



# EVELINE TOWNSHIP

## Parks & Recreation Plan

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# 1

# Introduction

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## INTRODUCTION

Eveline Township is located in Charlevoix County, in northern Michigan. The Township is centrally located in the county, most of which is surrounded by Lake Charlevoix. The Ironton Ferry allows for easy access of the east and west side of the Township. The Ironton Ferry runs most of the year when there is open water.

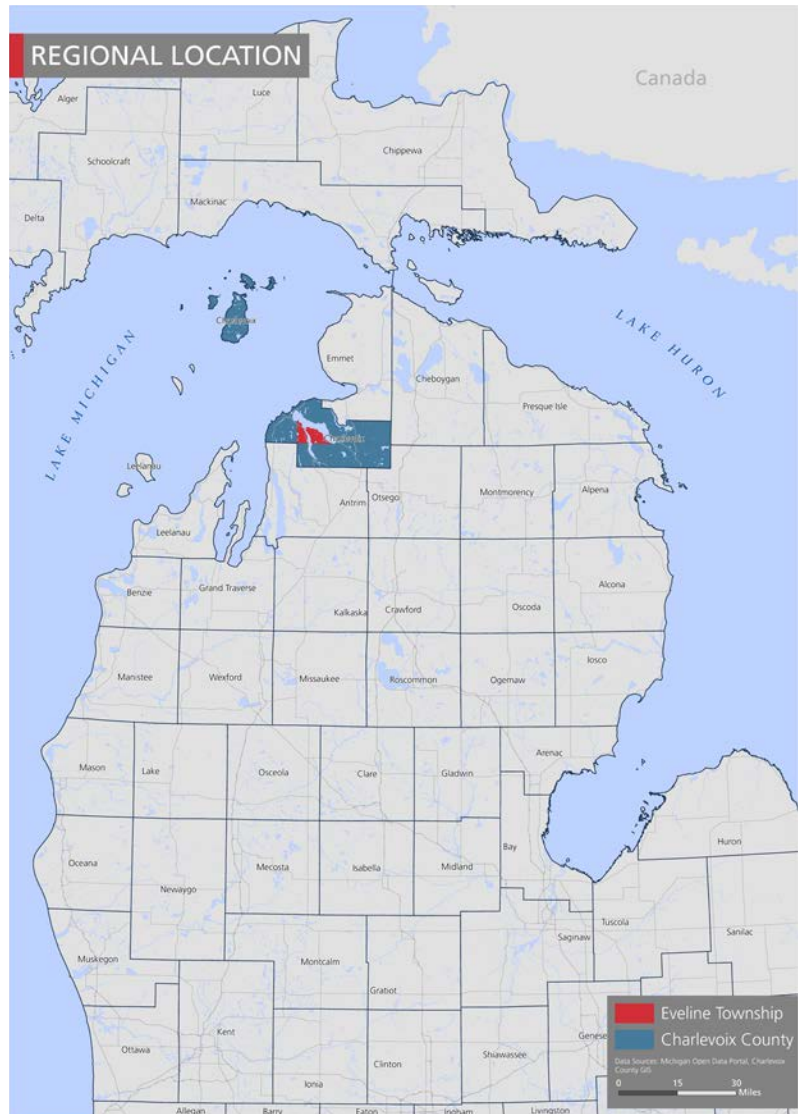
Eveline Township is adjacent to Charlevoix Township to the north, Marion Township to the west, Banks Township to the southwest, South Arm Township to the south and Wilson Township to the southeast.

Eveline Township is rich in natural resources. The Township is situated largely by water, creating an abundant amount of recreational opportunities. Lake Charlevoix offers a number of public access sites where people can enjoy water related activities. There are also numerous trails for hiking, biking, walking and nature viewing throughout the Township.

## POPULATION

The primary sources of demographic information for Eveline Township are the Census of Population, which is taken every ten years and the American Community Survey which is run on a continual basis between the decennial censuses. The American Community Survey (ACS) is a sample of populations across the United States and provides more detailed information compared to the decennial census. For geographies with less than 20,000 people (which includes Eveline Township) the ACS is released in 5-year sample blocks, which means the data released in 2018 was collected between the years 2013 and 2018. The Census only contains population data for those persons for whom Eveline Township is their primary residence. The seasonal residents are not reflected in this count although they have a considerable influence upon the Township's population levels, especially during the summer months.

## Map 1: Regional Location



Washington Street picnic area.

**Table 1: Population Change, Eveline Township & Charlevoix County, 1960-2018**

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2018
Eveline Township	602	837	1,061	1,100	1,560	1,484	1,593
Ten Year Change		39.0%	26.8%	3.7%	41.8%	-4.9%	7.3%
Charlevoix County	13,421	16,541	19,907	21,468	26,090	25,949	25,890
Ten Year Change		23.2%	20.3%	7.8%	21.5%	-0.5%	-0.2%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, DP02

**Table 2: Population Density, Eveline Township & Charlevoix County, 1980-2018**

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2018
Eveline Township	40.8	42.3	59.9	57.1	61.3
Change		3.7%	41.6%	-4.7%	7.4%
Charlevoix County	47.7	51.5	62.6	62.2	62.1
Change		8.0%	21.6%	-0.6%	-0.2%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, DP02

**Table 3: Median Age, 1980-2018**

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2018
Eveline Township	33.8	38.8	44.5	52.9	54.7

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, DP02

According to the US Census Bureau, the population of Eveline Township increased from 602 in 1960 to a high of 1,560 in 2000, and dropped to 1,484 by Census of 2010. In 2018, the population hit an all-time high of 1,593 (±130) . During the same time period, the County population increased from 13,421 (in 1960) to 26,090 (in 2000) and then decreased to 25,949 by 2010. The cumulative population change over the fifty-eight years from 1960 to 2018, was an estimated 991 people or 165% increase in the Township’s population, and 12,469 people or 93% increase County wide.

### POPULATION DENSITY

Because the legal boundaries of the County and Township haven’t changed between 1980 and 2018 an increase in population would increase the population density. The population density in the Township is slightly lower than the

County indicating that the Township is more rural than other parts of the County overall. As the Township continues to grow it is important to preserve greenspace to ensure that it is not developed by the growing population.

### AGE

While the population of Eveline Township is growing, the median age of residents is rising. There are many potential reasons for the high median age in the Township: the area is attractive to retirees, the rising housing values (especially for lakefront properties) are not affordable to young families, the limited jobs and educational opportunities in the area. Without young families and children moving into the Township the number of people with strong social ties to the Township will continue to decline. This fosters a cycle of declining population and the Township runs a risk of a deteriorating population.



## DISABILITY

It is important to consider the disability status of residents to determine how best the Township can provide recreational services. Table 4 details the disability status of residents, the most common disability in the Township is ambulatory difficulty, which means that residents have trouble moving independently. Parks will need to accommodate residents with disabilities, which may include signage for the visual impaired and ADA accessible park amenities. Charlevoix County operates a dial-a-ride service, residents with this disability may rely on this service to travel around the area. 5.3% of residents have difficulty living independently, indicating that they could a caregiver or other assistance.

## HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

The household and family size are lower in the Township than in the state overall, as shown in Table 5. This is expected in a community with a higher median age, where fewer families have children at home. Between 1990, 2000, and 2018, the number of persons per household and persons per family has changed in the Township at a rate similar to the state overall. The family size in the Township is relatively like the household size indicating that there are few families with more than one householder and more than one child. A higher difference, seen at the State level, would indicate a higher discrepancy in the number of people between households and families.

Table 4: Disability Characteristics, 2018

Disability	Estimate	% of Total
<b>Hearing Disability</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
Under 18	8	0.5%
18 to 64 years old	17	1.1%
Over 65	52	3.3%
<b>Vision Difficulty</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Under 18	0	0.0%
18 to 64 years old	3	0.2%
Over 65	19	1.2%
<b>Cognitive Difficulty</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
Under 18	22	1.4%
18 to 64 years old	27	1.7%
Over 65	16	1.0%
<b>Ambulatory Difficulty</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
Under 18	0	0.0%
18 to 64 years old	55	3.5%
Over 65	57	3.6%
<b>Self-Care Difficulty</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Under 18	0	0.0%
18 to 64 years old	31	1.9%
Over 65	27	1.7%
<b>Independent Living Difficulty</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
Under 18	N/A	-
18 to 64 years old	43	2.7%
Over 65	42	2.6%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, S1810

Table 5: Household & Family Sizes, Eveline Township & Michigan, 2000-2018

	2000		2010		2018	
	Household Size	Family Size	Household Size	Family Size	Household Size	Family Size
Eveline Township	2.52	2.81	2.2	2.56	2.3	2.6
State of Michigan	2.58	3.1	2.49	3.05	2.49	3.08

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, DP02

## HOUSING

The total number of housing units increased from 1,381 to 1,435 between 2010 and 2018, a 3.9% increase. However, this represents a slowing down in growth, compared to previous decades; between 1990 and 2000 the Township experienced an increase of 28% in total housing units, and between 1980 and 1990, housing units increased by 17% in the Township.

Of the township's 1,435 housing units in 2018, 694 (48%) were occupied on a year-round basis and 678 (47%) were used for seasonal or occasional recreational use, the other units are for rent or for sale.<sup>1</sup> The percentage of seasonal homes did not change between 2000 and 2019 but decreased from 53% in 1990. In Charlevoix County, the percentage of units for seasonal use has remained consistent between 28 and 30% over the same 20-year period (1990-2010). The proportion of housing units that are for year-round use is decreasing in both the

<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, B25004

County and the Township; however, there is still a much higher proportion of seasonal homes in the Township. These trends can likely be attributed to the higher median age and the extensive shoreline making Eveline Township a very desirable place to summer.

The rise in housing values between 2000 and 2010 slowed considerably, compared to the years prior. The value of owner-occupied housing in Eveline in 2000 was approximately 1½ times the 1990 value, this trend continued into 2018. The increases in housing values were similar over these time periods in Charlevoix County and the state of Michigan overall; however, Eveline Township experienced the most extreme increases during the 1990's.

Similarly, the median rents in the Township grew faster during the 1980's and 1990's than both the County and the state overall. Eveline Township's median rent was on par with the statewide median rent in 2000 and was 15% higher than the County wide median rent. In 2018, the Township's median rent was closer to the state average than the County.

**Table 6: Summary of Housing Units, Eveline Township & Charlevoix County**

	Total Dwelling Units	Built After 2000	Built Between 1940-2000	Built before 1940
Eveline Township	1,435	12.4%	76.0%	11.6%
Charlevoix County	17,630	12.6%	74.4%	13.0%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, DP04

**Table 7: Housing Value Changes, Eveline Township & Charlevoix County**

	1980*	1990*	2000*	2010*	2018
Eveline Township	\$44,300	\$70,600	\$172,900	\$213,600	\$226,500
		59.4%	144.9%	23.5%	6.0%
Charlevoix County	\$34,400	\$53,600	\$112,700	\$162,600	\$162,900
		55.8%	110.3%	44.3%	0.2%
State of Michigan	\$39,000	\$60,600	\$115,600	\$144,200	\$146,200
		55.4%	90.8%	24.7%	1.4%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, DP04

\*May not be in 2018 dollars

**Table 8: Median Rent Change, Eveline Township & Charlevoix County**

		1980	1990	2000	2010	2018
Eveline Township	Occupied Rental Units	50	25	49	81	39
	Median Rent*	\$163	\$305	\$541	\$661	\$806
	Percent Change	-	87.1%	77.4%	22.2%	21.9%
Charlevoix County	Occupied Rental Units	1,482	1,393	1,817	1,772	1,979
	Median Rent*	\$180	\$288	\$470	\$587	\$713
	Percent Change	-	60.0%	63.2%	24.9%	21.5%
State of Michigan	Median Rent*	\$197	\$343	\$546	\$723	\$850
	Percent Change	-	74.1%	59.2%	32.4%	17.6%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018 5-Year Estimates, DP04

\*May not be in 2018 dollars

There are many positives associated with high and rising housing values. This situation suggests that the Township is a desirable place to live and properties are well maintained. In addition, tax base is high for the Township and other taxing jurisdictions. But rising housing values present challenges as well. The lack of lower priced housing makes it difficult for young families and those of low to moderate income to find housing options within the Township. If current housing trends continue, the Township will continue to age and the number of families with children will decline.

## SOCIOECONOMIC REVIEW

ESRI's Business Analyst is proprietary software that sources publicly available data to estimate consumer spending patterns. The report for Eveline Township shows where people spend their discretionary income. According to the report, Eveline Township residents spend over the national average in a majority of the recreation categories. The top categories for Eveline Township include payments and rentals of boats, trailers, campers, and RV's.

**Table 9: Recreation Expenditures**

Recreation Category	Spending Potential Index	Average Amount Spent	Total
Fees for Participant Sports, excluding Trips	92	\$90.06	\$59,799
Fees for Recreational Lessons	86	\$124.56	\$82,705
Membership Fees for Social/Recreation/Health Clubs	95	\$227.03	\$150,745
Dating Services	72	\$0.58	\$386
Toys/Games/Arts/Crafts/Tricycles	128	\$133.94	\$88,937
Playground Equipment	163	\$7.35	\$4,878
Docking and Landing Fees for Boats and Planes	110	\$11.19	\$7,433
Camp Fees	103	\$64.07	\$42,545
Payments on Boats/Trailers/Campers/RVs	259	\$154.04	\$102,282
Rental of Boats/Trailers/Campers/RVs	255	\$61.59	\$40,893
Exercise Equipment & Gear, Game Tables	146	\$96.04	\$63,767
Bicycles	149	\$46.29	\$30,735
Camping Equipment	78	\$17.17	\$11,403
Hunting and Fishing Equipment	116	\$72.60	\$48,206
Winter Sports Equipment	165	\$8.33	\$5,529
Water Sports Equipment	188	\$12.16	\$8,073
Other Sports Equipment	87	\$6.16	\$4,088
Rental/Repair of Sports/Recreation/Exercise Equipment	95	\$2.66	\$1,765
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,135.82</b>	<b>\$754,169</b>

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

Source: Esri forecasts for 2020 and 2025; Consumer Spending data are derived from the 2017 and 2018 Consumer Expenditure Surveys, Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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## Administrative Structure

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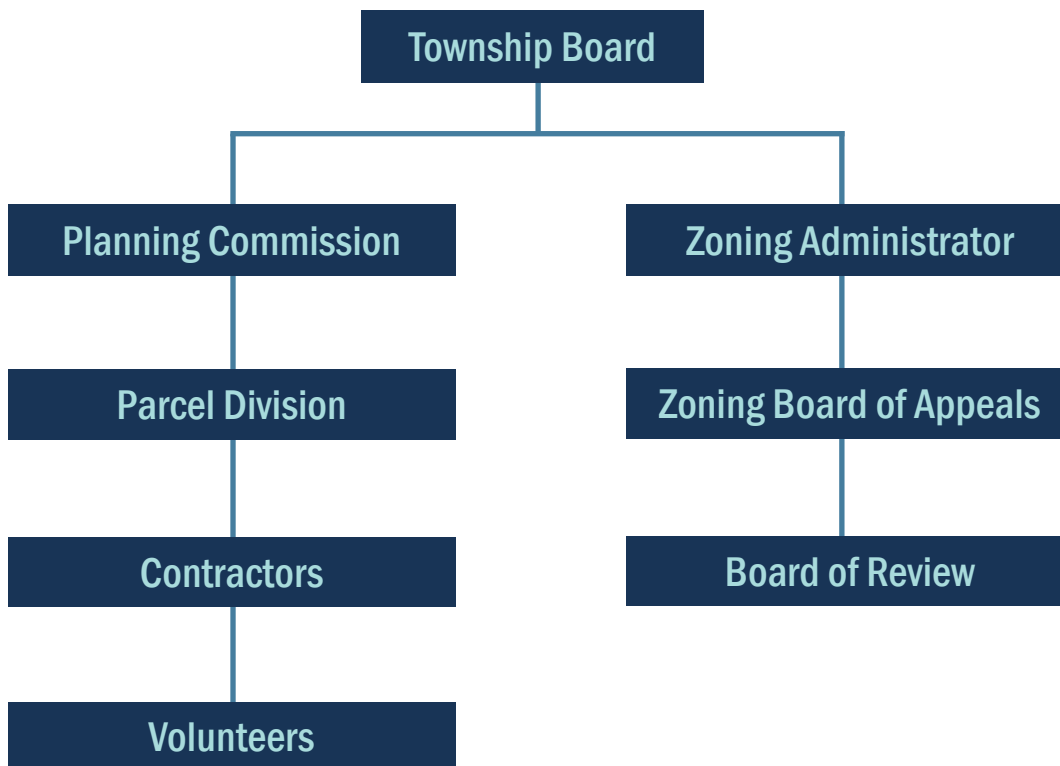
Eveline Township operates under the general law of Township form of government. The Township’s legislative body is a five-member elected board: supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and two trustees. The Township Board is the highest governing board, therefore, makes the final decision for all park related projects.

The Supervisor and Township Board appoint the following boards, positions, commissions, and committees to deliver municipal services.

- » Planning Commission
- » Zoning Administrator
- » Zoning Board of Appeals
- » Board of Review
- » Parcel Division

The Eveline Township Planning Commission oversees the Parks and Recreation services and makes recommendations to the Township Board for policies, future projects, and development. Some communities have a dedicated Parks and Recreation Commission that act as a sounding board for residents and use that information to make recommendations on next steps to the legislative body. While commissions are in charge of long-range planning, routine park maintenance is handled by the Township staff, contractors, and volunteers. General maintenance duties include grass mowing, trash removal, snow removal and sustainment of facilities.

Figure 1: Organization Chart



## FINANCES

The Township revenue is mainly generated from property taxes and the expenses are then distributed through the Township general fund to different municipal positions and areas of focus. Parks and Recreation has an estimated \$17,200 in expenses for the year.

## VOLUNTEERS

Eveline Township does not have a designated group of volunteers, but rather recruits volunteers on a project by project basis. Volunteers provide manual labor, in-kind services, and support for recreation projects. Considering the

limited staff to parks and recreation, the Township should begin to compile a database of volunteers to call on for specific projects and to keep the community engaged in recreation.

## PARTNERSHIPS

The Township partners with groups to assist in providing high quality recreational features and opportunities. The Lake Charlevoix Association relays residents' needs to the Township. Tip of the Mitt Watershed helps the Township maintain water quality along the lakeshore of the Township boundaries.

**Table 10: Township Budget and Expenditures**

	FY2020	FY2021 Projections
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$939,900</b>	<b>\$949,299</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Township Hall	\$57,320	\$57,893
Supervisor	\$21,680	\$21,896
Trustee	\$16,842	\$17,010
Clerk	\$31,927	\$32,246
Board of Review	\$4,725	\$4,772
Treasurer	\$29,208	\$29,500
Assessor	\$34,800	\$35,148
Elections	\$10,950	\$11,059
Cemetery	\$3,450	\$3,484
Cemetery Land Improvements	\$20,000	\$20,200
Contract Labor - Fire General	\$58,000	\$58,580
Repairs & Maintenance - Roads General	\$0.00	\$0.00
Streetlights	\$2,000	\$2,020
Contract Labor – Refuse Disposal	\$14,500	\$14,645
Contract Labor – Ambulance	\$45,000	\$45,450
Planning Commission	\$40,650	\$41,056
Zoning	\$20,316	\$20,519
Parks and Recreation	\$17,200	\$17,372
Repair/Maintenance – Road Major	\$273,000	\$275,730
Contract Service – Fire	\$95,000	\$95,950
Contract Service – Ambulance	\$44,000	\$44,440
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$840,568</b>	<b>\$848,973</b>



*Bracey Road provides access to Lake Charlevoix.*

The Little Traverse Conservancy has been instrumental in the Township by purchasing land through grant funding and donations. The purpose of acquiring the land is to conserve it and use it for recreation.

Eveline Township cooperates with the surrounding municipalities to provide exceptional services for the residents and visitors.

## SCHOOLS

Eveline Township encompasses three school districts. The Advance area is part of the Boyne City School District, the Ironton area is part of the Charlevoix Public School District and the remainder of the Township is within the East Jordan Public School District.

East Jordan Public Schools assisted the Township in acquiring the Star School

property to preserve it. The property is a historical figure for the Township and plans to renovate the school can make it an attraction for years to come. The Township has an opportunity to restore the building to be used for recreational purposes.

## GRANT HISTORY

Eveline Township has one MDNR grant assisted project on record. The Township acquired .22 acres on Washington Street for a water access point. The Township has recently acquired some properties that have potential for development for additional recreation opportunities. Therefore, the Township would like to have an up-to-date Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be eligible for grant funding over the next five years. The properties will be highlighted in the Recreation Inventory section of this plan.

GRANT HISTORY		
PROJECT	YEAR	AMOUNT
TF10-149 Lake Charlevoix Access at Washington Street. A parcel of .22 acres was acquired for water access and parking.	2010	\$46,500



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# Recreation Inventory

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A detailed onsite inventory was conducted for the Township park and recreation facilities. The inventory included evaluations of the sites, general conditions, and an accessibility

assessment. The recreation inventory is a helpful tool to benchmark progress and guide long and short-term goals for enhancing the parks and recreation opportunities in the Township.

**Table 11: Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Park Classification Guidelines**

Classification	General Description	Location criteria	Size Criteria
Mini Park	Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile in residential setting	2500 sq ft to 1 acre
Neighborhood Park	Serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus: informal active and passive recreation.	¼ to ½ mile distance and interrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers	5-10 acres
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus: meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance	Usually between 30-50 acres
Large Urban Park	Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus: meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community	Usually a minimum of 50 acres, 75 acres or more is optimal
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable
Regional / Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.
Special Use	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.
Private Park/ Recreation Facility	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.

## ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

An evaluation of each park’s accessibility was completed. This assessment visually evaluated the accessibility of facilities and routes to facilities for persons with mobility constraints. Barrier-free accessibility in parks and recreational facilities is important for current and future programming as it makes these spaces more inclusive and easier for all to use. The assessment followed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ scale for evaluating park accessibility in the 2018 “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plans” on a scale of 1 to 5.

1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

## PARK INVENTORY

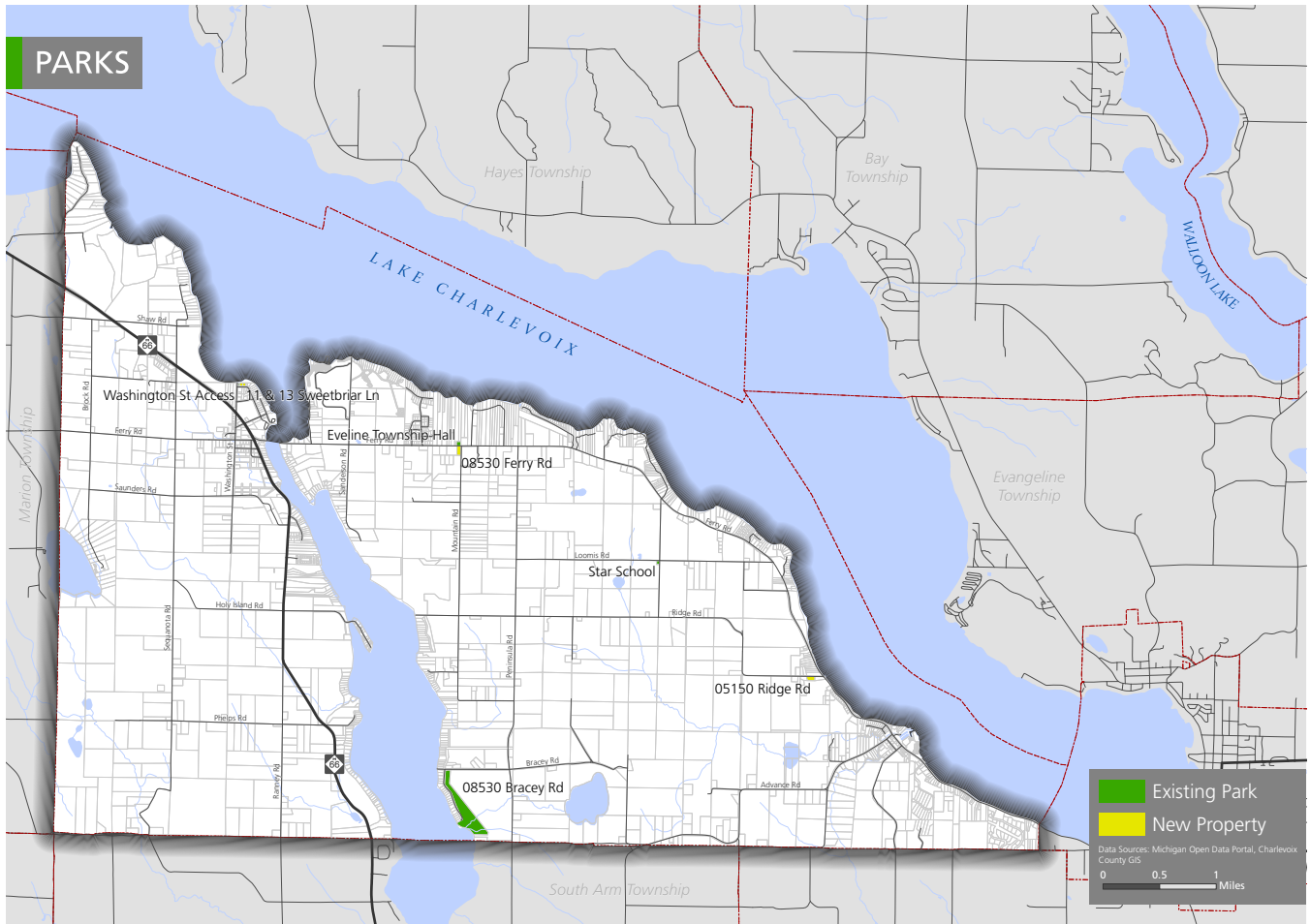
Eveline Township is rich in natural resources, adjacent to Lake Charlevoix, and is home to a number of public and private recreational sites. The National Recreation and Park Association, the leading non-profit organization dedicated to the cause, recommends that each community should strive to have at least 9.9 acres of park land per 1,000 people.<sup>1</sup> Following this formula, Eveline Township’s approximately 1,593 residents should have access to 15.9 acres of parkland. When the locally owned parkland is aggregated, it exceeds the recommended amount by nearly three times.

<sup>1</sup> National Recreation and Park Association, NRPA Agency Performance Review, 2020

Table 12: Park Inventory Within Eveline Township

Facility Name	Accessibility Assessment	Open to Public	Size	Facilities Available
Eveline Township Hall and Associated Property	3	Yes	1.01 acres	Picnic tables, benches, bike rack, parking area
11 and 13 Sweetbrier Ln	1	Yes	1.02 acre	Undeveloped
Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Washington Street)	1	Yes	0.5 acre	Lake Charlevoix access, swimming beach, picnic table, bench, bike rack
Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Bracey Road) & Bracey Road Natural Area	1	Yes	35.3 acres	Water access, picnic table, bench, wetlands, trails, birding
05150 Ridge Road, East Jordan, MI 49727	1	Yes	1.64 acres	Cemetery, green space, and wooded area
08530 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727	1	Yes	1.86 acres	Green space and gravel parking area
Star School, 2505 Wurn Rd.	1	Yes	0.58 acres	Star School and green space
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>41.91 acres</b>	

## Map 2: Parks



Eveline Township Cemetery on Ridge Road.



Eveline Township Nature Area on Bracey Road.

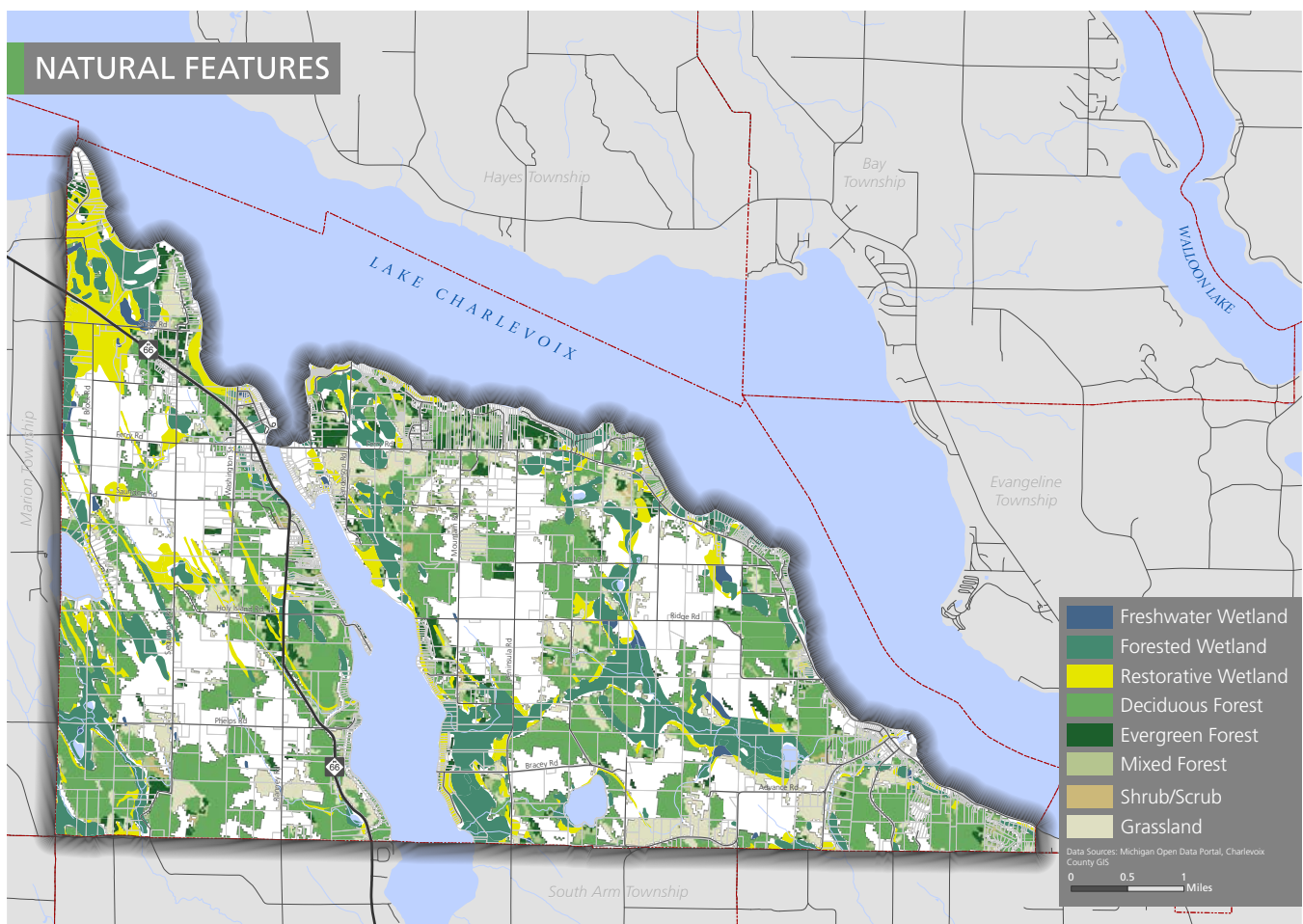
**Table 13: Eveline Township Natural Features**

Feature	Acres	Percent of Township
<b>Wetlands</b>	4061.6	17.3%
Freshwater Emergent	120.4	0.5%
Forested Shrub	2428.6	10.3%
Restorative	1512.6	6.4%
<b>Land Cover</b>		
Deciduous Forest	4686.5	20.0%
Evergreen Forest	700.3	3.0%
Mixed Forest	725.4	3.1%
Shrub/Scrub	70.7	0.3%
Grassland	1376.8	5.9%

## NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

Eveline Township has a variety of natural resources. The Township is largely surrounded by Lake Charlevoix, therefore, over 4,000 acres are deemed wetlands. A majority of land is considered forested land cover including deciduous and evergreen trees. Wetlands are not ideal for recreational development. The development for recreational use would be recommended at the water access sites and the vacant inland parcels owned by the Township.

**Map 3: Natural Features**



**Table 14: Regional Recreation Facilities**

Jurisdiction	Open to the Public	Acres	Description
<b>CHARLEVOIX COUNTY</b>			
Charlevoix County Whiting Park	Yes	238 acres	Campground: rustic and RV campsites with electricity, restroom/shower building, water & pump-out station; swimming; barrier-free kayak launch; mobi-mats & mobi-chair; barrier-free vault toilet at beach; boating; fishing; beach volleyball; trails for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing; 2 meeting halls with kitchen & restrooms; 2 pavilions; picnic sites; playfields; children's play equipment; horseshoe pits; basketball
<b>SCHOOLS</b>			
East Jordan Schools Nature Area	Yes	34.5 acres	Nature area on Steele Lake; hiking, wildlife viewing, school uses
<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN</b>			
Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Ironton)	Yes	7 acres	Boat launch, picnic sites, vault toilets
<b>LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY</b>			
Gatt Family Nature Preserve	Yes	23.3 acres	Nature preserve
Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve	Yes	55 acres	Nature preserve, trails, parking area
<b>PRIVATE</b>			
Villa Nuava Subdivision	Members / guests	3 acres	Swimming, boating, fishing, children's play equipment, horseshoe pits, playfields, volleyball courts, boat launch
Bay Marina	Yes		Boating, private boat docking
Ironton Landings	See facilities available		Private Facilities: Marina, fishing Private Facilities (owned by restaurant) Open to the Public: boat docks Public Facilities: bike rack at west landing of ferry and bike rack & bench at east landing of ferry
Charlevoix Shores Estates	Members		Swimming, park
Hidden Valley	Members / guests		Children's play equipment, boating, swimming
Ye Nyne Olde Holles	Yes		Golf course, clubhouse
Ironton Cove Marina	Yes / rental basis		Marina
Hemingway Pointe Club	Members / guests		Nature preserve, swimming beach, marina, hiking trails, cross country ski trails, pool, tennis
Sequanota Club	Members		Marina, swimming, meeting room
Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club & Marina	Members / guests and Township residents		Private marina and yacht club with restaurant; can be reserved for weddings & events; boat launch and swimming beach / park open to township residents
<b>NON-PROFIT</b>			
Advance Board of Commerce	Members / guests	0.5 acre	Community building to host a variety of public events.



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## Planning Process

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Eveline Township began the planning process to update the Parks and Recreation Plan in June 2020 while the Township was concurrently updating the Master Plan. One online community feedback survey was developed both. The survey was made available from June 22 through August 31, 2020. A notice of the survey was distributed in the summer tax bill for Eveline Township to approximately 1,450 households and a total of 107 survey responses were returned.

A public input session was held in person on September 2, 2020 at Whiting Park from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The purpose of the input session was to gather feedback from area residents regarding their thoughts on the park and recreation system in the area. Nine people attended the session. A summary of the survey results and public input session are highlighted on the following pages.

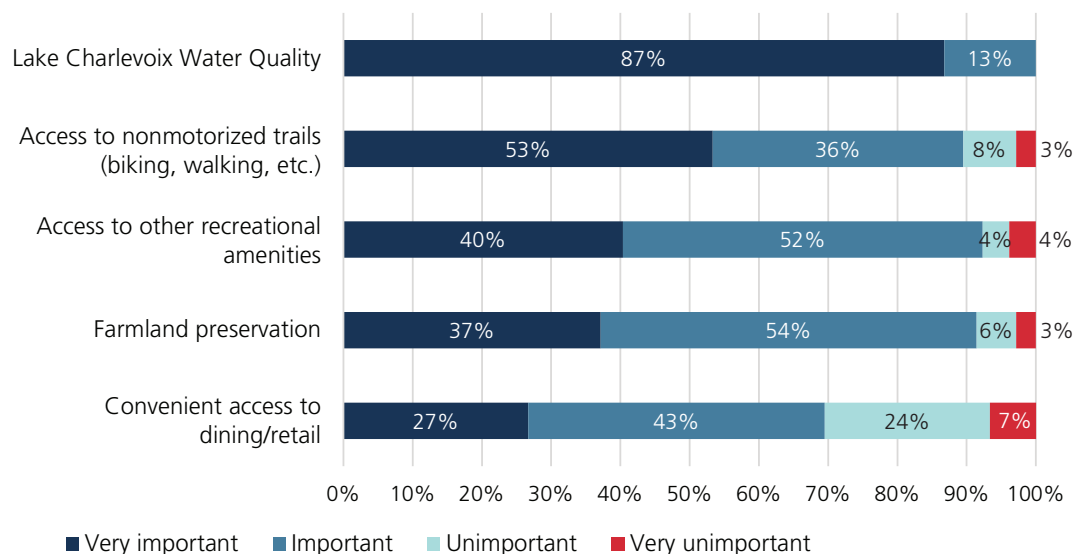
The plan was posted for a 30 day review. A public hearing was held on January 12, 2021 at the Township Board Meeting.

## SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

Listed below are the highlights of survey responses that are directly related to parks and recreation. Respondents rated the importance of items that help to maintain their quality of life in the Township. Figure X shows that the Lake Charlevoix water quality was rated “very important” or “important” by 100% of respondents, demonstrating that Lake Charlevoix is a beloved resource for recreation within the Township. Even outside of the Township, the lake is known as one of Michigan’s premier inland lakes and is used for swimming, boating, kayaking, fishing, and water sports. The Lake Charlevoix Association and Tip of the Mitt Watershed monitor the quality of the water on a regular basis to make sure it is safe for all forms of recreation. According to the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, the water quality of Lake Charlevoix and its tributaries is currently good.<sup>1</sup> Aquatic invasive species are a problem in Lake Charlevoix and the Lake Charlevoix Association continues to educate the residents about it to prevent the spread.

<sup>1</sup> Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, [www.watershedcouncil.org](http://www.watershedcouncil.org) Our Waters, Watersheds

Figure 2: How important are the following to maintaining quality of life in Eveline Township?

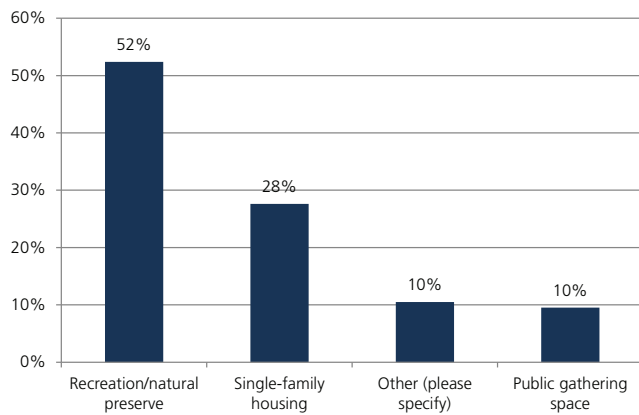


The Township has recently acquired some properties and would like to know how the public envisions using the newly acquired land. Over half of survey-takers want to see the properties used for recreation, either as trails, open space, or a public gathering area.

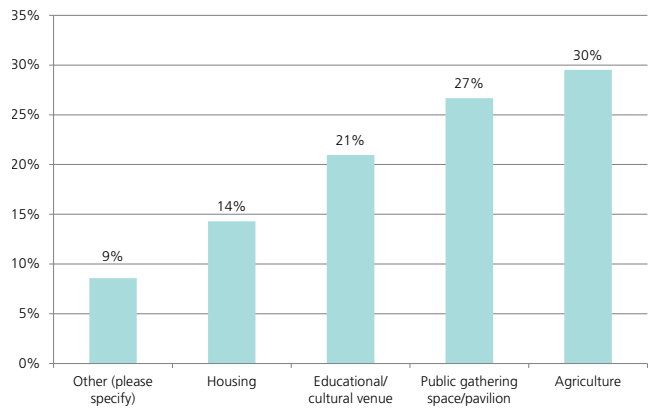
The Star School is a historical figure in the Township. When results are combined, the community feedback showed that over half of survey-takers

would like to see the building used for communal purposes, either as repurposed into public gathering space or educational/cultural venue. The top answer was to use the property agriculture presumably to fit in with surrounding farming properties but was outnumbered by votes for a public use. The same can be said for the vacant property at the intersection of Ferry and Mountain Roads.

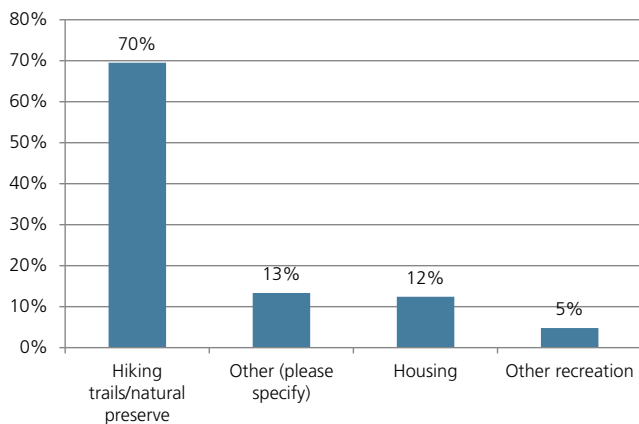
**Figure 3: Two vacant properties on the north side of Sweetbrier Lane should be used for:**



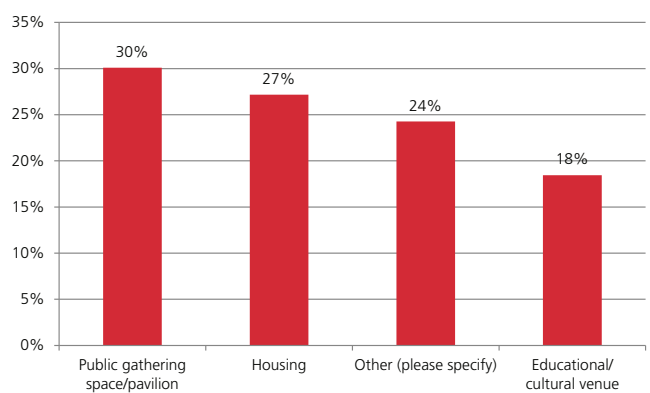
**Figure 5: The “Star School” property located immediately southeast of the Wurn and Loomis Road intersection should be used for:**



**Figure 4: The vacant portion of the property south of the Advance Cemetery and west of Lake Shore Road should be used for:**



**Figure 6: The vacant property southeast of the intersection of Ferry and Mountain Roads should be used for:**





Public water access is important to Eveline Township residents. The Washington Road access site allows users to swim, kayak/canoe, and fish, but residents requested through the survey that this publicly owned site features an improved beach. The wetlands around the water access site makes other development less recommendable.

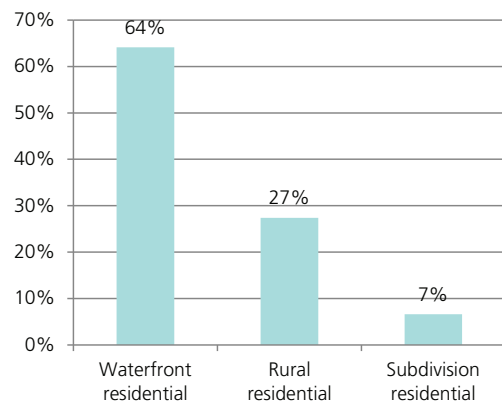
The natural area at Bracey Road is a large parcel consisting of nature trails and nature preserve. The land has some wetlands; therefore, development would not be recommended beyond some site furnishings such as benches or picnic tables.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

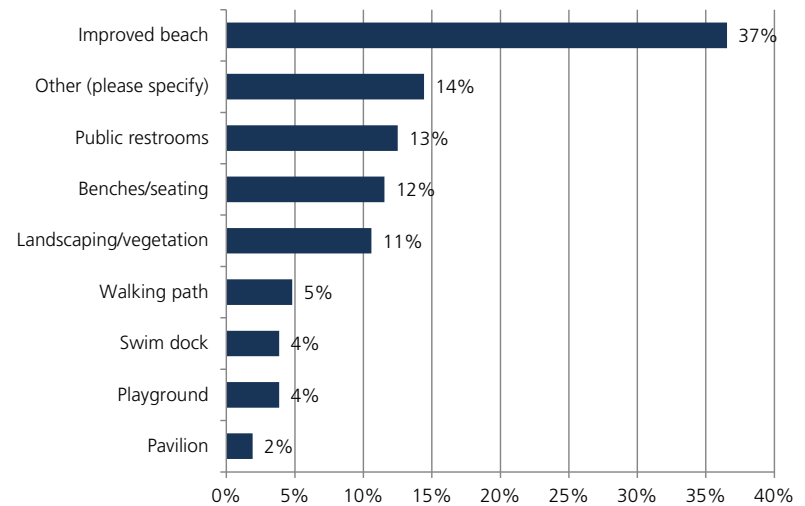
The survey respondents were made up of primarily year-round residents/homeowners (61%), seasonal residents (39%). There is almost no representation from year-round residents/renters.

A majority of the residents took the survey live on the waterfront. Nearly one-third of the respondents listed their property as rural residential and 7% live in a subdivision. Only 2% of the properties were recorded as farmland. Over three-quarters of the survey respondents reported not having any children living in their household. A majority of the people that took the survey were 60 years old or older. One-

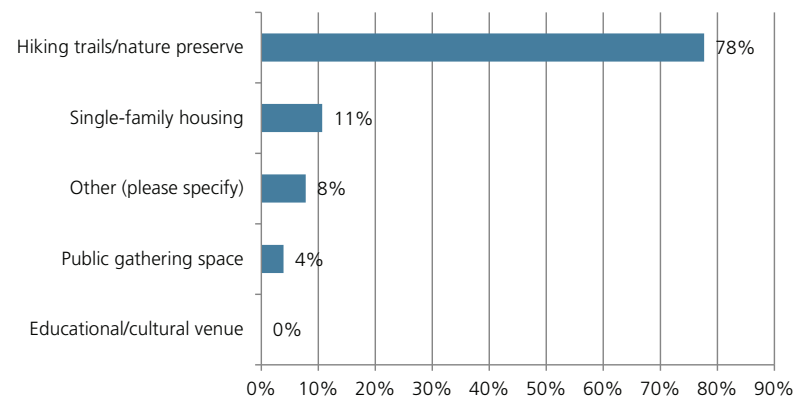
**Figure 9: Property Type of Survey Respondents**



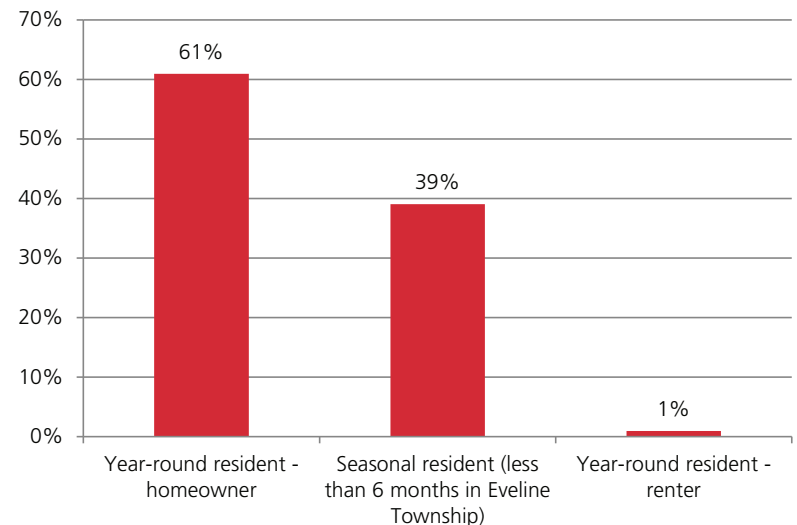
**Figure 7: The lake access at the end of Washington Road is publicly owned and presents a recreational opportunity. Which of the following improvements should be prioritized for the site?**



**Figure 8: The natural area south of Bracey Road and west of Peninsula Road should be used for:**



**Figure 10: Residency Status of Survey Respondents**

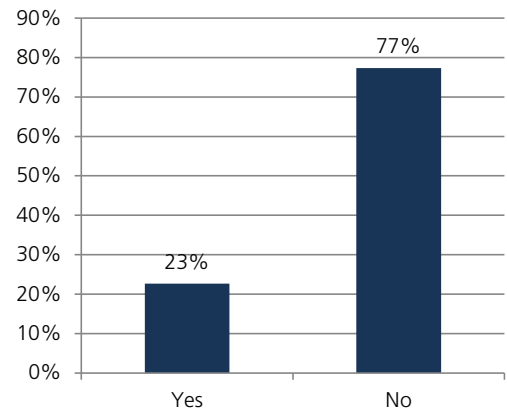


third of the participants were 40 to 59 years old, while only 4% were 20 to 39 years old. It is important to plan for the demographics of Eveline Township. The year-round resident-homeowners make up just over half of the Township housing units. The median age has significantly increased every ten years. Planning for an older population is key when it comes to parks and recreation opportunities.

## PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

During the public input session, attendees were asked how they foresee the newly acquired Township properties being utilized in the future. Most responses were for recreational uses. The benefits of providing recreational amenities to the residents is endless, and it appears that the residents understand its value as essential. In the COVID-19 era, where every activity is deemed essential or nonessential, recreation has risen in importance to

**Figure 11: Households with Children Under the Age of 17**



residents' everyday lives. Research has shown that getting outside in nature improves health and wellness. Access to local parks and recreational sites and facilities encourages people to get out and get moving.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> National Recreation and Park Association.



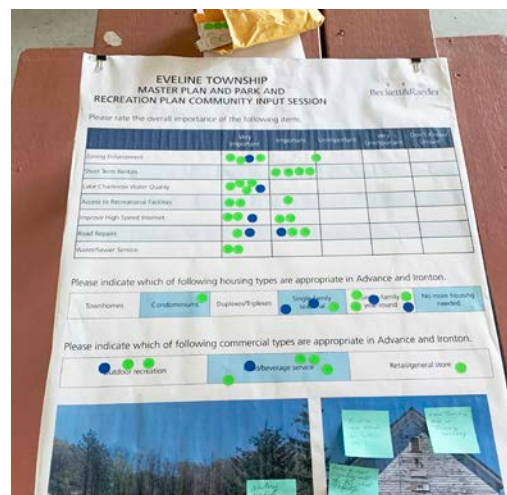
*Participants attending the public input session at Whiting Park on September 2, 2020.*

**Table 15: Public Comments on Desired Futures for Recreational Sites**

Site	Public Comments
11 and 13 Sweetbriar Lane	Nature, rec, public space
	Have the Twp sell them plots to the public so more residents can live here
	Nature preserve
Star School	Restore star school for public use.
	A new Township Hall or Twp Cemetery
	Make a new cemetery out of star school property
	Restore as a historical site
	Tear down and build a township hall.
	Cemetery.
Newly Acquired Parcel 006-030-067-60	Continuation of the existing cemetery.
	The existing cemetery should use the adjacent or adjoining property that the Twp acquired for the increasing the use for more plots
Washington Street Road Access	Added to existing cemetery. Public Space.
	Recreation area for the public with restrooms parking and update beach area
	Recreation for the public
Newly Acquired Parcel 006-115-006-20	Public space, recreation, nature
	Black top portion of property across from Twp hall. Create picnic peaceful sitting area on other portion of property
	Public parking area
	Cemetery needed here
Bracey Road Property	This property has a parking lot that was last year installed and doesn't need an appropriated cemetery which is too small.
	Nature preserve
	Nature/hiking



Public input session informational board.



Public input session engagement activity.



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# Implementation

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## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives are used to develop a framework for the Township to plan for the future of the parks and recreation system. The goals are broader aspirational statements, the objectives narrow in on how to achieve the goal, and the actions are specific strategies designed to be realistic given the Township's financial, social, and physical realities.

The action plan is the "to do" list created to direct the budgeting process for the next five years.

### GOAL 1

**Encourage development of recreation sites to enhance the quality of life for the residents.**

#### *Objectives*

- » Identify potential recreational opportunities for the recently acquired properties for development.
- » Enhance existing Township properties for recreational use.

#### *Actions*

- » Develop a master site plan for Township properties that can be used for recreation.
- » Add site furnishings to park locations.

### GOAL 2

**Improve connectivity throughout the Township and recreational sites.**

#### *Objectives*

- » Connect parks, open space, and water access sites through a nonmotorized trail system.
- » Identify recreational sites and trails to improve connectivity.

#### *Actions*

- » Develop a trail network plan to create connection points between Whiting Park and the Trail system at Ridge Road.
- » Expand sidewalk systems to be multi use options for connectivity.

### GOAL 3

**Preserve and protect natural features and resources within the Township.**

#### *Objectives*

- » Acquire properties that can be used for recreational opportunities.
- » Protect and conserve a portion of the Township land for parks and open space.

#### *Actions*

- » Remove invasive species to protect the natural resources.
- » Identify parcels that can be developed for parks and recreation.

### GOAL 4

**Improve planning for resiliency and sustainability.**

#### *Objectives*

- » Identify opportunities to use environmentally friendly materials and methods.
- » Create sustainable facility design standards.

#### *Actions*

- » Plan for energy efficiency and decreasing waste in the Township.
- » Identify where renewable energy sources can be implemented.

## GOAL 5

Increase public awareness of parks and recreation opportunities.

### *Objectives*

- » Establish a unique identity for the Township properties.
- » Increase avenues to engage the public such as media outlets and newsletters.

### *Actions*

- » Design a brand and develop new signage throughout the Township.
- » Provide current information through the Township website, social media, newsletters, and brochures to inform the community of upcoming events and projects.

## GOAL 6

Increase partnerships and collaborations to provide recreational opportunities.

### *Objectives*

- » Identify business, organizations, and stakeholders to establish partnerships to create a park system.
- » Partner with surrounding municipalities and schools to offer parks and recreation services.

### *Actions*

- » Develop agreements with outside organizations to offer parks and recreation services.
- » Coordinate efforts to pool resources with community groups to provide parks and recreation opportunities.



Wooded area on Bracey Road.

**Table 16: Action Plan**

Year	Facility	Description	Source of Funding
2021	All Township Properties	Add standard signage throughout the Township properties.	Charlevoix County Millage
2021	08530 Ferry Road	Conceptual planning and site design.	Township Funds, Michigan Department of Agriculture
2022	08530 Ferry Road	Implement planned improvements for park area such as picnic facilities and parking area.	Charlevoix County Millage, MDNR Funds
2022	Star School	Conceptual planning and site design.	Township Funds, Michigan Department of Agriculture
2022	Sweetbrier Lane	Conceptual planning and site design.	Township Funds, Michigan Department of Agriculture
2023	Star School	Apply for grant funding to implement design.	MDNR Grants, Township Funds
2023	Sweetbrier Lane	Implement planned improvements such as site furnishings, play equipment, and picnic area.	Charlevoix County Millage
2024	Star School	Implement planned improvements such as develop park area, restore school, and outdoor recreation space.	MDNR Funds, Township Funds
2024	Trail Network	Conceptual planning and site design.	Township Funds, Michigan Department of Agriculture
2025	Trail Network	Apply for grant funding to implement design of trail plan.	MDOT, MDNR
Ongoing Project	Invasive Species	Investigate and remove invasive species.	Tip of the Mitt Watershed, Township Funds
Ongoing Project	Sustainability	Investigate ways to utilize renewable energy, recycle, and incorporate environmentally friendly materials.	Township Funds



*Picnic area at Washington Street.*

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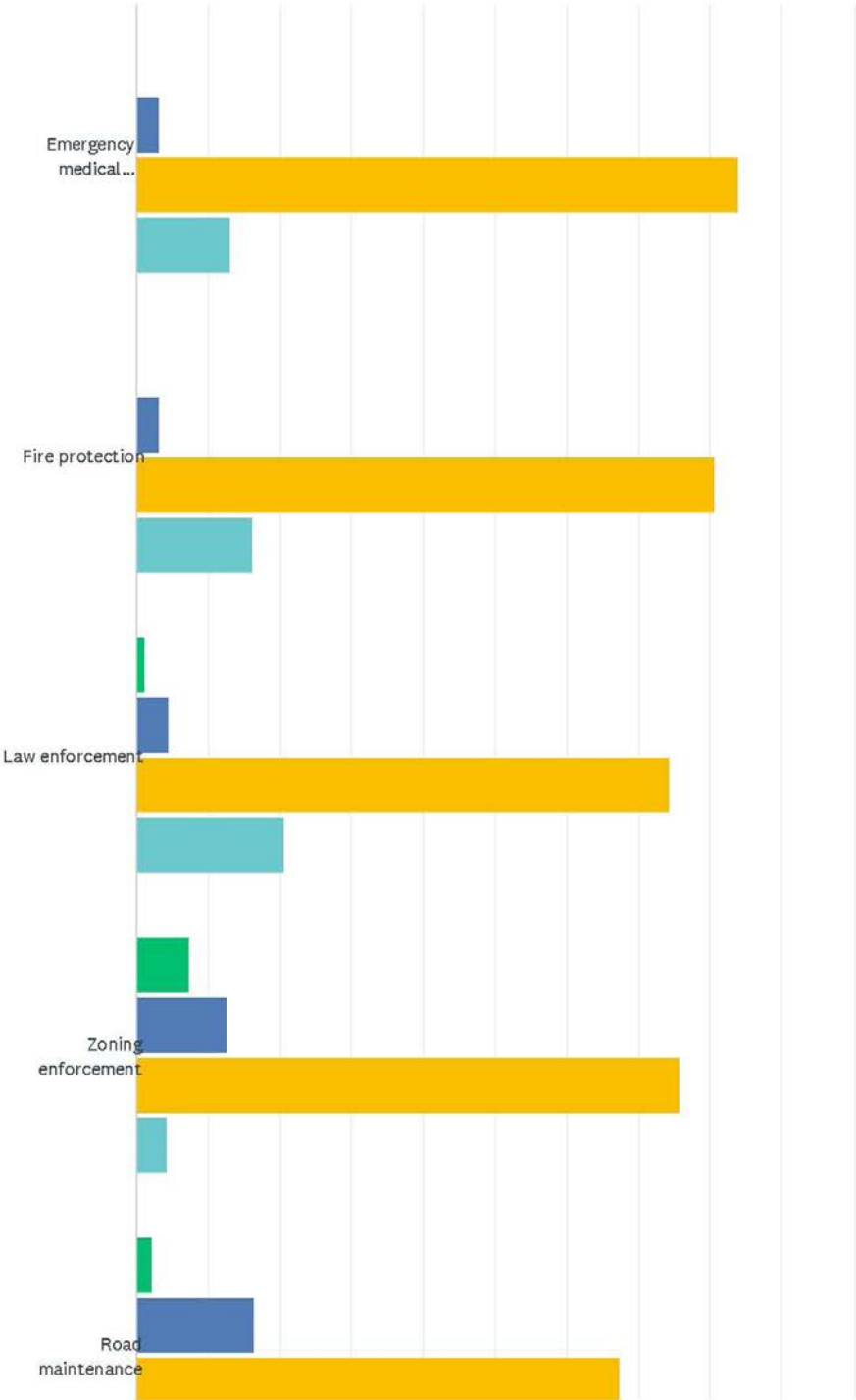


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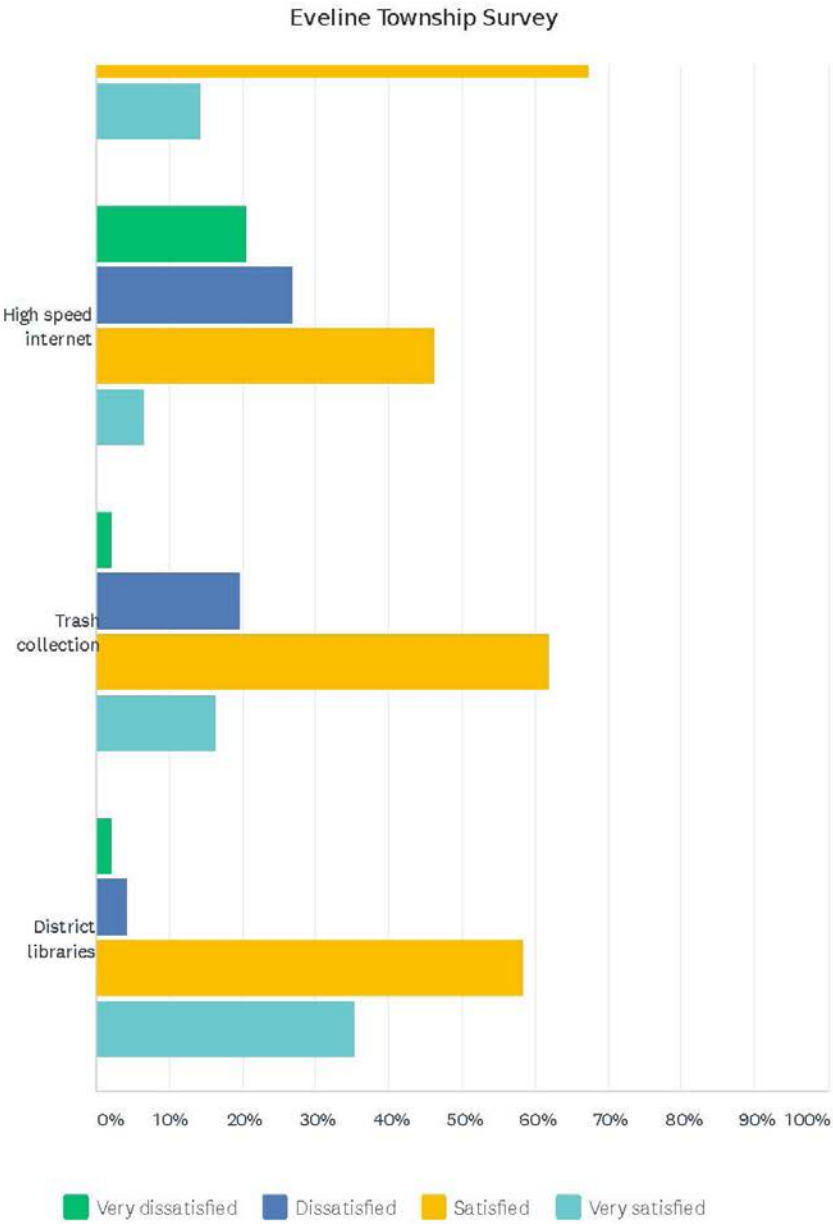
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## Q1 How would you rate your satisfaction with the following public services?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 6



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## Eveline Township Survey

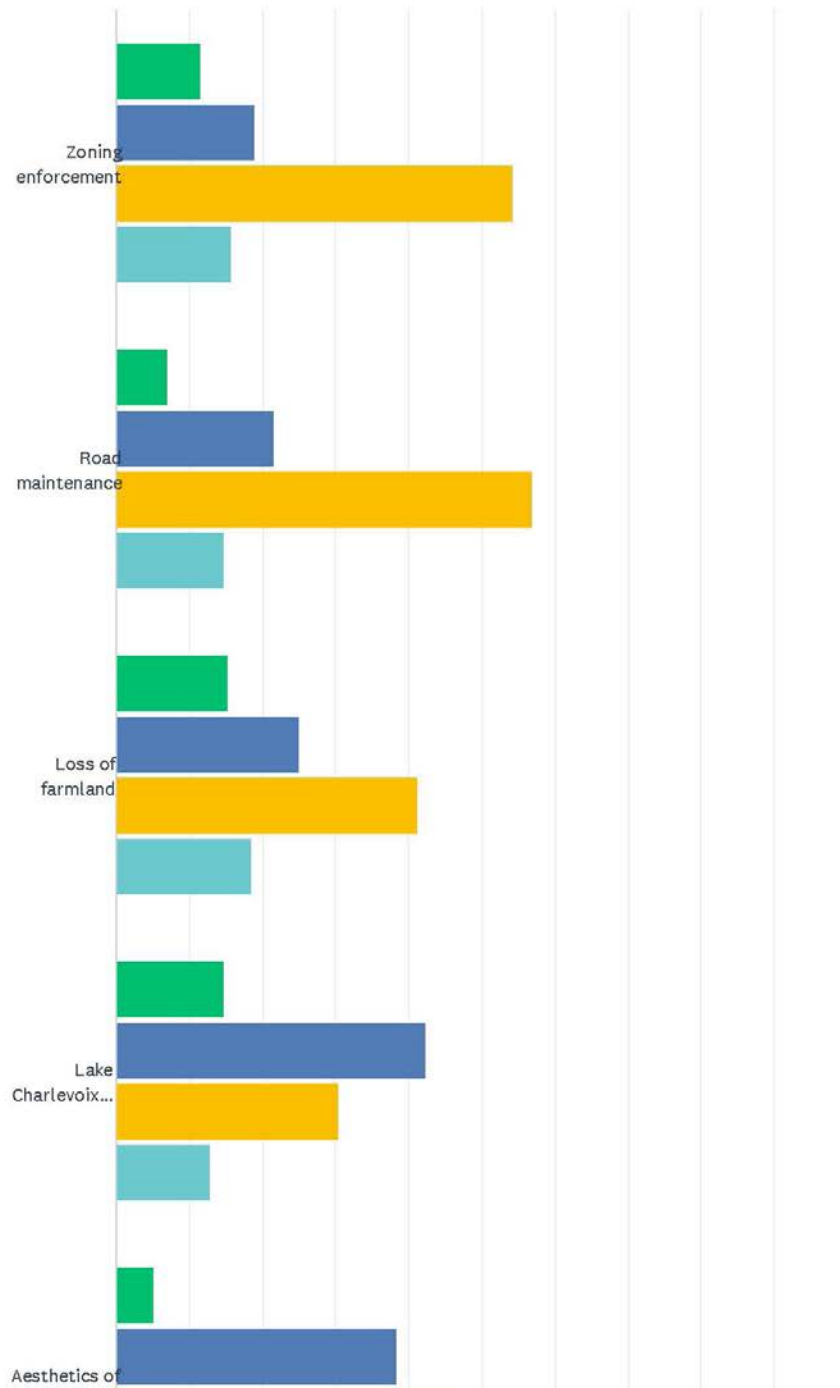
	VERY DISSATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Emergency medical services	0.00% 0	3.23% 3	83.87% 78	12.90% 12	93
Fire protection	0.00% 0	3.23% 3	80.65% 75	16.13% 15	93
Law enforcement	1.08% 1	4.30% 4	74.19% 69	20.43% 19	93
Zoning enforcement	7.37% 7	12.63% 12	75.79% 72	4.21% 4	95
Road maintenance	2.04% 2	16.33% 16	67.35% 66	14.29% 14	98
High speed internet	20.43% 19	26.88% 25	46.24% 43	6.45% 6	93
Trash collection	2.17% 2	19.57% 18	61.96% 57	16.30% 15	92
District libraries	2.08% 2	4.17% 4	58.33% 56	35.42% 34	96

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

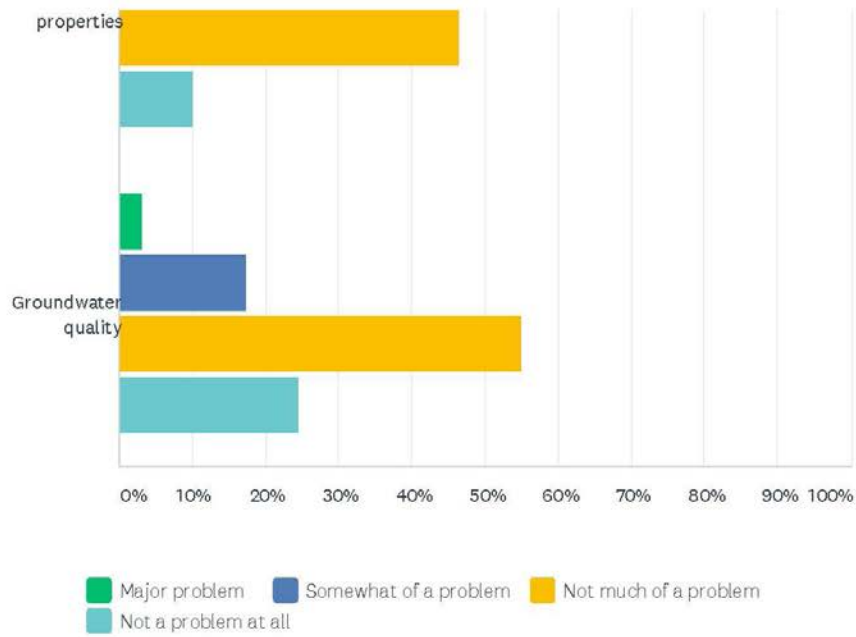
Q2 Please rate how much of a problem, if at all, each of the following issues are in the Township.

Answered: 102 Skipped: 5



# Public Input Survey Results

Eveline Township Survey



	MAJOR PROBLEM	SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM	NOT MUCH OF A PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL	TOTAL
Zoning enforcement	11.46% 11	18.75% 18	54.17% 52	15.63% 15	96
Road maintenance	6.86% 7	21.57% 22	56.86% 58	14.71% 15	102
Loss of farmland	15.22% 14	25.00% 23	41.30% 38	18.48% 17	92
Lake Charlevoix noise/water pollution	14.71% 15	42.16% 43	30.39% 31	12.75% 13	102
Aesthetics of properties	5.05% 5	38.38% 38	46.46% 46	10.10% 10	99
Groundwater quality	3.06% 3	17.35% 17	55.10% 54	24.49% 24	98

# Public Input Survey Results

Eveline Township Survey

Q3 Please expand on any items you identified in question 2.

Answered: 57 Skipped: 50

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I see more signs of Lake Chlvx water degradation: increasing weeds from ignorant homeowners fertilizing/herbicide too close to the water; silty, stirred up water, etc. Roads generally OK but see signs of breakdown that don't get the good attention they really need. Overbuilding on the lake with McMansions is ugly and over-the-top, but inevitable I suppose.	8/23/2020 1:59 PM
2	Not sure how Township provides trash pick-up or Internet speed? Maybe I just don't understand. I know we pay for both.	8/19/2020 2:41 PM
3	Recent brush hog clearing left a huge mess of fairly extensive debris in the road. Snowplow consistently scrapes lawn of private property and digs up rocks/gravel and throws them into yard.	8/17/2020 1:12 PM
4	Too many big, loud boats on the lake. Problem with crumbling pavement on Sunset St.	8/11/2020 1:45 PM
5	There is no Zoning enforcement of the number of boats that are kept at docks per lakefront frontage, so why have an ordinance if no one bothers to enforce it? Also, the other ordinance not enforced (which I see as a bigger problem) is the ordinance of a non-lakefront owner keeping a boat on a private dock. That situation has been happening next door to me for the 15 years I have been a waterfront owner in Eveline Twp. A few years ago I called a previous Zoning Administrator about the problem, and that ZA proceeded to call my neighbor and told him I was "complaining" about the boat on the dock that didn't belong to him. This just caused the lakefront neighbor to harass me and my family for speaking to the ZA, and has also encouraged the non-lakefront person with the boat to boldly tell us he can do this because he always has had his boat there and has permission from the lakefront owner to be there. So, we gave up fighting with them, because the situation/ordinance is obviously not a priority in Eveline to be enforced. This boat owner brings crowds of people to hang out on the lakefront owner's property and dock when the owner is gone, and are particularly annoying. Great for them since they pay almost no property taxes and get all the advantages of lakefront ownership. As the property values on the lake continue to rise, I feel that this problem is only going to get worse over time.	8/10/2020 10:24 AM
6	NA	8/9/2020 8:16 AM
7	The seasonal rentals are out of control. These are becoming businesses in residential areas.	8/8/2020 12:31 PM
8	Green space violations and lawns to waters edge	8/5/2020 10:31 AM
9	Well water concerns with odor	8/3/2020 11:27 AM
10	Loss of farmland - farmland is being "cut up" and rezoned for residential housing Zoning enforcement - the blight on some properties in the township is beyond anything considered tolerable	7/30/2020 12:45 PM
11	I believe we need better septic inspection. Many many cladophora blooms plus high water mean leaking septic. Roads aren't the best but not as pressing as zoning and water quality	7/26/2020 1:23 PM
12	Some structures allowed to exist are unacceptable.	7/26/2020 12:14 PM
13	Enforcing property aesthetics is difficult, but necessary to maintain property values throughout the area.	7/22/2020 6:06 PM
14	With the landfill up hill to the west of us we question how safe our well water is	7/22/2020 6:01 PM
15	Generally less is best when trying to police zoning issues. Much discretion should be given to the land/home owner. Private property rights are an essential part of our constitution and other than an overall guidance of zoning, the Township should remain neutral. The current organizations (some non profit) do a fine job of monitoring Lake Charlevoix and it's quality.	7/21/2020 10:45 AM
16	Junk accumulates in yards. Not easy to dispose of things.	7/18/2020 2:56 PM
17	Many existing homes have house wrap for siding in some areas of the house.	7/16/2020 9:03 PM
18	Concern with continued expansion of subdivisions and general growth in the area that detracts from the natural beauty that this area is known for.	7/16/2020 12:45 PM
19	Land zoned Agriculture is great. We need to preserve our Agriculture; however if a parcel is no longer being used for agriculture and is not being maintained or even potential dangerous	7/15/2020 10:44 PM

# Public Input Survey Results

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	(buildings fallen and not aesthetic), the land owner should be mandated to enhance the dangerous buildings and prepare for agriculture use for future needs!	
20	We would like for every effort to be made to prevent the pollution of groundwater and Lake Charlevoix. In particular we request that the baseball and soccer fields are NOT sprayed with weed killer.	7/15/2020 3:03 PM
21	There seems to be land being farmed and providing food for the area	7/15/2020 12:45 PM
22	General upkeep of mobile home properties in Advance could be improved	7/15/2020 10:44 AM
23	Wake boats are destroying shoreline during these high-water years.	7/13/2020 11:20 AM
24	I feel all the boats on the lake are harmful to the environment.	7/12/2020 1:15 PM
25	Green space regulations do not seem to be enforced putting pressure on water pollution. Probably septic are also not checked enough. The noise on the lake, primarily due to Wake surfing, plus the large wakes they produce are both very disappointing and damaging.	7/11/2020 1:16 PM
26	keep it natural	7/10/2020 9:34 AM
27	Noise from large boats and personal watercraft.	7/10/2020 9:17 AM
28	Greenbelt enforcement is woefully inadequate. The presence of so many "wake boats" operating close to shore is causing lots of erosion.	7/9/2020 4:43 PM
29	Zoning is minimally enforced. Violations are only fined. Significant issues on the lake shore with people purchasing their way out of zoning violations.	7/9/2020 2:57 PM
30	My road is a deeded country road which has had only three maintainances of over 14 year one tree trimming two gradings and one additon of gravel I and three home owers use this road year round	7/8/2020 7:44 PM
31	I worry about weed killers in the lake	7/7/2020 4:39 PM
32	Farmiland - We need to preserve our farmland and not become a township of home associations/condos. Roads - There are a number of roads that are crumbling. Lakeshore and Ferry roads along Lake Charlevoix have become highways with the amount of traffic and the high speed people travel. We need more speed limit signs and speed monitoring. Water pollution - the amount of trash that washes up on shorelines is concerning Aesthetics of properties - this has improved over the years but still have some properties that have too much garbage, vehicles and other trash accumulating.	7/7/2020 4:39 PM
33	I am concerned about the roads with the rising water levels	7/7/2020 12:58 PM
34	Property owners who actually live in their homes and don't rent them and who wish to live in a safe peaceful environment have not been supported as evident by the townships Rental Ordinance in 2019. I have 4 Airbnb's within 300 ft of my home. these along with other rentals along Ferry Rd and Hemingway Rd are destroying our area making this a partying rental community with people who have no regard for residents who are invested residents. We're optimistic that Mr. McDonald can help the tax paying residents who actually live in their homes and aren't running a rental business with disregard to everyone else. Neighbors, including myself are afraid of some of these renters and calling the "agent" who owns the property has proven to be a joke.	7/6/2020 7:08 PM
35	short term rentals are out of control and make area overcrowded and cars and crap on lawns are everywhere	7/6/2020 12:27 PM
36	Zoning - owners, who wish to have respect and peace on Lake CVX, have not been supported as evident by the township's Rental Ordinance in 2019. AirBnB, specifically on Ross Lane, Hemingway Rd, and corner of Hemingway Rd and Ferry Rd are DESTROYING the area and neighbor relations. Hopefully, Nelson will assist those of us who pay taxes but do not drain the services of the area. Speed & Enforcement on Ferry Road - coming off the fery on the Boyne side is DANGEROUS. Should not be 55 MPH and of course, people go way beyond the 55. Requests for education and assistance in addressing have gone unheard.	7/6/2020 10:39 AM
37	Building permits need time limits and enforcement of some sort. Noise of certain boats on lake Chx are excessive (cigarette-type boats mostly)	7/6/2020 8:00 AM
38	The jet ski and personal water crafts are a nuisance by not following boating etiquette and	7/6/2020 8:00 AM



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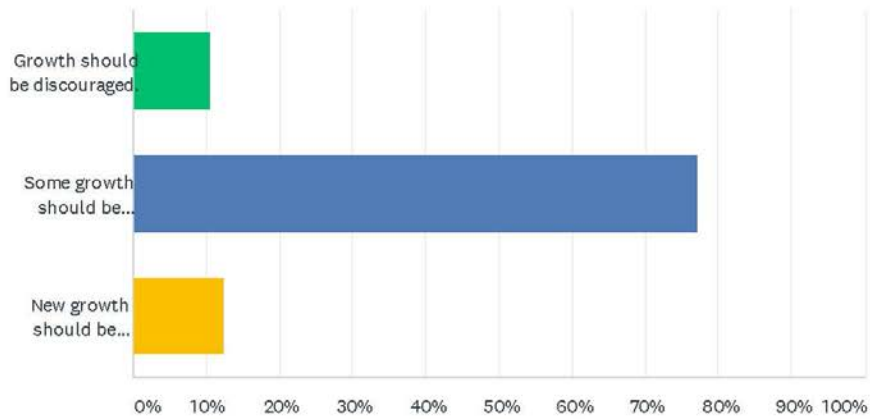
	extremely noisy. There are too many	
39	n/a	7/5/2020 11:38 PM
40	Road maintenance could be improved	7/5/2020 9:03 PM
41	The speed on Lakeshore Drive in front of Kaden Lane properties is dangerous with the new high water level and loss of property on the lake side. Not to mention the noise level for property owners. As more and more traffic travels this road, there are motorcycles who speed up through the area and braking causing squeals as people look at the water and do not see others stopping in front of them. We have seen this multiple times. Also wildlife is often struck in this area. The speed is way too high for a residential zone!	7/4/2020 12:27 PM
42	Advance Road could use a bike lane.	7/3/2020 9:07 AM
43	None	7/2/2020 5:56 PM
44	Some properties are an eye sore.	7/2/2020 11:33 AM
45	Too many part-time rental properties	7/1/2020 1:58 PM
46	na	7/1/2020 11:44 AM
47	I'm concerned about lack of enforcement of the greenbelt ordinance. I see new construction with lawns right down to the beach. I see permit applications to EGLE for shoreline alterations that impact the greenbelt, with no response from the township. Protecting the water quality of Lake Charlevoix, it seems, should be a highest priority, as the lake is our most valuable physical asset.	7/1/2020 9:14 AM
48	Jet skis create an overabundance of noise. They also need tall, orange flags so they can be seen on the water. Aesthetics in that some properties leave belongings all over the their property. It's not so bad on the water front, but 1/4 mile inland, it's terrible.	7/1/2020 7:44 AM
49	I am a second-home lakefront owner, so I'm not living day-to-day here. I don't feel qualified to comment on some of these issues.	6/30/2020 3:38 PM
50	Many properties along Ferry road, specifically just W. of Whiting park and E. of Loomis Road are eyesores.	6/30/2020 12:50 PM
51	Bright lights shining across lake... from residences. Light pollution needs to be more policed. No enforcement at all when people fill in green belt areas.....which is why shoreline erosion is an issue.	6/30/2020 12:21 PM
52	No additional comment	6/30/2020 12:18 PM
53	na	6/30/2020 12:13 PM
54	I am unhappy with all the air BNB people that come and make noise, drink beer and leave the trash around. There should be an ordinance stopping short term rentals	6/30/2020 11:56 AM
55	I would be happy to see more protection of our natural and Human Resources, creating a healthy and vibrant community of locals	6/29/2020 10:28 PM
56	Enforcement of 50' greenbelt is pretty much non existent, especially in new construction where there are permits filed. They (homeowners) are not following because there are no enforcements.	6/29/2020 4:35 PM
57	I don't necessarily see them as a problem but definitely areas that the township should be priority to focus on.	6/29/2020 1:57 PM

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

Q4 Please select one statement below that most closely matches your view on growth and development in the Township.

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



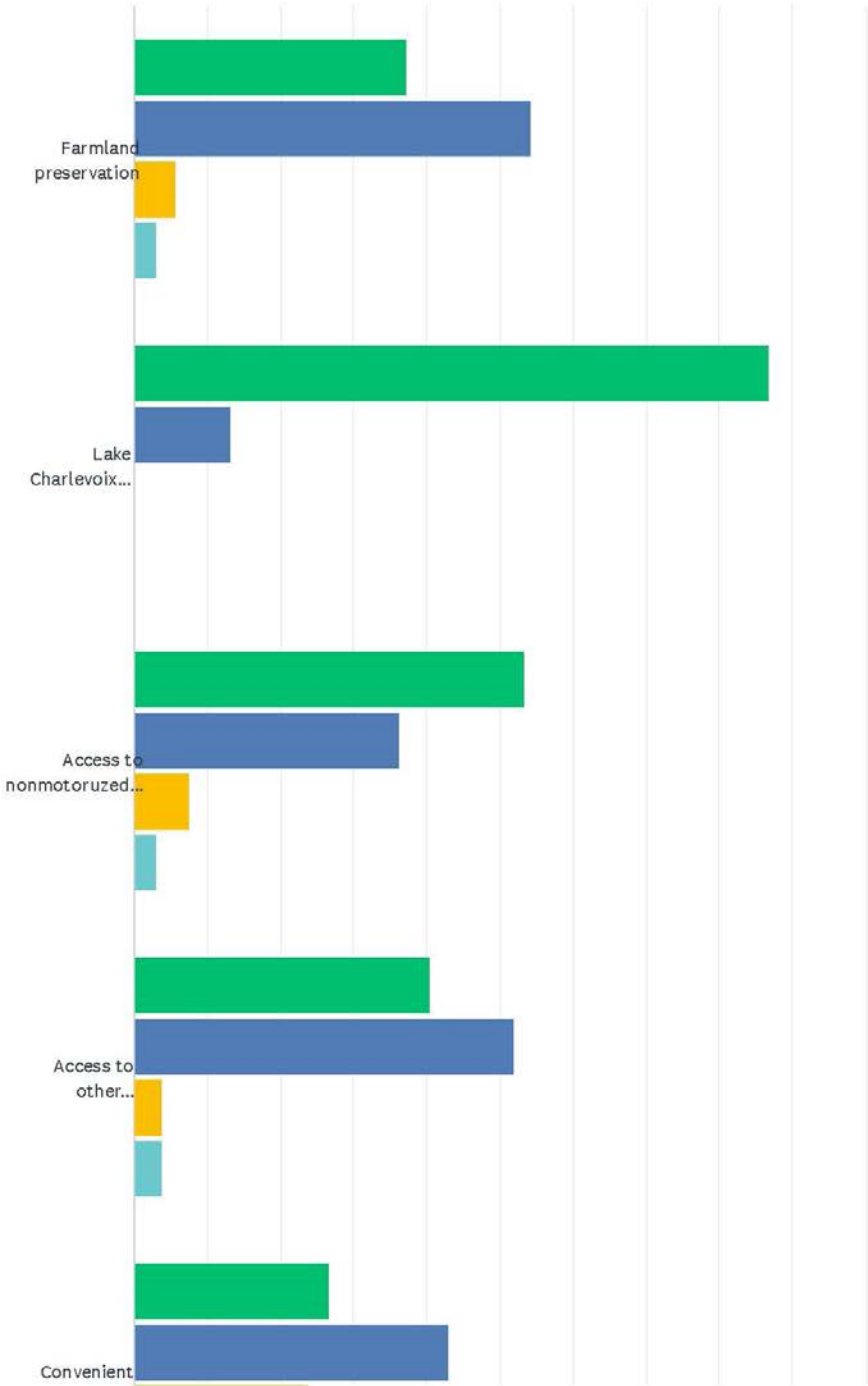
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Growth should be discouraged.	10.48%	11
Some growth should be allowed but large agricultural and natural areas should be protected.	77.14%	81
New growth should be encouraged.	12.38%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>105</b>

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

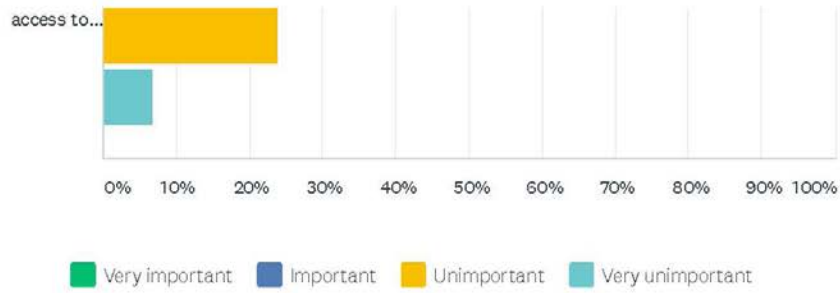
### Q5 How important are the following to maintaining quality of life in Eveline Township?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 1



# Public Input Survey Results

Eveline Township Survey



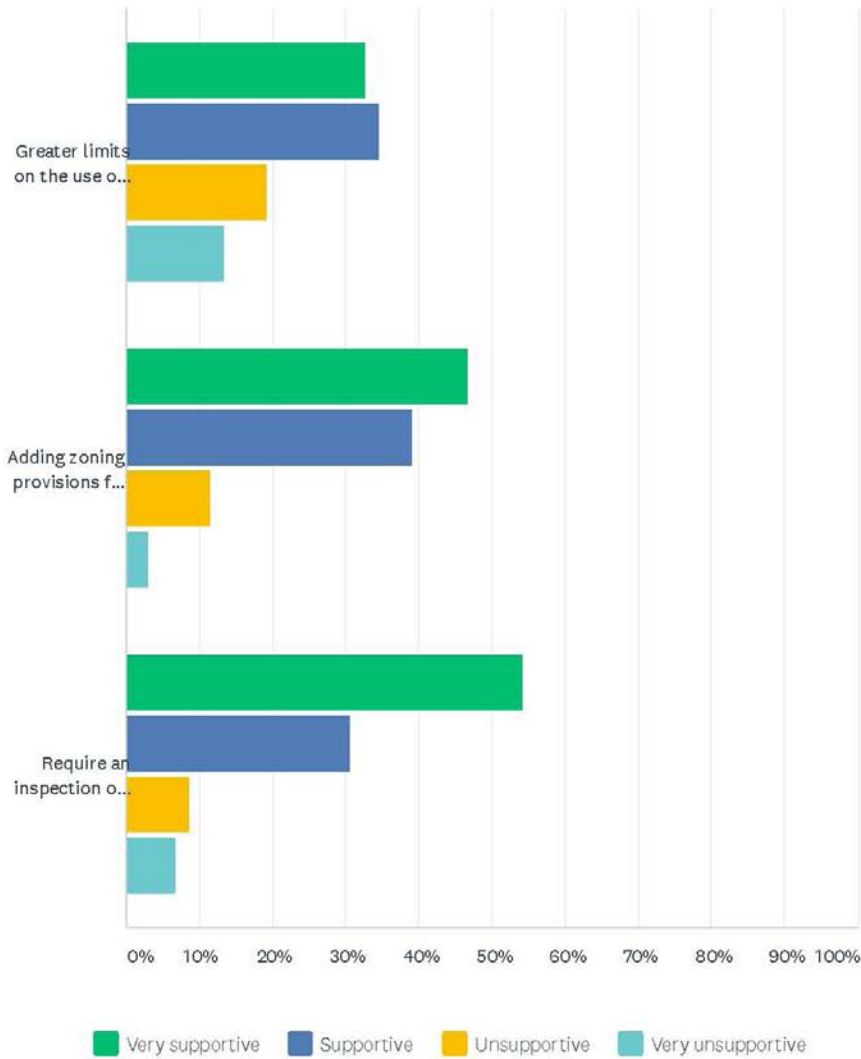
	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	UNIMPORTANT	VERY UNIMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Farmland preservation	37.14% 39	54.29% 57	5.71% 6	2.86% 3	105	1.74
Lake Charlevoix Water Quality	86.79% 92	13.21% 14	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	106	1.13
Access to nonmotorized trails (biking, walking, etc.)	53.33% 56	36.19% 38	7.62% 8	2.86% 3	105	1.60
Access to other recreational amenities	40.38% 42	51.92% 54	3.85% 4	3.85% 4	104	1.71
Convenient access to dining/retail	26.67% 28	42.86% 45	23.81% 25	6.67% 7	105	2.10

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q6 How supportive would you be of the following regulation types?

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



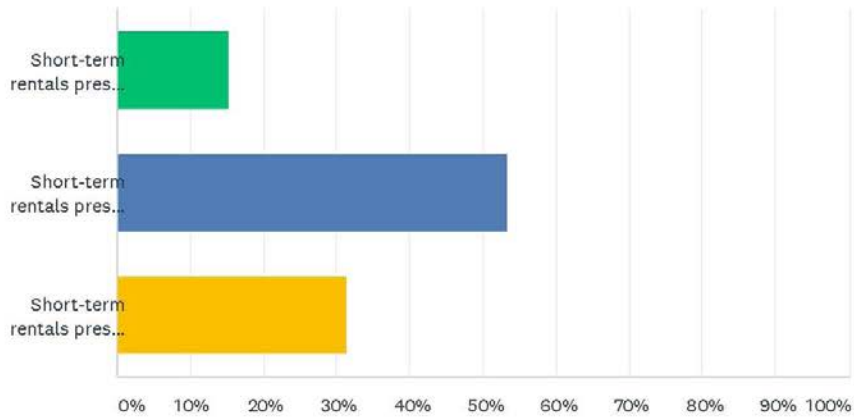
	VERY SUPPORTIVE	SUPPORTIVE	UNSUPPORTIVE	VERY UNSUPPORTIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Greater limits on the use of properties as short-term rentals	32.69% 34	34.62% 36	19.23% 20	13.46% 14	104	2.13
Adding zoning provisions for properties adjoining Lake Charlevoix to ensure water quality.	46.67% 49	39.05% 41	11.43% 12	2.86% 3	105	1.70
Require an inspection of the septic system when a property is purchased.	54.29% 57	30.48% 32	8.57% 9	6.67% 7	105	1.68

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q7 How would you describe your opinion on short-term rentals?

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



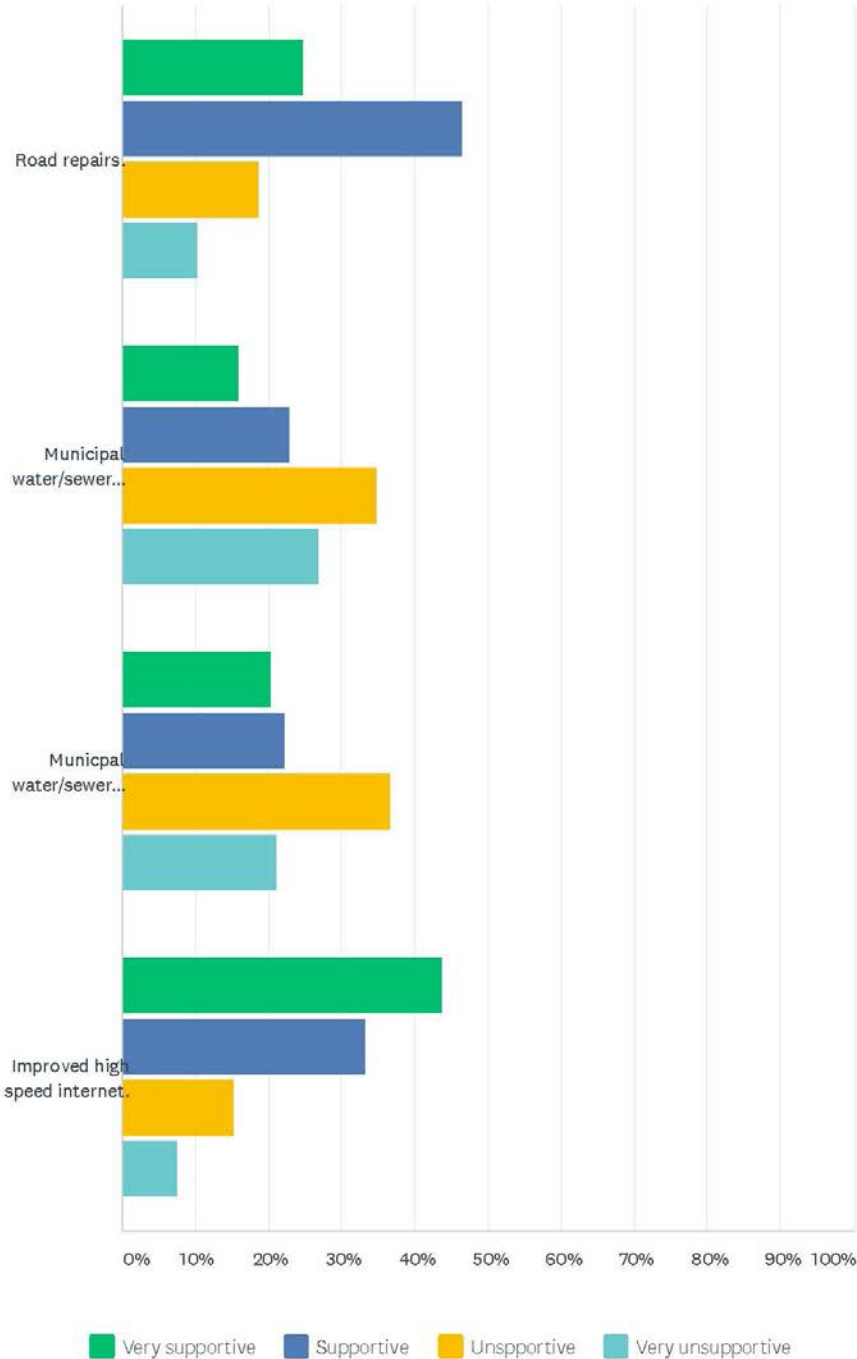
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Short-term rentals present an opportunity for the community and should be promoted.	15.24%	16
Short-term rentals present an opportunity but should be allowed with some restrictions.	53.33%	56
Short-term rentals present more of a nuisance than an opportunity and should be limited.	31.43%	33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>105</b>

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q8 How supportive would you be of increasing the Township millage rate to finance the following service improvements?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 1



# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

	VERY SUPPORTIVE	SUPPORTIVE	UNSPPORTIVE	VERY UNSUPPORTIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Road repairs.	24.74% 24	46.39% 45	18.56% 18	10.31% 10	97	2.14
Municipal water/sewer service in Advance.	15.84% 16	22.77% 23	34.65% 35	26.73% 27	101	2.72
Municipal water/sewer service in Ironton.	20.19% 21	22.12% 23	36.54% 38	21.15% 22	104	2.59
Improved high speed internet.	43.81% 46	33.33% 35	15.24% 16	7.62% 8	105	1.87

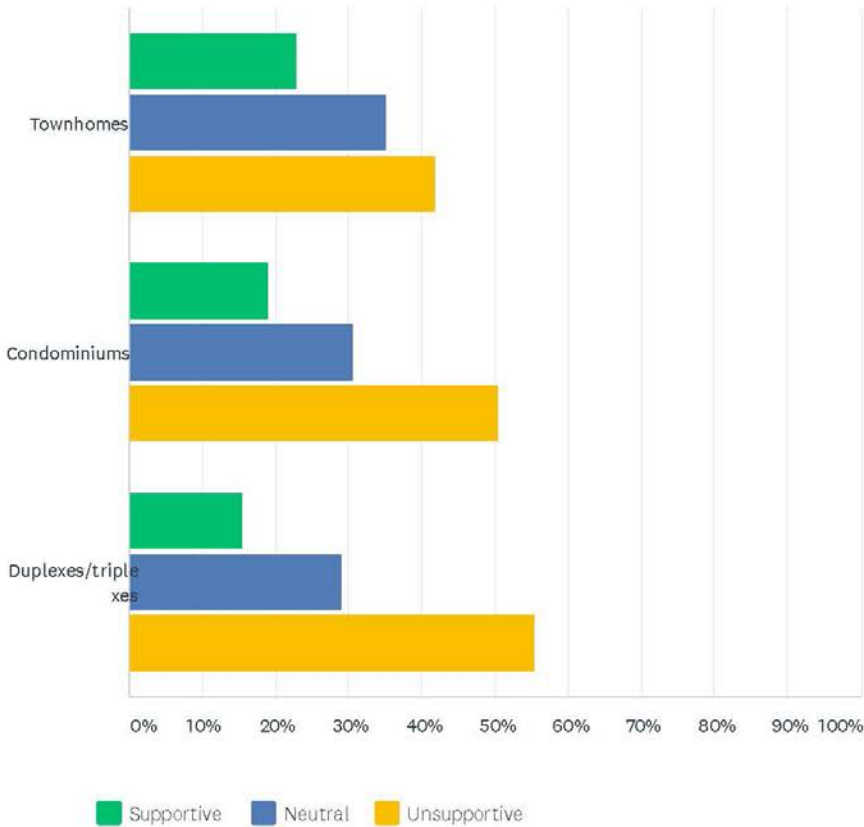


# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q9 How supportive would you be of the following housing types being constructed in Advance / Ironton?

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



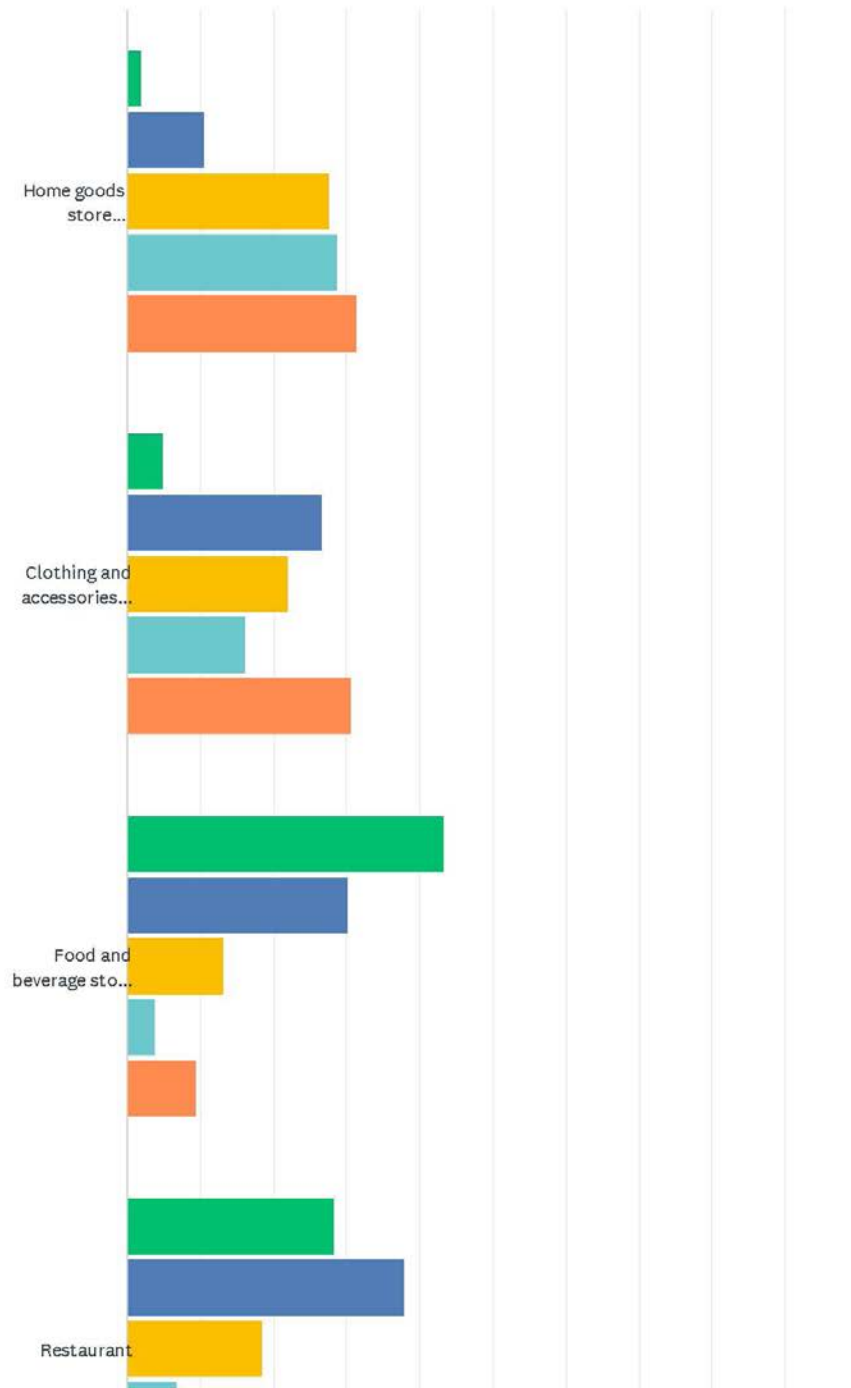
	SUPPORTIVE	NEUTRAL	UNSUPPORTIVE	TOTAL
Townhomes	22.86% 24	35.24% 37	41.90% 44	105
Condominiums	19.05% 20	30.48% 32	50.48% 53	105
Duplexes/triplexes	15.53% 16	29.13% 30	55.34% 57	103

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

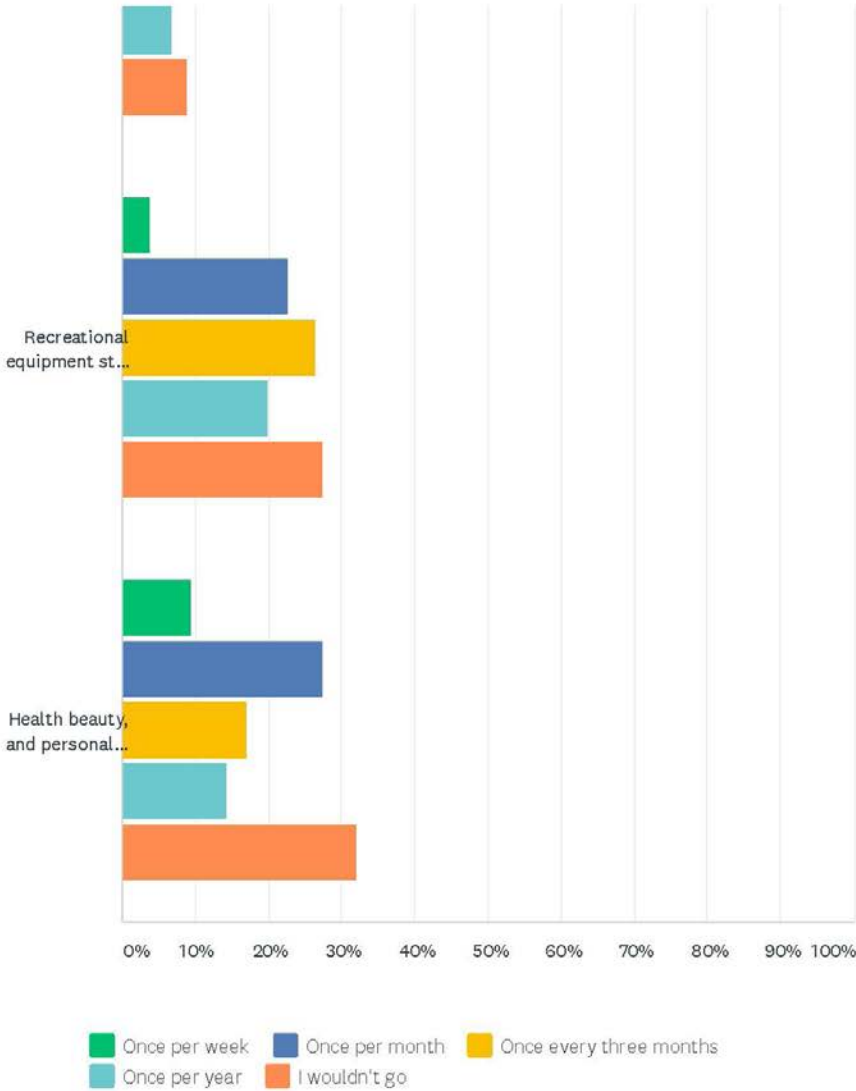
Q10 How often would you frequent a new store of the following types if one located in Eveline Township?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 1



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Eveline Township Survey



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## Eveline Township Survey

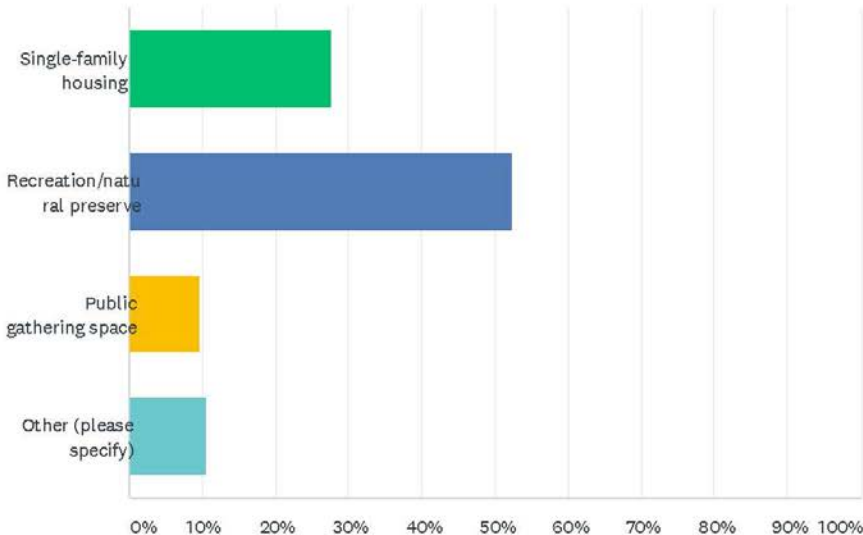
	ONCE PER WEEK	ONCE PER MONTH	ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS	ONCE PER YEAR	I WOULDN'T GO	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Home goods store (furniture or home furnishings)	1.90% 2	10.48% 11	27.62% 29	28.57% 30	31.43% 33	105	3.77
Clothing and accessories store	4.76% 5	26.67% 28	21.90% 23	16.19% 17	30.48% 32	105	3.41
Food and beverage stores (grocery, liquor, specialty foods)	43.40% 46	30.19% 32	13.21% 14	3.77% 4	9.43% 10	106	2.06
Restaurant	28.16% 29	37.86% 39	18.45% 19	6.80% 7	8.74% 9	103	2.30
Recreational equipment store (biking, hiking, nonmotorized watercraft)	3.77% 4	22.64% 24	26.42% 28	19.81% 21	27.36% 29	106	3.44
Health beauty, and personal care (pharmacy, cosmetics)	9.43% 10	27.36% 29	16.98% 18	14.15% 15	32.08% 34	106	3.32

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q11 Two vacant properties on the north side of Sweetbrier Lane should be used for:

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single-family housing	27.62%	29
Recreation/natural preserve	52.38%	55
Public gathering space	9.52%	10
Other (please specify)	10.48%	11
TOTAL		105

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

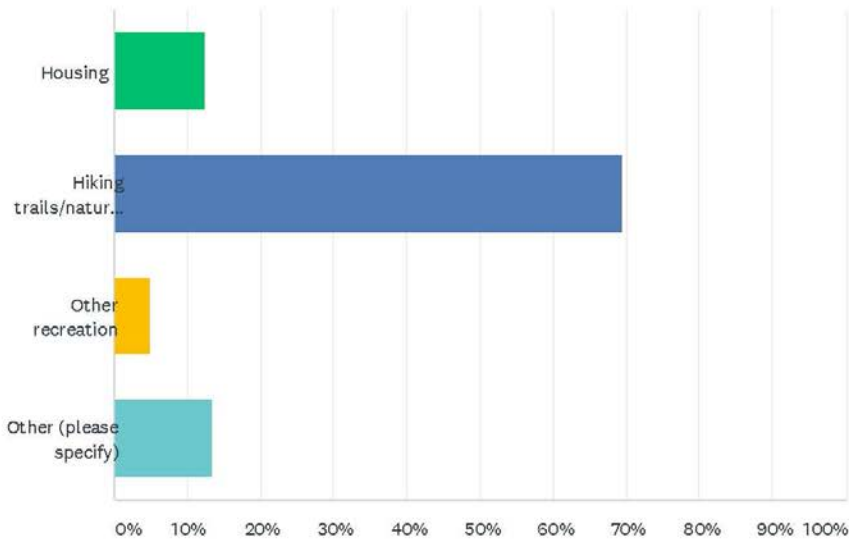
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Retail or another restaurant	8/17/2020 10:47 AM
2	Unsure	8/11/2020 1:45 PM
3	cemetary	8/6/2020 5:37 PM
4	Restoration to native habitat.	7/26/2020 5:07 PM
5	Our Club owns the shoreline, there are many dangerous springs there and it would be inadvisable to develop that land .	7/26/2020 1:23 PM
6	Leave in a natural state, not used for recreational purposes.	7/26/2020 12:14 PM
7	Boat ramp	7/15/2020 1:32 PM
8	keep it natural	7/10/2020 9:34 AM
9	Improved Community Park	7/9/2020 2:57 PM
10	Public Access to Lake Charlevoix (like Washington Beach) with parking, green belt, beach, trash, benches. This would likely improve chances of acquiring remaining property between these two properties and Washington Beach.	7/6/2020 7:05 AM
11	I could support a variety of usage	7/1/2020 6:21 PM

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

Q12 The vacant portion of the property south of the Advance Cemetery and west of Lake Shore Road should be used for:

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Housing	12.38%	13
Hiking trails/natural preserve	69.52%	73
Other recreation	4.76%	5
Other (please specify)	13.33%	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>105</b>

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	some for cemetery expansion, some for reasonably-sized home, etc.	8/23/2020 1:59 PM
2	mixture of retail or restaurant and affordable housing	8/17/2020 10:47 AM
3	Unsure	8/11/2020 1:45 PM
4	cemetery and New Township Hall	8/6/2020 5:37 PM
5	Restoration to native habitat	7/26/2020 5:07 PM
6	Same as above,	7/26/2020 1:23 PM
7	depends on access to property	7/15/2020 10:44 PM
8	More cemetery	7/15/2020 12:45 PM
9	hiking, biking, snowshoeing, etc.	7/10/2020 9:45 AM
10	keep it natural	7/10/2020 9:34 AM
11	More cemetery lots!!!	7/8/2020 4:40 PM
12	This 3/4 acre was given to the township to expand the cemetery	7/3/2020 9:07 AM
13	Cemetery	7/2/2020 5:56 PM
14	I could support a variety of usage	7/1/2020 6:21 PM

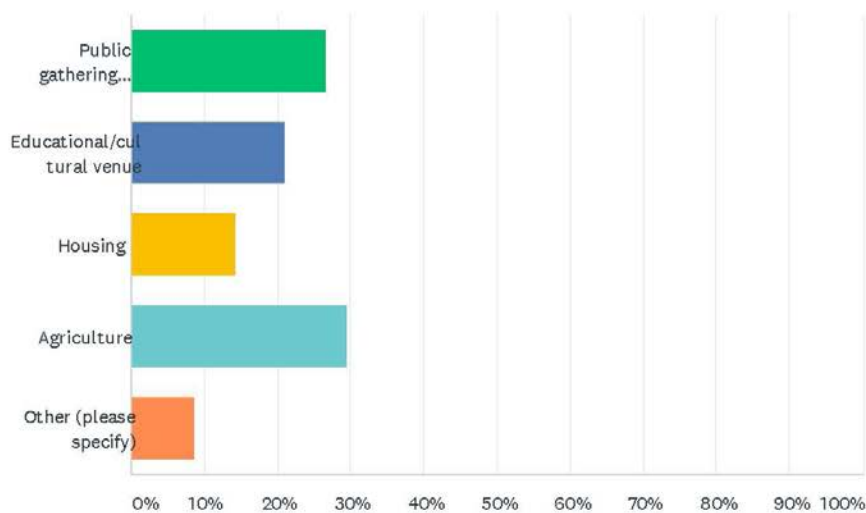


# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q13 The “Star School” property located immediately southeast of the Wurn and Loomis Road intersection should be used for

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Public gathering space/pavilion	26.67% 28
Educational/cultural venue	20.95% 22
Housing	14.29% 15
Agriculture	29.52% 31
Other (please specify)	8.57% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105</b>

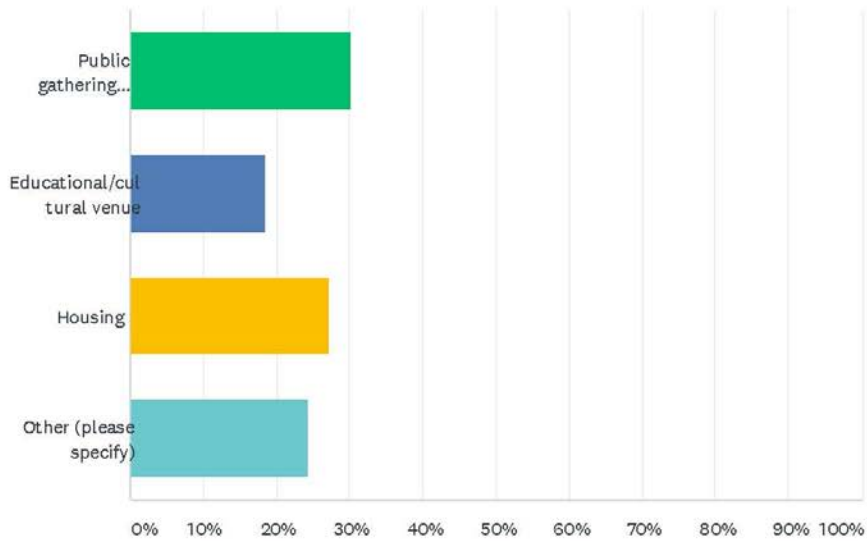
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Maintain as is in order to keep ties with the old days, but utilize as able for meetings, etc.	8/23/2020 1:59 PM
2	Unsure	8/11/2020 1:45 PM
3	cemetary	8/6/2020 5:37 PM
4	Walking trails	7/26/2020 5:07 PM
5	Natural state.	7/26/2020 12:14 PM
6	Cremation Cemetery	7/8/2020 4:40 PM
7	Nature preserve	7/7/2020 12:58 PM
8	I could support a variety of usage	7/1/2020 6:21 PM
9	Not enough information	6/30/2020 9:38 PM

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q14 The vacant property southeast of the intersection of Ferry and Mountain Roads should be used for:

Answered: 103 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public gathering space/pavilion	30.10%	31
Educational/cultural venue	18.45%	19
Housing	27.18%	28
Other (please specify)	24.27%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>103</b>

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

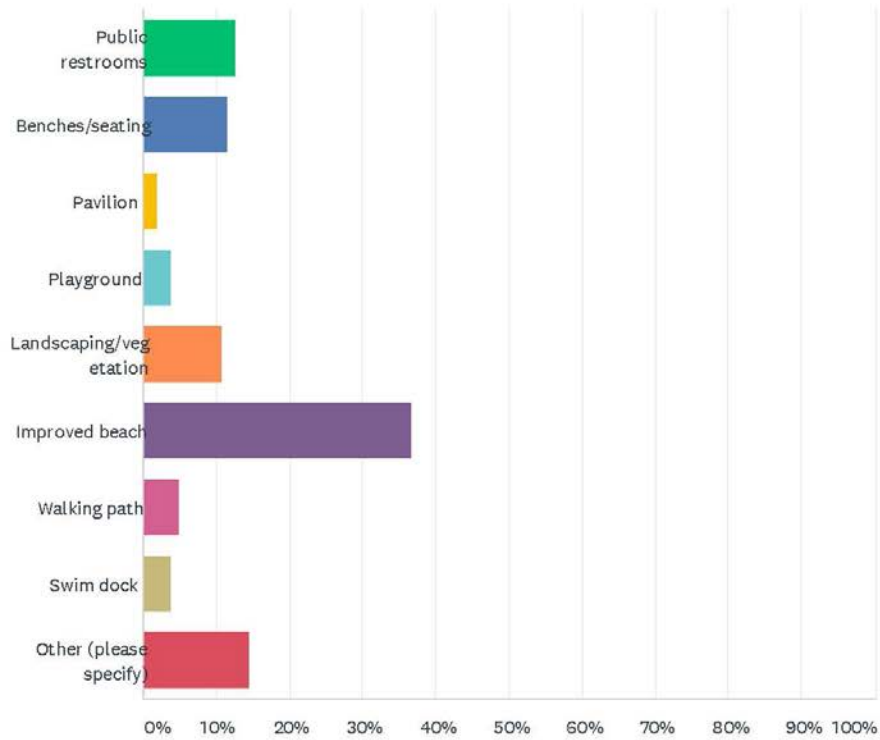
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	maintain open space	8/23/2020 1:59 PM
2	Affordable housing	8/17/2020 10:47 AM
3	Unsure	8/11/2020 1:45 PM
4	Community Garden	8/10/2020 10:24 AM
5	Community Farm	8/9/2020 8:16 AM
6	It already is being used for a designated parking lot for Township meetings	8/6/2020 5:37 PM
7	offer it to the adjacent owner first	8/5/2020 8:22 PM
8	Natural state.	7/26/2020 12:14 PM
9	Leave undeveloped	7/18/2020 3:55 PM
10	Ag Grab plot -i.e. plot used to grow vegetables that can be self harvested by the community, there are national programs that may help sponsor this	7/16/2020 12:45 PM
11	Township needs such as Cemetery or Parking needs	7/15/2020 10:44 PM
12	Leave as it currently stands	7/15/2020 1:32 PM
13	cemetery	7/15/2020 12:45 PM
14	Leave it vacant	7/13/2020 11:20 AM
15	keep natural	7/10/2020 9:34 AM
16	Green space or community gardens	7/9/2020 2:57 PM
17	Parking lot for the Township Hall	7/8/2020 4:40 PM
18	Nature preserve	7/7/2020 12:58 PM
19	Agriculture or Nature Preserve	7/6/2020 10:39 AM
20	I was of the understanding that it was going to be more cemetery space. That sounds like a good idea to me.	7/2/2020 5:19 PM
21	I could support a variety of usage	7/1/2020 6:21 PM
22	Kept vacant	7/1/2020 1:00 PM
23	Natural trails	6/30/2020 9:38 PM
24	small, natural park with area for bike rest stop, dog walking, etc.	6/30/2020 12:50 PM
25	Agriculture	6/30/2020 12:21 PM

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

Q15 The lake access at the end of Washington Road is publicly owned and presents a recreational opportunity. Which of the following improvements should be prioritized for the site?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public restrooms	12.50%	13
Benches/seating	11.54%	12
Pavilion	1.92%	2
Playground	3.85%	4
Landscaping/vegetation	10.58%	11
Improved beach	36.54%	38
Walking path	4.81%	5
Swim dock	3.85%	4
Other (please specify)	14.42%	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>104</b>

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

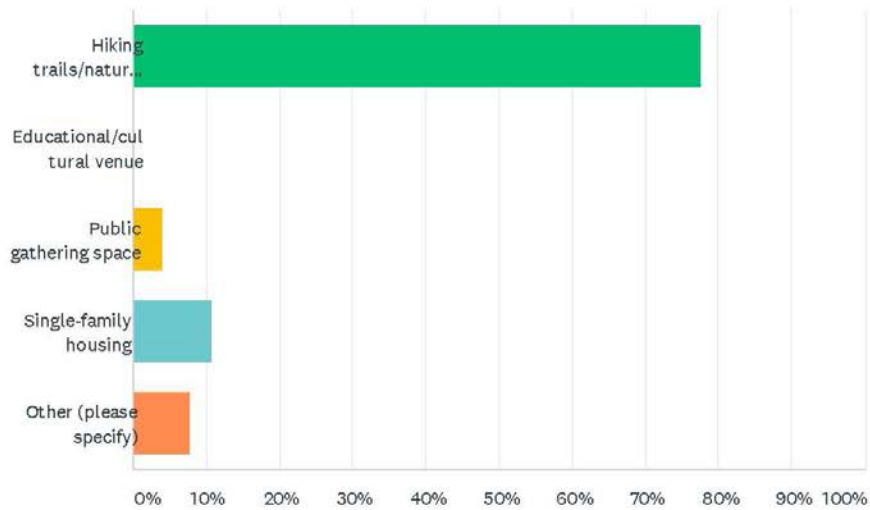
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Unsure	8/11/2020 1:45 PM
2	Leave it "as is"	8/10/2020 10:24 AM
3	Nothing, keep natural, add a trash can	8/9/2020 8:16 AM
4	Monies in the general fund in the amount of \$ 2,000,000,00 should be allotted for the building of a new Township Hall for the residents and officers.	8/6/2020 5:37 PM
5	public boat launch	8/5/2020 8:22 PM
6	The lakeshore is PRIVATELY owned by property to east.	8/1/2020 8:44 AM
7	Remember both sides of this road end are privately owned. Trespassing is an issue	7/26/2020 1:23 PM
8	Nothing	7/26/2020 12:35 PM
9	Natural state	7/26/2020 12:14 PM
10	Boat ramp	7/15/2020 1:32 PM
11	1. Public rest room, 2. Pavilion, 3. Swim dock	7/15/2020 10:44 AM
12	It's fine as is with the new picnic table and bench, etc. It seems fine...leave it alone as it is not large enough for major improvements and more people.	7/11/2020 1:16 PM
13	keep it natural	7/10/2020 9:34 AM
14	Benches, tables, and improved beach for family picnics.	7/8/2020 1:08 PM
15	huge asset-needs improved beach, swim dock, walking path, seating, landscaping, pavilion	7/5/2020 12:10 PM

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q16 The natural area south of Bracy Road and west of Peninsula Road should be used for:

Answered: 103 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hiking trails/nature preserve	77.67%	80
Educational/cultural venue	0.00%	0
Public gathering space	3.88%	4
Single-family housing	10.68%	11
Other (please specify)	7.77%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>103</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Unsure	8/11/2020 1:45 PM
2	The extra monies in the general fund should be used for building a new Township Hall	8/6/2020 5:37 PM
3	Separate 40 or so feet directly next to Crosby Road and sell it to the home owners across the drive to allow for septic systems or other small storage. This would still allow access thru the walking trail but it would increase the tax base and allow for better septic systems near the lake.	7/28/2020 8:58 AM
4	Natural state	7/26/2020 12:14 PM
5	Sold to the cottage owners adjoining along the lake and require their septics be moved back!	7/11/2020 1:16 PM
6	Walleye rearing since its a wetland!!!	7/8/2020 4:40 PM
7	Public beach area with parking, green belt, beach, trash, benches, walking trail loop.	7/6/2020 7:05 AM
8	I could support a variety of usage	7/1/2020 6:21 PM

# Public Input Survey Results

Eveline Township Survey

**Q17 Please feel free to comment below regarding any concerns or suggestions you may have that were not addressed in the survey.**

Answered: 39 Skipped: 68

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The character of our special rural lake area is suffering "death of a thousand cuts" as it becomes more and more overbuilt along the lake.	8/23/2020 1:59 PM
2	I'm not a fan of "conservancy" use of property; on the other hand, any growth should be carefully planned. Resorts, apartments, and condos should be very limited.	8/19/2020 2:41 PM
3	Keep the township rural with farm lands and no more developments added with creating access to people in our community. Please think about the lake and how to keep it clean but have access for the people in our community to have outings on the lake for free.	8/15/2020 1:11 PM
4	Keep it rural, try to stop losing farmlands, save the wildlife, keep the lake natural and clean, get a sewer around the whole lake to save it.	8/14/2020 11:07 PM
5	No comment	8/11/2020 1:45 PM
6	Thanks for doing the research.	8/10/2020 10:24 AM
7	Why are we spending money on electronic Ferry signs? What a waste of money. Turn some of the large non-wooded parcels into community farms to help feed residents in times of need.	8/9/2020 8:16 AM
8	The extra Township money in the General Fund should be used for a New Township Hall. The property acquired next to the original cemetery should be used to extend and enlarge for future grave sites.	8/6/2020 5:37 PM
9	We need to keep the natural preserve of the area	8/3/2020 11:27 AM
10	Tons of places in area for shopping, restaurants, beaches etc. what we have, that other places don't is the space for high quality walking and biking trails. Working to develop this opportunity would be a real asset to the community and fall online with who we are.	7/26/2020 5:07 PM
11	The space at Washington is small and cannot expand given the adjacent private property. The modest improvements are nice and sufficient given the space. More development will encourage infringement on private grounds which would be inappropriate.	7/26/2020 4:04 PM
12	Please remember a child almost drowned off Washington Street Beach about 10 years ago. While attractive this is not the safest area	7/26/2020 1:23 PM
13	Please respect the quality of life of the neighbors of all these parcels of land. And obey the laws of the State and its Departments.	7/26/2020 12:14 PM
14	We very much enjoy the peace and quiet of Ironton and hope it will stay that way. The property has been in our family for over 100 years and it is our place of comfort and getaway from the hustle and bustle of life in general.	7/22/2020 6:01 PM
15	Please do not infringe on the private property rights of homeowners. There should be general guidelines for short term rentals but not overreaching restrictions.	7/21/2020 10:45 AM
16	We feel the township and lakeshore are more than adequately developed at this time. We don't see a need to turn vacant, formerly agricultural land into residential or commercial properties. The township should use this opportunity to insure the continued peaceful semi-rural nature of this area.	7/18/2020 3:55 PM
17	Natural gas for Sweetbrier sub in Ironton	7/16/2020 9:03 PM
18	The Township could write for grants for the hiking trails on Bracey Rd and eventually build a small Landing or Lookout for kayaks and fishing boats on the shoreline for bird watchers and other nature advocates on this beautiful piece of Nature.	7/15/2020 10:44 PM
19	Our 4 & 1/2 year old Collie died of Lymphoma after exposure to the substances used to diminish weeds in park areas. PLEASE discontinue use of these substances.	7/15/2020 3:03 PM
20	Should be choice for "more information needed" on some questions	7/15/2020 12:45 PM
21	I would like to keep as much natural as possible. There is so much construction around Lake Charlevoix.	7/12/2020 1:15 PM
22	Just keep the environmental related (Lake saving/preservation) restrictions as top priority...please!	7/11/2020 1:16 PM



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## Eveline Township Survey

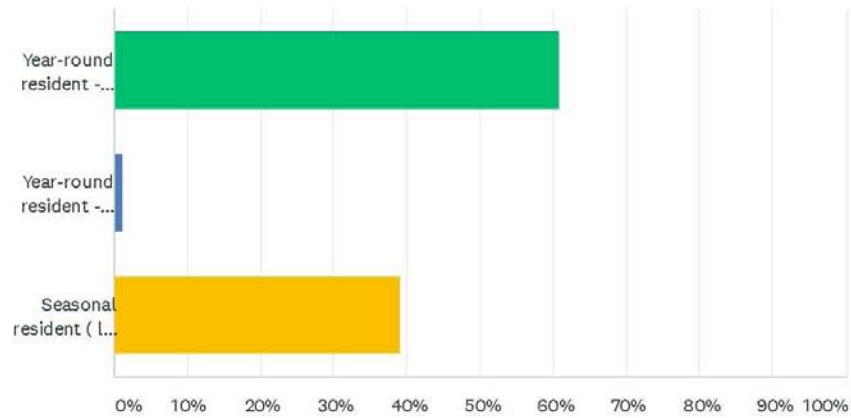
23	keep it all natural not commercial...not rental	7/10/2020 9:34 AM
24	Priority to preserve the shore line of Lake Charleviox consistent with the objectives of the Lake Charleviox Association, to include more greenbelt for shoreline vegetation, and communications to owners to maintain water quality and obstruct view of houses/developments with trees etc.	7/8/2020 1:08 PM
25	Please address the speed on Ferry Rd. Cars are coming off the Ferry and speeding in excess of 55 Mph. When cars are driving to the Ferry the speed is too high to adequately see walker/bikers on the hills. Neighbor relations and personal safety is a huge problem with the short term rentals. The township must do something more aggressive to save our beautiful area.	7/6/2020 7:08 PM
26	widen Ferry Road shoulder to make biking safer. A bike path would be ideal.	7/6/2020 4:56 PM
27	Please get a handle on the enforcement of rentals in the area - they are destroying neighbor relations, Lake CVX' water quality, and creating unnecessary noise. We realize change is inevitable but would like to see some acknowledgement of those who wish to enjoy the natural beauty that this area offers.	7/6/2020 10:39 AM
28	The need to preserve the natural beauty of these areas are important to our family. It's the very reason people visit northern Michigan and keeps the tourism revenue	7/6/2020 8:00 AM
29	Acquire the parcel between Washington Beach and the two parcels shown earlier in the survey making the three lots a beach area with parking, green belt, improved beach, and restroom facilities.	7/6/2020 7:05 AM
30	We need a retailer like Meijer in the old KMart shopping center. More restaurants and small grocery/liquor store options. Controlled growth.	7/5/2020 12:10 PM
31	Eveline township could use a couple of parks with swings, slides, etc.	7/5/2020 9:42 AM
32	My concern is that the map for the land adjoining the cemetery is incorrect. The land donated is a pie shaped piece, aprx 3/4 acre. Not the entire portion indicated.	7/3/2020 9:07 AM
33	Washington beach has become so incredibly busy, it could use some work. We do not need any more condos, or townhomes in this area and we need to limit short-term rentals as this really limits renting, working-class families from entering our area.	7/1/2020 1:58 PM
34	na	7/1/2020 11:44 AM
35	Some properties could be used for more than one purpose but this survey doesn't allow more than one selection per property. An emphasis needs to be put on preservation of natural areas.	7/1/2020 7:44 AM
36	None	6/30/2020 12:18 PM
37	na	6/30/2020 12:13 PM
38	Brock road south of ferry needs better maintenance and imprivement	6/29/2020 11:32 PM
39	I would love to see more outdoor recreational opportunities, community spaces, or affordable single family homes. Finding ways to support our local population. Of course, depending on which side of the ferry you live on, certain properties would be used more than others.	6/29/2020 10:28 PM

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q18 Please classify your residency in Eveline Township.

Answered: 105 Skipped: 2



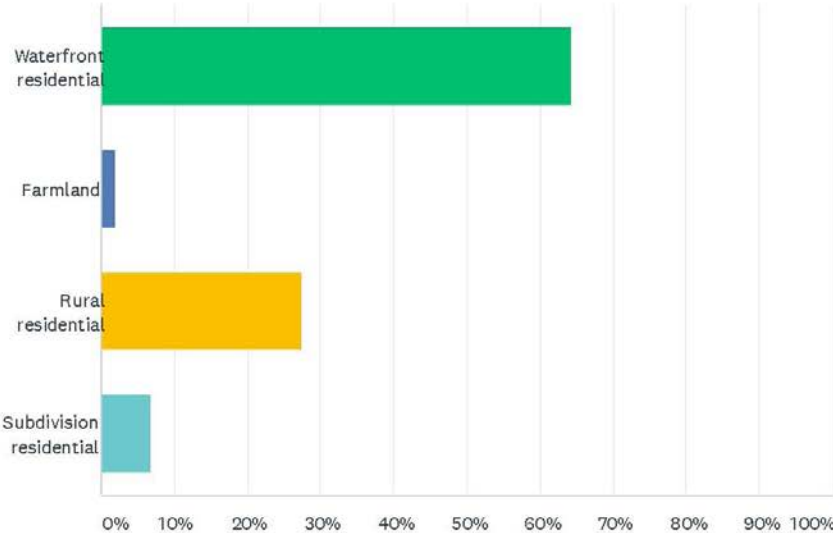
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Year-round resident - homeowner	60.95%	64
Year-round resident - renter	0.95%	1
Seasonal resident ( less than 6 months in Eveline Township)	39.05%	41
Total Respondents: 105		

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q19 Which best describes your property type?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 1



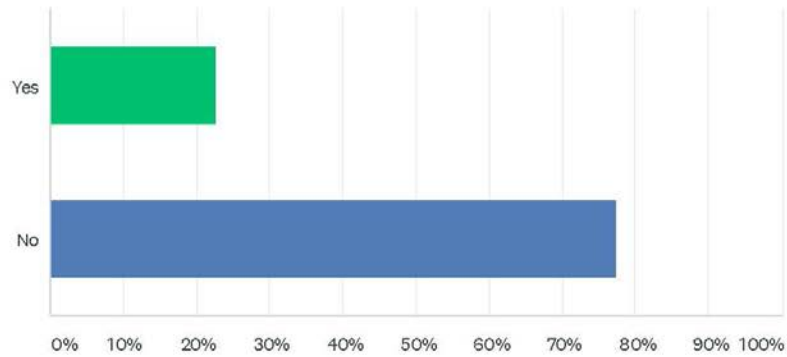
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Waterfront residential	64.15%	68
Farmland	1.89%	2
Rural residential	27.36%	29
Subdivision residential	6.60%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>106</b>

# Public Input Survey Results

## Eveline Township Survey

### Q20 Do you have children 17years of age or younger in your household?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 1



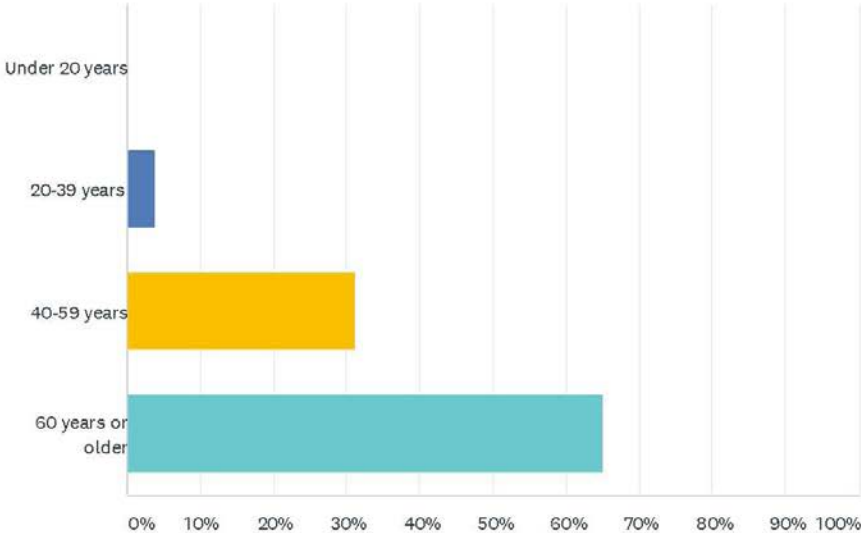
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.64%	24
No	77.36%	82
TOTAL		106

# Public Input Survey Results

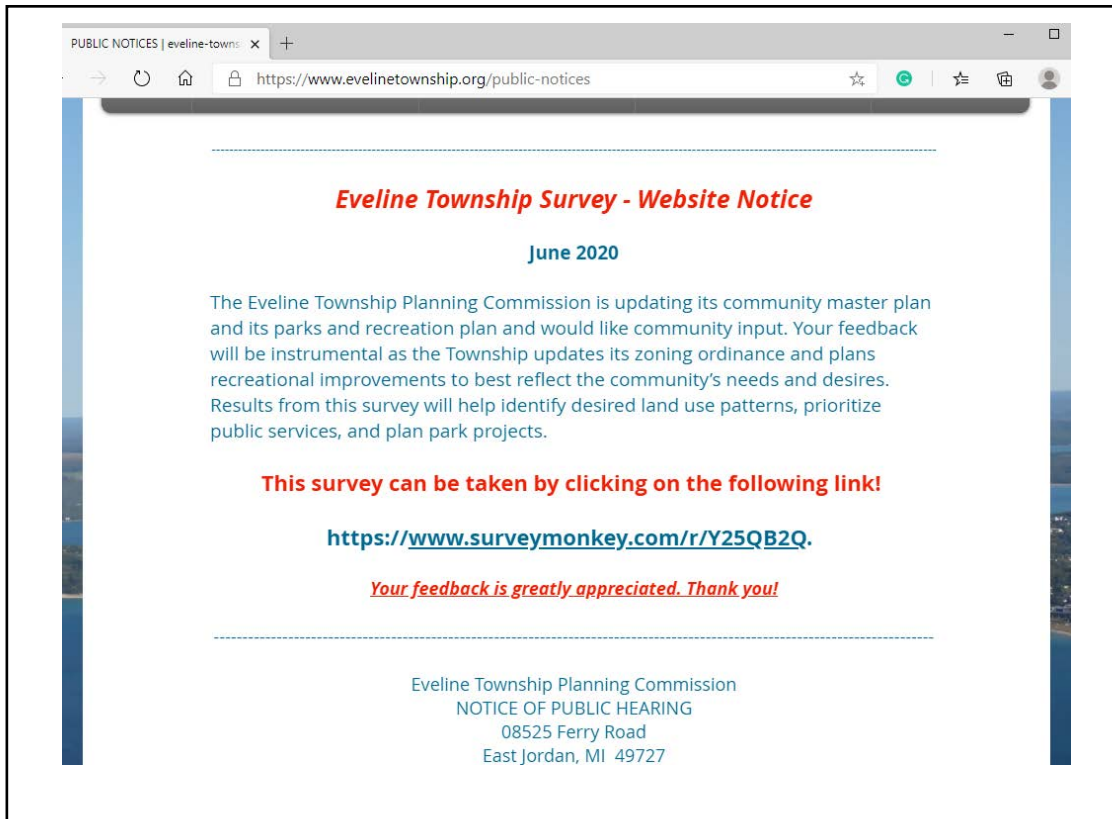
## Eveline Township Survey

### Q21 In which category is your age?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 20 years	0.00% 0
20-39 years	3.77% 4
40-59 years	31.13% 33
60 years or older	65.09% 69
TOTAL	106



## APPROVED

**Eveline Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting for the Purpose of Public Engagement  
Master Plan and Recreation Plan  
September 2, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman Denny Way at the Whiting Park Pavilion #1.

Commissioners present were Denny Way, Eric Beishlag, Prudence Kurtz, Lorraine Sims and Kelly McGinn. Recording Secretary Sandi Whiteford was also present.  
Others in attendance: Ron Chapman, Ron and Pam Arscheene, Sam and Cheryl Buitendorp, Nelson Mc Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Passinault and Janet Blossom.

- 2) **Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner Beishlag, supported by Commissioner Sims, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 3) **Public Engagement:** Chairman Way opened the public engagement at 5:35 p.m. and turned the meeting over to the Planners from Beckett and Raeder to explain the displays and opportunities for public input at each display. They encouraged all present to ask questions as they reviewed each display. Planners will put comments together and present at the next Planning Commission meeting to be held in October.
- 4) **Adjournment** - Chairman Way adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Your ad

northern michigan review, inc.

**-Invoice-**

**Date:** 11/10/20  
**Account #:** 184050  
**Company Name:** Eveline Township  
**Contact:** Sandi Whiteford, Clerk  
**Address:** P.O. Box 496  
**City:** East Jordan  
**State:** MI  
**Telephone:** (231) 675-4426  
**Fax:**

**Publications:**  
 News Review

**Ad ID:** 906666  
**Run Dates:** 11/12/20 to 11/12/20  
**Ad Class:** Public Notices  
**Columns wide:** 2  
**Total # of Lines:** 20  
**Total Cost:** \$87.18  
**Account Rep:** Hilary August  
**Phone #:** (231) 439-9322  
**Email:** haugust@petoskeynews.com

**Eveline Township Notice**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Eveline Township is currently working on the proposed 2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Plan. Eveline Township has opened the required 30-day public comment period on the proposed plan. The comment period will be open between November 12-December 13, 2020.  
 The draft plan is available for review and download on the homepage of the Township website at [www.evelinetownship.org](http://www.evelinetownship.org) or may be viewed at the Township Hall, 8525 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. Please direct email comments to Carrie King-Smith, at [ckingsmith@evis2.com](mailto:ckingsmith@evis2.com). Written comments may be delivered to the Township at the address referenced above.  
 The Eveline Township Board will hold a public hearing on the draft plan at their regular meeting on January 12, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall. The Township Board will consider adoption of the plan at this meeting.  
 (L-11/12)

**Payments:**

Method	Card Type	Last 4 Digits	Check	Amount
			<b>Gross:</b>	<b>\$87.18</b>
			<b>Paid Amount:</b>	<b>- \$0.00</b>
			<b>Amount Due:</b>	<b>\$87.18</b>

# Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

EVELINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Township Board of Trustees was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor John Vrondran held via audio conference call.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present – Supervisor John Vrondran, Trustees Janet Blossom and Eric Beishlag, Treasurer Ron Chapman and Clerk Sandi Whiteford. Others present, Zoning Administrator Nelson McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Passinault, Susan Vrondran, Jordan Valley EMS Director Jay Peck and Planner Carrie KlingelSmith.
3. **AGENDA:** Ms. Blossom made a motion supported by Mr. Chapman to accept the agenda as presented.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford

Nay: None

Motion Approved

4. **EMS UPDATE:** Jordan Valley EMS Director, Jay Peck, provided an overview of the meetings that have been held regarding a possible “County Wide” EMS Authority. Organizational and financial data was presented. Mr. Peck explained that the group is looking for a representative from each of the 21 entities, so that the representatives can meet and begin possible development and report information back to their respective boards. Mr. Chapman volunteered to be the representative for Eveline Township. Clerk Whiteford made a motion supported by Trustee Blossom to appoint Mr. Chapman as the representative for Eveline Township.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford

Nay: None

Motion Approved

5. **MINUTES:** Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes as written. Supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

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6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Ms. Blossom made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$24,413.61. Checks numbered 13546 through 13583, as well as an EFT payment to the IRS and State of Michigan. Motion supported by Mr. Beishlag.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vron dran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of December 31, 2020, the General Fund balance, including Huntington Bank Money Market of \$13,032.85, Charles Schwab Treasury Account of \$514,640.31 and the General Fund Checking of \$1,004,946.35 is \$1,532,619.51. Road Fund \$374,212.10, Fire and Ambulance Fund \$68,203.35, Tax Account \$979,825.44 Accounts balance with Clerk, supported by the balance sheet.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Received audit from Tobin and Co, P.C. Supervisor Vron dran stated that Shaw Road and Brock Road, paved this past summer are breaking up on the edges. He will speak to the County Road Commission again regarding a resolution to the problem.

9. **SPLIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** No meeting was requested or held

10. **ZONING REPORT:** No zoning permits were issued; 2 Green Belt applications are being reviewed.

11. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Tentative schedule for Board of Review Meetings. Organizational meeting Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:00 a.m., Appeals Meetings Monday March 8, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

12. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Continuing Master Plan Review, Recreation Plan is referred to the Board of Trustees for adoption. Mr. Beishlag explained an application for a special use permit that the Planning Commission declined as a special use as the applicant was not requesting use of outdoor areas. He asked the board to approve a refund of \$800 to the applicant.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Mr. Beishlag, Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vron dran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

13. **PUBLIC HEARING – PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN:**

**Open Public Hearing:** The public hearing was opened at 7:21 p.m. by Supervisor Vron dran.

**Information:** Trustee Beishlag presented information regarding the development of the Recreation Plan.

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**Public Comment:** Marcia Passinault expressed concern regarding page 31, Table 16 as it relates to property number 006-030-067-60 and the ability to develop the property.

Ms. Blossom stated that the Health Department performed an inspection on the donated Ridge Road property and determined that the property is not suitable for a cemetery extension due to the high ground water levels, stated in a letter dated December 14, 2020.

Susan Vrondran stated that she feels the Eveline Township Nature Area should be listed separately in the plan, and stated that it has lake access and walking trail. Also correct spelling of Bracey Road.

Terry Passinault commented regarding the property across from the Township Hall. Stating the board should shutdown plan to create cemetery and look for another property. Stated concerns regarding requirements for 10 acres needed for a split in the zoning ordinance. Stated a site plan is required. Stated that the board are servants to the residents not a dictatorship.

Marcia Passinault inquired as to page 31 action plan.

Planner Carrie Klingelsmith stated the items are suggested action items Mr. Chapman stated a correction is needed on page 25, remove the words is that. He also commended the Planning Commission and Planners on a job well done.

**Close Public Hearing:** With no further comment presented, Supervisor Vrondran closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

**Board Discussion:** Ms. Blossom also commended the Planning Commission on a job well done and the residents for attending input sessions and providing written comments and participating in the survey.

**Board Action:** Mr. Beishlag made a motion to approve Resolution 0112 of 2021 approving adoption of the Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan. Motion was supported by Mr. Chapman.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Beishlag

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

- 14. CEMETERY:** Application to extend the Ridge Road Cemetery to include the donated property has been denied by the Health Department in a letter dated December 14, 2020. Mrs. Whiteford made a motion to appoint Mr. Beishlag and Ms. Blossom to explore options for the property across from the Township Hall. Motion supported by Mr. Chapman.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Beishlag

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

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**15. NEWSLETTER:** The clerk asked that articles for the newsletter be turned in by the first of February. Ms. Blossom suggested that instead of sending a newsletter in each of the property assessment notices that the board make it available again on the website, copies at public meetings, at a pickup box outside the Township Hall and in the local libraries. Mr. Beishlag made a motion to try the suggested option this year and base future placement on feedback. Motion supported by Ms. Blossom.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Ms. Blossom, Mr. Vrondran, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Whiteford, Mr. Beishlag

Nay: None

Motion Approved.

**16. OTHER BOARD AND STAFF ISSUES:** Supervisor Vrondran stated that the Road Commission would not be holding road meetings this year due to covid19. Ms. Blossom inquired if it were possible to have the Road Commission send a letter to the board with suggestions of needed repairs and upgrades. Supervisor Vrondran will contact them. Supervisor Vrondran stated that he received a \$250 grant for paint for Star School, the paint is in his basement.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marcia Passinault inquired as to a site plan for the property across from the Township Hall and Page 18 of the Master Plan. Terry Passinault inquired as to information regarding a lit sign providing information as to Township meetings and events that Mrs. Passinault had inquired about at a previous meeting. Supervisor Vrondran stated he would look into it.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the board at 8:05 p.m. the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully,

Sandi Whiteford, Clerk

# MDNR Checklist



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

## COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

### CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

#### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

Eveline Township

Charlevoix County

January 2021

#### PLAN CONTENT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

**1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
- Current Funding Sources
- Role of Volunteers
- Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

**Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**

- Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
- Articles of Incorporation

**3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

- Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- Accessibility Assessment
- Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

**4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

**5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

# MDNR Checklist

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment
Date of the Notice <u>November 12, 2020</u>
Type of Notice <u>Northern Michigan Review</u>
Plan Location <u>www.evelinetownship.org</u>
Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) <u>Nov 12-Dec 13, 2020</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)
Date of Notice <u>November 12, 2020</u>
Name of Newspaper <u>Northern Michigan Review</u>
Date of Meeting <u>January, 12, 2021</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>8. ACTION PROGRAM</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)</b>
<b>PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION</b>
<b>APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:</b> For multi-jurisdictional plans, <b>each</b> local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body <u>dated: January 12, 2021</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Official resolution of the <u>Eveline Township Board</u> Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, <u>dated: January 12, 2021</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency <u>dated: January 13, 2021</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency <u>dated: January 13, 2021</u>
<b>OVERALL CERTIFICATION</b>
<b>NOTE:</b> For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.
<i>I hereby certify that the recreation plan for</i> <u>Eveline Township</u> <i>includes the required content, as indicated</i> <small>(Local Unit of Government)</small> <i>above and as set forth by the DNR.</i>
<u>Sandra Whiteford</u> <u>1/12/2021</u> Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**

# Resolution

**EVELINE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN**  
EVELINE TOWNSHIP,  
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the Eveline Township Board of Trustess has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2021 through 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Eveline Township has entered into this planning process and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 12, 2021 via audio conference to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan and

WHEREAS, Eveline Township has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Eveline Township and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Eveline Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Eveline Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

Yeas: Mr. Vron dran, Mr. Chapman, Ms. Blossom, Mrs. Whiteford  
Mr. Beishleg

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, Sandi Whiteford, Eveline Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Eveline Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the (12 day of January 2021.)

*Sandi Whiteford*

# Letter of Transmittal

*letter of transmittal*



Date: January 13, 2021  
From: Carrie Klingelsmith  
To: Kiersten Stark, Charlevoix County  
301 State St.  
Charlevoix, MI 49720  
Project: Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan 2021-2025



Please find enclosed an electronic format of the final adopted Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carrie Klingelsmith, CPRP, CPSI  
Project Professional  
cklingelsmith@bria2.com

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Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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Date: January 13, 2021  
From: Carrie Klingelsmith  
To: Networks Northwest  
PO BOX 506  
Traverse City, MI 49685-0506  
Project: Eveline Township Parks and Recreation Plan 2021-2025

 *initiative*

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# Post Completion Form



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

## PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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

GRANT TYPE: (Please  MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND  CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
select one)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND  
**Eveline Township**

GRANTEE: TF10-149 Acquisition

PROJECT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eveline Township Lake Charlevoix Access**

PROJECT TITLE: Acquisition of .22 acres to provide an access point and parking

PROJECT SCOPE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Agency (Grantee) <b>Eveline Township</b>	Contact Person <b>Sandi Whiteford</b>	Title <b>Clerk</b>
Address <b>08525 Ferry Road</b>	Telephone <b>231-459-4258</b>	
City, State, ZIP <b>Esat Jordan, MI 49727</b>	Email <b>evelinetwpcclerk@gmail.com</b>	

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  Yes  No  
If yes, please describe change(s).  
**A bike rack and picnic table were added.**

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

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

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.  
**There are signs indicating the park hours and rules.**

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

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
**Regular mowing and trash removal are done.**

# Post Completion Form

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

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

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

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
**dawn to dusk**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

# Post Completion Form

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

<u>SANDI WHITEFORD</u> Please print	<u>Sandi Whiteford</u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>2/23/2021</u> Date
<u>Carrie Klingel Smith</u> Please print	<u>Carrie Klingel Smith</u> Witness Signature	<u>2/23/2021</u> Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

