



Hika Park Master Plan Update 2020

Village of Cleveland

Manitowoc County, WI

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Project Charge

In 2019, the Village of Cleveland Plan Commission issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain planning services to update the *Hika Bay Park & Dam Impoundment Area Park Site Master Plan*. The Village contracted with Cedar Corporation in 2020 to provide the following services.

- Review existing plans and studies related to Hika Park and the waterfront.
- Design and lead a process which includes strong public collaboration on park uses and development goals.
- Assist the Village with preparation of a Hika Park Master Plan that will serve as the foundation for future park decisions and improvements.

The previous *Hika Bay Park & Dam Impoundment Area Park Site Master Plan* was adopted in 1996 and since then, four acres of land along Lake Michigan, adjacent to and north of Hika Park, were acquired. This is now known as Hika Sands and provides public access to an additional 535 feet of formerly private Lake Michigan frontage. In addition, eight acres of land were added in what is known as the Centerville Creek Restoration Area.

The Hika Park Master Plan Update was created with input from stakeholders, the public and the Village of Cleveland Plan Commission and incorporates development concepts for all three areas for the first time.

Project Location

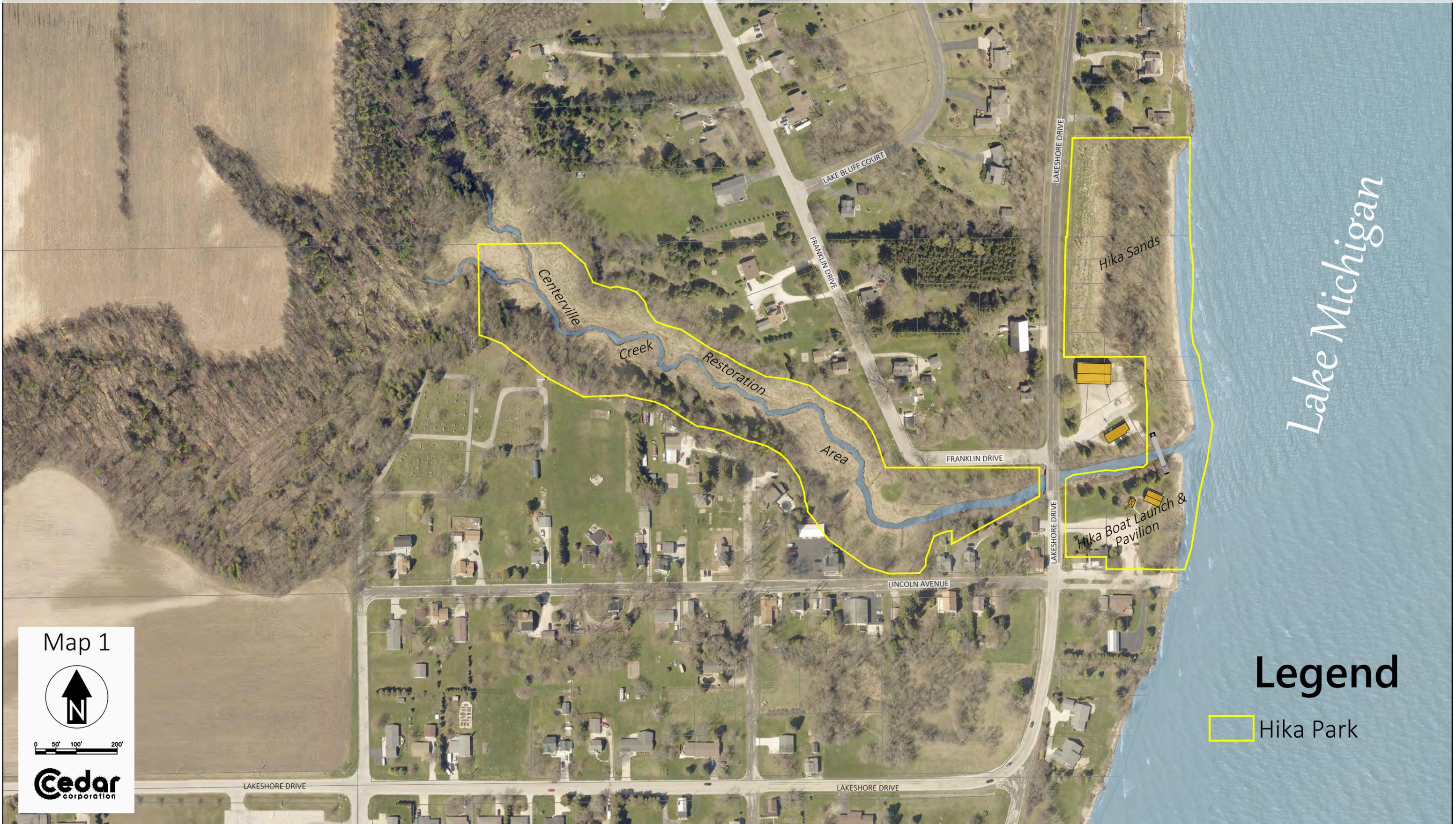
Hika Park is located in the Village of Cleveland in the southeast corner of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. The Park is on Lake Michigan, is accessible from Lakeshore Drive, and includes over 1,000 feet of shoreland. Centerville Creek runs through Hika Park and empties into Lake Michigan. Hika Park is comprised of three (3) distinct areas referred to as the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion, Hika Sands and the Centerville Creek Restoration Area (see Map 1). The Park is a popular place to enjoy the passive beauty of the Lake and provides access for boats, canoes and kayaks.



Hika Park and Surrounding Area

Hika Park Master Plan: Project Location

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Lake Michigan

Map 1



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Legend

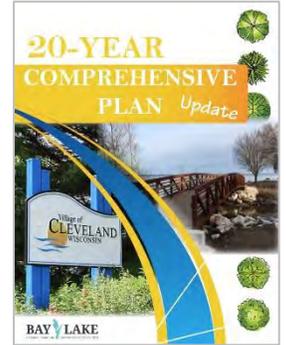
 Hika Park

Past Studies

There are a number of previous planning documents and concepts that were reviewed at the beginning of the planning process. The plans include all three areas that make up Hika Park but none provide a comprehensive evaluation off all areas as one.

These planning documents and concepts include:

- Hika Bay Park & Dam Impoundment Area Park Site Master Plan 1996
- Village of Cleveland Comprehensive Plan 2019
- Centerville Creek Impoundment Restoration 2009
- Centerville Creek Restoration Project: Sediment Reuse Grading Area 2012
- Design Concepts for Hika Park Shoreland 2013
- Manitowoc County Park and Open Space Plan 2016
- Hika Bay Harbor of Refuge: Preliminary Coastal Analysis 2018
- Hika Park Boat Launch Master Plan 2018



In some cases, ideas presented in these planning documents and concepts are still relevant and came up during our stakeholder interviews.

Grant Acknowledgement

The Hika Park Master Plan Update was funded in part by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coastal Management Under the Coastal Zone Management Act, Grant # NA19NOS4190087.



Existing Conditions

Map 2 shows floodplains, wetlands and existing development in Hika Park. The three areas that make up Hika Park are developed at different levels and have different environmental features.

The Centerville Creek Restoration Area has undergone restoration after an impoundment was removed. This area contains wetlands, floodplains and plantings. Some benches exist along with an informational sign. There is limited access to the entire site.

The Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion area is the most developed. It contains a parking lot pavilion, restrooms and boat launch. There is a pedestrian bridge that crosses Centerville Creek and connects to Hika Sands. There are floodplain areas along the creek. The shore is mostly sand and cobble. There is lawn and trees throughout the park.

Hika Sands has a berm along Lakeshore Drive which was created by using dredged materials from the Centerville Creek Restoration Project. There are wetlands within the Hika Sands area, various trees and some invasive species. The shore is mostly sand and cobble.

Hika Park Master Plan: Existing Conditions

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Lake Michigan

Legend

- Hika Park
- Municipal Garage
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- 1 Municipal Garage
- 2 Lift Station
- 3 Pedestrian Bridge
- 4 Pavilion
- 5 Restrooms
- 6 Parking Lot
- 7 Boat Ramp & Dock

Map 2



0 40' 80' 160'



Stakeholder Input

The first step in gathering information for the Hika Park Master Plan Update was to meet with and interview stakeholders to understand the needs and concerns of the community. The interviews provided information that was used to create conceptual plans for the future development of Hika Park.

The conversations were started by asking these questions.

- What are your thoughts or ideas for the future development of Hika Park?
- What impact to you do you think this will have on the community? Region?
- Is there a preference for passive recreation, active recreation or both in Hika Park?
- What is the desired intensity of development?

Stakeholder Groups

The stakeholder groups represented a diverse group of individuals, businesses and organizations who provided their experiences and visions for the Hika Park. The following groups or individuals were interviewed by Cedar Corporation in person or by phone over a two-day period.

- Cleveland Fish and Game
- Cleveland Elementary School
- Dumper Dan’s Sportfishing Charters
- Cleveland Lions Club
- Cleveland Athletic Club
- East Wind Garden Club
- Friends of Hika Bay
- Hika Bay Tavern
- Cleveland State Bank
- Dassler Sales and Service
- Hika Park area residents and lakeshore homeowners
- Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership
- Representative of the “Hika House”

The process involved 60-to-90-minute interviews with each group to discuss and record the answers to each question. In addition, these groups provided insight of their vision for the development and use of Hika Park.

Stakeholder Directives

During the stakeholder interviews, initial concerns or possible barriers to the development of Hika Park were raised. Repeated views included:

- Repeated damage to the Hika Park boat ramp and pier. Is expensive to maintain. Protection needed. Boat launch safety concerns. Fluctuating lake levels erode the shoreline.
- Protect park and adjacent privately owned shoreline from erosion/sedimentation.
- Need for expanded boat and trailer parking.
- Future of municipal garage on Hika Sands.
- “Hika House” location impacts the future development and use.
- Balance intensity of facilities and uses.
- Potential loss of passive lake viewing opportunities.
- Scale of project must be based on ability to fund. Research funding opportunities.
- Invasive species control in Hika Sands and Centerville Creek Restoration Area. Continue restoration.
- Need for pedestrian safety to access the three park areas.
- Park surveillance.
- Loss of “dark sky”.

The stakeholders also identified opportunities for improvements to Hika Park that would have a positive impact on the community.

- A growing fishery with good offshore fish structure. The WDNR three-year stocking commitment.
- Improve boat launch safety and parking to accommodate boating needs.
- Utilize exceptional passive lake views.
- Promote beach access and passive beach use.
- Support from neighbors if improvements are kept in balance.
- Further enhance past investments in Hika Sands and Centerville Creek. Improved access.
- Enhance the business community through increased park users.
- Educational opportunities for Cleveland Elementary School.
- Promote “dark sky”.
- Promote bird watching.
- Utilize technology for surveillance.
- Funding opportunities available to help offset costs.

The stakeholders also agreed that Hika Sands and the Centerville Creek Restoration Area are best suited for passive uses (walking, education, picnicking, etc.) while the Hike Boat Launch and Pavilion should remain the more developed or active area of the Hika Park because of its current development. The stakeholder meeting notes are found in Appendix A.

Plan Development

Conceptual site plans were created for the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion, Hika Sands and the Centerville Creek Restoration Area. The conceptual site plans were created based on information from the stakeholders and some ideas from previous studies or projects in Hika Park. Cedar Corporation also provided ideas based on past planning experience.

Multiple concepts were presented for each area in Hika Park and presented to the stakeholders at a public informational meeting. Stakeholders were encouraged to review each concept, ask questions, provide comments and then vote for their preferred concept. Below is a summary of the public informational meeting and preferred concepts.

Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion

Three options were created for the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion (see Maps 3, 4, and 5). Option 1 was a concept originally presented in the Hika Bay Harbor of Refuge: Preliminary Coastal Analysis Report in 2018 and the remaining options were created after consultation with a water resource engineering firm.



Option 1

Key Considerations

- Provides the most protection in a sheltered harbor design.
- Provides offshore fishing and lake viewing opportunities on breakwater.
- Provides protected boat transient dock.
- Provides flow through parking and boat launching.
- Loss of vehicle parking spaces and passive lake viewing.
- More intensive use of entire lakefront area.
- Potential harbor entrance sediment issues.
- Is a “Harbor of Refuge” really needed due to proximity of Manitowoc and Sheboygan?
- Most costly option likely by a factor of 4 or 5 over Options 2 and 3.
- Likely cost \$5 million or more.

Option 2

Key Considerations

- Very functional parking and boat launching flow.
- Provides some protection from north-northeast waves. However, not large enough to protect from >2-foot waves.
- Provides little protection from south-southeast waves.
- Jetty would likely need to be extended further to be more useful.
- More study required to determine sediment impacts to south properties.
- Loss of vehicle parking spaces and passive lake viewing.

- Cost will be less by a factor of 4 to Option 1.
- Potential for jetty and breakwater expansion. Could be Phase 1 of Option 1.

Option 3

Key Considerations

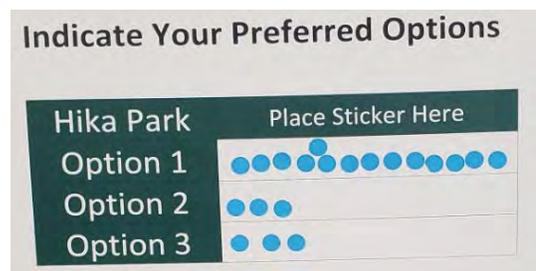
- Most sheltered boat launch option. Saves significant cost of putting large riprap into lake.
- Will require moving existing bridge.
- Will require substantial initial creek dredging to achieve required depth for boats.
- Potential creek sediment issues. Possible more frequent dredging. Can install groin feature to trap sediment from entering mouth of the creek. Likely needs jetty adjustments into Lake Michigan.
- Tight boat maneuverability and no safe holding area for boats waiting to take out.
- Parking layout allows for passive lake viewing and use
- Cost will be less by a factor of 4 to Option 1.

Preliminary Engineering Opinions

The boat launch options were reviewed by two very qualified firms: Miller Engineering and Edgewater Resources. Comments received about the design included the following.

- Both firms agreed a lake bathymetry (lake topography) study is needed to determine boat launch design, sediment movement around ramp and shoreline and the impact of water levels. A Wave Study would also be required to determine facility design/stamina and sediment movements based on directional wave action.
- Both firms agreed all options will have sediment and erosion issues. Also, continual costs.
- Both firms agreed Option 2 holds the most promise to achieve the objective of accommodating a boat launch with some protection in the most cost-effective manner. It also offers the opportunity to expand in phases (enlargement) based on financial resources.
- One firm felt Option 2 could be Phase 1 of Option 1. More breakwater would be added as boater demand and conditions warrant. Most fishing boats will not attempt launching or loading in 3-foot waves.
- Both firms agree all options present artificial obstructions to the natural north to south movement of sand and silt along the shoreline. Potential impacts of built obstructions would require further Wave Study.

A majority of stakeholders preferred Option 1.



Hika Boat Launch & Pavilion Option 1

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Map 3



* Harbor concept developed by Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

Hika Boat Launch & Pavilion Option 2

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Lake Michigan

Franklin Drive

Centerville Creek

Lake Shore
Recreational Area

Existing
Restrooms

Existing
Shelter

Lakeview
Picnic Area

Lakeshore Drive

Existing Home

Jetty

Lincoln Avenue

Map 4



0 12.5' 25' 50'

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Hika Boat Launch & Pavilion Option 3

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Map 5



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Hika Sands

Three concepts were created for the Hika Sands (see Maps 6, 7, and 8). The concepts provided connections to the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion and Centerville Creek Restoration Area. A variety of amenities and handicapped accessible infrastructure was provided.

Option 1

Key Considerations

- Calls for removal of Village Public Works Garage.
- Maintained as a low impact, passive use area with natural shoreline.
- Provides parking for lake viewing and use. However, no overflow boat parking.
- Improves and better defines access to beach area.
- Handicapped accessible trails and primitive trails.
- Expands trail system to the north.
- Includes a playground area for children.
- Invasive species reduction and plant restoration.



Option 2

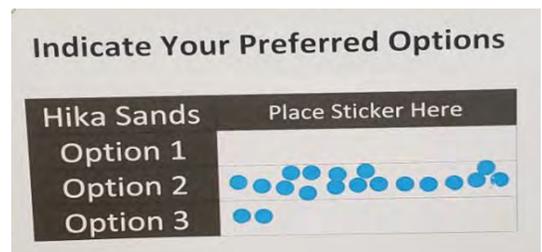
Key Considerations

- Calls for removal of Village Public Works Garage.
- Maintained as a low impact, passive use area with natural shoreline.
- Provides some parking for lake viewing and beach use.
- Parking lot accommodates overflow boat parking.
- Improves access to beach area in several locations along the trail.
- Primitive trails.
- Expands trail system to the north.
- Invasive species reduction and plant restoration.

Option 3

- Calls for removal of Village Public Works Garage.
- Maintained as a low impact, passive use area with natural shoreline.
- Provides some parking for lake viewing and beach use.
- Circular parking lot more natural in appearance but does not accommodate overflow boat parking.
- Improves access to beach area in several locations along the trail.
- Trails are handicapped accessible.
- Expands trail system to the north.
- Invasive species reduction and plant restoration.
- Includes lake observation deck and picnic shelter.

A majority of stakeholders preferred Option 2.

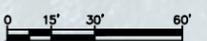


Hika Sands: Option 1

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Map 6

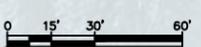


Hika Sands: Option 2

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Map 7



Hika Sands: Option 3

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Lakeshore Drive

Lake Michigan

Franklin Drive

Lakeshore Drive

Centerville Creek

Proposed Paved Handicapped Accessible Trail

Proposed Picnic Shelter

Proposed Handicapped Accessible Overlook

Proposed Lakefront Access

Proposed Overflow Boat Ramp Parking

Proposed Trailhead & Informational Kiosk

Proposed Parking

Proposed Paved Handicapped Accessible Trail

Proposed Covered Viewing Area

Existing Lift Station

Map 8



0 15' 30' 60'

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Centerville Creek Restoration Area

Two concepts were created for the Centerville Creek Restoration Area (see Maps 9 and 10). The concepts provided connections to the Hika Sands and provide options for limited amenities and handicapped accessible infrastructure.



Option 1

Key Considerations

- Includes defined crossing for connection to Hika Sands.
- Includes an observation deck and picnic area.
- Portable picnic table area along Franklin Drive will allow greenspace to still be used for overflow boat trailer parking.
- Handicapped accessible walkways and picnic areas.
- Invasive species reduction and plant restoration.

Option 2

Key Considerations

- Includes defined crossing for connection to Hika Sands,
- Expands primitive trail system along the Centerville Creek including two bridge crossings and creek testing locations for outdoor classroom accommodations.
- Preserves greenspace along Franklin Drive to still be used for overflow boat trailer parking.
- Includes an observation deck and environmental gathering area.
- Invasive species reduction and plant restoration.
- Likely grant funds available for most proposed projects

A majority of stakeholders preferred Option 2.



Input from the stakeholder public informational meeting was that the concepts reflected the conversations Cedar Corporation had with the various individuals and organizations. There were no recommended changes to the revisions.

Centerville Creek Restoration Area: Option 1

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Map 9



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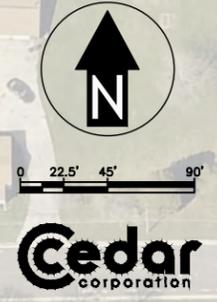
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Centerville Creek Restoration Area: Option 2

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Map 10



Hika Sands

Hika Park

Franklin Drive

Lakeshore Drive

Lincoln Avenue

Centerville Creek

Proposed Primitive Trail

Proposed Primitive Trail

Proposed Wood Bridge

Proposed Educational Sign & Leopold Bench

Proposed Environmental Testing Area

Proposed Educational Sign & Leopold Bench

Proposed Educational Sign & Leopold Bench

Proposed Educational Sign & Leopold Bench

Proposed Environmental Testing Area

Proposed Educational Sign & Leopold Bench

Proposed Educational Sign & Leopold Bench

Proposed Educational Sign & Leopold Bench

Existing Informational Sign

Educational/Environmental Gathering Area with Deck

Proposed Wood Bridge

Proposed Educational Sign & Leopold Bench

Public Input

To gather additional public input, Cedar Corporation prepared an online community survey that was available to the public. A link to the survey was available on the Village's website and a person did not have to be a Village of Cleveland resident to participate. There were 330 surveys submitted. The survey, results and comments are found in Appendix B.

Survey Question Summary

The online community survey asked for information about the survey respondents including what county they lived in, whether they are a homeowner/renter/visitor and did they own property in the Village of Cleveland.

For each area in Hika Park, respondents were asked how many times they visited the park annually, what activities they did at each park area, which option they preferred and what ways would they be willing to fund the proposed park improvements. The answers help reinforce the results of the stakeholder meetings and helped gauge the willingness of the public to help fund the proposed improvements.

Survey Respondents

A majority of the survey respondents live in Manitowoc County (89%), are a homeowner in the Village (81%), and own property in the Village (77%).

Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion

The Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion is used by many people. About 44% of the survey respondents indicated they visit the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion 1 to 10 times a year, 27% visiting 11 to 30 times a year, 11% visiting 31 to 50 times year and 14% visiting over 50 times a year. Only 5% stated they have not visited the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion.

The top four activities when visiting the Hika Park Boat Launch and Pavilion were:

1. View the Lake (83%)
2. Walk (73%)
3. Use the bridge (49%)
4. Attend events (47%)

When asked which conceptual plan presented for the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion area was preferred (see Appendix for concepts) about 51% choose Option 1, 22% selecting Option 2 and 13% selecting Option 3. Fourteen percent indicated "No Opinion".

About 43% indicated they would be willing to make a tax-deductible donation to fund improvements. Out of those 38% would be willing to help financially at the \$100 to \$400 level and 32% would be willing to help financially at the \$20 to \$50 level.

About 44% of survey respondents indicated they prefer the use of grants, donations and fees to pay for the improvements, 32% indicted they would be willing to pay an additional \$20 per

\$100,000 in value to fund the improvements. The percentages dropped as the amount per \$100,000 in value increased.

Hika Sands

The Hika Sands is used by many people but more people have never visited it compared with Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion. About 41% of the survey respondents indicated they visit the Hika Sands 1 to 10 times a year, 19% visiting 11 to 30 times a year, 6% visiting 31 to 50 times year and 7% visiting over 50 times a year. About 27% stated they have not visited Hika Sands.

The top three activities when visiting the Hika Sands were:

1. Walk (67%)
2. View Lake (64%)
3. Use the bridge (40%)

When asked which options plan presented for the Hika Sands area was preferred (see Appendix for concepts) about 39% choose Option 2, 22% selecting Option 1 and 9% selecting Option 3. Thirty percent indicated “No Preferred Option”.

About 73% indicated they would not be willing to make a tax-deductible donation to fund improvements. Of the 84 people who responded yes to this question, about 46% would be willing to help financially at the \$20 to \$50 level and 27% would be willing to help financially at the \$100 to \$400 level.

About 57% of survey respondents indicated they prefer the use of grants, donations and fees to pay for the improvements, 26% indicted they would be willing to pay an additional \$10 per \$100,000 in value to fund the improvements. The percentages dropped as the amount per \$100,000 in value increased.

Centerville Creek Restoration Area

The Centerville Creek Restoration Area (CCRA) is the lesser known of the three areas that make up Hika Park. About 36% of the survey respondents indicated they visit the CCRA 1 to 10 times a year, 10% visiting 11 to 30 times a year, 3% visiting 31 to 50 times year and 2% visiting over 50 times a year. About 49% stated they have not visited the CCRA.

The top three activities when visiting the CCRA were:

1. Walk (45%)
2. View Creek (40%)
3. View informational signs (11%)

About 48% indicated they do not do any activities at the CCRA. It should be noted that the lower participation rates area likely a reflection of the lack of access opportunities.

When asked which conceptual plan presented for the CCRA area was preferred (see Appendix for concepts) about 44% choose Option 2, 13% selecting Option 1 and 44% selecting “No Preferred Option”.

About 76% indicated they would not be willing to make a tax-deductible donation to fund improvements. Of the 70 people who responded yes to this question, about 60% would be willing to help financially at the \$20 to \$50 level and 23% would be willing to help financially at the \$100 to \$400 level.

About 67% of survey respondents indicated they prefer the use of grants, donations and fees to pay for the improvements, 20% indicated they would be willing to pay an additional \$10 per \$100,000 in value to fund the improvements. The percentages dropped as the amount per \$100,000 in value increased.

Survey Comment Summary

Survey respondents provided over 100 comments on the proposed improvement to the three areas that make up Hika Park. The comments could be generalized into the following general sentiments.

- Support park improvements as an asset to the Village (visitors and residents).
- Leave things the way they are.
- Spend money on other Village infrastructure.
- Concerns over costs.
- Appreciation of the Village moving forward with studying options and potential implementation.

Plan Commission Review

Throughout the planning process, the Village of Cleveland has reviewed the stakeholder results, park development options and survey results. The Plan Commission provided the following input on the preferred park development options indicated by the stakeholders and general public.

Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion

The Plan Commission believed to pursue any of the options for this area, a Wave Study would have to be completed to determine if the options may or may not be structurally feasible. The Wave Study is also needed to determine the impact on the adjacent property owners. These options represent the most expensive improvements in the overall Hika Park Master Plan Update. Financial feasibility will depend on many factors including grants, donations, and the Village’s overall financial commitments.

Hika Sands

The Plan Commission supported the preferred Option 2 and keeping Hika Sands as passive use.

Centerville Creek Restoration Area

The Plan Commission supported the preferred Option 2 and keeping the Centerville Creek Restoration as passive use.

Recommendations/Next Steps

Based on the existing conditions, preferred development options and concerns from stakeholders and survey respondents for the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion, Hika Sands, and Centerville Creek Restoration Area, the following recommendations would be the logical first step before any design was initiated.

Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion

- Contract with a qualified firm to conduct a Wave Study to determine the structural feasibility of each option, determine the effects of each structure on neighboring properties and estimate yearly maintenance costs to maintain each option.

Hika Sands

- Prepare a more detailed environmental/ecological review of the existing site to identify native plant and animals, restoration opportunities and the elimination of invasive species.
- Implement projects as recommended in Option 2.

Centerville Creek Restoration Area

- Prepare a more detailed environmental/ecological review of the existing site to identify native plant and animals, restoration opportunities and the elimination of invasive species.
- Work with the Cleveland School District to implement a Centerville Creek Water Monitoring Program and other outdoor classroom experiences.
- Implement projects as recommended in Option 2.

Overall

- Develop a funding strategy to secure grants, donations and other financial opportunities to implement the proposed projects.

Appendix A: Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Stakeholder Interviews

1. Fishing and Boating

Jason, President, Cleveland Fish & Game since 1942 (78 years)

Bob, retired Geologist

Brad Dassler

Dan Welsch, Charter Boat Captain, via phone

- Person died in rip tide
- Reuse of Municipal Garage
- 100 – 120 members – Cleveland Fish & Game
- Fishing Derby going about 39 years – biggest fundraiser – 3 days
- 150 fishermen to 300. Drop in attendance maybe due to poor launch quality and launch safety issues. Hard to launch a boat with only one person. Event is the last week in July. Event includes bands & food over the three-day period.
- Pavilion also used for other things – weddings
- Support kids fishing day
- Kayakers use it
- Could see possible sailing/kayaking classes
- Current boat launch built in 1972, pier new in late 90's and its 70 feet long
- Boat ramp in bad shape – 8" thick concrete (?)
- No safe refuge or harbor in years
- Lake levels have damaged the pier
- Pier needs to be replaced – maintenance \$2,000 - \$3,000/yr.
- When lake levels are low, it's hard to get boats out. Need for buoys.
- Launch users have reduced over the years because of the conditions
- Nearest facilities – Sheboygan and Manitowoc
- Draw more from the "Lake Winnebago" area
- Is there a way to protect park users from getting wet from waves? (deeper water levels – bigger waves)
- How do we fund this?
- May need a wave study to correctly protect the shore
- Hika Boat Launch – concept was presented over 3 days – over 300 signatures in support
- Cleveland Fish & Game would help financially with construction and maintenance. They collect Hika Park boating fees now.
- Will there be enough parking with current concept?
- Had a quote for engineering study for \$75,000

- Don't want to fund more studies
- Breakwater could be on either side of the creek, no preference
- Little pushback from public about becoming too busy
- Mix of parking (boats and park users)
- Need for shoreline protection, improved beach and safe access to lake.

Dan's comments:

- *Is this local use or regional? May need some dredging when water levels are low*
- *Make it large enough to accommodate everyone*
- *What about a gas dock?*
- *Hika Bay has rock structures – good fishing*
- *Have seen an increase in fish stocking the last 3 years. More approved.*
- *Bringing back coastal brook trout, more brown trout, 170,000 more steelhead (more shoreland fish)*
- *WLTA.org*
- *3 year commitment to stocking (2023) then evaluate*

Cleveland Fish & Game Priorities:

- Safety of the park, beach, users, and access
- Find grants for studies and construction
- Club wants to know timeline of projects – studies, design, construction, etc. to limit continued investment in existing, worn down facilities (launch & pier)

2. Park Planning, Hika Park Friends Program

Jim Kettler, (LNRP) Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership

John Kirsch, (FOHB) Friends of Hika Bay group. Architect by trade for AECOM. Former Village PC Chair and Village Board member. Has worked with BLRPC on projects.

- Big part of the creek restoration. Dam removed in 1996. Steep bank (8'). Restoration completed in 2012. Restoration Committee formed into the Friends of Hika Bay Group led by Kirsch.
- Lake surges impacted stream restoration efforts-mostly plantings. Ice shoves an issue.
- Phase II water quality sampling on Centerville Creek in progress
- Trying to do a Phase II stabilization which will start this year – trees, logs along streambank. Overall, channel holding up well.
- A lot of deer browsing
- Had high water and ice shelves damage previous restoration work.
- Hika sands – passive, trees, flowers, migrating birds

- Trails along the creek – ADA accessibility. Will encounter seepage areas limiting trail development. Encountered property owner “push back” on previous trail plan expansions.
- South of Franklin – staging area. Bring people down to creek
- Makeshift trail exists from cemetery to creek. Simple path along Hay Creek
- Pedestrian safety
- Great dark sky!!! Minimal lighting, shielded lighting (dark sky lighting)
- Must improve fishing access but a scaled down protective boat landing. Accommodate Lake Winnebago type boats.
- Extend pier out past breaker zone and rock reef
- Acquire properties north of Lincoln in Hika Park
- Possible use of old municipal garage next to pavilion or removal of garage for more space.
- Concerned over traffic speeds through the area.
- Creek/Sands – passive use
- Park – active
- What is the scale of Hika Park? Local or regional?
- Can we do sheet pilings?
- Accommodate “Winnebago” size boats, not huge boats
- Scaled down protected boat ramp. It’s not a harbor of refuge. Does it need to be with Manitowoc and Sheboygan so close?
- Will send plans for tree and plantings

3. South Lakefront Owners

David Pfaffenbach

Carol Koffarus

Hanna Edelglass

- Concerns about whatever happens at the park and how it may affect their property. Concerned over changes in wave patterns if new launch with breakwater was ever constructed. They used Miller Engineering to stabilize their banks to south and don’t want that investment harmed. Also, to review Fish & Game Master Plan. Miller expressed concerns over the design.
- Erosion is a concern especially along shore by creek, pedestrian bridge security-foundation issues?
- Pave parking lot. It needs improvement.
- Purchase Hika House for more parking, park improvements
- North side of creek bank (by #2 on map) clean up, remove willows (bad trees)



- Feel that any ramp/pier needs to be protected. Ok with this, but must be designed right. Not in favor of recent Fish & Game Plan due to Miller Engineering feedback.
- Any future launch projects need engineering validation.
- Scale of project should be based on the ability to fund. Improvements should be scaled based on funding through, WDNR, Coastal Management, Feds or other sources.
- Hika Park is more of a local park – community events. “More local” means a couple larger events per year. Park is not a Milwaukee, Manitowoc or Sheboygan lakefront.
- Increased surveillance – patrol or cameras advisable with increased use.
- Park needs boundaries (signs?)
- Pedestrians need to walk on streets. Not safe.
- Park has hours (closes at 10:00 p.m.?)
- Clean up the creek. Dead trees not aesthetic. Make it more accessible for fishing. Better access.
- Improve the aesthetics along the creek up to the bend in Franklin Drive
- Control erosion
- Manitowoc County Lakes Association website good for information.
- Park/lakeshore protection is a priority. Use science-based information.

4. Civic Groups: Lions, Garden Club

Tom Fiedler, Lions Club

Lynn Fiedler, East Wind Garden Club

- Lions do little to nothing at this park. The Garden Club maintains a flower bed at the Hika Park entrance.
- The Lions use primarily Dairyland and Lions Park in the Village. The Lions however, have limited opportunity to assist with future projects at Hika Park
- Both clubs are limited to what they can do by the growing age of members
- Based on Tom & Lynn’s joint observations, they present the following comments:
 - A lot of people come down and sit to watch the lake. Popular for that use.
 - Check handicapped accessibility of restroom
 - Improve accessibility to viewing area at Centerville Creek
 - Boat launch improvements needed

5. Youth-Cleveland Elementary School

Dylan Ramirez, Council President

Kimberely Olivas, Council VP

Kristin Peterson, School Counselor

- Likes the beach, nice area to relax, like fishing, field trips to learn about nature
- Like hiking along the beach
- School would partner for education field trips. Hands on learning potential. Science labs. No transportation required as students could walk to park, beach & creek from elementary school location.
- Maybe have both Manitowoc and Sheboygan Districts sponsor outdoor classrooms.
- Harbor design – good for safety. Kayak, canoeing and sailing all possible.
- Boat ramp important. Many people who work locally on farms, some people don't have transportation. Having the harbor would provide place for fishing both onshore and offshore.
- Summer rec programs at the park through the school district
- Some children's playground equipment would be nice. Mentioned Shaw Family Playground – Sheboygan as an example.
- Area for 4th of July fireworks – community sponsored.

6. Business Owners

Karen Grupe, Owner, Wisconsin Web Writer

Jill Pope, Manager, Hika Bay Tavern

Tim Schueler, President, Cleveland State Bank

- Address the boat launch and pier. Always being fixed. Any future improvement (pier, dock, launch will require adequate wave protection.
- Don't need to compete with Manitowoc or Sheboygan. Smaller scale facility.
- Need parking!
- Need to improve functional space
- Need a beach area! More passive north of creek.
- Typically go to Fisher Creek for hiking, walking, geocaching. Fischer Creek is a good model.
- Balance use of the park but not too obtrusive.
- Without boat tie up facilities, likely boaters won't stop to support businesses. Plus, park is pretty far away from established commercial areas.
- Like the harbor concept – agree that protection is needed
- How to keep a harbor clean (dead fish)



- Thought Fish & Game Master Plan was good but appears costly
- Bike racks, water fountain – bottle filler

7. Hika House Owner

Bruce Roethle agent for owner Franklin Kolody – via phone
Broethle77@gmail.com email Bruce

- Discussed potential acquisition of Hika House
- Disclosed that Frank likes to hold on to stuff
- Appraisal would be difficult in finding “like or comparable” properties. This location is extremely unique. Would be difficult for appraisal to achieve true value of property.
- Ken to email Bruce copy of Fish & Game Plan and Existing Conditions map.

8. Civic Groups: Cleveland Athletic Club

Cleveland Athletic Park – runs concessions at other Village Parks.
Ron Schisel, Club President
Dale Wagner
Jeff Stoeckigt

- As a club, they don’t use Hika Park. But their ideas include the following:
 - Park is popular summertime “heat relief” area
 - Make things more accessible
 - Fix water access. Not safe.
 - Not room for basketball courts or other active sports
 - Historic focus as a boat landing – keep it going
 - Village needs to purchase the Hika House to allow for more room.
 - More of a local use vs. regional use park/ramp
 - Protection is needed for shoreline and launch
 - Clean up north side, better access to shore, benches, picnic area, children’s playground

9. Hika Property Owners (Area Residents)

Terry Gottsacker
Reid Meiselwitz
Jim Quinn

- Hika is the LAKE PARK! Need to continue that connection via boat and walkers.
- Park appears to get light to moderate boat use but likely impacted by quality of launch.

- Jim Quinn wasn't convinced a boat launch is needed and the park could be designed for more pedestrian, lake view use.
- This planning opportunity offers a way to improve and clean up the park
- Had water in the restrooms last year, but Lake is highest ever
- The purchase of Hika House for more room is needed
- Bubbler needed. Lots of bike traffic on LS
- Trail through Hika Sands – pet friendly, outdoor fitness maybe
- Cedar trees near house are blocking Jim's view
- Pickleball area?
- Flyway – observation tower or deck to view lake
- Address access to lift station. Maybe outside access to restrooms.
- Cost and maintenance an issue for harbor idea moving forward. Fewer people to do this and would likely fall onto the Village's budget to maintain and patrol.
- Most recent master plan is a good idea. But plan is out of balance with a small community's ability to pay for all the improvements. Even with grants, cost could be high for community to absorb.
- Would be a whole new look for Hika if the master plan was developed.
- Quiet activities to north and along beach
- Concern over care of park. Village resources.
- Franklin Dr greenspace area can be planned for more than parking
- Better access along creek potential
- Outdoor grills/picnic tables by 1/2/3

10. Judith Perlman (Phone Interview)

Lives one property removed from the north end of Hika Park adjacent the Lake

- Believes restoration efforts at Centerville Creek and Hika Sands fell way short. More ecological expertise was needed. "Ecological Disaster"
- Invasive species issues
- Fill for berms was inadequate for restoration
- Park could benefit from a top ecological designer
- Placement of bridge blocks lake views from road and other points within the park
- It appears the lakefront is being used year-round now
- Much in favor of public use of park. Tremendous resource.
- Boat Launch project needs to be done right. Must be supported by sound engineering. Maybe scale back intensity of recent master plan but certainly maintain launch and access to lake.
- Need to protect lake views. The parks greatest asset.
- If observation deck, should be located atop ridge west of LS.

- Migratory bird watching popular. Good location for it.
- Parking needs to be visible from road to monitor activity and accommodate patrols
- Supports need for low key lighting in area to maintain “Dark Sky”
- Maintain adequate border signage to protect private property
- Would like to stay involve and willing to provide professional expertise is asked

11. Otto & Laurel Wimpffen (Phone Interview)

This couple lives directly north of Hika Park adjacent the Lake. Have owned the “cottage” since 1992.

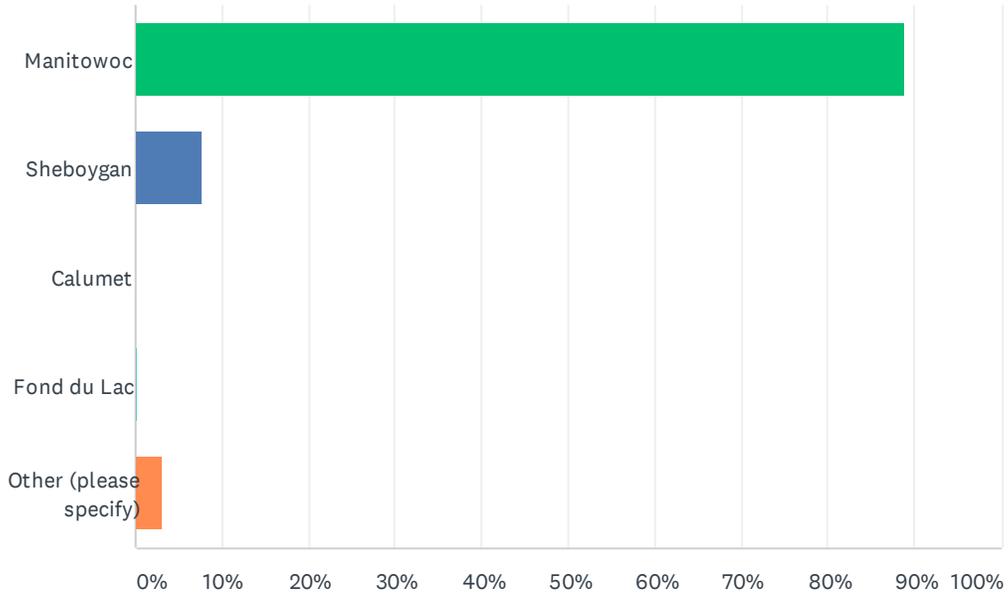
- In favor of public park use. No issue with beach users.
- Believe pedestrian bridge was a nice addition
- In favor of Hika Sands restoration. More “beach combers” which is good to see.
- Keep Hika Sands as natural as possible. Work to control invasive species.
- No issues with trespass but maintain signage to control boundary trespass. Some folks like to “hang out” on the north end. A little uncomfortable at times.
- Moving Village garage would provide more space for Hika Sands parking (non-boat trailer), entranceway to beach access
- Supporting picnic area where garage currently is if removed. Passive feature.
- Although, neither Otto nor Laurel have launched a boat at this park, they believe maintaining a boat lake access is an important feature of the park.
- However, would be concerned over how a breakwater into the lake would impact shoreline to north. Improvements should be supported by wave study and science.
- Otto more in favor of a protective boat launch but not a costly break wall
- Focus should be on beach access and linkage
- Kayaking classes should be a good fit
- Village should continually monitor the availability of money for shoreline protection

12. Larry Dassler (Phone Interview Pending)

Appendix B: Complete Survey Results with Comments

Q1 What county do you live in? (please choose one)

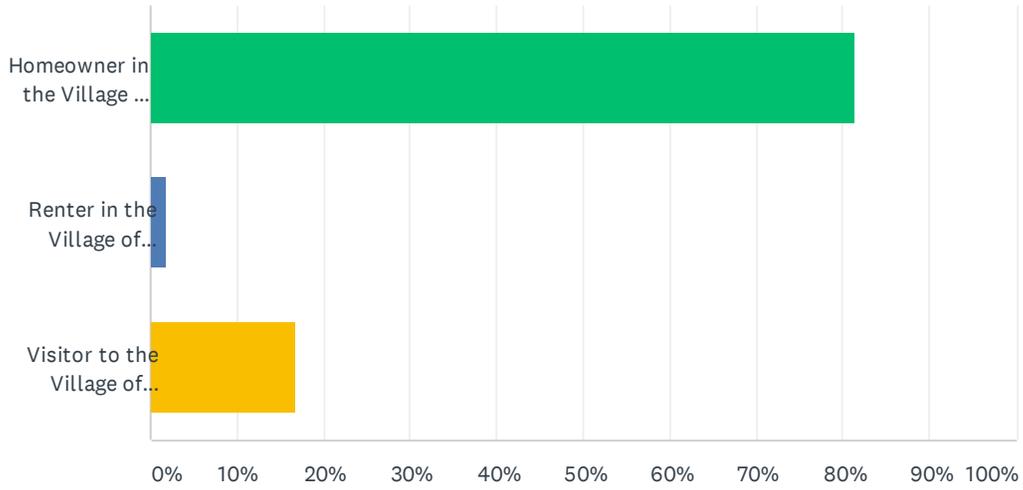
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Manitowoc	88.99%	291
Sheboygan	7.65%	25
Calumet	0.00%	0
Fond du Lac	0.31%	1
Other (please specify)	3.06%	10
TOTAL		327

Q2 Which of the following best describes your current situation? (please choose one)

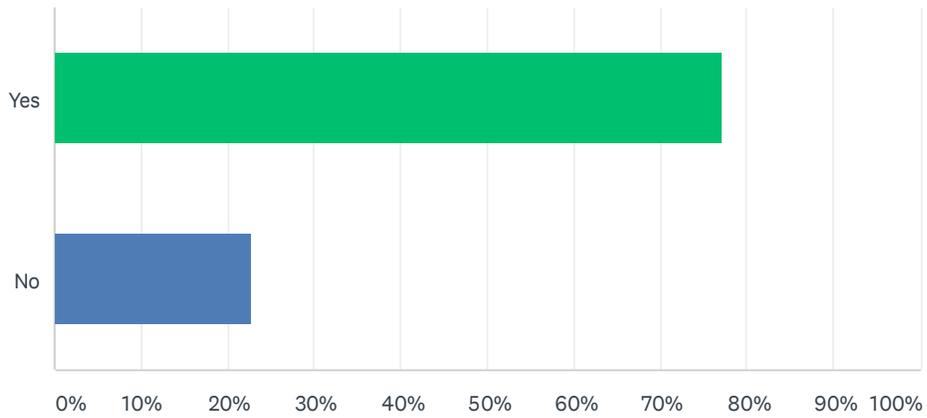
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Homeowner in the Village of Cleveland	81.37%	262
Renter in the Village of Cleveland	1.86%	6
Visitor to the Village of Cleveland	16.77%	54
TOTAL		322

Q3 Are you a property owner in the Village of Cleveland? (please choose one)

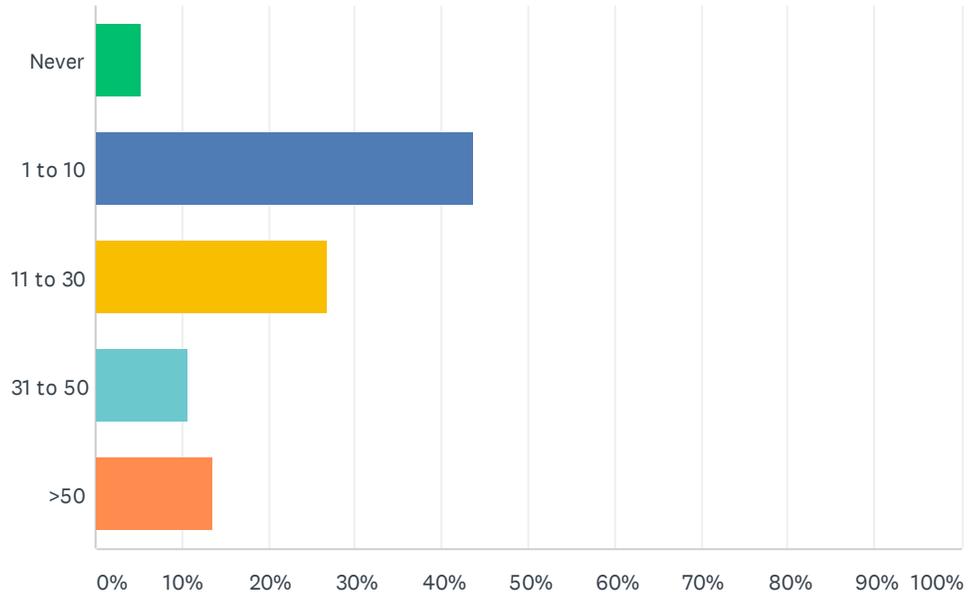
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.13%	253
No	22.87%	75
TOTAL		328

Q4 How many times, on average, do you visit the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion annually? (please choose one)

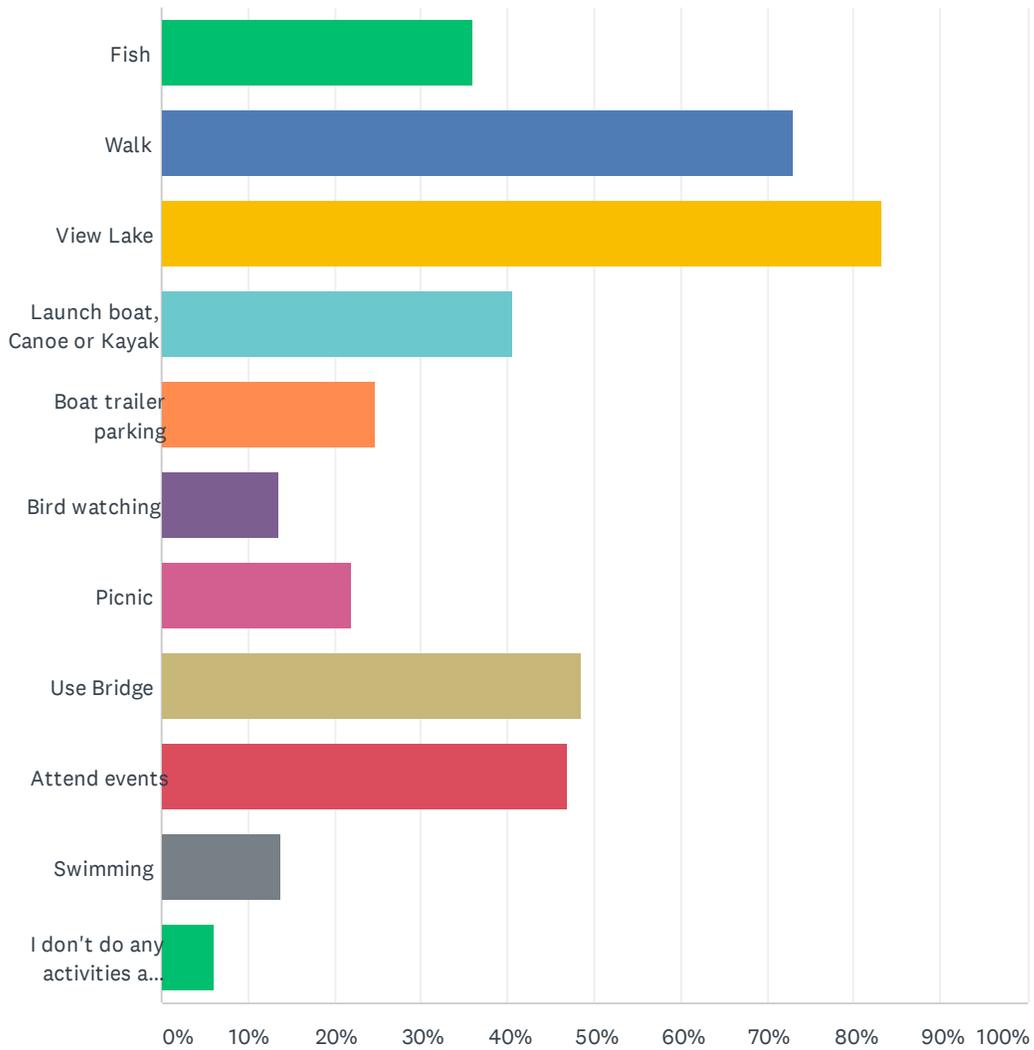
Answered: 309 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	5.18%	16
1 to 10	43.69%	135
11 to 30	26.86%	83
31 to 50	10.68%	33
>50	13.59%	42
TOTAL		309

Q5 What activities do you do at the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion (check as many answers that apply)?

Answered: 311 Skipped: 19

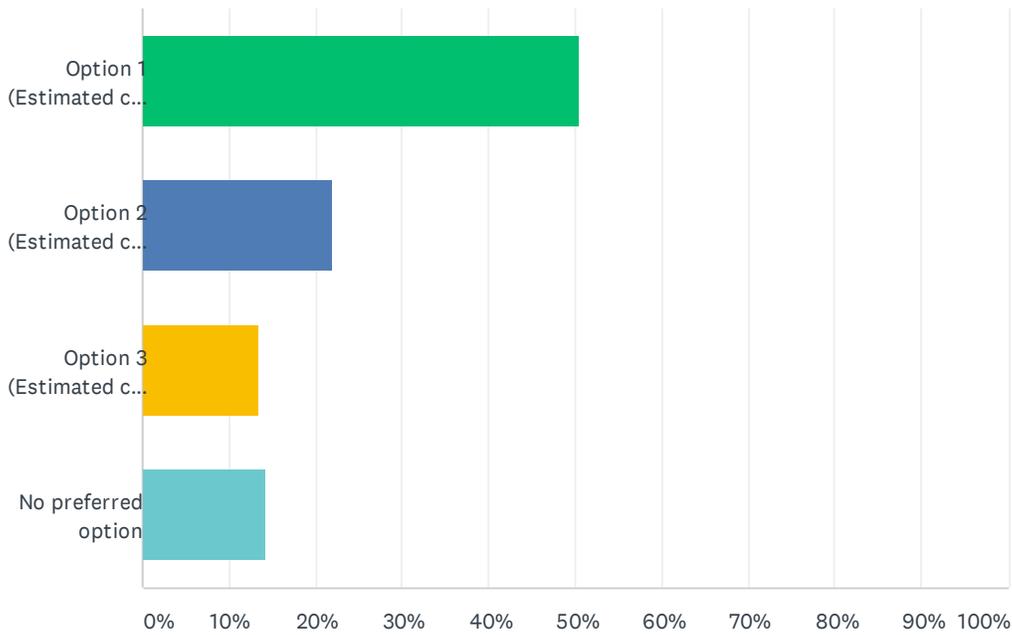


Hika Park Master Plan Update

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fish	36.01%	112
Walk	72.99%	227
View Lake	83.28%	259
Launch boat, Canoe or Kayak	40.51%	126
Boat trailer parking	24.76%	77
Bird watching	13.50%	42
Picnic	21.86%	68
Use Bridge	48.55%	151
Attend events	46.95%	146
Swimming	13.83%	43
I don't do any activities at the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion	6.11%	19
Total Respondents: 311		

Q6 The Village’s consultant, Cedar Corporation, has developed three options to improve the Hika Boat Launch. The three options with an estimated cost are shown below. Please note that the village will pursue grants and donations to reduce the local share of any of the options. That said, please select your preferred option:

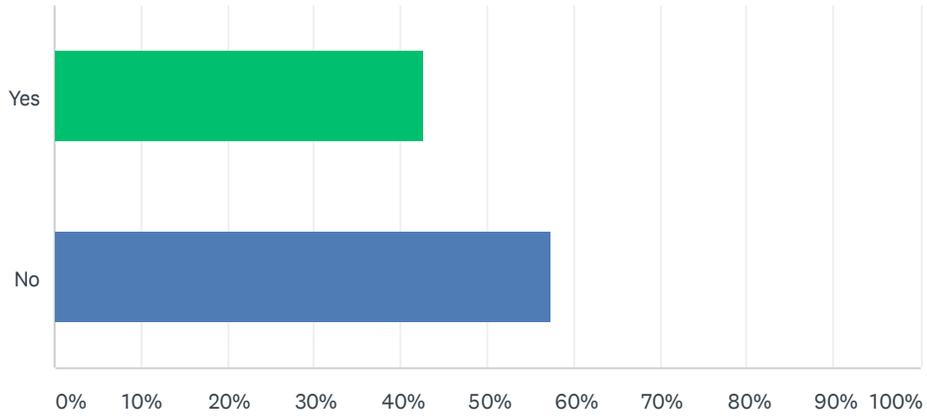
Answered: 301 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option 1 (Estimated cost \$5-6 Million)	50.50%	152
Option 2 (Estimated cost \$2 Million)	21.93%	66
Option 3 (Estimated cost \$2 Million)	13.29%	40
No preferred option	14.29%	43
TOTAL		301

Q7 Would you be willing to give a tax-deductible donation to fund improvements at the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion?

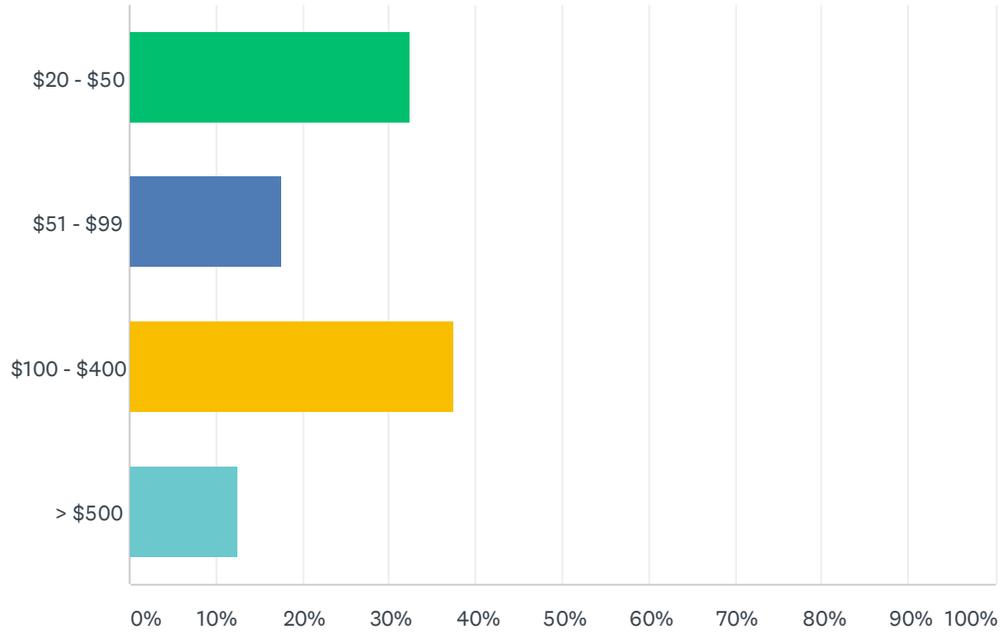
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.76%	130
No	57.24%	174
TOTAL		304

Q8 If yes, at what level?

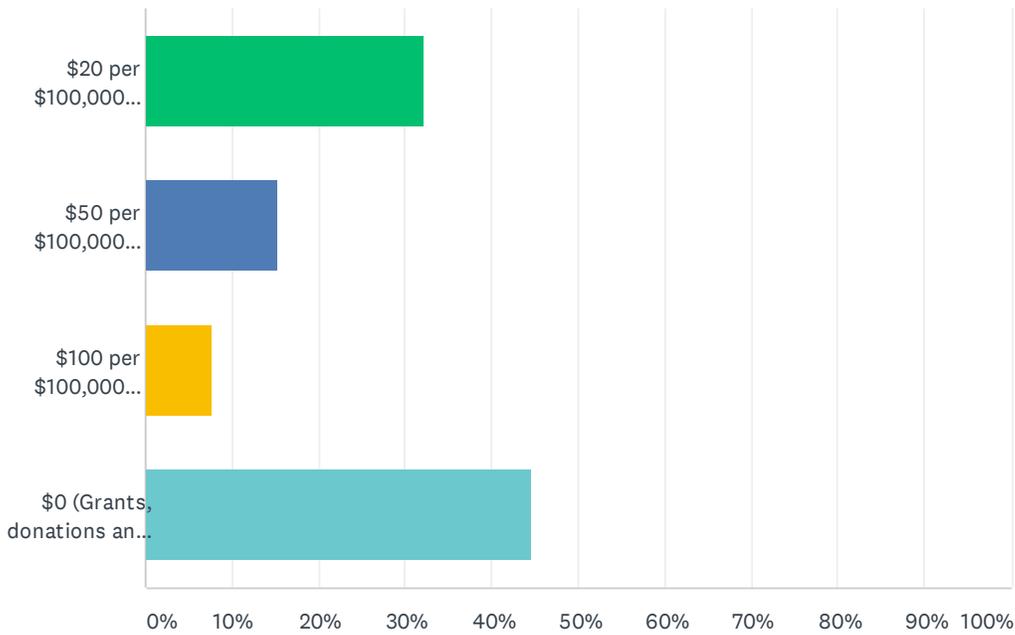
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$20 - \$50	32.35%	44
\$51 - \$99	17.65%	24
\$100 - \$400	37.50%	51
> \$500	12.50%	17
TOTAL		136

Q9 The Village will likely require the use of a village tax levy to help fund improvements and maintenance over a 20-year period at the Hika Boat Launch and Pavilion. This would be in addition to any grants, donations or launch fees received. At what level would you willingly be taxed annually over 20 years to fund the project?

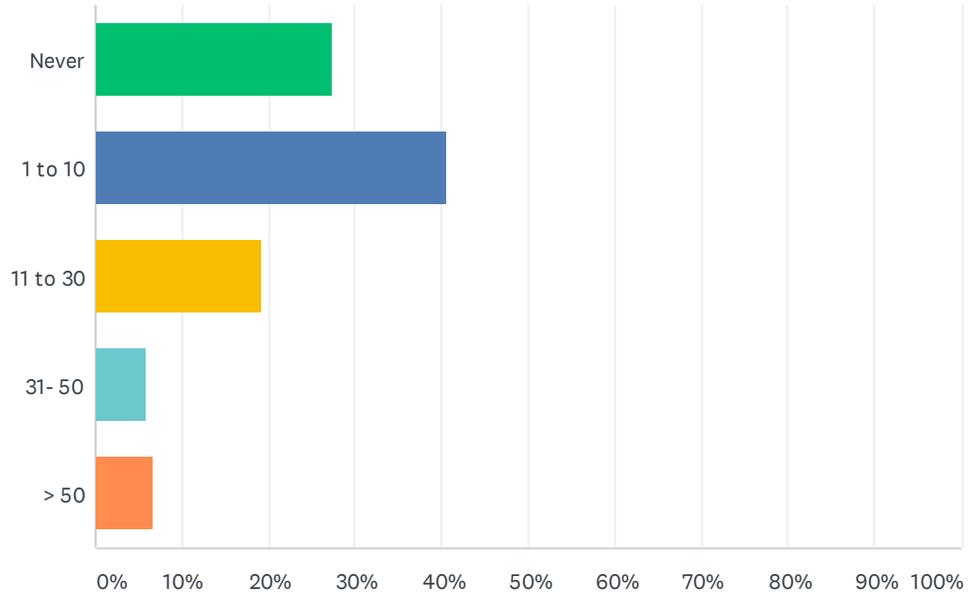
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$20 per \$100,000 valuation	32.25%	99
\$50 per \$100,000 valuation	15.31%	47
\$100 per \$100,000 valuation	7.82%	24
\$0 (Grants, donations and user fees only)	44.63%	137
TOTAL		307

Q10 How many times, on average, do you visit Hika Sands annually

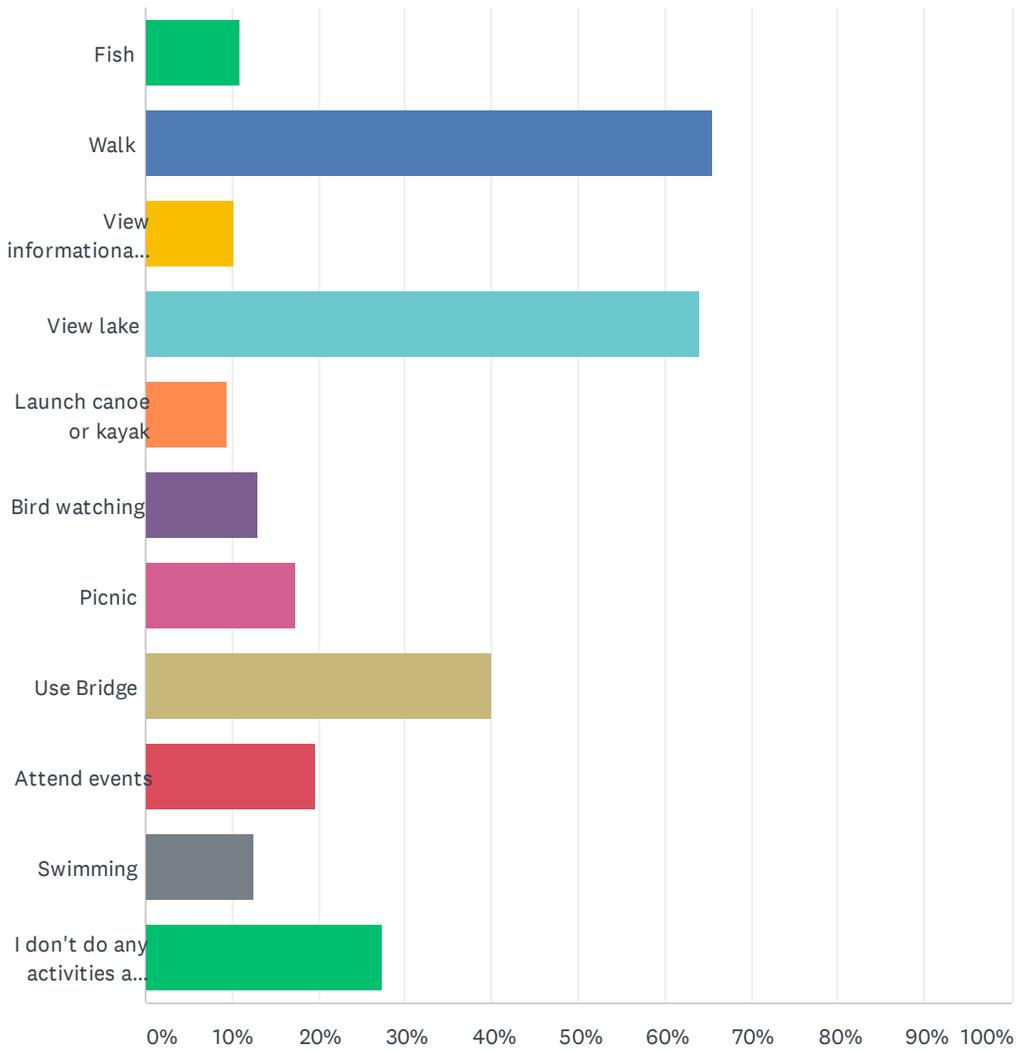
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	27.46%	81
1 to 10	40.68%	120
11 to 30	19.32%	57
31- 50	5.76%	17
> 50	6.78%	20
TOTAL		295

Q11 What activities do you do at Hika Sands (check as many answers that apply)?

Answered: 295 Skipped: 35

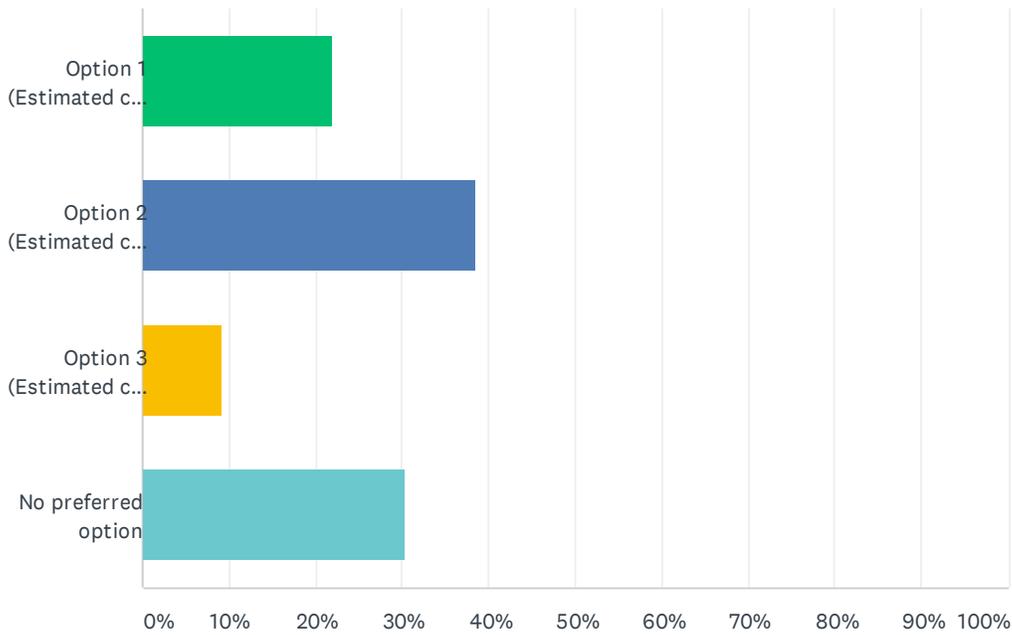


Hika Park Master Plan Update

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fish	10.85%	32
Walk	65.42%	193
View informational signs	10.17%	30
View lake	64.07%	189
Launch canoe or kayak	9.49%	28
Bird watching	12.88%	38
Picnic	17.29%	51
Use Bridge	40.00%	118
Attend events	19.66%	58
Swimming	12.54%	37
I don't do any activities at Hika Sands	27.46%	81
Total Respondents: 295		

Q12 The Village’s consultant, Cedar Corporation, has developed three options to improve Hika Sands. The three options with an estimated cost are shown below. Please note that the village will pursue grants and donations to reduce the local share of any of the options. That said, please select your preferred option:

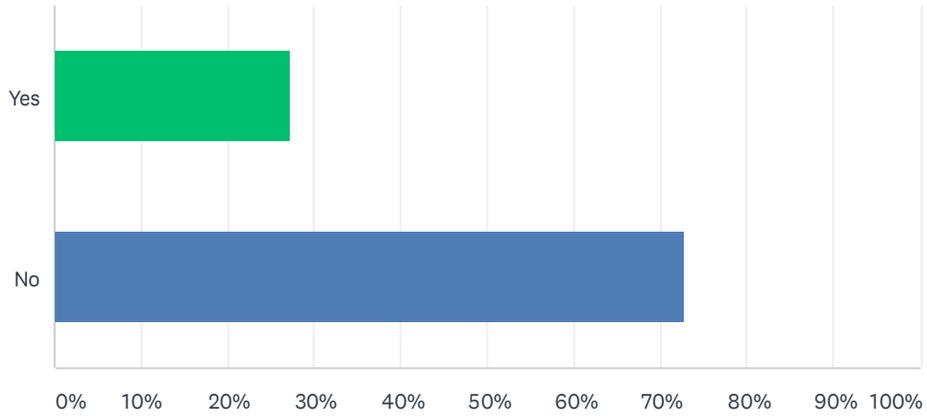
Answered: 281 Skipped: 49



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option 1 (Estimated cost \$315,000)	22.06%	62
Option 2 (Estimated cost of \$220,000)	38.43%	108
Option 3 (Estimated cost of \$425,000)	9.25%	26
No preferred option	30.25%	85
TOTAL		281

Q13 Would you be willing to give a tax-deductible donation to fund improvements in Hika Sands?

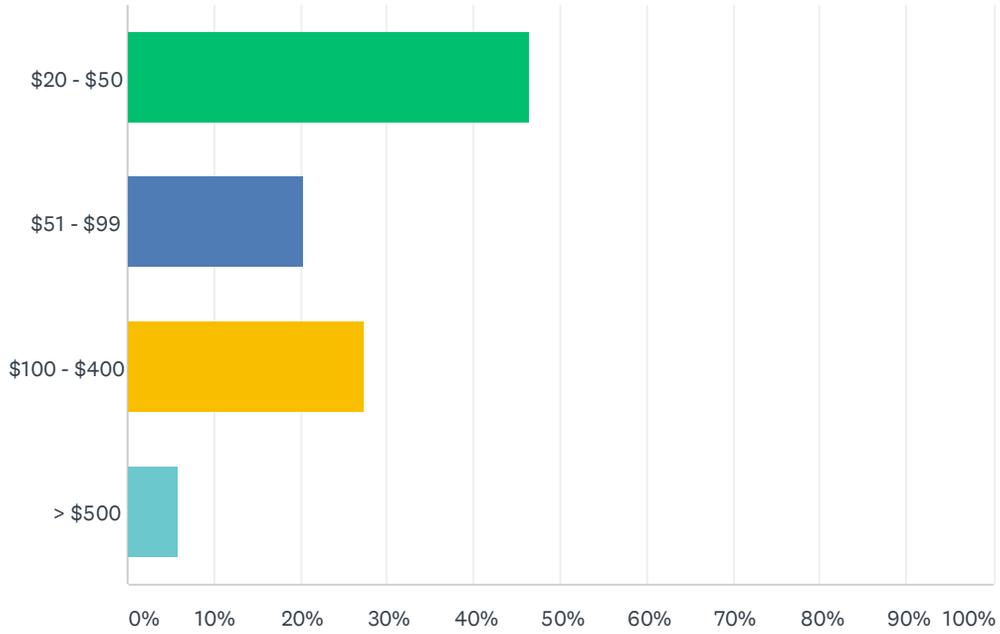
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.15%	79
No	72.85%	212
TOTAL		291

Q14 If yes, at what level?

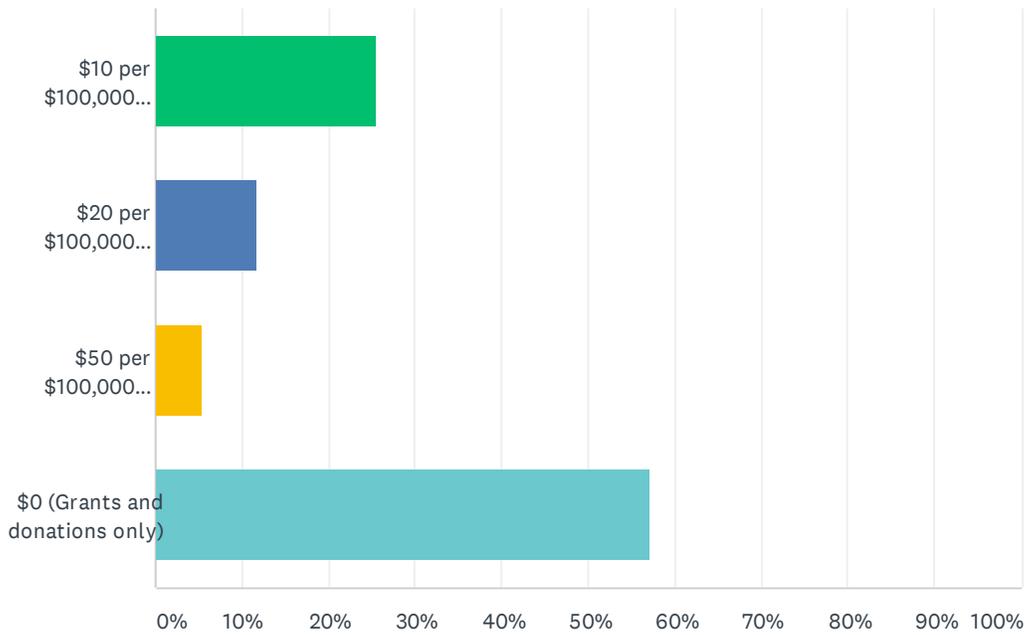
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$20 - \$50	46.43%	39
\$51 - \$99	20.24%	17
\$100 - \$400	27.38%	23
> \$500	5.95%	5
TOTAL		84

Q15 The Village will likely require the use of a village tax levy to help fund the Hika Sands improvements and maintenance over a 20-year period. This would be in addition to any grants, and donations received. At what level would you willingly be taxed annually over 20 years to fund the project?

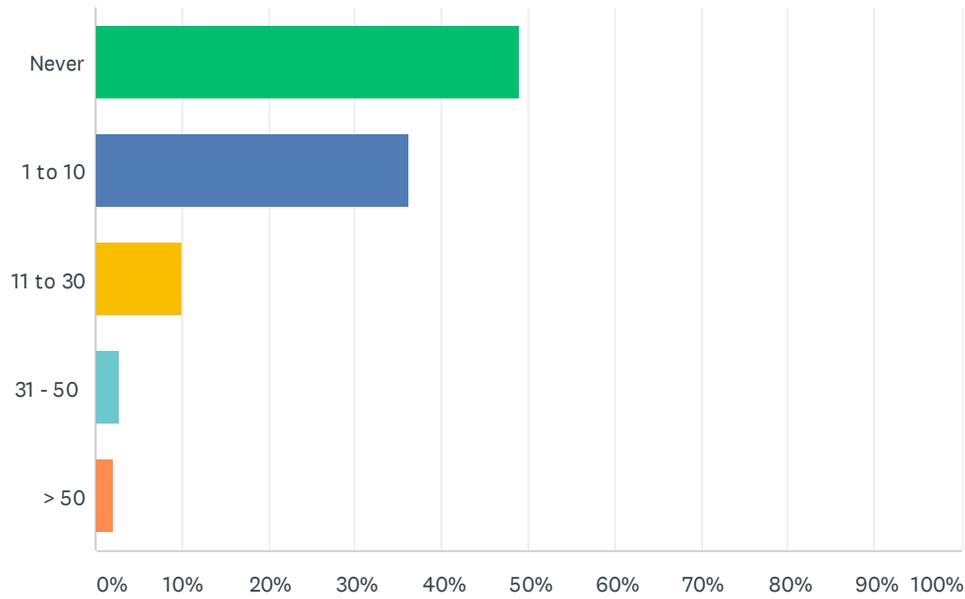
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$10 per \$100,000 valuation	25.61%	74
\$20 per \$100,000 valuation	11.76%	34
\$50 per \$100,000 valuation	5.54%	16
\$0 (Grants and donations only)	57.09%	165
TOTAL		289

Q16 How many times, on average, do you visit the Centerville Creek Restoration Area annually?

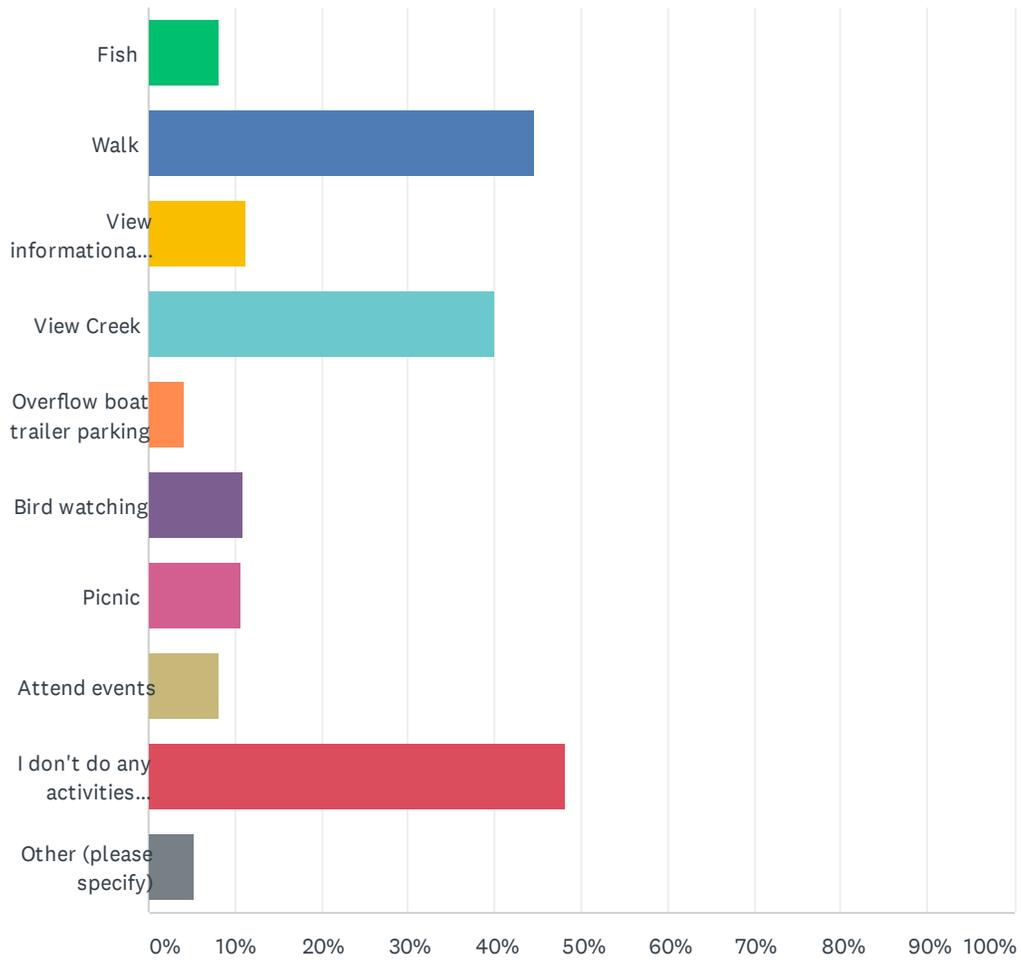
Answered: 290 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	48.97%	142
1 to 10	36.21%	105
11 to 30	10.00%	29
31 - 50	2.76%	8
> 50	2.07%	6
TOTAL		290

Q17 What activities do you do at the Centerville Creek Restoration Area (check as many answers that apply)?

Answered: 283 Skipped: 47

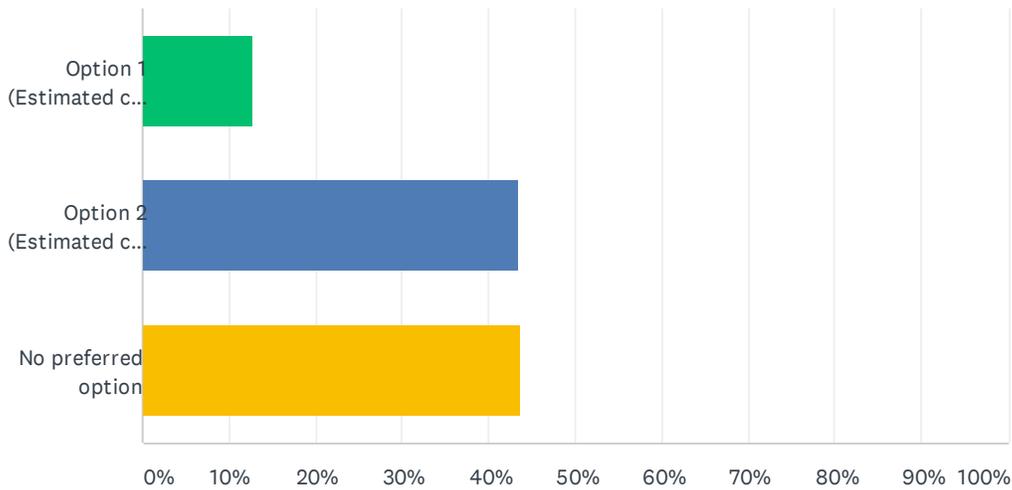


Hika Park Master Plan Update

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fish	8.13%	23
Walk	44.52%	126
View informational signs	11.31%	32
View Creek	39.93%	113
Overflow boat trailer parking	4.24%	12
Bird watching	10.95%	31
Picnic	10.60%	30
Attend events	8.13%	23
I don't do any activities Centerville Creek Restoration Area	48.06%	136
Other (please specify)	5.30%	15
Total Respondents: 283		

Q18 The Village’s consultant, Cedar Corporation, has developed two options to improve the Centerville Creek Restoration Area. The two options with an estimated cost are shown below. Please note that the village will pursue grants and donations to reduce the local share of any of the options. That said, please select your preferred option:

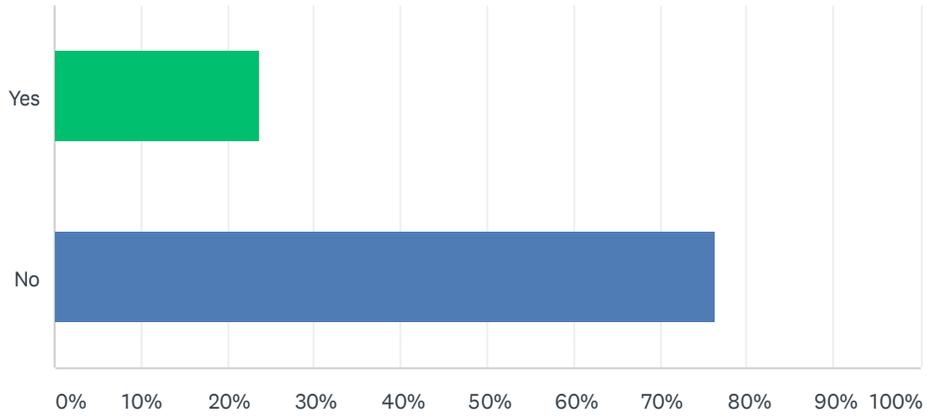
Answered: 274 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option 1 (Estimated cost \$80,000)	12.77%	35
Option 2 (Estimated cost of \$92,500)	43.43%	119
No preferred option	43.80%	120
TOTAL		274

Q19 Would you be willing to give a tax-deductible donation to fund improvements in the Centerville Creek Restoration Area?

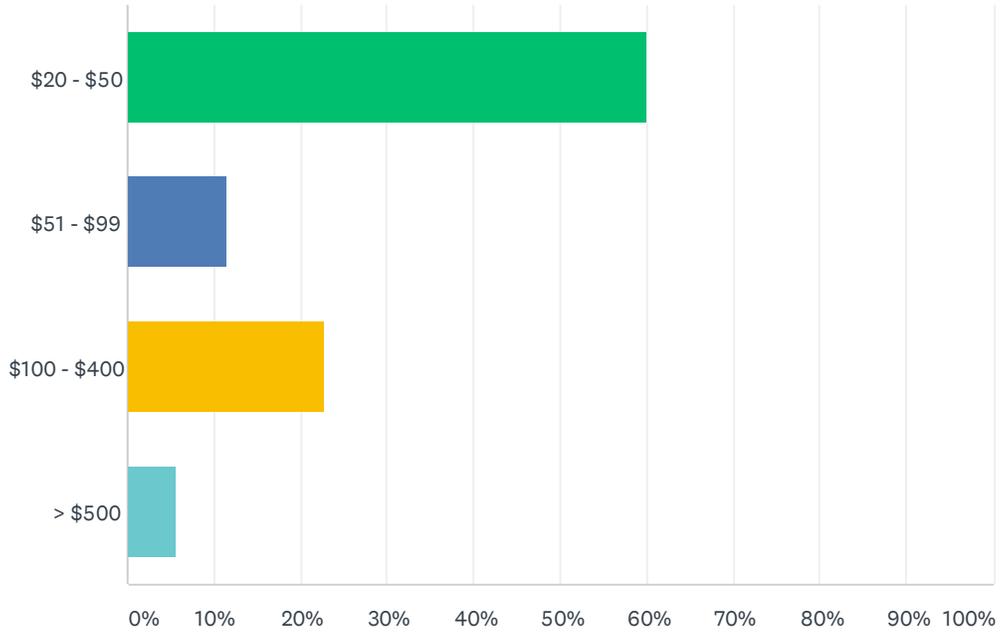
Answered: 291 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.71%	69
No	76.29%	222
TOTAL		291

Q20 If yes, at what level?

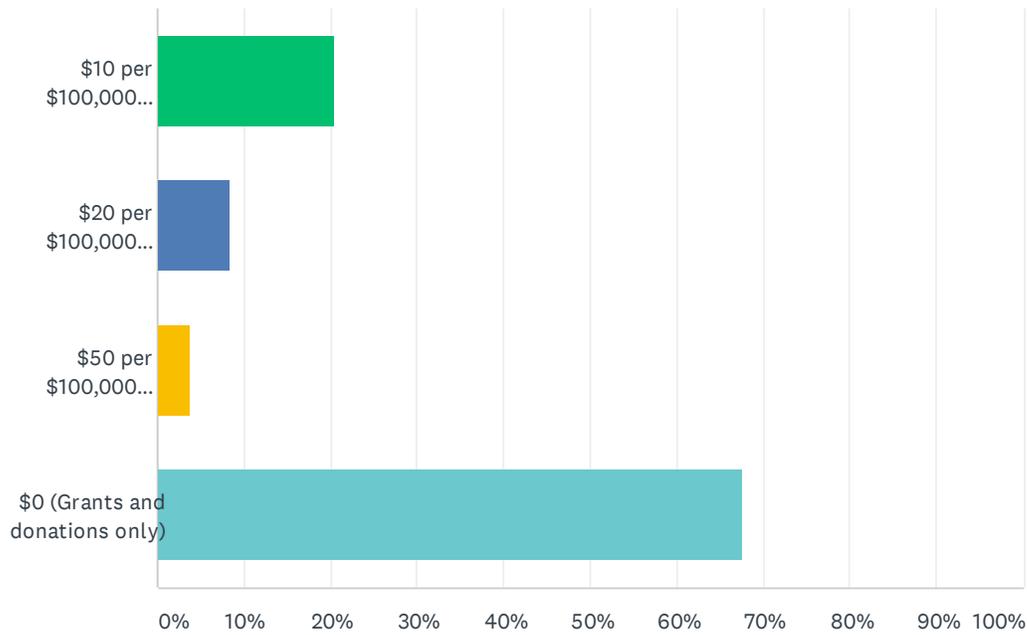
Answered: 70 Skipped: 260



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$20 - \$50	60.00%	42
\$51 - \$99	11.43%	8
\$100 - \$400	22.86%	16
> \$500	5.71%	4
TOTAL		70

Q21 The Village will likely require the use of a village tax levy to help fund the Centerville Creek Restoration Area improvements and maintenance over a 20-year period. This would be in addition to any grants and donations received. At what level would you willingly be taxed annually over 20 years to fund the project?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$10 per \$100,000 valuation	20.42%	59
\$20 per \$100,000 valuation	8.30%	24
\$50 per \$100,000 valuation	3.81%	11
\$0 (Grants and donations only)	67.47%	195
TOTAL		289

Q22 Please share any other comments you have below:

Answered: 104 Skipped: 226

Hika Park Master Plan Update

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am wonder how our elected village officials are involved with the Master Park Plan decision? I took the survey and to be honest, I feel the survey is only being done so residents cannot say that they did not have any input. It will not make any difference what the survey outcome is. I want to know who is going to stop the erosion of my property along the creek since the last restoration? We used to have lilac trees, they are gone along with about 2 feet of my property. I'm being taxed for property I no longer have. How is this going to be handled? When will my property be restored? We have the huge tree by the bridge on Lakeshore, who is responsible when the land is eroded away enough for the tree to fall onto the bridge due to erosion brought on by the last restoration and the improper removal of the Mill dam? All that's across the creek from us is a rotted stairway to nowhere and eroded land causing the trees to fall into the creek. Don't ask us to come to a village meeting. The last time we did, nothing was done. No one even really heard us. It doesn't matter what the tax paying residents want or need, it's these grand projects the village leaders want. It is really sad to have to explain what is happening in Cleveland to strangers who stop by to talk and emails asking what is going on. The Master Park Plan is a big joke to surrounding communities. They see a waste of money for this project, but nothing is being done to help the residents. It's being done for those who do not live in Cleveland and walk onto the tax paying residents property, taking what they want, sitting in our yards and approaching our dogs who are tired up in our yards. The southwest cedars in Hike Bay park near the road has been a perfect place to do drugs, sell drugs and illicit acts. The bridge was a wonderful place for teenagers to light off professional grade fireworks. And now let us expand the park so there is more space to do God knows what. The cities Cleveland sits between sees Cleveland as a backward community. It is sad to have witnessed the misuse of our chosen place we call home.	12/8/2020 5:30 PM
2	I like that the neighborhood is quiet. If you do too many extravagant things you're going to attract more traffic and out of town people who might not cherish or take care of the area as much as the people who live here.	11/30/2020 7:34 PM
3	I would be willing to help volunteering my time. Let's make Cleveland GREAT!!!	11/30/2020 7:18 PM
4	Thank you for putting time and consideration into improving these assets in Cleveland. I believe these projects will bring great joy to the people of Cleveland and those of the surrounding areas.	11/30/2020 6:59 PM
5	Thank you for all the hard work in developing these projects. I believe this will add beauty, economic benefit and wonderful conservation to our beautiful shoreline. The money spent now, will enhance Hika park for generations after our decisions are made.	11/30/2020 6:53 PM
6	Build a sweet boat launch!!	11/30/2020 2:47 PM
7	We will be paying thru the shorts for something that a lot of people outside of the village and county will be using. It is unfair to assess a tax. Think of the situation at hand and also senior citizens on a fixed income. Not all people are rich like the people proposing these upgrades.	11/30/2020 2:23 PM
8	Cleveland is known for a beautiful area, we should preserve the area for now and for our future families.	11/30/2020 2:10 PM
9	It comes down to tax payer cost. The village has many needs and this seems to be a luxury. If grant money can't pay for 80 to 90 percent we should not go forward.	11/30/2020 12:42 PM
10	put dam back in	11/30/2020 11:21 AM
11	Why fix up centerville creek restoration area when you have Fisher creek and point creek. You have to have something in the village to draw people here. Not just taverns.	11/30/2020 8:35 AM
12	The Village needs something to draw people to spend money in Cleveland. Boat launch area & family type restaurant. All I see are people picking up sea glass & stones. The lake has destroyed a lot of shoreline & that is a priority!	11/30/2020 6:48 AM
13	My biggest concern is the abuse of these beautiful resources. I have been cleaning up trash, dog poop, etc., since moving here. I love being able to walk my own dogs there everyday, but am frustrated by the lack of care and respect from others who also use the park.	11/30/2020 4:59 AM
14	the original funding of Hika Shores and the Centerville Creek area requires preservation of natural landscapes and habitat ... the small scale boat landing facility is the most appropriate ... I strongly disagree with placing a large rock pile to form a harbor basin obstructing the view for a few boaters to use a few months of the year	11/30/2020 4:55 AM

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15	Really feel that the Sands and Creek Restoration projects will be used by far more Cleveland residents and are worthy of tax dollars... The boat launch would most likely be used by less than 10% of residents and therefore should be funded by donations, fees and grants.. Thanks for your efforts to improve the village of Cleveland!	11/29/2020 8:34 PM
16	Last 2 projects are great ideas. I don't necessarily see the first project with the price tag being all that beneficial to the Cleveland residents	11/29/2020 8:03 PM
17	Use funds from water treatment plant that we never got back.	11/29/2020 1:49 PM
18	I'm not sure what the umbrella looking green items on the maps were. Hopping the were trees. How much I personally would donate in each area would depend on the decisions that were made on what plans would be followed. Thank you for the opportunity to complete this survey.	11/29/2020 11:53 AM
19	All options look good for the area. As a former village board member I am pleased to see progress on the Hika area.	11/29/2020 10:33 AM
20	Definitely something the village should go and do maybe even and some docks that could generate an income to cover maintenance for the areas.	11/28/2020 10:52 PM
21	DO THE STREETS ALL NEEDED, THI PARK THING IS FOR A FEW POPL E DO SOME THING FOR ALL THE PEOPLE	11/28/2020 4:16 PM
22	Ask the various clubs, associations, businesses and community stakeholders to double their membership fees and/or annual donations for a specified period of perhaps seven years. After which any members of those stakeholders partaking in the increased fees/donations will be able to use the improved facilities for half the General Public user fees for a like period of seven years.	11/28/2020 2:20 PM
23	Thanks for doing this, we can't wait to go even more often after this project.	11/28/2020 12:16 PM
24	The village has had a plan on the website since 1996 and that is all that has been done for 24 years. The only improvements at Hika park have been done by the Cleveland fish and game. The walkway built on the Nothside of Centerville creek with grants was never maintained and has fallen into ruin. You are proposing 5 million dollars of investment and zero dollars to maintain them. The park is fine the way it is. How many residential water bills can you pay in the village for 5 million over 20 years? Spend it on maintaining our infrastructue instead.	11/28/2020 9:39 AM
25	none	11/28/2020 9:37 AM
26	People who use the boat launch should pay a fee to support it. Property tax should not pay for the boat launch.	11/27/2020 8:52 PM
27	I used to live in Cleveland. Improvements need to made.	11/27/2020 6:48 PM
28	The Cleveland Creek and Dunes area seem to be a pet project of a select few. I see no reason to put tax payers money into something that has so little use and public interest.	11/27/2020 6:42 PM
29	This is a waste of tax monies coming in. The village already struggles financially with lack of tax dollars and you want to piss more away on places people dont use? I am highly against any tax money be used for someones pipe dream project	11/27/2020 4:57 PM
30	We need a Marina and a Landing. That's it.	11/27/2020 9:05 AM
31	Streets should be a higher concern than any of this. Should also work on lowering sewer and water bills.	11/26/2020 4:52 PM
32	I hope to live there, full time, in the future, therefore, I am especially interested in the view from my window!	11/26/2020 3:28 PM
33	All we have to draw people to our community is the lake shore area and this is an investment into the future of Cleveland. We are, and I am afraid, will forever be no more then a bedroom community. I champion this project and see it as a way to grow and prosper. Good job to the village board for taking on this project.	11/26/2020 3:06 PM
34	Thanks for asking. I hope our input matters	11/26/2020 2:22 PM
35	The Centerville Creek runs through my backyard and I would not approve of a Park next to my property. It would eliminate our privacy and increase the likelihood of litter and possible security issues. Our taxes are already higher than most towns and villages in Wisconsin. We	11/26/2020 9:56 AM

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had to pay \$14,000.00 in street repairs. They should charge people to use the dock and Hika Sands area. Not the people of the village who don't use them.

36	Focus on Hika Park plan with year round restrooms, trash pickup and ability for boaters to safely launch.	11/26/2020 9:29 AM
37	Please keep it simple and pure. It is beautiful the way it is. Untouched. With all that is going on with our country, now might not be the time to head into such long viewed and perhaps unneeded (improvements). Thank you for the chance for all of us to voice and opinion.	11/26/2020 9:17 AM
38	We would love love love the swimming area for kids at hika! Everything else besides that would be a bonus	11/26/2020 8:22 AM
39	I would love to have more places in Cleveland which are good for the youths to visit with their friends	11/26/2020 1:21 AM
40	We've been wanting a new boat launch out there for a long time	11/26/2020 12:53 AM
41	This is a small village with extremely high costs for water and sewer. Most residents are living on middle class incomes and can not afford these large expenditures for something they do not NEED to have at Hika Park. In addition many users of the area are not from here so they should also help to fund this and cover upkeep. I am strongly opposed to having to fund any of this	11/25/2020 3:41 PM
42	It is clear that Hika Bay has been used much more this year than in the past, almost over used. In the midst of all the planning, please insure accessibility for those with mobility issues, particularly on trails.	11/25/2020 2:18 PM
43	I look forward to seeing a marina-type project advancing.	11/25/2020 1:10 PM
44	Would be nice to have a place to run the dogs	11/25/2020 1:10 PM
45	Hika is a gem! Prior to moving to Cleveland, we didn't even know of Hika. We presently visit the park several times a week through out the year. I had no idea the Creek area was part of the park. I'm looking forward to exploring this area further.	11/25/2020 1:10 PM
46	Swimming area would be nice	11/25/2020 12:59 PM
47	I would like to see the village concentrate on more family friendly events. We have such a beautiful location and it would be nice to get together as a community and get to know each other and be able to help our neighbors. Everything that happens here involves adults drinking in excess which is something children should not have to deal with. Its great to have adult only events but there should be a healthy balance.	11/25/2020 12:24 PM
48	Would this plan be implemented over a period of time (years) or is it an all or none plan? That wasn't clear to me. It would be good to keep people updated on the village website with this type of information.	11/25/2020 11:12 AM
49	Stop spending!	11/25/2020 10:52 AM
50	If there is a need for investment in something, the users of the areas should be the ones to pay for it. It is unfair to burden the property owners with expenses for the benefit of outside interests. When repairs are necessary to our infrastructure, that falls on the property owners with the belief that our elected officials will research all possible state and federal funding options leaving the smallest possible amount to be levied upon the property owners.	11/25/2020 10:14 AM
51	Fix the roads first.	11/25/2020 5:26 AM
52	We need people on the board who some common sense.	11/24/2020 7:41 PM
53	Seems we've looked at the boat launch project & restoration for the past years & have done studies, with donated monies- from the conservation organizations in our area -they were excited and promoted these possibilities- it's definitely time to make something happen.	11/24/2020 7:08 PM
54	Thank you for allowing our family to share our thoughts. It is wonderful to know what the village is planning for to improve our community.	11/24/2020 6:03 PM
55	None	11/24/2020 3:38 PM
56	I own property in Centerville (but I'm less than a mile from the village limits) which is why I didn't answer the questions regarding a tax levy	11/24/2020 3:26 PM

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57	The key to the success of the marina is the wave modeling study. Both Consultants raised the issue of sand filling the marina mouth. This is very real and expensive to maintain. I am not aware of any small marina with direct access to Lake Michigan. The reason why is the moving sands that can plug up the marina mouth restricting usage. You will find out the maintenance costs will be price prohibitive. Suggest quitting before you invest millions in a white elephant. Reach out to the Consultants, DNR, Sea Grant, and Coastal Management to assess the success/difficulties with a small marina on Lake Michigan. Learn from the experiences of others. Good luck!	11/24/2020 3:15 PM
58	Some of your largest tax dollars come from property owners along the lake front. It would be nice to have a safe place to Access the lake and have a beautiful park!	11/24/2020 2:05 PM
59	Do option 1 for the dock!!! People will want to come and see that and more people would give donations if that were to be the one chosen. It will also help kids have a place to swim if that part of the water would be cleaned out .	11/24/2020 11:14 AM
60	If you want to add to Cleveland taxes you should lower the water bill.	11/24/2020 10:03 AM
61	Take care of the residents property lost from the last "Restoration". Stop my property from falling into the Creek. I'm paying taxes for property I lost. Think about the property owners first, the do the future eyesores. People are all ready doing illegal activities with what's all ready there. You've created wonderful hiding places for drug use and filthy activities. Why make it nicer if it is not going to be secured for the neighborhood and families who visit the park. I'm tired of having strangers walking on my property. NOT A FAN.	11/24/2020 9:23 AM
62	Please fix the creek	11/24/2020 9:11 AM
63	All of this is an unnecessary expense to the tax payers in Cleveland. Maintenance cost will be excessive and there is not a draw to this area to justify the cost. Long term cost need to be considered and what's the value of the investment. Lastly with the lake level at historic highs, what happens when it recedes again? The break wall which is over kill for this frontage will be an obnoxious rock wall. Cleveland launch is for recreational fishermen and has worked fine for the last 30 years.	11/24/2020 8:58 AM
64	Use the excessive water tax towards the project when finally over paying	11/24/2020 8:32 AM
65	There needs to be a wave study before a boat launch can be planned. Study first then plan a launch !!	11/24/2020 8:04 AM
66	Hike sands and centerville creek restoration are a waste of money. Put all efforts into a useable boat launch area. This will have the biggest impact for all Cleveland area citizens.	11/23/2020 3:44 PM
67	Happy to see improvements are being suggested! Really hope these get implemented.	11/22/2020 9:38 PM
68	I believe any plan will be great for the community in providing more recreation spots for families. I greatly appreciate all efforts being put into these projects.	11/22/2020 9:34 PM
69	We believe this is a frivolous endeavor. At a time when so many are out of work, roads need repairs, and Cleveland taxes are already very high compared to places like the Town of Sheboygan. Our cost for water and sewer rates are some of the highest in the area. We are not in favor of such extravagant updates for the Village of Cleveland. We oppose tax money being used for this.	11/22/2020 4:27 PM
70	These plans are very exciting, and the proposed improvements will be a fantastic investment in the community. Well done!	11/22/2020 4:00 PM
71	This plan looks to benefit those individuals who fish and not those tax payers that would like to enjoy the lake!	11/22/2020 10:01 AM
72	As I said in my previous comments, I think we should focus on making what we have better rather than adding infrastructure and parking lots. I think most people in the village like a quiet place to go on weekends. All the parking and other items will bring more people to the area and make it crowded. Focus on the keeping the beaches in better shape for the people that live here.	11/22/2020 8:21 AM
73	If you cant get enough grant money or donations, charge a user fee. If its going to raise taxes I don't think it needs to be done.	11/22/2020 5:06 AM
74	I sincerely hope we can get a safe harbor at hika Bay. It is very dangerous at times trying to	11/21/2020 8:14 PM

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	launch there.	
75	The whole area is beautiful as it currently is.	11/21/2020 5:40 PM
76	Renovations and development of the existing park and boat launch would be a better use of donations, etc. Residents around the creek want their privacy, having a park there would be an invasion of privacy.	11/21/2020 1:05 PM
77	These projects should not use tax payer dollars before our village streets are maintained!	11/21/2020 12:00 PM
78	My main concern is the boat launch. The current design can be dangerous to boaters if the wind/waves increase while boaters are on the lake which makes it difficult to load a boat back on a trailer.	11/21/2020 11:32 AM
79	I can't think about paying extra right now when one quarantine could financially devastate us.	11/21/2020 10:54 AM
80	The bridge is in the wrong place. It should be moved west, so that it does not destroy the view line, does not disrupt the ecology of the mouth of the Creek, and does not disrupt the many migrating birds. An ecological designer can design a plan to keep people separate from Village work, if necessary. Second, these plans are all ambitious, but in order to fund major improvements in amenities, we should have growth to support those improvements. Absent adequate growth to support the improvements, it is unreasonable to ask a static tax base to fund major expansion of amenities. Once again, the homeowners on the Lake would bear the biggest burden of any increase in mill rate, because we have the highest taxed properties in the Village. And frankly, we are the ones who need the Park the least, because we already benefit from the Lake. So we already have the "Lake Tax" built into our tax rate. This is kind of like a double tax for us. I am thrilled that many people have been enjoyed the Park and completely encourage as much use as possible. The Lake is our treasure. But we need to pay for it other than through raising taxes. Sincerely, Judith Perlman, 1241 Lakeshore Drive.	11/21/2020 9:20 AM
81	I am from out of state, but enjoy the lake when I visit my Cleveland family.	11/21/2020 7:25 AM
82	Should Hika Bay be cleaned up? Yes. I just do not understand what you are going for here. We are a small community with no real reason for people to come here and spend money, i.e tourism, restaurants, outdoor activities, etc. The idea of spending money on a community is to draw people in and produce decent revenue. None of these plans really do any of that. The village should work on getting more options here where people will spend money if that's the ultimate goal. Not create more debt for stuff that will not create an ROI and potentially become a hangout for nefarious individuals.	11/20/2020 8:48 PM
83	The development of our lakefront property should be for the benefit of all residents, even those who are not able to fish or boat. We all need to feel the lakefront is ours to enjoy. It would be great if benches were incorporated to view the lakefront.	11/20/2020 5:19 PM
84	The property tax on lakefront property owners in Cleveland is already obscenely high and hurts property values. If any of this "improvement" is to be done it needs to be done without raising property taxes even \$1! User fees, grants, and other not tax revenue funds should be used only.	11/20/2020 4:02 PM
85	I love the idea that Cleveland is finally doing something to improve the area. Please make it convenient to attract more business that can go along with the extra visitor traffic to the area.	11/20/2020 3:26 PM
86	I would also suggest allowing personalized bricks at the boat launch. Offer option to name park benches and any kind of pavilion. Also sell personalized fence slats for the children's playground. If you don't, you guys are missing out on a lot easy money.	11/20/2020 1:28 PM
87	Thank you for providing this opportunity to enhance the beauty of Hika Bay as well as to improve safe access to Lake Michigan.....	11/20/2020 12:52 PM
88	I did share my preferred options, however, I feel that any improvements down their for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors would be wonderful and great! Thanks!	11/20/2020 11:51 AM
89	Good investment in the community	11/20/2020 11:45 AM
90	You mentioned that the additional tax levy to cover the costs of these projects would be assessed over a 20 year period. Does that mean after 20 years the extra assessment will come off of our taxes or will it continue indefinitely like the extra fees we pay for sewer and water that were supposed to be stopped after the water treatment plant was paid for?	11/20/2020 10:29 AM
91	The boat ramp is in desperate need of improvement and of the 3 projects, this is the only one	11/20/2020 9:36 AM

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that has the ability to bring in revenue (launch fees).

92	As a taxpayer who lives on Franklin Dr. I, and most of the neighbors on this road, feel the real issue is the 50mph cars using our road to cut through the village to get to the interstate with almost zero Police presence. We also are coming up on annual gun deer hunting so we are getting ready to bulletproof our homes from the army (over 10 people) that hunt the 6 acres of Town of Centerville land at Centerville Road and North Ave with rifles (and yes, I am a hunter). How about we address the issues above to make the area safer before spending money to draw even more people to the area. It's gotten quite out of hand over the years.	11/20/2020 8:10 AM
93	Upgrades to Hika Park/Boat Launch/Centerville Creek have been studied/recommended for decades. Why is this process taking so long?	11/20/2020 6:25 AM
94	I don't agree with raising the taxes for these I say remove the boat launch and make some nice hiking trail along the creek	11/19/2020 11:48 PM
95	I am a fishing charter boat owner/operator and marine mechanic out of Sheboygan. I know that there is desperate need for indoor boat storage/service in the area and have already played with the idea of the old co-op for a location. The only issue is getting bigger boats out of the water and to the property. I believe that if Hika Bay was improved that a boat up to 50' could be hauled out an easily transported to that location. There is already a few standing buildings that can easily store boats, a fenced in area for outdoor storage, plenty of space for added buildings and I am guessing there would be some sort of shop in the old implement building. These are just thoughts I have toyed with but bottom line, Hika Bay would need to be where the boats were hauled and in it's current state that is not possible. Another consideration is the world class fishery right on our doorstep. Sheboygan is known as the best fishing port in Wisconsin and some of the best fishing holes we have are between Whistling Straits and Hika Bay	11/19/2020 9:58 PM
96	The village board should consider doing a similar survey to fund street repairs. Sharing the expense is a better long term solution for the financial well being of the village residents. We want our village to be appealing to our current residents as well as future residents. Thank you!	11/19/2020 6:48 PM
97	what ever happened to mr. Bob Fink plan? excellent plan that he spent alot time on only to be shut off by the village clerk. who runs this village the board or the clerk?	11/19/2020 6:14 PM
98	Hika Sands options 1-3 could be combined into option 2 boat overflow with a playground from 1 and the observation deck from 3 and the trails of option 1 and that would be the best for lots of people.	11/19/2020 5:24 PM
99	Before spending village tax money on this, there is a storm sewer pipe that constantly floods my property and causes damage with each large storm. We need the village to work on a retention pond for the Meadowbrook Drive neighborhood that is somewhere other than my property.	11/19/2020 3:58 PM
100	5 million dollars to put in a massive boat launch is not needed in our small community. I do not want to see a boat launch at all. With Manitowoc and Sheboygan so close with their marina's there is no need to have a launch here too. Especially with a \$5,000,000 price tag. Let's keep our lakefront as natural as we can.	11/19/2020 3:38 PM
101	I appreciate you reaching out and asking for the communities opinion. As a newer resident of Cleveland, i would be interested learning more about the community and its history to get a better understanding if the these proposals are right for this area.	11/19/2020 3:30 PM
102	Relying solely on SS does not allow for extra expenses in either additional taxes or donation.	11/19/2020 3:23 PM
103	Dont tax us for your projects. Lower our water and sewer bills. There way too high	11/19/2020 3:04 PM
104	There is a village drain pipe that empties literally right in to our backyard when it rains heavily. While I am all for improving our shoreline (we utilize Hika park on a near daily basis) I would prefer the village to prioritize tackling our drain water management so that our whole neighborhoods rain water doesn't empty into and flood our backyard on a regular basis.	11/19/2020 1:55 PM

Appendix C: Funding Sources

Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WDOA)

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) administers WCMP Grants in collaboration with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council (WCMC) and the Office for Coastal Management (OCM), U.S. Department of Commerce, through funding provided under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

Approximately \$1.5 million of WCMP Grants will be available for:

- Coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration
- Nonpoint source pollution control
- Coastal resource and community planning
- Great Lakes education
- Public access and historic preservation projects

Project Implementation:

Hika Park:

- Harbor of refuge
- Overlook/ fishing platform
- Swimming area

Hika Sands:

- Public beach access

Centerville Creek Restoration:

- Proposed Educational signs and Leopold Benches
- Proposed Environmental Testing Area
- Education/Environmental/ Gathering Area with deck

Recreational Boating Facilities Grants (WDNR)

These grants may be used by counties, towns, cities, villages, tribes, sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts and qualified lake associations for recreational boating facility project. Past projects have included ramps and service docks to gain access to the water, purchase of aquatic weed harvesting equipment, navigation aids and dredging waterway channels.

Location of proposed project with the region identified in s. 25.29(7)(a), Wis. Stats.

(a) Eight percent of the moneys received under s. 70.58 or of the funds provided for in lieu of the levy shall be used to acquire and develop forests of the state for the purposes or capable of providing the benefits described under s. 28.04 (2) within areas approved by the department and the governor and located within the region composed of Manitowoc, Calumet, Winnebago,

Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Washington, Dodge, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Jefferson, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Rock, and Outagamie counties.

Eligible projects

- Channel dredging - Dredging of inland water channels for recreational boating (not more than once in ten years).
- Construction projects
 - ✓ Facilities such as ramps and boarding docks required to gain access to the water.
 - ✓ Harbors of refuge – structures such as bulkheads and breakwaters necessary to provide safe water conditions.
 - ✓ Dredging to provide safe water depths. Dredging of basins is an eligible activity only when it is associated with project development.
 - ✓ Support facilities include parking lots and signage, sanitary facilities, fencing and security lighting for the convenience of boaters.
- Improvement and repair of locks - Cost of improvement and repair of locks and facilities that provide access between waterways for operators of recreational watercrafts.
- Navigation aids - Cost of aids to navigation and regulatory markers including the cost of appropriate ground tackle.
- Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation of capital improvements that are related to recreational boating facilities.
- Trash skimming equipment - Acquisition of equipment to collect and remove floating trash and debris from a waterway.
- Weed harvesting equipment - Acquisition of equipment that is necessary to cut and remove aquatic plants.

Project Implementation:

Hika Park:

- Boat Ramp
- Harbor of Refuge
- Transient Dockage
- Proposed Restrooms / Fish Cleaning Station
- Boat ramp parking

Hika Sands:

- Overflow Boat Ramp Parking

Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program (WDNR)

Construction, renovation, and maintenance of boating infrastructure tie-up facilities, solely for transient recreational vessels 26 feet or more in length. Produce information and education materials specific to BIG or BIG funded projects. (i.e., charts, cruising guides, and brochures)

Project Implementation:

Hika Park

- Boat Ramp
- Harbor of Refuge
- Transient Dockage
- Proposed Restrooms / Fish Cleaning Station

Sports Fish Restoration (WDNR)

Counties, towns, cities, villages, tribes, sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and qualified lake associations are eligible to apply for this grant program. These grants may be used to construct fishing piers and motorboat access projects. Eligible components include boat ramp construction and renovation, along with related amenities such as parking lots, accessible paths, lighting, and restroom facilities. Funding for this program comes from federal excise taxes on fishing equipment and a portion of the federal gas tax.

Project Implementation:

Hika Park

- Boat Ramp
- Overlook / Fishing
- Harbor of Refuge
- Transient Dockage
- Proposed Restrooms / Fish Cleaning Station

Hika Sands:

- Overflow Boat Ramp Parking

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (WDNR)

Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governments, school districts or other state political subdivisions are eligible to apply for grants for acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. This is a federal program administered in all states that encourages creation and interpretation of high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities. Funds received by the DNR for this program are split between DNR projects and grants to local governments for outdoor recreation activities. Grants cover 50 percent of eligible project costs.

Project Implementation:

Hika Park

- Boat Ramp

- Overlook/ Fishing
- Transient Dockage
- Swimming Area
- Proposed Restrooms / Fish Cleaning Station
- Parking

Hika Sands:

- Beach Access
- Proposed Hiking Trails

Centerville Creek Restoration:

- Proposed Hiking Trails
- Educational Signs & Leopold Benches
- Environmental Testing Area
- Proposed Wood Bridges
- Education/Environmental/ Gathering Area with Deck

Recreational Trails Program (WDNR)

The Recreation Trails Program provides funds for motorized and non-motorized recreation trail rehabilitation, trail maintenance, trail development, and trail acquisition. Towns, villages, cities, counties, tribal governing bodies, school districts, state agencies, federal agencies or incorporated organizations are eligible to apply for funds. Incorporated organizations are those that are incorporated under s. 181.32, Wis. Stats., whose primary purpose is promoting, encouraging, or engaging in outdoor recreation trails activities. Eligible projects in order of priority are:

- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails.
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages.
- Construction of new trails.
- Acquisition of property for trails.

Project Implementation:

Hika Sands

- Proposed Hiking Trails

Centerville Creek Restoration

- Proposed Hiking Trails
- Educational Signs & Leopold Benches
- Proposed Wood Bridges