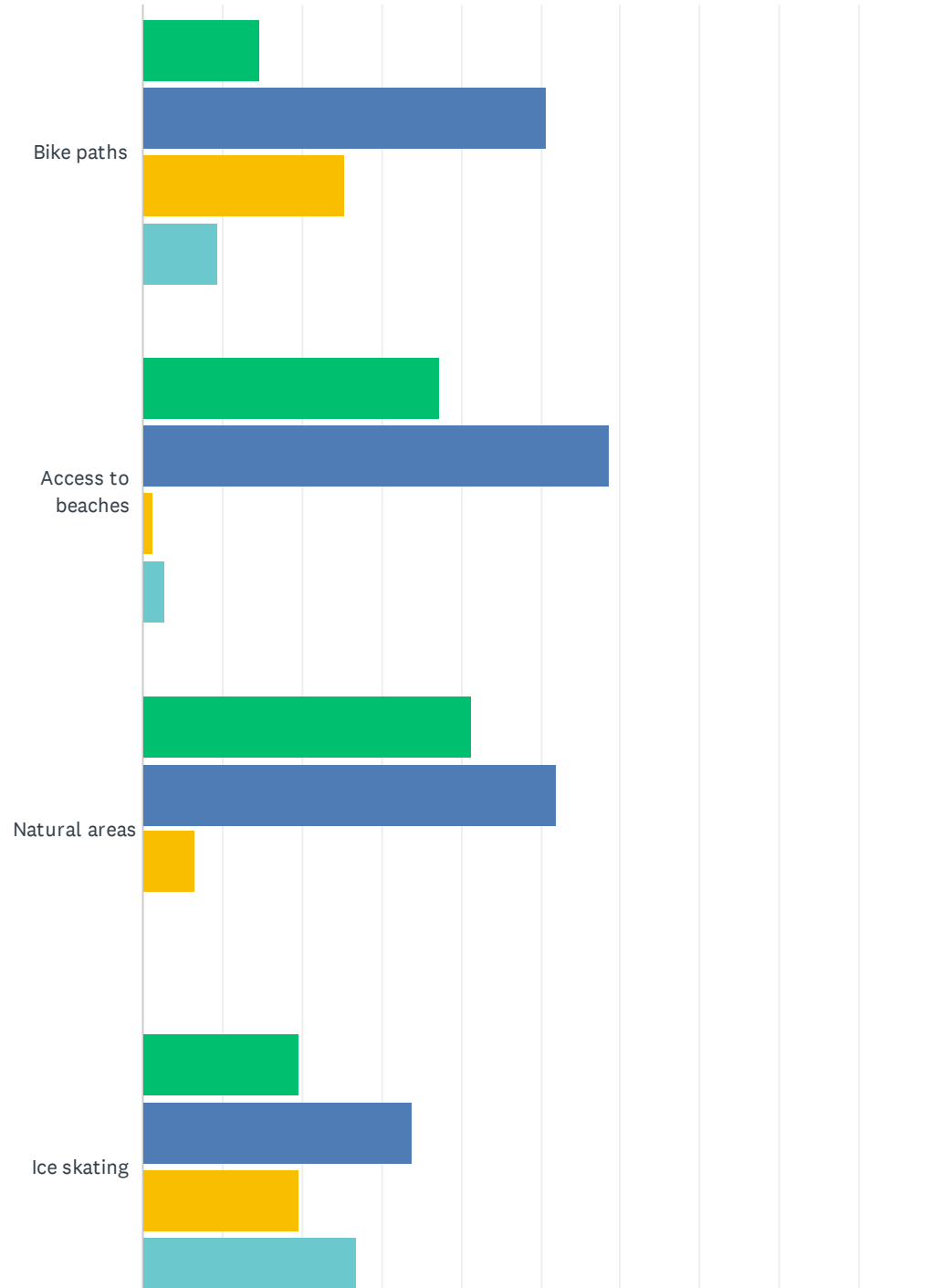


### Q26 How available and adequate are existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area? Please choose one response for each item.

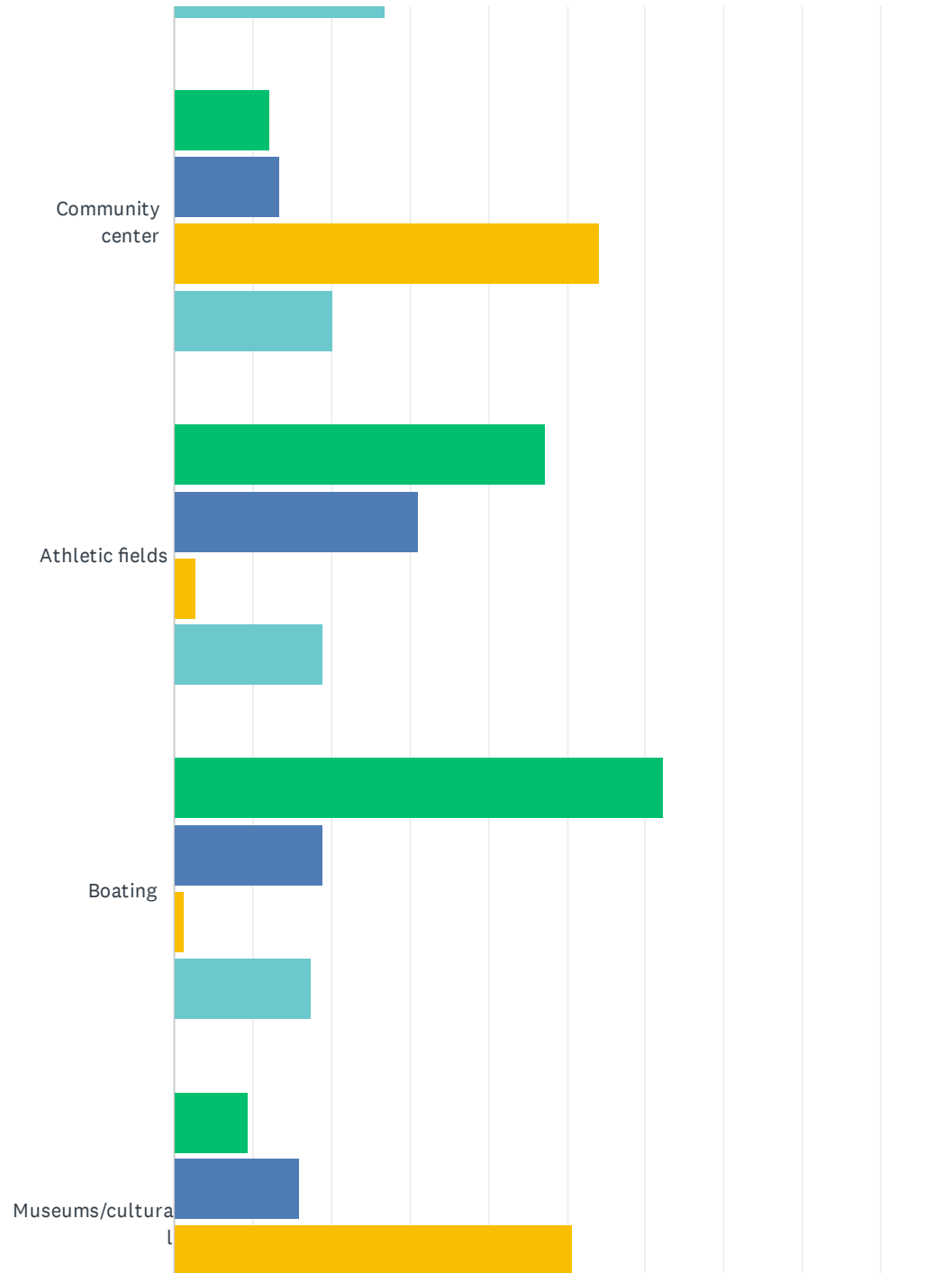
Answered: 75 Skipped: 228



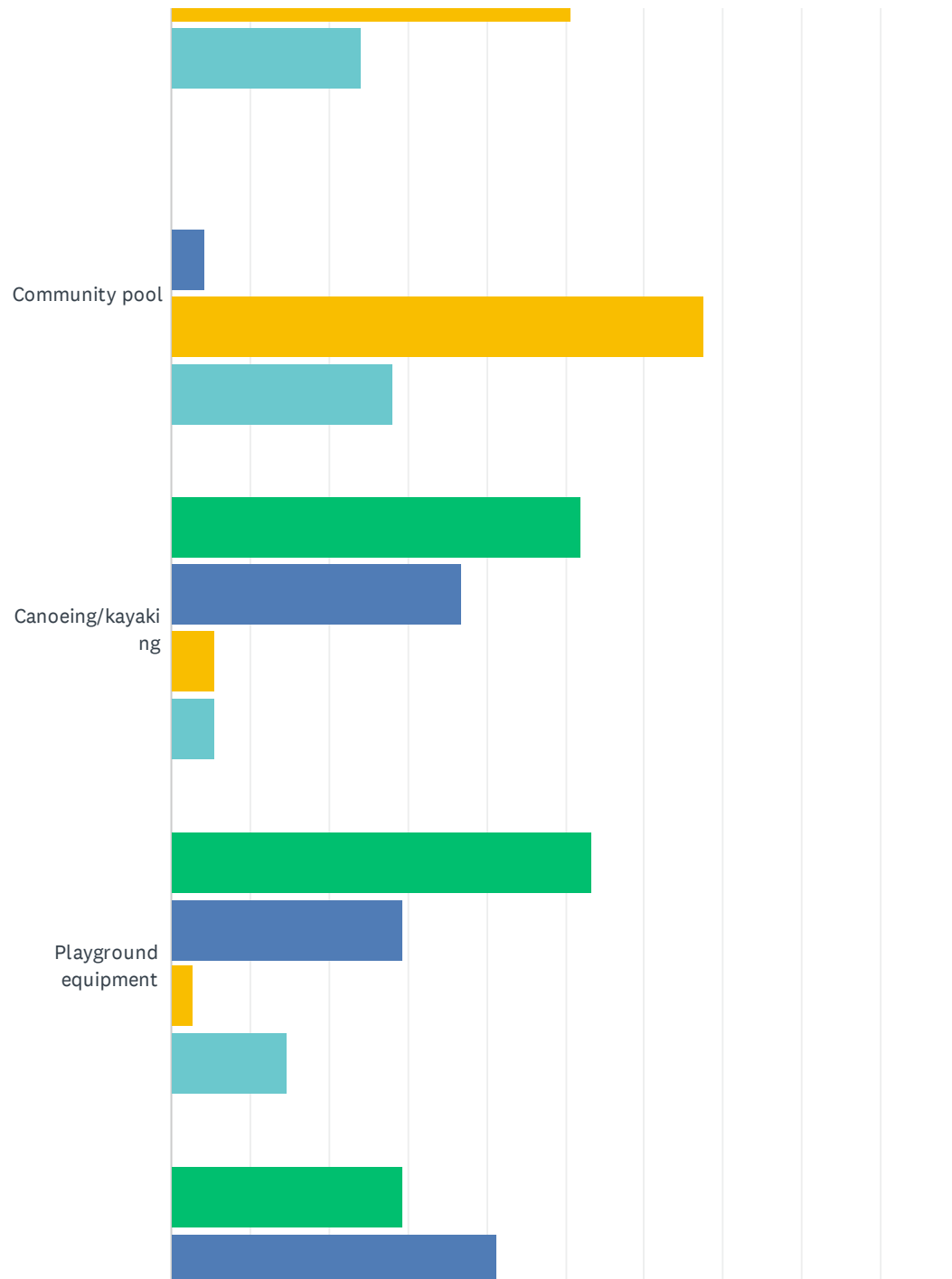
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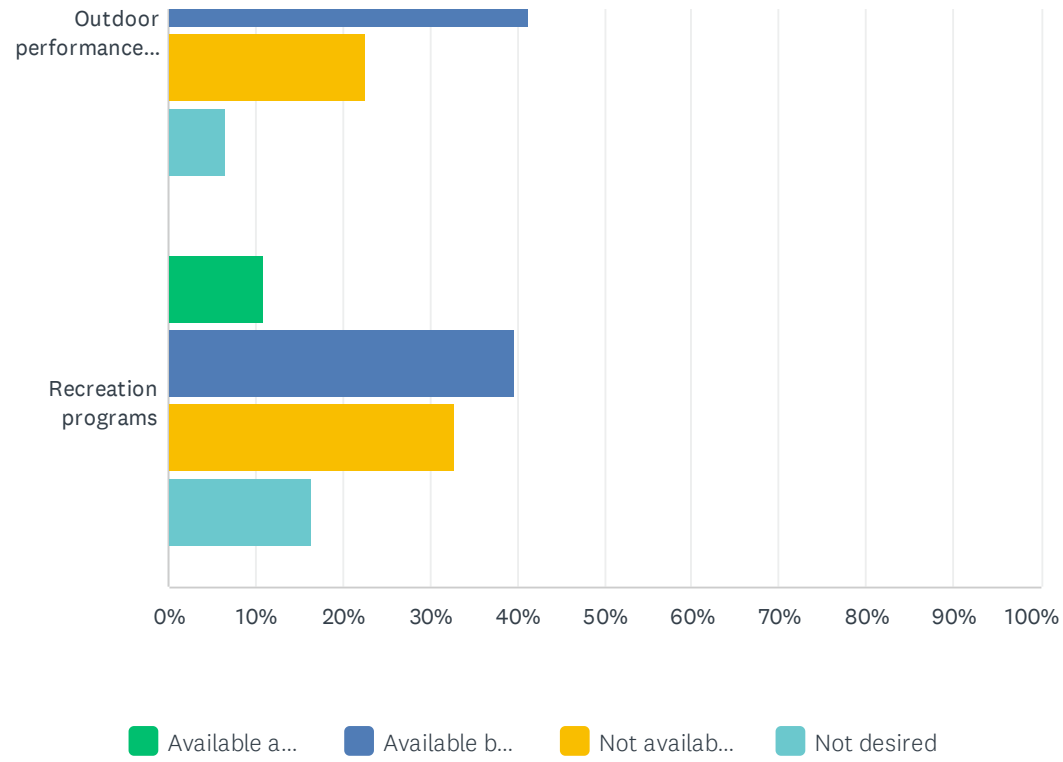
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	AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE	AVAILABLE BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NOT AVAILABLE (WANTED)	NOT DESIRED	TOTAL
Walking trails	33.78% 25	44.59% 33	20.27% 15	1.35% 1	74
Arts/outdoor sculptures	38.03% 27	30.99% 22	4.23% 3	26.76% 19	71
Fishing access	33.80% 24	39.44% 28	5.63% 4	21.13% 15	71
Bike paths	14.67% 11	50.67% 38	25.33% 19	9.33% 7	75
Access to beaches	37.33% 28	58.67% 44	1.33% 1	2.67% 2	75
Natural areas	41.33% 31	52.00% 39	6.67% 5	0.00% 0	75
Ice skating	19.72% 14	33.80% 24	19.72% 14	26.76% 19	71
Community center	12.16% 9	13.51% 10	54.05% 40	20.27% 15	74
Athletic fields	47.30% 35	31.08% 23	2.70% 2	18.92% 14	74
Boating	62.16% 46	18.92% 14	1.35% 1	17.57% 13	74
Museums/cultural	9.33% 7	16.00% 12	50.67% 38	24.00% 18	75
Community pool	0.00% 0	4.23% 3	67.61% 48	28.17% 20	71
Canoeing/kayaking	52.05% 38	36.99% 27	5.48% 4	5.48% 4	73
Playground equipment	53.33% 40	29.33% 22	2.67% 2	14.67% 11	75
Outdoor performance space	29.33% 22	41.33% 31	22.67% 17	6.67% 5	75
Recreation programs	10.96% 8	39.73% 29	32.88% 24	16.44% 12	73

## Q27 How can existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area be improved?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 250

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking trails	58.49%	31
Arts/outdoor sculptures	37.74%	20
Fishing access	28.30%	15
Bike paths	60.38%	32
Access to beaches	49.06%	26
Natural areas	28.30%	15
Ice skating	37.74%	20
Community center	45.28%	24
Athletic fields	24.53%	13
Boating	20.75%	11
Museums/cultural	26.42%	14
Community pool	52.83%	28
Canoeing/kayaking	28.30%	15
Playground equipment	37.74%	20
Outdoor performance space	41.51%	22
Recreation programs	43.40%	23

#	WALKING TRAILS	DATE
1	Fix sidewalks and roads	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Just more of them	10/12/2022 6:28 PM

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4	Put mulch down on trail and make wider paths	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	More, more, more are needed and advertised adequately with signs	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Expand the Galien River County Park trails by connecting access to downtown area and/or beach	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
7	Add some to make it safer than walking non roads.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
8	Excited to visit the new beach boardwalk! Thank you for upgrading it!	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
9	more	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
10	Like the new trail by elementary school - what about that Turtle Pond Park ?	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
11	Continue to develop and promote	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
12	The trails are getting to be over grown and often only mowed once a month	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
13	More and better labeled	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
14	More of them	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
15	The walking trails in nature somehow seem creepy and unwelcoming.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
16	no parking available at trail entrance	10/7/2022 10:06 PM
17	More	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
18	longer distances, better advertised	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
19	We have so many great areas let's designate them for walking or create big sidewalks like union pier in red arrow	10/7/2022 6:29 PM
20	Would like more nature trails for hikes and walks	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
21	Adequate facilities	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
22	Maintained better	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
23	They need to be better maintained	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
24	more	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
25	Create well marked trails w/parking and restroom. Improve and add sidewalks.	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
26	Walking Trails more than adequate, I use all the time.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
27	PAVED PATHS FOR STROLLERS, WHEELCHAIRS, CANES & WALKERS	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
28	Pronounced more	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
29	More sidewalks; more connected trails	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
30	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
31	Connecting more trails to be able to traverse	7/12/2022 3:31 PM



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#	ARTS/OUTDOOR SCULPTURES	DATE
1	Have more	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Building murals (like the Starbucks & on the corner of Merchant and Whittaker) look very nice	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Their fine	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Tasteful, representing our community - down town, not at the beach. How dumb. People are going to the beach for nature's beauty, not sculptures. Place them in town where they can be enjoyed.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Let's landscape by the beach before putting sculptures. Otherwise it looks like a sculpture surrounded by goose poop and weeds	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
7	Include more art/sculpture that recognizes the historic and ongoing presence of indigenous communities in the area	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
8	I'm not concerned about sculptures I'd prefer some nice art class offerings.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
9	There's a cute town in South Dakota that has an art alley. Local artists are allowed to paint sections. It's such a cool place. I though of the potential for NB when we visited the alley.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
10	Make a sculpture park with path at beach. Donnelly is a lone sculpture at beach - really would be great to see native flowers around !	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
11	Incorporate historical markers throughout community	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
12	There are some but not many just at the beach	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
13	The placement of sculptures is weird and haphazard mostly along the ugly side of Whittaker	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
14	Additional needed	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
15	NA	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
16	Enough already	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
17	Pronounce more	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
18	Would love to see more art, especially from local artists. Murals, sculptures, interactive installations	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
19	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
20	Some in the area	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	FISHING ACCESS	DATE
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Outside of the bridge there really is nowhere	10/12/2022 6:28 PM

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4	Where is it now? If we had a river wall or a pier with a cap and it was marked clearly with appropriate signs that would be a big plus.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
5	The Public Launch needs significant improvement for fishing access to Lake Michigan and the Galien River Marsh	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
6	more access that does not require a boat	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
7	At the beach	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
8	More access in areas in the city for locals to fish at.	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
9	NA	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
10	Need more spots for people to fish. There is nowhere to go.	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
11	City and Twp could have more parking access	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
12	extending a dock/pier & program to teach kids how to fish	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
13	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
14	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
15	Lots of access	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>BIKE PATHS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Nicer bike trails	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Something similar to the M-22 trail in northern Michigan is awesome	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Have markers and info on where they are and where the path starts	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Bike Trail on or parallel to US-12 would be beneficial.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
6	Never enough bike paths in beautiful Michigan	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
7	More-and more clearly marked.	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
8	Integrated Marquette trail way with a stop visible from Whittaker, with public restrooms	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
9	We need to connect to the Union Pier path and the Michigan city path.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
10	Add some to make it safer than biking on roads. Need a solution for crossing over red arrow highway.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
11	The bike path we've used has portions shared with such a busy road. It would be nice to have a path similar to the new pedestrian/bike path in Union Pier.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
12	Connect to Blueways/Greenways system that crosses Indiana	10/8/2022 1:48 PM
13	these are much needed	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
14	Marquette Greenway support	10/8/2022 11:09 AM

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15	Better labeled	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
16	Not promoted or designated	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
17	Existing share the road paths aren't well marked and some streets aren't well maintained. We don't ride on busy weekends because of safety concerns. More dedicated bikes trails would bring more cyclists in safely.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
18	More	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
19	safer paths in city of New Buffalo - ie. Marquette and bridge	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
20	Need to designate paths	10/7/2022 6:29 PM
21	Could use more paths like Union Pier recently added along Red Arrow	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
22	Additional needed	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
23	Na	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
24	more	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
25	Create designated bike paths rather than having to bike on the road.	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
26	Twp is working on them, City not the place for paths.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
27	more paved paths	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
28	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
29	Would love there to be a better bike path long red arrow	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
30	Improve sidewalks and add bike paths	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
31	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
32	Lots of bike paths	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ACCESS TO BEACHES</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Change parking to across the street and make existing parking lot a park connected to beach	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Fix roads	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Not much could be improved	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
5	?	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Parking. Access in general.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
7	Safe pedestrian access between downtown and the beach campus is inadequate. A dedicated pedestrian bridge over the water is necessary, as is a pedestrian crosswalk between it and the 501 N Whittaker St condominium community	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
8	There's only one beach with adequate parking and the parking rates are too high.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM

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9	Beach wheelchair rentals	10/8/2022 5:11 PM
10	Beach Wheelchair rental, longer boardwalk on the beach, extend dune walk final viewing point.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
11	Clean up the beach access from the flooding a few years ago	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
12	We only have the public beach can't go during summer as is too busy with out of townerd	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
13	parking at public beach is inadequate	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
14	Adequate	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
15	Parking	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
16	The beach parking access is ridiculous and undesirable during the prime months for locals	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
17	Na	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
18	Walkway to beach - sidewalk it TOO narrow!!!!	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
19	Parking	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
20	community map where they are located	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
21	Available to DO EVERY	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
22	We avoid the local beaches in the summer	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
23	Need to clean more	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
24	Is there any options for closer parking to the beach?	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
25	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
26	public beach is open	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Preserve them	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	More things like Chikaming Open Lands. The area by the beach parking lot is bad, needs improvement. The Lions park is also a complete waste of space and could really be utilized in such a great way	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Tell community where they are located.	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	We need a park board to muster-up ideas and implement a design of our natural areas	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Direct pedestrian access to the Galien River Marsh boardwalk and trail ways from downtown and/or the beachfront campus would be an impressive improvement	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
7	Would love to see Community Garden plots available	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
8	Better maintenance	10/8/2022 8:49 AM

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9	Galien river lookout but not much more	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
10	More	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
11	Wish there were more options. Especially along Galeien River	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
12	Entire city is a natural area.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
13	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
14	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
15	Lots near NB	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ICE SKATING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Improve area at Oselka park so that families will use.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Build one	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	Add more	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
4	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	Rennie does an awesome job with the rinks, keep hiring him!	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
6	Adequate	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	Already established. And it's beautiful	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
8	Night light and fire pit for warmth	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
9	Skate rink is great, have the bathrooms open. My kids had to go last year and it was a pain to have to drive home to use the bathroom	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
10	The ice rink is very unsafe without a fence around tj	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
11	Needs to have someone onsite for safety. My mom fell last year while on her own and had to go to the ER	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
12	The current skating rink is down a lot.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
13	Bigger rink	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
14	VERY NEEDED and not available	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
15	See Valparaiso's ICE RINK - Need to staff on weekends with rentals	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
16	Great job!	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
17	La Porte knows how to put in a rink, Not N.B.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
18	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
19	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM

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20	Not important	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	COMMUNITY CENTER	DATE
1	Get groundswell of community members to get on board and start fundraising. I believe community center will need to be in township. There's not enough land in city.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Assuming this is the library, no improvements necessary because it's very nice	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
5	We need one	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
6	Art classes (pottery etc) would be nice	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
7	Not really. We have a beach, several sport courts. Perhaps a recreation advisor/captain to list and promote regular events.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
8	Many social services needed.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
9	We need a pool for kids to learn to swim, but unfortunately the previous push for a community center pushed lower income programs instead of a pool. Our kids need to learn to swim when they grow up by the lake. Or attach a pool to the school.	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
10	Yes. With Pickleball access which can be on a shared basketball court. Check out local ymcas and how they utilize space. Chesterton ymca is nice and not in an expensive building. Indoor pools are utilizing garage door type openings that can be raised in the summer to allow an open air feeling while still providing sun coverage.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
11	Many years ago we had a bowling alley and roller rink. Would be nice to have a rainy day or off season option.	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
12	Is there a community center? Lived here 10 years and I'm unaware of one.	10/8/2022 11:30 AM
13	Would be great !	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
14	Would love love love one	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
15	This would be nice for community events, classes, talks, exercise opportunities. We rely in the library now	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
16	More advertised programs	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
17	indoor and winter activities are completely lacking	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
18	Need a center	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
19	Need one	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
20	let people know where it is	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
21	year round accessibility with programs options for all age groups	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
22	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
23	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
24	Not important	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

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#	ATHLETIC FIELDS	DATE
1	Build another field near a big public area	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Fields at the High School are very nice	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Adequate	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Ok	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	The grass is gets extremely tall and left behind when mowed	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
7	Good at high school	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
8	The fields are in horrible condition and have needed improvement for several years, all of the fields except the football field	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
9	We need a heated/air conditioned indoor sports facility with turf that will allow kids of all ages to practice their sport(s) year round.	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
10	Maintain softball fields	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
11	Best in the area	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
12	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
13	Besides the football/soccer field, all need attention	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	BOATING	DATE
1	ldk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Everything appears to be great for boats	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Adequate	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Ok	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Parking for the public boat launch needs to be reconfigured or reduced to make way for multiple types of boating, namely kayak launching	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
7	Not as important to me	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
8	Rentals/ tour boats	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
9	Just fine, everyone should boat	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
10	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
11	sufficient	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	MUSEUMS/CULTURAL	DATE

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1	Have more	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Maybe a history of New Buffalo space or hands on museum like St Joe has. Would be a hit	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
4	Don't need	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Art galleries helpful.	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
6	A museum or cultural institution in downtown New Buffalo that recognizes the historic and ongoing presence of indigenous communities in the area and along the Great Lakes would be an invaluable asset to the community	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
7	Excited for the new art gallery to open on Red arrow & Taylor street. Art installations by local artesian would be a nice addition downtown. My permanent residence is in a Route 66 town. Several years ago the Walldogs came to town and painted murals on the ugly backsides of buildings. They are beautiful and so unique!	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
8	History museum of area incorporating markers above; ongoing local artists showcase/gallery	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
9	Nothing near us to do	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
10	More	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
11	Additional needed	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
12	Family friendly museum	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
13	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
14	Railroad museum exists, not sure how others would do	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>COMMUNITY POOL</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Should be part on community center. I can't believe # of people around here can't swim! Need swimming programs.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Build one	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Splash pad down by the beach would be nice too	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
5	Much needed for community to enjoy all year long. Indoor heated pool so students could learn the basics of swimming to prevent unwanted drownings.	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
6	This would be great	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
7	Absolutely not. A waste of money. Not enough people in our community to support it. It's a very expensive venture. That money could be used more for promoting outdoor activities and events.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
8	An indoor pool would offer winter activioities	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
9	Much needed, swimming lessons, senior aquatic classes	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
10	Definite needed!!!!!!	10/10/2022 1:41 PM



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11	This is an absolute must for the youth of NB township.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
12	I think this is severely needed.	10/8/2022 11:30 AM
13	Yes, so much needed! Bridgman Aquatic Center is such a great addition for all residents and locals.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
14	Please get one!	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
15	Yes please — at the high school a natatorium	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
16	needed and not available	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
17	It would be a huge upgrade to new Buffalo to have a community pool or rec center	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
18	Need	8/21/2022 8:12 AM
19	Absolutely need one!	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
20	Everyone should know how to swim. We have a Lake.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
21	to include lazy river and different slides	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
22	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
23	Please. Please. Please. Look at the Riveria in Indianapolis. That would do SO well here.	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
24	This would be an excellent addition	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
25	Would love this!	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
26	Is there one that I am not aware of?	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
27	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
28	Not desirable	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>CANOEING/KAYAKING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
3	Good	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
4	Would be nice to have a put-in north of US-12 on the Galien.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
5	Ok	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Availability for residents to put In at public beach with being fined and confronted by rude ticket enforcer	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
7	The Third Coast kayak launch area is unwelcoming and inadequate—the existing space and launch infrastructure should be expanded and improved	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
8	We were sad when the kayak rental moved from the beach to the boat launch area.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM

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9	Easy access for launching	10/8/2022 1:48 PM
10	Galien river and seems to be accessible	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
11	More rental	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
12	Having a good place for locals to kayak and canoe for free would be awesome	9/14/2022 3:06 PM
13	Paddle Boats in an area of the township	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
14	The current launches are great, but it would be nice if more of the Galien River was cleared so it was easier to go from one launch to another (North/West of the launch on Red Arrow)	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
15	Lots of opportunity	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Get rid of the rust! Need better planning of how a playground should be laid.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Renew old playgrounds	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	More playgrounds/ park areas around the city	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
5	Much needed for community. Something for all ages to enjoy and shade for the parents and grandparents watching them.	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
6	Absolutely is needed. A quality, high interest unit that will last forever. Placed in a notable space downtown with plenty of adult seating and shade.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
7	More need	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
8	The beach campus playground needs to be updated and expanded as part of a comprehensive beach campus remodel	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
9	Beach playground is great; Oselka Park really needs paint and updating	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
10	Getting old and needs new paint	10/8/2022 8:57 AM
11	The beach one needs work	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
12	add more	10/7/2022 10:06 PM
13	Updating and handicap accessible	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
14	Very nice	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
15	adequate	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
16	update and maintain as often as necessary	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
17	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
18	Some is old.	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
19	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM

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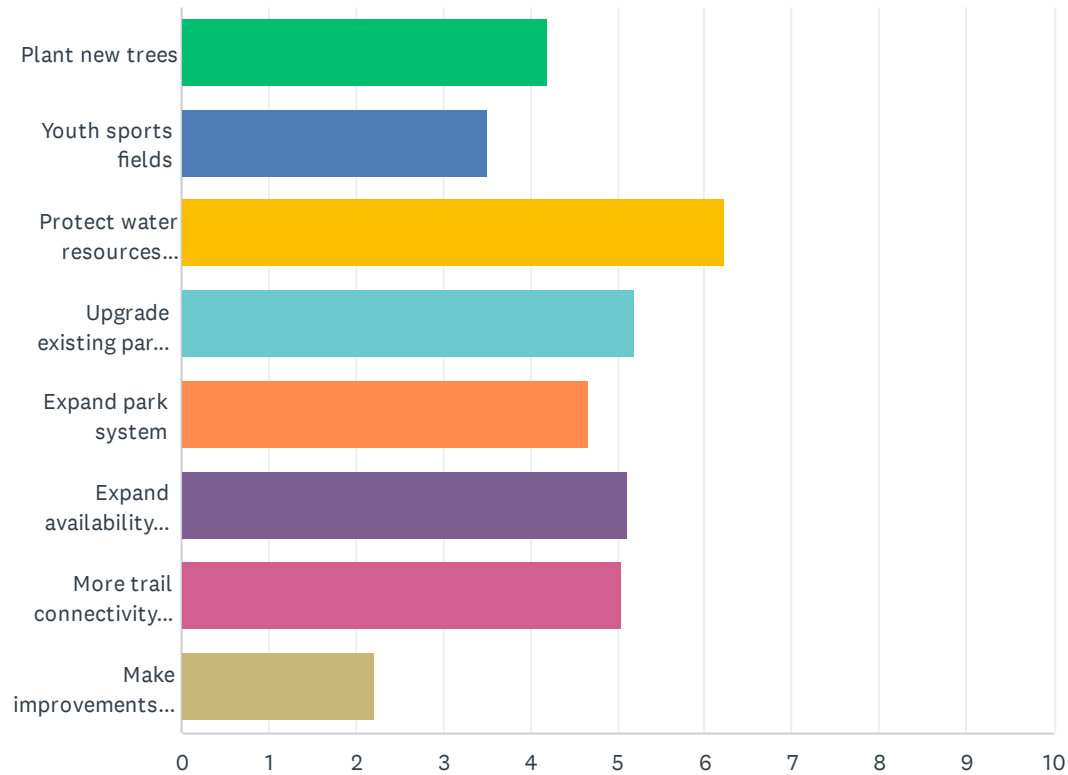
20	Lots in the in the area	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE SPACE	DATE
1	It would be nice to have a venue similar to NB Township for musical performances. This should not be put in near the beach where people would have to pay to park.	10/16/2022 8:34 PM
2	Make use of hill/ amphitheater at Oselka park	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
3	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
4	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	Could be incorporated into the beach/Lions park area	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
6	Good	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	A permanent one would be nice	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
8	Yes! The old round house area would be perfect for this and walking paths, and large gatherings and events. It is the gateway to our lovely community off of I94. I'm sure someone knows someone to get this idea going	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
9	Seating and pavilion needed	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
10	Needed	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
11	This should be a significant part of a comprehensive beach campus temodel	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
12	Township park playground, splash ground is very nice.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
13	Lions Park needs a serious update. Oselka Park has a lot of parking and would be a great use of space.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
14	Something like what Michigan City has . A top deck for food & Drinks over looking the lake with a band stage underneath. That can be used for other things	10/8/2022 9:28 AM
15	Outdoor movies	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
16	Better maintenance	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
17	Nothing other than at the township we can do better	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
18	Needed by the lake	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
19	ample parking	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
20	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
21	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
22	Could use more	7/12/2022 3:31 PM
#	RECREATION PROGRAMS	DATE
1	Need a parks and recreation director.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM

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2	Have a recreational building	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	2	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Need some	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Yes a great need for this. So then, a person needs to hired to run and advertise the programs.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Beach volleyball city team	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
7	Active programming that utilizes the Galien River Marsh would be an asset to the community, with naturalist led kayak birding tours, water quality monitoring and testing, biodiversity monitoring, ecological restoration of wetland plant and aquatic habit, and native tree planting where appropriate	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
8	Free yoga in the park and other exercise programs should be offered year round.	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
9	Available programs for all ages. Adults want the ability to try new things that recreation programs could provide like art, cooking classes.	10/8/2022 11:30 AM
10	Collaboration with schools- education component within our Parks and Harbor - however that committee rarely meets sadly .	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
11	Community sponsored yoga	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
12	Not much here!	10/8/2022 7:52 AM
13	Most seem to be privately run.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
14	No opinion	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
15	Advertised Classes for seniors/ different age groups	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
16	Need programs for middle school students. Need to inform parents by April (not late May) of programs that are available	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
17	Such as swimming classes which N.B. had years ago in the lake.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
18	nothing available, more needs to be done	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
19	X	8/13/2022 7:45 AM
20	Would love to see more for kids	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
21	Options for senior citizens??	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
22	Add	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
23	Could use adult programs, kids are sufficient	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

Q28 Please put the following items in order of priority, with 1 indicating the highest priority and 8 indicating the lowest priority.

Answered: 77 Skipped: 226

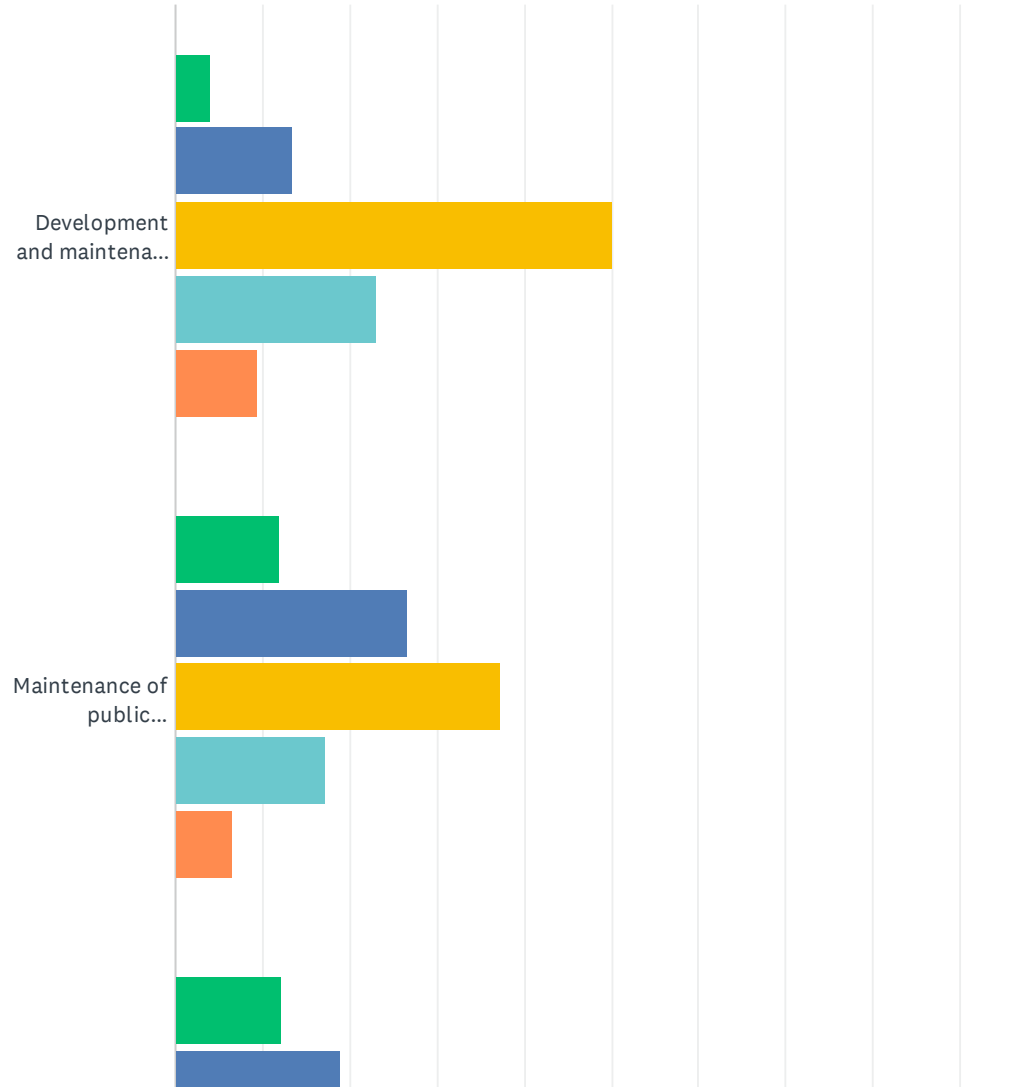


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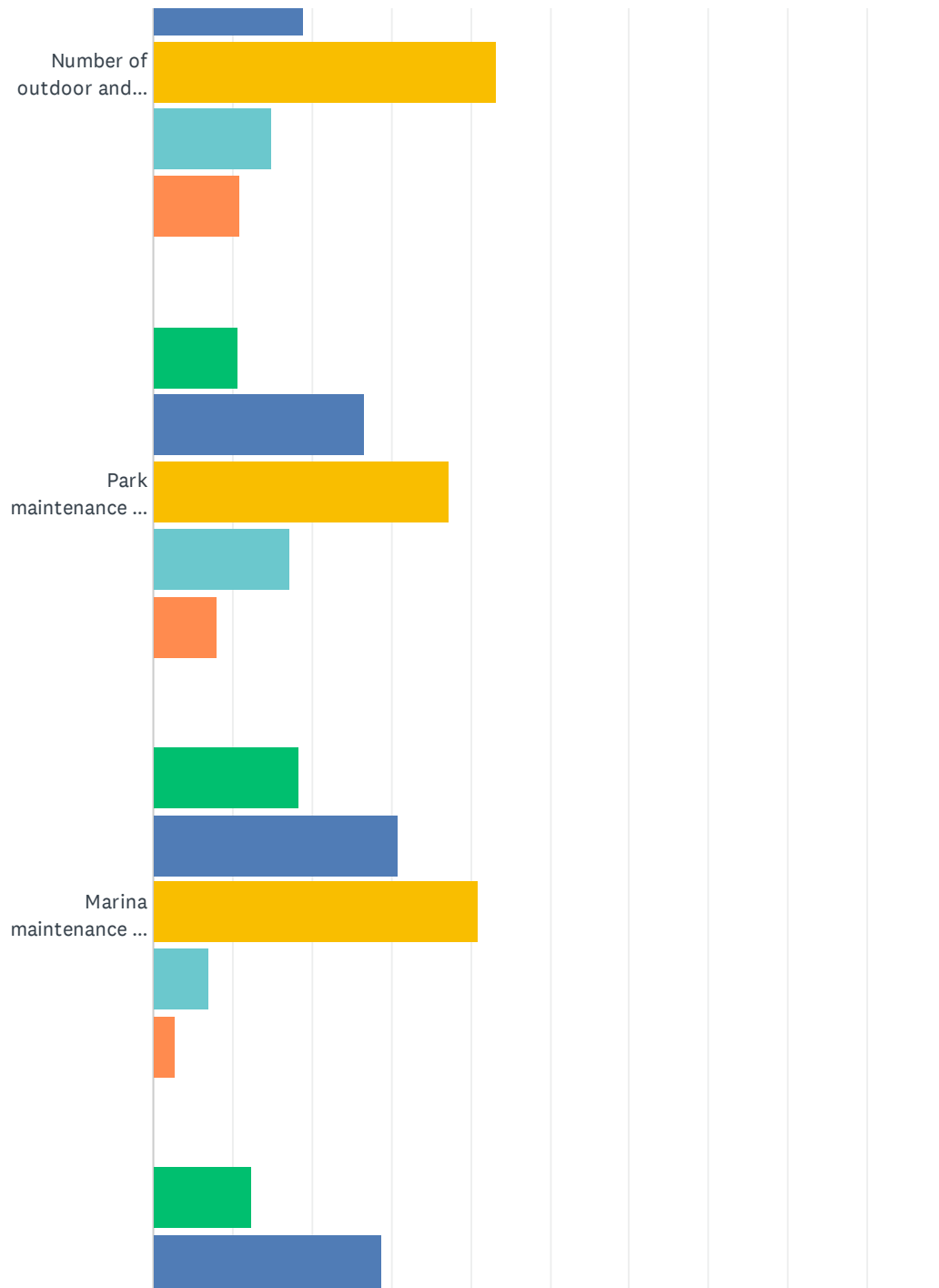
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Plant new trees	0.00% 0	11.69% 9	18.18% 14	16.88% 13	16.88% 13	14.29% 11	11.69% 9	10.39% 8	77	4.19
Youth sports fields	10.39% 8	7.79% 6	5.19% 4	6.49% 5	10.39% 8	16.88% 13	15.58% 12	27.27% 21	77	3.52
Protect water resources (streams, rivers, wetlands, Lake Michigan, and groundwater)	39.19% 29	14.86% 11	17.57% 13	5.41% 4	9.46% 7	8.11% 6	4.05% 3	1.35% 1	74	6.22
Upgrade existing park amenities	10.81% 8	18.92% 14	17.57% 13	16.22% 12	18.92% 14	8.11% 6	5.41% 4	4.05% 3	74	5.20
Expand park system	9.33% 7	9.33% 7	12.00% 9	22.67% 17	16.00% 12	18.67% 14	9.33% 7	2.67% 2	75	4.67
Expand availability of public waterfront/beach areas	14.47% 11	21.05% 16	7.89% 6	17.11% 13	15.79% 12	7.89% 6	13.16% 10	2.63% 2	76	5.12
More trail connectivity throughout the community	15.79% 12	14.47% 11	18.42% 14	11.84% 9	7.89% 6	15.79% 12	13.16% 10	2.63% 2	76	5.05
Make improvements to public marinas	2.63% 2	1.32% 1	2.63% 2	3.95% 3	6.58% 5	10.53% 8	25.00% 19	47.37% 36	76	2.21

Q29 From your own experience, please indicate how well you think the City of New Buffalo has provided each of the services below. Choose from one of the following choices: Very well, Well, Average, Poor, Very poor or Don't know.

Answered: 75 Skipped: 228

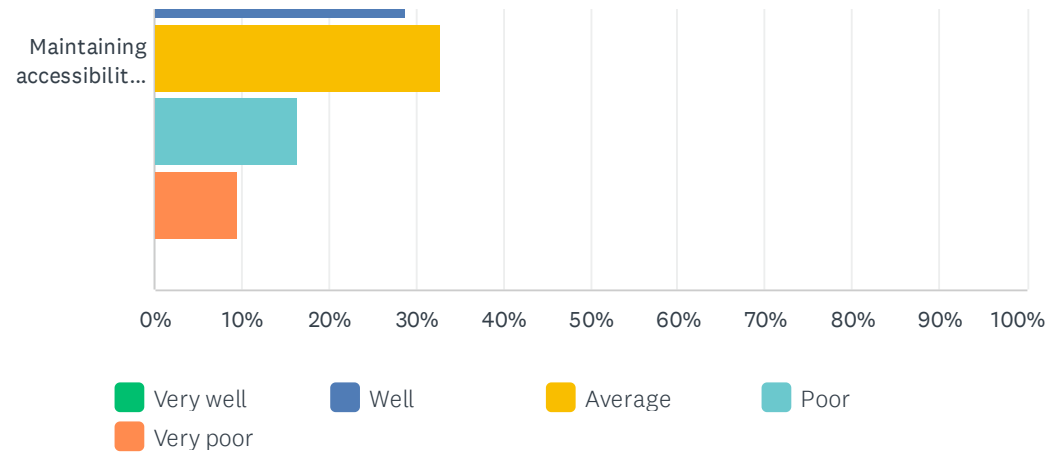


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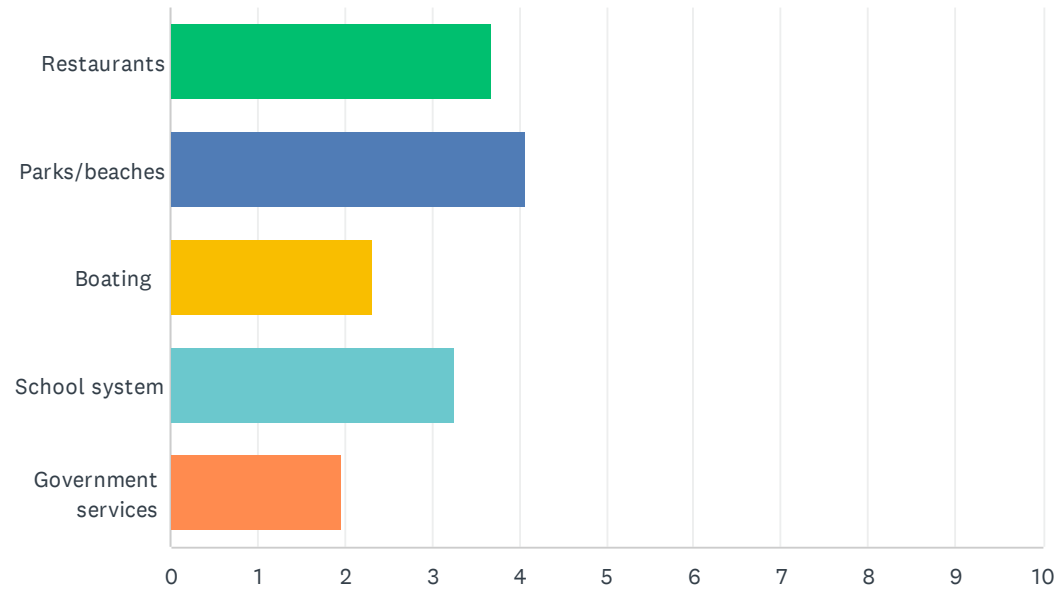
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	VERY WELL	WELL	AVERAGE	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL
Development and maintenance of a system of bike lanes and trails.	4.05% 3	13.51% 10	50.00% 37	22.97% 17	9.46% 7	74
Maintenance of public landscaping and street trees.	12.00% 9	26.67% 20	37.33% 28	17.33% 13	6.67% 5	75
Number of outdoor and open space areas.	12.16% 9	18.92% 14	43.24% 32	14.86% 11	10.81% 8	74
Park maintenance and upkeep.	10.67% 8	26.67% 20	37.33% 28	17.33% 13	8.00% 6	75
Marina maintenance and upkeep.	18.31% 13	30.99% 22	40.85% 29	7.04% 5	2.82% 2	71
Maintaining accessibility to the park system to persons of all economic levels.	12.33% 9	28.77% 21	32.88% 24	16.44% 12	9.59% 7	73

## Q30 Which of these aspects of the New Buffalo area have most contributed to improving your quality of life?

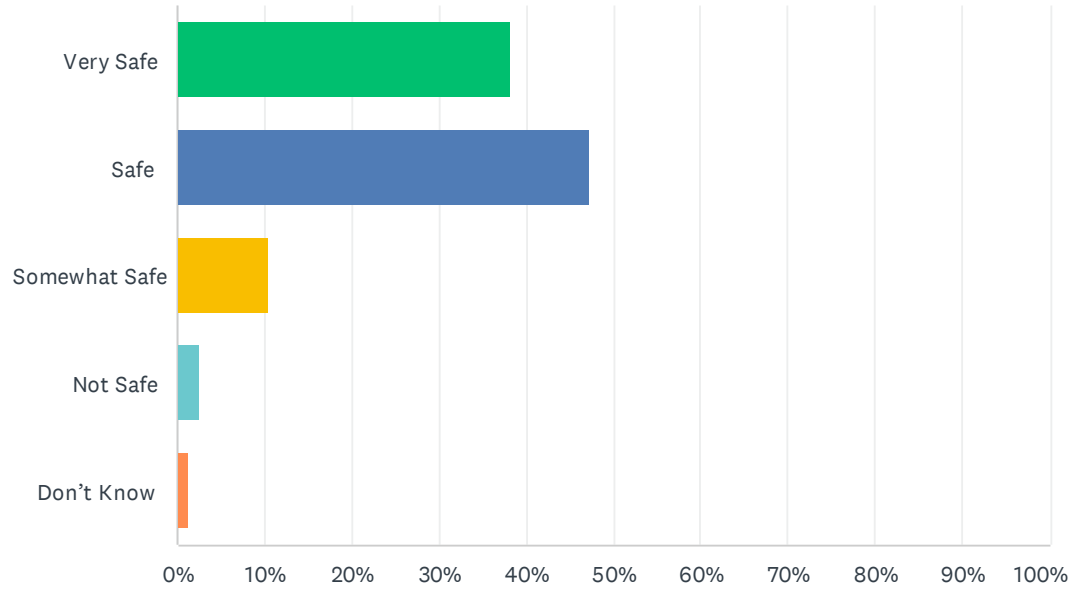
Answered: 74 Skipped: 229



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Restaurants	26.09% 18	30.43% 21	30.43% 21	11.59% 8	1.45% 1	69	3.68
Parks/beaches	37.68% 26	42.03% 29	11.59% 8	7.25% 5	1.45% 1	69	4.07
Boating	7.35% 5	11.76% 8	20.59% 14	26.47% 18	33.82% 23	68	2.32
School system	36.36% 24	12.12% 8	9.09% 6	27.27% 18	15.15% 10	66	3.27
Government services	0.00% 0	4.48% 3	28.36% 19	25.37% 17	41.79% 28	67	1.96

### Q31 Level of personal safety felt in the parks.

Answered: 76 Skipped: 227



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Safe	38.16%	29
Safe	47.37%	36
Somewhat Safe	10.53%	8
Not Safe	2.63%	2
Don't Know	1.32%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>76</b>

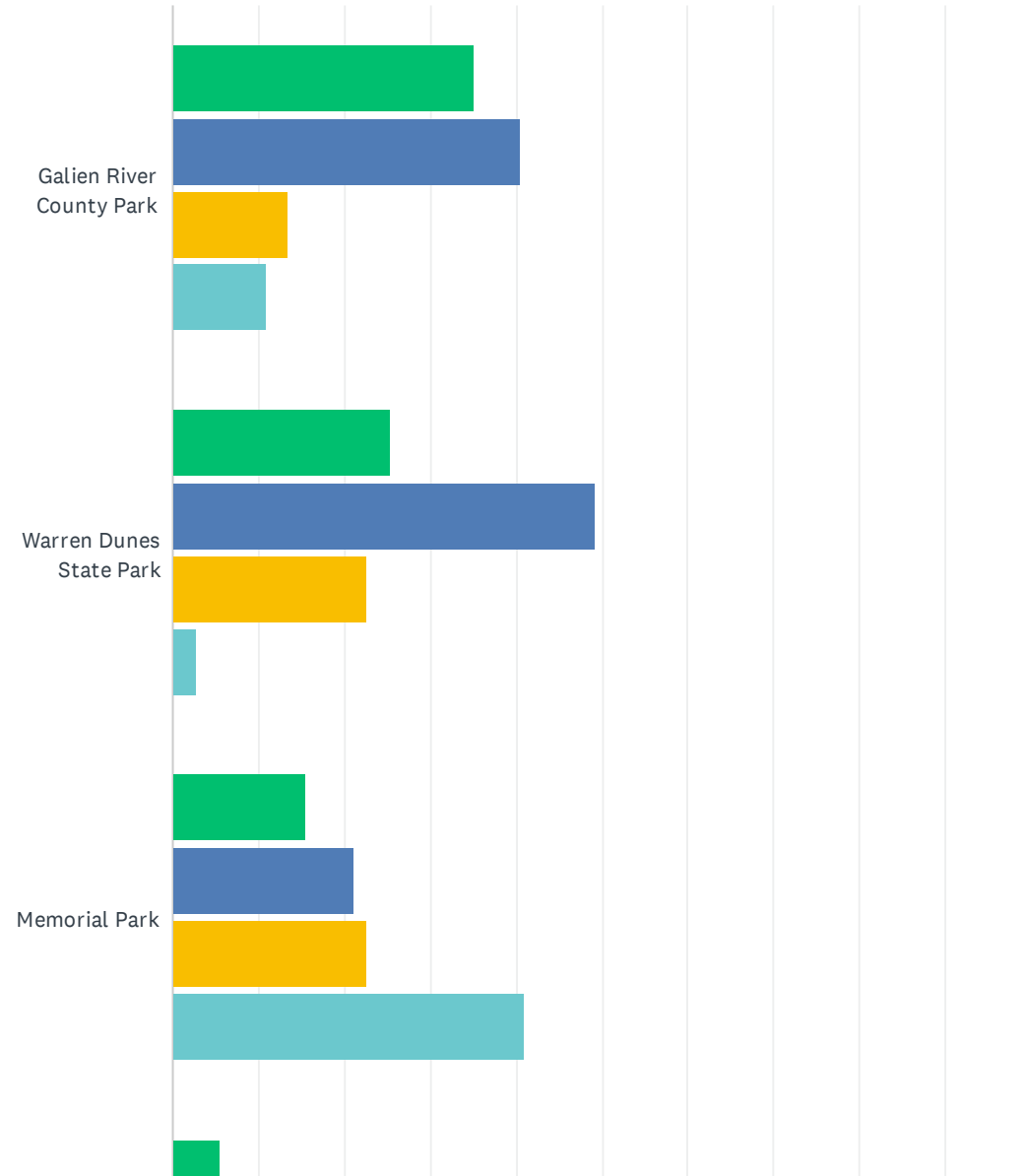
#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	Yes	10/13/2022 10:47 AM

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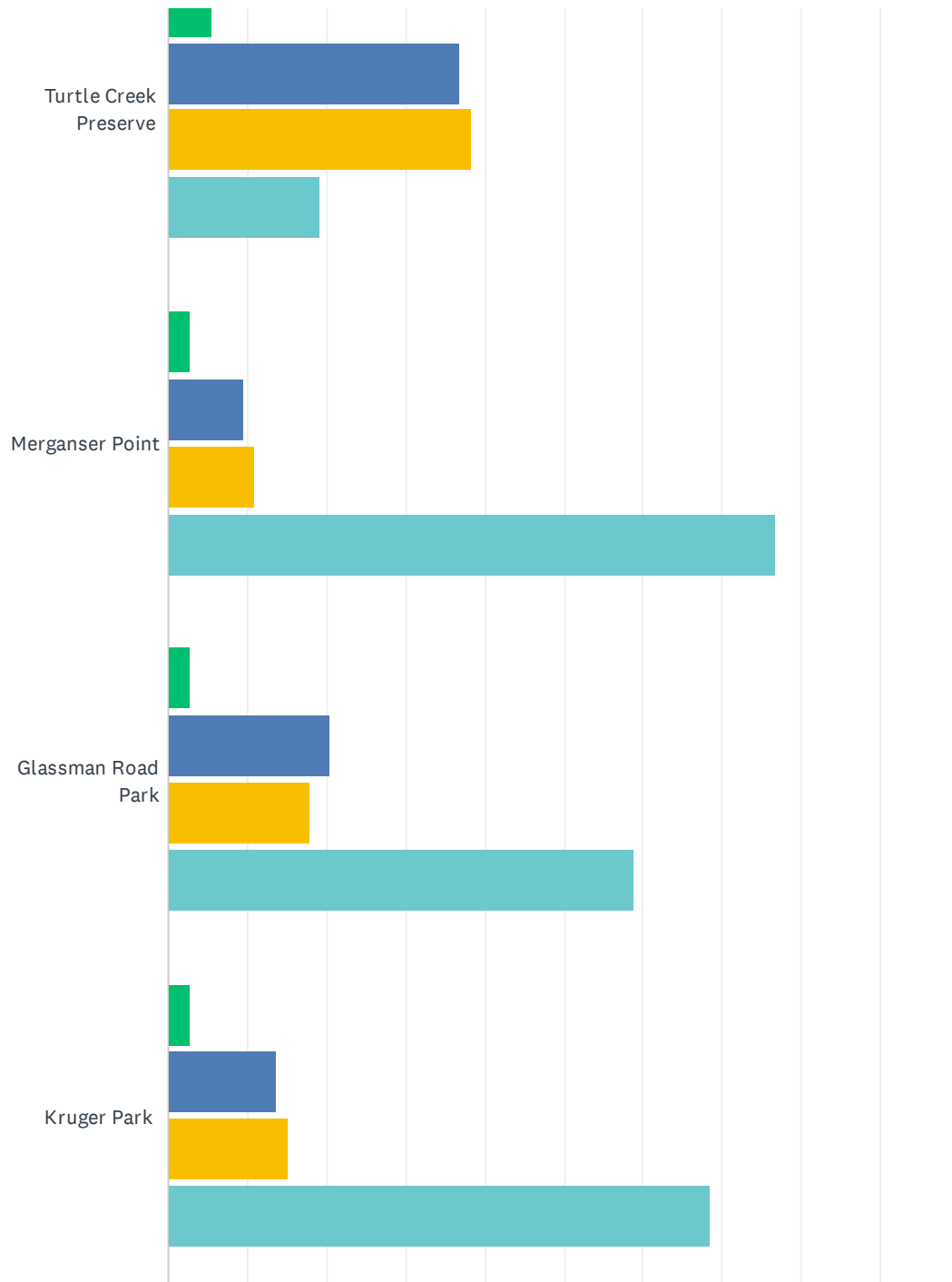
2	public restrooms that are unlocked and available are needed in parks	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
3	Use the parks every nice day.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
4	I feel very safe, but I'm also white. I don't know how safe/welcomed people of color feel.	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
5	There was an issue during summer camp this year at the splash pad	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
6	I walk at different times of the day and feel safe	7/14/2022 3:24 PM

### Q32 What is your awareness/usage of the following parks?

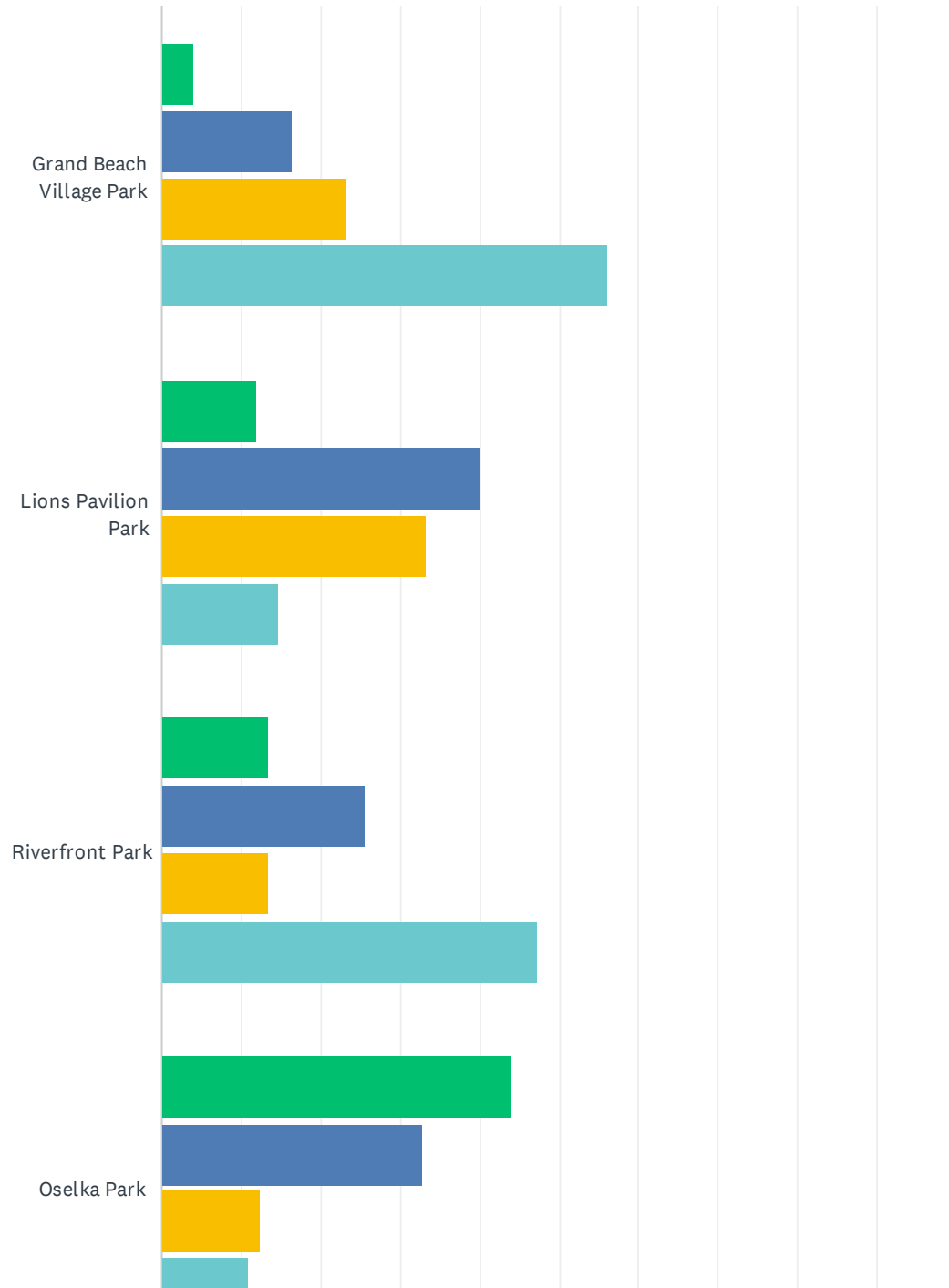
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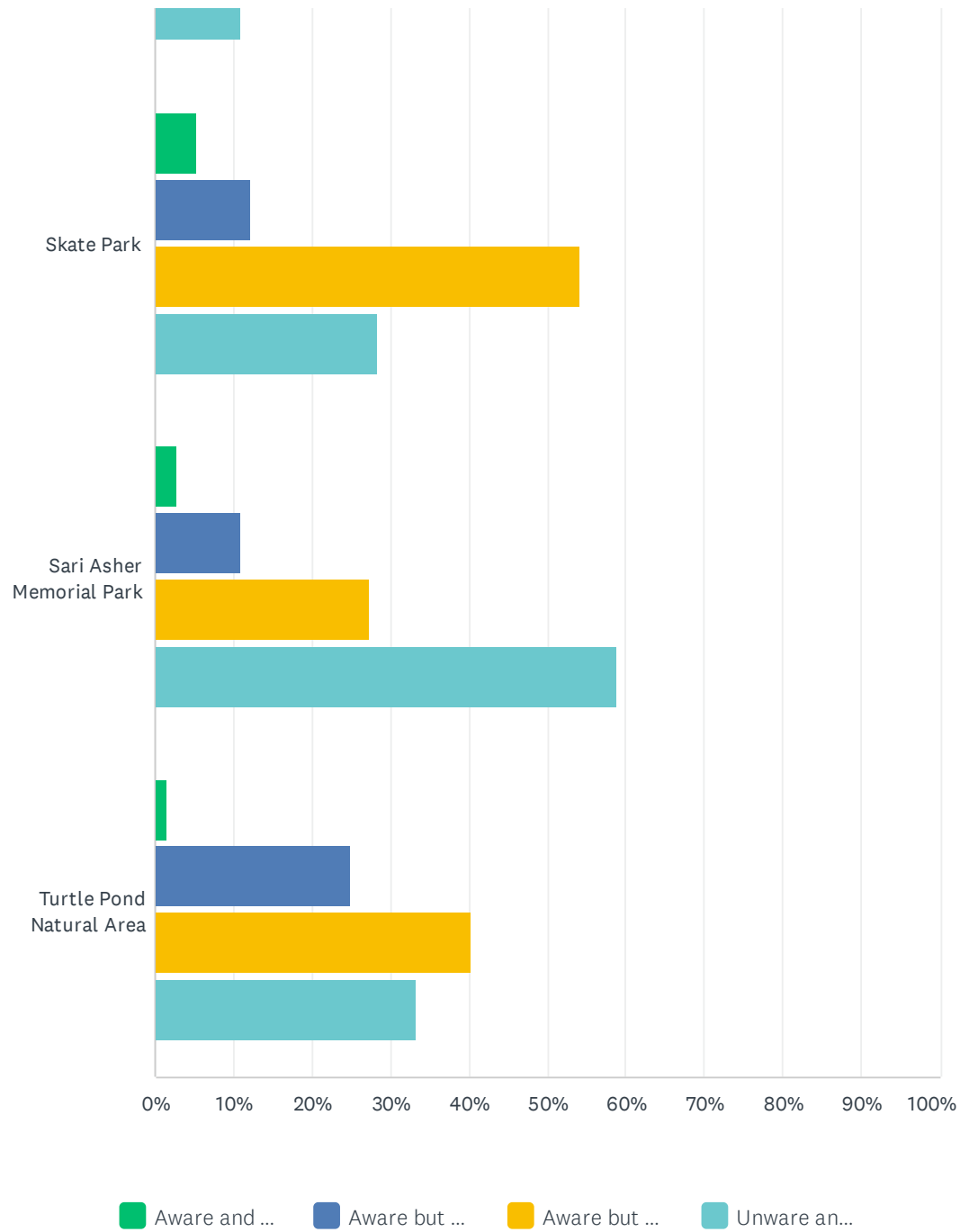
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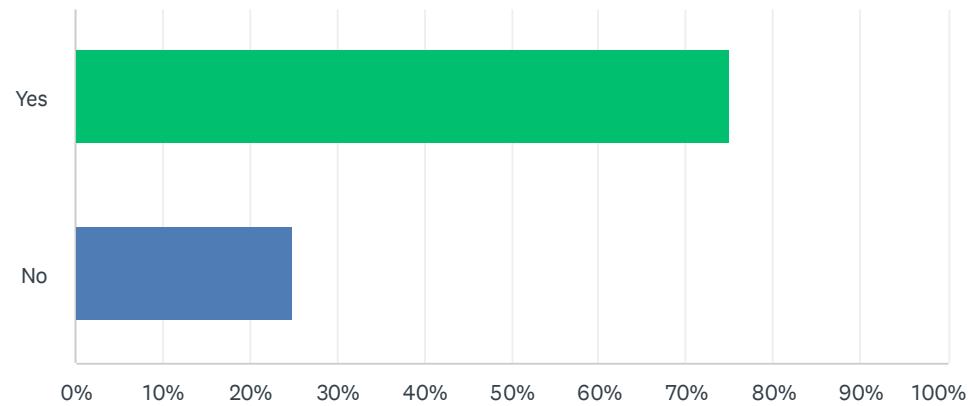


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	AWARE AND USE IT FREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT USE IT INFREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT DON'T USE IT	UNWARE AND DON'T USE IT	TOTAL
Galien River County Park	35.14% 26	40.54% 30	13.51% 10	10.81% 8	74
Warren Dunes State Park	25.33% 19	49.33% 37	22.67% 17	2.67% 2	75
Memorial Park	15.49% 11	21.13% 15	22.54% 16	40.85% 29	71
Turtle Creek Preserve	5.48% 4	36.99% 27	38.36% 28	19.18% 14	73
Merganser Point	2.74% 2	9.59% 7	10.96% 8	76.71% 56	73
Glassman Road Park	2.74% 2	20.55% 15	17.81% 13	58.90% 43	73
Kruger Park	2.74% 2	13.70% 10	15.07% 11	68.49% 50	73
Grand Beach Village Park	4.11% 3	16.44% 12	23.29% 17	56.16% 41	73
Lions Pavilion Park	12.00% 9	40.00% 30	33.33% 25	14.67% 11	75
Riverfront Park	13.51% 10	25.68% 19	13.51% 10	47.30% 35	74
Oselka Park	43.84% 32	32.88% 24	12.33% 9	10.96% 8	73
Skate Park	5.41% 4	12.16% 9	54.05% 40	28.38% 21	74
Sari Asher Memorial Park	2.74% 2	10.96% 8	27.40% 20	58.90% 43	73
Turtle Pond Natural Area	1.39% 1	25.00% 18	40.28% 29	33.33% 24	72

### Q33 Would you favor an improved bike network/trail system (either non-motorized or on-road facilities) through the New Buffalo area?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 227



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	75.00% 57
No	25.00% 19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>

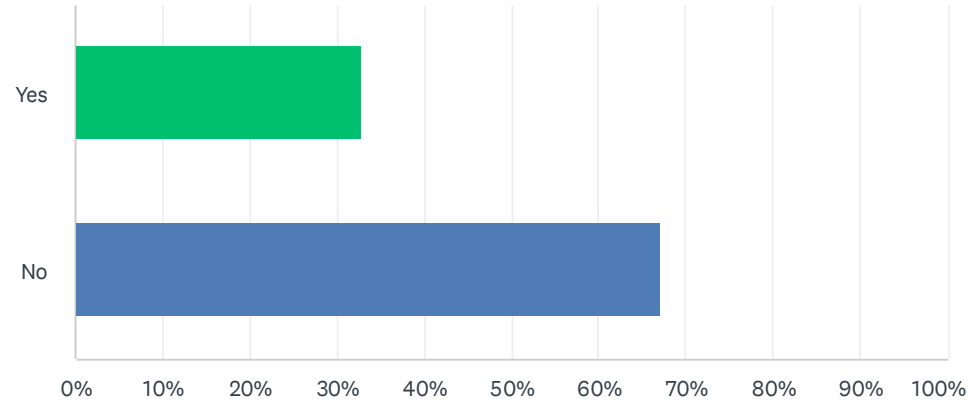
#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	On highways	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	Anywhere that goes north to connect the Harbor Country towns	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
3	Connecting the shoreline communities.	10/12/2022 6:53 AM
4	Connect all restaurants on the main road	10/11/2022 7:29 PM
5	Not familiar of possibilities	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	lakefront or inland country roads	10/10/2022 2:16 PM
7	It should have a visible presence from Whittaker street	10/9/2022 5:15 PM

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8	Parallel with red arrow highway but separated from the highway for safety. Bike lanes on red arrow would be too dangerous.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
9	Marquette drive	10/8/2022 12:38 PM
10	Marquette Greenway plan	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
11	Like the project connecting New Buffalo to Chicago via bike trail.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
12	Off main roads	10/8/2022 9:26 AM
13	Anywhere but maybe away from the lake	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
14	Off road	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
15	Safely connecting N.B. area to extend to Union Pier and surrounding towns.	10/7/2022 7:44 PM
16	getting over the bridge and Marquette need to be safer	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
17	anywhere safe	10/7/2022 6:46 PM
18	Connect downtown New Buffalo to Union Pier's beautiful bike/walking paths	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
19	Throughout the area	10/7/2022 4:59 PM
20	Non motorized. Designated bike/walking only	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
21	Along the lakeshore, Water Street to Marquette Road	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
22	Red Arrow, Lubke	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
23	Along 12	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
24	To the schools and to downtown	8/11/2022 4:49 PM

### Q34 Would you like to see additional pickleball courts developed in the community?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 230



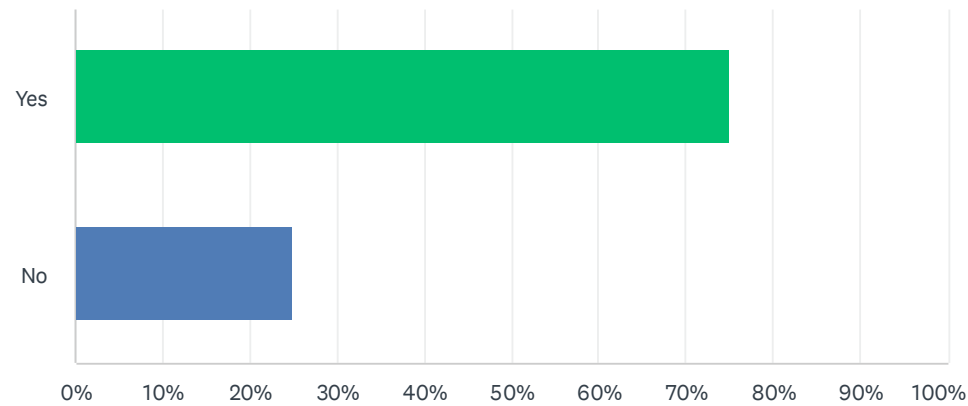
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32.88%	24
No	67.12%	49
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>73</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	Great new courts just built on Clay	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Public park (township park)	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	Near the school	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
4	City block next to school for sale	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	New park area by the old round house. Absolutely perfect, perhaps in front of the train museum	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
6	Sunset Shores or by St. Mary's School	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
7	Need indoor pickleball and tennis programs !!!!!	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
8	If needed, the west end of town becoming popular.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM



### Q35 Would you support a community-wide millage to create a dedicated funding source to support parks and recreation opportunities in the community?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 231



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	54
No	25.00%	18
TOTAL		72

## Q36 What do you LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by the City of New Buffalo?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 271

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Most parks have been renewed	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
2	The parks need more swing I think but other than that I don't think there is anything wrong about them	10/13/2022 10:47 AM
3	Very good	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	There is lots of open space and many different parks and bodies of water.	10/13/2022 10:39 AM
5	New Buffalo beach finally has new stairway .Oselka Park has some play equipment but nothing for a child over the age 10	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
6	Well maintained.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
7	Our beach area is amazing. It looks shabby. Why in the world would anyone in their right mind put a miserable concrete block bathroom/food service building in the view of the lake and beach area. The cheap, eyesore could be located at the back end of the parking lot or along the river. So sad that it was EVER placed in PRIME viewing area. Also, the new rinse/water station is a potential accident waiting to happen. The little kids run right in front of cars passing thru. Parking needs to be redesigned.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
8	Hours of operation	10/10/2022 3:13 PM
9	A Community pool	10/10/2022 11:23 AM
10	Proximity to the beach campus from downtown is an invaluable opportunity, as is the Galien River Marsh's proximity to downtown (it's one of the most important freshwater estuaries in the state of Michigan)	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
11	Clean well maintained beach and parks.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
12	I appreciate your efforts to continually improve during the off-season and your upkeep during the peak season.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
13	We have such great resources- but could be improved immensely with perhaps an additional Parks and Recreational hiree who could develop water safety programs for visitors as well as in partnership with schools, community gardens, sculpture walk areas, educational parks programs, adult tennis, pickleball, horseshoes, walking groups, Earth Day Community events, etc	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
14	Wonderful town and restaurants and people around town.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
15	There's a lot of them	10/8/2022 9:28 AM
16	Variety	10/8/2022 8:49 AM

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17	Outdoor recreation space	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
18	Just fine	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
19	Galien river county park, boardwalk on dune at beach (delayed way way too long) not aware of programs- not advertised enough	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
20	public beach and Oselka park track although I liked it better when bathrooms were unlocked	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
21	The beach is lovely. Oselka park is nice. Gallien River Park is great	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
22	That they are available	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
23	I liked the summer program for kids	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
24	Ice skating, sledding hill, beach, hiking trails	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
25	Very Adequate as is.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
26	The walking path ain't Oselka Park.	8/14/2022 8:04 AM
27	what are they offering?	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
28	There are lots of options.	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
29	We love the township park and free parking at the beach for city residents	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
30	Programs, and that the parks are maintained	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
31	Not much	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
32	Public beach is essential for the community. Ball fields and other locations are important for all who live in the area.	7/12/2022 3:31 PM



## Q37 What do you NOT LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by the City of New Buffalo?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 267

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Beach parking is way too expensive! Township residents should park at a reduced rate. Full time families that live in the township can't afford to take their kids to the beach. I understand they don't pay taxes, but they don't charge city residents to go to their splash pad, listen to their music or play in their park. I think it is very greedy of the city to charge so much to park at the beach and to charge after Labor Day. This year the beach made more money than ever with parking fees. They should stop charging people after Labor Day!	10/16/2022 8:34 PM
2	Some of the parks need improvement with equipment	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	It has 4 swings in the red park	10/13/2022 10:47 AM
4	Very good	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	The parks are very small and not well advertised. I did not even know about most of them, and I've lived here for three years. People need to spread the word about them more because I've never even heard of these parks.	10/13/2022 10:39 AM
6	Not a lot of fun playground equipment for children between ages 8 and 12	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	Would like to see more adolescent activities included (e.g. Rock Climbing (Bouldering) and Roller Hockey).	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
8	Not much performing arts	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
9	Many areas need to be updated and look happy...flowers, plants, benches, like the city actually likes their natural beauty gem. For example, leaving the parking lot at the beach the beach grass, sand, old pilings hinder vision and just look plain awful. That is not a natural look. That is a "I don't care" look. Why not clean up the huge tree area as you exit the parking lot. Perhaps a few unique benches. ANYTHING to make it memorable.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
10	Year round restroom. No green space within downtown.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
11	Lifeguards are not a good use of city money. No other beaches around us in Michigan have them. Even the Michigan state parks don't have them. That money could be used elsewhere to improve parks.	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
12	They are impressively outdated and wholly inadequate for current needs. A complete remodel of the beach campus, with an emphasis on improving safe pedestrian & bicycle access to it from downtown Whittaker to the beach campus and the Public Launch, 501 N Whittaker St condo community, and Marquette residential area is a MUST for the areas constituted relevance, growth, and prosperity.	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
13	More beach access with nearby parking that is affordable.	10/8/2022 5:39 PM
14	The goose/duck poop at Lyons Park ...tough battle	10/8/2022 3:12 PM

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15	They still don't take care of the concession stand area. Constantly covered in birds feces. Absolutely disgusting.	10/8/2022 11:53 AM
16	No activity programs for our kids especially in the summer. We have slowly been improving the Beach but there is so much more to work on in City. The Township Park offers a dedicated exercise area outside. Oselka Park has great potential along with new sports courts on Clay Street.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
17	The accessibility of the beach and dune walk accessibility falling short. Again we would love to talk to the right person and offer years of experience both personal and professional to any efforts to improve accessibility and access. We'd love to be involved and share best practices. George geo_hay@yahoo.com 312-363-7103	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
18	Lack of knowledge	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
19	Facilities at the beach and lions park are old and dated. Upgrades like the new dunes walk are inviting.	10/8/2022 3:56 AM
20	No opinion	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
21	We need big lap pool at high school for public use / food trucks since restaurants have cut way back on takeout/ bigger skating rink / bowling alley / YMCA	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
22	Nothing offered for rainy or winter days is the biggest issue.	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
23	Turtle pond is run down and not updated or cleaned up and other parks don't get the attention they need	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
24	The upkeep	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
25	Oselka Park's design is terrible. Should have made room for more baseball/softball fields. Only one field is close to the concession stand. Nobody uses the hill or walking/nature areas. Should have been devoted to sports. Many other areas in town to walk and look at birds.	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
26	No indoor pickleball or tennis courts.	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
27	Need designated bike path, better improvement/maintenance of softball fields, add a community pool, better restroom access at parks	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
28	Expanding the Budget for Parks when other services in New Buffalo such as street and sidewalk maintenance are non-existent.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
29	The pavilion at Oselka Park needs improvement to stop birds from making a mess.	8/14/2022 8:04 AM
30	not enough programs Parks not well advertised	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
31	Lack of pool	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
32	Some options are not well marked or advertised, so you don't know what's available.	8/11/2022 8:02 PM
33	I think downtown and the beach could be cleaner and better taken care of	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
34	No comments on this questions	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
35	Doesn't meet the community needs	7/12/2022 4:22 PM
36	Not kept up on	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

## Q38 What improvements or additional services do you suggest for the City's Parks? Please indicate if for a specific park.

Answered: 33 Skipped: 270

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Oselka park originally had a great plan. Mis managed project got scaled way back. It's time to take a look again. It's a great piece of property but currently not Maintained very Well.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	More swings	10/13/2022 10:47 AM
4	Very good	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
5	Lions Park absolutely needs a major improvement. It's a waste of space. Something similar to St Joes beach area	10/12/2022 6:28 PM
6	Okelka park needs some fun additional playground equipment for 9 year old kids to enjoy	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
7	Rock Climbing (Bouldering) and a Roller Hockey Rink.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
8	Live performances.	10/11/2022 2:03 PM
9	How about cut the weeds and add mulch on the turtle creek park. Couldn't use it at all this year. PLEASE do something.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
10	Better communication of what is offered.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
11	Landscape by the bridge in New Buffalo. Weeds and goose poop are not attractive. It would be easy to plant dune grass.	10/10/2022 1:41 PM
12	The beach campus needs a complete overhaul, as does pedestrian and bicycle access to it, around it, and between it and surrounding residences along Marquette and 501 N Whittaker St condominiums. In terms of services, naturalist led initiatives along the Galien River Marsh and County Park, such as spring flower tours, birdwatching, water quality monitoring, biodiversity counts, and ecological restoration are all programming initiatives that would make use of an existing asset while also improving and preserving it into perpetuity.	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
13	Exercise classes both for adults and seniors, sports programs for youth, art classes for all ages,	10/9/2022 7:06 AM
14	I would LOVE to see nice benches installed along the channel where the boats head out to the lake. People sit on the wooden planters. Benches would be great for the elderly and those of us wishing to enjoy the sunset.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
15	Off road cycling opportunities. Road cycling is dangerous with all the traffic. Can be used for snowshoeing in winter.	10/8/2022 1:48 PM
16	Originally built as water capture areas, they have filled in with trees. Very ugly to look at.	10/8/2022 11:53 AM
17	Again, we really need an additional qualified Parks and Rec person who could develop programs and opportunities within our Parks. The Beach and Marina are really a full time commitment here. Additional staff member greatly needed .	10/8/2022 11:09 AM

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18	Accessible beach access. Extended boardwalk and beach wheelchair rental.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
19	Need to inform the people of locations and what's offered at each of them	10/8/2022 9:28 AM
20	Get more info out about the parks available.	10/8/2022 8:49 AM
21	Unaware	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
22	Bigger rink at oselka park	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
23	Public restrooms need to more available in public areas. Parking at the public beach is an issue. Indoor activities for people who don't want to drink all day in a bar on rainy or cold days - something for kids to do.	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
24	More access to the river for kayaking	10/7/2022 6:22 PM
25	Yes turtle pond	9/14/2022 10:18 PM
26	Keep them kept up.	9/13/2022 10:20 PM
27	More baseball/softball fields at Oselka Park.	9/13/2022 9:33 PM
28	Beachfront - Need to improve the bridge and walkway to the beach. So dangerous!	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
29	Open restrooms at Oselka Park, softball fields need to be maintained, bathrooms at the beach (not Porto potties)	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
30	Winter activities, no improvement necessary.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
31	I would like to see music in Oselka Park similar to what the township offers.	8/14/2022 8:04 AM
32	family friend, interactive & engaging recreational programs	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
33	More work crews or better upkeep.	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

## Q39 What broader parks and recreational needs exist in the community that the New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority should be working on?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 279

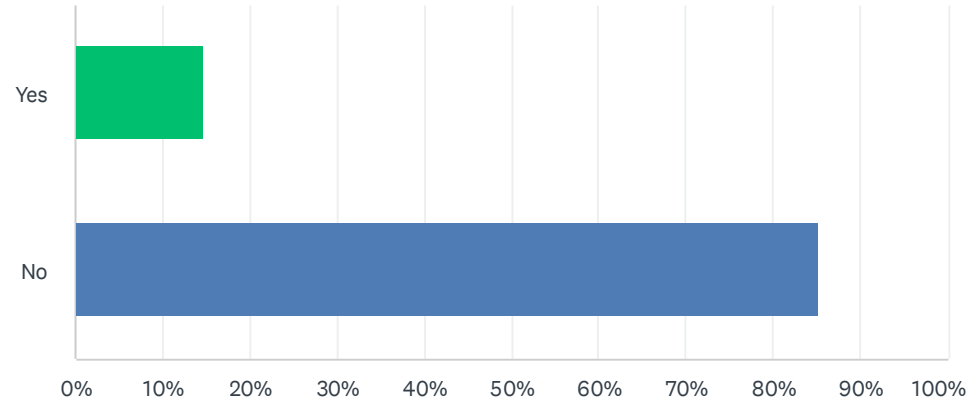
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Better maintenance of parks and made more appealing for all ages.	10/14/2022 12:28 AM
2	A park on a big hill to sled (bigger than oselka)	10/13/2022 10:54 AM
3	Very good	10/13/2022 10:42 AM
4	Buy the city block for sale next to school. It would be perfect to house New Swimming pool and new playground	10/12/2022 11:02 AM
5	Bike path on or parallel to US-12.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
6	How about a place to play horseshoes. How about a place to play bouchée ball. How about a gathering place with roof, benches, picnic benches close to town.	10/11/2022 10:28 AM
7	Handicapped beach access. Indoor pool. Green space to enjoy in city.	10/11/2022 6:40 AM
8	Highlighting and emphasizing the historic and ongoing presence of indigenous people in the area.	10/9/2022 5:15 PM
9	Adding green space, art installations, benches, a fountain, a community garden, etc...would be such nice additions to the abandoned lot/fenced in area. It would sure be nice if the city could get this lot. A pavilion and a little mini-golf course would be fabulous additions too! Fernandina Beach, FL has a cute little (NOT gimmicky) course.	10/8/2022 3:12 PM
10	Making oselka Park better. No care is given to landscaping, the water area, looks horrible and overgrown.	10/8/2022 11:53 AM
11	Since there has not been a lot of information about what they are doing I would say offer a few community opportunities to give input in person to this group. I think the community would love an update on what they have accomplished and what is in the future, that would benefit all citizens, all ages in New Buffalo.	10/8/2022 11:09 AM
12	Bike trail to Chicago project.	10/8/2022 10:33 AM
13	N/a	10/7/2022 10:46 PM
14	We need big lap pool at high school for public use / food trucks since restaurants have cut way back on takeout/ bigger skating rink / bowling alley / YMCA	10/7/2022 7:52 PM
15	See answers above.	10/7/2022 7:01 PM
16	Walkway to the beach needs to be expanded and made safe for pedestrians	8/23/2022 3:38 PM
17	Pool	8/21/2022 8:12 AM
18	Community pool, designated bike trails rather than using the road	8/16/2022 9:53 AM

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19	Take over the sidewalks, streets and other public areas. Trim brush so you can actually use the sidewalks and streets and beautify them.	8/14/2022 7:17 PM
20	accessible for all abled individuals recreational programs	8/13/2022 2:54 PM
21	More programs/activities/classes for people of all age groups. Increased awareness.	8/12/2022 3:01 PM
22	Pool Better sidewalks	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
23	Perhaps senior center or drivers	7/14/2022 3:24 PM
24	Maintenance	7/12/2022 3:31 PM

### Q40 Are you a boater who uses the City of New Buffalo Transient Marina?

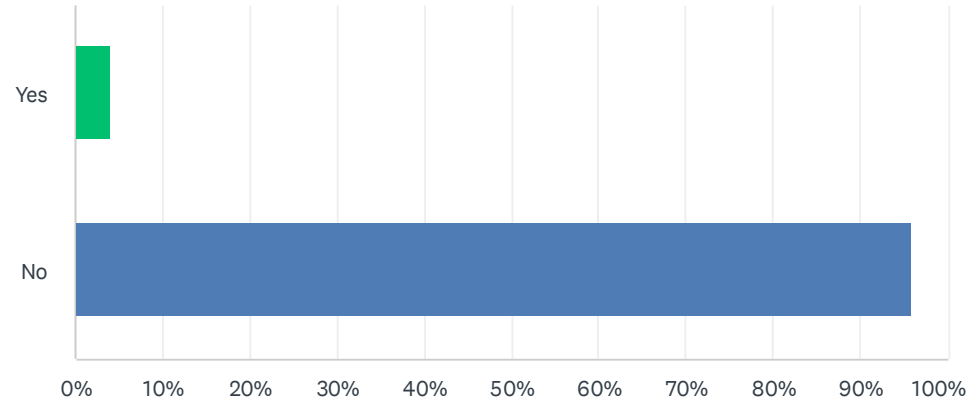
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	14.67%	11
No	85.33%	64
TOTAL		75

### Q41 Are you a boater that uses the Pleasure Isle Marina owned by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 228

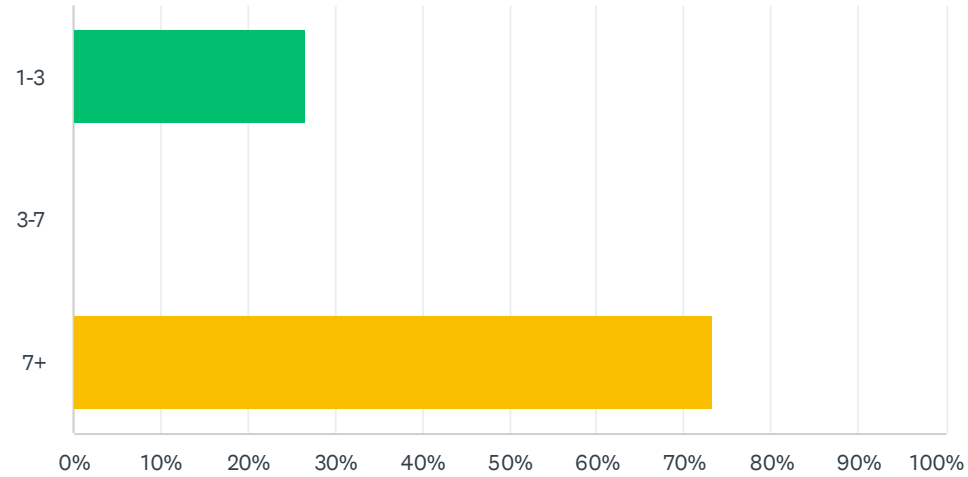


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	4.00%	3
No	96.00%	72
TOTAL		75



## Q42 How many visits to the community each year?

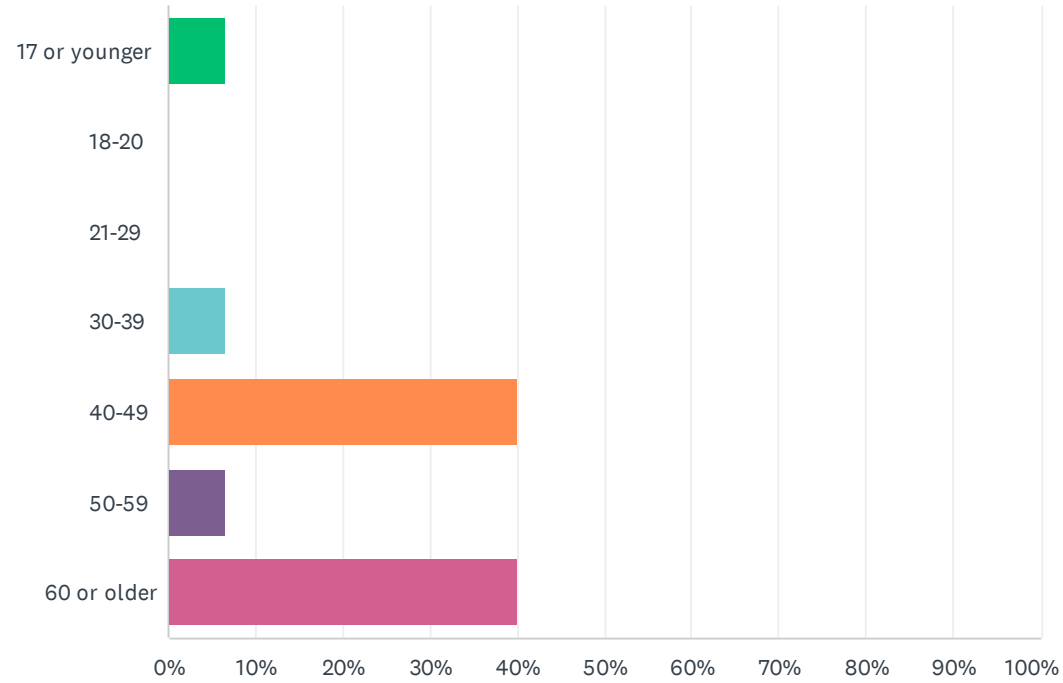
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-3	26.67%	4
3-7	0.00%	0
7+	73.33%	11
TOTAL		15

## Q43 What is your age?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 288

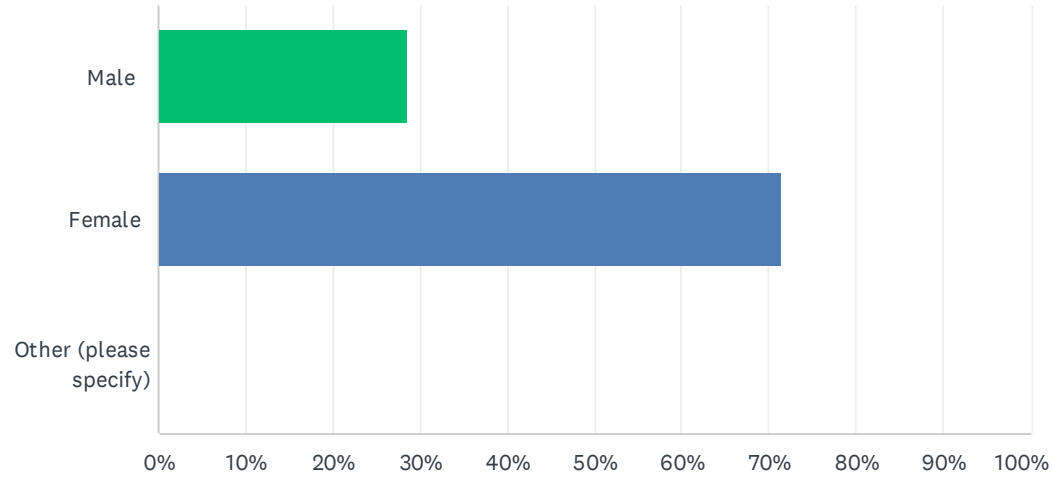


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	6.67%	1
18-20	0.00%	0
21-29	0.00%	0
30-39	6.67%	1
40-49	40.00%	6
50-59	6.67%	1
60 or older	40.00%	6
TOTAL	15	

### Q44 What is your gender?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 289

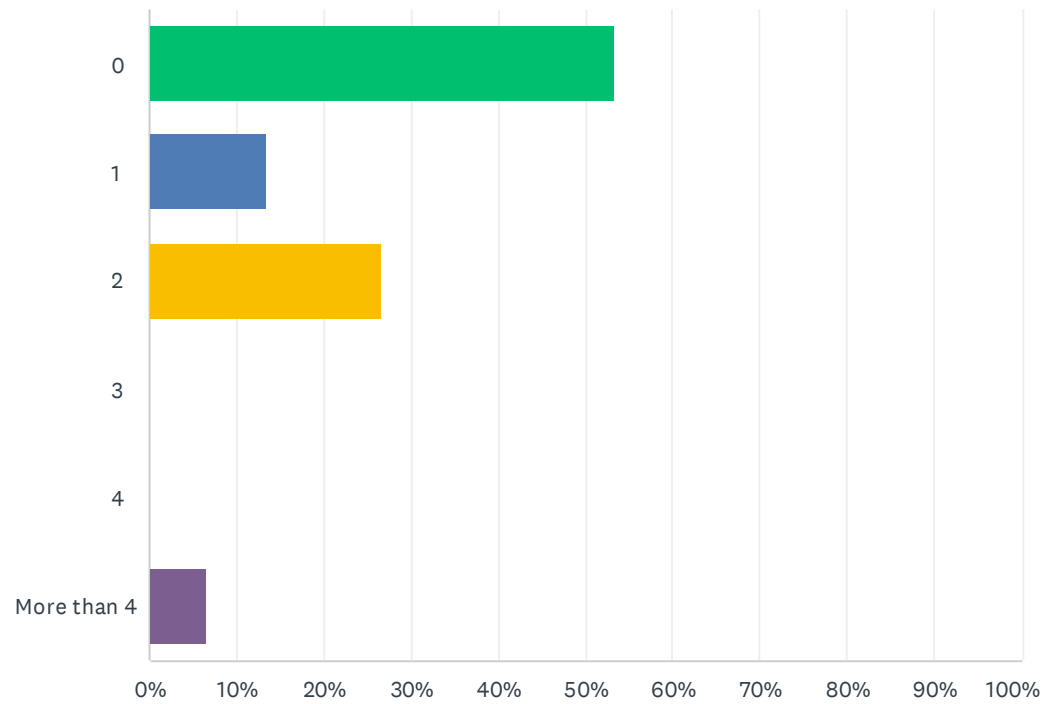


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Male	28.57% 4
Female	71.43% 10
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

### Q45 How many children are you parent or guardian to and live in your household (aged 17 or younger only)?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 288



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	53.33%	8
1	13.33%	2
2	26.67%	4
3	0.00%	0
4	0.00%	0
More than 4	6.67%	1
TOTAL		15

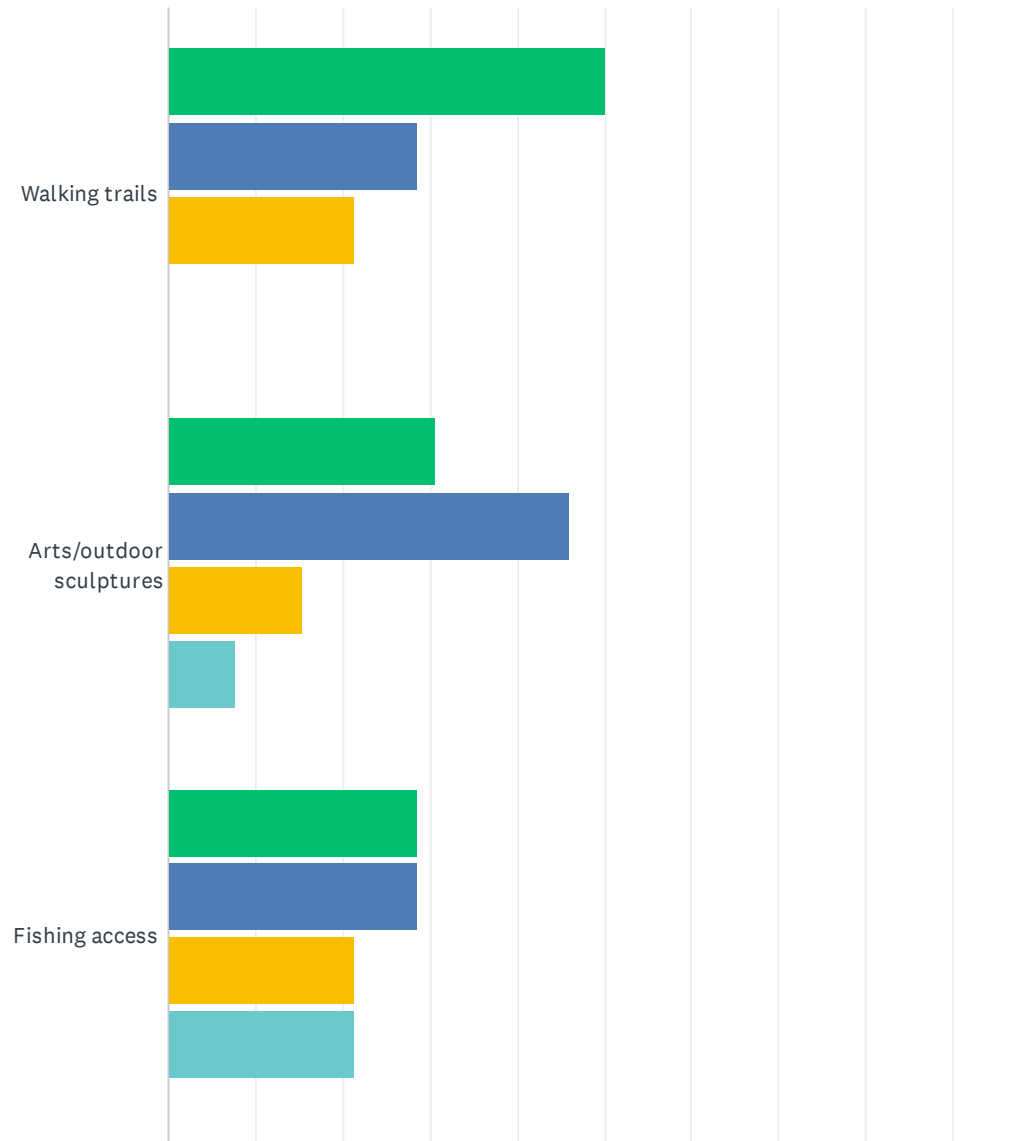
## Q46 What types of improvements would you like to see in the community to ensure recreational amenities are fully accessible to persons of all mobility levels?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 295

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pool, soccer fields, rock wall	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	More Parks	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	close parking/terrible poorly planned parking in this town/ nothing recreational here for seniors except spending money at casino/ downtown parking disaster ...few/ limited close parking spots seem occupied only lined uplike a Starbucks Drivethru.....no year round consistent recreational nor any amenities in New Buffalo noted/ should be something for all age groups in center of town for recreation ...not just beach.....many seniors are somewhat immobile/ where are provisions for them /very few handicapped parking spots close to anything if good weather/ town busy/ where are police monitoring fast traffic on main wide street / difficult for seniors to cross ...loud trucks/ construction vehicles /race cars going fast in center of town /not any noted recreational senior choices	10/12/2022 2:32 PM
4	ADA parking along Whittaker, better signage for paid parking at harbor -when is payment required?	10/9/2022 12:49 PM
5	A new train stop with parking and a coffeehouse.	10/7/2022 6:25 PM
6	A safer shoulder along the I-94 Emergency Route particularly for bicycling or walking. The shoulder often abruptly comes to an end with steep curbs & no escape routes from cars. A 20 inch shoulder along the road would allow people to bicycle the area, connecting towns and state parks. A bicycle trail would be really neat, such as Duluth, MN has running along its lake (Duluth Lake Walk) and north of its city. Thanks, Backpacker Brooks Gargiulo Of the Midwest	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
7	Improved kayak boat launches.	8/27/2022 10:41 AM
8	Updated parks and community center	8/21/2022 10:40 AM

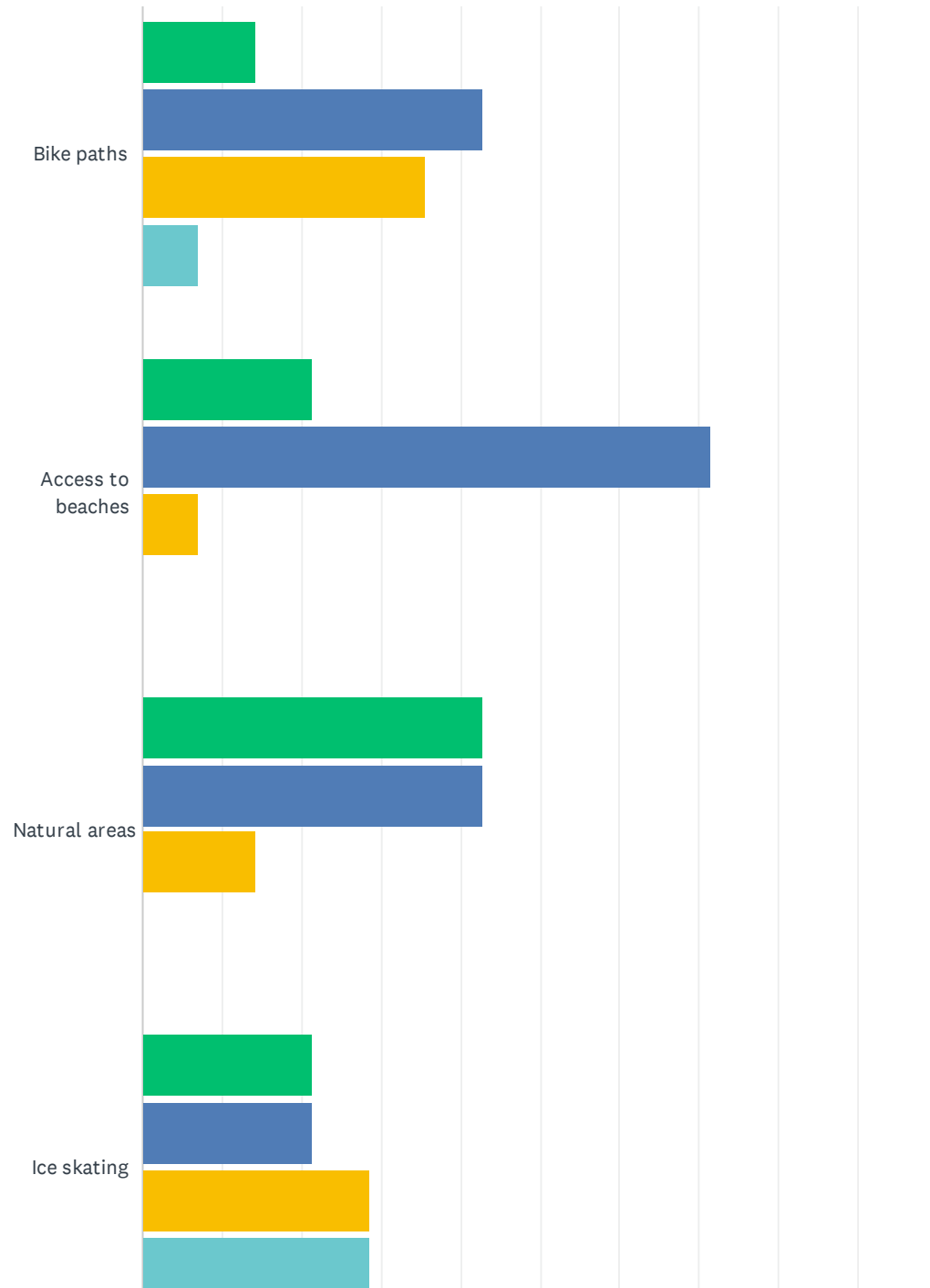
### Q47 How available and adequate are existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area? Please choose one response for each item.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 289

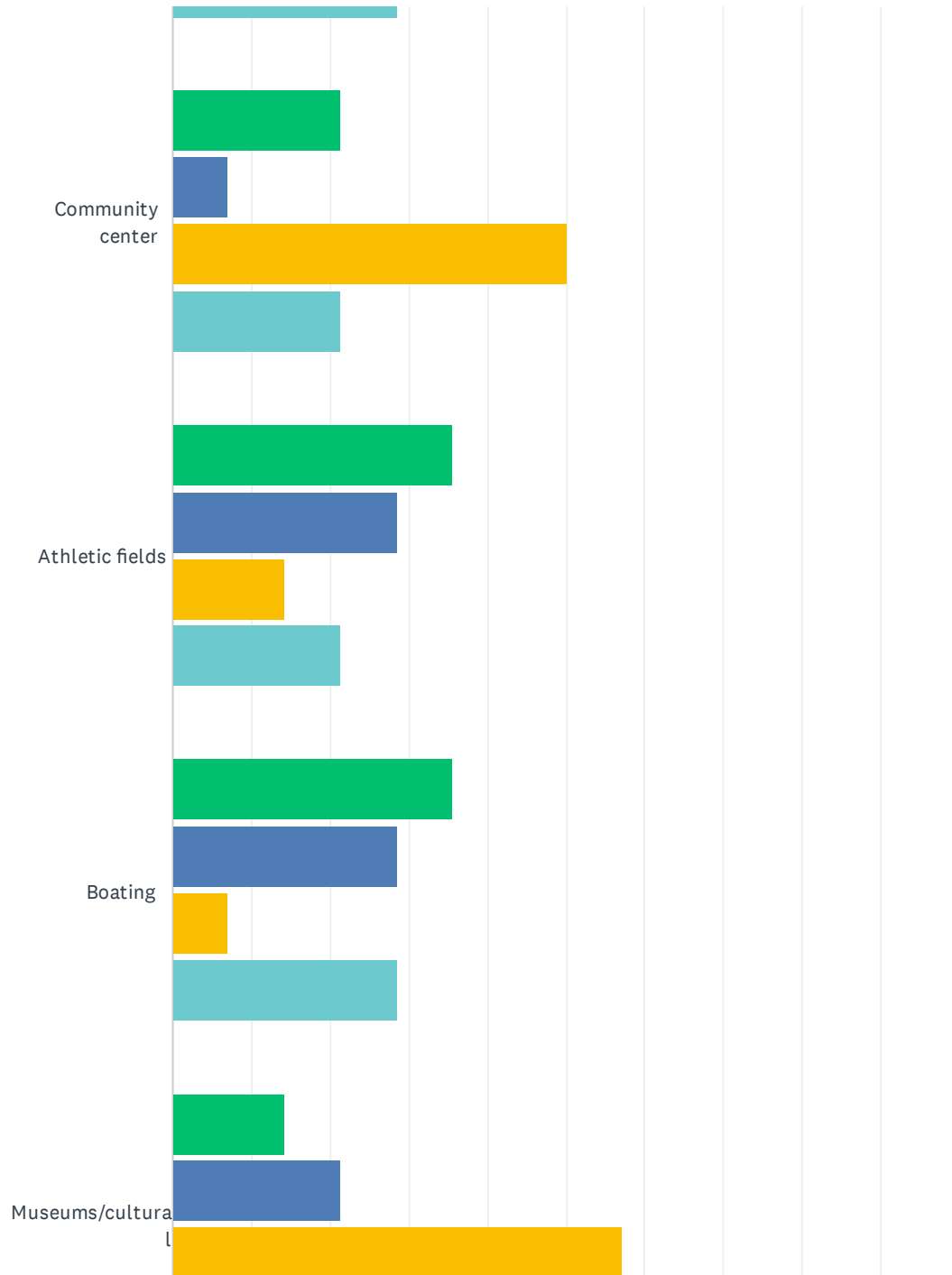




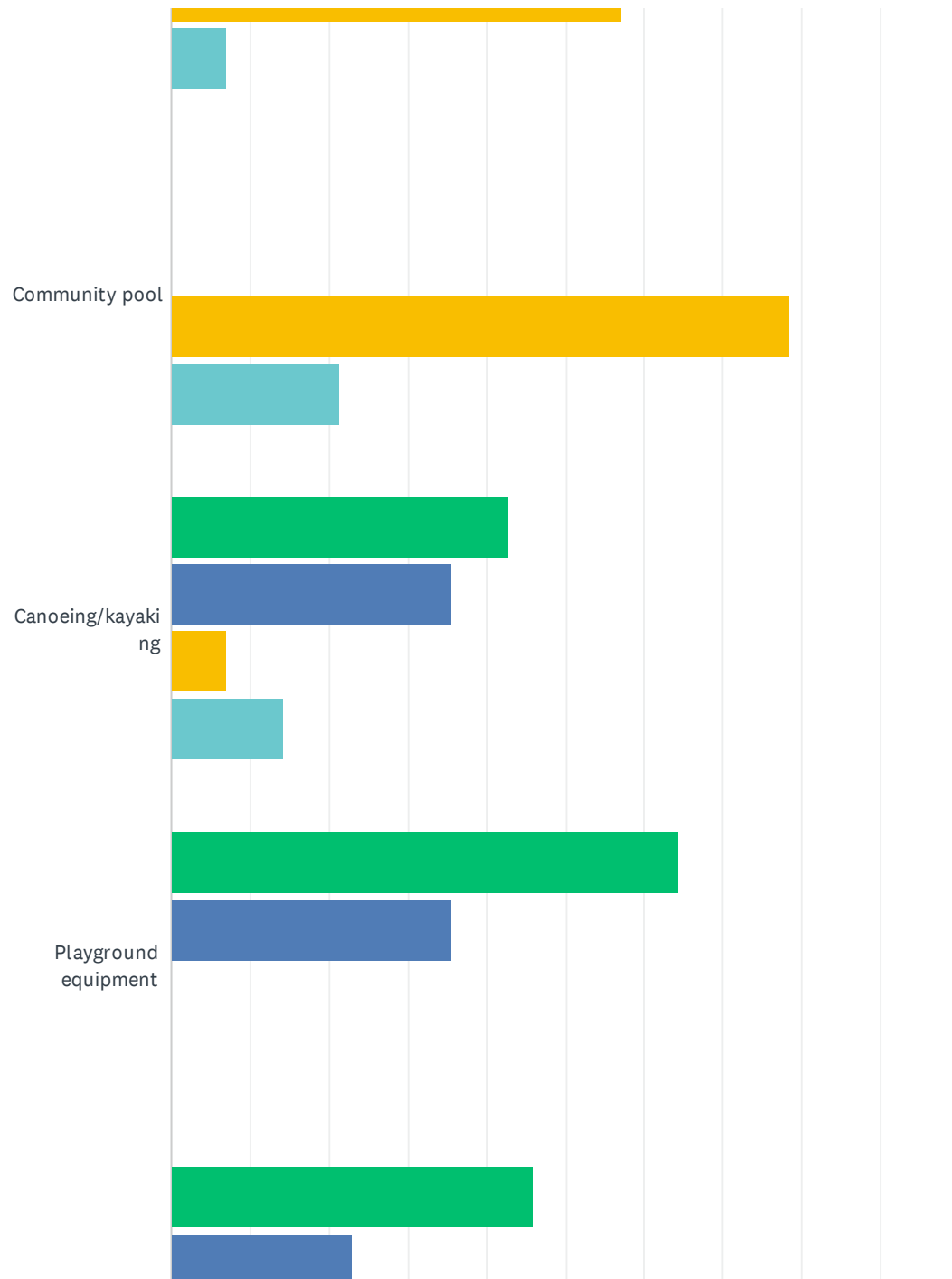
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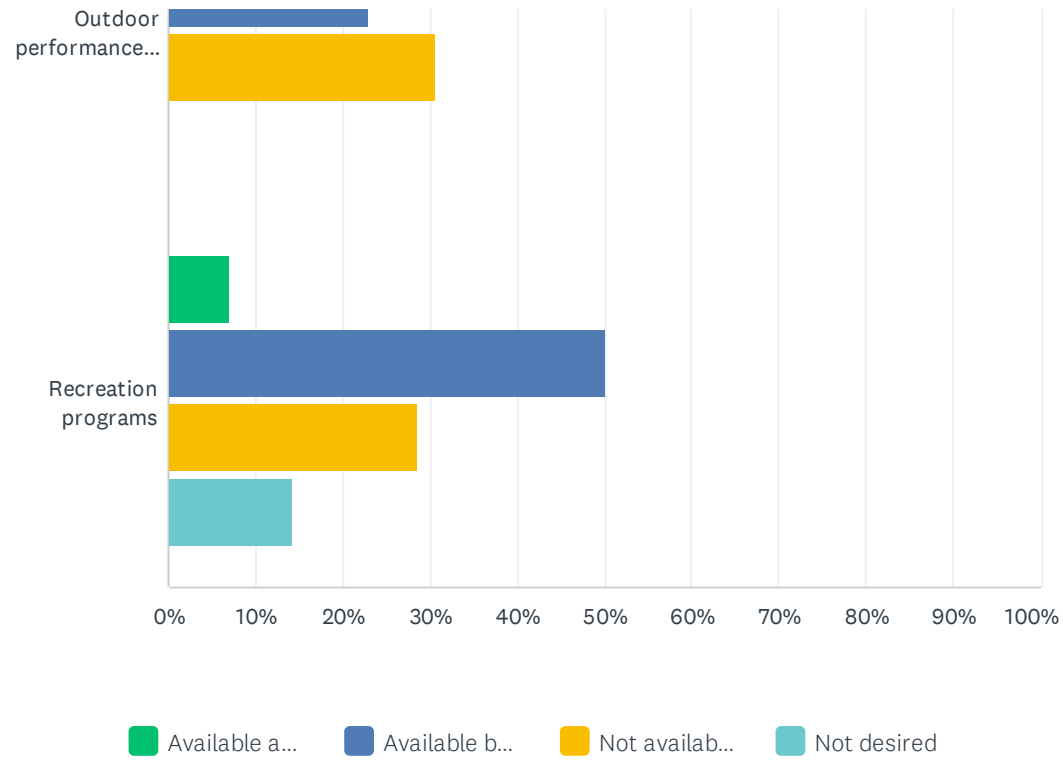
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	AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE	AVAILABLE BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NOT AVAILABLE (WANTED)	NOT DESIRED	TOTAL
Walking trails	50.00% 7	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	0.00% 0	14
Arts/outdoor sculptures	30.77% 4	46.15% 6	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	13
Fishing access	28.57% 4	28.57% 4	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	14
Bike paths	14.29% 2	42.86% 6	35.71% 5	7.14% 1	14
Access to beaches	21.43% 3	71.43% 10	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	14
Natural areas	42.86% 6	42.86% 6	14.29% 2	0.00% 0	14
Ice skating	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	28.57% 4	14
Community center	21.43% 3	7.14% 1	50.00% 7	21.43% 3	14
Athletic fields	35.71% 5	28.57% 4	14.29% 2	21.43% 3	14
Boating	35.71% 5	28.57% 4	7.14% 1	28.57% 4	14
Museums/cultural	14.29% 2	21.43% 3	57.14% 8	7.14% 1	14
Community pool	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	78.57% 11	21.43% 3	14
Canoeing/kayaking	42.86% 6	35.71% 5	7.14% 1	14.29% 2	14
Playground equipment	64.29% 9	35.71% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14
Outdoor performance space	46.15% 6	23.08% 3	30.77% 4	0.00% 0	13
Recreation programs	7.14% 1	50.00% 7	28.57% 4	14.29% 2	14

## Q48 How can existing recreation opportunities in and near the New Buffalo Area be improved?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 296

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking trails	71.43%	5
Arts/outdoor sculptures	42.86%	3
Fishing access	42.86%	3
Bike paths	42.86%	3
Access to beaches	85.71%	6
Natural areas	42.86%	3
Ice skating	42.86%	3
Community center	42.86%	3
Athletic fields	42.86%	3
Boating	42.86%	3
Museums/cultural	28.57%	2
Community pool	57.14%	4
Canoeing/kayaking	57.14%	4
Playground equipment	28.57%	2
Outdoor performance space	42.86%	3
Recreation programs	42.86%	3

#	WALKING TRAILS	DATE
1	Parking near trails	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	in all categories this town needs great improvement and some development for consistency of some year round charm	10/12/2022 2:32 PM

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(same for all items below...things continue to be lacking and undesirable in recreation and appearance of town)

4	On concerte	10/7/2022 6:25 PM
5	Safer shoulders along roads and highways: some roads have little or no shoulder. At least 20 inches would be good.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ARTS/OUTDOOR SCULPTURES</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Some	10/7/2022 6:25 PM
3	Look good	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>FISHING ACCESS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Lake mi	10/7/2022 6:25 PM
3	Looks good	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>BIKE PATHS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	None	10/7/2022 6:25 PM
3	Poor or no road shoulders on many roads, inparticular that communities with other communities andstate parks. At least one side of the road, if not both should have a paved shoulder of at least 20 inches. This way a bicycler or pedestrian is less likely to be struck by a car, especially during the crowded summer season. This region of Lake Michigan should have a bicycle path to connect its state parks and communities. Bicyclists would then visit, generating revenue!	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ACCESS TO BEACHES</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Shuttles	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	There are ZERO beaches available with parking/access outside of NB Harbor.	10/9/2022 12:49 PM
4	Ok	10/7/2022 6:25 PM
5	Good	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
6	Allow Parents of Students to Obtain New Buffalo Beach Passes (When Non-Residents)	8/27/2022 10:41 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>NATURAL AREAS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Have to drive	10/7/2022 6:25 PM
3	Good, especially the county park. A construction truck was either emptying or drawing water along the road.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ICE SKATING</b>	<b>DATE</b>

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1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	?	10/7/2022 6:25 PM
3	Looks good.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	YMCA with sports	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	I am at the town hall. Hopefully there are some other community centers. I saw a sign for the library. Looks like visitor information is here at the town hall.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>ATHLETIC FIELDS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Soccer field	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	Have not seen many, but the population is not high out here.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>BOATING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Looks good	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
3	Consider Boat Launches	8/27/2022 10:41 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>MUSEUMS/CULTURAL</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Looks good. Saw the rail museum from outside. Not sure it was open.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>COMMUNITY POOL</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	YMCA	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	OVERDUE Should have been included in Pokegon funding at NBHS.	10/9/2022 12:49 PM
4	Not sure. Not that interested: needed for winter health.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>CANOEING/KAYAKING</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	More drop in spots	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	Looks good	8/31/2022 3:13 PM

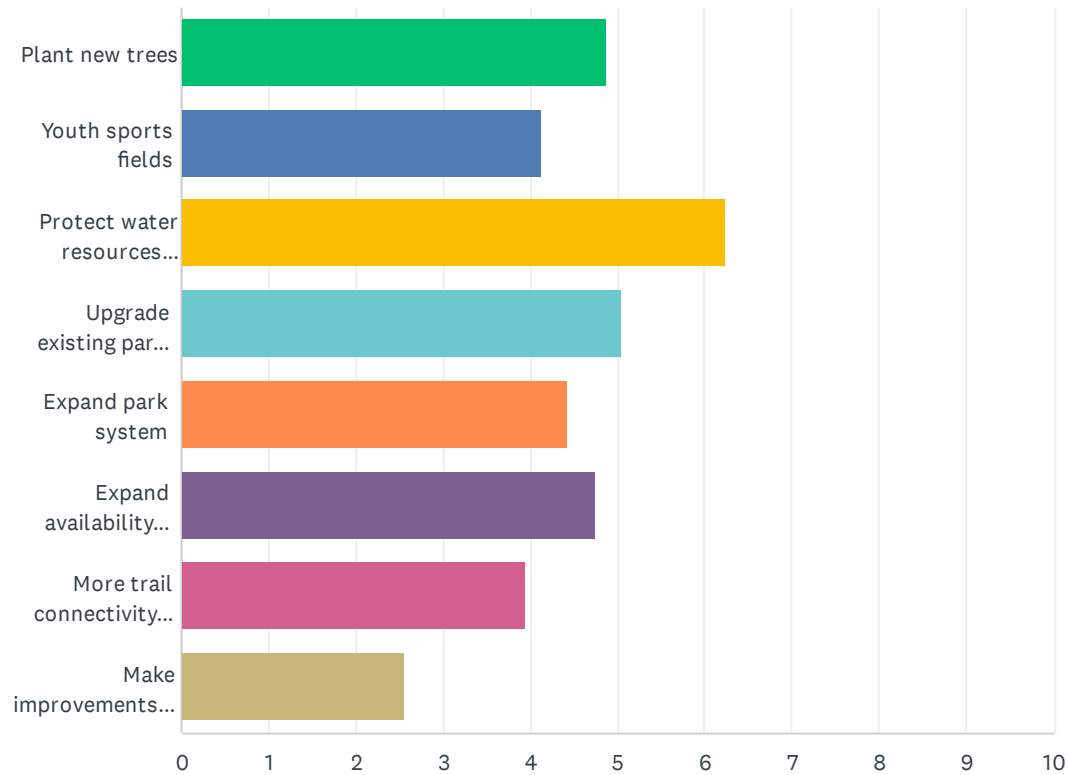


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4	Consider Boat Launches	8/27/2022 10:41 AM
<b>#</b>	<b>PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Looks good	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE SPACE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Rock climbing	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	Looks good: maybe by the beach.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
<b>#</b>	<b>RECREATION PROGRAMS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Soccer, tennis, gymnastics, basketball	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	Not sure but saw some info on organizations.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM

Q49 Please put the following items in order of priority, with 1 indicating the highest priority and 8 indicating the lowest priority.

Answered: 16 Skipped: 287

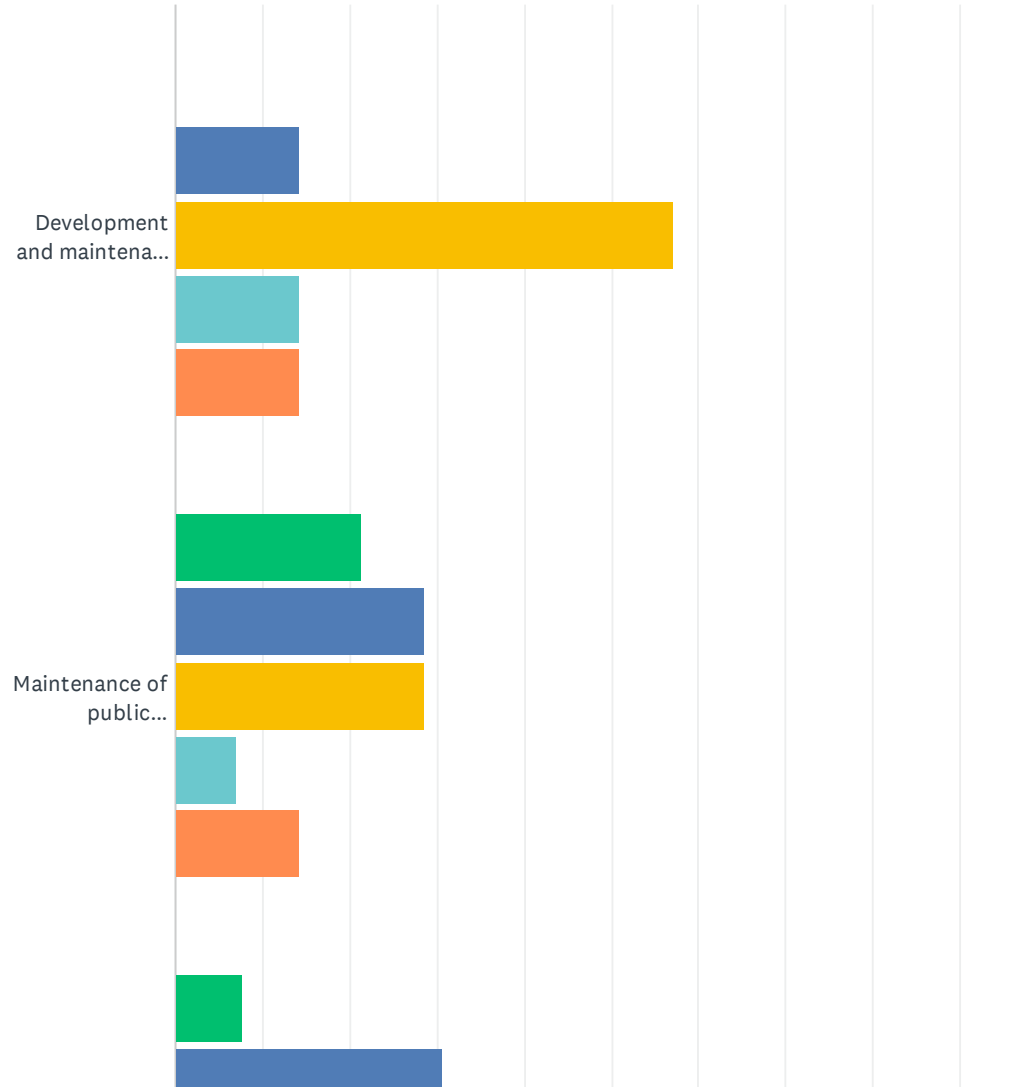


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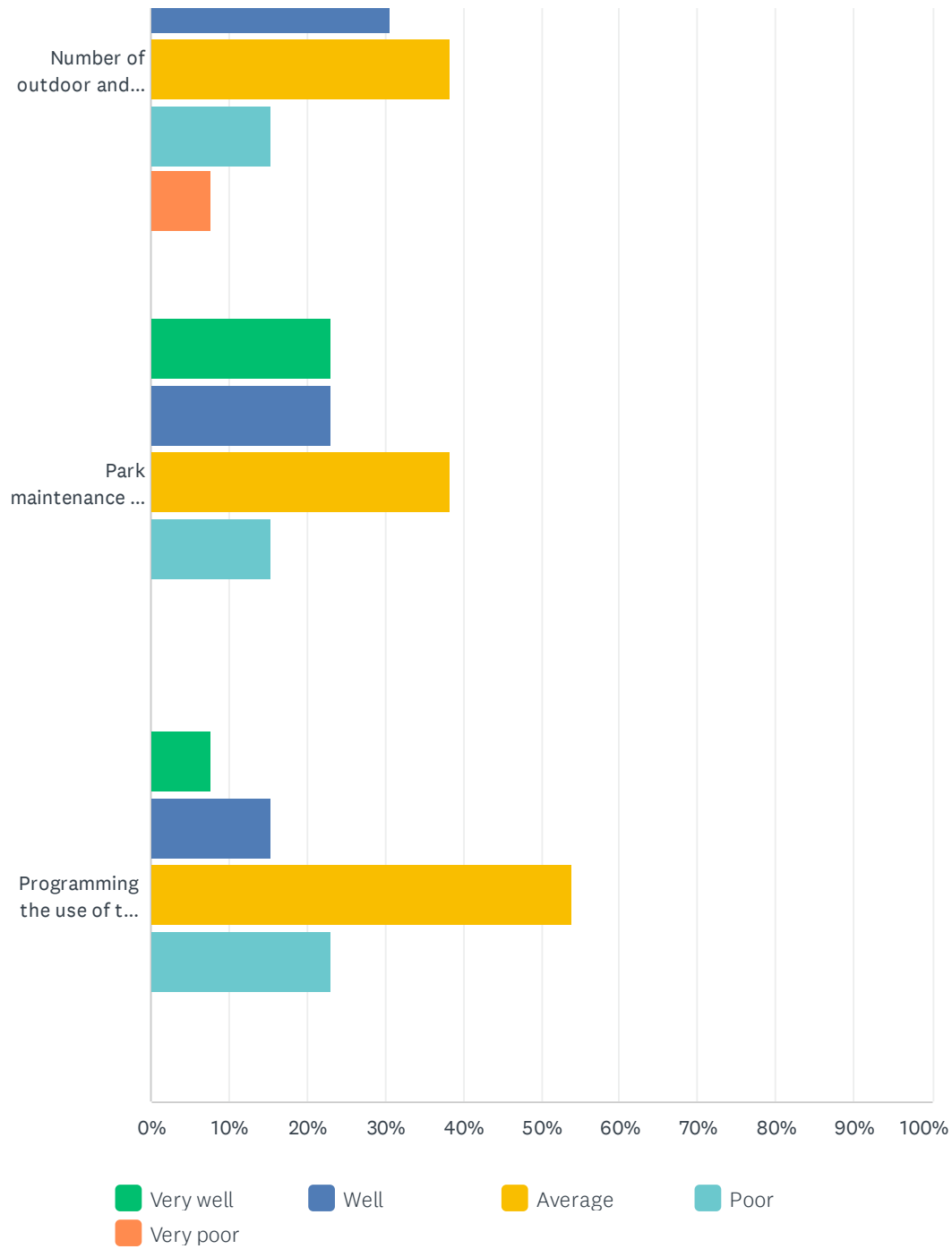
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Plant new trees	18.75% 3	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	16	4.88
Youth sports fields	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	18.75% 3	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	16	4.13
Protect water resources (streams, rivers, wetlands, Lake Michigan, and groundwater)	18.75% 3	43.75% 7	6.25% 1	6.25% 1	25.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16	6.25
Upgrade existing park amenities	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	25.00% 4	43.75% 7	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	16	5.06
Expand park system	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	16	4.44
Expand availability of public waterfront/beach areas	18.75% 3	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	0.00% 0	18.75% 3	18.75% 3	18.75% 3	0.00% 0	16	4.75
More trail connectivity throughout the community	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	18.75% 3	12.50% 2	37.50% 6	0.00% 0	16	3.94
Make improvements to public marinas	6.25% 1	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	56.25% 9	16	2.56

Q50 From your own experience, please indicate how well you think New Buffalo Township has provided each of the services below. Choose from one of the following choices: Very well, Well, Average, Poor, Very poor or Don't know.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 289



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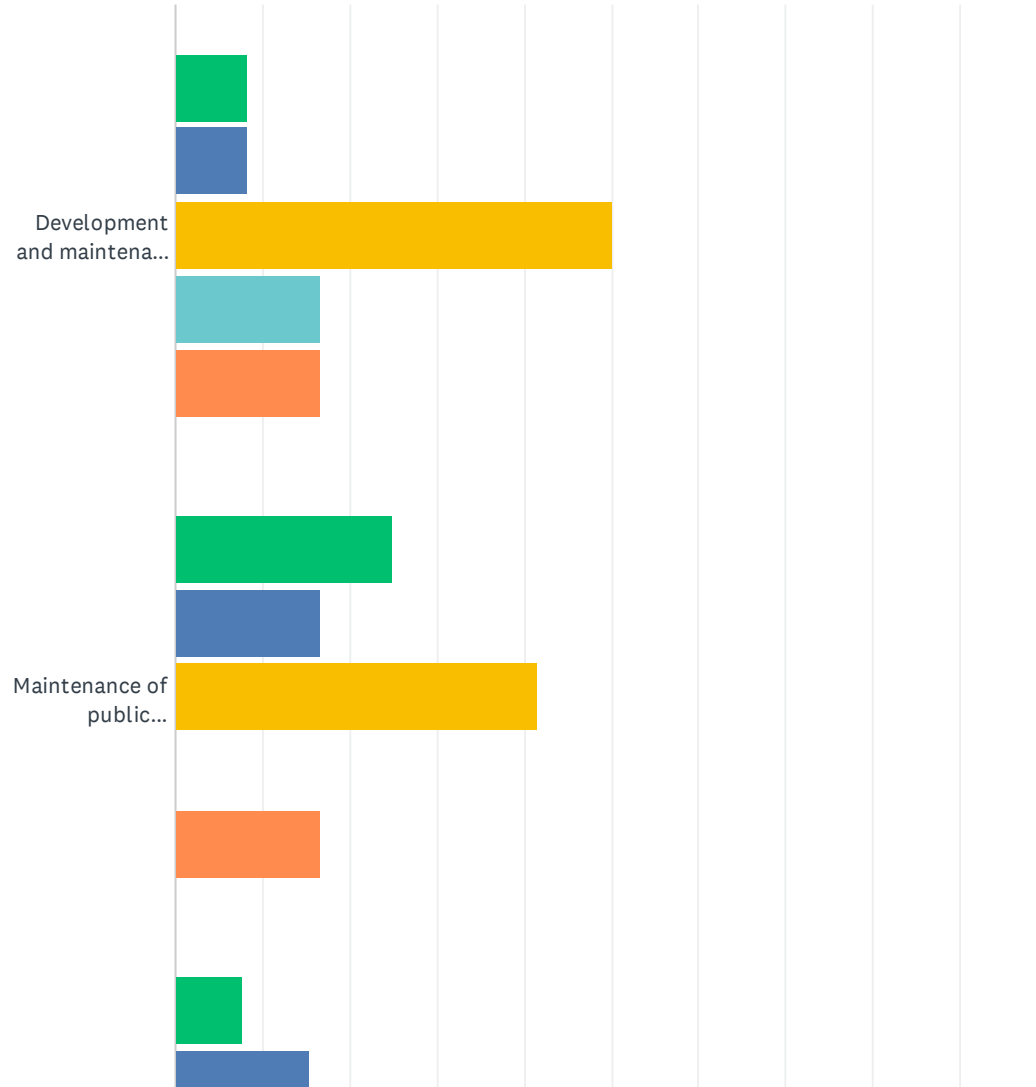


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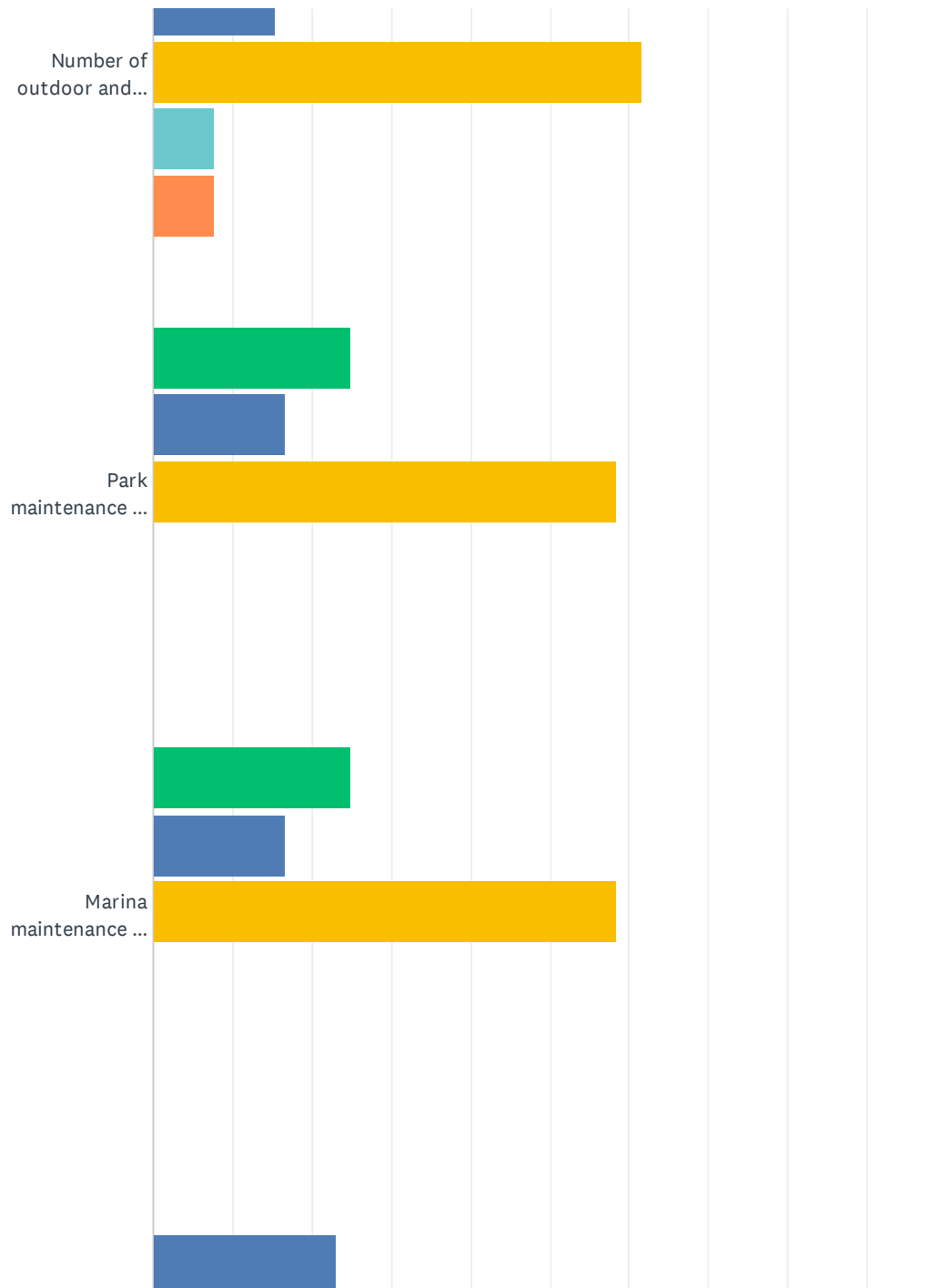
	VERY WELL	WELL	AVERAGE	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL
Development and maintenance of a system of bike lanes and trails.	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	57.14% 8	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	14
Maintenance of public landscaping and street trees.	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	28.57% 4	7.14% 1	14.29% 2	14
Number of outdoor and open space areas.	7.69% 1	30.77% 4	38.46% 5	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	13
Park maintenance and upkeep.	23.08% 3	23.08% 3	38.46% 5	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	13
Programming the use of the community's parks.	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	53.85% 7	23.08% 3	0.00% 0	13

Q51 From your own experience, please indicate how well you think the City of New Buffalo has provided each of the services below. Choose from one of the following choices: Very well, Well, Average, Poor, Very poor or Don't know.

Answered: 13 Skipped: 290

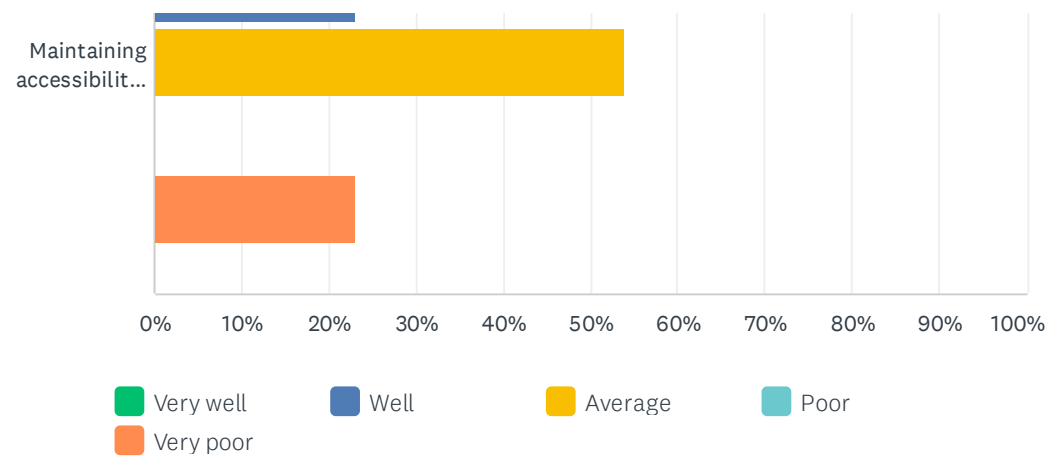


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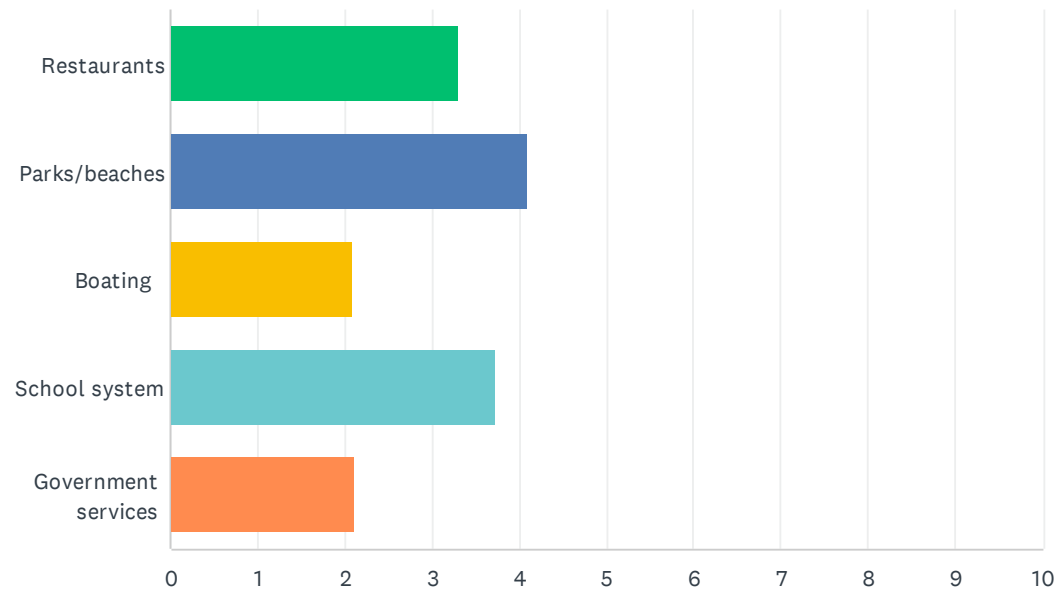
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	VERY WELL	WELL	AVERAGE	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL
Development and maintenance of a system of bike lanes and trails.	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	50.00% 6	16.67% 2	16.67% 2	12
Maintenance of public landscaping and street trees.	25.00% 3	16.67% 2	41.67% 5	0.00% 0	16.67% 2	12
Number of outdoor and open space areas.	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	61.54% 8	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	13
Park maintenance and upkeep.	25.00% 3	16.67% 2	58.33% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12
Marina maintenance and upkeep.	25.00% 3	16.67% 2	58.33% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12
Maintaining accessibility to the park system to persons of all economic levels.	0.00% 0	23.08% 3	53.85% 7	0.00% 0	23.08% 3	13

## Q52 Which of these aspects of the New Buffalo area have most contributed to improving your quality of life?

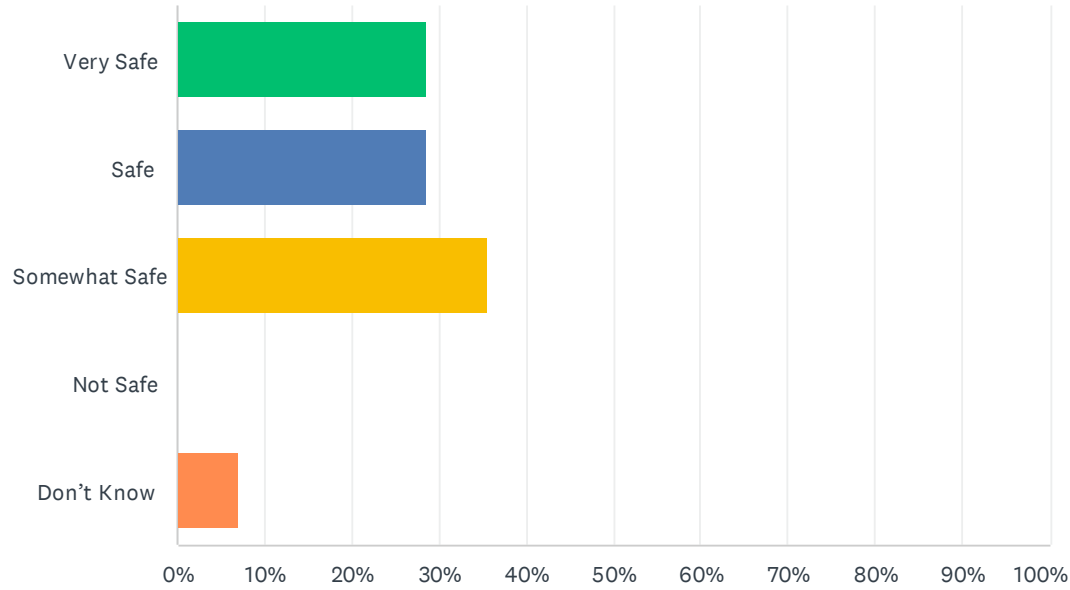
Answered: 12 Skipped: 291



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Restaurants	0.00% 0	50.00% 5	30.00% 3	20.00% 2	0.00% 0	10	3.30
Parks/beaches	36.36% 4	36.36% 4	27.27% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11	4.09
Boating	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	20.00% 2	30.00% 3	40.00% 4	10	2.10
School system	63.64% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18.18% 2	18.18% 2	11	3.73
Government services	0.00% 0	11.11% 1	22.22% 2	33.33% 3	33.33% 3	9	2.11

### Q53 Level of personal safety felt in the parks.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 289



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Safe	28.57%	4
Safe	28.57%	4
Somewhat Safe	35.71%	5
Not Safe	0.00%	0
Don't Know	7.14%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>

#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM

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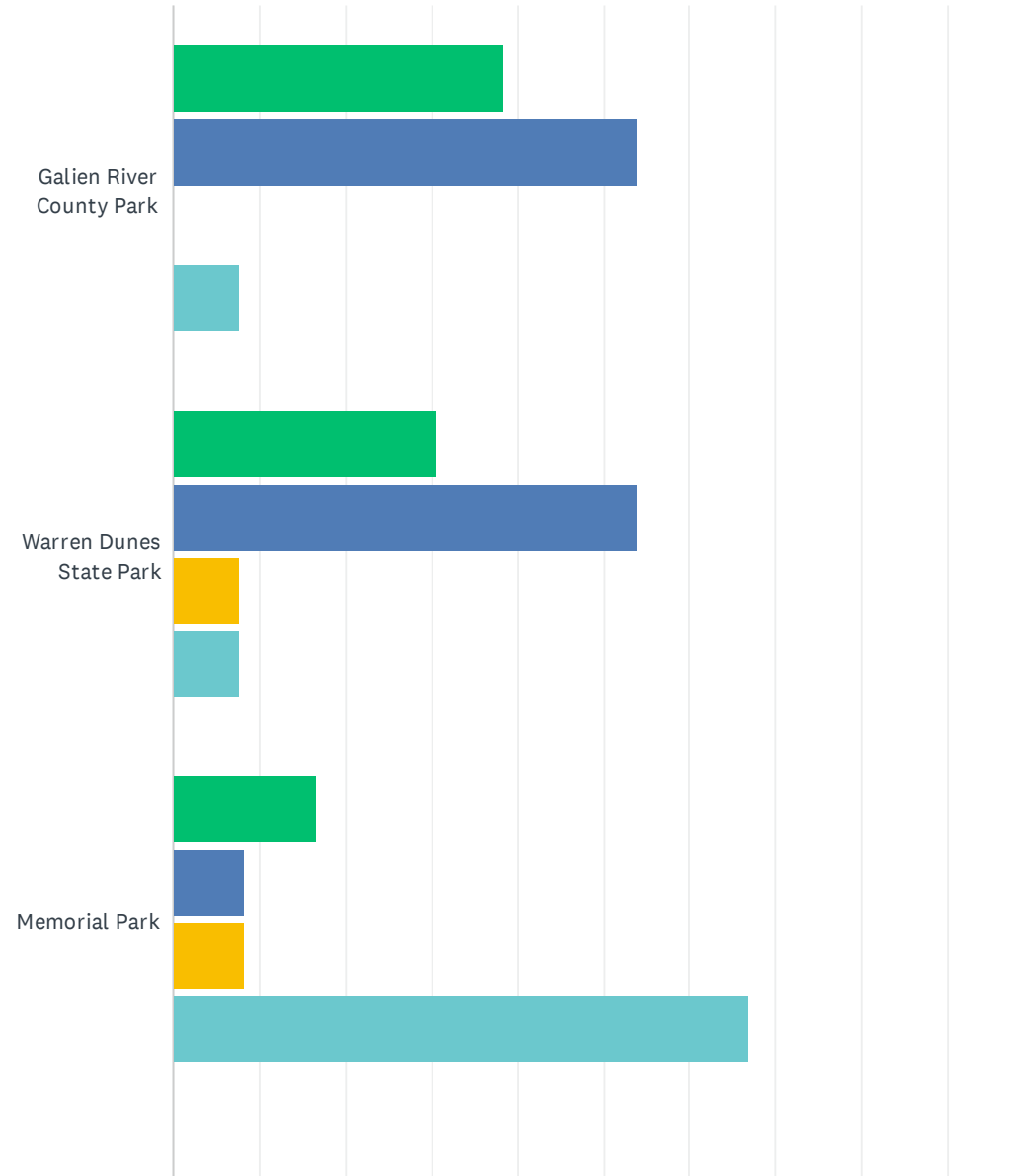
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2	Bicycle and walking paths need to be an alternative to the side of the road, cars sometimes speed out of the beach parking g lot	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
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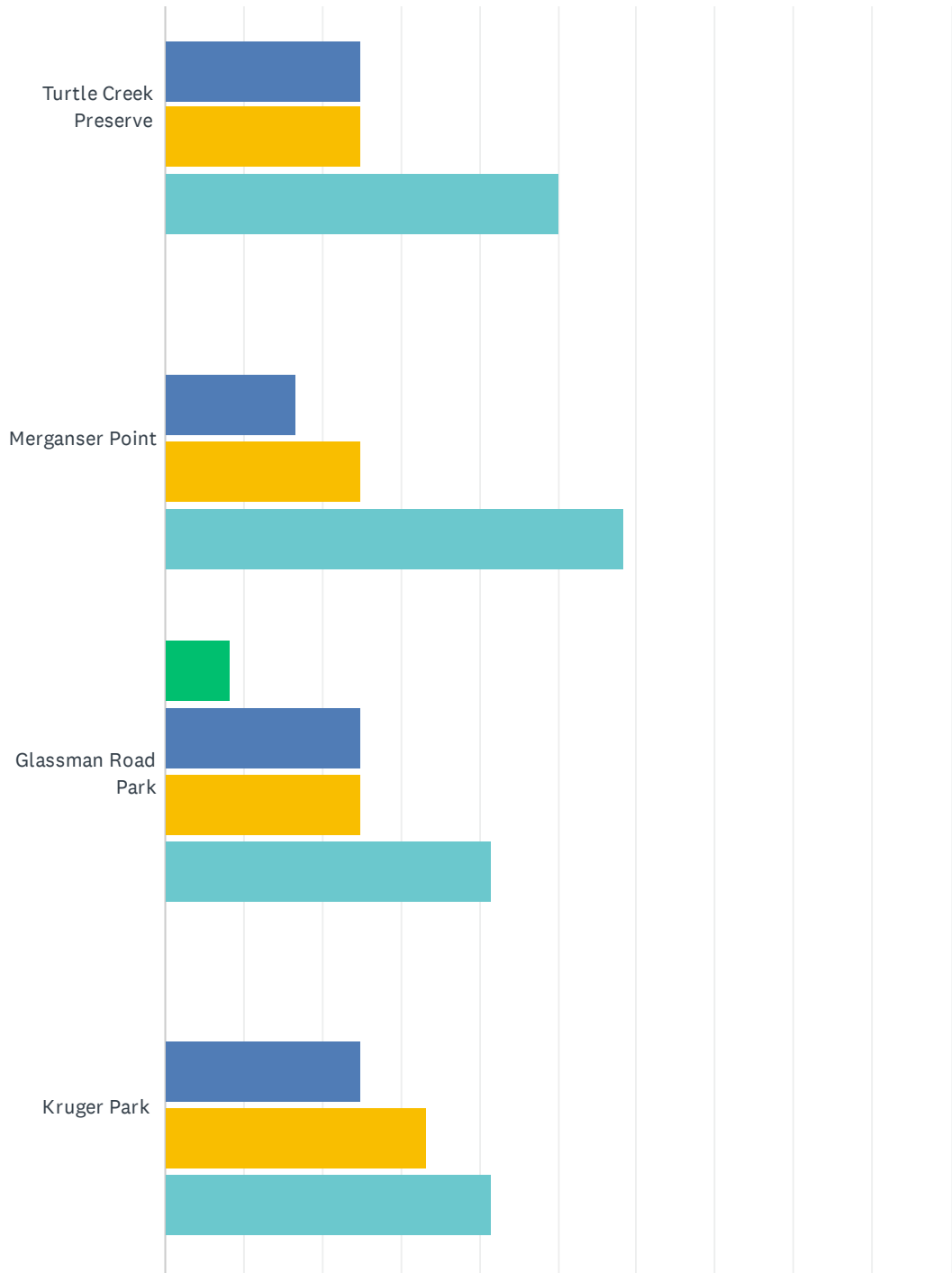
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## Q54 What is your awareness/usage of the following parks?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 290



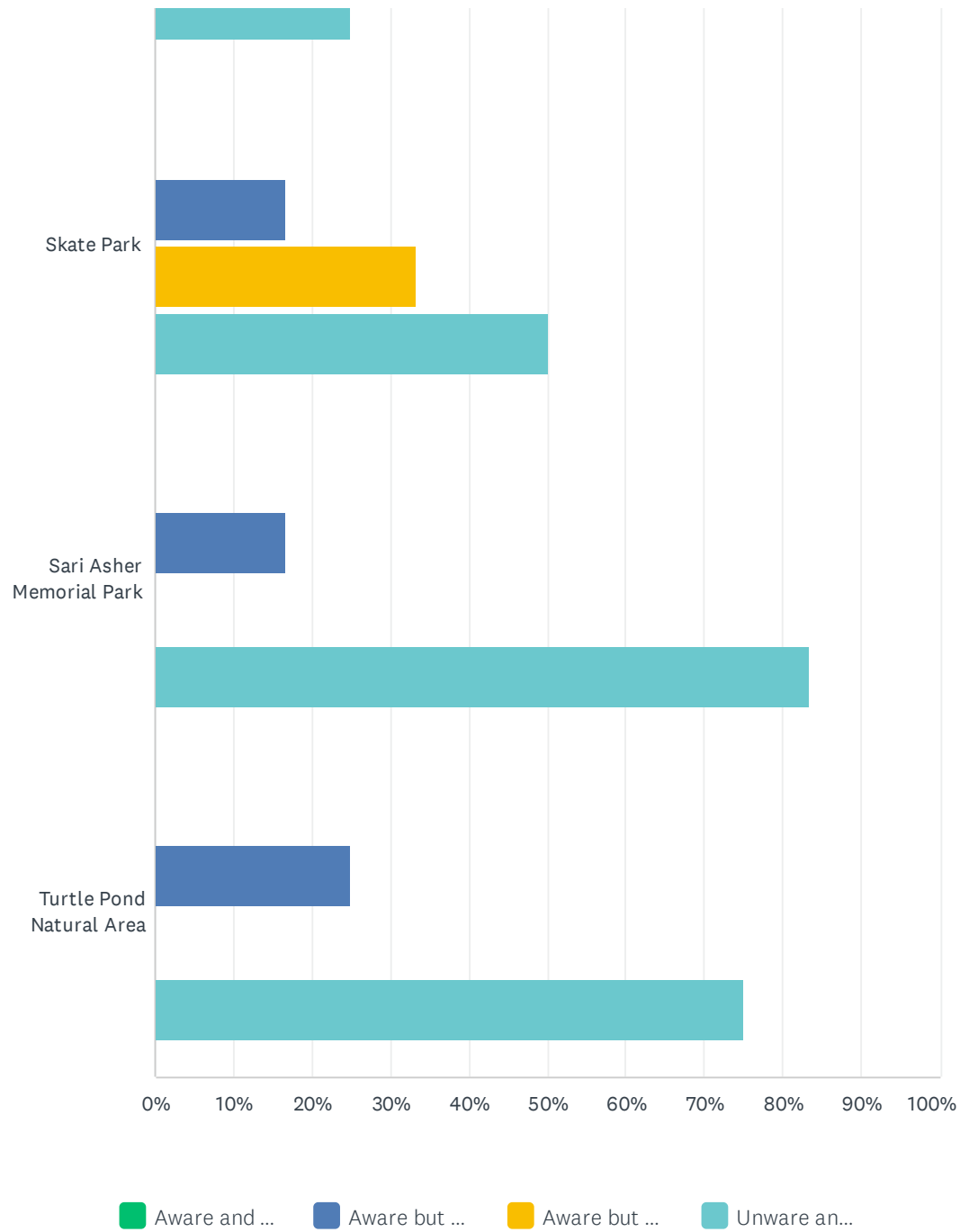
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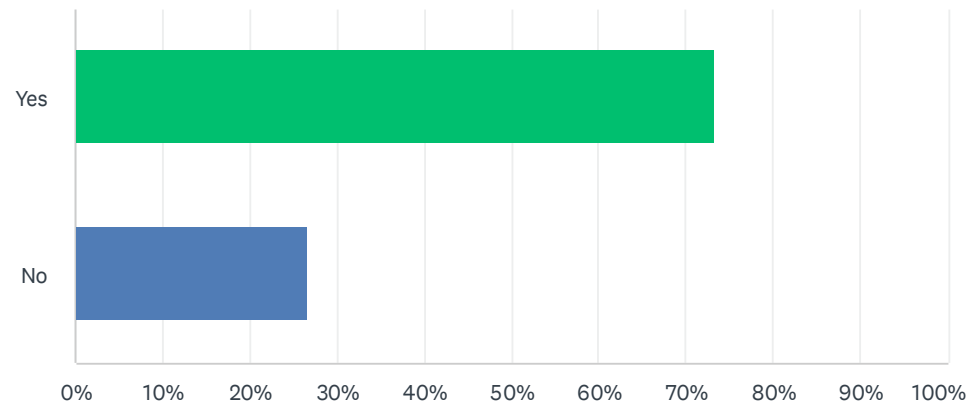


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	AWARE AND USE IT FREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT USE IT INFREQUENTLY	AWARE BUT DON'T USE IT	UNWARE AND DON'T USE IT	TOTAL
Galien River County Park	38.46% 5	53.85% 7	0.00% 0	7.69% 1	13
Warren Dunes State Park	30.77% 4	53.85% 7	7.69% 1	7.69% 1	13
Memorial Park	16.67% 2	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	66.67% 8	12
Turtle Creek Preserve	0.00% 0	25.00% 3	25.00% 3	50.00% 6	12
Merganser Point	0.00% 0	16.67% 2	25.00% 3	58.33% 7	12
Glassman Road Park	8.33% 1	25.00% 3	25.00% 3	41.67% 5	12
Kruger Park	0.00% 0	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	41.67% 5	12
Grand Beach Village Park	0.00% 0	16.67% 2	33.33% 4	50.00% 6	12
Lions Pavilion Park	8.33% 1	41.67% 5	8.33% 1	41.67% 5	12
Riverfront Park	0.00% 0	41.67% 5	8.33% 1	50.00% 6	12
Oselka Park	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	25.00% 3	12
Skate Park	0.00% 0	16.67% 2	33.33% 4	50.00% 6	12
Sari Asher Memorial Park	0.00% 0	16.67% 2	0.00% 0	83.33% 10	12
Turtle Pond Natural Area	0.00% 0	25.00% 3	0.00% 0	75.00% 9	12

## Q55 Would you favor an improved bike network/trail system (either non-motorized or on-road facilities) through the New Buffalo area?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 288

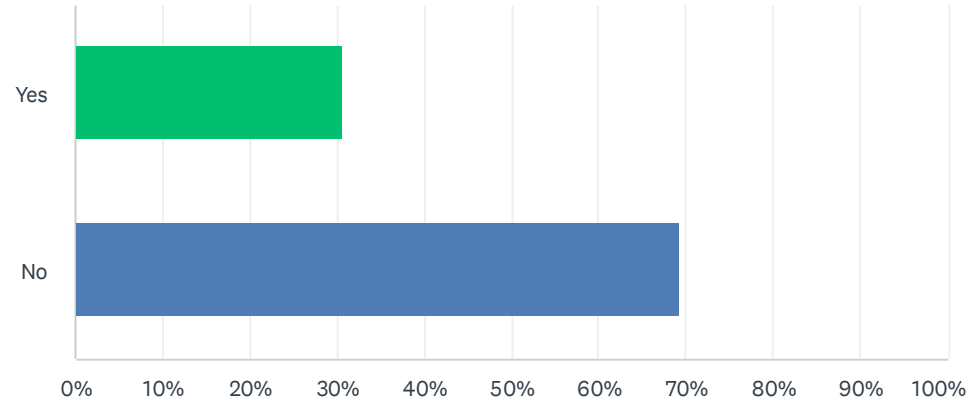


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.33%	11
No	26.67%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	On Rt. 12	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Yes: biking alongside the I-94 Emergency road is dangerous because it has very small shoulders on its side, and shoulders come to an abrupt end in some areas, forcing the bicycle into the curb or traffic. A way to connect the State Parks and communities via bicycle should exist for bicycles and pedestrians. Cars too: no motorist wants to strike someone, at least most.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM
3	Between the school elem to hs/ms	8/21/2022 10:40 AM

## Q56 Would you like to see additional pickleball courts developed in the community?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 290

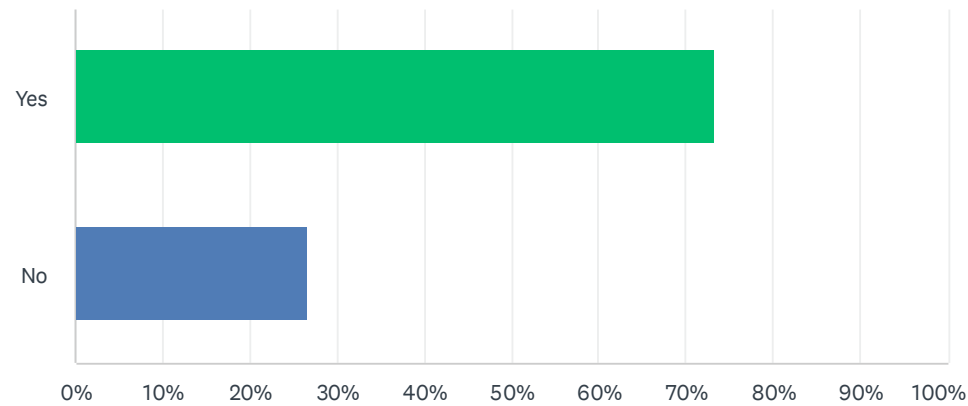


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.77%	4
No	69.23%	9
TOTAL		13

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
	There are no responses.	

### Q57 Would you support a community-wide millage to create a dedicated funding source to support parks and recreation opportunities in the community?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 288



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.33%	11
No	26.67%	4
TOTAL		15

## Q58 What do you LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 300

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	The proximity to Lake	10/9/2022 12:49 PM
3	Tower over the river & marsh walk is really neat & unique. A backpacker, I am glad not to have been harrassed by police. Rather, they did their job patrolling a presense in the parkinglot. I was able to enjoy the sun down and moln rise, and lake breeze and waves without being harrassed to leave the park while poor nighttime characters and behavior were kept minimal.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM

## Q59 What do you NOT LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by New Buffalo Township?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 300

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Old beach house facilities	10/9/2022 12:49 PM
3	Not like: need bike paths or at least road shoulders. I did see some downtown, but far too few, especially going out of town to connect the different parks and communities along Lake Michigan's shore. Great beach park & unique walk & tower over marsh. Neat!	8/31/2022 3:13 PM

## Q60 What do you LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by the City of New Buffalo?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 301

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Great access to see estuaries & rivers, and to see the tree canopy. Nice beach & good staff.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM

## Q61 What do you NOT LIKE about the Parks & Recreation Opportunities offered by the City of New Buffalo?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 301

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	ldk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
2	Not enough bicycle and pedestrian pathway, creating unsafe conditions along roadways, especially those connecting towns & parks.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM



Q62 What improvements or additional services do you suggest for the Township's Parks? Please indicate if for a specific park.

Answered: 4 Skipped: 299

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A Pool. Living this close to the lake, kids should have swimming as part of their school curriculum. Also, it would be great if there were more sports available closer to New Buffalo I.e. soccer, basketball, tennis, gymnastics	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	More senior activities and senior parking	10/12/2022 2:32 PM
4	Take a bicycle ride out of the New Buffalo Beach Park. Pretend you are getting something to eat and tgen bicycling toward Waren Dunes. Bike paths need to be installed and road shoulders need to be improved.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM

### Q63 What improvements or additional services do you suggest for the City's Parks? Please indicate if for a specific park.

Answered: 4 Skipped: 299

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Same as above	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	Senior amenities	10/12/2022 2:32 PM
4	Bicycle paths connecting beaches and parks: a better road shoulder by the New Buffalo Beach Park.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM

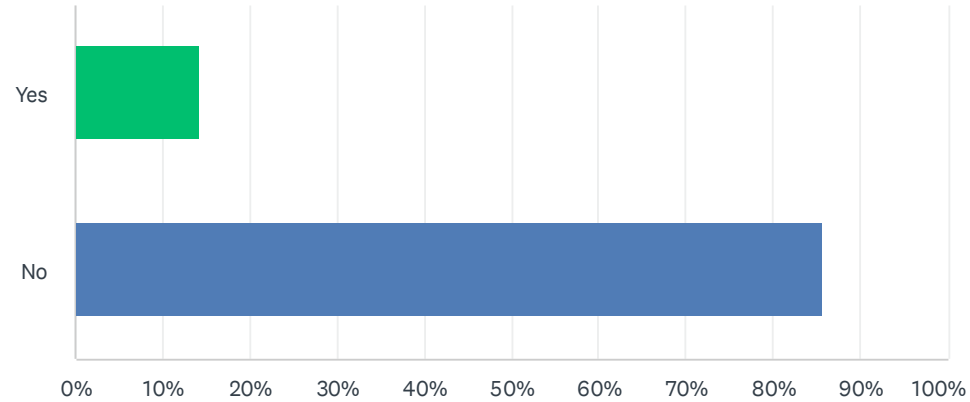
## Q64 What broader parks and recreational needs exist in the community that the New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority should be working on?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 300

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A YMCA or community center with a pool, sports for elementary age kids	10/13/2022 7:41 PM
2	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
3	Safe pedestrian and bicycle travel between parks, beaches, communities and towns. Pretend you were backpacking or bicycling the region. Each town can help.	8/31/2022 3:13 PM

### Q65 Are you a boater who uses the City of New Buffalo Transient Marina?

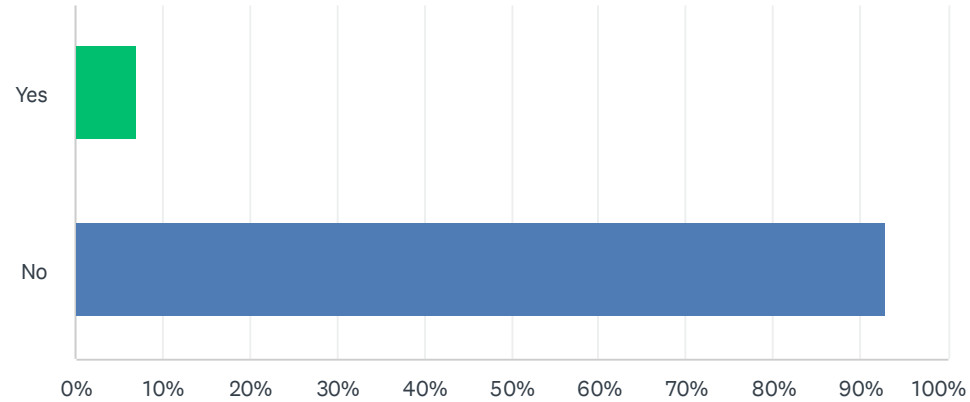
Answered: 14 Skipped: 289



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	14.29%	2
No	85.71%	12
TOTAL		14

### Q66 Are you a boater that uses the Pleasure Isle Marina owned by New Buffalo Township?

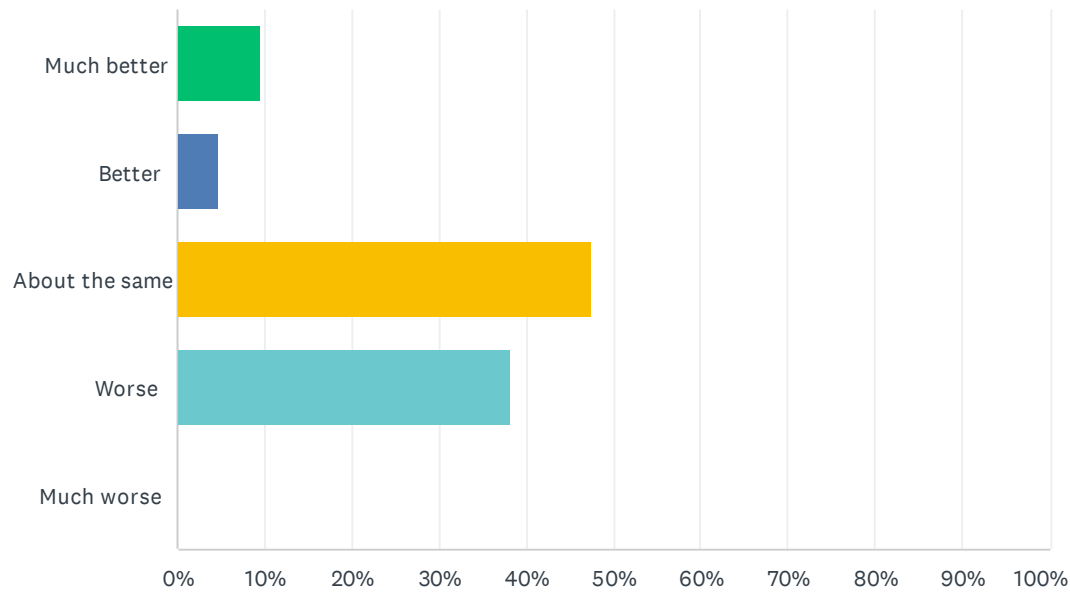
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	7.14%	1
No	92.86%	13
TOTAL		14

## Q67 How does New Buffalo Transient Marina compare to other transient facilities in Lake Michigan Harbors?

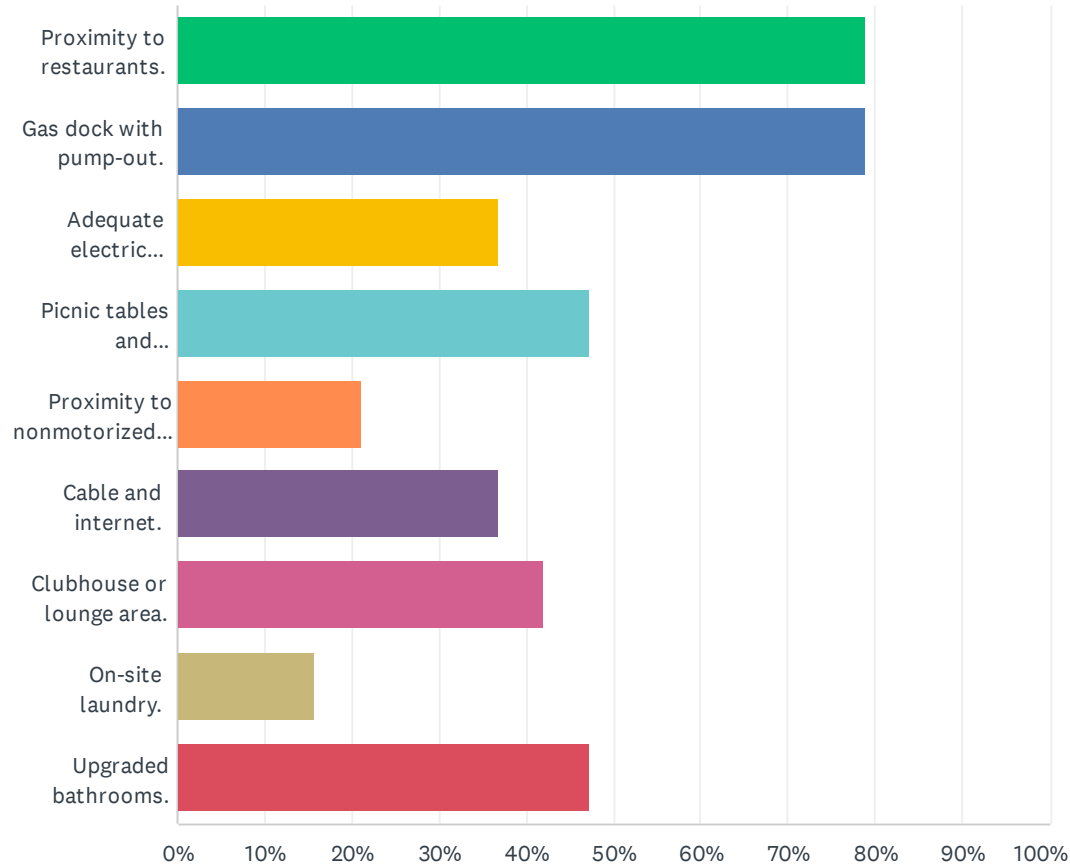
Answered: 21 Skipped: 282



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much better	9.52%	2
Better	4.76%	1
About the same	47.62%	10
Worse	38.10%	8
Much worse	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21</b>

### Q68 What marina amenities are most important to you as a transient boater? Pick up to three.

Answered: 19 Skipped: 284



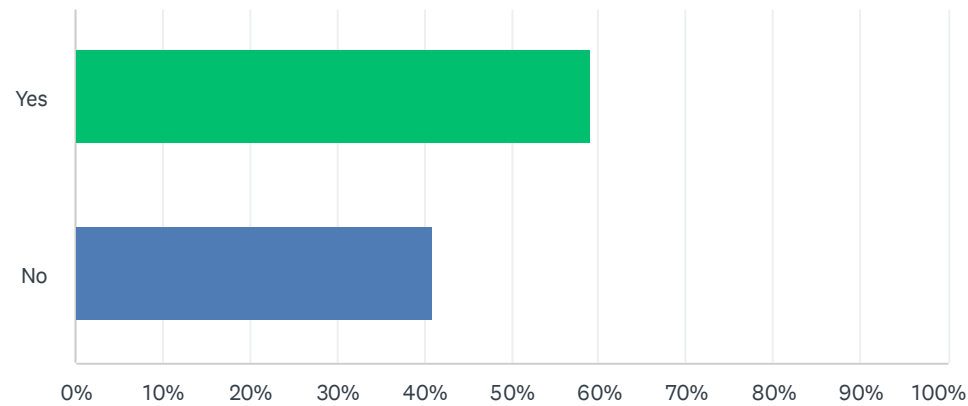
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to restaurants.	78.95%	15
Gas dock with pump-out.	78.95%	15
Adequate electric availability.	36.84%	7
Picnic tables and park/greenspace.	47.37%	9
Proximity to nonmotorized transportation.	21.05%	4
Cable and internet.	36.84%	7
Clubhouse or lounge area.	42.11%	8
On-site laundry.	15.79%	3
Upgraded bathrooms.	47.37%	9
Total Respondents: 19		



### Q69 Do you think there are navigation conflicts between human-powered watercrafts (kayaks, canoes, etc.) and sail/motorboats within the channel?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 281

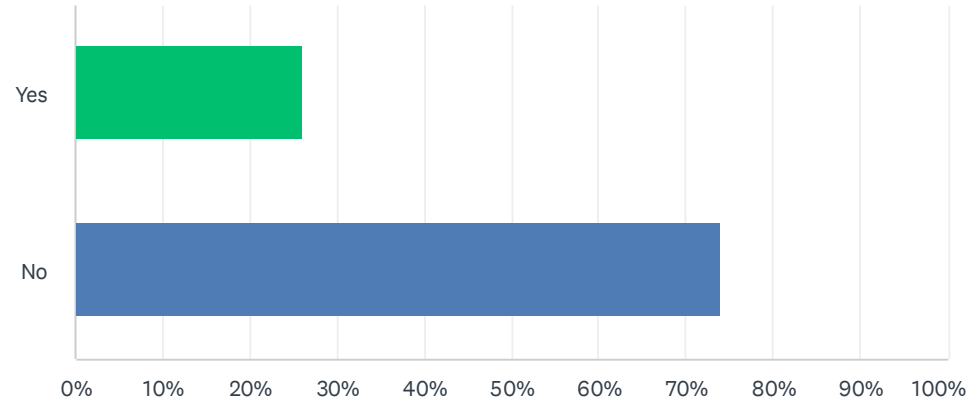


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	59.09% 13
No	40.91% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	The channel is narrow and shallow. Too many jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks.	10/10/2022 9:41 PM
2	Between piers and mouth of harbor	10/8/2022 5:19 PM
3	Harbor mouth	10/8/2022 8:37 AM
4	At times	9/13/2022 7:15 PM
5	Public Boat Dock to Lake Michigan	8/14/2022 7:23 PM
6	In the channel in the area of the inlet	7/12/2022 4:24 PM

### Q70 Are you a boater that uses the Pleasure Isle Marina owned by New Buffalo Township?

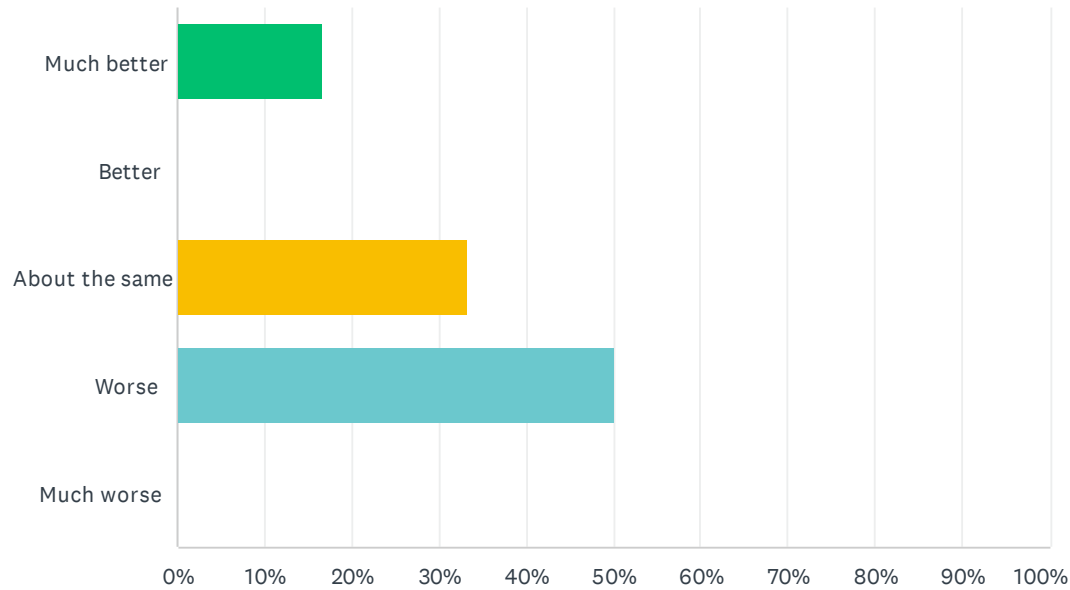
Answered: 23 Skipped: 280



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.09%	6
No	73.91%	17
TOTAL		23

## Q71 How does Pleasure Isle Marina compare to other transient facilities in Lake Michigan Harbors?

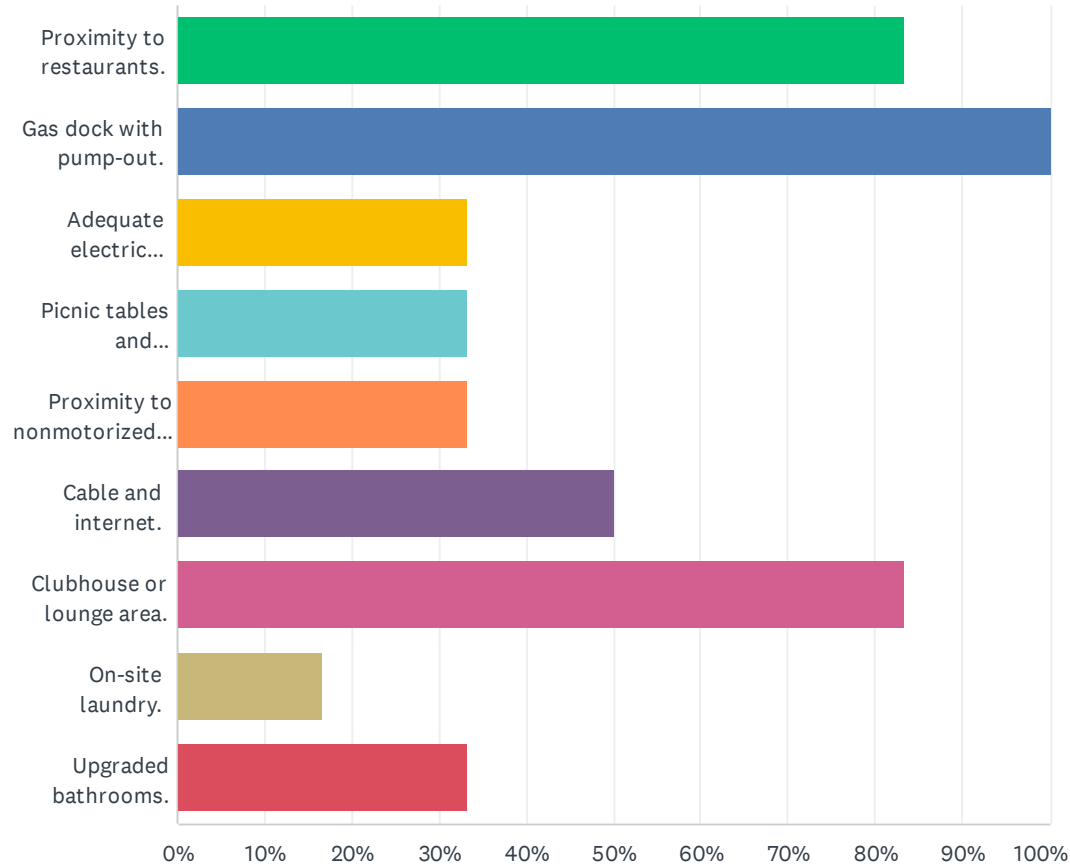
Answered: 6 Skipped: 297



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Much better	16.67% 1
Better	0.00% 0
About the same	33.33% 2
Worse	50.00% 3
Much worse	0.00% 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>

### Q72 What marina amenities are most important to you as a transient boater? Pick up to three.

Answered: 6 Skipped: 297

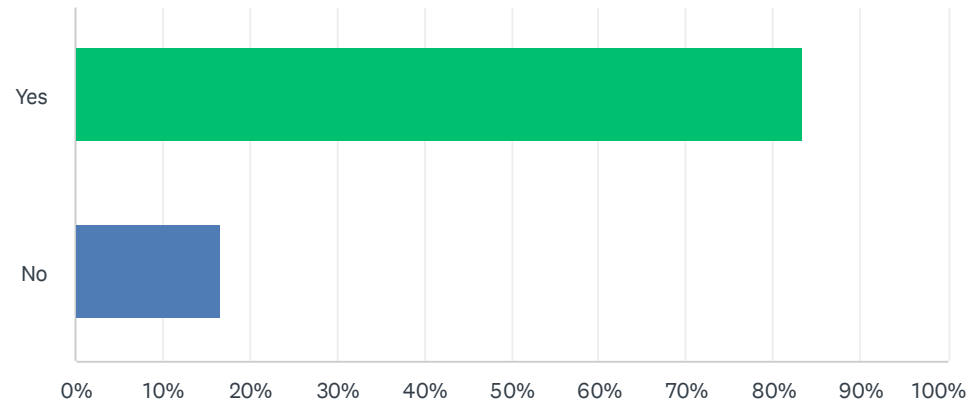


New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority - Community Feedback Survey

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Proximity to restaurants.	83.33%	5
Gas dock with pump-out.	100.00%	6
Adequate electric availability.	33.33%	2
Picnic tables and park/greenspace.	33.33%	2
Proximity to nonmotorized transportation.	33.33%	2
Cable and internet.	50.00%	3
Clubhouse or lounge area.	83.33%	5
On-site laundry.	16.67%	1
Upgraded bathrooms.	33.33%	2
Total Respondents: 6		

### Q73 Do you think there are navigation conflicts between human-powered watercrafts (kayaks, canoes, etc.) and sail/motorboats within the channel?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 297



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.33%	5
No	16.67%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6</b>

#	IF YES, WHERE?	DATE
1	At times	9/13/2022 7:16 PM

## Q74 Additional comments:

Answered: 33 Skipped: 270

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Listen to chance the rappers prom night it's a good song	10/13/2022 10:50 AM
2	None	10/13/2022 10:46 AM
3	Idk	10/13/2022 10:44 AM
4	Something needs to be done about the huge hole in the center of town. It's been far too long and it's a black eye for the city	10/12/2022 6:30 PM
5	City block for sale next to school would be perfect to purchase for the city parks!	10/12/2022 11:03 AM
6	Thank you.	10/11/2022 7:16 PM
7	Love new Buffalo but we could use more amenities	10/11/2022 3:27 PM
8	Thanks for the opportunity to hear my opinion. More full-time park people are needed to maintain our beautiful city. Also, a park board that can help create a better place for all community members and our visitors.	10/11/2022 10:30 AM
9	Thank you for the time and efforts to provide recreation in the New Buffalo area.	10/10/2022 2:41 PM
10	A complete beach campus overhaul is necessary asap! As is improved pedestrian and bicycle access to it from downtown Whittaker Street and the nearby residences along Marquette and 501 N Whittaker Street.	10/9/2022 5:17 PM
11	Thanks for all you do to improve NB. We love this little town!	10/8/2022 3:13 PM
12	Stop catering to the temp residents and out of towners who litter and wreck our roads and green spaces.	10/8/2022 1:49 PM
13	Would be nice to have a place to bike ride - particularly on marquette drive.	10/8/2022 12:39 PM
14	none	10/8/2022 12:22 PM
15	Thank you for the opportunity for feedback and please let us know whom to reach out to regarding all things related to disability access. My wife currently consults with companies across the country and we have a full contingent of people who could benefit from all that New Buffalo has to offer.	10/8/2022 10:35 AM
16	Need to do something by stray dogs Restaurant. People are stopping in front and on the side blocking traffic. Someone could get hurt! Also the residents have a hard time getting to their homes. Need someone directing traffic to keep it moving	10/8/2022 9:36 AM
17	preserve as much of nature as possible. over-development would lessen the appeal of this wonderfully unique area	10/8/2022 9:22 AM
18	Will there be a survey for the need and types of jobs/ industry for the area? We seem to do a good job improving recreational vacation amenities but have neglected neighborhood roads and an industry or company to provide jobs	10/8/2022 4:01 AM
19	The City needs to hire an experienced and educated Parks Director.	10/7/2022 10:11 PM

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20	Public lap pool at high school/ bigger ice rink / street fairs / need food trucks	10/7/2022 7:54 PM
21	Upgrade the facilities where the kids spend their time while in New Buffalo, Oselka Park! The fields are in terrible condition! They need new turf, lights, electrical, new playing soil, mounds, irrigation and drainage system. Create an indoor facility. We live in MI not CA!!! It's too cold in the spring to play any sport outside. Need ability to play tennis, soccer and baseball	9/13/2022 7:20 PM
22	The roads that connect Warren Dunes, Union Pier area, and New Buffalo, and New Buffalo Beach Park are unsafe for bicyclists and pedestrians because road shoulders are minimal if not non existent, and the abruptly end, creating an accident situation, especially for a bicycle being guided either into cars or the curb. Bicycle and pedestrian paths should be installed, or roadways required to have at least, say a 20 inch shoulder to help protect pedestrians and bicyclists. Motorists would also be safer and more people would visit to hike and bicycle the area, creating more revenue. Some people would like the area better and relocate here. I am investigating the area to move to, and there are other areas with safer bicycling such as the Spokane Valley...check out the bicycle trails connecting Spokane, Washington with Coeur d'Alen, Idaho. Check out the Lake Walk by Duluth, MN. Check out the Rock Island Trail in Peopria, Illinois. Those are examples.	8/31/2022 3:21 PM
23	I am a boater who uses Michigan City Port Authority Marina. Too many drunks on the docks in New Buffalo and overflowing garbage at Oselka Marina.	8/23/2022 3:41 PM
24	Thank you!	8/21/2022 11:34 AM
25	The New Buffalo area needs a community pool	8/21/2022 9:50 AM
26	Add more sidewalks and road adjacent paths. Need better connections from residential areas to downtown areas	8/19/2022 8:21 PM
27	You all are doing a great job! Thank you for requesting community input!	8/17/2022 1:25 PM
28	Survey seems to lean toward expansion instead of taking care of what we have. Grow, Grow is not the answer, pride in what you have would keep you busy for a hundred years.	8/14/2022 7:27 PM
29	Develop the strip of grass on the left of the beach parking entrance into a "promenade", paved, with benches covered for shade, flowers. People could walk, sit facing the water to watch sunset and the boats coming in and out. I envision the beauty of this site!	8/14/2022 8:40 AM
30	over development is probably my only concern. The appeal besides the lake access is that the area is heavily wooded	8/14/2022 1:18 AM
31	We love New Buffalo! The schools are amazing!	8/11/2022 4:49 PM
32	Thank you for all that you are doing for New Buffalo	7/14/2022 3:25 PM
33	Thanks	7/13/2022 9:46 AM



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