



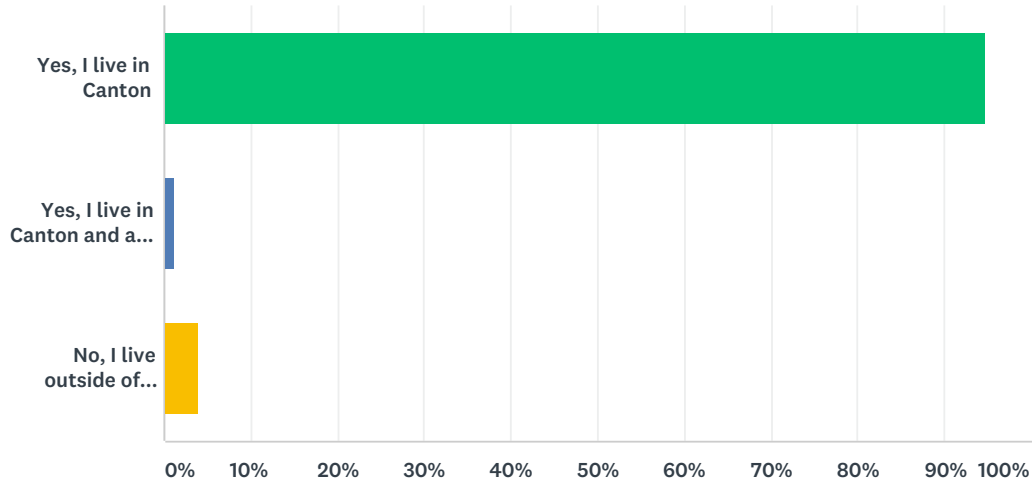
## **Canton Earl Newhouse Waterfront Park**

### **Community Survey #2 Feedback Summary**

- Survey was open from January 11 until January 25, 2018
- 313 responses were gathered
- 13 Questions in total
- Summaries for the 3 write in questions (Q11, Q12 & Q13) are summarized after the SurveyMonkey data. (Responses are noted by percentage of responses to that question and then the actual number of times that response appeared.)

## Q1 Are you a resident of Canton?

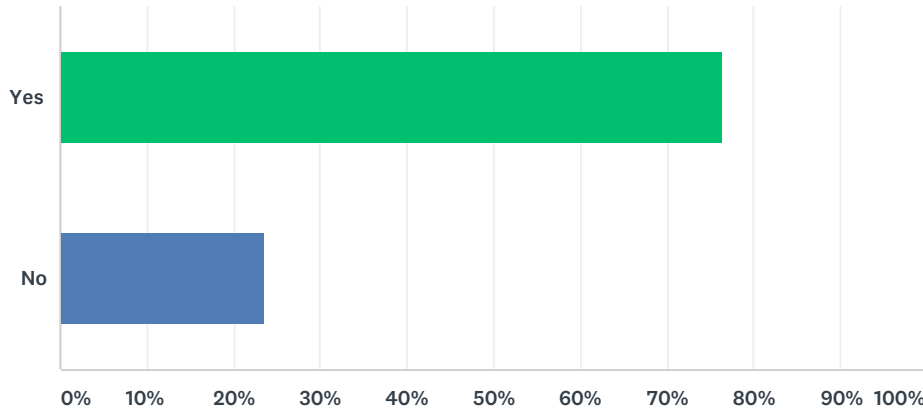
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I live in Canton	94.84%	294
Yes, I live in Canton and abut Reservoir Pond	1.29%	4
No, I live outside of Canton	3.87%	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>310</b>

Q2 Current rules for the Earl Newhouse Waterfront Park state that the park is to be open from April 1st to November 15th only. If the Town were to change the regulations to allow four season use at the site, do you foresee using the site in the winter?

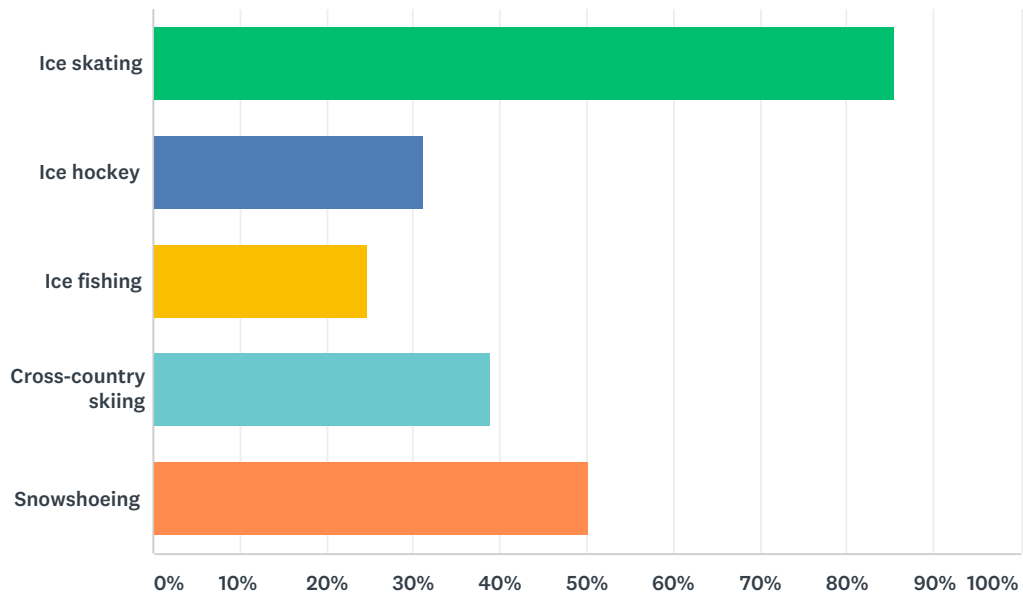
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.28%	238
No	23.72%	74
TOTAL		312

### Q3 Which winter actives would you and/or your family participate in? (Please select all that apply.)

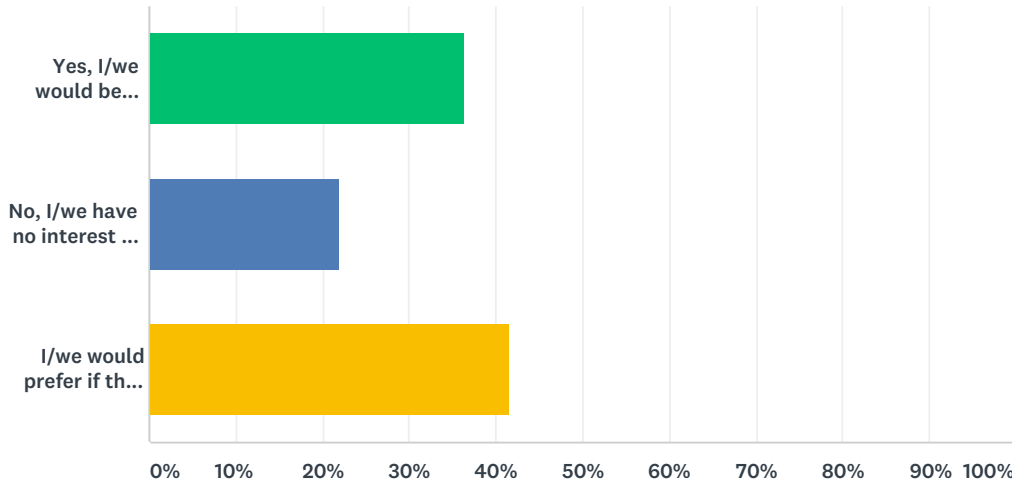
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ice skating	85.51%	242
Ice hockey	31.10%	88
Ice fishing	24.73%	70
Cross-country skiing	38.87%	110
Snowshoeing	50.18%	142
Total Respondents: 283		

**Q4 If the Town were to provide rentable, lockable kayak storage facility at Earl Newhouse Waterfront property near the water's edge, would you consider renting a space for private use? (Kayaks would be provided by resident, not the Town.)**

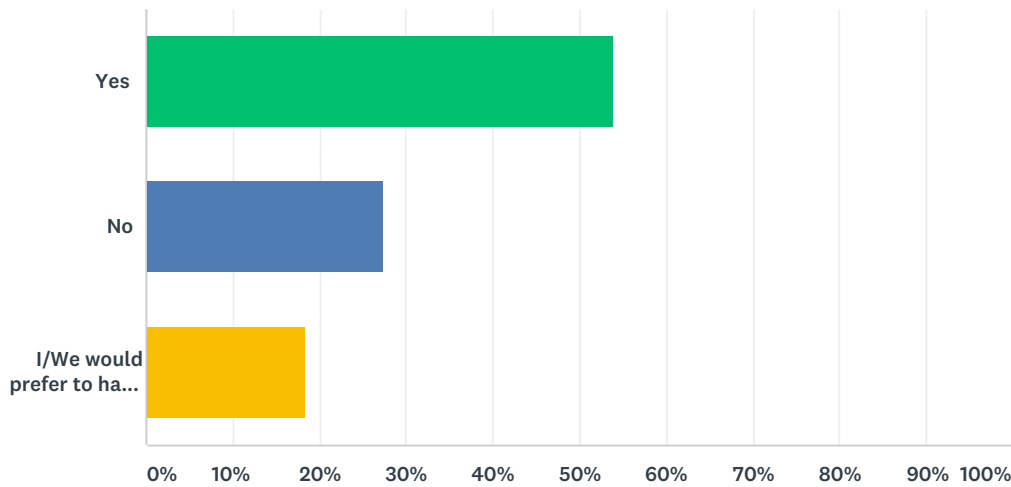
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes, I/we would be interested in renting a kayak storage space.	36.39% 111
No, I/we have no interest in kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding.	21.97% 67
I/we would prefer if the Town provided the kayaks or stand-up paddle boards to rent. (This option would require additional Parks and Recreation staff and funding.)	41.64% 127
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>

Q5 There was some support seen from the on-line survey and sticker charts for a swimming facility. A public bathing beach typically requires an area designated specifically for swimming (for example, removable ropes designating the area), a lifeguard, and permanent restrooms. For the Earl Newhouse Waterfront property it might also require some clearing along the pond's shoreline. Would you and/or your family be interested in a designated swimming area at Earl Newhouse Waterfront property?

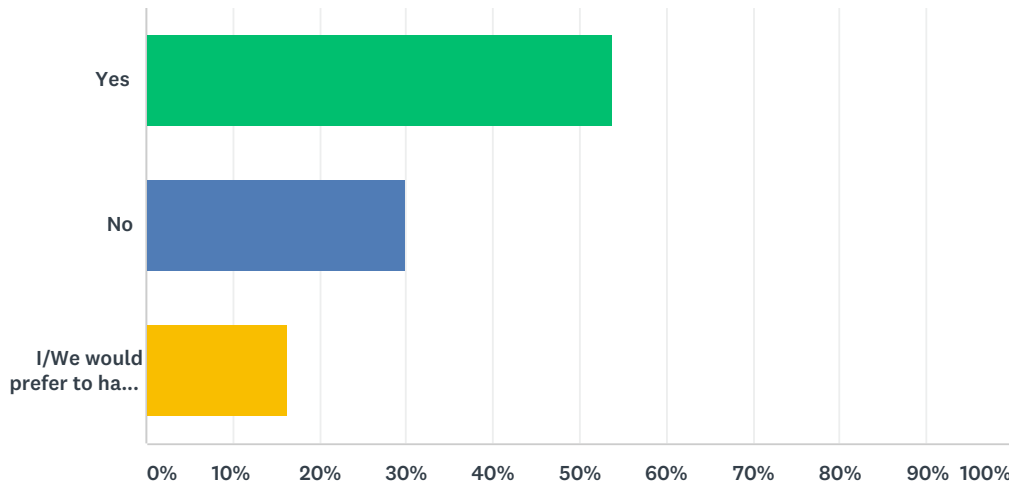
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.05%	167
No	27.51%	85
I/We would prefer to have an area for sailing over a designated swimming area.	18.45%	57
TOTAL		309

Q6 There was some support seen from the on-line survey and sticker charts for a sailing program at the site. With the understanding that even small sailboats require more space for storage, launching, and additional staffing, would you and/or your family have an interest in a sailing program here?

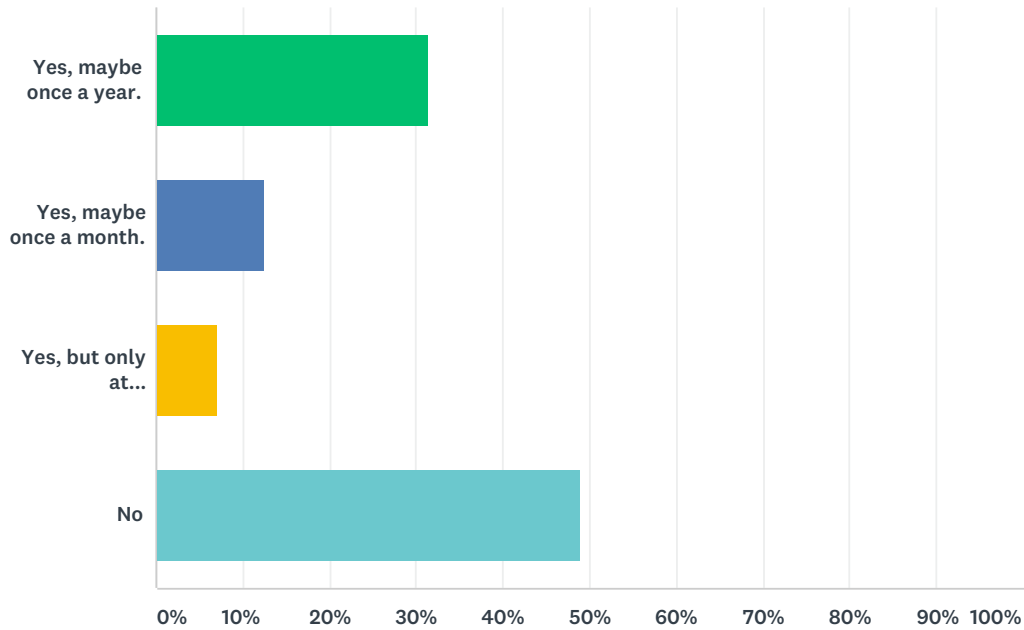
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.77%	164
No	29.84%	91
I/We would prefer to have a designated swimming area over sailing.	16.39%	50
TOTAL		305

## Q7 Do you/would you and/or your family use the grills at the site?

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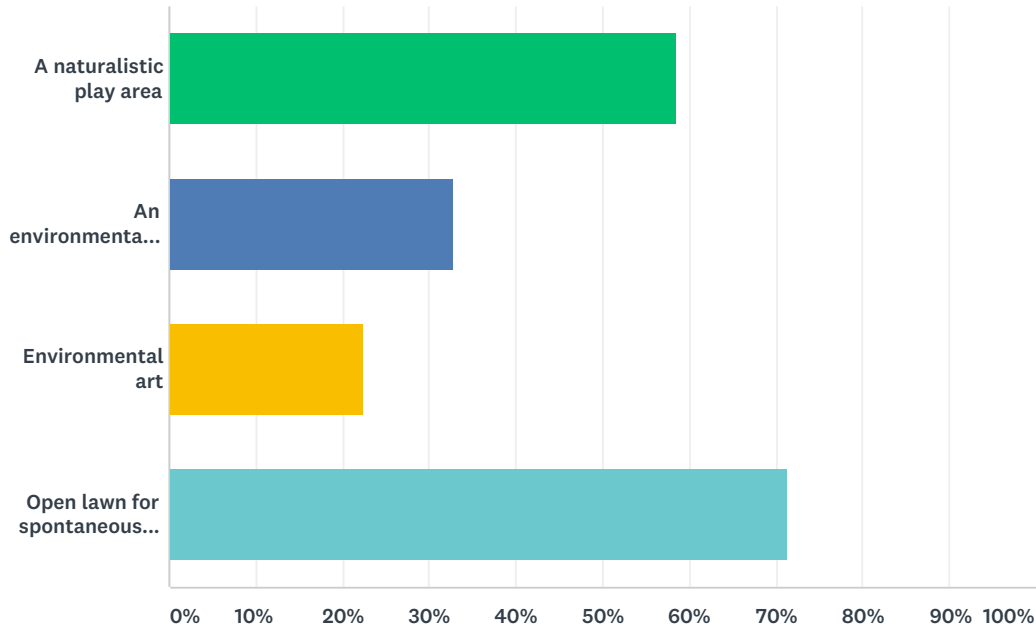


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, maybe once a year.	31.29%	97
Yes, maybe once a month.	12.58%	39
Yes, but only at Town-sponsored events.	7.10%	22
No	49.03%	152
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>310</b>



Q8 There was some support seen from the on-line survey and sticker charts for a naturalistic play area and other kid-oriented activities. Which of these would you prefer to see at Earl Newhouse property: (Select all that apply)

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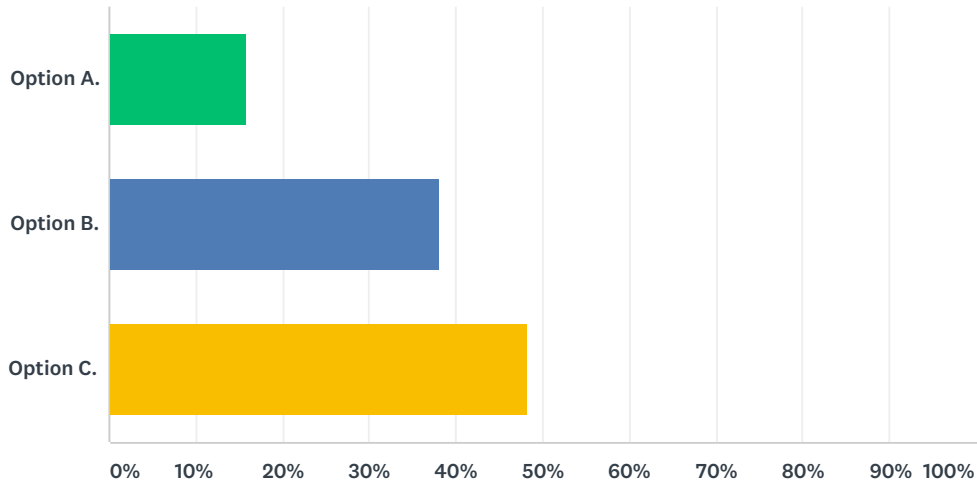


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A naturalistic play area	58.55%	178
An environmental education component (for example, an outdoor classroom)	32.89%	100
Environmental art	22.37%	68
Open lawn for spontaneous play and gathering	71.38%	217
Total Respondents: 304		

Q9 Three options are shown for small craft (kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, and canoes) launches/docks. All of these options would be located in approximately the same place. Option A. shows a launch from a floating dock. Option B. shows a dock with launch supports. Option C. shows no dock where boats are launched from directly off the beach.

Please select which option you prefer:

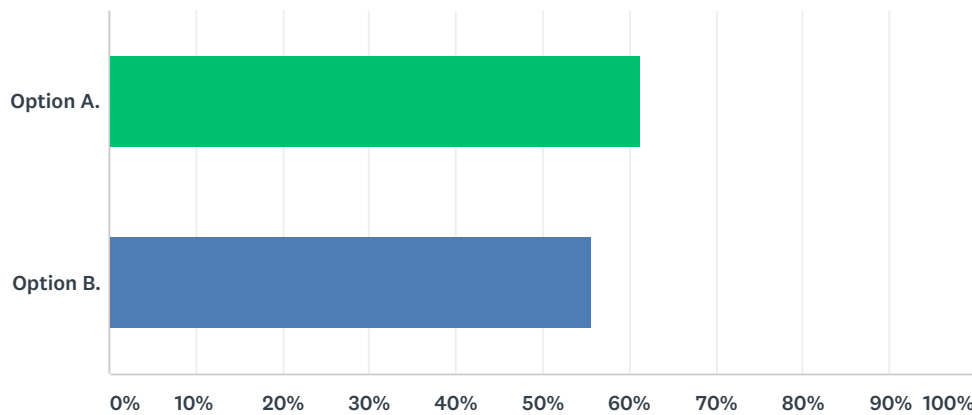
Answered: 226 Skipped: 87



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option A.	15.93%	36
Option B.	38.05%	86
Option C.	48.23%	109
Total Respondents: 226		

Q10 Two options are shown for the existing lawn and parking area. Option A includes the following features: Parking relocated along one side of the access drive, An accessible path along the opposite side of the access drive, Picnic tables, and play area/environmental education area spread out along the existing lawn area and away from the parking area, Maintains a fair amount of open lawn, Adds new tree plantings for shade, and Restrooms located away from the parking area. Option B includes the following features: Parking formalized close to its existing location, Split rail fence along the lawn edge to keep vehicles off, Maintains some open lawn, Adds new tree plantings for shade, Picnic tables, and play area/environmental education area are focused closer to the pond's edge, and Restrooms are located adjacent to parking. Please select the option which you prefer. (If you like elements of both options, you may select both.):

Answered: 212 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option A.	61.32%	130
Option B.	55.66%	118
Total Respondents: 212		



**Question 11:** Please tell us why you selected the Option that you did, and what you do/do not like about the two options shown in Question 9 for the lawn and parking area:

Answered: 135 Skipped: 178

- 13% (28) Maintain open space
- 10% (13) Restrooms near parking is better
- 9% (12) Play near waterfront
- 9% (12) More parking is better
- 7% (9) Play away from water
- 7% (10) Like parking on one side
- 7% (10) A simplistic/rustic plan is better
- 6% (8) Make it family friendly
- 6% (8) Open plan (A) is better
- 5% (7) Consolidated plan (B) is better
- 5% (7) Play area away from parking
- 5% (7) Like the long accessible pathway
- 4% (6) Like the split rail fence
- 4% (5) Like new trees for shade
- 3% (4) Less or no parking (ADA only) on site would be better
- 3% (4) Restrooms near boat launch/waterfront is better
- 3% (4) Restrooms away from parking is better
- 3% (4) Picnic area should be near water
- 2% (3) Make it easy for elderly
- 2% (3) Consolidated parking is better
- 2% (3) Parking should be near pond
- 1.5% (2) Formalized parking is good
- 1.5% (2) Keep picnic tables
- 1.5% (2) Environmental ed. (classroom) should be close to water
- 1.5% (2) Keep everything away from the water
- Items mentioned once: Keep the trees; Keep the boulders; Overflow parking is good; No environmental art; No play area; The less lawn the better



**Question 12:** Please tell us what you do/do not like about the trail expansion plan:

Answered: 123 Skipped: 190

- 46% (56) Like the plan in general
- 12% (15) Better identification of entries
- 10% (13) Like the connections to Armando Center
- 10% (12) Better sidewalk on Pleasant Street
- 8% (10) The Town has enough trails
- 7% (8) Like having trail options
- 6% (7) Like the stairs/access to Pleasant Street
- 5% (6) Like the trails in the woods
- 4% (5) Like the trails by the water
- 3% (4) Like that the trails are for all ages/all abilities/family-friendly
- 2.5% (3) Like having trail loops
- 2.5% (3) Like the accessible trails
- 2.5% (3) Keep it woodsy/natural
- 1.5% (2) Would like a better crossing on Pleasant Street
- 1.5% (2) Would like to see connection to neighborhood
- 1.5% (2) Trails should be dog-friendly
- Items mentioned once: Preserve the fern grove; Add something of interest (animal hide); Include benches for resting; Add learning opportunities along trails; Should be able to be used for snowshoeing; Don't think stairs are a good idea; & Trails are too close to neighborhood



**Question 13:** Please provide any additional comments regarding the development of the master plan for Earl Newhouse Waterfront Park:

Answered: 93 Skipped: 220

- 13% (12) Excited for plans and changes to come
- 11% (10) Support for boating launch/dock
- 5% (5) Leave the site as it is/other priorities in Town
- 5% (5) 4-season use
- 4% (4) Implement entry fee or resident-only sticker
- 4% (4) Like small beach area
- 3% (3) Love the expanded trail network
- 3% (3) Consider amenities for elderly
- 3% (3) Plans look family-friendly
- 3% (3) Need trailer access for boats
- 2% (2) Needs increased accessibility
- 2% (2) More open space
- 2% (2) Keep trails natural (no gravel)
- 2% (2) Make sure parking is adequate
- 2% (2) Keep it simple/natural
- 2% (2) Should be Town residents only
- 2% (2) Needs police presence
- Items mentioned once: Want a fishing pier; Fishing options along shore; No motorized boats; Large beach area for sunbathing with; Make it dog friendly; No dogs!; Off leash dogs should be fined & rules well-signed; Keep as many trees as possible; Just improve what is existing; Include some benches along the water; Site needs lighting; Need Williams Street access; & Kayak rental would be great