



# Town of Saratoga Outdoor Recreation Plan 2023-2027



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# Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION

*This Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) 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 CORP to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources establishes eligibility for the local unit of government to apply for a variety of Federal and State Aids for outdoor recreation (Chapter NR 50.06(4), Wisconsin administrative code).*

## 1.1 Purpose

The primary purpose of this outdoor recreation plan is to provide continued direction toward meeting the current and future recreation needs of the Town of Saratoga.

Adoption of this plan by the Town of Saratoga Board and subsequent acceptance by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will continue the Town's eligibility for Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF), and State Knowles–Nelson Stewardship Program funds.

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

## 1.2 Provisions for Plan Updates

Plan amendments are common and should be considered part of the planning process. They frequently represent good implementation or plan usage and should be acceptable for consideration by local decision makers.

**Annual review** of the plan recommendations and capital improvement list by the Town of Saratoga SPARKS Committee will keep this plan current. This review may also occur after a large turn over in elected officials after an election.

Annual Review Process:

1. The Town of Saratoga SPARKS Committee reviews plan and takes a vote on what changes to make.
2. Town Board adopts changes by resolution.
3. Those changes are now part of the original plan. Make sure those changes, the original plan, and the approval resolution are available to submit DNR's Community Financial Assistance staff when applying for any financial assistance.

Establishing a **full plan update every five years** will assure that the plan reflects changes in the recreational needs of the City and will extend the community's eligibility for grant programs for another 5 years.

## 1.3 Reference Plans & Laws

This plan was written to establish outdoor recreation planning for the Town of Saratoga. Each plan listed below affects outdoor recreation in the Town of Saratoga.

### ***Town of Saratoga Comprehensive Plan, 2022***

*Note: Under development in 2022 & 2023.*

This plan is a combination of nine chapters which cover all types of development that may occur throughout the Town of Saratoga.

Goals and objectives were not finalized yet, but it is expected that there may be goals and objectives related to outdoor recreation in the following Town of Saratoga Comprehensive Plan chapters: **Utility & Community Facility Chapter, and/or the Transportation Chapter.** See the adopted Comprehensive Plan for goals and objectives that relate to outdoor recreation.

### ***Wood County Bike and Pedestrian Plan 2023***

*Note: Under development in 2022 & 2023.*

Wood County has mapped a number of short and long-term trail (off-street and route on-street) bikeway improvements, including: existing off-road facilities, existing road shoulder inventory, suggested bike routes on low-volume roads, planned off road facilities, and other proposed bike/pedestrian facilities.

See the final Bike and Pedestrian Plan for bike routes that are proposed for Saratoga.

### ***Wood County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2018***

Wood County has recognized the importance of providing quality recreational opportunities to its residents since creating the original plan in 1972. This demonstrates Wood County's commitment to providing quality recreational opportunities for its residents and visitors. This Plan serves as a guide for the County for the five-year planning period.

The following recommendations affect recreation in Saratoga:

- “It is recommended that all communities in Wood County adopt uniform standards for recreational development. Such standards should include common park definitions, acreage per thousand population guides, service area adaptations and a uniform philosophy in regard to the use of school-owned recreation areas, roles of units of government in the overall recreation program, use of state and federal grants and the role of private enterprise.”
- “Small communities in Wood County should make an effort to provide at least one park each within reasonable walking distance of all community residents. These parks should provide playground equipment, picnic tables, cooking grills, a shelter with attached sanitary facilities, a playfield for baseball/softball and soccer, and benches and tables for passive activities.”
- “The County and/or local municipalities can adopt some measures to benefit private recreation enterprise. The most common measures include zoning and resource

protection. Zoning can regulate things such as billboards, use of surface waters and land use. It is apparent that there is a close relationship between zoning and resource protection, but the latter depends on other regulatory and management devices.”

### **Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2019-2023**

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.

This SCORP lays out five overarching goals for outdoor recreation:

1. Boost participation in outdoor recreation.
  2. Grow partnerships.
  3. Provide high-quality experiences.
  4. Improve data to enhance visitor experiences and benefits.
  5. Enhance funding and financial stability.
- Park design and location criteria from SCORP are described in **Attachment A**.
  - SCORP identified outdoor recreation needs are in **Attachment E**.

### **State Trails Network Plan**

This 2003 document clarifies the 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.

The following segment affects the Town of Saratoga:

#### Segment 18 – Tomahawk to Wisconsin Dells

From Stevens Point to Wisconsin Dells, a potential trail route using roadways is recommended that generally would follow the Wisconsin River and its flowages and may provide access to Roche-A-Cri and Buckhorn State Parks for trail users. With the support of the counties, this could become a designated bike route. Paved shoulders should be included with any future road improvements. The Ice Age Trail crosses this potential corridor near the intersection of County Highway Z and State Highway 82 in Adams County.

**Wisconsin Land Legacy Report, 2006-2056**

This WDNR report is a comprehensive inventory of the special places that will be critical to meet future conservation and outdoor recreation needs in Wisconsin for the next fifty years. 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 craft comprehensive plans, or offering different types of technical assistance.

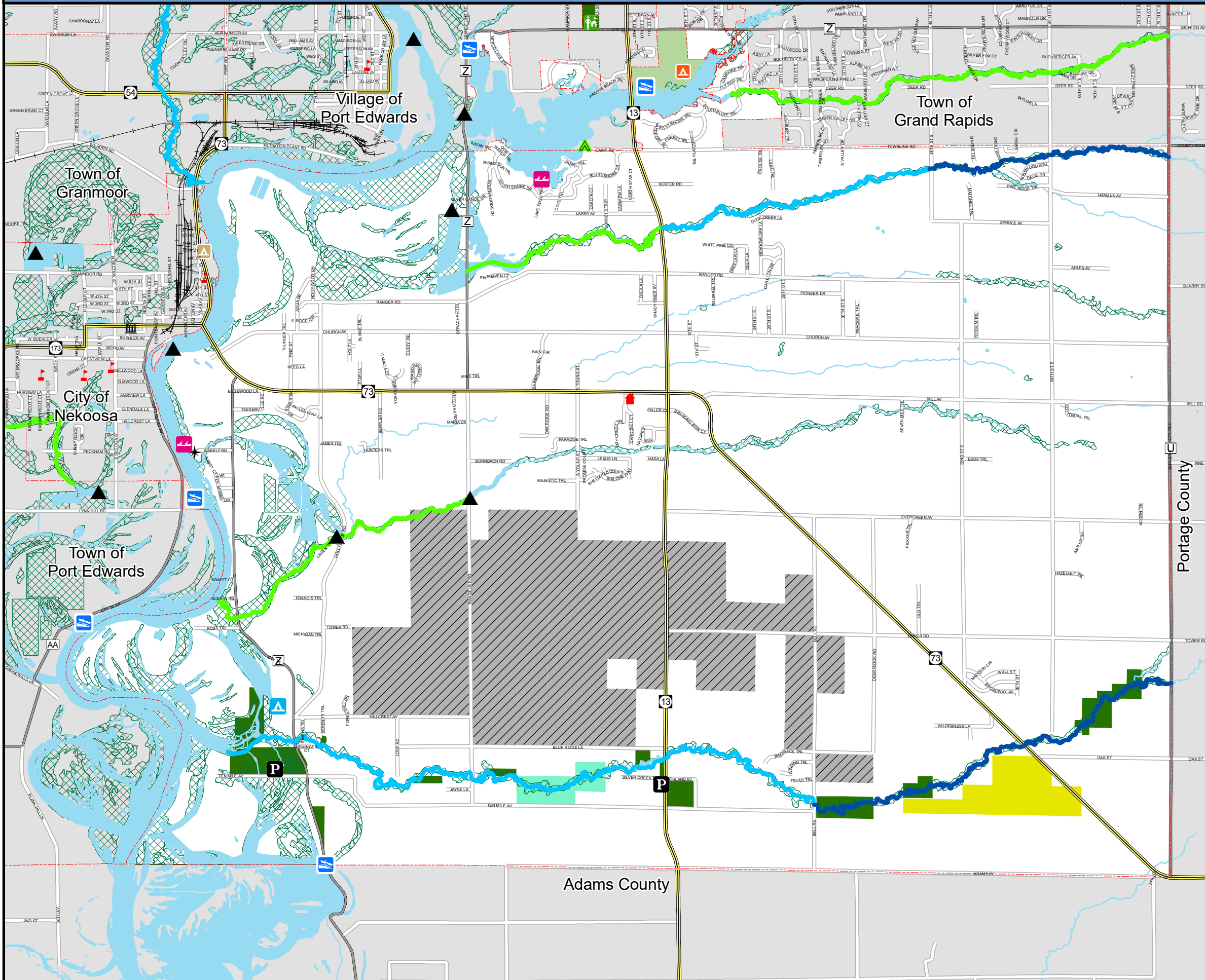
Each Legacy Area in Saratoga is summarized below with 5 stars representing the highest level for that category:

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>MW</b> Middle Wisconsin River |          |
| Size                             | Large    |
| Protection Initiated             | Limited  |
| Protection Remaining             | Moderate |
| Conservation Significance        | ☆☆       |
| Recreation Potential             | ☆☆☆☆☆    |

Extensive southern floodplain forests dominated by silver maple, green ash, and hackberry are found along the river’s lowlands. In concert with associated marshes, they provide important habitat for a variety of resident and migratory wildlife. Upland forests adjacent to the river contribute to the corridor’s wildlife habitat values, help maintain water quality, and have significant aesthetic value.

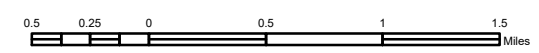
Due to the proximity of several large population centers, this portion of the river receives substantial public use. Recreational boating, fishing and waterfowl hunting are particularly popular activities. A protected corridor along the river could provide protection for critical habitats and increase the variety of public recreation opportunities available.

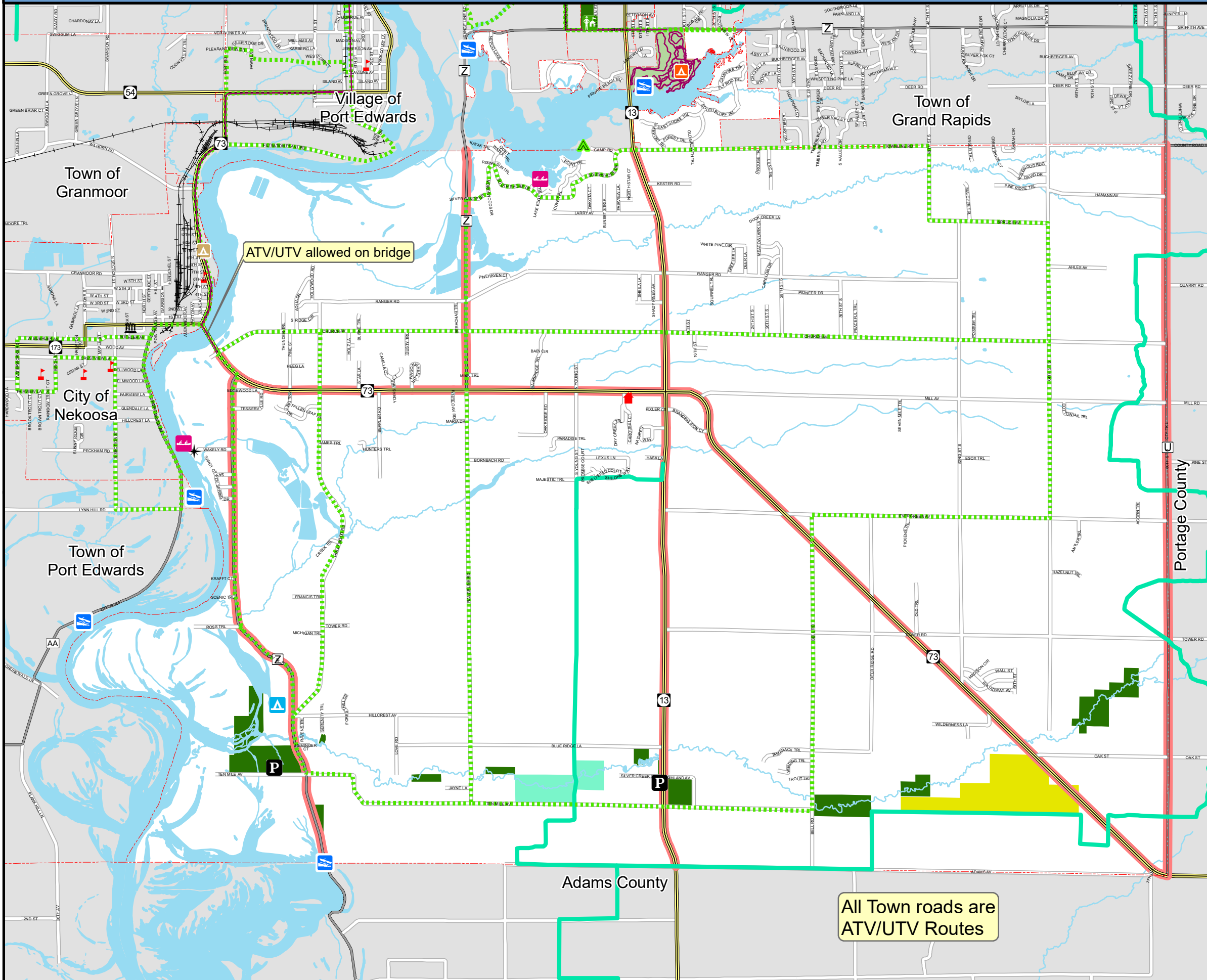




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  - Railroad
  - Water
  - Wetlands
  - Boat Launch
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  - City Hall
  - Historic Sites
  - Schools
  - Technical School
  - Town Halls
  - Parking
  - Youth Camp
  - Dams
- Trout Streams**
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  - CLASS II
  - CLASS III
- County
  - State
  - Steambank Access
  - VPA-HIP Public Access
  - Existing/Proposed Utility Scale Solar

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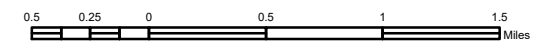




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- Bike Trails / Routes
- Snowmobile Trails
- ATV/UTV Prohibited

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## Chapter 2: BACKGROUND OF SARATOGA

### 2.1 Introduction

Potential opportunities and limitations start with understanding an area. This section provides a basic feel for what the Town of Saratoga looks like physically, demographically, and economically.

Both the Wakeley Road Bridge and Wakeley's Tavern are on the State and National Register of Historic Places. These comprise the Historic Point Basse, a Native American river crossing site that was later inhabited as a small settlement with a mill. The location is operated as a historic site for visitors. An additional four property records are in the state's Architectural and Historical Resources inventory: a ranger station at 3366 W Church Ave, a church at the corner of 64th St and Church Ave, a church at the corner of Church Ave and 48th St, and a barn on Ranger Rd.

The Town of Saratoga has a 2020 Census population of 5,060 people and located on the south side of Wisconsin Rapids in southeast Wood County. Single family housing is being constructed, and commercial properties are available to convert into new businesses with accessible locations.

The natural features (e.g., wetlands, forest, wildlife, and steep slopes) are described and mapped in the Town of Saratoga Comprehensive Plan of 2022 (not part of this plan).

### 2.2 Land Use

The Town of Saratoga covers 22,695 acres in the southeast corner of Wood County. Most of the land within the Town is residential, woodland, utility scale solar, and cranberry growers. Town residences are spread throughout the township in suburban residential and rural residential areas. There is a very limited amount of commercial and industrial development scattered throughout the Town

## 2.3 Demographics

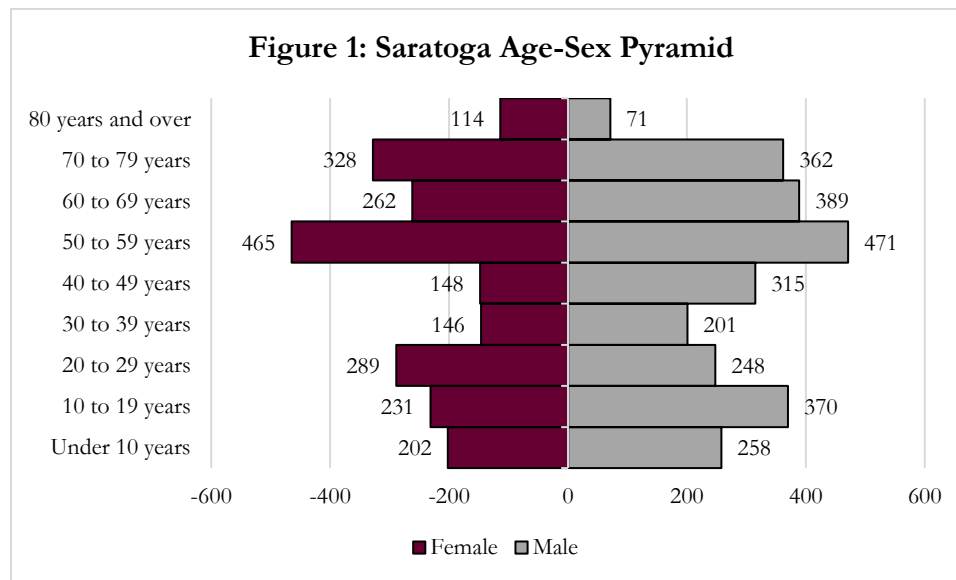
In 2020, the Town of Saratoga’s Census population was 5,060 (see Table 1). By 2025, the Wisconsin Demographic Services Center (WDOA) projects that the Town of Saratoga’s population will increase by 130 people (2.57%) and is projected to decrease by 10 people from 2025 to 2030.

**Table 1: Saratoga Population Projections**

| 2020 Census | 2025 Projections | 2030 Projections | 2035 Projections |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 5,060       | 5,190            | 5,180            | 5,150            |

Source: U.S. Census, & WDOA

Figure 1 is The Town of Saratoga’s population pyramid that was created with 2020 American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census. the Town of Saratoga has a greater share of residents both over 49 and under age 30. Since the 30 to 49 age group often is a large share of a community’s labor force, this could impact the availability of workers to fill jobs. Most males in the Town are in the 50-59 year old age category and most females are also in the 50 to 59 year old age category.



Source: 2020 American Community Survey (ACS).

## Demographic Trends

Table 2 shows a comparison of the Town of Saratoga’s demographics over generally the last decade. The Town of Saratoga has a greater share of residents both over 49 and under age 30. Since the 30 to 49 age group often is a large share of a community’s labor force, this could impact the availability of workers to fill jobs. Most males in the Town are in the 50-59 year old age category and most females are also in the 50 to 59 year old age category. In 2020, the median age in the Town was 49.9 years, up from 46.0 in 2010. The median age for the Town and the County was significantly higher than the State which had a median age of 39.6 in 2020. When adjusted for inflation, the median household income in Saratoga has risen 1.68 percent between 2010 and 2020.

**Table 2: Saratoga’s Quick Demographics**

|                                   | 2010      | 2020      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Population                        | 5,142     | 5,060     |
| Persons under 5 years             | 4.5%      | 3.8%      |
| Persons under 18 years            | 23.4%     | 18.8%     |
| Persons 65 years and over         | 15.4%     | 22.6%     |
| Female persons                    | 48.3%     | 45.8%     |
| White persons (not Hispanic)      | 96.9%     | 93.8%     |
| Black persons                     | 0.0%      | 0.7%      |
| American Indian persons           | 0.0%      | 0.0%      |
| Asian persons                     | 0.2%      | 0.0%      |
| Hispanic or Latino persons        | 2.9%      | 5.0%      |
| High school graduates or higher** | 89.2%     | 91.4%     |
| Bachelor’s degree or higher**     | 9.5%      | 11.9%     |
| Housing units                     | 2,136     | 2,430     |
| Persons Per Household             | 2.51      | 2.36      |
| Median household income           | \$70,689* | \$71,879* |

Source: U.S. Census, 2010 (SF1 & ACS), 2020 Census & 2020 ACS

\*\*Percent of the population that is 25 years old and over.

\*Income in 2022 dollars.

## 2.4 Economic Development

In 2020, the Town of Saratoga had a 61.2% labor force participation rate, and about 1.5% unemployment (see **Table 3**).

Of the 2,327 workers who lived in the Town of Saratoga in 2019, 87.1% drove alone to work, 7.0% carpooled, 1.2% walked, 2.9% took other means, and 1.8% worked at home. The average travel time to work was 21.4 minutes.

In 2010, the Town of Saratoga had an employed population of 2,514 people. This number increased by only 5 people to 2,519 by 2020, for an increase of 1.5 percent. The U.S. census classifies individuals as unemployed if they are not working, actively seeking work, and available to accept a job. The unemployment rate in the Town was 1.5 percent in 2020.

**Table 3: Saratoga’s Labor Force Indicators**

|                    | 2010  | 2020  |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| In Labor Force     | 2,746 | 2,557 |
| Employed           | 2,514 | 2,519 |
| Unemployment Rate  | 6.3%  | 1.5%  |
| Participation Rate | 65.2% | 61.2% |

Source: 2010 & 2020 ACS, & NCWRPC

As shown in Table 4, in 2020 most Saratoga residents were employed in the areas of production, transportation, and material moving occupations. This is similar to in 2010, though numbers have shifted slightly between occupations. In 2020, the second sector most represented was the area of sales and office occupations, followed by management, business, science, and arts occupations. From 2010 to 2020, the most significant increase was seen in service occupations. The most significant decrease during this time was in sales and office occupations.

**Table 4: Saratoga’s Resident Occupations**

| Occupation Sector  | 2010         | 2020         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Management, business, science, and arts                      | 422          | 445          |
| Service occupations  | 306          | 410          |
| Sales and office occupations                                 | 669          | 539          |
| Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations | 354          | 381          |
| Production, transportation, and material moving occupations  | 763          | 744          |
| <b>Total employed</b>  | <b>2,514</b> | <b>2,519</b> |

Source: 2010 & 2020 ACS, & NCWRPC

## Chapter 3: EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

There are no public parks or public boat launches in the Town of Saratoga. Nepco Lake County Park is adjacent to Saratoga.

**Maps 1 and 2** show outdoor recreational opportunities within the Town.

### **Linear Parks**

*Linear Parks are trails that may have various lengths. (See Attachment A.)*

**Snowmobile Trails:** Wood County has 271.1 miles of snowmobile trails to enjoy. Seven clubs make up the Wood County Snowmobile Alliance and maintain the trails.

**ATV/UTV Routes:** Wood County and local municipalities have ATV/UTV trails and routes that connect to existing town roads and trail systems in adjacent counties.

**Wisconsin Rapids Area Bike Routes:** Several signed bike routes cover the Wisconsin Rapids area, several of which are in the Town of Saratoga. See **Map 2** for the routes.

**Turtle Bay Public Access:** This non-motorized landing on the southwest side of Nepco Lake is a public access point that the Town of Saratoga owns. No facilities exist at this time.

**Water Trails:** A water trail is a network of access points, resting places, and attractions for users of water craft on lakes and rivers.

The Wisconsin River Centennial Trail is a water trail that was established in 2007 to commemorate Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corporation's (WVIC) 100th year of coordinating flow on the Wisconsin River. Mile markers are typically located on the right side of the bridges and at portage take out sites.

Now, a new group is organized, with the approval of WVIC, to re-brand the Wisconsin River Centennial Trail to become: "Great Pinery Heritage Waterway." The project consists of re-marking a water trail with signs at landings on the Wisconsin River.

See **Map 1** for boat landings and water access points.

The Wisconsin River is available to boat and canoe/kayak on. Portages have been established on the river to get around the dams. All navigable water is available to boat or canoe/kayak on legally but downed trees across streams makes access unpredictable.

### **Community Parks**

**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. (See Attachment A.)

**Nepco Lake County Park:** This 125 acre county owned and operated park is considered a community park in addition to its county park status. See description in County Parks section.

### **County Park**

**County Parks:** With a minimum of 100 acres of land, 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. (See Attachment A.)

**Nepco Lake County Park:** This 125 acre county owned and operated park is located on the north side of the 494 acre Nepco Lake.

Nepco Lake County Park features a beach area, boat ramp, nature/hiking trails, picnic area, fireplace/grills, playground, restrooms, a small open shelter and boat docks with access for people with disabilities. An enclosed shelter is available to rent year-round.



# Chapter 4:

## OUTDOOR RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Recreational needs within the town were identified by 1) collecting public input, 2) needs driven park planning, and 3) creating a park Level of Service assessment.

### 4.1 Public Input

#### 1. Informal Public Input

In the regular course of business, the Town of Saratoga’s staff, and SPARKS Committee members have received public input about the parks. That input and Town budgets will shape what changes are implemented.

#### 2. Input from Reference Plans & Laws

A variety of plan’s goals & objectives and recommended projects that affect the Town of Saratoga are summarized in Chapter 1 under: “Reference Plans & Laws.”

#### 3. Saratoga Outdoor Recreation Survey Results

This survey was sent out for customer feedback from the middle of July 2022 through early September. The Town posted the survey link on their Facebook page and posted flyers at the Town Hall. The survey was also available via a link on NCWRPC’s website for this ORP. The survey was open for about 7-weeks.

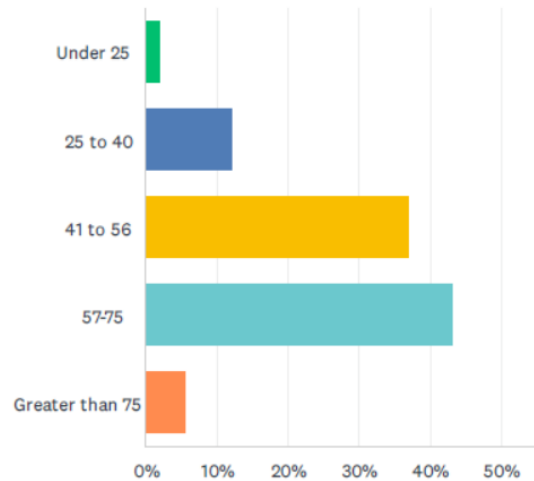
We received **185 responses** to the survey. Although not statistically significant of the whole population, this survey does provide a much deeper understanding of the wants and needs for outdoor recreation than a public hearing, so the results are very valuable. Respondents were allowed to skip questions, so several questions had smaller response groups.

Through an IP address analysis of who took the survey it appears that 9 IP addresses are at least duplicated, which could mean that a husband and wife both took the survey. Eight IP addresses repeated twice, and one IP address repeated 3 times. Either way, it appears that nobody “stuffed the ballot box.”

About 88% of the respondents live in Saratoga.

Respondents came from all age groups, with a strong showing of over 35% from Generation X (41 to 56) and over 40% from Baby Boomers (57-75).

Full survey results (44 pages) are in **Attachment D**.



**Key Findings of the ORP Survey:**

*Answered: 185 Skipped: 0*

- The most frequent outdoor recreational activities respondents participated in:
  1. Walking / Hiking 68% of responses
  2. Gardening 55% of responses
  3. Events / Festivals / Fairs 52% of responses
  4. Boating 52% of responses
  5. Fishing 48% of responses
  6. Driving for Pleasure 40% of responses
  7. Canoeing / Kayaking 39% of responses
  8. Swimming 39% of responses
  9. ATV / UTV / OHM Riding 39% of responses
  10. Bird watching / Nature viewing 37% of responses
  11. Dog walking / Dog park 33% of responses
  12. Hunting 32% of responses

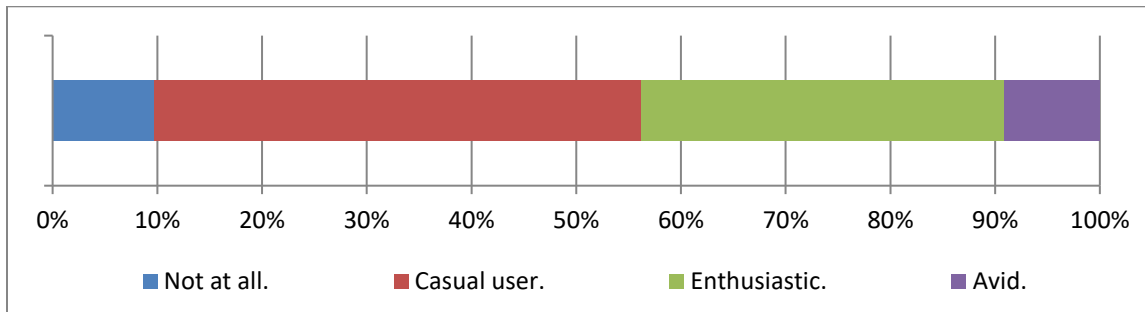
**Q2. What potential outdoor recreational opportunities should be developed in the Town of Saratoga?**

Answered: 128 Skipped: 57

- 1. **None** **31** responses
  - a. *The Town of Saratoga is fine just the way it is!*
  - b. *None. Please fix our roads.*
- 2. **Walking/Biking paths** **25** responses
- 3. **Better water access** **21** responses
  - a. *Boat landing on west side of Nepco Lake*
- 4. **Park** **16** responses
- 5. **Walking paths** **15** responses
- 6. **ATV/UTV paths** **12** responses
- 7. **Dog park** **12** responses
- 8. **Public land** **11** responses

**Q3. What type of water enthusiast are you?**

Answered: 176 Skipped: 9



**Not at all.** (I'm not interested in water recreation at all, not even with friends.)

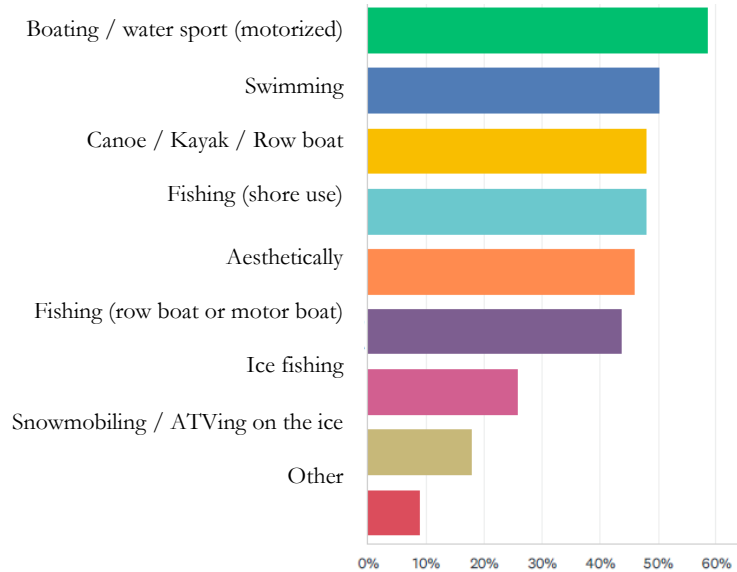
**Casual user.** (I like to use the water, but only do so occasionally.)

**Enthusiastic.** (I access or go on the water regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)

**Avid.** (I am always on the water or ice every chance I get.)

**Q4. How do you use the water?**

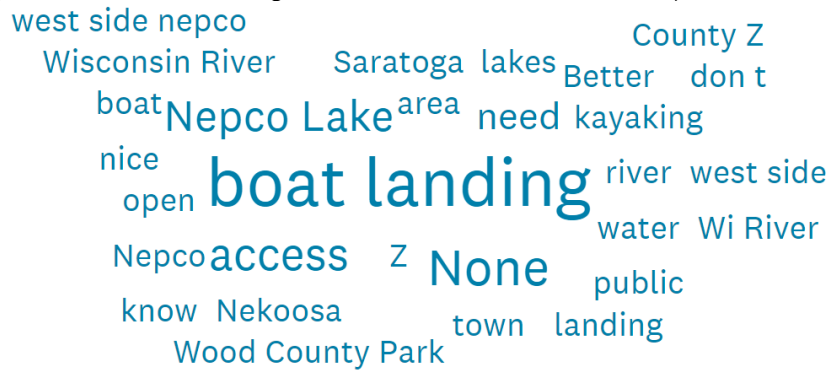
(Choose all that apply.) Answered: 167 Skipped: 18



**Q5. What public boat landings or water access improvements are needed in the Town of Saratoga.**

Answered: 82 Skipped: 103

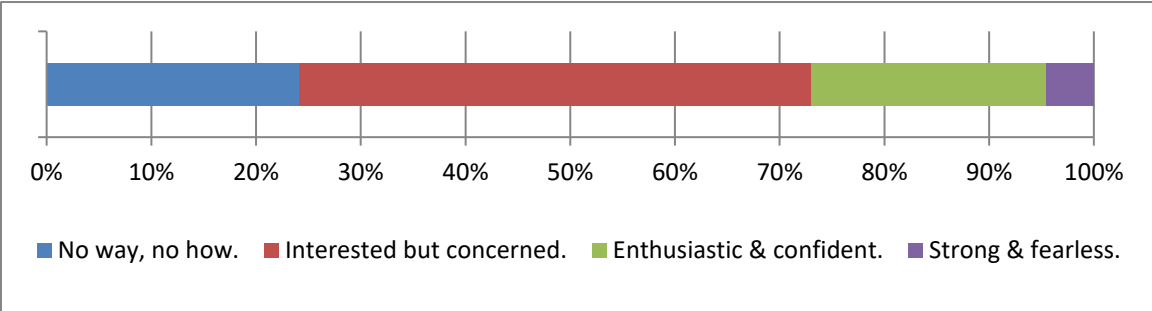
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**Various sport enthusiast questions are next for alternative transportation:**



**Q6. What type of bicyclist are you?** Answered: 174 Skipped: 11



**No way, no how.** (I’m not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)

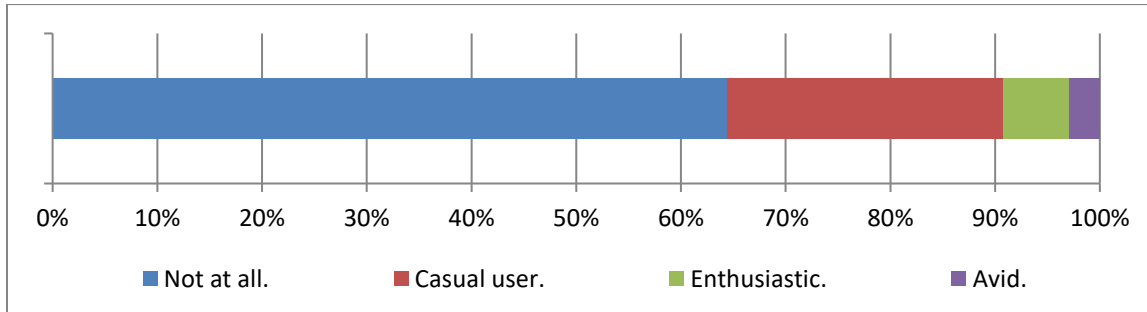
**Interested but concerned.** (I like riding, but don’t do it regularly. I’m generally concerned that my route is not safe to ride, so I don’t ride often. I definitely do not ride when the weather is bad.)

**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.)

**Strong and fearless.** (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)

**Q7. Read 85 comments in Attachment D about bicycling improvements needed in the Town of Saratoga.**

**Q8. What type of snowmobile enthusiast are you?** Answered: 174 Skipped: 11



**Not at all.** (I'm not interested in snowmobiling at all, not even with friends.)

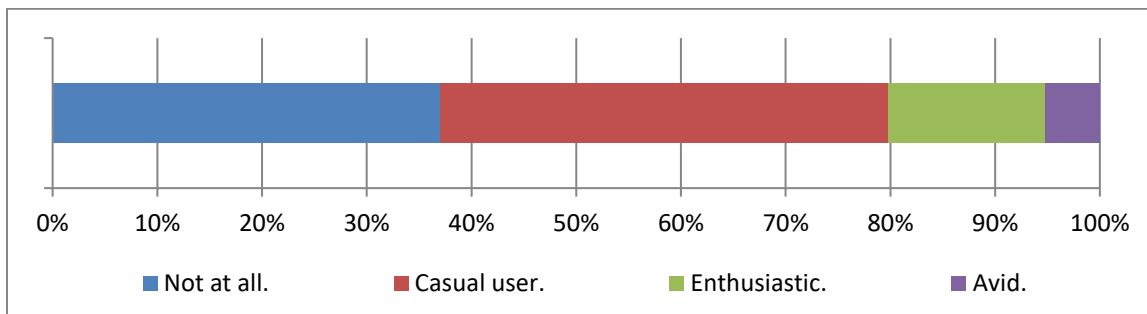
**Casual user.** (I like snowmobiling for fun, but **only** do so occasionally, **OR only** on my own land.)

**Enthusiastic.** (I access or go on snowmobile routes and trails regularly.)

**Avid.** (I am always on a snowmobile every chance I get – all season long.)

**Q9. Read 41 comments in Attachment D about snowmobiling improvements needed in the Town of Saratoga.**

**Q10. What type of motorized vehicle (ATV/UTV/ Off-Highway Motorcycle) enthusiast are you?** Answered: 173 Skipped: 12



**Not at all.** (I'm not interested in motorized recreation at all, not even for recreation.)

**Casual user.** (I like using motorized vehicles for fun, but **only** do so occasionally, **OR only** on my own land.)

**Enthusiastic.** (I access or go on motorized routes and trails regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)

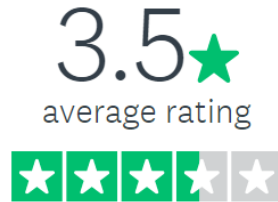
**Avid.** (I am always on a motorized vehicle every chance I get – all year long.)

**Q11. Read 45 comments in Attachment D about motorized vehicle improvements needed in the Town of Saratoga.**

**Please rate the following ideas:**

**Q12. How supportive are you of Saratoga acquiring lands for outdoor recreation?**

Answered: 167 Skipped: 18



**Q13. Read 85 comments in Attachment D about whether the Town should acquire land for outdoor recreation.**

**Q14. How supportive are you of Historic Point Basse’s outdoor living museum to preserve history?**

Answered: 168 Skipped: 17



**Q15. Read 45 comments in Attachment D about Historic Point Bass continuing to preserve history.**

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**Q16. Any other concerns?**

Answered: 70 Skipped: 115

*(Word Cloud – The larger the word the more mentions)*



## 4.2 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 1,000 population, for park planning. A standard amount of land for parks and recreation nationwide is no longer recognized as universal for a park.

A standard land measure is still used to determine how much land is needed for a specific use like a baseball diamond. Facility standards are used for this purpose. The number of baseball diamonds and other facilities are not the same among similar sized communities nationally; therefore a Level of Service needs to be created locally.

Besides creating a Level of Service for each park classification, other measures such as geographic distribution and universal accessibility, are also used to determine the adequacy of a community's parks.

Universal accessibility is making facilities (e.g., tables, drinking fountains, and restrooms) accessible to people with limited mobility. Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards are followed when purchasing or modifying facilities for universal accessibility. Each park and its park facilities are described in Chapter 3. If changes to park facilities are necessary to make them ADA compliant, then suggested improvements will be listed in Chapter 6 under each park's 5-year improvement table.

### 1. Park Design Criteria

Parks of any size are useful, but when land is set aside in subdivision plats for future parks, then the appropriate size and reason for the park needs to be established. Park design criteria become useful when deciding on a communities' *official map* (§62.23(6) *WI. Stats.*) where future parks should be.

Park design criteria is described in **Attachment A** for the full variety of park types.

Each park classification contains the following:

- Definition,
- Size Objectives;
- Service Area Objectives;
- Location Objectives;
- Space, and Design;
- Orientation; and
- Function.

#### Park Acreage

The size of a park is determined by two 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 buffers between uses.
2. Park facilities. *What activities are allowed or will be allowed?* This is determined by physical inventory and by asking for public input.

*How much land is needed for each use?* This is determined by Facility Development Standards in **Attachment B** for a large variety of activity types.



If the Town of Saratoga had parks, then **Table 7** would show how the Town’s system would compare with state standards for the size of each park as grouped by classification. Parks are listed by classification in Chapter 3.

| <b>Table 7 Park Acreage, 2022</b> |                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Classification</b>             | <b>SCORP Recommendation</b> | <b>Saratoga average park size</b> |
| Mini                              | 0.5 – 5* acres              | 0                                 |
| Neighborhood                      | 5 – 25 acres                | 0                                 |
| Community                         | 25+ acres                   | 0                                 |

Source: WDNR, & NCWRPC

\*SCORP states that a mini park is 0.5-1.5 acres, but a gap from 1.5-5 acres exists, so that gap was added to the mini park size.

## 2. Park Service Areas

Parks must be close to where residents live for people to consider a park useful. This section is presented in the interest of assisting the Town in the development of an outdoor recreation system. 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.

**Map 3** illustrates how well Town residents are served by the various parks within and outside of the Town that serve Town residents. The State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) provides the following guidelines for park placement:

- Mini park service area: ½-mile radius, or a population of 2,000-3,000.
- Neighborhood park service area  
Every neighborhood park serves **both** as a mini and a neighborhood park:  
½ mile radius, or a population of 2,000-3,000, **and**  
1 mile radius, or a population of 2,000-5,000.
- Elementary school grounds service area: same as *neighborhood parks*, because a typical elementary school’s grounds has the same level of playgrounds and play areas similar to *neighborhood parks*, so their service areas are the same.
- Community park service area: 2-5 mile radius (shown on **Map 3** with a neighborhood service area and a mini park service area, because they serve as neighborhood parks and as whole community parks).
- County and State park service areas are larger than the community they are located within.

**Park Service Area Conclusions – Map 3** shows the park service areas and the existing and future housing density per 2020 airphoto interpretation and the Future Land Use map in the Town’s 2022 Comprehensive Plan.

The Town of Saratoga is populated by two housing neighborhood types: suburban residential (about ½ acre lots) and rural residential (1+ acre lots).

Balancing a need for parks where people live with the desire to maintain a low density residential development, means that the following adjusted park service area could apply to the Town of Saratoga:

- Suburban Residential areas (Map 3) could be served in the future with *mini* and *neighborhood* parks.
- Rural Residential areas (Map 3) could be served by *community* parks or any other park they wish to drive to.

See Attachment A for how each park type (mini, neighborhood, and community) is defined.

### 3. Level of Service

A Level of Service (LOS) approach is used to identify if enough park land exists for a community’s needs. This revised approach is defined by the community’s needs rather than an arbitrary acreage-per-1000-people standard. The LOS is generated locally for each park classification (e.g., mini, neighborhood, or community). Public input is collected, and the needs for a particular park, or whole park classification, are determined. If the public is content with the existing parks within a park classification, then the LOS is applied to the whole population. If the public determines that individual parks need more facilities in them, then a particular park needing additional land may become reclassified into the next larger classification. When the community grows in population the LOS is used to calculate how many additional parks are needed.

Parks are listed by classification in Chapter 3. Nepco Lake County Park serves the City of Wisconsin Rapids (18,877 pop), Village of Port Edwards (1,762 pop), Village of Nekoosa (2,449 pop), Town of Saratoga (5,000 pop), and Town of Grand Rapids (7,400 pop)—for a total 2020 Census population of 35,488.

This is the formula used in **Table 8** to create the acres per 1,000 people, which is the Level of Service (LOS):

$$\text{LOS by classification} = \frac{\text{Park acres per classification}}{(\text{Town Population} \div 1,000 \text{ population served})}$$

| Park Classification | Level of Service |                             |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
|                     | Total Acres      | 2020 Acres per 1,000 people |
| Mini                | 0                | 0                           |
| Neighborhood        | 0                | 0                           |
| Community           | 125              | 3.5                         |
| Total               | 125              | <b>3.5</b>                  |

Source: NCWRPC

The Town of Saratoga had a 3.5 town-wide Level of Service (LOS) in 2010, which stayed constant at 3.5 in 2020. No parks exist in the Town of Saratoga. This LOS for Saratoga only exists because of Nepco Lake County Park, which acts like a community park for all the communities surrounding the County Park.

An LOS of about 15 to 20 is what most communities aim for, but a LOS is only one of three parts of the picture for determining if adequate parkland exists; the other two parts are space within a park (1. Park design), and location (2. Park Service Area).

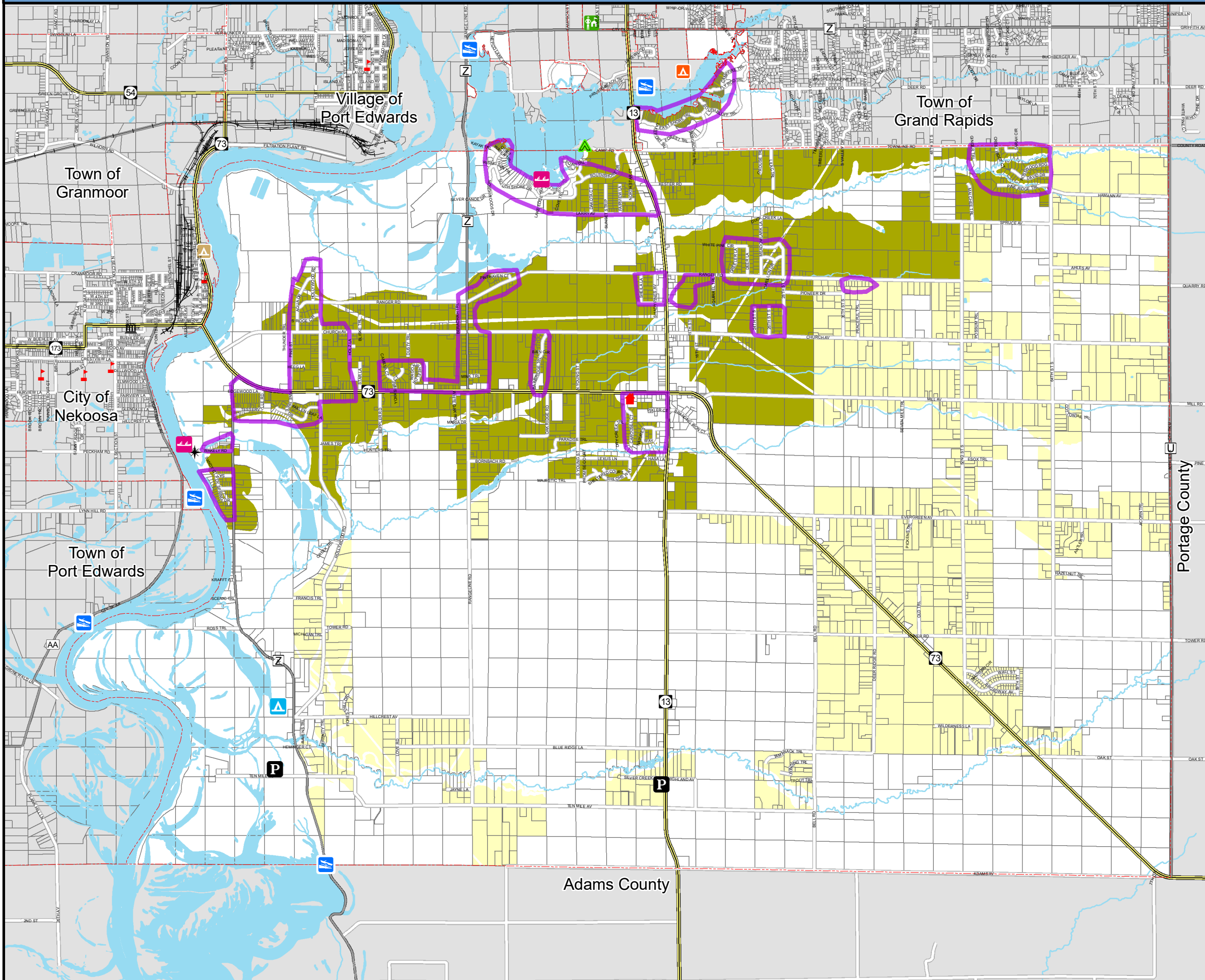
**Table 9** shows a town that is similar to Saratoga. The Town of Rib Mountain is next to a major city, just as Saratoga is, and has a 2020 population of 7,286.

|                         | <b>Mini Park Acres</b> | <b>Neighborhood Park Acres</b> | <b>Community Park Acres</b>                      | <b>LOS</b>  |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Town of Saratoga</b> | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                       | <b>125</b> ( <i>shared among 5 communities</i> ) | <b>3.5</b>  |
| Town of Rib Mountain    | 3.6                    | 49.8                           | 135.6  | <b>27.0</b> |

Source: NCWRPC

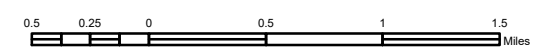
**Level of Service Conclusion (amount of parks for the population)**

- When you take into account Nepco Lake County Park, then the Town of Saratoga has at least some park acreage per resident.
- There are no mini parks or neighborhood parks that have service areas covering even a part of Saratoga’s residents.
- There is a Park Service Area shortage of *mini* parks and *neighborhood* parks serving Suburban Residential areas of the Town (see page 23).



- Legend**
- Minor Civil Divisions
  - US Highway/State Highways
  - County Highways
  - Local Roads
  - Railroad
  - Water
  - Campgrounds
  - Boat Launch
  - Unimproved Access
  - State
  - County
  - City
  - Town
  - DNR Ranger Station
  - City Hall
  - Historic Sites
  - Schools
  - Technical School
  - Town Halls
  - Parking
  - Youth Camp
  - Parcels
  - Existing Suburban Residential
  - Future Housing Density**
  - Future Rural Residential
  - Future Suburban Residential

This map is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey of the actual boundary of any property depicted. This drawing is a compilation of records, information and data used for reference purposes only. NCWRPC is not responsible for any inaccuracies herein contained.



# 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 and SPARKS Committee revision and refinement. These goals and objectives are meant to guide Town officials as they work towards providing a recreation system to meet the needs of the Town of Saratoga's residents and visitors over the next 5 years.

### **Goal 1 – Improve water access throughout the Town.**

#### Objectives

1. Develop boat launches on waterbodies in Saratoga.
2. Improve land adjacent to boat launches for day-use recreation.

### **Goal 2 – Support development of routes and paths for alternative transportation.**

#### Objectives

1. Develop walking/biking paths along roads noted in the Wood County Bike & Pedestrian Plan.
2. Maintain selected roads as ATV/UTV Routes.
3. Cooperate with County Parks and Forestry Department with possible siting of snowmobile or ATV/UTV routes in the Town of Saratoga.

### **Goal 3 – Support hunting and fishing within the Town.**

#### Objectives

1. Protect trout streams in Saratoga from land uses that would degrade their status.
2. Use Saratoga's Comprehensive Plan and County Zoning to protect hunting and fishing areas from residential encroachment.
3. Encourage landowners to use tax reduction programs in areas that would protect public use of land and water for outdoor recreation.

### **Goal 4 – Promote outdoor education of historical sites in Town.**

#### Objective

- Cooperate with Historic Point Basse's efforts to protect, enhance, and interpret historical sites in Saratoga.

### **Goal 5 – Support day-use outdoor recreation development in Town.**

#### Objectives

1. Possibly acquire land for public outdoor recreation.
2. Coordinate with landowners who want to provide day-use outdoor recreation.

# Chapter 6:

## RECOMMENDATIONS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Recommendations & Capital Improvements are ways for satisfying issues identified during the planning process, which included citizen input, Park & Recreation Committee member ideas, and staff analysis throughout all the preceding chapters. 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 as the opportunity or need arises.

There are a variety of strategies available for implementing this plan. Chapter 7 provides a wide variety of implementation techniques to use. By using the following recommendations, and implementation techniques in Chapter 7, the Town of Rib Mountain can improve and preserve outdoor recreation for current residents and future generations.

This chapter is divided into the following sections:

**6.1 General Recommendations** – Town-wide strategies and policies.

**6.2 Individual Park Capital Improvements** – Physical construction projects.

### 6.1 General Recommendations

Several issues came to light through the results of the community survey, staff analysis, and Committee meetings.

Each recommendation has a suggested timeframe:

- **Short-term (within 2 years)** – Projects that can be implemented without the need for specific grant funds or large coordinative efforts.
- **Medium-term (2-3 years)** – Projects that may require some planning to include in the Town’s CIP or would be eligible for upcoming grant cycles.
- **Long-term (possibly longer than 5 years)** – Projects that require a more coordinated effort, design time, or are beyond the current budget of a community.

The following Recommendations are subject to receiving Town budgetary approval or private group efforts. All listed projects may not be completed over the next 5-years.

### **Establish New Boat Launches**

No parks or boat launches exist in the Town of Saratoga as of 2022. The Wisconsin River in Saratoga has a lot of potential for outdoor recreation per the Wisconsin Land Legacy Report (page 5), and the Wood County Outdoor Recreation Plan (page 3).

The first step with developing an outdoor recreation system in Saratoga is to consider developing boat launches. Wisconsin State Statutes 236.16(3), require public access to the adjacent waterbody when land is subdivided. Wood County administers the Land Subdivision Ordinance. DNR determines the best way to provide public access when land is subdivided. The Town may improve public access to waterbodies by consulting with the DNR and Wood County staff.

**Recommendation 1A (Long-term):** Town to work with Wood County Planning & Zoning to support developing boat launches on the Wisconsin River and Nepco Lake in partnership with landowners, the Wisconsin River Power Company, and DNR.

**Recommendation 1B (Long-term):** When working with the entities in Recommendation 1A, consider how to develop public day-use outdoor recreation space adjacent to or near boat launches.

**Recommendation 2 (Long-term):** Cooperate with Wisconsin River Power Company to potentially establish Improved Day Use Recreation Sites on the Saratoga side of the Wisconsin River.

### **Bicycle Parking**

For bikes to be used more often for transportation, everyday destinations like work, school, stores, offices, and restaurants must be within a convenient biking distance and have bicycle parking. Many destinations in Saratoga are within biking distance of many residents, but many destinations don't have bike racks.

Bicycle rack design guidelines in **Attachment G** are a good start for anyone wanting to provide bicycle parking now that accommodates a variety of bicycle types.

**Recommendation A (Short-term):** The Town should lead by example by installing bicycle racks at the Municipal Center.

**Recommendation B (Long-term):** Encourage employers of all types to install bicycle parking per the guidelines in Attachment G.

### **Resolution/Ordinance to build bike & pedestrian improvements**

The Town of Saratoga's 2022 Comprehensive Plan has 2 policies suggesting that the Town supports development of bike and pedestrian improvements. Requiring development of bike and pedestrian improvements when a road is rebuilt, or development occurs next to a projected walking or biking improvement, reduces the cost of installing such a facility to the Town.

**Recommendation (Short-term):** Consider adopting a resolution or ordinance to require installation of bike and pedestrian improvements from the current Wood County Bike & Pedestrian Plan as part of any development project located adjacent to a planned bike or pedestrian route.

### **Saratoga Bike & Pedestrian Plan Improvements**

As part of the Wood County Bike & Pedestrian Plan 2023, the Town of Saratoga has mapped a number of short and long-term bike route (off-street and on-street) improvements.

**Recommendation (Short- to Long-term):** Continue to implement the bicycle and pedestrian improvements shown in the Wood County Bike & Pedestrian Plan that relate to the Town of Saratoga.

### **Outdoor Recreation Land**

The proposed utility scale solar areas are on MFL land. When the land comes out of MFL, then it will not be available for outdoor recreation.

The 2022 Saratoga Outdoor Recreation Survey notes that the vast majority of respondents are supportive of Saratoga acquiring lands for outdoor recreation (Q12 on page 19). Donations of land, fee simple land purchase, and long-term leases are three common ways a municipality acquires land for a variety of outdoor recreation uses. Numerous town memorial parks and forests have been acquired through the generosity of local citizens. If citizens are made aware of community needs, then this form of private action may continue to enrich the public resources of the community.

**Recommendation (Short- to Long-term):** Consider acquiring land for outdoor recreation and wildlife habitat.

## 6.2 Individual Park Capital Improvements, 2023-2027

### **Town Maintained Outdoor Recreation**

#### **Turtle Bay Public Access**

- Construct staircase, restrooms, a shelter, drinking water, bike racks, and a canoe/kayak launch.



# Chapter 7:

## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

There are a variety of strategies available for implementing this plan. These strategies include using land use tools and government programs to realize attainment of this plan's goals and objectives.

### Shoreland Zoning

Wisconsin's 59.692 Statute establishes statewide standards for shoreland development. Counties are required to adopt and administer shoreland zoning ordinances that meet these requirements. Wood County administers the zoning within Saratoga.

### Public Access to Waterways

Saratoga is part of Wood County's Subdivision Ordinance, and the County administers the ordinance. State regulations for subdivisions require dedication of public access when the land along waterways is platted.

#### **LAKE AND STREAM SHORE PLATS [236.16(3) WISCONSIN STATUTES]**

- (a) All subdivisions abutting on a navigable lake or stream shall provide public access at least 60 feet wide providing access to the low watermark so that there will be public access, which is connected to existing public roads, at not more than one-half mile intervals as measured along the lake or stream shore except where greater intervals and wider access is agreed upon by the department of natural resources and the department, and excluding shore areas where public parks or open-space streets or roads on either side of a stream are provided.

**NR 1.93 Access in platted subdivisions.** Under s.236.16 (3), Wis. Stats., the DNR has authority to recommend wider access at less frequent intervals than are prescribed in the statutes. The DNR shall consider waiver of the 60-foot access requirement only where the DNR determines:

- (1) It will be advantageous to public interests in navigable water;
- (2) Adequate space for access users and adequate buffering for private property is assured by access wider than 60 feet where possible; and
- (3) The access that would result provides an equal or greater opportunity for public access than would be provided by dedication at statutorily prescribed intervals and the 60-foot width.

### Park Dedication

Subdivision regulations can be used to require residential land subdividers to dedicate a portion of subdivided land for permanent park and open space use. 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 some communities.

### Conservation Subdivisions

Conservation subdivisions are characterized by common open space and clustered compact lots. A variety of housing types or the same type of housing may be allowed. The purpose of a conservation subdivision is to protect farmland or natural resource open spaces while allowing for the maximum number of residences under current community zoning and subdivision regulations. In some cases a greater density (density bonus) may be offered in the local ordinance to encourage this approach. Generally, this tool is used for parcels 40 acres and larger, or where the community maps natural resource corridors or natural features that they want to preserve. A conservation subdivision maintains the same level of overall density as a conventional subdivision, but individual lot sizes are smaller, and the community receives open space.

### 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 village'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 village. The village then leases the land to a private party or organization with use restrictions placed on the land. Under this method, the village receives some monetary return on its investment and retains control over the use of the land.

### 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. A list of these programs exists in **Attachment C**.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program is a federal program administered by WDNR to encourage the creation and interpretation of high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities. Since passage of the Great American Outdoors Act of 2020, LWCF is permanently and fully funded at \$900 million annually, nationwide. What this means in Wisconsin is that more park projects that include splash pads, playgrounds, and skateparks are now more easily fundable up to 50%.

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is a comprehensive aid program for the promotion of resource conservation and outdoor recreation opportunities. It consists of a variety of programs such as Local Park Aids, and the Urban Rivers Program, along with many others.

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program requires that what is applied for is listed in an approved comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. This local Outdoor Recreation Plan is designed to meet that requirement.

For the remaining program requirements, or additional information contact:

Community Service Specialist  
DNR's West Central Region  
Eau Claire WI

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

### 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.

### 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 clubs, 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 and 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 gardens 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 park and recreation development, including development of competitive sports areas 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 volunteerism of this type should be encouraged. In addition, service groups could help to meet the need for neighborhood facilities by supplementing municipal financial resources by 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.

# **ATTACHMENT A**

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## **Park Design and Location Criteria**

From:

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2011-2016

## Park Design and Location Criteria

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 B**

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## **Facility Design Standards**

From: National Recreation and Park Association

## SUGGESTED OUTDOOR FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

| Activity Format  | Recommended Size and Dimensions   | Recommended Space Requirements                                | Recommended Orientation   | Service Radius and Location Notes  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Badminton</b>   | Singles--17' x 44'<br>Doubles-20' x 44'<br>with 5' unobstructed area on both sides  | 1622 sq. ft.  | Long axis north - south   | ¼ - ½ mile. Usually in school recreation center or church facility. Safe walking or biking or biking access.                                   |
| <b>Basketball</b><br>1. Youth<br>2. High School<br>3. Collegiate | 46' - 50' x 84'<br>50' x 84'<br>50' x 94' with 5' unobstructed space all sides.   | 2400-3036 sq. ft.<br>5040-7280 sq. ft.<br>5600-7980 sq. ft.   | Long axis north - south   | ¼ - ½ mile. Same as badminton. Outdoor courts in neighborhood/community parks, plus active recreation areas in other park settings.            |
| <b>Handball (3-4 wall)</b>                                       | 20' x 40' with a minimum of 10' to rear of 3-wall court. Minimum 20' overhead clearance.  | 800 sq. ft. for 4-wall, 1000 sq. ft. for 3-wall.              | Long axis is north - south. Front wall at north end.  | 15 - 30 min. travel time, 4-wall usually indoor as part of multi-purpose building. 3-2 all usually in park or school setting.                  |
| <b>Ice Hockey</b>  | Rink 85' x 200' (Min. 85' x 185')<br>Additional 5000 22,000 sq. ft. including support area.   | 22,000 sq. ft. including support area.                        | Long axis is north - south if outdoors.   | ½ - 1 hour travel time. Climate important consideration affecting no. of units. Best as part of multipurpose facility.                         |
| <b>Tennis</b>  | 36' x 78'. 12 ft. clearance on both ends.   | Min. of 7,200 sq. ft. single court area (2 acres per complex) | Long axis north - south   | ¼ - ½ mile. Best in batteries of 2 - 4. Located in neighborhood/community park or near school site.  |
| <b>Volleyball</b>  | 30' x 60'. Minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.  | Minimum 4,000 sq. ft.   | Long axis north - south   | ½ - 1 mile.  |
| <b>Baseball</b><br>1. Official<br><br>2. Little League           | Baselines - 90'<br>Pitching distance-60.5'<br>Foul lines - min. 320'<br>Center field - 400'+<br><br>Baselines - 60'<br>Pitching distance - 46'<br>Foul lines - 200'<br>Center field - 200' - 250' | 3.0 - 3.85 A min.<br><br>1.2 A min.                           | Locate home plate so pitcher is not throwing across sun, and batter not facing it. Line from home plate through pitchers mound to run east-northeast. | ¼ - ½ mile. Part of neighborhood complex. Lighted fields part of community complex.  |
| <b>Field Hockey</b>  | 180' x 300' with a minimum of 10' clearance on all sides.   | Minimum 1.5 A   | Fall season - Long axis northwest or southeast. For longer periods, north/south   | 15 - 30 minute travel time. Usually part of baseball, football, soccer complex in community park or adjacent to high school.                   |
| <b>Football</b>  | 160' x 360' with a minimum of 6' clearance on all sides.  | Minimum 1.5 A   | Same as field hockey.   | 15 - 30 min. travel time. Same as field hockey.  |
| <b>Soccer</b>  | 195' to 225' x 330' to 360' with 10' minimum clearance on all sides.  | 1.7 - 2.1 A   | Same as field hockey.   | 1 - 2 miles. Number of units depends on popularity. Youth popularity. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to fields or neighborhood parks. |
| <b>Golf - Driving Range</b>                                      | 900' x 690' wide. Add 12' width each additional tee.  | 13.5 A for min. of 25 tees.                                   | Long axis is southwest - northeast with golfer driving northeast.   | 30 minute travel time. Park of golf course complex. As separate unit may be privately operated.  |

Source: National Recreation and Park Association

**SUGGESTED OUTDOOR FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS** *(continued)*

| <b>Activity Format</b>  | <b>Recommended Size and Dimensions</b>  | <b>Recommended Space Requirements</b>                        | <b>Recommended Orientation</b>   | <b>Service Radius and Location Notes</b>   |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>¼ mile running track</b>   | Over-all width - 276' length - 600'. Track width for 8 - 4 lanes is 32'.  | 4.3 A  | Long axis in sector from north to south to northwest - southeast, with finish line at north end. | 15 - 30 minute travel time. Usually part of a high school or community park complex in combination with football, soccer, etc.   |
| <b>Softball</b>   | Baselines - 60' pitching distance<br>- 45' men. 40' women<br>Fast pitch field radius from plate - 225'<br>Slow pitch - 275' (men)<br>250' (women)                         | 1.5 - 2.0 A  | Same as baseball. indimensions for 16".  | ¼ - ½ mile. Slight difference. May also be used for youth baseball.  |
| <b>Multiple use court (basketball, tennis, etc.)</b>  | 120' x 80'  | 9,840 sq. ft.  | Long axis of court with primary use north and south.   | 1 - 2 miles, in neighborhood or community parks.   |
| <b>Archery range</b>  | 300' length x minimum 10' between targets. Roped, clear area on side of range minimum 30', clear space behind targets minimum of 90' x 45' with bunker.                   | Minimum 0.65 A   | Archer facing north + or - 45 degrees.   | 30 minutes travel time. Part of a regional/metro complex.  |
| <b>Golf</b><br><b>1. Par 3 (18 hole)</b><br><br><b>2. 9-hole standard</b><br><br><b>3. 18-hole standard</b> | Average length varies -600 - 2700 yards.<br><br>Average length 2250 yards<br><br>Average length 6500 yards.   | 50 - 60 A<br><br>Minimum of 50 A<br><br>Minimum 110 yards    | Majority of holes on north/south axis  | ½ - 1 hour travel time<br><br>9-hole course can accommodate 350 people/day<br><br>500 - 550 people/day.<br><br>Course may be located in community, district or regional/metro park.  |
| <b>Swimming pools</b>   | Teaching - min. 25 yards x 45' even depth of 3-4 ft.<br><br>Competitive - min. 25 m x 16 m. Min. of 25 sq. ft. water surface per swimmer. Ration of 2 to 1 deck to water. | Varies on size of pool and amenities. Usually 1 - 2 A sites. | None, but care must be taken in siting life stations in relation to afternoon sun.               | 15 to 30 minutes travel time. Pools for general community use should be planned for teaching competitive and recreational purposes with enough to accommodate 1m and 3m diving boards. Located in community park or school site. |
| <b>Beach areas</b>  | Beach area should have 50 sq. ft. of land and 50 sa. ft. of water per user. Turnover rate is 3. There should be a 3-4 A supporting area per A of beach.                   | N/A  | N/A  | ½ to 1 hour travel time. Should have a sand bottom with a maximum slope of 5%. Boating areas completely segregated from swimming areas. In regional/metro parks.   |

Source: National Recreation and Park Association

## **ATTACHMENT C**

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### **Federal & State Outdoor Recreation Funding Programs**

Compiled by: NCWRPC



## **Wisconsin DNR Administered Programs**

Community Service Specialist  
DNR's West Central Region  
Eau Claire WI

**Go online to find specific DNR staff contact information along with their areas of expertise.**

**Note:** Various program application periods may exist. Check online for each program's requirements and deadlines.

**Note:** Contact your local Community Service Specialist if you are thinking of applying for a 50% Stewardship or 50% LWCF grant, so they can assist you with the application for the best chance of success.

### **Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP) Grants [Stewardship]**

ADLP grants are awarded to improve community recreation areas and acquire land for public outdoor recreation. Priority is given to land acquisition where a need for additional recreational land is supported by an approved comprehensive outdoor recreation plan.

### **Acquisition of Development Rights (ADR) [Stewardship]**

The purpose of the acquisition of development rights (ADR) subprogram is to protect natural, agricultural or forest lands that enhance and/or provide nature-based outdoor recreation. ADR grants can only fund conservation easement purchases.

### **ATV/UTV Enhancement**

This funding is issued bi-annually to non-profit organizations that promote the safe and wise use of all terrain vehicles (ATVs)/utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs), ATV/UTV riding and ATV/UTV education.

### **ATV/UTV Patrols**

This grant is issued to Wisconsin sheriff departments that participate in ATV enforcement efforts. The DNR can provide up to 100% of county net costs for the enforcement of ATV regulations. Actual funding received is based on total allotted funds split between participating agencies.

Patrol requirements are contained in NR 50.125, Wis. Adm. Code.

### **ATV/UTV Trails**

Counties, towns, cities, villages and tribes can apply for funds to acquire, insure, develop and maintain ATV/UTV trails, areas and routes.

Specific changes to NR 64 created Hybrid Trails ("Troutes") or all-terrain vehicle trail and route combinations.

## **Boat Enforcement Patrol**

*Eligibility & Purpose:* This grant is issued to Wisconsin counties or municipalities that participate in boating enforcement efforts. Eligible agencies may receive law enforcement aids for up to 75% of their net costs.

## **Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program**

The purpose of BIG is to construct, renovate, and maintain boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels at least 26 feet long.

Tier 1 - State

Provides up to \$200,000 per year to each state. Projects are competitively ranked within the state.

Tier 2 - National

Provides up to \$1,500,000 per project. Projects are competitively ranked at the national level.

## **Natural Areas [Stewardship – Only available to nonprofits]**

Stewardship natural area grants complement the State Natural Areas (SNA) Program, dedicated to the preservation of Wisconsin's native natural communities and habitat for rare plant and animal species.

Land purchased with natural area grants must be open to the public for low-impact nature-based recreation and scientific study. Natural areas are not intended for intensive recreational use such as mountain biking, motorized vehicle use, horseback riding or camping.

## **Habitat Areas [Stewardship – Only available to nonprofits]**

Habitat area grants are awarded to conserve wildlife habitat in Wisconsin in order to expand opportunities for wildlife-based recreation such as hunting, trapping, hiking, bird watching, fishing, nature appreciation and wildlife viewing.

Land purchased with habitat area grants must be open to the public for low-impact nature-based recreation. Habitat areas are not intended for intensive recreational use such as mountain biking, motorized vehicle use, horseback riding or camping.

## **Stream Bank protection [Stewardship – Only available to nonprofits]**

Streambank protection grants are awarded to protect water quality and fish habitat.

Priority is given to land or easement purchases along designated Outstanding or Exceptional Resource Waters, projects that connect sections of protected stream corridor, and projects that will mitigate the impact of agricultural runoff.

## **State trails [Stewardship – Only available to nonprofits]**

State trail grants are awarded to purchase lands or easements identified as part of the State Trail system including designated State Water Trails. Priority is given to lands along nationally designated Ice Age and North Country trail corridors and to lands that connect established trail systems.

## **Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – State Side Program**

This is a federal program administered in all states that encourages the creation and interpretation of high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities. Funds received by the DNR for this program are split between DNR projects and grants to local governments for outdoor recreation activities. Since passage of the Great American Outdoors Act of 2020, LWCF is permanently and fully funded at \$900 million annually, nationwide. What this means in Wisconsin is that more park projects that include splash pads, playgrounds, and skateparks are now more easily fundable up to 50%.

## **Motorized Stewardship Grants [Stewardship]**

ATV/UTV grants are available to counties, towns, cities, villages and tribes to apply for funds to acquire, insure, develop and maintain ATV/UTV trails, areas and routes.

Snowmobile trail grants are available to counties and tribes to apply for funding to provide a statewide system of well-signed and well-groomed snowmobile trails for public use and enjoyment.

*Match Requirement:* 20 percent

## **Recreational Boating Facilities Grants [Stewardship]**

These grants may be used by counties, towns, cities, villages, tribes, sanitary districts, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts and qualified lake associations for recreational boating facility projects.

Past projects have included ramps and service docks to gain access to the water, purchase of aquatic weed harvesting equipment, navigation aids and dredging waterway channels.

## **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**

This is a federal program administered in all states. Municipal governments and incorporated organizations are eligible to receive reimbursement for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses.

Eligible sponsors may be reimbursed for up to 50% of eligible project costs. Funds from this program may be used in conjunction with funds from the state snowmobile or ATV grant programs and Knowles-Nelson Stewardship development projects.

## **Shooting Range Grant Program**

Counties, cities, villages, townships, other governmental agencies or units, clubs or organizations, businesses or corporations and educational institutions can apply for assistance in outdoor shooting range construction, including backstops and berms, target holders, shooting benches, baffles, protective fencing, signs, trenches, gun racks, platforms, restrooms and other items considered essential for the project by the department. Indoor ranges may be eligible as well, including classroom, storage and restroom facilities.

### **Snowmobile Patrols**

This grant is issued to Wisconsin sheriff departments that participate in snowmobile enforcement efforts. The DNR can provide up to 100% of county net cost for the enforcement of snowmobile regulations. Actual funding received is based on total allotted funds split between participating agencies.

### **Snowmobile Trail Aids**

These grants are used to reimburse the over 600 snowmobile clubs in Wisconsin for some of their expenses.

Snowmobile trail aids are entirely funded by snowmobilers. The money awarded in grants to Wisconsin counties comes from snowmobile registrations, trail pass revenue and gas tax from some of the gas used in snowmobiles.

### **Sport Fish Restoration (SFR)**

These grants may be used to construct fishing piers and motorboat access projects. Eligible components include boat ramp construction and renovation, along with related amenities such as parking lots, accessible paths, lighting, and restroom facilities. Funding for this program comes from federal excise taxes on fishing equipment and a portion of the federal gas tax.

### **Surface Water Grants**

*[Formerly: Lake Management Planning and Lake Classification and Lake Protection Grants.]*

The surface water grant program provides cost-sharing grants for surface water protection and restoration. Funding is available for education, ecological assessments, planning, implementation, and aquatic invasive species prevention and control. With many different projects eligible for grant funding, you can support surface water management at any stage: from organization capacity development to project implementation.

### **Urban Green Space [Stewardship]**

The intent of the Urban Green Space Program (UGS) is to provide open natural space within or in proximity to urban areas; to protect from development areas within or in proximity to urban areas that have scenic, ecological or other natural value; and to provide land for non-commercial gardening for the residents of an urbanized area.

### **Urban Rivers [Stewardship]**

The urban rivers subprogram program aims to restore or preserve the character of urban riverways through the acquisition or development of land adjacent to rivers. Purposes of the program include supporting economic revitalization through the restoration or preservation of urban riverfronts and improving outdoor recreational opportunities by increasing access to urban rivers.

## **Wisconsin DOT Administered Programs**

District Bike & Ped Coordinator  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
1681 Second Avenue South  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

### **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

*Purpose:* The Transportation Alternatives Program allocates federal funds to transportation improvement projects that “expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment.”

TAP is a legislative program authorized by Congress through the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act signed into law in 2015. With certain exceptions, projects that met eligibility criteria for the *Safe Routes to School Program*, *Transportation Enhancements*, and/or the *Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Program* are eligible TAP projects.

As of 2022, construction projects eligible for TAP must have a total projected expense of \$150,000 or more, while non-construction projects must have a total projected expense of at least \$20,000. There is a 20% local match required.

### **Safe Routes to School (SRTS)**

#### ***[A Transportation Alternatives Program]***

*Purpose:* Safe Routes to School programs encourage children in grades K-8 to walk and bike to school by creating safer walking and biking routes. Projects must be within 2 miles of a school and listed in a SRTS plan.

### **Local Transportation Enhancements (TE)**

#### ***[A Transportation Alternatives Program]***

*Purpose:* Funds projects to increase multi-modal transportation alternatives and enhance communities and the environment. Projects include bicycle or pedestrian facilities, landscaping or streetscaping, and the preservation of historic transportation structures.

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program (BFPF)**

#### ***[A Transportation Alternatives Program]***

*Purpose:* Funds projects that construct or plan for bicycle or bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

### **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**

While HSIP does not pertain to bicycle and pedestrian transportation, this WisDOT program can help improve safety measures on problematic stretches of highway where crashes have occurred in the past, thereby creating a safer and more hospitable transportation network. HSIP improvements generally require a ten percent match of state or local funds. The program generally funds low-cost options that can be implemented quickly.

## **Federal Assistance Programs**

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

### **Challenge Cost Share Program (CCSP) – National Park Service**

*Purpose:* The Challenge Cost Share Program supports local projects that promote conservation and recreation, environmental stewardship, education and engaging diverse youth participants. Local project partners work with National Park Service parks and programs to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. NPS administered parks and programs are eligible such as National Trails, Heritage Areas, and Wild and Scenic Rivers.,

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:

National Park Service  
700 Rayovac Dr., Suite 100  
Madison, WI 53711  
608-441-5610

### **Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program – National Park Service**

*Purpose:* The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. The national network of conservation and recreation planning professionals partner with community groups, nonprofits, tribes, and state and local governments to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreation opportunities.

## **ATTACHMENT D**

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# **Saratoga's 2022 Outdoor Recreation Survey Results with Comments**

Compiled by: NCWRPC

# Town of Saratoga, 2022 ORP Survey

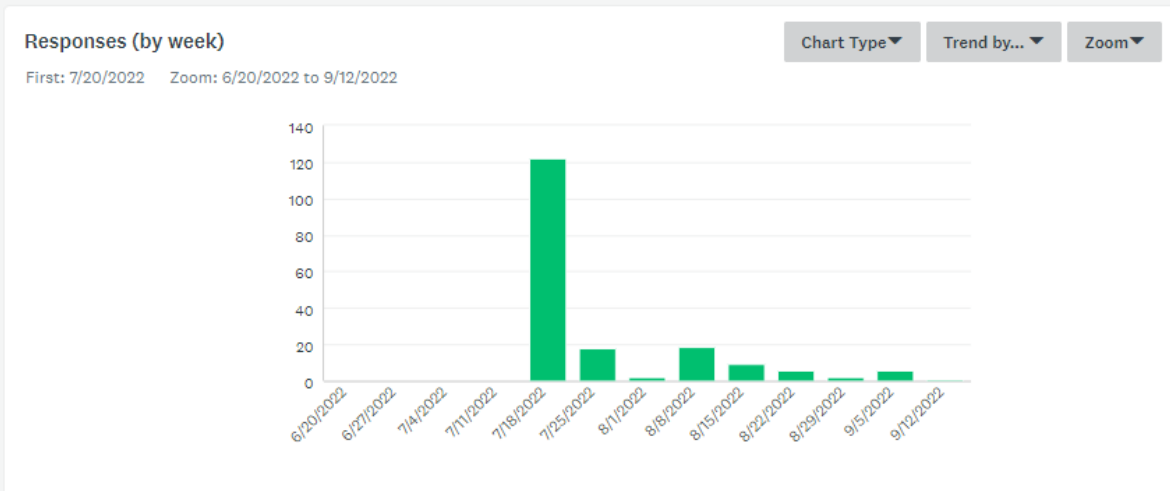
## Response Summary with Comments

### Saratoga Outdoor Recreation Survey

#### Insights

|                               |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b><br>185 | <b>COMPLETION RATE</b> <span>?</span><br>91% | <b>TYPICAL TIME SPENT</b> <span>?</span><br>7m:14s |
|-------------------------------|--|--|

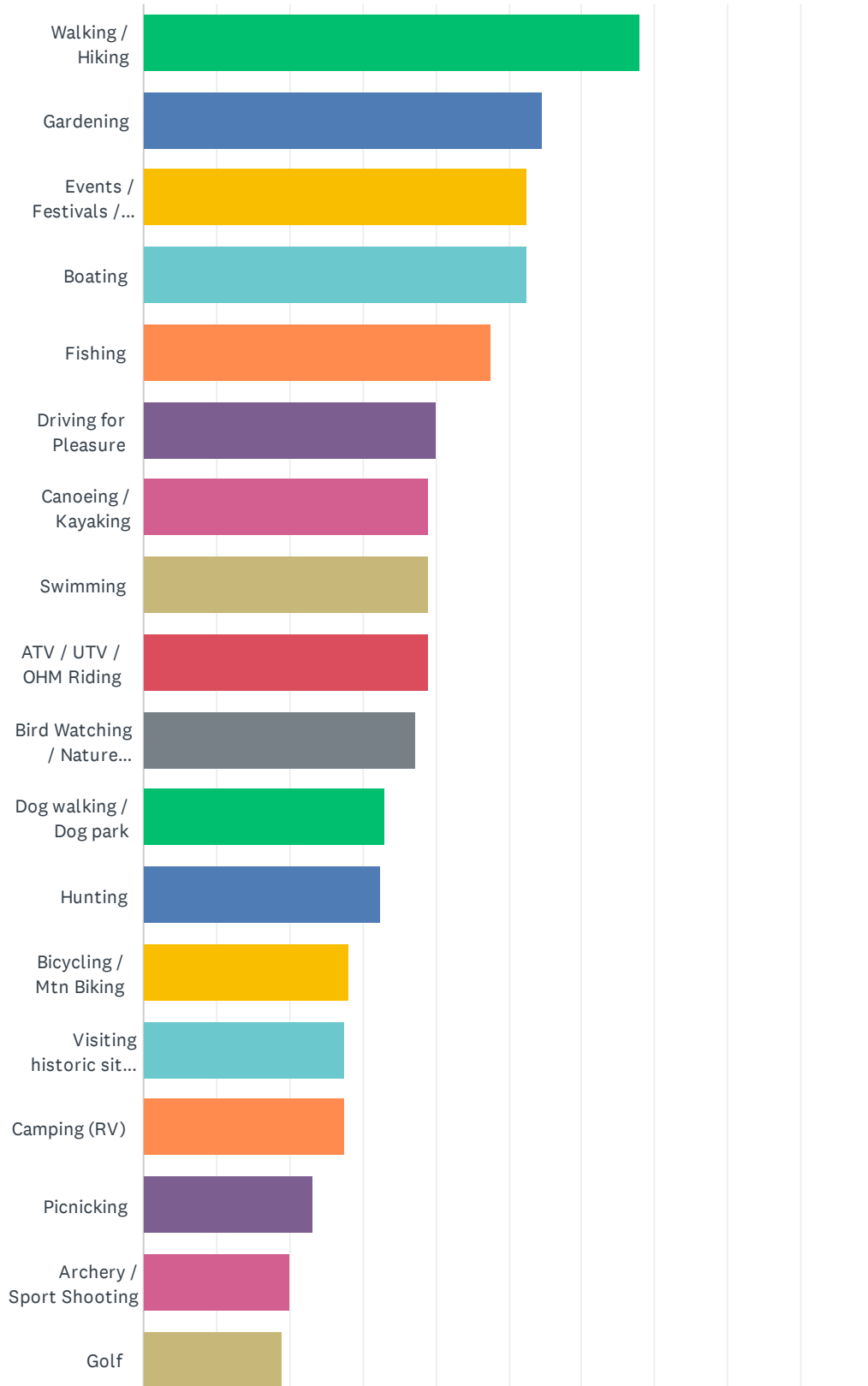
#### Trends



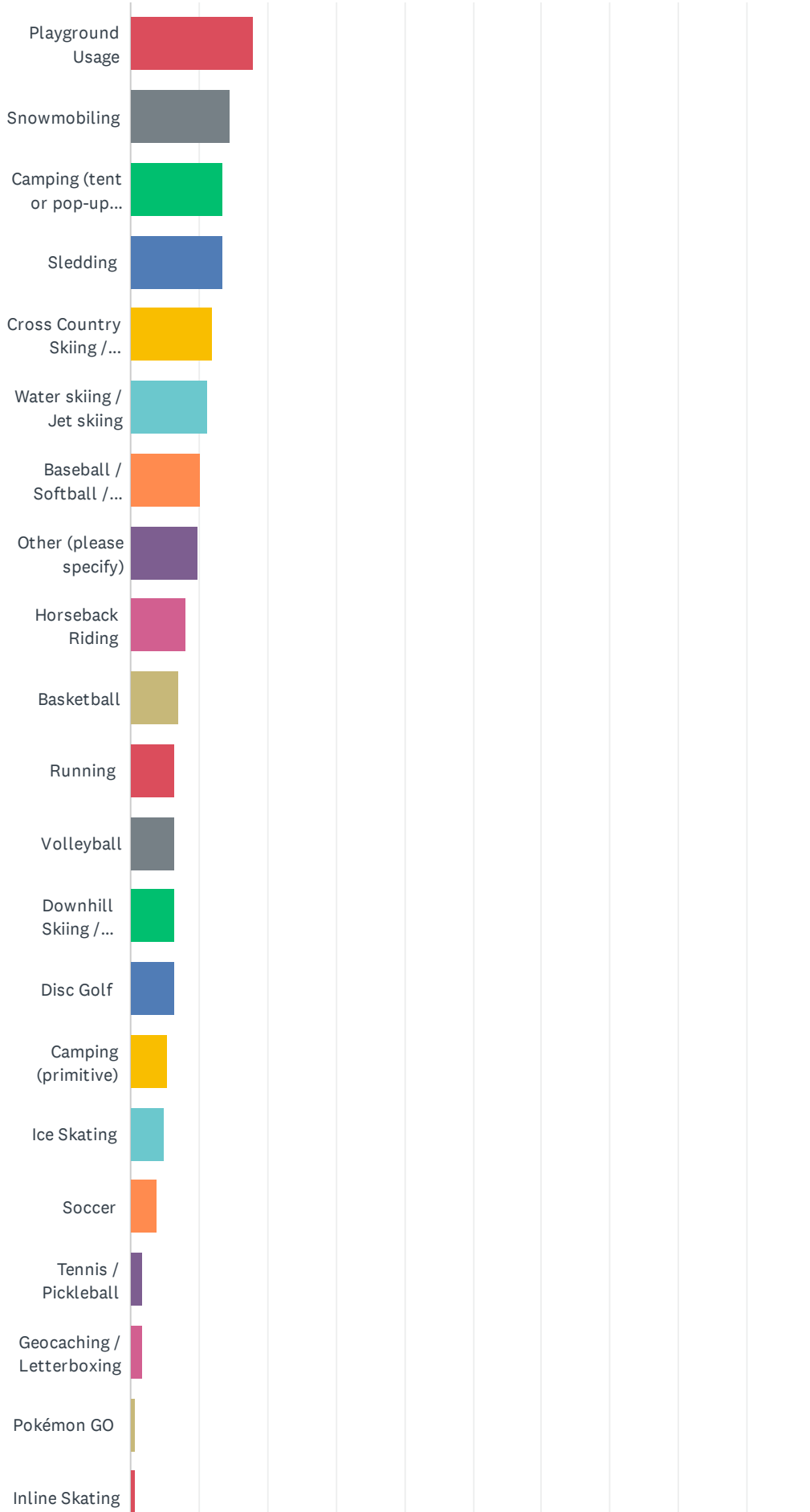


# Q1 Which recreational activities did you participate in during 2021? (Choose all that apply.)

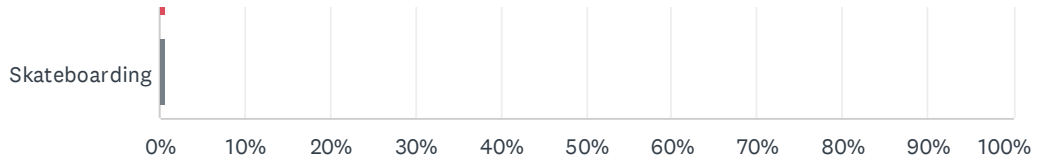
Answered: 185 Skipped: 0



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| ANSWER CHOICES                     | RESPONSES |     |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Walking / Hiking                   | 68.11%    | 126 |
| Gardening                          | 54.59%    | 101 |
| Events / Festivals / Fairs         | 52.43%    | 97  |
| Boating                            | 52.43%    | 97  |
| Fishing                            | 47.57%    | 88  |
| Driving for Pleasure               | 40.00%    | 74  |
| Canoeing / Kayaking                | 38.92%    | 72  |
| Swimming                           | 38.92%    | 72  |
| ATV / UTV / OHM Riding             | 38.92%    | 72  |
| Bird Watching / Nature Viewing     | 37.30%    | 69  |
| Dog walking / Dog park             | 32.97%    | 61  |
| Hunting                            | 32.43%    | 60  |
| Bicycling / Mtn Biking             | 28.11%    | 52  |
| Visiting historic sites / events   | 27.57%    | 51  |
| Camping (RV)                       | 27.57%    | 51  |
| Picnicking                         | 23.24%    | 43  |
| Archery / Sport Shooting           | 20.00%    | 37  |
| Golf                               | 18.92%    | 35  |
| Playground Usage                   | 17.84%    | 33  |
| Snowmobiling                       | 14.59%    | 27  |
| Camping (tent or pop-up camper)    | 13.51%    | 25  |
| Sledding                           | 13.51%    | 25  |
| Cross Country Skiing / Snowshoeing | 11.89%    | 22  |
| Water skiing / Jet skiing          | 11.35%    | 21  |
| Baseball / Softball / T-ball       | 10.27%    | 19  |
| Other (please specify)             | 9.73%     | 18  |
| Horseback Riding                   | 8.11%     | 15  |
| Basketball                         | 7.03%     | 13  |
| Running                            | 6.49%     | 12  |
| Volleyball                         | 6.49%     | 12  |
| Downhill Skiing / Snowboarding     | 6.49%     | 12  |
| Disc Golf                          | 6.49%     | 12  |

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|                           |       |    |
|---------------------------|-------|----|
| Camping (primitive)       | 5.41% | 10 |
| Ice Skating               | 4.86% | 9  |
| Soccer                    | 3.78% | 7  |
| Tennis / Pickleball       | 1.62% | 3  |
| Geocaching / Letterboxing | 1.62% | 3  |
| Pokémon GO                | 0.54% | 1  |
| Inline Skating            | 0.54% | 1  |
| Skateboarding             | 0.54% | 1  |
| Total Respondents: 185    |       |    |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)  | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | tubing  | 9/12/2022 7:59 AM  |
| 2  | quite a few-but I need no help from the township to to enjoy these things. Lowering our taxes would help more people out to enjoy recreation.                                     | 9/6/2022 9:06 AM   |
| 3  | Paddle boarding.  | 8/29/2022 9:48 PM  |
| 4  | Snowshoeing   | 8/12/2022 8:15 PM  |
| 5  | I do not find it any of your concern what activities I participate in. I am capable of providing for my own recreational activities.  | 8/10/2022 7:41 PM  |
| 6  | None  | 8/10/2022 1:13 PM  |
| 7  | Farm markets  | 7/27/2022 8:23 AM  |
| 8  | More camping facilities would be nice   | 7/25/2022 9:22 PM  |
| 9  | Racquetball   | 7/25/2022 9:13 AM  |
| 10 | live theater  | 7/23/2022 9:20 PM  |
| 11 | ...   | 7/23/2022 7:46 PM  |
| 12 | Antiquing, sunrise and sunset   | 7/23/2022 5:31 PM  |
| 13 | Put a free public boat landing on the west side of Nepco Lake. Also a canoe/kayak destination on that side of Nepco with a bathroom. A nice mini golf destination would be great. | 7/23/2022 9:56 AM  |
| 14 | Motorcycle  | 7/21/2022 5:44 PM  |
| 15 | Trapping  | 7/21/2022 11:15 AM |
| 16 | Bags, horseshoes  | 7/20/2022 5:08 PM  |
| 17 | Arrowhead Wis Rapids  | 7/20/2022 4:49 PM  |
| 18 | We have enough outdoor activities around us.  | 7/20/2022 3:52 PM  |

## Q2 What potential outdoor recreational opportunities should be developed in the Town of Saratoga?

Answered: 128 Skipped: 57

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| 1.             | 100.00%   | 128 |
| 2.             | 60.16%    | 77  |
| 3.             | 39.06%    | 50  |

| #  | 1.  | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | Multi-use recreational trails   | 9/12/2022 7:59 AM  |
| 2  | Mountain biking   | 9/11/2022 2:41 PM  |
| 3  | Parks   | 9/11/2022 2:34 PM  |
| 4  | walking trail   | 9/11/2022 8:18 AM  |
| 5  | we have several neighboring municipalities with amenities that the workforce can maintain | 9/8/2022 5:29 AM   |
| 6  | (0)   | 9/6/2022 9:06 AM   |
| 7  | I don't think we need anymore facilities on Nepco Lake, use the South Wood County Park    | 9/5/2022 2:38 PM   |
| 8  | disc golf course  | 8/30/2022 8:08 PM  |
| 9  | Nature viewing  | 8/30/2022 9:28 AM  |
| 10 | Dog park  | 8/29/2022 9:48 PM  |
| 11 | Snowmobile Trails   | 8/29/2022 5:21 PM  |
| 12 | Continue snowmobiling trail development   | 8/29/2022 5:21 PM  |
| 13 | Nepco boat landing  | 8/28/2022 4:22 PM  |
| 14 | NONE. LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE  | 8/27/2022 7:00 PM  |
| 15 | bike trails   | 8/27/2022 8:40 AM  |
| 16 | Community garden.   | 8/19/2022 7:25 PM  |
| 17 | Access to the 10 Mile Creek for fishing, kayaking   | 8/19/2022 11:33 AM |
| 18 | Public Hunting land   | 8/17/2022 6:39 PM  |
| 19 | Ice rink  | 8/16/2022 8:50 PM  |
| 20 | Sledding  | 8/15/2022 5:38 PM  |
| 21 | Walking trails  | 8/15/2022 11:03 AM |
| 22 | The Town of Saratoga is fine just the way it is!!   | 8/14/2022 8:32 AM  |
| 23 | Swimming pool   | 8/13/2022 1:45 PM  |
| 24 | Bike route  | 8/13/2022 4:04 AM  |
| 25 | Drive in movie  | 8/12/2022 8:15 PM  |
| 26 | Sand volleyball court   | 8/12/2022 7:14 PM  |
| 27 | none  | 8/12/2022 1:58 PM  |

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|----|--|--------------------|
| 28 | Better lake access   | 8/12/2022 11:40 AM |
| 29 | Boat access  | 8/12/2022 11:38 AM |
| 30 | hiking trails  | 8/11/2022 5:08 PM  |
| 31 | absolutely none  | 8/10/2022 7:41 PM  |
| 32 | None leave it alone. We have everything needed here, NO money needs to be spent on that. Are you stupid. | 8/10/2022 3:45 PM  |
| 33 | None   | 8/10/2022 1:13 PM  |
| 34 | More off-road biking & hiking trails   | 8/10/2022 10:16 AM |
| 35 | ATV/UTV trails   | 8/10/2022 9:56 AM  |
| 36 | Outdoor activities w/o solar nearby - HATE IT!   | 8/9/2022 10:08 AM  |
| 37 | None   | 8/9/2022 9:55 AM   |
| 38 | Boating  | 8/4/2022 8:14 PM   |
| 39 | None   | 8/1/2022 8:10 PM   |
| 40 | Bike ride group  | 7/31/2022 5:02 PM  |
| 41 | Preserve areas along Wisconsin River as natural areas  | 7/28/2022 5:14 PM  |
| 42 | Atv  | 7/27/2022 8:58 AM  |
| 43 | Picnic/playing area for families   | 7/27/2022 8:23 AM  |
| 44 | Horseback riding   | 7/27/2022 7:26 AM  |
| 45 | Bowling  | 7/27/2022 7:02 AM  |
| 46 | Discing  | 7/26/2022 11:06 PM |
| 47 | Utv-atv trails   | 7/26/2022 7:02 PM  |
| 48 | Bike trails  | 7/26/2022 2:25 PM  |
| 49 | More camping places  | 7/25/2022 9:22 PM  |
| 50 | Access to lakes  | 7/25/2022 9:13 AM  |
| 51 | Walking/biking path for the residents  | 7/25/2022 8:53 AM  |
| 52 | bike paths   | 7/25/2022 8:27 AM  |
| 53 | Hiking like Schmeekle in Stevens Point   | 7/24/2022 8:05 PM  |
| 54 | Bike trails  | 7/24/2022 1:51 PM  |
| 55 | NONE I DONT THINK ITS THE TOWNSHIPS JOB  | 7/24/2022 9:42 AM  |
| 56 | Indoor batting cage  | 7/24/2022 9:40 AM  |
| 57 | Community picnic   | 7/24/2022 8:43 AM  |
| 58 | Dog park   | 7/24/2022 7:56 AM  |
| 59 | Place to recreate (park, nature preserve, trails, etc.)  | 7/24/2022 7:36 AM  |
| 60 | None   | 7/24/2022 12:41 AM |
| 61 | UTV  | 7/23/2022 9:20 PM  |
| 62 | walking trails   | 7/23/2022 9:11 PM  |
| 63 | More biking trails   | 7/23/2022 8:38 PM  |
| 64 | A campground would be awesome!   | 7/23/2022 8:22 PM  |
| 65 | Horse trails   | 7/23/2022 8:16 PM  |

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| 66  | Get rid of solar pannels and bring back the woods  | 7/23/2022 7:54 PM  |
| 67  | Pickleball   | 7/23/2022 7:53 PM  |
| 68  | None. Please fix our roads   | 7/23/2022 7:46 PM  |
| 69  | Beautification if horrible switching station on Mill   | 7/23/2022 7:19 PM  |
| 70  | Bicycle trails   | 7/23/2022 6:46 PM  |
| 71  | Hiking trails  | 7/23/2022 5:51 PM  |
| 72  | Boating  | 7/23/2022 5:35 PM  |
| 73  | Firing range   | 7/23/2022 5:31 PM  |
| 74  | Something close to the Adam's County line  | 7/23/2022 4:54 PM  |
| 75  | Enhance DNR land surrounding the Ten and Seven Mile Creeks   | 7/23/2022 2:17 PM  |
| 76  | Kayaking/canoeing  | 7/23/2022 2:07 PM  |
| 77  | Preservation of public forested land   | 7/23/2022 9:56 AM  |
| 78  | None, we are so close to Nepco and Wazeecha with no maintenance fees! Why build something expensive that we'll then have to maintain???                          | 7/23/2022 12:42 AM |
| 79  | Preserving forested land for animal habitat and promoting ecologically friendly recreational areas for horseback riding, bike routes, cross country skiing, etc. | 7/22/2022 8:44 PM  |
| 80  | Walking/biking nature trails   | 7/22/2022 9:37 AM  |
| 81  | Bicycle trails   | 7/22/2022 8:39 AM  |
| 82  | Fishing  | 7/21/2022 5:44 PM  |
| 83  | A boat landing on County road Z  | 7/21/2022 3:49 PM  |
| 84  | Miniature Golf   | 7/21/2022 1:29 PM  |
| 85  | Campground on Wisconsin River below Nekoosa  | 7/21/2022 11:15 AM |
| 86  | None   | 7/21/2022 10:07 AM |
| 87  | None   | 7/21/2022 9:51 AM  |
| 88  | tennis and pickleball courts   | 7/21/2022 8:52 AM  |
| 89  | Let's fix our roads  | 7/21/2022 12:52 AM |
| 90  | None   | 7/20/2022 11:20 PM |
| 91  | Public Nature areas  | 7/20/2022 11:02 PM |
| 92  | Sports complex for multi sport athletes  | 7/20/2022 10:15 PM |
| 93  | UTV  | 7/20/2022 9:15 PM  |
| 94  | Park/playground  | 7/20/2022 9:08 PM  |
| 95  | Golf   | 7/20/2022 9:02 PM  |
| 96  | A public pool  | 7/20/2022 9:00 PM  |
| 97  | Dog park   | 7/20/2022 8:57 PM  |
| 98  | Public hunting land  | 7/20/2022 7:57 PM  |
| 99  | Good boat landing on east bank of Wis. River   | 7/20/2022 7:55 PM  |
| 100 | Walking trails   | 7/20/2022 7:21 PM  |
| 101 | Dog parks  | 7/20/2022 7:06 PM  |
| 102 | Horseback riding trails  | 7/20/2022 6:55 PM  |



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| 103      | Shelters for rent in a park setting   | 7/20/2022 6:27 PM |
| 104      | Horseback riding trails   | 7/20/2022 6:05 PM |
| 105      | Pool for water exercises  | 7/20/2022 5:32 PM |
| 106      | A large multi-purpose space for disc golf, mini-golf, walking path, play area, splash pad, cross country skiing | 7/20/2022 5:27 PM |
| 107      | Splash pad  | 7/20/2022 5:26 PM |
| 108      | Walking/bike trails   | 7/20/2022 5:17 PM |
| 109      | Disc Golf Course, wooded  | 7/20/2022 5:08 PM |
| 110      | Dog park  | 7/20/2022 5:01 PM |
| 111      | Dedicated Outdoor pickle ball   | 7/20/2022 5:00 PM |
| 112      | Sleding   | 7/20/2022 4:57 PM |
| 113      | We have alot of rec places  | 7/20/2022 4:49 PM |
| 114      | Walking/bicycle trails  | 7/20/2022 4:34 PM |
| 115      | Bicycle paths   | 7/20/2022 4:31 PM |
| 116      | Trail system for hiking/cross country skiing  | 7/20/2022 4:13 PM |
| 117      | Let's fix our roads   | 7/20/2022 4:09 PM |
| 118      | Splash pad  | 7/20/2022 4:03 PM |
| 119      | Music festivals   | 7/20/2022 4:03 PM |
| 120      | I think roads should be worked on.  | 7/20/2022 3:52 PM |
| 121      | Playground  | 7/20/2022 3:35 PM |
| 122      | Boat landing  | 7/20/2022 3:30 PM |
| 123      | Splash pad  | 7/20/2022 3:28 PM |
| 124      | Campground with stacked pong and spacious drive through campsites   | 7/20/2022 3:27 PM |
| 125      | Cleaner lakes   | 7/20/2022 3:17 PM |
| 126      | Dog sledding  | 7/20/2022 3:07 PM |
| 127      | Hiking  | 7/20/2022 2:58 PM |
| 128      | ATV trails to get them off the roads  | 7/20/2022 2:53 PM |
| <b>#</b> | <b>2.</b>   | <b>DATE</b>       |
| 1        | More public land/nature preserve  | 9/12/2022 7:59 AM |
| 2        | Fishing   | 9/11/2022 2:41 PM |
| 3        | Tubing/boating opportunities down rivers  | 9/11/2022 2:34 PM |
| 4        | bicycle trail   | 9/11/2022 8:18 AM |
| 5        | we need our tax money to go to improvements-like our terrible roads   | 9/6/2022 9:06 AM  |
| 6        | We have enough parks in the Tri City areas that are at our disposal.  | 9/5/2022 2:38 PM  |
| 7        | snowmobile trail updates solar project took away  | 8/30/2022 8:08 PM |
| 8        | Community garden to supply local food pantry  | 8/29/2022 9:48 PM |
| 9        | ATV Trails  | 8/29/2022 5:21 PM |
| 10       | ATV routes and riding   | 8/29/2022 5:21 PM |
| 11       | WE LIVE HERE FOR THE PEACE AND QUITE  | 8/27/2022 7:00 PM |

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|----|---|--------------------|
| 12 | dog park  | 8/27/2022 8:40 AM  |
| 13 | Public fishing land   | 8/17/2022 6:39 PM  |
| 14 | Ice skating   | 8/15/2022 5:38 PM  |
| 15 | ATV trails  | 8/15/2022 11:03 AM |
| 16 | Park  | 8/13/2022 4:04 AM  |
| 17 | A place for outdoor music events  | 8/12/2022 8:15 PM  |
| 18 | Any type of space geared toward teenagers to participate and hang out   | 8/12/2022 7:14 PM  |
| 19 | Bicycle trails  | 8/12/2022 11:40 AM |
| 20 | Picnic/playground area for families                                     | 8/12/2022 11:38 AM |
| 21 | Weed control in Nepco   | 8/10/2022 9:56 AM  |
| 22 | Snowmobiling  | 8/4/2022 8:14 PM   |
| 23 | Improve boat landing on CTH Z at county line                            | 7/28/2022 5:14 PM  |
| 24 | Pickle ball   | 7/27/2022 7:02 AM  |
| 25 | Elder gathering park  | 7/26/2022 2:25 PM  |
| 26 | Walking trails  | 7/25/2022 9:22 PM  |
| 27 | Conservancies   | 7/25/2022 9:13 AM  |
| 28 | ATV trails  | 7/25/2022 8:27 AM  |
| 29 | ATV trails that link to other trails                                    | 7/24/2022 8:05 PM  |
| 30 | Better access to the river  | 7/24/2022 8:43 AM  |
| 31 | Boat docks for boating  | 7/23/2022 9:20 PM  |
| 32 | Trails for biking or hiking   | 7/23/2022 8:22 PM  |
| 33 | Dog park  | 7/23/2022 8:16 PM  |
| 34 | None. Please fix our roads  | 7/23/2022 7:46 PM  |
| 35 | Bike path   | 7/23/2022 7:19 PM  |
| 36 | Golf course   | 7/23/2022 6:46 PM  |
| 37 | Cross-country skiing trails   | 7/23/2022 5:51 PM  |
| 38 | Dog park  | 7/23/2022 5:31 PM  |
| 39 | Open the boat landing on the west side of Nepco Lake                    | 7/23/2022 2:17 PM  |
| 40 | Trails for multiple uses  | 7/23/2022 2:07 PM  |
| 41 | Reopen County Hwy Z public boat landing on Nepco Lake                   | 7/23/2022 9:56 AM  |
| 42 | Boat landing on Nepco Lake's west side                                  | 7/22/2022 8:44 PM  |
| 43 | Public campground with water amenities                                  | 7/22/2022 9:37 AM  |
| 44 | Hiking trails   | 7/22/2022 8:39 AM  |
| 45 | Hiking  | 7/21/2022 5:44 PM  |
| 46 | Farmer's Market   | 7/21/2022 1:29 PM  |
| 47 | Nothing. Reduce taxes, not spend more of tax money.                     | 7/21/2022 11:15 AM |
| 48 | Hiking trails   | 7/21/2022 8:52 AM  |
| 49 | Then let's think about a park preferably on county Z not on South shore | 7/21/2022 12:52 AM |

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|          |   |                    |
|----------|---|--------------------|
| 50       | Fishing areas   | 7/20/2022 10:15 PM |
| 51       | Waking/biking path  | 7/20/2022 9:08 PM  |
| 52       | Swimming  | 7/20/2022 9:02 PM  |
| 53       | A lake with inflatable Obstacle courses   | 7/20/2022 9:00 PM  |
| 54       | Recreational land   | 7/20/2022 7:57 PM  |
| 55       | A quiet, no vehicles, walking,skiing, etc. park   | 7/20/2022 7:55 PM  |
| 56       | Motor cycle runs  | 7/20/2022 7:21 PM  |
| 57       | Boat launches   | 7/20/2022 7:06 PM  |
| 58       | Kyak , canoe boat launch site   | 7/20/2022 6:55 PM  |
| 59       | Hiking area   | 7/20/2022 6:05 PM  |
| 60       | Indoor walking for winter   | 7/20/2022 5:32 PM  |
| 61       | Community garden  | 7/20/2022 5:27 PM  |
| 62       | Dog friendly parks/swim spots   | 7/20/2022 5:26 PM  |
| 63       | UTV/ATV trails  | 7/20/2022 5:17 PM  |
| 64       | Campground with small sport complex- basketball, volleyball, bags etc... not uppity with LIMITED permanent sites                    | 7/20/2022 5:08 PM  |
| 65       | Hiking trails   | 7/20/2022 5:01 PM  |
| 66       | A safe dedicated bike path  | 7/20/2022 5:00 PM  |
| 67       | Picnicking  | 7/20/2022 4:57 PM  |
| 68       | Don't need  | 7/20/2022 4:49 PM  |
| 69       | Snowshoe trails   | 7/20/2022 4:31 PM  |
| 70       | Playground  | 7/20/2022 4:13 PM  |
| 71       | Playground  | 7/20/2022 4:03 PM  |
| 72       | Splashpad   | 7/20/2022 3:35 PM  |
| 73       | Swimming beach  | 7/20/2022 3:30 PM  |
| 74       | Dog friendly hiking   | 7/20/2022 3:27 PM  |
| 75       | More Atv trails   | 7/20/2022 3:17 PM  |
| 76       | Sledding hills  | 7/20/2022 3:07 PM  |
| 77       | Events  | 7/20/2022 2:58 PM  |
| <b>#</b> | <b>3.</b>   | <b>DATE</b>        |
| 1        | Maybe kayaking/tubing on the ten mile creek   | 9/12/2022 7:59 AM  |
| 2        | Hiking  | 9/11/2022 2:41 PM  |
| 3        | Mountain bike traits  | 9/11/2022 2:34 PM  |
| 4        | get rid of the dead weight on the town board that only sees one direction.  | 9/6/2022 9:06 AM   |
| 5        | park with an outdoor shelter to use   | 8/30/2022 8:08 PM  |
| 6        | Community pond with inflatables and zip line, like a rural outdoor adventure complex including buildings to rent for team retreats. | 8/29/2022 9:48 PM  |
| 7        | N/A   | 8/29/2022 5:21 PM  |
| 8        | DON'T INVITE TROUBLE!   | 8/27/2022 7:00 PM  |

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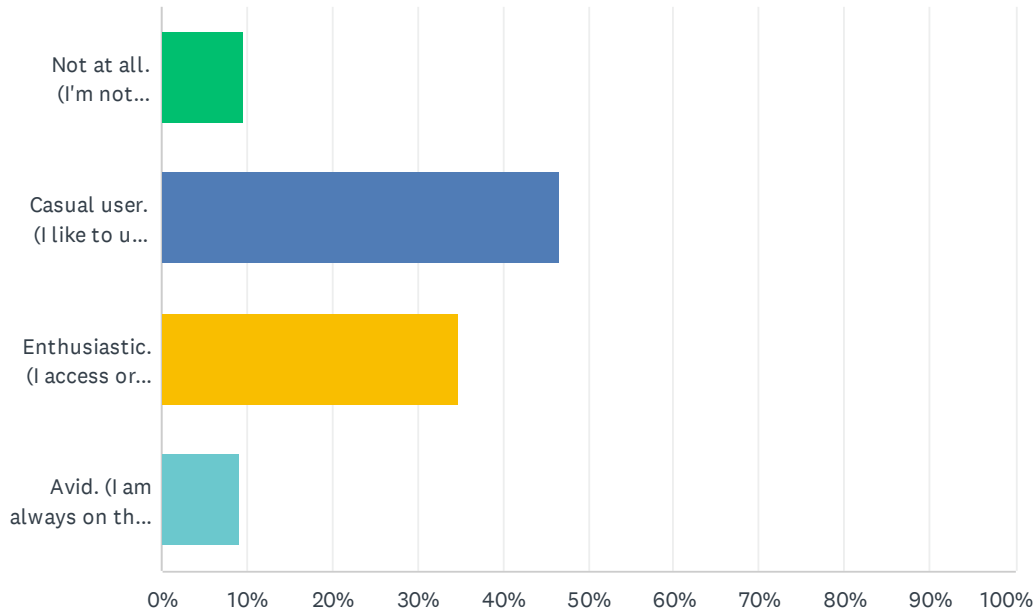
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| 9  | Dog park  | 8/15/2022 5:38 PM  |
| 10 | Bike path   | 8/15/2022 11:03 AM |
| 11 | Dog park  | 8/13/2022 4:04 AM  |
| 12 | Atv trails  | 8/12/2022 8:15 PM  |
| 13 | Hiking trails   | 8/12/2022 11:40 AM |
| 14 | ATV   | 8/4/2022 8:14 PM   |
| 15 | Monarch gardens   | 7/26/2022 2:25 PM  |
| 16 | Boat access to W side of Nepeco Lake  | 7/25/2022 9:22 PM  |
| 17 | Bike paths  | 7/25/2022 9:13 AM  |
| 18 | Saratoga Park or community recreation area  | 7/24/2022 8:05 PM  |
| 19 | Hunting   | 7/23/2022 9:20 PM  |
| 20 | None. Please fix our roads  | 7/23/2022 7:46 PM  |
| 21 | Beautification of area surrounding solar farm                                     | 7/23/2022 7:19 PM  |
| 22 | An event or festival to create pride in the town                                  | 7/23/2022 6:46 PM  |
| 23 | Boat launch access  | 7/23/2022 5:51 PM  |
| 24 | Flea market area  | 7/23/2022 5:31 PM  |
| 25 | Improve the public access on South Shore Drive for canoes and kayaks, bikes, etc. | 7/23/2022 2:17 PM  |
| 26 | Access to water   | 7/23/2022 2:07 PM  |
| 27 | Support Historic Point Basse  | 7/23/2022 9:56 AM  |
| 28 | Enhance Historic Point Basse/Wakely   | 7/22/2022 8:44 PM  |
| 29 | Swimming pool/pond/beach  | 7/22/2022 9:37 AM  |
| 30 | Conoe kayak   | 7/21/2022 5:44 PM  |
| 31 | Bicycling trails  | 7/21/2022 8:52 AM  |
| 32 | Boating areas   | 7/20/2022 10:15 PM |
| 33 | Dog park  | 7/20/2022 9:08 PM  |
| 34 | Town fair   | 7/20/2022 7:06 PM  |
| 35 | WLking trails   | 7/20/2022 6:55 PM  |
| 36 | Nature preservation   | 7/20/2022 6:05 PM  |
| 37 | Mini golf   | 7/20/2022 5:32 PM  |
| 38 | A quiet park for nature viewing with an area to launch kayaks                     | 7/20/2022 5:27 PM  |
| 39 | PUBLIC POOL   | 7/20/2022 5:08 PM  |
| 40 | Ice fishing   | 7/20/2022 4:57 PM  |
| 41 | Taxes will be raised more   | 7/20/2022 4:49 PM  |
| 42 | Dog park  | 7/20/2022 4:31 PM  |
| 43 | Winter activity area (ice skating, tubing, sledding, snow shoeing)                | 7/20/2022 4:13 PM  |
| 44 | ATV trails  | 7/20/2022 4:03 PM  |
| 45 | Shelterhouse  | 7/20/2022 3:35 PM  |
| 46 | Walking/biking trails   | 7/20/2022 3:30 PM  |

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| 47 | Outdoor dog friendly brewery with food and a area for food trucks | 7/20/2022 3:27 PM |
| 48 | Campgrounds   | 7/20/2022 3:17 PM |
| 49 | Playgrounds   | 7/20/2022 3:07 PM |
| 50 | Playground  | 7/20/2022 2:58 PM |

### Q3 What type of water enthusiast are you? (Choose one.)

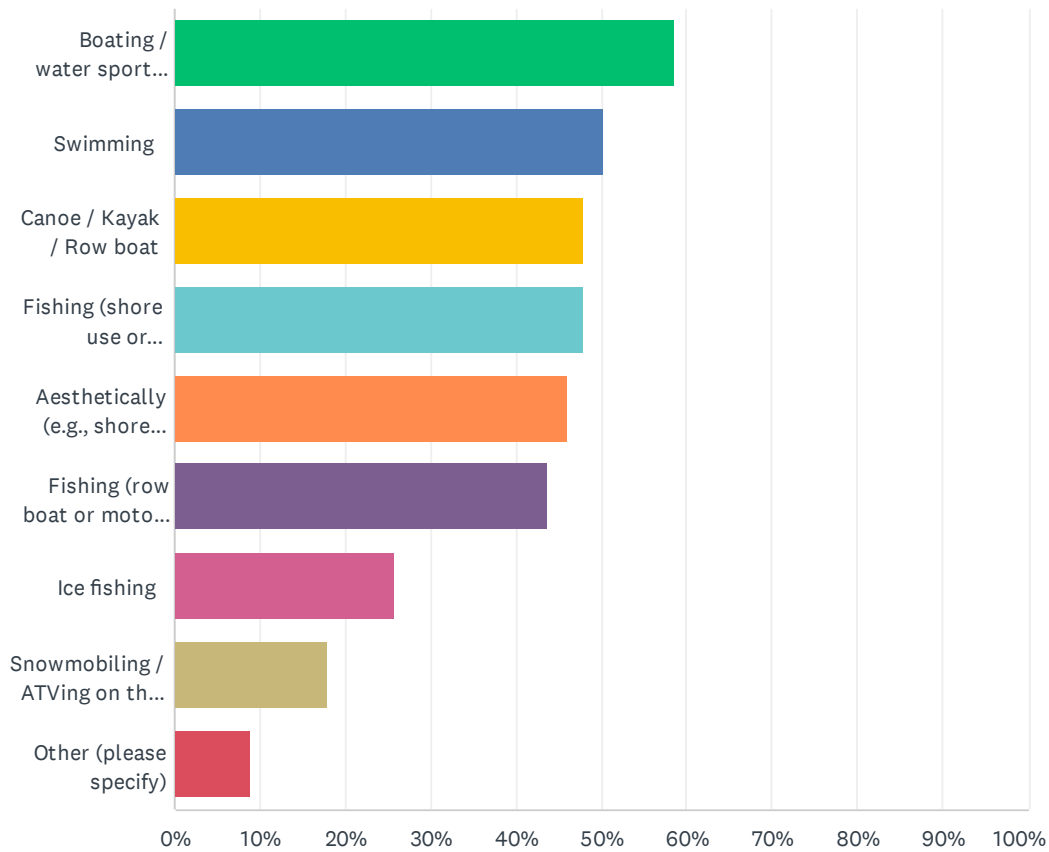
Answered: 176 Skipped: 9



| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Not at all. (I'm not interested in water recreation at all, not even with friends.)                                 | 9.66%     | 17         |
| Casual user. (I like to use the water, but only do so occasionally.)  | 46.59%    | 82         |
| Enthusiastic. (I access or go on the water regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.) | 34.66%    | 61         |
| Avid. (I am always on the water or ice every chance I get.)   | 9.09%     | 16         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |           | <b>176</b> |

## Q4 How do you use the water? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 167 Skipped: 18



| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |    |
|---|-----------|----|
| Boating / water sport (motorized)                                   | 58.68%    | 98 |
| Swimming  | 50.30%    | 84 |
| Canoe / Kayak / Row boat  | 47.90%    | 80 |
| Fishing (shore use or non-motorized winter use)                     | 47.90%    | 80 |
| Aesthetically (e.g., shore use, walking or sitting along the water) | 46.11%    | 77 |
| Fishing (row boat or motor boat use)                                | 43.71%    | 73 |
| Ice fishing   | 25.75%    | 43 |
| Snowmobiling / ATVing on the ice                                    | 17.96%    | 30 |
| Other (please specify)  | 8.98%     | 15 |
| Total Respondents: 167  |           |    |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE             |
|---|------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | drinking               | 9/6/2022 9:07 AM |

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| 2  | If we use the water is it is Wisconsin River to fish.                      | 9/5/2022 2:41 PM   |
| 3  | Paddle boarding  | 8/29/2022 9:54 PM  |
| 4  | dog swimming   | 8/27/2022 8:40 AM  |
| 5  | If the grandkids were here, we would fish and swim.                        | 8/22/2022 3:27 PM  |
| 6  | I do not feel it is any of your concern how I use the water                | 8/10/2022 7:43 PM  |
| 7  | family members do waterski   | 8/9/2022 9:57 AM   |
| 8  | Trapping   | 7/26/2022 11:23 PM |
| 9  | ...  | 7/23/2022 7:47 PM  |
| 10 | Photographing wildlife, including water fowl and sunrises/sunsets on water | 7/22/2022 8:48 PM  |
| 11 | Trapping muskrats and beaver   | 7/21/2022 11:16 AM |
| 12 | See #3   | 7/20/2022 11:20 PM |
| 13 | Bird watching, photography   | 7/20/2022 7:56 PM  |
| 14 | Not interested raising taxes   | 7/20/2022 7:13 PM  |
| 15 | Duck hunting   | 7/20/2022 3:36 PM  |



## Q5 (Optional) What public boat landings or water access improvements are needed in the Town of Saratoga?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 103

| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE               |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1  | We don't have many easily accessible access points in Saratoga. It would be nice to improve Ten Mile, or get more access on the Wisconsin River. Nepco lake could use improvements too.  | 9/12/2022 8:02 AM  |
| 2  | We need more access to boat landings in general  | 9/11/2022 2:36 PM  |
| 3  | Wakely shoreline for water access, possible purchase of existing boat landing on County Z  | 9/8/2022 5:31 AM   |
| 4  | I suggest go look at them  | 9/6/2022 9:07 AM   |
| 5  | We have the use of Nekoosa and Nepco South Wood County Park already so do not need another. Use the money for road repair.   | 9/5/2022 2:41 PM   |
| 6  | None, adequate as is for the minimal water bodies available within the township. If referring to NEPCO in the township of Port Edwards, it is fine the way it is.  | 8/29/2022 5:24 PM  |
| 7  | Nepco lake   | 8/28/2022 4:22 PM  |
| 8  | none   | 8/27/2022 7:01 PM  |
| 9  | I would love to see access to the ten Mile Creek for kayaking be made a priority. Even more needed is a joint effort by the landowners and the DNR to clear the obstacles in the creek (blown down trees, etc) in an effort to make the Ten Mile Creek a "kayaking destination in this area. | 8/19/2022 11:40 AM |
| 10 | Boat landing on west side of nepco would get used  | 8/17/2022 6:42 PM  |
| 11 | None. We have Nepco County Park  | 8/15/2022 5:39 PM  |
| 12 | There is a public boat landing off Griffith. Would be nice to have the previous boat landing open by the power house curves on Z   | 8/15/2022 11:05 AM |
| 13 | NONE!!   | 8/14/2022 8:33 AM  |
| 14 | Have a boat landing on the larger side of the lake.  | 8/12/2022 8:18 PM  |
| 15 | none   | 8/12/2022 1:59 PM  |
| 16 | We need boat access to the west end of Nepco lake.   | 8/12/2022 11:43 AM |
| 17 | Maintain all boat landings that the town presently owns  | 8/10/2022 7:43 PM  |
| 18 | NONE its awesome now   | 8/10/2022 3:46 PM  |
| 19 | None   | 8/10/2022 1:14 PM  |
| 20 | None - we use the Wood County boat landing on NEPCO Lake which more than adequate for our needs.   | 8/10/2022 10:17 AM |
| 21 | None. Wood county park is more than adequate for Nepco and there's plenty of access to the river.  | 8/10/2022 9:57 AM  |
| 22 | Not sure   | 8/9/2022 9:57 AM   |
| 23 | Nepco Lake and Wisconsin River   | 8/4/2022 8:15 PM   |
| 24 | The boat launch on Z (for Nepco Lake) needs to open back up!   | 7/29/2022 11:35 AM |
| 25 | See item 2 question 2  | 7/28/2022 5:15 PM  |
| 26 | There is already one on County Z and Public at Lake Nepco. None needed.  | 7/27/2022 8:25 AM  |

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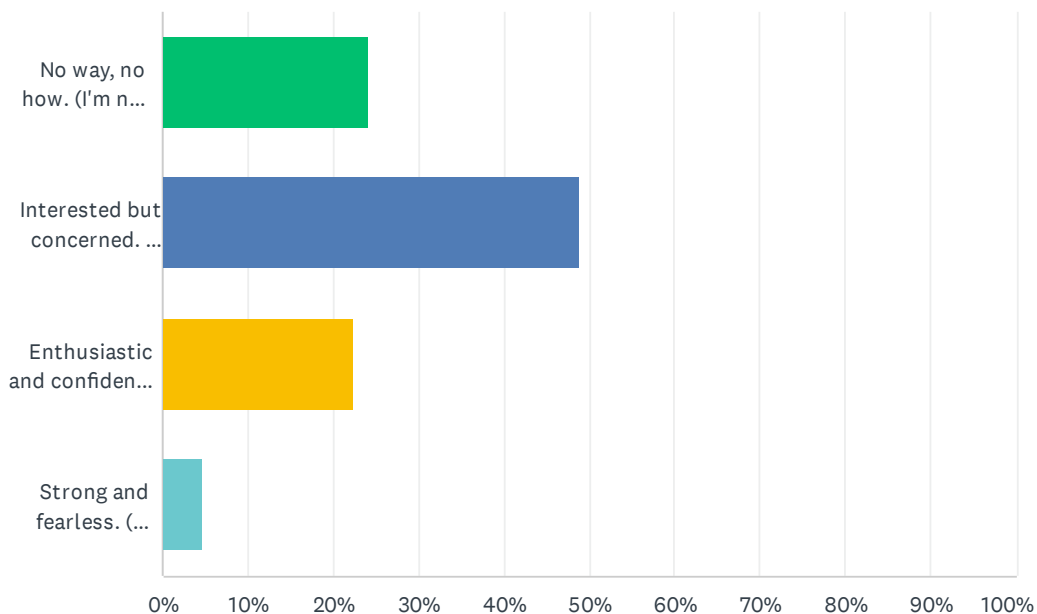
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| 27 | Open nepco westboat landing   | 7/26/2022 7:03 PM  |
| 28 | Access to Wi River and access to W side of Nepco  | 7/25/2022 9:24 PM  |
| 29 | Landings that are also equipped for physically challenged people so they are able to get in/on and out/off of their kayaks, boats, jet ski's etc. Their challenge could go from having a bad hip to being an amputee. Having accessories to hang on to while getting in/on and out/off of their vessels can mean the difference of being able to enjoy the water and doing or not doing what they love. | 7/25/2022 9:20 AM  |
| 30 | More parking by powerhouse foe river. Acces a to nepcolake for kayaking   | 7/24/2022 1:53 PM  |
| 31 | WE HAVE A GOOD ONE IN NEKOOSA   | 7/24/2022 9:43 AM  |
| 32 | Nekoosa   | 7/24/2022 9:26 AM  |
| 33 | More access points with lighting  | 7/24/2022 8:44 AM  |
| 34 | More access to Nepco Lake & Wis. River  | 7/24/2022 7:37 AM  |
| 35 | More boat landings/ramps are needed along the Wisconsin River   | 7/24/2022 7:23 AM  |
| 36 | None  | 7/24/2022 12:42 AM |
| 37 | docks to rent for season  | 7/23/2022 9:21 PM  |
| 38 | None - I use the Wood County Park which is very nice.   | 7/23/2022 8:39 PM  |
| 39 | I don't think there is a public boat landing?   | 7/23/2022 8:23 PM  |
| 40 | More west side acess to nepco in winter early ice   | 7/23/2022 7:55 PM  |
| 41 | Undetermined  | 7/23/2022 7:54 PM  |
| 42 | None. Please fix our roads  | 7/23/2022 7:47 PM  |
| 43 | None  | 7/23/2022 7:20 PM  |
| 44 | A public swimming area.   | 7/23/2022 6:51 PM  |
| 45 | Highway Z   | 7/23/2022 6:09 PM  |
| 46 | Nepco lake maintenance  | 7/23/2022 5:53 PM  |
| 47 | Better access to nepco lake and better lake maintenance, ie weed control  | 7/23/2022 5:36 PM  |
| 48 | Cry Z boat landing  | 7/23/2022 4:54 PM  |
| 49 | Nepco Lake west side, South Shore public access   | 7/23/2022 2:18 PM  |
| 50 | Place to easily put in kayak  | 7/23/2022 2:08 PM  |
| 51 | Reopen the County Highway Z boat landing. Kayak/canoe destination with bathrooms on west side of Nepco Lake   | 7/23/2022 10:01 AM |
| 52 | NONE!!!   | 7/23/2022 12:42 AM |
| 53 | Wisconsin River and Nepco Lake on the west side of Highway 13   | 7/22/2022 8:48 PM  |
| 54 | We have water access in the Town of Saratoga???? Where? Petenwell? If Petenwell that boat landing is awful.   | 7/22/2022 9:40 AM  |
| 55 | What do they have?  | 7/21/2022 5:45 PM  |
| 56 | None  | 7/21/2022 4:54 PM  |
| 57 | We don't have any town landing now. How can you improve what you don't have?  | 7/21/2022 3:50 PM  |
| 58 | Boat landing below Nekoosa on the Wisconsin River with a campground.  | 7/21/2022 11:16 AM |
| 59 | None, especially not the money pit on Nepco lake  | 7/21/2022 10:07 AM |
| 60 | None and especially not the proposed money pit on Nepco   | 7/21/2022 9:52 AM  |

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| 61 | Do not know!   | 7/21/2022 8:53 AM  |
| 62 | Open up the boat landing on county Z   | 7/21/2022 12:52 AM |
| 63 | NONE   | 7/20/2022 11:20 PM |
| 64 | West side of Nepco Lake  | 7/20/2022 10:50 PM |
| 65 | open up Cty Z boat landing   | 7/20/2022 9:58 PM  |
| 66 | I don't really know of a good swimming or kayaking. I feel like I have always gone to Nekoosa.   | 7/20/2022 9:09 PM  |
| 67 | Better parking and fix the boat landing  | 7/20/2022 9:01 PM  |
| 68 | Devil's Elbow Wood County and Adam's County Line   | 7/20/2022 7:58 PM  |
| 69 | East side of wis rivers.   | 7/20/2022 7:56 PM  |
| 70 | Nope   | 7/20/2022 7:13 PM  |
| 71 | Motor boats and canoe/kayaks.  | 7/20/2022 7:07 PM  |
| 72 | Only one site available and that needs improvements.   | 7/20/2022 6:57 PM  |
| 73 | Are the any?   | 7/20/2022 5:26 PM  |
| 74 | We don't really need any more access to boat landings/water - we have plenty of lakes/picnic areas around our area- we should focus on fixing roads and looking at what we could do to help the businesses in the area - | 7/20/2022 5:22 PM  |
| 75 | Only know of 1 boat landing in Saratoga Need more landings n more shore excess to lakes n rivers   | 7/20/2022 5:05 PM  |
| 76 | A nice boat landing, not on the difficult to navigate devil's elbow.   | 7/20/2022 5:03 PM  |
| 77 | Create additional access to the river, perhaps by wakely   | 7/20/2022 4:14 PM  |
| 78 | None we use the county park boat landing   | 7/20/2022 4:11 PM  |
| 79 | None. Great areas close by that don't cost the town money  | 7/20/2022 4:07 PM  |
| 80 | Don't know   | 7/20/2022 3:53 PM  |
| 81 | Need access to lake or river in Saratoga.  | 7/20/2022 3:31 PM  |
| 82 | Advertising available public fishing spots. I only know of Nepco.  | 7/20/2022 3:09 PM  |

## Q6 What type of bicyclist are you? (Choose one.)

Answered: 174 Skipped: 11



| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| No way, no how. (I'm not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)   | 24.14%    | 42         |
| 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.) | 48.85%    | 85         |
| 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.)           | 22.41%    | 39         |
| Strong and fearless. (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)  | 4.60%     | 8          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |           | <b>174</b> |

## Q7 (Optional) What bicycling improvements are needed in the Town of Saratoga?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 100

| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE               |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1  | We put single track "Mountain" Biking paths throughout our land. It would be cool if we could have an area through Saratoga with hard pack trails. Granted they would most likely be beginner trails, but there is something special about zipping through the woods and going up and down the hills. Also, it would be much safer if we could install Bike lanes on the road or the right-of-way, or have a bike path for road bikes. | 9/12/2022 8:07 AM  |
| 2  | Mountain biking  | 9/11/2022 2:43 PM  |
| 3  | We could use some bike lanes but this town isn't that busy so I don't think it's too important. But it would be nice to have traits for more ATV and bikers  | 9/11/2022 2:39 PM  |
| 4  | a bicycle trail or bike lanes on the roads.  | 9/11/2022 8:26 AM  |
| 5  | We have plenty of sideroads, I don't feel the need to ride on heavily trafficked roads, protective clothing and bicycle are a must on all roadways   | 9/8/2022 5:33 AM   |
| 6  | If you improve bicycling do it down Hwy 73 where most of the traffic is. Other wise use the money to repair roads so it is safe for biking.  | 9/5/2022 2:45 PM   |
| 7  | I'm not a rider but believe the roadways need to be widened to provide minimum 3-foot paved shoulders.   | 8/29/2022 9:57 PM  |
| 8  | These questions are purposefully worded to sway in one direction. Very poor wording and options. I love to bike but do not care if I am on a separate lane bike path ... but of course, you do not give that option because you want the survey to lean the other way. This township does not need bike paths.   | 8/29/2022 5:28 PM  |
| 9  | None,waste of tax payer money.   | 8/29/2022 5:25 PM  |
| 10 | none. go someplace else if you want different experiences.   | 8/27/2022 7:04 PM  |
| 11 | bike lanes/trails  | 8/27/2022 8:41 AM  |
| 12 | A bike path would be great!  | 8/22/2022 3:27 PM  |
| 13 | None. Ride on the paved road!  | 8/19/2022 7:26 PM  |
| 14 | None   | 8/17/2022 6:43 PM  |
| 15 | To ride bikes on the road are scary because drivers of cars don't watch and the the highways are way to busy.  | 8/15/2022 8:59 AM  |
| 16 | Limited bike routes  | 8/12/2022 8:20 PM  |
| 17 | We need bike trails and bike lanes to increase safety.   | 8/12/2022 11:44 AM |
| 18 | Decent route by the water way it would b a lil more secure than with the vehicles  | 8/12/2022 11:40 AM |
| 19 | bike trails  | 8/11/2022 5:09 PM  |
| 20 | Maintain the current roads we have. Our roads are badly in need of repair. Road repair should be done before there is any conversation about recreational areas.   | 8/10/2022 7:45 PM  |
| 21 | None   | 8/10/2022 3:46 PM  |
| 22 | None   | 8/10/2022 1:15 PM  |
| 23 | I would like to see more off-road bike trails for both mountain bikes as well as casual rides away from the main streets like Hwy 13 and County Road Z which are too tight for bikes.  | 8/10/2022 10:18 AM |

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| 24 | The best opportunity would be connecting the bike path in Nekoosa on the East side of the river into Rapids.  | 8/10/2022 9:59 AM  |
| 25 | It would be nice to see some type of bike trail from the Town of Rome/South 13 to Nekoosa or Wisconsin Rapids.  | 8/9/2022 10:11 AM  |
| 26 | I think we are good for now.  | 8/9/2022 9:58 AM   |
| 27 | Trails with easy access from our homes  | 8/4/2022 8:16 PM   |
| 28 | Question 6 choices are misleading. I would have preferred to answer as interested and not concerned about route safety  | 7/28/2022 5:21 PM  |
| 29 | Better roads!   | 7/27/2022 8:26 AM  |
| 30 | Bike path   | 7/27/2022 7:28 AM  |
| 31 | Paved trails  | 7/26/2022 2:26 PM  |
| 32 | Bike lanes  | 7/25/2022 9:24 PM  |
| 33 | Our roads in the area are not set up for bikers to feel safe on. I love biking but having a car, truck or especially a semi passing you can literally blow you off your bike. A walking/biking path would be absolutely perfect and massively used. | 7/25/2022 9:26 AM  |
| 34 | Off road trails and paths would be nice. Safe connection to Rome would be great.  | 7/25/2022 8:30 AM  |
| 35 | More trails   | 7/24/2022 1:54 PM  |
| 36 | Bike lanes, wider pavement  | 7/24/2022 7:38 AM  |
| 37 | Bike lanes and law enforcement patrol on rural roads. My road is posted at 35 mph. It's a death wish to leave my driveway to get to a county road for a ride because of speeders and general ignorance of the law.                                  | 7/24/2022 7:27 AM  |
| 38 | It's fine. Just stay alert  | 7/24/2022 12:44 AM |
| 39 | better roads for one thing...many are in poor shape.... and maybe an off road trail would be nice.  | 7/23/2022 9:46 PM  |
| 40 | More trail riding parks!  | 7/23/2022 8:40 PM  |
| 41 | A safe trail would be awesome!  | 7/23/2022 8:23 PM  |
| 42 | Any and all.  | 7/23/2022 7:54 PM  |
| 43 | None. Please fix our roads  | 7/23/2022 7:47 PM  |
| 44 | A trail would be nice   | 7/23/2022 7:21 PM  |
| 45 | Bike paths  | 7/23/2022 7:20 PM  |
| 46 | Trails  | 7/23/2022 6:51 PM  |
| 47 | Markings on road Wider pavement   | 7/23/2022 6:10 PM  |
| 48 | Bike lanes  | 7/23/2022 5:55 PM  |
| 49 | None, this is not Stevens Point!  | 7/23/2022 5:35 PM  |
| 50 | A trail like Nekoosa port edwards to Rapids   | 7/23/2022 4:55 PM  |
| 51 | Bike trails that are off road and safer routes that are on roads, connecting with surrounding areas.  | 7/23/2022 10:03 AM |
| 52 | None  | 7/23/2022 12:43 AM |
| 53 | Bike lanes along the shoulder of the road and trails. More bike routes and destinations for bicyclists.   | 7/22/2022 8:50 PM  |
| 54 | Bike/walking paths would be appreciated.  | 7/22/2022 9:41 AM  |
| 55 | Wider paved shoulders on roads to accommodate bikes or walking. Bike trails.  | 7/22/2022 8:41 AM  |

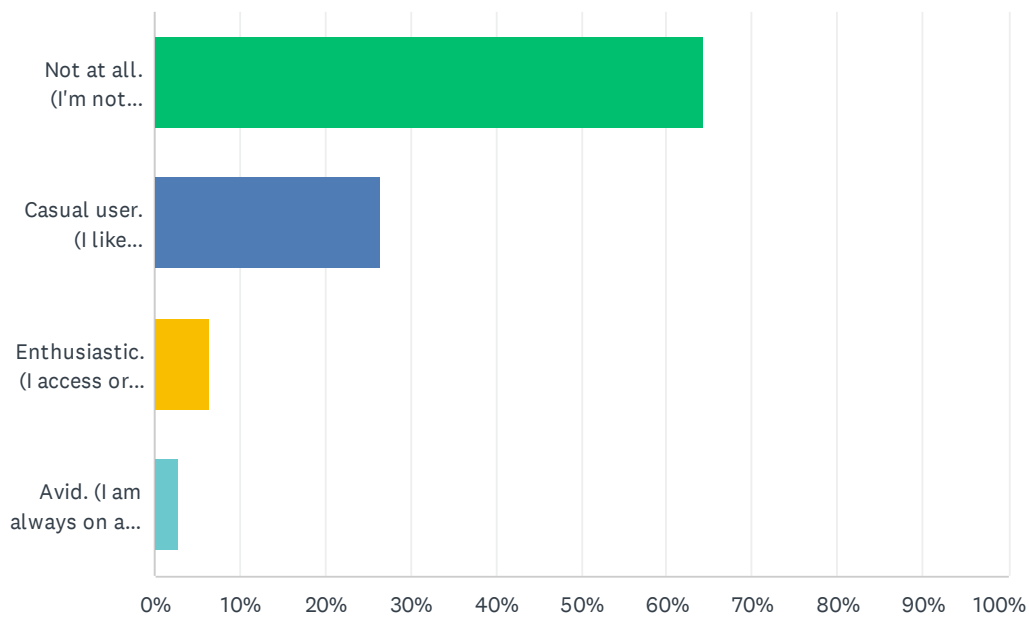
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| 56 | Trails   | 7/21/2022 5:46 PM  |
| 57 | None   | 7/21/2022 4:54 PM  |
| 58 | None   | 7/21/2022 3:50 PM  |
| 59 | None. Reduce taxes.  | 7/21/2022 11:17 AM |
| 60 | a connecting bicycle path to other municipalities around the river   | 7/21/2022 10:08 AM |
| 61 | If anything a bike path connecting the municipalities around the river   | 7/21/2022 9:53 AM  |
| 62 | Bike trails thru the woods!  | 7/21/2022 8:53 AM  |
| 63 | The roads in Saratoga are too narrow to ride a bicycle with your family safely   | 7/21/2022 12:53 AM |
| 64 | None   | 7/20/2022 11:22 PM |
| 65 | Trails   | 7/20/2022 10:16 PM |
| 66 | I think it would be nice to have a paved path that is disconnected from the road. I would feel safer going with my kids when we are father away from the road. | 7/20/2022 9:10 PM  |
| 67 | Trails for mtb   | 7/20/2022 9:02 PM  |
| 68 | Bike lanes   | 7/20/2022 9:01 PM  |
| 69 | Better signage   | 7/20/2022 8:45 PM  |
| 70 | Area's for shared road way   | 7/20/2022 7:59 PM  |
| 71 | Some trails would be nice. The roads are just too busy   | 7/20/2022 7:09 PM  |
| 72 | Paved shoulders on heavier travelled roads   | 7/20/2022 7:08 PM  |
| 73 | No bike paths.   | 7/20/2022 6:57 PM  |
| 74 | It would be nice to see a bike/walking trail that connects with others in the area-  | 7/20/2022 5:23 PM  |
| 75 | Drivers need to slow down n pay attention.People drive way over 45mph  | 7/20/2022 5:08 PM  |
| 76 | A dedicated bike path parallel but not connected to the highways.  | 7/20/2022 5:04 PM  |
| 77 | None   | 7/20/2022 4:59 PM  |
| 78 | There aren't any roads that I would feel safe hiking on or allowing my children to bike on.  | 7/20/2022 4:15 PM  |
| 79 | You can't the roads are too narrow   | 7/20/2022 4:12 PM  |
| 80 | Occasional bikers in family and we are fine with the routes we currently use   | 7/20/2022 4:08 PM  |
| 81 | Trails. Not roads like Z   | 7/20/2022 4:04 PM  |
| 82 | Don't know   | 7/20/2022 3:53 PM  |
| 83 | None. Maybe bike in some other town so they can take the whole road somewhere else. Lol.   | 7/20/2022 3:42 PM  |
| 84 | Street signs to "watch for bicycle" or some sort of safety measures.   | 7/20/2022 3:10 PM  |
| 85 | Cars drive so fast on roads posted 45 mph. Separate trails would be great.   | 7/20/2022 3:01 PM  |

### Q8 What type of snowmobile enthusiast are you?

(Choose one.)

Answered: 174 Skipped: 11



| ANSWER CHOICES   | RESPONSES |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Not at all. (I'm not interested in snowmobiling at all, not even with friends.)                  | 64.37%    | 112        |
| Casual user. (I like snowmobiling for fun, but only do so occasionally, OR only on my own land.) | 26.44%    | 46         |
| Enthusiastic. (I access or go on snowmobile routes and trails regularly.)                        | 6.32%     | 11         |
| Avid. (I am always on a snowmobile every chance I get - all season long.)                        | 2.87%     | 5          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |           | <b>174</b> |



## Q9 (Optional) What snowmobile improvements are needed in the Town of Saratoga?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 144

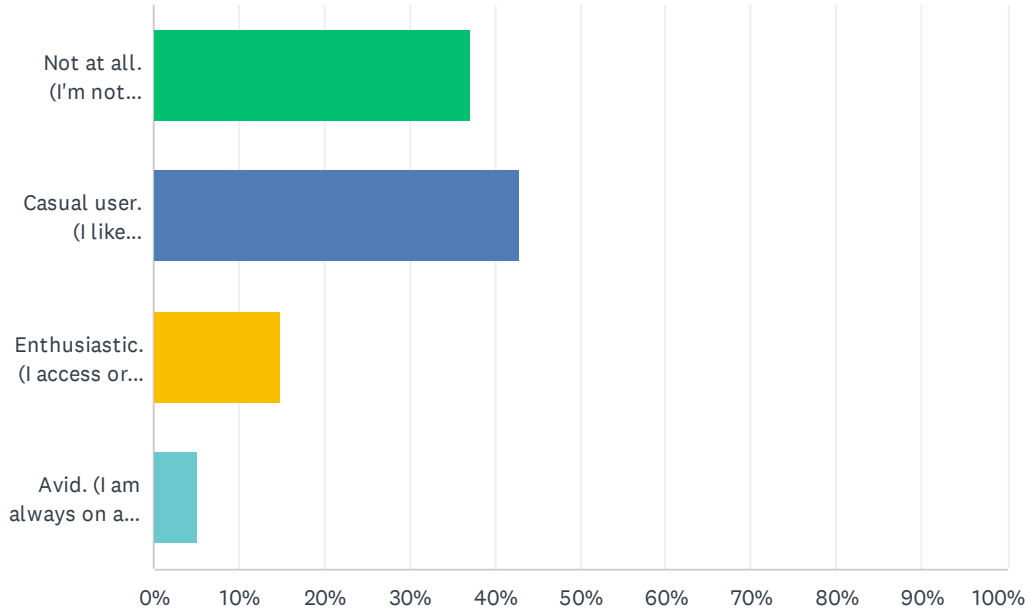
| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | I would be interested in Snowmobiling but we don't own that toy. Perhaps having a rental shop somewhere could entice tourist and keep visitors in our area longer.  | 9/12/2022 8:08 AM  |
| 2  | We hardly have any snow if you have lived here at all. Most trailer their snowmobiles elsewhere.  | 9/6/2022 9:09 AM   |
| 3  | That should be taken care of by the snowmobile clubs.   | 9/5/2022 2:45 PM   |
| 4  | Access from Young Street is gated, need another route   | 8/30/2022 8:11 PM  |
| 5  | None other than promoting support of the local clubs and support of enforcement and ticketing of those who go off trail.  | 8/29/2022 9:59 PM  |
| 6  | None, access is fine for our township and it is not a populated hub requiring a need for a parking lot for trail access.  | 8/29/2022 5:30 PM  |
| 7  | NONE  | 8/27/2022 7:05 PM  |
| 8  | None, no snowmobile signs on dead end roads   | 8/17/2022 6:43 PM  |
| 9  | More trails.  | 8/12/2022 8:21 PM  |
| 10 | Locally, the sport is so limited due to weather conditions.   | 8/12/2022 7:18 PM  |
| 11 | Get them off of our roads.  | 8/12/2022 11:45 AM |
| 12 | None, the town should not be responsible to provide snowmobile routes or trails.  | 8/10/2022 7:46 PM  |
| 13 | None  | 8/10/2022 3:46 PM  |
| 14 | Not sure  | 8/9/2022 9:59 AM   |
| 15 | More access points to the trails. Possibly have the trails connect to Nepco Lake on both the east and west side. It's disappointing that we have to trailer our sleds into Wisconsin Rapids to find a trail head. | 8/4/2022 8:17 PM   |
| 16 | None  | 7/26/2022 2:27 PM  |
| 17 | Keep the snowmobile access routes available so we can access the trails from our house  | 7/24/2022 12:45 AM |
| 18 | Not sure, not interested.   | 7/23/2022 8:40 PM  |
| 19 | Leave that to the private groups. Please fix our roads  | 7/23/2022 7:48 PM  |
| 20 | None  | 7/23/2022 7:20 PM  |
| 21 | None  | 7/23/2022 5:56 PM  |
| 22 | Not against snowmobile trails, just don't snowmobile anymore  | 7/23/2022 10:04 AM |
| 23 | We could use some trails so people stop going through resident's yards  | 7/23/2022 12:44 AM |
| 24 | Rome Snow Bandits are losing trails where solar is going in, so that needs to be addressed. Much land that was previously public recreation has been sold to private owners.                                      | 7/22/2022 8:53 PM  |
| 25 | None  | 7/21/2022 5:46 PM  |
| 26 | None  | 7/21/2022 4:55 PM  |
| 27 | It doesn't snow enough here to worry about snowmobiling   | 7/21/2022 3:51 PM  |

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| 28 | Snowmobile clubs have their own trails. That is enough,  | 7/21/2022 11:18 AM |
| 29 | none   | 7/21/2022 10:08 AM |
| 30 | None   | 7/21/2022 9:57 AM  |
| 31 | do not know!   | 7/21/2022 8:54 AM  |
| 32 | Trails   | 7/20/2022 10:16 PM |
| 33 | N/A - I haven't gone snowmobiling in years!  | 7/20/2022 9:11 PM  |
| 34 | Better and more trails   | 7/20/2022 9:03 PM  |
| 35 | More trails  | 7/20/2022 6:29 PM  |
| 36 | Leave that up to the clubs   | 7/20/2022 5:00 PM  |
| 37 | Don't waste the money you can't snowmobile in central Wisconsin during the Winter not enough snow the trails aren't open long enough to justify the cost | 7/20/2022 4:13 PM  |
| 38 | The snowmobile clubs do a great job of creating trails for use   | 7/20/2022 4:09 PM  |
| 39 | Don't know   | 7/20/2022 3:54 PM  |
| 40 | More snow would probably help. So the trails stay open and they don't have to bang ditches...  | 7/20/2022 3:43 PM  |
| 41 | Better signage for routes on the roads. Groom ditches to trail head access.  | 7/20/2022 3:32 PM  |

## Q10 What type of motorized vehicle (ATV / UTV / Off-Highway Motorcycle) enthusiast are you? (Choose one.)

Answered: 173 Skipped: 12



| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Not at all. (I'm not interested in motorized recreation at all, not even with friends.)   | 36.99%    | 64         |
| Casual user. (I like motorized vehicles for fun, but only do so occasionally, OR only on my own land.)                                | 42.77%    | 74         |
| Enthusiastic. (I access or go on motorized routes and trails regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.) | 15.03%    | 26         |
| Avid. (I am always on a motorized vehicle every chance I get - all year long.)  | 5.20%     | 9          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |           | <b>173</b> |

## Q11 (Optional) What motorized vehicle improvements are needed in the Town of Saratoga?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 140

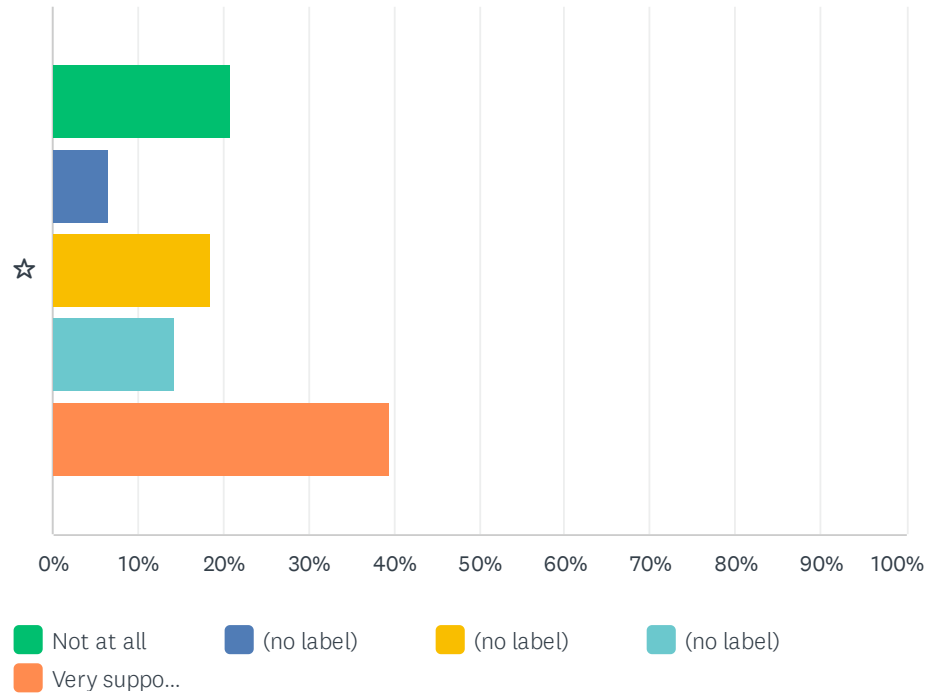
| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | They changed the laws regarding the seat on the back of the ATV. We used to go all the time on trails, but now we need to buy another ATV or UTV in order to legally have someone ride. | 9/12/2022 8:17 AM  |
| 2  | There again our money should be used to repair roads before recreational trails.  | 9/5/2022 2:47 PM   |
| 3  | Enforcement of speed limits and other road laws on the roads. 48th between Spruce and Townline is a drag strip for some ATV/UTV users.  | 8/29/2022 10:01 PM |
| 4  | NONE. THEY HAVE ACCESS TO MOST TOWN ROADS NOW.  | 8/27/2022 7:07 PM  |
| 5  | That may be better for younger people!  | 8/22/2022 3:28 PM  |
| 6  | The speed limit should be increased to the same speed of the road you riding on as it would be safer.   | 8/13/2022 4:08 AM  |
| 7  | Better trails.  | 8/12/2022 8:21 PM  |
| 8  | Need more ways to cross the 10 mile creek to alleviate congestion on Rangeline Rd.  | 8/12/2022 11:46 AM |
| 9  | Absolutely none for ATV/UTV's. The town could ask for more police patrol of the current road users. Town of Saratoga roads are already in bad repair.                                   | 8/10/2022 7:48 PM  |
| 10 | None  | 8/10/2022 3:47 PM  |
| 11 | Not sure  | 8/9/2022 9:59 AM   |
| 12 | More ATV routes so that we can get access to the trails from our homes.   | 8/4/2022 8:18 PM   |
| 13 | None  | 7/26/2022 2:27 PM  |
| 14 | GetATV off the main roads and give them their own trails. Always too noisy!!  | 7/25/2022 9:26 PM  |
| 15 | We would love winter trails similar to Jackson County or Langlade County!   | 7/25/2022 8:32 AM  |
| 16 | signage/publicity   | 7/24/2022 7:28 AM  |
| 17 | They can pretty much do anything now they don't need any more improvements  | 7/24/2022 12:46 AM |
| 18 | Not sure.   | 7/23/2022 8:40 PM  |
| 19 | Less of A tv Utv traffic. They race down our road faster than cars.   | 7/23/2022 8:18 PM  |
| 20 | None. They are allowed on the roads. Fix the roads and the ATV people can use them better.  | 7/23/2022 7:49 PM  |
| 21 | Restrict ATV, improve roads for motorcycle visibility   | 7/23/2022 7:21 PM  |
| 22 | None  | 7/23/2022 6:53 PM  |
| 23 | Highway Z to Rome access  | 7/23/2022 6:11 PM  |
| 24 | None  | 7/23/2022 5:57 PM  |
| 25 | Make all roads open for them. Then you don't need to buy signs!   | 7/23/2022 5:38 PM  |
| 26 | Get ATVs and UTVs off the roads and on trails   | 7/23/2022 10:05 AM |
| 27 | I would rather see trails and less road routes.   | 7/22/2022 8:54 PM  |
| 28 | None  | 7/21/2022 5:46 PM  |
| 29 | None  | 7/21/2022 4:55 PM  |

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| 30 | None. There are plenty of trails in the area and roads, for them to use. Town of Rome has alot of trails, which is not very far away. Reduce taxes, not spend our money. | 7/21/2022 11:19 AM |
| 31 | none. there are plenty of atv routes with all the roads that are open.   | 7/21/2022 10:08 AM |
| 32 | None. There's plenty of routes with all of the roads.  | 7/21/2022 9:57 AM  |
| 33 | Roads should be number one priority to get fixed   | 7/21/2022 12:54 AM |
| 34 | It would be nice to have more routes that are absurdity for UTV use.   | 7/20/2022 9:13 PM  |
| 35 | Very good with the new laws !  | 7/20/2022 9:03 PM  |
| 36 | Better access to maps, is there an app?  | 7/20/2022 8:46 PM  |
| 37 | Better control of ATV riders. Regularly see people with passengers on single machines.   | 7/20/2022 7:58 PM  |
| 38 | Improved access to amenities   | 7/20/2022 5:44 PM  |
| 39 | Love riding the UTV, take it as much as possible - even to the grocery store in Nekoosa  | 7/20/2022 5:24 PM  |
| 40 | They need to obey the speed limits n stay on trails  | 7/20/2022 5:10 PM  |
| 41 | None   | 7/20/2022 5:00 PM  |
| 42 | I wish the atv/utv routes would go away. They are a hazard for regular traffic and are either way to slow or way to fast   | 7/20/2022 4:10 PM  |
| 43 | Don't know   | 7/20/2022 3:54 PM  |
| 44 | Public off road trails, preferably on the road atv routes so they are easily accessible.   | 7/20/2022 3:11 PM  |
| 45 | Opening of county z to nekoosa   | 7/20/2022 3:01 PM  |

## Q12 How supportive are you of Saratoga acquiring lands for outdoor recreation?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 18



|   | NOT AT ALL   | (NO LABEL)  | (NO LABEL)   | (NO LABEL)   | VERY SUPPORTIVE | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| ☆ | 20.96%<br>35 | 6.59%<br>11 | 18.56%<br>31 | 14.37%<br>24 | 39.52%<br>66    | 167   | 3.45             |

## Q13 Feel free to comment on whether the Town of Saratoga should acquire land for outdoor recreation.

Answered: 85 Skipped: 100

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | Our Public MFL land is being swallowed up quickly by Solar fields and private property owners. Saratoga is changing rapidly and it would be nice to preserve areas as natural areas for wildlife, personal enjoyment, hunting, and aesthetics.  | 9/12/2022 8:20 AM  |
| 2  | As previously stated, there are several surrounding municipalities that have the manpower to maintain, why does Saratoga feel the need to have something like this in our Municipality when we have more important things going on. etc cleanup, roadways, larger meeting area  | 9/8/2022 5:36 AM   |
| 3  | And who do you think will end up paying for this?   | 9/6/2022 9:10 AM   |
| 4  | Absolutely not, once you acquire land, it does not stop there then you have up keep costs, maintenance, insurance and labor to manage the area. It is not just the cost of the land but all the costs in the future that keep going up  | 9/5/2022 2:51 PM   |
| 5  | Acquiring land for outdoor recreation use should be considered to protect natural resources and if it also generates revenue to support long term maintenance and upkeep.   | 8/29/2022 10:03 PM |
| 6  | If it is sustainable and will not increase taxes there is some interest. Who is responsible for maintaining the land?   | 8/29/2022 5:34 PM  |
| 7  | I am not in favor of any purchase that is going to continue to increase our taxes. Solar Array kickback should be used for roads and tax reduction.   | 8/29/2022 5:33 PM  |
| 8  | ABSOLUTELY NOT. WE NEED TO USE OUR FUNDS FOR MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING EXISTING ROADS. DON'T GET STUPID WITH YOUR POSITIONS.  | 8/27/2022 7:19 PM  |
| 9  | Would need more details. Not a fan of going into debt.  | 8/22/2022 3:29 PM  |
| 10 | If your going to spend money on land I would rather see MY tax money go towards improving the roads in n this township.   | 8/19/2022 7:27 PM  |
| 11 | Unfortunately, the majority of land in Saratoga that is being acquired consists mostly of row pines planted for the paper industry. This type of land offers little in the way of recreation. I do see the town purchasing small tracts to provide parking, picnicking, etc. near the accesses to our lakes, rivers, and streams. | 8/19/2022 11:47 AM |
| 12 | Depends on purpose  | 8/17/2022 6:44 PM  |
| 13 | No.We have Nepco Park   | 8/15/2022 5:40 PM  |
| 14 | Depends on what recreation  | 8/15/2022 11:07 AM |
| 15 | There are tons of parks for different uses in the area already. They don't bring in revenue, only spend money on upkeep. I do not want the town to spend money on buying or developing a park or recreation area, which will then have upkeep costs, that are going to raise my taxes.  | 8/15/2022 9:01 AM  |
| 16 | The Town of Saratoga is fine just the way it is!!   | 8/14/2022 8:34 AM  |
| 17 | Very supportive. Also, weeds need to be cut in Nepco if you want to use it.   | 8/12/2022 8:24 PM  |
| 18 | I feel we have plenty of opportunities in and around our town and county where we don't need to spend any additional money on developing more of anything for recreational use.   | 8/12/2022 2:01 PM  |
| 19 | With the loss of thousands of acres to the solar project and increasing population we definitely need to set aside green space for recreation before it's all bought up and built on.   | 8/12/2022 11:48 AM |
| 20 | Yes! Saratoga needs areas for famies to enjoy the day or just a few hours...along with dog areas... ATV/snowmobile routes....fishing and boating access...the town will flourish with these things added  | 8/12/2022 11:42 AM |

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| 21 | The Town of Saratoga should NOT acquire any land for any outdoor recreation.   | 8/10/2022 7:49 PM  |
| 22 | Should not   | 8/10/2022 1:16 PM  |
| 23 | I am supportive but the details would be relevant.   | 8/10/2022 10:19 AM |
| 24 | Please look at investments from a cost-pre use perspective. Spend money where the most people will actually use it.  | 8/10/2022 10:00 AM |
| 25 | Would you have to acquire? What about a lease?   | 8/9/2022 10:12 AM  |
| 26 | I think we're good for now   | 8/9/2022 10:00 AM  |
| 27 | It's a good thing to have for the community.   | 8/4/2022 8:18 PM   |
| 28 | How will this land be taken care of? People are extremely disrespectful of other people's property so I'm concerned about vandalism and littering.   | 7/29/2022 11:38 AM |
| 29 | You need to know what type recreation ( active or passive) you are purchasing the land for   | 7/28/2022 5:24 PM  |
| 30 | Between the other local towns here we have enough going on from splash pads, walking areas, recreation, and tourism.   | 7/27/2022 8:31 AM  |
| 31 | I am not against it. We have plenty of open and quiet roads by is but it's good for everyone to have access.   | 7/27/2022 7:29 AM  |
| 32 | Saratoga has a unique opportunity to create a network of sustainable safe outdoor recreation   | 7/26/2022 2:28 PM  |
| 33 | You have all this money from solar farm it would be nice to invest for other recreational activities   | 7/25/2022 9:28 PM  |
| 34 | I am in support of this but only doing so with great care and financial thought.   | 7/25/2022 9:30 AM  |
| 35 | Yes if acquirable with reasonable funds budgeted or granted.   | 7/25/2022 9:16 AM  |
| 36 | Absolutely! Bring people to our beautiful community!   | 7/24/2022 8:07 PM  |
| 37 | No expensive studies   | 7/24/2022 1:55 PM  |
| 38 | THE COST AND INSURANCE PLUS THE UPKEEP IS TO GREAT,THE TOWN WOULD HAVE TO HIRE MO FULL TIME EMPLOYERS TO MAINTAIN IT   | 7/24/2022 9:48 AM  |
| 39 | Depends on the usage. If only for ATV use not interested in acquiring land. Land with multiple uses is more desirable.   | 7/24/2022 8:47 AM  |
| 40 | Town has done absolutely nothing in this regard. With lose of thousands of acres of MFL, acquisition is a must.  | 7/24/2022 7:40 AM  |
| 41 | Acquiring more land is fine as long as you intend to maintain it PROPERLY AND CONSISTENTLY.  | 7/24/2022 7:30 AM  |
| 42 | Landon is very expensive and it cost a lot of money to put in outdoor recreation. Maybe they should look at improving the roads  | 7/24/2022 12:48 AM |
| 43 | Yes for more biking trails in the summer and cross country trails in the winter.   | 7/23/2022 8:41 PM  |
| 44 | No. Please fix our roads   | 7/23/2022 7:49 PM  |
| 45 | None, reduce taxes instead   | 7/23/2022 7:22 PM  |
| 46 | Yes. Anything is better than a CAFO.   | 7/23/2022 6:07 PM  |
| 47 | As long as it doesn't affect property taxes  | 7/23/2022 5:40 PM  |
| 48 | If someone donated land by Adam's county line that would be great. Don't spend on frivolous things. Fix our roads.   | 7/23/2022 4:56 PM  |
| 49 | Losing public lands fast.  | 7/23/2022 2:20 PM  |
| 50 | It would be nice to have access to land for various outdoor activities.  | 7/23/2022 2:11 PM  |
| 51 | Yes! I support TOS acquiring outdoor recreation land. It's part of what we moved here for and we are losing forested recreational land rapidly to massive utility solar power plants and large | 7/23/2022 10:17 AM |



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tracts of land being bought up by a handful of people for private use. We need to preserve the feel of our community and I am concerned by the changes that are occurring

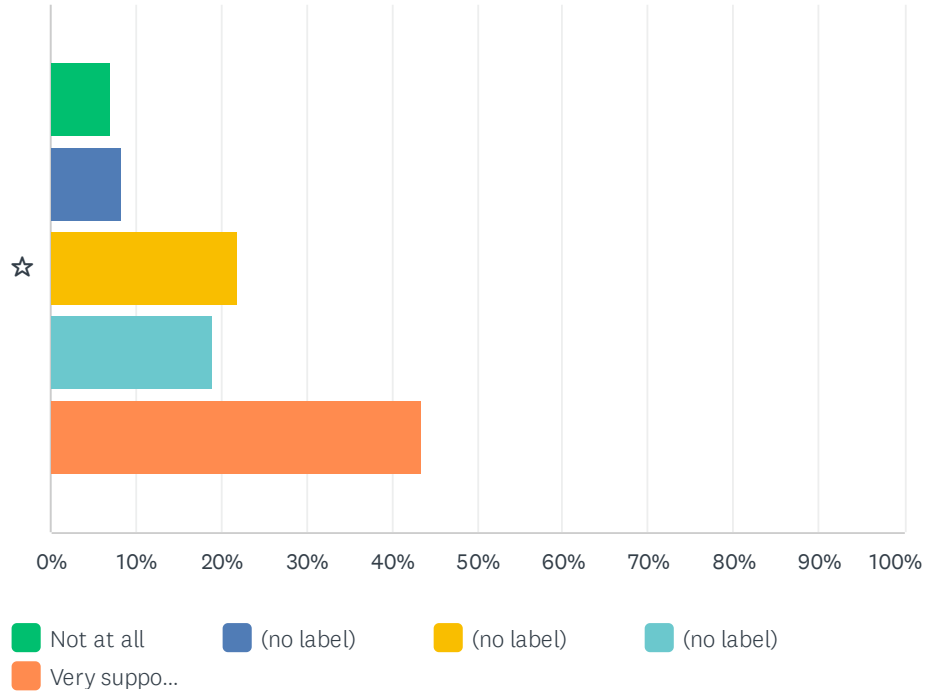
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| 52 | I believe this is a VERY unnecessary use of money. We are very near parks that are currently being maintained by other towns that cost us nothing to use/maintain. We should really look at spending that money on things we could use, like road maintenance, snow removal in winter ect.   | 7/23/2022 12:47 AM |
| 53 | Absolutely! If the land is not owned by the town, county or state there is little hope to continue having public recreation land. Saratoga will have monies coming in yearly from the solar arrays and has received back taxes from the withdrawal of land from MFL for 1 large utility scale solar array and the second is in the permitting process . Some of this money should be used to give something back to the residents for what our community has lost with massive forested land acquisitions in the last 8 years. | 7/22/2022 9:04 PM  |
| 54 | It depends on what they do with the land.  | 7/22/2022 9:43 AM  |
| 55 | Yes, land for non motorized recreation such as hiking, biking, nature viewing and educational purposes. Also natural land restoration projects.  | 7/22/2022 8:44 AM  |
| 56 | If it's affordable   | 7/21/2022 5:47 PM  |
| 57 | I believe that there is enough outdoor recreation around Saratoga that we do not need to acquire land for it   | 7/21/2022 4:57 PM  |
| 58 | Why is every government agency looking for ways to spend tax dollars. Alot of people in Saratoga are on fixed income. Lowering taxes would be a very good option.  | 7/21/2022 11:20 AM |
| 59 | The Town of Saratoga should not acquire land. Saratoga is a pass through town from Rome to Rapids. Instead of frivolously spending money on parks the focus should be on bringing in any business and tax revenue, even if it is a pole building on commercial land or duplexes.   | 7/21/2022 10:10 AM |
| 60 | No. Saratoga is not a destination. It is a pass through town between Rome and rapids. Focus on bringing in business and tax revenue (even if it's a pole building on commercial land or duplexes) and stop frivolously spending money on parks.  | 7/21/2022 10:03 AM |
| 61 | You would be better off to dump the idea on South shore and open up the landing on county Z  | 7/21/2022 12:55 AM |
| 62 | Road upgrades not land   | 7/20/2022 11:24 PM |
| 63 | As long as it doesn't increase taxes   | 7/20/2022 10:51 PM |
| 64 | A space for kids of all ages to go to!   | 7/20/2022 10:17 PM |
| 65 | I think it would be a great way to get options in our town for the youth.  | 7/20/2022 9:14 PM  |
| 66 | Yes they should !  | 7/20/2022 9:03 PM  |
| 67 | Will it be enforced by police?   | 7/20/2022 8:47 PM  |
| 68 | Public land is very important for residents of Saratoga for hunting tourists   | 7/20/2022 8:01 PM  |
| 69 | Definitely   | 7/20/2022 7:59 PM  |
| 70 | The people of Saratoga should have a recreational area set aside for their citizens. So much of Saratoga has been developed into a solar array that our forests are disappearing before us.  | 7/20/2022 7:02 PM  |
| 71 | Yes, we should aquire lands for recreational purposes.   | 7/20/2022 6:31 PM  |
| 72 | They should. I would like to see more nature preserved and less houses being built. Prevent urban sprawl.  | 7/20/2022 6:07 PM  |
| 73 | There is more than enough public land in Saratoga/Wood County. Work with the landowners that are already in the township.  | 7/20/2022 5:45 PM  |
| 74 | I would need more information to make an informed decision   | 7/20/2022 5:29 PM  |
| 75 | We don't need anymore parks in the area, use the money towards making Bike/walking trails to connect with area trails - fixing our roads   | 7/20/2022 5:26 PM  |
| 76 | None needed  | 7/20/2022 5:01 PM  |

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| 77 | From what I have been hearing the old boat landing on Z would be much better than wasting money on that strip of land on Southshore and the cost Of engineering and design for steps to go down to a drop off I travel South shore quite often I do not see bikes riding along the road I see people walking but it is just the residents that live there that's all that South shore plan is just a waste of money open up the Z boat landing would be would be a much better idea | 7/20/2022 4:20 PM |
| 78 | Absolutely not! Against the park your trying to develope too.   | 7/20/2022 4:11 PM |
| 79 | It is difficult to answer this question as there are many variables, such as what kinds of activities and how would they affect where I live  | 7/20/2022 4:06 PM |
| 80 | We have enough places yo go all around us. This would be a waste of money.  | 7/20/2022 3:55 PM |
| 81 | It would be awesome all the other townships have thier little rec area. Long as it's not designed just for atvs.  | 7/20/2022 3:46 PM |
| 82 | Depends on land use   | 7/20/2022 3:28 PM |
| 83 | Only if taxes don't go up.  | 7/20/2022 3:11 PM |
| 84 | It would be a good investment in bringing the people of our community together.   | 7/20/2022 3:03 PM |
| 85 | Yes, but up the rest of the old mill lands, we dont need anymore farms or solar   | 7/20/2022 2:59 PM |

## Q14 How supportive are you of Historic Point Basse's outdoor living museum to preserve history?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 17



|   | NOT AT ALL  | (NO LABEL)  | (NO LABEL)   | (NO LABEL)   | VERY SUPPORTIVE | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| ☆ | 7.14%<br>12 | 8.33%<br>14 | 22.02%<br>37 | 19.05%<br>32 | 43.45%<br>73    | 168   | 3.83             |

## Q15 Feel free to comment on Historic Point Basse continuing to preserve history.

Answered: 45 Skipped: 140

| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE               |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1  | Pointe Basse is a local treasure and has such an educational benefit to young ones.  | 9/12/2022 8:21 AM  |
| 2  | This a existing prominent feature in Saratoga, why are we not being more supportive (financially) of this site. If we want to have a outdoor play area it seems we could help expand this one. | 9/8/2022 5:38 AM   |
| 3  | I have only been there twice and it was nice but I don't know what is needed there or the cost involved. Please use the money wisely and repair roads that are needed.                         | 9/5/2022 2:53 PM   |
| 4  | I like the opportunities to visit Historic Point Basse and the beautiful grounds   | 8/30/2022 8:14 PM  |
| 5  | I enjoy the place! They offer a nice variety of activities, and year round.  | 8/22/2022 3:29 PM  |
| 6  | I feel this is important to show the younger generation how hard people used to work.  | 8/19/2022 7:28 PM  |
| 7  | In this world that appears hell-bent on advancement, growth, and destruction.....ANYTHING that we as a society can do to preserve a slice of history needs to be taken very seriously.         | 8/19/2022 11:51 AM |
| 8  | I've enjoyed it out there many years.  | 8/12/2022 8:26 PM  |
| 9  | The town needs to support Point Basse as the significant historic site in our town.  | 8/12/2022 11:50 AM |
| 10 | The town should not be involved in Historic Point Basse.   | 8/10/2022 7:49 PM  |
| 11 | Good teaching opportunity for early educational field trips as well as scouts and youth church clubs.  | 8/10/2022 10:22 AM |
| 12 | Never been there but I think it is important for those that are.   | 8/9/2022 10:12 AM  |
| 13 | Been there several times, very educational. I like it.   | 8/9/2022 10:01 AM  |
| 14 | The Town and HPB need to coordinate on future development and management of the area   | 7/28/2022 5:26 PM  |
| 15 | History here in this area is important. They do a good job.  | 7/27/2022 8:33 AM  |
| 16 | I recently found out that I had relatives that were fur traders and lived in the area at times.  | 7/26/2022 11:10 PM |
| 17 | I love going to their activities at different times of the year  | 7/25/2022 9:30 PM  |
| 18 | Educational non-profit facility for kids, adults.  | 7/25/2022 9:17 AM  |
| 19 | It's nice  | 7/24/2022 1:55 PM  |
| 20 | Enough history has been destroyed. Leave Historic Point Basse alone. Better yet, help to expand/enhance it.  | 7/24/2022 7:32 AM  |
| 21 | They do a great job!! I hope it will always continue.  | 7/23/2022 9:48 PM  |
| 22 | our family has supported and worked and volunteered here for 10 years. It is a treasure  | 7/23/2022 9:24 PM  |
| 23 | Not interested.  | 7/23/2022 8:41 PM  |
| 24 | Leave that to the private group. Please fix our roads  | 7/23/2022 7:50 PM  |
| 25 | General maintenance w/limited expense  | 7/23/2022 7:22 PM  |
| 26 | During the event, maybe some kind of mobile petting zoo to attract families  | 7/23/2022 5:43 PM  |
| 27 | History is important.  | 7/23/2022 2:20 PM  |
| 28 | It's important for people to have an understanding of the area in which they live.   | 7/23/2022 2:13 PM  |

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| 29 | Saratoga has a significant historical treasure in HPB and it must be preserved, enhanced and promoted.   | 7/23/2022 10:19 AM |
| 30 | I like Point Basse, it was fun and informative when I took my family. It'd be nice if they had more available.   | 7/23/2022 12:49 AM |
| 31 | I am 100% supportive of HPB continuing to preserve history. The historic significance of HPB in Saratoga is overlooked by many. We have a gem right here in our town and we must support them in any way they need. Part of that involves growing membership and support so that HPB has the financial help needed | 7/22/2022 9:08 PM  |
| 32 | I enjoy Point Basse and attend a few events there each year.   | 7/22/2022 9:44 AM  |
| 33 | It's always important for the youth to learn about history. School groups going to Point Basse is something fun and exciting for them to do  | 7/21/2022 4:57 PM  |
| 34 | You could put a boat landing there for the residents.  | 7/21/2022 3:52 PM  |
| 35 | As long as tax dollars are not used, I am all for it.  | 7/21/2022 11:21 AM |
| 36 | Point Basse does there THING   | 7/20/2022 11:25 PM |
| 37 | Wonderful site   | 7/20/2022 9:46 PM  |
| 38 | I went several years ago and thought it was really neat. Once my kids are older, I hope to bring them, too. I believe the schools go their for field trips, too.   | 7/20/2022 9:15 PM  |
| 39 | Very cool area for young and old   | 7/20/2022 8:01 PM  |
| 40 | Hope it is always kept up and restored. More historical items could also be added.   | 7/20/2022 7:11 PM  |
| 41 | This is a hidden gem - should be promoted and advertised more  | 7/20/2022 5:30 PM  |
| 42 | The historic point basse is a wonderful place for area students to take field trips too  | 7/20/2022 5:27 PM  |
| 43 | An absolute must! Such a rich history cannot be lost.  | 7/20/2022 5:10 PM  |
| 44 | Keep funds for the town. Our roads need attention.   | 7/20/2022 4:12 PM  |
| 45 | I have been there a couple different times and enjoyed it both times.  | 7/20/2022 4:07 PM  |

## Q16 (Optional) Do you have any other concerns or comments?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 115

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | I think this town has potential and, I appreciate what the town board is trying to do.  | 9/11/2022 2:41 PM  |
| 2  | On young st.there is a log type shed and a round top shelter that are literally falling down. Another property always has old furniture and garbage in the front yard. Create or enforce ordinances addressing unsightly properties.  | 9/11/2022 8:46 AM  |
| 3  | Stop spending money needlessly, what was wrong with the way things were? You lived here didn't you? I believe in change just not drastic and expensive. It feels like good people were run out and people with friends were brought in, where are the skill sets?   | 9/8/2022 5:41 AM   |
| 4  | Yeah I do...get rid of some of the town board members that are making a lot of others resign. We all know who they are...right? Look at the experience we have lost already.  | 9/6/2022 9:45 AM   |
| 5  | I know that there will be money coming from the solar project, however I feel that that should be put to use on the roads that will benefit all of the Saratoga residents not just a few who like to bike or swim, especially when there are already facilities available.  | 9/5/2022 2:57 PM   |
| 6  | I feel the town's budget would be better used by fixing roads and giving back to the community with lower taxes.  | 8/29/2022 5:38 PM  |
| 7  | I think the current board is being very wasteful with our town's budget and should be looking at meaningful expenditures such as fixing our roads, ditches, and culverts.   | 8/29/2022 5:34 PM  |
| 8  | Atv use on roads posted no atv  | 8/28/2022 4:27 PM  |
| 9  | I HOPE YOU LISTEN TO OUR COMMENTS. THERE ARE ENOUGH OTHER PARKS IN THE AREA. CONSIDER THE MAINTENANCE, STAFFING AND INSURANCE COST BURDENS TO TAX PAYERS. ANY PROPOLSALS SHOULD BE PUT IN A REFFERENDOM.  | 8/27/2022 7:31 PM  |
| 10 | While I am opposed to listening to loud, alcohol-infused parties at all hours, there must be somewhere people can enjoy the area away from residential areas.   | 8/22/2022 3:31 PM  |
| 11 | Yes, I do. I feel that in the last 15 to 20 years, that our multiple boards in Saratoga have had a difficult time finding a common goal for their work in representing the residents and our comprehensive plan. Certain personalities on these boards don't fit, balls have been dropped, and it has cost (and is still costing) this township plenty. It is well past time that these groups, while conducting their own business, are aligned with each other for the big picture. I have not seen that, and it pisses me off to no end. | 8/19/2022 12:00 PM |
| 12 | Nepco lake public access may not be used and would not be good value to improve   | 8/17/2022 6:45 PM  |
| 13 | Resources could be combined to make even more fun at Nepco Park such as a sledding/ ice area. This would benefit many people. Currently our area's kids go on field trips to Bruce Mound to actually sled in a nice area. Nepco has easy access so no need to create new access. We don't want or need a 'park' In the middle of private housing such as South side. How about a curling club? Thanks for asking the community. Elected positions need to seek input to support diverse thoughts, not just their own- thanks.               | 8/15/2022 5:51 PM  |
| 14 | I think some monies could be used for hiking trails, but our roads need to be fixed. Infrastructure should come before recreation. Balance needs and wants  | 8/15/2022 11:09 AM |
| 15 | I moved to Saratoga for the relaxed rural atmosphere and low taxes. I would like it kept that way.  | 8/15/2022 9:01 AM  |
| 16 | Why have so many board members of the Town of Saratoga quit??   | 8/14/2022 8:35 AM  |
| 17 | None at this time.  | 8/12/2022 8:27 PM  |
| 18 | The town needs to be sending out email news flashes to keep the people informed.  | 8/12/2022 11:51 AM |

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| 19 | The Town of Saratoga should not be involved in any type of recreation.   | 8/10/2022 7:50 PM  |
| 20 | People can find what they like to do now   | 8/10/2022 3:48 PM  |
| 21 | Waste of money   | 8/10/2022 1:17 PM  |
| 22 | Believe that the work and expense to construct an outdoor pavilion at the public access at NEPCO Lake off South Shore drive is unnecessary. Parking lot and stairs down to the lake is fine but an outdoor pavilion is duplicative to what already exists at the Wood County Park on the east side of NEPCO.   | 8/10/2022 10:24 AM |
| 23 | Nepco access improvements are a waist of money. It gives no new opportunities for our residents.   | 8/10/2022 10:02 AM |
| 24 | Let's not expand the solar project. It is such a nuisance. Roads are horrible. Garbage along the roadways has increased 1000%. No peace and quiet with constant traffic, even tho I know it will decrease at some point. Has affected wildlife.  | 8/9/2022 10:14 AM  |
| 25 | No   | 8/9/2022 10:01 AM  |
| 26 | The lack of trail connections forces us to load up of rides and head to other communities. If I can have great access leaving from my residence, I wouldn't consider leaving the community to go elsewhere.  | 8/4/2022 8:20 PM   |
| 27 | I would like to see more homes available, as this areas population is growing. Not necessary sub divisions or trailer parks.   | 7/27/2022 8:35 AM  |
| 28 | We need to preserve our forests to assure clean water and air. Please be prudent in cutting trails etc. Once the older trees are gone, it takes years to rectify our mistakes. Passive, pocket parks, no hunting, p  | 7/26/2022 2:31 PM  |
| 29 | Help with speed limits in township. Enforcing in particular.   | 7/25/2022 9:32 PM  |
| 30 | There have been statements made of their being a huge upheaval in the board. Huge differences of opinions, people resigning, others taking seats they are not equipped to handle. Fighting between the masses of how monies coming into the township should be handled and allocated. I would hope whomever takes over would see that "all" Saratoga residents have a right to say how to use this money. "WE" have the right, this is "OUR" township. Survey's are a good start but more detailed information should be given. Not all of us are able to make the meetings and trying to find a the meeting notes to read up on what happened is almost impossible. | 7/25/2022 9:46 AM  |
| 31 | Build a five year plan plus  | 7/25/2022 9:17 AM  |
| 32 | We are losing too much of our forest lands and that is what brought us here! And our water quality will suffer without the trees   | 7/24/2022 8:09 PM  |
| 33 | No low income housing or expensive studies   | 7/24/2022 1:56 PM  |
| 34 | i DONT THINK WE NEED IT. THE COST IS PROHIPATIVE   | 7/24/2022 9:51 AM  |
| 35 | I'm concerned Saratoga will not develop adequate recreation to bring in outside visitors. The teeny park on Nepco is an example. Please don't throw dollars at small projects. Develop something unique.   | 7/24/2022 8:52 AM  |
| 36 | With the election of a new Town Board, I see much positive energy & new ideas.   | 7/24/2022 7:41 AM  |
| 37 | I have many concerns about the Saratoga Board's decision making processes, i.e., voting themselves into position, driving other members out, discontent /rivalry among the members, I also think that the Board minutes should be mailed monthly to residents.   | 7/24/2022 7:37 AM  |
| 38 | Fix some roads   | 7/24/2022 12:52 AM |
| 39 | Please focus on acquiring new lands for biking and cross country skiing trails in the winter. Also, please do not try and duplicate what already exists with respect to access to NEPCO Lake from the Wood County Park. Waste of money if you ask me. Thanks   | 7/23/2022 8:44 PM  |
| 40 | No more solar expansion keep whats left open to public use!!!!   | 7/23/2022 7:57 PM  |
| 41 | No need to purchase land and pay to be maintained. Seems so many of the nearby, existing places are not being used to their full capabilities. You are pushing for our money to be used in   | 7/23/2022 7:56 PM  |

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|    |   |                    |
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|    | this way and yet our roads are consistently being ignored.  |                    |
| 42 | No  | 7/23/2022 7:55 PM  |
| 43 | How will property taxes be reduced?   | 7/23/2022 7:22 PM  |
| 44 | Saratoga needs to have a wall on the southern border to keep the FIBS out 🙄   | 7/23/2022 5:53 PM  |
| 45 | No  | 7/23/2022 5:37 PM  |
| 46 | Fix our roads!  | 7/23/2022 4:57 PM  |
| 47 | Business, recreational and residential growth should be compatible. We are losing forested and public land so fast. Our community has been through a lot in the last 10 years since the Wysocki Family of companies announced their plan for a CAFO. The Plum Creek land that their corporation held for the project has become a threat to our community. I hope that land is used for a purpose that isn't detrimental to the residents.  | 7/23/2022 10:23 AM |
| 48 | I am concerned some in our community are shortsighted and do not realize how significant the loss of animal habitat and public lands for recreation are for those that enjoyed using them.  | 7/22/2022 9:13 PM  |
| 49 | In my opinion, I would like to see something developed that would allow people to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. Someplace families can enjoy.   | 7/22/2022 9:47 AM  |
| 50 | Just keep the farm out  | 7/21/2022 5:48 PM  |
| 51 | I don't believe Saratoga is a destination community.  | 7/21/2022 4:59 PM  |
| 52 | I'm concerned that would consider any opinions from people that do not live in and pay taxes in Saratoga. If they check no to question to 18 there answer should be thrown out.   | 7/21/2022 3:55 PM  |
| 53 | Quit looking for ways to spend the money that the town will be getting from the solar project. Use that money to lower taxes!!!!  | 7/21/2022 11:22 AM |
| 54 | I have great concern over this new Town Board and their unanimous voting for hemorrhaging money. There appears to be no more checks and balances amongst town board members as it is apparent there is a "group" and vote alike regardless. I was told about the appointment of the new supervisor and how astonishing it was that no one else was considered or discussed at the meeting. It was almost as if three specific board members participated in a quorum prior to the meeting and had planned out who they were going to pick. This is very concerning as a voter that personal agendas are being accomplished due to unilateral voting. I am very afraid to see the repercussions on taxes in coming years as well as the overall quality of living in the Town of Saratoga due to the wealth of knowledge that has been driven out by current members. We are headed in a very sad direction... | 7/21/2022 10:34 AM |
| 55 | The way this town board talks and brings up at meetings that the town rome does this and the town of Rome has that this is the town of Saratoga not the town of Rome  | 7/21/2022 12:58 AM |
| 56 | DONT SPEND MONEY ON LAND, FIX ROADS   | 7/20/2022 11:28 PM |
| 57 | Dislike the constant arc utv traffic on my road   | 7/20/2022 9:47 PM  |
| 58 | Do not start cutting down all the trees and trying to build the town up   | 7/20/2022 9:37 PM  |
| 59 | Police enforcement needs to be a real concern.  | 7/20/2022 8:48 PM  |
| 60 | With Solar expansion we as residents need to protect public areas for hunting and fishing!!!  | 7/20/2022 8:03 PM  |
| 61 | Just my opinion. I think we need new address signs that are reflective for the fire numbers. Ours are old and too small to read, and non reflective.  | 7/20/2022 7:12 PM  |
| 62 | The Town needs to keep up with surrounding changes and shy away from the old mentality of keeping everything rural and the way it was 50 years ago!   | 7/20/2022 7:10 PM  |
| 63 | I do not want to see Saratoga develop anything that would harm the environment or groundwater. Providing activities for all ages would benefit residents and possibly attract Rome, Nekoosa, Wisconsin Rapids, and surrounding area residents.  | 7/20/2022 5:33 PM  |
| 64 | I have some concerns regarding the loss of many board members in the last year and the way the board has been doing things - the board should be representing the people of the town not their own agenda   | 7/20/2022 5:29 PM  |

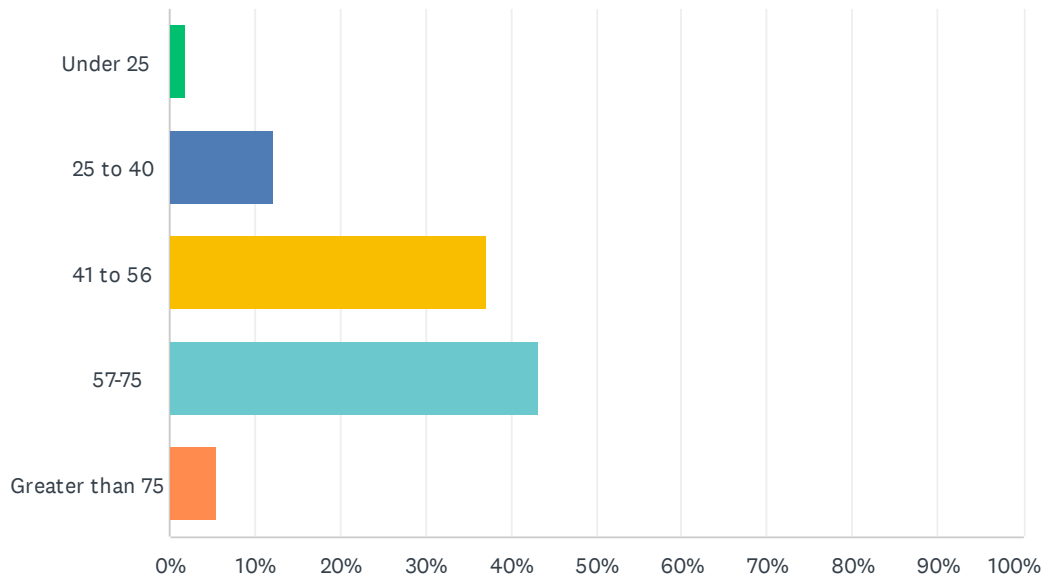


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| 65 | A community center would be nice to hold mahjong and indoor walking track.   | 7/20/2022 5:12 PM |
| 66 | How much is the property taxes going to increase   | 7/20/2022 5:02 PM |
| 67 | Let's get a new town board that will fix the d*** roads in this town they're falling apart                         | 7/20/2022 4:20 PM |
| 68 | We have great resources close in nekoosa, Rome and wazeecha. No need for us to waste money on parks and recreation | 7/20/2022 4:13 PM |
| 69 | Saratoga is going to grow no matter what, so I appreciate you getting involved to help shape that growth.          | 7/20/2022 4:09 PM |
| 70 | We should spend our tax dollars wisely.  | 7/20/2022 3:56 PM |

## Q17 What is your age? (Choose one.)

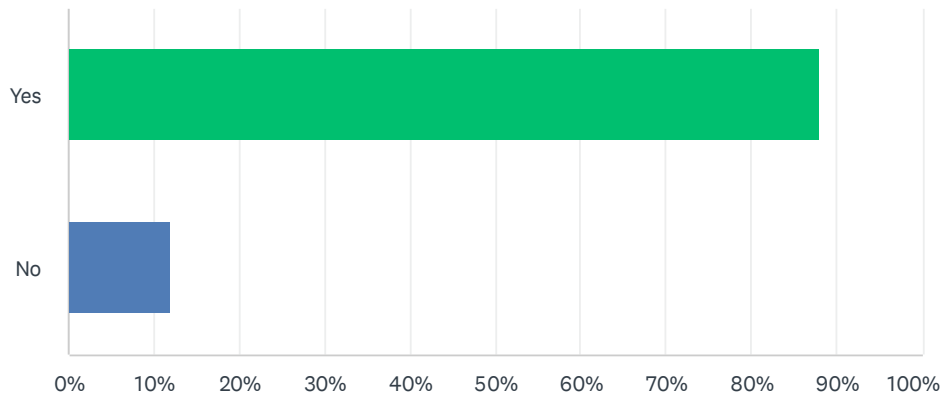
Answered: 164 Skipped: 21



| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |            |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| Under 25        | 1.83%     | 3          |
| 25 to 40        | 12.20%    | 20         |
| 41 to 56        | 37.20%    | 61         |
| 57-75           | 43.29%    | 71         |
| Greater than 75 | 5.49%     | 9          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    |           | <b>164</b> |

## Q18 Do you live in the Town of Saratoga?

Answered: 169 Skipped: 16



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Yes            | 88.17%    | 149 |
| No             | 11.83%    | 20  |
| TOTAL          |           | 169 |

## **ATTACHMENT E**

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### **SCORP Identified Outdoor Recreation Needs**

Compiled by:  
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
in their 2019-2023 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor  
Recreation Plan (SCORP)



## GAPS AND NEEDS IN OUR EXISTING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

In developing the following statewide needs and gaps in our recreation opportunities, the department incorporated information from:

- The SCORP recreation participation survey question regarding needed recreation opportunities in residents' home county (Appendix 6).
- Recreation Opportunities Analysis, which identified recreation needs for each of the eight regions of the state (Appendix 8).
- The SCORP survey of county park directors, which asked about needs at the county level (Appendix 4).
- The SCORP Advisory Team and department staff.

### Statewide Recreation Needs:

#### Places near population centers

Because of the inverse distribution of our population and public lands as well as the limited amount of time people have to participate, there is a very large need to provide more places for people to participate in outdoor recreation near where they live. In particular is the need to provide opportunities for residents to visit places after work or for a couple of hours on a weekend. Places that provide opportunities for hiking, all types of bicycle riding, dog walking, picnicking, and different water-related activities such as fishing, canoeing and kayaking are likely to be heavily used.

#### Trails

By nearly every measure, the largest need throughout the state is for more trails that enable people to experience natural settings, visit the vibrant downtowns of our cities and villages, commute to work, and access favorite sites. All types of trails are in demand – hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, snowmobiling, ATV/UTV and motorcycle riding, and 4WD vehicle trails.

#### Water access – shoreline and boat launches

Lakes, streams and rivers are a defining feature of Wisconsin. From the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River, from the thousands of inland lakes and the tens of thousands of miles of flowing water, residents and visitors have been drawn to the water's edge to fish, hunt, launch any manner of watercraft, bird watch and beach walk. Access to water remains a universal need throughout the state.

#### Camping opportunities

With a large cohort of retirees travelling in RVs combined with an adventurous younger generation, demand for camping has grown in recent years and is likely to remain popular for years to come. Given the divergence in desired experiences – some campers wanting access to hot showers and WiFi while others wanting neither – recreation providers will need to collaborate and coordinate on providing the camping experiences best suited to different public lands.

## Statewide Recreation Needs: (cont.)

### Dog parks and exercise areas

Taking care of a dog has many benefits, not the least of which is the exercise people get in walking their pets. With the steady rise in dog ownership (75% of people in their thirties own a dog) and an urbanizing population has come an increasing demand for places to walk, play with, socialize and train our canine friends. Many municipal and county dog parks are among their most visited properties.

### Target shooting ranges

Many hunters and shooting sports participants live in rural areas or belong to gun clubs and practice their craft on their or the club's property. However, as our population continues to urbanize there is a growing need for places where people can practice gun and archery marksmanship and safety. By their nature, firearm ranges generate considerable sounds and siting new ranges has been a challenge in more populated areas of the state.

## Statewide Policy Needs:

### Better understand place-based recreation and associated outcomes

The survey conducted for this SCORP on recreation participation generated considerable data on which outdoor activities residents pursue and how often (see Appendix 6). What is not well known is where these "participation days" actually take place – that is, where, when, and why they occur at different places. Questions for which more detailed, property-specific, place-based data are needed include:

- How many people visit the place or property?
- When and what are the patterns of visitation?
- What recreation activities do they pursue?
- How far do visitors travel to reach the property and why did they visit the particular property (as opposed to other options)?
- What would improve their satisfaction?
- What are the economic, health, and social benefits associated with their visit?

With a more complete understanding of property use and the features and attributes that draw people, agencies can make more informed decisions about what types of recreation facilities to build and maintain at different places. And the public can better understand their "return on investment."

### Better understand the nature-based recreation preferences of our diversifying population

Data are needed on the recreation preferences of our changing population. For a range of reasons, people of varying ages, residential settings, incomes, and social, racial, ethnic and cultural identities participate in different types of outdoor activities in different places. More information is needed on the types of activities and settings sought by the diversity of Wisconsin residents. In addition, data on how and where to most effectively provide quality experiences for people with varying backgrounds and cultures are needed.

### Enhance and stabilize funding for outdoor recreation

Funding for conservation and recreation is derived from many sources and the overall total has fluctuated considerably from year to year. This has complicated efforts to plan, develop, and maintain recreation facilities. Some states have implemented funding sources that provide a more stable source of money for conservation and recreation projects. In addition to more consistent funding, there is a need to broaden the network of people and sources that help pay for the management of public lands in the state.

### Expand collaborations among recreation providers

Each recreation provider has unique capabilities and their lands offer different types of experiences, features, facilities, and opportunities. There would be substantial benefit in continuing and expanding collaborations among federal, county and local governments. Focus should be placed on identifying ways to coordinate recreation experiences in each region of the state, minimizing duplicative efforts, and maximizing the benefits of recreation investments.

Together, providing well-planned, safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities that visitor's value will increase support for local communities and businesses, strengthen tourism, respond to evolving demographic and visitor needs, reduce user conflicts and improve natural settings.

## Regional Recreation Needs (high needs identified in the Recreation Opportunities Analysis – see Appendix 8)

### Great Northwest Region

ATV/UTV riding  
 Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking  
 Bird or wildlife watching  
 Camping - developed and primitive  
 Canoeing or kayaking  
 Fishing  
 Four-wheel vehicle driving  
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking  
 Hunting - big game  
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)  
 Off-highway motorcycle riding  
 Swimming in lakes and rivers

### Western Sands Region

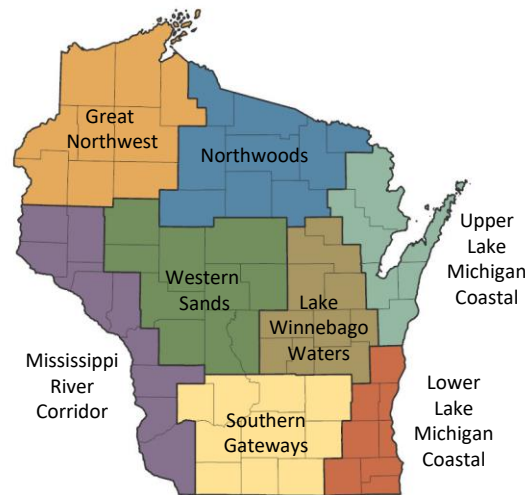
Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking  
 Bird or wildlife watching  
 Camping - developed and primitive  
 Canoeing or kayaking  
 Cross country skiing  
 Dog walking  
 Fishing  
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking  
 Horseback riding  
 Hunting - big game  
 Picnicking  
 Snowshoeing  
 Swimming in lakes and rivers

### Mississippi River Corridor Region

Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking  
 Bird or wildlife watching  
 Camping - developed and primitive  
 Canoeing or kayaking  
 Cross country skiing  
 Dog walking  
 Fishing  
 Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.  
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking  
 Hunting - big game  
 Nature photography  
 Participating in nature-based education programs  
 Picnicking  
 Snowshoeing  
 Visiting a beach, beach walking

### Northwoods Region

ATV/UTV riding  
 Bicycling – bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking  
 Camping – developed and primitive  
 Canoeing or kayaking  
 Fishing  
 Four-wheel vehicle driving  
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking  
 Hunting – big game  
 Off-highway motorcycle riding  
 Participating in nature-based education programs  
 Snowmobiling



### Southern Gateways Region

ATV/UTV riding  
 Bicycling – bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking  
 Bird or wildlife watching  
 Camping – developed and primitive  
 Canoeing or kayaking  
 Fishing  
 Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.  
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking  
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)  
 Picnicking  
 Snowshoeing  
 Swimming in lakes and rivers

### Upper Lake Michigan Coastal Region

Bicycling – bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking  
 Bird or wildlife watching  
 Camping – developed and primitive  
 Canoeing or kayaking  
 Fishing – all types  
 Hiking, walking, trail running or backpacking  
 Horseback riding  
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)  
 Visiting a beach, beach walking

### Lake Winnebago Waters Region

Bicycling – bicycling touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking  
 Bird or wildlife watching  
 Camping – developed and primitive  
 Canoeing or kayaking  
 Cross country skiing  
 Dog walking  
 Fishing  
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking  
 Hunting – big game  
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)  
 Nature photography  
 Participating in nature-based education programs  
 Picnicking  
 Swimming in lakes and rivers  
 Visiting a beach, beach walking

### Lower Lake Michigan Coastal Region

Bicycling - bicycle touring/road riding and mountain biking/off-road biking  
 Bird or wildlife watching  
 Camping - primitive  
 Canoeing or kayaking  
 Cross country skiing  
 Fishing  
 Gather mushrooms, berries, etc.  
 Hiking, walking, trail running, backpacking  
 Motor boating (inc. waterski/tubing, personal watercraft)  
 Nature photography  
 Picnicking  
 Snowshoeing  
 Swimming in lakes and rivers

# **ATTACHMENT F**

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## **Sample Nature Plan Area Equipment**

Compiled by: NCWRPC



# Nature Play Area

Westmoreland Nature Play, Oregon

Additional pictures at: <http://greenworkspc.com/category/nature-based-play/>



Young ↗  
& college students →  
Both enjoy this nature  
based play area.



## **ATTACHMENT G**

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### **Bicycle Parking Guidelines**

From: Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)  
*One page summary sheet.*

And from City of Baltimore

# Bicycle Parking Guidelines

A summary of recommendations from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals

## Bicycle Parking Design

- Required spaces shall be at least 2 feet by 6 feet.
- An access aisle of at least 5 feet shall be provided in each facility.
- Racks shall be situated to allow a minimum of 2 feet between adjacent bike parking stalls.
- Spaces shall have a vertical clearance of at least 80 inches.

## Bicycle Rack Design

Structures that require a user-supplied locking device:

- must accommodate U-shaped locking devices;
- support the bike frame at two points;
- be securely anchored to the ground or the building structure; and
- be designed and maintained to be mud and dust free.

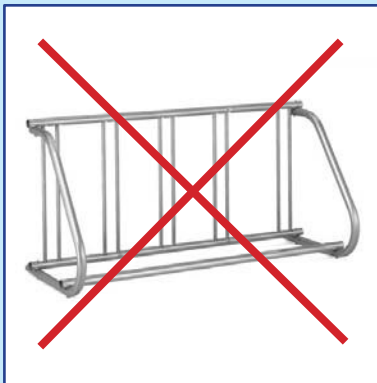
## Bicycle Rack Location

- Racks should be located in a clearly designated safe and convenient location.
- Racks should be designed and located to be harmonious with the surrounding environment.
- Racks should be at least as convenient as the majority of auto parking spaces provided.

To learn more about bicycle parking guidelines, visit the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals at: [www.apbp.org](http://www.apbp.org).

## *These bicycle racks do NOT meet the design guidelines:*

Grid or Fence Style Racks



Wave or Ribbon Style Racks



## *These bicycle racks DO meet the design guidelines:*

Inverted-U Style Racks



Angled Wave Style Racks



Freestanding Style Racks



The above images are examples only. NCWRPC does not endorse any particular bicycle rack manufacturers.

If you have questions about whether a particular bicycle parking rack you are considering using meets these requirements, please contact NCWRPC planner **Fred Heider**, AICP at [fheider@ncwrpc.org](mailto:fheider@ncwrpc.org).

# PLACEMENT OF BICYCLE PARKING RACKS

## RACK PLACEMENT

### RULES:

#### 5' from:

Fire hydrant  
Crosswalk

#### 4' from:

Loading zone  
Bus stop  
Bus shelter  
Bus bench

#### Min. 2', Rec. 3' from:

Curb

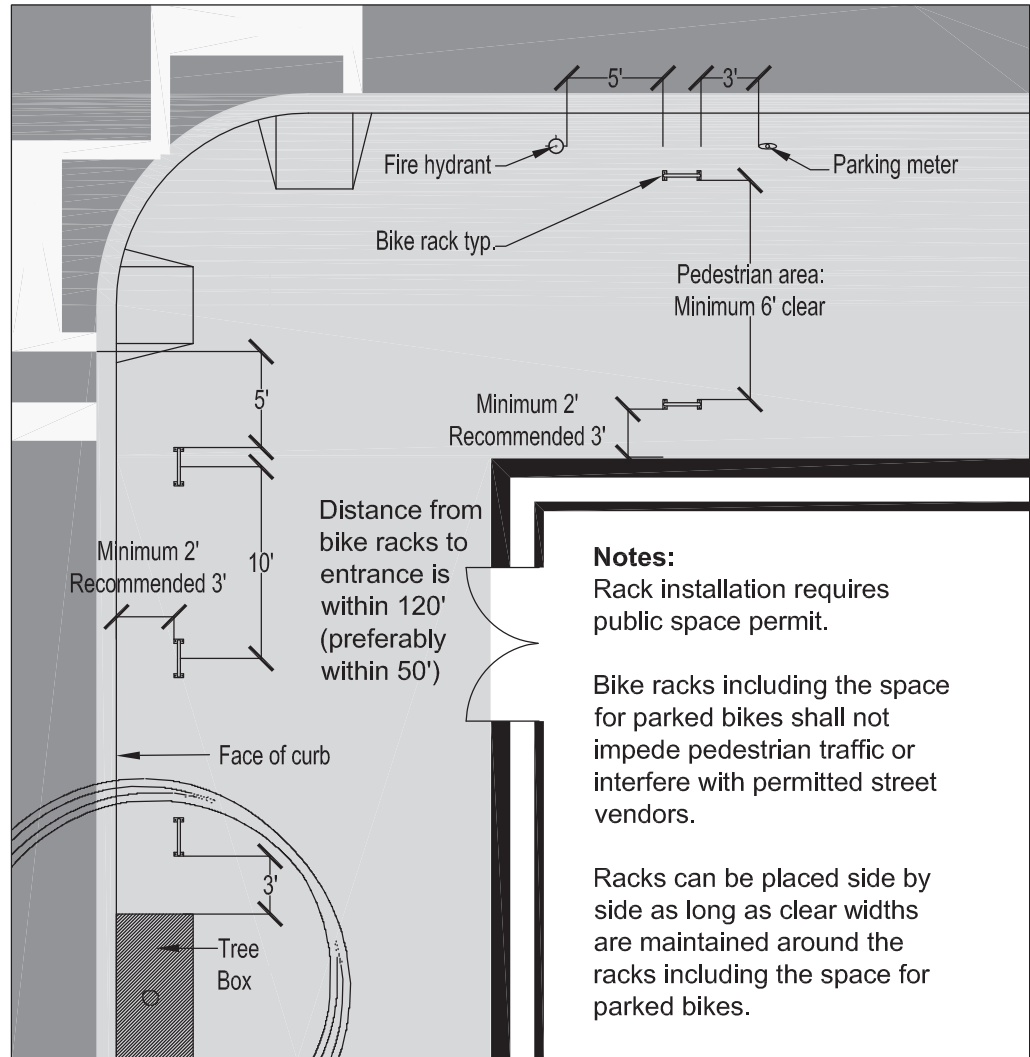
#### 3' from:

Parking meter  
Newspaper rack  
US mailbox  
Light pole  
Sign pole  
Driveway  
Tree space  
Trash can  
Other street furniture  
Other sidewalk obstructions

## WALL SETBACKS

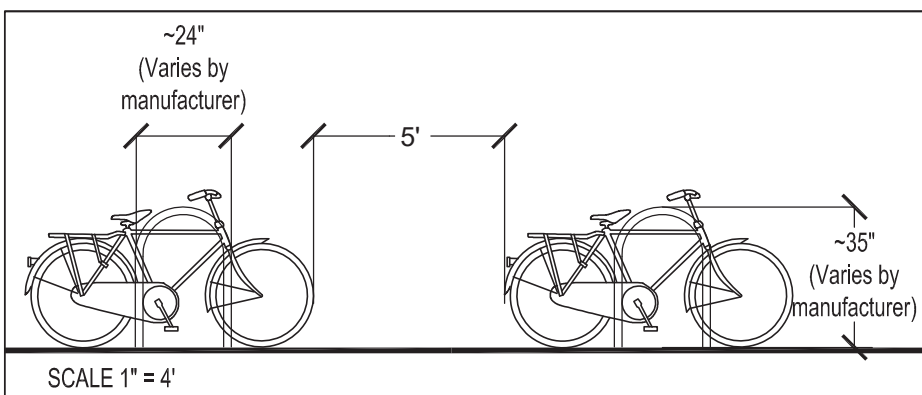
For racks set parallel to a wall:  
Min. 24", Rec. 36"

For racks set perpendicular to a wall:  
Min. 28", Rec. 36"



SCALE 1" = 10'

## SIDE VIEW



## SIDE BY SIDE RACKS:

