

# Five Year Community Recreation Plan

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## Village of Elk Rapids

### Parks & Recreation Commission



The Community Recreation Plan guides the future development of recreational opportunities within the Village of Elk Rapids as well as the continuing enhancement of recreational amenities. It provides a concise description of the Village's plans and policies for current and future recreation.

This plan expires on December 31, 2022.

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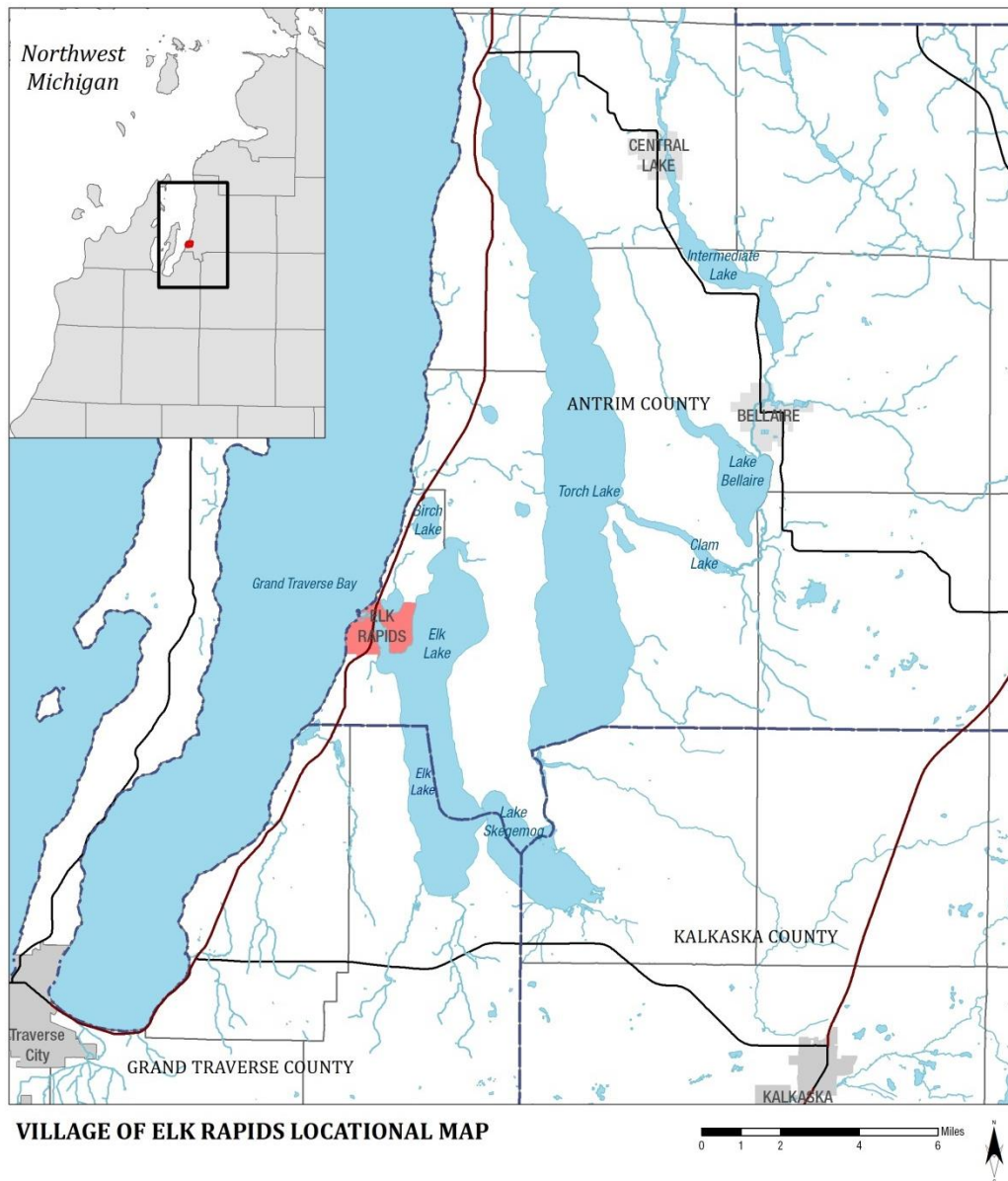
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# 2018 Community Recreation Plan

The Village of Elk Rapids, nestled in a 2.0 square mile area located Antrim County in the northwest region of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, values recreation as a key aspect of Village life and development. Boating, kayaking, swimming and fishing are just a few activities that Elk Rapids offers. Residents and visitors alike can also walk, run, bike or sunbathe on sandy beaches, picnic by Grand Traverse Bay or listen to music in the park.

The Community Recreation Plan guides the future development of recreational opportunities within the Village of Elk Rapids as well as the continuing enhancement of recreational amenities, and it provides a concise description of the Village's plans and policies for current and future recreation. The Plan has been developed with respect to the Coordinated Master Plan of the Village of Elk Rapids and Elk Rapids Township and will be incorporated into it.





# Chapter 1: Community Description

Located in a 500 square mile watershed where the beautiful chain of inland lakes flows into Grand Traverse Bay, Elk Rapids is a charming place to live, work and also enjoy our bountiful, available recreation.

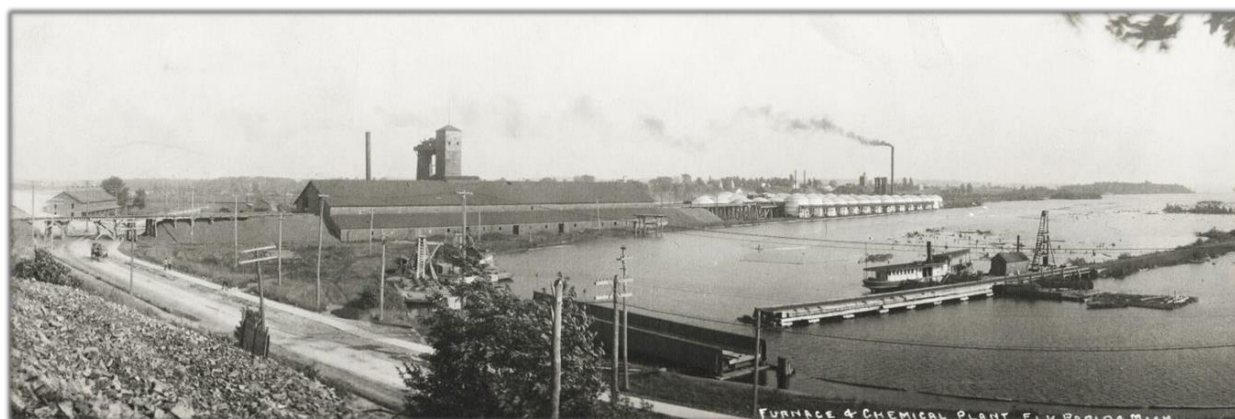
## History of Elk Rapids

Native Americans have hunted and fished the Grand Traverse region for thousands of years, perhaps as many as 10,000, before white settlers appeared. The waters of Grand Traverse Bay, Elk River and the 14 lakes of the Antrim County Chain of Lakes had been the home of the Anishnaabek people as far back as 8,000 B.C. The sand dunes along the west shore of Bass Lake in Elk Rapids was home to the local Native Americans for decades. (Sources: Elk Rapids Sesquicentennial Scrapbook, 1998 and Elk Rapids – the first 100 Years by Glenn Ruggles with Glenn Neumann).

The Village of Elk Rapids had its beginnings in the 1840s when surveyor Abram S. Wadsworth built a cabin in the area and became the first permanent non-native settler. In the spring of 1852 he laid out the village of Stevens, which in 1858 became the town of Elk Rapids, the first in Antrim County.

Soon others followed and, in the 1860s, Moulton Caw constructed the first sawmill at the mouth of Elk River. Later, Wirt Dexter and Henry Noble bought the saw mill from Caw, and established the Dexter and Noble Company. The company's first order of business was lumbering, which flourished in the later part of the 1800s. Dexter and Noble also owned a flour mill, company store, chemical works, and the enormous Elk Rapids Iron Company that stood along the banks of the river. Dexter and Noble also built a huge dock extending into the Bay that was used by ships from all of the Great Lakes to deliver iron ore and supplies as well as ship out lumber and pig iron.

In 1866 a courthouse was built on Ottawa Street and Elk Rapids served as the county seat until moved to the more centrally located Bellaire in 1879.



**Old Elk Rapids**

Courtesy of Glenn Neumann

Hydropower has been an intrinsic part of the Village's economic life since the very beginning. The first water powered saw mill was installed in the early 1850s on the site of the current powerhouse's bypass spillway. By 1871, the Elk Rapids Iron Company had also constructed a water powered, four-story grist mill and wooden powerhouse at that site. The saw mill went through a number of rebuilds and upgrades before being relocated to the site of the current powerhouse. The mill, grist mill and wooden powerhouse were razed in 1915 as the supply of Northern Michigan White pine became exhausted and, in 1916, were replaced with the lower level of the present dam/ powerhouse structure. In 1929-1930, the current, more elaborate building was built. At the time, the turbines in the four bays provided a total of 1,845 horsepower.

However, by the time the County acquired the site from Consumers Power Company in 1967, the hydroelectric plant had been decommissioned and all generation equipment, save for the turbines, had been removed. When the oil shocks of the 1970s led the country to look for alternate sources of energy, Antrim County decided to put the powerhouse back on line. The current plant began generating electricity in 1984.



The dam plays an essential role in maintaining the natural features and recreational opportunities that make the Village of Elk Rapids so unique. The local tourism-based economy has, for all practical purposes, grown up around the dam and the water levels the dam has maintained for Elk and Skegemog Lakes since the mid-nineteenth century. If the dam were removed, the lakes' water levels would fall. Most riparian homes would suddenly be anywhere from 50 feet to hundreds of yards away from the lakeshore. The channels between all the lakes below the Bellaire Dam, which currently allow

navigation between the lakes, would become impassable rapids. None of the existing marinas would be able to operate in their current locations and boaters would be unable to reach any of the commercial districts around the lakes. To maintain any recreation on the lakes, a massive infrastructure investment would be required. By acting as a barrier to invasive species migrating from Lake Michigan into the Chain of Lakes, the dam also preserves the lakes' fisheries.

With the arrival of invasive species in the Great Lakes, this function has become even more indispensable. The Village was delighted when Antrim County restarted hydropower generation at the dam for it allows the facility to be partly self-sufficient, maintaining the foundations of the Village's economy and those of the surrounding communities at reduced cost. The County has demonstrated its commitment to relicense the dam and renovate it, making it a permanent presence in our Community. Antrim County has completed a \$250,000 restoration and repair project, using historic photos as a guide to restore the original appearance.

Once all the trees in the area were cut, the lumbering era began to fade and soon afterward Dexter and Noble closed the iron works. With its industrial base gone, Elk Rapids nearly became a ghost town during the first few decades of the 20th century. Tourism gradually became the major source of the village's

economy and continued to grow during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The 1980s saw an increase in the permanent population as many people decided to move to the area and make it their home.

School enrollment grew during this period and an elementary school was constructed in nearby Williamsburg. In addition, existing elementary and middle schools were expanded to serve a growing enrollment. The high school was built in Elk Rapids in 1970 and an elementary school in Williamsburg in 1990.

The Edward C. Grace Memorial Harbor has been a Village project for over 50 years. It was expanded twice during the late 1980s. This modern facility is one of the largest and most popular on Grand Traverse Bay. In 2012, courtesy floating docks and 22 boat slips were added in the Upper Harbor.

The Elk Rapids Township Hall, built in 1883, is undergoing a complete rehabilitation as it rapidly evolves into a thriving community center. The hall is one of only fourteen flat-floored opera houses remaining in the United States. Rare features found in this magnificent structure are its tin ceiling, raked stage and the historic stage curtain, now a digital replica of the original. The Historic Elk Rapids Town Hall Association is the managing agent for this ongoing rehabilitation.

## Population and Age

Age	Number	% of population
Under 5 years	39	2.5%
5 to 9 years	69	4.5%
10 to 14 years	74	4.8%
15 to 19 years	70	4.5%
20 to 24 years	59	3.8%
25 to 34 years	112	7.3%
35 to 44 years	115	7.5%
45 to 54 years	168	10.9%
55 to 59 years	131	8.5%
60 to 64 years	144	9.3%
65 to 74 years	317	20.6%
75 to 84 years	169	11.0%
85 years and over	74	4.8%
<b>Total population</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The estimated 2016 population in the Village of Elk Rapids is 1,614. (*U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, 2016 Annual Estimates of the Resident Population*). However, as a popular vacation destination with many amenities that make it a high-quality place to live, this number swells in the summer months with the influx of seasonal residents and tourists.

Prior to 2000, the Village and the surrounding region experienced significant growth. However, these growth rates were altered as the region contended with the challenges of the recession. Between 2000-2010, many communities in the state lost population. Northwest Michigan continued to grow, but at a much slower rate. While the population increased by 2% County-wide, the Village of Elk Rapids' population declined by 3.4%. Many residents and their families left the area to find employment opportunities elsewhere, reflected by a 38% decline in individuals aged 35-44 in the Village.

Because this age group is most likely to be part of a

household with children at home, the Village also experienced a decline in all age groups under 19 years. During this same period, 2000-2010, all age cohorts over 55 years experienced significant growth. Although some of this growth reflects natural age increases as the Baby Boomers begin to reach retirement age, this growth can also be accounted for by new residents that moved to the area following retirement. (*U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and 2010 Census*)

The median age in the Village jumped almost 10 years during this time, from 43.4 to 52.4 years in 2010. The currently median age is estimated at 58.1 years for the Village, which is above the County average of 54.8, and almost twenty years over the state average of 39.5. (*U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*)

In discussing the population for the Village of Elk Rapids, it is important to note that these numbers do not reflect the actual number of persons in the area during the summer months. This situation can be seen throughout much of northern Michigan. A 2014 Northwest Michigan Seasonal Population Analysis found that Antrim County's population grows by over 15,000 people during the summer months, which is the highest percentage of population that is seasonal in the 10-county region of Northwest Michigan. The large influx of seasonal residents has a tremendous impact on the area's economy, and also on its recreation needs and opportunities. Activity at and demand for recreation facilities climbs dramatically, necessitating added maintenance by the Village for trash removal, landscaping, and other activities.

## **Transportation**

The Elk Rapids transportation network, as elsewhere in the state, is heavily focused on the automobile, but there are legacy and emerging alternatives.

### ***Non-motorized Transportation***

The Village of Elk Rapids serves as an ideal location to connect the existing trails that have been developed by the Top of Michigan Trails Council, which provides recreational trails through Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties as well as Traverse Area Recreation Trail (TART) in the Grand Traverse region. These trails provide very important safe areas for many recreational activities such as jogging and walking, skateboarding, biking, and rollerblading.

#### **Proposed Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail**

The Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail (TVC-CHX Trail) has an ambitious goal to connect these two regional trail networks, and link the communities of Traverse City, Acme, Elk Rapids, Eastport, Norwood and Charlevoix. This requires piecing (combining) together what trail users want with suitable land and road rights of ways that can support a non-motorized recreation and transportation trail. The trail will pass through beautiful scenery and provide access to parks, beaches, natural areas, communities, and other destinations along the US-31 corridor. The project builds on the vision of more than a decade of community groups working to make trail connections.

### ***Public Transit***

The only public transportation system serving the Village of Elk Rapids is the Antrim County Transportation Agency (ACT), which provides dial-a-ride service to all residents of the County. There is a semi-scheduled morning bus run between Bellaire, the Antrim County seat, and Elk Rapids.

Bus service is available in nearby Traverse City. Indian Trails Bus Company services include charters, tours, shuttles, airport transfers, casino runs as well as daily scheduled routes throughout Michigan and into Chicago, Milwaukee, and Duluth.

## ***Air***

The Traverse City Cherry Capital Airport, approximately 15 miles from Elk Rapids, provides primary air transportation for the region. Other options exist in Grand Rapids, Pellston, Manistee, MBS (Tri-cities), Lansing and Flint.

## ***Rail***

A railroad line used to terminate in Elk Rapids. However, the abandoned line is now privately owned.

## ***Streets and Highways***



Major arterials within the community include U.S. 31, River Street, Ames, Cairn Highway and North Bayshore Drive. Three bridges convey traffic over the Elk River and spillway.

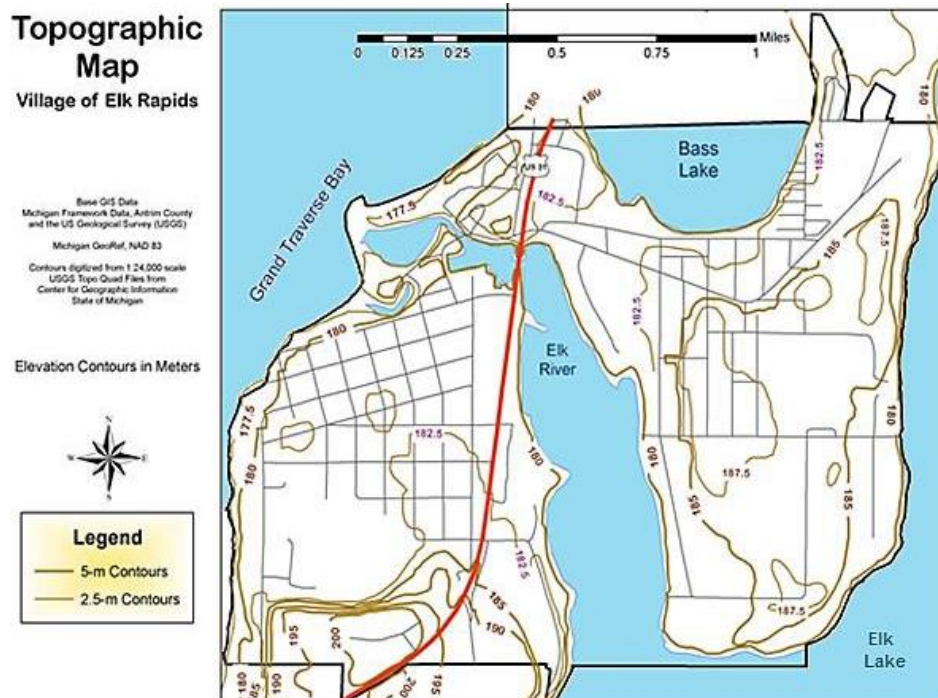
Shared-lane bicycle markers are used now on major roadways in anticipation of an extension of the existing TART non-motorized trail to, through and to the north of Elk Rapids.

## **Natural Resources**

Once famous for its clay for brickmaking and limestone for smelting, Elk Rapids now especially values its waterways and agricultural land.

## ***Topography***

The bedrock in the Village consists of Berea Sandstone, Bedford Shale and Ellsworth Shale. The surface geology of the Village is dominated by medium-textured glacial till, composed of non-sorted glacial debris, loam and silt loam texture with variable amounts of cobbles and boulders.



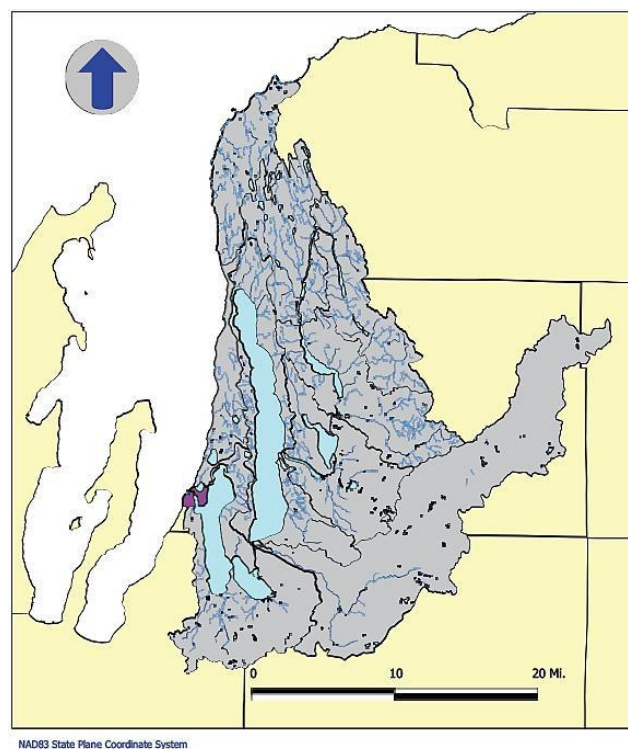


The surface geology of the Village was formed 10,000 to 12,000 years ago by glacial activity. Numerous advances and retreats by the glaciers resulted in the locally complex pattern of erosion and deposition. The drainage channels scoured by the glaciers resulted in depressions oriented linearly from the northwest to the southeast. Along the lakes the geological composition is primarily lacustrine sand and gravel. This type of sand and gravel typically occur as former beaches and near offshore deposits of the glacial Great Lakes.

The Village is located on two peninsulas bounded by Grand Traverse Bay, Elk River and Elk Lake. The topography of this area is flat to gently rolling and drains directly into Grand Traverse Bay, Elk Lake and Bass Lake, as shown in the Topographic Map that follows. The only major area of topographic relief is a slight escarpment where the topography elevates approximately 40 feet in the southern part of the west side of the Village. The contours on the topographic map were digitized from the USGS quadrangle sheets available in GIS format from the State of Michigan Center for Geographical Information.

### ***Hydrological Features***

Elk Rapids has some of the finest water resources in the world, both on and below the ground. The 2013 Elk Rapids Collaborative Master Plan reflects the importance of water quality to area residents. The Plan's goals and objectives for the Village support the protection of both surface and groundwaters.



**Watershed Map**

### **Surface Water**

One of the greatest attractions for the residents and visitors to Elk Rapids is the area's natural environment, most notably the surface water resources. The Elk River serves as the outlet for the Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed, which covers approximately 503 square miles in the counties of Antrim,

Charlevoix, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska. Except for the dams at Elk Rapids and Lake Bellaire, the Chain of Lakes is navigable by small craft.

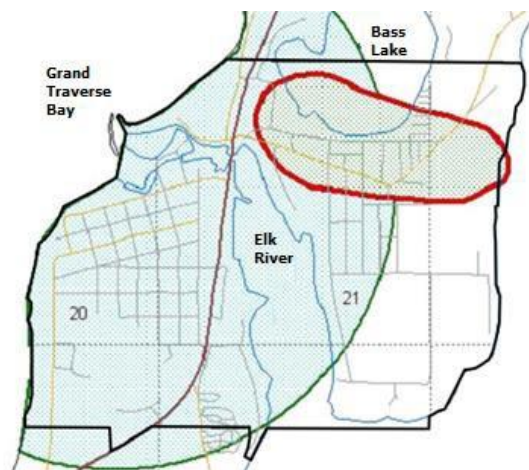
Within the Village there are 1.6 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and nearly seven miles of frontage on inland lakes and rivers. These lakes, rivers and their associated streams and creeks offer scenic and recreational amenities to Village residents and visitors.

Elk Lake and Bass Lake are part of an ongoing comprehensive lake monitoring program being conducted by the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. Visit <https://www.watershedcouncil.org/cwqm.html> for the results of the most recent data collection.

## Groundwater

The entire Village relies on groundwater for drinking water, either from the municipal wells for those served by the municipal water system or from individual wells where municipal water is not available. The 'Aquifer Vulnerability to Surface Contamination in Michigan' map, prepared by the Center for Remote Sensing and Department of Geography at Michigan State University, reveals that the Village is located in an area where the vulnerability of drinking water aquifers to surface contamination is high. This is because of the presence of highly permeable soils over highly sensitive drift lithology (layers of clay and permeable sands and gravels). Due to this aquifer vulnerability, wellhead protection measures have been put in place for the municipal water wells.

Lakes, creeks and wetlands are important for surface drainage, groundwater recharge and wildlife habitat. The well recharge area for the two municipal wells in Elk Rapids is shown below. Note that the third municipal water well located near the Department of Public Works has a well-defined recharge area that is indicated by the oval-shaped segment, encompassing mainly the Ames Street commercial corridor, the residential area to the south of Bass Lake, the southern end of Bass Lake and extending across part of the Elk Rapids Golf Course to Elk Lake. By comparison, the municipal water well, located at the Veteran's Memorial Park in close proximity to the shoreline of Grand Traverse Bay, has a less-defined recharge area by a radius of approximately one mile encircling the well area. Alterations to the watershed features in these and other areas can contribute to flooding, poor water quality, and loss of valuable wildlife habitat.

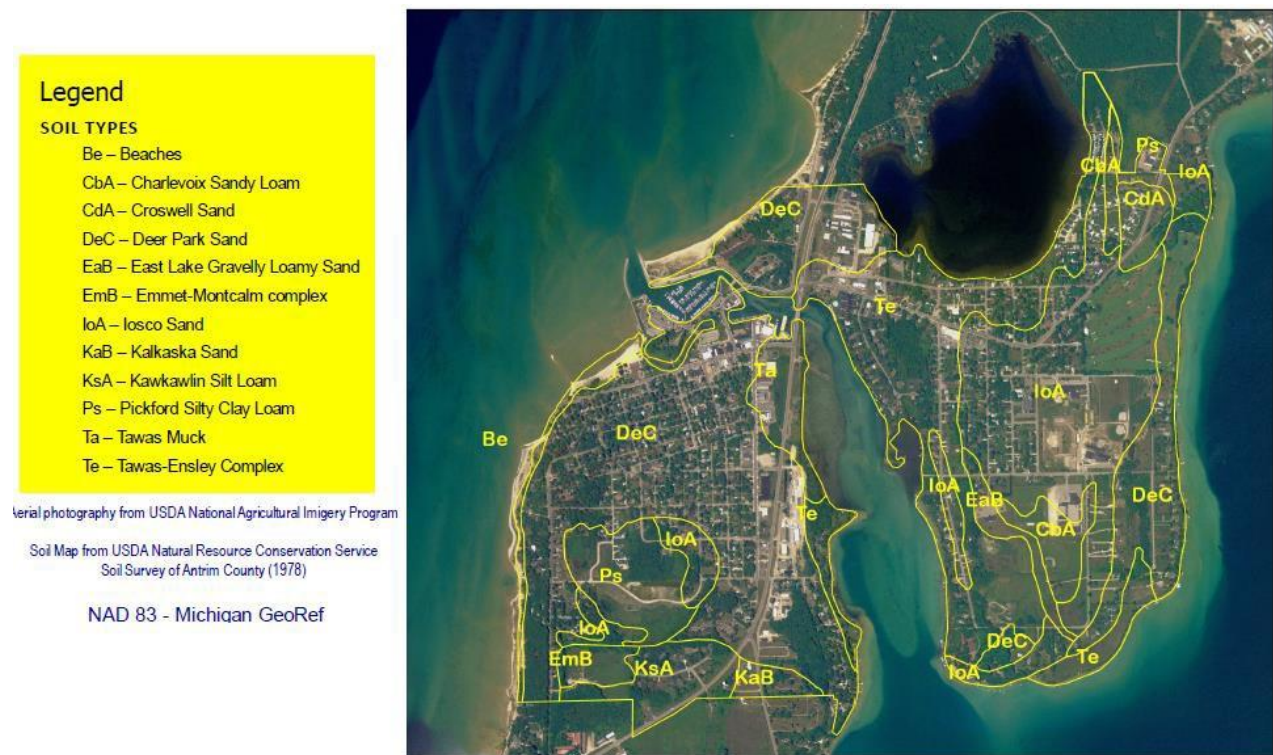


**Groundwater Recharge Area**



## Soils and Vegetation

The distribution of soil types throughout the Village, as compiled by the US Natural Resource Conservation Service in 1978 in the Soil Survey of Antrim County, Michigan is shown below. This soil map shows pre-development soil conditions. Since the map was developed, some of the areas with wetland soils have since been dredged, filled, and built upon. Deer Park Sand (DeC) is the most pervasive soil type in the Village. This soil type is well drained and typically located on gently sloping landforms. All soil associations found in the Village are described below. The general soil map for Antrim County shows twelve different associations found in the Village of Elk Rapids. While the soil association information presented here can be used as a general guide for management of large, undeveloped tracts of land, it should not be used for development of specific sites.



**Soils Map**

### Soil Map Legend

The following legend describes the soil types shown above.

Be - **Beaches**: Nearly level and gently sloping consisting of loose sandy and stony lake beaches and strands of sand extending inland.

CbA - **Charlevoix Sandy Loam**: Nearly level and gentle slopes up to 4%, somewhat poorly drained soils in upland depressions.

CdA - **Crosswell Sand**: Nearly level to gently sloping, moderately well drained lowland soils.

DeC - **Deer Park Sand**: Gently sloping to moderately steep slopes (up to 20%), excessively drained soils on ridges adjacent to Lake Michigan.

**DrC – Deer Park-Roscommon complex:** Gently sloping to moderately steep (0 to 20 percent slopes), excessively drained Deer Park soils on ridges, and nearly level poorly drained and very poorly drained Roscommon soils in swales between the ridges on the plains adjacent to Lake Michigan.

**EaB - East Lake Gravelly Loamy Sand:** Nearly level to gently sloping up to 6%, somewhat excessively drained soils in the form of terraces or ridgelike topography adjacent to level areas.

**EmB - Emmet -Moncalm Complex:** Gentle to moderate slopes of 3 to 12%, well drained and moderately well drained soils, generally located on tops of hills or mounds.

**IoA - Iosco Sand:** Nearly level to gently sloping, up to 4%, somewhat poorly drained soil in upland depressions.

**KaB - Kalkaska Sand:** Nearly level to gently sloping, up to 6%, somewhat excessively drained soil located on upland plains.

**KsA - Kawkawlin Silt Loam:** Nearly level to gentle slope up to 3%, somewhat poorly drained soil located in upland depressions.

**Ps - Pickford Silty Clay Loam:** Nearly level poorly drained soil, located in depressions and along waterways, subject to frequent flooding. Limitations: This soil association is classified as a wetland soil with severe septic and construction limitations.

**Ro – Roscommon Mucky Sand:** Nearly level, poorly drained and very poorly drained soil in lowlands, in depressions and adjacent to bogs and waterways, subject to frequent flooding.

**Ta - Tawas Muck:** Nearly level, poorly drained organic soils located in lowlands and subject to flooding. Limitations: This soil association is classified as a wetland soil (unless previously drained), with severe septic and construction limitations.

**Te - Tawas-Ensley Complex:** Nearly level, poorly drained soils located in swamps and drainage ways and subject to flooding.

Some high water table conditions do exist, especially in the lower areas of the Village. A small percentage of the total Village area consists of hydric (wetland) soil (unless previously drained).

Vegetation in the Elk Rapids area includes mixed hardwoods and conifer forest. Wetland areas are home to lowland cedar swamps, and marshlands. Northern Michigan boasts excellent soil for fruit crops, which can be seen surrounding this area.

## ***Fish and Wildlife***



Walleye, trout, northern pike, perch, bass, black crappie, muskellunge, whitefish, northern pike, and bluegill are species found in Bass Lake, Elk Lake, and the Elk River. Sixty-nine different species of fish have been identified in the Chain-of-Lakes

Watershed by the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. The Elk River Chain of Lakes fishery management strategy includes stocking and periodic surveying of fish populations. Brown trout, steelhead, and various species of salmon are found in Grand Traverse Bay. The Michigan Department of Resources has identified the Elk Rapids bay area as a key spawning ground for Cisco Whitefish. Many of the current recreational areas in the Village of Elk Rapids cater to recreational fishermen. Examples are the Dam Beach and Fishing Park as well as Kids Pond.

Habitat for populations of songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, muskrat, mink, and raccoon are provided by the wetlands and lakeshores within the Village. The predominant mammal species found in the Village of Elk Rapids are squirrel, fox, raccoon, mink, muskrat, skunk, rabbit, and deer.

## Environmental Concerns

Environmental quality is of great concern for area residents. The *April 2005 Survey Summary Report*, approved in late 2005 and reviewed in 2012, by the Village Planning Commission, lists the following partial areas of strong consensus in environmental issues:

### *Areas of Consensus on Environmental Issues*

- Protect lake water quality.
- Protect scenic views of the water.
- Protect groundwater quality to preserve the quality of well water.
- Protect air quality.
- Protect safe biking along streets.
- Very important that Elk Rapids work on new image policies to preserve the scenic view areas in the Village.
- Agreed or strongly agreed that Elk Rapids should work on new environmental/growth management policies to develop comprehensive protective measures for properties and waterways adjacent to construction sites during construction of any building.
- Protect the informal lifestyle and slow pace of life.
- Protect the island library and bridge.
- Protect strict traffic speed control on all streets in the Village.
- Protect groundwater quality.
- Protect locally owned family business.
- Protect recreational opportunities in Village harbors and parks, such as tennis courts, playgrounds, and so on.
- Protect tree-lined streets. Agreed or strongly agrees that Elk Rapids should develop additional combination bicycle paths and roller blade paths.
- Agreed or strongly agreed that Elk Rapids should work on new environmental/growth management policies to engage in joint efforts with surrounding counties and townships for developing zoning regulations that offer more protection to our shorelines.
- Protect noise control, especially in residential areas next to commercial areas.
- Agreed or strongly agreed that Elk Rapids should work on new image policies to require all new development to hook up to Village sewer and water systems.
- Protect wetlands and natural areas.
- Agreed or strongly agreed that Elk Rapids should work on new image policies to create a walking community by connecting and extending sidewalks throughout the east and west sides of the Village
- Agreed or strongly agreed that Elk Rapids should develop additional bicycle lanes on or adjacent to roads
- Agreed or strongly agreed that Elk Rapids should work on new environmental/growth policies to raise private funds to create bicycle and walking pathways around the Village (similar to Charlevoix/Petoskey area).
- Very important that the Village should work on new image policies to preserve historic buildings.

Any planning, zoning, or operational issues that the community faces now or in the future should take these areas into consideration, because each of them has very strong community support.

## **Climate**

Elk Rapids is located just south of the 45th parallel, midway between the North Pole and the equator, so it has four distinct seasons.

- Spring erupts in millions of cherry and apple blossoms.
- Summer has warm temperatures that are perfect for boating, swimming, golf and many other recreational activities.
- Autumn lingers as trees turn color and lose their leaves later than further inland.
- The average annual snowfall is 151.2 inches for Antrim County (*Source: Antrim County Road Commission*)

### ***Average Temperatures***

#### ***Average July temperatures:***

Average High: 85 degrees F

Average Low: 65 degrees F

Average Median: 75 degrees F

#### ***Average January temperatures:***

Average High: 34 degrees F

Average Low: 18 degrees F

Average Median: 25.99 degrees F

*Source: Midwest Regional Climate Center*

### ***Climate Change***

Although the causes of global warming are disputed, climate change in northwest lower Michigan is taking place nonetheless. Average temperatures are rising, the frequency of severe storms is increasing.

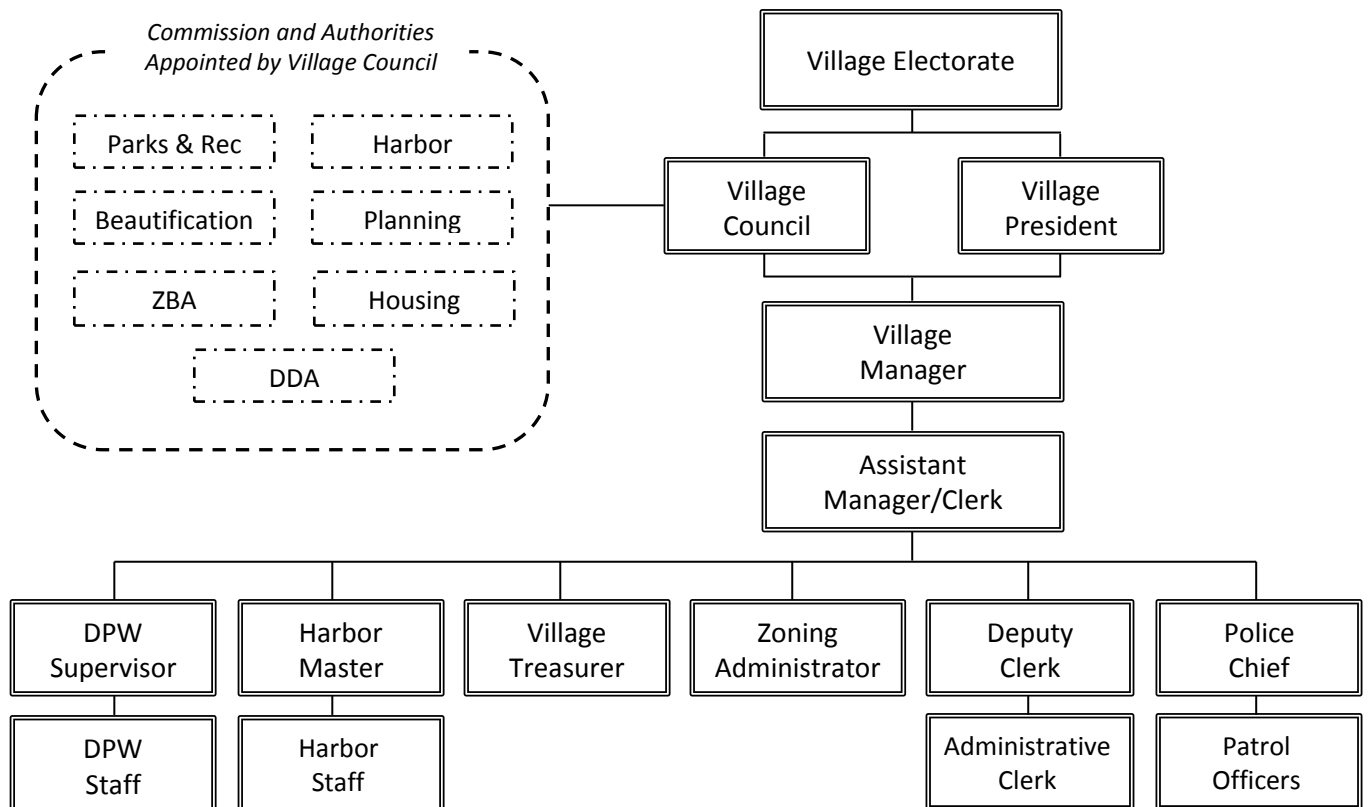
## **Zoning**

The Village of Elk Rapids is a fully zoned community. The Planning Commission sets the zoning districts, and the Village Zoning Administrator administers and enforces the zoning districts. Appeals against the Zoning Administrator's determinations can be made to the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. Please refer to the Village Coordinated Master Plan or Village Web site for the latest zoning information.

# Chapter 2: Administrative Structure

## Village Organization

The Elk Rapids Village Council has ultimate authority over the development and management of recreational facilities within the Village. The organization of the Village is shown in below.



Appointed commissions and authorities related to parks and recreation include the Parks & Recreation Commission, Harbor Commission, Beautification Commission and Downtown Development Authority. The Planning Commission reviews all recreation development proposals. Village staff members, under the Village Manager's overall direction, operate and maintain village recreational facilities. The following sections describe the roles of commissions, authorities and staff.

## Village Commissions and Authorities

All Village Commissions and Authorities act as advisors to the Village Council, which approves or disapproves all recommendations. The commissions are described in brief and collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Commission, if any, is also explained. More information is available in the Village Code of Ordinances (visit the Village website or contact the Village for the Code of Ordinances).

## ***Beautification***

The Beautification Commission works to improve the appearance of the Village by planning and implementing projects that add to the beauty of the public areas and preserve the tranquility of natural areas. The Commission was established July 17, 1978 for the purpose of creating programs that care for passive recreational sites and beautification throughout the Village. The Commission promotes activities that will benefit and promote this program by encouraging participation by clubs, societies and other community groups. The eight members of the Commission meet regularly and report to the Village Council on their activities.

## ***Downtown Development Authority***

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) engages in long-range planning in cooperation with the staff and other commissions, including Parks & Recreation, to envision future economic vibrancy of the downtown as well as prepares plans and undertakes economic improvement projects. The geographical boundaries of the current DDA include several parks in the Village. The DDA Plan lists Pedestrian Crossing and Trail systems; and other Walkable Community Improvements among the projects that might be funded. For more information, please reference the current DDA Plan.

## ***Harbor***

The Harbor Commission, under authority from the Village Council, plans, builds, operates, and maintains Edward C. Grace Memorial Harbor and the Elk River Upper Harbor. The Commission supervises the work of the Village Harbormaster who in turn supervises seasonal dockworkers at the public harbor facilities. It also reviews all village projects that may affect the streams, lakes, rivers, and shorelines within the village. The Harbor Commission makes recommendations to the Village Council regarding harbor operations and harbor projects. The Harbor Commission comprises seven members who meet monthly. The Village President appoints the members with the consent of the Village Council. One Village Council member is also appointed by the village president to sit on the Harbor Commission.

## ***Housing***

The Housing Commission is granted authority under Section 3 of the Public Act of 1933 as amended. The Commission has the following areas of interest: low-income housing; elimination of sub-standard housing; control and supervision of all parks and playgrounds forming a part of a housing development under its jurisdiction; and all other matters that involve housing, especially public or subsidized housing under its jurisdiction. One member of the commission shall be a resident of public or subsidized housing.

## ***Parks & Recreation Commission***

This Parks & Recreation Commission works in an advisory capacity regarding the development of parks and recreational programming within the Village of Elk Rapids. Its main concerns are parks, public access sites, seasonal recreational facilities and recreational activities and events. The Village President appoints the members on this commission with the consent of the Village Council. One of the members is a Village Council representative, who is also a voting member of the commission. At least four of the members of the commission shall reside within the boundaries of the Village. The Parks & Recreation Commission must meet at least six times a year and these meetings must be open to the public.

The Parks & Recreation Commission was established under Public Act 156 of 1917 in June of 1993 by Ordinance Number 223. The primary role of the commission is to make recommendations to the Village Council regarding the development and maintenance of parks. The Commission also serves as a liaison between the Village Council and community members and keeps an open line of communication with

the County and neighboring townships in order to be informed about possible shared recreational opportunities in the area. A yearly Parks & Recreation budget is also recommended to the Village Council by the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Village Council has final determination over the Parks & Recreation budget.

### ***Planning Commission***

The Planning Commission reviews all development activities in the Village of Elk Rapids, including any new recreation projects. Such projects are subject to the Village's Zoning Ordinances. The Planning Commission also updates the Village Master Plan every five years, and may opt to incorporate the Community Recreation Plan into the Master Plan by reference.

## **Staff & Volunteers**

The Village has several staff members as well as numerous volunteers that help it thrive. The Village staff includes the following positions:

- Village Manager
- Assistant Village Manager/Clerk
- Chief of Police
- Department of Public Works Superintendent
- Planning & Zoning Administrator
- Planning Commission Chairperson
- Harbormaster
- Treasurer
- Deputy Clerk

### ***Volunteers & Community***

Unpaid volunteers play a key role in the planning and maintenance of Village recreational facilities and operations. The appointed Commissions described above (Parks & Recreation, Harbor, Beautification, and Planning) all have appointed volunteers who are not compensated for their work. Most of the gardens under the Beautification Commission are maintained by volunteers from the Elk Rapids Garden Club. The Parks & Recreation Commission has occasional activities, such as roadside and stream bank cleanups that are manned by volunteers from the Commission as well as the general public. The Village Ice Skating Rink is maintained mostly by volunteers. And numerous residents of all ages came to Dam Beach last year to plant protective dune grass.



*Planting Dune Grass, Lisa Lirones*

Volunteers play a very active role in most other aspects of Village community life, such as:

- Churches. There are several in the area.
- Schools, K-12
- Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
- Harbor Days Association that puts on our annual summer festival



- Art Rapids!
- Garden Club with more than 100 members.
- Friends of the Dam Beach
- Friends of the Elk Rapids District Library
- Historic Elk Rapids Town Hall Association
- Green Elk Rapids Days – a multi-day town festival that celebrates our environment and features a super recycling day, sculptures made of trash, informative seminars and exotic field trips.
- Civic organizations such as Rotary, Lions, Masons, Boy/Girl Scouts and many more.



Tom Vranich

## Inter-Agency Relations

A liaison between the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Village Council is maintained by the appointment by the Village President of one of the Council members. This is the standard procedure for all of the appointed commissions. The Parks & Recreation Commission interacts with other commissions as needed and establishes contacts with other park-related public entities around Antrim County as needed for specific purposes. Parks & Recreation consults as needed with community-based organizations such as the Elk Rapids School Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Lions Club to coordinate activities and exchange information. The Rotary and Lions Clubs are frequent contributors to recreational facility upgrading and construction in the Village. Parks & Recreation collaborates with Elk Rapids Schools when prudent. For example, surveys were distributed via email to gather input for this recreation plan. Other collaborations include Dam Beach cleanup, dune grass planting and education on water issues. Also, Parks & Recreation wants to consider working with the schools on a summer tennis program.

The Village, Harbor Commission and the Harbormaster work with regulatory agencies including the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Army Corps of Engineers, and Antrim County Soil Erosion to obtain the necessary permits for future construction and maintenance at waterfront facilities in the Village.

The Antrim County Operator of Dams is interested in working with Parks & Recreation to integrate the dam into the Village park system. Note that the dam is strategically located on Dexter Street between the Lower Harbor/Dam Beach and Fishing Park on one side and Upper Harbor Open Space on the other.

## Operation of Village Recreational Facilities

The Elk Rapids Department of Public Works (DPW) currently maintains all park facilities while employees of the school district maintain school recreation sites. As such, the operational budget for the Village park facilities is part of the overall DPW budget.

The Village Council has full authority over the affairs of the harbor facilities. Edward C. Grace Memorial Harbor has 213 slips, and a launch ramp. The revenue generated from the Harbor slips and launch ramp is used for operations, maintenance, future improvements, and projects associated with waterfront properties owned by the Village.

### ***Rules and Regulations: Use of Village Recreational Facilities***

Rules and regulations concerning the use of the various recreational facilities in the Village of Elk Rapids are governed by Village Ordinances.

The Village of Elk Rapids has an existing agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Harbor Commission follows all State rules and regulations governing harbor and waterfront operations. The Village Council, the Harbor Commission, and the Harbormaster are responsible for enforcing them. Rules and regulations not set by the DNR are recommended by the Harbor Commission to the Village Council. The Village Council makes the final decision.

### ***Recreational Programming***

The Village helps conduct an annual Fishing Derby at Kids Pond for area children. In addition, money has been budgeted to begin offering other recreational programming in the future.

## **Recreation Funding & Budgeting**

The 2017 and projected 2018 operational budgets for parks and recreational facilities in the Village of Elk Rapids are provided below.

### **2017 Village Budget, Parks & Recreation**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Parks Maintenance (DPW)	\$79,400
Parks & Recreation Commission	\$6,550
Harbor Operation & Maintenance Enterprise	\$1,229,874
Harbor Capital	\$564,500
Harbor Construction	\$455,000
Harbor Bond	\$244,579

### **2018 Village Budget, Parks & Recreation**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Parks Maintenance (DPW)	\$81,782
Parks & Recreation Commission	\$6,747
Harbor Operation & Maintenance Enterprise	\$1,135,000
Harbor Capital	\$67,000
Harbor Construction	\$455,000
Harbor Bond	\$250,000

### ***Funding Sources***

Currently, most of the funds for recreational activities under the purview of the Parks & Recreation Commission come from the Village general fund, made up of revenues from various taxes, licenses, fees for service, state revenue sharing and private donations. Occasional special donations from civic groups and private individuals for specific purposes are received and applied.

Operational funds for the Grace Memorial Harbor are generated by revenues from the rental of boat slips as well as the sale of related goods and services. The Harbor operates as an Enterprise Fund (standalone business).

# Chapter 3: Recreation Inventory

This chapter provides an inventory of recreational facilities within the Village of Elk Rapids, followed by facilities owned by other agencies in and around the Village. Individual public water access sites have been included and mapped. An Accessibility Assessment is included following the inventory of recreation facilities.



## Village Parks

Elk Rapids is blessed with numerous waterfront parks.

### ***Veterans Memorial Park***

Veterans Memorial Park is located on East Grand Traverse Bay and features an expansive beach, playground, beach volleyball, three tennis courts including one dual-use pickleball court, two basketball courts, hard surface children game areas, picnic tables, grills, public restroom facilities, green open space, and a veteran's memorial. A paved pathway runs from the island footbridge at River St. and Pine through the length of the park to River St. and Ash. Parking is available along River Street for the entire length of the park. This popular community park is just over 8 acres.

The site has great potential for people using the proposed Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail.

Veterans Memorial Park had the highest reported usage among survey respondents. Significant improvements have been made to the park's facilities over the years, and the Village continues to make improvements to facilities as needed.



### ***Rotary Park & Kayak Launch***

Rotary Park is located on Elk River next to the Chamber of Commerce. The community park features a pavilion with covered picnic tables, grills, a large fireplace, and three storyboards mounted on the inside wall of the picnic pavilion. These storyboards have a modern design and feature historical photos and descriptions of the greater Elk Rapids area. The park and two water access sites here are located on an 8-acre Village parcel along with the Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. The Farmers Market is held at the Chamber through the summer months.

A dock that extends out into Elk Lake from the pavilion at Rotary Park is one of two access sites here. Kayak access from this site needs improvement. To the north of the pavilion is the "Kayak Launch." This site features a small boat ramp, a dirt/gravel turn-around, and trash receptacles. Parking at this site is limited and boaters often park their vehicles and trailers in the Rotary Park or Chamber parking areas. The access is used by both Village residents and paddlers from the surrounding region. Survey responses indicate an interest in improving access at the Kayak Launch.

Rotary Park is a key water access site along the Paddle Antrim Chain of Lake Water Trail. The 2017 Chain of Lakes Water Trail Plan identifies a number of improvements for water access specifically at Rotary Park pavilion site. The Village is interested in improving water access here, and will be evaluating opportunities for doing so.





## ***Dam Beach and Fishing Park***

The Dam Beach and Fishing Park is located on the bay side of the power dam, and encompasses 8.3 acres of land and around 3,500 feet of waterfront on Grand Traverse Bay, Elk River, and the Harbor. The Village of Elk Rapids leases the park property from Antrim County. The community park is popular among residents for both its swimming beach and year-round fishing opportunities. Its amenities include three accessible fishing piers, a rustic beach volleyball area, picnic table, bike racks, fire pit, and parking. Porta Johns are maintained at the site. An eight-foot wide sidewalk connects Dexter Street to the beach and fishing parking area for improved safety and ease of access from town. A paved side walk runs the length of the west shore of the property. The site has great potential for people using the proposed Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail.

Survey results indicate a desire for improved bathrooms. The Village is currently seeking funds for the development of restroom facilities.

For information on conservation and management of this park, please refer to the Village's Dam Beach & Fishing Park Management Plan.



## ***Old Bathing Beach***

Located on North Bayshore Drive, this community beach is primarily undeveloped and used by residents. The park area is just over one acre in size and includes a nice beach, picnic tables, an interpretive sign, and parking area.



## ***Kids Pond***

On the downtown portion of Elk River, between the spillway and the Cedar Street Bridge is Kids Pond. Over 500 feet of boardwalk meanders along the north bank of the river, and people of all ages come to fish. Kids Fishing Day is held annually at the pond.



## ***Bass Lake Park & Access***

This mini-park and water access site is located on the south shore of Bass Lake. The site is less than one acre in size, and includes a picnic table, grill, parking/turn-around space, and dirt/gravel launch to the lake.

Discussion during the planning process indicates an interest in promoting use of this local park and water access site.



### ***Community Ice Rink***

The rink is located on Bridge Street, between the Police Station and the Community Garden. The ice rink is open to the public, and has been a part of Elk Rapids for more than 30 years (located at its current location since 2006). Survey results indicate an interest in improving the conditions of the rink during the winter months.

### ***Edward C. Grace Memorial Harbor***



Surrounded by beaches and located just steps away from downtown Elk Rapids, many boaters frequent Edward C. Grace Memorial Harbor. Located on both Grand Traverse Bay (Lower Harbor) and Elk River (Upper Harbor), the facilities are some of the finest in Michigan, featuring 213 slips in the Lower Harbor and 50 in the Upper Harbor as well as a pavilion, bathhouse, launch ramp, gas pump, Wi-Fi and other amenities. See additional Harbor information in *Chapter 5: Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan*.

### ***Courtesy Docks***

The Harbor facilities include courtesy docks in both the Lower and Upper Harbor (Upper pictured here). The slips are available for 1-3 hour docking for residents and visitors to enjoy shopping or dining in the Village.



### ***The Chute – Lower Spillway***

The Chute has become one of Elk Rapids’ most unique recreation landmarks. The site is the third and smallest of three spillways in the Elk River, and is popular for fishermen and swimmers.

## **Road Ends**

Road-ends provide water access at several locations on Elk Lake and Elk River. While these are not developed parks, they provide an important public access to water in Elk Rapids. Road-end access is primarily used by neighborhoods and residents of the area. In some cases, improvements such as benches, picnic tables, and parking are provided. Road-end public access points are located at the following streets and water bodies:

- Elk Lake Access – E. Third Street , East
- Elk Lake Access – E. Third Street , West
- Elk River Access – E. Third Street
- Elk River Access – E. Fourth Street
- Elk River Access – Millers Park Road, North
- Elk River Access – Millers Park Road, South
- Grand Traverse Bay - Traverse St.

## Non-motorized Trails

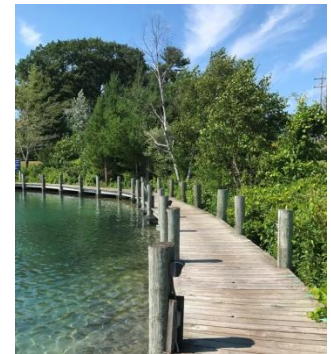
Trails are pathways that are used recreationally or for transportation by a variety of users. Trail facilities enhance recreation opportunities, and provide a unique opportunity to combine physical activity with transportation, linking destinations while providing alternatives to motorized transportation. Trail development and connections between existing trails are increasingly recognized as important economic strategies, generating tourism and visitor spending, and even drawing new residents.

Planning is underway for a non-motorized trail that would connect the northeast end of the existing TART trail to Elk Rapids, and continue north, connecting with the Little Traverse Wheelway in the City of Charlevoix. This would make the Village a compelling bicycle destination. For more information about the proposed trail and a copy of the Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail Concept Plan and Development Guide completed in 2015, visit [www.traversecitytocharlevoixtrail.org](http://www.traversecitytocharlevoixtrail.org).

Input received during the planning process indicates a strong interest in trail development among residents. Many survey responses specifically indicated support for the development of a non-motorized trail that would connect Elk Rapids with Traverse City and Charlevoix.

### ***Boardwalk & Park***

As part of an existing non-motorized transportation system, Elk Rapids has two sections of boardwalk that integrate with Village sidewalks. One is located along the north side of Kids Pond (Elk River) and is used for walking and fishing. The other, located near the U.S. 31 bridge provides excellent non-motorized connectivity between east and west Elk Rapids, without having to cross the busy road. At the west end of the boardwalk, a sidewalk continues through the park along the river. There is public land located along the north side of the Elk River between the Dexter Street bridge and the boardwalk that runs under the US 31 bridge.



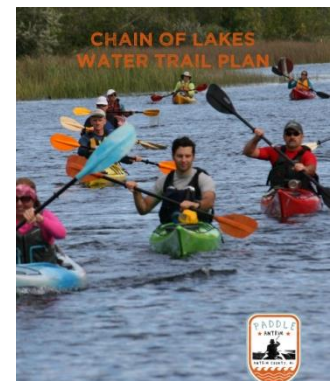
### ***Noble Pines Nature Trail***

A rustic wood-chip nature trail was added in 2010 to the undeveloped parkland adjacent to the Noble Pines senior apartments. The entrance is off of Second and Chippewa Streets, winding through woodland and is less than ¼ mile long. Construction was done by volunteers from the local Boy Scouts, Sunrise Academy and others.



### ***Chain of Lakes Water Trail***

A water trail is a designated route along a river, lake, canal or bay designed for people using small, non-motorized watercraft like kayaks and canoes. Paddle Antrim, a regional non-profit corporation, is leading and facilitating the development and stewardship of the Chain of Lakes Water Trail, and the Village of Elk Rapids is located at the end of the proposed Trail. Please refer to the 2017 Chain of Lakes Water Trail Plan for more information about the trail planning and development.





## Other Local Assets

Several other local recreational and cultural assets are available within the Village, including:

### ***Community Garden***

A community garden was established in 2009 on the east side of Bridge Street and to the south of the police station. This land provides the opportunity for local residence to have a small vegetable or flower garden near their homes.

### ***Village Beautification Gardens***

The Elk Rapids Garden Club maintains more than a dozen beautiful gardens in Elk Rapids. All can be easily accessed by walking around the Village. (<http://elkrapidsgardenclub.com>)

### ***Elk Rapids Area District Library***

The Elk Rapids District Library is located in the historic Island House, which sits on over four acres also owned by the village on the Isle of Pines, next to the harbor on beautiful Grand Traverse Bay. In addition to books, it has audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, public computers, free Wi-Fi and outstanding programs for adults and children.

The library district includes the following members and contract areas: Elk Rapids Village, Elk Rapids Township, Milton Township, and Torch Lake Township. Patrons outside the district can use the materials in the library and have access to computers and the wireless Internet.



### ***Elk Rapids Day Park***

This county park is located between South Bayshore Drive and East Grand Traverse Bay. It has a beach, playground, bathhouse and several nature trails. It also features the “Walk of Art,” an outdoor sculpture park developed in cooperation with Art Rapids! There is interest in starting a discussion between Antrim County and Elk Rapids about future uses for this park.

### ***Elk Rapids Schools***

Our public schools have a variety of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, including a gymnasium, tennis courts, soccer and football fields and a track. The schools and Village often collaborate regarding mutual use of such facilities.

Elk Rapids has many opportunities for recreation. The inventory below highlights sites from the surrounding region (and map below) that are used by Village residents for recreation.



### ***Petobego Natural Area***

The Petobego Natural Area is at the northwest corner of Whitewater Township, and is about five miles south of Elk Rapids. The dominant natural feature of the property is the 7,500 feet of Tobeco Creek that flows through the middle of the Natural Area and associated riparian wetlands, then empties into East Grand Traverse Bay.

### ***Maple Bay Park and Natural Area***

Maple Bay Natural Area is a 450-acre property that straddles both sides of North U.S. 31. It is located about five miles south of Elk Rapids in Grand Traverse County, has farm land and buildings as well as a wooded trail that leads to a beach on East Grand Traverse Bay.

### ***TART Trail***

The 32 mile long TART Trail is a paved urban, non-motorized transportation corridor with an eastern end point at M-72 (Bates Road) in Acme Township, about 10 miles south of Elk Rapids, and a western end point at the M-22/M-72 intersection in Traverse City. The eastern trail section from M-72 to Lautner Road is two miles long, and then the trail leapfrogs to Bunker Hill Road and continues for 8.4 miles into Traverse City. At its western end the TART trail connects to the Leelanau Trail, which runs north to Suttons Bay.

## **Accessibility Assessment**

The accessibility evaluations for the Village of Elk Rapids parks and recreational facilities have been conducted by the Village Parks and Recreation Commission as part of the inventory process. The evaluations were based on the United States Access Board's *Section 15 – Recreation Facilities, the Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities, Americans with Disabilities Act*, and used the ranking criteria suggested by MDNR's *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans* (2016). These criteria are based on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The criteria are as follows:

<b>ADA Ranking System</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
2	Some of the facilities/parks meet accessibility guidelines.
3	Most of the facilities/parks meet accessibility guidelines.
4	All the facilities/park meets accessibility guidelines.
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

## Village Assessment

Public Facility	Asset Type	Rank
Bass Lake Park & Access	Access Site	1
Boardwalk & Park	Trail / Park	2
Community Ice Rink	Park	1
Courtesy Docks	Access Site	2
Dam Beach and Fishing Park	Park	2
Edward Grace Memorial Harbor	Harbor	4
Kayak Launch	Access Site	1
Kids Pond	Park	3
Noble Pines Nature Trail	Trail	1
Old Bathing Beach	Park	1
Rotary Park	Park	2
Veterans Memorial Park	Park	4

## Prior Grants from DNR

The Village of Elk Rapids has received two grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), one in 1985 and the other in 1993. The 1985 grant funded improvements, including walkway, bollards, drainage, paved parking and landscaping for River Street Park (now Veterans Memorial Park). These improvements were completed, and the park continues to be the well-maintained centerpiece of the Elk Rapids community. The 1993 grant also funded Memorial Park improvements and included repairing two tennis courts.

A copy of the DNR Grant History, which includes additional details on each, is included along with the required Post Completion Self Inspection Reports in Appendix C.

# Chapter 4: Recreation Goals, Objectives, & Action Plan

The goals, objectives, and action strategies are intended to guide future decisions about recreation in a manner that reflects the community's values and priorities. The goals were developed based on review of existing facilities and public input as well as other local and regional plans and strategies. The order in which these goals, objectives, and actions appear does not represent a ranking of their importance or priority.

The Village Parks & Recreation Commission has developed the following broad goals:

## Goals

1. Maintain and improve parks, facilities and equipment in an efficient and safe manner to provide continuous operation with minimal interruption of patrons, ensuring safe, clean and beautiful recreational areas.
2. Meet the ever-changing needs and abilities of all residents and visitors by providing comprehensive, quality recreational activities.
3. Promote and, where appropriate, preserve natural areas within the Village of Elk Rapids to enhance the region's environmental, aesthetic, and recreational qualities.
4. Provide trails that link to existing state, county, and municipal open spaces, other trail networks (existing and planned), and nearby communities to provide a variety of recreation and transportation opportunities.
5. Support and enhance public water access.

## Recreation Goals, Objectives, & Action Plan

The following objectives provide a means of achieving the stated goals, and the actions provide the specifics necessary to accomplish these objectives.

**GOAL 1: Maintain and improve parks, facilities and equipment in an efficient and safe manner to provide continuous operation with minimal interruption of patrons, ensuring safe, clean and beautiful recreational areas.**

**Objective 1:** Maintain a Recreation Plan that protects and recognizes historical as well as natural resources, protects existing recreational opportunities, enhances and encourages the development of new recreational opportunities, and establishes a recreational standard that revitalizes and reinforces the qualities of Village recreation.

### Actions:

- Implement Recreation Plan goals, objectives, and action items
- Encourage continuing cooperation between neighboring governmental entities, school districts and community groups
- Support the Harbor Commission goals and objectives for the Elk Rapids harbors

**Objective 2:** Maintain and improve existing parks and recreation facilities as needed

### Actions:

- Advise DPW on maintenance required for the parks
- Work with DPW to establish maintenance plans for individual Village parks

- Establish a maintenance fund with Village Council
- Pursue funding opportunities as appropriate to support development and/or improvement of parks and recreation infrastructure and amenities
- Evaluate opportunities to improve and promote use of:
  - Community Ice Rink
  - Bass Lake Park
  - Bathing Beach
  - Noble Pines Nature Trail
- Pursue opportunities to improve water access at Rotary Park
- Refer to the Dam Beach Management Plan for guidance in maintaining and improving this area

**GOAL 2: Meet the ever-changing needs and abilities of all residents and visitors by providing comprehensive, quality recreational opportunities.**

**Objective 1:** Provide comprehensive, quality recreational activities and programming

**Actions:**

- Explore recreation programming opportunities for the Village, such as a Family Festival, Senior Olympics, International Festival, Summer Youth Program, and adult and youth sports leagues
- Explore opportunities to partner with and support organizations to facilitate recreation programming for all population groups
- Encourage the development of winter sports activities.

**Objective 2:** Ensure parks and recreation facilities are accessible to all users

**Actions:**

- Where possible, provide universal access at Village parks and recreational facilities
- Provide people of all ages and physical abilities access to recreational opportunities that support active living and healthy lifestyles.
- Study the feasibility of installing a universal kayak launch

**Objective 3:** Encourage the enhancement or redevelopment of existing recreational facilities and the development of new facilities that are not available in the area

**Actions:**

- Evaluate opportunities to improve existing facilities to meet existing and future needs
- Explore opportunities for the acquisition and development of additional facilities to meet existing and future needs
- Identify opportunities for trail access and connections
- Evaluate opportunities to enhance water access

**Objective 4:** Develop and support diverse recreational activities in the Village

**Actions:**

- Increase diverse recreational usage in both high and low density areas of the Village park sites.
- Increase health awareness of benefits of physical activity.
- Work with community organizations and volunteers to provide diverse recreation activities
- Encourage cooperation and coordination between neighboring governmental entities and school districts to support diverse recreational activities

**GOAL 3: Promote and, where appropriate, preserve natural areas within the Village of Elk Rapids to enhance the region’s environmental, aesthetic, and recreational qualities.**

**Objective 1:** Preserve and maintain the scenic and natural areas within the Village

**Actions:**

- Provide open space lands that link to existing state, county, and municipal open spaces
- Manage Village recreation areas to protect and enhance natural resources, environmentally sensitive features, and scenic areas
- Maintain and pursue partnerships to help protect and enhance natural resources, environmentally sensitive features, and scenic areas on Village-owned land (such as with the Beautification Committee and Green ER)
- Maintain Dam Beach and Fishing Park as a natural conservation area for the term of the Antrim County lease for the benefit of the general public (see Dam Beach and Fishing Park Plan)
- Increase public awareness of need to promote protection of water quality, clean beaches, shoreline maintenance, and preservation of trees/vegetation.
- Maintain wooded area adjacent to Veteran’s Memorial Park.

**GOAL 4: Provide trails that link to existing state, county, and municipal open spaces, other trail networks (existing and planned), and nearby communities to provide a variety of recreation and transportation opportunities.**

**Objective 1:** Support the planning and development of a non-motorized trail from Traverse City to Charlevoix

**Actions:**

- Work with TART, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, State of Michigan (MDOT and MDNR), Antrim County, and other local units of government to assist in the establishment of a non-motorized trail that connects Elk Rapids with the TART system to the south at M-72.
- Engage in planning to establish a trail route through the Village of Elk Rapids (see next objective).
- Work with TART, Top of Michigan Trails Council, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, State of Michigan (MDOT and MDNR), Antrim County, and other local units of government to assist in the establishment of a non-motorized trail that connects Elk Rapids with Charlevoix’s Little Traverse Wheelway and the rest of the Northern Lower Peninsula Trail network.
- Maintain a Parks & Recreation Commission representative as a liaison to the TART system, Land Conservancy and surrounding townships.
- Keep the public informed on progress.
- Work with stakeholders to seek funding through grants and donations, including the Antrim County Operator of Dams.
- Work with entities along the trail to create a total biking experience.

**Objective 2:** Establish non-motorized trails in and through the Village of Elk Rapids

**Actions:**

- Engage in planning and development of the Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail to establish a trail route through the Village of Elk Rapids
- Place US Route 35 signs and scenic alternative signs at appropriate Village locations.
- Work with the DDA and other organizations, as appropriate, to design and place wayfinding kiosks



- at designated locations.
- Encourage the Village to maintain the street surface markings and other trail-related signage
- Explore opportunities to create trail connectors to parks, schools, neighborhoods, and other community resources
- Explore partnerships and grant opportunities to support trail development
- Provide amenities for trail users (parking, restroom, etc.) by linking to existing facilities and/or developing new facilities
- Coordinate trail planning efforts with neighboring communities and stakeholders

## **GOAL 5: Support and enhance public water access.**

**Objective 1:** Maintain and improve water access for all

### **Actions:**

- Pursue the development of a universally accessible kayak launch
- Preserve water access through road-ends
- Coordinate with Paddle Antrim to develop and promote the Chain of Lakes Water Trail

## **Harbor Commission Goals & Objectives**

The Harbor Commission has these goals and objectives:

1. Maintain and improve existing facilities and infrastructure

### **Objective**

- Identify and complete projects to ensure the harbor maintains its standard of excellence

2. Protect the Lower Harbor

### **Objective**

- Consider public input, conduct environmental impact studies and obtain approval from all local, state and federal permitting agencies, in considering options to increase safety of harbor entrance and reduction of dredging costs

3. Improve the Elk River Landing to strengthen access to the downtown and surrounding areas

### **Objective**

- Explore options to improve the Elk River Landing by utilizing the space as unloading area

4. Support the goals of the Parks and Recreation Plan, specifically those that support the Harbor

5. Provide community and boater events

### **Objective**

- Promote harbor
- Develop outdoor recreation educational courses
- Provide concerts and other events open to the community

6. Provide adequate parking

### **Objective**

- Inventory available parking and assess need

## Harbor Action Items

1. Maintain and improve existing facilities and infrastructure.
2. Continue to apply for development grants.
3. Seek partnerships to provide events that are open to all and promote the harbor.
4. Solicit community input on the development of the Elk River Landing.
5. Develop a process to determine feasibility of the expansion of the Lower Harbor.

## Additional Harbor Facility Information

The following information on the Village's Harbor facilities is for the DNR:

### *Five Year Harbor Capital Improvement Plan*

#### **2018**

Deck Board Replacement Estimated Cost	\$50,000
Picnic Table Replacement Estimated Cost	\$20,000
Reset Pavers on Lower Harbor Shoreline Estimated Cost	\$20,000
Security Camera Upgrades	\$15,000

#### **2019**

Dredging Estimated Cost	\$70,000
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#### **2020**

Elk River Landing Open Space Improvements Estimated Cost	\$300,000
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#### **2021**

Dredging Estimated Cost	\$75,000
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#### **2022**

Upper Harbor I Wall/Dock Improvements	\$300,000
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## *Size of Facility*

**Seasonal Dockage** – There are 205 seasonal slips. Any vacancies are filled from waiting lists. There are five separate waiting list applications available. When a slip becomes available, staff notify the first person on the relevant waiting list.

**Transient Dockage** - There are approximately 55 slips of various lengths designated for Transient use. Reservations open at 8 AM on May 15 every year, and are available until October. There is a 14-day stay limit during peak season (waived if there are open slips). As Elk Rapids is a State of Michigan sponsored Harbor of Refuge, staff do not turn boaters away in emergency situations.

**Shopping Dockage** – Staff use any vacant transient slips as short term dockage so boaters can enjoy shopping, dining, or any of the amenities in the Village.

**The Fuel Dock** - The Harbor offers Premium Diesel Fuel w/ Valvtect & Ethanol Free Premium Gasoline w/Valvtect. Tanks are tested annually and are proven free of excess water and biological contamination. Pump-out facilities are also available on the fuel dock.

Edward C. Grace Memorial Harbor currently doesn't meet the demand of both transient and seasonal boats. The harbor has developed goals and objectives to investigate feasibility of expansion of the Lower Harbor.

**Number of boats turned away during 2017:**

**July:**

Up to 30ft	37
30ft to 38ft	40
Over 38ft	65

**August:**

Up to 30ft	10
30ft to 38ft	40
Over 38ft	35

**Total** 227 boats

**2017 Seasonal Waiting List:**

Up to 30ft	69
30 ft to 38ft	134
Over 38ft	118
Elk River I	82
Elk River II	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>

## ***Marketing Plan***

<b>Print Media</b>	<b>Online Media</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>Press Releases</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Advertisements	Facebook	Discounted slip fees	Pure Michigan Ad	Dock Attendant Training
Brochure	Website	Valvetech Fuel	Promote fishing	Promote amenities
Harbor Photo Session	Active Captain	Clean Marina		Sell ER businesses
	Harbor Photo Session	Pavilion Rentals		
		Concert Series		
		Boater Bags		
		Offer Merchandise		
		Vehicle Stickers		

## ***Events Plan***

<b>Current Events</b>	<b>Proposed Future Events</b>
Outdoor concert series in July	In-water boat show
Boyne Thunder Poker Run	DNR Recreation 101 Events
GT Power Squadron Cruise	Boating Safety Course
ERYC/BCYC Dinghy Poker Run	Water Color Tour
Harbor Days	Boating Themed Events for Area Youth
Great Lakes Cruising Club Gathering	Fishing Tournaments
Pavilion Rentals	Boating Race to Elk Rapids
	GT Bay Watershed Center Events (Baykeeper)

## ***Partnering Plan***

### **Current Partners**

MDNR Parks and Recreation Division	Great Lakes Cruising Club
MDNR Fisheries Division	Grand Traverse Power Squadron
MDNR Law Division	Harbor Days Association
United States Coast Guard	Inland Seas Education Association
Antrim County Marine Patrol	Michigan Boating Industries Association
Michigan Municipal Marinas	Michigan SeaGrant
Boyne City DDA	Elk Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Elk Rapids Yacht Club	Boyne City Yacht Club
	Elk Rapids Village Council & Commissions

### **Proposed Future Partners**

Boat Dealers/Manufacturers  
Area Schools/Youth  
Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Center

## ***Annual Maintenance Schedule***

### **Repairs and Maintenance**

- Start up in spring
- Bathhouse maintenance
- Pavilion maintenance
- Office/Electrical building
- Docks/Piers maintenance
- Painting
- Irrigation maintenance
- Sewer maintenance
- Sidewalks
- Outdoor equipment
- Gardens

- Vehicle maintenance
- Winterizing

**Harbor Supplies**

- Tools
- Hardware
- Office supplies
- Cleaning products
- Restroom & Facility supplies

**Lumber Replacement****Garbage Removal****Dredging****Aquatic Weed Control****Small Equipment Replacement****Utilities****Miscellaneous*****Dredging Cycles***

Edward C. Grace Memorial Harbor requires annual maintenance dredging to remove drift sand that moves into our channel entrance. Approximately 1,000 CY is pumped hydraulically to adjacent beach for dewatering and the sand is hauled away by contractor.

## Chapter 5: Planning Process

Both planning and public input have been essential parts of updating goals and deriving an action plan.

The Recreation Plan was developed by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Harbor Commission. Networks Northwest assisted with the public input survey; public notices; mapping; photos; reporting to the Commissions; and preparing the plan update. The plan was developed according to MDNR guidelines.

### **Public Input**

As part of the 2018 Village recreation plan update, the Village of Elk Rapids released a Recreation Survey in July 2017. The survey was made available online and in hard copy format. 438 surveys were received; 433 were submitted online, and five hard copies were submitted to the Village offices. A report summarizing the results and feedback received from respondents is included in Appendix A of this plan. The Parks and Recreation Commission and Harbor Commission reviewed and discussed the results in order to better understand the community's preferences around parks and recreation.

### **Recreation Plan Review**

The Village of Elk Rapids Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the draft plan at their October meeting, and agreed to release the draft plan for public review. Notice was posted in the Elk Rapids News indicating that copies of the draft plan were available online at the Village and Networks Northwest websites, as well as at the Village offices. Copies were also made available at other public offices in the Village. Comments were received from November 9, 2017 to December 11, 2017.

### **Public Hearing & Adoption**

Following the 30-day public review period, the Village Council held a public hearing on December 18, 2017 to obtain additional public input and to review and discuss comments received during the 30 day review period. The Council approved the plan for submission to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at their regular meeting on December 18, 2017. See Appendix B for the approval documents.

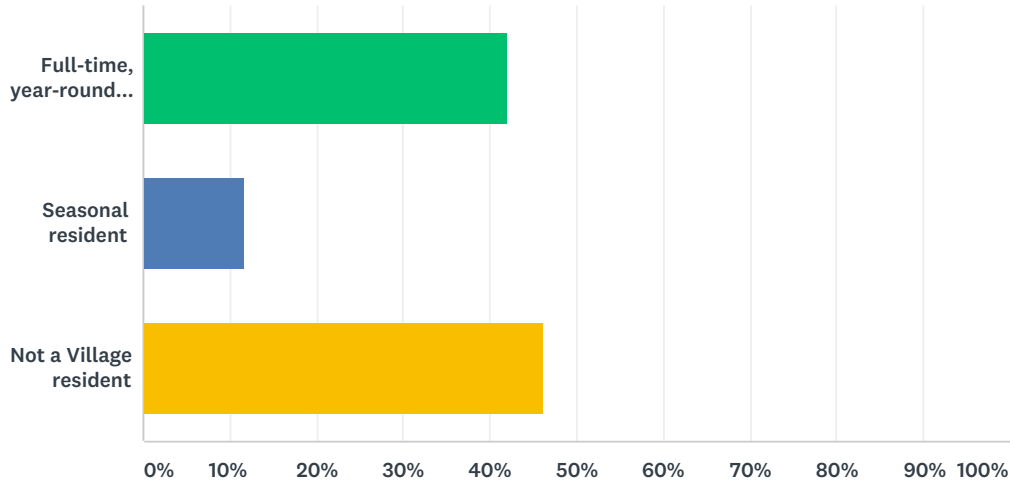


# Appendix A: Public Input Results & Analysis

- Village of Elk Rapids Recreation Questionnaire Results
- Village of Elk Rapids 2017 Recreation Survey Report
- Elk Rapids Harbor Commission 2017 Recreation Survey Report

## Q1 Are you a resident of the Village of Elk Rapids?

Answered: 424 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time, year-round resident	41.98%	178
Seasonal resident	11.79%	50
Not a Village resident	46.23%	196
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>424</b>

#	IF NOT A VILLAGE RESIDENT, PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR COMMUNITY OF RESIDENCE:	DATE
1	Kewadin	8/7/2017 9:01 AM
2	Westland, MI 48185	8/4/2017 4:19 PM
3	Torch Lake TWP	8/4/2017 12:07 PM
4	I live in Williamsburg, my children attend Elk Rapids Schools.	8/4/2017 8:15 AM
5	Williamsburg ELake Road	8/3/2017 11:24 PM
6	Township of elk rapids	8/3/2017 8:24 PM
7	Elk Rapids Township	8/3/2017 7:46 PM
8	kewadin	8/3/2017 4:27 PM
9	Williamsburg	8/3/2017 2:15 PM
10	Williamsburg	8/3/2017 1:39 PM
11	Elk Rapids TWP	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
12	Kewadin	8/3/2017 11:01 AM
13	Elk Rapids	8/3/2017 10:39 AM
14	Williamsburg, Whitewater Township	8/3/2017 8:51 AM
15	Clearwater Township	8/3/2017 6:47 AM
16	Twp	8/3/2017 6:02 AM
17	Williamsburg, in Elk Rapids Township	8/2/2017 11:37 PM
18	Weekends in Elk Rapids (Muskegon)	8/2/2017 10:18 PM

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19	Kewadin	8/2/2017 9:32 PM
20	Elk Rapids Township	8/2/2017 8:30 PM
21	Milton	8/2/2017 6:22 PM
22	elk rapids township	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
23	Williamsburg	8/2/2017 3:58 PM
24	Williamsburg	8/2/2017 3:15 PM
25	Milton Twsp full time	8/2/2017 3:11 PM
26	township	8/2/2017 2:24 PM
27	Milton Township	8/2/2017 1:38 PM
28	Williamsburg	8/2/2017 12:40 PM
29	Richland, MI	8/2/2017 12:21 PM
30	Kewadin	8/2/2017 11:59 AM
31	E R Township	8/2/2017 11:59 AM
32	Elk Rapids Township	8/2/2017 11:58 AM
33	Elk Rapids township	8/2/2017 11:37 AM
34	Bellaire	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
35	Elk Rapids Township	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
36	Milton township	8/2/2017 10:42 AM
37	Milton Township	8/2/2017 10:13 AM
38	Business Owner	8/2/2017 10:09 AM
39	Milton Township	8/2/2017 9:54 AM
40	Elk Rapids Township	8/2/2017 9:48 AM
41	Elk Rapids Township	8/2/2017 9:40 AM
42	Rapid City	8/2/2017 9:35 AM
43	Elk rapids township	8/2/2017 9:33 AM
44	Kewadin	8/2/2017 9:31 AM
45	Milton Township	8/2/2017 9:28 AM
46	Whitewater township	8/2/2017 9:26 AM
47	Kewadin, Milton Twp	8/2/2017 9:25 AM
48	Live in Elk Rapids township. Own property/business in Elk Rapids Village	8/2/2017 9:19 AM
49	Milton twp	8/2/2017 9:08 AM
50	Kewadin	8/1/2017 9:59 PM
51	Rapid City	8/1/2017 5:11 PM
52	Williamsburg	8/1/2017 4:10 PM
53	Elk Rapids Township	8/1/2017 2:13 PM
54	Williamsburg MI	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
55	williamsburg	8/1/2017 1:39 PM
56	Elk Rapids regional area	7/31/2017 12:28 PM
57	Full-time ER Twp resident	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
58	milton township	7/29/2017 3:49 PM
59	Acme	7/28/2017 4:37 PM

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60	Kalkaska	7/28/2017 4:00 PM
61	Torch Lake Township	7/28/2017 3:53 PM
62	Kewadin	7/28/2017 10:31 AM
63	Torch Lake Township	7/27/2017 8:56 AM
64	Alden	7/27/2017 8:27 AM
65	Kalkaska	7/26/2017 10:52 AM
66	Livonia, MI	7/25/2017 12:15 PM
67	Kewadin/Torch Lake	7/25/2017 10:27 AM
68	Rapid City, MI	7/24/2017 8:59 PM
69	Brighton MI	7/24/2017 1:04 PM
70	Williamsburg	7/24/2017 11:58 AM
71	Williamsburg	7/24/2017 11:33 AM
72	Milton Township	7/24/2017 11:30 AM
73	Garfield Township, Grand Traverse County	7/24/2017 9:29 AM
74	Williamsburg	7/24/2017 8:54 AM
75	ER township	7/24/2017 8:07 AM
76	Williamsburg	7/23/2017 9:39 PM
77	I live 10 mins. outside city limits, but son attends ER HS.	7/23/2017 7:48 PM
78	Kewadin	7/23/2017 2:18 PM
79	Ellsworth	7/22/2017 3:30 PM
80	Kalkaska	7/22/2017 1:28 PM
81	Eastport	7/22/2017 12:12 AM
82	Williamsburg	7/21/2017 10:46 PM
83	Kewadin	7/21/2017 7:07 PM
84	Rapid City Torch/East Elk Lake area	7/21/2017 4:08 PM
85	Williamsburg	7/21/2017 12:24 PM
86	Traverse City	7/21/2017 11:00 AM
87	Kewadin	7/21/2017 9:46 AM
88	Williamsburg	7/21/2017 8:06 AM
89	Hudsonville	7/20/2017 10:30 PM
90	Hudsonville MI	7/20/2017 10:18 PM
91	Milton Township	7/20/2017 9:57 PM
92	Traverse City	7/20/2017 9:15 PM
93	Swan Point Rd. E R	7/20/2017 9:09 PM
94	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 8:38 PM
95	Milton township	7/20/2017 7:55 PM
96	Antrim co.	7/20/2017 7:11 PM
97	Milton township	7/20/2017 6:57 PM
98	Rapid City	7/20/2017 5:31 PM
99	Kalkaska	7/20/2017 4:22 PM
100	Keeadin year round	7/20/2017 4:22 PM

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101	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 4:02 PM
102	williamsburg	7/20/2017 3:58 PM
103	Antrim County, Rapid city	7/20/2017 2:26 PM
104	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 2:06 PM
105	Kewadin	7/20/2017 1:52 PM
106	Torch River area	7/20/2017 1:51 PM
107	Williamsburg MI	7/20/2017 1:28 PM
108	Antrim	7/20/2017 1:17 PM
109	Milton Township	7/20/2017 12:52 PM
110	Williamsburg Mi	7/20/2017 12:46 PM
111	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 12:12 PM
112	Traverse City	7/20/2017 12:12 PM
113	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 12:04 PM
114	Acme	7/20/2017 11:54 AM
115	Acme	7/20/2017 11:50 AM
116	Kewadin	7/20/2017 11:48 AM
117	Milton Twp	7/20/2017 11:48 AM
118	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 11:46 AM
119	Kewadin	7/20/2017 11:42 AM
120	Kewadin	7/20/2017 11:38 AM
121	Rapid City	7/20/2017 11:21 AM
122	Clearwater Twp	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
123	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 11:11 AM
124	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 11:10 AM
125	In school district, always go into elk rapids.	7/20/2017 11:04 AM
126	williamsburg	7/20/2017 10:59 AM
127	kewadin	7/20/2017 10:54 AM
128	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 10:52 AM
129	Williamsburg	7/20/2017 10:52 AM
130	Milton Township	7/20/2017 8:28 AM
131	Long Lake Twp but keep boat in ER during the summer. Would like to relocate when kids finish school.	7/20/2017 8:25 AM
132	Midland	7/20/2017 8:01 AM
133	Elk Rapids Twp	7/20/2017 7:57 AM
134	Kewadin	7/20/2017 6:55 AM
135	Marina resident	7/20/2017 6:45 AM
136	Traverse City	7/19/2017 11:33 PM
137	Oxford	7/19/2017 10:59 PM
138	Seasonal Boater	7/19/2017 10:49 PM
139	Kewadin	7/19/2017 9:59 PM
140	Kalkaska county	7/19/2017 9:15 PM

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141	Williamsburg, Mi.	7/19/2017 8:56 PM
142	Grand Rapids, MI	7/19/2017 6:56 PM
143	Holt, MI	7/19/2017 6:45 PM
144	Williamsburg	7/19/2017 6:26 PM
145	Zeeland mi	7/19/2017 6:06 PM
146	Grass Lake, Michigan	7/19/2017 5:49 PM
147	Commerce, MI	7/19/2017 4:52 PM
148	traverse city	7/19/2017 4:40 PM
149	Traverse City	7/19/2017 4:40 PM
150	Mitlon Township	7/19/2017 3:36 PM
151	Williamsburg	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
152	Old Mission Penninsula	7/19/2017 3:09 PM
153	Traverse City	7/19/2017 2:47 PM
154	Marina	7/19/2017 2:33 PM
155	Romeo Mi	7/19/2017 1:59 PM
156	Washington, MI	7/19/2017 1:31 PM
157	Live 2miles north of village, year round	7/19/2017 1:25 PM
158	Grand Rapids	7/19/2017 1:13 PM
159	Williamsburg Mi	7/19/2017 1:11 PM
160	Acme, MI	7/19/2017 1:07 PM
161	Williamsburg	7/19/2017 1:03 PM
162	Boat Slip in the Upper Harbor and In-Laws have cottage on Traverse Street	7/19/2017 12:51 PM
163	Kewadin	7/19/2017 12:40 PM
164	Brighton, MI	7/19/2017 12:33 PM
165	Traverse City Lon Lake	7/19/2017 12:31 PM
166	Acme, MI	7/19/2017 12:29 PM
167	Roscommon, MI	7/19/2017 12:29 PM
168	Grace Memorial Harbor slip holder	7/19/2017 12:27 PM
169	Rockford, MI	7/19/2017 12:15 PM
170	Kalamazoo	7/19/2017 12:15 PM
171	Brighton, MI	7/19/2017 11:52 AM
172	Seasonal use of harbor.	7/19/2017 11:51 AM
173	Williamsburg	7/19/2017 11:33 AM
174	Manistee	7/19/2017 11:31 AM
175	Holland mi	7/19/2017 11:30 AM
176	Saugatuck	7/19/2017 11:28 AM
177	Elk Rapids Township	7/18/2017 4:09 PM
178	Elk Rapids Township	7/18/2017 8:13 AM
179	Township resident	7/17/2017 12:04 PM
180	Elk Rapids Township	7/16/2017 6:52 AM
181	ER township	7/15/2017 4:57 PM

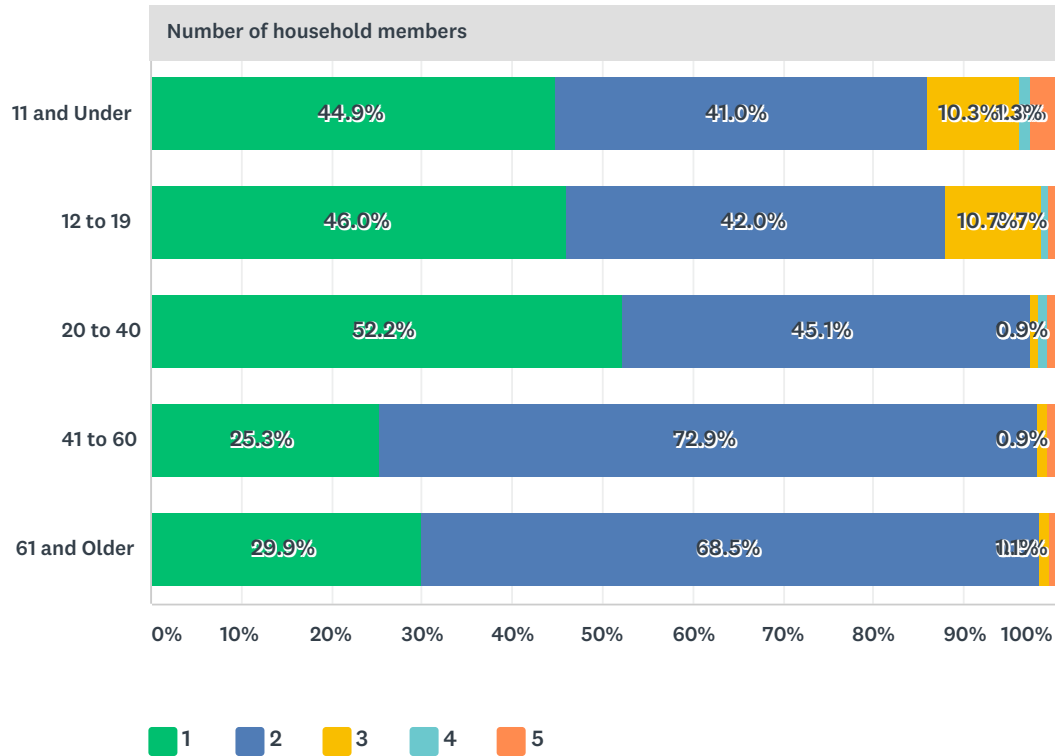


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183	ALDEN	7/14/2017 12:26 PM
184	Elk Rapids Township	7/14/2017 10:08 AM
185	Birch lake seasonal resident	7/14/2017 9:47 AM
186	Williamsburg	7/14/2017 8:41 AM
187	Elk Rapids Township	7/14/2017 8:29 AM
188	Williamsburg	7/14/2017 8:28 AM
189	rapid city	7/14/2017 8:11 AM
190	Traverse city	7/14/2017 7:14 AM
191	Dearborn	7/14/2017 2:02 AM
192	Er township	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
193	Elk Rapids township	7/13/2017 10:54 PM
194	Williamsburg	7/13/2017 10:21 PM
195	kewadin	7/13/2017 9:57 PM
196	Kewadin	7/13/2017 9:03 PM
197	Milton Township	7/13/2017 8:37 PM
198	Cottage on a near by lake.	7/13/2017 8:19 PM
199	Kewadin	7/13/2017 7:30 PM
200	Kewadin	7/13/2017 7:29 PM
201	ER Twp	7/13/2017 6:55 PM
202	Kewadin	7/13/2017 6:28 PM
203	Milton township	7/13/2017 2:10 PM
204	Kewadin	7/13/2017 12:54 PM
205	ELk Rapids Township	7/13/2017 12:32 PM
206	Williamsburg	7/13/2017 11:33 AM
207	Milton Township (kids in ER Schools)	7/13/2017 11:11 AM
208	Grosse Pointe Park	7/13/2017 9:16 AM
209	Kewadin	7/12/2017 4:26 PM

## Q2 Please select the number of your household members that fit into the following age ranges.

Answered: 427 Skipped: 6

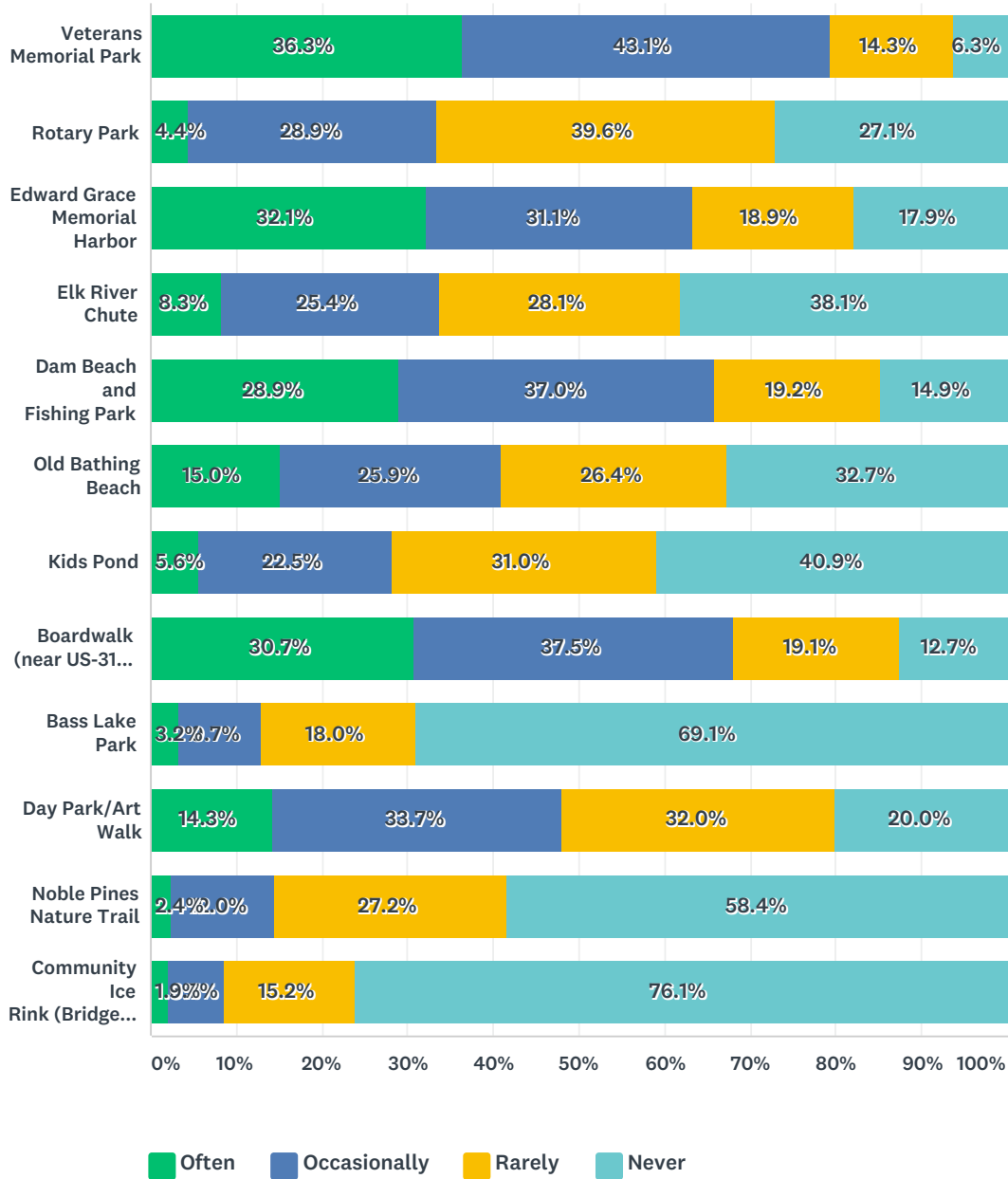


Number of household members						
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
11 and Under	44.9% 35	41.0% 32	10.3% 8	1.3% 1	2.6% 2	78
12 to 19	46.0% 69	42.0% 63	10.7% 16	0.7% 1	0.7% 1	150
20 to 40	52.2% 59	45.1% 51	0.9% 1	0.9% 1	0.9% 1	113
41 to 60	25.3% 58	72.9% 167	0.9% 2	0.0% 0	0.9% 2	229
61 and Older	29.9% 55	68.5% 126	1.1% 2	0.0% 0	0.5% 1	184

# Village of Elk Rapids Recreation Questionnaire

## Q3 How often do you use the following Village recreation facilities?

Answered: 432 Skipped: 1



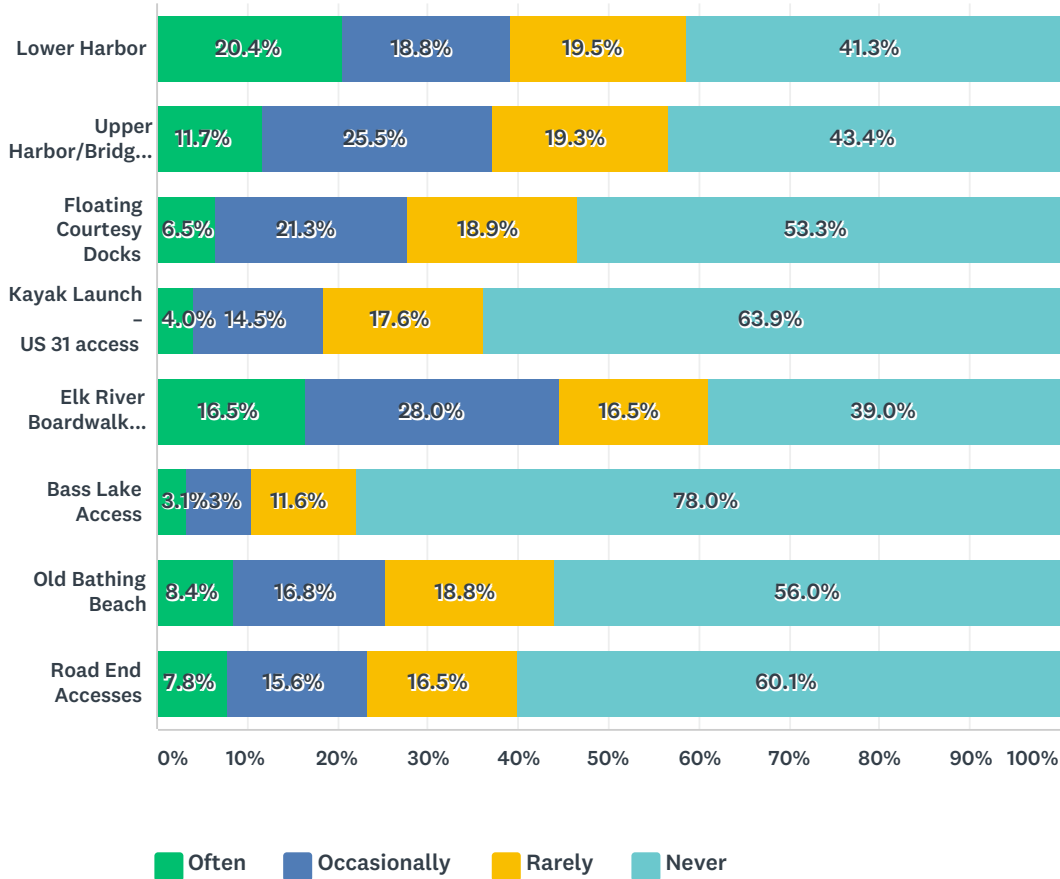
	OFTEN	OCCASIONALLY	RARELY	NEVER	TOTAL
Veterans Memorial Park	36.3% 155	43.1% 184	14.3% 61	6.3% 27	427
Rotary Park	4.4% 18	28.9% 118	39.6% 162	27.1% 111	409
Edward Grace Memorial Harbor	32.1% 136	31.1% 132	18.9% 80	17.9% 76	424
Elk River Chute	8.3% 34	25.4% 104	28.1% 115	38.1% 156	409

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Dam Beach and Fishing Park	28.9% 122	37.0% 156	19.2% 81	14.9% 63	422
Old Bathing Beach	15.0% 62	25.9% 107	26.4% 109	32.7% 135	413
Kids Pond	5.6% 23	22.5% 93	31.0% 128	40.9% 169	413
Boardwalk (near US-31 bridge)	30.7% 130	37.5% 159	19.1% 81	12.7% 54	424
Bass Lake Park	3.2% 13	9.7% 40	18.0% 74	69.1% 284	411
Day Park/Art Walk	14.3% 60	33.7% 141	32.0% 134	20.0% 84	419
Noble Pines Nature Trail	2.4% 10	12.0% 50	27.2% 113	58.4% 243	416
Community Ice Rink (Bridge St.)	1.9% 8	6.7% 28	15.2% 63	76.1% 316	415

## Q4 How often do you use the following Village water access sites?

Answered: 430 Skipped: 3



	OFTEN	OCCASIONALLY	RARELY	NEVER	TOTAL
Lower Harbor	20.4% 86	18.8% 79	19.5% 82	41.3% 174	421
Upper Harbor/Bridge St. Ramp	11.7% 49	25.5% 107	19.3% 81	43.4% 182	419
Floating Courtesy Docks	6.5% 27	21.3% 89	18.9% 79	53.3% 223	418
Kayak Launch – US 31 access	4.0% 17	14.5% 61	17.6% 74	63.9% 269	421
Elk River Boardwalk Access	16.5% 69	28.0% 117	16.5% 69	39.0% 163	418
Bass Lake Access	3.1% 13	7.3% 30	11.6% 48	78.0% 322	413
Old Bathing Beach	8.4% 35	16.8% 70	18.8% 78	56.0% 233	416
Road End Accesses	7.8% 32	15.6% 64	16.5% 68	60.1% 247	411

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	family beach access to the bay	8/6/2017 4:45 PM

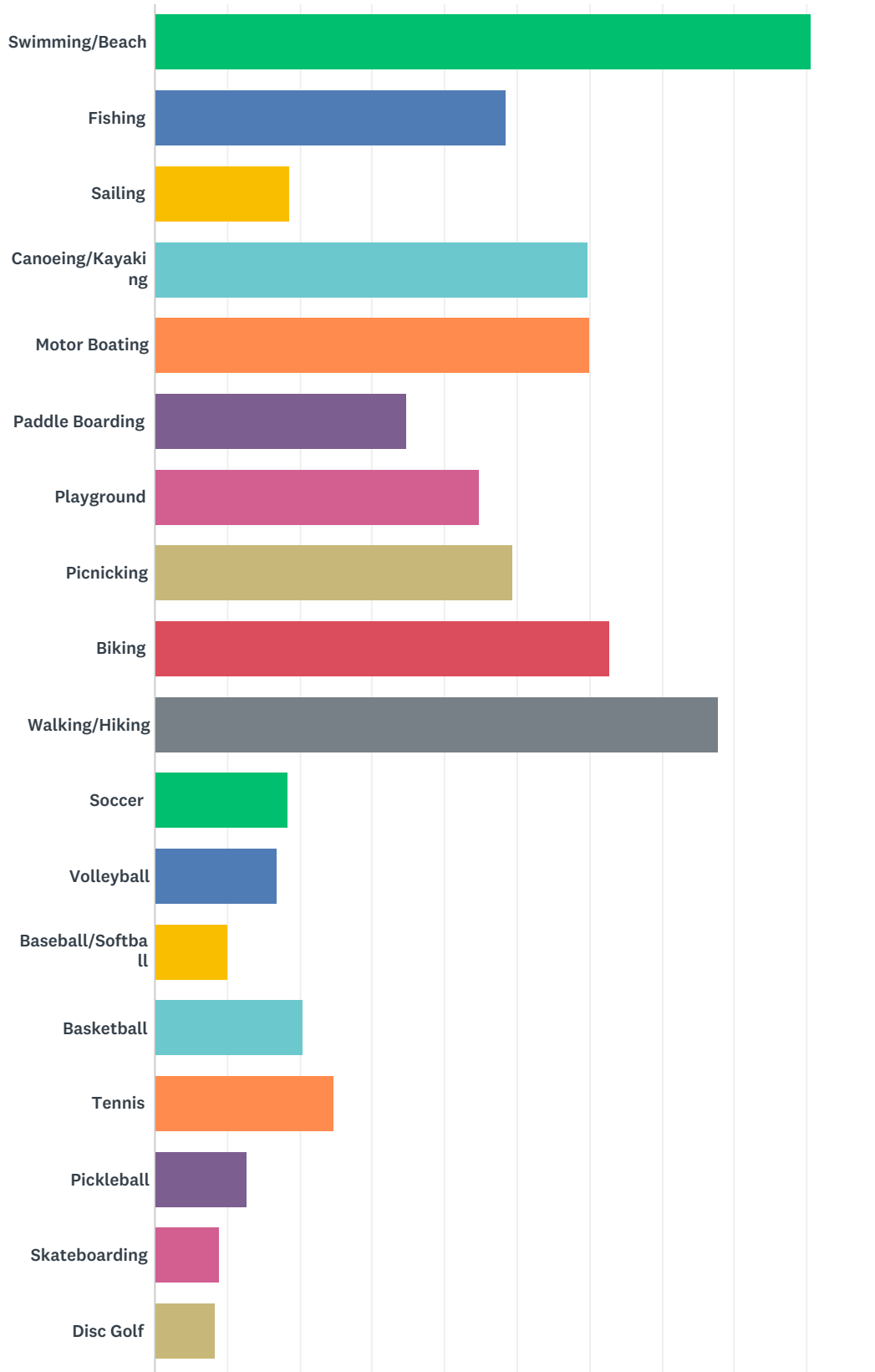
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2	Erickson Road access	8/3/2017 11:01 AM
3	I have private access to Elk Lake	8/2/2017 1:38 PM
4	We don't use these facilities but friends who do use them say only positive things. Thank	8/2/2017 12:59 AM
5	none	8/1/2017 5:11 PM
6	Milton township kayak access	8/1/2017 2:01 PM
7	I only use kayaks occasionally	7/25/2017 10:27 AM
8	Whitewater park	7/21/2017 10:46 PM
9	Damn Beach	7/21/2017 12:24 PM
10	I didn't know ER had an ice rink. We will check it out.	7/20/2017 1:51 PM
11	Elk river Marina - daily	7/20/2017 11:11 AM
12	Love Traverse St access	7/17/2017 6:56 PM
13	Elk lake by water's edge market	7/15/2017 4:57 PM
14	N9 boat	7/13/2017 8:19 PM

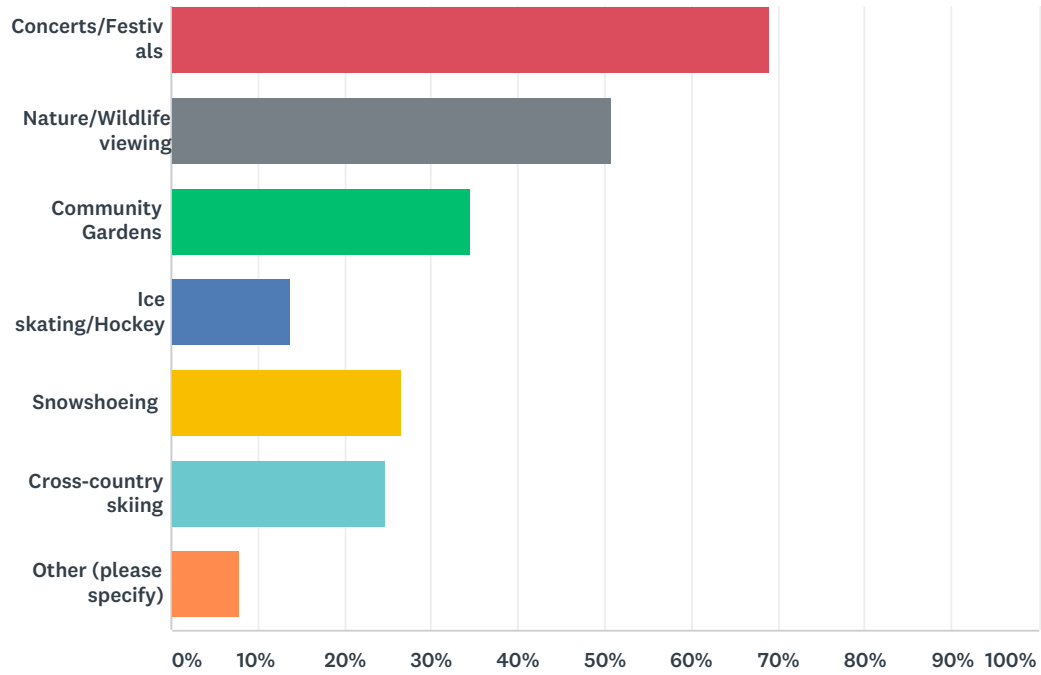


## Q5 What recreational activities do you and members of your household enjoy (check all that apply)?

Answered: 429 Skipped: 4



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming/Beach	90.68%	389
Fishing	48.48%	208
Sailing	18.65%	80
Canoeing/Kayaking	59.91%	257
Motor Boating	60.14%	258
Paddle Boarding	34.73%	149
Playground	44.76%	192
Picnicking	49.42%	212
Biking	62.70%	269
Walking/Hiking	77.86%	334
Soccer	18.41%	79
Volleyball	17.02%	73
Baseball/Softball	10.02%	43
Basketball	20.51%	88
Tennis	24.71%	106
Pickleball	12.82%	55
Skateboarding	9.09%	39
Disc Golf	8.39%	36
Concerts/Festivals	69.00%	296
Nature/Wildlife viewing	50.82%	218

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Community Gardens	34.50%	148
Ice skating/Hockey	13.75%	59
Snowshoeing	26.57%	114
Cross-country skiing	24.71%	106
Other (please specify)	7.93%	34
Total Respondents: 429		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Running, Beach Yoga, outdoor Fitness	8/6/2017 4:45 PM
2	Winter Camping	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
3	scuba diving	8/3/2017 4:16 PM
4	golf	8/3/2017 1:39 PM
5	golf	8/3/2017 8:11 AM
6	Campfires, star gazing, beach combing, Petoskey stone hunting, aurora borealis	8/2/2017 10:18 PM
7	Dog walking	8/2/2017 7:35 PM
8	Golf at Elk Rapids Golf Club	8/2/2017 6:22 PM
9	yoga, zumba	8/2/2017 2:04 PM
10	Riverside Shakespeare Theatre	8/2/2017 1:33 PM
11	Bike trail from Elk Rapids to Charlevoix	8/2/2017 11:37 AM
12	Down hill skiing	8/2/2017 9:31 AM
13	ga ga ball	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
14	All our recreational activities are done at my winter residence in The Villages, Florida for six months of the year.	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
15	Football	7/28/2017 10:31 AM
16	Shooting, Hunting	7/24/2017 8:05 PM
17	Horseback riding	7/20/2017 7:11 PM
18	Running, rollerblading, mountain biking	7/20/2017 12:41 PM
19	Parkour	7/20/2017 10:55 AM
20	Dining out, shopping	7/20/2017 7:57 AM
21	horse back riding	7/20/2017 6:55 AM
22	Running	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
23	Jet skiing	7/19/2017 1:25 PM
24	People watching	7/19/2017 12:15 PM
25	Golfing	7/19/2017 11:36 AM
26	Ga Ga Ball	7/17/2017 6:56 PM
27	Downhill skiing	7/14/2017 1:11 PM
28	downhill skiing, bicycling (road bicycling)	7/14/2017 9:47 AM
29	golf	7/14/2017 7:49 AM
30	Roller Blade / skate	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
31	Snowmobiling	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
32	Sledding	7/13/2017 8:37 PM

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33	Golf	7/13/2017 6:28 PM
34	Have b hioat in slip in Upper Harbor	7/13/2017 1:17 PM

## Q6 Overall how would you rate the Village of Elk Rapids Parks and Recreation Program?

Answered: 432 Skipped: 1

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Variety of Park Facilities	38.98% 168	48.49% 209	9.28% 40	0.70% 3	2.55% 11	431	1.79
Maintenance of Park Facilities	43.49% 187	44.65% 192	8.84% 38	0.93% 4	2.09% 9	430	1.73
Recreation Programming	18.46% 79	31.54% 135	21.73% 93	6.78% 29	21.50% 92	428	2.81
Art & Cultural Events	28.14% 121	46.51% 200	13.95% 60	2.56% 11	8.84% 38	430	2.17

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	I think we Are. Dry lucky to have such dedicated people on our rec. committee	8/3/2017 8:24 PM
2	Not sure of the events sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Program	8/3/2017 1:28 PM
3	Tennis Courts in desperate need of resurfacing and new nets!	8/3/2017 8:51 AM
4	I would like to see some classes, not just for kids but daytime classes for adults, retirees, etc.	8/3/2017 6:47 AM
5	Need to go after MNRTF grant funds for planned (?) improvements.	8/2/2017 6:22 PM
6	Trash in parks needs to be picked up more often during events, esp weekend events.	8/2/2017 2:43 PM
7	Plan for increasing visitors and avoid the tipping point of attracting such great numbers that it becomes just another overcrowd area.	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
8	It seems that ER is way more focused on Arts and Culture than recreation except for the main Harbor	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
9	The beach could really use an occasional raking to get the debris out of the sand.	8/2/2017 9:14 AM
10	All my recreational activities are done at my winter residence in The Villages, Florida for six months of the year.	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
11	Not aware that P&R offers any programs or events. I think it would be great if it did.	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
12	No one seems to be responsible for Library Park. The Central Park of Elk Rapids.	7/28/2017 3:53 PM
13	Need more recreational activities for all ages	7/24/2017 4:28 PM
14	Not really aware of all the program.	7/23/2017 7:48 PM
15	Recreational programming? Not aware of any.	7/20/2017 3:33 PM
16	There is no rec program. Not even swim lessons.	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
17	Get fence at County park removed!	7/19/2017 8:09 PM
18	Bathrooms are not attended to	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
19	Additonal art and cultural events would be welcomed	7/18/2017 8:13 AM
20	Love community dinners	7/15/2017 4:57 PM
21	Just maintain what we have	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
22	Would like to see more bicycling trails! Would like to see more "bicycle friendly" roads in and around downtown ER	7/14/2017 9:47 AM
23	Was not aware we have a formal "Recreation Program".	7/14/2017 7:49 AM
24	Elk Rapids provides more and better than most communities	7/14/2017 7:11 AM

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25	Maintenance is not consistent at all facilities some are maintained very well others very poorly	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
26	Between Green ER and Art Rapids the parks program seems to be heavily geared toward conservation and the arts/culture. In my opinion, it would be nice to see an emphasis on recreation.	7/13/2017 8:37 PM
27	Art Rapids was fantastic!	7/13/2017 12:28 PM
28	Would like to see more recreation activities offered	7/13/2017 10:41 AM
29	we have the BEST harbor and employees - I hear it all the time from friends!	7/13/2017 9:57 AM
30	Too much emphasis on facilities (the ones we have are great) and not enough focus on programming to fully utilize facilities. Swimming and sailing programs for youth would be excellent.	7/13/2017 9:16 AM



## Q7 Overall how would you rate the Village of Elk Rapids Harbor operations and facilities?

Answered: 432 Skipped: 1

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Size of the facilities	43.16% 186	35.73% 154	4.87% 21	0.93% 4	15.31% 66	431	2.10
Marketing, Events, and Partnerships	31.25% 135	32.87% 142	11.81% 51	2.78% 12	21.30% 92	432	2.50
Maintenance	47.92% 207	32.18% 139	4.86% 21	1.16% 5	13.89% 60	432	2.01
Infrastructure Improvements	38.00% 163	31.93% 137	8.62% 37	1.86% 8	19.58% 84	429	2.33

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Stop signs need on paved alleys as drivers often don't stop when entering a street	8/3/2017 11:44 PM
2	ER Marina is one of the best and an asset to the Village of Elk Rapids	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
3	The pavilion is a great community asset.	8/2/2017 6:22 PM
4	too many events/tourists	8/2/2017 10:06 AM
5	Excellent balance of programs, (concerts -appropriate number and variation), great staff, professional management	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
6	Harbor is big enough for size of Elk Rapids....need more infrastructure for fisherpersons..ie cleaning stations.	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
7	Do not own a boat nor use the facilities	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
8	The concert series is a nice event and it's great they offer the pavilion to others; but I am not aware the Harbor does much else for events or partnerships. There is a long waiting list, I think the residents of this area should be open to possibility of expanding the harbor.	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
9	I would hate to see it get any bigger.	7/28/2017 3:53 PM
10	The Village is the way America should be, We love the summer time in the village.	7/24/2017 1:04 PM
11	Docks need to be power washed...creates a lot of dirt in boats	7/24/2017 11:30 AM
12	I propose that Village residence be permitted to use the harbor launches free of charge.	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
13	Wish bathrooms at Memorial Park were cleaned more often.	7/20/2017 3:33 PM
14	The harbor is beautifully run and needs no expansions. Only 1 of 2 in the state that makes money.	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
15	need larger slip sizes	7/19/2017 9:59 PM
16	Need pumpout for oily bilge water now pumped into lake	7/19/2017 8:09 PM
17	Better venting in showers	7/19/2017 4:52 PM
18	the very best out of all the great lake facilities in michigan!!!!	7/19/2017 4:40 PM
19	Parking nearest the river is for trailers and vehicles. This is an issue for many wanting to use the beach on the harbor side. The spaces really are for harbor users.	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
20	It needs a better breakwall to protect the fuel dock. It also needs more slips.	7/19/2017 12:51 PM
21	Almost too big....	7/19/2017 12:15 PM
22	They do a great job of running an excellent harbor. This is one of the best harbors I have been to in the state of MI	7/19/2017 11:45 AM

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23	Too long of a wait list - locals should have priority for seasonal slips over "out of area" boaters, afterall we pay village and twp taxes	7/19/2017 11:36 AM
24	Elk Rapids Harbor has a great reputation as being boater friendly and well staffed	7/18/2017 11:56 AM
25	No fish cleaning station	7/17/2017 6:56 PM
26	Harbor caters too much to the boaters without consideration to taxpayers.	7/17/2017 3:53 PM
27	More garbage cans or more frequent empty of recepticals recyclingin park in busy summer months	7/16/2017 12:36 AM
28	as a village resident who is not a boater I don't feel we are welcomed at the Harbor	7/14/2017 11:52 PM
29	just maintain what we have, no extentsion	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
30	Harbor is right size for our Village.	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
31	They really should not use pesticides on their lawn areas	7/14/2017 1:11 PM
32	See comments about bicycling above	7/14/2017 9:47 AM
33	One of the best assets the Village has.	7/14/2017 7:49 AM
34	Parking always an issue in summer	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
35	Harbor is perfect size for the size of the village.	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
36	Exclusive to the "boat people", local residents are NOT ALLOWED, grrr. There is WAY too much emphasis put on catering to the marina.	7/13/2017 1:43 PM
37	I see comments on social media how great our harbor is and how friendly our harbor staff is compared to others in the area. We are top-notch!	7/13/2017 9:57 AM

## Q8 What improvements and/or additional recreational opportunities would you like to see at the Village's recreational facilities?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 273

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Veterans Memorial Park	36.25% 58
Rotary Park	19.38% 31
Edward Grace Memorial Harbor	43.13% 69
Elk River Chute	23.75% 38
Dam Beach and Fishing Park	31.87% 51
Old Bathing Beach	18.75% 30
Kids Pond	11.88% 19
Boardwalk (near US-31 bridge)	16.88% 27
Bass Lake Park	13.75% 22
Day Park/Art Walk	18.75% 30
Noble Pines Nature Trail	13.13% 21
Community Ice Rink (Bridge St.)	18.75% 30

#	VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK	DATE
1	More Beach Maintenance: Daily Shoreline Raking & Cleanup	8/4/2017 4:19 PM
2	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
3	small performance shell ala plan about 15 yrs ago	8/3/2017 1:39 PM
4	More Concerts	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
5	The bathrooms could be kept cleaner.	8/3/2017 11:43 AM
6	Resurfacing of tennis courts	8/3/2017 8:51 AM
7	Rest room servicing increased when use is high (all)	8/2/2017 10:18 PM
8	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
9	Better maintained bathroom facilities	8/2/2017 3:15 PM
10	Clean bathrooms	8/2/2017 3:11 PM
11	Possibly a second add-a-walk	8/2/2017 2:43 PM
12	Food Trucks	8/2/2017 11:58 AM
13	more concerts	8/2/2017 10:55 AM
14	don't add more tables...looks pretty cluttered-address the potential over use of boats, equipment usage on the beach areas, refer kayak launchers to appropriate places...don't spoil the beach-don't ruin the natural areas	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
15	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
16	enforce dogs on leash and picking up poop	8/2/2017 9:50 AM
17	Longer Bathroom availability	8/2/2017 9:39 AM

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18	Exercise classes	8/2/2017 9:31 AM
19	play equipment for older kids	8/2/2017 9:27 AM
20	playground equipment for teens	8/2/2017 9:18 AM
21	As mentioned above, rake the sand to get the debris out of it.	8/2/2017 9:14 AM
22	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
23	Pickleball	8/1/2017 2:10 PM
24	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
25	Pickleball courts added. This is a very popular sport with all ages and one part time court is very inadequate in this village.	8/1/2017 2:01 PM
26	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
27	Skate park	7/25/2017 5:15 PM
28	More than one sink in the bathroom. Poor use of space!	7/24/2017 8:59 PM
29	Swim lessons	7/24/2017 4:28 PM
30	More frequent attention to public restroom upkeep/cleaning.	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
31	Another volleyball court	7/20/2017 5:31 PM
32	Bike racks. Drinking Fountains, More Foot Washing Stations, An Amphitheater.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
33	Balls get stuck in hoops - difficult for kids to play w/out constant parent intervention to retrieve the stuck ball.	7/20/2017 3:33 PM
34	Water fountains	7/20/2017 1:58 PM
35	Clean restroom facilities are important at every site.	7/20/2017 1:51 PM
36	SKATE PARK!!!!!!!	7/20/2017 1:13 PM
37	clean up this dump	7/20/2017 12:06 PM
38	New basketball rims/nets	7/20/2017 10:54 AM
39	Needs a pavillion for picnic tables and programs	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
40	Sand removal on the courts and 4-square areas	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
41	More picnic tables	7/19/2017 12:44 PM
42	The area on the West end is a mess and not useable Clean it!	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
43	Updating playground equipment and beach access to handicapp access	7/18/2017 8:13 AM
44	Add more pickle ball courts! Do a better job at cleaning the bathrooms. Add windscreen to tennis courts. Fix unlevel tennis court fence.	7/17/2017 3:53 PM
45	educational signage	7/17/2017 10:13 AM
46	Recycling, sand off kid hop scotch etc	7/16/2017 12:36 AM
47	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
48	Repair tennis court cracks;important to maintain courts	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
49	Shelter/gazebo	7/14/2017 6:53 AM
50	Five minute load/unload area for those who have to park a ways away	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
51	Band shell	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
52	Need a picinc pavillion.	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
53	Outdoor amphitheater and stage like downtown charlevoix	7/13/2017 10:11 PM
54	More trash cans	7/13/2017 7:29 PM
55	Benches	7/13/2017 4:30 PM

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56	Glad there are FINALLY rest rooms, tired of fighting with rich seniors that don't want improvements made for young people.	7/13/2017 1:43 PM
57	Shaded side bench along pathway - nice for elderly and handicapped.	7/13/2017 12:32 PM
58	Tennis courts and Pickle Ball Courts resurfaced	7/13/2017 10:46 AM
#	ROTARY PARK	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	plantings, interactive activities	8/3/2017 4:27 PM
3	?	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
4	Bathroom	8/2/2017 10:19 PM
5	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
6	additional Kayak launch	8/2/2017 11:37 AM
7	Something to draw people	8/2/2017 10:42 AM
8	be mindful of water's edge and conservation guidelines	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
9	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
10	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
11	rest rooms & running water	8/1/2017 4:10 PM
12	Restroom	8/1/2017 2:10 PM
13	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
14	Kayak access facilities. Not just a clear opening in the shore vegetation.	8/1/2017 2:01 PM
15	kayak launch ramp	8/1/2017 10:13 AM
16	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
17	Access via US -31 bridge. Create board walk on other side.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
18	clean it	7/20/2017 12:06 PM
19	Could use a GOOD kayak launch	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
20	Nice historical displays and painting!	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
21	More plantings	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
22	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
23	Universal kayak launch	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
24	Take down or move the electronic sign!	7/14/2017 8:29 AM
25	Many improvements lately- better!	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
26	More activeities	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
27	Could use a kayak launch	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
28	Improvements to Kayak launch and picnic area	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
29	Benches	7/13/2017 4:30 PM
30	It's just not that well publicized that there is even a park there	7/13/2017 12:33 PM
31	drop down curtains replaced on pavilion & kayak launch updated for easier access	7/13/2017 10:46 AM
#	EDWARD GRACE MEMORIAL HARBOR	DATE
1	More community events at the pavilion or parking lot in the off season.	8/7/2017 9:01 AM
2	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
3	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
4	Bigger	8/2/2017 3:15 PM

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5	FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT AND SIGNS FOR NON BOATERS	8/2/2017 2:24 PM
6	nice management and balance	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
7	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
8	Cant get much nicer	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
9	Priority for residents in slip reservations	8/1/2017 7:39 PM
10	Fish cleaning station and other fishing support items	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
11	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
12	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
13	Restroom located at upper harbor.	7/29/2017 12:02 PM
14	Fish Cleaning Station	7/27/2017 8:56 AM
15	Shuffle Board Court	7/25/2017 12:15 PM
16	Northern Break Wall	7/24/2017 1:04 PM
17	Bathroom's updated, outside faucet near bath house for rinsing off sandy feet.	7/24/2017 12:24 PM
18	power wash docks	7/24/2017 11:30 AM
19	More large slips and more camps for water activities	7/22/2017 5:47 PM
20	larger docks for larger boats to stay and an improved breakwall to better break the surge of water at times	7/21/2017 1:40 PM
21	Ventilation in boaters lounge bathroom	7/20/2017 10:18 PM
22	More Drinking Fountains,	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
23	More parking for village members	7/20/2017 1:58 PM
24	Fish cleaning station	7/20/2017 12:46 PM
25	Any chance to add more parking close by?	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
26	Reduce noise in pavilion.	7/20/2017 8:28 AM
27	More slips, replace wood planking with trex type material. Maybe dingy parking in the big dead space at the corner near pavilion	7/20/2017 8:25 AM
28	Floating docks	7/20/2017 6:45 AM
29	I disagree with the parking situation. Only one car per boat, crazy.	7/19/2017 10:49 PM
30	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
31	composite decking installed	7/19/2017 9:59 PM
32	Tiki Bar	7/19/2017 9:08 PM
33	More parking for seasonal slip holders	7/19/2017 8:56 PM
34	need pumpout for oily bilge water now pumped into lake	7/19/2017 8:09 PM
35	more frequent trash collection in summer.	7/19/2017 6:26 PM
36	Water hose to wash mountain bike after dirty ride near bike racks	7/19/2017 4:52 PM
37	Lock system from the bay into elk lake	7/19/2017 3:09 PM
38	NO expansion. More recycling places. Better Internet.	7/19/2017 2:33 PM
39	Boat show before Memorial Day or after Labor Day	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
40	Better internet access/capacity; Sunday evening concerts could be split with some Saturdays for more attendance;	7/19/2017 1:36 PM
41	expansion & mooring field	7/19/2017 1:18 PM
42	Better break wall protection in harbor	7/19/2017 1:11 PM
43	More slips and a longer breakwall to protect the fuel docks.	7/19/2017 12:51 PM

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44	Larger slips, extending break wall to protect entrance	7/19/2017 12:44 PM
45	Composite decking on docks to replace wood.	7/19/2017 12:33 PM
46	Lower Dock prices & fuel prices.	7/19/2017 12:29 PM
47	Need to raise gas dock due to water levels. Need to raise bumpers at launch ramp they are to low to be of any use. Lengthen break wall and turn to protect marina occupants from rough water ensuring safety.	7/19/2017 12:29 PM
48	Extend break wall to protect harbor from high winds.	7/19/2017 12:19 PM
49	Fire pit, pool & hot tub, access to bike path	7/19/2017 12:15 PM
50	More slips	7/19/2017 12:09 PM
51	Floating docks	7/19/2017 12:05 PM
52	Composite pier and walkway materia	7/19/2017 11:48 AM
53	Control noisy boaters	7/19/2017 11:31 AM
54	Bigger boat slips!	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
55	Return parking lot to general public	7/18/2017 8:13 AM
56	Fish cleaning station	7/17/2017 6:56 PM
57	Quit alienating the village residents. Connect rocks to people can walk out on rocks as they do in other towns like Lexington.	7/17/2017 3:53 PM
58	Local parking times increased	7/16/2017 12:36 AM
59	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
60	Perfect as is	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
61	Sailing classes & regattas	7/14/2017 1:11 PM
62	Open to public	7/14/2017 7:14 AM
63	Valet trailer parking..	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
64	More large slips, improved harbor house	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
65	Restroom use for all	7/13/2017 11:06 PM
66	None needed	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
67	Benches	7/13/2017 4:30 PM
68	Local access	7/13/2017 1:43 PM
69	More bench seating, events	7/13/2017 9:03 AM
#	ELK RIVER CHUTE	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	Repair and reopen please!	8/3/2017 8:24 PM
3	We miss the chute, it doesn't chute anymore : o (	8/2/2017 11:37 PM
4	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
5	nice to have it there, but is it wise to encourage activity there?	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
6	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
7	bottom of river / play area cleaned up if going to continue to use... dangerous as is..	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
8	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
9	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
10	Safety improvements for children	8/1/2017 2:01 PM
11	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM



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12	Would like to see a walking trail and some benches along the river from Cedar street to the park. And maybe the other side as well, connecting to the library trail. The river is such an asset, it would be a nice place for a walk.	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
13	Made to withstand high water levels	7/28/2017 4:37 PM
14	Demolition	7/28/2017 10:31 AM
15	Lower water level, so kids can use it again	7/25/2017 5:15 PM
16	Currently inaccessible due to water level	7/25/2017 10:27 AM
17	the chute is no longer useable due to water levels	7/24/2017 11:33 AM
18	Clean up bottom	7/21/2017 1:40 PM
19	A slide.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
20	Remove it before someone gets hurt	7/20/2017 3:33 PM
21	The actual chute returned to original function	7/20/2017 12:41 PM
22	Lower the level of Lake Michigan so it will come back	7/20/2017 11:44 AM
23	Clean it up.	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
24	Bathrooms, better access to beach, boat/trailer parking with boat launch.	7/19/2017 4:08 PM
25	Better navigational markings thru the river into elk lake.	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
26	Removal of bushes and poison ivy nearby	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
27	Defined, safe access.	7/19/2017 12:33 PM
28	Clean the river banks. Don't you own a lawn mower?	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
29	Safer access, not so wild and overgrown	7/17/2017 10:01 PM
30	Fix the Chute!	7/17/2017 3:53 PM
31	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
32	Just repaired ; looks good	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
33	Clean up the bottom of river	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
34	Open it	7/13/2017 9:36 PM
35	walkway and better access to the river on both sides	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
36	Easier access & a life preserver ring	7/13/2017 12:54 PM
37	Fix the chute so kids can play there again	7/13/2017 12:33 PM
38	easier way to get in and out of the water	7/12/2017 4:26 PM
#	DAM BEACH AND FISHING PARK	DATE
1	More regular maintainance of Volleyball court	8/7/2017 9:01 AM
2	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
3	A bathroom facility	8/3/2017 11:43 AM
4	Bathroom	8/2/2017 10:19 PM
5	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
6	Nothing. leave it alone.	8/2/2017 1:38 PM
7	Grooming of beach areas	8/2/2017 1:33 PM
8	Improve parking	8/2/2017 11:12 AM
9	bathrooms	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
10	Signage	8/2/2017 10:42 AM
11	access for tented camping	8/2/2017 10:28 AM

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12	so nice to keep it natural and keep the beach as the main attraction	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
13	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
14	Fish cleaning station	8/2/2017 9:35 AM
15	cleaning station	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
16	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
17	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
18	Boardwalks	7/29/2017 9:39 AM
19	Another fire pit	7/28/2017 4:37 PM
20	Bathrooms	7/21/2017 12:50 PM
21	Leave it alone. Natural beauty	7/20/2017 9:09 PM
22	Bathrooms	7/20/2017 5:31 PM
23	Drinking Fountain, Bathrooms, board walk leading to an observation platform. Woven beach matting (mobs-mat) allowing improved accessibility. <a href="http://www.mobi-mat-chair-beach-access-dms.com/recpath/">http://www.mobi-mat-chair-beach-access-dms.com/recpath/</a>	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
24	Permanent restrooms	7/20/2017 2:06 PM
25	clean up beach, more beach, and bathrooms	7/20/2017 11:48 AM
26	Wheelchair access to beach	7/20/2017 11:44 AM
27	More fireplaces	7/20/2017 11:42 AM
28	Better accessibility for older people or people with walking disabilities(goes for all beaches and parks)	7/20/2017 11:04 AM
29	Groom the beach	7/19/2017 10:49 PM
30	Walkway needed on east side of river behind the dam	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
31	Less beach grass and more beach/swimming area. Restrooms.	7/19/2017 8:56 PM
32	Fishing area on dam and nearby banks littered	7/19/2017 3:44 PM
33	Same	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
34	bathroom/changing room	7/19/2017 11:36 AM
35	better bathrooms	7/18/2017 11:56 AM
36	Better bathrooms	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
37	Cleaning station for fish	7/17/2017 6:56 PM
38	educational signage	7/17/2017 10:13 AM
39	Bathrooms	7/16/2017 12:36 AM
40	Preservation	7/15/2017 8:46 AM
41	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
42	Complete bathroom addition to this park	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
43	Simple restroom & maintenance of fire pit by DPW	7/14/2017 1:11 PM
44	New Restroom facility	7/14/2017 7:49 AM
45	Clean debris from beach at least once a year	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
46	Paved parking	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
47	A bathroom!!!	7/13/2017 11:06 PM
48	Better bathrooms. Walkway needed from Dam around the corner on east side.	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
49	Benches at end	7/13/2017 4:30 PM
50	Handicap walkway	7/13/2017 1:43 PM

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51	Thanks for saving this area. Any future harbor expansion cannot include this area.	7/13/2017 12:35 PM
#	OLD BATHING BEACH	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	Parking needs paving!	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
3	Fire ring added	8/2/2017 10:18 PM
4	Add a portable bathroom and more picnic tables	8/2/2017 7:19 PM
5	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
6	GRADE PARKING LOT	8/2/2017 2:24 PM
7	Grooming of beach areas	8/2/2017 1:33 PM
8	Signage	8/2/2017 10:42 AM
9	nice to have it there, keep it simple	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
10	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
11	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
12	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
13	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
14	Is there signage on the road? I'm not sure it's marked.	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
15	Same	7/20/2017 9:09 PM
16	Bathrooms	7/20/2017 5:31 PM
17	more beach and bathrooms	7/20/2017 11:48 AM
18	Bigger beach/ better parking	7/20/2017 11:04 AM
19	Bathrooms!	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
20	??	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
21	Clean the area up	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
22	porta potty	7/17/2017 10:13 AM
23	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
24	N/A	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
25	A hammock	7/13/2017 11:06 PM
26	More beach area. Clear out some of the grass.	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
27	Benches	7/13/2017 4:30 PM
28	Rest rooms	7/13/2017 1:43 PM
29	More Sandy Beach space to sit on!	7/13/2017 1:17 PM
30	Perhaps a ports potty , and unlocked between specified hours and seasonal?	7/13/2017 12:32 PM
#	KIDS POND	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
3	MORE USE BY SPONSORING GROUPS FOR KIDS	8/2/2017 2:24 PM
4	nice to see it, don't over uses it	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
5	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
6	Stock Pond year round for kids to fish	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
7	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
8	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM

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9	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
10	Sharks	7/28/2017 10:31 AM
11	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
12	Trim up dead and overgrown branches and	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
13	Swimming hole	7/19/2017 1:42 PM
14	It's good	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
15	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
16	N/A	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
17	Restrict adult fishing	7/14/2017 7:11 AM
18	Stock with fish...	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
19	More seating	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
#	BOARDWALK (NEAR US-31 BRIDGE)	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
3	Signage	8/2/2017 10:42 AM
4	nice to have it there.	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
5	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
6	Boards are uneven....	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
7	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
8	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
9	Keep it clean of debris	8/1/2017 2:01 PM
10	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
11	Do a partnership with Art Rapids to help put a mural under the bridge.	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
12	Clear spiderwebs more often	7/25/2017 10:27 AM
13	Repair some planks	7/20/2017 9:09 PM
14	Wider path. Both sides of bridge.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
15	wider boardwalk with sturdy railing	7/20/2017 11:48 AM
16	One of the electrical covers is off a box and electrical wires are accessible. Shock hazard.	7/20/2017 11:44 AM
17	More swimmer accessable/friendly	7/20/2017 11:04 AM
18	Get rid of posion ivy	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
19	sidewalks for bike riding	7/19/2017 9:59 PM
20	Better lighting	7/19/2017 8:56 PM
21	Get rid of poison ivy near docks and sitting area park. Very overgrown with it!!!	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
22	Repair the walkway and lights	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
23	Fix the broken boards on the boardwalk.	7/17/2017 3:53 PM
24	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
25	N/A	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
26	Wood is slippery when wet..	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
27	clean-up overpass area	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
#	BASS LAKE PARK	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM

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2	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
3	Small dock possibly	8/2/2017 2:43 PM
4	BETTER SIGNAGE	8/2/2017 2:24 PM
5	unfamiliar with the usage	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
6	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
7	What Park?	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
8	modest playground equipment	8/2/2017 9:27 AM
9	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
10	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
11	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
12	Anything...this lake is under utilized in summer/winter	7/24/2017 4:28 PM
13	Better launch.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
14	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
15	A credit card	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
16	dock at launch	7/18/2017 4:09 PM
17	Ok	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
18	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
19	N/A	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
20	NOT a park. Waste water treatment runoff	7/14/2017 7:14 AM
21	Did not know it even existed	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
22	More picnic tables and seating also landscaping	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
#	DAY PARK/ART WALK	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	Camping please	8/3/2017 8:24 PM
3	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
4	smoother trails for wheelchair access	8/2/2017 1:26 PM
5	More promotion so visitors and locals know it is there.	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
6	take down the awful & delapidated chain link fence!	8/2/2017 10:28 AM
7	keep it simple and don't overload with more sculpture. Stop thinning it out. Let it remain a natural area.	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
8	smoother pathways for wheelchair access	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
9	Group art walks with art expert	8/2/2017 9:31 AM
10	This is county owned....not Village	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
11	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
12	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
13	Death traps so you're always on your toes	7/28/2017 10:31 AM
14	Tree trimming. Bring up height of canopy to allow for more air to circulate.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
15	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
16	Remove fence and open park year round.	7/19/2017 8:09 PM
17	Walkway to water's edge	7/19/2017 1:01 PM

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18	A walk way with a boardwalk over the water that fills in between the beach and the bay. You have to walk through stagnant water to get to the bay water.	7/19/2017 11:45 AM
19	Ok	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
20	Not handicap accessible with wheel chair-- crushed stone too rough-we tried 7/15/17"	7/17/2017 6:56 PM
21	possible cross-country skiing	7/17/2017 10:13 AM
22	Its awesome, keep going in this direction! More events there could be nice, I know some people in town who have still never been!	7/15/2017 8:46 AM
23	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
24	Park not in the Village but perfect as is	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
25	Take down fencing & open year around	7/14/2017 1:11 PM
26	Beach needs to be cleaned/maintained	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
27	more signs for directions to different areas	7/13/2017 9:06 PM
28	Expansion	7/13/2017 6:28 PM
29	beautiful use of an underutilized park	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
30	A place for skate boarders would be a nice addition	7/13/2017 10:46 AM
#	NOBLE PINES NATURE TRAIL	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
3	Possibly extend it	8/2/2017 2:43 PM
4	Not long enough to be worthwhile	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
5	Nice to have it there. does not seem to get a lot of use.	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
6	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
7	Joke - waste of money	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
8	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
9	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
10	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
11	Better signage	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
12	Ok	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
13	Would be nice if it were extended - if this is the one I am thinking of.	7/17/2017 10:01 PM
14	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
15	N/A	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
16	publicize it's there.	7/14/2017 8:11 AM
17	Very very small	7/14/2017 7:14 AM
18	Really too short to be of any use.. waste of money	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
19	Frisbee golf baskets	7/13/2017 8:37 PM
20	clean up or remove	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
21	Additional length added if possible	7/13/2017 12:59 PM
#	COMMUNITY ICE RINK (BRIDGE ST.)	DATE
1	Lights for evening skates	8/7/2017 9:01 AM
2	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
3	Warming hut	8/2/2017 10:17 PM
4	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM

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5	Nice to have it there.	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
6	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
7	Needs better maint / keep debris off ice / lighting for night skating	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
8	new location. protected from wind and more inviting	8/2/2017 9:27 AM
9	needs to be more of a priority	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
10	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
11	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
12	I don't recall seeing benches, which are helpful for changing in and out of skates. Organize a bon fire now and then and have a picnic table nearby to hold stuff for s'mores if people wanted to bring that. Actually, picnic table would be good all the time as place to set water-bottles, extra gear, etc.	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
13	Leveled	7/28/2017 4:37 PM
14	More care and attention to this service is needed. Consider a warming hut??	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
15	More advertising of this, I didn't know it existed.	7/20/2017 5:31 PM
16	Warming building	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
17	Hard to create and maintain. Tried to use it a few years ago, but was too dangerous (bumpy and patchy) and small to really do anything on it.	7/20/2017 3:33 PM
18	larger and with better membrane/base	7/20/2017 2:06 PM
19	Public shoves	7/20/2017 10:54 AM
20	Needs a permanent place.	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
21	Lots of trash from the dumpsters around	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
22	none	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
23	Enlarge maybe with warming house (Sportsmen club site?)	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
24	Tiny	7/14/2017 7:14 AM
25	Lighting for night time skating. Cover to keep debris off ice . Better snow removal	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
26	Lights	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
27	Lights and warming house	7/13/2017 11:06 PM
28	frozen smooth	7/13/2017 9:06 PM
29	needs a better location, better infrastructure, fire ring area	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
30	Would love to see this publicized and funded better, rental skates, warming house, etc.	7/13/2017 1:43 PM

## Q9 What improvements would you like to see at the Village's water access sites?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 371

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lower Harbor	54.84%	34
Upper Harbor/Bridge St. Ramp	41.94%	26
Floating Courtesy Docks	32.26%	20
Kayak Launch - US 31 access	35.48%	22
Elk River Boardwalk Access	29.03%	18
Bass Lake Access	32.26%	20
Old Bathing Beach	29.03%	18

#	LOWER HARBOR	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	lock to get to upper harbor	8/3/2017 1:35 PM
3	Already good access	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
4	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
5	More parking	8/2/2017 11:12 AM
6	seems fine	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
7	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
8	more fishing infrastructure	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
9	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
10	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
11	I would like to see use of the launch fee waived for village residence.	7/20/2017 9:30 PM
12	Fish cleaning station	7/20/2017 12:46 PM
13	clean it	7/20/2017 12:06 PM
14	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
15	allow a resturante or pub to be built on grassy area by docks	7/19/2017 9:59 PM
16	Parking	7/19/2017 8:56 PM
17	Another boat ramp north side of river with parking, parking for beach goers.	7/19/2017 4:08 PM
18	reduced fee for local residents	7/19/2017 2:54 PM
19	See above.	7/19/2017 2:33 PM
20	A credit card machine to automatically pay for launch fees...especially when the office is closed there.	7/19/2017 2:03 PM
21	Better internet access/capacity; Sunday evening concerts could be split with some Saturdays for more attendance;	7/19/2017 1:36 PM
22	Enhanced Breakwall and fishing pier	7/19/2017 12:51 PM
23	Raise bumpers/fenders at launch site.	7/19/2017 12:29 PM



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24	Lengthen and turn break wall to limit dredging needed.	7/19/2017 12:19 PM
25	Locals should have priority for seasonal slips over "out of area" boaters, we pay the village and twp taxes	7/19/2017 11:36 AM
26	Control noisy boaters	7/19/2017 11:31 AM
27	Accommodate larger boats	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
28	Perfect as is; promote water trail	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
29	Valet parking for vehicles with trailers when parking lot is full ..	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
30	Additional larger slips, dinghy parking improved harbor house	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
31	None needed	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
32	parking available for all	7/13/2017 9:06 PM
33	Please no expansion of the harbor	7/13/2017 12:35 PM
34	stop signs at Dexter and River to make it safer for boaters and pedestrians.	7/13/2017 10:46 AM
#	UPPER HARBOR/BRIDGE ST. RAMP	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	No Comment	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
3	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
4	maybe create a low key botanic garden with native plantings and educational labels	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
5	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
6	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
7	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
8	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
9	Parking	7/29/2017 12:02 PM
10	longer hours for gas	7/24/2017 8:07 AM
11	It's great just the way it is	7/20/2017 9:09 PM
12	Unlimited in and out access to boat slip renters	7/20/2017 7:57 AM
13	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
14	composite decking installed; fish cleaning station;	7/19/2017 9:59 PM
15	The slips are small.	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
16	A better unloading area for the boaters	7/19/2017 12:51 PM
17	Locals should have priority for seasonal slips over "out of area" boaters, we pay the village and twp taxes	7/19/2017 11:36 AM
18	It's okay	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
19	lower docks or ramp for kayaks	7/17/2017 10:13 AM
20	Add landscape to the ER Landing property	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
21	better parking access/facilities	7/14/2017 9:47 AM
22	Sign to encourage boaters to use courtesy docs while parking trailers	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
23	None needed	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
24	na	7/13/2017 9:06 PM
25	better access to the launch area	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
26	It would be nice if employees of the marina didn't park in the area designed for boat trailer parking during approved parking times	7/13/2017 12:33 PM
#	FLOATING COURTESY DOCKS	DATE

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1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	OK	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
3	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
4	seems ample	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
5	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
6	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
7	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
8	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
9	another set for guests	7/24/2017 8:07 AM
10	Enforce the "no swimming " rule. Sends mixed signals when kids swim there yet says no swimming.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
11	Fishing allowed, kids not harrassed for swimming off of them	7/20/2017 12:41 PM
12	platforms to jump off of	7/20/2017 11:04 AM
13	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
14	More dock space	7/19/2017 5:10 PM
15	Keep the boats that use it overnight off it!	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
16	N/A	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
17	Nice	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
18	these are nice, consider additional docks on east side of bridge	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
19	Trash container	7/13/2017 4:30 PM
20	More	7/13/2017 2:10 PM
#	KAYAK LAUNCH - US 31 ACCESS	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	OK	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
3	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
4	kayak launch like Milton Twp	8/2/2017 12:40 PM
5	It could be expanded	8/2/2017 11:37 AM
6	fine as is	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
7	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
8	A dry launch dock like Milton Township has...	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
9	I'd like to see village/harbor to own marina to expand parking and turn around. make more inviting to boaters	8/2/2017 9:27 AM
10	manage goose droppings in the ramp, restroom	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
11	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
12	add a launch ramp like in Kewadin	8/1/2017 10:13 AM
13	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
14	This could be a permanent launch, cement	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
15	More parking	7/19/2017 4:40 PM
16	dock at launch	7/18/2017 4:09 PM
17	Ok	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
18	Universal kayak launch	7/14/2017 3:16 PM

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19	Clean ramp / very slimy	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
20	Make it a "hard" launch, like in Kewadin	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
21	better access/launch area, more parking -- like what milton township did at the kewadin site	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
22	updated and easier access	7/13/2017 10:46 AM
#	ELK RIVER BOARDWALK ACCESS	DATE
1	More locations for overnight boat parking	8/7/2017 9:01 AM
2	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
3	OK	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
4	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
5	Define public area to keep it open to the public.	8/2/2017 11:12 AM
6	keep it simple as is	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
7	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
8	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
9	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
10	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
11	It's fine	7/20/2017 9:09 PM
12	Add a designated "no boats" swimming deck for kids.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
13	Wider? Bike lane and walker lane?	7/20/2017 3:33 PM
14	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
15	Keep the boats from tying up to it	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
16	Continue to maintain	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
17	Pretty much unusable can't get any kind of boat in there	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
18	miral under bridge area	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
#	BASS LAKE ACCESS	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	?	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
3	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
4	seems fine as is	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
5	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
6	Dock / Kayak Launch	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
7	concrete launch	8/2/2017 9:27 AM
8	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
9	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
10	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
11	Better launch	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
12	Improve launch ramp	7/20/2017 1:52 PM
13	Nothing	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
14	Dredge out the boat launch so we can get boats out easier	7/19/2017 4:58 PM
15	dock at launch	7/18/2017 4:09 PM
16	Okay	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
17	N/A	7/14/2017 3:16 PM

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18	NOT a usable 'lake'!!!	7/14/2017 7:14 AM
19	Too shallow and no parking	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
20	Dock at ramp	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
#	OLD BATHING BEACH	DATE
1	Good the way they are now.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	?	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
3	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
4	nice to have it there, and a low key kind of place	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
5	none	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
6	Restroom	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
7	--	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
8	OK	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
9	do not use - don't know	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
10	Increase beach area, pull out some of the grasses	7/20/2017 7:57 AM
11	Plant more trees to replace ones lost in big storm	7/19/2017 10:30 PM
12	I don't even know what this is???	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
13	Okay	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
14	N/A	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
15	Rake / remove debris	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
16	More beach area	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
17	Clean it up	7/13/2017 4:30 PM
18	Seasonal porta potty	7/13/2017 12:32 PM

**Q10 Are there additional recreational facilities and/or opportunities that you would you like to see in the Village that are not provided at present?  
Please list below.**

Answered: 107 Skipped: 326

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Agressively support, approve and fund an extend the Traverse to Charlevoix trail extension. I ride my bike hundreds of miles in the summer. The trail extension will provide an excellent opportunity to ride my bike locally in a safe manner where I am not vulnerable to serious injury or death riding on the side of busy roads.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	Perhaps a skateboard park for the teens	8/3/2017 11:44 PM
3	Can't think of any	8/3/2017 11:24 PM
4	A "boy and girls club " type facility for teens.	8/3/2017 7:34 PM
5	TART trail extension through Elk Rapids	8/3/2017 4:42 PM
6	bicycle trail	8/3/2017 1:39 PM
7	A nature walking/biking trail connecting us to other communities.	8/3/2017 1:24 PM
8	A safe bikeway that runs from the Tart trail in Acme to the Charlevoix - Petoskey trail	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
9	TART Trail to Charlevoix	8/3/2017 11:01 AM
10	I would love to see the TART bike trail connect from Acme to Elk Rapids.	8/3/2017 10:39 AM
11	A recreational (bike/walk/run/non-motorized) trail, preferably one that connects the Traverse City TART trail to the Charlevoix trail would be very much appreciated. I bike/walk almost every day, weather permitting.	8/3/2017 10:07 AM
12	Bike paths	8/3/2017 8:59 AM
13	Biking trails	8/3/2017 8:51 AM
14	A bike path south to Traverse City and north to Charlevoix	8/2/2017 10:19 PM
15	Complete the bike trail from Acme to Elk Rapids.	8/2/2017 9:47 PM
16	Dog park	8/2/2017 7:35 PM
17	More organized recreational activities for seniors,e.g., shuffleboard	8/2/2017 6:22 PM
18	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
19	No	8/2/2017 3:11 PM
20	Another bike rack or two at Vet Memorial Park would be nice, esp during events.	8/2/2017 2:43 PM
21	ADDED TENNIS COURTS	8/2/2017 2:24 PM
22	Indoors Shooting Range	8/2/2017 11:58 AM
23	Bike trails that connect with TART trail	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
24	Food trucks, consider kayak and paddle board rentals, more art fairs and car shows	8/2/2017 10:42 AM
25	focus more on local residents rather than tourists	8/2/2017 10:06 AM
26	The open space/grassy area looks great, but consider some low-key sort of botanic garden with educational aspects, possibly native species of plants and trees. Please don't add a "water feature", as it would seem foolish when we are surrounded by natural water and river features. It would also seem outdated. It is important to retain the natural features of the village, rather than striving for an over-worked and "suburban lawn" of past eras. We would seem more current if we paid attention to retaining some of the natural habitat areas of the village, which is what attracts people to this area.	8/2/2017 9:56 AM

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27	I would like to see the development of the Traverse to Charlevoix recreation trail be supported and facilitated by the Township of Elk Rapids Board of Commissioners.	8/2/2017 9:54 AM
28	not at this time!	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
29	Dog park with areas for large and small dogs	8/2/2017 9:50 AM
30	no	8/2/2017 9:40 AM
31	Bike Trail ( Tart)	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
32	More Recreation Programs	8/2/2017 9:35 AM
33	A off leash dog park	8/2/2017 9:33 AM
34	bike trail coming through the area.	8/2/2017 9:27 AM
35	More movies and concerts in the park. More art/craft days.	8/2/2017 12:59 AM
36	Why is the road end access sites so overlooked. Improve access etc. Easiest way to increase recreation in the community--provide information on where these sites are at.....now they become exclusive to neighboring property owners...this is a low cost but effective opportunity.	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
37	No	8/1/2017 5:11 PM
38	Pickleball courts	8/1/2017 2:10 PM
39	Additional pickleball courts maybe four dedicated to PB only.	8/1/2017 2:01 PM
40	TART Trail	8/1/2017 10:13 AM
41	Bike trail from Traverse City to and through Elk Rapids.	7/31/2017 12:28 PM
42	Organized day trips to different Michigan places by bus for seniors - approximately \$40 to \$90 per person cost	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
43	Very excited about the possible addition of a bike trail through Elk Rapids. Would love to see P&R support this effort and help make it happen. And support amenities in the village for cyclists. Aside from riding on the streets, we don't have good place for riding bikes in our village/twp. Also, we don't have any hiking trails in our area, but this opportunity will soon be available at Camp Maplehurst in Milton Twp. When this area becomes available for hiking, it would be great to help publicize this property to village residents as well as other nearby assets such as Maple Bay and Petobago. We lived here a long time before we heard about Petobago. These areas are very nice complements to what is available in the Village.	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
44	We would like to see improvements made to the Elk Rapids Library. Our children use it all year and they need more space.	7/29/2017 12:33 PM
45	A bike trail from TC to CHX!!!	7/27/2017 4:11 PM
46	Skate park	7/25/2017 5:15 PM
47	Shooting Range	7/24/2017 8:05 PM
48	Winter time festival	7/24/2017 4:28 PM
49	Pool	7/23/2017 9:39 PM
50	n/a	7/23/2017 7:48 PM
51	Community Swimming Pool	7/20/2017 5:31 PM
52	A bike path right away(or wider sidewalk) that connects the East side of Elk Rapids to the West Side. Riding in road not safe for children. And riding on sidewalk not welcomed by pedestrians.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
53	Fish cleaning station at Edward C Grace Memorial Harbor	7/20/2017 12:46 PM
54	Let hammocking be allowed without harassment from police.	7/20/2017 12:41 PM
55	Not sure	7/20/2017 12:21 PM
56	Elk Rapids is great at providing for the young and the older, but the teens have been somewhat forgotten. The reason they get into "mischief" is because they are bored. A skate park for teens would be a great way to keep them busy and out of trouble, and get exercise. There are very few areas for them to hang out with friends. A designated spot for them to hang their hammocks would also be good, or any activities designed specifically for their age group.	7/20/2017 11:47 AM

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57	More things to do with the arts	7/20/2017 11:27 AM
58	Community/school indoor pool	7/20/2017 11:17 AM
59	diving platforms, disc golf, parkour equipment	7/20/2017 11:04 AM
60	Swimming pool for the community.	7/20/2017 8:28 AM
61	resturant or pub allowed to be built by waters edge	7/19/2017 9:59 PM
62	Tart trail	7/19/2017 5:10 PM
63	Want the shooting range back	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
64	more boat slips in marina	7/19/2017 3:00 PM
65	Connect to the tart trail system and then to Charlevoix	7/19/2017 2:47 PM
66	No	7/19/2017 12:31 PM
67	Kayak rental	7/19/2017 12:02 PM
68	Skateboard park for youth	7/19/2017 11:36 AM
69	cross country ski trails	7/18/2017 11:56 AM
70	Use the school facilities more.	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
71	Allowing the TART trail to go through with the plans to extend the path.	7/18/2017 8:13 AM
72	More outdoor seating at restaurants and more restaurants/eateries with lake view. Bike trails/widened roads for road bikes. Doggie bags at/near school tennis courts. A fenced-in meeting place for dogs - divided into small/timid dog area and large dog area.	7/17/2017 10:01 PM
73	Fix up Traverse st acess	7/17/2017 6:56 PM
74	Need food trucks and/or food provisions at Pavilion summer concerts. Increase family activities/festivals/opportunities. Look at what they do in Lexington Michigan. Would appreciate kayak/canoe rentals.	7/17/2017 3:53 PM
75	Shelters built at veterans park similar to the day park.	7/16/2017 6:52 AM
76	Tart trail	7/16/2017 12:36 AM
77	It would be nice to have a playground located in the village that is better protected during windy weather. It would be really nice to have a boardwalk along the river starting from at the library bridge coming out near the public rest rooms across from the fishing pond. Maybe it could be a nature walk?	7/14/2017 11:52 PM
78	Maintaining is most important. If you have a diamond, you have to keep it polished so it retains its beauty, don't muddy the waters by adding too much, keep it simple, clean and appealing.	7/14/2017 6:49 PM
79	Pickleball is an increasingly popular sport. There is a lack of dedicated courts for this sport. Work with neighboring areas to develop some courts.	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
80	I would love to have a dog park in our community somewhere.	7/14/2017 2:44 PM
81	Community pool	7/14/2017 1:11 PM
82	add a public restroom on the east side of downtown	7/14/2017 9:47 AM
83	maybe some summertime community concerts in the park, similar to what Charlevoix does	7/14/2017 8:11 AM
84	A REAL WALKING, BIKING COMMUNITY. NO SIGNAGE FOR ANY CROSS WALKS.	7/14/2017 7:14 AM
85	The Village provide amenities for a large population but allows no real housing ( hotels , motels )	7/14/2017 7:11 AM
86	More teen friendly activities - like a teen center.	7/14/2017 6:53 AM
87	Bike path / Tart trail	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
88	Band shell	7/13/2017 11:12 PM
89	More biking trails and roadside biking	7/13/2017 10:54 PM
90	Would like to see a pavillion for picnic tables in the Village park.	7/13/2017 10:37 PM
91	I would love to see some cross country ski trails managed in the winter	7/13/2017 10:11 PM

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92	Skate park please	7/13/2017 9:36 PM
93	A designated, safe sledding hill.	7/13/2017 8:37 PM
94	sailing school at harbor or rotary park trail connecting library bridge to cedar street bike repair stations, better bike racks skate park	7/13/2017 5:15 PM
95	Classes or outings for children	7/13/2017 2:30 PM
96	Safer and wider bike and walking paths throughout the village.	7/13/2017 1:50 PM
97	More activities/facilities in Memorial Park for teens.	7/13/2017 1:43 PM
98	Connection to the TART or a mountain bike trail of some sort	7/13/2017 12:59 PM
99	Skate park for teenagers/kids.	7/13/2017 12:36 PM
100	It would be nice if the restrooms in Memorial Park were open all year, or at least longer. People with kids use the playground and there is no where to take a young child to the bathroom when necessary. The kids start playing basketball the minute the snow melts and there is no where for them to go except the trees.	7/13/2017 12:33 PM
101	Small park opportunity on the island.	7/13/2017 11:33 AM
102	At the moment, we don't visit nearly enough of our facilities but now our toddler is a little older (age 3) we shall. There are far more facilities and places to visit that we were aware of! We only knew of the Day Parl and the play area near Veterans Memorial Park!	7/13/2017 11:01 AM
103	Make a place for Food Trucks to be all together, possibly off of Bridge St, a little away from the downtown area as not to disturb the restaurants. Similar to TC	7/13/2017 10:46 AM
104	swim lessons, kayak/board rentals on the water, better ice rink, better use of bass lake, winter time activities/events	7/13/2017 10:41 AM
105	Disc golf	7/13/2017 9:16 AM
106	More outdoor concerts, better promotion of events More kid events	7/13/2017 9:03 AM
107	better/more pickle ball courts	7/12/2017 4:26 PM



## Q11 Please share any additional comments and/or suggestions you may have regarding recreation in the Village of Elk Rapids.

Answered: 75 Skipped: 358

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Extension of the Traverse to Charlevoix trail is an investment that has obvious benefits to citizens and visitors. Fitness, safety, recreation, economic value are just a few of the reasons this project should be approved.	8/4/2017 10:00 AM
2	Addition of an off-road bike connector trail to Charlevoix.	8/3/2017 11:44 PM
3	I may not use the resources available as much as some, so I don't have any additional suggestions.	8/3/2017 11:24 PM
4	I applaud the well-marked bike route through town. I support the proposed bike trail from Acme to Elk rapids. I often ride a bike from home (Elk Lake Rd. and Angell Rd.) to Elk Rapids find riding on Elk Lake Rd. or US-31 to be dangerous, although 31 at least has a paved shoulder.	8/3/2017 2:15 PM
5	Although not a resident of the village, I do own residential property in the village. As a property owner, I strongly support the addition of a bike trail connecting the Acme to Charlevoix corridor	8/3/2017 1:39 PM
6	I encourage anyone involved in the decision making process to support a recreational trail. I have used the Charlevoix-Petoskey-Harbor Springs trails many times over the past 8 years and appreciate seeing the numerous folks of all ages enjoying it in all types of weather. These trails are clean (free of litter) and quiet and provide a safe way to enjoy the outdoors. Thank you!	8/3/2017 10:07 AM
7	Bike paths	8/3/2017 8:59 AM
8	Well satisfied!!	8/3/2017 8:09 AM
9	I am reluctant to say this but "back when I was a kid" the Village used to offer summer classes like tennis, ballet on the beach and more. I took many of these classes and now, as an adult, I am searching everywhere to find classes that I can take during the day and during the week. I am a "young" retiree and I don't want to spend my nights and weekends taking classes when I have all day, 5 days a week, with nothing but a few volunteer chores. I am interested in so many things as a beginner but I can't find anywhere in the ER, Alden, Kalkaska area to take say...a tap class, or some kind of beginner level art class or an interesting cooking class during the day for a nominal fee.	8/3/2017 6:47 AM
10	Consider rebuilding current garbage collection frames and reusing current greenvcast iron tops. They are cool.	8/2/2017 10:18 PM
11	Would like the sidewalk in front of Riverwalk restaurant to go all the way to the corner for bike riders. Can't ride a bike on the boardwalk and the street is not safe.	8/2/2017 9:47 PM
12	Need better and more publication of events, facilities etc. especially on social media	8/2/2017 7:35 PM
13	Adopt the Elk Rapids Golf Club as a community valued asset.	8/2/2017 6:22 PM
14	none	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
15	Your are doing a very good job with the limited money available.	8/2/2017 2:43 PM
16	As the business owner of Bodywise, I am very thankful that the village works so well together with me for programming and facility usage. I look forward to continuing to work together and combining our efforts to provide quality, year-round activities for our area. Thank you!	8/2/2017 2:04 PM
17	You're doing an excellent job.	8/2/2017 1:38 PM
18	walkers and bicycles have a very difficult time crossing 31 at E/W 4th St. Is there anything that can be done? Probably not. That would be an MDOT thing.	8/2/2017 1:26 PM
19	Wednesday Night on River Street is great!	8/2/2017 11:59 AM
20	Map signage that shows where to find all these wonderful facilities.	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
21	Overall, better signage	8/2/2017 10:42 AM

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22	The memorial park area is attracting a lot of equipment users. Plan ahead for some rules and regulations to prevent over usage of a negative sort, and for safety considerations.	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
23	I believe the Township of Elk Rapids Board of Commissioners needs to listen to the overall opinion of the residents of Elk Rapids Township, not just the voices of a few influential persons. The Traverse to Charlevoix Recreation Trail will be a huge benefit to the Township and its Residents both economically and recreationally. As a business owner in the Village, I feel very strongly about this. I ask that the local representatives do everything in their power to have a vision to the future and see the benefits the trail will bring. I am convinced that all parties involved can work together for its success if they are open minded.	8/2/2017 9:54 AM
24	It's very very difficult for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross 31 at both East/West 4th Street. Any possibility of help there?	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
25	Memorial park has signs posted saying dogs must be kept on leash, but I often see dogs off leash and not well supervised. I have had large off leash dogs run up to me and my small dogs, and no longer feel safe visiting the park.	8/2/2017 9:50 AM
26	Have G M Harbor be more local useage friendly..	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
27	find some way to more safely connect the bass lake area to the rest of the village. hard to safely cross the street during summer and school times. this could allow more walking	8/2/2017 9:27 AM
28	I would like to see a wooded dog park.	8/2/2017 9:22 AM
29	swimming lessons...needed ...simple program to set up. need a ga ga ball court....one currently at the Lighthouse on 1st St.	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
30	Improve signage at facilities with consistent, modern design.	8/1/2017 2:01 PM
31	It appears our Elk Rapids residents who are snow birds are increasing and they aren't returning till about May 1st or Memorial Day. June is an "iffy month" month weather wise. I observe July 1st to August 31st is now the peak time for summer tourists and locals to be doing "whatever recreational activity wise. Those are really the eight weeks of facility usage. Harbor activity commences to wain right after Labor Day with most gone by October 1st.	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
32	The sculpture exhibit at the day park is a wonderful asset for our area.	7/30/2017 7:16 PM
33	The Village of Elk Rapids does a superb job with maintenance and provisions at all recreational locations. Being a small town with only so much land surrounded by water, there are only so many options for recreation. The Village does a phenomenal job keeping and maintaining the purity of Elk Rapids. We are thankful for the many village workers who obviously take pride in our community. As our family is proud to be a part of such a beautiful, quaint community	7/29/2017 9:39 AM
34	What is the name of that empty plot of grass where Beck's used to be? Will there ever be facilities there? Restrooms and a pavilion?	7/28/2017 3:53 PM
35	More boaters safety classes available and post boat rules at the slips where you put your boat in	7/24/2017 10:41 PM
36	Need additional slips in lower harbor	7/24/2017 8:05 PM
37	Walking and biking trails are huge draws for us and our friends.	7/24/2017 11:58 AM
38	places for flying kites, model rockets	7/24/2017 11:33 AM
39	I've lived here for 3 years. I'm only familiar with the Damn Beach because my grandchildren go there. Other than that, with ER being such a small and quaint town, there has not been enough publicity to make me aware of all the activities ER has to offer, other than what I might see as I drive to Village Market. It's a beautiful town, but doesn't seem to be a lot to do there other than the beach and theater.	7/23/2017 7:48 PM
40	The parks look great.	7/21/2017 12:50 PM
41	When a boat slip is rented and unused for a period of time, and is rented out by the city as a transient slip, it would be more fair if a % of that to be refunded to the renter.	7/21/2017 8:06 AM
42	Glad to be asked for input.	7/20/2017 4:21 PM
43	SKATE PARK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	7/20/2017 1:13 PM
44	Nurture young peoples acceptance of newer harmless trends in recreational socializing. Don't be so quick to ban the trends and ideas of younger generation.	7/20/2017 12:41 PM
45	I wish the stores stayed open longer and more evenings	7/20/2017 11:54 AM

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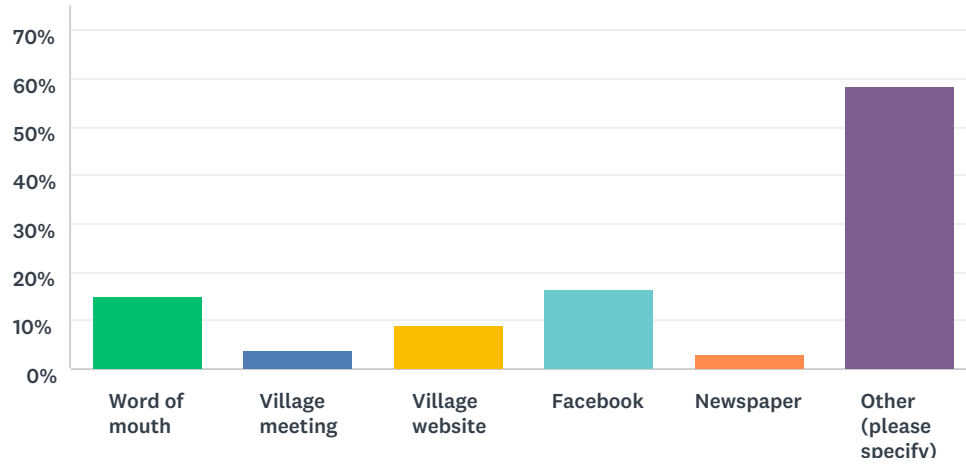
46	We mostly use the lower harbor and everything is perfect!	7/20/2017 10:52 AM
47	The "Open Space" by the upper harbor is a waste. Could have been used to generate money for the village.	7/20/2017 7:57 AM
48	excellent facilities	7/19/2017 8:09 PM
49	Harbor facilities are very clean comparatively. Staff is always friendly and polite.	7/19/2017 5:49 PM
50	The Village of Elk Rapids overall does an amazing job keeping the city clean and beautifully maintained. To those who participate in Village garden club, the landscaping and flower beds are just gorgeous. They make one feel welcome at every turn in the Village. The Edward Grace Marina is exceptional. The entire marina, from the grill pavilion area to the bathrooms..to the overall grounds, everything is incredibly neat and clean....kudos to the staff and management for always having such a high standard. In addition, the staff is always there to help bring your boat into the slip and help with dock lines. This may seem to be an easy task for the staff, but it is incredibly helpful and appreciated! This is one of things that is unique to the Elk Rapids Edward Grace Harbor and unparalleled at other marinas. Thank you! The weekend adventure to Elk Rapids is always wonderful...a highlight in my summer. :)	7/19/2017 4:35 PM
51	Want the shooting range also a marina for sailboats for elk lake/upper harbor.	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
52	Village and Township need to start accepting credit cards without an additional fee.	7/19/2017 2:33 PM
53	Grace Memorial Harbor is the BEST harbor in the great lakes. Nothing compares to what we have in the Village of Elk Rapids. More improvements and a larger facility to handle more boaters is needed. We have waiting lists for a slip that can last 7-9 years!	7/19/2017 12:51 PM
54	You are doing an excellent job. Been coming here for over 25 years	7/19/2017 12:15 PM
55	Grace Marina is the best on all of the Great Lakes. I have boated Lk Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario.	7/19/2017 12:05 PM
56	Overall outstanding	7/19/2017 12:02 PM
57	Ask Peter Hess to donate the old Alden Lumber property to the village to develop as a city park with community year-round swimming pool.	7/18/2017 11:56 AM
58	Time to get rid of the tennis courts. They are getting in bad shape and the space could be better utilized.	7/18/2017 9:10 AM
59	Pick up the pace hosting fisher people----we have the resource--goes 6 months not 8 weeks	7/17/2017 6:56 PM
60	We need non-pizza, non-fine dining or gourmet food options at dinner time. There is prime economic growth for businesses to provide readily available food and beverages to those at Memorial Park, the Dam Beach, and the Pavilion. The Village caters too much to the boaters and the merchants. It's time to put the residents first.	7/17/2017 3:53 PM
61	Sailing lessons	7/16/2017 12:36 AM
62	I would I love to see a public parking lot on the Ames street side of town. In my years working in the village, Ive heard many tourist that have never spent time in half our village. Given the recent developments, I say its time we engage them with at the very least a public lot	7/15/2017 8:46 AM
63	As mentioned above as a village resident who is not boating the harbor facilities as nice as they are feel off limits. It would be nice if the harbor could be better incorporated into the village and its facilities available to residents.	7/14/2017 11:52 PM
64	Lots of recreational opportunities-tennis, pickleball, volleyball, basketball, boating, kayaking, hiking, swimming- what more can we ask for but to keep all maintained.	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
65	beach access is great and well known to both ER and the Traverse city area public!	7/14/2017 9:47 AM
66	A REAL WALKING, BIKING COMMUNITY.	7/14/2017 7:14 AM
67	The village has better public amenities than cities twice the size, yet the village and surrounding area population can't support all this offering. So why do we keep driving to add more ...	7/14/2017 7:11 AM
68	Ice rink would be utilized much more if it were better maintained and lit.	7/13/2017 11:36 PM
69	Could a bike trail be built along US 31 as was done in Charlevoix/Petosky	7/13/2017 10:54 PM
70	It would be fun to shut down a few streets in the summer for sunday morning walking or roller skating for a couple of hours in the village	7/13/2017 5:15 PM

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71	Keep up the good work! Thanks for all you & the DPW do for our excellent village.	7/13/2017 1:17 PM
72	I love living here!	7/13/2017 12:36 PM
73	There is a small piece of land along at the corner of Dexter and Noble Streets that should be added to the Kids Pond area. This can be obtained through MNRTF grants.	7/13/2017 12:35 PM
74	Maybe a little more parking to cater for the tourists?	7/13/2017 11:01 AM
75	One issue I have is the road-end public access site on fourth-street and Millers Park - people often try to launch boats there and also park on the grass right at the public access. Launching even small boats here causes horrible erosion. Parking cars on the grass right at the public access site prevents others from enjoying this public access site for swimming. I wish there was a sign posted that said no parking on the grass - and no launching boats! Thank you :)	7/13/2017 9:57 AM

## Q12 How did you learn about this survey?

Answered: 415 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Word of mouth	14.94%	62
Village meeting	3.61%	15
Village website	8.92%	37
Facebook	16.63%	69
Newspaper	3.13%	13
Other (please specify)	58.55%	243
Total Respondents: 415		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	ER Chamber Email Blast	8/7/2017 9:01 AM
2	A Lakeland Parent Invitation	8/6/2017 4:45 PM
3	Chamber of Commerce.	8/4/2017 12:07 PM
4	Chamber letter	8/4/2017 8:15 AM
5	Alert email from a community group	8/3/2017 11:44 PM
6	it came in my email box -	8/3/2017 11:24 PM
7	Popped up	8/3/2017 8:24 PM
8	Email	8/3/2017 7:34 PM
9	chamber of commerce	8/3/2017 4:27 PM
10	co-worker	8/3/2017 4:16 PM
11	email	8/3/2017 1:35 PM
12	e-mail	8/3/2017 1:28 PM
13	Garden Club	8/3/2017 11:47 AM
14	Email	8/3/2017 11:12 AM
15	Rotary & Chamber Emails	8/3/2017 11:01 AM
16	Received email from the harbor.	8/3/2017 10:39 AM

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17	email	8/3/2017 10:24 AM
18	Village emailed to me	8/3/2017 9:38 AM
19	email	8/3/2017 8:11 AM
20	e-mail	8/3/2017 8:09 AM
21	Chamber of Commerce email	8/3/2017 6:47 AM
22	Chamber of Commerce email	8/2/2017 11:37 PM
23	Emailed to me	8/2/2017 10:18 PM
24	Email	8/2/2017 8:30 PM
25	Email	8/2/2017 7:35 PM
26	E mail	8/2/2017 7:19 PM
27	Email	8/2/2017 6:22 PM
28	email	8/2/2017 6:19 PM
29	Emailed to me	8/2/2017 3:58 PM
30	Rotary	8/2/2017 3:23 PM
31	email	8/2/2017 3:15 PM
32	Chamber newsletter	8/2/2017 3:11 PM
33	EMAILED TO CHAMBER MEMBERS?	8/2/2017 2:24 PM
34	chamber email	8/2/2017 2:04 PM
35	email	8/2/2017 1:38 PM
36	e-mail	8/2/2017 1:33 PM
37	emailed to me via Village of ER	8/2/2017 1:26 PM
38	chamber email	8/2/2017 12:40 PM
39	e-mail	8/2/2017 12:21 PM
40	email	8/2/2017 11:59 AM
41	Email from a friend	8/2/2017 11:59 AM
42	Emailed to me	8/2/2017 11:58 AM
43	Chamber of Commerce website	8/2/2017 11:37 AM
44	email	8/2/2017 11:12 AM
45	email	8/2/2017 10:55 AM
46	Chamber email blast	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
47	Chamber email	8/2/2017 10:44 AM
48	Chamber newsletter	8/2/2017 10:42 AM
49	email	8/2/2017 10:13 AM
50	Email	8/2/2017 10:09 AM
51	C of C	8/2/2017 10:06 AM
52	chamber website	8/2/2017 9:56 AM
53	Shared by a Friend	8/2/2017 9:54 AM
54	it was sent to me via e mail	8/2/2017 9:51 AM
55	Chamber email	8/2/2017 9:50 AM
56	Email	8/2/2017 9:48 AM
57	Emailed to me	8/2/2017 9:39 AM

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58	Chamber	8/2/2017 9:39 AM
59	Email	8/2/2017 9:33 AM
60	Email from chamber	8/2/2017 9:31 AM
61	email	8/2/2017 9:28 AM
62	chamber email	8/2/2017 9:27 AM
63	received an e-mail to complete it	8/2/2017 9:26 AM
64	Chamber Newsletter	8/2/2017 9:25 AM
65	Chamber website	8/2/2017 9:23 AM
66	Chamber	8/2/2017 9:19 AM
67	chamber email	8/2/2017 9:18 AM
68	Weekly chamber email.	8/2/2017 9:14 AM
69	Rotary	8/2/2017 12:59 AM
70	Rotary	8/1/2017 9:59 PM
71	Rotary meeting	8/1/2017 7:39 PM
72	email	8/1/2017 7:25 PM
73	Lions meeting	8/1/2017 5:11 PM
74	Email	8/1/2017 4:41 PM
75	Rotarian	8/1/2017 4:10 PM
76	email	8/1/2017 2:13 PM
77	Rotary	8/1/2017 2:10 PM
78	Rotary	8/1/2017 2:02 PM
79	Email Lions	8/1/2017 11:07 AM
80	email	8/1/2017 10:13 AM
81	Email	7/31/2017 8:23 PM
82	Email forwarding	7/31/2017 10:34 AM
83	Elk Rapids High School email	7/29/2017 3:49 PM
84	Harbour news	7/29/2017 12:02 PM
85	Email	7/29/2017 9:39 AM
86	School email	7/28/2017 4:37 PM
87	e-mail	7/28/2017 4:00 PM
88	The Library	7/28/2017 3:53 PM
89	Email	7/28/2017 10:31 AM
90	email	7/27/2017 8:56 AM
91	Email	7/27/2017 8:27 AM
92	email	7/26/2017 3:17 PM
93	high school email	7/26/2017 10:52 AM
94	Harbor Email	7/25/2017 12:15 PM
95	Email	7/25/2017 10:27 AM
96	Elk rapids high school	7/24/2017 10:41 PM
97	school email	7/24/2017 8:59 PM
98	Email	7/24/2017 7:29 PM

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99	Grace Harbor	7/24/2017 1:04 PM
100	email	7/24/2017 12:24 PM
101	Elk Rapids High	7/24/2017 11:58 AM
102	email from high school	7/24/2017 11:33 AM
103	email	7/24/2017 11:30 AM
104	Emailed to me.	7/24/2017 9:29 AM
105	Email list	7/24/2017 8:54 AM
106	high school email	7/24/2017 8:07 AM
107	School email	7/23/2017 9:39 PM
108	email list	7/23/2017 7:48 PM
109	Email from ER Schools	7/23/2017 2:18 PM
110	Email	7/22/2017 5:47 PM
111	email	7/22/2017 3:30 PM
112	Email	7/22/2017 1:28 PM
113	email from school	7/22/2017 12:12 AM
114	Received an email	7/21/2017 10:46 PM
115	email	7/21/2017 9:43 PM
116	Email	7/21/2017 7:07 PM
117	Email	7/21/2017 4:08 PM
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144	email from elk rapids schools	7/20/2017 2:06 PM
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147	emailed	7/20/2017 1:28 PM
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184	via Edward Grace Harbormaster	7/19/2017 9:59 PM
185	email notification	7/19/2017 9:08 PM
186	Eric Crissman	7/19/2017 8:56 PM
187	sent out by harbor master to boaters	7/19/2017 8:09 PM
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192	e mail	7/19/2017 4:40 PM
193	Email	7/19/2017 4:35 PM
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195	Email	7/19/2017 3:15 PM
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201	Harbor forward	7/19/2017 1:31 PM
202	I have a boat in Beautiful Edward Grace Harbor !!!	7/19/2017 1:18 PM
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204	Email	7/19/2017 1:11 PM
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207	Emailed to me	7/19/2017 12:51 PM
208	Forwarded email	7/19/2017 12:40 PM
209	Email	7/19/2017 12:33 PM
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216	Grace Harbormaster	7/19/2017 12:05 PM
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219	Email from harbormaster	7/19/2017 11:51 AM
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222	Direct email from Harbormaster	7/19/2017 11:31 AM
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224	email from harbor master	7/19/2017 11:28 AM
225	I was asked to participate via email.	7/17/2017 10:01 PM
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228	Email	7/16/2017 12:36 AM
229	Facebook	7/14/2017 3:16 PM
230	Email	7/14/2017 2:00 PM
231	Sent to me as member of ZBA	7/14/2017 10:18 AM
232	member of Birch Lake association	7/14/2017 9:47 AM
233	Birch Lake Association representative forwarded it to all members.	7/14/2017 8:29 AM
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236	birch lake assoc.	7/13/2017 9:57 PM
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238	Association email	7/13/2017 9:03 PM
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# Village of Elk Rapids

## 2017 Recreation Survey Report

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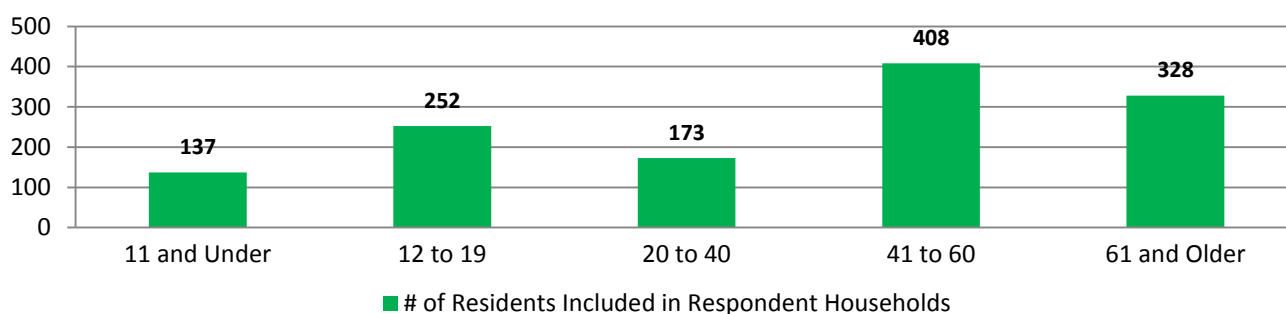
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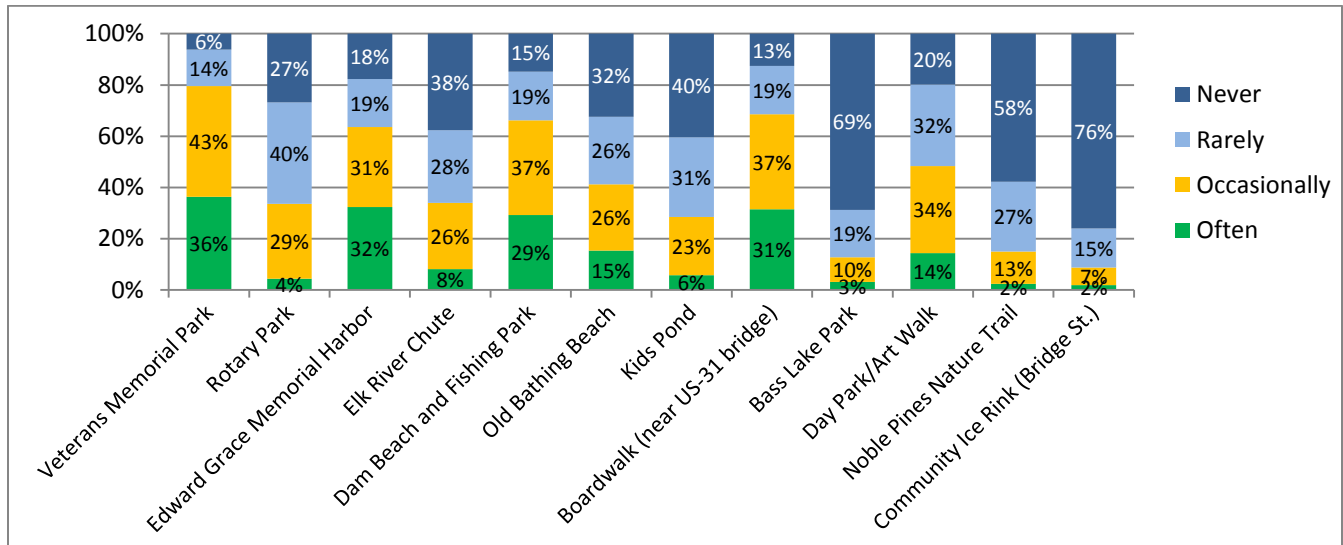
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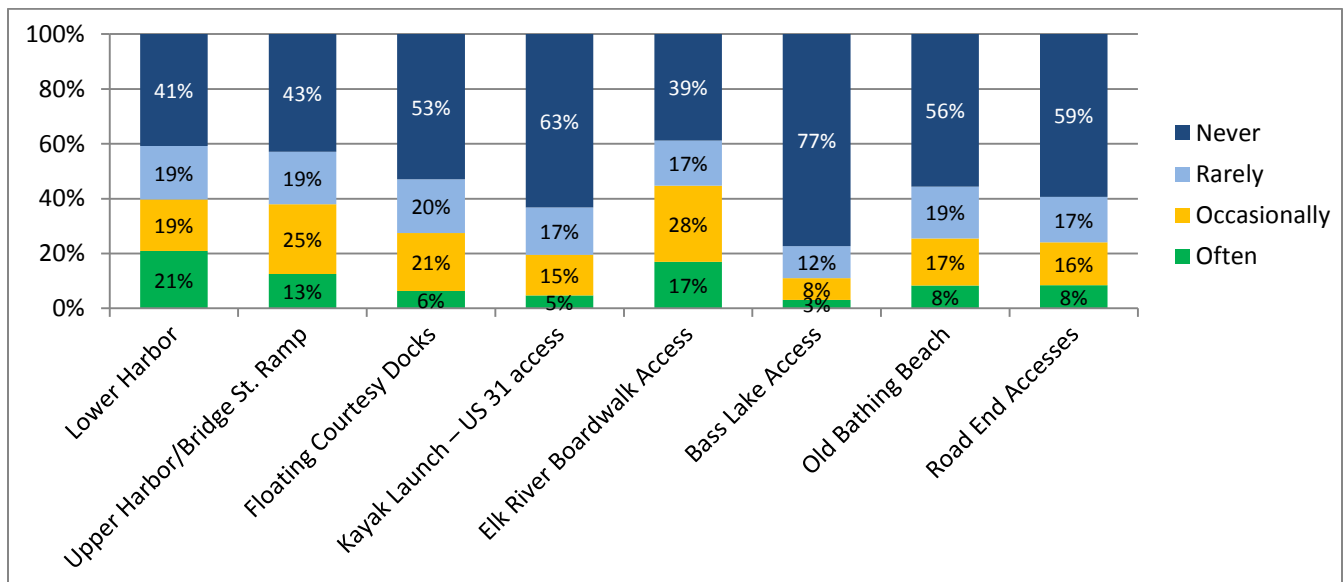
Respondents were asked to identify the number of people in their household by age range. A total of 1,298 individuals were noted as being included in the 432 respondent's households. In terms of age distribution, over half (57%) of individuals included in respondents' households were over the age of 40. The largest demographic was between the ages of 41-60 years (31%), while 25% were over the age of 60. The smallest demographic was among the 11 and under cohort, at just over 10% of total household members. 19% were between the ages of 12- 19 years, and 13% were between the ages of 20-40 years.

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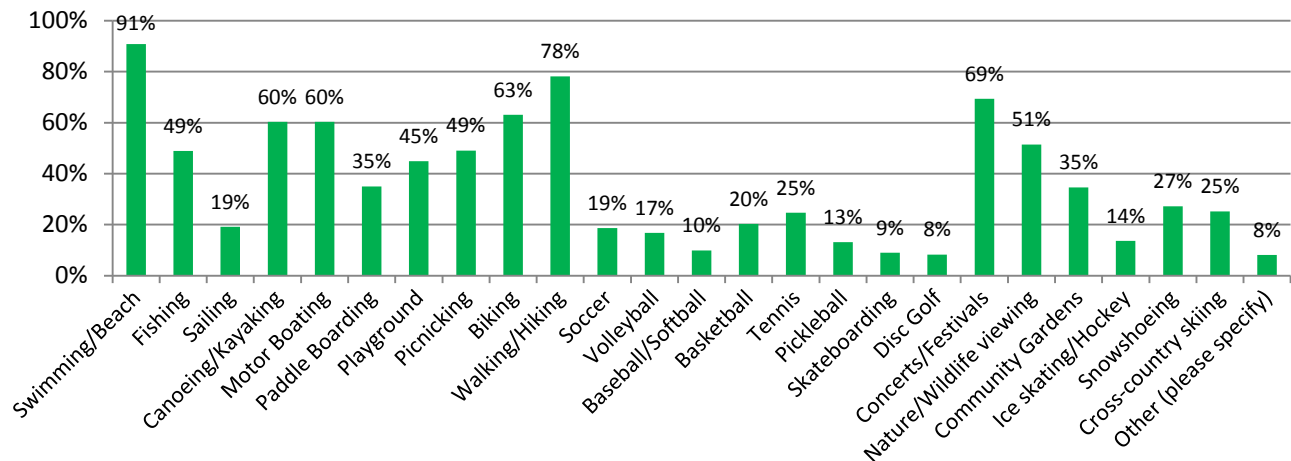
Veterans Memorial Park had the highest reported usage with 94% of all respondents indicating some use of the park, and it being the most “often” (36%) and “occasionally” (43%) used of all the facilities. The Harbor, Boardwalk, and Dam Beach were the other facilities used most by respondents. The Community Ice Rink had the lowest reported usage with only 24% of respondents indicating any use of the recreation area; 76% reported that they “never” use it. Use of Bass Lake Park and the Noble Pines Nature Trail was also notably lower than the other facilities.

### Q4. How often do you use the following Village water access sites?



Elk River Boardwalk Access had the highest reported overall usage (61%), followed by the Lower Harbor (59%) and Upper Harbor (57%). The Lower Harbor was identified as being used “often” (21%) more than other sites. Bass Lake Access had the lowest reported usage with only 23% of respondents indicating any use the site; 77% reported that they “never” use it.

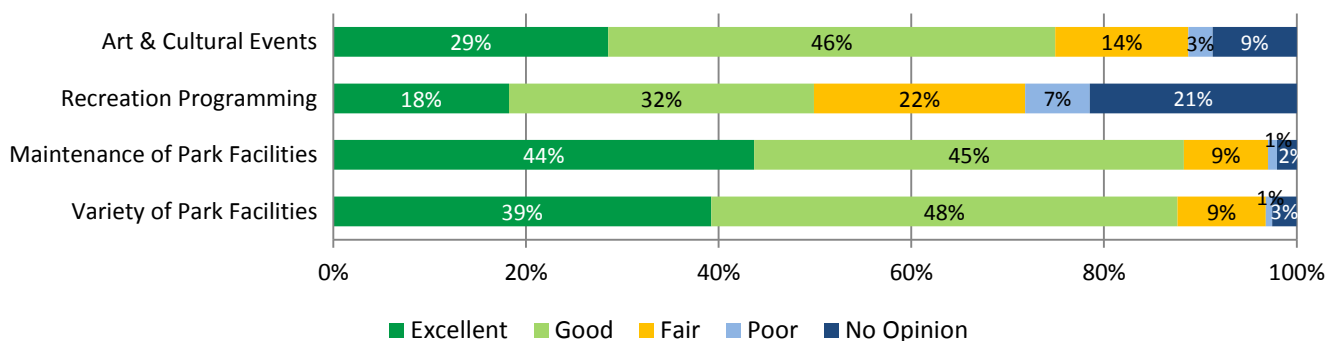
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434 participants answered this question. Results indicate that Swimming/Beach is the most enjoyed activity among respondents and members of their household (91%), followed by Walking/Hiking (78%), Concerts/Festivals (69%), and Biking (63%). Respondents indicated the least interest in Disc Golf (8%), Skateboarding (9%), and Baseball/Softball (10%).

35 participants selected “other” to identify additional activities that are enjoyed by respondents and members of their household. Golf was the most common “other” response (6 individuals), followed by Running (3), downhill skiing (2), horseback riding (2), yoga (2), and ga ga ball (2). Several additional activities were listed, such as shooting, snowmobiling, sledding, rollerblading, scuba diving, football, and jet skiing. See the complete results for the full list of comments.

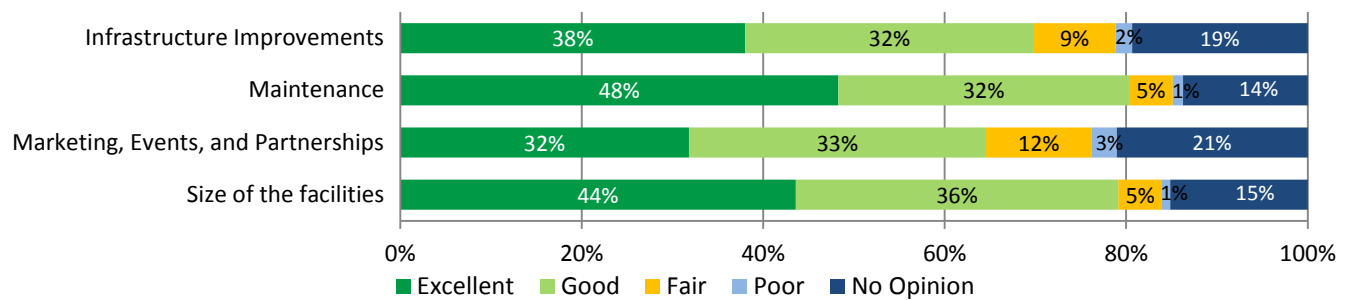
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## Q8. What improvements and/or additional recreational opportunities would you like to see at the Village's recreational facilities?

164 respondents answered this question. 437 site-specific comments were received. Recurring issues or themes are identified and categorized below. Issues/suggestion themes are listed based on the frequency of the response, so starting with those most commonly referenced. See complete results for all comments.

Veterans Memorial Park (59 responses)	Rotary Park (33 responses)	Elk River Chute (40 responses)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bathroom Maintenance (9)</li> <li>- Pavilion/benches/picnic tables (6)</li> <li>- Tennis /Pickleball courts (6)</li> <li>- More concerts and/or amphitheater (5)</li> <li>- Playground Equipment (3)</li> <li>- Skate park (2)</li> <li>- Bike racks (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve kayak launch (8)</li> <li>- Bathrooms (3)</li> <li>- Additional activities (3)</li> <li>- Planting/landscaping (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fix/re-open (10)</li> <li>- Safety (7)</li> <li>- Clean surrounding area and/or bottom (6)</li> <li>- Leave as is or demolish (3)</li> </ul>

<b>Dam Beach and Fishing Park (53 responses)</b>	<b>Old Bathing Beach (31 responses)</b>	<b>Kids Pond (19 responses)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bathrooms (19)</li> <li>- Leave/preserve as is (5)</li> <li>- Walkways/boardwalks (5)</li> <li>- Accessible walkways (4)</li> <li>- Beach cleaning (4)</li> <li>- Fish cleaning station (3)</li> <li>- Parking (2)</li> <li>- Signage (2)</li> <li>- More fire pits (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bathrooms/Porta-John (7)</li> <li>- More beach area (4)</li> <li>- Improved parking (3)</li> <li>- Signage (2)</li> <li>- Benches/picnic tables (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stock fish (2)</li> <li>- Good as is (2)</li> </ul>
<b>Boardwalk (27 responses)</b>	<b>Bass Lake Park (22 responses)</b>	<b>Day Park/Art Walk (31 responses)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clean (5)</li> <li>- Fix boards (4)</li> <li>- Widen (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unaware of facility (4)</li> <li>- Dock (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leave as is (4)</li> <li>- More activities/promotion (3)</li> <li>- Improve accessibility (3)</li> <li>- Remove fencing (3)</li> <li>- Walkway to water (2)</li> </ul>
<b>Noble Pines Nature Trail (21 responses)</b>	<b>Community Ice Rink (30 responses)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend trail (3)</li> <li>- Too short (3)</li> <li>- Promote/signage (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve surface/maintenance (7)</li> <li>- Warming hut (6)</li> <li>- Lighting (5)</li> <li>- Too small (4)</li> <li>- Advertise/publicize (2)</li> </ul>	

### Q9. What improvements would you like to see at the Village's water access sites?

63 respondents answered this question. 160 site-specific comments were received. Recurring issues or themes are identified and categorized below. Issues/suggestion themes are listed based on the frequency of the response, so starting with those most commonly referenced. See complete results for all comments. *The Lower Harbor, Upper Harbor, and Floating Courtesy Docks are not included below, and will be included in a separate Harbor report.*

<b>Kayak Launch - US 31 access (22 responses)</b>	<b>Elk River Boardwalk Access (18 responses)</b>	<b>Bass Lake Access (20 responses)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve launch (6) (Launch like Milton/Kewadin (4))</li> <li>- Parking (3)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve launch (4)</li> <li>- Dock (3)</li> <li>- Too shallow (2)</li> </ul>
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**Q10. Are there additional recreational facilities and/or opportunities that you would like to see in the Village that are not provided at present?**

109 comments were received from participants. Respondents indicated a diverse and especially strong interest in trails (33 responses). A significant number of these trail suggestions were specific to the Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail (also commonly referred to as the TART) (23). Responses also indicate a strong interest in increased opportunities related to biking (26), and not only trail-related, but also more road-friendly biking in and around the Village.

Comments indicate a desire for increased programming and activities (9). A number of responses specifically addressed the need for activities for teens (6) and arts related activities/events (4). Other common suggestions included a dog park (5), pool (5), skate park (5), pickleball courts (4), shooting range (3). See the attached results for the complete list of comments/suggestions

**Q11. Please share any additional comments and/or suggestions you may have regarding recreation in the Village of Elk Rapids.**

Responses indicate an interest in trails (9) and biking (12). Several of the trail/bike comments specifically encouraged developing the trail from Traverse City to Charlevoix. Walkability (4) throughout the Village was also addressed, and specifically around the US-31 bridge (3). Several comments addressed the Harbor (7), with respondents expressing an interest in more slips (2) as well as suggestions for making the Harbor more available and welcoming to Village residents. Other comments focused on better promoting Village facilities and recreational opportunities (5) and offering classes/programming (4).

**Q12. How did you learn about this survey?**

420 respondents answered this question. Of the answer choices provided, Facebook (69 responses) and Word of Mouth (63) were the most common avenues that participants learned about the survey. The Newspaper (15) and Village meetings (15) were the least common sources.

The 244 “other” responses were received indicate that email was by far the most common avenue that participants learned about the survey. 29% (123 responses) of the total responses to this question identified general email, not specific to any agency, as the main source. Many additional responses also specifically identified the source of the email, with the most common being the Elk Rapids High School (35 responses), the Harbor/Harbormaster (30), the Chamber (25), Rotary (8), and the Bird Lake Association (5).

# Elk Rapids Harbor Commission

## 2017 Recreation Survey Report

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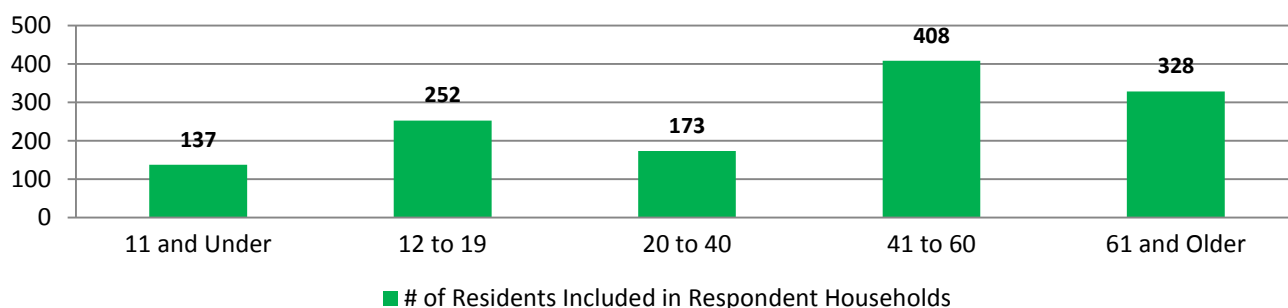
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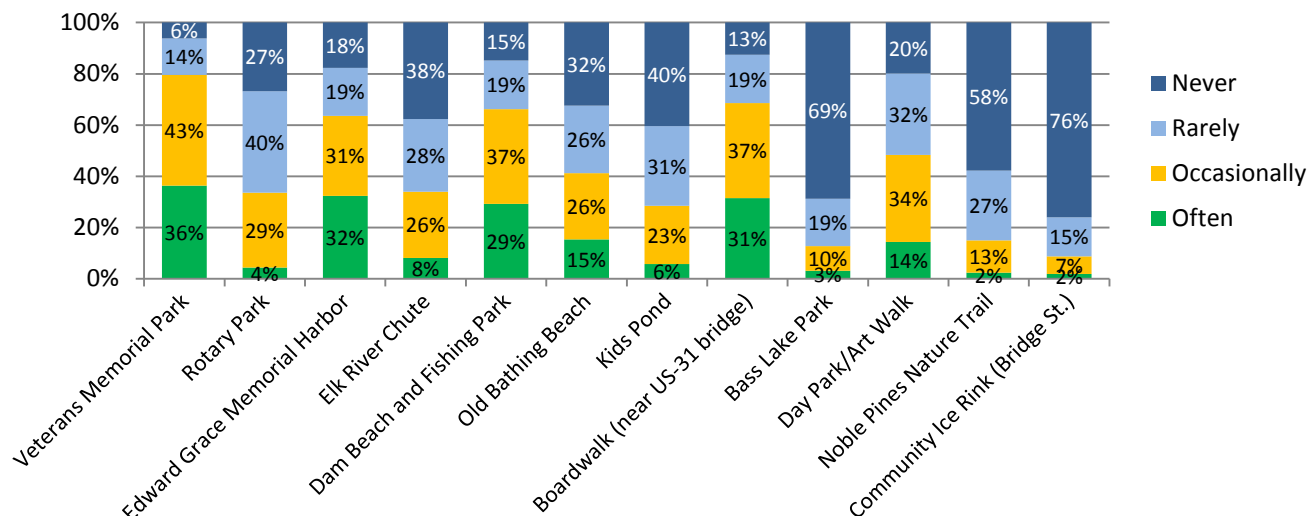
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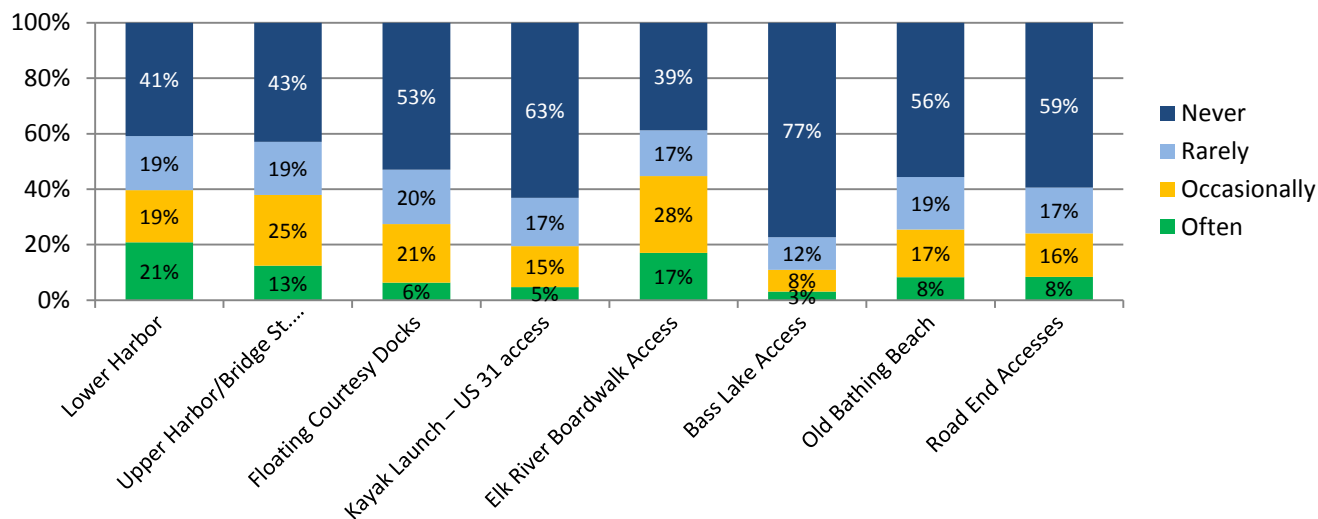
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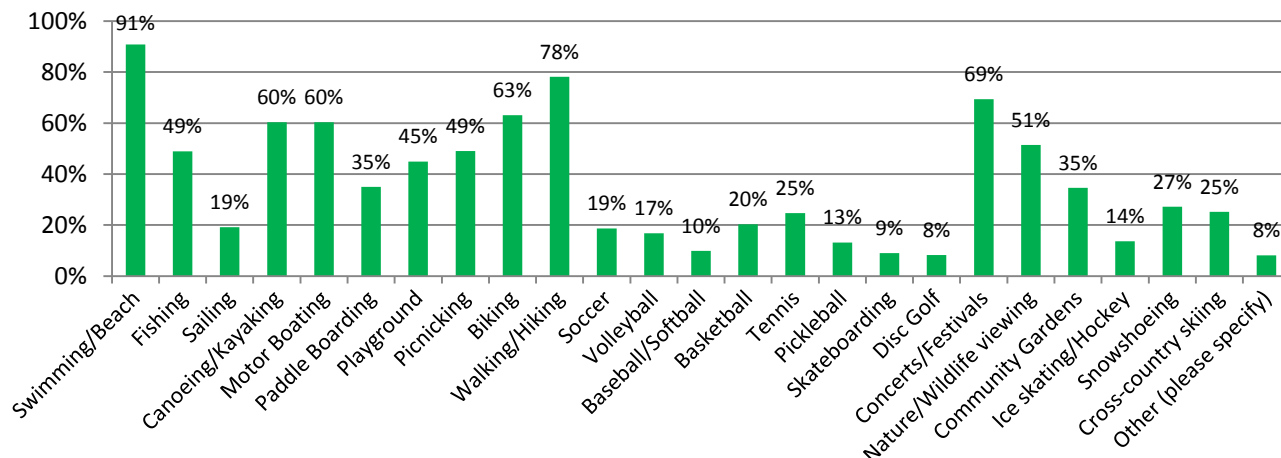
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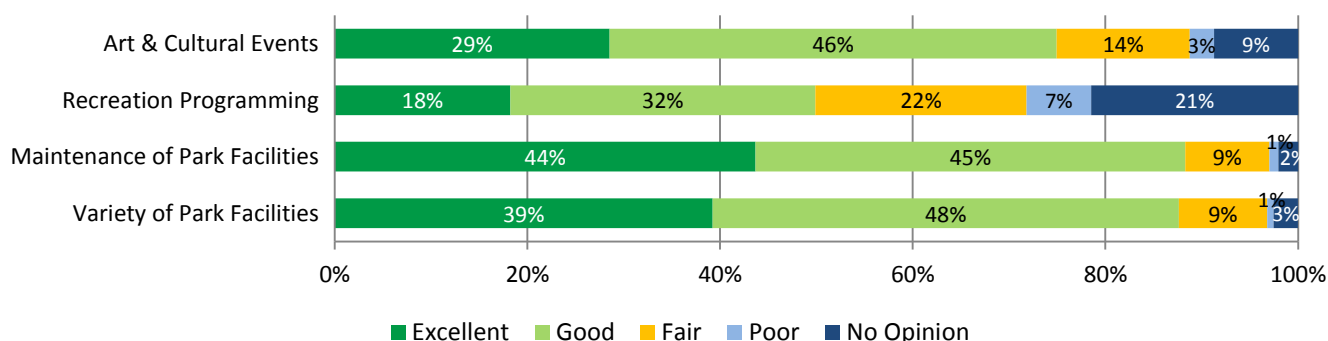
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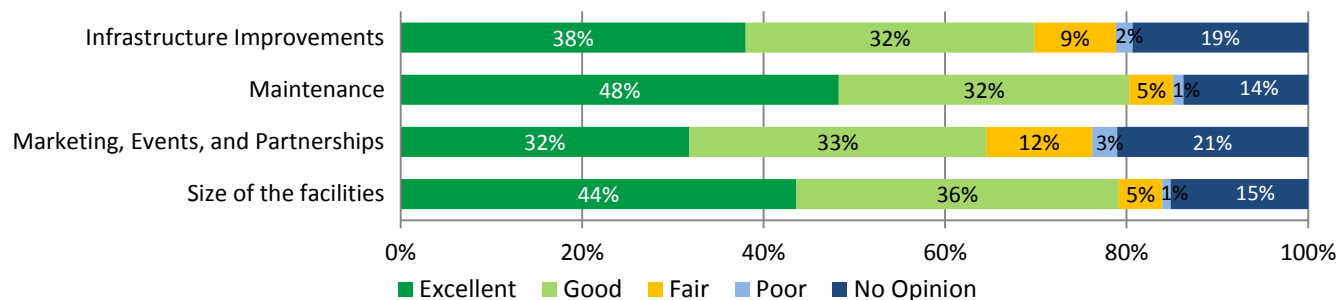
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- More boat slips/expansion (10)
  - Larger slips (5)
- Breakwall – improve/extend(6)
- Local/public access (6)
- Parking (6)
  - Increase public parking (3)
- Composite decking (4)
- Fish cleaning station (4)
- More benches (2)
- Floating docks (2)
- Better WiFi (2)
- No more slips (2)

<b>Veterans Memorial Park (59)</b>	<b>Rotary Park (33)</b>	<b>Elk River Chute (40)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bathroom Maintenance (9)</li> <li>- Pavilion/benches/picnic tables (6)</li> <li>- Tennis /Pickleball courts (6)</li> <li>- More concerts and/or amphitheater (5)</li> <li>- Playground Equipment (3)</li> <li>- Skate park (2)</li> <li>- Bike racks (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve kayak launch (8)</li> <li>- Bathrooms (3)</li> <li>- Additional activities (3)</li> <li>- Planting/landscaping (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fix/re-open (10)</li> <li>- Safety (7)</li> <li>- Clean surrounding area and/or bottom (6)</li> <li>- Leave as is or demolish (3)</li> </ul>
<b>Dam Beach and Fishing Park (53)</b>	<b>Old Bathing Beach (31)</b>	<b>Kids Pond (19)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bathrooms (19)</li> <li>- Leave/preserve as is (5)</li> <li>- Walkways/boardwalks (5)</li> <li>- Accessible walkways (4)</li> <li>- Beach cleaning (4)</li> <li>- Fish cleaning station (3)</li> <li>- Parking (2)</li> <li>- Signage (2)</li> <li>- More fire pits (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bathrooms/Porta-John (7)</li> <li>- More beach area (4)</li> <li>- Improved parking (3)</li> <li>- Signage (2)</li> <li>- Benches/picnic tables (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stock fish (2)</li> <li>- Good as is (2)</li> </ul>
<b>Boardwalk (27)</b>	<b>Bass Lake Park (22)</b>	<b>Day Park/Art Walk (31)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clean (5)</li> <li>- Fix boards (4)</li> <li>- Widen (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unaware of facility (4)</li> <li>- Dock (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leave as is (4)</li> <li>- More activities/promotion (3)</li> <li>- Improve accessibility (3)</li> <li>- Remove fencing (3)</li> <li>- Walkway to water (2)</li> </ul>
<b>Noble Pines Nature Trail (21)</b>	<b>Community Ice Rink (30)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extend trail (3)</li> <li>- Too short (3)</li> <li>- Promote/signage (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve surface/maintenance (7)</li> <li>- Warming hut (6)</li> <li>- Lighting (5)</li> <li>- Too small (4)</li> <li>- Advertise/publicize (2)</li> </ul>	

## Q9. What improvements would you like to see at the Village's water access sites?

63 respondents answered this question. 160 site-specific comments were received. The Lower Harbor and Upper Harbor received the most responses of all the water access facilities. Recurring issues or themes are identified and categorized below. See complete results for all comments.

<b>Lower Harbor (35 responses)</b>	<b>Elk River Boardwalk Access (27 responses)</b>	<b>Floating Courtesy Docks (20 responses)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good as is/None (9)</li> <li>- Improve launch (6)</li> <li>- More parking (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parking for all (2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Fishing infrastructure (3)</li> <li>- Accommodate larger boats (2)</li> <li>- Reduced launch fees for residents (2)</li> <li>- Enhanced breakwall (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good as is/None (9)</li> <li>- Better unloading/access facilities (3)</li> <li>- Landscaping/garden (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good/OK (6)</li> <li>- More (3)</li> <li>- Allow swimming (2)</li> </ul>

Kayak Launch - US 31 access (22)	Elk River Boardwalk Access (18)	Bass Lake Access (20)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve launch (6) (Launch like Milton/Kewadin (4))</li> <li>- Parking (3)</li> </ul>	<i>No themes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve launch (4)</li> <li>- Dock (3)</li> <li>- Too shallow (2)</li> </ul>
Old Bathing Beach (18)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bathrooms/Porta-John (2)</li> <li>- Clean (2)</li> <li>- More beach (2)</li> </ul>		

**Q10. Are there additional recreational facilities and/or opportunities that you would you like to see in the Village that are not provided at present?**

109 comments were received from participants. Respondents indicated a diverse and especially strong interest in trails (33 responses). A significant number of these trail suggestions were specific to the Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail (also commonly referred to as the TART) (23). Responses also indicate a strong interest in increased opportunities related to biking (26), and not only trail-related, but also more road-friendly biking in and around the Village. Comments also indicate a desire for increased programming and activities (9). A number of responses specifically addressed the need for activities for teens (6) and arts related activities/events (4). Other common suggestions included a dog park (5), pool (5), skate park (5), pickleball courts (4), shooting range (3). See the attached results for the complete list of comments/suggestions

**Q11. Please share any additional comments and/or suggestions you may have regarding recreation in the Village of Elk Rapids.**

77 comments were received from participants. There were several Harbor-related comments received (11), with respondents expressing an appreciation of the Harbor facilities and operations (5), an interest in more slips (2), and an interest in making the Harbor more available and welcoming to Village residents (2). Other suggestions included a marina for sailboats in the Upper Harbor/Elk Lake and more boating safety classes and posted boat rules.

Responses also indicate an appreciation of the Village's recreation facilities (18), an interest in trails (9) and an interest in biking (12). Several of the trail/bike comments specifically encouraged developing the trail from Traverse City to Charlevoix. Walkability (4) throughout the Village was also addressed, and specifically around the US-31 bridge (3). Several comments addressed the Harbor (7), with respondents expressing an interest in more slips (2) as well as suggestions for making the Harbor more available and welcoming to Village residents. Other comments focused on better promoting Village facilities and recreational opportunities (5) and offering classes/programming (4).

**Q12. How did you learn about this survey?**

420 respondents answered this question. Of the answer choices provided, Facebook (69 responses) and Word of Mouth (63) were the most common avenues that participants learned about the survey. The Newspaper (15) and Village meetings (15) were the least common sources.

The 244 "other" responses were received indicate that email was by far the most common avenue that participants learned about the survey. 29% (123 responses) of the total responses to this question identified general email, not specific to any agency, as the main source. Many additional responses also specifically identified the source of the email, with the most common being the Elk Rapids High School (35 responses), the Harbor/Harbormaster (30), the Chamber (25), Rotary (8), and the Bird Lake Association (5).

## Appendix B: Approval Documentation

- Affidavits of Publication for Public Review and Public Hearing Notice
- Public Hearing Minutes
- Resolution of Adoption
- Transmittal Letters
- Harbor Commission Approved Minutes
- Parks and Recreation Approved Minutes



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

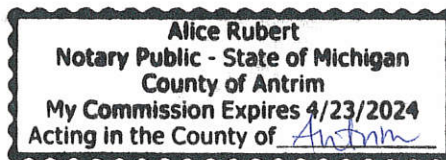
Kathleen Weitschat  
**KATHLEEN WEITSCHAT**

being duly sworn, says that he/she is the publisher of  
the Elk Rapids News, L.L.C., a  
a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said  
county and otherwise qualified according to Supreme  
Court Rule; that annexed hereto is a printed copy of a  
notice which was published in said newspaper on the  
following date, or dates, to wit:

Village of Elk Rapids, 20\_\_\_\_  
Pub Review - Recreation, 20\_\_\_\_  
Plus, 20\_\_\_\_  
Nov 9, 2017  
Pub Review Recreation, 20\_\_\_\_  
Nov 30 Plus, 2017  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day December  
of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 20 17

Notary Public,



Alice Rubert

My commission expires: 4-23-24

## **ANTRIM AREA WOMEN DEMOCRATS MEETING**

Antrim Area Women Dems and friends will meet on Thursday, November 16 at noon at Short's in Bellaire. Cost for the luncheon is \$12.50 payable at the door. RSVP by November 14 to: [chrisandglennh@gmail.com](mailto:chrisandglennh@gmail.com) Public is welcome.

### **VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS**

#### **VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC REVIEW**

The draft Recreation Plan for the Village of Elk Rapids is available for public review beginning November 9, 2017. A copy of the plan is available online at [www.nwm.org/elkrapidsrecplan](http://www.nwm.org/elkrapidsrecplan). The draft plan can also be viewed at the Village website, [www.elkrapids.org](http://www.elkrapids.org), or at the Village Offices, located at 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI. Please submit comments regarding the proposed Recreation Plan by December 11, 2017 for consideration. Comments may be directed to Elizabeth Calcutt, Networks Northwest, at [ecalcutt@networksnorthwest.org](mailto:ecalcutt@networksnorthwest.org) or 231-929-5048. Public comment will also be heard by the Elk Rapids Village Council at a public hearing on December 18, 2017, prior to adoption of the plan.

### **VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS**

#### **VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

The Elk Rapids Village Council will hold a public hearing to collect input on the proposed Village of Elk Rapids Recreation Plan at their regular meeting on December 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Government Center, 315 Bridge St., Elk Rapids, MI 49629. A copy of the plan is available online at [www.nwm.org/elkrapidsrecplan](http://www.nwm.org/elkrapidsrecplan) or at the Village office. Written comments may be submitted to Elizabeth Calcutt, Networks Northwest, at [ecalcutt@networksnorthwest.org](mailto:ecalcutt@networksnorthwest.org) or 231-929-5048 by December 11, 2017, or made in person at the public hearing.

### **VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS**

#### **REMINDER WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

##### **Sec. 58-47. Overnight Parking**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle, camper, motor home or trailer on any streets or alleys within the corporate limits of the village between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of each day from November 1 of each year to April 1 of the succeeding year.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle, camper, motor home or trailer on any street with curb and gutter during all months of the year from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**MINUTES  
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS  
AT 315 BRIDGE ST. - VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS; 231.264.9274**

**(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL -- TAPED MEETING NOTICE)**

**PRESENT: VILLAGE PRESIDENT JAMES JANISSE; COUNCIL MEMBERS MELISSA WEST, DOUGLAS BRONKEMA, CHUCK (MERTON) SCHULER, BARBARA MULLALY, LARRY BALL AND PATRICIA PERLMAN**

**STAFF: VILLAGE MANAGER WILLIAM COOPER, ASSISTANT VILLAGE MANAGER/CLERK CAROLINE KENNEDY, DPW SUPERINTENDENT BRAD KLUCZYNSKI, PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR STEVE RAVEZZANI, AND INTERIM HARBOR MASTER TIA BLACKMORE**

**ALSO PRESENT: INTERESTED CITIZENS – 16**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.**

**MOTION by BRONKEMA second by MULLALY, to approve the adoption of the Consent Calendar as follows:**

**A. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES:**

**1. \*\*\*Removed\*\*\***

**2. Harbor – November 13, 2017**

**B. ADOPTED 2018 COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR**

**C. ADOPTED RESOLUTION 17-37: ADD ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WATER ACCESS SITE TO CHAIN OF LAKES TRAIL MAP**

**D. APPROVED BILLS in the amount of \$98,914.99 and payroll in the amount of \$70,044.28**

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**\*\*\*Regular Council Meeting Minutes—December 18, 2017**

A technical correction will be made regarding the audit firm, by striking “2002” and inserting “2020”.

**MOTION by PERLMAN, second by BRONKEMA, to amend the minutes as follows:**

Under Citizen Comment, by striking, “A resident spoke about the library proposal.” and inserting, “Tim Moller stated the village council should pass a resolution stating that any future plan for expansion of the Island House should be put to a vote by the residents of the Village of Elk Rapids.”

A majority of those present voting yes, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION by WEST, second by PERLMAN to accept the minutes as amended.**

A majority of those present voting yes, **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Perlman utilized this opportunity to follow up on her request of December 4, 2017 that a question be posed to the village attorney. The question is as follows: Does the Village of Elk Rapids hold the Island House and Property in trust for the residents of Elk Rapids?

Resident Rowland Johnston recommended a follow-up question, as follows: And if so, what are the implications?

By unanimous consent, Council instructed the village manager to present these questions to the village attorney.

President Janisse opened a public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

**Proposed Five-year Community Recreation Plan (2018-2022)**

Dianne Richter, referencing her submitted written comment, recommended the property around the Island House be designated as a park, and also questioned the correlation between two items in the Harbor’s action plan and capital improvement plan.

Hearing no further public comment, President Janisse closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

After Council discussion, Mullaly recommended the following amendments:

Page 16, under the section “Volunteers and Community” by inserting, “Friends of the Library”

Page 23, under the section “Elk Rapids District Library” line 2, following “House,” by inserting “which sits on over four acres also owned by the village,”

By unanimous consent, the amendments were adopted.

**MOTION** by **BRONKEMA**, second by **SCHULER**, to approve **RESOLUTION 17-36: Adopt Five-year Community Recreation Plan (2018-2022)**, as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes---Mullaly, Ball, Perlman, West, Bronkema, Schuler, Janisse. Nays—None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Items remain pending.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #482---**An amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, CHAPTER 62 – UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, WATER SERVICE, DIVISION 2. RATES AND CHARGES, Section 62-46(3) b, Benefit Charge.

**MOTION** by **SCHULER**, second by **BALL** to set a Public Hearing for January 16, 2018.

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #483—** An amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, CHAPTER 62 – UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV, SEWER RATES AND CHARGES, DIVISION 2. RATES STRUCTURE, Section 62-283, Schedule of Residential Equivalents.

**MOTION** by **MULLALY**, second by **PERLMAN** to set a Public Hearing for January 16, 2018.

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**SEPTIC INSPECTION AND PROPERTY TRANSFER DRAFT ORDINANCE** – After discussion, by unanimous consent the item will be placed on First Reading for January 3, 2018.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mullaly inquired about Ravezzani’s memo regarding the application for working in the village rights-of-way. Ravezzani clarified the fee and permit are annual, and the village will be added as an additional insured. After discussion, Council directed Ravezzani and Kluczynski to draft specifics including enforcement and consequences.

## **VERBAL REPORT FROM COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:**

Commission and township report details may be found in their respective minutes.

**GREEN ER** – Schuler reported the committee set up the March-July calendar including super-recycling day, reviewed documentary films, had a land and water conservation overview, and learned more about the math correlation between coral growth and the art of crochet.

## **MONTHLY CONSOLIDATED STAFF REPORT:**

Janisse inquired about the status of the compost site. Kluczynski reported no consensus has been reached with DEQ and the village may wish to consider an interim site.

## **UPCOMING MEETING DATES AND OTHER EVENTS:**

The next regular Council meeting is Wednesday, January, 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

A Budget Work Session is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

A Budget Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION** by **SCHULER**, second by **WEST**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ELK RAPIDS VILLAGE COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 17-36**

**FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN (2018-2022)**

The following resolution was offered by Council Member **BRONKEMA** and seconded by Council Member **SCHULER**

WHEREAS, the Village of Elk Rapids has developed a 5-Year Community Recreation Plan, which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and an action plan to improve and maintain recreational facilities; and,

WHEREAS, input was received through meetings, a questionnaire, a public review period of at least 30 days, and a public hearing held on December 18, 2017 to obtain input on recreation needs and opportunities, and all other aspects of the recreation plan; and,

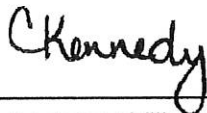
WHEREAS, the Village of Elk Rapids has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Elk Rapids Village Council hereby adopts the Village of Elk Rapids Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village, with changes as discussed at the public hearing and regular meeting held December 18, 2017.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0



\_\_\_\_\_  
I, Caroline Kennedy, Assistant Village Manager/Clerk of the Village of Elk Rapids Village, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 17-36, adopted by the Elk Rapids Village Council at the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.



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James Janisse, Village President

February 14, 2018

Antrim County Planning Commission  
203 E. Cayuga Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Bellaire, MI 49615

RE: Village of Elk Rapids Recreation Plan 2018-2022

Please find enclosed a copy of the Village of Elk Rapids Recreation Plan 2018-2022 which was adopted by the Elk Rapids Village Council at a regular meeting held on December 18, 2017. The plan will serve as a guide for recreation projects in the Village over the next five years.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the information below.

Sincerely,



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Regional Planner

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231.929.5000  
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January 22, 2018

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## **HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES: October 9, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Fisher, Berck, Bronkema, Hansen, Wiltse, Blesma

**ABSENT:** Reynolds

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Regular Harbor Commission meeting August 14, 2017: Commissioner Berck motioned and Commissioner Hansen seconded to approve minutes from the regular meeting on August 14, 2017. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

- a. Staff: Harbormaster Crissman reported on Labor Day weekend. He reported that the harbor has gone through the Clean Marina Recertification process and is awaiting approval from their board. The harbor will need to apply for a new dredging permit early in 2018. Crissman reported that a portion of the gas dock and the launch ramp docks were raised due to the higher than expected water levels. Pavilion use has been high in September. Crissman reported on the harbor boating and revenue statistics for 2017 and commented that it was a good year despite the less than desirable weather in June and August. Crissman will be attending a harbormasters meeting in Boyne City with DNR Waterways staff on Wednesday October 11, 2017.
- b. Council: Bronkema noted his written report and a few comments about the Dexter street property that is offered to the Village.
- c. Treasurer: Financial report provided.

**CITIZENS COMMENT:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Harbor Ordinance Review: Crissman brought this back to the Commission with edits that included the harbor rules by reference to allow for better enforcement if necessary. Commissioner Berck motioned and Commissioner Hansen seconded to approve the harbor ordinance as written. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

**Note:** Commissioner Blesma entered meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Update Harbor Goals, Objectives, and Action Items in Five Year Recreation Plan: Elizabeth Calcutt presented the harbor specific results from the recently completed recreation survey. Commissioners then discussed and updated the harbor goals and action items.** A final draft of the plan will be brought back to the Commission at the November meeting.
- b. 2018 Seasonal Rates: Commissioner Wiltse motioned and Commissioner Hansen seconded to approve the 2018 seasonal slip rates the same as 2017.
- c. 2018 Transient Rates: Commissioner Wiltse motioned and Commissioner Hansen seconded to approve the 2018 transient slip rates the same as 2017.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.



**APPROVED**

**HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES: November 13, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Fisher, Berck, Bronkema, Hansen, Wiltse, Blesma

**ABSENT:** Reynolds

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Regular Harbor Commission meeting October 9, 2017: Commissioner Blesma motioned and Commissioner Wiltse seconded to approve minutes from the regular meeting on October 9, 2017 with edit changing Blesma from absent to present arriving late. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

- a. Staff: Harbormaster Crissman reported on status of winterizing the harbor. Crissman reported water levels have remained high. Crissman reported that three seasonal slips have been filled and seasonal contracts have been sent out for 2018. Crissman reported that the draft Five Year Recreation Plan is out for review and Village Council will be setting a public hearing for December 18, 2017. Crissman noted his boating numbers and revenue statistics.
- b. Council: Bronkema reported on Council activities
- c. Treasurer: Financial report provided. Clarification of fund purposes was requested.

**CITIZENS COMMENT:** Three citizens commented

Commission discussed the recently approved Harbor ordinance. Commissioner Hansen motioned and Commissioner Berck seconded to add language to Sec 8.2 b of the Village of Elk Rapids Code of Ordinance to include an advisory panel of no more than six, two of which will be from the Harbor Commission. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. 2018/19 Harbor Budget: Crissman reported on his draft budget and presented the capital improvements that he recommended. Council approved and took no action.
- b. Commission Training – Caroline Kennedy: Assistant Manager Kennedy gave a training presentation on Michigan’s Sunshine Laws and the basics of the Open Meetings Act.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Crissman noted the Lake Michigan water level graph

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

## November Park and Rec Minutes

November 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER – West calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Melissa West, Jodi Poikey, Michael Conrad, Gordon Stewart & Caroline Kennedy as Village staff.

ABSENT & EXCUSED: James Dake, Beth Guntzviller, and Kolleen Thomas.

Conrad motions that West Chair the meeting. Seconded by Stewart. All in favor.

West chairs the meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stewart makes a motion to approve the October 5, 2017 minutes, seconded by Conrad. All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a) 5-year Community Rec Plan Goals and Objectives – Elizabeth Calcutt - Networks Northwest – Committee reviewed draft. Some modifications were noted. December 18, 2017 a public hearing will be held at the Village Council meeting. Notice to be posted in the local paper. Stewart made a motion to accept the amended 5 year rec plan as reviewed this evening. Conrad seconded the motion. All in favor.
- b) Community Trail – Conrad – working on promotional video and creating a social media presence to get community involvement.
- c) Paddle Antrim Grant – waiting on sign production.
- d) Commission Training – scheduled to do at January meeting.
- e) Basketball Rims – Guntzviller is working with community member for donation.

- f) Resurfacing of courts update – Conrad – information was provided by Caroline Kennedy regarding tax deduction for donations to be tax deductible. Caroline Kennedy was going to check with Brad at DPW to see how much money is set aside for resurfacing the courts.
- g) Dam Beach Management Plan – pending approval.
- h) Dam Beach Condition update – current condition of beach is clean.
- i) Budget – Discussion of possibility of rollover funds for the budget 2018.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a) 2018 Budget worksheet – committee worked on 1<sup>st</sup> draft of 2018 budget to meet the deadline of first draft in by November 22, 2017 to Village Manager. Discussion to budget funds for future maintenance projects. Committee wants to discuss future playground equipment at the next meeting under new business.
- b) Grills in Park – 3 grills need to be replaced. Committee discussed purchasing 1 small grill and 1 larger grill. Committee checking to see if money for the new grills could come out of 2017 Budget under capital overlay.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

#### REPORTS

- a. Council Liaison – West – gave brief summary regarding the Island House. Council is moving forward and will discuss the topic further at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- b. Other Members - none.

NEXT MEETING – December 7, 2017 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT – Stewart motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Conrad. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

## Appendix C: DNR Grants

- Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant History
- Post-Completion Self-Certification Report: 26-01423
- Post-Completion Self-Certification Report: BF93-162



## Grant History

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**Grantee**

**Village of Elk Rapids - Antrim County**

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**Project No.** 26-01423

**Project County:** Antrim

**Project Year:** 1985

**Project Title:** River Street Park

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:** \$37,651.00

**Scope Item:**

Benches  
Bollards  
Footbridge  
Landscaping  
Lights  
Park walkway and exercise stations  
Parking lot paving  
Play equipment  
Sprinkler system

**Project Description:** walkway, exercise stations, light, bollards, drainage, paved parking, landscaping, tot lot, LWCF sign

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**Project No.** BF93-162

**Project County:** Antrim

**Project Year:** 1993

**Project Title:** Memorial Park Improvement

**Project Status:** Grant Closed

**Grant Amount:** \$43,500.00

**Scope Item:**

Electrical Extention  
Sprinkling System  
Tennis Court renovation  
Water Fountain

**Project Description:** Rehab of two tennis courts, new water fountain, extension of electrical work and sprinkler system.

**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 select one) ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☒ BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** Village of Elk Rapids - Antrim County

**PROJECT NUMBER:** BF93-162 **PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Memorial Park Improvement

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Rehab of two tennis courts, new water fountain, extension of electrical work and sprinkler system.

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

Name of Agency (Grantee) Village of Elk Rapids	Contact Person Caroline Kennedy	Title Assistant Village Manager/Clerk
Address P.O. Box 398	Telephone 231-264-9274	
City, State, ZIP Elk Rapids, MI 49629	Email vllgcclerk@elkrapids.org	

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

Additional recreation activities include beach volleyball, pickleball, parkour equipment, bicycle racks, and more playground equipment.

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

**SITE QUALITY**

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

See photo under "Comments" on following page.

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

The park is maintained on a regular basis. See "Comments" below.

## GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

The park is open twenty-four hours, seven days a week, year-round. Some of the park facilities are seasonal, including the restrooms (open the first week of May through the first week of November); and the tennis nets, volleyball nets, and ADA Walk (installed no later than May 1 and removed no earlier than October 1).

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

### Maintenance Schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> week of May through 1<sup>st</sup> of November: The restrooms are deep-cleaned once daily and maintained continuously throughout the day.

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Fall through Spring: Trees and shrubs are trimmed as needed.

Spring: Beech is groomed once.

### Park Sign Photo:



**CERTIFICATION**

*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.*

CAROLINE KENNEDY

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Grantee Authorized Signature

2-22-18

Date

Lori L. Dawson

Please print

Lori Dawson

Witness Signature

2-22-18

Date

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GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925

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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 select one)

☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE

☒ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

☐ RECREATION PASSPORT

☐ BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** Village of Elk Rapids - Antrim County

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01423

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** River Street Park

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Walkway, exercise stations, light, bollards, drainage, paved parking, landscaping, tot lot, LWCF sign

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

Name of Agency (Grantee)  
Village of Elk Rapids

Contact Person  
Caroline Kennedy

Title  
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**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

Only in the addition of recreation activities, including beach volleyball, pickleball, parkour equipment, and more playground equipment.

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ 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

The park is maintained on a regular basis. See "Comments" below.

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# APPENDIX I: COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

## COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY 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, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR 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 March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: Village of Elk Rapids Recreation Plan 2018-2022		
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
Village of Elk Rapids	Antrim	12/2017

### 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

**Regional 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**

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

☒ 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

☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice November 9, 2017

Type of Notice Public Notice

Plan Location Village offices/website; Networks Northwest website

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 31 Days

☒ 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 November 30, 2017

Name of Newspaper Elk Rapids News

Date of Meeting December 18, 2017

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** 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.

☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: December 18, 2017

☐ 2. Official resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission or Board,  
recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 14, 2018

☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 22, 2018

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** 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 hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

Village of Elk Rapids  
(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*

Caroline Kennedy 2-22-18  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

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