

STANTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY RECREATION SURVEY

Final Draft Results – Non-Resident Property Owners

September 5, 2023

Introduction

In 2022, the Stanton Township Board of Supervisors approved the preparation of a *5-Year Recreation Plan* in order to better manage recreation opportunities at Township properties and facilities. In addition, the Plan is required to apply for several different grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. A community survey is a key component in this Plan to enhance recreation opportunities for residents, property owners, and seasonal visitors to the Township.

This report provides background and final draft results for the recreation survey of *non-resident property owners* of Stanton Township, administered during July – August 2023. (Stanton Township *residents* were surveyed during March – April 2023.) The final draft results of these community surveys will be posted on the Stanton Township website for review and comment.

Questionnaire Design

Questions for the community recreation survey were prepared by the survey coordinator, in consultation with the Stanton Township Board of Supervisors, and after review of *Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans* (MDNR 2021) and other professional recreation surveys. This included a pre-test of questions with Township Board members in August – September 2022. The final version of the questionnaire was prepared with desk-top publishing software and copied to Adobe Acrobat for two-sided printing on one 8 1/2" x 11" piece of recycled paper. The questionnaire includes general questions about the respondent, several park and recreation-related questions, three questions about support for certain actions by the Township Board, and space for additional comments.

Survey Administration

The method chosen for administering the survey was a mail questionnaire delivered by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). This survey method was preferred due to the lack of reliable Internet access in many locations of the Township, and because 2020 U.S. Census data indicates that a relatively large percentage of the Township's total population are seniors (42.1% age 55 or older), many of whom may not be comfortable with responding to online questionnaires.

The mailing list for *non-resident property owners* of Stanton Township was created by comparing the 2022 voting list (residents) with the 2022 property tax list for Stanton Township. It is assumed that all such property owners are adults, age 18 or older.

The mailing envelope to the property owners included a half-page introductory statement and instructions, full-page copy of the questionnaire, and a return envelope with an attached first-class postage stamp. Actions taken to increase the survey response rate included the following:

- The mailing envelopes were hand-stamped, and embossed with color stamps of the Upper Peninsula and the words IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SURVEY ENCLOSED.
- The questionnaires were mailed to the “household” address of the property owner(s) on record with Stanton Township. A total of 305 questionnaires were mailed to 197 households.

In addition, it was hoped that “word-of-mouth” discussion of the resident survey administered during March – April 2023 would increase the response rate. Lastly, a notice was posted on the Stanton Township website on March 1 alerting residents to the community recreation survey.

The first and only mailing of the recreation questionnaire to *non-resident property owners* was completed on June 20, 2023 from the Sagola, MI Post Office to 197 households. The majority of completed questionnaires were returned by the requested deadline of July 31, 2023. **The adjusted response rate by these property owners was 35%** (69 questionnaires / 197 households). The household rate of return was calculated as 207 total mailings – 3 mailings returned by the USPS = 204 – 7 resident returns = 197 adjusted household mailings. Findings in social research commonly indicate that decision-makers can confidently generalize the results of mail surveys with return rates of at least 35% to the entire target population.

Only 1% of mailings were returned by the USPS as “Not Deliverable As Addressed; Unable to Forward.” Questionnaires returned from seven households were confirmed as residents, and were included in the recreation survey of Stanton Township residents.

Discussion of Results

An Excel worksheet was created to record the survey results, including basic formulas for analyses of data from the questionnaires. Data entry onto the Excel worksheet was completed with two people to reduce transcription error. All questionnaires were processed on a confidential basis (respondents can’t be directly identified, and individual results will not be disclosed to anyone).

Respondents were from 14 different states. Most reside within Michigan (57%), Wisconsin (14%) and Minnesota (9%). The remaining 20% of respondents were from eleven other states: Florida (3), Arizona (2), California (2), North Carolina (2), Ohio (2), Iowa, Maryland, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming. **NOTE:** About 30% of all respondents indicated a legal residence of Houghton County.

The final interpretation of results from the community recreation survey will be based on an inventory of Township recreation properties and facilities (completed in fall 2022); review of U.S. Census Bureau data, regional recreation plans, and other relevant information; and additional comments from the Township Board, residents, and property owners. After a final draft of the 5-Year Recreation Plan is completed, a public hearing will be scheduled for final public review and comment. The public hearing is required by the Michigan DNR for final approval of the Recreation Plan.

Limitations of Research

These survey results are limited to *non-resident property owners* of Stanton Township. The demographics and profiles of this population were not explored any further than the findings of this survey.

Where to Send Comments:

Comments on the final draft survey results of Stanton Township residents can be sent to Ken Vrana, Survey Coordinator, at kjvrana@mtu.edu.

Profile of Report Preparer:

Mr. Vrana is a retired MTU Professor of Practice, who specialized in outdoor recreation and tourism systems, and community outreach. His academic training (MS and ABD) in social survey and public resource management was from the Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism Resources at Michigan State University. Mr. Vrana is now engaged in selected consulting work, doing business as Maritime Heritage Consulting. His most recent consulting on a community recreation survey and 5-Year Recreation Plan was for Chassell Township in 2017-18.

Appendices

- A. Aggregate Results and Written Comments
- B. Results Broken Down by Agate Beach - Misery Bay Area

Attachment

- Copy of Stanton Township Recreation Survey Questionnaire

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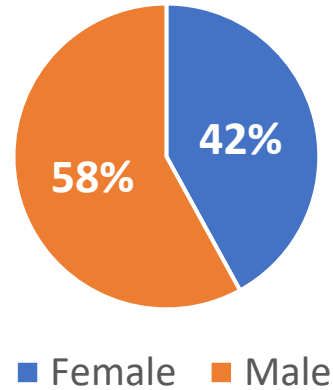
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Stanton Township Recreation Survey Non-Resident Property Owner Questionnaire

Aggregate Results

General Information

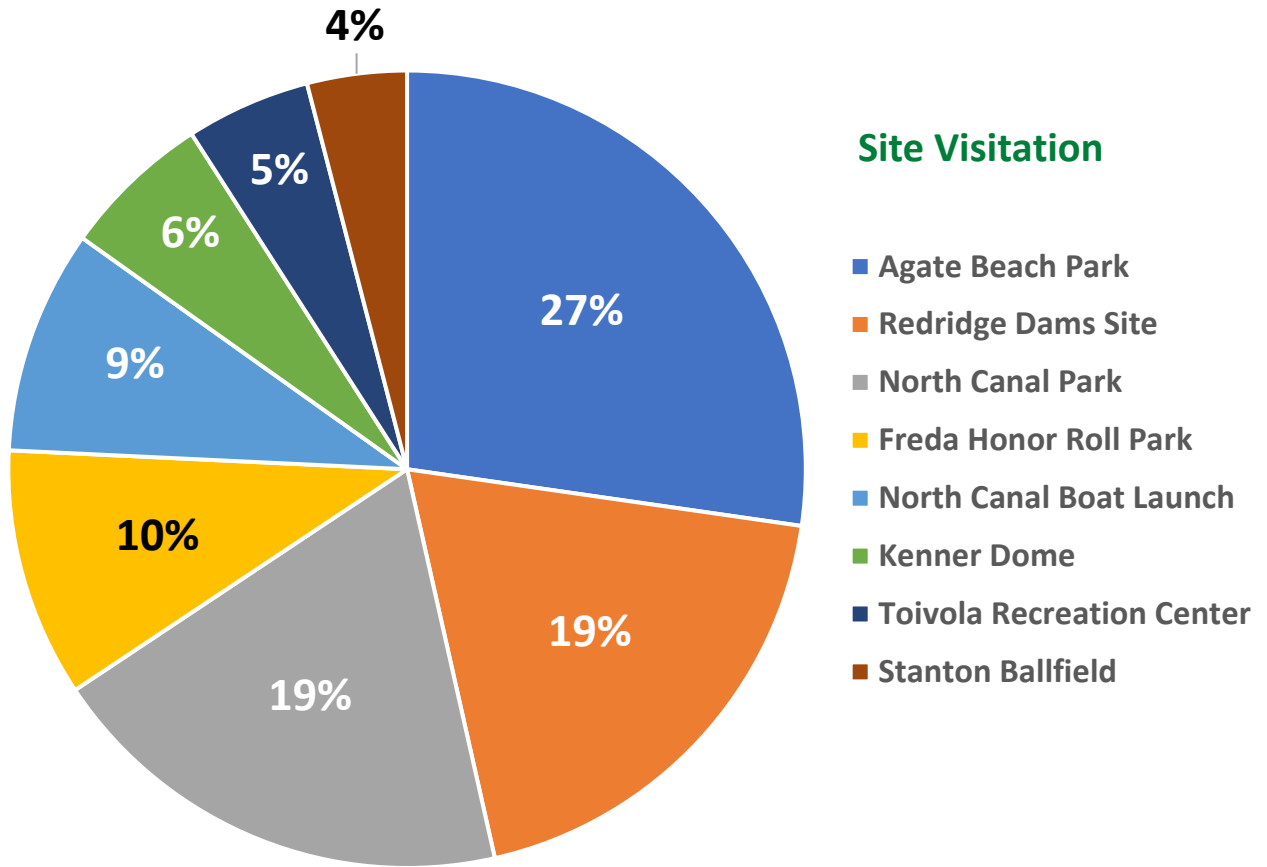
Total Number of Respondents:	90
Adjusted Return Rate:	35% (69 returns/197 households)
Average Age of Respondent:	60.6 years old
Married:	83%
Single:	17%
Head of Household:	34%
Average Size of Household:	2.7 persons



Location of Property:	
Agate Beach/Misery Bay	29%
Redridge/Beacon Hill/Freda	18%
Canal Road	16%
North Superior Road	13%
Larson/Obenhoff/Harma Rds.	2%
Coles Creek Road	2%
South Superior Road	2%
Liminga Road	1%
Rauhala/Niemi Roads	0%
Other:	16%

(Bay Shore Farm Rd, Blue Top Cabin Rd, Covered Dr, Firehall Rd, Heikkinen School Rd, Heinola Rd, Little America, Sunset Place, Superior Shores, Toivola-Beacon Hill Rd.)

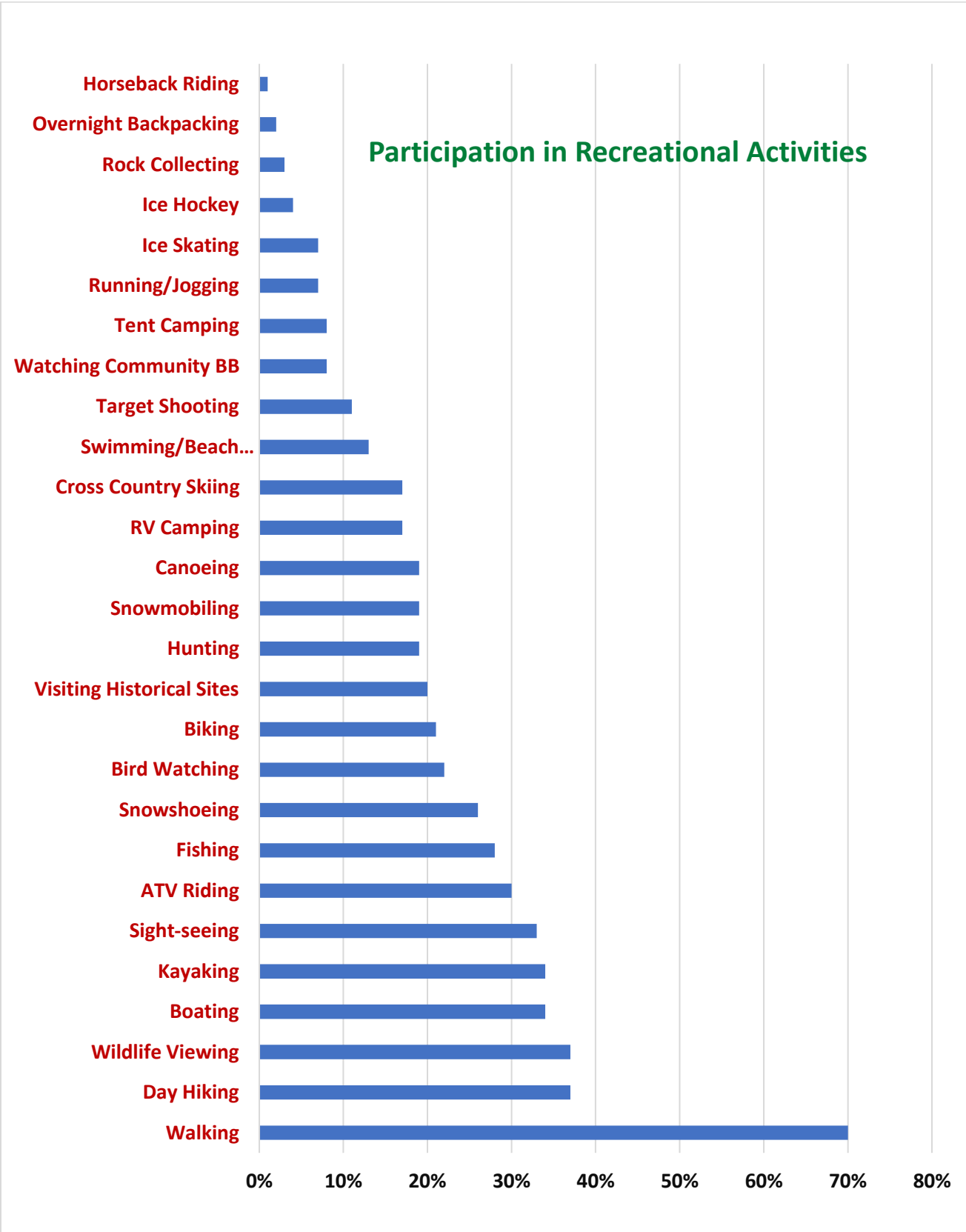
Park and Recreation Questions



Percentage of respondents who visited certain Stanton Township park and recreation sites in 2022. (NOTE: Other sites were Covered Dr, Marsin Nature Aresa, and Misery Bay (Bohemia Township, Ontonagon County))

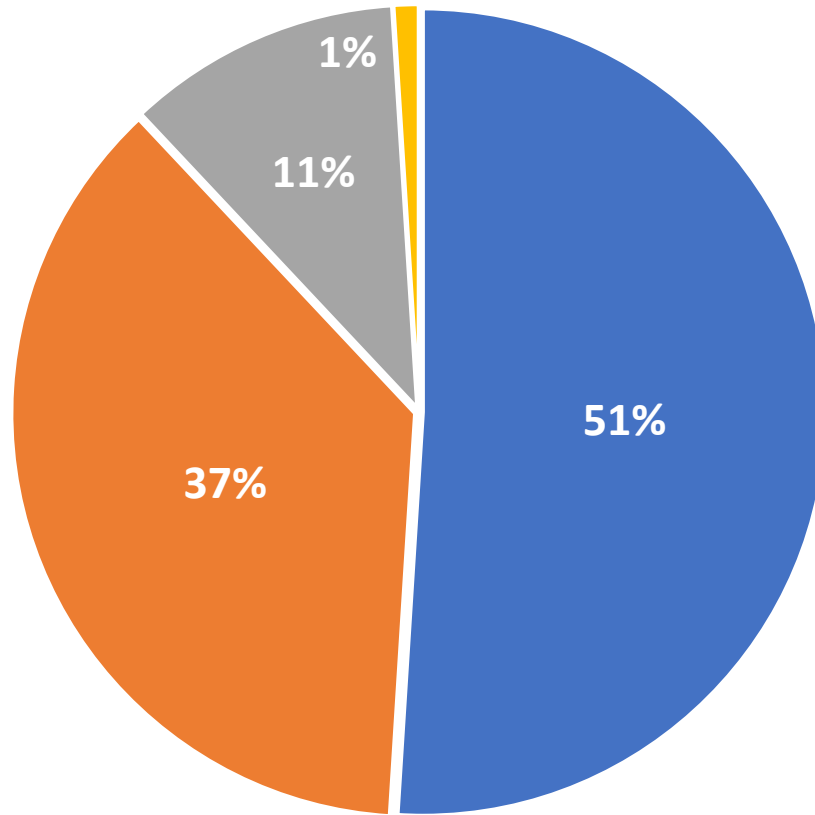
Average Annual Visits in 2022

Agate Beach Park	17.1	North Canal Park	3.6
Freda Honor Roll Park	6.8	N. Canal Boat Launch	2.8
Toivola Rec. Building	5.4	Kenner (Oskar) Dome	2.7
Redridge Dams Site	3.8	Stanton Ballfield	2.0



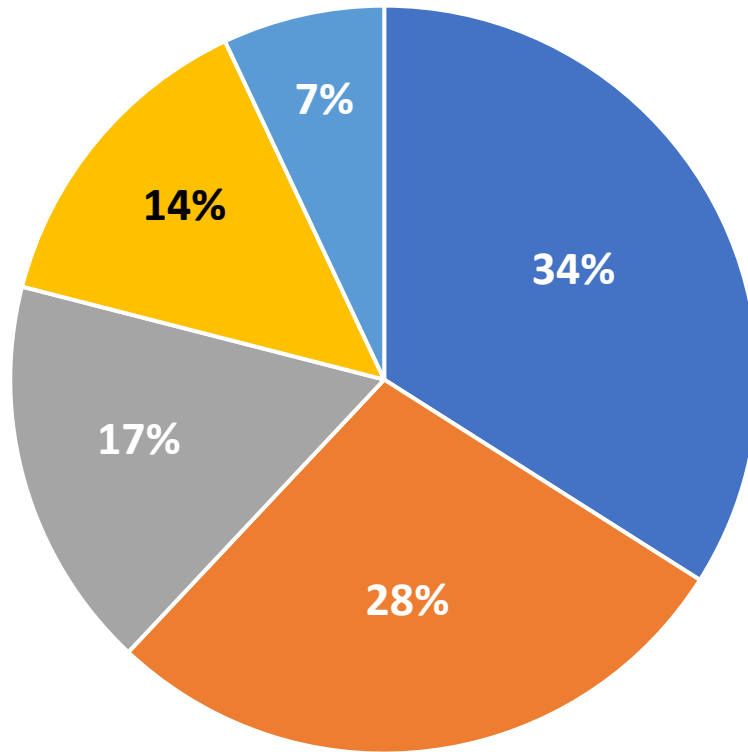
Percentage of respondents selecting recreational activities in which they participate frequently in Stanton Township.

Focus of Future Park And Recreation Development



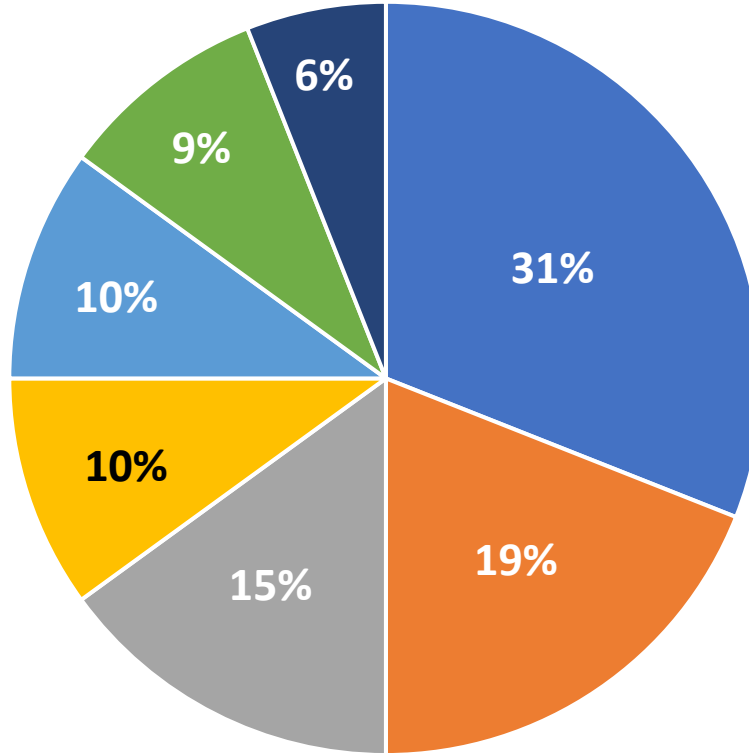
- Finding a balance between tourism opportunities and development based on community needs
- The needs of residents and property owners
- Leave things like they are - I don't favor additional development
- Attracting tourists to increase economic impact in the region

Most Important Needs for North Canal Park



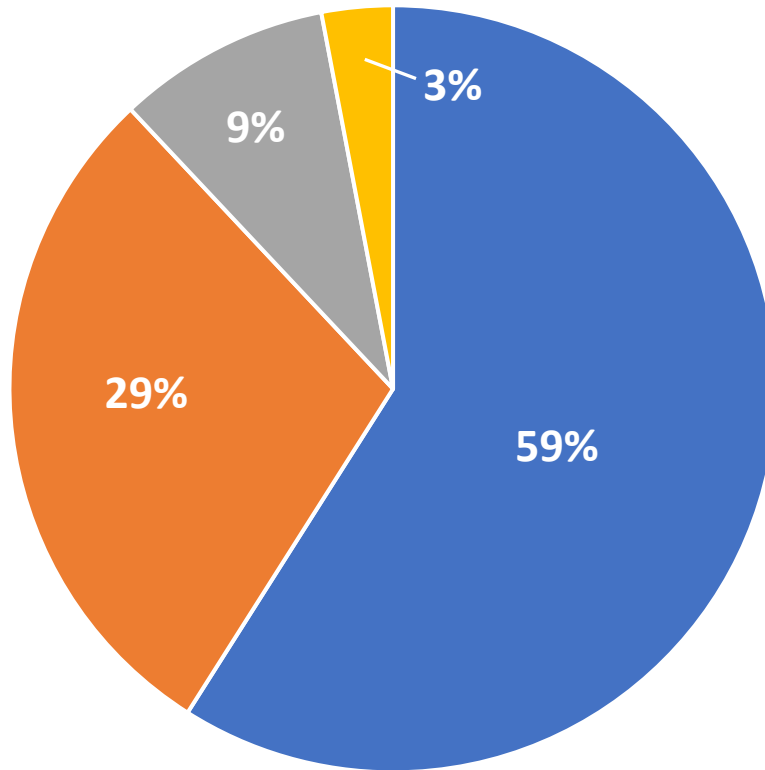
- Protection of the beach and shorelands
- Prepare a Master Plan for the North Canal property
- Re-open the North Canal Park campground
- Create a walking trail from NC boat launch to NC Park
- Pave the entry road to North Canal Park

Most Important Needs for Agate Beach Park



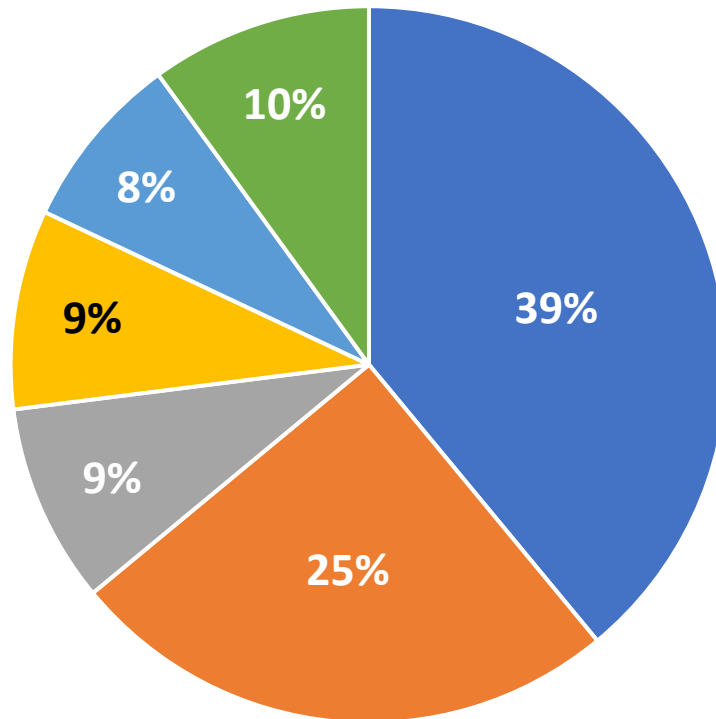
- Protection of the beach and shorelands
- Prepare a New Master Plan for the Agate Beach property
- Pave the entry road to Agate Beach Park
- Renovate the boat launch
- Renovate the kitchen, dining, and meeting buildings
- Improve the current primitive camping sites
- Other (see written comments)

Most Important Need for the Redridge Dams Site



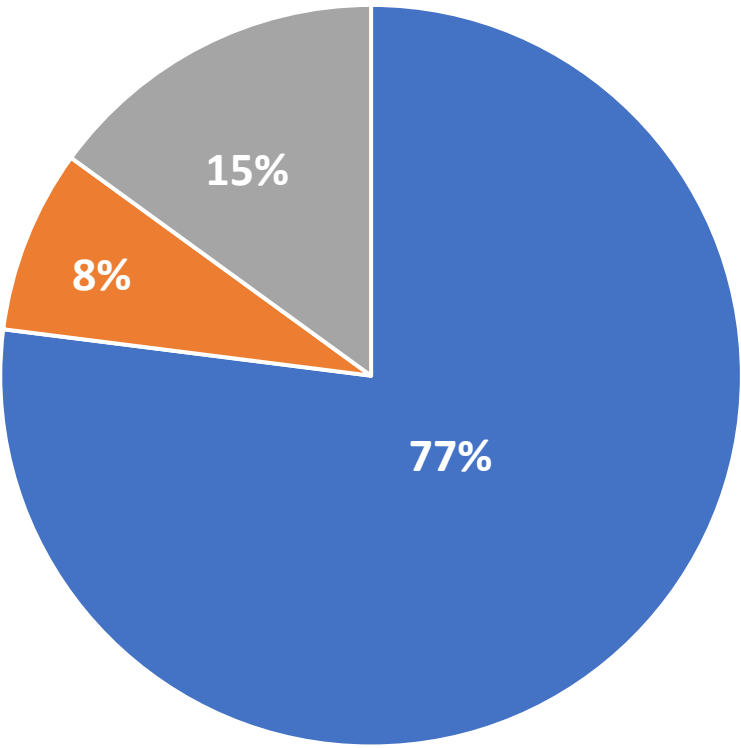
- Retain the property, resolve current dam safety issues, and prepare a Master Plan
- Transfer the Site to another governmental agency or nonprofit organization willing to assume current dam liabilities
- Sell the property to a private entity willing to assume current dam liabilities
- Other (see written comments)

Other Important Needs for Township Properties and Facilities



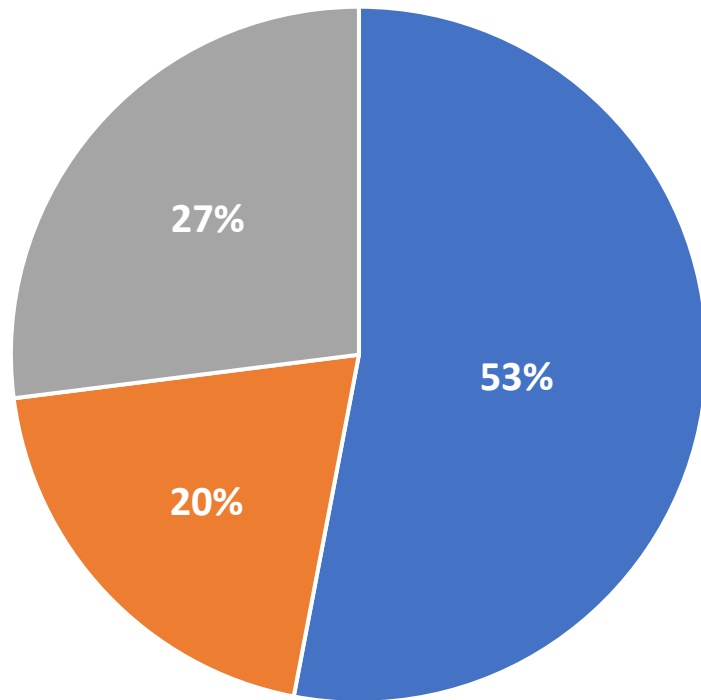
- Create a safe, public access to the Township's shorelands in Freda
- Purchase a public easement or lands for access to the mouth of the Salmon-Trout River
- Replace the asphalt floor with concrete in the Toivola Recreation Building
- Pave the road to North Canal Boat Launch
- Pave the Kenner (Oskar) Dome parking lot and entry road
- Other (see written comments)

In general, do you support more attention to the maintenance and repair of Township properties and facilities?



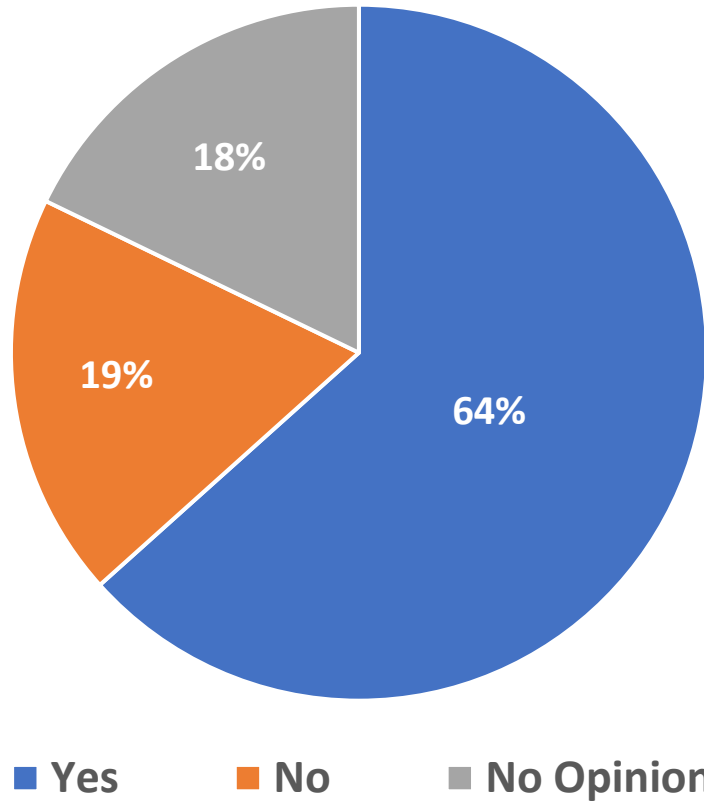
■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion

Do you support the hiring of additional staff for management of Township properties and facilities?



■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion

Do you support the creation of a Township *Park and Recreation Committee* to guide future operations and development at Township properties and facilities?



ATTACHMENT: Written Responses / Comments on Questions 7 - 14

Final Draft Results
Stanton Township Recreation Survey
Non-Resident Property Owner Questionnaire
Administered July – August 2023

Prepared by:
Ken Vrana
September 5, 2023

Stanton Township Recreation Survey
Non-Resident Property Owners
Written Responses/Comments

NCP = North Canal Park ABP = Agate Beach Park

Introduction: All of the responses/comments below were transcribed verbatim from the recreation questionnaires returned by non-resident property owners of Stanton Township during July – August 2023. They are not listed in any particular order. Clarifications are shown in square [brackets].

Question 7 (Other): *What do you consider the most important current needs for NCP?*

Create a weed and alcohol space as not to co-mingle with non-users ● Reopen restrooms and water ● No opinion ● Seems like a great tourism opportunity without negative impact on residents ● Maintain boat launch ● No idea ● Unsure - not familiar with park area ● Keep area clean (nice job!) ● Create biking paths

Question 8 (Other): *What do you consider the most important current needs for ABP?*

Hire a caretaker/maintenance to oversee ● No opinion ● CG reservation system ● Maintain boat launch ● Improve toilet facilities ● Make the beach handicap accessible ● Increase camping fee/collection ● Repair existing asphalt ● Repair existing asphalt

Question 9 (Other): *What do you consider the most important current need for the Redridge Dams Site?*

Don't know enough to make a good decision ● Keep it open to public use ● Remove the dam. This is the most important thing to do ● Allow fishing and parking from dam to L. Superior ● I am not informed enough to answer ● Re-establish the fishery ● No idea

Question 10 (Other): *What other needs do you consider important for the Township properties and facilities?*

Pavement of road -- entrance of fork to gravel ● Canal Rd. repairs by Kenner Dome - Pothole on Red Brick Rd ● Pave Canal Rd. from Coles Creek Rd. to Breakers ● NCP CG and HIRE a maintenance employee ● Return the Breakers into what it once was: *Fences down *Camping *Playground ● Either pave or put back to gravel the roads to Agate Beach ● Increase the Toivola Rec. Building parking lot ● Pave Agate Beach road ● Fix or pave Agate Beach road - it has heavy traffic ● I am not informed enough to answer ● No idea ● Fix the Freda Trail (snowmobile/ATV) ● Watersport rentals (boats, kayak, tubes, paddleboards, etc.) and relocate [Agate Beach] boat

launch to the south branch, Elm River • Watersport rentals; find a new place for a boat launch for Agate Beach Park • Repave Misery Bay Rd and Agate Beach Rd • Repave Agate Beach Rd.

Questions 11: In general, do you support more attention to the maintenance and repair of Township properties and facilities?

Not at this time

Questions 12: Do you support the hiring of additional staff for management of Township properties and facilities?

That would be lovely, but expensive • Not at this time • Can you do this with volunteers? No opinion because don't know the budget • Depends on pay and responsibilities • Depends on number now and how number would increase.

Questions 13: Do you support the creation of a Township Park and Recreation Committee to guide future operations and development at Township properties and facilities?

Yes, in an ideal world • A park and recreation committee may manage the park and property, but the responsibility should rest with the Township Supervisor (currently taxed on property in Freda and Agate Beach Rd.) • Not at this time

Question 14 (Other Comments): Lastly, what other improvements do you recommend for Township properties and facilities? This can include maintenance as well as construction.

Address the county board about future improvements to Toivola-BH Rd. Get camping opened back up at North Canal Park • Huge disconnect between what I pay in taxes and services provided. Put a road in front of the subdivision [Superior Shores?] you are counting huge taxes from • At least maintain what you have • Don't over develop properties. We don't want a bunch of visitors as it diminishes the peace and quiet of Stanton • Love the remote area • Not in favor of B&Bs on Canal Rd -- too many cars traveling down road; like to keep the remote surroundings • Roads improvement • Repairing road surfaces; enacting speed zone on Canal Rd. (especially) and Liminga Rd, and enforcing [the speed zone] • Access to Freda would be dangerous and costly. Concentrate money and labor to improve the sites we have (Misery Bay, Agate Beach, and North Canal Park). Lots of improvement is needed at North Canal Park: playground areas, picnic tables, changing areas, restrooms, walking trails, fire pits • Hire a Township maintenance person to oversee the parks and recreation locations!!! The North Canal Park should have the area maintained. Open the campground, charge fees to use to generate revenue to hire help • A local committee to oversee plans and safety issues for residents of the county • I hope the fences will be able to come down at NCP (Breakers). It doesn't feel inviting as when I was growing up with a playground and camping. We would see kids from school in the summer at the Breakers swimming, our mums sitting on the beach, playing on the playground and having a picnic. Most days a lot of people would be there for hours • Beaches that are accessible to residents and part-time residents is high on my list. I grew up going to

Freda and Beacon Hill beaches, and I always worry that all of the beaches will be private and expensive to purchase. I want my kids to have a nearby beach they can walk or bike to because we are so close to Lake Superior ● Protect the property rights of all current owners of property along lakeshore - "no trespassing," etc. ● Maintain train trestle over Salmon-Trout River for ATV and snowmobile use ● Basketball court in Toivola and North End; collaborate with Adams Township on ABP; renovate the concession stand at ABP and get vendors ● Need access up the beach from North Entry [Canal] Park. Idiot blocking with fencing ● Would like to see fence on east side of breakwater removed, or modified to allow parking closer to water at NCP ● We are so glad and thankful that we own property along shores of Lake Superior in Stanton Township and for all the wonderful people we have met from Freda through Redridge and area ● Toivola's Agate Beach hall and concession stand needs a septic tank for their kitchen ● Continuous road improvement and repairs ● Fix Agate Beach road ● You won't get any real money from tourism, only Houghton area will -- watch what you spend our money on ● Access to water at Agate Beach could be improved ● Maintain what you have, be sure you can maintain what you build. Thanks ● Thanks for Agate Beach child playground! ● Nighttime security for Agate Beach. People dig huge holes in the sand dunes, driving and camping on the sand dunes in increasing shore erosion. The Agate Beach playground is a great addition! Thank you ● Help facilitate with the MDNR the re-opening of the Freda Loop snowmobile/ATV trails ● Help the MDNR re-open the Freda Loop snowmobile/ATV trails ● Garbage removal at Redridge Dam ● Need better Lake Superior access in the Redridge-Freda area. Nowhere to access beach, walk dog, launch kayak, etc., without repelling down a cliff ● I would really like to see a Township resident beach access area for swimming, picnicking, walking, launch kayak! [Redridge - Freda area] ● Time to re-tar Superior Rd ● Updated bath house with toilets and showers at Agate Beach; and maintenance of fallen trees along beach; sell snacks, food, drinks at Toivola recreation building ● Updated bath house at Agate Beach Park; sell food and snacks and drinks at ABP; and clean-up fallen trees on the beach areas ● Pavement to Agate Beach Park ● Paving to Agate Beach! ● More control of 4-wheelers speeding and causing interruptions in family doings on Agate Beach and Old Rink Rd.

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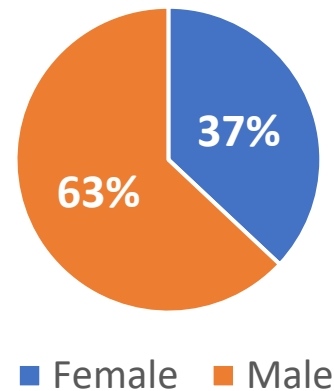
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Stanton Township Recreation Survey Non-Resident Property Owner Questionnaire

Aggregate Results – Agate Beach / Misery Bay Area

General Information

Total Number of Respondents:	27
Adjusted Return Rate:	N/A
Average Age of Respondent:	61.5 years old
Married:	77%
Single:	23%
Head of Household:	26%
Average Size of Household:	3.0 persons



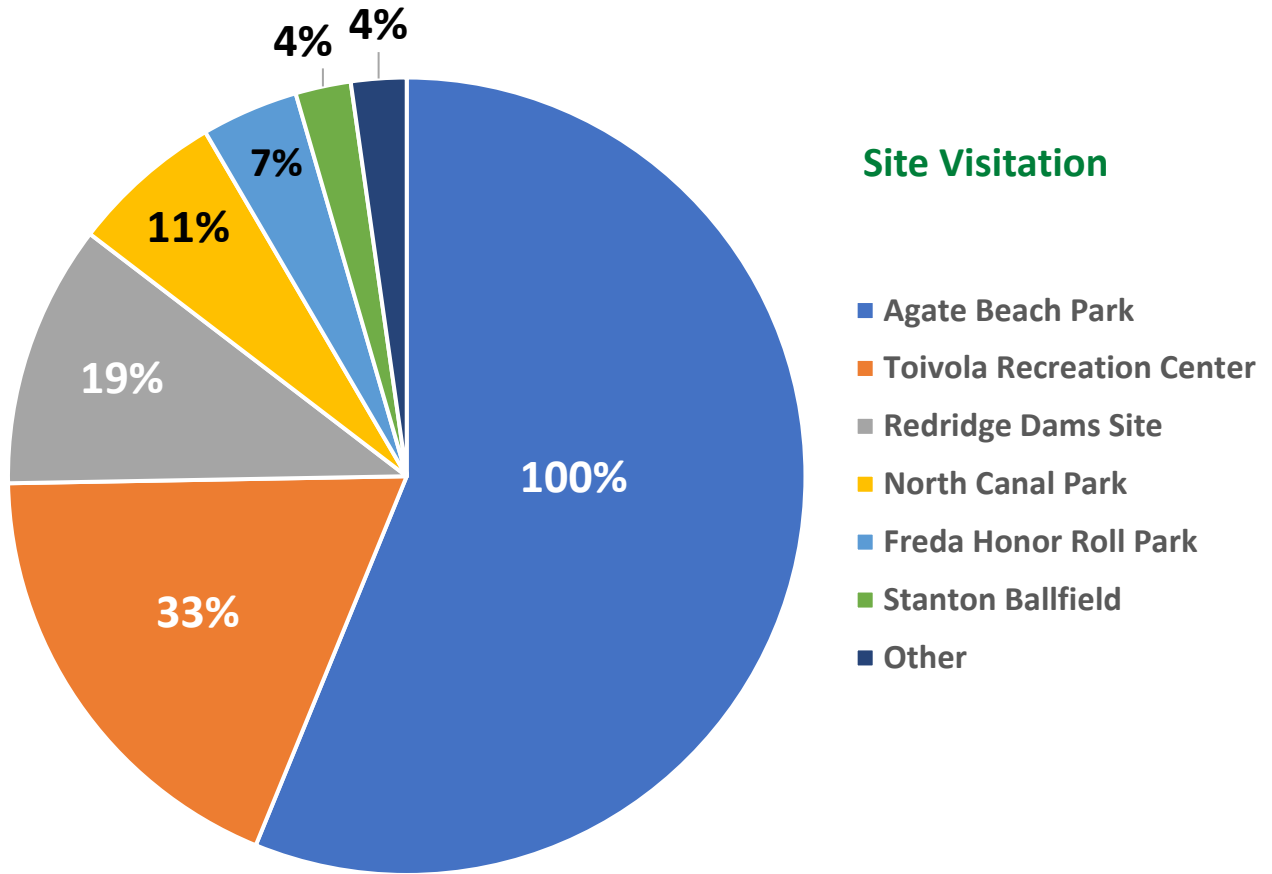
Location of Property:

For these analyses, the general results of the non-resident survey were broken down to respondents who selected the Agate Beach - Misery Bay Area as the location of their property in Stanton Township. A total of 21 households (27 persons) from this Area returned at least one completed questionnaire. This is 30% of all non-resident households that responded to the survey.

Legal Residences:

The legal residences of respondents were Michigan (41%), Minnesota (11%), and eight other states (48%) (Arizona, California, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).

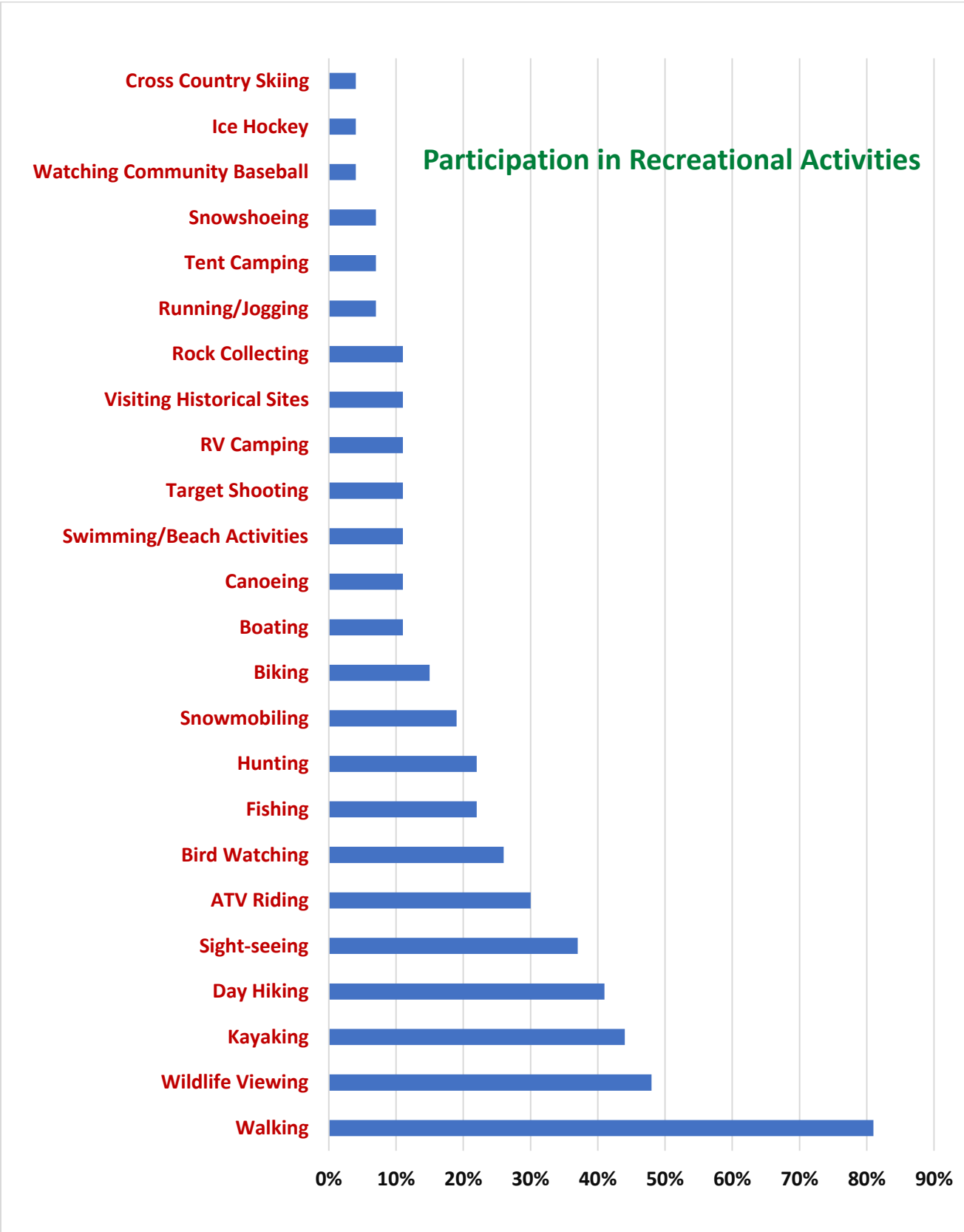
Park and Recreation Questions



Percentage of respondents who visited certain Stanton Township park and recreation sites in 2022. NOTE: All 27 respondents visited Agate Beach Park, and 89% (24/27) indicated they use this Park “the most for recreation.”

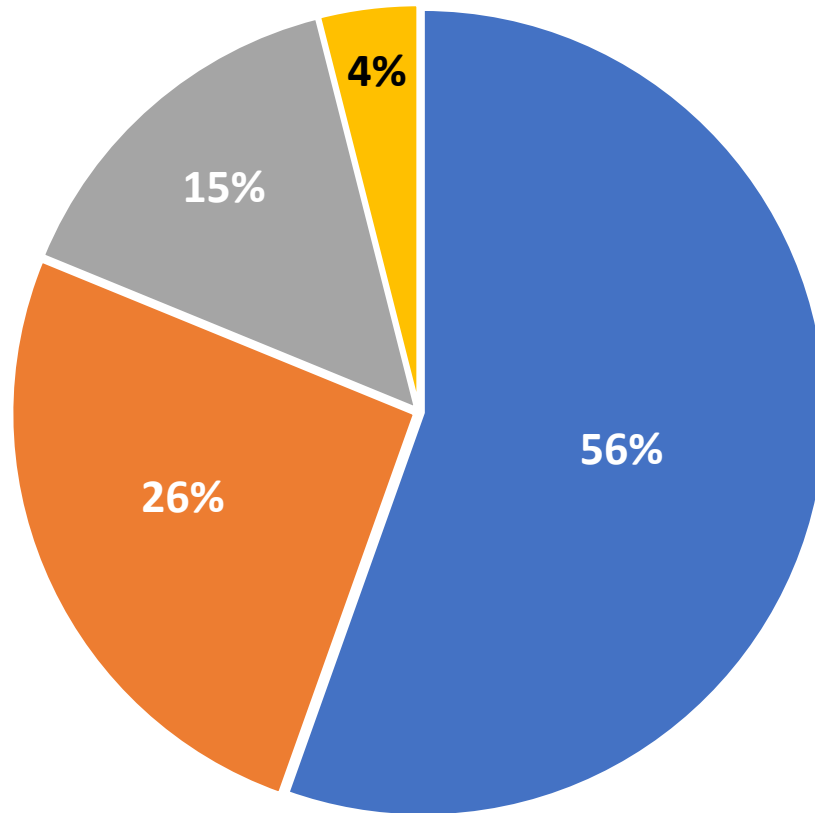
Average Annual Visits in 2022

Agate Beach Park	30.7	Stanton Ballfield	3.0
Toivola Rec. Center	6.0	North Canal Park	2.0
Redridge Dams Site	3.3		



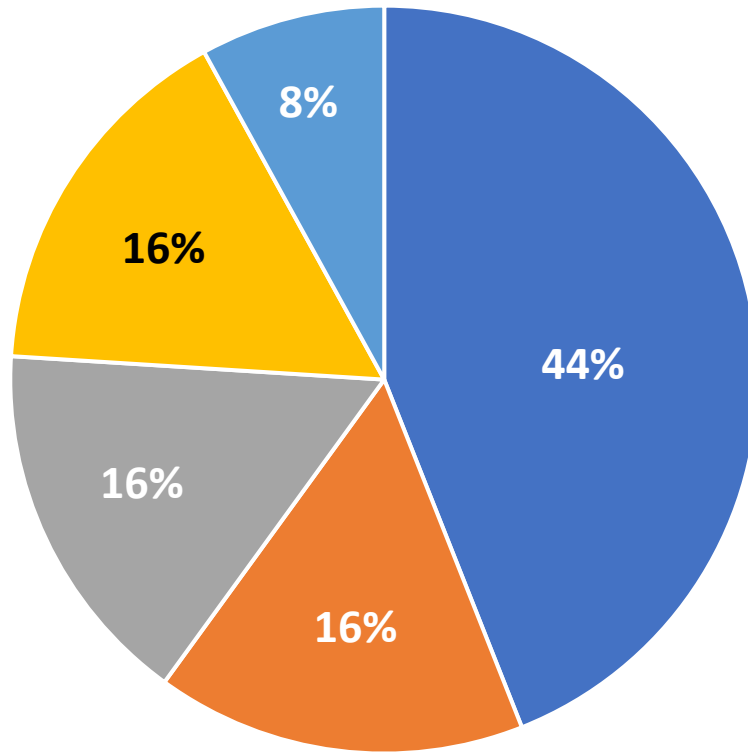
Percentage of respondents selecting recreational activities in which they participate frequently in Stanton Township (also see end note).

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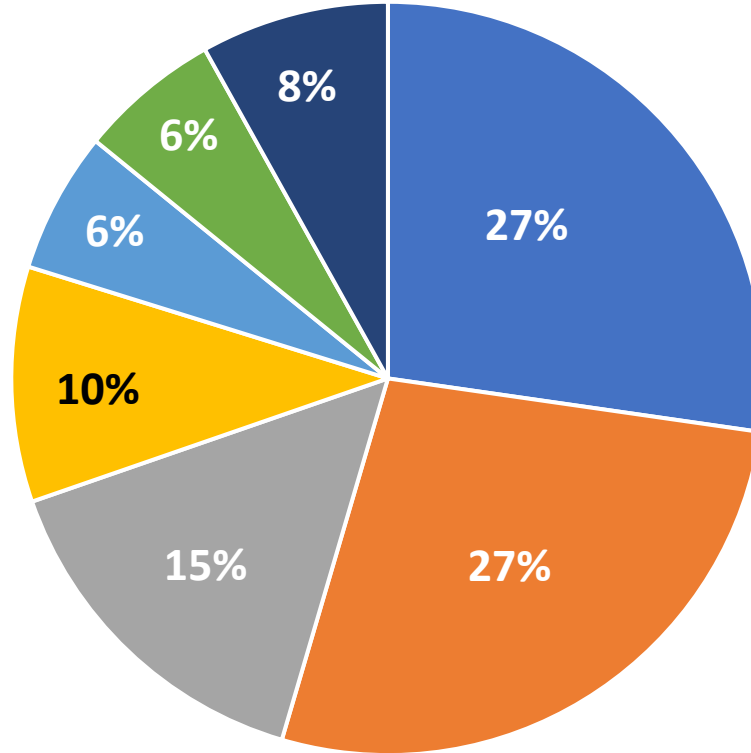
- Finding a balance between tourism opportunities and development based on community needs
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Most Important Needs for North Canal Park



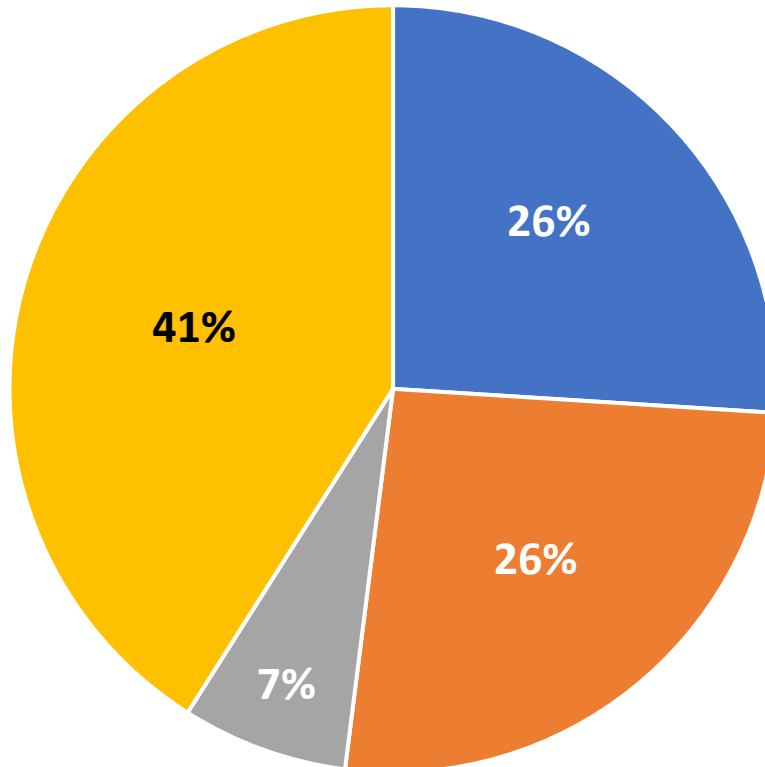
- Protection of the beach and shorelands
- Prepare a Master Plan for the North Canal property
- Re-open the North Canal Park campground
- Create a walking trail from NC boat launch to NC Park
- Pave the entry road to North Canal Park

Most Important Needs for Agate Beach Park



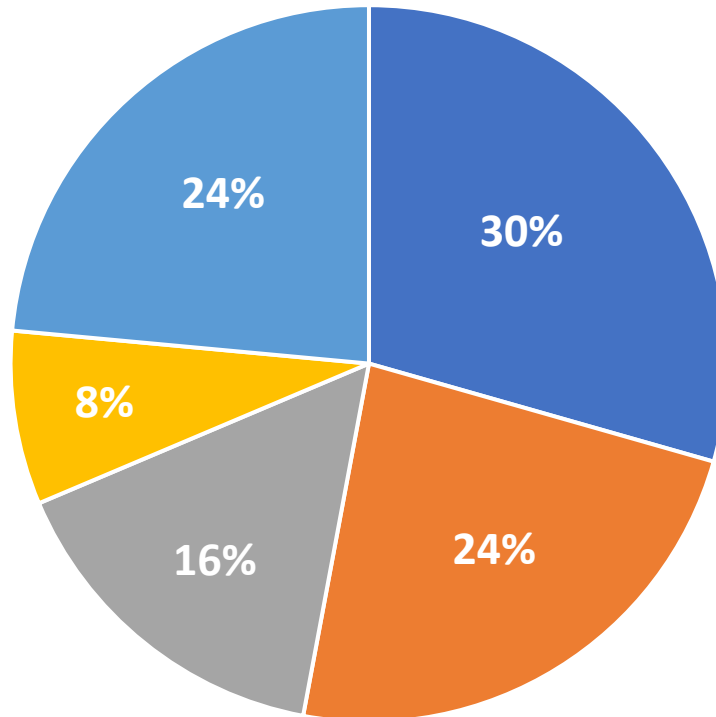
- Protection of the beach and shorelands
- Pave the entry road to Agate Beach Park
- Renovate the kitchen, dining, and meeting buildings
- Renovate the boat launch
- Improve the current primitive camping sites
- Prepare a New Master Plan for the Agate Beach property
- Other - see comments

Most Important Need for the Redridge Dams Site



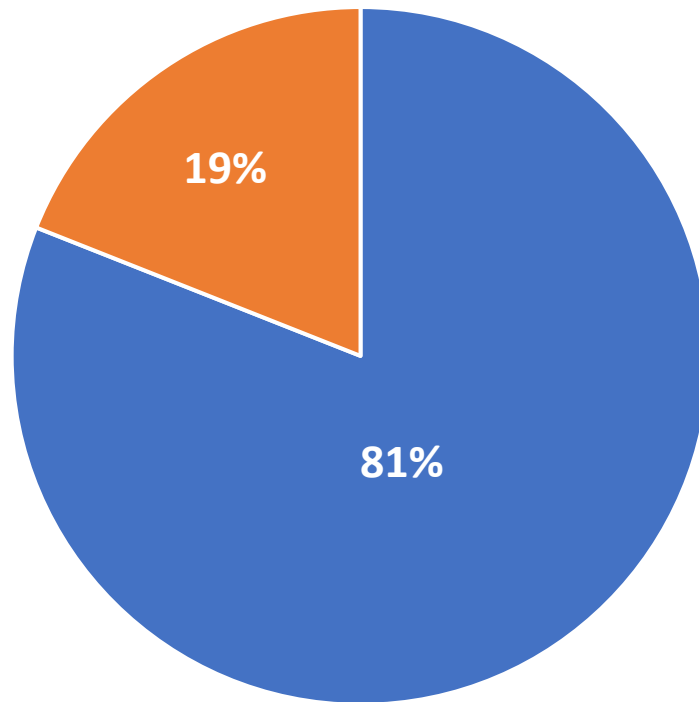
- Retain the property, resolve current dam safety issues, and prepare a Master Plan
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- Sell the property to a private entity willing to assume current dam liabilities
- No response provided

Other Important Needs for Township Properties and Facilities



- Create a safe, public access to the Township's shorelands in Freda
- Replace the asphalt floor with concrete in the Toivola Recreation Building
- Purchase a public easement or lands for access to the mouth of the Salmon-Trout River
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- Other - see comments

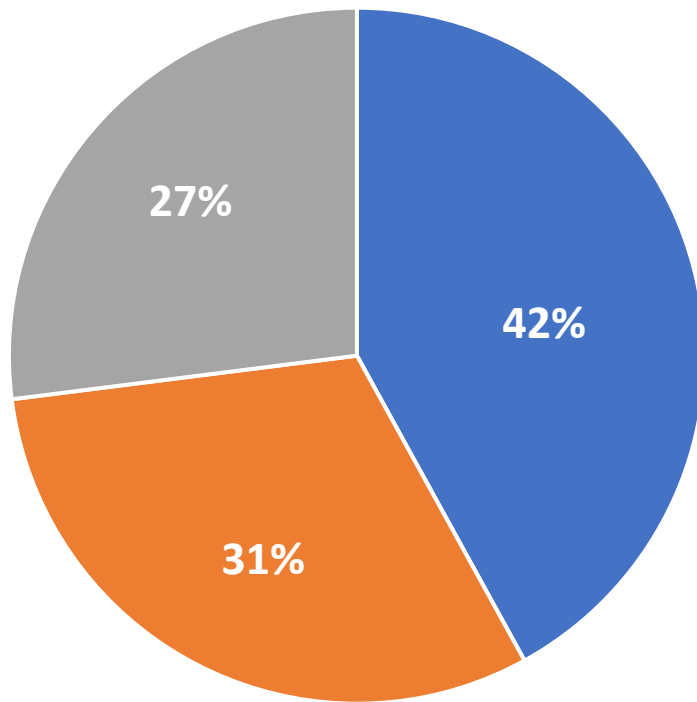
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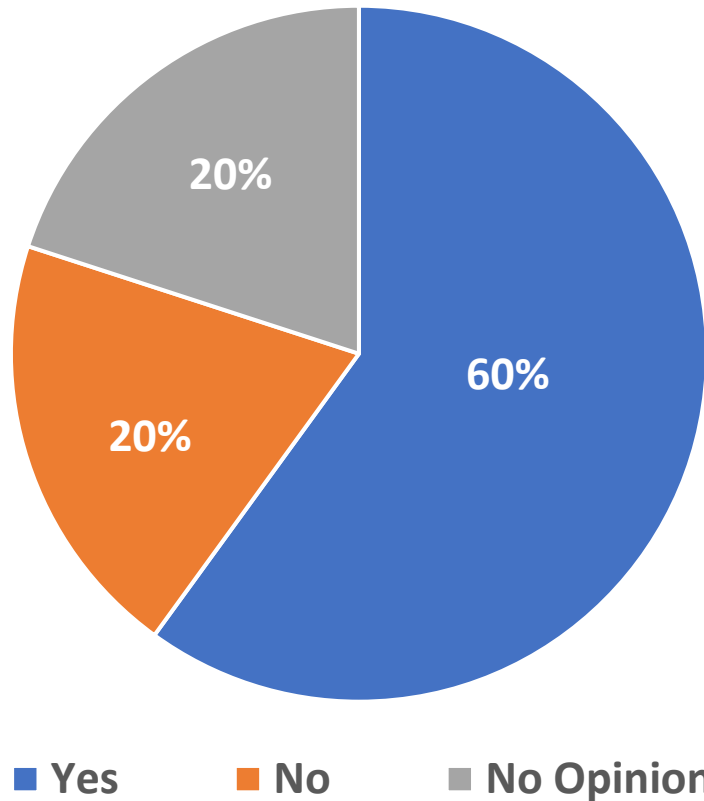
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Do you support the hiring of additional staff for management of Township properties and facilities?



■ Yes ■ No ■ No Opinion

Do you support the creation of a Township *Park and Recreation Committee* to guide future operations and development at Township properties and facilities?



Written Comments:

The following comments were transcribed verbatim from the recreation questionnaires returned by non-resident property owners of the Agate Beach – Misery Bay Area. The comments are not listed in any particular order.

Question 8 (Other):

- Make the beach handicap accessible
- Increase camping fee/collection
- Repair existing asphalt
- Repair existing asphalt

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At least maintain what you have • A park and recreation committee may manage the park and property, but the responsibility should rest with the Township Supervisor • Protect the property rights of all current owners of property along lakeshore - "no trespassing," etc. • Basketball court in Toivola and North End • Collaborate with Adams Township on ABP • Renovate the concession stand at ABP and get vendors • Toivola's Agate Beach hall and concession stand needs a septic tank for their kitchen • Continuous road improvement and repairs • Fix Agate Beach road • You won't get any real money from tourism, only Houghton area will -- watch what you spend our money on • Thanks for Agate Beach child playground! • Nighttime security for Agate Beach. People digging huge holes in the sand dunes, driving and camping on the sand dunes is increasing shore erosion. The Agate Beach playground is a great addition! Thank you • Updated bath house with toilets and showers at Agate Beach, and maintenance of fallen trees along beach • Sell snacks, food, drinks at Toivola recreation building • Updated bath house at Agate Beach Park • Sell food and snacks and drinks at ABP, and clean-up fallen trees on the beach areas • Pavement to Agate Beach Park • Paving to Agate Beach! • More control of 4-wheelers speeding and causing interruptions in family doings on Agate Beach and Old Rink Rd.

End Note – Recreation Activities

Walking was identified by 56% (15/27) of respondents as an outdoor recreation activity they **most often** participated in Stanton Township. In turn, kayaking was identified by 26%; wildlife viewing by 22%; day hiking by 19%; and sight-seeing by 15% of respondents.

Final Draft Results

Stanton Township Recreation Survey

Non-Resident Property Owner Questionnaire

Administered July – August 2023

Prepared by:

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September 5, 2023

Stanton Township Community Recreation Survey

Please complete and return by **July 31, 2023**

A pre-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

General Information

Please check all the following that apply to you, or write-in your answer:

Age _____

Male _____

Female _____

Single _____

Married _____

Head of Household _____

Family Member _____

Number of Persons in the Household _____

Are you a *non-resident property owner* in Stanton Township, Michigan? IF YES, please write the City and State of your legal residence here: _____

In addition, please place a "X" after the general location of your property below:

Canal Road _____ Liminga Road _____ Larson/Obenhoff/Harma Roads _____ South Superior Road _____

North Superior Road _____ Coles Creek Road _____ Rauhala/Niemi Roads _____

Redridge/Beacon Hill/Freda Locations _____ Agate Beach/Misery Bay Area _____

Other _____

NOTE: If you are a Stanton Township **resident**, please place a "R" after the general location of your legal residence.

Park and Recreation Questions

For questions 1 - 3, please refer to the Township property listing below.

1. What Township property do you use ***the most*** for recreation? (Please write "**#1**" in the space to the left of the property name.)
2. What other Township properties do you also use? (Please ***check*** the space to the left of ***any*** properties that apply).
3. In the space to the right of the Township properties you identified in 1. and 2., please write the ***number of times*** you visited these properties ***in 2022*** for purposes of recreation. (We don't need exact numbers, just your "best guess.")

_____ Agate Beach Park _____

_____ Toivola Recreation Building _____

_____ North Canal Park _____

_____ North Canal Boat Launch _____

_____ Kenner (Oskar) Dome _____

_____ Stanton Ballfield _____

_____ Redridge Dams Site _____

_____ Freda Honor-Roll Park _____

_____ Other _____

For questions 4 - 5, please refer to the listing of recreation activities below.

4. What ***three*** outdoor recreational ***activities*** do you ***most often*** participate in Stanton Township? (Please write a "**#1**" in the space to the left of ***three*** different activities.)

5. What other recreational activities do you participate ***frequently*** in Stanton Township? (Please ***check*** the space to the left of ***any*** activities that apply.)

_____ Walking _____ Running/Jogging _____ Day Hiking _____ Biking _____ ATV Riding _____ Boating _____ Canoeing

_____ Kayaking _____ Overnight Backpacking _____ Tent Camping _____ RV Camping _____ Fishing _____ Hunting

_____ Target Shooting _____ Horseback Riding _____ Pickleball _____ Sight-seeing _____ Wildlife Viewing

_____ Bird Watching _____ Snowmobiling _____ Cross-country Skiing _____ Snowshoeing _____ Ice Hockey

_____ Ice Skating _____ Visiting Historical Sites _____ Watching Community Baseball _____ Other _____

6. What should be the focus of future park and recreation development by Stanton Township? **(Select One)**
 Attracting tourists to increase economic impact in the region. The needs of residents and property owners.
 Finding a balance between tourism opportunities and development based on community needs.
 Leave things like they are - I don't favor additional development.

7. What do you consider the **most important current needs** for North Canal Township Park? **(Select Two)**
 Re-open the North Canal Park Campground. Pave the entry road to North Canal Park.
 Create a walking trail from the North Canal boat launch to the North Canal Park.
 Prepare a Master Plan for the North Canal property (Park area and associated lands).
 Protection of the beach and shorelands. Other _____

8. What do you consider the **most important current needs** for Agate Beach Township Park? **(Select Two)**
 Renovate the boat launch. Improve the current primitive camping sites.
 Renovate the kitchen, dining, and meeting buildings. Pave the entry road to Agate Beach Park.
 Prepare a *New* Master Plan for the Agate Beach property (Park area and associated lands).
 Protection of the beach and shorelands. Other _____

9. What do you consider the **most important current need** for the Township's Redridge Dams Site? **(Select One)**
Note: The Redridge Dams are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
 Retain the property, resolve current dam safety issues, and prepare a Master Plan for the Site.
 Transfer the Redridge Dams Site to another governmental agency or nonprofit organization willing to assume current dam liabilities.
 Sell the property to a private entity willing to assume current dam liabilities.
 Other _____

10. What other needs do you consider important for the Township properties and facilities? **(Select Two)**
 Purchase a public easement or lands for access to the mouth of the Salmon-Trout River.
 Create a safe, public access to the Township's Lake Superior shorelands in Freda.
 Replace the asphalt floor with concrete in the Toivola Recreation Building.
 Pave the Kenner (Oskar) Dome parking lot and entry road. Pave the road to North Canal Boat Launch.
 Other _____

11. In general, do you support more attention to the maintenance and repair of Township properties and facilities?
Yes No No Opinion

12. Do you support additional staff for management of Township properties and facilities?
Yes No No Opinion

13. Do you support the creation of a Township *Park and Recreation Committee* to guide future operations and development at Township properties and facilities?
Yes No No Opinion

14. Lastly, what other improvements do you recommend for Township properties and facilities? This can include maintenance as well as construction. **Write your comments below or attach another piece of paper.**
