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ABSTRACT

TITLE: LANGLADE COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN
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SUBJECT: This report assesses the existing recreation system in Langlade County, identifies recreation needs based upon public input and recreation standards, sets forth goals and objectives to be used as guidelines in formulating recreation plans, and establishes recommendations for improving the recreation system over the next five years.

Submission of this adopted ORP to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources establishes eligibility for the county and local units of government to apply for a variety of Federal and State Aids. This requirement can be found in Chapter NR 50, Wisconsin administrative code for the following programs; Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF), Aids for a the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP), Urban Green Space Program (UGS) and Urban Rivers Grant Program (URGP).

Non-profit groups, foundations, and the general public may also use this document to coordinate their own private efforts for developing outdoor recreation facilities.

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this recreation plan is to provide continued direction toward meeting the current and future recreation needs of the county. This is accomplished through an inventory and analysis of outdoor recreational facilities, and the establishment of recommendations to meet identified needs.

Adoption of this plan by the Langlade County Board and subsequent acceptance by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR), will continue eligibility of the county and its local units of government for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF), Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP), Urban Green Space Program (UGS) and Urban Rivers Grant Program (URGP). Adoption by all municipalities is not necessary if they wish to cooperate with Langlade County to use this plan for grant applications. Local government grant applications have a better chance of approval if Langlade County applies on their behalf.

Non-profit groups, foundations, and the general public may also use this document to coordinate their own private efforts for developing outdoor recreation facilities.

STATUTORY BASE FOR THIS PLAN

This Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) was prepared pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §23.30 Outdoor Recreation Program. This section serves to “promote, encourage, coordinate, and implement a comprehensive long-range plan to acquire, maintain, and develop for public use, those areas of the state best adapted to the development of a comprehensive system of state and local outdoor recreation facilities and services...”

Submission of this adopted ORP to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources establishes eligibility for the county and local units of government to apply for a variety of Federal and State Aids for outdoor recreation (Chapter NR 50.06(4), Wisconsin administrative code).

PLAN COMPONENTS

This plan addresses the outdoor recreation needs for county facilities, the Village of White Lake, and all 17 towns. The City of Antigo has its own plan, and is included for reference.

Background information on Langlade County was compiled to develop an understanding of the environmental and social characteristics of the county and their meaning for outdoor recreation. An inventory of existing recreational facilities exists in Chapter 3 of this plan.

The existing recreation system was analyzed to determine current and potential future deficiencies. A combination of public survey compilation, standards analysis, and the Wisconsin Statewide

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) were utilized to define recreational and open space needs. Goals and objectives were created to guide the direction of recreational planning efforts within Langlade County.

The recommendations are general strategies and five-year capital improvement programs for recreation facility development. A series of possible tools to aid implementation of these recommendations are set forth. This plan concludes with a note on updating to insure that it remains relevant to the needs of the county over the entire five-year span.

REFERENCE PLANS

Langlade County was involved in recreation planning as early as 1964, when a County Forest Plan developed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) addressed potential recreation facilities with the county forests. In 1974, WDNR developed a plan that focused on county forests and addressed recreation needs within the local municipalities countywide. Langlade County, the City of Antigo, and the Village of White Lake directed North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) to develop consecutive 5-year outdoor recreation plans starting in 1979. This 2011-2016 plan was written to continue the parks and recreation program established in the Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Plans since 1979.

Plan summaries that affect outdoor recreation in Langlade County are referenced below, and Map 1 shows any referenced routes:

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2011-2016

NOTE: This plan is being updated in 2016/2017.

Every five years, the Wisconsin DNR publishes a SCORP as required by the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. At its core, this SCORP is used to help allocate federal funds equitably among local communities, but the document also transcends many levels of outdoor recreation discussion and policy. At the national level, this SCORP recognizes the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) initiative, which is based on the idea that the protection of the country's natural heritage is a nonpartisan objective shared by all Americans. The AGO encourages state and local communities to develop local conservation and recreation initiatives.

This document shows a clear vision of how preserving and improving recreation opportunities in Wisconsin fits within a broader national initiative of conservation and recreation.

North Central Wisconsin Regional Bicycle Facilities Network Plan

NOTE: This plan is being updated in 2016/2017.

This 2004 document is intended to guide the development of an interconnected bikeway system for the North Central Wisconsin Region. Potential trails are identified and an improvement description was created for each county that trails existed to facilitate how the plan can become reality in a cost efficient manner.

Langlade County trails within this regional plan come from the 1999 Citizen Bike Route Initiative Plan. That plan established a network of on-road bike routes and asks WisDOT to

improve STH 64 to accommodate bicycles between Antigo and Merrill.

State Trails Network Plan

This 2003 document clarifies a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) role and strategy in the provision of all types of trails. The plan identifies a series of potential trail corridors that would link existing trails, public lands, natural features, and communities. This statewide network of interconnected trails would be owned and maintained by municipalities, private entities, and partnerships of the two. Preserving transportation corridors, such as old rail lines, is specifically discussed as a very important strategy in the creation of recreational and alternative transportation corridors. These trails are shown on Map 1.

Segment 19—Langlade County to Michigan

NCWRPC note: The right-of-way no longer exists, so this segment is not described.

Segment 56—Argonne to Shawano

NCWRPC note: This is now the Wolf River State Trail from Crandon south to White Lake.

This is an active rail corridor with abandonment expected in fall of 2000 on the segment from Crandon to White Lake. Argonne is on the Dresser to Michigan corridor in the north, and Shawano links to the Mountain Bay Trail in the south of the corridor. The Crandon to Tomahawk corridor and the White Lake to Antigo corridor link to the Langlade County to Michigan corridor to form a loop. An old abandoned corridor east of White Lake in the future could link this corridor to the Nicolet State Trail or connect it to road routes. This corridor runs along the east shore of Lake Metonga at Crandon, then runs south through forested lake areas of the Nicolet National Forest. In Langlade County it follows the Wolf River for about seven miles and continues south through the Northwest portion of the Menominee Indian Reservation, terminating at Shawano and its connection to the Mountain Bay Trail.

Segment 70—Antigo to White Lake

NCWRPC note: The right-of-way no longer exists, so this segment is not described.

Langlade County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan

This 2006-2020 document contains the Langlade County Forest Access Plan. A summary of this plan's conclusions was inserted into the public participation part of Chapter 4 – Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment.

Wisconsin Land Legacy Report 2006-2056

This report is a comprehensive inventory of the special places that will be critical to meet future conservation and outdoor recreation needs for the next fifty years. Some of the questions asked to guide creation of this report were: Which lands and waters remain unprotected that will be critical for conserving our plants and animals and their habitats? What gaps exist now (and will likely emerge in the future) in providing abundant and satisfying outdoor recreation? How can we most effectively build upon the state's existing investment in protected lands to fill conservation and recreation gaps? What special places will our children and grandchildren wish we had protected? The study focused on identifying what of our state or regionally significant green infrastructure remains to be protected.

The Land Legacy report recommends protection of these lands by using federal, state, and local funding opportunities; along with possibly creating new kinds of incentives for landowners, working to draft comprehensive plans, or offering different types of technical assistance.

Each Langlade County Legacy Area is summarized below with 5 stars representing the highest level for that category:

CN Chequamegon-Nicolet

National Forest

Size	Large
Protection Initiated	Substantial
Protection Remaining	Limited
Conservation Significance	☆☆☆☆☆
Recreation Potential	☆☆☆☆☆

PR Prairie River

Size	Medium
Protection Initiated	Moderate
Protection Remaining	Substantial
Conservation Significance	☆☆☆
Recreation Potential	☆☆☆

EC East and West Branches of the

Eau Claire River

Size	Medium
Protection Initiated	Moderate
Protection Remaining	Moderate
Conservation Significance	☆☆
Recreation Potential	☆☆☆

RD Red River

Size	Small
Protection Initiated	Limited
Protection Remaining	Substantial
Conservation Significance	☆☆☆
Recreation Potential	☆☆☆









LA Langlade Moraine


Size	Medium
Protection Initiated	Moderate
Protection Remaining	Substantial
Conservation Significance	☆☆
Recreation Potential	☆☆☆

UP Upper Wolf River

Size	Large
Protection Initiated	Substantial
Protection Remaining	Moderate
Conservation Significance	☆☆☆☆☆
Recreation Potential	☆☆☆☆


Potential Trails and Legacy Areas

 Town Boundary
 US & State Highways
 County Highways
 Water
 Ice Age Trail
 Wolf River State Trail
 DNR Segment 56
 Wisconsin Land Legacy Areas

 Ice Age Trail Corridor

— Existing On Road

Slopes

 Slopes (6-12%)

Steep Slopes (>20%)

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Chapter 2

DESCRIPTION OF LANGLADE COUNTY

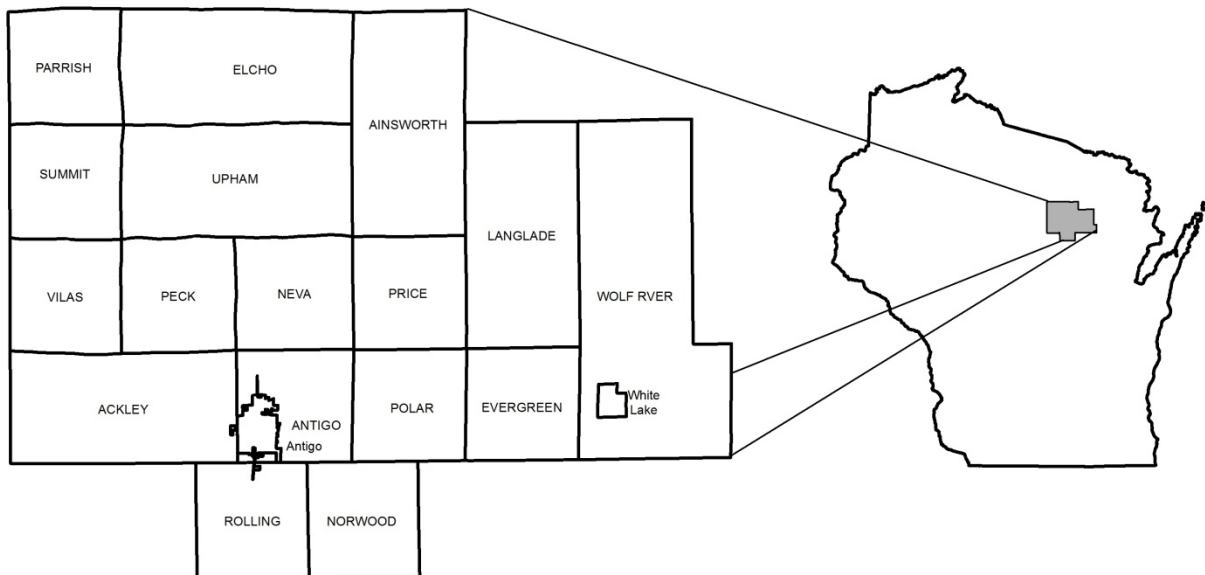
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

This section describes the physical features that make up Langlade County. This information is essential in determining the potential as well as the limitations of an area for recreation development. Recreation planners use this kind of data to determine which resources to develop and which resources to protect or preserve.

Geography and Land Use

Langlade County in northeastern Wisconsin has a total of 567,621 acres; of which 55.6% is forested, 20.7% is used for agriculture, 1.6% is water, 19.2% is wetlands, 1.5% for open space, 1.0% is for transportation (which includes airports and roads), 0.2% for residential, and 0.2% is for commercial and industrial uses. The City of Antigo, the county seat, is in the southern part of the County. In addition to the City of Antigo, Langlade County contains the Village of White Lake, and 17 towns (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 **Location**



Climate

Langlade County has a continental climate characterized by cold, snowy winters, warm summer days and cool summer nights. Precipitation is well suited to outdoor activities with an annual snow fall range from 20 to 90+ inches and an annual mean of 51.9 inches during the past 40 years. June is generally the wettest month and the last part of August the driest. Precipitation averages 30.6 inches annually. The sun shines 65 percent of the time possible in summer, and 45 percent in winter. The prevailing wind is from the southwest. Average wind speed is highest in spring at 12 miles per hour.

Topography

The topography of Langlade County is of glacial origin, and is characterized mostly by moraines and outwash plains and partly by drumlins, eskers, kames, lake plains, bogs. The moraines include the older drift area in the southwestern part of the county. The outwash plains include the Antigo Flats, which are located in the south-central part of Langlade County. Elevations in Langlade County range from 1,070 feet above sea level where the Wolf River leaves the County, to about 1,900 feet above sea level in the Town of Langlade. Slopes are shown on Map 1.

The eastern part of the county is within the drainage basin of the Wolf River, and the western part is within the Wisconsin River drainage basin. In Langlade County, the Wolf River starts at Upper Post Lake, flows generally south and east, and leaves the county just south of Markton. The Wolf River drops about 440 feet in the county, but mainly it drops between the communities of Lily and Markton.

Surface Water

The numerous lakes and streams in Langlade County provide outstanding recreation opportunities. The Wolf River, which flows through the eastern part of the county, is one of the most valuable rivers in the state. The source of the Wolf River is Pine Lake in Hiles, Wisconsin. The river travels the full length of the County and is the largest body of water with 984 acres. The river offers outstanding trout fishing, scenic value, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, and wildlife habitat. The gradient is very steep for a Midwestern river. It drops 420 feet in 50 miles from the Upper Post Lake Dam to the Menominee Indian Reservation. There are 17 named rapids on the Wolf River as it winds through Langlade County.

In addition to the Wolf River, Langlade County has 225 streams, with a total length of 513 miles and a total surface area of about 1,800 acres. There are 387 miles regarded as prime trout fishing streams. The Wolf and Eau Claire River are two highly regarded Class 1 trout fishing resources.

Lakes cover 8,864 surface acres and 381 miles of shoreline. Natural lakes number 843, with 418 of these having public access. Most of the lakes are spring lakes or seepage lakes. White Lake is the largest spring lake, while Upper Post Lake, an impoundment and a drainage lake, is the largest lake in the County. The deepest lake is Goto Lake, which is 82 feet deep.

The quality of water is generally good. A number of lakes are in natural unspoiled settings. Eutrophication is a major pollution problem. During the summer, shallow water areas contain algae

and weeds. The water is predominantly very soft in the seepage, drained, and drainage lakes, but the water is hard in many of the spring lakes and streams.

Groundwater

The groundwater in Langlade County meets municipal, industrial, rural, and irrigation needs. The largest consumer is Antigo. The source of this water is local precipitation. The groundwater generally moves southward. On the Antigo Flats the groundwater depth averages 25 feet deep and is deeper in the eastern part of the flats.

The quality of the ground water is generally very good. Many soils however have very porous layers that are poor filters for domestic waste and agricultural chemicals. The impact of development and agriculture may cause deterioration of the ground water. Generally, the content of dissolved solids in the ground water is relatively low in the western half of Langlade County and relatively high in the eastern half. The higher content in the eastern part probably results from a higher content of limestone in the glacial deposits.

Soils

Many of the soils formed entirely or partly in glacial outwash. Several soil series are common in Langlade County and each soil textural class is described after the soil series is named as follows. Antigo, Langlade, Minocqua, Oesterle, and Scott Lake soils formed in areas where sand and gravel outwash is mantled with silty and loamy deposits. Pence soils formed on eskers and kames and in other areas where sand and gravel outwash is mantled with loamy or sandy deposits. Au Gres, Crosswell, and Vilas soils formed in areas where most of the outwash is sandy.

Soil properties are important considerations when planning and developing recreation facilities. To help evaluate soils, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service published the Langlade County Soil Survey in 1986. Updated soil suitability tables for outdoor recreation and other uses are available on the Internet.

Soil surveys contain an abundance of information on appropriate site planning in respect to soil suitability and developmental properties by soil type. The soil types identified are to be evaluated for a wide range of recreational uses including the following:

- wetland refuges for waterfowl
- wildlife management
- open space or nature study areas
- parks
- athletic fields
- trails of all types
- ski areas
- golf courses
- campsites, hiking trails, and picnic areas
- woodlands
- hunting preserves
- manmade ponds

SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Population & Housing

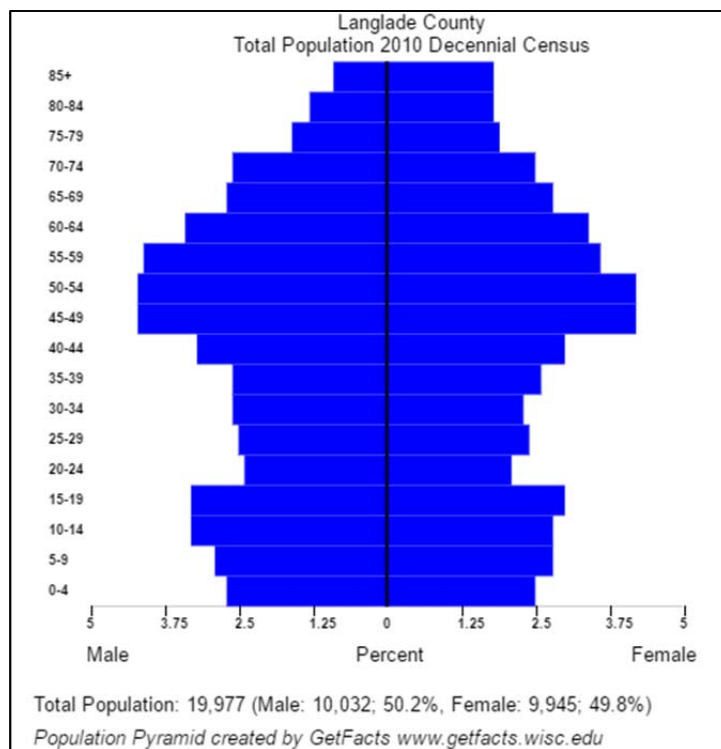
The population is projected to increase, then decrease between 2015 and 2040, resulting in a slight population decline, see Table 1.

Table 1 - Langlade County Population Projections						
Year	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Population	19,765	19,915	20,210	20,340	20,140	19,470

Source: WI DOA, 2013

Figure 2 illustrates the county's predominantly older population, which is comprised primarily of persons aged 45 and older. Median age in the County increased from 40.5 years old in 2000 to 46.7 years old in 2014. The population is almost equally balanced male and female until about 75 years and older when females outnumber males, as is expected due to females' naturally longer life expectancy.

Figure 2 Population Pyramid

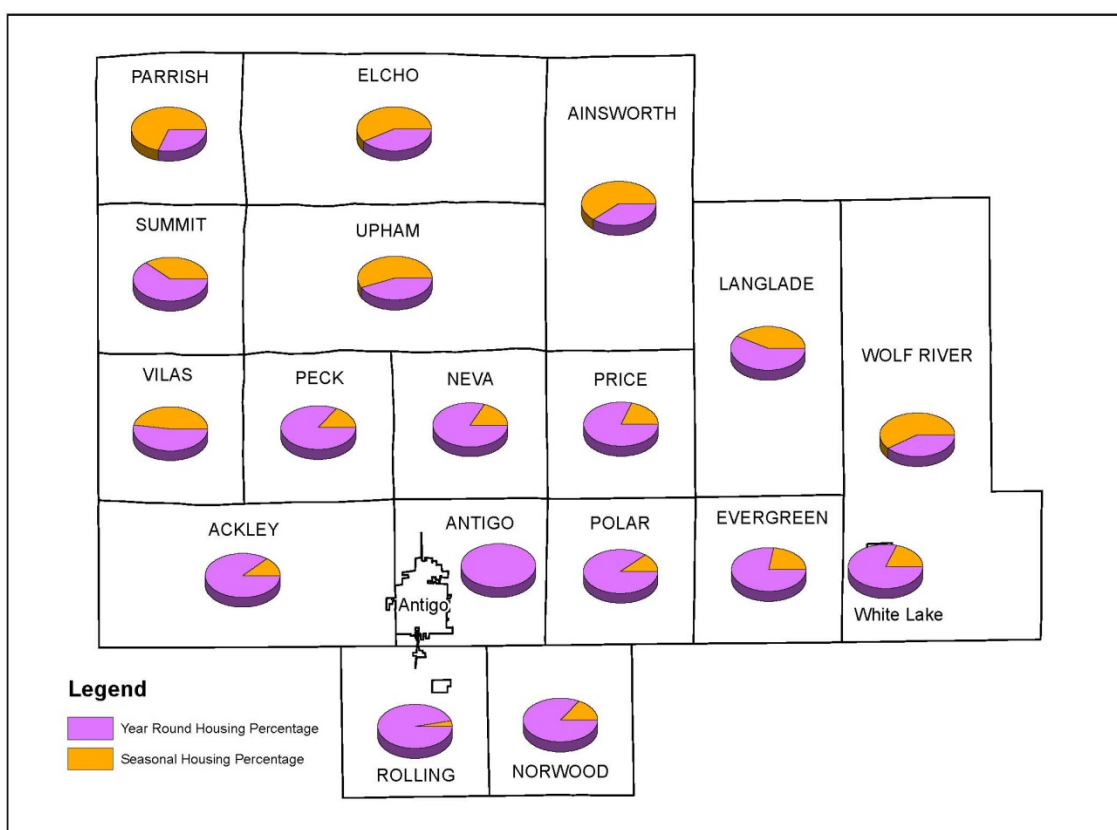


From 2000 to 2014, the population of persons under age 18 declined from 24.4% to 15.6% of Langlade County's population.

The total number of housing units increased from 11,187 units in 2000 to 12,363 units in 2014. Seasonal housing units are a significant part of the housing stock, making up 24.5% of all housing units; greater than the 6.1% of units for the state. Seasonal housing units are found in all but one of the towns in the County, with the Town of Antigo being the exception. The percentage of seasonal units by town ranges from 3.0% in the Town of Rolling to 68.9% in the Town of Parrish.

Figure 3 shows the percentage of seasonal housing units to total housing units in each of the towns and municipalities in Langlade County. The trend over the last 20 years has been for seasonal home owners to retire to their seasonal home, thus becoming permanent residents in their former “cottages”. New permanent and seasonal homes are being built as well. These trends are both projected to continue.

Figure 3: Year Round and Seasonal Housing, 2014



Demographic Trends

Table 2 shows a comparison within Langlade County of demographic indicators from the 2000 Census and the 2014 American Community Survey 5-year estimates. Not only has the total population declined by over 100 persons, but the percentage of persons under 5 and under 18 have also both declined. The percentage of persons over 65 years has increased and the median age has increased as well.

Racial diversity within the County has increased slightly, with the percentage of White, Non-Hispanic persons decreasing from 97.9% to 95.7%, and the percentages of persons identifying as Black, American Indian, Asian, or Hispanic all increasing.

Educational attainment has increased in the County since 2000. The percentage of persons with a high school degree or higher increased from 80.9% to 88.1%, and those with a Bachelor's degree or higher increased from 11.7% to 13.5%. These trends are increasing, however Langlade County still has lower educational attainment than the State which has rates of 91.4% for high school or higher and 28.4% for a Bachelor's degree or higher.

The Office of Economic Advisors (OEA) within the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development creates countywide workforce profiles that include some demographic data. The 2015 profile provided the following population perspective:

“From the 2010 Census to early 2015, Langlade County’s estimated population decreased by seventy residents. This population decrease contrasts with the growth in Wisconsin. Natural population change measures the difference between births and deaths in an area. Whereas Wisconsin experienced a 1.9 percent increase from natural population change, Langlade County experienced a 0.5 percent decrease. Natural population change is particularly sensitive to age. The decrease in Langlade County reflects its older population.”

“Over 85 percent of the population lives within Langlade County’s ten most populous municipalities, with 40 percent living in the City of Antigo. The City of Antigo is estimated to have the largest population change over the first half of the decade with a decrease of 114 residents, or 1.4 percent. Wolf River is estimated to have the greatest increase with a gain of twenty-three residents, a 3.1 percent increase. Overall, population change was small.”

<i>Table 2 - Langlade County Demographics</i>		
	2000	2014
Population	20,740	19,706
Persons under 5 years	5.4%	5.0%
Person under 18 years	24.4%	15.6%
Persons 65 years and over	18.8%	20.9%
Median Age	40.5	46.7
Female Persons	50.4%	49.6%
White Persons (not Hispanic)	97.9%	95.7%
Black Persons	0.1%	0.6%
American Indian Persons	0.5%	0.8%
Asian Persons	0.3%	0.4%
Hispanic or Latino Persons	0.8%	1.9%
High School Graduates or Higher*	80.9%	88.1%
Bachelor's degree or Higher*	11.7%	13.5%
Housing Units	11,187	12,363
Average Household Size	2.42	2.22
Median Household Income	\$33,168	\$40,994

Source: U.S. Census

**Percentage of persons age 25 and over*

Employment

Overall, the labor force has decreased from 10,298 in 2000 to 9,694 in 2014, a decrease of 5.8%, see Table 3. The labor force is defined as the number of persons, sixteen and over, employed or looking for employment. Persons over sixteen who are students, homemakers, retired, institutionalized, or unable/unwilling to seek employment are not considered part of the labor force. The unemployment rate in Langlade County more than doubled from 3.6% in 2000 to 7.7% in 2014.

<i>Table 3 - Langlade County Civilian Labor Force</i>		
	2000	2014
Labor Force	10,298	9,694
Employed	9,703	8,948
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	7.7%
Participation Rate	62.8%	59.8%

Source: U.S. Census

Table 4 contains industry level employment data for 2014 along with annual employment change. Approximately 66 percent of total employment was in the top three industry sectors the Trade, Transportation, Utilities sector; the Education & Health sector; and the Manufacturing sector.

<i>Table 4 - Langlade County Employment by Industry, 2014</i>		
	Avg Emp	1 Yr Change
Natural Resources	437	-6
Construction	191	5
Manufacturing	1,423	-61
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	1,943	53
Information	64	-2
Financial Activities	309	27
Professional & Business Services	237	15
Education & Health	1,484	-26
Leisure & Hospitality	652	-98
Other Services	192	1
Public Administration	422	14

Source: WI DWD, QCEW 2014

Chapter 3

EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

INTRODUCTION

This section is an inventory of the existing outdoor recreational facilities in Langlade County, which will focus primarily upon public facilities. Some private facilities will be listed for reference purposes. The private sector provides many recreational opportunities but this plan's purpose is to identify public facility improvements that may qualify for state and federal money.

COUNTY FOREST

The Langlade County Forestry and Recreation Department manages 130,002 acres of county forest. This land is managed for multiple uses, and is independently certified as sustainably managed and harvested. Some of the county forest is closed to motorized vehicles. Examples of permitted recreational activities are hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, camping, bough cutting (permit required), firewood collection (permit required), and wildlife observation. Refer to Maps 2 and 5 for Langlade County Forest Land. An itemized list of county facilities exists in Tables 5 and 6.

WOLF RIVER STATE TRAIL

The Wolf River State Trail in Langlade County was developed over the last 5 years. The entire trail is open to snowmobile use when the trails are officially open. The trail from White Lake to 1/4 mile north of Highway 64, was developed and is open to ATV's and UTV's. ATV/UTV use then branches off of the rail grade to the northwest to connect with the existing county ATV trail system. The section from Hwy 55 at Lily north to the Forest County line was developed in 2012 and is open to ATV/UTV use. This section connects to the Forest County ATV trail system. The section from Lily south to 1/4 mile north of Highway 64 was developed in 2014 as a non-motorized segment during the spring, summer, and fall months. Hiking, biking and horseback riding are permitted on this section of trail. No motorized uses (except snowmobiles) will be allowed on the section from Highway 64 to Lily. See Map 2 to view these usage zones on the trail.

TOWN OF PECK FORESTS

The Town of Peck owns 2,333 acres of land for the Peck Town Forest, and 80 acres for Peck School's Forest.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Langlade County contains both historic and contemporary points of interest of cultural, aesthetic, recreational, and scientific importance. A number of private sites may be open to the public, while others in private ownership are closed.

A) Historical Marker

A state historical marker titled: **Langlade County Forest-Wisconsin's First County Forest** is located in Veterans Memorial County Park.

A state historical marker titled: **De Langlade** is located at the junctions of STH 55 and 64.

A state historical marker titled: **Old Military Road** is located 3.5 mi north of Lily at Wolf River on STH 55.

A state historical marker titled: **Antigo Silt Loam, State Soil of Wisconsin** is located on STH 52 near the junction with STH 64.

B) Geologic Sites

Langlade County's topography is described in Chapter 2 – Description of Langlade County. Several land features are named below:

Ninemile Hill, Town of Wolf River (T32N R14E), privately owned.

C) Named Springs

Langlade County's hydrology is described in Chapter 2 – Description of Langlade County. Several springs are named below:

Payne Spring, Town of Parrish, county forest land.

Bellis Spring, Town of Elcho, privately owned.

Flood Spring, Town of Elcho, privately owned.

Rasmussen Spring, Town of Upham, privately owned.

Blue Springs, Town of Upham, privately owned.

Woodchuck Springs, Town of Elcho, county forest land.

Steven Springs, Town of Ainsworth, county forest land.

Augustyn Springs, Town of Ainsworth, privately owned.

Lily Springs, Town of Langlade, privately owned.

O'Brien Springs, Town of Wolf River, privately owned.

McCaslin Springs, Town of Wolf River, national forest.

Roix Springs, Town of Wolf River, privately owned.

Galyan Springs, Town of Evergreen, privately owned.

Stillhouse Springs, Town of Evergreen, privately owned.

The Town of Evergreen has many un-named springs that are privately owned.

PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS TO WATER BODIES

Public Access sites on Langlade County's lakes and streams have been extensively inventoried and catalogued by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission in the *Langlade County Public Access Study 2006*. This public access study is undergoing final reviews, and will soon be available from the Langlade County Forestry Department. Various public entities in Langlade County own and maintain 90 access points in all – 18 developed, 65 undeveloped, and 7 parks with possible beaches. Public access to waterbodies will be ensured when development occurs by state statute and county zoning ordinances. See the Implementation Strategies chapter under Public Access to Waterways, Park Dedication, and Use of Easements for more details.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

Three school districts provide additional local recreation opportunities in Langlade County. School yards often have playgrounds with play equipment, ball diamonds, and basketball hoops. These school yards are neighborhood parks that range in size from 1 to 15 acres. All school district facilities are listed along with other outdoor facilities in the tables starting on page 20.

The Unified School District of Antigo has 9 such facilities, Elcho contains 1 site, and White Lake maintains 1 site. Each school district has school forests. These forests are open to the public for a variety of recreational and educational uses.

The Unified School District of Antigo owns and maintains several school forests that are listed below. Contact the Unified School District of Antigo for rules of use on school forest lands.

- Pleasant View School Forest, 20 acres;
- Crestwood School Forest, 38 acres;
- Forestview School Forest, 38 acres;
- Liberty Bell Forty, 40 acres;
- Deerbrook School Forest, 80 acres;
- Noboken School Forest, 168 acres;

The Elcho School District owns and maintains two school forests listed below. Contact the Elcho School District for rules of use on school forest lands.

- Elcho School Forest, 31 acres;
- Summit Lake School Forest, 78 acres;

School Park Forest is a 6 acre forest owned and maintained by the White Lake School District. Contact them for rules of use on school forest lands.

PARKS and CONSERVANCY AREAS

A summary of all the local and county parks, school grounds, state parks, and conservation areas with the amenities at each are located in the following tables and maps. The following brief descriptions of each park type are from SCORP 2005-2010. Elementary school playgrounds may be categorized as mini parks if only a playground exists. High schools grounds that contain several types of recreation fields would be listed under community parks. School forests are listed as community parks. **Linear Parks** are trails that may have various lengths.

Mini Parks – Generally less than 5 acres, these parks are special areas that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. One prominent feature or recreation facility like a playground may be present as the purpose of this park. The service area for this park generally is a ½ mile radius, and a population of 2,000-3,000 people.

Neighborhood Parks – An area of 5 to 25 acres that serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Active and passive recreational activities in this park include field, court, and ball games; skating; crafts; and picnicking. Facilities may also include a playground, wading pool, ball field, multi-activity field, ball diamond, tennis courts, skatepark, and shelter. Trees, open fields, and undeveloped natural areas are also desirable components of neighborhood parks. The service area for this park generally is a 1 mile radius, and a population of 2,000-5,000 people.

Community Parks – Usually more than 25 acres in size, these parks serve entire communities, and are located adjacent to a collector street to provide community-wide vehicular access. The purposes of this park are to meet the recreational needs of several neighborhoods, as well as to preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. These parks allow for group activities not feasible at the neighborhood level. All of the facilities of a neighborhood park may exist, along with nature trails and scenic areas.

Special Use Areas – These areas are for single purpose recreational activities, and often are designed as revenue generating enterprises such as for baseball, golf, nature centers, arboreta, formal gardens, gun ranges, festivals, ski areas, or areas that preserve and maintain cultural or archeological sites.

County Parks – County parks consist of 100 acres or more that are specifically set aside for active and passive recreation uses to accommodate large gatherings, special events, and individual users. These parks have scenic natural features that preserve the character of the region and provide a wide variety of compatible outdoor recreation activities; and may also provide areas for camping, historic preservation, protection of natural areas, and special use areas.

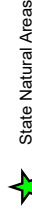
State Parks – State parks are similar to county parks, with two differences: they consist of several hundred acres and preserve natural areas of statewide importance.

Conservancy Areas – Conservancy areas are managed for the flora & fauna resources that exist at a site. Activities like hiking, wildlife watching, hunting, and fishing may be allowed on these lands that may have labels like state natural areas, forests, or wildlife refuges. Each conservancy area has specific rules of use for public enjoyment.

Map 2 Outdoor Recreation

Langlade County, Wisconsin

- Town Boundary
- US & State Highways
- County Highways
- Ice Age Trail
- Snowmobile Trails
- Trails
- Water
- Handicap Fishing Access
- County Waysides
- Campgrounds
- Boat Launch
- Trout Stream Access
- County Facilities
- State Land
- Federal Land
- County Lands



1. Flora Spring Pond
2. Bogus Swamp
3. Menito Lake
4. Bear Caves
5. Oxbow Rapids, Upper Wolf River
6. Lawrence Lake
7. Hunting River Alders
8. Kelly Linn Bog
9. Swamp Creek Fen

Source: WIDNR, Langlade County, NCWRPC
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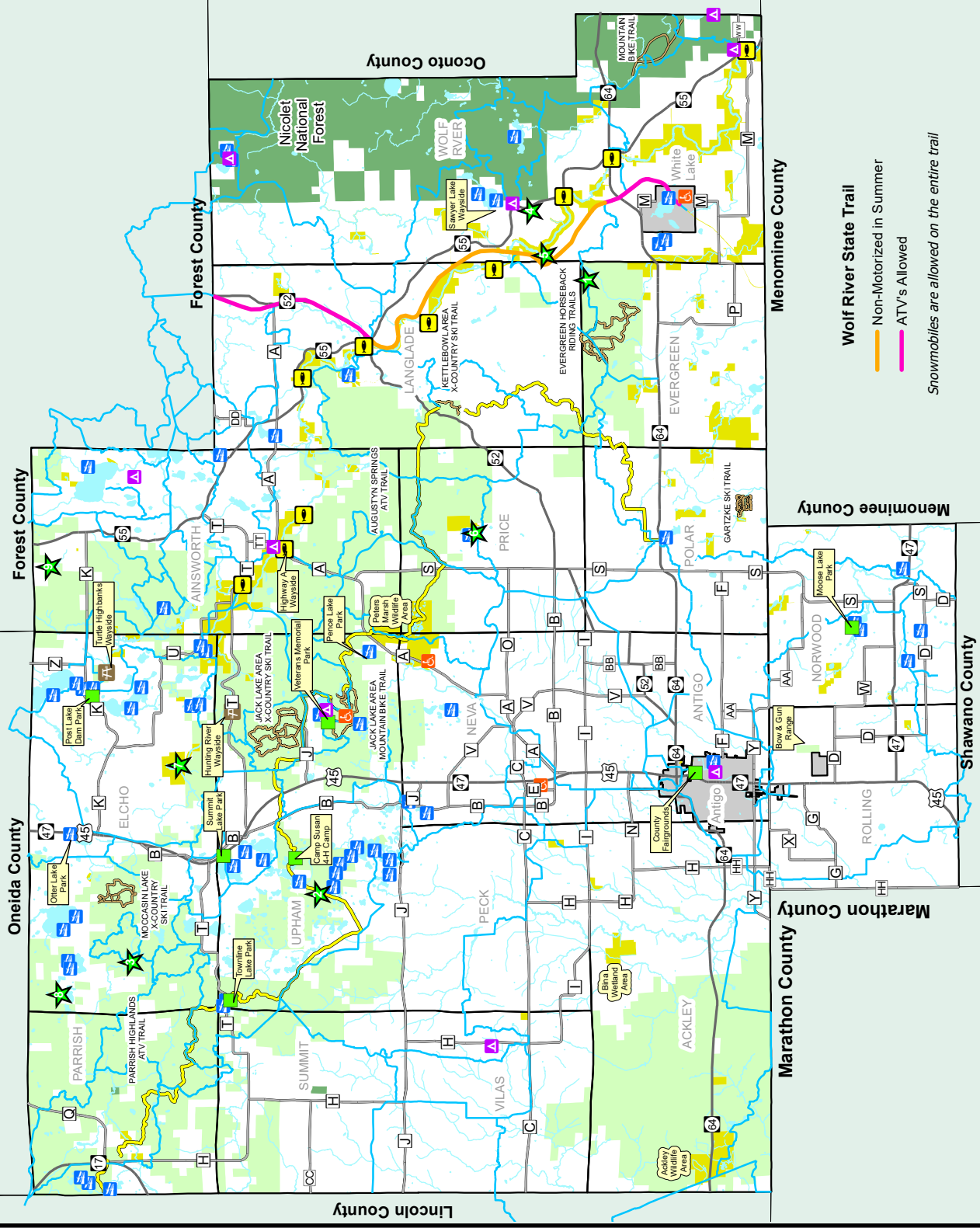


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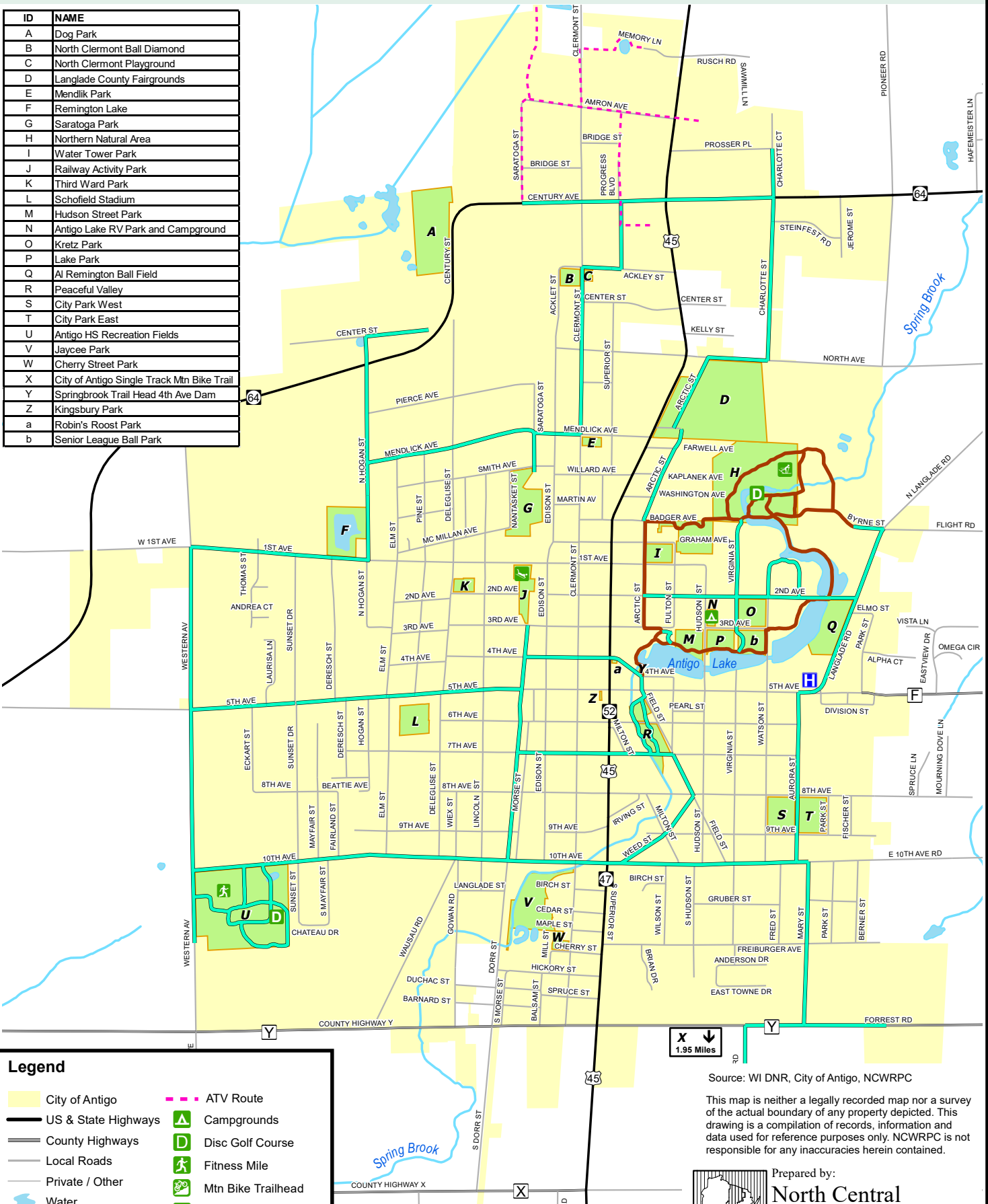


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ID	NAME
A	Dog Park
B	North Clermont Ball Diamond
C	North Clermont Playground
D	Langlade County Fairgrounds
E	Mendlik Park
F	Remington Lake
G	Saratoga Park
H	Northern Natural Area
I	Water Tower Park
J	Railway Activity Park
K	Third Ward Park
L	Schofield Stadium
M	Hudson Street Park
N	Antigo Lake RV Park and Campground
O	Kretz Park
P	Lake Park
Q	Al Remington Ball Field
R	Peaceful Valley
S	City Park West
T	City Park East
U	Antigo HS Recreation Fields
V	Jaycee Park
W	Cherry Street Park
X	City of Antigo Single Track Mtn Bike Trail
Y	Springbrook Trail Head 4th Ave Dam
Z	Kingsbury Park
a	Robin's Roost Park
b	Senior League Ball Park



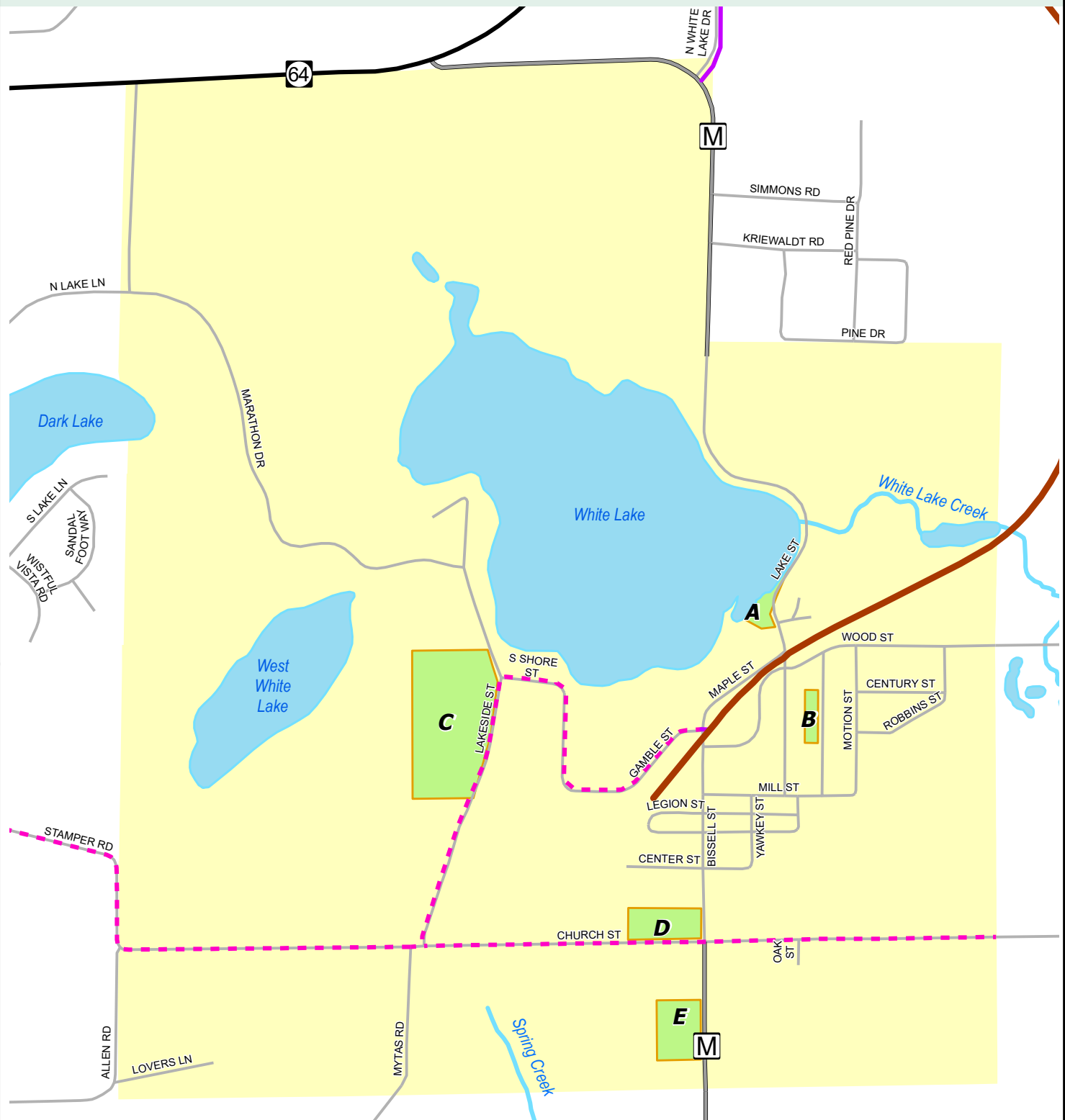
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Legend

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Village of White Lake | White Lake Parks |
| US & State Highways | ATV Route |
| County Highways | ATV Trail |
| Local Roads | Wolf River State Trail / ATV Trail |
| Private / Other | |
| Water | |

ID	NAME
A	White Lake Beach
B	Park
C	School Nature Trail
D	School Nature Trail
E	White Lake Ball Park

Source: WI DNR, Village of White Lake, NCWRPC

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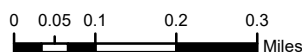


Table 6

Table 6			FACILITIES AT SITE																										
Langlade County			ACRES OR LENGTH	HANDICAP ACCESS	RESTROOM	ARBORETUM	ATV TRAILS	BASKETBALL COURT	BIKING TRAILS (miles)	BOAT/CANOE ACCESS	CAMPING SITES (#)	FISHING AREA	GRILLS (#)	HIKING TRAILS (miles)	HORSE TRAILS (miles)	HORSE SHOE AREA	HUNTING AREA	ICE RINK	PARKING AREA	PICNIC TABLES	PLAY EQUIPMENT	SLED DOG TRAILS (miles)	SHELTERS	SWIMMING BEACH	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	TRACK	X-C SKI TRAILS (miles)	SOFTBALL FIELD	
- CONSERVANCY AREAS																	X												
		X															X												
	- Flora Spring Pond Natural Area																X												
	- Minito Lake Natural Area		X														X												
	- Bear Caves Natural Area		X														X												
	- Bogus Swamp Natural Area		X														X												
	- Lawrence Lake Natural Area		X														X												
	- Oxbow Rapids Natural Area		X																										
	- County Forest		X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X						
	- Peters Marsh Wildlife Area		X															X											
	- Ackley Wildlife Area		X															X											
	- LINEAR PARK																												
	- Wolf River Corridor		X							14	X		X		14	X		X		X						X		X	
	- Gartzke Ski Trails		X		X					X			X		X					X			1				5.5		
	- Gated Hunter Walking Trails		X						X						X		X	X		X							X		
	- Ice Age National Scenic Trail	X	X												55.4					X			1		X			55.4	
	- Jack Lake Trail		X		X	X						X	X		8	8				X			1		X	X		10	
	- Moccasin Lake Road Ski Trail														X	6.3							1			X		5.5	
	- Parrish Highlands ATV Trails		X		X										X											X			
	- Augustyn Springs ATV Trails		X		X							X			X											X		X	
	- Game Lake Nature Trails		X								X				X														
	- Evergreen Horse Riding Trail		X											X		9.6		X		X			10.5	X					
	- Snowmobile Trails		X		X																					X			
	- White Lake ATV		X		X																								
	- COUNTY PARK																												
	- Camp Susan 4-H Camp								X			X	X					X			X				X		X		X
- Langlade County Fairgrounds				X	X													X								X			
- Moose Lake Park				X	X				X				2						20	3									
- Post Lake Dam				X	X				X		X	X	3	X					20	8									
- Summit Lake Park				X	X								6						60	16	X		1	X	X				
- Veterans Memorial Park				X	X		X			X	48	X	20	X		X			100	85	X	X	4	X	X		X	X	

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Table 7

CITY OF ANTIGO	JURISDICTION			OTHER/PRIVATE
	COUNTY	LOCAL	SCHOOL DISTRICT	
- SPECIAL USE AREA	Antigo Lake RV Park & Campground	X		
	Clara R. McKenna Aquatic Center		X	
	Northern Natural Area (Disc Golf)	X	X	
	Dog Park - Recreational Land	X		
	Antigo Lake Park (Lake Park Ball Field)	X		
	Peaceful Valley Park & Festival Grounds	X		
	Kretz Park Ball Field	X		
	Al Remington Ball Field	X		
	Mendlik Park	X		
	North Clermont Ball Field	X		
	Railway Activity Park (Optimist Skate Park & Sled Hill)	X		
	Remington Lake	X		
	Saratoga Park (Saratoga North & South Ball Field)	X		
	Schofield Stadium		X	
	Senior League Ball Field	X		
	Single Track Mountain Bike Trail	X		
	- MINI PARK			
	Kingsbury Park	X		
	Robin's Roost	X		
	Springbrook Trail Head - 4th Avenue Dam	X		
	- NEIGHBORHOOD PARK			
	Antigo Middle School		X	
	Cherry Street	X		
	City Park East	X		
	City Park West	X		
	East Elementary School		X	
	Hudson Street	X		
	Mendlik Park	X		
	North Clermont Playground	X		
	North Elementary Playground		X	
	Saratoga Park	X		
	Third Ward	X		
	Water Tower Park	X		
	West Elementary School		X	

FACILITIES AT SITE

ACRES OR LENGTH	ATHLETIC FIELDS	ATV TRAILS	RESTROOM	BACKSTOP	BALL FIELD	BANDSHELL	BASKETBALL COURT	BATTING CAGE	BOAT/CANOE ACCESS	CAMPING SITES	FISHING AREA	FOOTBALL FIELD	HIKING TRAILS	CLIMBING FACILITY	ICE RINK	PICNIC AREA	PLAY EQUIPMENT	SKATE FACILITIES	SOCCER FIELD	SWIMMING POOL	TENNIS COURT	TRACK	WADING POOL	PICNIC SHELTER(S)
3.03		X								X						X					X			
17													X											
8.845		X	X	X	X						X					X	X	X						X
4.54		X	X												X	X	X	X						X
4.4			X	X	X			X								X								X
4.076		X	X	X	X			X								X								X
1.01							X										X							
2				X	X																			
3.45																		X						
10.38											X													
6.203	X		X	X	X							X				X	X	X	X					X
3.98		X	X	X	X																			
1 mile													X											
0.1																								
0.098																								
0.262											X					X								
0.344		X	X	X			X										X							
5.787		X	X	X												X	X	X					X	X
5.784		X	X			X										X	X	X						X
							X										X	X						X
4.391		X							X								X	X						
1.018							X										X	X						
0.555							X										X	X						
							X										X	X						
6.203	X	X	X	X	X											X	X	X		X				X
1.63			X														X	X						
1.3																								
							X							X			X							

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FACILITIES AT SITE

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Table 15

Table 15	JURISDICTION						FACILITIES AT SITE																										
	FEDERAL	STATE	COUNTY	LOCAL	SCHOOL DISTRICT	OTHER/PRIVATE	HANDICAP ACCESS	RESTROOM	ATV TRAILS	BANDSHELL	BASKETBALL COURT	BIKING	BOAT/CANOE ACCESS	CAMPING SITES	FISHING AREA	FOOTBALL FIELD	HIKING TRAILS	HORSE TRAILS	HORSE SHOE AREA	HUNTING AREA	ICE RINK	PICNIC AREA	PLAY EQUIPMENT	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	SOFTBALL FIELD	SWIMMING BEACH	SWIMMING POOL	TENNIS COURT	PARKING AREA	SHELTER	X COUNTRY TRAILS		
TOWN OF LANGLADE	- SPECIAL USE/OPEN SPACE																																
	- Baker Lake Landing																																
	- Harper Lake			X									X		X						X												
	- Hollister Landing				X								X		X																		
	- Military Park (Barnett Landing)				X			X					X		X																		
	- Turtle Lake Landing				X			X					X		X																		
	- Twin Lake Landing				X			X					X		X																		
	- Wolf River Landing				X			X					X		X																		
	- COMMUNITY PARK																																
	- Lily Park						X																			X							
	- Pickerel Park				X				X																	X							
	- LINEAR PARK																																
	- Ice Age National Scenic Trail	X	X	X																													X
	- Kettlebowl Ski Area		X	X																													X
	- Wolf River Trail		X	X									X	X		X																	X
	- Snowmobile Trails			X																													
	- Wolf River State Trail		X	X						X**			X**																				
	- SPECIAL FEATURES																																
	- Old Military Road Historical Marker				X				X					X		X																	
	- CONSERVANCY LANDS																																
	- Upper Wolf River Fishery Area		X																														

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Table 16

TOWN OF NEVA

Table 16	JURISDICTION					FACILITIES AT SITE																											
	FEDERAL	STATE	COUNTY	LOCAL	SCHOOL DISTRICT	OTHER/PRIVATE																											
TOWN OF NEVA																																	
- SPECIAL USE/OPEN SPACE - Borth Lake - Kimball Lake - Neva lake																																	
- NEIGHBORHOOD PARK - Old Corner School - COMMUNITY PARK - Lions Park - LINEAR PARK - Snowmobile Trails																																	
- CONSERVANCY LANDS - Peter's Marsh Wildlife Area																																	
		X																															

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Table 17

Table 17	JURISDICTION					FACILITIES AT SITE																												
	FEDERAL	STATE	COUNTY	LOCAL	SCHOOL DISTRICT	OTHER/PRIVATE	HANDICAP ACCESS	RESTROOM	ATV TRAILS	NATURE TRAIL	BANDSHELL	BASKETBALL COURT	BIKING	BOAT/CANOE ACCESS	CAMPING SITES	FISHING AREA	FOOTBALL FIELD	HIKING TRAILS	HORSE TRAILS	HORSE SHOE AREA	HUNTING AREA	ICE RINK	PICNIC AREA	PLAY EQUIPMENT	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	SOFTBALL FIELD	SWIMMING BEACH	SWIMMING POOL	TENNIS COURT	TRACK	WADING POOL	X COUNTRY TRAILS		
TOWN OF NORWOOD	- SPECIAL USE/OPEN SPACE																																	
	- Hilger Lake																																	
	- Meyer Lake																																	
	- NEIGHBORHOOD PARK																																	
	- Crestwood Elementary School Park									X															X									
	- COMMUNITY PARK																																	
	- Norwood Memorial Park																																	
	- LINEAR PARK																																	
	- Snowmobile Trails			X						X																								
	- COUNTY PARK																																	
	- Moose Lake Park			X																														

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	FEDERAL	STATE	COUNTY	LOCAL	SCHOOL DISTRICT	OTHER/PRIVATE	HANDICAP ACCESS	RESTROOM	ATV TRAILS	BANDSHELL	BASKETBALL COURT	BIKING	BOAT/CANOE ACCESS	CAMPING SITES	FISHING AREA	FOOTBALL FIELD	HIKING TRAILS	HORSE TRAILS	HORSE SHOE AREA	HUNTING AREA	ICE RINK	PICNIC AREA	PLAY EQUIPMENT	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	SOFTBALL FIELD	SWIMMING BEACH	SWIMMING POOL	TENNIS COURT	TRACK	WADING POOL	X COUNTRY TRAILS		
TOWN OF PARRISH																																	
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Table 22

Table 22	JURISDICTION					FACILITIES AT SITE																											
	FEDERAL	STATE	COUNTY	LOCAL	SCHOOL DISTRICT	OTHER/PRIVATE	HANDICAP ACCESS	RESTROOM	ATV TRAILS	SHELTER	NATURE TRAIL	BASKETBALL COURT	BIKING	BOAT/CANOE ACCESS	CAMPING SITES	FISHING AREA	FOOTBALL FIELD	HIKING TRAILS	HORSE TRAILS	HORSE SHOE AREA	HUNTING AREA	ICE RINK	PICNIC AREA	PLAY EQUIPMENT	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	SOFTBALL FIELD	SWIMMING BEACH	SWIMMING POOL	TENNIS COURT	TRACK	X COUNTRY TRAILS		
TOWN OF ROLLING																																	

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Table 26

Table 26	JURISDICTION				FACILITIES AT SITE																										
	FEDERAL	STATE	COUNTY	SCHOOL DISTRICT	OTHER/PRIVATE	HANDICAP ACCESS	RESTROOM	ATV TRAILS	BANDSHELL	BASKETBALL COURT	BIKING	BOAT/CANOE ACCESS	CAMPING SITES	FISHING AREA	FOOTBALL FIELD	HIKING TRAILS	HORSE TRAILS	HORSE SHOE AREA	HUNTING AREA	ICE RINK	PICNIC AREA	PLAY EQUIPMENT	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	SOFTBALL FIELD	SWIMMING BEACH	SWIMMING POOL	TENNIS COURT	TRACK	WADING POOL	X COUNTRY TRAILS	
TOWN OF WOLF RIVER	- SPECIAL USE/OPEN SPACE																														

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FORESTED LANDS – NOT STATE or COUNTY OWNED

Forested lands that may be open to the public but are not part of the county forest are privately held lands by individuals and corporations that are enrolled in either the Forest Crop Law or the Managed Forest Law. Currently, lands can only be newly enrolled in Managed Forest Law.

As of January 1, 2016 there are 3,811 acres under the Forest Crop Law (FCL), which are open to the public to hunt and fish.

As of January 1, 2016, there are 419,845 acres enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program. Of that MFL acreage, there are 52,033 acres designated open to the public for hunting (not trapping), fishing, hiking, sightseeing, and cross-country skiing only (s. 77.83(2)(a), Wis. Stats.).

Other than the following exception, MFL lands enrolled as open must not be posted as to restrict access. All MFL program participants can restrict access without penalty to the landowner to areas that are within 300 feet of any building or harvesting operation. Landowners may prohibit any activity associated with public use of open MFL land which may cause property damage (e.g. cutting trees, brush, building permanent blinds or tree stands, putting nails in trees). Temporary tree stands and bait stations (where hunting regulations allow) are an accepted and allowable method of hunting conditional upon no damage to the property, including the tree. Access by motor vehicles or snowmobiles may be prohibited by the landowner on open as well as closed lands. Open MFL lands can be found on the DNR website at <http://dnrmaps.wi.gov/opfl/>. It is the responsibility of the user to know where they are and which land is open to the public.

ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail was authorized as a National Scenic Trail by Congress in 1980 and as a State Scenic Trail in 1987. The route generally follows the nationally significant glacial features of Wisconsin and is intended to provide opportunities for low impact, non-motorized recreational use. The trail has existed in Langlade County since 1975 with more than 50 miles already on the ground between the Lincoln County line north of Highway 17 to the community of Polar. Much of this existing trail passes through the Langlade County Forest. A planning process is currently underway to determine a route for the trail southwest of Polar and to provide a connection to the trail in Marathon County.

PRIVATE OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES

Private Campgrounds

There are 13 private campgrounds totaling over 500 campsites in Langlade County. All of these campgrounds are available for a fee to the public.

Private Golf Courses

There is 1 private 18-hole golf course and 2 private 9-hole golf courses that are open to the public for greens fees. Two driving ranges also exist.

Chapter 4

OUTDOOR RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

INTRODUCTION

This chapter starts with a list of projects that were completed over the last five years to recognize what has occurred within the county.

Recreational needs within the county were identified primarily by: 1) gathering public input; and 2) through Lenglade County Forestry staff & NCWRPC staff assessments.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROJECTS COMPLETED FROM 2012-2016

Lenglade County

- Camp Susan – Expansion of facility (additional shelter space, areas for program activities). Road to camp was improved and maintained.
- Improved road into parking area at Kettlebowl Ski Hill and Cross Country Ski Trail.
- Constructed restroom facility at Moose Lake boat launch.
- Completed shoreline restoration at Moose Lake boat launch.
- Developed nature trail at Moose Lake park in partnership with the Friends of Moose Lake.
- Developed non motorized section of Wolf River State Trail from Lily south to ¼ mile north of Highway 64.
- Developed trailhead at Lily for the Wolf River State Trail.
- Parking lots at Wallrich Road and White Lake were developed for ATV trailhead.
- Ten gates were installed on the Wolf River State Trail.
- Local ATV clubs sold ads so a new ATV map could be printed and distributed.
- Approved UTV use on funded ATV trail system.
- Improved and added mileage to the Jack Lake cross country ski trail.
- Purchased equipment to assist with Jack Lake ski trail grooming and maintenance.
- Constructed ski chalet at Jack Lake ski trail with donated funds from the Spychalla family.
- Constructed pit toilet at Jack Lake cross country ski trail.
- Further developed snowshoe trail at Jack Lake.
- Constructed restrooms in campground at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Constructed a three-season shelter and restrooms at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Constructed three camping cabins at Veterans Memorial Park in cooperation with the Elcho School District.

- Continued Development of 18-hole disc golf course at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Updated electric service to shelters at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Approved Ice Age Trail land use agreement as a perpetual agreement.
- Extended several Special Use Agreements with a variety of Recreational Clubs in Langlade County.
- Assisted Triple R Horseback Riding Club in further development of trailhead including the construction of high lines and a pit toilet in Elton.
- Assisted Langlade County Sled Dog Club in development of additional trails on Hwy 52 in the Town of Langlade.
- Repaired the 100-yard rifle range and the retaining wall at the Langlade County Bow and Gun Range.
- Developed a short range for handgun use at the Langlade County Bow and Gun Range.
- Recovered lead shot from the Trap Range at the Langlade County Bow and Gun Range.
- Parking area and storage building were rehabilitated at the Langlade County Bow and Gun Range.
- Cooperation with Knights Templar Club to maintain the access that crosses their property.

City of Antigo

General Improvements

- Created a shared community calendar and searchable organization and group database through collaboration with various community resource groups including: UW Extension, Antigo Public Library, Economic Development, Antigo/Langlade County Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club of Langlade County, Family Corner Resource Center, and more.
- Created a community resource website: www.alcinfo.com through collaborative efforts with Antigo/Langlade County County Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, Emergency Management, and Langlade County (2015).
- Placed PBIS Signage at all ball parks and athletic fields (funding provided by Antigo Area Optimist Club).
- Shelter lighting was updated to improve energy efficiency, and all shelters are now on dusk-to-dawn timers.
- Permanent equipment boxes were placed for T-ball, soccer and flag football (2016).
- New bleachers were placed at various ball fields and athletic fields to meet code compliance.
- Created a memorial donation policy, which includes benches and other park and recreation items.
- All ball fields have infield top dress material.
- Pickleball League was created.

City Wide Bike Route

- Placed signage donated by individuals, businesses, organizations, and groups. Antigo Area Optimists donated the posts for the signs.
- Installed pedestrian signal crossing lights at 7th Avenue and Highway 45 (donated by the hospital). This crossing is a designated intersection crossing for the City Wide Bike Route, and connects to the Springbrook Trail (2016)

Springbrook Trail

- Constructed over 200' of boardwalk and bridge just west of the high-line (2015)
- Contracted trenching along Springbrook Trail in designated areas to prevent break-up of blacktop from roots (started in 2014; continued annually or semi-annually)
- Repaired approximately 200' of blacktop along Springbrook Trail between Hudson Street and 2nd Avenue (2014)
- Built a bridge (with Inland Lake and Rotary Funds) across Spring Brook off of Byrne Road (2014)
- Placed Water Fountain/Service off Dead-End of Virginia Street (this creates compliancy for Campground Permit when Buckskinners hold their event) (2014).
- Built a second bridge (with Inland Lake and Rotary Funds) across Spring Brook and just west of the high transmission electrical lines (2015)
- Repaired approximately 150' of blacktop along Springbrook Trail between Hudson (heading east) and the Northern Natural Area.

Single Track Mountain Bike Trail

- Placed signage (2014)
- Moved fence back and created parking area (2014)
- Coordinated with Antigo Area Bike and Ski Club members and constructed a single track bike loop at the old landfill off of Dump Road (2014)

Al Remington Ball Field (formerly known as Little League Park)

- Groundbreaking occurred for a new Al Remington Little League Press Box, Concession, and Equipment Room in the spring of 2012. This project is partially funded through a donation from the Antigo Optimist Club and other community groups and individuals.
- Patio was completed around the Al Remington/Little League Concession building (2016).
- Antigo Dugout Club installed lights and batting cages at Al Remington Ball Field (funded through donations)
- Yellow fence topper was placed on outfield fence (purchased by Antigo Dugout Club)

Antigo Lake Park

- Installed new roof on Lake Park Concession Building (2014)

- Made repairs to playground equipment – teeter totter and arch climber to meet playground safety code (2014)

Antigo Lake Park Ball Field

- Installed above ground dugouts (2014)

Antigo Lake RV Park and Campground

- Tent area developed and electrical installed (2016)
- Constructed a covered area for firewood at the Campground (2015)
- Added additional fire rings and picnic tables (2015)
- Installed metal shelves and brochure racks in restroom facilities (2015)
- Installed shower timers (2016)
- Installed new gas water heater (2016)
- Added free rental bikes (coordinated effort with the Antigo Police Department)
- Installed backyard games (ladder toss)

City Park West

- Flag pole and bump-in parking was constructed/placed in City Park West 2014.

City Park East

- Installed pool controller at City Park East Wading Pool to remotely monitor chemical levels.
- Replaced City Park East Shelter Roof (2016)

Disc Golf

- Disc Golf Course was expanded to 18 holes with the funding provided by Antigo Rotary and volunteer assistance provided by Antigo Rotary and the Antigo Disc Golf League (2016).

Dog Park

- Groundbreaking occurred in the Spring of 2012 for the off-leash dog park at the old capped landfill off of Century and Deleglise. This project is being funded through an anonymous donation.

Kretz Park (Ball Field)

- Bleachers were modified to comply with safety regulations (2015)
- Canopy was extended off of the concession facility (2015)

Mendlik Park

- Pickleball courts were added west of the fence in the half-court basketball area (2014)
- Mendlik Basketball/Pickleball Courts were resurfaced (2016)
- Replaced woodchips and refurbished bench at playground (2016)

Peaceful Valley Park & Festival Grounds

- Festival Grounds (parking area north of 6th Avenue) was developed; includes electrical and a raised stage for community events (2012).
- Installed two connecting paths through the main Peaceful Valley Park area that connect to the Springbrook Trail (2012).

- Installed benches along trail connections and planted trees per the park plan (trees were donated by ATC and WPS). Benches were donated by various individuals and community groups.
- Installed a speaker system at the Peaceful Valley Warming House (donated by the Kjome Family 2016)
- Constructed the Heinzen Peaceful Valley Pavilion (2016)
- Installed paver connection paths from the parking lot to the playground and from the east path to the playground (2014)

Railway Activity Park

- Planted trees per the park plan
- Installed fencing and rocks to delineate drive access and parking areas

Remington Lake

- New floating fishing pier was placed at Remington Lake (2016).

Robin's Roost Park

- New roof (2015)

Saratoga Park

- Installed fencing along the north and east edge of the large gravel parking lot at Saratoga (2015)

Cemeteries

- Straightened 25 veteran monuments in Soldiers Circle in Antigo Cemetery (2015)
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- Installed pallet racking system at large Elmwood storage facility (2014)
- Removed shrubs in front of Antigo Cemetery, and planted trees (2014)
- In the process of transitioning all our paper files to electronic, so information is accessible to the public via the GIS map (2015-16)

Urban Forestry

- Updated our urban forest inventory and made accessible to staff and public on the public GIS website. (2016)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Informal Public Input

In the regular course of business, Langlade County Forestry, Land, and Parks Department staff has received public input about its parks, and forests.

Summary of Survey Responses

Langlade County Forestry & Parks Department had the survey link on their website. NCWRPC mailed survey notices to each town, the Village of White Lake, & the City of Antigo; each library; and emailed or mailed survey notices to a whole list of outdoor recreation groups provided by Forestry & Parks.

We received 221 responses to the Survey. Respondents were allowed to skip questions, so several questions had slightly smaller response groups. Also, if a question did not apply to a respondent, then the survey skipped them ahead to the next relevant question, which also provided smaller responses to some questions.

About 60% of respondents live or have a summer home in Langlade County, with survey respondents homes located in most municipalities within the County.

Through an IP address analysis of who took the survey, and by reviewing survey responses, it appears that only a few people took the survey twice, 3 times, 4 times, or 5 times (could be husband and wife, and children/adult children). Responses appeared to be slightly different from these duplicate responses, so nobody appears to have “stuffed the ballot box.”

More than half of the respondents were male (61% male, 39% female), and they were from a variety of age groups, but mainly over 45 years old.

Key Findings of the ORP Survey:

- The top recreational activities, in order, from respondents are:
 1. Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking 68%
 2. Walking/hiking 66%
 3. Fishing 47%
 4. ATV / UTV Riding 47%
 5. Bicycling 47%
- Respondents were mostly satisfied (~91%) with the condition of Langlade County Managed facilities. A few comments centered around too much timber harvesting next to trails, with other comments noting some user conflicts. Other questions have specific management improvement ideas to make that facility great.
- **Two equally big themes** to the comments were:
 1. Increase ATV / UTV trails (Question 21 – 71 comments).
 2. Increase bicycle trails (Question 27 – 79 comments).

See **Attachment B** for the full results from this online survey.

Public Meeting Input

The public meeting was advertised in the local newspaper. Outdoor recreation groups were notified about the meeting by mailing them a meeting notice poster. Area residents were able to view a draft of the proposed plan at the Forestry and Recreation Department office; and on the Internet.

There were 47 people in attendance, including staff and the Committee.

Comments from public meeting held at 6:00 p.m. on October 12, 2016:

Public Meeting Comments.

The Langlade County Forestry and Recreation Committee conducted a public meeting on recreation needs for Langlade County. Langlade County is updating the five-year plan for the period 2017 to 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to review a draft of the plan and gather citizen input concerning countywide recreational needs for the next five years.

This plan will assess the existing recreation system in Langlade County, identify recreation needs based upon public input and recreation standards, sets forth goals and objectives to be used as guidelines in formulating outdoor recreation improvements, and establishes recommendations for improving the recreation system over the next five years. Submission of this report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources establishes eligibility for the County and local units of government for a variety of Federal and State Aids. Non-profit groups, foundations and the general public may also use this document to coordinate their own private efforts for developing outdoor recreation facilities.

Fred Heider, North Central Regional Planning Commission, explained that adoption of this plan by the Langlade County Board and subsequent acceptance by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will continue eligibility of the County and its local units of government for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON), and Stewardship Funds.

There are a variety of demographics and a listing of the parks. This time we did an outdoor recreation survey through Survey Monkey, and we had a great response of over 200 people. We never had this capability before so it was great to see all the people who participated. The other part I want to mention briefly is that we had two other comments that came in before today. One was from Judy Peterson of White Lake with comments about the outdoor recreation plan with extensive comments about ATV and Kettlebowl ski hill improvements. The other comment by e-mail was from Lisa Haefs and she was commenting about one piece that was in the outdoor recreation plan, which was related specifically to the high-quality ski experience on page 48. She was concerned that if we only created one high-quality ski experience in the county that would mean that all the others would be left and not maintained by all the volunteer groups that spend so much time, so instead of one high-quality ski experience, she suggested having the other outdoor ski areas definitely supported by volunteer groups.

Ron Nye asked that the public address the committee with their comments and after all the comments have been received that the Forestry and Recreation Committee will be reviewing them at a later date.

Nick Salm represents the Antigo Bike and Ski Club, which was formed 30 years ago. He was impressed at the turnout of people with an interest in recreation in Langlade County. They support biking and cross country skiing in Langlade County. They encourage biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing, and hiking, which are called the silent sports. They have worked cooperatively with the Langlade County Forestry Department over the years to develop the Gartzke Flowage hiking and ski trail, which is an attraction to local people and people as far away as Pennsylvania. The club would like to provide the following comments regarding the outdoor recreation plan from the Antigo Bike and Ski Club Board of Directors and they asked me to present them to you. We support efforts such as the North Central Wisconsin Regional Bicycle Facilities Network Plan, which is mentioned on page 2 of the draft to guide the development of an inter-connected bikeway system for the region, designating on-road bike routes, and raising awareness of bicyclists and motorists. 2. The Wolf River State Trail mentioned on page 3 of the document as part of the State trail network Segment 56, which is the Argonne to Shawano route, which is described in detail on page 13 and states in favor of the Highway 64 to Lily segment as non-motorized during the spring, summer, and fall seasons with snowmobiling in the winter. We agree that no motorized vehicles except snowmobiles in the wintertime should be allowed in this section. We encourage the county to surface the trail with blacktop similar to other counties and to add signage. Many of us have been on these hard surface trails in other parts of the state and they do attract a lot of people not only from where these trails are located from outside the state. We support the goals listed on page 48 especially Goal 3, which is to continue to improve and develop outdoor recreation opportunities throughout Langlade County with the objectives being to focus on creating high quality cross-country ski experience, continue upgrading facilities to reasonably accommodate the elderly and disabled, finish developing the Wolf River State Trail, upgrade existing trails of all types, and become a bicycle friendly county. We support the following plan recommendations stated on pages 49 and 50, which improve cross-country ski experience, communicate trail use interruptions, plan bicycle routes countywide, and improve the Wolf River State Trail, and then we recommend a plan to address the operation and maintenance of the Gartzke Flowage hiking and ski trail and the county's commitment to cooperatively work with the bike and ski club to continue the future operations of the facility. Right now we have volunteers who maintain the trails in the summer and winter for year-round use and a couple of the volunteers may not be able to continue the work long term so it will entail some involvement by the county to continue to encourage "friends of Langlade County" to maintain those bike and ski club trails. Along with the trail head, help to develop the Ice Age Trail and the horseback riding trails. You have a good representation of those folks as well. In the plan, there is very little of the organizations and relationships to the facilities. The facilities maintained by these organizations are an asset to the county as indicated by the survey and deserve to be more mentioned in the plan. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments, and the Antigo Bike and Ski Club looks forward to working with the forestry committee and the forestry department to provide great bicycling and cross-country skiing for today as well as the future. More and more people are looking for these types of opportunities and the ATV people are looking for opportunities to use county lands for recreation opportunities and the quality of life.

Ron Nye mentioned that he had received some comments regarding Jack Lake and those comments had been forwarded to Erik Rantala, forest administrator.

Don Meidl from Antigo. He has been a camper at Jack Lake for 25 years. Jack Lake was founded as a first come-first serve. About 4-5 years ago, there were a lot of reservation sites, this is not first come-first serve. Used to be that you had to go up there on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday to get a site, I was up there for three weeks this year and that campground was never so empty before this all started and then they raised the price and that even made it worse. The only thing that Jack Lake is getting right now is the overflow from the cheap campgrounds around, the one out at "I", Boot Lake. You are getting overflow from there. I went through on a Thursday and there were 15-20 empty sites. Why? Because the price is too high. Some campgrounds around you get a break if you are a veteran or senior citizen, not here. Why can't we do something to either bring the price down or get rid of the reserve sites because we use to go up there on Tuesday and we had to pay for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. These guys come in and pay for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – only three days. Why does anybody want to go into that site because it empty and on Friday have to move out and hope there is an empty site? It is not right. I don't believe that there should be when it was originally founded as a first come-first serve. Thank you.

Sharon Kind – I lived in Langlade County for over 20 years. Fat tire bikes are becoming very popular. Lincoln County and Marathon County currently have trails for fat tire bikes, and I think that is something that should be planned for. They really cannot use country ski trails or snowmobile trails. In the plan, it was only mentioned in one comment.

Jeremy Stensberg of Elcho – Would like the county to look into developing mountain bike trails at Jack Lake. It is a great area and it would bring more hikers and skiers every weekend. An area like Jack Lake could be a destination for mountain biking in the winter. If anyone else is interested, he would very much like to promote silent sports in the area.

Greg Resch, Triple R Riding Club – We have the trail system up at Elton on Fraley Road, and I would like to say as far as maintaining it we have a very beautiful spot. We have our own pavilion and between the county and Triple R, paid for putting it up. We have our own well system that the county and we paid for half. Last year we put in a new bathroom and we have manure pits. We have probably 25 miles of trail, most of them single file as we don't want to interfere with anyone else. We would prefer to do that. I don't know what the protocol would be to go cross country. Do we need to get any type of permit? Can we mark and make a trail? As far as improvements that is basically what we need up there and maintaining the camp area. We have a lot of trouble with mudders coming up there and rutting it up. We go out and put out more topsoil and fill it in and seed it down. Just small things like that are our concern. We pretty much take care of ourselves otherwise. We do all of our signage, and it is a really nice place and we would like to keep it that way. We would like to make a trail through the hardwood and it would be a single-file horse trail so that there is not damage or taking any trees out or making a road or anything. That way where there are 4-wheeler trails we do not interfere with each other and do not need to worry about somebody coming up and spooking a horse. We have never had any problems to speak of. Everyone has been really courteous and it has been working out really well. A lot of people would rather ride single-file through the woods and it makes it seem more

natural and basically we have the river crossing we put in a few years back so basically we have everything there. I have letters from all over the state from people that come there and ride and say how great the trails are. There is all positive feedback on the trails. People from Freedom, Chilton, Neillsville, Mosinee, Merrill, Crivitz, Bear Creek, Appleton, Holman, and that is just the people in the last three weeks that have been and they always write beautiful trails. It is a nice campground and keep up the good work. I just wanted you to all be aware as I don't know how many of you see it out there. It is a really nice place and we are proud of it and we would like to keep it that way. Thank you.

Dave Peterson – You should probably look at water trails “paddling trails”, lakes, streams. Everyone knows the Wolf, nice ponds, lake here. You go to other counties and they have a water trail system. They are working on a trail system up to Michigan. We have a lot of nice county roads but no safe biking trails. We don't have a map that I am aware of that will designate bicycling along with signage. We need large signs at intersections of snowmobile and cross-country ski trails. There are not many of them. We have one small wooden sign at Kettlebowl and it is stuck in a tree. A snowmobiler cannot see it and even a cross-country skier cannot see it. They need to be large and a snowmobiler does not know that there will be a cross-country skier coming at them. I would like to put a rumor to rest. I have been at Kettlebowl for 40 years and tubing will never come to Kettlebowl. Everybody wants it there but it is not compatible. You cannot put a Volkswagen on a track with a Ferrari and expect it to be safe. Jack Lake – so much of the effort seems to be directed to Jack Lake and the rest of the county is only getting crumbs for recreation that is my impression. They have a fancier groomer for only a few miles of trail than I have for Kettlebowl and we pull thousands of people there a season. It seems that there is an imbalance, the meetings I attend, and I think more should be directed elsewhere to take of them. You are really missing the boat on the Wolf River State Trail by not promoting it – the biking events, hiking events. It is pristine and there it sits. A few people go up and down on a bike, some walk it, we snowmobile in the winter time. My last one should not be taken personally, but I think that you are stretched pretty thin trying to manage the forestry, which is our prime industry in the county, but need to address concerns with recreation. Really take an active role in recreation. It really take a backseat, be it ATV, snowmobiling, horseback riding, whatever. We are right now kind of like Granite Peak. We are not right up north but we have the right stuff here. You go up north to Indianhead, Powderhorn and it was jammed with skiers and you could hardly get in the parking lot. You go up there now and it is pretty empty. You go to Granite Peak and they are saving the drive and going there. You could have the same thing happening here. Thank you.

Joe Novak – Commented regarding the bicycle trails. I went to a DOT safety meeting and Wisconsin DOT controls the signage.

Dave Peterson – The place to go is the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation, they designate roads for bicycle trails. They will assist you with getting roads designated.

Andy Kostelny, Antigo and White Lake ATV Clubs – We have identified five talking points. 1) Open the trail from Lily to Augustyn Springs, which would go northwest of Lily and about 95% of that would be on county forest land, 2) Antigo to northeast to Bryant area and utilize a combination of town roads and county forest, 3) West side of Antigo over to

here in the Ackley area with trails leading to the northwest part of the county, 4) City of Antigo – open streets so riders could go from residence or businesses to trail system, and 5) Change railroad grade from Hwy. 64 to Lily. The comment period for the Master Plan will be opening up for the next five years.

Joe Jopek – Page 7 – Reference made to Wolf River entering county at Lower Post Lake (should be Upper Post Lake according to DNR Water Resources Report for Langlade County. Page 7 – Reference to Jack Lake as deepest lake in county. Not according to DNR Water Resources Report for Langlade County. Jack is 38 feet deep, Goto Lake in Town of Polar is 82 feet deep. Page 14 – Reference to First County Forest (1928) Historical Marker at Veteran’s Memorial Park is in need of some attention (corrosion). Pages 20-41 – Municipal spreadsheets not available. Page 43 – Reference to Lincoln County (boilerplate oversight?). Page 44 – Reference to City of Antigo update (when and where available?). Page 50 – Reference made to Ice Age Trail in Langlade is almost done. Optimistic? Reference made to local chapter remains committed to working with county and private landowners to complete the project. Very true, but please also identify state trail organization (Ice Age Trail Alliance) willing and committed to working with county and private landowners. Page 51 – Admission fees for county park users??? Page 53 – County recommendation to continue working with local Ice Age Trail chapter in maintaining trail stretches on county forest lands. We have enjoyed that cooperation since 1973 and look forward to the respect and continued support in the future. Page 54 – City of Antigo updated information? When and where available. Page 56 – Implementation Strategies – Shoreland Zoning? Recent state legislation has taken the teeth out of this tiger as an effective local measure to provide long term management of critical natural resource. More reference to specific resource programs for implementation might help in realizing the goals within the document. Interested in funding sources or assistance for purchasing future parcels. I want to commend the committee for having this public meeting and Fred for highly recommending it.

Jim Frisch – I have been cross-country skiing in the county since 1975, biking and snowmobile. I would like to commend the city for putting up the bike trail and the mountain bike trail at the old dump. I think what the county needs to do as far as the cross-country trails; such as, Gartzke and Moccasin Lake, which are currently by volunteers “friends groups”, the county will need to take a more active part when the volunteers can no longer do the work. The ATV trails and the mowing of the snowmobile trails must aggressively go after invasives; such as, garlic mustard and buckthorn. When you go up to Pelican Lake on the weekends, there is a volunteer at the landing checking boats and trailers. I don’t know what they are doing for ATVs and snowmobiles but when they mow they can pull some of the stuff the same way the loggers can and they can take it from one area and spread it through the county. It will cost of thousands of dollars to be proactive. You need to be aggressive on this.

Shaughn Novy – I know that there has been talk about bringing more events to Antigo. Based on a study by the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Horse Council, Wisconsin generates over \$1 billion in equine sales. We have an opportunity in central/north central Wisconsin to bring a lot of associations into the area. People travel and show their horses on a weekly basis. There are dozens actually. There are hundreds of

associations the last time I checked, but in order to do this you need an indoor facility. If you are familiar with the new equine facility in Illinois, also in Florida. They are supported by State and County because of the amount of money they bring in. Because we are so close to the corridor of Hwy. 64 and 29, we are in a perfect spot to do this for the Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin and Minnesota. If you are familiar with people who show, they definitely travel 7-8 hours. They stay in the community overnight so I would like to see interest in a facility study and perhaps developing an equine center at the Langlade County fairgrounds.

Ron Nye stated that this should be referred to the fairgrounds promotional committee.

Don Belanger, Antigo Bike & Ski Club – Would like to commend the City of Antigo on the walkway and the trails on the north side of town, and also I am a cross country skier and sometimes I don't have much time and it is really nice to be able to use the trails in town and whoever grooms it is doing an excellent job.

Bob Brown, Pearson – is the health officer for two Boy Scout camps – Makajawan and Camp Lyle. I basically came here for some answers to some questions. First of all, some historical history, 8 Boy Scout camps died last year including two in Langlade County, Camp Lyle and Camp Mach-Kin-O-Siew west of Elcho. Basically, I have heard that Camp Lyle may be purchased for a county park and I was hoping and would agree with that and would recommend it as the infrastructure is already there. You have wiring, toilets, showers, cabins that were used by staff, you have a huge building up there with offices up above and I would wholeheartedly recommend that you do that.

Erik Rantala, forest administrator, stated that the county has authorized him to apply for a Knowles Nelson stewardship grant to apply for funding to purchase that property so it is up to the county to evaluate the property. The county board of supervisors are very supportive to purchase that property.

Another issue is that I get e-mails from the State. About a year ago, the State of Wisconsin mandated the DNR to sell 10,000 acres of land. It was in three different phases. Phase 1 – they were going to go out and identify plots of land throughout the State to sell. Originally, there were 11 in Langlade County. The second phase had to do with actually recommending those that they were going to keep and what they were going to sell and they whittled those 11 down to four in Langlade County. One is right across the street from my house and I would like to find out what your recommendation is. They said that they were going to offer them to government organizations like counties first and then they were going to go out for bid. So at this point, they are in phase 3 which is selling the properties. I want to know what is going to happen to the property across the street. Thirdly, I work with the Langlade County Sled Dog Club and I work with people who do sled dogging racing and recreation out at the horse trails and out by Hwy. 52. Other than that I came here for information and to find out what is happening with Camp Lyle and the parcels being sold by the State.

Erik Rantala, forest administrator, stated that the original 11 parcels were whittled down to four. A lot of attention was paid to the spring ponds in Langlade County that were mentioned for sale and the DNR reviewed those properties and those were taken off the market. Four properties made it to be offered to the county. Now it is my understanding that those properties were evaluated and presented to the forestry committee last month and we are in the decision phase right now. It is my understanding from DNR real estate that if these properties are not acquired by the county that they will not be offered to the public. They want to keep these properties in public ownership. One property is in the Town of Evergreen and one in the Town of Wolf River. The one property in the Town of Elcho will be offered for private ownership. The property in the Town of Elcho is off Loon Lake Road and is landlocked. They are all available online.

Elsa McKenna – To praise the City of Antigo regarding the walkway and cross country ski trails in the City of Antigo and the new pavilion, which will invigorate the Farmers' Market and it goes to show that if you put it together, and it works, that people will come. I am on the walkway at least twice a week and never been on it when there haven't been others on it.

Don Meidl regarding the improvements at Jack Lake, were they put on bid or is it just some guy on the corner say I'll do it.

Erik Rantala stated that they were all put out on bid per State statute.

Meidl - Why did we need an enclosed shelter up there?

Rantala - It was identified in the last five year plan and the previous five year plan before that. That is why these things are so important. Those things are identified and it gives us goals to work towards and that happened to be one of them.

Meidl - So we are doing things in the main area of the campground, parking area. Can't we have a shelter of some kind put up at the lost 40?

Ron Nye – These items will be put in the five year plan and reviewed.

Meidl - They are rented out for family reunions and stuff.

There needs to be a better way to promote the county. We are also looking for volunteers.

Erik Rantala stated that Keri Beck is here representing Economic Development Corporation and we have been working with them. Rantala touched on the app that is available and text messaging.

Keri Beck stated that anyone can call (715-623-2085) with events or trail updates, which they put on their website, which is langladecounty.org. Also, there is Everbridge and text messaging. She checks the newspaper and Facebook. Their offices are located at NTC in the Wood Technology Center, they are the first office on the right-hand side.

Pete Resch – Would like to thank the forestry and highway departments for the work they have done with the Parrish Highlanders, Wolf River Riders, and the Town of Upham for helping to develop the route between Bass Lake Road and Hwy. B and the trailhead. Erik put a lot of work into this project and want to thank him a lot. There is really no reason, everyone has their own little thing – horses, walk, all kinds of things. There is no reason that everyone can't work together. It doesn't have to be for just one person or one group. If we all work together, we can have a trail system that works for everyone. Thank you.

Fred Heider – I have always appreciated the variety of groups that come to these meetings and that is why I really pushed the committee to have this again and I hoped that at least 10 people would show up. In all my other counties that I represent (10 counties), nobody shows up, maybe one person shows up. We just had a meeting in another county, they decided to do the same as Langlade County, and hold a meeting because they are no longer required to by DNR for this plan and one person showed up and said thanks, which is great. I appreciate all the groups that are volunteering through the years. I have done this for Langlade County for ten years now and all the rec groups are very supportive of each other and it has been a pleasure for me to work for these 10 years with the Regional Planning Commission with Langlade County. I also have an announcement to make. We received a grant to do a countywide bike and pedestrian plan for Langlade County that will start, WisDot says we won it, but I don't know when it will be starting because they treat it like a highway project so we know that in the next four years that it will start. We are trying to get to start next year, but we will have to see it about that.

Sarah Repp stated that she appreciated the positive comments that were received and their plan documents will be available for viewing on November 8 (election day) in the council chambers.

George Bornemann – Chapter 6 – bike trail (60 mile bike trail), which was carried over from a previous plan and seeing that it is here. I assume that it is still a possibility and a part of the plan. The last time we talked about it, we tried to map a route from the Parrish area all the way down to the Langlade County line. It is pretty much set and a number of people have ridden it. I think now that it is pretty much just a matter of signage and talk to the Plum Creek people about going through that parcel.

Ron Nye – call Erik at the office or myself if you have any other comments or questions. We welcome your calls.

Fred Heider – the plan is available on the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission website. There is a link from the county forestry website to Regional Planning's website.

OTHER PLAN REFERENCES

Map 1 summarizes the location of DNR Land Legacy areas, potential DNR State Trails, and potential trails from the NCWRPC Regional Bike Plan that are all summarized in Chapter 1 of this Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Plan.

NEEDS DRIVEN PARK PLANNING

Since the 1960's, an accepted practice has been to adopt a uniform national land standard, such as 10 acres per 1000 population, for park planning. A standard amount of land for parks and recreation cannot be universal for a park. A standard land measure is only useful for specific facilities like determining how much land is needed for a specific use like a baseball diamond. The number of baseball diamonds and other facilities are not the same among similar sized communities nationally.

The basis of this revised approach to park and recreation standards is to create a level of service as defined by the customers' needs rather than an arbitrary standard. The level of service is generated locally for each type of park, trail, or public access to a water body. Public input is collected in multiple ways and the needs for a particular park, trail, or public access to a water body are determined. When specific facilities are needed, then facility standards are used to design the facility and budget for the necessary land, materials, and labor to satisfy that need.

A needs driven and facilities based park planning approach presents the current demand for park and recreation opportunities. The size of a park site is determined by the number of facilities needed to satisfy the active recreation demand within the service area of each park, and the unprogrammed recreation land that buffers different uses within a park and which buffers the park from other non-park uses such as residential housing. Determining the space needs for unprogrammed land is subjective and objective based on firsthand knowledge of the area and how community residents and tourists use the parks. Determining how much unprogrammed land to use for buffering parks is subjective based upon how aesthetically pleasing an area should be, and what the surrounding land uses are.

The size of a park is determined by three criteria:

1. Physical geography. Does the site have steep hills, woodlands, or wetlands? Such natural features are useful for exploration, conservation, aesthetic buffers, and unprogrammed lands.
2. Park facilities. What activities are allowed or will be allowed? How much land is needed for each use?
3. Unprogrammed buffers. How much land within the park is needed to separate different uses? How much land is needed for future expansion? Maybe a park will not expand within 2-years, but within 10-20 years expansion may be imminent. When the opportunity to buy land exists, then reaction must be swift to seize the opportunity. A park growth boundary should be created for this reason.

Chapter 5

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The development of an efficient outdoor recreation plan depends upon establishing specific recreation and open-space goals and objectives from public participation. These goals and objectives will provide general direction to the Forestry, Recreation, and Parks Department for outdoor recreation purposes over the next 5 years.

Goal 1 – Protect, restore, and enhance the natural resources in Langlade County for outdoor recreation.

Objectives

1. Follow Best Management Practices for water quality and for invasive species control in development of outdoor recreation facilities. This will maintain forest certification.
2. Cooperate with those who are implementing the Good Neighbor Authority to improve forest health on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.
3. Identify and preserve sites that have scientific, historic, or archeological significance. Cooperating with DNR to establish state natural areas is one way to preserve such sites.

Goal 2 – Promote recreational opportunities in Langlade County.

Objectives

1. Provide recreational updates about new facilities and changing conditions on existing facilities to Langlade County Tourism.
2. Cooperate with user groups to provide a wide variety of year-round passive and active outdoor recreation facilities, while reducing user conflict by keeping incompatible uses reasonably separate from one another.

Goal 3 – Continue to improve and develop outdoor recreation opportunities throughout Langlade County.

Objectives

1. Focus on creating a high quality cross-country ski experience.
2. Continue upgrading facilities to reasonably accommodate the elderly and disabled.
3. Finish developing the Wolf River State Trail.
4. Upgrade existing trails of all types.
5. Become a bicycle friendly county.

Chapter 6

RECOMMENDATIONS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The following recommendations are aimed at satisfying needs identified to build Langlade County's status as the "County of Trails," while also recognizing the great County Forest acreage to provide recreation facilities for all Langlade County residents and visitors.

The recommendations and capital improvements are based on the goals and objectives, and the public comment documented in Chapter 4-Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment. Although it is unlikely that all recommendations presented in this plan will be undertaken in the next five years, they should be recognized as causes for action if the opportunity or need arises.

COUNTYWIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Improve Cross-Country Ski Experience

There are four cross-country ski trail areas in the county (i.e. Moccasin Lake, Jack Lake, Gartzke, and Kettlebowl). Public sentiment in the Online Survey promoted the idea of focusing on maintaining only one trail area in a high quality, consistent manner, all winter long.

Recommendations:

1. Pick the cross-country ski trail system (i.e. Moccasin Lake, Jack Lake, Gartzke, or Kettlebowl) where a consistent, high quality ski experience will be maintained all winter, and provide both county and volunteer maintenance for that system.
2. Continue voluntary donation systems at all the trails to help support ongoing and future maintenance.
3. Establish an annual button fee (potentially \$25) for cross country ski trail use.
4. Continue to support volunteer's maintenance of the cross country ski trail systems.

Communicating Trail Use Interruptions

Everyone recognizes that the County Forest is actively managed, which means sustainable harvesting occurs and trails temporarily close. Planning ahead for the next weekend is important for tourists.

Recommendation:

1. Continually updating the "Activity and Trail Reports" section of the "www.langladecounty.org" website is the easiest way to get trail closure notices out to the public.
2. Provide these trail notices to clubs in the County, so they may also push out the information to their members.
3. Don't forget to also update any GIS trail layers available through the Langlade County App that people download to their mobile devices.



Plan Bicycle Routes Countywide

Two equally big themes to the Online Survey comments were:

- 1) increase ATV / UTV trails (Question 21 provided 71 related comments); and
- 2) Increase bicycle trails (Question 27 provided 79 related comments).

All roads in Langlade County are available to bicycle on legally, but high and moderate traffic roads may need a paved shoulder to make travel for bicycles safer.

This recommendation is to pursue creating a bicycle facilities plan to determine what locally approved roads and highways could become bike routes.

New Bicycle & ATV Trail

The following bicycle and ATV trail was suggested during the public meeting on Oct. 18, 2011. Create a trail using fire lanes on county forest lands from Parrish to Summit Lake to Jack Lake to the Kettle Bowl area to White Lake. This would be about a 60 mile trail. Approvals and trail signs (color coded for bicycling difficulty) would be needed to make these existing roadways a trail.

Ice Age Trail Development

The Ice Age Trail in Langlade County has a final trail area identified to finish the trail. The local chapter and the Ice Age Trail Alliance remain willing and committed to working with the county and private landowners to complete the trail.

Wolf River State Trail

Develop a parking lot with handicapped parking spots at West Hollister Road, and connect it to the Wolf River bridge with a handicap accessible trail. Establish a small shelter, and other amenities to assist the handicapped.

Continue to work on creating an ATV alternative trail where the original trail will not allow upgrades for ATV's usage in summer. See Map 2 for sections of this trail that don't allow ATV use.

Complete resurfacing of entire trail.

Campground Reservations

The next step for the County of Trails to attract more tourists is to accept advanced campground registrations, which is just like reserving a hotel room. Allowing tourists and residents to reserve campground spots in advance provides a guarantee that a spot exists when they get there. After a reservation system is established, if a campsite is not reserved, then drive-in and self-registration would be allowed. If there is concern that tourists will reserve all the spots first, then resident registration could occur 1 week earlier, and a resident and non-resident fee could be charged too.

Campground Admission Fee

Brief Background: Veterans Memorial Park & Campground had the same campsite registration fee since 2007 (\$20/night). Restrooms and the camp sites were improved, so in 2016 the campsite registration fee went up to \$30/night. Currently no admission is charged to enter the park.

This recommendation is to add an admission fee for everyone who enters the park, and then maybe the campsite price could come down. Maybe the campers would just show their registration tag to get free admission, or maybe they would pay a reduced admission fee.

Possible admission fees:

- \$2/car daily admission fee;
- No fee for those with reserved campsites (an extra tag will be needed for display in the primary car's windshield for free admission);
- For reserved campsites, a second vehicle sticker/windshield tag could be purchased - \$5 regardless of how long the reservation is for;
- \$10/car annual admission fee.

Waukesha County Parks charge:

1. a daily admission fee of \$4 per car;
2. an annual admission fee of \$32 for the first car, & \$16 for up to two more cars;
3. resident senior annual = \$16/car, & \$10 for up to two more cars.

<https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/parkfees/>

Develop Formal Volunteerism Mechanism

Langlade County residents have maintained various parks and trails throughout the county for decades. Many of the groups of people who initiated various trails and parks would like to pass on their maintenance responsibilities to others who love the facilities as much as they do.

This recommendation is to create various “friends of...” groups for each facility that has had a dedicated group of volunteers.

The second part to this recommendation is to encourage existing groups to establish annual membership drives, and to establish leadership terms so that new people may participate in directing the organization, regardless of if the group is formally organized or not.

The third part of this recommendation is to create an “Adopt-a-Park or Trail” program. Marathon County Parks has this program. Creating this program encourages residents to visit their chosen site on a regular basis, and to report through the online form any problems or to suggest improvements. This may be a way to directly advertise to volunteers any special events at the particular park or trail. One day these occasional monitors may convert to park/trail volunteers.

Map 5

Forest Management Units

Langlade County, Wisconsin

- Town Boundary
- US & State Highways
- County Highways
- Water

Forest Management Units

- Ackley
- Augustyn Springs
- Camp Susan
- Evergreen
- Fisher Lake
- Hunting River
- Jack Lake
- Kettlebowl
- Lloyd Creek
- Lost Lake
- Parrish-Elcho
- Stevens Springs

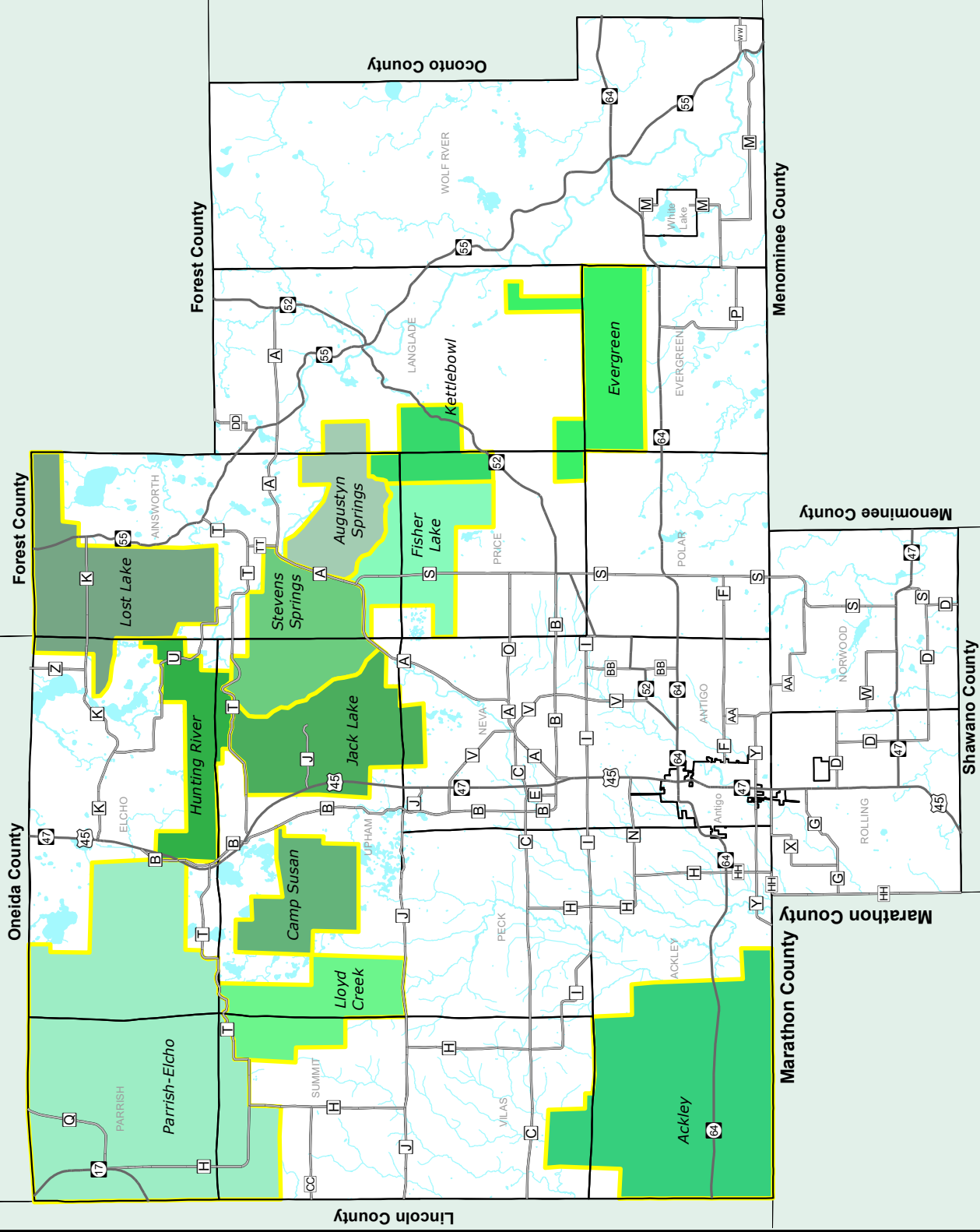
Source: WIDNR, Langlade County, NCWRPC
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COUNTY FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations were taken from the 15-year County Forest Plan.

Elcho and Parrish Management Units

- Continue to improve and maintain Parrish Highlands ATV Trail.
- Continue to improve and maintain Moccasin Lake X-C Ski Trail and Horse Trail.
- Work with local Ice Age Trail Chapter to continue to maintain Ice Age Trail.
- Maintain Ice Trail.

Ackley Management Unit

- Continue to work with Antigo DNR to maintain this area for wildlife and waterfowl production.
- Develop Mills Recreation Area for a hiking/biking trail.

Lost Lake Management Unit

- Continue to develop ATV connector trail.
- Develop bird watching area in Spider Creek Flowage.

Jack Lake/Stevens Spring Management Units

- Further develop and improve bike trail and hiking trail.
- Develop horseback trail in area of existing X-C ski trail.
- Further develop and maintain hunter walking trail.
- Monitor use of new primitive campground and possibly expand.
- Maintain Ice Age Trail.

Augustyn Springs/Fisher Lake Management Units

- Work with local clubs to connect trail to businesses and other ATV trails.
- Develop walking trail around Lawrence Lake.
- Maintain Ice Age Trail.

Kettlebowl

- Continue to expand X-C ski trail.
- Work with club to update equipment and ski hill
- Begin to develop a tubing hill.
- Maintain Ice Age Trail.

Evergreen Management Unit

- Continue to develop and maintain horse and dog sled trail.
- Further develop primitive camping area for users of horse trail.
- Develop an ATV trail that will connect to Augustyn Springs Trail.

Camp Susan Management Unit

- Improve and further develop hiking trail.

CITY OF ANTIGO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations came from the City of Antigo.

Refer to Antigo Park Master Plan for additional details.

The City of Antigo has their own Outdoor Recreation Plan.

- All parks and/or trail segments should have uniform signage that states the park name, address, or location information;
- Collaborate with various groups, organizations, clubs, and individuals to promote and grow recreational opportunities within our community; enhancing our local quality of life and providing a desirable place to stay for visitors.
- Continue expansion of paved off-road routes for our city trail and bike system
- Develop parks that provide amenities that can function and serve the community and visitors and provide the ability to host a variety of events and programs.
- Work with law enforcement to deter vandalism to parks and trail systems.

TOWN OF ANTIGO

Projects Accomplished and Recommendations came from the Town's reply to their survey.

Projects Accomplished:

- Extended ATV trail from City of Antigo to Town of Neva, through the Town of Antigo.
- City of Antigo extended bike trail through the Town of Antigo.

Recommendations:

- None listed.

TOWN OF ELCHO

Recommendations came from the Town's reply to their survey.

Recommendations:

- Improve boat landings/access points to water bodies.
- Continue to maintain & improve X-C ski facilities.
- Develop hiking trails and mark them for easy identification.
- Continue to maintain & enlarge equestrian trails.

TOWN OF UPHAM

Recommendations came from a comment in the Online Survey.

Recommendations:

- Improve boat landings/access points to water bodies.

COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2017–2021

Capital improvements to parks are the addition of labor and materials that improve the overall value and usefulness of that park. Capital improvements are designed and funded individually through segregated municipal funds. Routine maintenance is considered the normal cycle of repair and upkeep for existing facilities. Routine maintenance does not increase the value or usefulness of the park, and is traditionally funded through the Langlade County Forestry, Recreation, and Parks Department's operations budget. Non-routine maintenance of park facilities, however, is usually considered a capital improvement item. For example, upgrading an outdoor restroom facility for universal access would qualify as a capital improvement, while repainting an outdoor restroom would be considered routine maintenance.

What is projected to occur from 2017-2021?

The following tables are Capital Improvement Plans proposed for the Langlade County Forestry, Recreation, and Parks Department managed recreational system. The projects are not listed in a priority and are subject to change. The Langlade County Forestry, Recreation, and Parks Department created each capital improvement plan. All upgrades and new construction will take into consideration meeting ADA standards. As funds become available, the following projects will be completed.

Table 27 New Campground Five Year Capital Improvement Plan	
	Estimated Cost
Purchase former Camp Lyle Boy Scout camp	\$1,598,000
Campsite development	\$50,000
Road construction	\$60,000
Remodeling and building construction	\$100,000
Equipment purchases	\$65,000
Beach access rehabilitation	\$30,000
Electric service distribution	\$35,000
Total Estimated Cost for Five – Year Plan	\$1,938,000

Chapter 7

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

INTRODUCTION

There are a number of different strategies available for the implementation of this plan. This includes securing funds to carry out the five year planning program and adopting techniques to carry out the general recommendations and to move towards attainment of the goals and objectives set forth in this plan.

Attachment D lists state and federal government financial assistance programs.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Shoreland Zoning

Wisconsin's Shoreland Management Program established statewide minimum standards for shoreland development. Counties are required to adopt and administer shoreland zoning ordinances that meet or exceed these minimum requirements. The statewide minimum standards for county shoreland zoning ordinances are found in Chapter NR 115, Wis. Admin. Code. Be sure to check with Langlade County to find out about their development standards.

Public Access to Waterways

Langlade County Land Division Ordinance and §236.16(3) Wis. Stats. require dedication of public access in subdivisions along waterways unless there is a public access within ½ mile of the subdivision.

Park Dedication

Subdivision regulations can be used by counties to require residential subdividers to dedicate a portion of subdivided land for permanent park and open space use in areas which are experiencing significant residential growth. Neighborhood parks may be acquired in this manner in newly developing residential areas. Local landowners should also be encouraged to dedicate land to their communities for recreational uses. Numerous small town memorial parks have been acquired through the generosity of local citizens. If citizens are made aware of community needs, this form of private action may continue to enrich the public resources of small communities. Langlade County will focus efforts to provide connectivity between developments/subdivisions and recreation areas through trail development. The County will support development of other recreation areas within developments/subdivisions where feasible.

Use of Easements

Open space and public recreation use of private land may be acquired by easement. With an easement, certain rights are granted to the public for a specific period of time and the private owner is compensated for that public use. In purchasing an easement, the public body acquires a right

either to use the land in a specific manner or to restrict the use to which an owner may put their land. For example, the rights to establish public hiking or fishing access to a waterway may be purchased through an easement.

Leases

Leases may be used as measures to use or protect land until more permanent measures may be found. By leasing parcels of land, the land remains on the county's and the community's tax rolls and can be renegotiated or non-renewed by the property owner if the monetary prospects for another use proves overpowering.

Another leasing method involves outright purchase of land by the county. The county then leases the land to a private party or organization with use restrictions placed on the land. Under this method, the county receives some monetary return on its investment and retains control over the use of the land.

Historic Sites

Historical sites can be rewarding additions to any community's recreation program. This is especially true in areas oriented to serving a significant tourist trade. Nearly all communities in North Central Wisconsin are in this category and they should all identify their historic sites. A study of potential areas is encouraged. Assistance and guidance for the study can be obtained from the Wisconsin Council for local History, an organization affiliated with the State Historical Society and the local County Historical Society.

Program Costs

A community should carefully watch operations and maintenance costs when setting up a parks program. A too ambitious acquisition and/or development program can easily lead to annual costs larger than the community can afford to meet. Recreation facilities like golf courses and swimming pools, for example, require large annual maintenance investments to continue.

Capital Improvements

Community officials should develop five year capital improvements programs for recreation that reflect implementation of proposals made in their plans and the priorities they place on them. To be functional, the program must be flexible and be subjected to annual review.

In developing a recreation program, care should be taken that the annual cost of maintenance does not exceed an amount the community can afford to pay. Too often, an ambitious program can lose community support as a result of prohibitive maintenance costs.

Monetary Aid Programs

Take advantage of state and federal financial and technical aid programs, which are designed, to assist communities in meeting recreational, needs, and maintain community eligibility for such programs. Attachment D explains part of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, and other programs.

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is a comprehensive aid program for the promotion of resource conservation and outdoor recreation opportunities. It consists of several older aid programs such as LAWCON and Local Park Aids, combined with new programs, such as the Urban Rivers Program.

Requirements for application to the Stewardship Fund include the requirement that the applicant submits an approved comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. This plan is designed to meet that requirement. For the remaining program requirements, or additional information contact:

Community Services Specialist
Rhineland Service Center
107 Sutliff Ave
Rhineland, WI 54501

Attachment D provides a list of state and federal government financial assistance programs.

Besides state and federal aid programs, there are other sources of funding such as private foundations, trust funds, and civic and recreation organizations.

Future Planning

At a minimum, all communities should reassess their recreational needs near the end of the five year period covered by this plan. More frequent appraisal of needs may be called for under certain conditions such as extreme variations in funding capability, rapid population changes, actions of other units of government and private enterprise, and the recognition of new legislation, laws, and public programs.

Lifetime Activities

Community and school officials responsible for recreation should place greater emphasis on land areas and facilities that can support "lifetime" recreational activities. Falling into this category are activities like golf, tennis, all target sports, horseshoes, cross country skiing, skating, running, volleyball, handball, badminton, back packing, and canoeing. Many schools have programs aimed at teaching recreational activities that people can participate in for a lifetime.

Snowmobile/ATV Routes

Since snowmobiles and ATVs can be considered a noise nuisance and a hazard for non-users, municipalities may wish to designate specific routes through the municipality for snowmobile/ATV use instead of designating all roads open to snowmobiles and ATVs.

Winter Activities

All communities should provide winter outdoor recreation facilities. Skating and sliding sports (sledding, tobogganing, and skiing) can generally be provided without large investments. Skating, for example, can be as involved as providing rinks for ice hockey or as simple as flooding a small area of a school playground. Likewise, merely blocking off a lightly traveled street with a suitable slope can frequently provide a sliding area.

Specialized Facilities

Encourage development of specialized facilities by the private sector. Specialized facilities such as golf courses, intensive use ATV areas, and ski resorts can be an important adjunct to public recreational facilities. Quality and availability for public use should be emphasized.

Municipal & School District Cooperation

Promote cooperation between municipalities and school districts in meeting recreational needs. With good planning, cooperation may take the form of joint land acquisition and/or facilities development cost sharing. Increased municipal use of existing school facilities during non-school hours should also be encouraged.

Senior Citizen Involvement

Involve senior citizens in community park development and beautification and provide recreational facilities for their use. Although senior citizens often compose a significant proportion of the total community's population, they are often neglected in recreational planning. Benches placed near neighborhood parks and play areas and non-intensive sports facilities such as horseshoe pits located in community parks help to provide a place for the senior citizens. Small, passive use parks and garden located near nursing and retirement homes should also be encouraged. In addition, senior citizens can provide invaluable assistance in beautifying parks and open spaces and can thereby become more involved in community group life.

Service Group Involvement

Involve organized service groups in needed park and recreation development, including development of competitive sports area and neighborhood parks. Traditionally, service groups and recreation organizations, such as Lions Club, V.F.W., softball leagues, and snowmobile clubs have played an active role in the development of such facilities. Continued activity of this type should be encouraged. In addition, service groups could help to meet the need for neighborhood facilities by supplementing municipal financial resources and providing organization and volunteer labor.

Community Beautification

All communities should recognize that community appearance is an important component of a recreation program. Maintained streets and sidewalks, attractive trees and shrubs, well cared for homes and commercial buildings, and neatly landscaped home lawns, public open space, and parks are principal contributors to community beautification. Such a program is most rewarding to persons engaged in passive recreation.

Adopt-A-Park Program

A program which encourages local groups to adopt-a-park or segment of trail or stream could be organized similar to the very successful *Adopt a Highway* program. The groups could volunteer their time to maintain and beautify the county's recreational system, allowing more county funds to provide major improvements.

Chapter 8

PROVISIONS FOR UPDATING

Essential characteristics of any planning process include an inventory of what exists, determining what has occurred since the last plan was created, and what is desired locally for the future. Periodic updating of the plan is necessary for continued refinement and course correction to keep the plan current.

Some of the planning recommendations will not be accomplished within this five year plan period, and additional recommendations may be added as new recreational activities are requested or the status of existing facilities changes.

Annual review of the plan recommendations and capital improvement tables by the Langlade County Forestry & Recreation Committee will keep this plan current. This review may also occur after a large turn over in elected officials after a County Board election.

Process:

1. Langlade County Forestry & Recreation Committee reviews plan and takes a vote on what changes to make.
2. Those changes and a copy of the meeting minutes are forwarded to the DNR's Community Financial Assistance staff in Rhineland. Submission of the minutes and changes automatically constitutes DNR grant eligibility for those changes.

Establishing a **full plan update every five years** will assure that the plan reflects changes in the recreational needs of the county, and will maintain the county's eligibility for grant programs.

The review process includes surveying the local units of government, outdoor recreation groups, and the general public about what their needs are regarding outdoor recreation such as:

1. What improvements are needed to existing facilities?
2. What new facilities are necessary to satisfy demand?
3. Which potential projects fulfill this demand?

The Langlade County Forestry & Recreation Committee will review information collected from surveys, and evaluate the need for proposed projects based on standards and Goals & Objectives as outlined in this plan.

Submission of 1) the revised plan, and 2) the County Board resolution approving the plan, to the DNR is the final step to extending the ORP for another 5 years. DNR approval of the ORP will come if the correct process was followed.

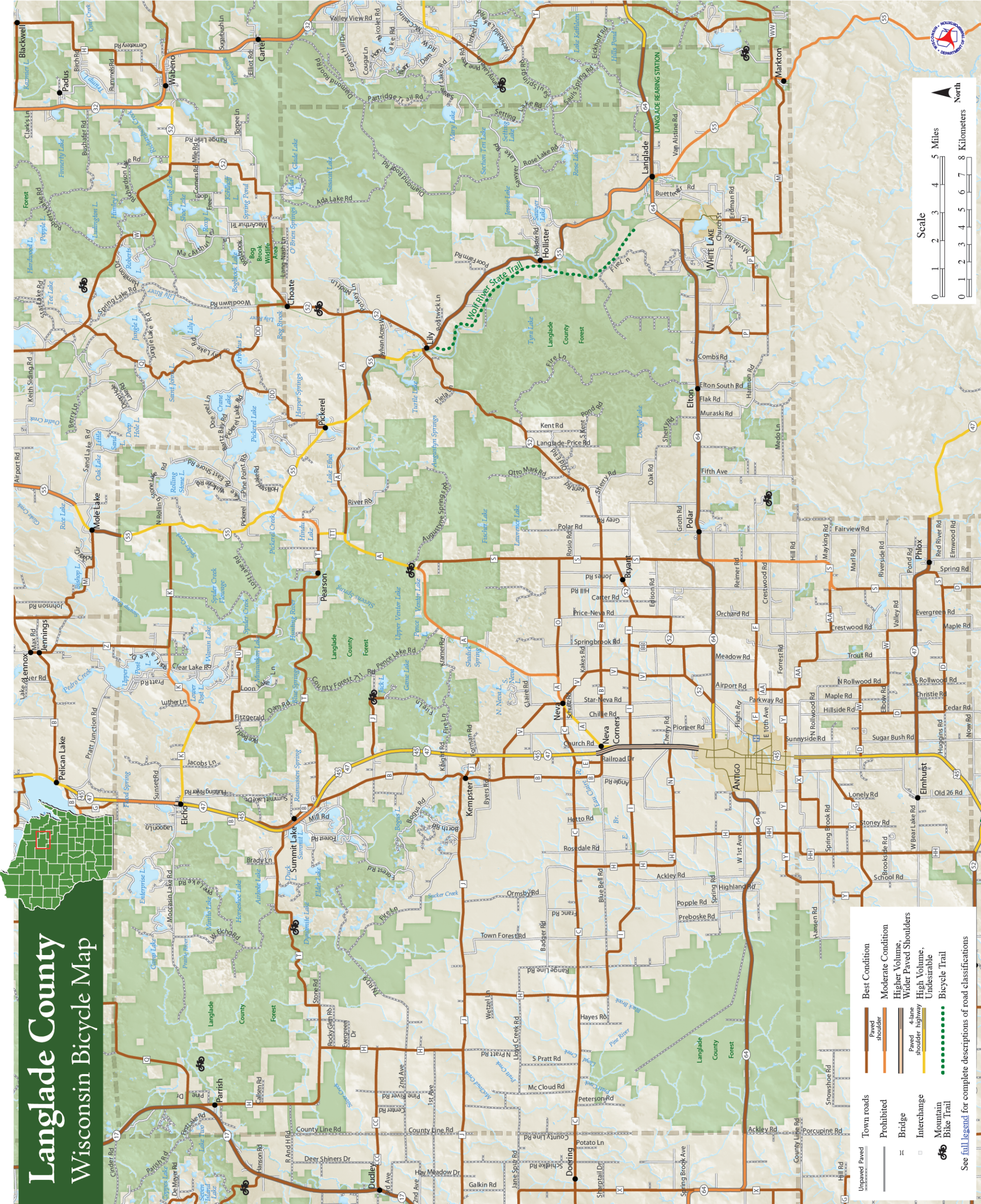
ATTACHMENT A

Langlade County Wisconsin Bicycle Map

From: Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Langlade County

Wisconsin Bicycle Map



ATTACHMENT B

Outdoor Recreation Online Survey Results

Compiled by: NCWRPC

Langlade County ORP Survey

Response Summary

Langlade County Outdoor Recreat...

Summary

Design Survey

Collect Responses

Analyze Results

DESIGN SUMMARY



Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Survey
Created on 3/3/2016

✓ Questions: 36, Pages: 30

✓ Survey language: English

✓ Theme: Aqua

No logo added

✓ Logic added

Edit Design

Preview Survey

RESPONSE SUMMARY

SURVEY ALERTS: OFF

221

Total Responses

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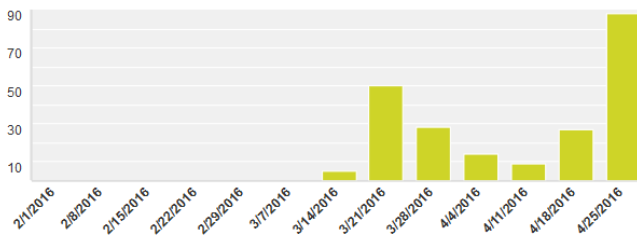
Overall Survey Status

Collectors

Web Link Town Poster	Responses: 5	Since 3/8/2016	CLOSED
Web Link City Village Library	Responses: 3	Since 3/8/2016	CLOSED
Facebook News Media	Responses: 1	Since 3/15/2016	CLOSED
Facebook Chamber APP	Responses: 0	Since 3/15/2016	CLOSED
Web Link Langlade Forestry	Responses: 14	Since 3/3/2016	CLOSED
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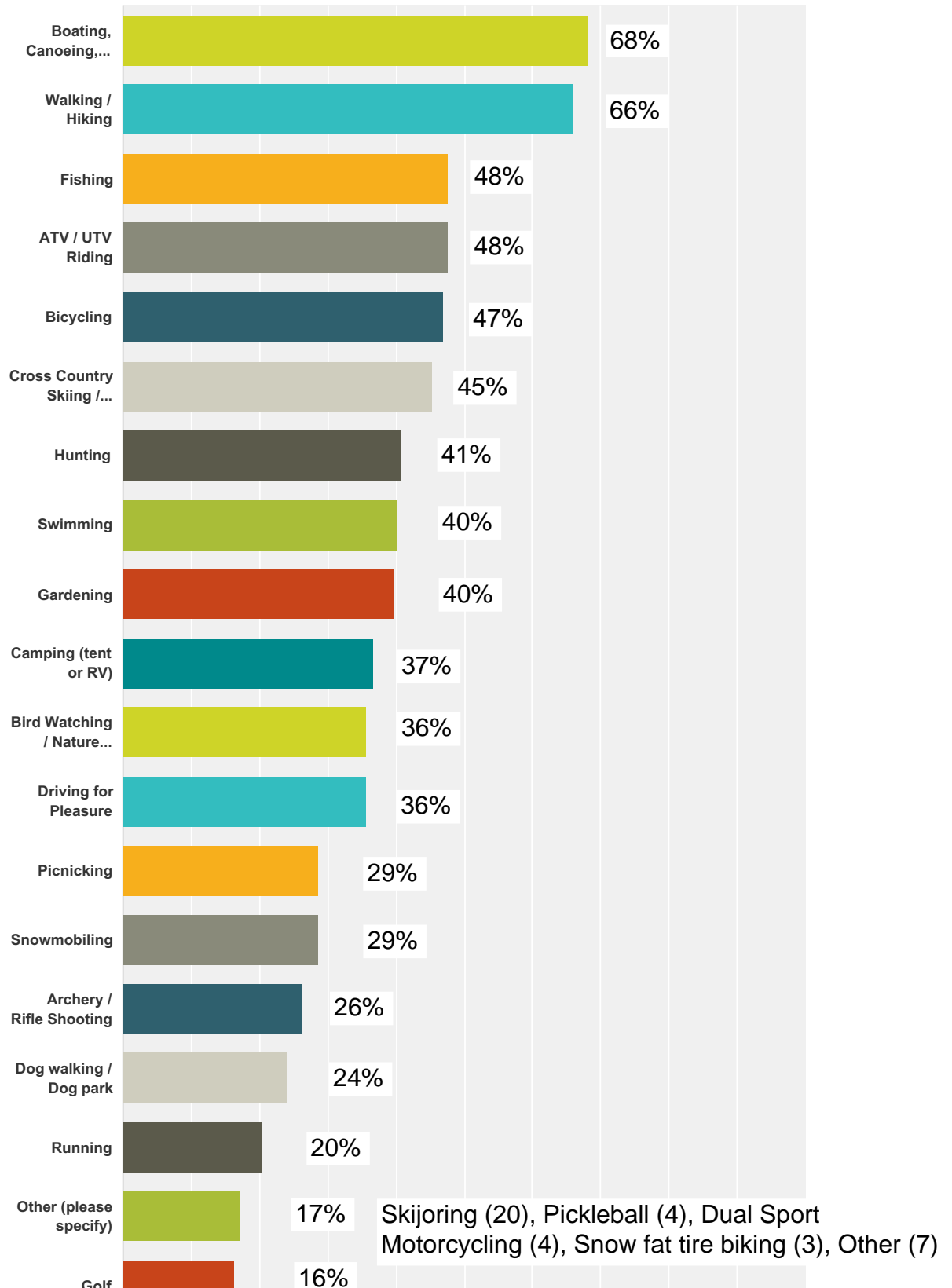
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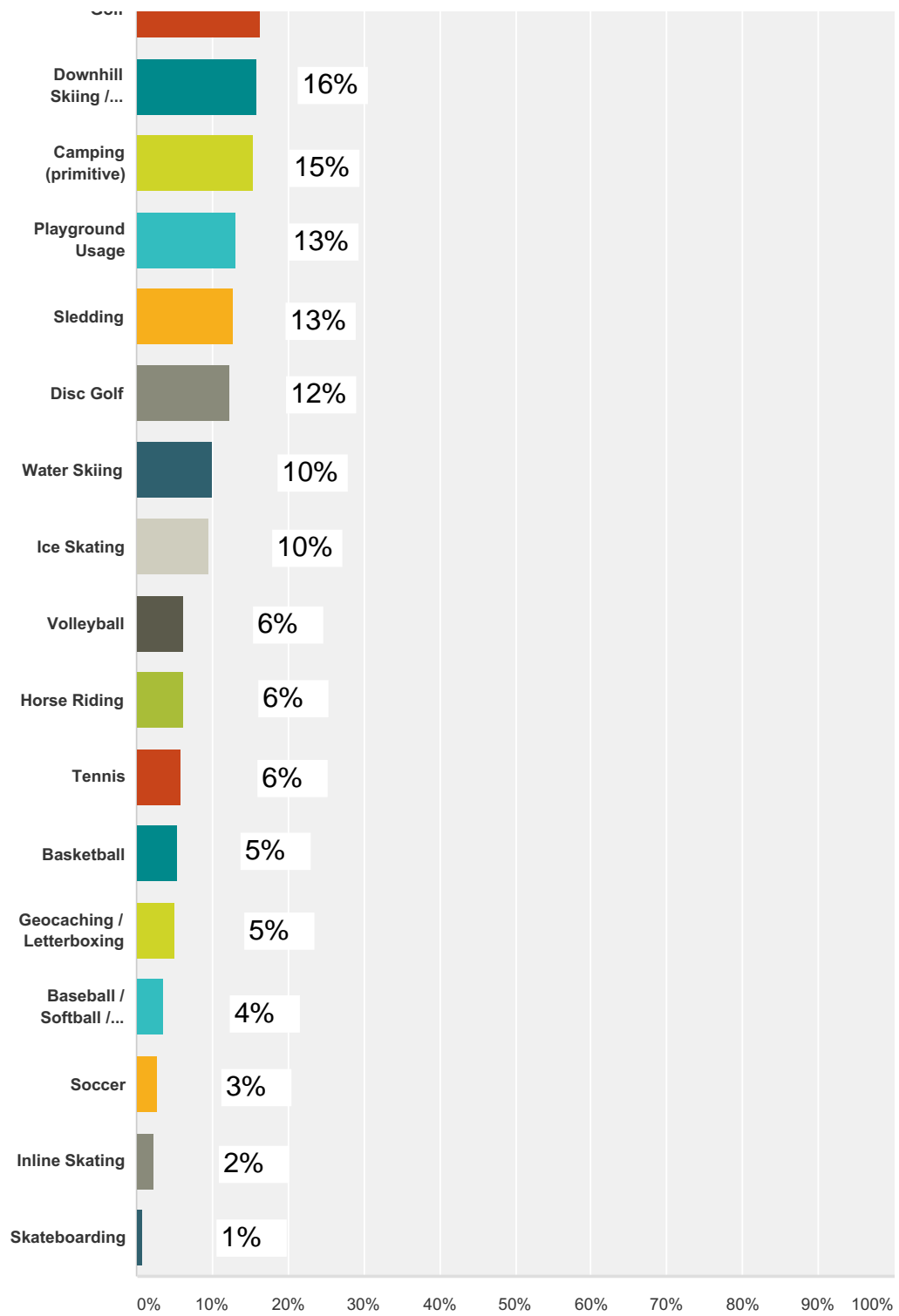


Q1 Which recreational activities did you participate in during 2015? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 221 Skipped: 0



Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Survey



Answer Choices	Responses
Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking	68.33% 151
Walking / Hiking	66.06% 146
Fishing	47.51% 105
ATV / UTV Riding	47.51% 105

Q2 What potential outdoor recreational opportunities should be developed?

Increase ATV/UTV trails – 63 responses

Better trails
Less road routes

Increase Bicycling trails/bike lanes – 62 responses

Mountain biking
Paved shoulders on roads
Winter biking

Ice Age Trail (IAT) / hiking paths – 21 responses

More walking/hiking paths
Promote IAT

Dog sled racing/trail – 14 responses

Develop longer dog sled trails for mid-distance mushing

More cross country skiing trails and snowshoe trails – 9 responses

Skijouring – 4 responses

Snowmobiling – 4 responses

Horse options w/ camping – 3 responses

Pickleball courts needed – 2 responses

More primitive camping needed – 2 responses

Dedicate Veterans Park as for only silent sports – 2 responses

Q3 Where in Langlade County did you go for outdoor recreation in 2015?

Veterans Memorial County Park – 46 responses

Jack Lake County Park – 40 responses

Gartzke Flowage – 39 responses

Kettlebowl – 21 responses

Moccasin Lake Rd Ski Trail – 15 responses

County Forest land – 15 responses

Antigo parks and Spring Brook Trail – 40 responses

Ice Age Trail – 21 responses

Parrish Area ATVing – 36 responses

ATVing (general note or small specific area) – 46 responses

Augustyn Springs ATVing – 9 responses

Crocker Hills ATVing – 3 responses

Crocker Hills sled dog trail – 15 responses

Crocker Hills canoeing – 1 responses

Crocker Hills – 5 responses

Bicycling – 13 responses

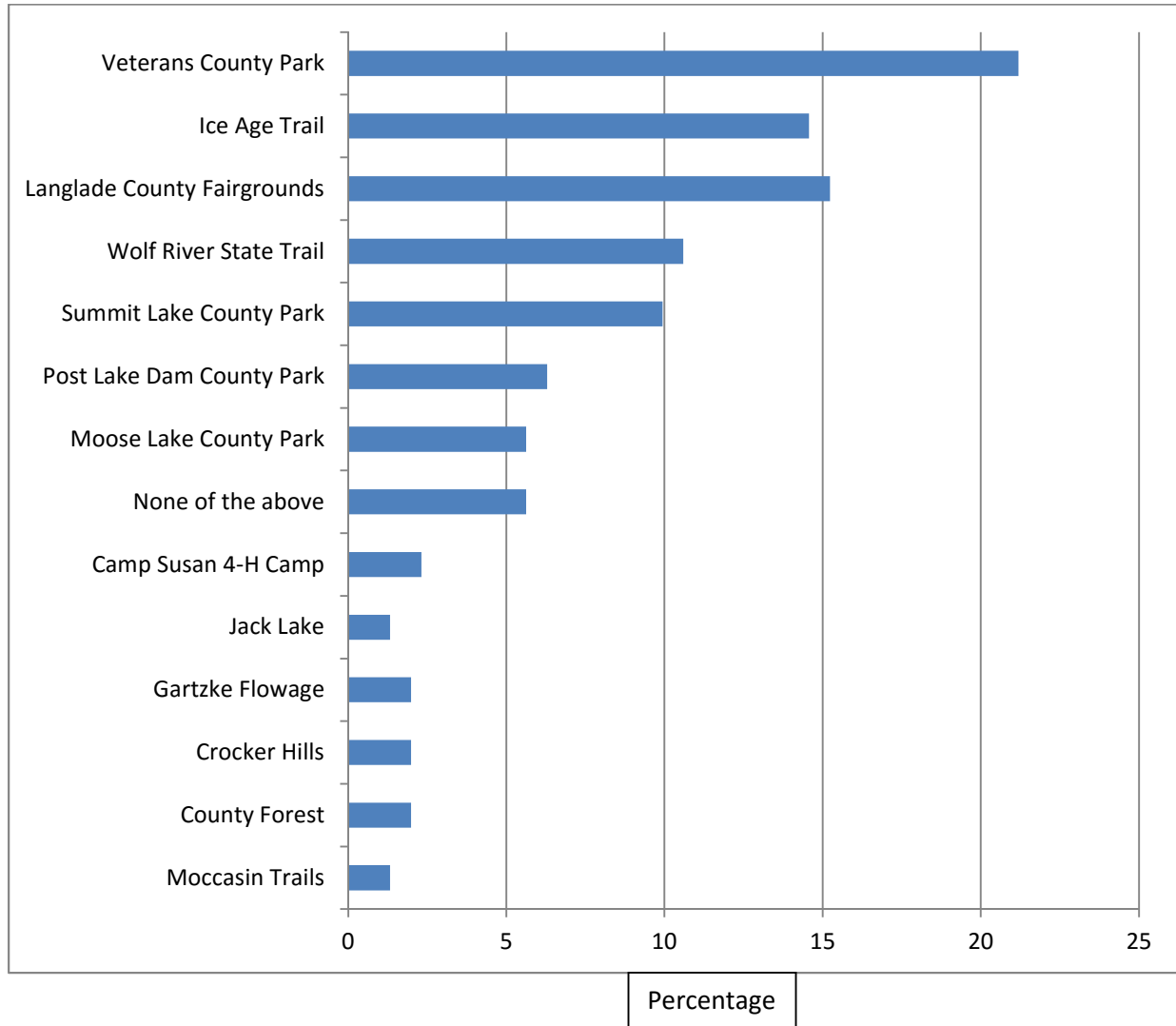
Snowmobiling – 12 responses

Moose Lake – 9 responses

Summit Lake – 8 responses

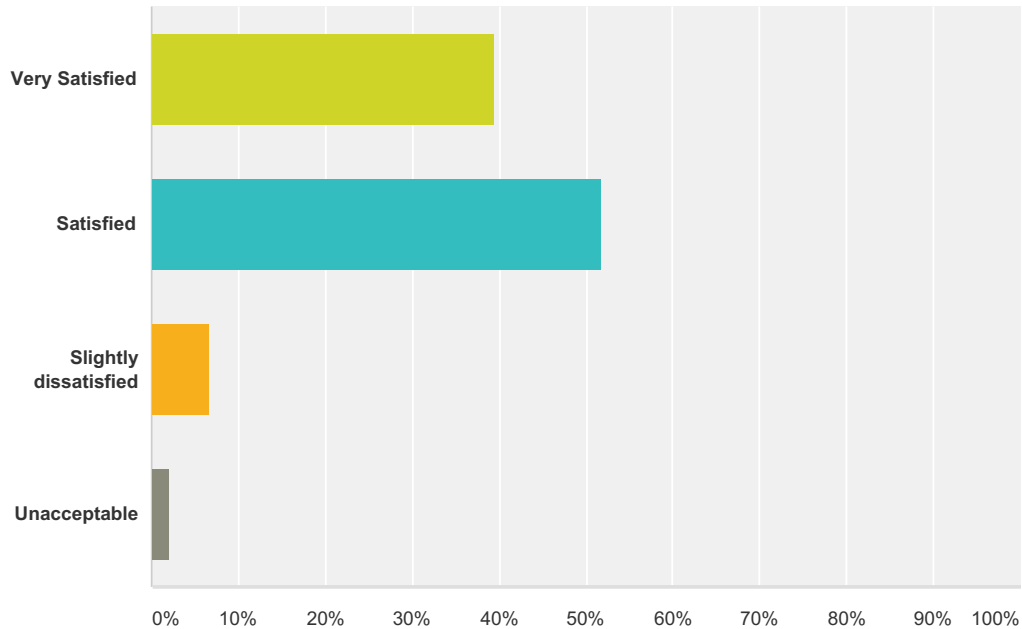
Post Lake – 5 responses

Q4 Which of the following Langlade County Managed facilities have you used or visited in 2015?



Q5 What is your overall satisfaction with the condition of the LANGLADE COUNTY MANAGED facilities you visited in 2015? (Choose one.)

Answered: 195 Skipped: 26



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Satisfied	39.49%	77
Satisfied	51.79%	101
Slightly dissatisfied	6.67%	13
Unacceptable	2.05%	4
Total		195

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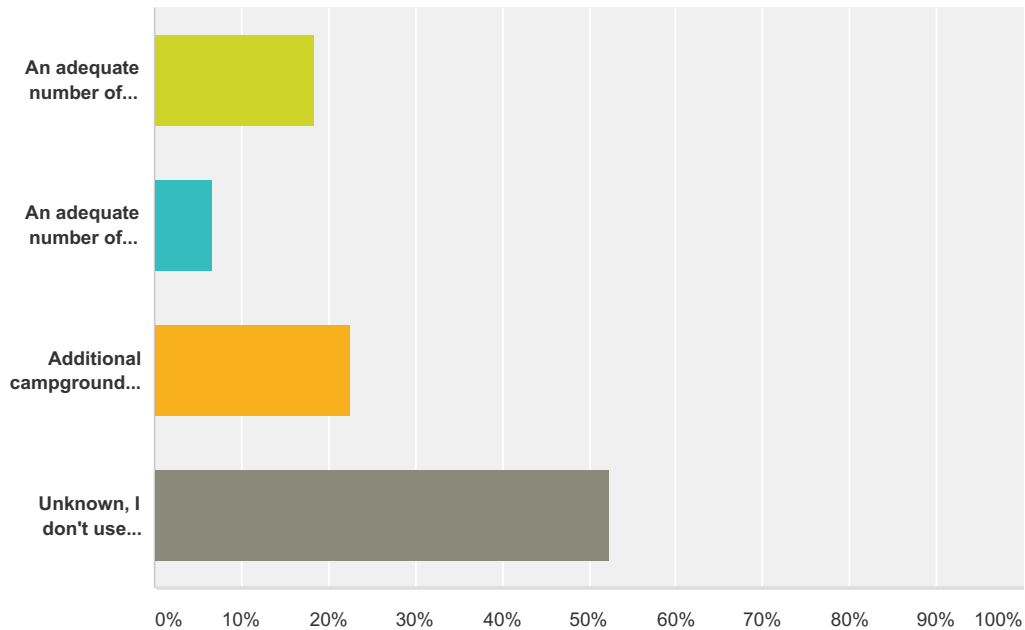
Q6 What improvements are needed at LANGLADE COUNTY MANAGED facilities? (Please describe.)

Answered: 17 Skipped: 204

#	Responses	Date
1	Board walk on east side of Jack Lake	4/27/2016 7:28 PM
2	To use the race track at fairgrounds for races again	4/25/2016 8:47 PM
3	Better Long range planning	4/25/2016 8:18 PM
4	Keep ATVs off sled trails because they have no regard for anyone but themselves.	4/25/2016 5:52 PM
5	Get the people off these committees that ARE NEGATIVE ON ATV/UTVS	4/25/2016 4:33 PM
6	Cut back on logging. We have too many snow mobile trails	4/23/2016 10:35 AM
7	Forrest Mgmt is too aggressive on the side of logging. What once were beautiful trails are now raped woods that have turned into freeways.	4/23/2016 10:02 AM
8	Ice Age Trail in Langlade Co. is subservient to money based recreational activity such as ATV trails.	4/22/2016 10:31 PM
9	Updated facilities and maintenance. Better marketing.	4/22/2016 2:10 PM
10	The facilities County has have improved over the years. Non facility usage should also be considered and how to promote usage.	4/19/2016 10:30 AM
11	Make trails available and safe for hiking without coyote and bear hunters and their dogs. Make more trails accessible and safe for use by sled dog teams.	4/10/2016 12:21 AM
12	Camping sites at Jack Lake facility were not graded (uneven ground hard to level camper).Not very clean in camping area.More sites need to be created .	4/7/2016 8:37 AM
13	better upkeep and maintenance	3/30/2016 4:06 PM
14	longer dog sled trails and primitive camping oportunitys	3/28/2016 11:54 AM
15	Trails are rutted from prior logging activities with ponding that wasn't there before. Now dry areas have 12" of water and muck.	3/27/2016 7:36 PM
16	less tire ruts on the trails	3/27/2016 7:26 PM
17	better mountain bike trails	3/27/2016 5:59 PM

**Q7 Regarding LANGLADE COUNTY
MANAGED campgrounds, do you think
that... (Choose one.)**

Answered: 212 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate number of campground facilities exist, and they are in good condition.	18.40%	39
An adequate number of campground facilities exist, but improvements are needed.	6.60%	14
Additional campground facilities are needed.	22.64%	48
Unknown, I don't use campgrounds.	52.36%	111
Total		212

**Q8 What improvements are needed at
LANGLADE COUNTY MANAGED
campgrounds? (Please identify location
and improvements needed.)**

Answered: 9 Skipped: 212

#	Responses	Date
1	Close to trails	4/26/2016 12:39 PM
2	More Camp ground,s That allows ATV ERS	4/25/2016 10:46 PM
3	Cleaner bathroom facilities	4/25/2016 9:45 PM
4	Camp sites where you can drive in and out with your A.T.V.	4/25/2016 1:24 PM
5	Jack needs continual updates. It is a very busy place and a reservation system should be added.	4/22/2016 2:12 PM
6	updating	4/5/2016 2:05 PM
7	Be able to reserve in advance. Possibly some shore line improvements on lake side campsites.	3/28/2016 7:05 PM
8	More security, I have seen people pull their trucks into the Crocker Hills parking are with the intent on going off roading. One year the trails were ruined for our club because of these people.	3/28/2016 10:13 AM
9	Better seperation	3/28/2016 9:22 AM

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Q9 Where are additional campground facilities needed in LANGLADE COUNTY?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 182

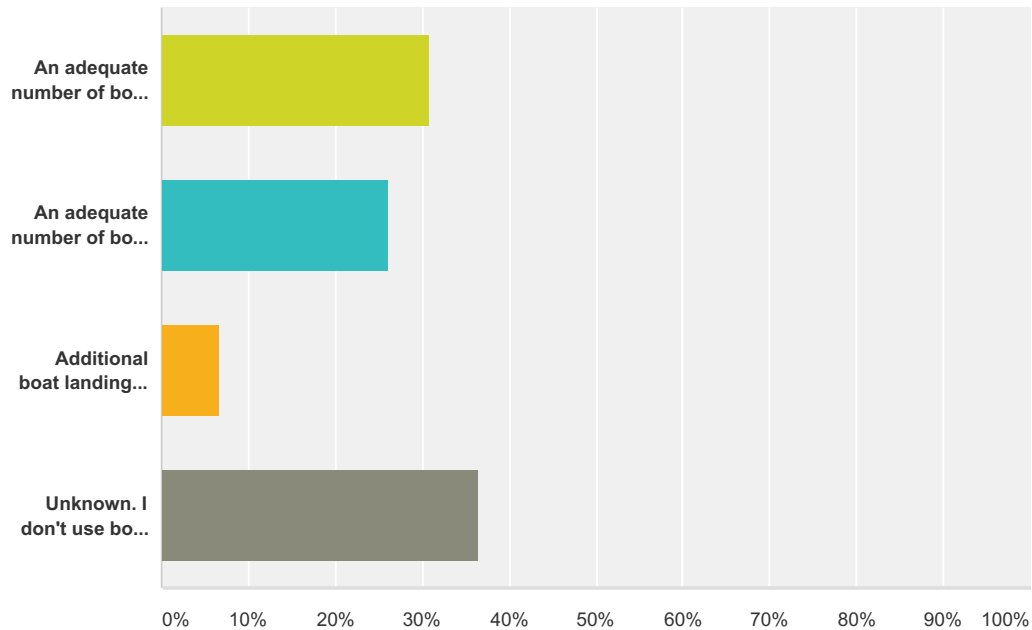
#	Responses	Date
1	Along the wolf river	4/27/2016 8:28 AM
2	One for atv trails like Iron County has with Schomberg park.	4/27/2016 6:39 AM
3	ATV based camping areas. And more waterfront parks	4/27/2016 5:12 AM
4	Close to town. I love jack Lake but it fills up quickly. Another campground around the same distance from Antigo would be great.	4/26/2016 7:55 PM
5	Camping that allows horses and ATV/UTVs.	4/26/2016 12:08 PM
6	Parrish Highland Area	4/26/2016 11:06 AM
7	Atv, motorcycle trail access camping	4/26/2016 2:49 AM
8	Atv wash, showers, electric, toilets	4/25/2016 10:35 PM
9	North of Antigo	4/25/2016 10:06 PM
10	Need one on a full rec Lake.	4/25/2016 9:23 PM
11	Parrish area	4/25/2016 7:49 PM
12	South of Antigo.	4/25/2016 7:10 PM
13	In the northern half of the County.	4/25/2016 5:54 PM
14	At the current locations and more primitive, all with ATV access	4/25/2016 3:07 PM
15	Near lakes or rivers. Something with larger RV access	4/25/2016 2:01 PM
16	North or East. Wolf river area.	4/25/2016 8:28 AM
17	If possible...At Vetern's Memorial Park	4/24/2016 10:07 AM
18	Elcho Twp	4/19/2016 12:16 PM
19	Northern portion of county.	4/18/2016 12:51 PM
20	Eastern Langlade County	4/15/2016 6:43 PM
21	White Lake Area	4/15/2016 3:37 PM
22	Jack Lake area	4/14/2016 4:02 PM
23	Connections to the ATV trails would be great.	4/8/2016 6:22 PM
24	Everywhere. A campsite is difficult to find. Most have converted to annual sites.	4/7/2016 4:40 PM
25	Develop campground close to atv/utv routes/trails(western part of county)to provide camping for the fastest growing sport in our area.This will help the economy tremendously.	4/7/2016 8:48 AM
26	not sure	4/2/2016 2:43 PM
27	make veteran park bigger. very nice place to camp.	4/2/2016 11:21 AM
28	make veterans park bigger. very nice place to camp.	4/2/2016 11:18 AM
29	veterans memorial park needs more sites	4/2/2016 11:12 AM
30	make veterans memorial park bigger. I really like going there.	4/2/2016 11:10 AM
31	Crocker hills	3/30/2016 5:42 PM
32	On a nice lake. Veterans Park fills up fast.	3/30/2016 9:23 AM
33	expand Jack Lake campground create another county park with campground	3/28/2016 7:13 AM

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34	All over.	3/27/2016 5:00 PM
35	On ATV Trails	3/24/2016 1:43 PM
36	Pence Lake area	3/23/2016 9:49 AM
37	Anywhere in Langlade County	3/23/2016 8:57 AM
38	All over - cannot have too much many	3/22/2016 10:17 PM
39	LAKESIDE Camping	3/22/2016 7:46 PM

Q10 Regarding public boat landings and water access, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 211 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate number of boat landings exist, and they are in good condition.	30.81%	65
An adequate number of boat landings exist, but improvements are needed.	26.07%	55
Additional boat landings are needed.	6.64%	14
Unknown. I don't use boat landings or water access points.	36.49%	77
Total		211

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Q11 What improvements are needed at public boat landings? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)

Answered: 46 Skipped: 175

#	Responses	Date
1	None are in terrible shape but some general maintenance is needed, smooth out parking lots or fix asphalt, ramp maintenance, dock repair	4/30/2016 10:59 AM
2	Swimming beaches.	4/27/2016 8:03 PM
3	Identify through mapping or signage improved and unimproved surface water public access locations.	4/27/2016 7:32 PM
4	Easier access	4/27/2016 7:13 PM
5	Better docks and concrete	4/27/2016 5:12 AM
6	Deeper drop off when water levels are low	4/27/2016 2:53 AM
7	West shore pier needs fixing	4/26/2016 6:17 PM
8	Better upkeep	4/26/2016 11:07 AM
9	Parking	4/26/2016 8:37 AM
10	Visibility	4/25/2016 10:00 PM
11	Better launches and more parking	4/25/2016 9:26 PM
12	Wash outs.	4/25/2016 9:23 PM
13	dusk to dawn lights at landings.. Enterprise lake, should be at all landings with a launch fee	4/25/2016 9:19 PM
14	Black Oak Lake, upgrade.	4/25/2016 9:07 PM
15	unfortunately it is due to the low water.	4/25/2016 7:52 PM
16	Long lk. Clear lk	4/25/2016 7:51 PM
17	More parking.	4/25/2016 7:11 PM
18	Rollingstone on EastShore Rd. The concrete ramp is bad and needs to be extended into the water more.	4/25/2016 5:56 PM
19	more piers	4/25/2016 5:48 PM
20	The landings fixed	4/25/2016 4:35 PM
21	Pickereel Lake access on DD needs some improvements for parking and bathroom facilities	4/25/2016 11:45 AM
22	Ramps are in need of repair. Ex-Neva Lake.	4/24/2016 1:46 PM
23	Some access need work	4/23/2016 1:41 PM
24	General maintenance of docks	4/23/2016 10:08 AM
25	landings should be redone into lakes. many are braking down and making hard to put boats in. also needs of docks and up keep on them.	4/22/2016 7:26 PM
26	Again, regular maintenance and upkeep.	4/22/2016 2:13 PM
27	signage, consider all types of users.	4/19/2016 10:31 AM
28	Restrooms and parking	4/18/2016 12:52 PM
29	We mainly go to White Lake. The placement of the dock makes it hard to see when your backing your boat in.	4/16/2016 6:39 AM
30	Clean areas	4/15/2016 6:44 PM
31	Contact Supervisor Mork Town of Upham for locations after 4-9-16	4/14/2016 4:03 PM
32	Dock	4/13/2016 10:01 PM

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33	All lakes with AIS should have a boat wash station.	4/8/2016 8:46 PM
34	Some landings are too shallow,not enough parking.	4/7/2016 8:49 AM
35	summit lake	4/2/2016 2:43 PM
36	bass lake, concrete ramp	3/30/2016 8:53 PM
37	Boat ramps need to be maintained. broken concrete or just plain sand landings aren't good.	3/30/2016 9:24 AM
38	condition at some locations	3/27/2016 8:34 PM
39	crystal lake	3/27/2016 6:00 PM
40	Some of the boat landings are missing treads on the docks	3/24/2016 1:40 PM
41	The ramps and parking need improvement, especially Rolling Stone Lake.	3/24/2016 8:55 AM
42	Better landings	3/23/2016 9:50 AM
43	Ramp maintenance	3/22/2016 3:21 PM
44	Depth of water, ramp	3/22/2016 6:15 AM
45	Extra dock space for multiple boat loading and launching	3/21/2016 6:46 AM
46	repair public dock on McGee Lake - DNR?	3/20/2016 7:35 AM

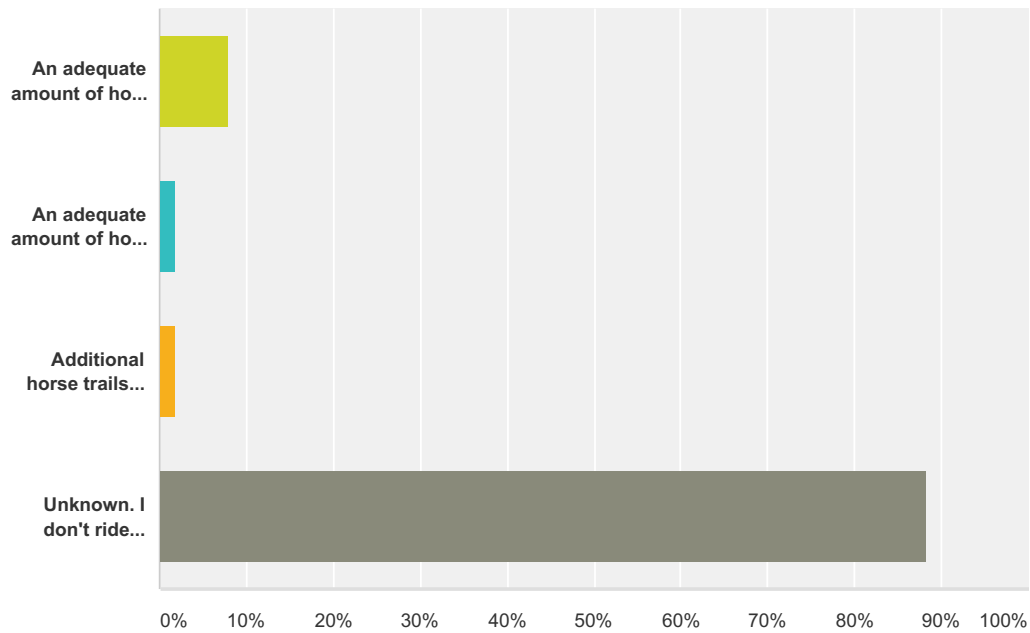
Q12 Where are additional boat landings or access points needed in LANGLADE COUNTY?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 213

#	Responses	Date
1	Moose -	4/26/2016 3:03 PM
2	The smaller lakes.	4/25/2016 10:42 PM
3	Wolf River area.	4/25/2016 8:28 AM
4	Wolf River Above Pearson	4/19/2016 12:16 PM
5	White Lake Area	4/15/2016 3:37 PM
6	Do Not Know Potential Opportunities To Give Answer	4/8/2016 6:31 PM
7	Wolf River	3/30/2016 5:43 PM
8	on more of the streams and on smaller lakes	3/30/2016 8:53 AM

Q13 Regarding horse trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 153 Skipped: 68



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate amount of horse trails exist, and are in good condition.	7.84%	12
An adequate amount of horse trails exist, but improvements are needed.	1.96%	3
Additional horse trails or connections are needed.	1.96%	3
Unknown. I don't ride horses on trails.	88.24%	135
Total		153

Q14 What horse trail improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)

Answered: 2 Skipped: 219

#	Responses	Date
1	Wolf River	3/30/2016 5:45 PM
2	Crocker Hills, ruts in trails from erosion, gravel in the parking area, water/hydro fracture for more than 150 gallons, (takes 24 hours to refresh) . (Only source of water at/near trail head for animals and safety).	3/19/2016 2:39 PM

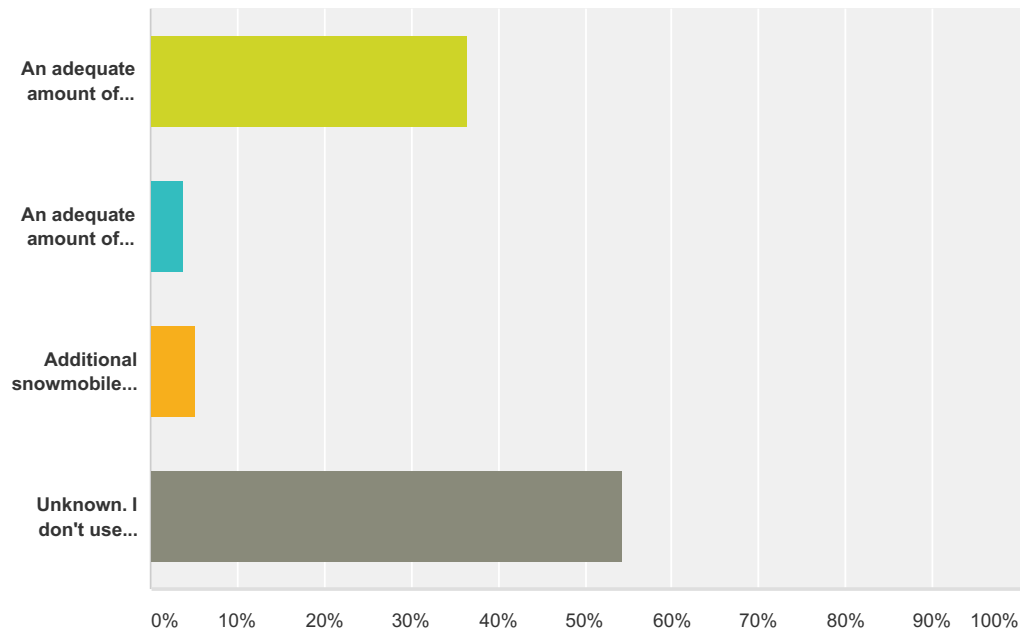
**Q15 Where are additional horse trails
needed in LANGLADE COUNTY?**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 218

#	Responses	Date
1	More options for camping and closer to town.	4/26/2016 12:10 PM
2	Post Lake	4/19/2016 12:17 PM
3	closer to town as well as anywhere where land is available	3/30/2016 8:54 AM

Q16 Regarding snowmobile trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 208 Skipped: 13



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate amount of snowmobile trails exist, and are in good condition.	36.54%	76
An adequate amount of snowmobile trails exist, but improvements are needed.	3.85%	8
Additional snowmobile trails or connections are needed.	5.29%	11
Unknown. I don't use snowmobiles on trails.	54.33%	113
Total		208

Q17 What snowmobile trail improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)

Answered: 6 Skipped: 215

#	Responses	Date
1	some trails need widening, there are some corners on hills and blinds spots that could be changed. Overall, the snowmobile trails are in good shape, our Clubs are doing a great job.	4/30/2016 11:06 AM
2	Fewer trails would be good. The machines are a nuisance.	4/27/2016 8:28 PM
3	The desicion to open and close the trail system takes too long. We are in a digital world now. Information takes seconds to get. Not days like in the past. Our snowmobile trail system should be split into four segments. The southern east and west segments. The northern east and west segments. This way you can open segments that have adequate snow cover. While the segments that don't remain closed.	4/25/2016 6:46 PM
4	More snow? LOL!	4/8/2016 6:23 PM
5	More trails	4/5/2016 2:06 PM
6	Signing and grooming new trails north of antigo	3/21/2016 3:58 PM

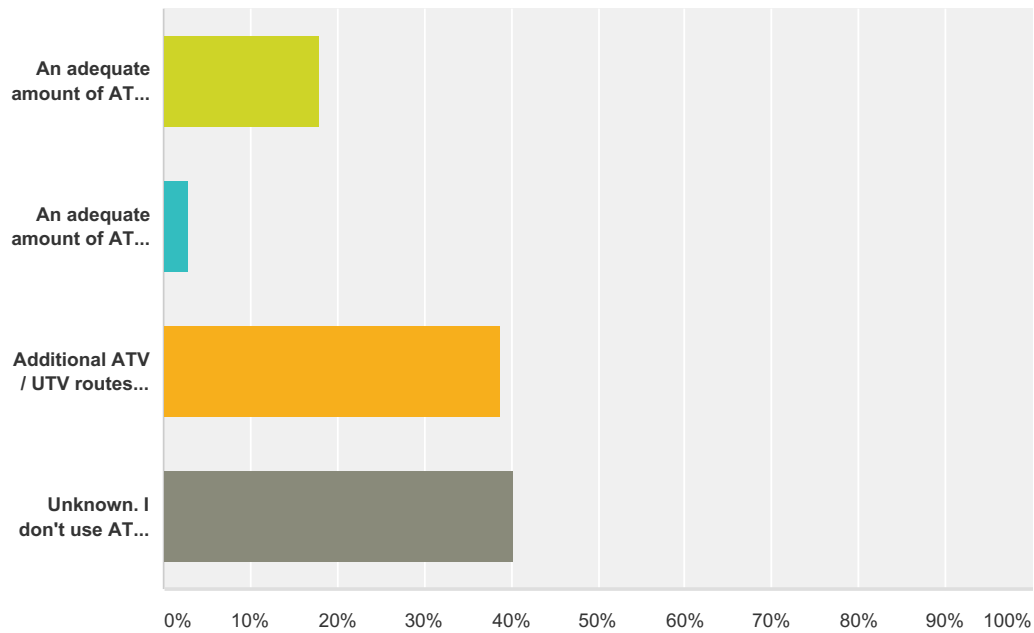
Q18 Where are additional snowmobile trails needed in LANGLADE COUNTY?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 214

#	Responses	Date
1	Trails to city businesses	4/25/2016 8:48 PM
2	connect with atv trails	4/25/2016 10:24 AM
3	Trails Are Only Extensions Of Existing So Any Growth Is Welcomed	4/8/2016 6:33 PM
4	Connecting trails	4/7/2016 4:41 PM
5	Need to keep the ATVs off of them, as they ruin the snowmobile trails	4/2/2016 8:57 PM
6	From the town of Villas to the Ackley area.	3/28/2016 7:08 PM
7	Southern parts and Eastern parts of Langlade County	3/17/2016 8:31 AM

Q19 Regarding ATV / UTV routes and trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 206 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate amount of ATV / UTV routes and trails exist, and are in good condition.	17.96%	37
An adequate amount of ATV / UTV routes and trails exist, but improvements are needed.	2.91%	6
Additional ATV / UTV routes, trails, or connections are needed.	38.83%	80
Unknown. I don't use ATVs / UTVs beyond my property.	40.29%	83
Total		206

Q20 What ATV / UTV trail or route improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)

Answered: 7 Skipped: 214

#	Responses	Date
1	ATV trails need to be eliminated in the silent sports area of bounded by A, T and 45.	4/27/2016 8:29 PM
2	Continue working with land owners and towns to open more areas for ATV use	4/26/2016 12:01 PM
3	The Hummers club need to take care of their trails better, the are rough and not signed the greatest.	4/25/2016 5:59 PM
4	Signage removed or covered for the off season because the snowmobilers from out of the area who are not familiar with the area have become turned around and lost. Some have decided not to return because of the trail signing issues with the ATV trails.	4/19/2016 10:35 AM
5	ATVs tear up trails, as do 4wd trucks that use the trails without regard to damage done. There are areas that are full of ruts that have never been repaired.	4/10/2016 12:24 AM
6	Better intersection signage	3/23/2016 8:58 AM
7	better muli use signage and better enforcement on laws	3/21/2016 6:49 AM

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Q21 Where are additional ATV / UTV routes or trails needed in LANGLADE COUNTY?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 150

#	Responses	Date
1	The County forest could be better utilized. A lot of trails are walking trails and not being used. I know it is a fine line trying to please all outdoor enthusiast but an ATV trail would not hurt the outdoor experience for the few hikers. I hike in the woods and the loudest sounds I hear are the Harley motorcycles riding around on nice days. Other Counties have opened up roads to connect certain areas and there has been no problems. It seems that Langlade County is very slow to respond to requests from ATV clubs for opening roads. For me personally, a trail from Pearson area to Post Lake (County Road U corridor) area would be nice, there is a snowmobile trail already there on County land. I know the State doesn't allow use of our land but road access could fill in the trail. Also a trail to connect to Summit Lake area from the Pearson area, mostly County land in-between with some private land close to Hwy 45. And until the ATV club can secure private land access to Pickerel from Pickerel Lake, can't County Road DD be opened in Langlade County, it seems pretty simple. I am a member of the Pickerel/Pearson ATV club, the club has done of work and so has the County. It just seems that other Clubs and Counties are moving faster to enhance their trail systems.	4/30/2016 11:23 AM
2	better connections to Oconto County	4/28/2016 8:04 PM
3	trails by summit lake to hook up with Antigo	4/28/2016 4:51 PM
4	Wherever they can be added. Or current ones added onto. and don't turn the trails into gravel roads. That makes them boring	4/28/2016 2:47 AM
5	South of Lily. More trails not routes. Many people would rather ride on a trail instead of black top or gravel roads and worry about cars on the road. Safety.	4/27/2016 8:54 PM
6	To every business and hotel and restaurant, just open the roads or get acclimated to the culture. Central Wisconsin should link up every community in Price, Oneida, Lincoln, Langlade, Forest, Vilas and Iron Counties and connect with routes clear through to U.P. area's.	4/27/2016 8:06 PM
7	Complete county	4/27/2016 7:14 PM
8	Why not trails north from Augustine Springs trailhead?	4/27/2016 3:34 PM
9	Need more connecting trails so we can atv from white lake to hwy 55 area, 9 mile area or towards city rd t area.	4/27/2016 8:31 AM
10	Anywhere that is possible.	4/27/2016 7:57 AM
11	To Antigo from the main trails.	4/27/2016 7:40 AM
12	Connection on eastern end to get white lake trails connected to trails on other side of river	4/27/2016 6:41 AM
13	Connect to other county, cross the Wolf River in Langlade	4/27/2016 2:55 AM
14	Everywhere the can be implemented.	4/26/2016 9:17 PM
15	Connections to east and north and marathon county	4/26/2016 4:07 PM
16	Link up with forest and or oconto counties	4/26/2016 12:24 PM
17	Connection of the trails would be beneficial	4/26/2016 11:07 AM
18	Trails need to be connected to other trail systems. The Langlade Co. Highway Commish is not friendly to ATVer's	4/26/2016 11:05 AM
19	a way to get from white lake to Townsend area open up the Wolf river trail from highway 55 to White Lake	4/26/2016 8:57 AM
20	South and East of Elcho	4/26/2016 8:55 AM
21	Routes to connect existing trails are needed, especially connecting the Summit Lake area to Augustyn Springs	4/26/2016 8:38 AM
22	to more businesses near or around Antigo Area	4/26/2016 7:12 AM
23	Need a trail (not road route) to connect Elcho to Antigo	4/26/2016 7:05 AM
24	Don't care, just more! Hills and rough terrain preferred. Motorcycle accessible	4/26/2016 2:50 AM
25	all over. not very many trails in county	4/25/2016 10:52 PM
26	The more the better.	4/25/2016 10:43 PM

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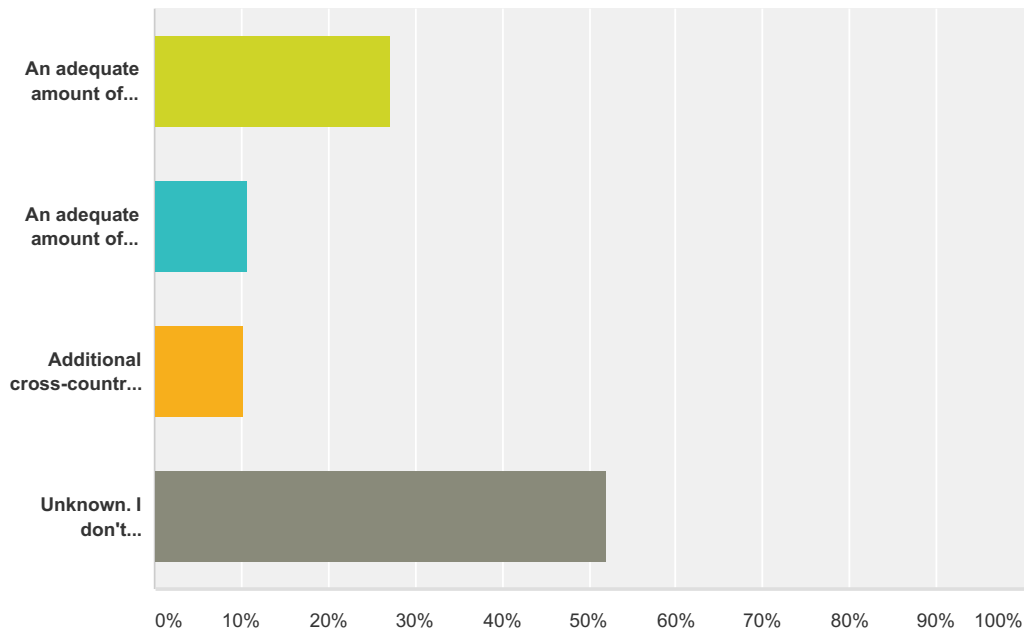
27	Trails... Not routes to connect established trails. A new, expert level trail... Unimproved, black Diamond trail.	4/25/2016 10:37 PM
28	All over, especially with all the county forest land. Jack Lake, dirt trails by Summit Lake.	4/25/2016 10:08 PM
29	To be able to get to Antigo from Pearson Wisconsin.	4/25/2016 10:03 PM
30	From Kleeve Rd. To Hwy. T in the northwest of county.	4/25/2016 9:48 PM
31	Summit lake. Elcho area.	4/25/2016 9:27 PM
32	Town of Neva, Elcho, and Antigo.	4/25/2016 9:24 PM
33	county wide.. need to make available loops to eliminate dead end trails and access routes to trails	4/25/2016 9:21 PM
34	Old fire lane from Forest Rd. to Co. Hwy T, town of Upham	4/25/2016 9:09 PM
35	More trails in county and open city streets up like other towns have	4/25/2016 8:49 PM
36	Whole eastern half of the county	4/25/2016 8:28 PM
37	It's a crime that whole old rail corridor wasn't converted into a county wide trail system. Maybe start by leveling the eyesores that were built in the city between Dorr and Morse St	4/25/2016 8:19 PM
38	South of Antigo. Old 26 area.	4/25/2016 7:13 PM
39	Connect Summit lake to Augustyn Springs and Pickerel Pearson.	4/25/2016 6:47 PM
40	Summit Lake, white lake areas to connect to other trail systems	4/25/2016 6:21 PM
41	Pickerel area, Polar area to Augustine Springs trails More cooperation needed from the Highway Commissioner!!!!	4/25/2016 5:50 PM
42	all over east west corridor trails are non existent to connect parish trails to augustine spring trail	4/25/2016 5:13 PM
43	Our whole county so ALL OUR BUSINESSES can grow instead of closing cause people are going else were.they keep denying us people move else were once GONE hard to get back	4/25/2016 4:38 PM
44	Anywhere you see fit, especially wooded areas with campground access.	4/25/2016 3:08 PM
45	Crocker Hills needs many more ATV/UTV trails and a connection to the Nicolet across the Wolf River	4/25/2016 2:18 PM
46	Have access like we do with snomo trails Connect the South with the north in the county	4/25/2016 2:03 PM
47	Hwy DD	4/25/2016 1:25 PM
48	All over	4/25/2016 12:36 PM
49	Connect Langlade to Mole Lake and Crandon	4/25/2016 12:25 PM
50	Pickerel Area White Lake area	4/25/2016 12:24 PM
51	areas to connect Hwy DD to Pickerel, and a trail to the Town of Langlade	4/25/2016 11:46 AM
52	north	4/25/2016 11:43 AM
53	eastern Langlade county	4/25/2016 10:25 AM
54	Township of Polar	4/17/2016 8:27 PM
55	More trails are needed in Wolf River and White Lake as well as throughout Langlade. There are not enough access areas for trails and not enough trails for atv's.	4/16/2016 6:43 AM
56	White Lake area	4/15/2016 3:38 PM
57	Town of Upham to connecting townships	4/14/2016 4:04 PM
58	Bass Lake to Wolf River	4/13/2016 10:03 PM
59	Any Expansion To Existing System Would Benefit Local Business And Growth For Economy	4/8/2016 6:34 PM
60	More connections to where the people are/facilities/parking.	4/8/2016 6:23 PM
61	on the old railroad grade from White Lake to Lily	4/8/2016 10:01 AM
62	There are many, ask the club members that have specifics	4/7/2016 4:41 PM
63	Route from Bass Lake to Cty Hwy A	4/7/2016 8:51 AM
64	Open up county roads to ATV/UTV - boost the local economy please - we are the "County of Trails" but yet we are one of the few counties that don't open up our local roads	4/5/2016 2:07 PM

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65	Connections	3/30/2016 8:51 PM
66	well, generally, to get ATV people to local businesses. having loop trails (Parrish and the springs area) is good but more feeder trails to get to local businesses are needed.	3/30/2016 9:28 AM
67	Connector routes to towns like Polar etc. designated routes to trails from residences. I would like to ride from my house in the town of Polar to the northwestern part of Wisconsin and UP o Michigan. It works vice versa. Bring new business in.	3/30/2016 7:58 AM
68	all townships that do not allow ATV/UTVs on town roads connect city of Antigo route to existing routes in county	3/28/2016 7:15 AM
69	ones that we could run a dog team on	3/27/2016 5:39 PM
70	Connecting trails between Lily & Langlade/White Lake/Oconto County	3/24/2016 1:45 PM
71	Northern section	3/23/2016 6:52 PM

Q22 Regarding cross-country ski trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 206 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate amount of cross-country ski trails exist, and are in good condition.	27.18%	56
An adequate amount of cross-country ski trails exist, but improvements are needed.	10.68%	22
Additional cross-country ski trails are needed.	10.19%	21
Unknown. I don't cross-country ski on maintained trails.	51.94%	107
Total		206

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Q23 What cross-country ski trail improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)

Answered: 19 Skipped: 202

#	Responses	Date
1	Jack Lake needs to be groomed more consistently	4/28/2016 1:01 PM
2	Better signage at Kettlebowl XC ski area	4/26/2016 11:08 AM
3	Off season and early season maintenance	4/23/2016 10:10 AM
4	better grooming with the skate skiers in mind- a wide , flat surface is needed. It can be next to the classic tracked trail	4/22/2016 8:35 PM
5	I'd love more trails but first we need to take care of what we have through grooming, maintenance and proper facilities. The new chalet at Jack is great, now Moccasin needs one.	4/22/2016 2:16 PM
6	More promotion of the trails to possible visitors. The County has some awesome trails and once people have become aware of them, they come back again and again.	4/19/2016 10:36 AM
7	Moccasins needs an actual shelter .Jack needs permanent restrooms.	4/18/2016 12:53 PM
8	Help local people in eastern area of county maintain trails	4/15/2016 6:47 PM
9	trails at JACK lake are not well marked	4/2/2016 2:44 PM
10	More timely and more complete grooming of trails at Jack Lake. I realize this requires additional personnel. When trails have been groomed they are generally very good to excellent.	3/30/2016 11:47 AM
11	year round prep work. Grooming the trails based on weather not the days of the week. Groom trails when snow's.	3/29/2016 12:17 PM
12	Grooming and better security so the idiots don't go off roading and ruin the trails.	3/28/2016 10:15 AM
13	Trail grooming doesn't seem to be kept up well on county maintained trails	3/27/2016 8:35 PM
14	Grooming of the Jack Lake trails must be scheduled to follow the storms and done during appropriate temperatures for grooming, not according to office hours. Trained volunteers could be enlisted to do this, if employees don't want to be "on call" to manage the ski trails. If the Jack Lake trails are unreliable, people will not invest their time in making that drive.	3/24/2016 3:11 PM
15	Jack Lake Trails need to be mowed in fall to get rid of the stalks and plants that protrude through the snow early in the season.	3/24/2016 8:56 AM
16	Better signage on trails	3/23/2016 8:59 AM
17	Jack lake has incredible potential. Trail length is adequate but would like it groomed to a higher standard	3/23/2016 5:22 AM
18	Downed tree limbs and vegetation growth needs to be removed rather than simply groomed over, Jack Lake.	3/22/2016 9:16 PM
19	Pre-season maintenance and preparation Permanent toilet at Jack Lake trailhead	3/22/2016 3:22 PM

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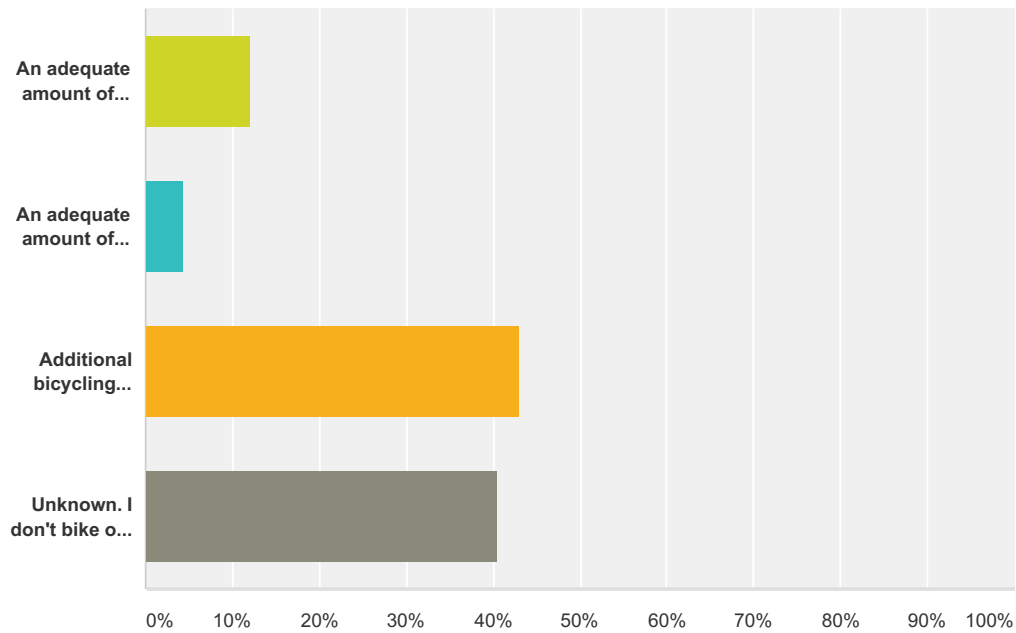
Q24 Where are additional cross-country ski trails needed in LANGLADE COUNTY?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 204

#	Responses	Date
1	could always use more and maintain them well so they will be used. And promote them.	4/27/2016 8:57 AM
2	Closer to Pearson, wi	4/25/2016 10:03 PM
3	Ackley, Crocker hills	4/23/2016 10:37 AM
4	All county forest lands	4/21/2016 3:59 PM
5	you tell me where you have land ...	4/20/2016 5:59 PM
6	northern part of county	4/19/2016 1:29 PM
7	Post Lake Wolf River	4/19/2016 12:18 PM
8	near Antigo	3/30/2016 8:54 PM
9	White lake area	3/30/2016 8:51 PM
10	Wolf River	3/30/2016 5:46 PM
11	public lands	3/30/2016 8:55 AM
12	anywhere	3/28/2016 8:43 AM
13	any place possible	3/27/2016 8:35 PM
14	Jack Lake and garskes	3/23/2016 12:11 PM
15	Jack Lake is great, but it would just be nice to have more options with trails that are as extensive as Jack Lake.	3/23/2016 9:51 AM
16	All over, can't have too many	3/22/2016 10:17 PM
17	Any available county land or possible acquired land for ski and other rec trails, ie: Boy Scout land on enterprise lake	3/22/2016 6:20 AM

Q25 Regarding bicycling routes and trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 207 Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate amount of bicycling routes and trails exist, and are in good condition.	12.08%	25
An adequate amount of bicycling routes and trails exist, but improvements are needed.	4.35%	9
Additional bicycling routes, trails, or connections are needed.	43.00%	89
Unknown. I don't bike on roads or trails.	40.58%	84
Total		207

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Q26 What bicycling route or trail improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)

Answered: 8 Skipped: 213

#	Responses	Date
1	Outhouse or privies along bicycle trails	4/24/2016 3:09 PM
2	Wolf River State Trail -unsafe surface	4/23/2016 4:06 PM
3	Signage	4/23/2016 1:42 PM
4	More off major highway trails. Biker killed this year on Cty A. would be good to have more trails (old railroad beds) that bikers not fighting with trucks and cars.	4/20/2016 6:00 PM
5	Eastern Langlade county...depends on volunteers...funding to maintain needed	4/15/2016 6:48 PM
6	Around the jack Lake Pence lake trail system	4/14/2016 4:06 PM
7	Ruts filled in	3/30/2016 8:52 PM
8	Road biking on county highways can be harrowing, but I do it anyway. There actually is no designated road bike route in the county, so any route would be an improvement. I would be most likely to use a route that went out from Antigo and made a loop into the country maybe 15 miles or so. Paved shoulders and bike route signage would improve safety. I mountain bike the single track trails at the City of Antigo trail (at the old dump), and in the national forest. I'm not aware of any Langlade County-maintained mountain bike trails except for those that go on logging roads and gravel roads at Jack Lake (not as fun as a hilly singletrack trail designed for mountain biking).	3/22/2016 10:53 PM

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Q27 Where are additional bike routes, trails, or connections needed in LANGLADE COUNTY?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 142

#	Responses	Date
1	I don't bike to much, if there were more trails off the roads, I would use them. I personally would not bike on the roads here, its too dangerous, to many drivers are not watching the roads properly.	4/30/2016 11:25 AM
2	bike trails from antigo to jack lake & summit lake	4/28/2016 2:58 PM
3	All over, county roads do not have a designated area so bike trails are just as important as snowmobile trails.	4/28/2016 1:02 PM
4	Not sure but the one in antigo is nice. Just wish it was longer.	4/28/2016 2:48 AM
5	Mapping of the 'good' routes is needed.	4/27/2016 8:30 PM
6	Around water bodies close to the metro area's and businesses. Biking culture is family friendly and can increase tourism and forward local economy.	4/27/2016 8:08 PM
7	Where ever the potential of biker/vehicular traffic conflicts exist.	4/27/2016 7:37 PM
8	promote Langlade as a biking destination, both hard trail and mountain biking;	4/27/2016 8:58 AM
9	Jack/Pence Lake area. Mountain bike trails. Ackley area.	4/26/2016 12:16 PM
10	Very limited number of bike trails. Have to ride on road, which we have found out is not safe! I do not trust my younger children to ride on the roads.	4/26/2016 11:09 AM
11	I do not bike there but it seems bikers need safer trails roads around Pearson, Wi	4/25/2016 10:05 PM
12	Again the old rail corridor from Antigo to Elcho would have been nice.	4/25/2016 8:19 PM
13	Bike lane should be added. Also a marked trail to Moose Lake Park.	4/25/2016 7:16 PM
14	North and East.	4/25/2016 8:32 AM
15	NE of Antigo	4/24/2016 2:02 PM
16	More off road routes would be safer.	4/24/2016 1:48 PM
17	Jack Lake Crocker Hills Connect Antigo to the White Lake and Elcho areas either through mountain bike trails or paved road routes	4/24/2016 10:11 AM
18	Need hard surface routs	4/23/2016 10:37 AM
19	All old railroad corridors should be limited to silent sports. Any resurfacing of roads should have designated bike lanes. As far as I know connected hard surface designated bike routes do not exist throughout the county.	4/23/2016 10:14 AM
20	Eastern part of county	4/23/2016 8:24 AM
21	All old railroad beds	4/22/2016 11:39 PM
22	connection of the existing City Trail with the North side of town. This would make the travel to shopping, eating safer for both bikers and walkers.	4/22/2016 8:38 PM
23	Anywhere off roadways for safety, or additional signage needed on country roads where bikers are common	4/22/2016 8:30 PM
24	Make more trail around jake lake	4/22/2016 7:27 PM
25	More and more cyclists don't want to share roads with vehicles, including myself. We want dedicated trail s but not hardcore mountain bike ones. Expansion of winter ski trails for summertime use would be a plus.	4/22/2016 2:19 PM
26	We need a paved path (not on street) connecting Rhinelander and Antigo.	4/19/2016 1:30 PM
27	Post Lake Wolf River	4/19/2016 12:18 PM
28	Many areas of the County have roads either County or town roads that if designated as a bike route would increase usage. Many visitors do not know these roads are great biking opportunites-on lesser traveled roads and simple signing as a bike route makes the roads used by local drivers aware they may meet bikes on occasion.	4/19/2016 10:39 AM

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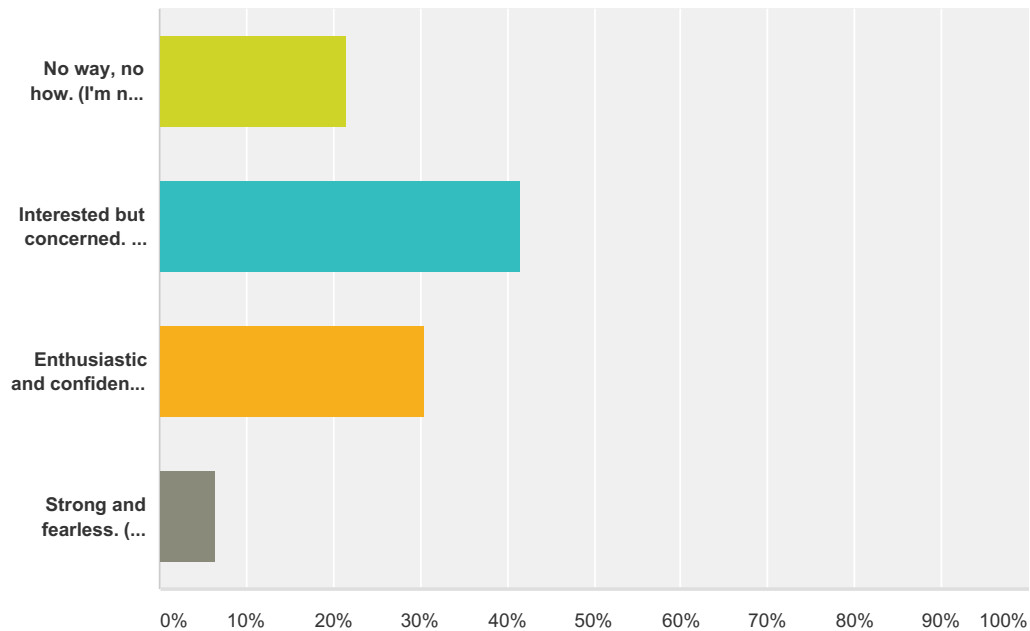
29	More and better mapped off-road/light mountain bike opportunities. I no longer wish to bike where cars are present but I'm not hardcore fat tire cyclist.	4/18/2016 12:54 PM
30	All around the county; it would be nice to have an additional bike lane on a few county highways such as 64 and S or other biking trains available so bicyclists aren't in danger.	4/17/2016 8:27 PM
31	I don't bike much in Langlade county because there are not any bike trails. My cabin is in a rural area and there are no trails or safe routes.	4/16/2016 6:44 AM
32	White Lake area	4/15/2016 3:38 PM
33	Along highways to make it safer	4/13/2016 10:06 PM
34	I already mentioned this in the earlier section, but I have biked rail-to-trails in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri ... and they are the BEST trails. I would love to see them developed here in Langlade and heading north. It would be amazing to have a 50-mile (or more) stretch of crushed limestone or even paved trail on our old railroad tracks. I also wish the safety of bikers on the County highways could be improved. Maybe some bike lanes (paved and marked) on some of the roads would be helpful. I'm not sure. I just know that I have to drive to Reedsburg Wisconsin to hop on a good rail-to-trail, and I wish I could just hop on one right near my house! I actually have ridden from my house to the Mountain Bay trail and on to Green Bay (eventually!), but it is a long ride from Antigo to get onto the trail. Although the tiny back roads in Langlade offer some peaceful bicycling, the County highways are treacherous. Also, the Spring Creek trails are not suitable for bicycles, as the pedestrian traffic is too heavy to be welcoming to bicycles. People seem to get peeved at bicycles riding through, so I avoid those trails now.	4/11/2016 2:30 PM
35	Roads need to be improved, bike lanes marked, solid shoulders created, so that bicycling in the area is safe, and cyclists are not risking their lives by riding on the roadways.	4/10/2016 12:26 AM
36	From Elcho to Summit Lake and beyond to Jack Lake instead of roads	4/8/2016 9:55 AM
37	need more connections to keep kids safe	4/5/2016 2:08 PM
38	all around town, maybe connect to the Rib Mt trail, or the Minoqua trails. maybe one to Merrill	4/2/2016 2:45 PM
39	to downtown so on Saturdays and Sundays people to go to downtown to visit coffee shop and gas stations.	4/2/2016 11:22 AM
40	around downtown Antigo, connecting out to the country on all sides of town to avoid high traffic areas.	4/2/2016 11:14 AM
41	to the downtown area so people will stop to the stores down there on Saturday and Sundays while riding. Safe trails through Langlade county so you're not on the same road as the cars.	4/2/2016 11:13 AM
42	I would love to see more bike routes in the city of Antigo or close to the city of Antigo if possible.	4/1/2016 10:39 AM
43	north of town	3/31/2016 9:14 PM
44	Need routes off of the road but not shared with pedestrians.	3/31/2016 2:41 PM
45	city to county	3/30/2016 8:55 PM
46	Wolf River	3/30/2016 5:46 PM
47	paved shoulders are needed on existing roads, for safety and recreation reasons	3/30/2016 8:55 AM
48	Biking trails dangerous because of motorized traffic	3/30/2016 3:59 AM
49	Any where, because there isn't any.	3/29/2016 12:22 PM
50	Rails to Trails or equiv. - better designed mountain bike trails - technical and climbs etc.	3/28/2016 9:23 AM
51	anywhere	3/28/2016 8:43 AM
52	Bike routes separate from vehicle occupied roads are needed throughout the county and city of Antigo	3/28/2016 7:17 AM
53	Definitely need paved shoulders on more routes for safe biking, also bike lanes in Antigo for the same biking. Need more mountain bike trails in the area.	3/27/2016 8:37 PM
54	anyplace possible	3/27/2016 8:35 PM
55	On county forest land east of Sherry road - could go all the way to the Wolf River.	3/27/2016 7:38 PM
56	north eastern Langlade county	3/27/2016 6:02 PM
57	Everywhere there is county land with hills.	3/27/2016 5:01 PM
58	North east	3/27/2016 5:00 PM
59	Larger trail system near Antigo	3/27/2016 3:44 PM

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60	There really are no safe bike routes or trails. When I picked up the Langlade county bike trails map-it was just county roads. Many counties have dedicated bike trails.	3/26/2016 8:55 AM
61	We have many beautiful country roads with NO SHOULDER. A 4-5 foot skirt, with textured divider line between shoulder and driving lanes, would be a wonderful addition to almost any route on our country roads. Tragically, Langlade county now boasts the first bicycle fatality of 2016. Is there any way we can create a nice ~50 mile route that has some protection from cars? Just a large, level shoulder with a noisy divider line would be a huge help. We have so many avid cyclists here, and the scenery and weather are SO beautiful. With a designated CONTIGUOUS protected bike route (not just bits and pieces here and there), Langlade County could be an even bigger destination for cyclists and prevent the tragedies that cause so much disruption and emotional toll on our community.	3/24/2016 3:17 PM
62	More paved shoulder is needed on county highways to allow for safe biking. It would be nice to have gravel access from Antigo to the Northern parts of the county particularly the lakes	3/24/2016 1:42 PM
63	Elcho to Jack Lake (and on to Antigo) - use rails to trails where possible bike routes off roads throughout county	3/24/2016 10:27 AM
64	Between Elcho and Jack Lake - use old railroad path where possible	3/24/2016 10:16 AM
65	Wherever possible. It would be nice to have paved trails within biking distance from towns.	3/24/2016 8:59 AM
66	There needs to be safe biking and walking routes in town and also an easily excessively pattern of routes throughout the county.	3/24/2016 7:21 AM
67	Moccasin Lake or Jack Lake	3/23/2016 6:55 PM
68	Need bike paths!!! Michelle Koss - need I say more how bad it is that there are no bicycle paths / bike lanes	3/23/2016 12:30 PM
69	Everywhere.	3/23/2016 12:11 PM
70	More single track mountain bike trails.	3/23/2016 9:52 AM
71	Additional mountain bike areas would be really great that are a little closer to town than Nicolet-Roche. Not sure of an exact location.	3/23/2016 9:52 AM
72	Off the regular road bike trails are needed!	3/23/2016 8:59 AM
73	off road mtn biking	3/23/2016 8:18 AM
74	The city trail is outstanding. Would be great to expand	3/23/2016 8:02 AM
75	Safe routes for club rides Mountain bike trails	3/23/2016 6:27 AM
76	The county could benefit from the booming mountain bike community. Bear paw is great but to develop another location in a different area of the county would be nice. Jack lake is a good option due to the terrain. I would also like to see corridors into the city for safe commuting you bicycle to antigo for work. I live north and have to ride on 45 due to no other option. Even gravel paths would suffice	3/23/2016 5:27 AM
77	Single track mountain bike trails on county land.	3/22/2016 9:18 PM
78	The condition of the roads on the routes need to be improved.	3/22/2016 7:49 PM
79	Add trail on existing co land or acquire new land for rec trails. Marked routes (lanes or paved paths) along roads, lake to lake, park to park, etc	3/22/2016 6:22 AM

Q28 What type of bicyclist are you? (Choose one.)

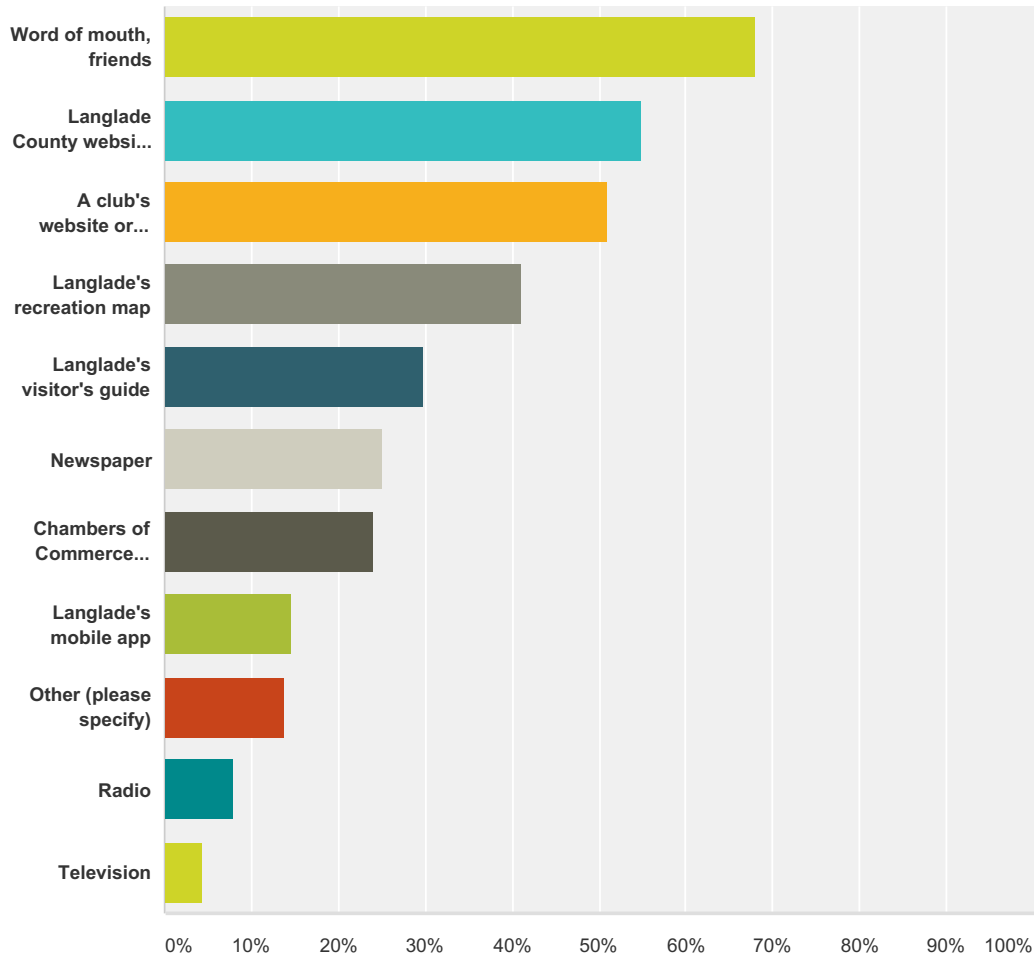
Answered: 200 Skipped: 21



Answer Choices	Responses
No way, no how. (I'm not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)	21.50% 43
Interested but concerned. (I like riding, but don't do it regularly. I'm generally concerned that my route is not safe to ride, so I don't ride often. I definitely do not ride when the weather is bad.)	41.50% 83
Enthusiastic and confident. (I feel comfortable sharing the road with motor vehicles, but I prefer to ride on separate facilities like bike lanes. I may or may not ride in inclement weather.)	30.50% 61
Strong and fearless. (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)	6.50% 13
Total	200

Q29 How do you obtain information about outdoor recreation activities and locations in LANGLADE COUNTY? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 204 Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	Responses	
Word of mouth, friends	68.14%	139
Langlade County website (county site or Forestry Dept. web page)	54.90%	112
A club's website or social media site	50.98%	104
Langlade's recreation map	41.18%	84
Langlade's visitor's guide	29.90%	61
Newspaper	25.00%	51
Chambers of Commerce (website, brochures, visitor's center)	24.02%	49
Langlade's mobile app	14.71%	30
Other (please specify)	13.73%	28

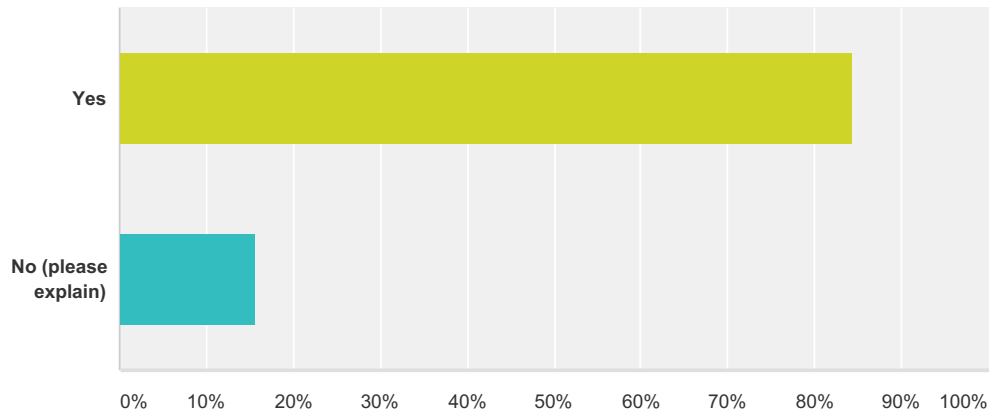
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Radio	7.84%	16
Television	4.41%	9
Total Respondents: 204		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I just go exploring on my own in the woods.	4/27/2016 8:34 PM
2	facebook	4/26/2016 6:58 PM
3	Bar owners	4/25/2016 9:27 PM
4	Inserts in local media.	4/25/2016 7:20 PM
5	Businesses that promote	4/25/2016 4:40 PM
6	Facebook, twitter.	4/25/2016 8:33 AM
7	The Langlade County Economic Development Corporation	4/24/2016 10:24 AM
8	Exploration over 50 years living in the area	4/23/2016 4:12 PM
9	Just do it, use my own intuition	4/23/2016 10:31 AM
10	Google Maps	4/21/2016 4:00 PM
11	Wisconsin Trailblazers Newsletter	4/19/2016 12:22 PM
12	I am always seeking maps, and I find them in various places and on various websites.	4/11/2016 2:31 PM
13	ATV Dealership	4/8/2016 6:25 PM
14	brochures found at the trails	4/4/2016 9:54 PM
15	there isn't enough info out there	4/2/2016 11:28 AM
16	exercise class	4/2/2016 11:19 AM
17	Ice Age Trail Alliance website	3/30/2016 5:11 PM
18	google searching brings up interesting things at times	3/30/2016 9:32 AM
19	Friends	3/27/2016 8:07 PM
20	I just use the local trails and maintain them myself.	3/27/2016 7:44 PM
21	facebook, county of trails	3/24/2016 2:31 PM
22	Antigo Bike and Ski Club does a good job.	3/23/2016 12:09 PM
23	We live here	3/23/2016 10:54 AM
24	Antigo Bike and Ski Club	3/23/2016 9:58 AM
25	Good info	3/23/2016 9:54 AM
26	wi gazzateer	3/23/2016 8:19 AM
27	I use the plat book to find public land, then I drive or hike around it to see what I can do there	3/22/2016 11:02 PM
28	Contact Veterans Park directly for grooming update etc.	3/22/2016 7:55 PM

Q30 Are you satisfied with how you are finding outdoor recreation information for LANGLADE COUNTY?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	84.31% 172
No (please explain)	15.69% 32
Total	204

#	No (please explain)	Date
1	Looking for an opening date for ATV trails, nothing obvious, other counties are opening on the 30th	4/28/2016 8:06 PM
2	Some information doesn't seem to be updated regularly and certain maps I've found on the Web site's are hard to read.	4/28/2016 2:51 AM
3	It would be great to have more non-motorized recreation opportunities	4/27/2016 9:00 AM
4	It is very limited the amount of information on area lakes that you can find.	4/27/2016 5:14 AM
5	Not enough	4/26/2016 8:13 AM
6	Better updates on trails	4/25/2016 10:39 PM
7	I would like to know more about locals. Like example people thinking Pizza Hut has the best pizza, when we know there's a local bar that puts them to shame. so I guess I'm saying I wish bars had more of an opportunity to advertise.	4/25/2016 10:14 PM
8	social media on trail updates & opening could be better	4/25/2016 9:29 PM
9	Chamber website is slow to update. Langlade mobile App is slow to update.	4/25/2016 6:54 PM
10	you never update your web pages they are always behind pretty sad.your not a very aggressive county to promote tourism	4/25/2016 5:22 PM
11	Many obstacles to opening more ATV routes could be alleviated with the help and support of the county.	4/25/2016 12:27 PM
12	I wanted to mark yes and then emphasis that information needs to be updated asap.	4/24/2016 1:52 PM
13	I am a biologist and naturalist and look for the quieter, less human disturbed areas of which there are never enough.	4/22/2016 10:47 PM
14	We need much better marketing. Langlade County recreation remains an unknown gem.	4/22/2016 2:20 PM
15	County promotes many recreation opportunities but could do more to promote to families recreation opportunities that are not very costly. We do want visitors to visit, but many are on limited income and need to be made aware of those opportunities that are less costly. Too many times we hear from people that they weren't aware that there is a trail or location they were near that they could have taken part of in their visit.	4/19/2016 10:57 AM

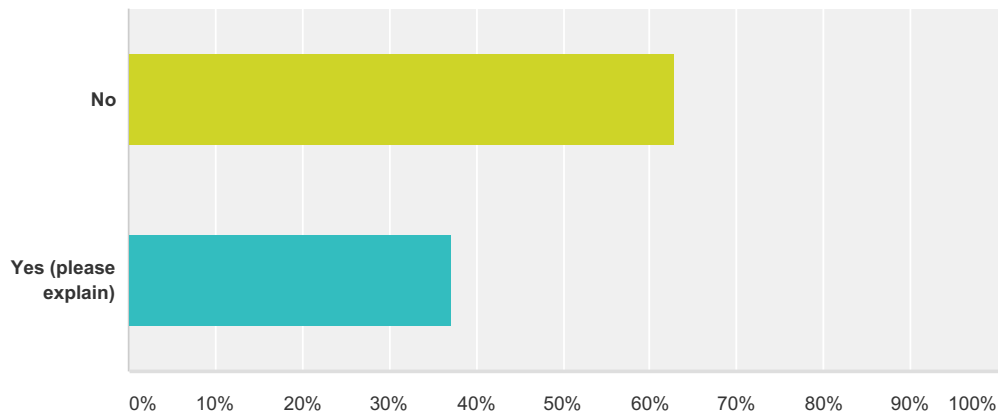
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16	We need far more vigorous marketing. Langlade is a gem we should not be hiding.	4/18/2016 12:56 PM
17	Chamber of Commerce is closed at 5 on Friday and not open at all on Saturday when tourists are coming to Langlade County - kind of pointless	4/5/2016 2:10 PM
18	would like to know how to get more information	4/2/2016 2:47 PM
19	there isn't enough info out there and the walking paths aren't long enough and no bike paths.	4/2/2016 11:28 AM
20	I am satisfied but survey would not accept that answer.	3/30/2016 7:47 PM
21	Lack of info for hiking and camping	3/30/2016 5:11 PM
22	need more info out there on sled dog oportunitys	3/30/2016 11:15 AM
23	No central place with accurate, current information.	3/27/2016 7:44 PM
24	not enough info from the county on dog sled trails	3/27/2016 7:33 PM
25	I guess I just don't know how to find information efficiently. Digging around on a website is too time consuming. Is there a Facebook page, where events and invitations can be created?	3/24/2016 3:20 PM
26	Never have to much infomation	3/24/2016 2:31 PM
27	Too much emphasis on atvs and snowmobiles	3/23/2016 12:12 PM
28	I recently moved back to Antigo and am probably just not in the loop yet!	3/23/2016 9:58 AM
29	A website for all outdoor recreation would be nice	3/22/2016 10:18 PM
30	could use a better detailed map showing open hunting land on county properties and MFL etc.	3/22/2016 7:55 PM
31	better promotion for travelers such as a rest stop more accessible for large rigs where current information can be obtained	3/21/2016 6:52 AM
32	More advertising is needed in the visitor's guide. More space is given to those activies that help fund the recreation areas, and a lot less space on the silent recreation areas.	3/19/2016 2:45 PM

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Q31 Do you have any other concerns or comments?

Answered: 204 Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	Responses
No	62.75% 128
Yes (please explain)	37.25% 76
Total	204

#	Yes (please explain)	Date
1	Overall, I understand that in these "political times", the County has limited resources and funds. Some are self imposed and others are State imposed. It just seems that some fixes or requests are easy to solve but yet there is resistance or delays. I think for the most part, the County is working good with the Clubs and agendas are moving forward.	4/30/2016 11:33 AM
2	Many people have thoughts of the lack of trails in Forest and Langlade counties.	4/27/2016 9:09 PM
3	The county should not let itself be overrun with ATV trails. So what if the ATV operators don't have a direct connection from Pickeral to Bass Lakes, let them take the scenic route, they have time, that is why they are on ATVs. Again a silent sports preserve should be designated, to be bounded by A,T and 45.	4/27/2016 8:34 PM
4	The need for completing the Ice Age National Scenic Trail between the completed stretch (Plover River Segment) at County Trunk Highway HH and the Kettlebowl Segment Sherry Road trailhead north east of Polar in Langlade County. The current gap in the Town of Upham between US 45 and the Saddlebag Lake area is also deserving of future consideration for completing an off local roads and highways hiking trail in Langlade County.	4/27/2016 7:50 PM
5	Why isn't there more trails? So much county land not being utilized. Way more atvers than bikers or hikers. Plus we bring in way more money. Just look at other areas in the state.	4/27/2016 3:36 PM
6	Is the trail from White Lake north along the Wolf River complete and fit for bike riding?	4/27/2016 9:00 AM
7	Stressing that what public areas we currently have, continue to be as such, is huge for this area and should be a major priority.	4/27/2016 5:14 AM
8	Get the recreational trail in Langlade to cross the Wolf River completed asap	4/27/2016 2:58 AM
9	Some snowmobile clubs could provide better social media services.	4/26/2016 8:41 PM
10	Wheelchair accessibility needed in public and business locations.	4/26/2016 4:10 PM
11	Would like to be able to get from Elcho to Post Lake via the road.	4/26/2016 3:25 PM
12	I hope ATVs and silent sport people can work together.	4/26/2016 1:12 PM

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13	Try to get the county leaders to support the efforts of the ATV clubs and open trails and routes to connect to other clubs and to patronize local business.	4/26/2016 11:07 AM
14	we are big into atving and would like more connecting trail on the sign coming into Langlade it says it's the county of trails that is so not true for atv's.	4/26/2016 7:20 AM
15	Open atv trails to motorcycle use. Dual-sport use is already permitted without issue. Open trails to all off highway motorcycles	4/26/2016 2:53 AM
16	need more atv trails. Not nearly enough of them. most of my riding buds don't want to come to your county because there isn't enough trails to ride.	4/25/2016 10:53 PM
17	Stop over improving existing trails. We use Atvs. Not Golf Carts. Create a system for experienced riders that newbies can stay out of. Don't join utv with atvs on trails. Too dangerous.	4/25/2016 10:39 PM
18	For a county that boasts being "the county of trails", there sure isn't very many ATV/UTV trails. So much county land, so many low traffic roads that could be used as routes, but yet they go unused. People drive right past Langlade county and go to Iron county or the UP of Michigan for ATV/UTVing. The LaCrosse Tribune had an article on the money brought into Jackson county WI due to ATV/UTVing. Its very substantial. Over 7 MILLION dollars! Langlade county is missing the money trail. Here is the article; http://lacossetribune.com/jacksoncochronicle/news/local/atvs-bring-over-million-into-county/article_739154fb-492a-548c-ac36-1e42e837f9b6.html	4/25/2016 10:17 PM
19	I probably do but I'm tired. I will say I wish ATV trails were open all year long. I wish there were parties on the trails and maybe besides joining a club there would be weekend clean up parties for the trails.	4/25/2016 10:14 PM
20	Would like to see some of the fire lanes that were open for atv's and automobile's but now are closed due to being labeled an Ice age trail. Those trails were used more by people then, then by people using them for walking! Plus it opened more ways to get to county land for hunting and fishing!	4/25/2016 10:02 PM
21	for being the county of trails the decision to not open any more routes for Utv/Atv was a very poor decision in such a growing market of enthusiasts!! Langlade is not supporting the Utv/Atv market near as well as surrounding counties!!	4/25/2016 9:29 PM
22	Need more roads opened up to connect with atv trails.	4/25/2016 9:27 PM
23	The number of pit bulls in the city make it unsafe, especially sine they are illegal in the city	4/25/2016 8:19 PM
24	More trails in the city area. Especially UTV.	4/25/2016 7:20 PM
25	More connecting routes are needed for ATVing. Langlade county promotes themselves as "The County of Trails" The Highway Commissioner needs to get with what the people and businesses in Langlade County want and NEED. More routes will only increase revenues for all businesses in Langlade County. The businesses in Langlade county need this revenue to survive. The ATV season much more predictable than snowmobiling. ATV's have a full six months to enjoy their sport. Think of all the \$\$\$\$ that would (could) be spent here. Forest and Lincoln Counties are certaining promoting ATVing by opening their County Roads. Lets get the Langlade County roads open before the ATVing public decides that a ride in Langlade County isn't worth the hassel.	4/25/2016 6:01 PM
26	if your serious about adding additional trails ATV, snowmobile,bike,walking etc. a county trail pass would be helpful I would pay for such a pass if it go toward trail improvements and enforcement of trial laws which are pretty lax right now	4/25/2016 5:22 PM
27	I just find it interesting that Langlade County advertises they are the county of Trails. When our ATV Club, Pickereel/Pearson Wolf River Riders, attempted to get a connecting route from Forest County's DD to Pickereel the Langlade County Highway Commission will not allow access. Getting to Pickereel would afford ATV riders to get gas, food and use restrooms. The way DD is now, all the ATV dollars stay in Forest county. Another area that is a concern; there isn't a trail from White Lake north to Lily to hook up with the Railroad Grade. Thank you for your considerations. Mary Ann Wierschke, Secretary of Wolf Rlver Riders ATV club	4/25/2016 11:56 AM
28	I want to see separate trails maintained. I am not in support of having the ICE Age trail shared with ATV's. Snowmobiles seem to work as it is in different seasons. I would like to see the development of snow bike trails.	4/24/2016 3:54 PM
29	I guess I don't know why parts of the Ice Age Trail is being given to the ATVers. There may be a very good reason but I don't know what it is. Thanks for asking.	4/24/2016 3:12 PM
30	Sure---- We'd appreciate pickleball courts for winter use. Would like a gym for at least 2 courts. Doing it now at Boys and Girls Club but that only holds one court and is unavailable at times. Hoped the Senior Center would be at a town city elem. school if the referendum passed but....not going to happen yet. Would appreciate a Senior Center facility bigger than what's coming soon, but perhaps that will happen with time.	4/24/2016 1:52 PM

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31	I am thrilled to see that the County is doing this survey and I hope there is a high participation rate. Recreation opportunity is one of our biggest assets; not only for the health benefit but also as tool for talent attraction and could be the trigger for growth. My perfect world scenario would be to develop a strategic plan including a public/private partnership where businesses become part of the investment creating their future workforce. Additionally, I really think that the County needs to hire someone with an outdoor recreation background. The ROI that his individual could produce could definitely offset salary costs.	4/24/2016 10:24 AM
32	The Ice Age Trail is very special. It is National Park Service related. It needs better promotion and support.	4/23/2016 4:12 PM
33	I welcome all types of trails here in the county of trails---but we must make sure that our trails are used for compatible type activities. One activity should not take away from the other to use the same trail.	4/23/2016 1:46 PM
34	No more clear cutting	4/23/2016 10:39 AM
35	I would like to reiterate, the county logging practices are NOT sustainable. You have the wrong personalities running the show. I am not a tree hugger, but slash, bash and clear cut are not helping this county. Logging is TOO AGGRESSIVE. You are no different than the logging industry of the early 19th century. In my business there are rules, codes and oversight. As I travel the roads and trails of Langlade Cty I see major disregard for nature with the logging industry. It should be a rule that clear cuts are not allowed within visibility of roadways, processors should not be allowed on county land, there should be two trees planted for every hardwood cut down.	4/23/2016 10:31 AM
36	The Langlade County Trails website is good especially for XC skiing conditions and updated grooming reports. I use it daily in the XC season.	4/22/2016 8:42 PM
37	At Veterans Memorial County Park the miss use of camping spots. On weekends and week days you find campers or tents durement day and at nite where people are not there over night, also for a week at time. They pay for a week or two and not there and no other person can use spot!! I have talked to manger about this and just get brushed off by him saying this is the forestry rules. It needs to be changed. They take spots along lake or near lake. So the people go other camp grounds out of county. Please take a look this summer durement the week or two before a holiday(memorial day, fourth of July, and Labor day. We only camp before Memorial day or after labor day. Please look into this for all the people who want to use it the right way.	4/22/2016 7:41 PM
38	I want more designated hiking trails; sharing trails with ATV's is too dangerous. ATVs do too much damage to forest paths; ATV's should be able to travel on county roads	4/22/2016 4:52 PM
39	See previous answer.	4/22/2016 2:20 PM
40	I am upset at the condition of the Sled Dog Trails (Crocker hills & area 52) after hunting season when hunters have are allowed to destroy trails with Trucks and ATVs. Soon after the Nov. Hunting season the trails freeze and are impossible to use for sled dog training until there is sufficient snow to fill the ruts.	4/19/2016 12:22 PM
41	Improve signage at intersections to help visitors know where they are. Fat tire bikes and mountain bike trails are needed. This is a new and developing activity for the challenged. We need more trail opportunities and promotion for these opportunities. This is a growing need and why not make Langlade County the mountain and fat tire bike capital of Wisconsin. We have many acres throughout the County that are available and need developing. Share the Trail or Road signage is needed for multiuse trails and routes. Lake kayaking is another area that can be promoted and developed throughout the County. The cost of kayaks range from very economical to highly engineered. But it is an activity that many who would never think of kayaking down the Wolf River would enjoy the solitude and pleasure of lake kayaking. Another activity on the area lakes to be promoted is sailing and wind surfing. We see some individuals already using our lakes. But make it a destination type of activity for others to come to Langlade County. Water trails are being developed in many areas of the state, why not in Langlade County. Advertising on local media needs to be expanded.	4/19/2016 10:57 AM
42	I am concerned that we will lose access to the County Land as we know it today. Some of us spend a great deal of time prowling around on the side trails, mostly with ATVs, scouting and just looking at nature. Those of us that do this are very careful top not destroy the trails or spread invasives. We have been seeing an element, mostly with pickup trucks, that do not seem to care. Hoefully this can be worked out to not limit our access! I have also heard that there is a washing station being looked at near Augustyn Springs. I hope this come to fruition, as I feel this could help immensely, especially if people wash off before they ride here. One area to look where Garlic Mustard may be coming in is through the inert weed seed in all clover mixes on the market. I personally have seen this and maybe there is a way to get certified clean seed for seeding the trails that have been recently logged.	4/16/2016 12:18 PM
43	I would like three feet paved on shoulders on some highways. For bikers safety	4/13/2016 10:11 PM
44	Too much emphasis appears to be given to access for snowmobiles and ATVs, as well as hunting with dogs (bear and coyote) - this takes away trail access to those interested in silent sports, such as mushing, bicycling, bird watching, snowshoeing, and hiking. Many of us bought homes and live in the area strictly for access to the trails and these activities. If priority is given to the "money-makers," such as snowmobiles, ATVs and their associated clubs, those of us who have invested in our homes and in our surrounding community, are losing what we originally came here for.	4/10/2016 12:32 AM

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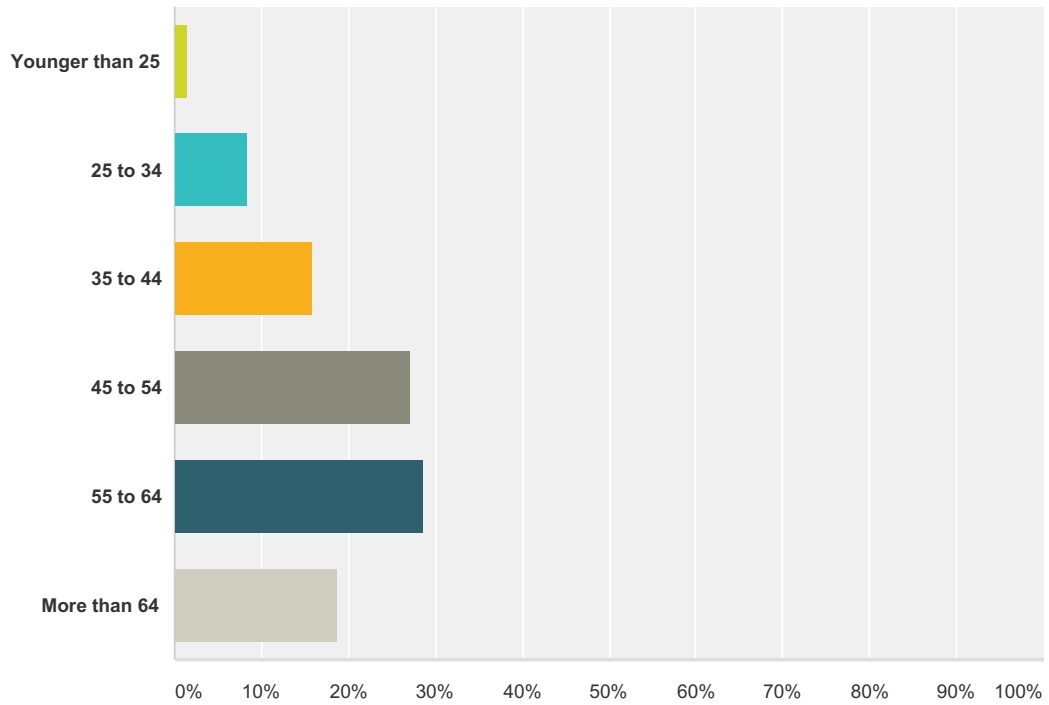
45	Please boost our county economy - open the county roads to ATV/UTV trails - or we are doomed as a county with all the other counties being more aggressive for tourism	4/5/2016 2:10 PM
46	I walk a lot on the street of Antigo and it scares me to cross the road because it is not safe. there has to be something like Minocqua where people have the right of way for crossing. there would be more people walking then. There has to be bike trails put in so people feel safe biking. I do not want to be killed because I was on the road and got hit by a car. I roller skate on the streets of Antigo and don't feel safe. Even if there was a shared bike and roller skating path not on the road. I was roller skating and almost got hit. I see why there isn't a lot of people walking or biking in town and going downtown because it is not safe.	4/2/2016 11:28 AM
47	We need bicycle trails so we can ride in from the country to Antigo without riding on high traffic areas	4/2/2016 11:19 AM
48	I feel it's important to continue to carefully balance all the recreational needs of users. I'm more of a silent sports person these days, and I prefer to not share trails with ATVs and/or snowmobiles due to noise and exhaust. Though at different times of my life, I've used those trails and machines too, so I'm not against them AT ALL! I know from riding snowmobiles in particular, that seeing or hearing skiers, bikers, dog sleds, etc. can be tough to do with the noise and your helmet, so safety of shared trails is a concern. I believe there's enough land for every kind of trail.	3/31/2016 9:19 PM
49	No concerns but the survey would not accept that answer	3/30/2016 7:47 PM
50	Maintenance on Bike Trails and Bike Trails used by ATVs	3/30/2016 5:48 PM
51	The County does not appear to recognize or value the positive attributes the Ice Age National Scenic Trail brings to Langlade County as a tourism attraction and as a positive economic contributor to local businesses. ATV use of non-motorized and the Ice Age Trails happens with far too much regulatory. The county should allow the Ice Age Trail to be rerouted, as resources allow, to be a dedicated hiking experience of local and state and national significance vs. being regulated to forest roads. The geology of Langlade County is unique and should be showcased by the route of the trail.	3/30/2016 5:11 PM
52	I do have some concerns about road biking on some roads in the area and thus limit my choices.	3/30/2016 11:50 AM
53	need more silent sport oppertuneitys	3/30/2016 11:15 AM
54	I hear tidbits about the Ice Age Trail but don't know much about it. Do they advertise much? Apparently they should promote it more. Hiking is rewarding for many older people but they often don't have the computer resourses to find more about the Ice age Trail.	3/30/2016 9:32 AM
55	rerouting of Ice Age Trail due to expanded ATV trails	3/30/2016 8:57 AM
56	The pushing around of the National Scenic Trail The Ice Age Trail. We have a gem in this county and do not respect it. I may be a utv rider but I also like to hike and work on the Ice Age Trail. It is phenomenal geological history that shapes the various land uses in this state. Langlade County would not be growing potatoes, etc., if it were not for the Glacier.	3/30/2016 8:05 AM
57	Do people think of Langlade County has a recreational destination? If the answer is no, we have a lot of work to do, because it should be yes.	3/29/2016 12:33 PM
58	We do not do enough for the private landowners who are kind enough to allow us the privilege to use their land for snowmobile trails. I feel the County should issue them free trail passes or registration for their sleds.	3/28/2016 7:15 PM
59	I certainly hope to see continued support for those of us who engage in sled dog sports. We have put in endless hours developing, maintaining and using trail systems. We tend to get frustrated when trucks, ATV's, snowmobiles get onto sled dog trails and rip them up causing so much more work for us to enjoy our trails.	3/28/2016 5:38 PM
60	what can be done to allow dogsleds to cross snowmachine trails	3/28/2016 11:57 AM
61	Would love to see more dog sledding trails.	3/27/2016 8:07 PM
62	Too much emphasis on snowmobiling and ATVing. This is billed as the county of trails, yet it must not be widely promoted based on any sorts of tourism. No one checks on the conditions of trails after loggers have their way with them. Good condition trails are excessively damaged and left that way once logging is completed. Poor signage on the trails and at trail heads.	3/27/2016 7:44 PM
63	why cant the snomachiners and atver slow down so the dog mushers can share the trails or at least cross the snomachine trails (that started out as dog sled trails and race trails many years ago with the Elton 80 sled dog race)	3/27/2016 7:33 PM
64	langlade County has always worked well with our local Sled dog club.We hope we can continue this long history of this sport in our county.We could use a bigger parking lot off our 52 track to support our growing numbers .Excellent area for this sport to grow.	3/27/2016 5:05 PM
65	Singletrack singletrack singletrack	3/27/2016 5:02 PM

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66	I think a mountain bike trails near Antigo would improve interest in living in the community. Also think Jack lake ski trail area would be a great location for summer mountain bike trail and used as Snowshoe and snow bike in the winter. I think the county has some beautiful county roads to ride. Any signage to help the safety of riders would coexist with motorist would be great. Improve bicycling corridors for riders that live outside of Antigo that would like to commute into town for work.	3/27/2016 3:55 PM
67	I just want to put a vote in for non-motorized sports, Cyclists and skiers are the type of people that have expendable income and want to patronize our taverns, restaurants, etc, after a good workout. We should invest in their experience here, and keep them safe.	3/24/2016 3:20 PM
68	Build a pavilion in parking area of Moccasin Ski Trail west of Elcho	3/24/2016 10:28 AM
69	Too many bike accidents in this county. There needs to be better safer routes and more public awareness of sharing the road safely with bikers.	3/24/2016 7:25 AM
70	Let's help and support the "motorless" recreations. They are good for the health, and offer a lot of potential growth.	3/23/2016 12:09 PM
71	My comment after moving back from Minneapolis/St. Paul is that I wish we had more roads that were bike-friendly. After living in a big city like that where a lot of people use bikes for transportation, it is easy to notice the lack of bikes around Antigo. I realize this is not an easy thing to change. Also, I think there are really some great trails around Antigo and I'm sure there are more that I don't even know of. One thing that I'd like to point out that was absolutely a hit in the Twin Cities were trails that were lit. The one that I frequented was Lake Elmo Park Reserve for both hiking and XC skiing. It was just beautiful at night. Again, I realize this is not an easy thing to do, but a lit trail that people can use after work especially in the winter for XC skiing is a GREAT thing for people!	3/23/2016 9:58 AM
72	I do not think hiking trails should be displaced for ATV trails. It's not right that the Ice Age Trail group established, then maintained the Old Railroad segment for decades, and now the hikers are being kicked off their own trail so the ATV group can have it.	3/22/2016 11:02 PM
73	Specific to Jack Lake ski trails. The trail system is great in that there is good mix of skiing level to chose from. My choice of ski trails in Llanglade County. This last season on the trail while skiing there were tree limbs as large as three inches laying across the trail and the groomer simple groomed over. The limbs were near or on the surface making an unsafe condition. I stopped to remove as many as I could. Before the season the trails must not have been cleaned up since there was vegetation sticking up through the groomed trail. Again not a safe condition	3/22/2016 9:38 PM
74	You have some great little rental cabins at Jack Lake Veterans Park and a super doper shower/toilet facilities. But the pit toilet that services the cabin is hard to get to and not in the best shape, esp. for handicapped.	3/22/2016 7:55 PM
75	We appreciate the commitment the county has made to provide recreation activities through out the county and especially at its locations. We also realize that funding can be a challenge and would encourage the county to promote volunteer assistance when possible. Thank you for your efforts.	3/22/2016 3:31 PM
76	As a sled dog team person: Totally appreciate the use of County trails to train our teams. Further we appreciate the Forestry Dept's understanding and efforts in attempting to figure out how to overcome these problems. These situations primarily happen on the Crocker Hills Trails in Elton. One of on-going challenges is the trucks that drive on the trails leaving ruts and a muddy mess. The ruts are so deep and wide and fill with water it is not safe for Fall training of sled dog teams. It takes considerable snow to fill in the ruts to groom at safe sled trail. Although winter 2015/2016 saw a significant reduction in the number of trucks driving on the packed snow trails in the past it has made it a bug challenge to keep the trails in safe condition. As a Club - the sled dog people and ready and willing to help with invasion species or any other project that would benefit the forest, trails, etc. I would love to see a push to return lake shorelines to a more natural state . . . education . . . why.do it . . how to do it, etc.	3/20/2016 8:12 AM

Q32 What is your age?

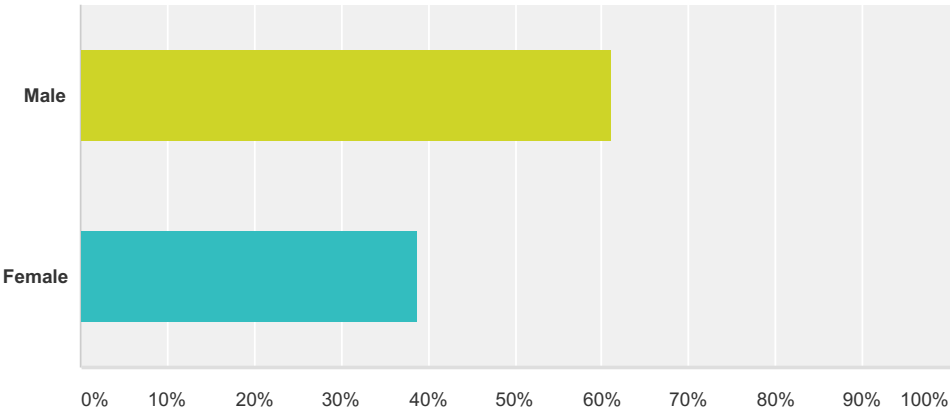
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Answer Choices	Responses
Younger than 25	1.48% 3
25 to 34	8.37% 17
35 to 44	15.76% 32
45 to 54	27.09% 55
55 to 64	28.57% 58
More than 64	18.72% 38
Total	203

Q33 What is your gender?

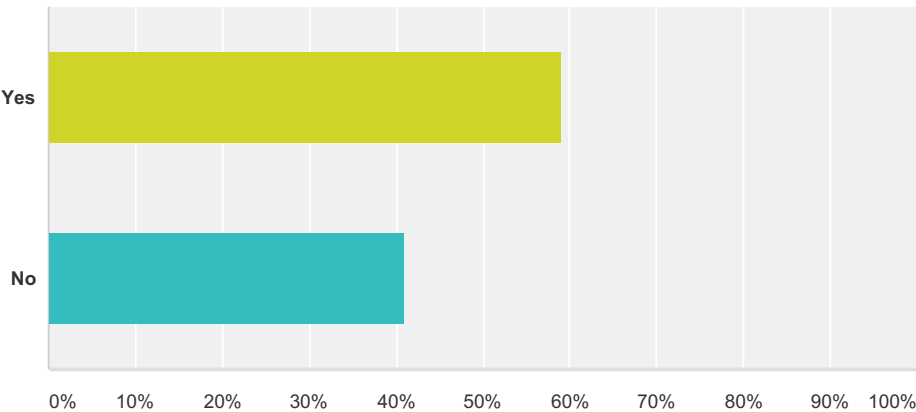
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	61.08%	124
Female	38.92%	79
Total		203

Q34 Do you live in or own a summer home in LANGLADE COUNTY?

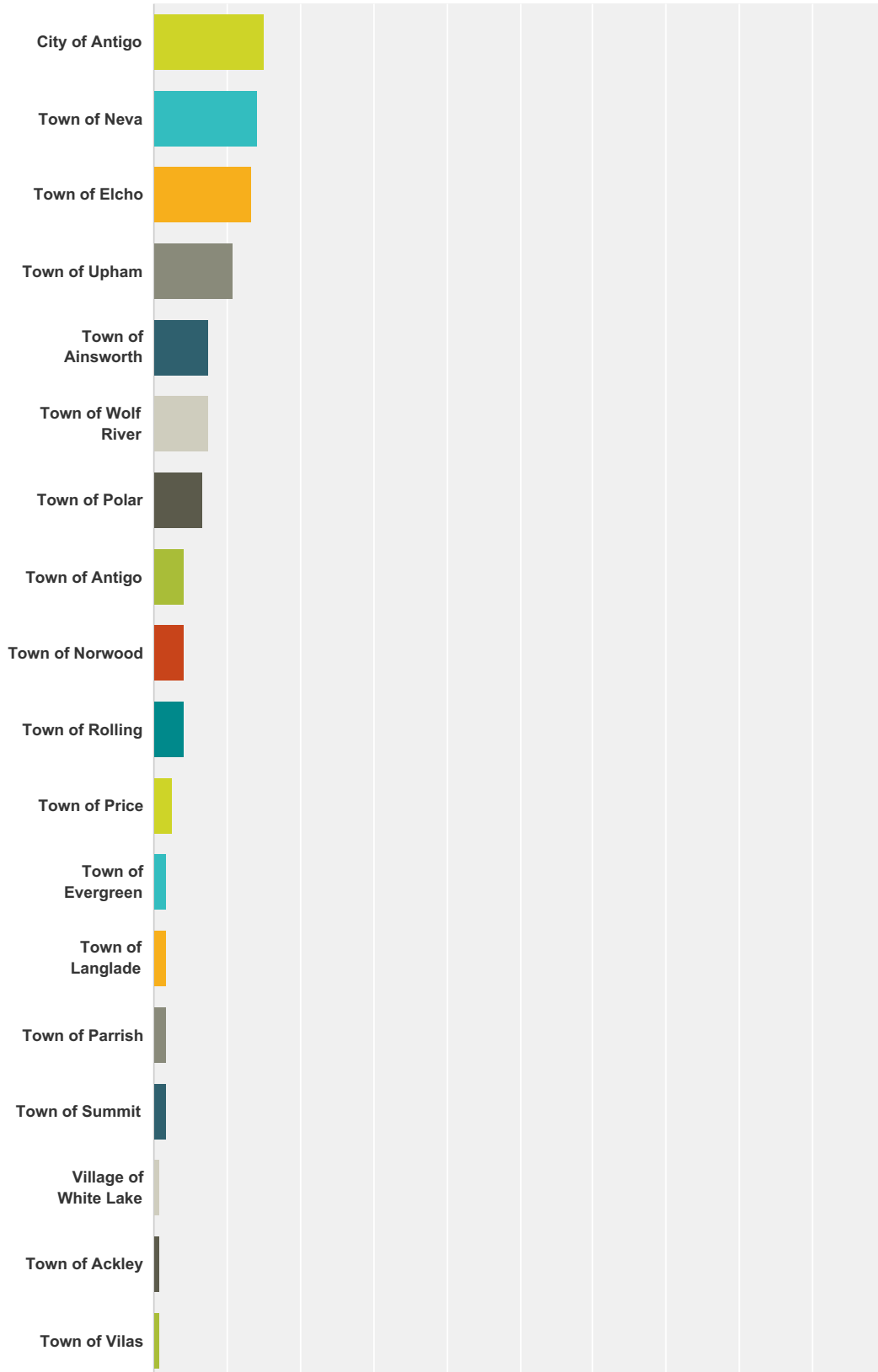
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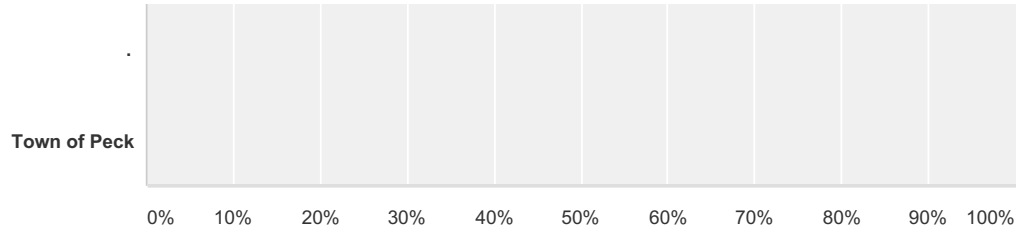
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	59.11%	120
No	40.89%	83
Total		203

Q35 What municipality is your LANGLADE COUNTY home or summer home located in?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 102



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Answer Choices	Responses	
City of Antigo	15.13%	18
Town of Neva	14.29%	17
Town of Elcho	13.45%	16
Town of Upham	10.92%	13
Town of Ainsworth	7.56%	9
Town of Wolf River	7.56%	9
Town of Polar	6.72%	8
Town of Antigo	4.20%	5
Town of Norwood	4.20%	5
Town of Rolling	4.20%	5
Town of Price	2.52%	3
Town of Evergreen	1.68%	2
Town of Langlade	1.68%	2
Town of Parrish	1.68%	2
Town of Summit	1.68%	2
Village of White Lake	0.84%	1
Town of Ackley	0.84%	1
Town of Vilas	0.84%	1
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Town of Peck	0.00%	0
Total		119

ATTACHMENT C

Park Design and Location Criteria

From: Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2011-2016

Park and Recreation Designs

This section is presented in the interest of assisting park and recreation agencies in the development of a system of parks and recreation areas. A recreation system is composed of many different components, the combination of which provide facilities and landscapes for outdoor recreation. Many entities are involved in the development and management of recreational areas and facilities for a community or region. Facilities provided by these entities should be complementary and serve a particular geographic area or recreational need. For this plan, parks and recreation areas have been classified on the basis of their service areas. They are described as the following:

▪ Mini Park	▪ School Park
▪ Neighborhood Park	▪ County Park
▪ Community Park	▪ State Park
▪ Special Use Park	▪ State Forest

Mini Park

1. Definition Summary:

A play lot or playground provides space for parental supervised recreation of toddlers and young children within a neighborhood, or as part of a larger neighborhood or community park and urban center, including retail shopping areas.

2. Size Objectives:

0.5 to 1.5 acres.

3. Service Area Objectives:

Generally within a neighborhood of a half mile radius or population of 2,000-3,000. Mini parks may be included in parks that serve a larger population or service area.

4. Location Objectives:

Located in protected areas with separation from street traffic and high visibility; serving local neighborhoods and adjoining schools, libraries, or police and fire facilities.

- Population Ratio to Acreage: 0.25 to 0.5 acre per 1,000 population to achieve a park unit size that serves 2,000 to 3,000 people.

5. Space, Design, and Service Area:

The size of a play lot or playground may range from as small as 2,500 sq. ft. to 1.5 acres.* Amenities offered by these facilities generally include sand play areas, play apparatus, play equipment, and other special child-oriented features. The service radius for these parks in

terms of distance from population served is limited to less than a quarter mile, or within a super block space, unless the playground is incorporated into a larger park. (*Stand-alone play lots require more land area than play lots incorporated into larger parks.)

6. Orientation:

Small geographic areas, sub-neighborhoods, or neighborhoods, when combined with a larger park unit, serves youth ranging in age from toddler to 12 years, with adult supervision. Playgrounds also serve important needs in city business districts and inner city areas where a mix of commercial and recreation activity is desired.

7. Function:

Provides outdoor play experiences for youth under parental supervision. Generates neighborhood communication and provides diversion from work and domestic chores. Promotes neighborhood solidarity.

Neighborhood Park

1. Definition Summary:

A neighborhood park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for the immediate neighborhood in which it is located. It is considered an extension of neighborhood residents' "out-of-yard" and outdoor use area.

2. Size Objectives:

5 to 25 acres.

3. Service Area Objectives:

Generally a one mile radius, but actually defined by collector street patterns which form the limits of a neighborhood or recreation service area. Population served may range from 2,000 up to 5,000.

4. Location Objectives:

Centrally located for equitable pedestrian access within a definable neighborhood service area. Adjoining or adjacent to an elementary school, middle school, high school, fire station, or library, if possible.

5. Program Objectives:

Compatible with the neighborhood setting and park site constraints. Generally includes the following facilities, which are determined with public input as to use and activities:

- a. Parking for 10 to 20 vehicles.
 - 1) On-street parking is acceptable if negative impact to residential units can be mitigated. On-site parking is preferable as a planning objective.
 - 2) Bike racks with Class II trail connections where possible.
- b. Restrooms
 - 1) Men's restroom with 2 water closets, 2 urinals, 2 lavatories.
 - 2) Women's restroom with 3 water closets and 2 lavatories.
 - 3) Utility and minimum park janitorial storage space.
- c. Tot lot/children's play area
- d. Family event/group picnic facility
- e. Informal family picnic area with benches and tables
- f. Unstructured turf grass play area/play or practice field for children, young adults, and families.
- g. Sport facilities—compatible with neighborhood setting and park site constraints.
 - 1) Basketball—half court, full court, or tri-court configuration
 - 2) Volleyball area
 - 3) Softball field/soccer practice or game overlay
 - 4) Other features as needs or site conditions allow

6. Orientation:

Serves all age groups, with an emphasis on youth and families in neighborhood settings.

7. Function:

To provide a combination of active recreation and passive activities, both outdoor and indoor facilities and special features as required or needed.

8. Space, Design and Service Area:

A minimum size of 5 to 25 acres with amenities including sports facilities, picnic areas, swim facilities, cultural activities, arts, crafts, and individual passive activities. The park should primarily serve a defined neighborhood area population of 2,000-5,000. Distance from this neighborhood will vary depending on urban development pattern, zoning, and densities in the respective neighborhoods being served. Efforts should be made to allow easy pedestrian access to the park.

Community Park

1. Definition Summary:

A community park, by size, program, and location, provides space and recreation activities for a defined service area, the entire city, or significant geographic segment of the city's population.

2. Size Objectives:

Usually more than 25 acres.

3. Service Area Objectives:

Generally a 2 to 5 mile radius within the city and adjacent neighborhoods outside of city limits.

4. Location Objectives:

Centrally located if planned to serve a particular geographic segment of the city. Located adjoining or immediately adjacent to a collector street providing community-wide vehicular access, thereby reducing neighborhood traffic impacts. Connected with Class II on-street and/or off-street community trail and bike lane system. Adjoining or adjacent to an elementary, middle, or high school if possible.

5. Program Objectives

Elements that fulfill the service area, park facilities and recreation program demands. The following facilities may be compatible with community setting and park site constraints:

- a. Off-street parking calculated to satisfy demand of park and recreation activities provided. Includes bike racks and a public transit station at the site as well as both on-site and street parking.
- b. Restrooms designed to accommodate the level of park and recreation activities provided and the number of people served. Restrooms should be located within a reasonable walking distance from children's play equipment and other high-use areas.
- c. Community recreation center
- d. Park maintenance and equipment storage building
- e. Tot lot/children's play area
- f. Group picnic shelters
- g. Family picnic facilities
- h. Sport/recreation facility fulfilling the overall city demand

Appropriate program elements include:

- 1) Community pool/water feature
- 2) Soccer fields
- 3) Softball, little league baseball, junior pony league baseball
- 4) Football
- 5) Roller hockey/skateboard area
- 6) Tennis courts
- 7) Basketball courts
- 8) Amphitheater/performing arts center
- 9) Volleyball (indoor and outdoor)
- 10) Jogging trails
- 11) Other facilities as desired and as permitted under park site plan
- 12) Concessions (food and beverage)

6. Orientation:

Multi-purpose service area or community-wide recreation resource serving most or all of the population.

7. Function:

Provides opportunities for a diverse mix of indoor and outdoor recreation, including walking and bicycling, outdoor performances, various programmed and non-

programmed field sports, swimming, and special events.

8) Space, Design, and Service Area:

The minimum space for a community park is 15 acres. Facilities typically provide for some sports activities, through emphasis is on passive cultural and community centers with recreational programming and organized activities. The community park may serve populations within a 2 to 5 mile radius, a scope that would allow residents of other communities to use the park as well.

Special Use Park

1. Definition Summary:

A special use park is often designed as a revenue-generating enterprise created to satisfy demand for a particular sport, recreational activity, or special event. A special use park may also be a sports park combined with enterprise activities and administered as a community recreation resource.

2. Size Objective:

The actual size of a special use park is determined by land availability and facility/market demand for special uses or recreation programs.

3. Service Area Objectives:

Community or area-wide and determined by the type of recreation program, special events or use activities.

4. Location Objectives:

Determined by the property opportunity, service area and size objectives.

5. Program Objectives:

Special use parks require facility programming that is user- or market-driven and based on community needs or economic and service principles for public and private partnerships. The magnitude and type of special use facilities may include:

- a. Water play park
- b. Amphitheater
- c. Festival/swap meet/farmers market
- d. League/individual sports complex
- e. Fitness/entertainment center
- f. Skateboard/in-line hockey park

g. Recreation programs and classes

6. Orientation:

Provides recreation programming, sports and special event attractions and activities for all age groups.

7. Function:

Special events, fairs, festivals, expositions, symposiums, sports, community gatherings, ethnic/cultural celebrations, plays and numerous other recreational programs and activities.

8. Space, Design, and Service Area:

The minimum size for special parks varies depending on intended use and programming.

School Park

1. Definition Summary:

By combining the resources of two public agencies, the school park classification allows for expanding the recreational, social, and educational opportunities available to the community in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Depending on the circumstances, school park sites often complement other community recreation or open lands. As an example, an elementary/middle school site could also serve as a neighborhood park. Likewise, middle or high school sports facilities could do double duty as a community park or as youth athletic fields. Depending on its size, one school park site may serve in a number of capacities, such as a neighborhood park, youth athletic fields, and a location for recreation classes. Given the inherent variability of type, size and location, determining how a school park site is integrated into a larger park system will depend on case-by-case circumstances. The important outcome in the joint-use relationship is that both the school district and park system benefit from shared use of facilities and land area.

2. Size Objective

The optimum size of a school park site depends on its intended use. The size criteria

established for neighborhood park and community park classifications may apply.

3. Service Area Objectives:

Neighborhood park and community park classifications criteria should be used to determine school park functions and area served. For planning purposes, the degree to which school lands, including building or facilities, meet community needs depends on the specific inter-local agreements formed.

4. Location Objectives:

The location of a school park site will be determined by the school district based on district policy. Coordinated city and school district planning allows for siting, acquisition, and facility development to be responsive to community needs. Service areas for school park sites will depend on the type of use and facilities provided.

5. Program Objectives:

The criteria established for neighborhood parks and community parks should be used to determine how a school park site is developed and programmed. If athletic fields are developed at a school park site, they should, where feasible, be oriented toward youth rather than adult programs. Establishing a clearly defined joint-use agreement between involved agencies is critical to making school park relationships workable. This is particularly important with respect to acquisition, development, maintenance, liability, use, and programming of facility issues.

The orientation of school park projects is typically for neighborhood and community recreation services. The functions may include sports, recreation classes, passive recreation activities, and other recreation programs suitable to an elementary or secondary education school.

County Park

1. Definition Summary:

A county park provides sufficient park and recreation area to meet the needs of county residents. County parks consist of land that is specifically set aside for active and passive

recreation uses, and that accommodates large gatherings, special events, and individual users. County parks offer a wide variety of compatible outdoor recreation activities, and may provide areas that do not primarily serve a recreational purpose such as protected natural areas, historic areas, and special use areas.

2. Size Objectives:

The size of recreation parks varies greatly from park to park, but with the exception of those parks that serve a special use or are trail corridors, a recreation park should consist of a minimum of 100 acres of land. Each park should be of sufficient size to accommodate the estimated use and to allow for the operation and maintenance of planned recreational facilities.

3. Service Area Objectives:

County parks provide for a regional user group and serve primarily county residents. Special facilities like camping and trails are also used by tourists and visitors to the county.

4. Location Objectives:

The land should have high recreational potential and be able to withstand intensive and extensive recreational activities. Land should have potential to accommodate large groups of people. Land for corridors should be located so as to connect to communities, parks, and open spaces. The potential for future land acquisition should be taken into account.

5. Program Objectives:

Development should be appropriate for intended use and should accommodate moderate to high use. Development and planning should consider the physical condition and characteristics of the land and recognize potential environmental or structural limitations that might require intensive maintenance. County parks may include the following facilities:

- a. Camping/group camping
- b. Picnic areas
- c. Recreational trails (hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, equestrian, cross-country ski, snowmobile, etc.)
- d. Play areas

- e. Swimming beaches
- f. Water access
- g. Fishing access
- h. Shelters
- i. Restrooms
- j. Shower facilities
- k. Sport fields (basketball, volleyball, softball, etc.)
- l. Pet exercise area

6. Orientation:

Multi-purpose service area and regional recreation resource serving a significant portion of a county or multi-county population.

7. Function:

To provide sufficient parks and recreation areas to meet the needs of the people of the county.

8. Space, Design, and Service Area:

The size of a county park should be a minimum of 100 acres. Facilities vary by park. Some parks offer active recreation (camping, recreational trails, etc.), while others provide passive recreation (scenic lookouts, picnic areas, beaches, etc.). Most parks provide both active and passive recreation. County parks provide for a regional user group and serve primarily county residents, through special facilities also serve tourists and visitors to the county.

State Forest

1. Definition Summary:

A state forest consists of well blocked areas of state owned lands that are managed to benefit present and future generations of residents, recognizing that forests contribute to local and statewide economics and to a healthy natural environment. State forests practice sustainable forestry. The management of state forests is consistent with the ecological capability of state forest land and with the long-term goal of maintaining sustainable forest communities and ecosystems. Benefits of maintaining these ecosystems include soil protection, public hunting, protection of water quality, production of recurring forest products, outdoor recreation, native biological

diversity, aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, and aesthetic value. The range of benefits provided in each state forest reflect its unique character and position in the regional landscape.

2. Size Objectives:

Typically between 1,000 and 250,000 acres, but can be larger or smaller.

3. Service Area Objectives:

Generally a 100 mile radius. State forests typically provide close-to-home recreational area. Day users typically travel approximately 50 miles one-way to reach state forests, while overnight users tend to travel further, approximately 100-150 miles one-way. Travel to state forests can, however, exceed 160 miles for longer vacation stays and travel to "destination areas."

4. Location Objectives:

Areas with large blocks of land.

5. Program Objectives:

State forests must meet ecological, economic, social, and cultural needs. Elements are compatible with the natural resource setting and park site constraints. Facilities may include the following:

Current Level of Supply:

Hiking trails	1,256 acres per linear mile of trail
Cross-country ski trails	2,551 acres per linear mile of trail
Snowmobile trails	639 acres per linear mile of trail
Equestrian trails	559 acres per linear mile of trail
ATV trails	1,795 acres per linear mile of trail
Camping sites	1 campsite per 265 acres

6. Orientation:

Multi-purpose service area and regional recreation resource serving a significant portion of a state or regional population.

7. Function:

To provide for nature conservation, provide income to forest owners, supply raw materials to the wood processing industry, and provide public recreation.

8. Space, Design, and Service Area:

The size of a state forest is determined by the extent of the area's natural resources and

recreation capabilities. There is no minimum or maximum size for a state forest. Facilities are not universal and vary by forest. The geographic location of the forest and the natural resources present dictate recreation available at the site. State forests serve large geographic areas of a state or region.

State Park

1. Definition Summary:

A state park, by size, program, and location, provides space for outdoor recreation and education about nature and conservation. These parks serve a significant geographic segment of a state or regional population. State parks aim to preserve, protect, interpret and enhance the scenic and cultural resources of the state.

2. Size Objectives:

Parks must be large enough to accommodate a reasonable mix of outdoor recreational activities. Typically, parks are between 500 and 3000 acres, but can be smaller (<20 acres) or larger (>10,000 acres).

3. Service Area Objectives:

Generally a 100-mile radius. State parks typically provide close-to-home recreational areas. Day users generally travel approximately 50 miles one-way to reach state parks, while overnight users tend to travel further, approximately 100-150 miles one-way. Travel distances to state parks can often exceed 160 miles for longer vacation stays and trips to "destination areas."

4. Location Objectives:

Siting of Wisconsin State Parks is typically based on five criteria developed by John Nolen. These criteria are: 1) large size to serve a large number of citizens, 2) accessibility to major population areas, 3) a healthful, natural setting, 4) reasonable cost for land acquisition, 5) land possessing "decidedly uncommon charm and beauty." All, or a combination of these criteria are used to determine where to site a state park.

5. Program Objectives:

Elements that fulfill the service area, park facilities and recreation program demands.

Elements are compatible with the natural resource setting and park site constraints. Developments may include the following facilities:

Current Level of Supply:

Hiking trails	196 acres per linear mile of trail
Surfaced bicycle trails	860 acres per linear mile of trail
Mountain bike trails	549 acres per linear mile of trail
Nature trails	1,871 acres per liner mile of trail
Cross-country ski trails	430 acres per linear mile of trail
Snowmobile trails	426 acres per linear mile of trail
Equestrian trails	400 acres per linear mile of trail
Picnic sites	0.05 acres per picnic table
Camping sites	1 campsite per 29 acres
Parking stalls	Year-Round = 1 stall for every three visitors
Swimming beaches	17 linear feet per 1,000 users

5. Orientation:

Multi-purpose service area and regional recreation resource serving a significant portion of a state or regional population.

6. Function:

To provide for public recreation and education of conservation and nature study. To preserve, protect, interpret and enhance the scenic and cultural resources of the state.

7. Space, Design, and Service Area:

The size of a state park is determined by the extent of the area's natural resources and recreation capabilities. There is no minimum or maximum size for a state park. Facilities are not universal and vary by park. Some parks offer active recreation (camping, boating, mountain biking trails, hunting etc.), while others offer passive recreation (scenic lookouts, picnic areas, beaches, etc.). Most provide both active and passive recreation. The geographic area and the natural resources present dictate recreation uses and facilities present in the park. State parks serve large geographic areas of a state or region.

ATTACHMENT D

State and Federal Outdoor Recreation Funding Programs

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Wisconsin DNR Administered Programs

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Acquisition Of Development Rights (a Stewardship Program)

The program's purpose is to buy development rights (easements) to protect natural, agricultural, or forest lands from development that enhance nature-based outdoor recreation. Applicants compete for funds on a statewide basis.

Priority parcels criteria:

- Property with frontage on rivers, streams, lakes, or estuaries;
- Property that creates a buffer between land that has been permanently protected for natural resource and conservation purposes and potential or existing residential, commercial, or industrial development;
- Property that is within the boundaries of an acquisition project established by the DNR, a government unit, or a NCO where the uses of the property will complement the goals of the project and the stewardship program.

DNR considers the following factors when evaluating acquisition of development rights:

- Recreational opportunities provided or enhanced;
- Proximity to other permanently protected land;
- Natural, scenic, geologic, and archaeological values of the property;
- The degree of development pressure;
- Whether the project has been identified in a comprehensive plan pursuant to s. 66.1001, WI Stats., another plan that has as one of its purposes the protection of natural resources, or the natural heritage inventory database.

Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (a Stewardship Program)

Funds may be used for both land acquisition projects and development projects for nature-based outdoor recreation, such as fishing piers, hiking trails and picnic facilities. Applicants compete for funds on a regional and county basis. NCOs may only apply for funds for land acquisition; they are not eligible for funds for development on property.

DNR considers the following factors when evaluating projects:

- Implements priorities contained in state and local comprehensive outdoor recreation plans
- Meets needs and deficiencies identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the approved local comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, or the approved comprehensive outdoor recreation plans of other units of government including regional or integrated management plans

- Acquires land where a need for additional land acquisition is supported by an approved comprehensive outdoor recreation plan
- Is regional or statewide in nature and can be documented as such
- Documentation shows benefits to tourism
- Results in a first of a kind facility for the project sponsor or service area
- Provides or supports a water-based activity
- Serves the greatest population
- Involves volunteers, local donations or cooperation by two or more service clubs
- Applicants that have never received an outdoor recreation program grant
- Provides for completion of a project already started where the sponsor has shown the ability to provide quality outdoor recreation facilities for its citizens without grant assistance
- Sponsor has completed prior LWCF, ADLP, UGS, URGP or projects successfully.
- Involves two or more governmental agencies
- Acquires land where a need for additional land acquisition is supported by an approved comprehensive outdoor recreation plan;
- Serves as a demonstration project for other project sponsors
- Corrects a documented health or safety problem
- Renovates existing facilities which are in danger of being lost for public use
- Sponsor is able to adequately maintain and operate the area or facility
- Provides multiple season, multiple activity use
- Serves the recreation needs of elderly persons, minorities and disabled persons. Facilities provided must exceed those required by state or federal regulations

All Terrain Vehicles (ATV)

Funds are available to provide funds to accommodate all-terrain vehicles through the acquiring, insuring, developing and maintaining of all-terrain vehicle trails and areas, including routes as per s. 23.33, Wis. Stats. Counties, towns, cities and villages are eligible to apply by April 15 on forms provided by the Department. Eligible levels of reimbursement are:

- ATV trails available for spring, summer, and fall riding may be reimbursed up to 100 percent of eligible maintenance costs (up to \$650 per mile).
- ATV trails available for winter riding may be reimbursed up to 100 percent of eligible maintenance costs (up to \$100 per mile).
- Development of ATV trails and areas may be reimbursed up to 100 percent of eligible costs.
- Major rehabilitation of bridge structures or trails may be reimbursed up to 100 percent of eligible costs.
- Maintenance of ATV intensive use areas may be reimbursed up to 50 percent of eligible costs

Assistance is provided for the following, in priority order: 1) maintenance of existing approved trails and areas, including routes; 2) purchase of liability insurance; 3) acquisition of easements; 4) major rehabilitation of bridge structures or trails; and 5) acquisition of land in fee and development of new trails and areas.

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Enforcement Patrol

Funds are available as per s.23.22(9), Wis. Stats. and NR 64.15, Wis. Adm. Code. A county must file a Notice of Intent to Patrol form with the Department on or before July 1 of each year. Claim forms shall be filed with the Department on or before September 1 of the year following the 12-month period for which the claim is made. Notice of Intent to Patrol and Claim forms are provided by the Department Bureau of Law Enforcement. Counties may receive up to 100% of their net costs for the enforcement of ch. 23.33, Wis. Adm. Code, at a rate no more than the regular straight-time rate. Fringe benefits cannot exceed 29% of the gross salary. Salaries of officers engaged in the enforcement of Chapter NR 23.33, Wis. Adm. Code, at a rate no more than the regular straight-time rate. Fringe benefits cannot exceed 29% of the gross salary. Travel, materials and supplies are reimbursable. Depreciation is calculated at a rate of 12% annually on all equipment over \$100 except ATV's, which is figured at the rate of 20% annually.

Brownfields Green Space and Public Facilities Grant Program

Funds are available per s.292.79, Wis. Stats. to promote the cleanup of brownfields where the end-use has a long-term public benefit, including preservation of green space, development of recreational areas or use by a local government.

Lake Protection Grant

Funds are available to protect and improve the water quality of lakes and their ecosystems as per s. 281.69, Wis. Stats. Grants are available for purchasing land or easements, restoration of wetlands, development of local regulations to protect water quality, lake improvement activities called for in a Department approved plan, and countywide lake classification. Counties, towns, cities, villages, public authorities and qualified lake associations as defined in s. 30.92(1)(br), Wis. Stats., public inland lake districts, non-profit groups, and other local governmental units established for lake management are eligible to apply on forms provided by the Department. The state cost shares up to 75% of project costs not to exceed \$200,000. Applications are due in the Regional offices by May 1 of each year.

Priorities are set on a statewide basis (see ch. NR 191.08, Wis. Adm. Code) and consider the following factors: 1) lakes which have not previously received a lake protection grant; 2) the degree to which the project provides for the protection or improvement of water quality; 3) the degree to which the project provides for protection or improvement of other aspects of the natural ecosystem such as fish, wildlife or natural beauty; 4) the availability of public access to, and public use of the lakes; 5) the degree to which the proposed project complements other lake and watershed management efforts; 6) the level of support for the project from other affected management units; and 7) the level of financial support provided by the sponsor.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Money is available to encourage nationwide creation and interpretation of high quality outdoor recreational opportunities. The program funds both state and local outdoor recreation projects per Public Law 88-578, ch. NR 50.06, Wis. Adm. Code. Counties, cities, villages, towns, school

districts, and Indian tribes are eligible for funding with an approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans. Up to 50% matching grants from the fund are available to state and local units of government. Priorities include acquisition of land where a scarcity of outdoor recreational land exists. Also, projects that provide access for the greatest number of potential users and provide the greatest opportunities for outdoor recreation are also desirable.

Eligible projects include acquisition of land for public outdoor recreational areas and preservation of water frontage and open space. Development of public outdoor park and recreational areas and their support facilities. Applications are available from the DNR regional Community Service Specialist. Completed applications are due to the appropriate DNR regional office by May 1 of each year.

Recreational Boating Facilities

Funds are available for the construction of capital improvements to provide safe recreational boating facilities and for feasibility studies related to the development of safe recreational facilities as per s. 30.92, Wis. Statutes. Counties, towns, cities, villages, sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and qualified lake associations are eligible to apply. Cost sharing is provided up to 50% for feasibility studies, construction costs, and certain types of acquisition costs. An additional 10% may be available if a municipality conducts a boating safety enforcement and education program approved by the Department.

Eligible projects include: 1) Facilities such as ramps and service docks required to gain access to the water; 2) structures such as bulkheads and breakwaters necessary to provide safe water conditions for boaters; 3) activities such as dredging to provide safe water depths for recreational boating. (Dredging is an eligible project only when it is associated with project development at the project site; maintenance dredging is not eligible.); 4) support facilities limited to parking lots, sanitary facilities and security lighting; 5) acquisition of equipment to cut and remove aquatic plants; 6) acquisition of equipment to collect and remove floating trash and debris from a waterway; 7) dredging of channels in waterways for recreational boating purposes (not more than once in ten years)(inland waters); and 8) acquisition of aids to navigation and regulatory markers. These factors are considered in establishing priorities - distance of proposed project from other recreational boating facilities, demand for safe boating facilities, existing facilities, projects underway, commitment of funds, location of proposed project within the region identified in s. 25.29(7), Wis. Stats.

River Management Grants

River Protection Management grants provide state cost sharing assistance to eligible sponsors for implementing a specific activity or set of activities, other than planning activities, to protect or improve a river ecosystem as per s. 181.70 Wis. Stats. Counties, towns, cities, villages, non-profit groups and qualified river management organizations, and other local governmental units as defined in s. 66.0131, Wis. Stats., are eligible to apply on forms provided by the Department. The state cost shares up to 75% of project costs not to exceed \$50,000. Activities eligible for funding include: 1) purchase of land or of an easement subject to certain requirements, 2) development of local ordinances, and 3) restoration of in-stream or shoreland habitat. Applications are due in the Regional offices by May 1 of each year.

Recreational Trails Act (RTA)

The Recreational Trails Act (RTA) provides funds to local units of government through the transfer of federal gas excise taxes paid on fuel used in off-highway vehicles. These funds are used to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for motorized (30% of

RTA funds), non-motorized (30% of RTA funds), and both (40% of RTA funds) types of recreational trail uses. This federal program was reauthorized in 2005 under SAFETEA-LU.

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 with certain restrictions on federal lands, and acquisition of easement or property for trails.

Snowmobile Club Signs

Funds are available to provide free cardboard trail signs and reflective material to snowmobile clubs agreeing to open their trails to public use as per s. 23.09(26) and Chapter 350, Wis. Stats. Funds are limited to no more than \$15,000 per year for the purchase of signs and reflective material. Applications are due in the Region offices by April 15 of each year for the following season.

Snowmobile Route Signs

Funds are available to provide costs for initial signing of snowmobile routes and trail crossing warning signs as per s. 23.09(26) and Chapter 350, Wis. Stats. Towns, cities, and villages are eligible to apply on forms provided by the Department. No local match is required, but state funding is limited to no more than \$30,000 per year for the route sign program. Applications are due in the Region offices by April 15 of each year for the following season.

Snowmobile Enforcement Patrols

Funds are available to encourage county snowmobile patrols to function as a law enforcement unit for the enforcement of State Statute 350 as per s. 350.12(4)(a)(4), Wis. Stats. and NR 50.12, 20.370(4)(ft), Wis. Adm. Code. Counties are eligible to apply on forms provided by the Bureau of Law Enforcement. A county must file a Notice of Intent to Patrol form with the Department on or before July 1 of each year. Claim forms shall be filed with the Department on or before June 1 of the year following the 12-month period for which the claim is made. Salaries of officers engaged in the enforcement of ch. 350, Wis. Stats., at a rate no more than the regular straight-time rate are eligible. Fringe benefits cannot exceed 29% of the gross salary. Travel, materials and supplies are reimbursable. Depreciation is calculated at a rate of 20% annually on all equipment over \$1,000.

Snowmobile Trail Aids

Funds are available to provide a statewide system of well-signed and well-groomed snowmobile trails for public use and enjoyment as per s. 23.09(26), and Chapter 350, Wis. Stats. Counties are eligible to apply on forms provided by the Department. 100% cost sharing is provided with limits on maintenance costs of \$250, and development costs of \$500 per mile. Applications are due in the appropriate Region Office by April 15 of each year. Eligible projects include maintenance of trails, which includes signing, brushing, and grooming of snowmobile trails, purchase of liability insurance and acquisition of short term easements, development of trails which may include general trail construction, bridges, gates and signs, major rehabilitation of existing snowmobile bridges and rehabilitation of existing trail segments

Stewardship Program

The Stewardship Program is a comprehensive program that addresses a broad spectrum of land conservation and recreation needs across the state. Stewardship has four major components:

Nonprofit Grants

Acquisition of land and easements for a wide range of conservation and outdoor recreation purposes.

Local Assistance Grant Programs

Grants for local governments or NCOs to acquire land and conservation easements of land and development projects that support nature-based outdoor recreation.

- Acquisition and Development of Local Parks
- Urban Rivers
- Urban Green Spaces
- Acquisition of Development Rights

Property Development on State Lands

Development of recreational facilities on state properties.

Baraboo Hills

Conservation of the hardwood forests of the Baraboo Hills through easements and acquisition. This category closed to new applications.

Stewardship Grants for Nonprofit Conservation Organizations

Review specific guidelines for each of the following programs online at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/LR/Stewardship/subprogram.html>

Natural Areas

State Natural Areas are set aside for protection of their natural values for future generations, scientific research, and teaching conservation and natural history. They are not intended for intensive recreational use such as picnicking or camping.

Habitat Areas and Fisheries

The purpose of the Habitat Areas Program is to protect, restore, and enhance wildlife habitat in Wisconsin in order to expand opportunities for wildlife-based recreation such as hunting, bird watching, fishing, nature appreciation, and viewing of game and non-game species. The goals of the program are achieved through the use of easements, land acquisition, and habitat restoration.

State Trails, including the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and the North Country National Scenic Trail. The goal of the State Trails Program is to establish a balanced system of state trails for use by hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, and cross-country skiers.

Streambank Protection

The purpose of the Streambank Protection Program is to protect the water quality and fish habitat of Wisconsin streams by establishing buffers along selected streams. Whenever possible, these buffers should be at least 66 feet from either side of the stream and at least 66 feet beyond riparian wetlands.

Wild Lakes

The purpose of the Wild Lakes Program is to protect and preserve high quality endangered wild lakes. The goals of the program are achieved through the use of easements and land acquisition.

Urban Green Space (a Stewardship Program)

Funds are available to provide open natural space within or in proximity to urban areas; to protect land from development with scenic, ecological or natural values in urban areas, and to provide land for noncommercial gardening in urban areas.

Priority is given to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

Planning Considerations, including:

- Specifically implementing a priority of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Implementing the approved master plans of 2 or more units of government or regional planning agencies
- Preserving land that is listed on the natural heritage inventory database
- Implementing elements of water quality plans or initiatives

Project Considerations, including:

- Serving the greatest population centers
- Serving areas of rapidly increasing populations
- Providing accessibility
- Having unique natural features, threatened or endangered species, or significant ecological value
- Providing open natural linear corridors connecting open natural areas
- Having water frontage
- Containing or restoring wetlands
- Protecting sensitive wildlife habitat
- Protecting an area threatened by development
- Preserving a natural community or one that could be restored
- Having regional or statewide significance
- Relating to brownfield redevelopment

Urban Rivers Grant (a Stewardship Program)

Funds are available to restore or preserve the character of urban riverways through the acquisition of land or easements adjacent to rivers.

Program objectives include:

- To provide for economic revitalization through the restoration or preservation of urban rivers or riverfronts
- To improve outdoor recreational opportunities by increasing access to urban rivers for a variety of public uses, including but not limited to, fishing, wildlife observation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, canoeing, boating, hiking and bicycling
- To preserve or restore significant historical, cultural, or natural areas along urban rivers

There is a cap of 20% which means that no sponsor can receive more than 20% of the funds that are available in any fiscal year.

This is a very competitive program. Projects with the following attributes will rank higher:

- Acquires land or land rights that preserve or restore natural values, including aesthetic values, and enhance environmental quality along urban waterways.
- Provides new or expanded diverse recreational opportunities to all segments of urban populations.
- Provides new or expanded access to urban waterways.
- Acquires blighted lands that will be restored to complement riverfront redevelopment activities.
- Encourages comprehensive riverway planning within and between municipalities and other agencies.
- Provides opportunities for increasing tourism.
- Acquires lands that through proper management will improve or protect water quality

Wisconsin DOT Administered Programs

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Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

(Formerly the Transportation Enhancement Program)

Objective: To promote activities which enhance the surface transportation system. Program funds are intended to accomplish something "above and beyond" what is normally done on highway projects. Eligible federal categories include: Safe Routes To School, bicycle & pedestrian facilities, historic transportation structures, and landscaping/streetscaping projects.

Surface Transportation Program – Discretionary (STP-D)

Objective: To encourage projects that foster alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips, such as facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, development of bicycle/pedestrian plans, purchase of replacement vehicles for transit systems, and other transportation demand management (TDM) projects. Funding is 80% federal; 20% local.

Other Wisconsin DOT Funding Sources

Hazard Elimination Program - Bicycle and pedestrian projects are now eligible for this program. This program focuses on projects intended for locations that should have a documented history of previous crashes.

Incidental Improvements - Bicycle and pedestrian projects are broadly eligible for funding from most of the major federal-aid programs. One of the most cost-effective ways of accommodating bicycle and pedestrian accommodations is to incorporate them as part of larger reconstruction, new construction and some repaving projects. Generally, the same source of funding can be used for the bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as is used for the larger highway improvement, if the bike/ped accommodation is “incidental” in scope and cost to the overall project. Overall, most bicycle and pedestrian accommodations within the state are made as incidental improvements.

Federal Assistance Programs

All other federal programs are listed under Wisconsin DNR Administered Programs.

Challenge Cost Share Program (CCSP) – National Park Service

The purpose of the Challenge Cost Share Program (CCSP) is intended to increase participation by qualified partners in the preservation and improvement of National Park Service natural, cultural, and recreational resources; in all authorized Service programs and activities; and on national trails. NPS and partners should work together on projects with mutually beneficial, shared outcomes.

The CCSP is a matching fund program. An equal amount of eligible and matching share (minimum 50%) of cash, goods, or services from non-federal sources is required. The maximum CCSP award is \$30,000. Projects selected should generally be able to be completed within one year.

One-third of the CCSP pot is earmarked for National Trails System Projects. Thus supporting work under the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1241-51), such as: National Scenic and Historic trails, National Scenic and Historic Trails in parks, National Recreation Trails, and rail-trail projects.

For additional information about this program and the application process, please contact the CCSP Program Coordinators for Wisconsin:

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