



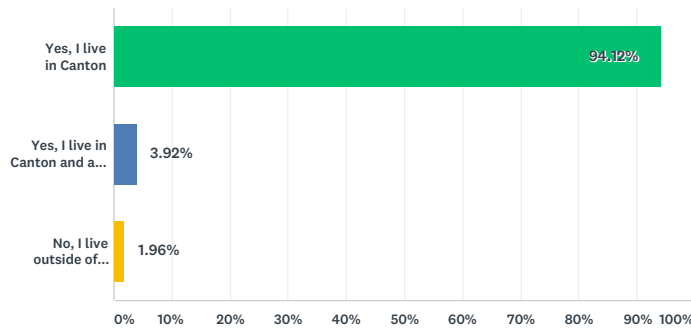
Canton Earl Newhouse Waterfront Park

Community Survey #1 Feedback Summary

- Survey was open from November 20 until December 20, 2017
- 153 responses were gathered
- 12 Questions in total
- Summaries for the 6 write in questions (Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, & Q10) are summarized.
(Responses are noted by percentage of responses to that question and then the actual number of times that response appeared.) No responses of “N/A” were not recorded herein.
- Question 12 was varied enough in the responses, we have included them all herein.

Q1 Are you a resident of Canton?

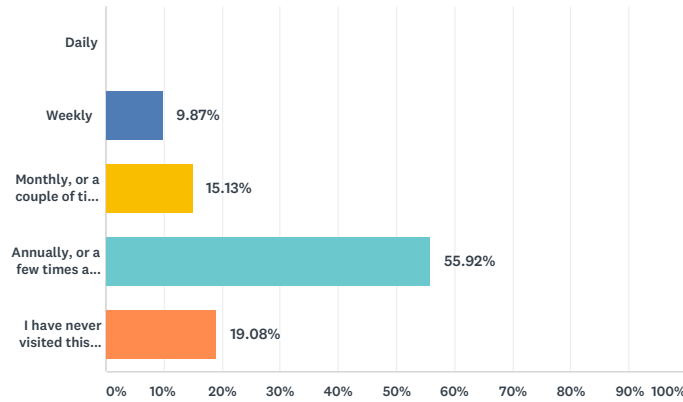
Answered: 153 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I live in Canton	94.12%	144
Yes, I live in Canton and about Reservoir Pond	3.92%	6
No, I live outside of Canton	1.96%	3
TOTAL		153

Q2 How often do you and/or your family visit the Earl Newhouse property?

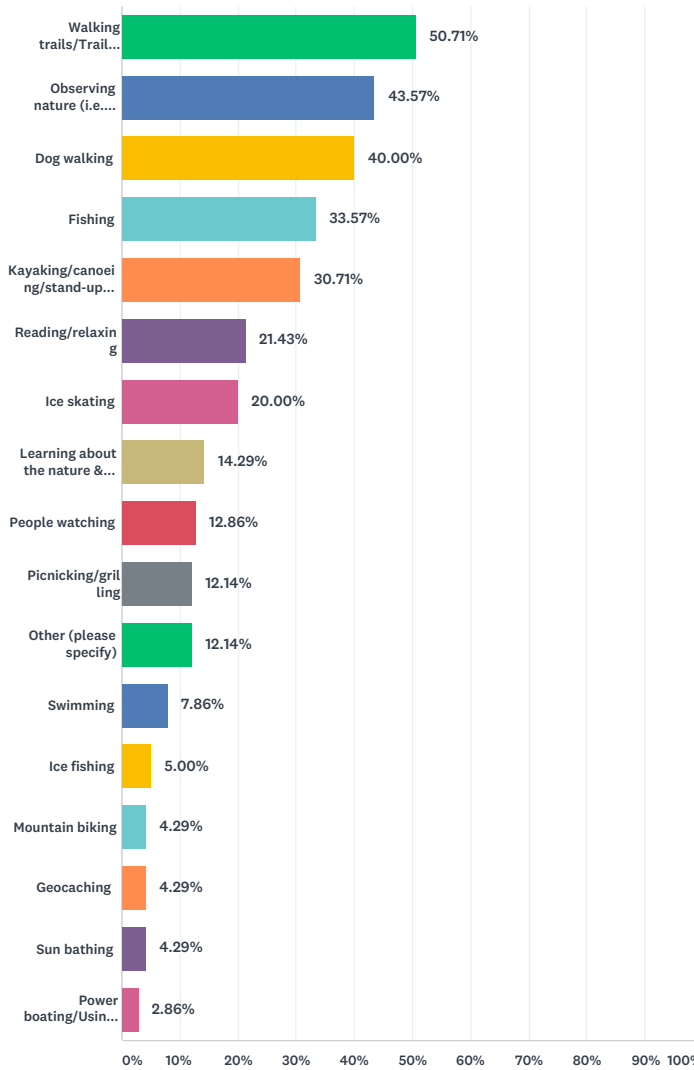
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	0.00%	0
Weekly	9.87%	15
Monthly, or a couple of times a month	15.13%	23
Annually, or a few times a year	55.92%	85
I have never visited this property.	19.08%	29
TOTAL		152

Q3 In the past, what activities have you and/or your family participated in at the Earl Newhouse property at Reservoir Pond? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 140 Skipped: 13

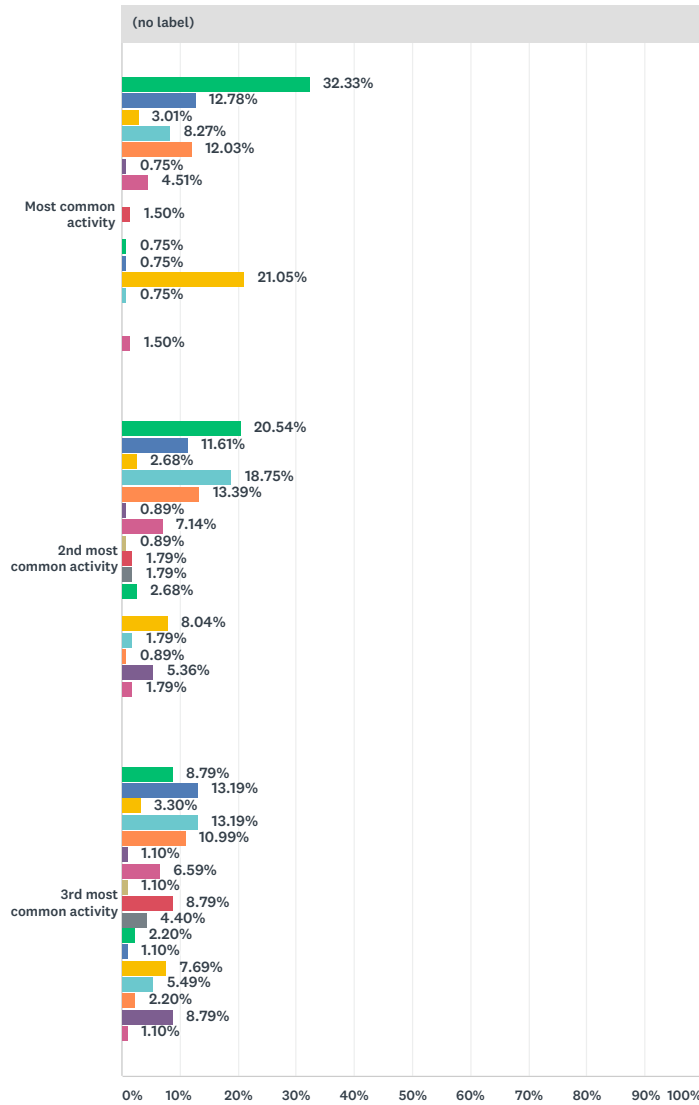


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking trails/Trail running	50.71%	71
Observing nature (i.e. bird watching, watching sunrise, etc.)	43.57%	61
Dog walking	40.00%	56
Fishing	33.57%	47
Kayaking/canoeing/stand-up paddle boarding	30.71%	43
Reading/relaxing	21.43%	30
Ice skating	20.00%	28
Learning about the nature & the environment	14.29%	20
People watching	12.86%	18
Picnicking/grilling	12.14%	17
Other (please specify)	12.14%	17
Swimming	7.86%	11
Ice fishing	5.00%	7
Mountain biking	4.29%	6
Geocaching	4.29%	6
Sun bathing	4.29%	6

Power boating/Using jet skis	2.86%	4
Total Respondents: 140		

Q4 From the activities listed in question #2, which activities do you and/or your family participate in the most frequently at the Earl Newhouse property on Reservoir Pond? (Select up to 3, in order of most use)

Answered: 133 Skipped: 20



- Walking trails/ Trail running
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Observing nature (i.e. bird watching, watching sunrise, etc.)
- Kayaking/canoeing/stand-up paddle boarding
- Power boating/Using jet skis
- Reading/relaxing
- Ice fishing
- Ice skating
- Learning about the nature & the environment
- Mountain biking
- Geocaching
- Dog walking
- People watching
- Sun bathing
- Picnicking/grilling
- Other (please fill in below)

(no label)	WALKING TRAILS/ TRAIL RUNNING	FISHING	SWIMMING	OBSERVING NATURE (I.E. BIRD WATCHING, WATCHING SUNRISE, ETC.)	KAYAKING/CANOING/STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING	POWER BOATING/USING JET SKIS	READING/RELAXING	ICE FISHING	ICE SKATING
Most common activity	32.33% 43	12.78% 17	3.01% 4	8.27% 11	12.03% 16	0.75% 1	4.51% 6	0.00% 0	1.50% 2

2nd most common activity	20.54% 23	11.61% 13	2.68% 3	18.75% 21	13.39% 15	0.89% 1	7.14% 8	0.89% 1	1.79% 2
3rd most common activity	8.79% 8	13.19% 12	3.30% 3	13.19% 12	10.99% 10	1.10% 1	6.59% 6	1.10% 1	8.79% 8



Question 5: What additional activities/amenities would you like to see accommodated at the Earl Newhouse property?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 49

- 19% (20) Boat dock/launch
- 14% (15) Improved beach/swimming area
- 10% (10) Canoeing/kayaking/stand-up paddleboarding
- 9% (9) Improved parking
- 8% (8) General improvements/expansion of walking trails
- 7% (7) Picnicking site
- 7% (7) Small craft rentals (Canoeing/kayaking/stand-up paddleboarding)
- 7% (7) Designated fishing area/fishing improvements
- 6% (6) Permanent restrooms
- 6% (6) Better access
- 4% (4) Family events
- 4% (4) Winter activities/all-season access
- 4% (4) Sailing
- 3% (3) Play area
- 3% (3) Ice skating
- 3% (3) Changing rooms/warming hut
- 3% (3) Boat ramp
- 2% (2) Keep the natural setting
- 2% (2) Site benches
- 2% (2) Dog park
- 2% (2) Power boat access
- 2% (2) Bon fire
- Items mentioned once: Horseshoes; Volleyball; Flowers; Improved use of pond; Ceramics; Trash cans; Clean shorelines; Open lawn; Signage; Walking trails near water; Water access; Swimming dock offshore; Walking trails w/ informational signage; Cross-country skiing; Tall observation deck; Town-sponsored events; Biking; Snack shack; Posting above water quality; Dog pickup bags; Higher water level in pond; Lighting; & Boat washing station



Question 6: Are there park uses that you feel are inappropriate at the at the Earl Newhouse property?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 51

- 31% (31) Motor boats
- 13% (13) Jet skis
- 4% (4) Power boat launch
- 3% (3) Loud music/concerts
- 3% (3) Alcohol
- 3% (3) Anything noisy
- 2% (2) Fireworks
- 2% (2) Camping
- 2% (2) Loitering
- 2% (2) Unequal access
- Items mentioned once: Sports fields; Unleashed dogs; Grilling (fire hazard); Canoe/kayak rentals; Smoking; Housing; Drugs; Trash; Cutting down trees; Vandalism; Over parking; Mountain biking; Hiking; Bonfires; & Non-Canton residents



Question 7: If you could change anything about the Earl Newhouse property at Reservoir Pond, what would it be? Or, what change do you think is most necessary?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 46

- 19% (20) Better access to water/small craft launch
- 17% (18) Improved/more parking
- 17% (18) Open to Canton residents only
- 11% (12) Public beach/swimming area
- 9% (9) Equal rules for all/better access for everyone
- 7% (8) Make it more accessible
- 6% (6) Clean up the site/more trash bins/removal
- 5% (5) Expanded trails
- 4% (4) Permanent restrooms
- 3% (3) No jet skis
- 3% (3) Designated fishing area/improvements for fishing
- 3% (3) Improved picnicking area
- 3% (3) Small craft rental (Canoeing/kayaking/stand-up paddleboarding)
- 2% (2) Provide boat ramp
- 2% (2) Allows trailers
- 2% (2) Better signage/identification/Posted rules
- 2% (2) Keep it peaceful/nothing noisy
- 2% (2) Less trees near the water
- Items mentioned once: Keep it natural; Expanded hours (dusk till dawn); Better monitoring; More open space; Swimming dock; more benches; Better sidewalk/curb on Pleasant Street; More community events; Wider driveway; Remove the boulders; More grills; No power boats; Greater visibility; Rec Dept. programs on the pond; No trailers; Band stand; Trail all around the pond; No increase to traffic in neighborhood; Regular environmental testing; Sitting area; Integrate into Pequiteside Farm; Changing rooms; Lighting; Make it more welcoming; Year round access; & Improve safety



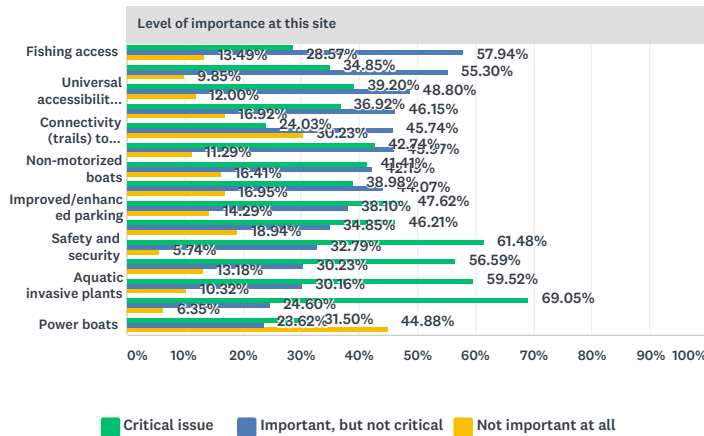
Question 8: What do you think should not change about the property?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 67

- 20% (17) Keep the natural state
- 8% (7) No more tree removal
- 7% (6) Maintain public access
- 7% (6) No motorized boat access
- 7% (6) Keep it peaceful and secluded
- 5% (4) Not a lot of paving
- 2% (2) Keep views of pond
- 2% (2) Keep it managed by Conservation
- 2% (2) Like it the way it is
- Items mentioned once: Keep gate for dusk-to-dawn; Leave grills; Keep Williams Street gate closed; Woodlands around pond; Open and free to residents of Canton; No increase in taxes to improve the site; Open lawn; Shoreline; Do not sell the land; & No beach

Q9 How critical do you find the following issues to be dealt with as part of this Master Plan for the Earl Newhouse property?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 14



Level of importance at this site				
	CRITICAL ISSUE	IMPORTANT, BUT NOT CRITICAL	NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	TOTAL
Fishing access	28.57% 36	57.94% 73	13.49% 17	126
Connectivity (trails and crosswalks) to other Town-owned and/or Mass Audubon land	34.85% 46	55.30% 73	9.85% 13	132
Universal accessibility (i.e. handicap parking, accessible trails)	39.20% 49	48.80% 61	12.00% 15	125
Additional trail walking/running opportunities	36.92% 48	46.15% 60	16.92% 22	130
Connectivity (trails) to abutting neighborhoods	24.03% 31	45.74% 59	30.23% 39	129
Maintaining existing character of property	42.74% 53	45.97% 57	11.29% 14	124
Non-motorized boats	41.41% 53	42.19% 54	16.41% 21	128
Seasonal access	38.98% 46	44.07% 52	16.95% 20	118
Improved/enhanced parking	47.62% 60	38.10% 48	14.29% 18	126
Access/boat launch for non-motorized boats	46.21% 61	34.85% 46	18.94% 25	132
Safety and security	61.48% 75	32.79% 40	5.74% 7	122
Invasive plants	56.59% 73	30.23% 39	13.18% 17	129
Aquatic invasive plants	59.52% 75	30.16% 38	10.32% 13	126
Stormwater control/pond water quality	69.05% 87	24.60% 31	6.35% 8	126
Power boats	31.50% 40	23.62% 30	44.88% 57	127



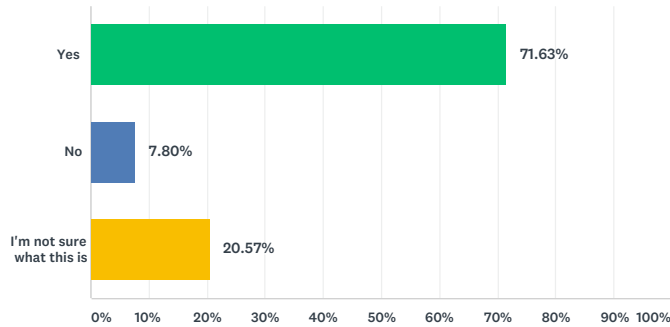
Question 10: Is there another issue that you see as critical to the Earl Newhouse property?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 70

- 5% (4) Keep it a public area/limit restrictions
- 2% (2) Small craft rental (Canoeing/kayaking/stand-up paddleboarding)
- 2% (2) Expand hours
- 4% (3) Consistent gate opening/closure/expanded hours
- 2% (2) Make it more welcoming
- 4% (3) Better security & supervision/no partying
- 8% (7) Access/pond use should be equal for all/not just abutters
- 4% (3) Create trail/walkway all the way around the pond
- 2% (2) Provide restrooms
- 2% (2) Make it family-friendly
- 4% (3) Protect nature
- 2% (2) Improve the water quality of the pond
- 2% (2) Provide more recreation opportunities
- 4% (3) Safety considerations
- 4% (3) Restrict power boats
- Items mentioned once: Community events; Tree removals; Belter signage at the street; Expand parking; Check fishing licenses; Open up Armando Center building; Additional staffing for monitoring; Allow year round use; Provide a covered area; Create beach; Consider impacts to neighborhoods; Maintain lawn area; Provide funding for maintenance; Maintain motorized boat access; Restrict noise; Abusive development; Running water; Exercise trail & Small craft launch

Q11 When looking for funding opportunities for the construction of the Earl Newhouse Waterfront property, should this project be a priority for the Canton Community Preservation funds? (The application would be prepared and submitted by the Conservation Commission as steward of the property for the Town.)

Answered: 141 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.63%	101
No	7.80%	11
I'm not sure what this is	20.57%	29
TOTAL		141

Q12 Please share any other concerns and/or desires for the landscape. For example, are the ways that you think that this landscape could better serve this community? For example, what would you like to see this landscape become in 5 or 10 years?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 87

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Maintaining it .Keeping it accessible for all	12/17/2017 6:32 PM
2	I think it should be landscaped to be accessible. Also, focused attention on removing poison ivy, etc	12/16/2017 1:34 AM
3	I like it pretty much they way it is.	12/12/2017 1:06 PM
4	stay natural as is. no landscape	12/12/2017 12:31 PM
5	Find ways to support local wildlife, such as plants/small trees for birds to nest in, etc. Make this a beautiful area for people as well as a safe area for wildlife as green space disappears throughout the town. Also, add some benches for sitting.	12/10/2017 2:05 PM
6	Public beach for Canton residents only, like Sharon has.	12/9/2017 11:24 AM
7	The access has been so limited I have not been able to visit often enough to have a vision of what it could look like.	12/8/2017 2:11 PM
8	Changes should sooner rather than later	12/8/2017 9:08 AM
9	defined picnic areas for town use	12/8/2017 8:55 AM
10	It could be opened up a little bit. Perhaps a bit better of a gravel road down to parking area and open it up a little bit with a few trees being removed to make a pondside picnic area.	12/7/2017 10:59 PM
11	Public access	12/7/2017 10:31 PM
12	Nice maintained open lawn area, and wooded area be cleared of dead, diseased and fallen trees to provide a shaded area. Keep the area well maintained so visitors/residents enjoy	12/7/2017 9:45 PM
13	Similar to houghtons pond to allow Family swimming and events!!!! Love going to the stoughton pond and floating dock. My boys would enjoy this growing up in canton.	12/7/2017 9:05 PM
14	An awesome town resource	12/7/2017 8:13 PM
15	More of a family type recreational spot that serves all seasons	12/7/2017 7:50 PM
16	Boat ramp with a dock, small beach and parking lot	12/7/2017 7:43 PM
17	Let it be one with nature. It doesn't have to be a billion dollar project. It's nature. If we are lucky it will be here after we are all gone, if we don't put apartments on it.	12/7/2017 5:50 PM
18	Kayaking	12/7/2017 5:42 PM
19	A place families/friends can go to enjoy and feel as if they got away.	12/7/2017 5:32 PM
20	A welcoming space that is designated well with signage	12/7/2017 5:08 PM
21	Something natural and self sustaining. Plants that maintain wildlife habitats but that are non invasive.	12/7/2017 4:04 PM
22	A cleared trail for walking and/or running that connects to Washington St?	12/7/2017 3:26 PM
23	It would be nice to plant some unique trees and shrubs that would improve the appearance	12/7/2017 2:43 PM
24	a walkable, peaceful trail around the reservoir, it would be the best trail around	12/7/2017 1:52 PM

25	Keep the woods and beauty of the property from the street, but increase use and access to mirror the town of Sharon use of the lake, and Hale is Westwood programming- that would be an incredible asset to the community- but add winter uses- look at the skating pond in Walpole which is cleared and managed to ensure safe skating and pond hockey in the winter- ice is checked and cleared, they have a fire pit and sell hot chocolate and toast marshmallows- would be great!!!	12/7/2017 1:30 PM
26	Don't care.	12/7/2017 12:59 PM
27	There is about 40 feet of true access space available to the people of the town to the pond. It's a shame because it is a jewel that could be much better used. It's got a great location and certainly work to improve it would improve our QOL and property values....	12/7/2017 12:26 PM
28	RESIDENTS ONLY	12/7/2017 12:17 PM
29	none	12/7/2017 11:56 AM
30	I think it should remain as it is with the exception that fisherman not make non fisherman feel as if though they are intruding. It is a great property and anyone should take the time to enjoy.	12/7/2017 11:50 AM
31	Thanks for asking, would love to know more.	12/7/2017 11:45 AM
32	Change little but more in line with how pequit side is	12/7/2017 11:37 AM
33	Community program for kids kayak/row/sail boats.	12/7/2017 11:26 AM
34	It would be nice if this became a place locals could learn about the native plants and animals. Parks tend to become sterile, human-only areas that are so manicured that they have the appearance of nature but don't really support the natural environment as a whole.	12/7/2017 11:26 AM
35	I would love to see this property have more walking/hiking trails.	12/7/2017 11:09 AM
36	Balance is important. The priority should be for all town residents - too many people using the pond and trails all at once would destroy its attractiveness. Make certain that the appropriate funding in the operational and capital budgets are in place to ensure safety, cleanliness and accessibility.	12/7/2017 11:07 AM
37	I have lived in Canton since 2001 and have never heard of this opportunity! Thanks for getting this together and letting the public know. We look forward to using the property in the future.	12/7/2017 11:05 AM
38	Large pedestrian dock	12/7/2017 10:59 AM
39	I think it fine as is, just better access to the water for boats and or personal water craft	12/7/2017 10:55 AM
40	It's clear this site has become a political football for a select few individuals. Better to keep it as id then hand it over to people who want power and control over it. The fact that our new planner needed a second expensive study is disheartening. We have one study complete, a town planner, two recreation directors and towns across New England with similar properties. A little bit of research and some bids from landscape firms could have saved the taxpayers a lot of money but as I said...political football	12/7/2017 10:55 AM
41	Accessible wooded area for recreational use, like Borderland.	12/7/2017 10:53 AM
42	Partnership with Canton Garden Club	12/6/2017 3:14 PM
43	Keep surroundings as natural as possible with trash bins so people will be RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TRASH!	12/6/2017 2:14 PM
44	kayak rental access	12/6/2017 12:34 PM
45	I would look to the lake in Sharon as a model for how to do this correctly.	12/6/2017 12:27 PM
46	I thing keeping the indigenous plants and tide pools are good in keeping with the character. There should be a good mix of nature and open paths with large trees for shade	12/6/2017 12:01 PM
47	Open up /clear some views of pond	12/6/2017 11:23 AM
48	A beautiful and safe place for kids to get outside and play.	12/6/2017 11:21 AM
49	The Reservoir Pond is a major asset for Canton, but is not used but by a few. Need to step up use step by step: Example: Publicize open for swimming, open for skating (when ice thick enough. Can set hours when activity safe, etc.	12/1/2017 7:18 PM
50	Plant fruit trees	12/1/2017 9:19 AM
51	Walking and running trails. With kids activities and family areas	11/30/2017 11:24 PM

52	A place where families can come to enjoy nature.	11/30/2017 11:00 PM
53	Upgrade and maintain the existing lawn to allow picnicking or allow families to play frisbee or sit and read	11/30/2017 10:41 PM
54	Remain as natural as possible. Do not make this space into an amusement park. It can't be reversed. Leave the natural beauty of this estate. LAUNCH motor boats at some other pond.	11/30/2017 8:13 PM
55	This is a small body of water and should not be overdeveloped and used inappropriately.	11/28/2017 11:15 PM
56	Clear area of dead trees to allow light and open area closer to Pleasant street for additional parking. Parking area could be made of crushed stone same as parking area of Little Red House. Maintain lawn area for additional picnic tables, and Pequitside Camp activities	11/27/2017 11:20 AM
57	Youth sailing programs	11/26/2017 9:48 AM
58	I would like to see this site become a place to people from the town can come to enjoy the day by a beautiful body of water. A town beach like the one at Houghton's Pond would be ideal.	11/22/2017 3:04 PM
59	Walkway out to water	11/21/2017 6:56 PM
60	Continue as a quiet space with access for quiet sports. Ban or grandfather current motorized boats.	11/21/2017 6:43 PM
61	Public beach, boat access, fishing dock	11/21/2017 4:14 PM
62	keep the trees, add/improve trails and waterfront	11/21/2017 3:31 PM
63	I see a well used park for swimming/fishing/boating. Also, electric motors for fishing and 10hp and under were approved for use here.....	11/21/2017 2:37 PM
64	I'd like to see a small building that could be used all year. As well as a place to have a controlled fire during the skating season. Volunteers could help out here. Walpole Ponds does a great job and it's all volunteers. You should check them out on FB. I know they'd be happy to help us develop this	11/21/2017 2:12 PM
65	Better serve the community by providing small (16' and under) boat and motor boat access,	11/21/2017 1:37 PM
66	I think the biggest issue is that everyone is welcome. So much drama over the use of the res that I am hesitant to go here in order to avoid drama.	11/21/2017 1:05 PM